The University Center, located directly across from the University Student Union (USU), is no longer facing demolition. Instead, the campus plans to renovate the building and use it for a central station for campus information and provide improvements in atmosphere and function to students. The project is not using any state funds, said Robert Boyd of Facilities Management.

“What we’re doing is trying to help ourselves,” he said. According to the university’s Campus Master Plan, published Jan. of 2008, the University Center building (UC) was to be torn down and completely rebuilt and structured to make a wider plaza area across from the USU, providing more room for passing students to sit and gather. The plan changed and the building will remain intact, at least for now.

“What changed was the economic situation the entire state and everyone else is in,” said Boyd. “We said we better look at trying to utilize that facility for at least another five-year window.”

The intent of the new building was to form a more defined entry point and exit point from the campus off of Shaw Ave.

“One of the problems that the campus suffers from, it doesn’t have a main identity where you come into campus,” said Boyd. “It really doesn’t let you know that it’s a grander entry that you’ve entered Fresno State.” In the future, in accordance with the original Campus Master Plan, those plans will be implemented down the road, he said. But for now, the building is soon to become a one-stop center for current and future students and parents to get information on the campus and learn what the university is all about. It will also retain the many food services already in place that students are accustomed to. The renovation is expected to be complete by late spring.

Having an information center will help students because everything they need to know about programs, campus opportunities, and other services will be in one central location, said Selena Farnesi, executive vice president of Associated Students Inc. “I think the campus in general will benefit as well because we will have a useable renovated space.”

Farnesi also expressed her gladness that the project had no state money involved, thereby avoiding wasteful spending that could be used for more classes for students.

Although the major overhaul of the UC was postponed indefinitely, the Facilities Management, in charge of managing construction on campus, hopes a fresh coat of paint, the new cement bench that was put in place at the beginning of this fall, and more bike racks coming in the future will help spruce up the building and its surroundings for students and provide a nice compliment to the Madden Library directly next to it.

“The racks would improve the bike parking,” said Pedro Ramirez, ASI president. “That area is in high demand.”

The east end of the UC will be left intact, at least for now.

“We’re going to try to give it a facelift and make it more user-friendly.” — Robert Boyd, Facilities Management

“Now we’re trying to invest a lot of money out there doing this,” said Boyd. “It’s going to be temporary too, so we’re trying to weigh both sides by what makes sense but also by providing a need.”

The building’s structure is relative-ly intact, said Boyd, but it’s more of a question of its age. “It’s 1950’s vintage,” added Boyd. “As a result, it’s getting pretty worn. What we’ve proposed are a few minor modifications that would dress it up.”

“Our biggest challenge now is trying to work around the students”, said Boyd. “When we start putting up the panels, we’ll have fence off and have access for the workers to come in and out and just to make it safe.”

Although most of the renovating is planned for the exterior, parts of the interior are also scheduled for remodeling, causing minor conflicts with services like the Taco Bell Express which had to close its doors temporarily.

“We were notified in late July that we could not reopen our Taco Bell Express in the fall given that our franchise agreement was going to expire and that we could not renew the franchise until we remodeled to meet current franchise requirements,” said Debbie Adishian-Astone, associate vice president for auxiliary operations. “[The remodel] will improve the level of service and menu offerings to our campus community,” she said. “[It] was needed to improve operating efficiencies and customer experience and what makes sense but also by providing a need.”

The pricing of locker rentals and guest fees were settled upon with student budgets in mind. The dock has always been that price since we opened,” said Allen. “Most of our pricing is really low.”

One of the services offered at the Recreation Center is towel service. All guests of the Recreation Center are required to have a towel with them while they work out. Towels are $10 a semester and visitors receive a fresh one to use each visit.

“When asked if she’d ever rent a locker for the semester, Deissy Ibarra said she probably wouldn’t because she was saving for other things.”

“The locker double size is available for $45 a semester, which includes towel service and a lock. To some a larger locker is necessary so they don’t have to bring their belongings to and from the gym each day. For others, a locker isn’t even something they’re worried about.”

