Effects of budget prop on university

By Ana Mendoza
The Collegian

Proposition 25, if passed, will change California’s legislative process regarding the state budget and potentially give Fresno State more time to balance their budget.

Proposition 25 is aimed at requiring only a simple majority vote to pass the state’s annual budget, instead of a two-thirds vote.

Bernard Vinovrski, Fresno State’s associate vice president, said that if Prop 25 passes, Fresno State would benefit. Since the state budget will only require a simple majority, it could make for easier budget agreements. The university will know the exact amount of money they will have available for the year.

Vinovrski said that when Fresno State plans ahead they know how many students will be accepted every semester. When the budget is late, it becomes very hard for the university to accept new students, since it is unknown if the university will have adequate funds.

When the budget is passed on time, the university can plan ahead, said Vinovrski.

“The promise is good news for students.”

According to the Official Voter Information Guide, Prop 25 would “lower legislative vote requirements for the budget bill and related legislation.” It will not only require a majority vote instead of a two-thirds vote, but it will also withhold and sometimes not pay “some legislative pay.”

Fresno State has the majority vote legislation in place, according to the voter guide. It would also free up members of the legislature with the political majority to approve a budget bill without minority support.

Last year, when the budget was late, it cost taxpayers more than $8 million in interest payments, the voter guide said.

Those who oppose the proposition claim that if it becomes law, it would become easier for politicians to increase taxes. The proposition states, however, that bills that initiate taxes would require a two-thirds vote, but it would also withhold and sometimes not pay “some legislative pay.” Forty-seven states have the majority vote legislation in place, according to the voter guide.

The program has assigned a specific color to each department in Joyal Administration. Brighter colors represent the departments that deal more directly with students, while the internal departments, such as Human Resources, are represented by neutral colors. The color scheme will not replace the numbering system, but will be the primary distinction between departments, creating an intuitive sense of direction.

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EDITORIAL

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It’s common for many students to lose interest in political and legislative news after an election. Making an informed vote is admirable, but the on-again-off-again relationship many students have with the political system is a lazy approach to civic life. Students need to lead the way in being responsible citizens.

In 2011, the Intercollegiate Studies Institute asked 2,500 people questions about their civic knowledge. College graduates answered only 57 percent of the questions correctly in a survey that asked about the topic of the Lincoln-Douglas debates and other political and civic questions.

Civic awareness doesn’t have to be life consuming. Political responsibility can be as simple as picking up a newspaper or current events magazine. Reading about what’s happening in Washington and Sacramento can help start thought-provoking conversations with friends, build educated opinions on current events, and provide a context for processing what is happening in the world.

A well-rounded approach to political new sources is important. Some may dismiss a source they disagree with, but digesting opposing views builds a stronger concept of one’s core beliefs. When it comes to politics, independent thought is a valuable asset. Building an opinion based on news from multiple sources insulates against radical ideologies that sometimes compromise journalism. The Collegian, The Fresno Bee, The New York Times and other free papers on campus are good sources for political news. Students contributing to and from campus can use a drive time to catch up on radio news from diverse sources like local talk station KJMR and NPR. As so ruled upon by the Rally to Restore Sanity this past weekend, cable news is notorious for a lack of objectivity and is rarely a good choice for responsible civic awareness.

Well-informed students must go beyond The Daily Show, The Colbert Report and Saturday Night Live skits if they want to process issues at a level deeper than mere entertainment. Knowing the present political climate is good, but knowing how our nation arrived here is even better. Fountaining documents like the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution are required reading for anyone who wants to be politically aware. These documents show the values on which our nation was founded and an understanding of these values is essential in building a sophisticated political opinion. Students need to know specific provisions and memorize the structure of these documents.

College students are known for their activism, but it’s important to not confuse activism with political and civic knowledge. In college, it’s rare to learn about America’s founding principles.

