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With resources such as e-mail, Blackboard, Twitter and Facebook, faculty office hours may not be as important to students anymore. According to Section 338 of the Teacher’s Policy Manual, each full-time professor at Fresno State is required to have at least five office hours each week.

When visiting office hours were the easiest and quickest way of contacting teachers, office hours were strictly enforced. Dr. Robert Maldonado, a professor in the philosophy department, said he used to be able to check on them to make sure they were in their offices.

“They used to actually check more because it used to be the case that if you put ‘by appointment,’ they didn’t like that,” said Maldonado. “They don’t seem to be policing it the way they used to.”

The policy states: “All full-time faculty shall schedule and maintain at least five office hours each week in their assigned offices. The five-hour requirement shall be a minimum amount of time, specifically posted, when students know that the professor is available for consultation without an appointment.”

In a random sampling of teacher’s office hours, 80 percent of teachers were in their office during posted times.

“I’m actually not so surprised,” Maldonado said of the results. “The majority of faculty want to help and want to be available.”

Students seem to have mixed feelings about the minimum amount of office hours.

Senior marketing major, Albert Tello, doesn’t feel his teacher’s office hours fit into his schedule. Tello said it is difficult to make time to meet with teachers while balancing a full load.

“I never use the instructor’s office hours. I feel like their office hours are not set well. They typically always conflict with the rest of my classes,” said Tello.

Kinesiology major, Lorenzo Llorente has mixed feelings about office hours. “Some teachers seem to have enough office hours and others seem to have none. It’s hard to know if you actually need them,” Llorente said.

Some students prefer avoiding office hours all together and use other means of communication with teachers.

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CSU: Don’t raise tuition

California State University Chancellor Charles B. Reed, a much-maligned fellow in the eyes of many students, is proposing a 5 percent tuition increase for students in the upcoming semester, on top of which would be a 10 percent increase starting fall 2011. CSU officials will meet tomorrow to be discussing these two measures, though it seems that some sort of tuition hike has already been agreed upon. If the two proposals are enacted, undergraduate students would pay $2,220 for the spring semester and $4,884 for the 2011-12 school year. According to The Fresno Bee, the CSU system has raised tuition four times since 2007. The school system, which touted itself as “tuition-free” in its 1972 Master Plan, has found itself cash-strapped during a world-wide-economic crisis which has led to decreasing tax revenues for the state of California.

While we understand that it is difficult to continue to provide education at the same price during a recession that has been characterized as the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression, there must be a better way than potentially raising tuition six times in a four-year period. In the recently approved 2010-11 California state budget, the CSU system received $106 million in restored funding and $60.6 million for increased enrollment. All of this was on top of $106 million in federal monies already received from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. This more than $365 million in funding for the CSU system, should be plenty for CSU trustees and Chancellor Reed to work with. The CSU should concentrate on cutting spending in innovative ways rather than reflexively raising tuition or instituting furlough days.

There is much waste in the CSU system. A front page story in The Collegian today points out that Fresno State potentially owes a great sum of money to Fresno County due to unpaid parking citation fees. This is an example of the type of waste that schools could cut out of their budgets, thereby lessening the burden of students and faculty. The CSU system also has a problem with enrollment. By allowing students in en masse, universities short shift already-enrolled students, who have to foot the bill for schools’ excess. The CSU should raise the standard by which students enter and force current students to maintain that standard. CSU schools should quit expanding. Fresno State is building a $7.5 million aquatic center one year after completing the Henry Madden Library, a state-of-the-art library that cost tens of millions of dollars, and seven years after completing the Save Mart Center, a huge arena which cost tens of millions of dollars more. All of these are wasteful expenditures that are beneficial both to students and the community, but the timing of these must be questioned.

The state legislature must work with California’s new governor, Jerry Brown, who campaigns on improving California’s higher education, to fund the CSU system with the appropriate amount of money, whatever that may be. Simply throwing money at higher education will not solve anything, but giving schools their funds with no strings attached would help them allocate the money in the best ways they see fit.

Raising tuition for students yet again is an egregious act by an out-of-touch, arrogant elite.

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FEE HIKE: Students speak out

“After receiving an increase in funds and opening enrollment for the spring, I think it sends mixed signals to the students and the politicians,” said Ramirez. “If the trustees want to hold the politicians accountable and pressure them into increasing funding, they shouldn’t show how easily they can raise fees.” Members from Students for Quality Education, or SQE, have begun a petition to combat the tuition increases. Hector Cerdá, a graduate student involved with SQE, said students should be able to have evidence that specifically states why these fee increases are necessary and how the added revenue will be used within the university.

