Students gamble online to help make ends meet

By Leonard Valerio

With a Fresno County unemployment rate of 18.9 percent, coupled with rising tuition costs, some Fresno State students are exploring alternative methods to make ends meet.

"For some students, alternative methods can be a gamble and very risky, but for some students it is exactly that. To make ends meet, some students have turned to online gambling. Sites like Full Tilt Poker and Poker Stars have been around for several years and are gaining in popularity among college students."

According to the October 2010 National Annenberg Survey of youth, monthly use of Internet gambling sites among college-age males has nearly quadrupled in 2 years from 4.4 percent to 16.1 percent.

Rita Bocchinfuso-Cohen, director of career services at Fresno State, said that ever since the economy experienced a downturn, students have taken to more unorthodox forms of making an income. "Students are looking for flexibility and are looking for something that will fit in their schedules," Cohen said. "They are looking for something that will fit their schedule and something that they can make a decent pay."

Jordan Butler, a computer science major, said he plays online poker on a regular basis as a source of extra income. "Playing online allows me to make extra money," Butler said. "It’s great because it acts like an emergency savings because I leave half of the money I win in my online account, and I can withdraw it anytime I need it."

Butler said he and his friends started playing because having a single job to pay bills isn’t always enough, especially when taking 12 or more units. "The thrill and chance to turn a couple dollars into a few hundred dollars can be very attractive to some students."

"In the time I’ve been playing I’ve won about $8,000," Butler said. "Though the payoff can be big, online poker is just as much of a gamble as traditional poker, and there are no guarantees."

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High-speed rail official visits Fresno State

By Dana Hull

The Collegian

After many years of planning for California’s high-speed rail system to be born, the project's officials said they are well on their way to putting their plan into effect.

Tom Tracy, regional project manager for the high-speed rail project, visited Fresno State on Wednesday to speak to students about the opportunities the high-speed rail authority will bring to Valley residents in the future. "We hope to get it built rather quickly," Tracy said. "This project will employ many people for many years."

In fact, the high-speed rail is projected to create 600,000 full-time construction jobs in a one-year span, and 5,000 permanent jobs once the system is completed.

"I feel that if it’s built, it will bring more opportunities to the Valley," civil engineer major Miguel Aguilar said. "Anything that will bring more jobs to the Valley is a good thing."

Huda Munjy, a junior also majoring in civil engineering, is excited the project may actually go into effect. "I definitely think it would be a great opportunity to work on it," Munjy said. "California’s High Speed Rail Authority will get its funding from Proposition 1A that passed in 2008, along with funding from the federal government. However, they are relying on the investments from local and private companies in order to succeed completely."

According to the plans of the high-speed rail authority, phase one of the plans will build the rail from San Francisco to Los Angeles, making several stops in between. The system will be approximately 800 miles when it is finished. Once construction begins, they plan on beginning to build the rail in Fresno. "The Central Valley is the backbone of the system," Tracy said. "We had to start with matching logical pieces of the puzzle to the funding."

Because Fresno will be one of the first stations under construction, this gives benefits to the Valley economically not only because of the addition of mobility, but also as a revamp project for Fresno. "The people in Fresno are looking to renovate downtown," Tracy said. "We are so excited about the Fresno station and we are looking into making it into a model globally."

The location of the first station is planned to be set across from Chukchansi Park in downtown Fresno. After phase one is completed, they plan on beginning phase two, which extends the rail to San Diego and Sacramento. Of course, the plan is still years in the making. "If everything goes according to planned, the testing of the first prototype won’t begin until the year 2015, and the official launch of the rail won’t be until 2018-2020," Tracy said.

Tracy said he is very confident that everything will fall into place, but still has a "Plan C" in case they don’t get all the funding they need. He added that this project in no way plans to put companies like Amtrak out of business. "Amtrak is still going to operate and..."
Hybrids: Don’t buy the hype

Mike Howells

A hybrid car usually consists of two motors: gas and electric. This combination is supposed to help gas mileage considerably when compared to a traditional combustion engine. Some car makers state that their cars can produce fuel economy on par with a traditional combustion engine. This may indicate that they are as much as the University Student Union loves the demand for many carcinogenic substances, processes and energy expenditure that will never be recouped by “good gas mileage.” Another point to note is that any batteries able to hold a charge gradually declines with use and time. This means that batteries won’t work as well the longer they’ve been in service and will need recharging more frequently which will bring down your gas mileage. Even if you did manage to keep a hybrid long enough to save the money, the batteries probably won’t survive the thousands of charge cycles in its lifetime and would necessitate full replacement. Keep in mind, when the battery goes bad, you will hold a charge anymore you’re back to a regular gas only car.

