Nonprofits push more online ed

By Leah Valero

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has partnered with four nonprofit educational organizations to develop post-secondary online courses for the nation’s higher education system.

The nonprofit organizations will initially be concentrating on integrating more online coursework in the community colleges.

With recent budget cuts, Fresno State has begun to offer more online courses. Not all students are embracing the shift.

Chris McIntyre, history major at Fresno State, said he doesn’t think the university should offer more online classes.

“I think interaction in the classroom is an important aspect of learning,” he said.

In an interview with The New York Times, Bill Gates said innovation in response to budget constraints in community colleges and online courses may be the only hope higher education has during harsh economic downturns. McIntyre said he has taken a few online classes and believes his learning and study habits suffered as a result.

“The deadline to submit work was the last day of class, so it hurt study habits,” McIntyre said. “I would wait to do assignments and rush to complete them instead of taking time to do the work.”

Senior Kourtney Sweeney said online classes were beneficial because it gave her the flexibility she needed in a busy schedule. Sweeney also said that online classes have more work and students can learn a lot if they put the time and effort into them.

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Confidential: Fill financial records

By Ana Flaherty & Julie Watson

The military is accepting openly gay recruits for the first time in its 222-year history even as it tries to slow the growth in population. It has no idea how many people will enlist in the “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy.

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The Defense Department has said it would comply with Phillips’ order and had frozen any discharge cases. Pentagon spokeswoman Cynthia Smith said recruiters had been given a top-level government to accept applicants who say they are gay.

AP interviews found some recruiters following the order and others saying they had not heard of the announcement.

Recruiters also have been told to inform potential recruits that the moratorium on enforcing “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy could be reversed at any time, if the ruling is appealed or the court grants a stay, she said.

Gay rights groups were calling it a small victory to members to avoid revealing that they are gay, fearing they could find themselves in trouble should the law be reinstated.

“People aren’t really
Horror movies diminish humanity

Halloween is right around the corner. And this year, like so many years before, horror movies come out during the scariest season of the year to work Americans up into a good scare.

With a slew of new thriller movies released in October, moviegoers can expect plenty of blood, demons and gore.

I went into the movie expecting a fairytale-like situation, but in reality, it turned out to be a real-life nightmare. The characters faced challenges that were impossible to overcome.

Considering that babies and rats are the most distressing sounds of the movie, they watch to see exactly how much humanity most humans lose by the time they’re old enough to watch horror films.

We get sick. We get obese. We become unhealthy. These are legitimate problems that don’t require you to be a bleeding heart liberal to understand.

We can advocate the proper treatment of the animals so that when we eat them, we won’t have an innate sense of right and wrong.

We get it wrong.

Farm subsidy abolition a nonpartisan issue

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SB 330: Gov. vetoes disclosure bill

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not available to the public. The Collegian could not affirm this information.

“I think [the veto] was a good decision,” said Smits. “The bill was flawed and not in the best interest of the CSU or our friends and supporters.” Smits also said the CFA allegations were false.

“It’s outrageously false; they have to get their facts before they talk about that.”

Because SB 330 was passed by a bipartisan vote, many legislators and students were surprised Governor Schwarzenegger rejected the bill again.

Fresno State graduate student Hector Cerda was unhappy about the bill not being passed.

“Senate Bill 330 should have been passed because it does allow the state and people to know the truth and see where money is going,” Cerda said. “If I donated $1,000 and I receive box seats from the Save Mart Center that are worth $500, then my name would have to be revealed,” said Cerda.

because the bill was not passed, Cerda asked, what would stop him from using the $1000 donation as a tax deduction in IRS tax forms and still receive the box seats?

“They’re leaving up for Governor Schwarzenegger to veto it,” said Cerda. “And it is wrong for anyone to say that it was great what Governor Schwarzenegger did.”

This is a public university and if people do give, they should say, “I don’t want something in return,’ and say, I want the young people of this state to become educated, [and that] is more important,” said Cerda.