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A Wednesday protest has also been planned with members traveling down to Long Beach. Tuesday will be devoted to the Finance Committee adopting a recommendation for the board. Wednesday is when the full Board of Trustees comes together to proceed with the meeting agenda.

Ana Mendoza contributed to this report.

HELP: More avenues for faculty, student interaction

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It’s difficult to know comparatively, but I think I get fewer students than some of my colleagues,” said Maldonado. “I think some students get intimidated by their own text.” Llorente is one of the students that may get intimidated. “I prefer to contact teachers by e-mail because I don’t like talking to my teachers face to face, one on one,” Llorente said.

Llorente added that he often uses Blackboard to get help from other classmates and finds it to be very effective.

Maldonado said that despite some misconceptions, teachers are willing and are available to help. “It’s just up to the students to benefit from their assistance,” Maldonado said.
The old saying “spring forward, fall back” is a reminder of how Daylight Saving Time changes our clocks twice a year. When Daylight Saving Time begins in the spring, clocks are turned an hour forward, shifting an hour of sunlight from morning to evening.

The sun will be setting an hour earlier now that Standard Time has resumed and many Fresno State students have night classes. Therefore, there are several important safety tips to remember.

According to Amy Armstrong, public information officer of the Campus Police Department at Fresno State, there are 19 sworn (certified) and 18 non-sworn officers on patrol who work full time with 25 student assistants. Some police officers are in patrol cars while parking officers and safety escorts are in the golf carts.

“We have quite a few people working, but we still want students to be proactive and keep an eye on what’s going on around them, letting us know if they see something dangerous or suspicious that we haven’t seen and report it to us,” Armstrong said.

Business administration major Georgina Perez has a class Wednesday nights this semester and said she’s a bit concerned about campus safety once the clock shifts back an hour. “I do worry about my safety at night because there are some areas on campus with not enough light,” Perez said. “I think there should be more lighting on the sidewalk by the Kremen Education building, and also between the Music and Joyal Administration buildings.”

Armstrong said if students ever feel unsafe walking to or from class on campus, they can call the Campus Police Department for a safety escort, available 24 hours a day. More than 30 emergency phones are located near almost every building and parking lot and are checked once every month to make sure they are working properly.

Mass communication and journalism major Maria Iñiguez takes night classes as well, and she is afraid that the campus may not be safe. “I worry about my safety at night because it’s harder to see and be able to recognize people,” Iñiguez said. “There are less people around at that time, so it’s scary to think you’re alone in case of an emergency.”

Armstrong hopes that students who have night classes will be aware of anything unsafe or suspicious. “When you walk from the parking lot to your classroom, you will know if something doesn’t seem right because you walk that path everyday,” Armstrong said. “If you see something out of the ordinary, we want you to tell us and we’ll go check it out.”

Students can see the safe light paths printed on the campus map. She advises students to let others know of their location if they’re alone, to stay in well lit areas after dark, and to report any areas where the lights are off to the Campus Police Department at 278-8400.

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Campus night safety: Standard Time resumes
Students use blogs to boost creative interests

Pablo Torres, a junior at Fresno State, found his creative outlet when he stumbled upon a blog that inspired him to post his creative ideas online. "It was a way for me to express my opinions and write about personal and school projects," Torres said.

A blog is defined as a frequent and chronological publication of personal thoughts, pictures and website links. "Surprisingly, I know a lot of people who don’t even know what a blog is," Torres explained. "Compared to when I started two years ago, blogging is a lot easier to do."

Blogging among students and the general public is becoming more popular as blogging platforms such as "Blogspot," "Wordpress" and "Tumblr" let people blog for free. These sites still offer users the option of customizing their blog site to their preferences. Torres suggested that students who want to get into blogging search for a blog that caters to their interests, views or writing style. "I didn’t even think about starting my own blog until I came across a college student from UCLA that inspired me to start blogging," Torres said. It took Torres two years to get enough content in his blog to attract a lot of readers. Those readers can comment on his content, along with being able to repost his posts on their own blogs.

Torres said that blogging is a great way to build a professional or school portfolio. Along with building a portfolio, it is a way to network and find people with similar interests and views. Whenever a certain blog catches his interest, Torres subscribes to it and receives weekly newsfeeds through his email. He cautioned to not include too much personal information within the blog and to keep it relatively general.

