Joining forces

As activism rises on Fresno State’s campus, faculty show support of student involvement

By Thadeous Miller
The Collegian

Recent student activism on the California State University, Fresno campus has received support from many faculty members.

Professors could be seen in and outside of the Henry Madden Library during the protest staged after closing hours in November. October’s walkout also featured faculty members who addressed the crowd in the Peace Garden.

Dr. Loretta Kensinger, a professor for the women’s studies program, said that her participation was strictly in support for the students involved. She joined the family and friends of students who stood outside of the library for moral support for the students demonstrating inside, she said.

“I think the students are raising awareness for all of us about what the plight is for the California State University system right now,” Kensinger said.

She said students, as well as faculty, have been impacted by the budget cuts. It is important to support the students as they push for the state to fully fund education, Kensinger said.

She said it’s important to support any students who are being thoughtful and consci- ous of their civic duties.

“These are students who clearly hope to benefit themselves, but are really fighting for a larger good,” Kensinger said.

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Parking permits available for purchase online

By Kristin Berquist
The Collegian

For the first time, students at California State University, Fresno will be able to purchase parking permits online.

Public information officer Amy Armstrong said the university began selling the spring semester parking permits online on Nov. 13 and has already had some interest in the online purchase option.

“We’re trying to provide alternatives so [students] don’t have to wait in those long lines at the beginning of the semester, but was wary of additional fees to cover mailing costs.

“[I] wouldn’t want to pay extra, but if it’s free shipping I’d definitely do it,” she said.

According to Armstrong there are no extra fees for purchasing a permit online versus purchasing one on campus. The cost for a park-

Budget reductions affect University High School

By Amanda Macksoud
The Collegian

While California State University, Fresno students, faculty and staff are taking furlough days, UHS classes are still in progress.

Furlough days and budget cuts are affecting UHS in several ways, according to the head of University High School James Bushman, Ph.D.

“We rely on Fresno State for maintenance and facilities. When there are furlough days nothing gets taken care of,” Bushman said. “There is a lot of trash everywhere, and we are still here.”

Bushman said that each UHS student will complete a minimum of 21 Fresno State units before entering college.

“Our students are spending less time in class for the same amount of units,” Bushman said.

The U.S. News and World Report recently ranked UHS 45th out of 21,500 public high schools in the country.

The rigorous subjects that high school students are required to take at UHS, as well as at Fresno State, ranked UHS as the 10th best charter high school in the country, according to the U.S News and World Report in December 2008.

“Since Fresno State cut so many classes, it meant a lot less sections were available for our students,” Bushman said.

“Many of my students who were going to enroll in Fresno State classes couldn’t.”

Current Fresno State student and nursing major Erika

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The current site of University High is located west of the Music Building.
Don’t go soft on the prof

W e’ve all been there a thou-
sand times, for better or for
crash. Sitting in class week after week, amased at the poor performance of a professor. Among the millions of thought-provoking, soul-rev-

The Upper Upper Deck

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tion of wanting to lay it on my pro-

fessor of scorn both here and at my

undergraduate institution. However, unlike many, I have always taken

advantage of my chance.

This situation was brought to a head

when, at ‘some point in the past which

may or may not have been last week,‘ a

classmate and I, who had both not par-
ticularly enjoyed our class, were given

the evaluation sheets. I eagerly filled mine out and, as cau-
tiously and optimistically as possible, made suggestions on how to improve

the course.

To my shock and awe, I looked over

to find my classmate mindlessly cir-

cling all the (highest mark possi-

ble) and turning her sheet in. She then

returned and, to my further shock and

awe, looked at my sheet – with shock

and awe (hey, it’s been a long semi-

ner).” I asked.

She sheepishly retorted, “Well… I

wrote some bad stuff.”

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“What are you doing?” she said.

An even more salient example came

during undergrad in a class where, by

semester’s end, we were all ready to

pull a Col. Mustard with the dinger in

the billboard if you know what I mean.

This time the entire back page was

the template for the professor’s

criticism. Again, I looked over to find a

classmate – previously quite vocal

about his disdain for the class – writ-
ing one sentence and turning the sheet in.