“I don’t mind carrying a few things in the gym with me,” said Brittany Stobbe, biology major. “I usually just leave my stuff in the car.”

“Most use the half sized lockers to stash their stuff because it’s free and convenient. If you don’t have a lock of your own you can purchase one for $5 at the dock.”

“Deissy Ibarra, biology major said, “I probably wouldn’t because I’m not con-sidering.” Ibarra thought her own lock to utilize the free lockers.

A half locker double size is available for $45 a semester, which includes towel service and a lock.

Construction of the cement bench began before fall classes for more seating, eliminating needless curbs.
I’m with the band

By Oscar Perez

The Collegian

Racism is an enduring problem

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The Collegian

Racism and discrimination will probably never be destroyed, which extremely saddens me. A world with such a cancer is pretty repulsive to live in. I feel that if we were all one color we would simply find another reason to hate one another. If we were all rich we would find out who had the least money and humiliate them. Racism and discrimination are the main reasons why we, as both a country and as the world cannot succeed. A recent crime due to discrimination occurred on Tuesday, Aug. 24, when a New York City taxi cab driver was stabbed because he stated he was Muslim. It didn’t seem to be something a healthy person would do. It’s as bad as if I were to go around stabbing everybody who looks Catholic just because I was Mormon. It just didn’t make sense. Another incident of racism occurred just a few weeks ago. A Mexican-American man was severely beaten in Staten Island because he was a “wet-back.” I could not believe that this happened in what we consider to be the “land of the free.” When I think of hate crimes that are committed against people because of how their creator made them it makes me feel sad, angry and most of all, dis- pinged. It’s insulting because any race, ethnicity, culture or color, I consider myself human.

Diversity is what makes the United States a beautiful country. If we, the educated, don’t break down the walls of racism and discrimination then it will never be done. Education is the key to begin the elimination of racism and discrimination. The only thing we should hate is hate itself. Let’s learn to accept and love one another for who we are.

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Legal group seeks to compel California to defend Proposition 8

By Lisa Leff
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A conservative legal group is trying to force Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and Attorney General Jerry Brown to defend California's gay marriage ban in court.

The Pacific Justice Institute petitioned the 3rd District Court of Appeal in Sacramento on Monday for an emergency order that would require the two officials to appeal a ruling that overturned Proposition 8.

Chief U.S. District Judge Vaughn Walker struck down Proposition 8 in a ruling that overturned the voter-approved measure as unconstitutional last month.

Its sponsors have appealed. But doubts have been raised about whether they have authority to do so because as ordinary citizens they are not responsible for enforcing marriage laws.

The state has until Sept. 11 to challenge Walker's ruling in the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Both Brown and Schwarzenegger, who also refused to support Proposition 8 in Walker's court, have said they do not plan to.

The institute is arguing that as the state's chief law enforcement officer, Brown does not have discretion to defend only laws with which he personally agrees.

And because the California Constitution gives the governor final say when he and the attorney general disagree on legal matters, Schwarzenegger must be compelled to file an appeal to preserve Proposition 8 as well, the group's lawsuit states.

"To allow an elected official to trump the will of the people by mere inaction and the lack of fulfillment of their duty to do their job would be an egregious violation of public trust," said Brad Darcus, Pacific Legal Institute president.

"Governor Reagan never refused or declined to defend a state law or state constitutional provision, regardless of his own opposition or dislike for a challenged provision," he wrote. "As attorney general, I never refused or declined to defend a law on the basis that I disagreed with the law as a matter of policy."

Reagan's Justice Department did refuse to defend at least one federal policy, when Meese was serving as a presidential adviser but before he became attorney general. Government lawyers joined attorneys for an African immigrant whose bid for residency had been denied by the Immigration and Naturalization Service but overturned by Congress, arguing that such legislative vetoes were unconstitutional.

Brown has said both in legal filings and public statements that he has sworn to uphold the state and federal constitutions and therefore can not defend Proposition 8 because he thinks it is an unconstitutional violation of gay Californians' civil rights.