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Miles per gallon

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The environment

Oh right, the environment. Supposedly, hybrids are saving the environment. Their improved gas mileage will reduce emissions so much that the green house effect will be a thing of the past. However, the environmental impact involved in producing the machinery of the hybrid vehicle parts, specifically the battery, doesn’t involve sunshine and rainbows.

Current hybrid vehicles use a nickel hydride battery. Nickel mining is itself a nasty business that harms the environment. The production of this battery type requires its raw materials to be shipped around the world to be refined and made into a battery, which requires even more energy. The batteries, as well as the motor in hybrids, also include some rare earth metals such as Lanthanum, that are extremely environmentally hazardous to mine. A common byproduct involved in refining process of Lanthanum is Thorium, a radioactive element. Thorium is carcinogenic, not only through radioactive decay (ionization), but exposure increases risk of cancer. As Thorium uranium has radioactive decay it creates Radon, another element that is harmful to humans.

Consider this

It is more environmentally friendly and cheaper (since you probably don’t own a hybrid) but don’t begin saving money) to continue driving currently existing cars that get reasonable gas mileage. By buying a hybrid you are increasing demand for many carcinogenic substances, processes and energy expenditure that will never be recouped by “good gas mileage.” Another point to note is that any batteries ability to hold a charge gradually declines with use and time. This means that batteries won’t work as well the longer they’ve been in service and will need recharging more frequently which will bring down your gas mileage. Even if you did manage to keep a hybrid long enough to save the money, the batteries probably won’t survive the thousands of charge cycles in its lifetime and would necessitate full replacement. Keep in mind, when the battery goes bad, you will hold a charge anymore you’re back to a regular gas only car.

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POKER: Making ends meet one winning hand at a time

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“When I would lose money, I would feel terrible but then it made me want to get back on and win it back,” Butler said. “We would just have one of our older friends sign up and use their bank accounts for us. They would give us the money when we won and we would give them a share of the profits for helping us.”

As the popularity of online poker continues to grow, so has the question of its legality within the United States. Because there aren’t any legal precedents concerning online poker the legality of it remains in question.

As long as online poker continues to remain a legal gray area and the economy remains in the state it is, these students will continue to play.

“I may play to make money, but I also play because it’s fun and I will continue to do so for the rest of my life,” Butler said.
African Peoples' History Month continues with Africana Culture Night

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“It was a nice feel on how black people have influenced music and art,” sophomore Natacha Woodson said. “Black influence on art: the unknown culture” was the theme of this year’s event, which was put on by the Black Students United group at Fresno State.

“Every year we try to pick a new theme,” BSU president Kiani Shaw said. “Sometimes we base the theme off of the black history month theme on the local website but this year we generated the theme off of group ideas.”

The theme was selected to show and recognize the achievements of African Americans within music and art throughout time.

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The era that described the years from the 1990s up to now, was started off with a narrative by Tawanda Kitchen and six performances. Among those performances was a reenactment of a popular 1990 movie called “House Party,” hip-hop dance numbers, a rapper and a hip-hop violin player.

This annual event was started in 2003 as part of Fresno State’s Diversity Week Program. The idea behind the event was to highlight and expose the different and diverse ethnic backgrounds, cultures, heritages and community of the Africana people to the Fresno State community.

To Shaw the event signifies much more than that.

“This event [shows] that we can all get together, we can work together and we can do an event together.”

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Weekend of Movies

Bieber fever now at an all-time high with two versions of the same film

By Maddie Shannon
The Collegian

This weekend’s films bring a new low to local theaters. The one respectable film coming out this weekend is a Christian film. Contrary to the standards set by many other faith-based films, “The Grace Card” is the one redeeming feature that will bring normal, upstanding citizens to theaters this weekend.

Here is a rundown of these week’s films.

Drive Angry (R)
What it’s about: Milton, a convicted criminal in life, found himself in Hell upon death. Now that he’s broken out, he sets out to save his baby granddaughter from a ritual killing at the hands of the same cult leader who murdered his daughter. Along the way, the devil’s right-hand man, “The Accountant,” chases Milton down to drag him back whence he came.

