ASI scales back spending

By Ana Mendoza

In 2008, the Associated Student Body, Fresno State’s student government organization, was marked by high spending, a lawsuit and scandals. But 2010 brought about a different group of student officers and tighter spending.

Fresno State has been involved in several lawsuits and other money handling problems in recent years. The Auxiliary Organizations audit Report in 2008 revealed several of the universities money management problems in several Fresno State departments.

Some organizations within the university were shown to have no abnormalities but after months of investigation the Audit revealed that ASI, “did not reveal any major findings or significant internal problems or weaknesses.”

But months later, ASI was sued and a student was involved in a scandal that ended in the resignation of the ASI President, Mackee M. Mason and Executive Vice President Sandra Flores after admitting to underage drinking.

The test is offered in two formats. It can be taken yearly by appointment at computer based testing centers (Fresno State is a testing center), or as a paper based test which is only offered a couple times a year.

There are a variety of GRE prep materials to get students prepared for the test including computer adaptive test and prep books.

While grad school may seem like an eternity away for some students, it is just around the corner. For some students, for others it seem like an eternity away.

Located in the heart of downtown Fresno, the Kemper Bookstore is a one stop shop for all of your Fresno State needs, whether you are looking for the perfect gift or the latest book. The Kemper Bookstore is located at 2425 E. Elizabeth Ave.

A change has hit Fresno State with class schedules only being available online. But the shift to the electronic world hasn’t seemed to leave many negative feelings. This year’s spring 2011 class schedule was no longer available as a print copy in the Kemper Bookstore. The online schedule has not addressed any complaints to the bookstore or the registrar’s office about the transition.

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Beddall, says it’s not a problem so far.

“No one has come up to us and complained,” Durham said. “There are always going to be people that struggle with change, but so far everything has been running smoothly.”

He and associated director Jack Gartner also say the change is for the better.

“[It] has cut out the sales for the class schedules, but I think the fact of the matter is students are a lot more internet savvy and the new way of registering is more up to date and user friendly,” Gartner said.

That is not to say that there haven’t been a few confused students about the change.

“I’ve seen a few students look around for it but when an employee explains it’s only available online, they don’t seem mad,” Durham says. “In fact the student employees tell them where to find it and how to do it.”

Some students express their positive feedback for the change.

“When I was at Reedley Community College, I never used the print version of class schedules,” Lehtlanna Minter, a double major in political science and linguistics, said.

“The change has made the system much better and is easier to use.”

But the shift to the electronic version of the class schedule has not been without its challenges. Some students express their positive feedback for the change.

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EDITORIAL

UPD owes students answers

Last week, The Collegian’s Megan Morales wrote a three-part investigation of University Police Department and their potential lawsuit from Fresno County. After weeks of wafting and presenting incomplete information, it is clear that Fresno State Police Chief David Huerta must make transparency a bigger priority at UPD.

It’s not surprising when the press gets the runaround in sensitive matters like UPD’s debt to the county, but after administrators at two other California State University campuses readily supplied The Collegian with detailed parking information, UPD’s lack of transparency is laughable.

Amy Armstrong, the department’s public information officer, and Huerta provided The Collegian with very little information regarding where parking ticket money goes. Although we were able to find out that UPD received $840,000 in parking tickets in 2009-10 alone, none of that money is accounted for. Also not accounted for are the millions of dollars UPD collected from parking tickets in the last 10-12 years. Although Huerta said that the money is going toward the Red Bike program, most of the bikes in the program are old and in need of repair. He said UPD isn’t planning to purchase new bikes anytime soon. If UPD is using the money for the Red Bike program like they say they are, then Fresno State students should be riding to class on bikes comparable to those in Lane Armstrong’s garage.

UPD is it time to tell us where the money we pay for parking tickets goes. More questions than answers came out of last week’s investigation. Aside from where the money is going, UPD needs to explain why they stopped parking county fees, who in their legal counsel advised that they stop paying the fees, and why this issue is coming to light now after more than a decade of evading the payment of money owed to the county. They also need to explain about how much money they owe after ten years of not paying county fees.

The biggest question, though, is this: Who is paying these fees? Obviously the money has to come from University Police, but if they won’t tell us how they’ve been using the money, who’s to say even have the money to pay Fresno County? Will they pull from other sectors of the school, or will they increase the amount of parking tickets they give out to campus parking violators?

In a bad economy like the one we’re in now, students are paying more for less. Tuition will increase by more than 15 percent by fall 2011. financial aid is becoming scarce for those who need it most and students are getting less bang for their buck, with the lucky ones able to enroll in overcrowded classrooms.