"The attorney general does not believe that he can be forced to prosecute an appeal of a decision with which he agrees," Brown spokeswoman Christina Gasparac said Tuesday.

In seeking to make the state file an appeal, Pacific Justice Institute is trying to address the possibility that the case might get short-circuited before the 9th Circuit can consider if Proposition 8 passes constitutional muster.

The appeals court has scheduled oral arguments for the second week in December. But both Walker and the lawyers who persuaded him to invalidate the gay marriage ban on behalf of two same-sex couples and the city of San Francisco have said that measures backers may not have legal standing to ask the court to overturn Walker.

Theodore Boutrous Jr., a member of the legal team that represented the two couples, said it is unlikely the state court would order the governor and attorney general to take action because California, like the federal government, requires its executives to handle legal matters through the Justice Department.

"It's certainly a novel idea," Boutrous said of the Pacific Justice Institute petition. "It seems like it would raise serious separation of powers issues, among other things. We will be interested to see how it plays out."

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Associated Press

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UC: Sprucing it up

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to upgrade the look."

The Taco Bell Express will hopefully reopen in November, said Adishan Astone, but it may be delayed until December pending the new equipment.

In addition, there will be improved seating and atmosphere in that area of the interior. Currently, there are no further interior modifications that will interfere with food service.

"Right now, [the area is] probably the most ugly it's been in a long time but that's all in preparation for the next phase," said Boyd.

Although the entire plan is not finalized, Gary Wilson of Facilities Management said that a new shade structure would materialize during the renovation. Tables and umbrellas would be placed near the building to give students more room to eat, to do homework, or to escape the sun but still be outside.

The seating and shade, is another project that was delayed until December, said Boyd, when the heat is most intense.

"We're going to try to give it a facelift and make it more user-friendly," he said.
Students look to SCOUT for a helping foot

By Kellcie Mullaney and Janessa Tyler
The Collegian

Disabilities can’t always easily be seen. While a broken leg can keep you from getting to class on time, so can a variety of other disabilities. That’s why Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) and Traffic Operations have teamed up to create a Student Campus Community Transportation Service vehicle (SCOUT).

SCOUT was created eight years ago when a few students expressed their need for help getting around campus. From then on the program grew into something much bigger and more helpful to students. SCOUT provides the Fresno State campus with a variety of services, including transportation for registered students with mobility difficulties and/or other disabilities that make walking around campus hard.

Director of Services for Students with Disabilities Janice Brown said there are more than 600 students registered with SSD, and two-thirds of them have a hidden learning disability. There are currently 86 students that utilize SCOUT’s services.

Brown said some hidden learning disabilities include attention deficit disorder (ADD) and dyslexia. Students with permanent conditions, such as being blind or deaf, as well as mental disabilities like schizophrenia and bipolar disorder can use the services as well.

Some temporary disabilities range from a broken leg or foot to a sprained ankle, whether you need the services for a couple of weeks or the whole semester.

Public Information Officer Amy Armstrong said there are five designated golf carts used for the SCOUT Program. Four are used for students with mobility difficulties, and one is wheelchair accessible.

There are several other golf carts available for the safety escort service.

SCOUT’s five drivers make approximately 70 stops per day for registered students. But they will also stop and help others who need assistance.

“Drivers will offer one-time rides for those who need them and offer temporary services,” said Brown.

To become part of SCOUT’s transportation services students are asked to register with the SSD office to verify their disability. SCOUT accommodations for this semester will be made based on current class schedules.

The SSD office is located on the first floor of the Henry Madden Library, next to the south elevators.

The program is also responsible for responding to emergency calls, patrolling campus for unsafe situations, and monitoring the blue parking stalls to ensure individuals who need them are using them.

A safety escort service is also available to students 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Students can call the University Police Department dispatch number at 278-8400 and a safety escort officer will come accompany them to their next class or car.

“I encourage all students to use it [safety escort services] for safety,” said Brown.

