Alcohol Beverage Control cracks down on universities

By Leonard Valerio
The Collegian

To combat underage drinking around college campuses, the California Alcoholic Beverage Control was awarded $356,400 by the United States Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention program.

The grant provides funding to authorize enforcement at or near college events where underage drinking may be suspected. In a press release, representatives from ABC stated areas of underage drinking may include fraternities and sorority parties at Fresno State do not condone underage drinking at parties or any other activities.

“It’s always a challenge to prevent underage drinking near any college campus, and there are programs in place here to help student organizations prevent that,” Dominguez said.

Dominguez said 17 student organizations have participated in a training intervention procedures class offered by the university. The Training for Intervention Procedures is designed to provide students with the skills necessary to prevent intoxication, drunk driving and underage drinking.

Sigma Phi Epsilon President Chris Wyant said that he welcomes the increase of activities by Alcohol Beverage Control and said most fraternities take precautions to avoid underage drinking.

“We don’t have community alcohol, we check IDs at the door and provide wristbands to those over the age of 21,” Wyant said. “If someone is drinking and they don’t have a wristband, we check their ID and if they are not of age, they get kicked out.”

Daniel Avina, president of the Theta Chi fraternity said that while the fraternities may not work hand in hand with ABC, the University Police Department does cooperate with fraternities to prevent underage drinking.

“The university police set up a workshop at our house in which all the fraternities attended, and the police answered all of our questions,” Avina said.

Dominguez said the university police has provided those services to student organizations without hassle and has always offered to educate the students.

With all the measures in place Wyant said he doesn’t mind the increase of ABC enforcement.

“They can step up their enforcement, and we don’t mind that because we’re not serving alcohol to underage people,” Wyant said.

Pulitzer Prize winner to share technological research with Fresno State

By Maddie Shannon
The Collegian

Gadgets aren’t just driving us to distraction — they’re the driving force behind how our brains are evolving, and not always for the better.

New York Times reporter Matt Richtel, the 2010 Pulitzer Prize winner for his series on distracted driving, is now working on a project that chronicles the way text messages and computers are altering our brains. Richtel will bring his provocative views on the gadget era as the keynote speaker at the Roger Tatarian Symposium at Fresno State on Friday from 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in the Satellite Student Union. A panel discussion moderated by journalist and author Mark Arax will feature Richtel and media effects expert Tamyra Pierce and Fresno State’s director of social media relations Katie Johnson.

Richtel’s research details just how our addiction to screens — both big and small — is shaping not just how we think, but how it’s morphing the very shape of our brains.

“This information is especially pertinent to college students,” Richtel said. “Students encounter internal and external pressures to stay connected.”

Richtel’s Pulitzer Prize-winning news series “Driven to Distraction” chronicles the deadly dangers of driving while talking on a cell phone or texting.

Several states, including California, ended up changing laws in response to the series, making texting and talking on the phone illegal while driving.

Richtel’s stories underscore the way mobile technology has become both a blessing and a curse — a blessing because...
If you were elected Associated Students Inc. president tomorrow, what would be your first task and why?

Shannen Torres
Senior
Major: Sociology

“My first task would be to get university funded transportation for students who live out of town. Transportation is that able to run on shifts so students don’t have to worry about getting to campus. It is desperately needed already, and the second thing I would like to do is get WSU’s penthouse suite be reappropriated. It would now be for students who live out of town, have some kind of problem or live in an abusive home situation where they couldn’t go home for the evening. At least stay there overnight without having to worry about paying for hotel, travel, or any other fees like that. There is not enough support for out-of-town students.”

Monica Dickerson
Senior
Major: Criminology

“To make a 24-hour library so that students can study more and up all of our GPAs. I study up until a certain time and then I get kicked out of the library only to go home and be distracted.”

Rebecca Asami
Grad Student
Major: Geology

“I think the most important thing for this campus would probably be transparency so that people don’t know how their money is being spent and where it’s going. And students can voice their opinions on whether they feel students fund are being used effectively.”

Brandon King
Junior
Major: Psychology

“Bike lanes all over campus. And I would tame the squirrels; maybe have a petting zoo.”

Jessica Levine
Freshman
Major: Enology

“Lower tuition. Everyone is struggling to pay for college. And I would tame the squirrels — women feeling depressed goes hand-in-hand with being in the territory of having a girlfriend or wife. I’ve heard...”

PMs: Oh, it’s real.

Premenstrual syndrome, more commonly known as PMs, is as real as straight men wearing pink — you don’t want to admit that it’s a thing that happens, but it is. Jennifer’s Body. Megan Fox’s character suffers from this “real, and it was invented by the boy- ron.”