“What the hell are you doing!” I

asked.

Again, I looked over to find a

classmate – previously quite vocal

about his disdain for the class – writ-
ing one sentence and turning the sheet in.

Surely, most professors do not have

professors who think they and their class are

opposite. The teacher-turned slave

Ben Stein on crack. How on earth did

this statue of hell for a surprisingly small reward

described as Michael Jackson’s dad on

God in importance. This one could be

more vital than Abe Lincoln and Tim

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The chance to fulfill the most basic human dream of those who

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chance to see your younger brothers

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ACROSS
1 Ringing phone on stage, e.g.  10 Curtain material
5 Place to unwind  12 Be situated beneath
10 Complacent  13 “My goodness”
14 Medal recipient  19 Took the subway
15 Panama divider  20 Prospecting swindle
16 Ice cream parlor order  23 USN rank
17 Some lemony quaffs  24 Utmost degree
18 Spring up  25 Shadow
19 Took the subway  27 Suffix with farm or home
20 Prospecting swindle  29 Fly in the ointment
21 Gandhi’s land  30 Loch of lore
22 Java holder  31 St. Louis’s Gateway __
26 Shipboard direction  32 North Pole toy maker
28 Bad way for plans to go  33 Thinner, as smoke
29 Go-with dishes  36 Temptation on a hook
30 Loch of lore  37 Multilevel investment swindle
34 Reason for an air quality alert  39 Folderol
35 Bullet-on-metal noise  40 Stratagem
36 Shipboard direction  41 Accomplished with a single try
37 Cooking up a coup  42 Slip signed by a debtor
38 Like kids’ enthusiasm  43 Quiche base
39 Folderol  44 Inuit craft
40 Stratagem  45 Derek Jeter, e.g.
41 Accomplished with a single try  46 Busy
42 Slip signed by a debtor  47 Wailed
43 Quiche base  48 Essence of roses
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45 Derek Jeter, e.g.  50 Hackneyed
46 Busy  51 Home builder’s afterthought
47 Wailed  52 King beater
48 Essence of roses  53 Sleight-of-hand sidewalk swindle
50 Sigma follower  54 Notice
51 Home builder’s afterthought  55 Nat or Natalie
52 King beater  56 School reunion attendee
53 Sleight-of-hand sidewalk swindle  57 Hops oven
54 Notice  58 Singer Rawls
55 Nat or Natalie  59 Cube or sphere
56 School reunion attendee
57 Hops oven
58 Singer Rawls
59 Cube or sphere

DOWN
60 Similar (to)  1 Parts of a cycle
61 Load to bear  2 Stinging crawler
62 Reclassified planet  3 Ultimatum words
63 Golfer Ballesteros  4 Big name in breakfast cereal
64 Like the stepsisters in “Cinderella”  5 Barely adequate
65 Red Sea republic  6 Stereotypical pirate’s cry
66 Ready to drive, as a golf ball  7 Part of ICU
67 White teeth  8 Poet Ogden
68 Devil’s advocate  9 Toward the sheltered side

Puzzle by Robert Fisher

SUDOKU

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

SOLUTION: http://collegian.csufresno.edu

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Word of the Day

Airplane mode

When someone cuts themselves off from the world by not logging on to Facebook or checking their cell phones. Usually occurs after a breakup or a rough work week.

Source: UrbanDictionary.com
Romano. After spending nine seasons headlining one of the most popular sitcoms in recent memory, he returns significantly less buffoonish in a very different kind of series as a co-creator, writer and executive producer. Yes, we’re about to find out if everybody still loves Raymond! He plays Joe, a slightly neurotic, recently separated father of two who once had dreams of being a professional golfer (Cue up Springsteen’s “Glory Days”). Now he struggles to curb a gambling problem and runs a party store where his teen employees openly deride his “old man music.” Joe still finds time to chill out with a couple of pals from college. There’s Terry (Bakula), a past-his-prime actor and part-time temp who still manages to attract pretty young women with scant effort. Rounding out the trio is Ainsly (Payack), President of The Global Language Monitor.

