Universities join together to defend education

By Dana Hull
The Collegian

Fresno State students will be joining other California State Universities today in a protest of educational budget cuts. The “Defend Education” movement is a statewide demonstration against the continuing budget cuts that have plagued the higher education system. Here at Fresno State, students will stage a carnival of games geared on educating students about the $500 million in cuts to the CSU budget, and what students can do to fight back.

Hector Cerda, student organizer for Students for Quality Education, calls it the carnival of mockery games. These games include popping balloons and “pin the tail on the CSU.” “A lot of the students we are talking to feel like they are helpless — like there’s nothing they can do,” Cerda said. “There are things you can do: You can write, you can rally — your voice can be heard.”

Due to budget cuts, the CSU system has been forced to lay off more than 3,000 faculty, cut courses and hike student fees. “We really believe that people who have the decision making powers have made a mockery of education,” Cerda said. “Everything they have done, especially with the recent increases, has been a burden and has been the opposite of what they are supposed to be doing.”

Fresno State will be demonstrating alongside of CSU Fullerton, Sacramento State, San Francisco State and Sonoma State, all who have their own unique events at their campuses.

The event will take place today from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Free Speech Area and Peace Garden.

WHERE: Free Speech Area and Peace Garden

WHEN: 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM
EVENT: Students will stage carnival games demonstrating the perils of $500 million cut to the CSU budget. All games will incorporate an educational theme of what is happening to public education and what students can do to fight back.

By Ciara Norton
The Collegian

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WHERE are the ‘Elmo’ bars?

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By Clara Norton
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Buying textbooks from a local bookstore is not the only way that students are getting their required course material, but it remains a prominent option. There are many ways that students can purchase their textbooks. Perhaps the easiest outlet is to purchase them at a bookstore. While some students still prefer this option, others have reached out to various textbook providers. In the fall 2009, Chegg began renting textbooks out of the Kennel Bookstore. Since then, the number of students buying textbooks from the Kennel Bookstore has decreased. I’m not sure that Chegg is responsible for the trend,” Susan Bartel, book department manager at the Kennel Bookstore said. “Sales have been going down because enrollment has been going down. I think that Chegg is responsible for some of the decrease, but I don’t think that it’s a large portion.”

Angela Pantarolo, a communications manager for Chegg, confirmed that “more and more students are renting textbooks every year.” Among their findings, Chegg also found an interesting trend about the gender of the majority of their customers. The trend showed that females rent more textbooks than males. Although Chegg’s profit is increasing, many students still prefer to buy their textbooks from a bookstore. Sara Davis, a nursing major, always purchases her required text from the Kennel Bookstore. “I rented one before, but I didn’t like it,” Davis said. “You can’t write in them and fold the pages over when you’re taking notes, and I like to...
March on higher education, march on

By Jaime Andrés Moncayo and Pedro Ramirez

In a few weeks California Law makers will be voting on the future of higher education across California. Currently the proposed budget cuts $4 billion from higher education, and is broken down $2 billion for the CSUs and UCs respectively and $600 billion for the community college systems. To make the situation worse, this budget projection assumes law makers will approve tax extensions. If these extensions fail to get on the June ballot to allow voters to decide for themselves, we can see another round of cuts doubling the amount for the CSU system.

How does this budget affect Fresno State? As one of the 23 campuses in the CSU system, our share of the $500 billion is estimated at $20 million. We can expect reduced services and classes for students, hiring freezes of new staff positions and a halt of unneeded maintenance to facilities. Students also should be prepared for a few increases in the coming months that mirror the summer 2009 increases.

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But don’t have to take things as they are handed to us. Let’s remember our recent victories and build from them. Last year, former Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger witnessed how students mobilized to preserve higher education and restored funding to the CSU system in his last budget. We still have time to make a difference, and here’s the first step: We encourage all students to join us on March 14, 2011, to march in Sacramento for higher education, and we remind everyone that this is just one step of many that we must take.

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The political process represents the right to be heard, and it will gladly ignore those that don’t speak up.

Pedro Ramirez is a political science and agricultural economics major and president of ASI.

Jaime Andrés Moncayo is a political science major and senator of legislative affairs of ASI.

In honor of the Vagina Monologues, if your vagina were to speak, what would it say?

Chelsea Patricl
Sophomore Major: Pre-nursing

“Eat me. It also would say check out, you need to check everything out, check your vagina.”

Danielle Harper
Freshman Major: Pre-nursing

“Easy access.”

Alexia Williams
Senior Major: Mass Communication and Journalism

“Grow three inches.”

Ashley De'Young
Sophomore Major: Mass Communication and Journalism

“Hi. Now go away, you’re not my boyfriend.”