The last thing students need is a bureaucratic University Police Department that is too busy using their funds irresponsibly to do their jobs.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

‘Dogs’ loss problematic

Once again, our football team had a chance to beat a Top-25-ranked team and found a way to lose. There are a few Pollyannas out there who will say, “Oh, I don’t want to say anything bad…” Well, I’m not one of them.

The Fresno Bee’s Matt James put it in a nutshell: “The Bulldogs couldn’t put it away, as has been the case in so many big games.” So true. Alas, there was no Bernard Berrian to rattle the opponents’ cage with a 96-yard kickoff return like he did against 23rd-ranked Wisconsin in 2003.

They made some stops at the end,” Coach Pat Hill said. Yes, coach, but it’s your job, along with those on your staff, to teach these young men how to prevent that from happening. You used a similar excuse (“…you have to give a little of your credit to the defensive stand…”) last year following the humiliating loss to Wyoming in the prestigious New Mexico Bowl, when the offense failed to get into the end zone after four tries from the one-yard line. It was Wyoming, for Pete’s sake.

More quotes from Matt James: “Somehow, someway, losing is intoxicating.” It certainly appears that way.

“This team can play with pretty much anyone…” Yes, it can. It just lacks the character to beat them.

The first step to overcoming a problem is to admit that it exists. It’s time for this team to start facing up.

Michael Kincheloe
Mass Communication & Journalism

CLARIFICATION

The tough loss to Nevada was softened by Rosace’s outstanding performance on Saturday, being the first Bulldog to run two consecutive 200-yard games.

Econometric researchers discovered something slightly more useful than the cat scientists, showing that late to bed, late to rise makes one healthy, wealthy and wise, not the other way around. They found that people with high I.Q.s got to bed and got up later.

Economists know why patients demand a second opinion. They’re entitled to a second opinion, even if it means one more procedure, one more pill.

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Thumbs down:
- Scientists decoding cats’ method of thinking

Scientists spent four years figuring out how cats drink. They used high-speed photography and other high tech tools to figure out the puzzle. It is funny, because it seems rather obvious to the rest of society. They use their tongues! Duh!

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more money. This year, ASI received $648,779. The 2009 abnor-
malities did not stop the after the year ended. Some costs decreased in 2009 such as the telephone fee, which was $6,825 in 2008 down to $2,908 in 2009. Traveling decreased from more than $50,000 in 2008 to $15,000 in 2009.

Not all fees decreased, however, as legal fees in 2008 were $1,544 and became $2,908 in 2009 due to lawsuits troubles. The cost of supplies in 2008 was $15,191. In 2009 it went to $8,892.

In the 2008 fiscal year, the $590,071, only $94,633 was spent on student programs, such as clubs. Melissa Mata, a senior and former ASI senator also believes that students should be more involved in the student government. “They represent you on the state level.” Mata said. “How they behave, what they do, it’s representing you and ultimately your money.”

In October of this year, California State University, Long Beach student newspaper The Daily 49er published an article criticizing the high wages its student government members received. The president, vice president and treasurer each received $22,762 in annual income.

The highest wage for student government, according to the article, is the student government president from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo who earns an annual income of $122,121.

According to Sanchez, the president of ASI is supposed to make $400 every two weeks. Sanchez says he and Executive Vice President Selena Perny make $575 per month.

In an effort to help all ASI executives have the option of purchasing a yellow parking permit which allows them to park closer to campus in the employee parking lot. They also receive a $50 cell phone stipend and early class registration and sometimes free tickets to Save Mart Center events.

According to the bylaws the main purpose of the organization is to “meet the needs of the students and campus communities on the University, and stimulate the educational, social and physical well being of the University community.” Sanchez affirmed that ASI has been registering students to vote and has encouraged students to call state officials to voice themselves about pressing issues, like the fee increases. The power ASI has is utilized in a very positive and good way, it can lead to big changes. But (ASI) cannot do it alone. We need the student body to be involved in the process,” Martinez said.

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Cities embrace pot as tax

By Marcus Wolthens Associated Press

Californians may have rejected legalizing re-
creational marijuana, but voters across the state are more than ready to reap revenue from the state’s largest cash crop.

On Election Day, all 10 cit-
es with local measures on their ballots approved new or higher taxes on marijuana sales that put the need for cash over the stigma of a federally banned drug.

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But Beddall explains that going green was an added ben-
it to the user-friendly transi-
tion. “I asked around if students use the print version, and nine times out of ten they said no and that they preferred regis-
tering online,” Beddall said.

But Beddall thinks that this meant that the move to the Internet was the best option for students and that they are open to students and encour-
age them to contribute to the process.

