Prop 23, more jobs or more bad air?

By Ana Mendoza
The Collegian

Concerns about global warming and high unemployment rates collide this November on California’s general election ballot in the form of Prop 23.
The passage of Prop 23 would suspend the implementation of the air pollution control law known as Assembly Bill 32 until unemployment decreases to 5.5 percent. AB 32, also known as the California Global Warming Solution Act, was passed in 2006 and was designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions known to cause global warming.

“California was very forward looking when they passed AB 32, and this is, in a lot of ways, a very cynical attempt to undo all of it in the face of what is already going to be some significant change,” said Peter Van de Water, Fresno State instructor from earth and environmental sciences.

“The big crack we face right now is the fact that we have built economies based upon consumption and people are not happy in not consuming,” he said. “The consumption of all that stuff is killing us.”

According to the California General Election Official Voter Information Guide, California has only reached 5.5 percent unemployment three times in the last 40 years.

“It is such a small number giving the state of the economy,” said Fresno State economics instructor Sean Alley. “The last time our unemployment was that low was in 2006. That was during one of the expansionary bubbles we’ve had in our economy. It is hard for me to believe that we will get to 5.5 percent in the next five years.”

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“When we initially posted our applications [for the Spring 2011 semester], we said that preference would be given to those applicants who filed during the priority period,” said Vinovrski.

Although this number is significantly low compared to the admission in the spring 2009 semester, which was approximately 1500 students, it is a hopeful step in the right direction for a complete restoration, said Vinovrski.

AB 32 appears to be stimulating investment in green energy; it’s starting to build momentum that would not be there otherwise,” said Alley. “Getting rid of or suspending AB 32 would gain jobs in one place and lose jobs in another.”

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“We have some of the worst air in the valley and that’s a health problem and costs all sorts of economic problems. It draws investment away; it drives talent away, causes housing prices to go down,” said Alley. “We [have] a reputation as a place with bad air and companies don’t want to

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Living a new American Dream

The new American dream looks a lot different—more diverse and more responsible—than the one of decades past. It’s a dream that recognizes in our economy wealth will not be within everyone’s grasp. This realization brings a responsibility to look out for those who have fallen behind—the single mother, for instance. To whom much is given, much is required.

The realization of the new American dream brings a more attainable level of satisfaction. Beyond basic needs and caring for those dependent on us, everything else should be considered gravy—not a right.

The new American dream seeks a job that satisfies the need for freedom, opportunity, not necessarily the fatty paycheck. It’s like the bumper sticker that says “Love what you do, do what you love.” A cliché, yes, but apropos.

The new American dream is not afraid to dream—to imagine a better life—but that dream that is measured with responsibility and realism. The new American dream is not the cutthroat, keeping-up-with-the-Joneses grind that created a housing bubble held high. It’s a way of life that derives satisfaction from working hard, living within one’s means, keeping an eye out for the less fortunate and enjoying the fruits of fun here and there.

Here’s to living the new American dream.

Laura Ferland

DANIELLE GILBERT

Letters to the Editor

To the Power at the top of Library Tower

Can it be true? Is Fresno State really not allowing students to vote in the Satellite Student Union for the Meg Whitman and Jerry Brown debate? With students paying more for their college experiences than ever before and the Master Plan just a blasted, rotting corpse, this comes as no surprise. Students are constantly reminded that there is no new revenue to replace the paternalistic administrators who will make all decisions as they see fit.

Administrators surely will say, “We are selling tickets to the event. The money will be added to the Auxiliary funds to be used as we see fit.”

Step up administrators! Do you really want another scandal like the Palin event at CSU Stanislaus? I plead with you, set aside some seats for the students that they can purchase for a sliding scale or grant them to students who may benefit from the event academically, like political science and social science majors. Isn’t that what students are paying for, academic excellence? PS. While you’re at it, please demand that your professors be honest to begin with.

Whitney Thompson

History

Fresno isn’t Hollywood

It’s probably unlikely ever will they unless it’s posted on Facebook.

With the number of locals who have been cast on reality TV, it’s surprising that VH1 has yet to hold a Too Audition in Fresno. It would be ideal—Fall Fling will provide boxes full of tools. But then, if tools are your type, then it’s time to R.S.V.P.

