Faculty and students participated in the California Faculty Association informational picket on campus on Nov. 8, 2011.

CSU faculty may strike this fall

After being without a contract for over a year, 95 percent of voting union member are in favor of protesting

RON ROKHY
LIVE NEWS EDITOR

Faculty across all 23 CSU campuses have approved a statewide strike if their demands for a new collective bargaining agreement after 22 months of not having one aren’t met.

The results of the voting period, which lasted from April 16-27, came in yesterday at noon when Lillian Taiz, president of the California Faculty Association (CFA), announced in a teleconference that 95 percent of the 8,750 faculty members who voted affirmed the motion to strike.

To be passed, more than 50 percent of the 12,501 CFA had to vote yes, Taiz said.

“Now is the time for the voice of the faculty to be heard,” Taiz said. “The faculty of the CSU have had enough of executives putting themselves above, and they’ve had enough of managers cutting the budget.”

The work stoppages will come into effect next fall in the form of two-day “rolling strikes” if a final meeting with the CSU fails, said Andy Merrifield, associate vice president and bargaining team member of the CFA.

“We don’t have a clear timetable, but we’re going to have a sit down with management, and if it’s necessary, we’ll be going through a fact-finding process.”

Merrifield said.

The main demands of the CFA, according to Merrifield, are issues regarding workload, compensation and academic freedom, among many others.

“Academic freedom is
Field trip to the White House

Kinesiology students compete with campuses nationwide to help Michelle Obama fight childhood obesity

IRENE NESBITT
DAVE SUNDELAL

Undergraduate interns of CSUN’s Kinesiology Department, who’ve formed the group 100 Citizens, are one of the 61 community groups taking part in a competition to combat childhood obesity called Michelle Obama’s Let’s Move Campaign.

There will be two winning entries selected — a first-place winner will be determined by a panel of health experts from the Let’s Move Campaign, and another first-place winner will be chosen by a popular vote of the public. Both first prize winners receive a trip to the White House.

Dr. Steven Loy, a CSUN professor in the kinesiology department and faculty advisor to the 100 Citizens group, said the mission is to fight childhood obesity in underserved and low-income cities in the San Fernando Valley.

“Look around, and every other person you see is overweight, obese or doesn’t exercise,” Loy said. “Physical inactivity increases the risk for obesity and diabetes which occurs highest in those with lower income and the lowest education.”

100 Citizens has partnered with the public parks in the San Fernando Valley to offer no-cost exercise classes and lectures for the entire community to participate in. The classes are offered on Wednesdays and Fridays, and last from 8:15 to 9:30.

According to Loy, there is usually little to no funding for health programs in poor communities. 100 Citizens will educate the parents and families on exercise and nutrition.

“The partnership between the CSUN Kinesiology Department and the parks is a natural one in providing effective intervention to improve the public’s health,” Loy said. “100 Citizens has the potential to save a big chunk of California’s $45 billion of annual cost treatment for the overweight, obese and diabetic.”

100 Citizens is made up of CSUN’s kinesiology student interns, who will educate the families in nutrition, anatomy and the physiology of exercise.

“Ending childhood obesity starts with family. This is why we are out in the communities. If 100 Citizens can get more people moving, we can save money, get people healthier, and make a difference.”

The two winners will be invited to the Let’s Move event in Washington, D.C., where they will have a special opportunity to showcase their video and will receive an award each of $1000.

In addition, seven honorable mention winners will be selected and invited to Washington, D.C. as well. All the winners will have their videos featured on the Let’s Move website.

“We are called 100 Citizens because we are focused on reaching 100 families’ minds each week and so far we have been affecting 200 citizens’ minds on a weekly basis to become healthier,” Loy said.

People can vote once a day, every day, on Facebook. They can also submit their vote at the SRC from Monday to Friday, until May 11.

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fundamental,” Merrifield said. “We want this to be contractually recognized. The current contract is silent on academic freedom, and even though the CSU has said it is fundamental, it’s apparently not fundamental enough to put in contract.”

The CFA still maintains the position that they’re offering fair proposals to the CSU, according to Merrifield. “We’re still demanding a 1 percent general service increase over three years, which we find reasonable,” Merrifield said. “It’s been a difficult and disappointing process. We didn’t want this fight, we offered modest proposals.”

However, a recent fact sheet released by the CSU claims the CFA’s proposals would cost the CSU $504.1 million more over the life of the agreement in salaries and tenure track hiring.

Taiz stressed the importance of solidarity between faculty members and students throughout this situation. “We believe in our students, and we know students and faculty are in this together,” Taiz said. “Both have been slammed by the CSU – students by rising tuition and faculty by furloughs and lay-offs. Students get ignored by the CSU and are being used as ATM machines.”

