Senate bill to make transfers to CSU schools easier

Alicia Freeman

Senate Bill (SB) 1440 was signed into law by Governor Schwarzenegger yesterday, allowing community college students to have an easier route into California State University (CSU) schools.

With "baby-boomers" on their way to retirement, the bill addresses a faster way for students to get into the workplace, according to a SB 1440 fact sheet. In fact, according to the fact sheet, "the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that 43 percent of the U.S. private labor force is also eligible to retire between 2004 and 2012."

Erik Fallis, the media relations specialist for the CSU Chancellor's Office, said the bills aim to make the transferring process easier in order to allow students to graduate faster and fill that void.

"In brief, this bill provides a clearer pathway from the community college to a CSU bachelor's (degree) through the associate's degree for transfer within a specific focus," Fallis said. "Students who complete the transfer associate's would have 60 units of transferrable credit, enter as a junior and only need to complete a minimum of twice a day to return to campus and about 50 in the shelter."

As a way of determining which cats have been cared for and which haven't, the program uses a clipping system.

"Once the cats have been taken care of, their ears will be clipped," Griffin-Shaw said. "This is when the tip of the ear is taken off. It's a universal way for people to see that the cat has already been neutered."

After the ears have been spayed (female) or neutered (male) and vaccinated, they are either released back onto campus or put into the shelter. There are 12 feeding stations throughout Cal Poly, which provide the shelter with dry food. Volunteers of the Cat Program monitor each station a minimum of twice a day to record any problems the cats may have or to find new ones. Primarily, the additional 60 units for most university degree programs."

The bill also would help raise the frustrations of transferring. "(SB 1440) would also reduce the number of unnecessary, non-transferrable or redundant courses a student takes during their undergraduate college," Fallis said. "Rachael Acosta, 22, a Cuesta College student who hopes to major in political science and has been trying to transfer to Cal Poly, said she finds the bill a relief."

"After three years of being in college, (Cal Poly) said they were not accepting transfers for the spring," Acosta said. "That put my education on hold another year. I tried applying the 'excuse' non-transferrable or redundant classes, (SB 1440) frees up seats for other students allowing CSUs to fill that void."

With the California budget crisis and schools such as Cal Poly accepting less transfers, one may wonder how this bill will affect the economy. Fallis said with the simpler system, the financial burden on schools will lift and they will be able to serve more students.

"Because of the elimination of and (California Community Colleges) the ability to serve an additional 50,000 students," Fallis said.

Alexa Kuster, a Cuesta College student who hopes to major in environmental studies, likes the idea of an easier route into college, but also thinks the struggle of transferring is essential to a student's work ethic. "You have to work as hard as possible to transfer to (California Community Colleges) the ability to serve an additional 50,000 students," Fallis said.

Alicia Freeman, an admissions counselor at CSU Chico, said she finds the new system beneficial. "I believe this bill is a relief. With the California budget crisis and schools such as Cal Poly accepting less transfers, this bill will help the economy."

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Journalism's PR concentration in new hands

Marisa Bloch

Cal Poly's journalism department recently promoted part-time lecturer, Dan Eller, to be the new head of the public relations (PR) concentration.

"The doors opened and things happened to line up," Eller said. "For me, this is a dream come true to be in a full-time teaching position as well as the head of PR.

With the recent departure of former PR head, Doug Swanson, the journalism department was faced with the challenge of finding someone to take his place. Eller, who has been at Cal Poly for six years and has nearly 20 years of PR experience, believes he is ready to take on the task.

Eller graduated from California State University, Northridge with a bachelor's and master's degree from the College of Communications. "I believe this bill is a relief. With the California budget crisis and schools such as Cal Poly accepting less transfers, this bill will help the economy."

Dan Eller, who is also the Director of Communications at Hearst Castle, has worked in public relations for approximately 20 years.
"I think (SB 1440) is a positive because that would get more kids into colleges, but I think we need that competitive edge to make us work harder," Küster said. "Community college students should have to work as hard. It's not fair to the university students who already got in."

Küster also said she was under the impression that transferring to a CSU or a University of California school (UC) was easy in the first place.

