SPLITTING TIME

Fresno State shares trend with urban universities nationwide

By Kristin Berquist
The Collegian

Some students at California State University, Fresno are shuffling their schedules to make it to classes on campus as well as attending classes at other schools throughout the week.

The university’s Institutional Research, Assessment and Planning department (IRAP) conducted a recent study to examine the extent of Fresno State students enrolled in other educational institutions and found it is more common now than ever before.

IRAP Research Analyst Dmitri Rogulkin said national studies on this topic have indicated a common trend in urban universities. Although it can be argued whether Fresno State falls under the category of urban university, Rogulkin said the department was interested to know if the trend was also happening locally.

“Since we know that this is an urban trend, an urban pattern, we wondered if it was happening here or not,” said IRAP Director Christina Leimer.

The study included Fresno State first-time full-time freshmen during the fall semesters of 2002 to 2007, observing the number of students involved in “swirling” (back-and-forth enrollment among two or more institutions) and “double-dipping” (concurrent attendance at two institutions).

The study did not discuss the reasons why students swirl or double-dip, but Rogulkin said national studies have found multiple factors contributing to the trend such as cost, location and class availability. “Those factors can be very relevant to Fresno State students too,” said Rogulkin.

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CSU considers issuing honorary degrees

By Collegian Staff

The California State University Board of Trustees will consider granting hundreds of honorary degrees to former students forced from their academic studies due to the internment of people of Japanese ancestry during World War II, according to a press release from the CSU.

On Feb. 19, 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed an executive order that allowed military leaders to set up an “exclusion zone” which encompassed all of California. More than 120,000 Japanese Americans and Japanese immigrants in this zone were forcibly relocated to camps.

By some historical accounts, nearly 250 Americans of Japanese descent were students attending CSU campuses when the order was issued. Fresno State was among the CSU campuses established by 1942. While records show some students went on to receive a university degree, many did not.

“Hundreds of students were removed from colleges and universities, forced to delay or abandon their dreams based solely on their ancestry,” said CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed. “The internment of Japanese Americans and Japanese immigrants during WWII represents the worst of a nation driven by fear and prejudice. By issuing honorary degrees, we hope to achieve a small right in the face of such grave wrongs.”

The decision will go to a vote on Sept. 23 by the Educational Policy Committee and will then be considered by the full CSU Board of Trustees. All former CSU students whose studies were interrupted due to the internment may be eligible for the honorary degrees. Surviving family members may receive the honorary degree in recognition of a deceased student.
The paranoia that won’t go away

Disguised looks from classmates darts my way as I sneeze, yet again, hoping my Kleenex would act as a barricade from those sneezes. My hands feverishly reach for hand sanitizer. I knew exact if those sneezes were contagious to those around me. I turned to the drawn faces: “great, I get to be in class with ‘swine-flu’ girl spreading her germs to the entire class.” I may I realize that you and I are two separate people and not a sick person make it.

The swine flu, more formally known as H1N1, has headlined many stories since its emergence earlier this year. There isn’t a day that goes by without breaking news of a newly discovered case or some health expert distributing frightening ways to stay free of contamination: it’s called good hygiene.

All the media coverage has created a sort of hysteria within the nation. The public’s fear has manifested in response to the H1N1 virus, which has led to schools shutting down and some college campuses creating “quarantine wards” to keep ill students living on in Inglourious Basterds. Now imagine him with a northern accent. See my point?

But it was wrong, forgive my ignorance. Who knew the North had so much personality? I watched Bobby’s World as a kid and never even realized there were actual people who talked like Bobby’s mom. The place has been turned into a quiet, suetatisfied alley all its own that refuses to show down your throat. In the airport terminal on the trip back we talked to a woman who refused to shove down your throat. See my point?

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I confess that the cynical side of me finds the hype questionable, to say the least. I tend to get on the defensive anytime I feel like an issue is extensively magnified by the media. However, my fear guarding a win a few days after my insecurity-inducing sneezing episode.

I was in an overly crowded lecture hall when the young lady sitting to the left of me broke out in a melody of intertwining coughs and sneezes. I tried to, unnoticeably, inch as far to the opposite side of my seat as the compact space would allow; while attempting to revive my breath holding capacities that won me many underwater contests as a kid. I quickly became innovative and used my left hand as a make-shift face mask, covering the possible entryways her germs could infiltrate my body with eventual wreak havoc on my immune system.