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OUT: Don’t ask, don’t tell struck down

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getting is that the discretion and caution that gay troops are showing now is exactly the same standard of conduct that they will adhere to when the ban is lifted permanently,” Belkin said. “Yes, a few will try to become celebrities.”

An Air Force officer and co-founder of a gay service member support group called OutServe said financial considerations are playing a big role in gay service members staying quiet.

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Pentagon officials feared and shows the need for her to immediately freeze her order while the government appeals. “It’s only logical that a stay should be granted to avoid the confusion that is already occurring with reports that the Pentagon is telling recruiters to begin accepting homosexual applicants.”

Army recruiters who turned away Omar Lopez in Austin, Texas, wrote that the government to violate the Pentagon guidance to not recruit gay service members. The Pentagon guidance to recruit gay service members after the ban was lifted permanently, the group’s attorney, said a letter last week warning Army recruiters who turned away Omar Lopez in Austin, Texas may have caused the government to violate Phillips’ injunction. Woods wrote that the government would be subject to a citation for contempt.

The White House has insist ed on actions in court do not diminish Obama’s efforts to repeal the ban.

In San Diego, Will Rodriguez, a former Marine who was discharged under the policy in 2008, gave his contact information to recruiters. He said they told him there were currently no slots for Marines who had served and want to re-enlist.

He said they told him they would call him in January when more slots could open.

“I’m really hoping they can accept me,” he said.

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Students push themselves to the E.D.G.E

By Dusty Gaebel
The Collegian

While most students were preparing for the Centennial Homecoming football game last Saturday, one class had students jumping off wooden logs and swinging on ropes more than thirty feet above the ground.

The Adventure Ropes Experience class, also called REC 75, provides students with an opportunity to work on their leadership and teamwork skills, while pushing their personal thresholds to the limits. The Experientially Designed Group Effort (E.D.G.E) is the name of the ropes course located on the west side of the Fresno State campus near the Resident’s Dining Hall.

The day began with a short debriefing delivered by the course’s lead instructor, Professor L. Jay Fine. Fine gave a short overview on safety, teamwork and personal goal setting.

“The more I do it, the more I realize it’s a team working thing,” Fine said. Fine said the course consists of about 80 percent team building and 20 percent personal challenges. Although students had team members for most activities, they were eventually challenged with tasks high up in the air that they could only accomplish alone.

Criminology major Charlie Naurath said he was surprised how much of the class was ultimately about team building. Though originally seeking thrills through individual trials, Naurath came to appreciate all the activities that he could not have otherwise accomplished without his team members.

When I first signed up for this class I was more interested in participating in the ropes course than the actual team bonding part of the class, but in essence that was what the class was about team building,” Naurath said. The entire class was held outside and the morning mostly consisted of problem solving, competition and trust building through team activities.

“It lets your mind work in a different environment,” said Kristal Mora, a physical therapy major. Mora enjoyed having an entire day that didn’t feel like work, school or study time. Ropes, beams, swings and altitude were introduced to the class after lunch. The teamwork aspect continued in the ropes course, but this is where individual objectives began as well.

“A lot of this class was about trust, problem solving, social mingling and stepping over your comfort zone with the support from the people around you,” Mora said. When individual challenges began, the team that students had come to rely on and trust were now standing thirty feet below them on the ground. The only support given at this time was encouraging words. This is where many comfort zones can reach their limits. One individual exercise consisted of climbing up a 30-foot pole and jumping off the top of it to grab a rubber chicken off a wire.

The idea of “challenge by choice” has been implemented in all scenarios. This means that all participants have the opportunity to challenge themselves, but only if they chose to do so.

Everyone participating in these off-the-ground physical and mental challenges was wearing a harness and a helmet. Safety is a major priority in this class, and it showed when team members and instructors double-clicked and double-checked everything before anyone started climbing or jumping.