More often than not, students learn about issues that divide our nation. Even though these principles may not be taught in college courses, they can be learned. Understanding history’s influence on today’s politics takes work and staying current on political developments takes time. If the educated don’t accept the challenge, who will?

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Painted the color of that department. Translucent sheets have been fitted onto the windows and display the functional identity of the departments. These sheets allow light from the halls to come in without the use of blinds, while also helping students find the office they are heading to.

Another change to the building is the number of entrances it is going to allow to remain open to students. Joyal Administration currently has five different entrances which can create confusion when giving directions to a specific location inside the building. As a result, the dead-end at the Northwest entrance of the building will be changed from a regular entrance to a keycard entrance for faculty and staff use only. This will reduce the number of entrances from five to four.

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Students are able to post flyers without bombard those designated to the departments.

One of the more fun and creative aspects of the Joyal Wayfinding Project will be the “super graphics” that will occupy the prominent walls of the stairways. The wall graphics will further push a contemporary student vibe by compiling photographs of Fresno State life.

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By Leonard Valente
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To encourage students to recycle, the University Student Union board of directors has installed two state of the art drinking fountains in the USU.

The new fountains offer filtered water and a special bottle refilling station that tracks the amount of water bottles saved by using it. According to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Americans purchase approximately 31 billion bottles of water each year.

Of those it is estimated only 10 percent are recycled each year with the majority ending up in a landfill.

Yozenia Carrillo, chair of the USU board said the water fountains in the USU needed replacing and the USU wanted to put in a fountain that was energy efficient and would help the environment.

The fountain made by Elkay is called the EZH20 because it makes it so much easier to refill a bottle then having to lean my bottle over and wait as it slowly fills up.”

Because of the budget restraints Carrillo said she isn’t sure if similar fountains will be installed other places on campus.

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Cinderella transformed her pumpkin into a carriage, but students of the American English Institute did something much better: They turned their pumpkins into masterpieces.

Over 25 international students took part in the annual pumpkin-carving event this past Wednesday. The students teamed up in groups, pairs or carved alone.

“We [AEI] try to have each session a cultural activity of some kind that students don’t experience in their home country,” said Marcy Gustafson, AEI office manager.

AEI is a non-credit intensive English program for international students representing over 15 countries. The program is designed to prepare students for an academic career at a college or university in the United States.

Some countries represented include Korea, Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, Mexico, Indonesia, Colombia, Palestine, Cameroon, El Salvador, Iran, Japan, Taiwan, China, Vietnam and Peru.

AEI students are required to pass the Test of English as a Foreign Language, which AEI courses help them prepare for, before being accepted into most U.S. colleges or universities.

“Our program helps them develop English skills or improve their current skills until they can pass the TOEFL and get started into university classes,” Gustafson said.

Adriana Ballestas, 26, joined AEI this semester and said that her pumpkin carving experience was funny. “I’ve never done this before,” Ballestas said.

Bardia Dehghamanshahi said carving pumpkin for his first time was hard, but he had a good time working next to Ballestas. “It was fun,” Dehghamanshahi said. “We talked and joked around together.”

Dehghamanshahi is from Iran and he has traveled back and forth for the past two years. He hopes to major in plant science once he’s accepted into Fresno State.

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By Janessa Tyler
The Collegian

American English Institute students enjoyed Capri Suns, popcorn and candy Wednesday afternoon as they carved pumpkins for the first time. Students entered their pumpkins in a contest after where prizes were awarded to first, second and third place.

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Chinese director defends break from arthouse

By Min Lee
Associated Press

HONG KONG (AP) — A Chinese director known for portraying working-class struggle decided on Saturday that he wants to try his hand at commercial cinema as he prepares to make his first kung fu epic.

Jia Zhangke made his name with realistic films that describe how China’s youth and workers cope with the country’s rapid economic growth. The 40-year-old filmmaker won the top prize at the 2006 Venice Film Festival with “Still Life,” a drama set against the destruction of a Chinese village to make way for the Three Gorges Dam.