You should see it if: You like Nicolas Cage. This is very much a guy’s movie. Big explosions and bloody gunfights ensue in this film, not to mention the cult and satanic references make the film dark. Girls, or anyone with a proper sense of sympathy, are better off going to the next theater and watching Justin Bieber’s ridiculous haircut in 3D.

Starring: Nicolas Cage, William Fichtner, Amber Heard, Charlotte Ross and Billy Burke.

Justin Bieber Never Say Never: The Director’s Fan Cut (G)
What it’s about: Justin Bieber, teen pop star extraordinare, not only has a haircut named after him and his own movie, but now he has a director’s cut of the same movie that came out two weeks ago. This…musician’s inspirational journey is documented in not just a 105-minute feature-length film and a 115-minute director’s cut, but also a version of that same 115-minute director’s cut in 3D.

You should see it if: You are a six-year-old girl.

Starring: Justin Bieber, Miley Cyrus, Sean Kingston and Ludacris.

Hall Pass (R)
What it’s about: Two friends, Rick and Fred, love the ladies. There’s one little problem—they have wives. When their girls give them a “Hall Pass,” or a week off from being married, the boys are thrilled. Nights out at Applebee’s and funny-creepy pick-up lines make for a good time-until the guys realize their wives are having just as good of a time as they are.

You should see it if: You liked Owen Wilson’s earlier films. Think “You, Me, and Dupree,” “Wedding Crashers” or “Meet the Fockers.” For those who aren’t into the Wilson brothers’ humor, however, don’t bother. The jokes in this Wilson film are no different from the last.

Starring: Owen Wilson, Jenna Fischer, Jason Sudeikis and Cristina Applegate.

The Grace Card (PG-13)
What it’s about: George and Mac, partners in the local police force, don’t see eye-to-eye much—especially on issues pertaining to God. When a tragedy in Mac’s family causes him to be even angrier at God, George, whose day job is working as a church pastor, offers the one thing Mac needs—grace.

You should see it if: You like movies with a message. Though many Christian films can be cheesy, this one is a faith-friendly film that draws parallels between George’s service to the church and his career as a cop and the difference between grace and justice. While not exactly Oscar material, it just might be the only decent movie to hit local theaters this weekend.

The daily crossword

Edited by Timothy E. Parker
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ACROSS
1. Heartthrob actor Pitt
2. Old MacDonald’s work
9. Proposal
14. Animal’s hideout
15. Cookie with creme
16. 89
17. Bad marks in high school?
18. Movie chap
19. Turn swords into plow-shares, e.g.
20. Where intuitive reading occurs
23. Thick-piled rug
24. Had been
25. Noisy fight
29. Color alterer
31. ___ you happy now?"
34. Tibetan monks
35. Mimic
36. Sudan’s neighbor
37. Stressing excessively
40. Rip roughly
41. Egyptian goddess with cow horns
42. “Back to the Future” event
43. “Is there more?”
44. Skating maneuver 
45. “The Age of Reason”
46. ___ mode
60. Lock
61. D-Day beach
62. German river
63. Assemblage of eight
64. Muscular firmness
65. History of Fresno State in Pictures

DOWN
1. Yak
2. 100-yard dash, e.g.
3. “No Sunshine” (Bill Withers hit)
4. Took a card
5. Old-fashioned fashions
6. Rock-concert venue
7. Tenants’ strike leverage
8. One drawn to a flame
9. “Eye-related
10. It can be the last word
11. Custard confection
12. Ireland, for short
13. leftover
21. Clear from memory
22. Fancy pourers
25. Regional vegetation
26. Poe bird
27. Alter to make better
28. Jack of diamonds, e.g.
29. Certain advanced deg.
30. Some votes
31. B-r noise (___ like ___! ” (“Say no more!”)
32. Salad dressing choice
33. Slight advantage
35. Cathedral projection
36. Title not used after 1917
38. Thing to be sorted out
39. Menting a 10
40. Collar, as a thug
45. Like a carefree spirit
46. Perfume
47. Having to do with birds
48. Engaged in
49. Pusher pursuer
50. Cut calories
51. Reason for a mercy rule
52. Word after “break” or “bump”!
53. New _____ out a living (barely scraping by)
54. Golden-haired
55. Exile for Napoleon
56. Busy person

C

Word of the Day

Puzzle by Kenneth Holt

Oscars won’t teleview every winner

By Allie Norton
The Collegian

It is Hollywood’s biggest night — Oscar night. Beautiful people in elegant attire glide down a ruby passageway while flashing lights capture their near perfection on the red carpet. Audiences around the world will tune into Sunday’s presentation of The Academy Awards to see the their favor- ite nominees take home the award for... Best Costume Design.