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The Upper Deck

HAISTEN WILLS

The Upper Deck was green Bay Packers jerseys to the game. Everyone was white, and they played three-year-old rap songs like they invented ’em.

As a born and bred Southerner on my first trip up North, I observed all of it with an eye-wondered I had never before doubted that the South was the best and most interesting region. Imagine Brad Pitt’s character health care came up and she said she had heard the rumor that Obama would want to kill her if she were ill. No need to lie, I might add. “Not this shit again” and I tried to politely explain the error of the rumors. This was met with, “Well, don’t ever tell me to. I don’t want to live if I’m old and sick away, ya know?”

This shockingly humble and friendly demeanor reflected on most of the people we met there. Almost to the point of being a flaw.

My roommate, who is from Wisconsin, explained some of the culture to me on the trip up. “During the winter everybody drinks beer because it’s too cold to go outside.” He went on, “Like me, I was born in August: that’s just how it is up there.”

And speaking of beer, the student section had a cheer for that too.

Oh yea, and the football game. The game was good enough to give anyone an ulcer, and both sides pulled hard for their teams. But, you guessed it-- I didn’t hear a single harsh word from one of their fans to ours.

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During the recession of 2009, employers have embarked on a new trend of giving promotions to employees (e.g. by adding more responsibility to their current position or new job title) but not giving the employee any monetary compensation for it (e.g. no raise, no bonus).

Source: UrbanDictionary.com
Leno takes prime time

By Chuck Barney
Contra Costa Times

Jay Leno seems like a nice enough guy. Hard worker. Warm personality. He’s even amusing on occasion. So why, then, am I rooting for him to fail?

Leno, the former undisputed champion of late-night television, returns to our home screens Monday. Only now, he will be on before the late local news, not after it. “The Jay Leno Show” airs at 10 p.m. EDT, five nights a week, on NBC.

Ninety minutes doesn’t seem like all that much of a difference. People have been known to get across the Bay Bridge in less time. But in the world of network television, it’s a monumental move — sort of like crossing over into another dimension. That’s because Leno will be doing his shtick in the final hour of prime time, real estate NBC tradition-ally reserved for great scripted dramas. It costs to produce one episode of glossy drama. In an era of shrinking audiences and economic blues, that warms the heart of a network bean-counter.

But here’s the problem:

Television is a business riddled with copycats. So if Leno succeeds, we surely will see network programmers rush to duplicate the strategy. That will mean even fewer ambitious scripted programs such as “Lost” and more cheap stuff. Lord help us, maybe even Ryan Seacrest will get his own talk show.

NBC, of course, doesn’t want you to view Leno as the man ravaging prime time. A new business model is required, they insist. They need to adapt. Sort of like automakers. And newspapers. There’s a grain of truth to all of that. Still, something about this just doesn’t feel right. Leno used to be the gold standard when it came to scripted dramas. They can talk about new models all they want, but this seems like they’re simply giving in to creative exhaustion and taking the easy way out. They might as well be waving a white flag of surrender.

Quitters shouldn’t prosper. A lack of innovation shouldn’t be rewarded. Nothing personal, Jay, but I hope this thing goes down in flames.

‘All About Steve’ fails to deliver the funny

Review by Angelica Cano
The Collegian

The film “All About Steve” is really all about ridiculous plot lines, tired jokes and an ugly pair of red boots. Sandra Bullock stars as Mary Magdalene Horowitz, a nerdy, middle-aged, crossword puzzle writer, who loves her job and “temporarily” lives with her parents. It’s clear from the start of the movie that Mary’s life is a lonely one. Most of her time is spent thinking up new crossword clues and carrying on conversations with her pet hamster. Mary is set up on a blind date with TV cameraman Steve, played by Bradley Cooper in his follow-up to this summer’s surprise hit “The Hangover.” When a breaking story cuts the date short, Steve politely tells Mary she wishes she could be there. This is when she kicks into full-on stalker mode.

In previous films Bullock brought originality to her roles, refreshingly portraying women who are clumsy, smart and beautiful. Unfortunately this film does not follow suit. The biggest disappointment of “All About Steve” is the inconstant representation of Bullock’s character. Mary is more of a caricature than a depiction of a believable person that exists outside of this storyline. Other than the numerous unfunny jokes at her expense, Mary has no purpose and lacks any real depth.