"I talked to a counselor at Cuesta who said if I signed a contract to a UC or CSU, I could get in," Küster said. "I thought it was kind of a guarantee if I signed a contract."

The bill, however, will not help student transfers to UC schools, according to Fallas.

"(SB 1440) is specific to the CSU system and community colleges. Another bill, Assembly Bill 2302, relates to the UC and the alignment of programs," Fallas said.

AB 2302 is similar to SB 1440, with providing an associate's degree that is transferrable, according to the bill. It also urges these programs to be more readily available and to have students more thoroughly informed about them. In addition, the bill also aims for UC schools to address which courses are beneficial to a transfer student and for CSU schools to address which community college majors are similar to their own.

With more opportunity for transfer students, Küster said she is excited about the possibilities. "I like it," Küster said. "Education should be more of a priority."

For more info go to KCPR.org or come to a info meeting on September 29 @ 6pm.
The federal government has rejected as a longtime Latina household worker's claim that she suffered from "stress" when she started working (or Whitman's housekeeper of nine years to describe her treatment.

The letter goes on to say that help is likely, means the state will not reimburse the woman was fired nine years after she revealed she was an illegal immigrant.

The sources said the woman will tell "how she suffered because she was allowed to work as Meg Whitman's housekeeper of nine years to describe her treatment."

Al-Masri was believed to have, the group's No. 3 commander. He replaced Mustafa al-Yazid, another high-ranking al-Qaida figure may have been killed in a weekend missile strike. Taken together, the strikes underscored the fact that not all insurgents fighting Western troops in Afghanistan are Taliban. Loose alliances exist among many militant groups, including al-Qaida, which draws foot soldiers from the Middle East and Central Asia, and the Haqqani network, a virulent insurgent faction based in Pakistan's North Waziristan tribal area.

The airstrike, in Kunar province's Barakzai, which had long served as a safe haven for al-Qaida and Taliban militants. The sources said they were still trying to confirm that al-Masri was killed in the attack. If confirmed, his death would mark another victory in Washington's ongoing campaign of drone attacks against al-Qaida and Taliban commanders in Pakistan's largely ungoverned tribal areas.

Al-Masri was believed to have replaced Mustafa al-Yazid, another senior al-Qaida figure, described as the group's No. 3 commander. He was killed in a U.S. drone missile strike in May.

Pakistani intelligence sources said al-Masri was in a car when the missile struck. Three other suspected militants in the vehicle also died in the attack.

So far this month, the U.S. has carried out 21 drone strikes in Pakistan's tribal regions, the highest monthly total ever in Washington's ongoing drone campaign against militants. Most of this month's strikes have focused on suspected stronghold compounds in North Waziristan belonging to the Haqqani network.

Somali pirates have seized a Panamanian-owned ship and its crew of 15 Indians, a group which monitors marine activity off the coast of Somalia said Wednesday.

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Obama holds discussion with group of residents in an Iowa neighborhood backyard to address concerns and policies

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TRIBUNE WASHINGTON BUREAU

Neighborhood residents invited to a small backyard conversation with President Barack Obama on Wednesday told him they were deeply worried about the economy and uneasy about his tax, war and health care policies.

The event carried echoes of Obama's televised town hall session last week, in which one of the participants, Velma Hart, said she was tired of defending him and disappointed that more hadn't been done to help middle-class families.

Returning to the state that launched him on a winning path toward the Democratic nomination, Obama spoke to an audience that had clear misgivings about some of his policies.

The first question came from Mary Stier, mother of a 24-year-old college graduate who is still trying to find full-time work. While Stier said her son had "campaigned fiercely for you and was very inspired by your message of hope," he and his friends are now "struggling" and "losing their hope," she said.

Obama has been taking part in such forums for two main reasons: to show empathy for Americans struggling amid tough economics and to make the case for Democrats in advance of the midterm elections.

Aides said Obama enjoys meeting with small groups of people outside Washington as a way to escape the insularity of the White House. While audiences have been respectful and polite, they've used the rare encounter with a sitting president to make known their displeasure with current conditions.

Obama spoke to a small group of residents in Albuquerque, N.M., on Tuesday and he was scheduled to appear at a similar forum in Richmond, Va., later on Wednesday.