“We actually take sugges-
tions from students about how we can make the process easi-
er and we’ve implemented lot of those changes especially the good ones,” Beddall said. “One thing we have thought about is adding a keyword search to make it easier for students to find things quicker, but we haven’t done that.”

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Band Day rocks Bulldog Stadium

By Anna Jacobsen
The Collegian

Saturday’s football game against Nevada had a special treat for halftime entertainment: Band Day, an annual event bringing high school marching bands from around California together to perform with Fresno State’s band. Bands as far away as Lake Arrowhead, Calif. traveled to Fresno State for the performance. More than 1,600 high school students joined Fresno State’s band in Bulldog Stadium to perform pieces honoring heroes from World War II. Among the musical selections was Glenn Miller’s famous hit “In The Mood.”

“It adds an awful lot of pageantry,” said Tim Anderson, Fresno State’s band director. “Every square inch of the field is covered with 2,000 people for the show.”

As high school bands lined up in the north end zone for their entrance just before halftime, football fans knew something special was in store instead of the usual mid-game entertainment.

Nichelle Ellis, a sophomore criminology major, enjoyed the variety Band Day brought to the game. “It was really colorful,” Ellis said. “I thought it was a really good opportunity for the high schools to come out here and show us their stuff. Maybe some of them in a few years will be playing out here.”

Anderson said the different uniforms added a colorful visual aspect to the performance. “It’s like a kaleidoscope of colors,” Anderson said. “It’s really fun to see and the fans really enjoy it.”

Ryan Dirlam, Fresno State’s marching band president, said preparation for Band Day began a few months ago. “We have to think about the difficulty level,” Dirlam said. “We have to keep it interesting for Fresno State’s band, but we also have to make sure it’s interesting for the high school students as well.”

Dirlam said Band Day is an important recruiting venue for Fresno State’s marching band. “Almost any band member that has come from the Central Valley has seen the Fresno State marching band, whether it’s at Sierra Cup Classic or at Band Day,” Dirlam said. “It exposes another group of freshmen to Fresno State, and they can see how we grow through the years.”

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Marco Mellone, Fresno State’s senior drum major, adds that the event shows students the musical opportunities they have after high school. “It shows high school students that it doesn’t stop after high school, that there is a way to keep going and keep the music alive in a way that’s fun and active,” Mellone said. “It’s not just sitting in a chair in a band room or a concert hall.”

Jerry Lees, band director from Rim of the World High School, said he brought his band to Band Day because of Fresno State’s strong musical reputation. “I started looking for a place to take my groups,” Lees said. “Fresno came up and I know they have a strong school of music. It’s a great school.”

The Bulldog Marching Band performed with 22 high school marching bands at Saturday night’s football game. The game’s theme was Band Day.

Bulldog Marching Band and local high school bands steal the show

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News briefs

Brief news for the brief attention span

ATLANTA (AP) — The two members of the country duo Sugarland avoided a nasty public trial with the group’s founding member, settling a lawsuit over claims that she was owed an estimated $14 million of the band’s profits after she left to pursue a solo career five years ago.

Sugarland, which last week was named the Country Music Association’s vocal duo of the year, was set to go to trial Monday with founding member Kristen Hall over claims she was owed one-third of the band’s profits even though she quit the band in December 2005.

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The complaint said Hall, who founded the band in 2002, set the stage for the group’s success by acting as its manager, marketing officer and tour organizer in its early years. It said she used her personal credit cards to pay for the band’s expenses, and that she “collaborated generously” on the debut album, which sold millions of copies.

Nettles and Bush countered in court documents that Hall never reached a profit-sharing agreement with them when she quit. They said they were left to repay almost $100,000 in debts after Hall left, and that she had “no expectation that the parties would ever work together again.”
The Sports Desk

Saturday’s Standouts

Game-changing moment: Colburn fumble just before the end of the half

Clinging to just a three-point lead just before the half, head coach Pat Hill opted to try to move into scoring position despite being backed up on Fresno State’s own 29-yard line with only a minute left. On second down, quarterback Ryan Colburn lost control of the ball and Nevada pounced on the fumble. Two plays later the Wolf Pack were in the end zone and entered the locker rooms up 21-17 with all the momentum.

Unsung hero: Austin Wentworth, guard

Both Andrew Jackson and his backup Leslie Cooper were out with injuries, causing Pat Hill to call on the 6-foot-5, 305-pound freshman Wentworth to fill the void. Wentworth and right side of the offensive line opened some gaping holes for Robbie Rouse.

Nevada sealed the deal when...