But now Jia, whose credits also include “Pickpocket,” “The Platform” and “The World,” is getting ready to shoot a big-budget martial arts epic set at the beginning of the 20th century.

Critics are wondering if Jia is abandoning his roots. It’s the same charge that was leveled at Jia’s predecessors like Chen Kaige and Zhang Yimou. Chen and Zhang won critical acclaim in the West with stark stories of rural hardship but have gravitated toward commercial blockbusters in recent years.

Jia told The Associated Press in Hong Kong on Saturday that his fans have nothing to worry about.

“I will be back. I will not be afraid he was going to have to cut two songs from the set list for the Jazz Ensemble that featured popular songs like “How High the Moon” and “Teddy the Toad,” while the Jazz Orchestra played a seven song set with songs like “After You’ve Gone” and “Jumpy Blues.”

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Jazz-O-Ween is a still popular music department concert

By Zack Edwards
The Collegian

The department of music brought a little jazz to the beginning of the Halloween weekend with this year’s Jazz-O-Ween concert.

Jazz-O-Ween is an annual concert that showcases Fresno State’s Jazz Orchestra and Jazz Ensemble. The big difference between this show and other shows put on by the department is that at this show the performers wear costumes.

Performers at this year’s concert got into the Halloween spirit with costumes ranging from The Flash to Willy Wonka to an African tribesman. The costumes, however, didn’t stand in the way of the musicians’ ability to bring a little jazz to the Concert Hall.

This was the first concert of the year for the less experienced Jazz Ensemble, and their director, Dr. Alan Durst, thought they did a wonderful job along with the Jazz Orchestra.

“I thought they did an outstanding job,” Durst said. “It was a very hard program and I think they definitely rose to the occasion.”

Durst, who was dressed as Captain Jack Sparrow, was pleased that both bands were able to meet the level of the tough show he lined up.

“We rehearsed every single semester with a harder and harder program, and every time they come through, he said, “We’re lucky to have such hard working students.”

The musicians agreed.

William Melendez is a music major that plays alto saxophone in the Jazz Ensemble.

“I thought we did really well,” Melendez said. “I really look forward to this concert. It was the first concert of the semester, and I think it really shows that we’re going to do well and that the next concerts are going to be just as good.”

Durst told the audience that leading up to the show he was afraid he was going to have to cut two songs from the set list. However, the bands worked hard and were able to keep the songs in the show.

“It was a great show,” said Justin Copeland, a trumpet player in the Jazz Orchestra. “We rehearsed pretty hard and all the stuff we rehearsed came through in the performance.”

Durst and the bands put a lot of work into performing these shows, and it all begins over the summer with Durst pick out the set list for the Jazz Ensemble that featured popular songs like “How High the Moon” and “Teddy the Toad,” while the Jazz Orchestra played a seven song set with songs like “After You’ve Gone” and “Jumpy Blues.”

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Indian actor Shah Rukh Khan, left, is greeted by dancers as he arrives on the red carpet to attend the screening of his movie “My name is Khan” during the Rome Film Festival at Rome’s Auditorium, Sunday, Oct. 31, 2010.

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**WAC reformats conference tournament**

By Angel Moreno

The Collegian

A reformatting of the Western Athletic Conference Basketball Tournament was issued in August at the request of many coaches in the conference in order to preserve their teams’ Ratings Percentage Index (RPI) that gives them a better chance to grab one of the 34 at-large bids for the NCAA Tournament. RPI is a ratings system based on a mathematical equation that evaluates a team’s strength. To figure out RPI for a team like Fresno State, three factors are taken into consideration: a team’s winning percentage against Division 1 opponents, comprising 25 percent of the formula; and the winning percentage of a team’s opponents’ opponents, rounding out the remaining 75 percent of the formula.

