Welty addresses campus in town-hall meeting

By Thaddeus Miller
The Collegian

Associated Students, Inc. held a town hall meeting Tuesday attended by President John Welty, as well as several other administrators, to tackle questions and concerns about budget cuts from faculty and students.

Welty and Cynthia Teniente-Matson, vice president for administration and chief financial officer, fielded most of the questions from students and faculty.

The meeting was held in the Satellite Student Union, and although the turnout itself was not overwhelming, the emotion by those in attendance was not lacking.

Athletic funding was a hot button topic and students expressed frustration over the amount of money that the football team receives.

Welty said that athletics has a $25 million budget.

"About 20 percent of that comes from the state operating fund. The other $20 million is generated through ticket sales, marketing, gifts, and other sources," he said.

Welty repeatedly assured the crowd that every department, excluding Unit 6, the crowd that every department, excluding Unit 6, would have a cut from their budget.

"We don’t want to take layoffs but will see layoffs instead," One student asked why funds could not be funneled from other areas. She cited the construction that she had seen around campus.

Welty said that a capital bond process funds all construction projects.

"Which means that the voters of the state of California vote, anywhere from one to every three years, on bond projects for educational facilities," Welty said. He went on to say that those students and faculty…

There really isn’t, at least for a lot of people, a sense of shared sacrifice.
— Michael Becker, Fresno State Faculty Member

Funds couldn’t be used for anything other than what the voters decided, and it would take another vote to change them.

Welty and Matson presented facts, including a pie chart that broke down the campus’ operating funds. The facts did not seem to be sufficient for some in attendance.

"I still have the same concerns. I don’t feel completely confident or satisfied," said Mayra Miranda, senior women’s studies major.

Miranda also said that her graduation will be postponed because of course cuts.

"I got cut from two classes — they were dropped. I have to spend extra time," she said.

The afternoon came to a climax when a group called Students for Quality Education presented a list of demands to the administrators. The group did not have their demands addressed directly, but were given advice on the protocol for submitting their requests to ASI.

By Michael Hamlin
The Collegian

Due to the pressing demands that the pandemic influenza virus, H1N1, and seasonal flu have placed on Fresno State, a special H1N1 task force has been created.

David Moll, assistant vice president of risk management and sustainability, put together the task force in March of 2009. The force was initially created to deal with a possible outbreak during the 2009 graduation. While an outbreak never occurred, Moll said that if one had, the task force was ready to act immediately, putting in place a sanitation plan.

Fresno State has been monitoring the H1N1 situation for months. Over the summer, four Fresno State students were confirmed to have H1N1. According to Moll, the presence of the task force is to determine what course of action to take in case of an H1N1 outbreak.

"The H1N1 vaccine will not be available until early November," Moll said. "We have to determine what to do if an outbreak occurs in the meantime. Right now we are following the Center for Disease Control and Prevention’s guidelines for higher education."

Even though the threat of an H1N1 outbreak is a concern, the true task at hand is dealing with the more common Seasonal Flu.

"Right now our main concern is how to distribute Seasonal Flu shots," Moll said.
Has technology made us boring?

In my lifetime the Internet has become a common luxury in every house in America, unveiling new and improved ways to gamble, network with friends and find pornography. Those with an iPhone can buy an application enabling them to sing like T-Pain when buying you a drink (now there’s a conversation starter). I can watch, in High-Definition mind you, the Dolphins play Wisconsin on Saturday. Those not diligent enough to learn how to play an instrument have no worries, because a game was created to simulate playing their favorite songs with a plastic guitar, drums, and microphone. I am writing this column on my MacBook while texting and listening to music.

But what hath all this technology wrought?

Instead of growing vibrant communities, everything about humans now screams isolation, and with every technological advance that isolation deepens. People are awkward, using silent moments as an opportunity to respond to a Facebook page or check out their Facebook page.

No more does the picture of a crowded dinner table filled with families and neighbors fit into American life. Technology, while giving us more and more, lessens our ability to engage in meaningful conversation. Clever dialogue has been replaced by 160-character comments.