REC 75 is offered about 100 times per year, but it’s only offered as a class to students twice per year. The first class was Oct. 2 and the last class was Oct. 16. This course is open to businesses and other large groups, and students are welcome to sign up during these times as well.

VIDEO: Check out all the spine-tingling action online at http://collegian.csufresno.edu
Fresno State art grad kicks off career

Artist draws inspiration from experiences with ex

By Angel Moreno
The Collegian

Fresno State grad Kyle Hailey displayed his work at Art Hop earlier this month, making it his second art show where he displayed his work.

Hailey’s sister, who was at her brother’s first Art Hop show, provides Hailey with much-needed support. “My sister is my biggest supporter because she can understand where I’m coming from,” said Hailey. “She has even been the reason I’ve gotten some [art related] jobs.

Hailey held his second art show at Chance James Studios as a part of Fresno’s monthly Art Hop event earlier this month. Displayed were seven paintings at

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Art Hop, three of which included chocolate, black or white swirls surrounding females. Two of the paintings were of partially nude females, and the last one was of a little girl with pigtails sitting on a curb.

As a teen, Hailey sketched at all hours of the day and was consumed by his art. Hailey, 24, now spends 60 to 80 hours a week doing some type of art, mainly sketching.

Hailey, a recent graduate of Fresno State with a bachelor’s degree in liberal studies and a minor in art, is hoping to continue his education in the master’s program at UCLA.

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Hailey said there are some that think his work is controversial because the underlying theme of his artwork has to do with his past experiences with an ex-girlfriend, who worked as a stripper.

“It made me physically ill when I saw her perform.” Hailey said. “I just couldn’t handle it and what it was doing to me.

The situation was hard to swallow for Hailey, but he was able to express himself through his artwork.

“I hadn’t yet tapped into my feelings about the situation,” Hailey said. “It had taken me two years to get over the whole ordeal.”

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News briefs
Brief news for the brief attention span

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — San Francisco’s Exploratorium science museum is holding a groundbreaking ceremony at what will be its new home along the city’s waterfront.

The ceremony is scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday at Pier 15. The first stage of the $300 million project is expected to be completed within three years.

The museum has raised $209 million with the latest data from their research. The museum also plans to occupy Pier 17 as part of its expansion plan.

The network announced Monday that the 12-episode multi-camera comedy will premiere in January on CMT. The series will star Ed Asner as the crusty but lovable journalist Lou Grant. His return to TV has been long awaited by fans.

The prize is given to a person who can be compared with Andersen, the Danish writer who was born in 1805 and whose works have been translated into many languages. The original version of a song that another band has made a remake of, often used in a sarcastic manner.

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MODERN MUSEUMS

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NEW YORK (AP) — Television veteran Ed Asner is returning to series TV with the first scripted sitcom in CMT’s history. The show, “Working Class,” will premiere in January.

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PUZ...
'Dogs face Spartans for 75th time

By Luke Shaffer
The Collegian

When the phrase “every game is big” is thrown around, most people hear it and think it is just cliché to elaborate, but to coach Pat Hill and the Bulldogs, this saying couldn’t be more true.

After rebounding from their devastating loss to Hawaii two weeks ago by defeating New Mexico State over the weekend, Fresno State will square off against long-time rival San Jose State.

Coach Hill has stressed numerous times that as a team competing for a Western Athletic Conference Championship, the Bulldogs need to take one game at a time approach. The concentration should always be on the upcoming match and their focus concentration should always be on the present.

The rivalry dates back to 1921 when the first football game was played between the two schools. Currently, Fresno State leads the all-time series 38-33-3, and will look to beat the Spartans for the fourth consecutive year.

It’s the oldest standing football game played at this university. Hill said, “More games have been played against San Jose than anybody else. A lot of the teams that Fresno State had for rivalry games over the years, a lot of them have dropped football or no longer play.”

