### Back to school

By Dana Hull

Students are experiencing shorter lines in the Joyal Administration building, and lighter traffic upon returning to campus for the first week of the spring semester.

The lines at the Joyal Administration cashier’s window contained between 10 and 15 people at 9:00 a.m. on the first week of school. Additionally, the hall leading to the Financial Aid office was nearly empty.

Nathan Weckwerth, a business and marketing major, waited in a shorter-than-expected line to purchase his parking pass.

“Last year, the line was all the way down the hall,” he said. “It’s a lot better, and traffic’s not bad.”

Financial Aid Director Maria Hernandez stated that things so far are going very smoothly, and she attributes a lot of the ease into the new semester to the students getting the lines in a timely manner.

“This faster students take care of things, the faster we can take care of things,” Hernandez said. “That makes a big difference.”

According to Hernandez, approximately 60 percent of students receive some kind of financial aid award every semester, regardless of how many students are in attendance.

Traffic and parking also seem calmer as students venture to the first day of their classes. Ray Bargas, public safety assistant for the University Police Department, noticed a smoother transition into the new semester.

### Victim’s family sues Schwarzenegger

**By Judy Lin**

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — The parents of a slain college student said Thursday that former Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger “messed with the wrong family” by reducing the prison sentence of the son of a political ally.

Fred and Kathy Santos spoke after filing a lawsuit in Sacramento County Superior Court asking a judge to restore a 16-year sentence for Esteban Nunez, the son of former Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez.

Arnold Schwarzenegger underestimated us,” Kathy Santos said outside the courthouse. “I think he believed he could get away with this despicable commutation. He messed with the wrong family.”

The younger Nunez, 21, pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter and two counts of assault with a deadly weapon for his involvement in the 2008 stabbing death of Luis Santos on the San Diego State University campus.

Prosecutors said Nunez and his friends were irate after being turned away from a fraternity party and were looking for revenge. After drinking alcohol, prosecutors alleged, they headed out on the street and came upon an unarmed group that included Santos, 22.

Schwarzenegger reduced Nunez’s sentence to seven years the night before he left office and did not contact the family or the San Diego County district attorney’s office before making the move.

Daniel Ketchell, a personal aide to the former Republican governor, said he had not spoken with Schwarzenegger in several days and declined to comment on the lawsuit.

Schwarzenegger has been in Maryland this week helping his family cope with the death of his father in law, Sargent Shriver.

Brad Patton, an attorney for Esteban Nunez, said the family sues on Thursday.

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The politics of gay rights

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en. Mark Leno, D-San Francisco, proposed Senate Bill 48, also known as the Fair Education Act, last month in hopes to acknowledge gay Americans in California public schools. However, there are many opposing the bill.

"There isn’t science that demonstrates that teaching children about the glories of the gay rights movement will reduce bullying," Tucker Carlson said on the Dec. 17 episode of Fox News’ & Friends.


"Gay history is as important as the civil rights movement and the women’s rights movement. They are two minorities that fought for equal rights. Learning about the struggle has helped me understand about the minorities and learning about gay history will help students understand gay peers and their struggle that is still visible today.

Gay teens need positive role models and the public school system is not providing them with the correct education to inspire them for greatness. Sen. Leno said in his press release, "Our collective silence on this issue perpetuates negative stereotypes of Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual and Transgender people and leads to increased bullying of young people."

The bookworm’s shelf.

are fixtures of every self-respecting reading, such as Harry Potter and The called a pen “frindle?” Not to mention "skibbling,” or the revolution in Eloise’s "sklonking and sklathing in a while. After all, who can resist children’s literature is something that adults aren’t the only ones who benefit from reading children’s books. Studies show that adults who read kid’s books in front of their children are more likely to raise kids who can read well — which in turn improves the kid’s chances of doing well in school, scoring high on the SATs and being ready for college. The subject of adults reading children’s books, however immature, even made its way into the New York Times in 2010. Acclaimed author and New York Times columnist Pamela Paul implemented an idea she had for a children’s book club for adults. Kidlit, which she started in 2006, attracted high profile figures in the literary industry, including Jennifer Rubin, former clerk for Justice Sandra Day O’Connor, and Amy Zillix, who has a Ph.D. in English.