Correction
A story on page 3 of The Collegian in the Feb. 25 issue incorrectly said that all members of the ASI executive branch are under investigation for violating the Gloria Romero Act. Selena Farnes is the only one accused of this. Cesar Sanchez and Pedro Ramirez have both been accused of violating the Code of Conduct.
BOOKS: Students look for cheapest option for texts

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do that because it helps me study.”

Some students, like criminology major Jazzmin Moxley, take a different approach to getting their textbooks. Moxley tries to get her textbooks from the cheapest seller. Sometimes, she buys them from the Kennel Bookstore, and sometimes she rents them from Chegg. It just depends on who has the better deal.

For students who are unhappy with the bookstore prices, there are other ways to get the textbooks they need at the prices they can afford. Jeff McClure, a business finance major, buys most of his books online at AbeBooks.com. “I usually get international edition books,” McClure said. “They’re paperback versions of the regular text, but cost about one-third of the price. You can usually sell them back online for the same price you paid for them. And the only difference between the international edition and the regular edition is the paper back cover.”

There are a few students who have decided to buy their books in the form of e-books. A survey conducted by The Pew Research Center for the People & the Press observed that only four percent of people said they read a book in the past day did so using an electronic or digital book. The Pew also found that although sales at traditional bookstores may be dropping, the demand for their services remains.

By Megan Hamik

“I need to get off Facebook and write my paper.” Plenty of students have seen those statuses posted by friends on Facebook when they were supposed to be studying. Some students even posted that particular status themselves.

Facebook has become the biggest distraction for students when trying to get homework done. It has become more distracting than TV or video games.

The Daily Mail news research found that being on Facebook adds friends, playing games, joining groups and “chatting” with other users can take up hours of time that they should be studying. The good thing is that many students don’t feel that it really affects their grades.

“It doesn’t really affect my grades,” Justin Copeland, a senior majoring in Jazz Performance, said. “It just extends the amount of time it takes to study.”

Having classes online and typing papers has made it much easier to get distracted by things like Facebook. It is so easy when you are working on your computer to have Facebook up and keep checking it, especially now when friends’ statuses update instantaneously.

“Facebook is not really distracting when I am taking an online test because it is timed, but it definitely is when I am trying to type a paper,” Kristin Grottkau, a junior majoring in liberal studies, said. “I try to do most of my studying off of the computer because the distraction, but even then I still get notifications and updates on my phone.”

Facebook may be the biggest distraction, but students still are able to get their work done. However, they may not get it done as quickly as they could.

“Homework takes five more hours than it should because I get on Facebook and get distracted,” Rosemary Soares, who is also a junior majoring in liberal studies, said.

The other major distraction Facebook causes that could affect students’ grades, is when taking notes in class. If a student is using their computer to take notes, how could they not be tempted to check Facebook?

But it has potentially harmful effects on their learning in class. Students might stop listening and may miss some important notes or the instructions to an assignment. This could affect their grades on tests and eventually their final grade in the class.

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By Associated Press

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — Two Fresno police deputy chiefs are accusing the city’s police chief of discrimination and harassment. In a lawsuit filed Thursday in Fresno County Superior Court, Robert Chavez and Sharon Shaffer say Chief Jerry Dyer made derogatory racist and sexist comments at work.

The lawsuit claims Dyer sang an antibellum slave song and mimicked slave dialect when referring to African American individuals. The suit also says Dyer made offensive comments about women’s clothes and cleavage.

Dyer’s attorney Martin J. Mayer tells The Fresno Bee that many of the alleged comments were embellished, misstated, taken out of context, or never made.

The two deputy chiefs have been on paid administrative leave since first filing a complaint against Dyer.
Entrepreneur Mentorship Program helps students prepare for their futures

By Thomas Pearson
The Collegian

College graduation and entering the workforce may be scary thoughts for many students getting ready to leave campus. Fear of the future and having plans is something that frightens many students.

Fortunately for students in Fresno State’s Entrepreneur Mentorship Program, they are given the tools and access to networking that many other students on campus do not have access to.

The EMP is based in the Lyles Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, and the program’s goal is to help students build the tools to succeed in the business world as well as network with successful individuals in the community.

Nancy Kobata, the office manager for the Lyles Center and head of the EMP started the program five years ago.

“We created it because we saw that students who were graduating lacked some of the basic skills to help them in the job market, so we decided to create the mentorship program to help them build these skills as well as network with successful individuals in the community,” Kobata said.

The EMP is a year-long program that is very exclusive and accepts only 20 applicants each year. The applicants then begin a process in which they are required to interview before they are accepted.

Applicants must be very committed. The program calls for around 15 hours a month for the program, including every Friday afternoon.