Every safety escort officer is trained and in uniform, equipped with a radio for emergencies. A police officer will assist those in need if a safety escort officer is unavailable at the time.

“Getting to class on time is important, but being safe is more crucial. A great deal of students have classes at night so students are encouraged to save the University Police Department dispatch number in their cell phones, just in case.

We always encourage students to use the safety escort service if they don’t feel safe,” said Armstrong. “We are more than happy to provide this service.”

Matt Weir / The Collegian

SCOUT golf cart drivers will pick up students anywhere on campus according to their class schedule and their needs.
Addiction: the state of being enslaved to a habit or practice or to something that is psychologically or physically habit-forming.

When reading the definition of addiction, thoughts that commonly run through one’s mind are drugs and alcohol. But with the once-considered “hobby” of fantasy sports rapidly on the rise, it has managed to make its mark as an official unexpected addiction to some.

Men everywhere have created their own self-addiction to fantasy sports. Whether it’s September and football season is about to take off, or it’s March and spring training is in session, the addiction never stops. It’s a year-round leisure pursuit that has captivated the lives of sports fans.

“I’ve been doing it a long time, but I’m definitely not addicted,” said fantasy sports contestant Mike Grossman. “I mainly play to make money.”

When dealing with addiction, denial is often the primary psychological indicator that someone is involved with a personal struggle—for example, asking someone who religiously takes part in fantasy leagues on a daily basis at the expense of other responsibilities when claiming it’s nothing important to them.

In 2007, the Fantasy Sports Trade Association reported that an estimated 30 million people over the age of 12 participated in fantasy sports in 2007. The numbers may seem low compared to the 300 million who are now on Facebook, but with the amount of effort it takes to successfully participate in a fantasy league, some consider the numbers to be respectively comparable.

“It’s a lot of work to be successful in a league,” participant Ryan O’Rorke said. “Personally, I like to engage in a friendly competition with friends and family for pure entertainment. I’m not anywhere close to being addicted.”

The phenomenon is a time-consuming and tedious process that requires sports knowledge and sometimes a lucky charm. A typical fantasy draft can take anywhere from one to five hours. Participants break down player stats, injury reports and opposing predictions when creating their roster.

Participants are repeatedly having to update and maneuver their rosters based on the website’s scouting reports. They perceive that this managerial power gives them a sense of authority.

“I like the feeling of having general manager power,” O’Rorke said. “Being able to control lineups, trades, free agents—it’s entertaining.”

O’Rorke’s experiences seem to be a pattern among others who play.

“I find it entertaining being able to put together your own team and manage it in a sense,” Grossman said. “It’s empowering as a sports fan.”

Whether it’s playing for money, the feeling of authority or pure entertainment, there’s no question fantasy sports have become a common activity for many. However, some women can’t quite understand the hype of the “fantasy world.”

“I don’t get why guys make such a big deal about it,” graduate student Ali Llanes said. “They make such a big deal about their stupid teams when it just doesn’t seem like a big enough deal to get as mad as they do.”

Llanes said she is 100 percent convinced that all males who play fantasy sports are addicted. They all like to say they’re not addicted,” Llanes said. “That’s the first sign of addiction. If they weren’t, they wouldn’t spend four hours of their day messing with their rosters.”

Addicted or not, one thing is certain; fantasy sports are an easy getaway when trying to wean yourself away from Facebook.
Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

The daily crossword

**ACROSS**
1 “Human” or “Mother” follower  
7 Home for la familia  
11 Huge wine container  
14 Address giver  
15 Assayer’s samples  
16 “Apple cider” gal  
17 Academic interlude  
19 “Gunga ___”  
20 Garfield’s favorite food  
21 “… the ___ shall inherit the Earth.”  
22 Fisherman’s basket  
25 Quick to sue  
27 Barnyard brooder  
28 ___ segno (musical direction)  
30 Was in a derby  
31 Australian birds  
33 Dictionary unit  
36 Chaka Khan’s group  
40 Raging enthusiasm  
43 Back in the Navy?  
44 Buster of pushers  
45 Plastic surgery procedure  
46 Took care of hunger  
48 Routing word  
50 ___ time (course slot)  
51 “Jeopardy!” category  
56 They have regrets  
58 Acting too hastily  
59 Auto body support  
61 “Rosemary’s Baby” author Levin  
62 “La ___” (Debussy opus)  
66 “La ___” (Debussy opus)  
67 Go into seclusion  
68 African corn  
69 There are none in Consumer Reports  
70 “Beware the ___ of March!”  
71 Feels healthy  

