CSU shrinks enrollment

By Thaddeus Miller
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California State University, Fresno will accept 400 less incoming freshmen for the fall 2010 semester, and the entire CSU system will reduce enrollment by 40,000 students over the next two years.

The Board of Trustees approved "impactions" for 12 CSU campuses last week in order to prevent courses in fall 2010 from being cut, according to university officials.

An impaction occurs when a campus reaches a greater number of eligible students than they can accommodate during the initial filing period, said Bernie Vinovrski, associate vice president for enrollment services.

Fresno State has moved its fall 2010 deadline for first-time freshman applicants up from February to Nov. 30, because the campus is now impacted, Vinovrski said that 95 percent of applications come in before Dec. 1.

"So from a practical point of view, saying it's Nov. 30 isn't that significant," Vinovrski said. The impaction will trim about 400 first-time freshmen from the incoming class, according to Vinovrski. The idea, Vinovrski said, is to have fewer students from the beginning, and avoid cutting courses from the schedule.

"Now we're saying, 'OK, let's offer classes for 9.5 percent fewer students,'" Vinovrski said. "I think we should be OK."

However, he said that the impaction would not affect Fresno State students from local feeder schools in Fresno, Kings, Madera and Tulare counties.

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By Michael Hamlin
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California State University, Fresno installed a $2.2 million phone upgrade last spring, but problems with the voicemail system are just some of the concerns among Fresno State faculty and staff.

Fresno State has teamed up with Avaya phone systems and installed new phones throughout campus. Although the new system is supposed to save money, some faculty members find the changes inconvenient and troublesome.

Compared to the previous phone system, which had been in place for 20 years, the Avaya phone system offers many new and improved features, according to the department of information technology services.

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multi-way calling system that allows for up to six-person conference calls.

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...because the fact that this system no longer allows us to put an "out of office" message on it that does not allow people to leave messages when we are away," Lacy said. "I wanted to put this kind of message on my phone this summer when I was out on a three week vacation to direct callers to contact another office for help. These phones don’t allow you to do that."

Neufeld said many of the small problems and difficulties will be fixed over time.

"Many problems we have faced are due to transition," Neufeld said. "Small problems will eventually be fixed once everyone becomes acclimated with the system. Keep in my mind, we are not completely finished with the project yet."

Neufeld also said that if a faculty or staff member does have a problem with the new phones, they should call the help center to fix the problem.

"If a faculty member has a problem, they will call the help desk," Neufeld said. "We have a project task force for each kind of problem. Most problems or difficulties are fixed within the day."

Because the system is new and everyone is not familiar with it, there have been more complaints this year than in past years, but according to Neufeld, that is to be expected.

Neufeld said the complete phone overhaul will be finished in the upcoming months.
What’s wrong with jack?

This weekend I was surfing the net and came across a “Saturday Night Live” comedy sketch on the Web site Huhu (one of the Internet’s greatest achievements) in which President Obama is portrayed as having done nothing while in office.

In the sketch, Obama, played by SNL veteran Fred Armisen, goes through a long checklist of promises he made during his campaign that have yet to be accomplished, summing up his tenure with this gem: “So, looking at this list I’m seeing two big accomplishments: jack and squat.”

Aside from being hilarious, the bit does point out something that the bulk of my party (the Republican Party) fails to realize — Obama hasn’t done anything yet.

From what you hear on Glenn Beck, Sean Hannity and the rest of the cable news shows you would think the president was Karl Marx reincarnated, when he actually just the second coming of Bill Clinton. And is that so bad?

Consider: during the Clinton years welfare reform legislation was passed, the Defense of Marriage Act was signed, and by the end of “Slick and the Right Tone”

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because we had an indecisive and divided government in which the Democrats controlled the executive office and the Republicans controlled Congress.

The parallels between Obama and Clinton are eerie to say the least. Both have strong wives who hold a significant amount of sway within their administrations, both were painted as radically liberal when both were more center-left, and both tried (Obama obviously still is) to get health care reform passed in their first terms.

Both were seen as “hip” and “cool,” with Clinton being able to play the saxophone and Obama being a basketball player. Clinton was seen as “the first black president” by author Toni Morrison, while Obama literally is the first African-American president of the United States.

So there are a lot of similarities. But there are a few chinks in the armor of this analogy. One is that the Democrats own an overwhelming lead in the Congress, with a 257-179 majority in the House of Representatives and a de facto filibuster-proof majority in the Senate. During the Clinton Administration the Republicans soundly trounced the Democrats in the midterm elections of 1994, not relinquishing control of the Congress until 2006.

