By Ana Mendoza
The Collegian

This November’s election involves several propositions that will directly affect college student’s education, health and future. But with the exception of the 2008 election, voter turnout among young college students has been historically low, significantly affecting governmental representation. “You can look at other groups that vote very strongly, like senior citizens and the elderly. Politicians try not to cut Social Security or Medicare,” said Rodney A. Anderson, political science professor at Fresno State. “It is much easier to cut from a group that doesn’t have a strong voice.” According to the Center of Information and Research of Civic Learning and Engagement (CIRCLE), 21.6 to 23.9 million Americans aged 18 to 19 voted in 2008. This number is higher than the 1956 statistics when the minimum voting age was lowered from 21 to 18. According to the Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) website, 17 million of the 23.5 million eligible adults in the state during the June 2010 primary were registered to vote. Of them, 44 percent voted. Of those, 44 percent of registered Democrats, 20 percent declined to state or were independents. The number of registered Democrats has grown from 6.7 to 7.6 million, and the number of independents from 3 to 3.4 million, while the number of Republicans went down from 5.4 to 5.2 million. “If only 50 percent of Democrats vote, but all Republicans win,” said Fresno State political science professor Dennis Driggers. “That is how a minority group of people win an election in a democratic system. Minority rules.”

According to CIRCLE, org. in 2008 in California, which was a record voting year for young voters, 51.1 percent of people aged 18 to 29 voted. Of these voters, 62 percent had some college experience. In 2006 only 25 percent of young voters aged 18 to 29 voted. In contrast, that same year 52 percent of voters aged 30 or older voted.

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While Fresno State celebrates their centennial, University High School (UHS) is reaching a milestone by accepting their tenth incoming class. However, the school’s founding and why it was placed on a college campus remains a mystery to many Fresno State students.

Luis Costa, the former Dean of the School of Arts and Humanities at Fresno State, founded UHS with the idea that the school would be a college-prep high school that included an emphasis in music. The school opened its doors in the fall of 2000 with Dr. Brad Huff as the original head of school. Approximately 400 students attend.

The purpose of UHS “is to allow students to experience a small-school environment while enjoying the resources of a major university including the option of earning significant college credit while in high school.” [Students] feel very comfortable no matter where they go [after high school] because they lived on a college campus for four years,” said current head of school James Bushman.

He added that the other advantage of being located on Fresno State’s campus is the ability for students to take college classes and understand what college classes are like. “Students spend four years at a college with at least a semester, if not a year [of college], already completed,” said Bushman.

Dean of the Kremen School of Education and Human Development Paul Bear explained that UHS charter was based at Fresno State, so it was logical to place the school where the old lab school stood, and later supplemented by temporary trailers. “University High School definitely fulfilled its purpose,” said Demetra Castano, a former UHS student and current Fresno State student. “I graduated high school there, so it was prepared for a comprehensive college life and even ahead of my studies.”

UHS students are expected to juggle their own college-prep courses and more advanced college courses. According to Bushman, Fresno State does not shape their schedule around UHS students, which means that much like Fresno State students, UHS students struggle to get the classes they need.

“It is more difficult for our kids because our kids are always trying to schedule [Fresno State] classes for four years” said current head of school James Bushman.
Most of us have no clue about international affairs. Even when it concerns the most populated countries in the world or the biggest displacement of a group of people in modern history, it doesn’t show up on our radar.

I watch foreign films every Friday night. Because I am taking MCL 1777, otherwise known as CineCulture, I go to class on Fridays. I leave class three hours later, usually starving because I didn’t eat before I went to class. Some weeks, I like the films we see. Other weeks, I just try to keep up with the subtitles. And other weeks, like last week, I can’t stop thinking about the film.

Last Friday we watched an Indian film called “Earth.” It takes place during the 1940s, a decade that brings to mind victory gardening, food rations, blitzkrieg and Pearl Harbor (at least that’s what I remember from my high school history class). But the film spoke to much more than how the United States and Europe were affected during that era.

In 1940, India, the Partition of India was taking place. Until I watched “Earth,” I wasn’t familiar with the Partition at all. The film tells the story of a little girl who grows up in British-controlled India at the end of 20th century-long reign of the country. When the British pulled out, all the different factions in India competed for control of the new government, resulting in the biggest mass migrations in human history as more than 12 million people fled the mess into Partition.