Oscar categories such as Best Costume Design and Best Original Score rarely receive the level of media coverage that awards for Best Actor or Actress and Best Original Picture do. “It’s the idea that it is important to have spon- sors and famous people give speeches to get people to watch it,” Elizabeth Payne, professor of costume design at Fresno State, said. “That’s more important to them than actually acknowledging the work that went into the film that brought everybody there in the first place.”

A total of 24 Oscars will be handed out to the category winners. However, not every moment of glory will be shown on television. “If they showed all those categories it would take forever,” Theatre Arts department chair Melissa Gibson said. “They make decisions on what the audience really wants to see.”

According to the Academy Awards’ website, The Academy Awards were first televised in 1952, only four years after adding the category for Best Costume Design. “Costumes are important because they help tell a story,” Payne said. “The costume builds into the entire concept of what a character is. Sometimes the costume does its job so subtly, that it puts you in the world of those char- acters.”

Like costume design, a mov- ie’s score also provides a story telling element. “A score for a movie pro- vides an emotional backdrop,” Kenneth Froelich, a Fresno State music professor, said. “It will cue the movie view- ers on what is actually going on. It provides our senses with a second emotional element that might not be immediately obvious through the visual cues themselves.”

The Academy added Best Cinematography to the 7th annu- al awards show in 1934. Thomas Ellis, a professor in the theatre arts department at Fresno State, says the media and studios need to highlight the importance of those cat- egories. “The studios and media need to help place more impor- tance on the role of design areas such as costume, set design and photography” Ellis said. “In many cases these designs help shape mood, style and overall texture of the movie. If they’re done correct- ly they blend very well, but are kind of unnoticed.”

Gibson says the categories get overlooked due to the pub- lic’s own ignorance. “In some ways it’s the igno- rance of the public,” Gibson said. “People think that mov- ies and theatre performances are all about the actors. People don’t see that there are a hun- dred other people standing behind those actors doing the technical things.”

History of Fresno State in Pictures

In honor of Fresno State’s Centennial

Candidates for Fresno State student office line up for a photo for the 1954 student body elections. This photo ran in the Friday, April 23, 1954, issue of The Collegian.

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President please

Reaction of something that is unbelievable. Usually used as a more politically correct substitute of n**a please.

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Fresno State looks to show it’s the ‘Best in the West’ on Saturday and Sunday

By Tim Salazar

The No. 9 Fresno State equestrian team will host the annual Best in the West Invitational on Saturday and Sunday. Every school featured in the invitational is ranked in the top 10 in the latest coaches poll. The invitational will feature the No. 5 TCU Horned Frogs, No. 6 USC Trojans and No. 8 Baylor Bears.

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“We are a young team, but we have a lot of talent,” Reeves said. “Luckily the [invitational] gives us a chance to show people, so we’re going try and take full advantage of multiple spots to show people, so we’re are expected to show in an event.

The two-day event is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m., with the competition taking place at the Student Horse Center. This will mark the fifth straight that the event has been held.

The invitational is set up in a head-to-head format with each team competing against one another by Sunday’s conclusion. One rider from each school will compete against a rider from the opposing school, but both use the same horse.

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The Saturday and the Sunday events are open to the public and free of charge.

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But this youth movement isn’t about the Americans.

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“It’s a big sense of achievement for me,” Manassero said.

He was in control for much of his match against Schwartzel until nearly giving away his tee shot on the 16th bounced off the corporate tents and into a cactus, and the Italian felt as though he might have moved the ball while trying to remove a loose branch.

So he conceded the hole to Schwartzel, and put it behind him quickly.

His 6-iron on the 17th set up birdie, and Manassero closed it out with a par on the 18th.