Another is Obama’s seeming lack of willingness to try anything that might damage his ratings at the polls. Clinton, in his first term, ran the gamut on attempting controversial legislation, trying to allow gays to serve openly in the military (failing), making an effort to ram socialized medicine down our throats (failing miserably) and passing tighter gun control restrictions (unfortunately succeeding).

But, follow conservatives, there is no reason to fret. Obama will not take our country down the path to socialism nor will hordes of Islamic fundamentalists come streaming into our cities with suitcase bombs in hand. Liberals, don’t get all worked up because we had an indecisive and liberal — at his heart he’s still a leftist. The best hope for this country is that the president continues his current course — doing “jack” and “squat.”
The Big Fresno Fair is back in town, which can only mean it’s that time for hoof-pound ing horse racing, fried food you can’t afford but can’t walk away from and that smell of manure you love to hate.

Fairgoers will be treated to a variety of free music, dancing and contests at the Table Mountain Rancheria Park, Stella Artois Blues & Brews, Pavillion Stage, Save Mart Wine Garden Budweiser Cantina and the main event at the horse racing ground floor.

The 126th annual Big Fresno Fair opens its gates Wednesday, Oct. 7, and will run through Sunday, Oct. 18. Visitors can enjoy new carnival rides, ground entertainment and “Chicken Charlie’s” newest deep fried creation, the Zucchini Weenie. But don’t forget the old standbys — photo booths, bull riding and tossing away spare change on midway games.

There are also tons of ways students can save at the Fresno fair, including special discount days — $2 Tuesdays and $3 Wednesdays.

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The Humans vs. Zombies club, Humans vs. Zombies vice president Edrington and other officials are researching other universities where the Humans vs. Zombies games have been approved. If approved, Fresno State would become the first campuses in California to allow the Humans vs. Zombies games.

In a meeting held in the Henry Madden Library on Oct. 1, students interested in establishing the Humans vs. Zombies club pleaded their case to university officials.

Representatives from the student involvement center, the risk management and sustainability department and the university police department were present to hear the proposal for what president Charles Naurath describes as a more enjoyable, yet complicated game of tag.

“When compared to Greek life, which allows drinking and partying, and intramural sports like rugby, soccer and fencing, we are a pretty chill group,” Naurath said. “I am hoping that this will interest students to join and play alongside us.”

Unlike the common play-ground game of cops and robbers, Humans vs. Zombies involves more than shouting, “tag you’re it.” Instead of physically tagging your opponent, students who assume the role of “humans” in the game use Nerf Gun shooters and make shift “sock grenades” as protection from their living-dead opponents.

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Carnival workers put finishing touches on vendor booths, paint signs and make sure the midway rides are ready to go for opening day.

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Business school given national award

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The Craig School of Business Internship Program was named 2009 Program of the Year by the National Society of Experiential Education and will be presented with the award later this month in Dallas.

The national award gives the program validity, said Debbie Young, director of internships and applied experiences for the Craig School of Business. “We’re doing things the right way. We’re connecting with our students and we’re connecting with our local community. It shows we’re an engaged program in the university.”

The program, which serves about 260 students each year, finds internships for students and undergraduate business students within the local community, state and country.

Students have interned in Colorado, Texas, Washington, D.C. and New York. Last year, the program started placing students internationally with summer internships in Germany and Cyprus. Internships in Germany and Hong Kong are already lined up for next summer, Young said.

“It gives students the chance to try out various industries, and careers,” Young said. “I think a lot of students use it for networking purposes and it looks great on their resume.”

The program was chosen for the award based on the number of students placed in internships, its assessment and evaluation process, its international component and a peer review.

“We received recognition for a program which we are really proud of, and that we have felt all along, is of great value to our students and the university,” said dean of the Craig School of Business Dr. Robert Harper.

The internships are custom fit as much as possible, Young said. While Young recruits employers for the program, Michelea Ford, student experience and internship coordinator, works directly with the students to find a perfect employer match.

“I’m very proud of what they’re doing and all the experiences that they’re providing to students,” Harper said of Young and Ford.

In her nine years as director, Young has seen many students come away from successful internships, having garnered real world experience in areas suited to their field of study.

“Employers value the international work experience,” Young said. “[Employers] love that you have the foundation of college and you have your bachelor’s degree. But they love even more if you’ve already been in their industry or understand their business.”

Jordan Fowler, a senior business administration major, completed a local internship this summer at Pelco. Fowler had the task of creating a Chinese Cultural Orientation Program for Pelco employees traveling to China or working with Chinese people.