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1 Turndown words  
2 Dadaism founder Jean  
3 Roofing material  
4 Advantageous  
5 First name in clowns  
6 Ten million of them equal a joule  
7 Welsh working dog  
8 A$AP, properly  
9 Beach resort attraction  
10 ‘Fanny you should ___—'  
11 Audio’s counterpart  
12 Word of paring  
13 Oxygen source  
18 Party popper  
21 Slow, stately dance in triple meter  
22 Food Network stars  
23 “Please ___” (invoice request)  
24 Accustom to hardship  
26 Apparel  
29 Beard on grain  
32 Messenger with a code  
35 Whirling one  
38 Mozart’s “The Magic ___”  
39 Women’s stomach work; it’s said  
40 “Beware the ___ of March!”  
41 “… the wild blue yonder”  
42 ___-fi flick  
43 Sixth sense  
46 “Fanny you should ___—’  
47 Greek math whiz  
49 Comes up in conversation  
52 Made waves?  
53 Winter Palace figures  
54 ___ Island Red (chicken breed)  
55 Figures in a hotel  
56 They have regrets  
58 Acting too hastily  
59 Auto body support  
60 Turnpike behemoth  
62 Acupuncturist’s vital life force  
63 Suffix with “miss” or “mob”  
64 Zero, to soccer fans  
65 Swimmer with a charge

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**Word of the Day**

Nomonym

When you eat something and it tastes like something else. Things often taste like chicken, but chicken rarely tastes like other things.

Source: UrbanDictionary.com
Collaros won’t be the only problem on offense for the ‘Dogs. Hill believes that the Bearcats’ receiving corps will be the best the team faces all year. “Their wide receivers are outstanding,” Hill said. “I think their receiving corps is going to be as strong as anybody probably the strongest we see.”

The Bearcats lose their All-Big East receiver Mardy Gilyard to the NFL, but they return two tall-rangy receivers in Armon Binns and former USC transfer Vidal Hazelton.

Binns finished second on the team in receiving last year after catching 61 passes for 888 yards and 11 touchdowns. Hazelton sat out last fall because of transfer rules.

Hill said that Binns, the six-foot-three receiver, along with Hazelton might cause some matchup problems for the ‘Dogs. “Binns, that’s where they’ll try to get the mismatch with the height,” he said. “Hazelton’s a big target also.”

Collaros and the receivers will be an early test for a ‘Dogs defense that finished last year the 111th-ranked team in run defense and 101st in interceptions. “They’re going to be a very explosive offensive team,” Hill said. “That’ll be a great challenge for us.”

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL: First week offers excitement

notoriously bad starts that ultimately doomed them at season’s end. Beavers head coach Mike Riley has stressed his team’s need for a fast start, but he will be stiffly tested by TCU, which finished 12-1 in 2009.

No. 1: No. 3 Boise State vs. No. 10 Virginia Tech. College football junkies, such as me, love to see this kind of match up to kickoff the year. Monday night the Broncos will travel to Blacksburg to take on the Hokies from the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) in arguably Boise State’s most important game of the year. If Boise State wins, they put themselves on the fast track to BCS history. If they lose, well, they are then at the mercy of the poll voters. Don’t sleep on Virginia Tech, which sports perhaps the most prolific backfield in college football with Ryan Williams and Darren Evans.
Finally, college football is back

While the rest of you are pouting because summer has come and gone with a blink of an eye, I'm celebrating. Why? Because my holiday just began.