...Fresno State quarterback Ryan Colburn’s fumble set up a Nevada touchdown. The senior was flushed from the pocket after a heavy blitz from the Nevada linebackers. Colburn was hit as the pocket after a heavy blitz from the Nevada linebackers. Colburn was hit as

What we learned:

Fresno State did not lose the game due to effort, far from it. Entering the game undermanned, especially along the offensive line, the ‘Dogs hung with one of the premier offenses in the country. With that being said, the Bulldogs left far too many opportunities on the field. If Kevin Goessling knocks through his 56-yard attempt in the first quarter, the ‘Dogs win. If Fresno State moves the chains just once after Nevada turned the ball over on downs in the fourth quarter, the Bulldogs win. But head coach Pat Hill will be the first to say that “ifs” don’t win games. On a positive note, Robbie Rouse looked sensational and it’s becoming obvious Fresno State has depth along the offensive line.

Offensive breakdown:

The Fresno State offense played its best game of the year, but fell short when it mattered most. With the game hanging in the balance, Nevada’s Colin Kaepernick and the pistol offense was held in check for most of the night despite ripping off a few long runs, but it was his arm that beat the ‘Dogs. The secondary was torched late in the fourth quarter as Kaepernick completed five passes for 51 yards en route to scoring the game-sealing touchdown for Nevada. The defense couldn’t get off the field in the fourth quarter as Nevada kept the ball for 10:46 compared to Fresno State’s 4:14. Linebacker Kyle Knox’s big stop for 10:46 compared to Fresno State’s 4:14. Linebacker Kyle Knox’s big stop

Defensive breakdown:

Although the outcome of the game was in Nevada’s favor, the defense actually played better than expected against the Nevada’s Colin Kaepernick and the pistol offense. Kaepernick was held in check for most of the night despite ripping off a few long runs, but it was his arm that beat the ‘Dogs. The secondary was torched late in the fourth quarter as Kaepernick completed five passes for 51 yards en route to scoring the game-sealing touchdown for Nevada. The defense couldn’t get off the field in the fourth quarter as Nevada kept the ball for 10:46 compared to Fresno State’s 4:14. Linebacker Kyle Knox’s big stop

Game-changing plays, but the Fresno State offense failed to convert those two huge opportunities on the field. If Kevin Goessling knocks through his 56-yard attempt in the end zone were game-changing plays, but the Fresno State offense failed to convert those two huge turnovers for scores. At the end of the day, the defense just didn’t enough to keep the ‘Dogs in it, but the offense did not.

Offensive line

Robbie Rouse’s 217 rushing yards and two touchdowns. Despite Rouse’s heroics, the offense couldn’t capitalize on his performance. Quarterback Ryan Colburn was sharp through three quarters, but he didn’t show up in the clutch.

Saturday’s Standouts

Interesting stat of the game: Out-running the Wolf Pack

For the first time since Sept. 19, 2009 Nevada had few rush yards in a game than its opponent. Paced by Fresno State running back Robbie Rouse’s explosive performance (26 carries, 217 yards, two touchdowns) the ‘Dogs rushed for 250 yards to the Wolf Pack’s 245. Nevada came into the game averaging 317 yards per game on the ground.

Call of the game: Dial up the blitz

Nevada had a difficult time getting to Ryan Colburn for much of the night, but with the game on the line, the Wolf Pack defense delivered. On fourth-and-five and the game hanging in the balance, Nevada defensive coordinator Andy Buh loaded the box and immediately put pressure on Colburn, forcing the quarterback to his right before getting hit by Dontay Moch as the pass fell incomplete.

Dog bone giveaway: Bulldog offensive line

A giant question mark was placed on the offensive line in the week leading up to the game. Center Joe Bernardi was questionable, guard Andrew Jackson has missed the last eight weeks and even some backups were hobbled with injuries. The line, however, paved the way for Robbie Rouse’s 217 rushing yards and allowed just two sacks all night.

Fitness Friday

Fitness Friday: A look at the Wolf Pack’s conditioning

The Wolf Pack were disappointed with their performance in last week’s loss to Nevada. The team needs to focus on conditioning and getting back to basics to get ready for the upcoming game against San Jose State. The Wolf Pack practiced in the weight room after the game and will continue to work on their conditioning in the coming weeks.

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Fresno State’s WAC Title hopes end

By Ben Ingersoll
The Collegian

With aspirations of a first Western Athletic Conference title billed in the balance, and 72 yards of Jim Sweeney’s field turf to work with, quarterback Pean Colburn had his chance to do what a Bulldog quarterback has not done in six seasons: take down a ranked opponent. But when a pair of questionable run calls and a short completion set Colburn up with a fourth-and-five situation on Fresno State’s final drive, the Nevada defense did what it struggled doing for much of the game: get to the quarterback.