"You can blog anonymously, but if you want to take credit for the content of the blog in the future, try to keep out your personal life as much as possible," Torres said. "This should go for almost anything you post online, blog or not."

Torres explained that a friend who also blogs makes about $100 a week just from blogging. "It is possible to make money off of this, but it takes a lot of time and commitment, which can be difficult for full-time college students," Torres said.

Along with the possible income that blogs can bring in, many scholarships are offered to student bloggers. "If you’re passionate about a subject, then blog," said John Walker, who blogs through his literary magazine, Trachodon. Walker cautioned to avoid blogs as sources for any research paper.

"A blog can contain anything from creative writing to public librarianship, and usually contain a single perspective," Walker said. Kalis Kim, a recent Fresno State graduate and blogger, recommends that students start their own blogs. "It gives students practice with writing, a fresh perspective and analysis, [and provides] a creative outlet," Kim said. "The ability to read and analyze a non-objective piece of writing allows people to become better students. It lets them read about a subject that interests them, while also leaving the door open to gaining exposure to new topics."

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Creative blogging increasing in popularity

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The Fresno State College marching band performs at a football game at Ratcliffe Stadium during the 1956 season. The picture ran in the Nov. 7, 1956 issue of The Collegian.

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News briefs

**Brief news for the brief attention span**

**Palm Desert, Calif. (AP) —** The Riverside County coroner has determined that the one-time contestant on “The Bachelorette” reality TV show whose body was found off a highway in Southern California died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

A family spokesman, Audrey Doherty, said Friday that Julian Hug left his parents a letter explaining he was suffering from depression and felt suicide was the only way out. Hug's body was found Wednesday in the remote Pinyon Pines area off Highway 74 in Riverside County, about 90 miles east of Los Angeles.

Hug was a contestant on the ABC show, a spinoff of the network’s competitive dating show “The Bachelor,” in May 2009. Jillian Harris passed him over for Ed Swiderski in an early episode of the show.

**Miami (AP) —** The attorney for Marion “Suge” Knight says the rap mogul plans to appeal a judge's decision that dismissed his lawsuit against Kanye West.

Knight was shot in the leg in 2005 at a Miami Beach party hosted by West, and Knight blames West for lax security. His lawsuit is seeking more than $1 million in damages from West.

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Soccer wins WAC

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The Fresno State soccer team revived a tumultuous regular season by taking home the Western Athletic Conference tournament championship. On Sunday in Ruston, La., head coach Bryan Zwaschka’s squad took down top-seeded Louisiana Tech 3-0 to win its second title in three seasons.

Saturday’s Standouts

Game-changing moment: Punt block leads to huge fourth quarter
Austin Raphael’s blocked punt set up the Fresno State offense deep inside Louisiana Tech territory. The seven play drive started late in the third quarter and was finished off early in the fourth with Ryan Colburn’s one-yard touchdown plunge. The score gave Fresno State the lead it would never relinquish, ripping off 23 points in the fourth quarter as the ‘Dogs improved to 6-2 on the season.

Unsung hero: Jamel Hamler, receiver
Although overshadowed by Robbie Rouse’s record setting day, Hamler proved that he is indeed the team’s No. 1 receiver. Playing healthy for the first time since the Ole Miss game, Hamler dominated opposing defensive backs for eight receptions for 118 yards and a career-high three touchdowns.

What we learned:

- The image of Ryan Mathews in Bulldog red shredding opposing defenses has become a little bit more vague with a seemingly new and improved Robby Rouse. Mathews never carried the ball like Rouse did Saturday, but the tiny back from San Diego put the offense on his back in the Bulldogs’ third straight conference win. The defense, however, is going to need to tighten some things up if it has any hope to slow down a Nevada squad this weekend that posted an astonishing 763 total yards on Idaho.
- The unit had its moments, and surrendered just 308 yards, but looked sloppy early on in Rustin. The defense is starting to create some turnovers, a promising sign for a team that ranks in the bottom half of the WAC in turnovers.
- Offensive breakdown: The perennial run game that Fresno State football is so well known for is starting to emerge, and it can come at a better time. The ‘Dogs never stayed away from putting the ball in Robbie Rouse’s hands, despite falling behind 14-0 early on. Rouse finished the night with career-highs in carries (43) and rushing yards (283), and showed his toughness after taking a handful of big hits from the Louisiana Tech defense. Ryan Colburn and Jamel Hamler are stretching defensive boundaries as the two hooked up for three scores and 118 yards. Center Joe Bernardi was inserted back into the starting lineup and missing the previous game at San Jose State with an ankle injury. With another Andrew Jackson may see the field again when Fresno State takes on its first ranked opponent of the season in Nevada this Saturday.

