Commencement ceremony ticket minimum upsets students


By Karlena Franz
The Collegian

Graduation is getting closer, but for some students getting enough tickets to their commencement ceremonies for family can be troublesome.

Starting May 20, six of the eight colleges on campus and certain departments are holding commencement ceremonies for their students. Students will find these ceremonies from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. that day and all over campus. Trying to find adequate space for these ceremonies can be hard.

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NY reps: Give bin Laden cash to 9/11 victims

By Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Two congressmen from New York City say that up to $50 million in Osama bin Laden bounty money should go to first responders, survivors and families of victims of the Sept. 11 attacks.

The Rewards for Justice Program established a bounty of $25 million in 2001 to help bring bin Laden to justice. In 2004, Congress passed legislation providing the secretary of state up to $50 million to award for information leading to the capture of bin Laden.

Bin Laden was killed last week. It’s unclear whether anyone is eligible for the bounty.

U.S. Reps. Anthony Weiner and Jerrold Nadler said Sunday that the funds should be redirected to organizations that assist first responders, families and survivors affected by the 2001 terror attacks.

The state department didn’t immediately comment.

Student court decides Jacobs’ appointment broke no bylaws

By Michael Kincheloe
The Collegian

When Brandi Jacobs was appointed to serve as the Associated Students, Inc. Senator of Social Sciences on March 9, a dispute involving the applicant who had previously been recommended for the senate seat and ASI began.

Political Science major Elijah Carrillo had been recommended by the ASI Personnel Committee to fill the vacant senate seat that had been occupied by Patrick Simon, but Jacobs challenged that recommendation at the next ASI meeting. She was supported by former senator Simon, current senator at large for Undergraduate and Graduate Academics Affairs Lauren Smoot, and Dean Luz Gonzalez of the College of Social Sciences.

A vote to amend discussion on the appointment of Carrillo was passed by the senate, followed by a vote to approve Jacobs for the position. Amid a large number of abstentions, Jacobs was approved to the seat by a vote of 64.

ASI Executive Vice President Selena Farnesi explained to The Collegian what had transpired. “Although the personnel committee actually recommended Elijah, the chair of that committee [Steven Chabolla] — who doesn’t get a vote on the committee unless there is a tie — actually supported Brandi in the actual senate meeting. So that may be kind of insightful as to why the senate would overturn the personnel committee’s recommendation.”

Hoping to quash Jacobs’ appointment, Carrillo gathered approximately 250 signatures on a petition to remove her from the seat and begin the process anew. With petition in hand, he spoke during the public comment session at the next ASI meeting on March 23. Two days later, Carrillo wrote out an appeal letter to the Student Court (which reviews election violations and ensures that ASI bylaws are followed), claiming that he had not received “equal process of appointment to the ASI senate.”

In his formal letter, Carrillo claimed that “[Jacobs] was recommended by the Dean of the Social Science [sic] Department (Luz Gonzalez) and Patrick Simmons (sic) — which clearly shows a conflict of interest of both parties.” Carrillo goes on to claim that
@issue: Are student-run newspapers biased? What is their role on campus?

By Neil O’Brien

Have you ever had the opportunity to take a look at the student-funding Collegenia supplementary insert titled La Voz de Aztlan? The newspaper is intended to be used as a cultural appreciation and or awareness insert that originated in the 1990s. However, the alignment with the Brown Berets, a radicalized group of a misguided Latino-American students, illegal aliens and their sympathizers, is intended to be used as a cultural appreciation and or awareness insert.

By boasting about his Aztlan beliefs, Pedro Ramirez is an admitted Associated Students, Inc. President and Latino supremacy week. It has no place on our campus. I treat all individuals who I do not agree with any of his claims, personally, equally with nothing but respect. I have explained to O’Brien has found me as his next target. He has targeted several other students, professors, Fresno State administrators and community members and published selected short selections of websites like “Aztlan-inspired journalism allowed to manifest unopposed using our mechanism. There is no place on any university for hatefu...”