“I was able to work and make contacts with many people that are working at Pelco,” Fowler said in an e-mail interview. “I was also able to get a taste of it is to work in a corporation and what various jobs are available for an international business major.”

Fowler said her experience with the program was eye opening.

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London offers several historical sites and tourist sites for students to learn about the culture. Big Ben and Westminster Abbey are both places for people to see and learn more about the city.

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Ducking into a tea shop to escape the snow and rain, leaving Westminster Abbey to discover the breathtaking sight of the sun setting over the Thames. All alone at Stonehenge, feeling as though the ancient site was newly discovered.

These are just some of the highlights and memories from past London Semester programs that await a new crop of California State University students preparing to embark on a three-week winter session in London.

“It’s such a wonderful experience,” said Carla Millar, assistant to the dean of the College of Arts and Humanities and coordinator for London 2010.

“There’s so much to do in London,” Museum and art gallery tours, historical sites, plays and day-trips. With so much to see in and around London, students will have a truly authentic British experience, according to Millar.

Fresno State professor Linnea Alexander believes studying and traveling abroad enables students to learn different ways, Alexander said. “This is a unique learning experience in art, literature, theater and history in the London Art Tours and English 102WZ: Masterpieces of English Literature, which satisfy Area IC and the upper division writing requirement.

“The courses are designed to use London as a classroom and provide a unique learning experience in art, literature, theater and history in the London and British contexts,” said Dr. Yida Samian, dean of the College of Arts and Humanities.

The courses, taught by Alexander and professor Joyce Aiken, are designed to introduce students to the city and familiarize them with the areas in which they will live and study.

Millar said. The units are part of the spring semester and will be included in the student’s spring tuition.

“This year’s program is shorter, but has some special attractions,” Alexander said. Students will take three-day trips to Bath and Stonehenge, Cambridge and Canterbury and also have two weekends to explore on their own.
Contiguous Tulare County.

“So, that means for the local students that apply by Nov. 30, who have the right courses, and have at least a 3.0 average, they’ll all be accommodated,” Visovski said.

He said that this year, with a class of 2,800 freshmen, only 1,800 spots are available out of those four counties. With 400 fewer spots for next fall, students from outside the four counties will have a tougher time getting in.

“With a little bit more in the area, no longer is it sufficient just to meet the minimum eligibility requirement,” Visovski said.

Students from outside the local area will be ranked in order of their eligibility index number—a number derived from grade-point average and SAT or ACT test scores, said Vivian Franco, the director of admissions and records and evaluations. However, she would not speculate on the cutoff point.

“We will make offers for admission on the space available basis, and it will be in descending order of eligibility,” Franco said.

She said that students often apply to several campuses, but they won’t be accepted by every campus to which they apply. However, the CSU has built in safeguards to allow students to find a place to go.

“The screening criteria really is local area, and non-local area,” Franco said.

Franco also said that Fresno State receives students from the surrounding areas and even out of state, because of the specialty programs it offers. However, she stressed that no department would be particularly hurt by reducing the students from outside areas.

“We’re fairly comfortable that they’re either in the [local] pool and [the non-local] pool, we’re getting to be able to bring in a class of new freshmen that is very similar to the class of freshmen we currently have,” Franco said.

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Ironically, as government prepares to begin term sales.

Driving: A Dangerous Chronology, presented in July. The study illustrated that college students will likely break state law by using cell phones to text or check email while driving, despite two out of three admitting to adverse affects while doing so.

Pierce spoke at the summit with California law enforcers, safety advocates and law enforcement representatives about her research.

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WEEK 4: WAC POWER RANKINGS

Defensive back Richard Torres and the Warriors were ranked No. 3 in last week’s WAC Power Rankings. But Hawaii’s loss at Louisiana Tech last week dropped the Warriors to No. 6.

No. 4 Nevada Wolf Pack (1-3, 0-0 in WAC)
Last Week: Beat UNLV, 63-28, in Reno
Next Opponent: Louisiana Tech
Why No. 4?: After starting the season with a 35-0 loss to Notre Dame and 35-20 loss to Colorado State, the offense seemed to finally wake up for the Wolf Pack as they put up 63 points against UNLV. It will be interesting to see what team shows up against Louisiana Tech and to see if the Wolf Pack can challenge Boise State later this year.

No. 5 Louisiana Tech Bulldogs (2-2, 1-0 in WAC)
Last Week: Beat Hawaii, 27-6, in Ruston
Next Opponent: at Nevada
Why No. 5?: Louisiana Tech travels to Reno to take on the awakened Wolf Pack offense and try to improve to 2-0 in the WAC. Louisiana Tech got a great effort from its defense and senior tailback Daniel Porter, who had 160 yards rushing on 25 carries and two touchdowns.