The winter weather season is on the way, and a recently released iPhone alarm-clock app designed by a duo in Milwaukee can make sure you have plenty of time to get ready in the morning if the weather gets bad while you’re resting. The smart alarm watches the weather using the phone’s GPS and wireless Internet connection. Then, depending on your settings, the software will wake you up early if bad weather might jam your morning routine. The app costs $1.99 and could save the day if a surprise storm hits.

Does everybody still love Raymond?

By Chuck Barney
McClatchy Tribune

“How’s a Certain Age,” a new comedy-drama from TNT, is about three dudes pushing 50 and all the horrific gloom that entails. You have to wonder if it landed in prime time purely by accident. Isn’t television, after all, supposed to be youth-obsessed? Doesn’t the most prized TV demographic start at age 18 and flat line at 49? What kind of compa- nies would be caught dead advertising with such a show other than Rogaine and Lipitor?

Yet, here we are being asked to hang out with guys in relaxed-fit jeans who strain to read menus and still listen to Neil Sedaka, for crying out loud. At least they’re played by familiar actors Ray Romano, Scott Bakula and Andre Braugher. At least they manage to be as endearing as they are pitiful. If it doesn’t work, blame

“The Blue Bird Gets the Worm

By Scott Kleinberg
 McClatchy Tribune

Twitter. According to the Global Language Monitor, which documents, and tracks trends in language around the world, Twitter is the top word of 2009 in its annual global survey.

“In a year dominated by world-shak- ing political events, a pandemic, the after effects of a financial tsunami and the death of a revered pop icon, the word Twitter stands above all the other words. Twitter represents a new form of social interaction, where all communication is reduced to 140 characters,” said Paul JJ Payack, President of the Global Language Monitor.

TOP FIVE NAMES
1. Barack Obama: Dude makes all 3 lists. That’s my goal for next year.
2. Michael Jackson: His music lives on.
4. Large Hadron Collider: Just as they killed in the post-election demonstra-
tions. Amazing how Twitter and social media keep us in touch with what’s going on in places we normally can’t see.
5. Neda Agha Sultan: Iranian woman killed in the post-election demonstra-
tions.

TOP FIVE PHRASES
1. King of Pop: Still hard to believe Michael Jackson is gone, isn’t it?
2. Obama-mania: Presidential excite-
ment reaches unprecedented propor-
tions.
3. Climate change: This will make Al Gore happy.
4. Swine flu: It was always H1N1, but the media thought this sounded much better.
5. Too large to fail: Apparently, these are the banks that are necessary to keep the world functioning.

TOP FIVE WORDS
1. Twitter: Who knew 140 characters could be so powerful!
2. Obama: The president lost to a little blue bird.
3. H1N1: The true name for swine flu.
4. Stimulus: Jump starting the econ-
omy.
5. Vampire: Some folks say Robert Pattinson is hot. I don’t see it.
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$1.4 million grant will create diversity

By Michelle Furnier

With a new $1.4 million grant given to the area of geosciences, the hope is to create more diversity within the planet science program.

The main demographic for those employed or going into a graduate program in geosciences at California State University, according to the director of Geosciences METRO Center Dr. Alam Hasson.

Geosciences can be described as anything that relates to the earth system, such as geology, oceanography, meteorology, hydrology, air quality and pollution and climate change.

The National Science Foundation awarded the grant to geosciences at Fresno State to create the Geosciences METRO Center. METRO stands for Mentoring Education Training Research Outreach.

“The approach we’re taking is multi-pronged, but it’s giving undergraduate students a quality research experience in our lab,” Hasson said.

This program targets students in their sophomore year. Hasson said they want to get students interested early on, possibly even before they start at the University of California, Fresno. Hasson and the associates working with him are coordinating with Fresno City College to help get students who are interested involved.

Students accepted into the program will have the opportunity to work with faculty on research projects throughout their junior and senior years during the summer. Students will also attend conferences to present their work.

“We pay them to do research, and we want them to go to conferences,” Hasson said.

“And probably pizza every once in a while,” added Peter Van De Water, earth and environmental sciences assistant professor.