Steven J. Dubner and Steven D. Levitt, coauthors of Freakonomics: A Rogue Economist Explores the Hidden Side of Everything, were featured in a USA Today editorial in 2005 that kids with at least 50 children’s books at home score around five percentile points higher than kids who don’t have books. Similarly, children with 100 books score five points higher than the child with 50 books. From my own observations, the smartest kids I knew here at Fresno State were read to a lot as little kids.

So what do all these fancy studies on kid’s books mean for the college students? It goes without saying that the more we read, the smarter we are. But during breaks between reading those exciting texts, we would all do well to chill out a little and read something that is a bit below our reading level — go pick up your favorite children’s book.

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Despite the fact that I’m in college, I still make a habit of revisiting favorite childhood characters: Eloise, Madeline and every literary figure from Andrew Clements’ books are some of the best in English literature.

The fresh plots and breezy pace of children’s literature is something that grown ups would do well to revisit once in a while. After all, who can resist Eloise’s “sklonking and sklathing and skibbling,” or the revolution in Eloise’s “sklonking and sklathing in a while. After all, who can resist children’s literature is something that adults aren’t the only ones who benefit from reading children’s books. Studies show that adults who read kid’s books in front of their children are more likely to raise kids who can read well — which in turn improves the kid’s chances of doing well in school, scoring high on the SATs and being ready for college. The subject of adults reading children’s books, however immature, even made its way into the New York Times in 2010. Acclaimed author and New York Times columnist Pamela Paul implemented an idea she had for a children’s book club for adults. Kidlit, which she started in 2006, attracted high profile figures in the literary industry, including Jennifer Rubin, former clerk for Justice Sandra Day O’Connor, and Amy Zillix, who has a Ph.D. in English.

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**FAMILY SUES:**

Full prison sentence sought

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the Santos family “wouldn’t be satisfied with anything other than an unjust sentence, which was imposed on Esteban Nunez.”

In issuing the commutation, Schwarzenegger called the sentence excessive because Esteban Nunez did not stab the student who died. Authorities said Nunez stabbed two other men who survived. Still, under California law, his involvement in the crime made him responsible for the death of Santos.

Santos’ parents, who live in the San Francisco Bay area city of Concord, accused the former governor of granting a favor to a political ally and said they had no notice about the action.

The Santos family is suing under Marsy’s Law, which amended California’s constitution to give victims advance notice of legal proceedings and the right to fight early release of felons. The lawsuit names Schwarzenegger and the state corrections department as defendants.

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With one hand on the handlebars and the other punching buttons on a keypad, two-wheeled texters can be seen all over the Fresno State campus. For some not rolling around on wheels, it has become a nuisance. The joy some students take from texting and riding, and the danger to others it may cause.

State Sen. Joe Simitian (D-Palo Alto) is working on another bill that would make it illegal to use a cell phone while riding a bike. Simitian’s first attempt to ban two-wheeled texters didn’t pass last year, although the California State Senate passed it last June. “These people don’t even know where they’re going,” liberal studies major Jessica Mora said. “They text in one hand and their eyes are on their phones—not the road.” Because of increasing distractions to bicyclists, Simitian’s office said it’s currently working on a new bill that would have more success than the previous one which was killed in the state assembly. According to a spokesperson of Simitian, the previous bill was unsuccessful because it included an increase in the fines for motorists who use cell phones and would add a “point” to their record for every violation.

Sophomore Zach Ross admits that he does text while riding, and feels that Simitian’s legislation is ridiculous. “I think it’s dumb,” Ross said. “I know what I’m doing when I ride my bike around campus and (cyclists) shouldn’t be the only ones paying attention. We all share the road and walkways, so we are all equally responsible.” Ross also expressed that it would be unfair if the law only applied to bicyclists. “If this bill were to pass, skateboarders, people on roller skates and even pedestrians would be next,” Ross said. “Nobody would be allowed to text unless they’re sitting down.”