The film, which was based on the book “Cracking Earth,” taught me about Indian history than any history book I’ve ever read. After talking to friends of mine in the class, I realized that it wasn’t just me who, growing up, received a poor education in international affairs.

It’s no secret that much of the world doesn’t like Americans. We’re rich, nasty, nationalistic, etc. After watching this film, I realized that maybe part of the reason why we’re not well liked by the international community is because we are nationalistic.

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I read the article titled “Campus car theft persists,” which I found to be an absolute lie. The reason I say this is because the stories that occurred about this year, the University Police has a jurisdiction that covers the radius of one mile around Fresno State, but that does not mean that the crimes that occur within that mile are not on campus. If it was so, than we should consider the rapes, burglaries and murders that occur within that mile as Fresno State crimes, right?

I ask of you to please stop making false statements about crimes occurring at Fresno State.

As Senate of Parking and Safety, I have committed myself to see that Fresno State becomes a safe and crime-free campus, and therefore will not allow false crimes to be connected to Fresno State without consequences or a rebuttal.

My recommendations to you, as the Editor, are to set your facts straight, do not have readers by making false claims and do not write stories that have a “conflict of interest” as this story does for the fact that Ben Ingersoll is the sports Editor.

Oscar Perez
ASI Senator of Parking & Safety

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The University High School, a charter school, made its way on campus in 2000 in temporary classrooms next to the amphitheater. Their new building is still under construction.

around the high school classes they are required to take," stated Bushman. In addition to scheduling conflicts, UHS and its students have received mixed reactions throughout the years from Fresno State students.

According to previous articles by The Collegian, criticism ranged from the controversy of building a permanent location for UHS where the outdoor amphitheater is (spring 2006), to debating whether or not high school students should be allowed on a college campus (fall 2007).

However, UHS students received the most criticism in September of 2009 when a group of UHS students misused one of the Henry Madden Library's row, "said Beare.

"Having one of the top high schools in the U.S. is a feather in the cap for the University," said Beare.

The start of it all

VOTES: Props affect students
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registration form, fill it out and mail it in," said Anderson. Associate Students, Inc. (ASI) staffs a voting registration table on campus. Senator-at-large Jo Cha, who handles legislative affairs for ASI, is helping students who want to register to vote.

"During the time of Obama and McCain, a hundred students registered to vote," said Cha, referencing the 2008 presidential election. "It's important because everything depends on voting," said Cha. "We have the right to choose our governor, a senator that will help our education and [execute] different policies that will help our education."

The voter registration forms in the library are located on the first floor past the reference desk on one of the bookcases to the left.

"The registration forms, however, are not very visible," said Cha. "The reference doesn't have enough room," said Olivia C. Estrada, a library assistant from the Henry Madden Library. "We are trying to drum up support."

"The chance for hundreds of thousands of young people to legally remain in the U.S. evaporated Tuesday when Republicans blocked a defense spending bill in the Senate. Democrats failed to get a single vote needed to move forward on the defense bill and attach the DREAM Act as an amendment. The vote was 56-43.

The DREAM Act allows young people to become legal U.S. residents after spending two years in college or the military. It applies to those who were under 16 when they arrived in the U.S., have been in the country at least five years and have a diploma from a U.S. high school or the equivalent.

Several young people who would have benefited from the legislation watched the vote from the gallery, some wearing graduation caps and gowns. Many sat stone-faced when the vote tally was read. A young man dressed in a gold cap and gown wiped away tears. "I was kind of speechless. It's something that hurt, but we are not stopping. They only gave us a chance and more time to get even bigger," said Diana Banderas, who graduated from high school in May and plans to go to community college after earning the money she needs to attend.

Most of the young immigrants knew victory was unlikely, but in the hours before the vote they walked the hallways of a Senate office building trying to drum up support.
The major price of careers

By Dani Villalobos
The Collegian

As a 16-year-old high school student, Renee Chavez was enthralled by her teacher Ms. Reese’s animated account of World War II. Each lecture was always the highlight of her day. It was in this class that Chavez was hit with an all-encompassing realization. Someday, she too, wanted to be a high school history teacher.