Obama, not wearing a jacket or tie, his sleeves rolled up, gave a broad defense of his policies and denounced proposals coming from Republicans.

"When you look at the choice we face in this election coming up, the other side, what it's really offering, in the same policy that from 2001 to 2009 put off hard problems and didn't really speak honestly to the American people about how we're going to get this country on track over the long term," he said.

In reply to Stier, a former publisher of the Des Moines Register newspaper, Obama said he was impressed with her son's generation. He talked about the severity of the recession and segued into a discussion of what he had done to ensure that young people "get the best education possible."

"The economy is growing; it's ... <snip>" and "losing their hope," she said.

Another man questioned U.S. war strategy, saying that "decade-long conflicts have had an enormous cost in terms of people killed and wounded ... and they've had a gigantic cost in terms of money and resources and people diverted to the war."

In reply, Obama said he has ended the combat mission in Iraq and the U.S. troop commitment in Afghanistan is not "open-ended," he said.

Next July, he said, "we're going to begin a transition of shifting from U.S. troops to Afghan troops in many of these areas.

Pointed though the questions were, Obama had reason for hope. Asked about the event afterward, Stier said her son remained an Obama supporter.

Of the president's performance Wednesday, the added that he "continues to inspire."
Federal judge reverses last week's decision to execute a California criminal

Carol J. Williams  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

A California federal judge Tuesday ordered a halt to the execution of convicted rapist and murderer Albert Greenwood Brown, saying there was "no way" the court could conduct a proper review of new lethal injection procedures before the inmate was scheduled to die Thursday.

U.S. District Judge Jeremy Fogel reversed a decision he handed down on Friday that the execution could go forward if the state of California gave Brown the option of dying by a single-injection method used in other states, rather than the three-drug cocktail that was prescribed by California's new regulations.

Fogel said Brown had raised serious questions about whether the state had addressed all problems with the former execution protocols Fogel found to be flawed in a 2006 ruling.

He also noted that the state has so little of a key drug needed for lethal injections — and that it has expired Friday — that no further death sentences could be carried out this year after Brown's. But he said that supply issue was "hardly a reason to forgo proper examination of the new procedures, which the inmate expects so very late by the end of the year. Brown is one of 708 prisoners on California's death row, and his execution would have been the first in California in nearly five years.

A spokesman for the state attorney general's office, Christine Gasparac, said that Fogel's ruling would be appealed and that her office would be representing Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger in the 11th-hour challenge.

Brown's execution had been set for 9 p.m., just three hours before the state's only supply of sodium thiopental expires. Fresh supplies are unavailable until next year.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals asked Fogel late Monday to reconsider his refusal to stay the execution and examine whether the state's new lethal injection procedures comport with conditions set down by a U.S. Supreme Court ruling 18 years ago.

Brown's lawyers said in court filings that they couldn't answer the complex questions posed by the appeals court "in such a compressed time frame" and asked for delay of the execution. Calling the state's drug-shelf-life problem a "fiasco" of its own making, the prisoner's pleading said "so much for the solemn dignity and thoughtful consideration deserved by Mr. Brown and his family, the victim's family and the courts."

In testimony in Fogel's San Jose courtroom in 2006, witnesses conceded that some of the 11 inmates executed by lethal injection in California in recent years may not have been fully anesthetized by the first of the injections, a powerful barbiturate, before the other two drugs, which induce significant pain, were given.

Brown's attorneys told Fogel that the lethal injection procedures adopted in late July were "almost a rubber stamp" of the previous practices. They also faulted the regulations for training execution team members without having them actually handle the drugs involved.

The state never undertook a serious review of the execution procedures, Brown's lawyers said, describing the revision that was adopted in late July as "a ruse, conducted grudgingly and in the shadows of fraud, incompetence and deceit."

David A. Senior, one of Brown's attorneys, said Fogel's decision seemed like "the logical disposition of the case" and one that would prevent capital punishment from becoming a political football in the governor's race.

Lawyers with the attorney general's office argued that the procedures have been changed considerably, with a mandatory "consciousness check" to be conducted after the sodium thiopental is injected to ensure that the inmate won't feel the consequences of the second two drugs.