Those interested can contact Ronna Crews by phone at 278-6076 or by e-mail at rcrews@csufresno.edu. Applications can be downloaded at www.csufresno.edu/geosciences.

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Quitoriano attended UHS.

“I felt that the professors expected us to behave and work as if we were college students,” Quitoriano said.

“As a college student now, I think that we were a little more mature than some of the students in my GE classes today,” he said.

With Fresno State cutting classes, it is harder for UHS students to enroll in classes and meet requirements, Bushman said.

“I don’t want Fresno State students thinking we are complaining because we have to deal with budget cuts,” Bushman said. “It’s a fact, but it is also something we all are dealing with.”

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“We do not supplant regular students,” Bushman said.

According to Bushman, UHS students were denied entrance into some college classes, which he says creates a huge burden for his students.

“Every single student is enrolled in at least two college classes,” he said.

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said, “A good that goes beyond their time at this institution.”

Kensinger said that she thinks most faculty are concerned about the direction of the university. Funding issues are impacting class rooms and lives, she said.

Dr. Michael Becker, a professor of political science, has also supported the recent student activism. He spoke during the walkout and was present at the study-in.

Becker said that the event were student-organized and that his involvement was intermittent and informal.

He has given advice to the students when they asked for it, and that the students were deserving of support.

“The students are justified in demanding and upset,” Becker said.

Becker said he has concerns about the diminishing quality of higher education and the fee increases. He also said that there is an absence of democratic governance. The faculty and student representation on campus need to have actual power and not just advisory power, according to Becker.

He said that students want to, and should be involved in their own governance.

“My impression is [students] would like to work closely with the administration to bring a more effective result,” Becker said.

Satvir Dhall, an undeclared freshman, has been involved in a number of the demonstration on campus. He said that faculty support shows that the movement includes more than just students.

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FACULTY: Speaking up
Coach Pat Hill and the Fresno State Bulldogs have lost their fair share of close games to BCS teams, but finally came up with a close, 53-52 win at Illinois.

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This team has been a huge part of my life for the past ten years or so and I have felt all the highs and all the lows. I have to tell you, it’s really not easy being a Bulldog fan. While I was watching Saturday’s 53-52 thrilling, last-second victory, I felt it coming on again - I really thought Fresno State was going to lose and disappoint me and other Red Wave fans once again.

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The Bulldogs didn’t wait and took the fight, Fresno State finally escaped with a win in a close game against a BCS school. The Bulldogs didn’t wait around and try and last for the whole fight. They put it all on the canvas, left guard Devan Cotton opened to the left side of the field with the receivers’ routes all overloading the left. But the Illini countered with a blitz off the right end, putting a man in Colburn’s face. It looked like Colburn would be down for the count, but somehow he got the throw off and got it to the end zone. The ball hit Hamler in the right hand, and for a split-second, it looked like he was going to pull it in and make the play of his career, but an Illini defensive back swatted the ball out of his grasp.

But just as the Bulldogs were going down to the underdogs would again come up short. Tostitos Fiesta Bowl to face a fellow giant killer. The rest of the WAC bowl games announced by Collegian Staff

The five Bowl Championship Series (BCS) games were announced last night, putting the Western Athletic Conference (WAC) Champion Boise State Broncos in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl to face a fellow giant killer.

TCU (12-0) will face Boise State (13-0) in what may be considered the “Mid-Major” national title game. The rest of the bowl-eligible WAC teams found out where they would be heading for their bowl games. Here is how the rest of the WAC bowl games shook out.

Fresno State will take on Wyoming on Dec. 19 in the New Mexico Bowl. Idaho will play Bowling Green on Dec. 30 in the Ready’s Humanitarian Bowl. Nevada will head to Hawaii to take on SMU in the Sheraton Hawaii Bowl on Dec. 24. No WAC teams drew a BCS opponent in their bowl bids.
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Devan Intervention

FRESNO STATE BULLDOGS 53, ILLINOIS FIGHTING ILLINI 52

350-pound Devan Cunningham caught a deflected pass to score a game-winning two-point conversion in thrilling victory

Bulldog sound bite of the week

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