In addition to the fact that both teams are doing the right thing with or without helmet-to-helmet contact, he will immediately serve a suspension. Don’t be surprised if soon the NFL and NCAA have seen enough, as have I.

I am drawn to football for the same reasons as everyone else: I live for the flashy plays, the raucous crowds, the pageantry. But, above all else, I watch for the huge hits, the quarterback sacks, the blindside pancake blocks. Sometimes we have as many as eight-to-10,000 fans over there. It should be a nice migration through the Pacheco pass."

Coach Hill insists his players are up for the task and are determined to help the Bulldogs gut out a huge win over the Spartans.

Although San Jose State has struggled through a treacherous schedule and multiple injuries, Hill noted his players cannot take the week off, especially with the rivalry on the line.

Hill also stressed that if his team undertakes San Jose State’s offensive capabilities, it could be a long game. "They’ve played a very, very tough schedule, no doubt about it," Hill said. "We need to go in there and play a very good game. They’ll be very, very hungry for this one. That’s a tough schedule. I can understand what they’re going through there. But, you know what, they’ve played very hard every week, they keep battling, they’ve got great character and this is going to be a tough football game. If we go over there thinking this is going to be not a physical football game we’re wrong.”

Although the all-time series between Fresno State and San Jose State has been close, during Pat Hill’s tenure the ‘Dogs have been dominant, holding a 12-1 advantage over the Spartans.

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FOOTBALL REPORT

MID-SEASON

COACH: PAT HILL, 14TH SEASON  
RECORD: 4-2, NEXT OPPONENT SJSU

OFFENSE:
Outside of quarterback Ryan Colburn’s electric start to the season, the offense has been average at best. The once-proud run game that Fresno State is well known for has been nearly non existent against quality opponents. After averaging 228 yards per game on the ground last season, the ’Dogs have been held to 104 or fewer rushing yards in three games, two resulting in losses.

DEFENSE:
Compared to seasons past, the defense has played well above average after racking up 20 sacks, good for fourth-best in the nation. Defensive tackle Logan Harrell leads both the WAC and the team with 7.5 sacks. Last season, the ’Dogs collected a total of just 11 sacks. But like most teams under Pat Hill, the defense has yet again struggled against the run, giving up an average of 214 yards per game.

SPECIAL TEAMS:
Under first-year special teams coordinator Pete Alamar, the special teams unit has been consistent, but not overly flashy. Kicker Kevin Goessling has been solid, booting in seven of nine field goal attempts. With return ace Devon Wylie likely out of the year, Rashad Evans and freshman Jalen Saunders have stepped up in the return game. The ’Dogs have also kept the tradition of blocking kicks alive with three this season.

COACHING:
Despite the team suffering injuries to multiple positions, the coaching staff has been able to overcome the unpredictable by guiding the team to a reasonable 4-2 record. The game plan for each contest has been effective, but due to the lack of execution by the players, the season hasn’t all gone according to plan. If the players can continue to play on a consistent basis, expect a strong finish to end the season.

NEWCOMERS:
When a slew of early-season injuries gutted the receiving corps, some freshman were called on to produce, and they did not disappoint. Wide receiver Jalen Saunders has shined in his role as return specialist and filling in for injuries to Jamel Hamler, Evans and Wylie. Alongside Saunders, freshman Isaiah Burse has filled in nicely as well. Hill praised Derron Smith in his first start in last week’s win over New Mexico State in replacement of potential All-WAC safety Phillip Thomas.

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TODAY IN SPORTS HISTORY...

In 2007, Fresno State claimed the 72nd meeting against San Jose State by dismantling the Spartans 30-0 at home.

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Time to protect

Almost exactly six months ago I wrote an opinion column about the ever-changing rulebook in college and professional football. In this column, which you may or may not have read, I threw my own pity party about college foot-

ball adopting the same helmet-to-helmet contact rules that the NFL implemented some years ago in an effort to protect player safety.

I’m writing this column, after being glued to a football-filled TV set this past week-end, to eat my words.

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