The state accused Brown of seeking to delay and avoid his execution, rather than improve the methods by which it would be conducted. The state's brief also cautioned Fogel against inserting the courts in matters of government responsibility, saying that having judges decide what method of execution is best "would embroil the courts in ongoing scientific controversies beyond their expertise."

Tom Hunter, a juror in Brown's 1982 trial in the aggravated murder of a 15-year-old Riverside girl, said he was disappointed with Fogel's move to halt the execution.

"I cannot imagine the anguish the victim's family must be going through knowing that justice was this close," he said.
Alternative group Jimmy Eat World to rock SLO Friday

Jimmy Eat World will be heating things up at the Veterans’ Auditorium in San Luis Obispo Oct. 1 to celebrate the release of the band’s sixth full-length album, “Invented.”

Lead singer and guitarist Jim Adkins, bassist Rick Burch, drummer Zach Lind, guitarist Tom Linton, along with special guest, back-up vocalist Courtney Marie Andrews, will be playing songs from their recently released album.

“It will be an evening emotionally pummeling anthemic alt-pop,” said local founder of Numbskull shows and music promoter Lady Burgos, more commonly known as Numbskull.

The quartet from Mesa, Ariz., formed in 1994. Over the past nine years, the band has sold millions of records.

Mark Trombino produced the band’s first three albums: “Static Tension,” “Clarity,” and “Bleed America.” Trombino recently reunited with the band to produce the most recent album.

“Invented,” the band’s first album in nearly three years marks the return of the alternative rock band. The album was released on Tuesday, September 28. So far, the album has received strong reviews for the band’s musical exploration.

Business administration sophomore Nick Robertson said, “I’ve listened to the new album and I was impressed. I’m really looking forward to the show.”

According to the Big Hassle Media website, Adkins wrote the lyrics for the album. He took a new writing approach this time around by looking at Cindy Sherman’s “Completely Untitled Film Stills” series as well as...
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Hannah Starkey "Photographs 1997-2007."
Adkins would then think about the character in the picture. On the band's official website, Adkins said it was only intended to be a writing exercise. Eventually, he expanded his perceptions of those images into song lyrics.

"The band's core has always remained the same and with the solid foundation comes unheralded chemistry," Burgos said, "they understand their strengths and weaknesses much more now. Their sound is more refined and concise, yet still has that raw intensity."

The band will be playing at 7 p.m. Tickets are available on the band's website for $25.

'Star Wars' to return to theaters in 3-D in 2012

Ben Fritz

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George Lucas watched the massive success of "Avatar" and "Alice in Wonderland" in the 3-D format and decided it was time for a return of the Jedi.

"Star Wars Episode I: The Phantom Menace" will return to theaters in 3-D in 2012 and will be followed in the stereoscopic format by the five other popular live-action movies set a long time ago in a galaxy far, far away.

Lucas' Industrial Light & Magic special-effects shop is overseeing the 3-D conversion. 20th Century Fox will release them, as it has done for all previous "Star Wars" films.

Lucas has said publicly on more than one occasion that the technological strides of James Cameron's "Avatar" persuaded him to reconsider his longtime disdain for 3-D. After the Golden Globes, for instance, he told Access Hollywood that he was investigating the possibilities of converting his Skywalker family epic into the trendy format.

Lucas said he hooked up with a WOW leader. I was pretty proud of myself.

"It's like 'Where's Waldo?' but gross."

"My nickname in elementary school was Kelly Pooper."

"You know when you meet someone and you're like, 'Your mom drank when she was pregnant.'"

"I'm a beez?"

"Make it bigger Bassil!"

"That's what she said."

"I hooked up with a WOW leader. I was pretty proud of myself."

"Brian, you can't grunt like a man with that bitch ass flower on your head."

"My whore roommate!"

"You've got a Louisiana swamp fridge going, don't you?"

"I haven't been a big fan of 3-D, but that movie definitely improved in (the field of) 3-D... we've been looking for years and years and years of trying to take 'Star Wars' and put it in 3-D," Lucas explained to "Access." "But, (the) technology just hasn't been there before. We have been struggling with it, but I think this will be a new impetus to make that happen."