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COURT: Carrillo may sue over student court’s decision

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The collegian that ASI bylaws are upheld, and that Jacobs and one votes yes, it passes," said Farnesi. "We held back the number of tickets needed for the students graduating," Nelson said, "and then divide up the rest by how many students there are, to be given out to family." Sometimes students can get extra tickets by a friend, any left over at their department, or the day of the commencement, if the seats haven’t filled.

President John Welty, Provost William Covino, Dean of Student Affairs Paul Olario and Nelson get together with parliamentary procedure, and we came to the determination that those abstentions were just removing themselves from the vote. So, in respect, if you have 17 senators, and 16 vote to abstain and one votes yes, it passes," she said.

The Student Court met April 21 (the Thursday before spring break), and decided the vote by the senate would be upheld, and that Jacobs would continue as senator. Carrillo has threatened to sue. He told The Collegian that ASI bylaws and procedures were not followed, and that the bylaws are not concurring with AB 1233, California’s Nonprofit Corporations and Unincorporated Associations law.

"The bylaws had not been violated," Farnesi said. "Because when you abstain, you remove yourself from the total vote, and (Jacobs) still had a majority of votes.”

COMMENTS: Students aggravated at seating restrictions for convocation ceremonies

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ments are held in smaller venues like the Satellite Student Union or the Student Recreation Center, a minimum ticket bandon is put in place to ensure every student is sitting at the same seat. "We hold back the number of tickets needed for the students graduating," Nelson said, "and then divide up the rest by how many students there are, to be given out to family." Sometimes students can get extra tickets by a friend, any left over at their department, or the day of the commencement, if the seats haven’t filled.

President John Welty, Provost William Covino, Dean of Student Affairs Paul Olario and Nelson get together with the Colleges and try to coordinate the commencements.

One of the reasons why everything is set up this way is because Welty and others try to make it to every college commencement ceremony to track, so time is needed in between locations to make it possible. What makes these commencement ceremonies unique than the big university graduation is students get their names called out, they get to walk up and shake hands, and family can snap photos. During the university graduation, there is no mention of student calling out, "I feel like I am being cheated out of my graduation," animal science major Carlie Hughes said. "I am really upset that I have to pick and choose who can come." This year the Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology’s commencement is being held in the Student Recreation Center.

"I am the first person in my immediate family to graduate from college," Hughes said. "All of my family has helped me get here, and now they all can’t see me walk.”

Some students like Hughes, live out of Fresno so just showing up the day and hoping for a seat is unrealistic. "It’s not about them [the administration]," Hughes said. "It’s about us. We did all this hard work, and now the administration is taking away the family members having the same opportunity." Perhaps adjustments can be made to accommodate more students in getting the same graduation experience. Students in the Save Mart Center will find it fit for a ceremony, whereas those stuck in the gym may not feel so much.

"They need to reconsider how they handle graduation," Hughes said. "And how they run a lot of things on campus."

Other students aren’t as upset as much by the four-ticket rule. Some students, like those graduating with a Mass Communication and Journalism department have not only a department ceremony, but can attend the College of Arts and Humanities ceremony as well. "I would rather have them hand out tickets and let every graduation student have some family there," public relations major Ashley Kennett said. "If there were no tickets, some people may not even get seats." Having a hard ticket ceremony arrangements side the big graduation hasn’t been around forever, but it is an event that some hope will stay. "I love it!" Kennett said. "If it’s not realistic, perhaps adjustments can be made to make this hard ticket ceremony not as bad."

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Being with your department or college, gives students familiar faces to share the occasion. Having teachers and fellow students that you know makes the ceremony more intimate and grand. "It gives you a personal feel," Kennett said. "I know most of everybody, really like that feeling."
The F.R.E.A.K.S. come out Friday night

By Clara Norton
The Collegian

On Friday nights, students, family and faculty gather in the University Student Union not to read, not to do homework and not to study. They come together to play German mind games.

F.R.E.A.K.S., a campus program that stands for Finding Responsible and Entertaining Activities on Campus, aims to give students something fun and safe to do on Friday nights.