PMs was first considered as a delusion before two groundbreaking cases in early 1980s changed the world of PMs forever.

According to Nadine Brozan in a 1982 New York Times article, “Premenstrual Syndrome: A Complex Issue,” PMS was first considered as a delusion before two separate murder cases were found by police where women were found dead with PMS symptoms.

“Ty-ing It All Together JENESSA TYLER

PMS forever.

According to WebMD, women often feel bloated as a result of PMS, and the fact that an increased appetite is a symptom doesn’t help the situation. Women often ask their significant other, “Do I look fat in this?” As the woman slips into the tight jeans or tight pants, the significant other disagrees with the “I’m fat” statement. Oh, but the significant other isn’t off the hook just yet. Mood swings like a teeter-totter can be turned on and off through a drafty window. Whether the significant other is lying to just get the woman out the door, or they’re telling the truth, the fact is, it’s not good enough.

WebMD also states depression as another symptom. When feeling depressed goes hand-in-hand with being emotional and moody PMS symptoms come along with the territory of having a girlfriend or wife. I’ve heard...”

Obama’s unwise policy

If you’re a man and have a beloved woman as a significant other, treat her with extra care during the week before a women’s period. A Java Chip Frappuccino from Starbucks and a bubble bath seem to assist with putting the symptoms on pause for an hour or two, but having a helpful significant other instead what I’m going through will help me more. The Right Tone TONY PETERSEN

Last month, The Collegian wrote an editorial which argued this: “Stay out of the Middle East conflicts. Quit meddling in faraway lands with people we don’t understand. Build bike lanes here at home. Let the sheiks, imams, monarchs, ayatollahs, kings, and queens of the Middle East handle their own affairs.” Apparently members of the Obama Administration don’t pick up this publication that serves the students on the Fresno State campus.

On March 19, following the United Nations Security Council’s vote authorizing military action, forces led by the United States began a bombing campaign against the Libyan government in an effort to help the opposition forces.

America’s involvement in the Middle East has begun. What good can come from this? The “no-fly zone” will not stop Col. Gaddifi in his efforts to suppress the rebellion within his country. He will simply roll in the tanks. What will Western nations do then? They will be forced to send in ground troops of their own. Then a full-scale war will be on our hands.

Say Gaddifi is deposed and a new government may be set up — will we stick around to ensure that the government that is produced is a pro-West one? Will we leave the Libyan government solely to the Libyans, the result may be a worse government than the regime that it is replacing. If we stay, for how long? How will we make sure it doesn’t turn into Iraq 2.0?

A policy that results in many questions cannot be a wise policy.

On top of all this, Obama’s action is brazenly unconstitutional, even by his own standards. In 2007, Obama said, “The president does not have power under the constitution to unilaterally authorize a military attack in situations that does not involve stopping an actual or imminent threat to the nation.” There is no actual or imminent threat to the nation. So how can the president unilaterally decide to attack Libya?

The Constitution gives the Congress the power to declare war. Of course, this particular constitutional provision has not been followed since World War II, but since then presidents, other than Harry Truman in Korea, have at the very least allowed Congress to vote on giving the president authority to go to war.

In this case there was no such vote of authorization. Obama merely issued a notice, telling the Congress that he was bombing Libya. This policy or action which is illegal under U.S. law and unjust according to Harry Truman in Korea, is now undertaken by the United States.
TATARIAN: Symposium draws attention to technology-driven evolution of the human brain

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of the way it allows people to connect and share information, and a curse because of the way it affects the brain.

“When someone is constantly switching tasks, it changes the mind’s ability to focus,” Richtel said. “The muscles and neurologic tissue, which allow someone to focus, don’t develop as much and create a deficit in the brain’s ability to concentrate.”

Panel member Tammy Pierce, chair of the Mass Communication and Journalism Department, has conducted extensive research on gadget-motivated behavior. Her studies on texting and driving, which are now in review at the Journal of Adolescence, add another body of evidence to the perils of distracted driving.

“My research has looked at surveys of college students that have come out the last few years,” Pierce said. “What those surveys have found is that the risk of texting and driving with the result of getting caught isn’t enough to make them stop. Are we so addicted to mobile technology that we can’t put it down long enough to drive?”

The series “Driven to Distraction,” which originated with Richtel trying to connect public sentiment about mobile technology with those gadget’s roles in everyday life, was fleshed out into technology with those gadget’s roles in everyday life, was fleshed out into the front lobe is still growing, which makes the mind of the college student especially vulnerable.”

The discussion, which school administrators hope will warn symposium attendees of the dangers of distracted driving, is expected to be an equal discussion between panelists and audience members.

“What audience members take away from the symposium is up to them,” Pierce said. “I don’t want it to be just about me talking. I’m always looking for aspects of distracted driving. I want people to think about it.”