Their level of boredom. We’re bored, lets go see the latest crappy comedy disguised as a chick flick. Dude I’m bored I bet I could take you in Madden. Come on, I’m bored lets go out. I’m so bored.

While boredom has led to some superior developments (the inventor of professional entertainment should be on a Rock N’ Roll Hall of Fame commercial) it has led to some awful, horrible ones. For what is murder but an act to resolve one’s boredom? How else would one think to try drugs? Why spread untrue rumors? Boredom.

Before current technology, most people solved their boredom in innumerable ways. They read, they took a walk, they sat outside under a large tree, they played baseball, they conversed. All of these stimulate the mind and lead to a very important benefit—thinking.

Now we turn on the tube, play video games, get on the computer. ‘These numb our minds—that negate thinking. We become mindless drones, constantly flipping the switch to our brains. Why go outside and play sports when I can play it on a video game?

Why read a book when I can just watch the movie? Why learn an instrument when Beatles Rock Band is coming out and why am I not at Target right now buying it?

None of this is to say that technology is bad. But when used incessantly, as most of us consume it presently, the result is not a good one. "The range of cures or terminations of boredom," Mr. Nisbet went on to say, "is a wide one: migration, desertion, war, revolution, murder; calculated cruelty to others, suicide, pornography, alcohol, narcotics... the pains and the results of boredom are everywhere to be seen, and nowhere more epidemically than in Western society at the present time."

If only he could see us today.

One-Finger Salute

There’s nothing better than watching your favorite team beat down a lesser opponent. Go ask Georgia, Oklahoma and Virginia Tech about those exciting openers against big-time teams.

Thumbs up

The Dogs 51-0 pounding of UC Davis

So Hispanic night gets followed immediately by a “white out”? Can you say irony? Next time they should pick a non-racial theme like “Bulldog Night”. You know, where we honor local fans who are gang members.

Thumbs up

Non-traditional students

Isn’t it inspiring to see older people live their dream of going back to college? We should all be motivated by their struggle.

Thumbs down

Elderly Undergrads

On the other hand, what’s up with that one random old person in every class who won’t shut up and insists on having a one-on-one dialogue with the professor like nobody else is in the room?

Thumbs up

Lack of online comments

A survey found that 79% of Collegian readers don’t leave comments online. Since we’re not receiving feedback it must mean everyone loves us right?

Thumbs up

Drake being replaced by Flo Rida at Big Fresno Fair

Drake canceled his appearance after falling from a stage last month. Ticket prices were cut as a result. In other words, “Drake hit the floor, next thing you know, tickets got low low low low low low low.”

Thumbs up

New Band Uniforms

Not only were they at long last reunited with the students last weekend, they did so in a new sexy threads worthy of fashion week (see next page).
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Word of the Day

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An annoying person who responds to hearing someone else’s experience or problem by immediately telling a similar story about themselves with a much more fantastic (or terrible) outcome.

Source: UrbanDictionary.com

Middle East Studies Minor Program

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Still looking for a class?

There are still seats available in Persian and Arabic Languages courses!

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“Extract” holds a couple laughs, a few attractive women, mild conflict and a little entertainment. But, as a true entertaining experience, this film does not qualify.

“Extract” can only be called a half-comedy and a half-hearted attempt at a feel good movie. Directed by Mike Judge, known for comedies such as “Office Space” and “King of the Hill”, veers from the typical blue-collar comedy in his latest film, which hit theaters on Sept. 4.

“Extract” stars well-known individuals such as Jason Bateman, Ben Affleck and Mila Kunis. Despite such a talented cast, “Extract” falls short.

The film tells the story of Joel, played by Jason Bateman, and his extract flavoring company, Joel, a successful business owner, has high hopes for selling his company and retiring young.

But, Joel’s life is far from perfect. He and his wife Suzie, played by Kristen Wiig, are sexually frustrated. Joel complains constantly of the dry spell to his bartender friend Dean, played by Ben Affleck.

Dean gives horrible advice that Joel usually depicts characters in middle class lifestyles, the main character in “Extract” is a business owner and elite member of society. Where “King of the Hill” depicts a typical American family dealing with typical and relatable issues.