“We do not have a good campus life here,” Gregory Thatcher, chair of the Alcohol Safety Council and founder of the F.R.E.A.K.S. program, said. “Students will come to campus and socialize on campus if activities are available to them.”

Wanting to start small, Thatcher encouraged his classes to come and play German critical thinking games with him Friday nights.

Thatcher said the Germans are far more family-oriented than Americans. Some of the games played by F.R.E.A.K.S. club members are Amun-Re, Brass and Citadels.

“We send our kids off to school having fun on a Friday night meeting new friends,” Bonnifield said.

Although the F.R.E.A.K.S. group is not an actual club on campus, they are trying to get students to join them every Friday at 5 p.m. in the Save Mart Center hours on campus.

“We’re trying to generate new campus culture,” Thatcher said. “Campus policies and procedures make it difficult for some groups on campus to organize and operate.”

Bonnifield believes that the F.R.E.A.K.S. club will help students because “not only are you at school on a Friday night instead of out drinking, but you are actually learning by improving your critical thinking and problem solving skills.”

According to www.collegedrinkingprevention.com each year, 1,825 college students between the ages of 18 and 24 die from alcohol-related unintentional injuries.

Thatcher said that the reason that so many students would rather go out and drink than spend more time on campus is because “there’s nothing here for them to do.”

F.R.E.A.K.S. club members want to change this.

Thatcher is in the process of meeting with various clubs around campus so that the F.R.E.A.K.S. club participants can team up with others to create even more fun opportunities for the community.

Along with partnering with other groups on campus, Thatcher is trying expand the Save Mart Center hours on Friday nights to F.R.E.A.K.S. club members so that they can create basketball leagues.

“From knowing board games are not going to appeal to everybody,” Thatcher said. “It’s my philosophy that everybody would like it, but still, not everybody is going to want to do it.”

Thatcher and the members of F.R.E.A.K.S. club want to improve the critical thinking of students while at the same time providing a safe environment where new relationships can flourish.

While the main purpose of the F.R.E.A.K.S. club is to give students a fun and safe place to go, it also aims to increase the critical thinking level of students.
Fantastic ‘Glass Menagerie’ wraps up Theater season

Practiced actors, moody lighting and sound make for best production yet

By Karlena Franz
The Collegian

University Theatre wrapped up the semester with its final spring production, Tennessee Williams classic play, “The Glass Menagerie.” Audience members are whisked into the memories of Tom Wingfield, the narrator, as he remembers life with his sister and mother. Set in the late 1930s, his mother, Amanda Wingfield, is struggling to keep what is left of her family together after her husband leaves.

Her daughter, Laura, is shy, crippled and has yet to find a husband or job. She is obsessed with animal glass figures, particularly a glass unicorn, and is so shy she gets “indigestion” at times. The main part of the play surrounds the coming of a “gentleman caller” and the hysterics Laura’s mother gets into. While there is some comedy in the play, particularly in relation to Amanda, this play balances humor with equal parts sadness. Themes addressed in the play make the story relatable to the audience: Poverty, one of the struggles the family is faced with, not only makes life difficult for Amanda, who tries to provide for her family, but also puts another obstacle in the way of Laura marrying. Artistically speaking, the sets created for the production formed a sense of ease, and helped the audience become more assimilated into the play. Sound effects and lighting, while seemingly small, contributed to the overall mood of each scene, whether the scene exuded a positive or negative emotion.

By far the most energetic and entertaining character was Amanda, played by Kelsey Deroian. Deroian’s accent fit the role of a once-southern belle. When the play ended, the audience agreed that Deroian did a great job taking on her role. At some points she talked so quickly, audience members were left dazed, wondering how she fit so much dialogue into such a short span of time. Deroian’s accent fit the role of a once-southern belle. When the play ended, the audience agreed that Deroian did a great job taking on her role. At some points she talked so quickly, audience members were left dazed, wondering how she fit so much dialogue into such a short span of time. Audience members, after the play were left asking questions about the family: What happens to Laura? Does the family pull through their struggles? However, because the entire play is a string of Tom’s memories, some questions are left unanswered.