If Simitian’s law passes, students on campus could be cited for the violation. The University Police Department enforces the laws of the campus, but also the city’s and state’s as well. For now, two-wheeled texters and pedestrian texters are safe, as long as they pay attention.

By Angel Moreno
The Collegian

Bicyclists may be affected by new bill

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Weekend of Movies

Romantic comedy, foreign films and intense dramas take over Friday

By Maddie Shannon
The Collegian

This weekend, four highly anticipated movies are scheduled to be released.
Natalie Portman, who won a Golden Globe for best actress in a drama for her role in Black Swan, tries out a completely different project in “No Strings Attached,” a romantic comedy about two friends who decide to start sleeping together.

No Strings Attached

What it’s about: Two lifelong friends, Emma and Adam, decide to take their relationship from best friends to... better friends. Emma’s nonchalant attitude about hooking up with Adam clashes with Adam’s growing feelings for Emma. Despite Emma’s stressed-out career as a doctor (compelling her to pursue a casual relationship with her best friend), she finds herself falling for his goofy antics.

What to look for: One of the funniest parts of the movie, where Adam makes a mix to help Emma and her friends through a tough week.

Starring: Ashton Kutcher, Natalie Portman, Kevin Kline, Greta Gerwig and Cary Elwes

The Way Back

What it’s about: Based on a true story, a small group of convicts escapes from The Gulag prison camp in 1940s Siberia. Reputed to be the world’s most brutal prison system (ever wonder where all those “in-the-middle-of-nowhere Siberia references come from?”), people died in these prisons from malnutrition and brutal torture. Despite the hopelessness of their situation, a military officer from the camp leads the group in an escape attempt that will take them more than 4,000 miles to freedom in India.

What to look for: During one stretch where the characters encounter a thin layer of melting ice over a river, the only girl in the group runs across, fearing that she won’t be able to swim.


The Company Men

What it’s about: Bobby, Phil and Gene, three higher-up company executives lost their jobs when a bad economy takes its toll on the company. After their abrupt change of career plans, the men and their families try to adjust as they make ends meet.

What to look for: Bobby’s new career as a construction worker, under the authority of his new condescending boss, teaches him about what he and his family need.

Starring: Ben Affleck, Tommy Lee Jones and Kevin Costner.

The Housemaid

What it’s about: This film, a favorite of critics at the Cannes Film Festival, is about Jung-Jae Lee, a young South Korean woman who lands a job as a maid in the house of a rich family in town. After some time passes, she falls into an affair with Run-yi, the husband and father of the household. The situation takes a dark turn when Run-yi’s wife discovers her husband’s affair, with some disastrous and dark consequences.

What to look for: Jung-Jae’s transformation from an innocent to, quite literally, a homewrecker.

Starring: Do-yeon Jeon and Jung-Jae Lee.

News Briefs

Brief news for the brief attention span

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Dude and “30 Rock” boss Jack Donaghy are coming to the Screen Actors Guild Awards. Producers say SAG Award nominees Jeff Bridges and Alec Baldwin will help present prizes at the 17th annual ceremony, along with LL Cool J, Josh Duhamel, Amy Poehler and “Glee” star Cory Monteith. They will join previously announced presenters Rosario Dawson, Betty White, Eva Longoria, Angie Harmon, Hilary Swank and guild president Ken Howard.

The Screen Actors Guild Awards, honoring the year’s best performances in film and television, will be presented Jan. 30 at the Shrine Exhibition Center in Los Angeles and broadcast live on TNT and TBS.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Los Angeles’ district attorney says a review of domestic violence allegations against Mel Gibson is ongoing after a meeting between prosecutors and the actor’s attorneys.

The statement by District Attorney Steve Cooley didn’t indicate when prosecutors will decide whether to pursue charges against the Academy Award winner. Gibson’s ex-girlfriend, Oksana Grigorieva (greet-GOR-ee-vah) claims the actor-director struck her during a fight in January 2010. Cooley says Gibson’s attorneys presented information about the accusations during Tuesday’s meeting. His statement didn’t address Gibson’s allegations that Grigorieva attempted to extort him.

The former couple have been locked in a bitter custody dispute over their infant daughter for months.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Cord and Jet McCoy are saddling up for another season of “The Amazing Race.”