The activities in the program include workshops like a leadership assessment, business etiquette, and formal dining settings where proper dining etiquette is taught to the students. The students are also encouraged to meet with their mentors as often as possible to discuss their current and future goals. The students also have access to every mentor to help build their networks as well as seek additional advice.

The EMP is a hands-on program, which seeks to provide its students with real-world experience.

“The mentorship program is an interactive one on one program that gives you an inside look at the business world from the eyes of a successful entrepreneur,” EMP member Eric Thomson said.

Many of the graduates go on to be very successful in the workforce. Many graduates start their own business or are able to work their way up companies with the skills they acquire from the program.

“The mentor program allows you to get in contact with people you would never normally have access to, you get crazy connections,” Krystal Kitahara, a graduate of the EMP, said. “It really helped me learn a lot and prepare myself.”

Another goal of the EMP is to help keep some of the entrepreneurs in Fresno to help with Fresno’s economy. The goal is to show entrepreneurs that they can run a successful business in Fresno and that they don’t need to go to Los Angeles or the Bay Area.

Kobata also talked about how many of the students who graduate do go on to stay in Fresno and become successful.

The EMP may only be in its fifth year, but it has already helped many students and is still looking for new innovative ways to help its students learn, network and gain hands-on experience.

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The film itself reflects a universal notion that all colleges have a specific place to hang out. Be that as it may, Fresno State in particular doesn't have one specific place students frequent. Amongst the bars surrounding Fresno State, there are certain qualities specific groups of students look for.

### Swigg's

Only five months old. Swigg's has been many things over the years. The Big Yellow House, The Greenhouse, Baja's, In Cahoots Two, Run with the Clubs, The Jungle, The Jungle 1440, Club Rio, VIP. The Bedroom, Bobby Salazar’s and Anci’s were all bars and restaurants that were housed in what is now Swigg's. Despite the inconsistencies of the building’s tenants, the current owners now run a bar that they thought would cater to college students, but got a little bit of everyone instead.

“We predicted that we'd have more of a college crowd, but we got a pretty big young professional crowd instead,” Michael Jow, co-owner of Swigg's, said. While in close proximity to Fresno State, students who want to run into friends or party somewhere that reflects the university's population might try somewhere else.

“We cater to a big mid-to-late 30s crowd,” Jew said.

### Elbow Room

A Fresno staple, The Elbow Room hosts all kinds of events that draw in customers of all ages.

“We have a pretty diverse late-night crowd,” Randy McFride, manager of The Elbow Room, said. “We have bands perform on Sunday, like the one we had this weekend called Undercover.”

Although a popular spot in Fig Garden Village for older crowds during on the weekend, many students gravitate toward the Elbow Room to blow off steam.

“There’s a lot of older people there on Friday nights,” Tanner Sneed, a junior Kinesiology major, said. “They have live bands a lot, which is great. I really enjoy good music.”

### BJ’s Restaurant and Brewhouse

A Fashion Fair favorite, this bar offers two extremes—it’s the place to go for students who want to dress up and go out, and it’s the place to go for families.

“We’re very college friendly place.” Nikki Chang, a manager at BJ’s, said. “We also have a lot of families come here, because it’s a very family-friendly place as well.”

### Redwave

Because it is a bar generations of Fresno State students have frequented. Redwave gets an honorable mention for best staying power.

“Redwave has been here since ’87,” Sarah Pierro, a cook at Redwave, said. Because of Redwave’s proximity to Fresno State, the majority of the bar’s clientele is students.

“Our customers have always been mainly Fresno State students,” Pierro said. “We get a younger crowd in here.”

Though it’s a popular bar, those who don’t like running into people they know while clubbing avoid Redwave.

“I’ve heard it’s the kind of place where you always know someone,” Sneed said. “That’s why I like going to other bars.”

Students enjoy a beer with friends at Redwave, one of the most popular bars around Fresno State.

### ATTENTION STUDENTS! NOMINATE YOUR ADVISOR...

The prestigious Outstanding Advisor Awards are awarded annually to faculty and staff advisors who have demonstrated qualities associated with outstanding academic advising of students. The recipients will be honored at the Campus Advisors Network Appreciation Reception on Tuesday, May 3, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. at the University Dining Hall.

**Nomination Process:**

Faculty, staff, administrators, and current students are eligible to nominate individuals for this award. The nomination process is easy! Complete the online nomination form located at www.csufresno.edu/can/. At least one nomination must come from a current student.

**Eligibility:**

Any employee at California State University, Fresno who serves as a faculty or staff advisor, or anyone who provides advising to students as part of his or her job duties, is eligible for consideration.

