Student Recreation Center rapidly growing

By Paige Laliberte
The Collegian

Those who frequently use the Recreation Center have their eyes set on getting in a worthwhile workout. However, the growing population of the facility has put a damper on students being able to get around the gym easily.

Since the gym opened its doors in 2005, the gym has grown to become the most popular facility on campus.

“However, she too feels that the center is overpopulated. “I often find myself waiting around, or having to fill my time at the gym while waiting for a machine,” Mehas said. “It can get pretty frustrating,” Allen does agree that the Rec Center needs to be expanded in ways more than just adding machines. The facility is constantly growing in popularity.

“My personal feeling is that we will need to expand the gym at some point,” Allen said. The marketing allowed students to recognize the Rec was part of dues, which shocked parents and students that they didn’t have to pay dues to the gym. That soon increased use, and it continues each year.

“Since the gym opened its doors in 2005 our attendance at the gym has steadily risen each year,” Amy Allen, the recreation center’s customer relations coordinator, said. The facility has become a part of the campus culture, so in turn, numbers went up. This has now left the gym to become the most used facility on campus.”

Allen has been the customer relations coordinator since 2005 and says to have never heard complaints about the recreation center being overcrowded.

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But for some students, they think otherwise about overcrowding. Kelly Carlson, a fourth year exercise science major, uses the facility around five times a week.

“The treadmill is my favorite piece of equipment in the gym,” Carlson said. “I find myself having to wait to use machines quite often. When I go to the gym, I want to get in my workout and be finished, not waste time waiting for a machine.”

This however does not stop students from still using the gym. The recreation center provides motivation for students.

“When I go to the gym, the Rec Center has an upbeat atmosphere, and I am surrounded by people who are all working towards the same goal as me,” Alex Mehas, a third year business management student, said. However she too feels that the center is overpopulated. “I often find myself waiting around, or having to fill my time at the gym while waiting for a machine,” Mehas said. “It can get pretty frustrating.”

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“Dyson’s appearance got conversations started in class,” Hinds said. “That’s the exact kind of inspiration we were looking for.”

The most recent appearance was last month by the New York Times best-selling author Terry McMillan.
Dear Mr. Harrison

I did knowingly give Mr. Daniel J. Harrison free advertisement space because, indeed, that is exactly what you allowed him to do with his “Letter to the Editor.” Mr. Harrison simply tried to make Associated Students, Inc. look bad and seem as if he were fighting for the students. He is an ASI presidential candidate, not really. Mr. Harrison suggested that ASI didn’t advertise the elections properly. As an ASI candidate and student, I feel that ASI did a great job in advertising their upcoming elections and I know a lot of students at Fresno State. Also, is it ASI’s fault that students don’t want to get involved with politics? Absolutely not! I mean, if Mr. Harrison felt that more students should have advertised the upcoming elections himself as I did. I took my time and recruited people, as two students running for Senators At-Large positions are students I spoke with. And honestly, if students were interested in the ASI team that was theASI team, they probably knew about the deadlines. The fact is, that maybe students don’t want to be ASI officers, but still care about tuition, voting, and ASI, but we are not certain of. And also, let’s not try to make offends seem as if we are the students because reality is that you simply insulted ASI. ASI does care about the student body and they do whatever is possible for the success of the student body at Fresno State.

— Oscar Perez, Senator at Large

‘I apologise’

The article “Students gamble online to help make ends meet” was inappropriate and not representative of the much larger issue which is gambling addiction by students. For students, you callously feed readers to believe this is a normal operation for students and that it is a matter of play enough hands and you will eventually come on top mentality. In the two articles about this, it shows that online gambling habits does not demonstrate the sheer destruction such behavior has on thousands of lives. For each “Jordan Butler” there are literally thousands of students who lose money. Often times rent, food, and tuition monies constitute the losses, not the online gambling sessions wins as your story would make readers believe. Perhaps you should interview the students who lost all their savings through gambling instead of glorifying the lucky one.

Wait.

Those students had to drop out of school because they read articles such as this and were unable to afford tuition. Students may not learn about responsible journalism before extolling a truly dangerous behavior.

— Gregory Thatcher, MSPH, PhD
Assistant Professor Department of Public Health

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

‘Join Ambit’

“I agree that we (America) shouldn’t be there, how- ever, the U.S. should stay there, or at least we must not rebuild Dog House parking bites

Dog House parking bites

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Think Different
JOEL PEREZ

The battle of the sports bars has begun. And guess who is losing — the Dog House Grill customers? With Buffalo Wild Wings opening next to Dog House, the already bad parking situation has turned into a nightmare.