The bull-riding brothers are among the 11 veteran teams competing on the 18th edition of CBS’ around-the-world competition (premiering Feb. 20 at 8 p.m. EST), the network announced Wednesday. Other returning duos include golfer dating couple Kent Kaliber and Vyssin Pila, and Harlem Globetrotters teammates Nathaniel “Big Easy” Lofton and Herbert “Flight Time” Lang.

“We’re not intimidated by anyone,” Jet McCoy said before setting off in November.

“That’s the thing about this race, even in the season that we were on, we sized up the competition, but it wasn’t the same people that were in the finals or that went out first. When it comes to this race, even though we’ve seen people on previous seasons, it’s too hard to tell.”
ACROSS
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Puzzle by Adam Powell

The daily crossword

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Word of the Day

Smartphone Shuffle

The act of walking slowly or "shuffling" because you’re too preoccupied with tasks being done on your smartphone such as browsing the internet, texting, etc.

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History of Fresno State in Pictures

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Rivals clash with Super Bowl on the line

By Don Babwin
Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — The Green Bay Packers are headed to town for the NFC championship game and Chicago Bears fans are starting to become, well, a bit unbearable.

Turn on the radio in Chicago and you'll hear no shortage of jokes about Packers fans, many of which have something to do with low intelligence. There's been plenty of laughs over a Green Bay newspaper headline that read "On To Chicago." Many more center on the dietary habits of fans north of the "Cheddar Curtain," like this one: "What do you call a 400-pound Packer fan? Anorexic.

All of this sniping, fun or otherwise, makes sense since the NFL's oldest rivalry has had 92 years to simmer. Vince Lombardi, Don Hutson, Bart Starr, Ray Nitschke, Bronko Nagurski, Dick Butkus, Mike Ditka and Walter Payton — all of those names and more add to the rich history, but so does the relationship between the loyal fans in the two states.

John Cochara has been hearing from his so-called friends who decided he was celebrating from his so-called friends’ loyal fans in the two states.

"They're saying, 'You bet your cheeseheads we're going to Chicago,'" said Emmert, 52.

That read "Packer Fan." Included a sign over his head outside a bar just south of the Cochara, whose punishment of stop signs out there, said owner Dave Faccone, who insists it's a joke. Still, some Bears fans have chimed in.

"I got a text saying, 'You big-headed cheesehead,'" said Emmert, 52.

John O'Neill, whose outfit the foam cheesehead he put on, reminisced this week about a plane crash in 1995 thanks to the time he survived a small plane crash at Soldier Field, "The FAA credited it, not the foam cheesehead." And you'll hear no shortage of Raymond Wiggans, who had a group of seniors that received this season have seized the opportunity and have made names for themselves. Freshman Kevin Olekaibe has emerged as one of the few consistent scoring threats with his 11 points per game while Tim Steed came on strong at the beginning of conference play, but perhaps a lingering disappointment has come from what many saw as the key cog in the program that see significant minutes. "The FAA credited it, not the foam cheesehead."

"Big Three" lies the question. Where is the size under the basket? Wiggins has just one player on his roster over six feet tall with legitimate experience in post play, leaving Fresno State on the short end of the rebound column most nights. But something fans can count on is Fresno State coming on strong in the second half of the season. Wiggins and his team made their mark last season strong in the past, and has a group of seniors that have a bitter enough taste in their mouth from yesteryear to get the job done.

Aaron Rodgers, a Chico, Calif., native, will have his first shot to wear the NFC championship belt Sunday afternoon. But first, the Packers will have to get by the Chicago Bears in the 182nd meeting between the two teams.

"We're going to whip your rear end on Sunday's showdown goes to the Super Bowl at Cowboys Stadium. There have been some highly hyped games that went splat, but this, they're playing for the Halas Trophy, to go to Dallas to win the Lombardi Trophy," said Tom Waddle, the co-host of a radio show on ESPN 1000. Waddle and Silvy, with former Bears receiver Tom Waddle.

Not that the Super Bowl seems to matter much. Packers fans said beating the Bears at Soldier Field would be a wonderful cake, with a Super Bowl victory serving as the frosting.