With the debut of college football just days away, I get to enjoy the next four months like it's a 120-day Christmas because, well it's truly the most wonderful time of my year.

With the reigning Heisman Trophy winner Mark Ingram back in a college uniform as well as a slew of Bowl Championship Series (BCS) busting talent, 2010 has a lot of hype to live up to.

With that being said, I've narrowed down the "Ben there, done that top-5 college football must see this week end." Cheesy, I know, but I'm excited.

No. 5: Miami (OH) at No. 4 Florida. OK, I realize this will be a cake walk, probably the Gators by 40, maybe 50. But I am intrigued to see how John Brantley will perform in his first start during the post-Tim Tebow era. Brantley has a lot of upside, but replacing a legend with a plaque outside the stadium isn't the easiest of tasks.

No. 4 to 21 LSU vs. No. 18 North Carolina. If you like hard nosed football with plenty of tackles, this is your game to watch this weekend. The Tigers and Tar Heels will head to Atlanta's Georgia Dome in one of three top-25 matchups in week one. North Carolina boasts arguably the top linebacker corps in the nation, and LSU's head coach Les Miles is on the hot seat. Expect a thriller when the Tigers face the Tar Heels defense.

No. 3: No. 14 USC at Hawaii. This game is spotlighted for all the wrong reasons, but an important one to watch nonetheless. Ever the summer the NCAA cracked the whip on the Trojans, issuing sanctions for the 2005 Reggie Bush scandal and stripping their chances of playing in a bowl game. At least for this year. It will be interesting to see how Lane Kiffin in his first year as the USC head man will motivate his new squad in its trip to paradise on the ESPN Thursday night showcase.

No. 2: No. 24 Oregon State vs. No. 19 UCLA. The Beavers travel to the Lone Star State in a battle with the Horned Frogs inside Jerry Jones' mega place that is Cowboy Stadium. Oregon State has been plagued in recent years after suffering a thriller when the Tigers face the Tar Heels defense.

The Bulldogs' defense gave up 413.7 yards per game last season, fifth most in the Western Athletic Conference.

Collaros, Bearcats to test ‘Dogs

Cincinnati’s offense ‘very explosive,’ says Hill

By Vongni Yang
The Collegian

The last time Fresno State played Cincinnati, quarterback Zac Collaros was on the sidelines wearing a headset. Collaros was the backup to now NFL rookie Tony Pike, but in the season opener on Saturday, Collaros will be the man in charge, leading the Bearcats down the ramp at Bulldog Stadium.

Collaros is going to be the first test of the season for a Bulldogs defense that is desperately trying to improve. "It's going to be a great test for our defense," head coach Pat Hill said. "Obviously, the thing that we struggle with in the past are mobile quarterbacks, spread-option type teams."

Last season Fresno State had trouble containing teams that were equipped with a quarterback who had the ability to beat teams through the air and on the ground. Utah State's Diondre Borel had a record-setting day against the 'Dogs in 2009 when he accounted for 345 total yards and two touchdowns. Borel ran for 105 yards and passed for 240 yards in the loss to the 'Dogs.

Colin Kaepernick, who some consider to be the best dual-threat quarterback in college football, sliced and diced his way past the 'Dogs defense last year, rushing for 95 yards and two touchdowns in the win over Fresno State.

Hill said that Collaros' style of play is similar to both Borel and Kaepernick. However, Hill believes he's a better passer. "This guy also brings another dimension to the game, he's a very accurate passer," Hill said. "This guy's a very good quarterback. When he played last year against the Big East opponents, he went up and down the field."

Collaros started four games last season when he filled in for an injured Pike. He finished the year with 1,454 yards passing and 10 touchdowns. Collaros was also a threat on the ground, rushing for 371 yards with four touchdowns. He finished third on the team in rushing last year.

Hill said that Collaros' versatility can possibly change the outcome of a game. "I think this guy's pretty sharp," Hill said. "This quarterback's going to make some plays, we just got to make sure he doesn't make more than we make."

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