Fall Flung Unplugged 2010 will take place Saturday, Sept. 25. The outdoor party will provide food and cocktails from various Fresno restaurants as well as live entertainment.

Why meet locals with the same interests online, when locals with the same interests can sexually harass you in person?

A portion of the proceeds will go to the Resource Center for Survivors, a local advocacy agency. However, it’s just an excuse to get drunk in the courtyard of the Piazza Del Fiore Shopping Center, conveniently located on the southeast corner of Champlain and Perrin. Go there. But if it takes for douche bags to donate money toward healing the survivors of sexual assault and family violence, then party on.

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MONEY: Reviving spring enrollment for new students

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Credentialed, graduate and upper-division returning students who filed during the priority period will likely be the first applicants who make it into the university he said.

"We might also be able to take the upper-division transfer students who applied during that first month," he said.

It’s a real risk to admit new students during the middle of the year, he said, and that’s why the university must be restrictive as to the number of students that can be admitted.

"When one-time money comes in, we recruit [more] students, then we don’t get additional funds, then we have to go back to that game of reducing enrollment next fall. No one wants to do that,"

Fresno State administration will attend a conference call at the Chancellor’s Office today. This meeting will further clarify if the rest of the budget will be restored. It’s important, Vinovrski said, because if the rest of the money is restored, all students who meet admission requirements will make it into the university.

However, the real benefit from this money is for the current students, he said.

"They’re going to be the big winners." The addition of more courses will greatly benefit the student body.

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, William Covino, confirmed that more courses are expected to be added in time for the spring semester.

"[We also expect] to expand library hours," said Covino.

How much they will be expanded is yet to be determined, said David Tyckoson, associate dean of the Henry Madden Library. In addition, he says the library has received several requests from students to expand operating hours in the library, but there is no common consensus, he said.

Some students would prefer more Saturday hours and others would appreciate extended weekdays in the library. Whatever comes of it, the change would take some work to implement.

"We’ve had to adjust our staff but it’s possible. Last year with the furloughs it was tough but this year will be easier."

Although the $106 million in funding does not account for the full $305 million currently expected to be restored to the CSU system, it will be pending the approval by the governor and by the legislature in a state budget.

"[It’s positive] because we got the money," said Vinovrski.

"There is a fear that we may not even have a budget till early December because the legislative people are so frustrated that they can’t compromise," he said.

With the November election, speculation is that legislators may wait for the establishment of the new governor to fully restore the CSU funds.

But Vinovrski hopes these questions and concerns will be addressed during the Chancellor’s Office meeting today.

PROP: Green energy versus green pocketbooks

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come here. Lowering the cost of production will not help us.

Alley feels poor air quality keeps businesses away.

"If you are the CEO of a major business that could employ a lot of people and you want to do that somewhere, and you come across [the very poor air], there is no chance you are coming here, even though we have a lot of skilled workers, a lot of unemployed people, and a lot of smart people who can’t find jobs," he said.

According to a New York Times article, "Texas Oil Firms Oppose California Climate Law," published in April, companies from Texas are main contributors to Prop 23, Valero Energy and Tesoro Corp.

There’s going to be a lineup of people on both sides depending on where their interests lie," Alley said.

"Part of the reason this proposition is on the ballot is because [AB 32] is not particularly popular, especially with the large energy corporations," Van De Water said.

"A couple oil companies in Texas have actually put in tons of money along with the Koch brothers at Kansas," he said.

The New York Times reported in September that Charles and David Koch are billionaires from Kansas who have heavily financed the Tea Party movement and have donated $1 million to oppose Prop 23.

"Because I am an economist I don’t think restrictions are necessarily the only answer, but if you have a restriction that might help clean up the air, if you remove it, that could create some jobs but it will cost us in the green energy industry and it will cost us jobs down the road if it causes our air to be dirty," Alley said.

Those who oppose Prop 23 feel it won’t decrease unemployment.

"A single piece of legislation completely changes things in terms of job creation," said Van De Water.

"To create more jobs, we need to support education, higher education levels," said Lucinda Eileen, student senior at Fresno State.

Joe Burh is the owner of Shuttle Bug, a local green transportation company in Fresno that provides pedicab services, tricycles with drivers who transport passengers in downtown Fresno as elsewhere. Burk feels dependency on oil is a big part of the problem.