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pro-Ramirez crowd. California State Assemblyman Tim Donnelly stated, “The reason that I drove three hours from Sacramento to come here was to address this issue. I’m the vice chair of the higher education committee.”

Donnelly then told the personnel committee, “What’s at stake here is whether you’re going to codify illegal activities into law, or whether you’re going to stand up and say, ‘No, there are not two sets of rules.’

“No man is higher than the law,” Donnelly said.

Several of the pro-Ramirez crowd began shouting, angered that a state assemblyman would appear at a hearing such as this. ASI Senator Stephen Chabolla, the personnel committee chair, called for order.

Gregg Imus, Donnelly’s Chief of Staff, spoke next. Identifying himself as a “U.S. Citizen,” Imus said that the federal government had “been derelict of duty” concerning immigration, “and has passed the duty on to the states and to a college senate something that should be handled by our federal government.”

Imus said that he wanted the audience to know that he and Donnelly had driven to Fresno in their own private vehicle and on their own time.

The shouting began again, and Chabolla warned those in attendance that “if the public cannot remain quiet during someone’s public comment, we will call a recess.”

Two Ramirez supporters said that the senate should be concentrating on “making sure that all of the school’s toilet stalls have doors, not on Pedro.” Shortly thereafter, the tumult began again and Chabolla called for a five-minute recess. After the committee reconvened, the executive officer reviewed began, with Farnesi’s review being first. The committee found that Farnesi’s actions “were not detrimental to ASI, and we recommend that no action be taken at this time.”

Ramirez’s review was next. ASI Senator Jaime Moncayo requested more time “to conduct interviews and to hear from our legal counsel.” The motion to provide the extension passed.

“We want to make sure that we get this right,” Chabolla said.

From his seat in the third row, Sanchez suddenly stood up and stated, “The allegations are based off of anonymous complaints. Anonymous complaints! How is that credible?”

The committee then passed a motion to ask for more time to conduct the investigation of Sanchez’s alleged actions.

Outside of the meeting, two local TV news crews were interviewing Assemblyman Donnelly on camera. A wild, circuslike atmosphere ensued, with Ramirez’s supporters shouting and screaming in an attempt to interrupt Donnelly’s interview. At one point, a Ramirez supporter threatened to have a Donnelly supporter arrested, but the University Police Department kept the confrontation from escalating.

MEETING: ASI approves more time to investigate Ramirez and Sanchez

Robert Slocum argued the point that regardless of Pedro’s legal status, he put people in danger and was dishonest, and should therefore be removed from his position.

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Local jazz band plays the city

Musical group features Fresno State professor as lead sax, composer

By Luke Shaffer
The Collegian

A hypnotic melody fills the air as the crowd watches in silent awe. An alto saxophone player and his fellow musicians gracefully work their craft. For those who are connoisseurs of jazz, the Rogue Festival offers one of the most creative and inventive musical quartets imaginable.

Fresno State music professor and lead saxophone player Benjamin Boone met up with pianist David Aus to write original jazz pieces only days before they played on stage at this year’s Rogue Festival.

Teaming up with Grammy-award-winning drummer Steve Mitchell and bass player Nye Morton, the quartet plays once a year at this event.

“We have played five years together with the current quartet configuration and Ben and David have composed all the jazz songs,” Mitchell said.

On stage during their performance, the group starts to focus on their musical prowess, as each player takes a turn at performing solos. Creating unique and fun jazz pieces, the band melds together in perfect harmony, feeding off each other.

“We have lots of fun playing together and have a ball,” Mitchell said. “Fresno is for music.

“In high school, I tried out for band and played the sax in the group,” Boone said. “I also got together with a drummer and played in small gigs.”

In college Boone played in a group called the Gospel Carolette, which furthered his interest in jazz at an early age. Since moving to Fresno 11 years ago, Boone has enjoyed every moment of his musical career and is amazed at how much the city embraces the genre.

“They are playing jazz even in Fresno, and a lot of people don’t think of Fresno as a very interesting and culturally diverse city,” Celeste De Monte, a regular audience member to the jazz quartet’s annual concerts at the Rogue Festival, said.

Boone hopes that the music he creates and composes will inspire young and old to venture into jazz, though a majority of listeners don’t understand the genre.

“Jazz takes a while for people to understand the complexity of it,” Boone said. “But jazz is an expression of free speech, much like how our democratic nation encourages its people to be expressive of their creativity.”

Since 2008, the band has been doing all new original jazz pieces. Before then, we would play standard songs in the genre.”