In August, WAC Commissioner Karl Benson announced a new format change that was approved by the WAC board of directors this past summer. The new tournament format is based on a regular-season conference success, giving the top two teams at the end of conference play bye into the semifinal round of the conference tournament. Basketball coaches throughout the conference pushed for the change because it would add value to regular season standings, and preserve RPI throughout the entire season for the top teams, increasing their chance for an at-large bid into the NCAA Tournament. Some conferences that do institute the “double bye” method are the Big East and West Coast Conference. The WAC tournament format change will be identical to that of the WCC because it gives byes to the top two teams, leaving the lower eight teams to play for remaining two spots in the semifinals.

“This was our hope, that it would strengthen our RPI and our chance for a bid in March,” women’s basketball head coach Adrian Wiggins said. “By keeping our RPI high, and not putting it at risk with those early games in the (WAC) tournament, there’s an opportunity to grab a better seed [in the NCAA Tournament].” The Lady Bulldogs are coming off a spectacular season, going undefeated in conference play with a record of 16-0, and finishing the season with an overall record of 27-7. But the Bulldogs perfect record against conference opponents came crashing down, losing to Louisiana Tech by a mere two points in the WAC tournament championship game. Fortunately, the team still received an at-large bid into the NCAA Women’s Basketball Tournament, where it was ousted in the first round to Baylor. Wiggins knows that last season’s heartbreaking loss is sitting in the back of his players minds.

“It was our goal [to win the WAC tournament], and we didn’t achieve that,” said Wiggins. “We have always had a standard of doing better the next year, and this year we are improving to the next level.”

By Angel Moreno

The Collegian

**BASKETBALL: Wilson adds post presence**

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better at rebounding as we are not real big, so we need to be very strong on the backboard and rebound hard both offensively and defensively,” he added. In analyzing this year’s team compared to last year, the ‘Dogs still lack size. Their two tallest players are just more than six feet tall. Playing center against infant college last year, the ‘Dogs struggled against the Eagles, especially in the post area, being overpowered physically by taller players.

This year the ‘Dogs hope to establish a better post presence, led by senior center Veronica Wilson, who returns with an improved inside game. “It will be interesting to have Veronica on our team and to have a post presence, as we have never really had a main post player,” forward Rosie Moult said. “But it will be good to have her as it will give us a different aspect when we play the bigger teams.”

The early season schedule for Fresno State looks to be easy sailing as the ‘Dogs first real test won’t come until they meet Stanford a month into the schedule. The ‘Dogs look forward to this meeting and will be well prepared to give the Cardinal a run for their money as the ‘Dogs seek their fourth straight WAC regular season championship.
By Luke Shaffer
The Collegian

Comming into this season, the Fresno State women’s basketball team has stressed the importance of team confiden-
tce and character.

Through spending time together, the women’s bas-
tketball team has built close friendships with each other, whether they go camping or are having regular practices, the point of these activities is to bond.

By building these close ties, head coach Adrian Wiggins hopes that his team will become a better unit as they prepare for the upcoming sea-
son. With an overall record of 27-7 last year, the Bulldogs will continue to work on their play as they look to improve this season.

Although the ‘Dogs at times were dominate against other teams last season, at one point winning all their games from Jan. 1 to March 12, their success didn’t pay off in the NCAA tournament, losing in the first round to No. 6 seeded Baylor.

Despite the disappointing loss, the team is still optimis-
tic as they return five seniors from last year’s squad.

“It will be a challenge as we have good leadership and are returning five seniors who I think are up to the challenge,” Wiggins said. “We also have to become a better defensive team, and individually, be bet-
ter defending one-on-one.”

Senior guard Jaleesa Ross returns and brings her leader-
ship experience and big-time scoring abilities to the team. Also, senior forward Hayley Munro comes back to help out; she was second on the team last year in scoring. Wiggins returns for his sixth year as head coach and looks to con-
tinue his streak of not having a losing season.

This streak is the longest in the 45-year history of Fresno State’s athletic program, and he is highly respected among his peers. Averaging 21 wins per season, Wiggins has earned the Western Athletic Conference Coach of the Year award in two of the past three years.