"Fossil fuels are non-renewable and when they are gone, they are gone, and if we don’t have renewable energy how are we going to keep competitive?" Burk said.

If Prop 23 passes, his particular company would probably not be affected, he said.

"People like our service not only because we don’t pollute, but because we are safe and efficient." After the passage of AB 32, the state government acquired loans to pay for the administrative costs and implementation of the law. "Because AB 32 is suspended, money will not be collected to pay for these loans. The amount according to the General Election Voters Guide will cost California “tens of millions of dollars.” According to the General Election Voters Guide, “This would mean that other sources of state funds, potentially including the General Fund, might have to be used instead to repay the loans."

Van De Water thinks voters should pay close attention to who is actually supporting the proposition.

"If the people that are against it have the most to gain by selling oil and gas, perhaps there is a reason why they want it to pass."

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Smittcamp granddaughter saddles up

By Jaron Baltis
The Collegian

At the age of eight, mass communication and journalism major Blair Smittcamp discovered the love of her life. It started as a secret hidden from her parents, but eventually her passion could no longer be hidden, and it has lead to performances at the Salinas Rodeo.

Nearly every day Smittcamp would be playing with her best friend Tiffany Herbhold. After about two months of sneaking blue jeans in her backpack and coming home with a certain stench, Smittcamp’s parents figured out that she was playing with her friends.

“My next door neighbor was my horse trainer who had a daughter my age,” Smittcamp said. “I used to go over there and she would play dolls or do whatever eight-year-old girls do, and one day she had to take us to work.” Smittcamp said.

This fascination consumed Smittcamp, and at age 12 she created a presentation for her parents that tried to prove she could care for a horse. The speech was not a success initially, but Smittcamp’s parents broke down that Christmas and bought her a horse named Foxy Lady. Training with Foxy Lady helped Smittcamp realize how much she enjoyed galloping. The rush of a fast gallop led her to the sport of barrel racing. Barrel racing involves racing a horse around three barrels in the shape of a cloverleaf pattern. The racer pushes their horse to the limit in order to reach the best time and win the event.

Smittcamp first competed at local event centers and ranches. She eventually joined the American Computer Barrel Racing Association (ACBRA). This allowed her to compete for the first time in larger rodeo arenas. The rodeo in Coarsegold, Calif. was held for her first barrel racing event at age 16.

It was around this time that she started to have larger ambitions in the rodeo world. Smittcamp acknowledged that her love for riding horses blossomed into a deeper love for everything involved with being a true cowgirl.

Smittcamp decided to take things a step further and compete in a rodeo queen pageant, which is similar to a regular beauty queen pageant. “Instead of us wearing rhinestone gowns and swimsuits, we wear full-length leather dresses with matching boots and a hat and our talent is riding horses,” Smittcamp said.

Full-length leather dresses aside, there are five main events that contestants have to perform well in to become a rodeo queen.

Preparation for these events required her to get some help. Pamela Plenys joined her as a motivational coach, aiding her through each event.

“Part of my job is taking a young woman’s potential and trying to polish it and encourage her to be the best that she can be,” Plenys said.

After two devastating losses in the Clovis Rodeo Queen Pageant in 2007 and 2008, the hard work paid off and Smittcamp became the 2008 Salinas Rodeo Queen.

“Being the Salinas Rodeo Queen is the highlight of my life,” Smittcamp said.

Smittcamp, whose rodeo pageant days are behind her, still competes in barrel racing.

“Horses are my life and I’m a born and bred Clovis cowgirl and I would not change that for anything.”

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New music option gives students something to sing about

By Tynee Brazzell
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KFSR manager leaves for NPR station

Former Fresno State student gets new job at KVPR

By Phillip Lochbaum
The Collegian

Joe Moore, the KFSR campus radio station manager, is being swept away by National Public Radio (NPR).

Moore’s switch to local NPR affiliate KVPR raises the question: What’s next for the station? Moore was KFSR’s first full-time manager, but his 14-year run ends today.

“Working here has been an incredible opportunity to interact with the staff and volunteers we have at the station,” said Moore. “There’s always something new to put on the air.”

Moore is responsible for airing public service announcements, creating public-oriented programming and establishing relationships with local businesses. He also advocated Fresno State events, like on-campus movie screenings and theater productions.