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Movie review

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stalls Bradley Cooper in 20th Century Fox’s
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Suzanne Tenner

Box office

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   overall gross: $24,580,000
   number of weeks in theater: 1

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The LGM Project

Documenting the ever-changing modern culture

By Mariana Gaytan
The Collegian

Fresno State wine wins record 49 medals

When you walk into the department of viticulture and enology at California State University, Fresno, not only will you smell the scent of fermenting grapes as the students begin the process of winemaking, but you will also feel the sense of pride. Fresno State just won a record 49 wine medals for the 2008-09 student-produced wines. “This gives recognition to all the hard work the students do and what type of education they are getting from it,” said Jennifer Sobieralski, Enterprise Products Marketing and Gibson Farm Market Manager.

Students at Fresno State have been producing wine and entering them into competitions across the country for decades. This year, student-produced wines were entered into 12 different competitions. And for the first time have won outside the U.S.

After graduating with a degree in horticulture from University of California, Davis, professor emeritus Vincent E. Petrucci, came to Fresno State in 1947 to help develop the agricultural department. Petrucci’s goal was to set a curriculum for the viticulture and enology Program so that students could have a complete hands-on experience in the field.

“I think it [the program] has gone far further than I could have even imagined. The goal has come to exceed my expectations,” Petrucci says.

In 1997, Fresno State became the first university to bottle and sell its own wine. Fresno State also became the first winery in California to win a Double Gold for its California Syrah grapes and won best of class at this year’s competition.

The students are involved with the wine-making process from beginning to end. With the assistance of Fresno State’s Wine Maker, John Giannini, the students start the blending process while he oversees them. After Giannini and the students come to an agreement for which blend is the best, the wine is then bottled.

The object of our winery is to promote the Central Valley,” said graduate student, Marc-Anthony Martinez.

With the help of their Table grapes coming from fields all across the Central Valley students prove that they can properly produce wine and achieve success. The program has won approximately 300 awards for their outstanding wines.

The top medal award winners announced this year include the 2006 SJC Zinfandel and the 2006 CA Tempranillo, which both won Gold medals. Fresno’s 2004 SJC Petite Sirah and the 2006 CA Solare won Double Gold medals. For complete listings of the awards please see fresnostatewinery.com.

By Bethany Rangel
The Collegian

Five students plus one thousand ideas equal infinite possibilities.

For business marketing major Lance Christensen life on campus with his skateboard and laid-back appearance, the word entrepreneur does not immediately come to mind. But in fact, he is just that.

Christensen created an informational web site designed for an audience between the ages 15 to 35. The site shares the news he and his friends are interested in and feel others like them would also enjoy.

By his early teens Christensen observed his favorite bands, current movies and Web sites in which he wanted to be a part of.

The problem, Christensen explained, was “wanting to be in those entities but not knowing how.”

A year later Christensen realized it was possible and with the help of a group of friends The LGM Project was created.

LGM stands for Lean Green Machine. “People think we’re going green,” said Brooke Rolfs, marketing and public relations director. However, the name was chosen, not because the magazine supports environmental friendliness, but to catch people’s attention, said the project.

“It’s not that we don’t support going green. It’s just not what we’re about,” Rolfs said.

The headline for The LGM Project states that the company is “pushing the boundaries.” Rolfs said, “We’re so used to the general magazine. We’re trying to take it to the next level. Make it jump off the page.”

Christensen created The LGM Project in June 2009, as a method of documenting the ever-changing modern culture (thelgmproject.com).

Quickly The LGM Project was able to interview bands such as Saxon, “Pretty Hurt,” “All Time Low” “We The Kings” and “3oh!3” as well as companies like Hurley International and Nike 6.0.

“We be where we’re at and talk to those people for those few seconds put a huge grin on my face,” said editor in chief Brian Alamano.

The enthusiasm and amazement of Christensen, Rolfs and Alamano was nearly tangible when they discussed The LGM Project. “It blows my mind,” Christensen said. “These are people and bands we’ve liked since we were little kids.” The online magazine is not affiliated with Fresno State but has a staff entirely composed of students.

Besides Christensen, Maxwell Rolfs, Alamano and Braga, there are two more on the team. Spencer Rolfs, inter-viewer/correspondent, and Trent Tarasen, videographer, editor and correspondent are unavailable during the interview.

Just four months since the launch of the site, the LGM project has already gained more than 1,000 visitors. Using Google Analytics, the group views the amount of visitors the site has each day as well as recurrences visitors, length of page views and even user locations.