The factory workers seem more relatable than Joel in that they feel underpaid and unappreciated, a feeling many employees can relate to.

It seems that Judge should have considered his target audience when creating this film.
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Google lists the phone number for KFSR as the number for the Fresno State's main operator

By Kristin Berquist

The Collegian

Answering phones for California State University, Fresno’s main campus operator is not in the job description for most radio station managers.

Joe Moore, station manager for the non-commercial campus radio station 99.7 KFSR, was pulling double duty as campus receptionist/directing calls intended for financial aid, the dining hall, the farm market and other departments on campus. Phone calls meant for the campus operator have been ringing in the radio station’s office and other places on campus since the start of the semester.

As the first week of school kicked off, Moore said he was answering 15 to 20 wrong numbers a day and couldn’t figure out why people kept calling the radio station’s office line.

“The culprit? Google.”

A number of callers informed Moore that various Google searches for Fresno State gave the KFSR office line instead of the main campus operator. The error was not only with the Web site. Moore said callers also used Google+1, a telephone based information service, with similar results.

“I wouldn’t say we were annoyed or upset by it,” said Moore of the inconvenience. “Our response was to direct the people on to the university operator or the appropriate office that they were looking for.”

In his Aug. 21 tweet on the Twitter social media network, Moore wrote, “Google is not perfect folks. People doing a Google search for the main phone number to Fresno State, it being the KFSR office line”!

Shirley Armbruster, assistant vice president for university communications, received an e-mail from Moore early in the semester reporting the problem.

Armbruster said she submitted a notice on Google’s Web site advising the Search Quality team of the error. Armbruster said she has not heard back from Google. Since the form on the Web site indicates that the company does not respond to individual reports it is unlikely she will hear from Google.

Google did not return any phone calls from The Collegian.

With no corrections made on the search engine, the school decided to go public with a press release last week.

“We want the public to easily get in touch with us and this certainly isn’t helping,” Armbruster said. “So that’s why we’re concerned about it, and that’s why we put the press release out, to let folks know that there is some sort of error on Google’s part and that we want to get them the correct number so it’ll make it easier for them to contact Fresno State.”

The correct phone number for the main campus operator is (559)278-4240 and should be used for general questions about Fresno State, Armbruster said.

Depending on the search criteria, a variety of campus contact numbers pop up on Google. When searching for ‘California State University Fresno’, the Local Business Results show the correct campus number along with KFSR’s and a third number for an address on San Ramon Avenue. A search for Fresno State financial aid office still gives the radio station office number instead of the campus operator.

“Obviously we have lots of different numbers on campus and lots of different departmental numbers, but how [Google] connected a wrong number to our main name and Web page, I don’t know,” Armbruster said.

With hopes that the error will be corrected soon, Moore is still fielding a handful of wrong numbers each day.

“Certainly we haven’t had anything like this in the past,” Moore said. “It’s just a strange quirk in their system. I have no idea how our number is showing up there. It’s not the easiest thing to do to tell a big corporation that some small listing on their billion-page site is wrong.”

Perhaps next time, those searching online for Fresno State phone numbers should try Bing.

Marching Band gets new uniforms

The marching band marches in style while it shows off its new threads of red, white, and blue at the first football game of the season on Saturday night. The uniforms were provided by Associated Students, Inc. The new uniforms are lighter than the previous uniforms and bear the Fresno State bulldog on the chest of each of the jackets.

A lot of people see ‘Christian’ and ‘fraternity’ but they don’t know how it mixes”

— Jorge Martinez, founding president

Martinez explained that Jesus is the beginning and the end and the fraternity is a representation of that.

“When [people] think of a fraternity they think of the typical stereotype, party, drugs, sex,” Martinez said.

The AGO house is a “dry house,” which means no alcohol is allowed inside.

Nick Calderon co-chair adviser alongside Barsness said that funding comes directly through the members and not through Fresno State.

The first rush event, which was an invitation into the fraternity, was fully funded by AGO alumni.