— Steve Mitchell, Drummer for jazz band

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**ACROSS**
1. Affect emotionally
2. Cutting the mustard
5. Biblical beasts of burden
9. Africa’s most populous capital city
14. Bird or Irish river
15. Withdraw
17. Command for junior
20. Psychedelic T-shirt style
21. Not square, once
22. Choir voice
23. No spring chick en
24. Fishing village that became Tokyo
26. Frees (of)
28. Racer Ricky
30. One of the first spring blooms
34. ___ de Janeiro, Brazil
37. Wine-bottle stopper
39. Make restitution
40. Pollution problem
41. Devoid of moisture
42. Brawl
43. Buckwheat grains
45. Greenwich Village neighbor
46. Upper regions
47. Angr y exhibition
48. Off-kilter
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52. Legal hearing
53. Cast- of-thousands film
54. Change pants?
55. God of war
56. “Better late ___ never”
57. Greenwich Village neighbor
58. Legal hearing
59. Upper regions
60. Greenwich Village neighbor
61. Greenwich Village neighbor

**DOWN**
1. “While” attachment
2. Be behind
3. Signed, as a contract
4. Wetlands plant
5. Water conduit
6. “On the other hand ...”
7. Suffix meaning “stone”
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9. A third of some plays
10. Upper regions
11. Upper layer of earth’s crust
12. “While” attachment
13. Greenwich Village neighbor
18. Legal hearing
19. Carl-of-thousands film
25. Pungent properties
27. Chess result, sometimes
29. More and
31. Amount to pay
32. “Do ___ others as ...”
33. Chess result, sometimes
34. Game played on a world map
35. Andean ancient
36. Poems of praise
37. Wine-bottle stopper
38. Gold fineness measure
40. Automatic introduction?
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**Word of the Day**

Concert hangover
The feeling of gogginess and/or deafness after attending a loud concert.

Source: UrbanDictionary.com
Last year’s schedule was highlighted by seven home games, including two Western Athletic Conference co-champions Nevada and Hawaii. Fresno State also hosted 2009 Big East champion Cincinnati and Illinois from the Big Ten en route to a 5-2 home record.

Fresno State’s home schedule in 2011 will feature back-to-back games against Mississippi and Boise State following the game against North Dakota. All together, Fresno State’s opponents in 2011 had a combined record of 84-81 in 2010. The Bulldogs will play eight games in California as well.

A problem in the past for Hill’s squads has been conquering difficult early-season schedules unscathed. In the last five seasons, Fresno State has opened the first five games with a combined record of 12-13, which included a slew of injuries to key starters on both sides of the ball.

Last season, Fresno State lost starting wide receiver Devon Wylie and starting guard Andrew Jackson in the first two games of the season to go along with a number of banged up other starters.

While Hill and company have never shied away from scheduling stiff competition throughout the years, the win-loss column in those games is far from where the program would like it to be. Fresno State is just 6-11 against Bowl Championship Series opponents since the 2005 season, and hasn’t defeated an opponent in the AP Top 25 since beating No. 18 Virginia in the 2004 MPC Computers Bowl.

The 2011 season could mark Fresno State’s best shot at a WAC championship. With Boise State departing to the Mountain West Conference, Fresno State is expected to contend for the WAC title after finishing no better than third each of the last seven years.

The upcoming season will be Hill’s final shot to take home the WAC crown as Fresno State follows Boise State in 2012 to the MWC.
Football announces 2011 schedule

By Ben Ingersoll
The Collegian

Following coach Pat Hill’s mantra of playing any opponent any time and anywhere, Fresno State football announced its stacked 2011 football schedule on Monday.

As promised, the Bulldogs will play a neutral-site game against California for the first time since 2000. The game will be played in San Francisco’s Candlestick Park on Sept. 3, but this time taking snaps from under center will be the highly touted Derek Carr.

Carr’s older brother David engineered the 2000 17-3 victory over the Bears, but the new-look Bulldogs will be taking on a California squad that missed a bowl game last year for the first time since 2002.

Following the Bay Area showdown with California, Fresno State will head to Lincoln, Neb., to take on now-Big 10 powerhouse Nebraska. The Cornhuskers lost in the Big 12 Championship game and then the Bridgepoint Education Holiday Bowl, but finished the year 10-4. The Cornhuskers were ranked No. 9 in the country on the ground last season, averaging 247.6 yards per game on the ground, led by 2011 Heisman prospect in dual-threat quarterback Taylor Martinez.

Fresno State will not play at home until Sept. 17 when it plays host to Football Championship Subdivision North Dakota, who finished 3-8 last year, including 0-4 in the Great West Conference standings.

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Redshirt sophomore Derek Carr’s first collegiate start will be against California on Sept. 3 at Candlestick Park in San Francisco.

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