"There would be nothing sweeter than to watch the Packers take that George Halas trophy at Soldier Field," said John O'Neill, whose outfit the foam cheesehead he put on, reminisced this week about a plane crash in 1995 thanks to the time he survived a small plane crash at Soldier Field, "The FAA credited it, not the foam cheesehead." And you'll hear no shortage of Raymond Wiggans, who had a group of seniors that received this season have seized the opportunity and have made names for themselves. Freshman Kevin Olekaibe has emerged as one of the few consistent scoring threats with his 11 points per game while Tim Steed came on strong at the beginning of conference play, but perhaps a lingering disappointment has come from what many saw as the key cog in the program that see significant minutes. "The FAA credited it, not the foam cheesehead."

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Basketball midseason evaluations

Women looking for second-half surge

Repeating a 19-game win streak and arguably the most successful season in Fresno State women’s basketball history is no small order. But before the season began, head coach Adrian Wiggins said that through all the wins and success from 2009-10, the two losses the ‘Dogs closed out the year with didn’t sit well.

“It’s great motivation,” Wiggins said. “This team does a good job of looking at their mistakes and their setbacks and learning from it.”

Wiggins’ preseason assertion of his team in situations of adversity couldn’t help more this season. The Bulldogs suffered a triple-overtime thrilling loss at home on Jan. 13 to Louisiana Tech, Fresno State’s first regular-season conference loss since March 2, 2009.

The Lady Techsters, who have won the last two match-ups with Fresno State, pose the biggest threat to the Bulldogs’ chances at repeating as Western Athletic Conference regular-season champions. In the Bulldogs’ last two losses to Louisiana Tech, they gave up an average of 67 percent shooting and were outrebounded by double digits both times.

But if the team follows through on Wiggins’ comments, a showdown in two weeks in Rustin, La., may decide who wears the WAC crown. The ever-growing rivalry between Fresno State and Louisiana Tech is becoming the heavyweight fight of interconference play.

Midway through the season, it has been a different verse for Fresno State men’s basketball.

Sure, fans expected a drop off from last year’s squad that only went 15-18. With 2009-10’s top-two scorers in Paul George and Sylvester Scott leaving, a rebuilding year seemed to be in the works. But during a seven-game stretch from Dec. 7, 2010 to Jan. 6, 2011, the ‘Dogs reeled off six wins, including the opening three games of Western Athletic Conference play; and actually cracked the .500 mark for the first time all season.

Then things returned to normal. Last year the Bulldogs also opened the first three games in conference with wins over Boise State, Hawaii and San Jose State. The ‘Dogs then dropped 11 of their final 17 games and were eliminated in the first round of the WAC Tournament.

That was then, and this is now, but now is starting to look an awful lot like yes-teryear. If head coach Steve Cleveland’s squad has any shot at reversing its fortune, See WOMEN, Page 7

Offense: The women are putting up a WAC-best 76 points per game on average, three points more than the team’s 73-6 squad. Fresno State also leads the WAC in assists (17 per game).

Defense: The Bulldogs’ defense has had its fair share of holes this season. Despite the losses the ‘Dogs closed out the year with, the defense has continued to give up much. Fresno State sits only in front of Utah State in the WAC, giving up an average of 49 points per game, nearly six points more than last season. The ‘Dogs rank second in the middle of the pack in conference rebounding, which has mushroomed to over 12 each game.

Newcomers: Guard Taylor Thompson has emerged as a reliable scoring threat this season, averaging seven points per game while starting all but one game this season. The redshirt freshman missed all of last season recovering from injury. Outside of Thompson, few newcomers have cracked the lineup.

Returnees: While the impact seniors that returned from last year’s team haven’t quite matched the 19-game win streak recorded a season ago, they are the primary reason the ‘Dogs are in the WAC title hunt. Jaleesa Ross and Hayley Munro all average double-figure scoring. Ross and Rosie Moult all average 29 points per game.

Coaching: Not every head coach gives his players a shot to step up and perform well beyond their limits. Adrian Wiggins, however, has done just that with Matt Weir as his defensive coach.

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