The second Rush event was

Google searches for Fresno State are being given to Associated Students, Inc. as a vision to bring back a Christian-based fraternity to California State University, Fresno.

Due to a shortage of good rushes in the late ’90s, AGO became inactive. This semester, after a successful Rush event, AGO initiated 11 men into their fraternity, receiving their Charter on Aug. 29.

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For Bryan Barness, founder and Chapter Adviser of the Eta Chapter of Alpha Gamma Omega (AGO), the ways of the fraternity are different from the others.

“T knew God would bring back AGO to the Bulldogs, I just didn’t know it would be through me.”

— Bryan Barness, founder and chapter adviser of the Eta Chapter of AGO

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In the past, both the UC and CSU have bucked the national trend of increased tuition, as state funding kept fees steady. However, recent cuts have forced a 12 percent increase — well above the national average for state-supported campuses.

Even still, public colleges boast the best value in college education. On average, the total tuition for a university in education. On average, the national average for state-supported campuses is $6,498. The least expensive college in the system is California State University, Long Beach with $4,470 in tuition fees. Here’s a list of tuition prices at public and private universities from 2008 compiled by Forbes Magazine in conjunction with The Chronicle of Higher Education.

Most Expensive
1. Bates College $43,950
2. Middlebury College $42,910
3. Coby College $42,730
4. Union College (NY) $40,900
5. Connecticut College $40,900
6. George Washington University $40,392
7. Vassar College $39,635
8. Bucknell University $39,450
9. Colgate University $39,434
10. Imperial Valley Campus $3,022

Least Expensive
1. New Mexico Highlands University $2,536
2. Fort Hays State University $2,685
3. Florida Atlantic University $2,694
4. University of North Florida $2,793
5. Nevada State College $2,839
6. The University of West Florida $2,860
7. Elizabeth City State University $2,860
8. Southern University at New Orleans $2,970
9. United States Coast Guard Academy $3,000
10. San Diego State University $3,000

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Forbes Magazine in conjunction with The Chronicle of Higher Education.

FLU: Fresno State task force seeks to minimize impact of virus

Flu aid.” Moll said. “We have to try to stop the spreading of the regular flu first.”

Steven Martinez, director of risk management, believes that initial measures for prevention are just as important as receiving treatment once infected.

“Precautionary measures are most important.” Martinez said.

In order to spread the word about flu prevention, the HINI task force has placed flyers around campus detailing the proper prevention methods and what individuals can do to help stop the spreading of germs and, consequently, the flu.

The Fresno State Student Health Center and the Department of Public Health have created a brochure that helps identify the two types of flu — the Seasonal Flu and the Pandemic Flu H1N1. The brochure outlines the symptoms of each flu, which demographic of people are at greatest risk for infection and preventative actions people can take in order to protect themselves.

Moll said the task force is encouraging students to be responsible if they come down with the flu. He also said they are encouraging faculty to be flexible with assignments for sick students in order to minimize the possibility of the virus spreading, and to give sick students time to fully recover.

Junior Joey Lucchesi believes any information made available to students will help.

“If people know what they need to do to protect themselves, then the flu might not be as widespread.” Lucchesi said. “Getting the information out and making it readily available will hopefully go a long way in stopping the spreading of either type of flu.”

Another prevention method Fresno State will implement is the Seasonal Flu shot. On Sept. 23, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Fresno State will be administering flu shots to any students who want them. Moll said he is happy with the progress so far, and hopes the preparation already accomplished will go a long way in limiting the number of students that will succumb to the flu in the upcoming months.

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sports talk is on nearly all the time in my car. I don’t even have to think about it anymore.

So I started the engine after a 10-minute walk and KRMJ-AM 580 is already in full “Dog Talk” mode. There were rabid Bulldog fans calling in from across the valley ecstatic about the victory.

“This is the year...finally!”

That was a special team I saw out on that field tonight...this is going to be a special season.”

Office of Boise State and Fresno State play in two weeks. I guarantee both teams will be undefeated.

And that was only one guy.

Man, I wanted to listen to all the fans enjoying the moment and I really did want to believe it. But I don’t think that right now is the time to say it.