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For transfer student Ashley Abraham, trying to finish her GE classes means a trip to Fresno City College. Theotos told campus police that Abraham is taking three classes at Fresno State this semester, is enrolled at a lower division speech class at Fresno City College.

“I have a lot of time in between [classes], and can take time get stressed out,” Abraham said about her schedule.

Unless a required course isn’t being offered at Fresno State, Abraham said she does not recommend the incon
cvenience of concurrent enrollment. The student said she would rather take concurrent classes at two different institutions and she will most likely need to do the same thing next semester to complete her GE.

According to the study, the percent- age of Fresno State students enrolled elsewhere during their first year decreased from 15 percent in 2006.

“Students are reviewing the incident because it is like night and day,” Abraham said. “I felt so motivated here [Fresno State] and got to try all my GE classes here.

In the survey, 122 medical institutions, or 38 percent, said they would not be able to treat prenatal flu patients. Therefore it is critical to develop a system to accept pregnant influenza patients.

The survey, conducted in August, covered 686 medical facilities designated by the central and local governments as institutions for infectious ill-
ness and facilities recognized by the Japan Association for Infectious Disease. Of those, 312, or 51 percent, responded. Many patients have recov-
ered from the new flu after having minor symptoms. However, pregnant women and people with chronic diseases such as kidney problems and diabetes are at greater risk of developing severe symptoms. The government has projected 1.5 percent of new flu patients will require hospitalization.

In the survey, medical insti-
tutions were asked about the maximum number of beds they could provide for new flu patients. The average was 19.2 beds, but ranged from zero to 800 beds, depending on the facility. Eight institutions said they would have no beds for new flu patients, citing staff shortages. The survey also found that 124 institutions, or 35 percent, had specialists recognized by the infectious disease assoc-
iation, while 195, or 55 per-
cent, were staffed with nurses

CERTIFIED in an area of infec-
tion control by the Japanese Nursing Association.

Students receive tax cred-
its for tuition and books

Thanks to the American Opportunity Tax Credit stu-
dents may qualify for a tax credit of up to $2,500. Based on information found at IRS.gov, the credit will apply to tuition and course materials, includ-
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ment. The $2,500 total is a $700 increase from previous cred-
its offered for higher educa-
tion costs. The tax credit only applies to expenses encour-
aged in the first four years of post-secondary education in 2009 and 2010. Tax credits will be issued dollar for dollar for the first $2,000 spent on higher education expenditures. Any subsequent costs will be cred-
ited at 25 percent. The maxi-

mum amount of fees that a student can claim for 2009-10 is $4,000.

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ed to this report.
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Both basketball teams for 2009-10 runs

By Chris Aguire
The Collegian

The Fresno State men’s and women’s basketball teams have been released and each team will face tough competition as they try to win Western Athletic Conference (WAC) Titles.

On the men’s side, the team’s schedule has the Bulldogs playing games against old WAC foes, a Pac-10 up-and-comer, and a return to Sellend Arena for a game against a long-time rival.

The women’s team has a schedule that starts the season on a three-game road trip. They play against teams that are perennial powerhouses and 12 teams that finished inside the Top 100 in the RPI last season.

Bruce Fowler, Fresno State’s women’s basketball team head coach, hopes that a tough non-conference schedule will help propel them to the NCAA Tournament for the third-straight year.

Eight different conferences make appearances on the ‘Dogs schedule. Their first three-straight road games against UC Santa Barbara, USC, and TCU will separate them for the rigors of the WAC.

UC Santa Barbara made the NCAA Tournament last year. They also will travel to West Virginia to play the Mountaineers.

The Michigan State Spartans will visit West Virginia for a game against a longtime rival.

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“That was a tough-ass football game. I’ll tell you that.”
-Head football coach Pat Hill

FRESNO STATE BULLDOGS 31, WISCONSIN BADGERS 34 (2OT)

JUST COULDN’T HOLD ON

After the Bulldogs led the game for almost four quarters, Wisconsin tailback John Clay (32) broke a 70-yard run with only 5:45 remaining, giving the Badgers their first lead of the game 24-21.

The Bulldogs’ loss stings, but might not hurt much after Friday

Fresno State was just one play short. One more touchdown. One less interception. In their 34-31 double-overtime loss to the Wisconsin Badgers, the Bulldogs were unable to make the one play needed to put themselves over the top.

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The game that was excruciatingly close. Wisconsin and Fresno State

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Coming up next ...

The Lo Down
LOGAN HOPKINS

The Collegian’s Players of the Game

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