Last week, my coworkers and I decided to go to lunch at Dog House Grill. However, we were not able to find a single parking spot in the very limited lot. And as usual, all the curb side spots were taken.

The past, Dog House customers used the Lazy Boy parking lot. But ever since Buffalo Wild Wings bought the space, Dog House customers have been banned from parking in any of the new restaurants’ stalls.

This leaves me to wonder, where am I supposed to park when I go to watch a game at the Dog House Grill? My coworkers and I looked for approximately 15 minutes in order to eat lunch at Dog House and were unsuccessful. We planned to park in front of Buffalo Wild Wings parking lot but were stopped by a parking security guard. He informed us that he worked for restaurant chain and that if we parked there we would either get a ticket or get towed.

The fear of getting towed almost made us park on campus or at the Starbucks on Shaw Ave. and Woodward Ave. and try to walk to Dog House. But we didn’t.

As we drove one last time by the coved blocked entrance of Dog House, we spotted someone walking back to their car. So we did what any individual hungry for lunch would do — ran over the cones as if they were tiny ants. After pulling into the parking space the parking security guard started walking toward our car. But before he had the chance to get mad, my coworker pulled out a couple bucks and tipped the pay.

The parking security guard took the money and nonchalantly walked back toward the fallen cones to put them back in their place.

Is this what we, as Dog House customers, have come to?
WORKOUT: Crowded gym frustrates students

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By Carla K. Johnson and Mike Stobbe
Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) – Fewer teens and young adults are having sex, a government survey shows, and theories abound as to why they’re doing it less.

Experts say this generation may be more cautious than their predecessors, more aware of sexually spread diseases. Or perhaps emphasis on abstinence in the past decade has had some influence. Or maybe they’re just too busy.

“It’s not even on my radar,” said 17-year-old Abbey King of Hinsdale, Ill., a competitive swimmer who wakes at 5 a.m. and falls into bed at 10:30 p.m. after swimming, school, weightlifting, running, more swimming, homework and a volunteer gig working with service dogs for the disabled.

The study, released Thursday, is based on interviews of about 5,300 young people, ages 15 to 24. It shows the proportion that in that age group who had sex fell from 44 percent to about 28 percent.

The findings are sure to surprise some parents who see skin and lust in the media and worry that sex is rampant.

“More parents and adults look at teens and see sex and see nothing but a blur of bare midriffs. They think things are terrible and getting worse,” said Charles Friel, a chief program officer for the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy.

There are other surveys of sexual behavior, but this is considered the largest and most reliable. “It’s the gold standard,” Albert said.

Health scientist Anjali Chandra of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention described the decline in sex as small but significant. “I don’t think we can speculate on the reasons. It’s difficult to look for a trend earlier than 2002 because previous surveys did not gather as much detail about young types of sex, she added.

The National Data from 2002 on vaginal intercourse among never-married adolescents showed steady decline since 1988. That seems to be in sync with other CDC studies: a steady drop in teen pregnancy.

That the trend began in the late 1980s seems to underpin the idea that abstinence-only sex education – became emphasized during the 2001-2009 presidency of George W. Bush — is the explanation, Albert said.

But it is possible those messages contributed, he added.

Comprehensive sex education – which includes abstinence but also teaches contraception and safer sex skills – didn’t go away during the George W. Bush years, said Elizabeth Schroeder, executive director of Answer, a national sex education organization at the University of California, Berkeley.

“We have been redoubling efforts and it has made an impact on these statistics,” she said.

Sam Dercon, a 17-year-old, high school senior in Princeton, N.J., said he’s learned to worry about the consequences of having sex.

“I do think that sexual education is taking away that idea that you are invincible,” said Dercon, who is also a contributing writer to www.sexetc.org, a project of Rutgers University.

“There’s always that fear of something going wrong a screw up can really screw up your future,” he said.

The leading influence on sexual activity among young adults is what parents teach and what peers are doing, experts said. And for whatever reason, smaller proportions are “doing it” for the first time in the past decade.

King, the busy Illinois teen, said she has not gone to a friend because “we didn’t have time to hang out as much as we used to. We were both swimmers and the majority of the time we saw each other was at practice.”

She is on the junior board for Robert Crown Center for Health Education, a nonprofit organization that teaches sexual education to students in the Chicago area.

“She sees sex, alcohol, smoking and drugs as distractions to her goal of getting a college scholarship in swimming, she said.