So instead, I switched my car stereo from AM radio to CD player a couple of miles from home. I had put in a Beatles’ CD a few days earlier and it just happened to still be in the player. And the switch offered me “words of wisdom.”

Yes, Red Wave, the Fresno State football team looked stellar Saturday night. And yes, coach Pat Hill’s squad looked ready to take on Wisconsin and, maybe, even Boise State.

But take it from the Fab Four and Dust off your Beatles albums or PODCAST: http://collegian.csufresno.edu/ in the player. I had put in a Beatles’ CD a few days earlier and it just happened to still be in the player.

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Wisconsin receiver Isaac Anderson

Getting to know the Wisconsin Badgers...

2008 Record: 7-6, (5-2 in Big 10 Conference), Lost to Florida State in the Champs Sport Bowl, 42-11.

The story so far: Though the Bulldogs won against the UC Davis Aggies with a staggering score of 51-0, their upcoming opponents could give them a run for their money. Senior quarterback Scott Tolizen made his starting debut with a bang when he threw an 80-yard touchdown to wide receiver Isaac Anderson on the first play against Northern Illinois.

“us against the world” attitude. That’s our Facebook friends, how good the Bulldogs are, just keep it under wraps. We don’t want our Twitter friends, how good the Bulldogs are, just keep it under wraps. We don’t want to go undefeated this season and say, “we are the best team in the country.” But there wasn’t more than a give in their bend. They played with a bend-but-don’t-break mentality. But there wasn’t more than a couple inches of give in their bend. He was still a second of 13-10, to the Badgers’ and their strong running game. Both teams are now facing a transition phase with new starting quarterbacks, but still expect a rushing battle on both ends of the field.

On Monday, Hill said, “I don’t really worry about underdog or favorite.” And with that, I’ll take the man at his word. I don’t think he really cares that Wisconsin is favored by eight points.

Wisconsin boys fat, happy and not with an underdog mentality. But there wasn’t more than a couple inches of give in their bend. They played with a bend-but-don’t-break mentality. But there wasn’t more than a couple inches of give in their bend. He was still a second of waiting for them the win.

And that was the 20-second synopsis which will make head coach Bret Bielema go to him for quarterback coverage more often. Ryan Coburn will need to be alert. Maragos made a significant play in the fourth quarter of the game where he broke a pass that preserved their win.

Midfielder Krissy Looney and the Fresno State Bulldog soccer team has yet to score a goal in 2009. The team will be hosting open tryouts Thursday afternoon, looking for a scoring attacker.

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We’re obviously missing something,” VanDine said. “We’re trying to find someone who will really contribute to our team.”

The empty spot on the roster is open for any position, but the key position they are hoping to fill is on offense.

“We need help in scoring, so if someone is a great attacker, that would help us score and win,” VanDine said.

Zwaschka agreed, saying that the team is in need of someone who will challenge the other team’s goalkeeper.

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Inquiries about the tryout can be directed to assistant coach Kevin Bottrell at kbottrell@csufresno.edu. The main requirements for those who are interested are that the player has to be a full-time Fresno State student and has to meet the NCAA eligibility requirements.

Though it takes a whole team to turn a losing season around, the women’s soccer team is hoping to find someone who can bring back their winning ways.

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Zwaschka agreed, saying that the team is in need of someone who will challenge the other team’s goalkeeper.

“We’re always looking for quality players but we’d love an amazing goal scorer,” he said.

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Soccer sends out an S.O.S.
The women’s soccer team looks for help from open tryouts

By Sara Almario
The Collegian

The women’s soccer team will host an open tryout this Thursday in hopes of filling the 25-player roster requirement and to find a scorer that will help turn their 0-5 season around.

It may seem peculiar to have a tryout when the season has already started, but head coach Brian Zwaschka said the main reason for this is mostly to fill the empty spots on their roster. He’s also expecting the girls that makes the cut to be able to play at varsity level.

“We need somebody that can help us win games, not just adding another body to fill the roster of 25,” Zwaschka said.

The team came home Sunday with two more losses at the UC Irvine tournament. They lost to UC Irvine on the first day of the tournament, and UC Riverside 1-0.