One youngster not invited to the party was 21-year-old Rory McIlroy, the No. 7 seed. He ran into Ben Crane, who played perhaps his quickest round ever — the match ended on the 11th hole, an 8-and-7 victory.

Crane has the reputation for slow play, although that wasn’t an issue.

“We played quick out there because he was making birdies,” McIlroy said. “If he had been playing well, I would have moved the ball, but he didn’t. I played fairly quickly.”

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“The turning point came on the par-3 16th, when Watney hit into a bunker, left it in the bunker and blasted out to 5 feet. Westwood had two puts from 20 feet to square the match, but knocked his first putt 3½ feet by the hole. Watney made his putt for bogey, and Westwood’s par putt barely touched the hole.

Then, Watney had a 5-foot birdie putt to win the match on the 17th and missed, giving life to Westwood. The Englishman had a 15-foot birdie putt to go into overtime, but it wasn’t close.

Westwood took solace in going 18 holes “considering how badly I putt ed.”

He has yet to record a top-10 finish in four starts this year.

With so much emphasis on youth, the oldest player in the field is still alive. That would be Miguel Angel Jimenez, the 47-year-old Spaniard with his love of cigars and red wine. Next up is Crane, who has never made it past the third round in this tournament.

“I don’t think anyone is going. ‘Wow, Ben Crane is really coming through this bracket. Look out! Gosh, sorry you’ve got to play Ben Crane. Boy, tough draw there.’” Crane said. “Rory didn’t have his best day and things were going in my favor.”

Things are going well for J.B. Holmes, too. He wasn’t in the field until Tim Clark withdrew, and he beat Ernie Els on the 18th hole.

PGA: Watney defeats No. 1 seed

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Bulldogs get back in action

By Brandy Flores
The Collegian

After having five of their games cancelled recently due to inclement weather, the Fresno State softball team is ready and anxious to take the diamond again as they participate in the Cathedral City Classic this weekend.

“It was a little unfortunate we couldn’t play against [No. 10/11 Washington, Davis and San Diego] this last weekend, but we’re 3-0 right now and hopefully come out of there 5-0 and hopefully we go from there. It’s one game at a time that we’re sticking to,” said pitcher Mackenzie Oakes. “We’re looking forward to all five of them,” pitcher Michelle Moses said. “It was a little unfortunate we couldn’t play against [No. 10/11 Washington, Davis and San Diego] this last weekend 5-0 and the team’s working really hard to fully ending the weekend with a sweep at the tournament.

In that game junior Michelle Moses earned her first win as starting pitcher this season and increased her home run tally to five in three games. Moses said their offensive effort as a team enabled them to win and helps them look forward to a winning season.

“Okay, it’s huge,” said Moses. “I mean we start off the season on the right foot, I think we’ve been doing it, so we just want to take that momentum and run with it through conference, post-conference and everything else.”

Against their upcoming opponents the Bulldogs all-time series records are 3-2 against the Virginia Cavaliers, 6-6 against the Oklahoma State Cowgirls, 11-2 against the Massachusetts Minutewomen and 20-6 against the Oregon State Beavers.

With so many games packed into such a short time-frame the team has learned to condition themselves for the constant action and mental preparation it takes to quickly get past one game and move on to the next.

“It’s been like that for years,” Gilleland said. “If you suffer a loss you’re able to bounce back from it. We have another game right after that, so it’s no worries. You just come in and get to get your job done. We focus on what we did wrong, and talk about it, and we make sure it doesn’t happen again and then move forward.”

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Watney surging at Match Play

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

MARANA, Ariz. (AP) — In a Match Play Championship with a youthful complexion, Rickie Fowler was dressed in pink, playing with him. And obviously, it was huge for me going out there and getting the job done today.”

Watney was 8-under par when their match ended on the 10th hole, a 6-and-5 win that sent Mickelson to his worst loss ever in this fickle tournament.

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Throughout this weekend, the Bulldogs will continue to lean on and look toward their talented seniors for leadership, but are confident in every member of their team to provide contributions as they remain in the middle of an 11-game road trip.

“I think we have a great group of seniors and leadership,” Oakes said. “And a good core of juniors and sophomores and then a really good group of freshmen. You know it’s always important to have the freshmen step up too and I think they’ve showed that they can.”

Should the Bulldogs successfully garner a sweep at the Cathedral City Classic, they will just win six of the program’s 1,500 all-time victory milestones.