“She made the whole class want to do better,” Chavez said. “It really made me want to help encourage others to appreciate history more.”

But after experiencing this proverbial “ah-hah” moment, the history major said she had an epiphany of uncertainty in her decision after learning the average annual income of history graduates.

In the 2010-2011 College Salary Report conducted by PayScale.com, the areas of social science, fine arts and early education were among the least profitable college degrees; each averaging around $31,600 to $33,100 for starting median pay.

“It’s kind of discouraging because everyone needs to make a living and they want to do well in life with their job,” Chavez said. “But if you plan on going into teaching, you have to know it’s more about the cause than the money.”

While graduates in theater and criminal justice begin earning anywhere up to $35,000 annually, the report illustrates a much different standing for careers that involve science and mathematics.

One of the most prominent and lucrative careers listed in the report is engineering, an area that Interim Dean of Lyles College of Engineering Dr. Ramakrishna Nunna said finds to be a harsh reality for those interested in pursuing a career in this area.

“The younger the child, the less valued,” Jones said. “The younger the child that the individual works with, the less the position is valued.”

“We talk about the value of family, we talk about the importance of children as our future, but we don’t put our money where our mouth is,” Jones said.

However, Jones said that the department is one of the largest at the university and about 80 percent of its students are focusing on early child development demonstrating that regardless of the value our society places on the dollar, there are other important factors to consider when choosing a desired major.

“There are many people who choose careers solely on the basis of what does it feel like when I look at myself in the mirror in terms of what I’m giving to the world,” Jones said. “And thank goodness for people like that.”

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Fresno Art Museum director shakes things up

Museum caters to younger audiences, displays edgy pieces

By Maddie Shannon
The Collegian

The Fresno Art Museum’s new executive director Linda Cano looks right at home in the museum galleries she’s spent the last few months presiding over.

“I’ve been involved with the museum for a long time,” said Cano. “I volunteered here in my undergraduate days, and I did a couple of internships here in grad school.”

Since taking her current position with the museum in June, her realization that the central valley’s art scene is dying has played a role in what direction Cano’s staff want to go in.

“We want to take some chances and display art that will attract a younger audience,” said Cano.

Exhibits that appeal to younger viewers, like the Crucifiction display that opened earlier this month, embodies a risky concept brought to life by artist Mark Rodriguez. The exhibit features 17th-century model spikes rammed through books, one of which is what Cano calls a “classic undergraduate textbook, ‘Jensen’s History of Art.’”

“CruciFiction” is on display at the Fresno Art Museum, part of an exhibit designed to bring a younger, edgier crowd to the museum.

The piece is supposed to symbolize the demise of the printed word,” Cano said. “In a digital world where people read books on Kindles, we’re literally crucifying fiction.”

Another edgy piece, which features a pile of 250,000 loose keys, is unlike any other display the Fresno Art Museum has ever had.

“Every key has a story” said Cano. “This is the kind of piece people really like. It’s interactive, not just the kind of art that hangs on a wall and you stare at it.”

A unique collection the museum is featuring is an untitled collection by local artist Phil Bower. The collection displays colorful patterns held together by staples. One of the pieces in the collection features rhinestones used as tears under images of eyes.

Though younger ideas are part of the museum’s newest displays, one of the biggest problems facing the museum is a drop in donations. The problems created by a poor economy combined with a belief that San Joaquin Valley’s art is dying caused regular benefactors of the museum to stop donating.

“Everyone thought, ‘Why should we donate? It’s dying anyway,’” said Cano.

The pieces exhibited in the Met, despite Cano’s discussions with Met staff, were sold at an auction.

“I thought those pieces should stay in the Valley,” said Cano. “That art was an important part of our culture, and it should have stayed here. Now it’s spread far and wide.”

Despite setbacks, the museum has continued to pull through. “A lot of our ideas cater to younger students and families,” said Cano. “We want to engage the community and display art relevant to valley life.”