The tournament added to the team’s scoreless streak, but it didn’t give any results,” Zwaschka said. “But we’ve gone to every game with a right frame of mind and we’re optimistic about the team’s future.

He said he was encouraged by the team’s passing movements and aggressive plays, which with more practice, could help them win games in time for the Western Athletic Conference (WAC) games.

“In last weekend’s tournament, we’ve had some flashes of brilliance. Unfortunately, it didn’t give any results,” Zwaschka said. “But we’ve gone to every game with a right frame of mind and we provide the players with an environment to win.”

One player who stood out this weekend was sophomore defender, Kendall VanDine. VanDine scored four goals in both games, one against Irvine and three against Riverside. She said that the team did much better in the tournament than in the first three opening games.

VanDine said that the open tryout gives a great opportunity for the team to find a talented player that will help turn their season around.

“The team didn’t start off well this season. We only have two points from two losses and the girls are working hard and putting in a lot of time to get better. It’s a new team and new energy,” VanDine said.

“The players are working hard to improve. Our team has a great work ethic and I’m looking forward to what we can do this season.”

One change that did not go into effect this season was the moved move of the home bench to the east sideline of the stadium, which would have brought the team closer to the students.

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The university even went as far as to put the move on the season schedule and pre-season handouts. However, after discussions and lack of ticket sales, the team decided to stay on the west sidelines.

One reason why the move did not take place was the economic struggles outside of ticket sales. The team felt that it would be too costly to move the wiring needed for communication during games to the east sidelines.

Another reason why the coaches would have a hard time seeing the west sidelines was that the tickets have to be sold on the east sidelines. Moving the coaches’ benches to the east would make that a distraction for the team that didn’t want to make that a distraction for the players.

Weakland also said that the coaches would have a hard time seeing the west sidelines because they are harder to see the west sidelines from the press box on the west side.

Even Mother Nature played a role in keeping the east sidelines, as the team would be in the direct sunlight during day games.

While the added expenses factored into the decision to stay on the west side, the most important reason, however, was that the tickets have to be sold on the east sidelines to make the stands behind the team look full.

Whatever the reason, whether that be economic, lack of ticket sales, or even honoring past tradition, the Bulldogs will remain on the west sideline for the rest of this season.

BULLDOG FOOTBALL

The Bulldogs played a near-perfect football game Saturday against UC Davis, but it isn’t time to celebrate just yet. The Bulldogs and their fans, should play things cool and remain the underdogs against Wisconsin.

L bite It Be. I am not exactly sure if Sir Paul and The Beatles were talking about college football 29 years ago when they wrote these lyrics that have transcended all the way to my generation. But isn’t that the beauty of music?

Each person can interpret it his or her own way. And this particular song struck me on my way home from Fresno State’s 51-0 thrashing of UC Davis.

Following the press conferences after most Fresno State home games, I hop in my car and turn on sports talk radio. OK,

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FOOTBALL

Economics cancel Bulldogs’ audible

Lack of ticket sales and funds prevents move of home bench

By Chris Aguirre
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As the 2009 Fresno State football season hits full stride, the team and the atmosphere at Bulldog Stadium have gone through many changes. There is a new starting quarterback and a new coaching staff at nearly every position except for head coach. The celebratory fireworks have come back to the stadium and the band has moved back into the student section.

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Another reason why the move did not take place was the economic struggles outside of ticket sales. The team felt that it would be too costly to move the wiring needed for communication during games to the east sidelines.

“Moving the coaches’ benches to the east would make that a distraction for the team that didn’t want to make that a distraction for the players,” Weakland said. “We couldn’t justify that expense,” said Steve Weakland, the team’s sports information director, in an e-mail response.

Other reasons that were given for not moving the Bulldogs’ bench to the east sideline were that the team has been on the west sideline for years and they didn’t want to make that a distraction for the players.

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This day in sports history

September 9, 1991

Mike Tyson was indicted on rape charges and would eventually serve three years in prison, marking the beginning of the end for “Iron Mike’s” boxing career.