No. 6 Hawaii Warriors (2-2, 0-1 in WAC)
Last Week: Lost to Louisiana Tech, 27-6, in Ruston
Next Opponent: Fresno State
Why No. 6?: Hawaii lost last not only the game but also its starting quarterback, Greg Alexander, to a knee injury. They now rely on junior-college transfer Bryant Moniz to run the offense. It will be interesting to see if the Hawaii offense misses any steps playing against a hungry Fresno State team.

No. 7 Utah State (1-3, 0-0 in WAC)
Last Week: Lost to BYU, 35-17, in Provo
Next Opponent: at Idaho
Why No. 7?: San Jose State travels to Moscow to take on the much-improved Wolf Pack as they put up 63 points against the top four teams in the WAC, the Spartans can easily be 1-7 entering the month of November.

No. 9 New Mexico State (2-3, 0-1 in WAC)
Last Week: Lost to San Diego State, 34-17, in San Diego
Next Opponent: Utah State
Why No. 9?: The Aggies do have two wins, however, both were by three points against Prairie View M&M and New Mexico. Their usually high-pow- ered passing offense has been anemic. Sophomore quarterback Jeff Fleming only has 429 yards and two touchdowns in five games.
The Bulldogs’ tight end production has seen a decline since the departure of Bear Pascoe in ’08

By Chris Aguirre
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For the last three seasons, the tight end position on the Fresno State football team was defined by one word: “Bear.”

Bear Pascoe is no longer creating matchup problems for opposing defensive coordinators at Fresno State, and the current tight ends have not quite been able to fill the shoes left by Pascoe.

In his four years as a Bulldog, Pascoe had 112 receptions for 1,294 yards and ten touchdowns. In 2008, he ranked second on the team with 40 catches for 400 yards and four touchdowns.

“Bear was 6 feet, 5 inches and 265 pounds. He was a better blocker than all these guys,” said head coach Pat Hill. “He was a big target and he was an NFL-type player.”

The Bulldogs’ two main tight ends, Isaac Kinter and Vince Pascoe, have combined for eight catches for 45 yards and have yet to find the end zone.

One reason the tight ends are lost in the fray is because this year’s receiving corps has proven to be very productive.

“We don’t target to get the ball to the tight ends like we might for the wide receivers because we have great wide receivers this year,” quarterback Ryan Colburn said.

The tight ends have assumed more of a blocking role, especially with the talented group of tailbacks.

“I just try to concentrate on my blocking assignment when I am on the field,” Kinter said. “During a pass, I just try to run my route, and if the ball is thrown somewhere else, I try to make a block to spring the player.”

In the Bulldogs’ most recent game, Fresno State was able to utilize the tight ends in the middle of the field. Colburn connected with Kinter four times for 27 yards.

“The way that they were playing, they were giving us a lot of the naked bootlegs,” Colburn said. “On the boot- leg play, Isaac is creeping out and they gave us that four times.”

In his career, Kinter has more than 400 yards receiving and has five touchdowns.

Filling the shoes of Pascoe is no easy task. However, Kinter does not feel the pressure or even want to try and live up to the expectations.

“Bear was a great player, but I really don’t try to compare myself to him,” Kinter said. “I just try to be the best player I can be and do all the jobs that the coaches give me on the field. I don’t want to try and be somebody else.”

Getting to know the Hawaii Warriors ...

By Chris Aguirre
The Collegian

2009 Record: 2-2 (0-1 in Western Athletic Conference)

The story so far: Hawaii won its first two games against Central Arkansas and Washington State. However, the Warriors have lost two in a row to UNLV, 34-33, and Louisiana Tech, 24-6.

Impact Player: Offense – Wide receiver Greg Salas – Salas leads the nation in receiving with 25 receptions for 601 yards and 4 touchdowns. He is averaging 23.1 yards per reception and will be facing a Fresno State defense that tends to give up big plays to teams. Fresno State safeties Moses Harris and Lorne Bell will have to know where he is at all times Saturday night.

Impact Player: Defense – Safety Mana Silva – Silva has three interceptions already in the young season and will play a big role on defense. If Fresno State can’t establish the run, it will be interesting to see how many times offensive coordinator Jeff Grady puts the ball in the air and throws toward Silva.

The Buzz: With their starting quarterback Greg Alexander out for the season after knee surgery, the Warriors now look to Bryant Moniz (former Fresno City College Ram) to lead the usually pass happy offense.