Emily Rose McLeod, who played Laura, made it easy to understand Laura’s fears through the way she carried herself. Throughout the play, McLeod was slouched over, typical of a shy, unconfident person as she acted as Laura. McLeod molded into the role of Laura, with what seemed like little effort.

In parts of the play, Tom, played by Justin Ringhofer, lit a real cigarette. The smell was pleasant to some and uncomfortable to others, gave the scene a punch of reality.

The Glass Menagerie is playing in the John Wright theatre through May 14.

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Word of the Day

Typeless
The state of being so astounded that one cannot type; writing equivalent of speechless.

Source: UrbanDictionary.com

History of Fresno State in Pictures
In honor of Fresno State’s Centennial

Cheryl Long, closest to the camera, and Vicki Nelson practice for a synchronized swimming show that was held later that week at the campus pool. Both girls were part of synchronized swimming classes here at Fresno State. The original caption of this photo read, “Creatures of the deep.” This photo ran in the Tuesday, May 9, 1972, issue of The Daily Collegian.
**NBA PLAYOFF GAMES**

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**Terry leads Mavericks perimeter attack**

**Dallas bench helps lead sweep of Los Angeles to advance to the Western Conference Finals**

Associated Press

**DALLAS (AP) — Jason Terry made his first 3-point attempt Sunday. Then he connected again, and again, and again.**

Once Terry got going, the Dallas Mavericks were on their way to the conference finals. There was nothing this group of Los Angeles Lakers could do about it. 

"(Terry's) shotmaking was breathtaking," Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle said. "Terry made nine of Dallas' 29 3-pointers in a 122-86 victory that completed a four-game sweep of the two-time defending champions. Fellow reserve Peja Stojakovic made all six of his 3-point attempts. Dirk Nowitzki, J.J. Barea, Jason Kidd, DeShawn Stevenson and Brian Cardinal each hit one from long range as seemingly everyone on the Mavs got into the act."

The Mavericks finished 20 for 32 from long range and shot 60 percent from the field overall. Terry tied the NBA postseason mark for 3-pointers and Dallas matched the league playoff record. 

"I don't think I've seen a team play to that level in a series in a game like they played this afternoon," coach Phil Jackson, Lakers coach on Dallas' game-four performance said. "We understand that defense wins championships." 

The Mavericks will meet the winner of the Oklahoma City-Memphis series in their first trip to the Western Conference finals since 2006. The Grizzlies lead the Thunder 2-1 going into Game 4 on Monday night. "The job isn't finished," Chandler said.

Terry said. "We set the bar high in training camp. This was great. I don't want to underestimate the meaning of this victory. We're back in the Western Conference finals. It's been a while.

There were lots of smiles in the Mavericks locker room after this victory, but little celebrating. Their focus is the first NBA title in franchise history.

"We've got eight wins, but we need eight more and that's our ultimate goal," Chandler said.

The Mavs cruised to the second-largest margin of victory in their playoff history despite only 17 points from Nowitzki, who averaged 27.6 points in his first nine playoff games this season.

Nowitzki got plenty of help from Dallas' reserves, who combined for 46 points. In addition to Terry's contribution, Barea had a career playoff-high 22 points and Stojakovic finished with 21.

"Our bench has been one of the best in basketball," Terry said. "Each one of these guys can start. We play as if we have something to prove. We've done it by committee all year. That's what's special and unique about our team.

Nowitzki isn't big on celebrating, but he admitted that for one night, he'd let loose, at least when it came to dinner options.

"I'm going to enjoy this for a day," Nowitzki said. "I think I'm gonna have some pizza and cheat on my diet."
The end of an era

Not even the Zen Master could have envisioned a final game from the sidelines going so uncharacteristically awful, embarrassing and horrible.

But in the waning moments of easily the biggest lopsided contest of an otherwise fantastic NBA Playoffs, I, the epitome of the anti-Laker, couldn’t help but tip my cap to what is almost certainly the end of the Phil Jackson era as we know it.

