The Collegian Student Body Fee Referendum allows students to approve or disapprove an increase in the Student Body Fee specifically to fund The Collegian.

The Collegian is the student-run Fresno State newspaper — it is the voice of the students on campus. But The Collegian gets part of its funds from Associated Students, which creates a conflict of interest. In a democracy, the press should be separate from government. A newspaper should be accountable only to its readers. The initiative would separate Collegian funding from Associated Students.

Also, The Collegian’s portion of the Student Body Fee has not increased in 16 years and, in fact, has decreased over the past three years. The Collegian is now dipping into its reserves to meet its rising costs. These reserves will be exhausted in 2005–2006 if The Collegian’s portion of the Student Body Fee is not increased. Without this income, the campus’s only student-run newspaper may wither away as its quality and production decline. Without a fee increase, The Collegian might have to cut back to one issue per week, reducing your access to campus news.

If the initiative is approved you will see:

- More student involvement
- More color
- More pages
- More illustrations
- More cartoons
- Interactive Web site

**Pro**

“Because The Collegian’s portion of the student body fee has not increased in 16 years, an increase seems reasonable.”

“I rarely miss reading The Collegian because it is by students and about students.”

“I support The Collegian because it gives 50–75 students jobs each semester.”

“This campus is growing, and it deserves a top-quality newspaper.”

**Con**

“I think that students who don’t read The Collegian shouldn’t have to pay for it.”

“I only come to class on Tuesday and Thursday and the papers are all gone by then.”

“I read The Collegian but I don’t want to pay even one more dollar for anything.”

“I don’t read newspapers; I only watch TV for my news.”

**The Collegian Student Body Fee Referendum**

Shall the Student Body Fee be raised for the specific purpose of funding The Collegian student newspaper by $1.50 in the fall of 2005, and increased for inflation to $2.50 per semester in 2006–2007, $3.50 per semester in 2007–2008, $4.50 per semester in 2008–2009, and $5.50 per semester in 2009–2010, and remain at that level in subsequent years?

☐ **YES** A YES vote indicates your approval of raising the Student Body Fee for the specific purpose of funding The Collegian student newspaper by $1.50 in the fall of 2005, and increasing for inflation to $2.50 per semester in 2006–2007, $3.50 per semester in 2007–2008, $4.50 per semester in 2008–2009, and $5.50 per semester in 2009–2010, and remain at that level in subsequent years.

☐ **NO** A NO vote indicates your disapproval of raising the Student Body Fee for the specific purpose of funding The Collegian student newspaper by $1.50 in the fall of 2005, and increasing for inflation to $2.50 per semester in 2006–2007, $3.50 per semester in 2007–2008, $4.50 per semester in 2008–2009, and $5.50 per semester in 2009–2010, and remain at that level in subsequent years.

Referendum Dates/Times: April 20, 2005, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., April 21, 2005, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Polling Locations: University Student Union, South Gym, Satellite Student Union, Joyal Administration Building
Voter pamphlets are available at the University Student Union, Joyal Administration Building, The Collegian office (SA 169)
Web site: www.csufresno.edu/collegian