The deadline for submitting nominations is Wednesday, March 30, 2011 by 5:00 p.m.

For more information please go to http://www.csufresno.edu/can/

### CAMPUS ADVISORS NETWORK OUTSTANDING ADVISOR AWARDS

By Maddie Shannon

The Collegian

### Poet reads at Fresno State

### By Karlena Franz

The Collegian

Sarah Wetzel, a prize-winning poet, read her latest work in the Peters Education Center Friday night to an auditorium full of graduate-level English students.

Wetzel was the 2009 winner of the Philip Levine Prize in poetry for her book “Bathsheba Transatlantic.”

“Every year a winner is chosen for the Levine Prize where the winner is given $2000, their book published and they do a reading as part of the process,” Connie Hales, masters of fine art coordinator, said.

A class of MFA students read through hundreds of manuscripts sent in from all over the world and narrowed it down to 25 finalists. Then a poet judge chose the final winner. Wetzel was chosen by Garrett Hongo.

“Depending on the number of manuscripts, we will do 10 to 20 readings a week,” Michelle Brittan, an MFA graduate student, said. What students found in Wetzel’s work was something different that popped out to them, making them read more.

“We encourage those reading the manuscripts to not spend too much time reading something that doesn’t pop out to them, something that doesn’t draw them deeper into the manuscript,” Megan Baptista-Geist, an MFA Graduate student, said. “If students spent a lot of time all on the manuscripts, it would virtually take them forever to read.”

A lot of Wetzel’s ideas for poems come from the things she sees and bears on a day-to-day basis. One poem she wrote had to do with something she caught on TV, whereas another was about history passed down from generations of Israelis.

“Find something that moves you,
Matthew Rutler, was booked Tuesday.

He was arrested on suspicion of being drunk

and unable to look after his own welfare. His bail was set at $30,000.

Aquila

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brief news for the brief attention span

Four students rehearse an interpretation of Shakespeare’s Julius Caesar during the Spring 1949 theater season. This photo ran in the Tuesday, March 8, 1949, issue of The Collegian.

Several hundred union members cheered Monday as the star of the “Lethal Weapon” action movies told the protesters they are part of a nationwide battle to stop a “vicious attack” to take more from the middle class.

The protesters responded to other speakers with chants such as “We will not be moved!”

find an obsession,” Wetzel said. “That’s what I found.”

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NOTE: The Collegian is a forum for student expression. http://collegian.csufresno.edu
The Fresno State Bulldogs have a chance to redeem itself from a home loss to the Vandals in January. But the ‘Dogs will not have the luxury of being at home this time, where they have an 11-5 record. The contest will be on the road where the ‘Dogs have stumbled to a 3-10 record.

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3. Body up Barone

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Bulldog Game Day

Fresno State Bulldogs
(13-15, 5-9 WAC)

vs.

Idaho Vandals
(16-12, 8-7 WAC)

Keys to Victory

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They do, however, make up for their short-comings with a strong defense. Idaho has kept opponents to 67 or less more than 50 percent of the time.

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Some premier Fresno State athletes use Twitter, Facebook responsibly

By Brandy Flores
The Collegian

The use of social media websites is a fast and fun way to share photos, videos, express personal thoughts and opinions, while staying connected with others regardless of distance.

Sites like YouTube, Twitter and especially Facebook garner a lot of traffic from Fresno State students and Bulldog athletes are no exception. However, unlike the rest of the student population, athletes have to be extremely selective on what they post, comment on or share with everyone because they not only represent themselves, but their program and the school as well.

“I just think that the coaches and, you know, the atmosphere should let them know we don’t do that,” senior basketball star Jaleesa Ross said. “Kind of like how Fresno State is, we don’t allow media things like that to ruin our reputation.”

Of the seven athletes interviewed, the primary method of social communication used was Facebook, allowing them to stay in touch with family and friends and keep them updated on how their collegiate careers are going.

“I don’t have a lot of time to be calling family as much as I used to,” Ross said. “So [I] keep up with them as I used to,” Ross said.

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sophomore guard/forward

“You shouldn’t be stupid enough to post things that you know people are going to read it, don’t post it.”

While each student strives to follow these personal and team guidelines as best as possible, they are aided by their teammates who will often point out if something doesn’t appear suitable to be on the web.

“Yeah definitely, we’re definitely a team accountable baseball club,” Western Athletic Conference preseason baseball Player of the Year Jordan Ribera said. “And we’ll definitely say something or let somebody know if they’re crossing the line on something, and we’re close enough friends where they’ll take it off or switch it or apologize if they said something to somebody. We do keep each other accountable.”

With the use of social media athletes at all levels have been getting in trouble because of photos they post, statements they tweet or comments they make.

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