This generation is very focused on their future and not necessarily getting laid,” said Washington, D.C., based sex educator Yvonne Fulbright.

But she also suggested that some young men aren’t making time for relationships.

“They think things are easy. They can play their video games, have a six pack of beer and keep her happy.”

The study showed that 27 percent of young men and 29 percent of young women reported no sexual contact.

It looked at older adults, too. It was based on in-person interviews of about 13,050 men and women ages 15 to 44, conducted in the years 2006 through 2008. The results were compared with those of a similar survey done in 2002.

Participants were offered $40 for sitting for the interview, which usually lasted an hour and included answering very specific questions on a computer about oral sex, anal sex and other sexual activities.

Among other findings:

—Among young people who had oral, vaginal or anal sex declined. But people who had oral sex said they were more likely to have had anal or vaginal sex declined. But the proportion who had anal sex held steady, at about 27 percent.

—For all ages in the study, women were more than twice as likely to have had sex with a same-sex partner as men were. That was true despite the fact that about the same proportion of male and female survey respondents described themselves as homosexual.

The explanation for that finding, said Dill, is that women are much more willing to accept sex as bisexuality, or to at least acknowledge they find others of their gender attractive.

That may have a lot to do with television shows and other pop culture, which at times seems to celebrate women-woman sexual contact, but not the same kind of behavior among men, said Michael Reece, director of Indiana University’s Center for Sexual Health Promotion.

MINORITY: Committee pushes for more a African American faculty

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Walton said it was time for the committee to sponsor a female voice.

“Rahns said McMillan did an excellent job demonstrating what their organization is about. She said McMillan writes about the middle-class experience; what regular people say and do and the situations they find themselves in.

Walton said the appeal of McMillan is a person who is highly successful and creative. He said this appearance was an opportunity to be exposed to the writing process and an inspiration for aspiring creative writers.

Upon introducing McMillan, member Dr. DeAnna Reese said, “McMillan creates a realistic portrait of an African American life, from a sistars’ perspective.”

Police facing growing protest at UC-Berkeley

By Associated Press

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — Baton-wielding police in riot gear faced off with a growing number of protesters outside the University of California, Berkeley where other protesters have chained themselves to the fence of a building.

Television video shows hundreds of students demonstrating the protest Thursday comes after university police said 17 people were arrested late Wednesday after protesters walked onto a campus building during a protest against state education cuts.

All 17, including seven students, were cited for trespassing. Police Lt. Alex Yao says three of that group also were booked at the Berkeley police station on suspicion of瞭解ing police.

The protest Wednesday was a day of action by students around the country opposed to education cuts.

India seizing suspect on bail

By Associated Press

SELM, Calif. (AP) — A former Indian Army officer wanted in a 1996 killing in his native country is out of jail after his arrest in a Central California town in a domestic violence case.

Police Chief Myron Dyck says 45-year-old Avtar Singh was arrested Feb. 19 when his wife reported that he choked her Singh was released from Fresno County Jail the next day after posting bond and is now back home. After the arrest, police disclosed Singh is being sought in India, where he’s accused of killing a human rights lawyer in the disputed Kashmir region.

India’s interior minister also has issued an order to extradite Singh, but it’s not clear if the request will be honored.

Interpol officials say they’re working to get Singh extradited to India.
Ty-ing It All Together

JANESSA TYLER

As a studio audience member on the set of “The Price Is Right,” it was a surreal experience. I sat next to a couple and their fiancé. We were among the first 12 contestants selected in the “contestant’s row.” More than 400 of us were chosen by complete and utter surprise, to be the next Barbara Walters. I also sat next to a couple, 12 of us went on stage and danced our way to our seats. High-beat music blasted as the 19 of us entered and danced our way to our seats.

The roundabouts were apart of the Hollywood set. Hugh and the director, “I’m an editor for an entertainment newspaper and I’m aspiring to be the next Barbara Walters,” I also thought about busting out my old high school cheerleading skills by doing a high-kick or a turn. But I stopped myself from the possible embarrassment.

The 11 strangers and I then walked by an In-N-Out truck, for employees only, and dropped off every electronic device we had. This included cell phones, with a camera or not, digital camera, and even nail files.

We sat more and watched previous shows of “The Price Is Right” on TV screens above us. Once 4 p.m. finally rolled around, everyone went inside the infamous studio. Catchy and high-beat music blazed as the 19 of us entered and danced our way to our seats.