A heavy blitz dialed up by the Wolf Pack forced Colburn into a desperation incomplete pass that both hushed the raucous Bulldog Stadium and eliminated Fresno State from WAC title contention. For Colburn the 35-34 loss was a bitter ending to a game that Fresno State had controlled in sync, confident and in control on offense.

“I don’t think there was any point during tonight where we didn’t feel we were going to win,” Colburn said. “We had great belief in ourselves and our teammates in each other. We just didn’t get it done.”

The Bulldogs and Wolf Pack were possibly the main cause of the ‘Dogs first two quarters as Robbie Rouse and the Fresno State defense held pace with Nevada’s lethal pistol attack that came into the game ranked second in the country in rushing yards. Rouse had his team up 20-0 at the half, finishing with 217 yards on 36 carries despite playing behind a depleted offensive line that started three underclassmen.

But after Rouse’s first two scores of the night, the opening quarter (one rushing, one receiving), Nevada quarterback Colin Kaepernick showed how he has torched the Dogs four years running now. Down 17-7, Kaepernick engineered a 10-play drive just before halftime to cut the Bulldog lead to 17-14. Moments later, after Colburn fumbled a ball into the hands of a Wolf Pack player, the Nevada offense continued to run down the clock, scoring on a 2-yard run by the option type teams.”

But after the ensuing drive lasted less than a minute for Fresno State, the Bulldogs were forced to punt the ball back to the most dangerous offense in the WAC, averaging 542 yards per game. The Pistol attack chewed up 3:05 of the clock, drove 54 yards and on the seventh play of the series, Taua ripped off his longest run of the night, a 24-yard touch down off a dive option play for the game-sealing lead at 35-34.

Fresno State football and Nevada football gained a lot of respect in this country tonight.” Hill said following the loss both drops Fresno State from the conference title race and puts Nevada in Idaho.”

Although this move by Wiggins was good in the per- spective of trying to let some of his younger athletes gain confidence, Santa Clara was still trying to mount a come- back against the Broncos. “There’s no doubt about it. That was a great foot- ball game you guys witnessed here. Just didn’t come out the way we had it planned. I really believed we were going to win that football game on that last drive.”

We need to put this thing behind us,” Hill said. “We need to move on. We have a great matchup against Boise in Idaho.”

Fresno State opens season with road win

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SANTA CLARA—Opening the season on Friday night, the Fresno State Bulldogs collected their first win in four years, taking on the Santa Clara University Broncos.

Although first-game jitters were possibly the main cause of the ‘Dogs first-half woes, the team struggled early on to execute plays and control the game’s play calling. Early in the game, the ‘Dogs traded steals and sloppy turns with the Broncos, as neither side could find any offensive rhythm. After the first timeout on the floor was taken 10 minutes into the match, the score stood at 7-6 in favor of Santa Clara.

After the timeout, the ‘Dogs started to make a quick run, led by senior guard Alex Furr and Hayley Munro. With the first half winding down, Furr made a few quick steals against the Broncos and brought the ball up past half court to find a wide open woman, who was waiting to drain the basket. These multiple plays brought the score to 35-21 at the end of the first half.

Opening up the second half, the Fresno State offense was working on a run of their scoring on two quick lay ups and drawing a foul to complete a small comeback narrowing the gap to 35-30. Then the two teams began a seesaw battle as each side traded baskets with less 12 seconds to go, a scenario both teams were well aware of. In the game, the ‘Dogs began to pull away from their opponent. Fresno State player, Marnique Arnold started to assert herself as she finished with a strong overall performance collecting 12 points in 22 minutes of playing time as a reserve.

In addition, down the stretch, forward Hayley Munro hit a couple of crucial three pointers and the Bulldogs were able to cruise toward a non-confer- ence victory.

With a comfortable 20 point lead, Wiggins was able to insert younger and inexperienced players like true freshman Alex Purrr into the game to give them some quality play- ing time.

Although this move by Wiggins was good in the perspective of trying to let some of his younger athletes gain confidence, Santa Clara was still trying to mount a come- back which led to Purrr being easily pushed around.

At the end of the game the score stood 74-54 and Wiggins’ squad came away with their first win of the early season. The ‘Dogs played a good game but decided that they still needed to work on a few kinks in order to continue to perfect their playing ability on the court as a team first effort.

I think overall we played good, but they are still some things we can work on,” Arnold said. “Being that it was our first game, everyone had jitters. But if we go watch film see what we need to work on as far as defense and help rotation we should be fine.”

Fresno State returns home this Wednesday for their first home-court game of the season against the Cal Poly Mustangs.