“One thing we try to do is air content that is community-focused and has to do with local culture,” said Moore. “We’ve aired segments on films being shown here in Fresno and the jazz programs on campus.”

Don Fischer, a KFSR volunteer, is taking over Moore’s position as the interim station manager.

“What I want to do is just continue the good policies and practices that Joe established,” Fischer said. “I’ve been working with the station on and off since 1982, and I’m excited to be back.”

The station airs a wide variety of music, including jazz, blues, indie rock and British punk rock. It is also home to local jazz talents, including students from the jazz studies program in the music department.

“We’ve had jazz majors do live broadcasts on the program, and some of them come back to volunteer,” said Moore.

In its 40-year history, KFSR became part of the community and reflected the valley’s culture. Moore, who earned a history degree as an undergraduate student at Fresno State, said majoring in history made him aware of the local cultures that he features on the station.

“There’s no direct tie between my degree and working in radio,” said Moore. “But the programs we feature are focused on local history and being aware of the world and cultures around us. It was a good background for going into broadcast.”

Moore’s involvement in the off-campus community allowed him to interact with organizations like JazzFresno, which promotes local arts awareness.

“My work with JazzFresno was very demanding,” said Moore. “It was the board president and I volunteered with them to produce concerts, and I dealt mostly with education and performance issues.”

Don Priest, the station’s general manager, credits the content Moore produced for making KFSR a people-driven radio station that caters to the campus community.

“It is a very community-powered radio station,” said Priest. “That’s what makes it the greatest radio station in Fresno.”

Moore starts his new job at KVPR on Monday.

“It’s been great working at KFSR,” said Moore.
Tough lessons to learn in ‘Superman’

By Christy Lemire
The Associated Press

Davis Guggenheim puts a human face on an unwieldy, seemingly unwieldy problem — the wretched state of America’s public schools — in the documentary “Waiting for Superman.”

Guggenheim directed the Academy Award-winning “An Inconvenient Truth” naturally occurs in the right place, as they were when he made his debut documentary 2006’s “The First Year,” about five teachers and their five kids and their families in Los Angeles, the San Francisco Bay Area, Youngstown, D.C., the Bronx and Harlem. But the real drama comes at the end, as we watch and wait along with the film’s five young stars to find out the results of the lotteries that could land them coveted spots in alternative schools.

Even if you don’t have kids of your own, you’ll find it hard not to get sucked in emotionally — this is just one example of how Guggenheim so adeptly makes a topical dry topic and makes it cinematic.

Those outcomes — and the film as a whole — won’t even come close to solving all the socio-economic and educational problems raised here. But they’re a start.

Waiting for Superman, a Paramount Pictures release, is rated PG for some thematic material, mild language and incidental smoking. Running time: 106 minutes. Three stars out of four.

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The Collegian’s Heisman Watch

The co-sports editors and editor in chief adjust their Heisman frontrunners for week four

Tony Petersen
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Ben Ingersoll
CO-SPORTS EDITOR

1. Kellen Moore, QB, Boise State, Jr.
   Moore has done nothing to remove himself off the top of this list, throwing for 370 yards and two touchdowns. He’s continuing to pad his stats this week against weak Washington State.

2. Terrell Pryor, QB, Ohio State, Jr.
   Pryor and the Buckeyes won’t be tested until they travel to No. 11 Wisconsin on Oct. 16. Until then, THE Ohio State signal caller has three weeks to pad his already impressive stats (715 pass yards, 165 rush yards, 8 total touchdowns).

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2. Ryan Mallett, QB, Arkansas, Jr.
Mallett is coming off a final minute, game-winning touchdown pass against Georgia, throwing for 380 yards and three touchdowns. Mallett, like Moore, will be on the national spotlight when the Razorbacks host defending national champs Alabama. If the nation’s passing leader outplays returning Heisman winner Mark Ingram expect Mallett to be the leading candidate for the award.

3. Denard Robinson, QB, Michigan, So.
Robinson skyrocketed up many Heisman lists after his game-sealing drive against Notre Dame two weeks ago. The dual-threat signal caller leads the nation in rushing with 599 yards and four touchdowns from the quarterback position. Robinson isn’t too bad as a passer either, completing nearly 70 percent of his passes for 671 yards and four touchdowns.