George Gray, the current announcer for “The Price Is Right,” popped out from behind the curtain first. His radio-television perfect voice is the No. 1 voice that contestants want to hear while inside the studio. He started off by telling us the rules and when to applaud, or actually when to just look at the lit-up applaud signs above us. Drew Carey came out and showered the crowd with his hilarious jokes. He came down the aisles and talked to selective people in the audience. One of the few people he talked to directly was our news editor Dana and her fiancé.

Nine contestants are called down, by complete and utter surprise, to the “contestant’s row.” More than 400 people filled the studio, hoping to hear their name and “come on down!” Two employees held name cards on the stage to visually give audience members a chance to see their name, if they couldn’t hear Gray over the microphone.

The show was easy to hear the names being called because everyone was waiting patiently for the next lucky contestant to be called.

In my pleasant surprise, the man I sat next to, for what seemed to be an eternity, was called down to the front within the first few minutes of the show. Yeah, he walked away with more than $22,000! I felt proud and excited to have sat next to him and his family.

Four contestants are on the row at one time. Each person bids on retail values on an item, the contestant with the closest price without going over gets on stage for a chance of winning a prize. One person bids and gets on stage, a new name is called from the audience.

If you watch the show, you know the rest and if you don’t watch the show, then go watch it. “The Price Is Right” returns to the air Monday, March 28 on CBS. If you don’t want to wake up at 11 a.m. then you can! You’ll see the couple next to me, 12 of us went on stage and danced our way to our seats. Making a fool out of myself, but it’s worth it.
Weekend of Movies

Johnny Depp plays a lizard and Frankie Goes to Hollywood

By Maddie Shannon
The Collegian

Last weekend, probably the saddest weekend in the history of local movie theaters, brought a new round of Bieber Fever to Fresno and glamorized satanic cults. Fortunately, four new films are coming out today, hopefully flushing out the horror that hit the big screen last week.

Here is a rundown of this weekend’s movies.

Rango (PG)

What it’s about: Rango, a lizard with identity issues, has lived his whole life as a family pet. When he gets lost in the desert on an adventure gone wrong, he finds himself in the tiny podunk town of Dirt. In his new home, he gets thrust into the role of the town sheriff — complete with hat and gun. Though he can blend in, he is a town hero, he realizes that and tribulations of transform...

You should see it if: You like a good old-fashioned comedy. Marketed to families and little kids, “Rango” is just what a comedy should be: funny, without gross or racy jokes.


The Adjustment Bureau (PG-13)

What it’s about: David Norris, an up-and-coming congressman, meets a beautiful young ballerina named Elise. After a date or two, David thinks he may just be falling for her — until he sees something he’s not supposed to see. An obscure group of spies who call themselves the Adjustment Bureau don’t like David’s relationship with Elise. This may be a love affair that they did not anticipate and threatens their plan to make sure the world functions smoothly. As David and Elise grow closer, the Adjustment Bureau goes to greater and greater lengths to drive them apart.

You should see it if: You’re into intelligent dramas. Though “The Adjustment Bureau” qualifies as a sci-fi love story, the sci-fi element doesn’t get kitschy. No spaceships and the like in this one — the smooth acting and flaw-less storyline serve to enhance the question, “Is there really free will?” Philosophy majors, have a ball.

Starring: Emily Blunt, Matt Damon, Anthony Mackie, John Slattery and Shohreh Aghdashloo.

Beastly (PG-13)

What it’s about: Kyle Kingston, a rich and popular high school student, is handsome and adored by all at his school — until a classmate casts a spell on him. The spell he’s forced to live under transforms him into a disfigured, ugly being that his father despises. As Kyle is banished to a Brooklyn apartment, he falls into an unexpected friendship with a girl named Lindy. His new and only friend holds the key to breaking the spell, which can only be lifted when he finds someone to love him for who he is.

You should see it if: Good love stories make you cry. While it is geared toward high school kids, this fresh new take on the classic “Beauty and the Beast” story brings something new to an old tale. Even moviegoers who aren’t fans of Vanessa Hudgens will appreciate her role in a tale that is truly as old as time.

Starring: Vanessa Hudgens, Alex Pettyfer, Peter Krause, Mary-Kate Olsen and Neil Patrick Harris.

Take Me Home Tonight (R)

What it’s about: Matt Franklin, a recent MIT graduate, stuns family and friends alike by moving home to Sherman Oaks and taking a job at the town video store. Rebellling against his pending adulthood grinds to a screeching halt when his old childhood buddies and an unrequited high school crush talk him into going to a party. Dance-offs, grand theft auto and other shenanigans occur, deciding the course of not just Matt’s life but the lives of his friends.