With an overall record of 122-52 in five-plus seasons under his guidance, coach Wiggins preaches to his squad that there is always room for improvement.

“We want to try to be bet-
ter and always talk about being better every year, and

That means a lot as we had a pretty good season last year,” Wiggins said. “This year we have to start fast and try to play a consistent season.”

Also the team needs to be

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Women’s basketball prepared for successful season

By Zack Edwards
The Collegian

Not many people can say they have played on the PGA Tour. Not many people can make a living off the sport they love. Fresno State’s Mike Watney can claim both.

Watney is the coach of the Fresno State men’s golf team. He also was a member of the PGA Tour for a little over half a year.

“Being on tour was tremen-
dously exciting,” Watney said. “My wife, Paula, and I loved traveling around the coun-
try and experiencing that life for a few months. I was not a successful PGA Tour player. I won some events such as the Northern California PGA Championship and some mini-
tour events, but I would have been a journeyman at best if I stayed on tour.”

Towards the end of his time on the tour, Watney, a Fresno State alum, received a call from then athletic direc-
tor Gene Bourdet about a job opportunity. Bourdet was call-
ing to ask Watney to interview for the golf coach position.

“I had been an All-American golfer at Fresno State,” Watney said. “So they remem-
bered me when it came time to look for another golf coach.”

Watney, who has been golfing since he was 8-years-old, said he had never really thought about becoming a college golf coach until he received that call.

“I was a PGA member, and I thought that if I didn’t play the tour I would be a golf profes-
sional at a golf course somewhere,” Watney said. “When the opportunity came up, it sounded like a good idea.”

Watney has been coaching ever since. Now going on his 31st year as the head coach, he has seen a handful of Fresno State golfers go on to have suc-
cess on the PGA Tour. Most notably is his nephew, Nick Watney, who has been playing
strongly of late and just finished this year 12th on the FedEx points list.

“It is really exciting to have someone you know well do great on the tour,” Watney said. “When it’s family, it’s even better. We do kind of live and die with his ups and downs, but with Nick, it’s been pretty darn good.”

Watney has been fortunate enough to see his nephew play in such prestigious events as the U.S. Open and the British Open.

“Who knows if we would have ever gone to St. Andrews in Scotland if we didn’t go to watch him,” Watney said.

Watney has even been the reason some golfers come to Fresno State. Brian Sunker, for example, is a junior golfer with such a story.

“I came to Fresno State because of Coach Watney and the fact that I saw an oppor-
tunity to really improve,” Sunker said. “I’m really happy to play for Coach Watney I

think he’s one of the best coaches around. He knows a lot about the game and can really help. Watney is excited for the sec-
ond portion of this season and expects to have a very solid team. With numerous return-
ers and a few newcomers who he feels may be able to crack the lineup, he expects to have a competitive team this year.

“We’ll have more competi-
tion within the team to be the starters, so that will force all the guys to work harder,” Watney said. “This is a dedi-
cated group of guys who like each other too, and that is important for the success of the team. It’s going to be a great year.”

Watney is very grateful for his time as a college golf coach. He feels he has learned a lot from many of the great coaches to pass through Fresno State.

“Not only did they know the X’s and O’s, most of them have been people of great charac-
ter and high integrity who taught us that student athletes could grasp for a lifetime,” Watney said. “They were a great influence on me, and hopefully I am passing some of that on to my ath-
letes.”

Fresno State golf coach has strong ties to PGA

By Mike Watney /Collegian File Photo
Adrian Wiggins has averaged 23 wins per season in five years as head coach of the Fresno State women’s basketball team.

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Former Bulldog Nick Watney stormed onto the professional golf scene this season with his performances at the Masters Tournament and PGA Championship. Watney, who is the nephew of Fresno State head golf coach Mike Watney, is currently ranked 27th in the 2010 PGA Tour money leaders with more than $2.5 million.

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