4. Andrew Luck, QB, Stanford, Jr.

Luck has yet to throw an interception in 70 attempts. The Stanford passer child is starting to generate Heisman buzz with strong performances the past three games after passing for 674 yards and 10 touchdowns. If there was no East coast bias, Luck would be much higher on many Heisman lists.

Dark Horse

McElroy gets the opportunity to go head-to-head with the nation’s leading passer. If McElroy outduels Mallett this week, he has a big game.
WEEK 3 PREVIEW
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, AT 4:30 P.M., VAUGHT-HEMMINGSWAY STADIUM

Bulldog Game Day

Fresno State Bulldogs (2-0, 1-0 WAC) vs. Mississippi Rebels (1-2, 0-1 SEC)

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Breakdown: Bulldogs

Head coach Pat Hill is 0-2 all time against teams from the Southeastern Conference (SEC) falling to both Tennessee in 2004 and LSU in 2006 by a combined score of 62-12. Even though the 'Dogs are heading into the game at 2-0 for the first time since 2004, Hill insists that the longest road trip of the year will be a difficult path to endure. “We’re anticipating a very, very tough and physical game this season,” Hill said. “They have physical athletes that can run, there is no doubt about it.”

With Devon Wylie out for a second consecutive game, the 'Dogs will rely heavily on experienced receivers. A.J. Johnson and Matt Lindsey each collected their first career receptions last week against Utah State. True freshman Jalen Saunders was also quite impressive in his first full-game against the Aggies, especially in special teams, returning five kicks and two punts. With an iffy Rashad Evans, expect Johnson, Lindsey and Saunders to get more production.

Breakdown: Rebels

The Rebels’ slow start gives little indication of the talent they have on the field, and Fresno State head coach Pat Hill knows it. After falling to a dismal 1-2 record, which includes losses to FCS Jacksonville State and last week to Vanderbilt, Ole Miss has yet to flash its true colors this season.

“Our players completely understand it,” Hill said of the Rebels’ talent. “They are very impressed with the athletic ability of this football team.”

The Ole Miss defensive line, led by All-SEC candidate Jarrell Powe, is the strongest aspect for third-year head coach Houston Nutt’s squad. With a physical and fast defensive front, the Rebels have the potential to give the hampered Fresno State offensive line problems.

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Fresno State 24, Mississippi 21

Keys to Victory
1. Converting on third down
The Bulldogs have managed to convert only nine third downs in 27 attempts. The offense has to do a better job of extending drives.

2. Make Masoli throw
Jeremiah Masoli is at his best on the run. Fresno State defensive ends Chris Carter and Chris Lewis will have the tough task of forcing Masoli to step up and throw downhill.

3. Win the battle in the trenches
Ole Miss’ biggest strength is in its interior defensive line. With All-WAC guard Andrew Jackson sidelined with injuries, the battle between the bigs will play a huge role in who comes out on top in this game.

Position match-ups

Player to watch: Travis Brown, linebacker
When Fresno State runs: Advantage - Mississippi
Despite the Bulldogs’ big game on the ground at Utah State, the Ole Miss defensive line has some serious size and athleticism.

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When Ole Miss passes: Advantage - Mississippi
Ryan Colburn has been on target so far this season, completing 70 percent of his passes with five touchdowns. Ole Miss is giving up a 60 percent completion rating and has yet to intercept a pass.

When Ole Miss passes: Advantage - Fresno State
Masoli is a run first, pass second quarterback who is adjusting to a new offense. The Bulldogs’ secondary has looked solid so far in 2010.

Special teams: Advantage - Fresno State
Kicker Kevin Goessling’s last miss was over a year ago against Wisconsin. Since then he’s nailed a school-record 17 field goals in a row. Andrew Shapiro leads the SEC in net yards with 42.1 a punt.

The Blindside: Getting to know the Rebels

Wins against: Tulane
Losses to: Jacksonville State, Vanderbilt
Head coach: Houston Nutt (third year, 19-10)
Offense: Pro Set
Defense: Multiple 4-3

Key players: QB Jeremiah Masoli, RB Brandon Bolden, DT Jerrell Powe, WR Markieith Summers
Series record: First meeting
Point spread: Rebels favored by 2.5 points

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