Defensive breakdown:
- Despite putting the Fresno State offense in a quick 14-0 hole, the defense stepped up when it counted. After allowing the second touchdown of the day on a trick play to Louisiana Tech, the defense shut the Tech offense out of the end zone until the 7:11 mark in the third quarter. Desia Dunn’s fourth-quarter interception all but sealed the game for Fresno State. Although the defense allowed four touchdowns through the air, the run defense proved it was more than capable of stopping the talented Lennon Carree. Holding him to 46 yards. As a team, the ‘Dogs allowed just 89 yards rushing and 3.7 yards a carry. Defensive tackle Logan Harrell also added a sack.

Fourth-quarter surge too much for Tech

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After penalties stalled Fresno State’s next offensive drive, punter Andrew Shapiro shanked his fourth punt of the game 24 yards out of bounds. Then Fresno State’s special teams prowess peaked after the defense forced its sixth three-and-out of the game. On 4th-and-5 from the Louisiana Tech 30-yard line, fullback Austin Raphael bulldozed his way past blockers to record the first blocked punt of his career.
- After the momentum-changing special teams play, the State offense would reel off 17-straight unanswered points, led by Colburn’s two scores: a 1-yard plunge into the end zone and a 33-yard touchdown lob to Hamler. Going wild on a field goal in between to extend the ‘Dogs lead to 33-28.

But Phillip Livas would keep the game interesting for Louisiana Tech with a 95-yard kickoff return for a touchdown to narrow the Fresno State lead to 33-28.

With momentum on Louisiana Tech’s side, the Tech defense forced another Fresno State punt with 3:06 left to play in the 4th quarter. Louisiana Tech would get the chance to go for the go-ahead score, but on second down, cornerback Desia Dunn intercepted Davis’ deep overthrown pass by Jenkins that all but ended Louisiana Tech’s chances of a comeback.

On the very next play, Rouse would add onto his record-setting day with a 51-yard sprint to the end zone for a touchdown, cushioning Fresno State’s lead, 40-28. Rouse was nine yards shy of Fresno State’s all-time 283-yard single-game rushing record set by Wright in 2006 against Louisiana Tech.

“We have a lot of work to do, but we’re looking forward to getting better and going to work but its better to have a win under your belt instead of not having a win. We just have to win in November.”

Fresno State will return home Saturday after back-to-back road games to host No. 21 Nevada (8-1, 3-1) at Bulldog Stadium at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday’s Standouts

Interesting stat of the game: Time of possession difference
In every contest except the opening season victory over Cincinnati, Fresno State has controlled the time of possession, but by no more than 11 minutes. In Saturday’s win over Louisiana Tech, Fresno State held the ball for 41.02 more minutes than the opposition. The ‘Dogs had that big of possession difference since losing to Cincinnati last year on Sept. 26.

Call of the game: Rouse’s 51-yard run
After running power play after power play to the strong side of the formation, the Fresno State coaching staff finally dialed up a play to keep the ‘Dogs on the move. After getting off as Robby Rouse sprinted downfield untouched for the sophomore’s first touchdown of the game.

Dog bone giveaway: Robbie Rouse, running back
Three weeks ago fans all wondered how Fresno State would fare with the November schedule with no proven feature back behind Ryan Colburn. Robbie Rouse has answered the call with three straight huge games, including taking the rock for 283 yards in a season-high 43 carries.
BASKETBALL TIPS OFF AGAINST FRESNO PACIFIC

By Luke Shaffer
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On Saturday night, the Fresno State men and women’s 2010 basketball campaign kicked off with exhibition games against cross-town NCAA foe Fresno Pacific.

In the first game of the doubleheader, women’s head coach Adrian Wiggins’ squad pummeled the Sunbirds with a final score of 94-44. The second game of the night pitted the men’s teams and Fresno State won again by a score of 52-40.

Sophomore Greg Smith, who scored a game-high 16 points in the exhibition game against Fresno Pacific, Smith is a pre-season first-team All-WAC selection.

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