ILM visual effects supervisor John Knoll made clear that his company doesn't intend to put out a sub-par 3-D conversion. Some conversions done in a rush have turned off moviegoers and critics.

"Getting good results on a stereo conversion is a matter of taking the time and getting it right," Knoll said in a statement. "It takes a critical and artistic eye along with an incredible attention to detail to be successful. It is not something that you can rush if you want to expect good results. For 'Star Wars' we will take our time, applying everything we know both aesthetically and technically to bring audiences a fantastic new 'Star Wars' experience."
New Year's prediction: rocky marriage between Republican Party and Tea Party to continue

It's not too early to offer some predictions about 2011:

1. Snoopi will be all awinter about herself on Twitter.
2. The Republican Party and the Tea Party will efface a political marriage that figures to be as volatile as the legendary union of Liz Taylor and Richard Burton.

The long courting phase has been rocky. The GOP establishment has spent 18 months trying to co-opt and channel the Tea Party's passions without ceding control of the relationship. Republican politicians have gone to the rallies and bonded with the anger, and they've carefully turned a blind eye and deaf ear to the most ignorant outbursts. But the way they're working hasn't worked. In the Senate GOP primaries this year, Tea Party voters stuck their pitchforks into eight establishment candidates — many of them Senate incumbents — and rendered them dead.

Regardless of whether the GOP wins big in November, its continued survival will be more hazardous to the hosts — especially if theTea Party isn't placated by O'Donnell in Delaware, has refused to endorse her, worse yet, a candidate spokesman has called her a "con artist."

Amanda Sartey

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— Laura

In response to "The secret life of squirters"

Wow, an all new low...

— Warren

In response to "The secret life of squirters"

The fact that you find sex education encouraging and "low" says a lot about you. Walk out of the dark ages.

— Adam

In response to "The secret life of squirters"

This is an amazing article!! All you guys having obviously don't understand the concept of feminism.

— Dana

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allowed her to see things from a different perspective. She has realized many of the things she needs to work on through her teammates. "I'm ready to get back on the court, I've never had such a hard time sitting on the sidelines," Olowolafe said.
Olowolafe is a standout player, even on a team full of talent. Last season, she was ranked first in conference with a .346 hitting percentage and was ranked fourth with .11 blocks per set her sophomore year. So how has her absence on the court affected the team?
Oddly enough, successfully. On the season, the Mustangs are 12-3. So far they are 2-0 in conference, second in the Big West and Cal State Northridge.
Walters expects Olowolafe's return to the court will only benefit the team and is confident about the future of their season. The team has really stepped it up and if they can continue to do so, they will be without her star, her return is only going to add to the success they've found so far this season, she said. "As a program our goal is definitely a national championship," Walters said. "But we also have to be realistic and first focus on winning the Big West tournament and getting to the Final Four."
Olowolafe has no doubts they will win the Big West. For her, losing isn't an option. Winning is a moral that she has shared with her two older brothers since she was young.
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Growing up, Olowolafe and her two brothers always prided themselves on their academic and athletic successes. For the three of them, winning has always been crucial. Dominique and Shay both said. However, being a champion is more than just about getting the win.
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Olowolafe is currently practicing with the team and plans on playing in the Mustangs' next conference game against Cal State Fullerton.

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make the trip to McNeese State due to an injury. Smith started every game a year ago and started the first two games of this season before being injured. He will be making the trip this week, Walsh said.
"Probably the ball will be in Andre's hands to start out with and he needs to do something with it in a positive way," Walsh said. "The unique thing about Andre is exactly what we have been saying; everyone has strengths and weaknesses, his strengths are with the ball in his hands."
In front of Broadous will be an offensive line that has been hit with injuries. Art Munoz, who missed most of last season with a broken leg, did everything he could to come back and play this season, but remains a long shot to play in this weekend's game after an injury against UC Irvine, Walsh said. With him, are three other linemen who will most likely not play.
"You can be Alabama and you can tell Nick Saban that he is going to play without his four top offensive linemen and you tell me he's going to do as successful as they have been without their star, her return is only going to add to the success they've found so far this season, she said. "As a program our goal is definitely a national championship," Walters said. "But we also have to be realistic and first focus on winning the Big West tournament and getting to the Final Four."
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