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Japan officials keep Paris Hilton from entering the country

By Mari Yamaguchi
The Associated Press

TOKYO (AP) — Japanese immigration authorities on Wednesday denied entry to Paris Hilton at Narita International Airport while they decide whether she will be admitted to the country after pleading guilty to a misdemeanor drug charge in Las Vegas.

The 29-year-old celebrity was stopped by immigration authorities upon her arrival in Japan on Tuesday, one day after her plea, according to an e-mailed statement by Hilton's rep, Dawn Miller.

Hilton was scheduled to appear at a news conference in Tokyo on Wednesday to promote her fashion line, but that was canceled.

Narita Airport’s immigration office questioned Hilton “for undisclosed reasons,” and said she was not allowed to enter the country, according to Hidekazu Akai, an immigration official at the Narita Airport.

Hilton's sentence also requires her to complete a drug program, pay a $2,000 fine and serve 200 hours of community service. Her attorney said Monday that she planned to complete the service by volunteering with animal advocacy groups and children’s hospitals.

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Hilton's planned Asia tour, which began Tuesday in Tokyo, was the first stop on her travels. She planned to travel to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, during which she planned to perform before Celine Dion returns to her five-year run grossed more than $400 million. Her first five-year engagement. Her first five-year run grossed more than $400 million. Her first five-year engagement. Her first five-year run grossed more than $400 million.

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Although the Rebels have slipped to a less than impressive 1-2 start that include losses to Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) Jacksonville State and Vanderbilt, Hill is adamant his experienced offensive line will have its hands full in Oxford, Miss.

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Heisman Trust made the right call

Now that most of the dust has settled from last week’s Reggie Bush Heisman Trophy forfeiture, it’s like to throw my two cents in on the matter. More often than not, Heisman winners are the most electrifying, stat-producing machines on the best team that particular year in college football. Bush, without a doubt, was that player. But no 294-yard games like the one Bush ripped the ‘Dogs for in 2005 can erase his actions off the field, which should have resulted in zero games played that season.

Over the summer the NCAA finalized its investigation on the Bush scandal, concluding that he and his family received improper benefits from a sponsor that had this surfaced prior to Bush’s Heisman-winning season, in which he amassed 2,218 offensive yards, would have been ruled ineligible, ending his amazing season before it even started.

But he did play, and he did dazzle in USC’s 12-game regular-season undefeated stretch. That was, of course, until he hit a roadblock in the Bowl Championship Series (BCS) National Championship, formally known as Vince Young.

And that’s where the controversy begins.

Vince Young, who finished 933 votes behind in the final Heisman voting, tore through the Trojans for 465 total yards 25 days after Bush hoisted the trophy. Fast forward nearly five years later, and many think the vacated trophy should be on Young’s mantel.

As a sophomore, Masoli was thrown into the fire after the quarterbacks in front of him suffered multiple injuries.

Masoli might cause fits for ‘Dogs

By Vongni Yang

For the third game in a row, the Fresno State football team has to prepare for a mobile quarterback.

This week, Ole Miss’ Jeremiah Masoli will get his turn to test a Bulldogs’ defense that has proven capable of stopping a dual-threat quarterback.

“I can’t get away with giving up a 50-yard run on a flea-flicker in our playbook,” head coach Pat Hill said.

“Once he gets an edge he takes off,” Hill said. “He’ll pull that ball down and run a lot faster than Borel will.”

Masoli might not make the same kind of impact like he did with Oregon considering Masoli’s only been directing offenses for two years.

Masoli might cause multiple matchup problems for the ‘Dogs that the prior two quarterbacks did not.

“He’s a physical runner, more physical than Borel, he’ll run you over if you’re in the way,” Hill said of Masoli.

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Masoli might cause fits for the ‘Dogs this week while also seeing action in the disappointing season opening loss to Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) Jacksonville State.

In three games Masoli has passed for a less than impressive 380 yards and a touchdown with four interceptions.

But he has been his dynamic self carrying the ball, rushing for 160 yards and two touchdowns. Masoli is coming off a season high, 104-yard rushing effort against Vanderbilt.

Masoli will try to expose a defensive unit that has yet to give up 100 yards rushing to a single player this year when the Rebels host the ‘Dogs on Saturday at 4:30 p.m. at Vaught-Hemingway Stadium in Oxford, Miss.