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NEA Directors Theresa Montaño and Margie Granado at the Summer Institute encouraged participants to call their legislators to support full funding of pre K-G.



District J-Higher Ed Report

Bad Budget?

Some may be surprised by the question mark in the title but there is good news in this budget as well as bad.

The **California Faculty Association (CFA)** was able to preserve the \$97.6 million dollars the Governor added in the May Revise for the CSU. These are much needed dollars in an under funded system. Although we are disappointed that once again the CSU is, in part, funded by increases in taxes on students (in the form of tuition increases), it could have been much worse. After all, the Governor used his line-item veto on other appropriations which were not constitutionally required. Clearly, CFA's political action has made them a major player.

The community colleges also did well by getting growth funded at 2%. A significant element of access is not only funding growth but also keeping tuition at a low level. **Community College Association** President Ron Norton Reel and Vice President Lynette Nyaggah have done an excellent job lobbying in the halls of the legislature for support of community colleges. There is no tuition increase for the CCs.

Unfortunately, one of the trailer bills, AB 1389, allows the Governor to suspend Proposition 98 funds for community colleges.

The CSU could also suffer mid-year cuts.



The State is likely to have a massive debt in the **current** fiscal year. The trailer bills may not bring the revenue expected and other sources of revenue such as the property, sales and income taxes are likely to be down. The government will have to address what they have avoided this summer-additional taxes.

Whether the balloon in the picture above is slipping out of our hands or being grasped before it floats away depends on our actions. **Vote!**

Talk with your friends!
Legislators! Our Governor!

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Your vote is your voice!

Su voto es su voz!

The CTA State Council (792 members) votes on the positions CTA takes on propositions and candidates. If you are interested in a list of higher ed State Council representatives, e-mail me at hassondi@aol.com.

CTA and NEA RECOMMENDS BARACK OBAMA FOR PRESIDENT

Obama wants to simplify financial aid and plans to make college affordable by creating a new American Opportunity Tax Credit.

YES ON PROPOSITION 3

Proposition 3 is a statewide bond that provides \$980 million to modernize and expand State children's hospitals, including the five hospitals on UC campuses.

NO ON PROPOSITION 4

Proposition 4 would require parental notification for teenagers seeking medical procedures such as abortions.

NO ON PROPOSITIONS 6 & 9

These propositions would require over \$1 billion in general fund expenditures on crime prevention and help for crime victims in a time when the State cannot afford to fully fund education.

NO ON PROPOSITION 8

CTA believes that all people should be allowed equal protection under the law. CTA supports the rights of gays and lesbians to marry.

In My Opinion



It is obvious that the Legislature added several provisions to favor corporations in their drive to get a budget—any budget. But as George Orwell once put it, “We have now sunk to a depth where the restatement of the obvious is the first duty of the intelligent man.”

The obvious: at the same time we reduce aid to seniors who are poor, we add two new loopholes in corporate taxes that reduce their future contributions for education, health care and public safety.

The newly passed budget allows corporations to get REFUNDS against *prior* taxes based on a year’s losses. Previously, they could only take losses off of the *next* two year’s taxes (*forward not backward*). The change destabilizes the general fund and will cost at least 1/2 billion per year.

The second loophole adds to the negative impact on the budget. In the past (that was two weeks ago!), corporations taking tax credits had to be engaged in the activity which was eligible for a credit. Now, they can transfer their credit to an affiliated corporation or subsidiary—forever. So, those unused tax credits from companies that have not earned sufficient profit to use them may now be sold to profitable corporations. Under these conditions, the State would lose billions per year.

As Lenny Goldberg of California Tax Reform Association writes, “**Borrowing from the future is bad enough. Giving away the future to multinational corporations is unconscionable.**”

<http://www.caltaxreform.org>

Working on the solid foundation created by her predecessor, Mary Ann Pacheco from Rio Hondo Community College, our ABC Director **Chaumonde Porterfield-Pyatt** has managed to increase the awareness of the ABC, its deadlines and the money available to our colleges. Contact information: bettercitizens@sbcglobal.net

Just Approved:

Barstow College
(3 candidates) - \$3,000

Coast College
(3 candidates) - \$7,800

College of Sequoias
(2 bonds /1 candidate) - \$6,500

Mira Costa College
(3 candidates) - \$4,000

Rancho Santiago College
(1 candidate) - \$500

Riverside Community College
(2 candidates) - \$6,400

San Bernardino College
(3 candidates) - \$6,000

San Joaquin Delta CC
(4 candidates) - \$31,400

Sierra College
(1 candidate) - \$1,900

South Orange CCC
(4 candidates) - \$14,000

Total: \$81,500

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SCTA Conference

SCTA plans an exciting Fall Leadership Conference for Nov. 8-9 at the San Mateo Marriott Hotel. More information is available at:

CTA.org/membership/scta

The theme of this conference is **Power of Membership** and the workshops will focus on the SCTA membership message and on developing leadership skills. The Saturday lunch speaker is CTA President David Sanchez.

Two SCTA alumni, Erika Hughes and Julie Meyer-Houston, will conduct a presentation on the transition from student to teacher.

Another valuable workshop will educate members on how to avoid misconduct in the new millennium. Many do not realize that human resource officers may have software which allows them to access what people think are private pages on Facebook or Myspace.

“Friends Only” doesn’t protect you.

Student CTA!

SCTA Board member and State Council representative **Stephanie De Voy**, from UCLA, SCTA President **Corine Caloca**, from San Diego State University, and SCTA Board member and State Council representative **Maaria Thompson**, from CSU Stanislaus



Pictured above from left to right: SCTA member Chance Carrico from CSU Stanislaus serves as a CTA liaison to the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC).

Jeremy De Nieva from UC Berkeley is SCTA Executive Vice President. He believes the greatest challenge facing SCTA is membership recruitment.