You should see it if: You like a good eighties flashback movie. If you think Frankie goes to Hollywood and Vuarnet’s sunglasses were the epitome of cool, this movie is for you.

Starring: Topher Grace, Anna Faris, Dan Fogler, Teresa Palmer and Chris Pratt.

Actor Mickey Rooney tells Congress about abuse

By Stacey A. Anderson
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Actor Mickey Rooney told Congress on Wednesday that he was left powerless by a family member who took and misused his money.

“I felt trapped, scared, used and frustrated,” Rooney told a special Senate committee considering legislation to curb abuses of senior citizens. “But above all, when a man feels helpless, it’s terrible.”

The 90-year-old film and television star told lawmakers that elder abuse comes in various forms, including physical and emotional. In his case, he described the abuse as financial.

In his testimony, Rooney did not identify the family member he contends abused him. But he has obtained a restraining order from a judge in Los Angeles keeping his stepson, Chris Aber, away from him until an April 5 court hearing.

Rooney has accused Aber in court filings of withholding food and medicine and meddling in his personal finances. Attempts by The Associated Press to find a working phone number for Aber have been unsuccessful.

Sen. Herb Kohl, D-Wis., who chairs the Special Senate Committee on Aging, said the elderly are particularly vulnerable because they are “often fragile” and their abusers “often stand little chance of getting caught.”

Rooney began his film career in the 1920s and has appeared in scores of feature films and TV shows, including the musicals “Babes in Arms” (1939) and “Strike Up the Band” (1940) and the Andy Hardy film series. He was nominated for an Academy Award four times, including a supporting actor nomination for his role in “The Black Stallion” (1979).

He received an honorary Oscar in 1982.
Puzzle by Dennis Mooney

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when the civil war broke out it was a little bit tougher on the economy so people kind of struggled. Otherwise besides that culturally and socially it was pretty similar to here.

After moving to Serbia, Golubovic started high school and graduated after four years. He then decided to take a year off from school to pursue a professional career. He eventually changed his mind and decided to continue his education in the United States. At 19 years old, Golubovic moved to the United States and decided to attend Findlay College Prep, one of the top preparatory high schools in the country. Findlay College Prep is a Henderson International School that is located in Las Vegas. He played only one year in Las Vegas, but the experience proved to be enough.

“I played there and they fin-
ished No. 6 in the nation,” Golubovic said. “I played with the guys that go to Florida State Deividas Duliks. I played with a couple of guys that go to UNLV right now, Brice Massamba and Carlos Lopez. There are a few other
players from Findlay College Prep, one of the top high schools in the nation, who have played for the professional leagues.”

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SPORTS: Golubovic to start 66th career game Saturday

“S
o my expectation and hope is that they will resolve it without me intervening, because it turns out I’ve got a lot of other stuff to do.”

— President Barack Obama, On the ongoing NFL collective bargaining negotiations

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NFL, union agree to 24-hour deadline extension

By Howard Fendrich

WASHINGTON (AP) — America’s favorite sport is still in business — for another day.

The NFL and the players’ union agreed Thursday to a 24-hour extension of the current collective bargaining agreement, leaving open the possibility that negotiations can continue.

Indianapolis Colts center Jeff Saturday, a member of the NFL Players Association’s executive committee, told The Associated Press the extension after the sides met for about eight hours before a federal mediator.

The CBA was set to expire at midnight, midnight, which would likely have prompted the first work stoppage since 1987 for a league that ranks at $9 billion a year.

“We just know right now that we granted a 24-hour extension,” Saturday said as he and Steelers quarterback Charlie Batch left the session.

Union executive director DeMaurice Smith emerged from the talks soon afterward.

“For all our fans who dig our game, we appreciate your patience as we work through this,” he said. “We are going to keep working. We want to play football.”

Failing to make a deal could put the two sides on the road to a year without football, even though opening kickoff of the 2011 season is still six months away. The labor unrest comes as the NFL is at the height of its popular- ity, breaking records for TV ratings.

This year’s Super Bowl was the most-watched program in U.S. history.

Without a new CBA, the owners could lock out the players, and the union could decertify to try and prevent that through the courts — something the NFLPA did in 1989. It formed again in 1993.

While the league and players’ union met for a 10th day with mediator George Cohen, even President Barack Obama weighed in when asked if he would intervene in the dispute.

“I’m a big football fan,” Obama said, “but I also think that for an industry that’s making $9 billion a year in revenue, they can figure out how to divide it up in a sensible way and be true to