Never mind Andrew Bynum and Lamar Odom losing their head worse than the Lakers themselves closed out their season by 36 points. The two-time defending champion Los Angeles Lakers embarrassing fail at a three-peat bid didn’t do justice to what Jackson has brought to professional basketball.

You would be hard pressed to not put Jackson’s name in the same breath as the likes of Red Auerbach and John Wooden as one of the greatest all-time basketball leaders, amateur, college or professional.

Sure, Jackson has had his cringe-worthy moments, with Sunday afternoon peaking somewhere near the top of the list. The power trip feud with his superstar Kobe Bryant is up there too.

But what is brilliant in the ever-changing world of sports is that one thing remains constant: winning trumps all. Make no mistake, 11 championships (13 if you include as a player) and a 70-percent career winning percentage will drown out any blemishes on a coaching background check.

Critics can argue that Jackson’s supporting cast did the work and he simply oversaw the operation. Jackson was very fortunate to coach the likes of Bryant, Shaquille O’Neal, Scottie Pippen and a guy named Jordan.

But no matter the sport, there have been all-time greats that have zero rings to Jackson’s 11. Dan Marino was one of the all-time greats in professional football. No. 1 overall pick Bo Jackson was the best athlete of his era.

But Boutiller and de Villiers did triumph over Minnesota in singles play on Jan. 28. Boutiller brought down Gallego, the Gophers’ top player, 6-4, 6-4, and de Villers outlasted sophomore Rok Bonin, 6-2, 6-0, 6-3, in a first-team All-Big Ten selection.

Fresno State split the six singles matches against the Gophers in January’s matches, but crumbled in doubles play, losing two matches to Minnesota.

Heading into the national tournament, the Bulldogs are riding a 10-match winning streak and have not found themselves on the losing end since a 7-0 loss to Nebraska in Albuquerque, N.M. across the court, Minnesota fell apart at the National Baseball Hall of Fame passed away at the age of 74 ringless.

Jackson and Laker-haters alike will surely congregate for the remainder of the NBA Playoffs in celebration that a king was dethroned. But without Jackson prowling the Staples Center sidelines like the NBA Playoffs now has seven teams remaining that have head coaches with a combined one NBA Championship among themselves. Thanks Doc Rivers.

It was a strange feeling watching Jackson take the post-game press conference podium referring to the 2011-12 Lakers as “the Lakers” as opposed to “we.” But in traditional Phil Jackson sarcasm lore, the engineer of the famed triangle offense offered a quote from former President Richard Nixon regarding in apparent future as the Zen Master.

“You won’t be able to kick this guy around anymore,” Jackson said, leaving the Jackson critics to kick themselves for years to come.

Men’s tennis to face Minnesota

The Fresno State men’s tennis team will face a familiar foe in the NCAA 64-team tournament bracket, which begins play on Friday, May 13.

The Bulldogs (16-6) will open up first-round matches against the Big Ten’s Minnesota (19-5), who defeated Fresno State in January, a 4-2 victory in the ITA National Indoors Sweet 16 in Los Angeles.

Fresh off a Western Athletic Conference tournament championship, the Bulldogs are headlined by All-WAC performers Remi Boutiller and Rikus de Villiers and WAC Coach of the Year Jay Udovicka.

Under the direction of Udovicka this season, the Bulldogs finished the conference season unscathed, recording a 6-0 record while capping it off with a WAC regular season and tournament crown, and a No. 38 ranking.

In doubles play, the team of Boutiller and de Villiers is currently ranked No. 15 in the nation, but when matched up against Minnesota in late January, the top Bulldog doubles team was outmanned by the Gophers Phillip Arndt and Sebastian Gallego, 6-4, 6-4.

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Across the court, Minnesota fell in the Big Ten tournament championship match against No. 4 Ohio State, 4-0, ending a four-match win streak for the Gophers.

This year’s appearance will mark the 12th appearance in the NCAA Tournament for the Bulldogs with 2010 being its last appearance, and for Minnesota it will be the program’s 17th appearance.

This season, Fresno State dominated at home with a 9-2 record, but struggled on the road and neutral site, finishing with a combined 7-6 record while playing away from the Watten Tennis Center.

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