Merrifield insists a new contract will allow teachers to better accommodate the needs of students. “We’re the people who teach, we’re the librarians and we’re the people who train and coach the athletes,” Merrifield said. “A fair contract will allow us to be better.”

Taiz once again reiterated the CFA’s stance that the CSU has been slowly transforming into a for-profit organization. “We’re seeing a very disturbing trend across campuses,” Taiz said. “As students pay more, they can’t get into classes, so they’re forced to pay extra for extended education for a course they need to graduate.”

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With finals rapidly approaching, there is one day CSUN students should set aside to relax and take their minds off the impending exams, Cinco de Mayo.

Not to be confused with Mexico’s independence day, which is September 16, Cinco de Mayo celebrates Mexican heritage and culture in the U.S. This day also celebrates the Mexican army’s unlikely victory over the French in 1862. Much like Saint Patrick’s Day commemorates Irish tradition, this day is meant to celebrate the striking Mexican ancestry that coats Los Angeles, as well as its surrounding communities. Individuals of Mexican descent account for 20 percent of the Latino population in L.A., according to the 2010 census. With such a distinguished population, students can easily find a celebration near them.

One option is a free walking tour through the El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument in downtown. The tour will include the block of historic buildings and the colorful Mexican alley marketplace often referred to as “La Placita Olvera.” The tours are scheduled to take place Saturday from noon to 7 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Olvera Street pedestrian zone. Besides the walking tours, there will be a traditional celebration with mariachis, folklorico dancers, piñatas and activities for kids. For more information students can visit www.elpueblo.lacity.org or call the information line at (213) 289-4641.

Virginia Park in the city of Santa Monica will join in the festivities Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. with their Cinco de Mayo Fiesta. Fiesta goers can enter their best salsa recipe into the homemade salsa tasting contest while they enjoy the live entertainment of mariachi music and folklorico dancers. The event will also feature a traditional fashion contest for those who want to exhibit their best traditional garment. Artisan crafts and traditional Mexican food will be available for purchase to accompany the live entertainment. To complete the celebration, games, rides and raffles will also be held. Enjoy a game of Loteria (a Mexican game of chance, similar to bingo) to win prizes.

For those 21 and over looking for a more rambunctious night, join Lucha VaVoom at the Mayan Theatre for a night of authentic masked Mexican wrestling, striptease and comedy. Lucha VaVoom celebrates Cinco de Mayo carnival style with a donkey photo booth, giant conga lines and trapeze artists. There will be tequilas, tequila and Aztec dancers. Lucha VaVoom also draws in some Chicano culture with their exhibition of lowriders. Tickets are $45 at the Lucha VaVoom website and will be available until the event sells out. Doors open at 7 p.m.

The 21-and-over options extend beyond just Lucha VaVoom with a Cinco de Mayo Pub Crawl happening both Friday evening and all day Saturday. The crawl is $10 for access to all the bars included with registration taking place at the Pig n’ Whistle in Hollywood. By buying the tickets the reveler gets access to both days and amazing drink deals including $2 cervezas and 2-for-1 margaritas. Tickets can be purchased online or at the registration venue on either day of the crawl.

Whether students are looking for a peaceful, family-oriented night or a louder and more party-oriented Cinco de Mayo, set aside the day to celebrate the rich Mexican heritage that Los Angeles is known for.
Make your own pizza at PizzaRev

When PizzaRev held its grand opening April 20, there were hundreds of customers anxious to take their own new pizzas.

Ordinary pizzerias like Domino’s, Pizza Hut and Papa John’s seem to take 30 minutes or more making just one pepperoni pizza, plus the time it takes if you choose delivery. In addition, the cost of that same pepperoni pizza is more than $10.

This doesn’t include tip or additional toppings, which are an additional 50 cents to a dollar. PizzaRev, short for Pizza Revolution, allows you to craft your own pizza at an affordable price. For just $7.45, you can enjoy an 11-inch artisan pizza topped with fresh ingredients delivered daily. The dough is made everyday and never frozen. You can taste the quality of fresh food once you take that first bite.

Unlike other pizza places that offer more dough than toppings, PizzaRev’s original crust is thin and crispy. The creators of PizzaRev have a background in food and entertainment. “We looked all over Los Angeles and chose Northridge,” Nicholas Eckerman, owner and operator of PizzaRev said. “College kids love pizza, and we think it’s a great fit for the area. We wanted to change people’s perception about pizza.” Eckerman said.

Located in a shopping plaza next to Starbucks on Reseda Boulevard and Vincennes Street, and within walking distance from CSUN, PizzaRev lets you pick unlimited toppings for your pizza.

Nominated the “Choripanes Pizza” by customers, there are over 32 toppings to choose from including: white sauce, olive oil, ricotta cheese, feta cheese, crumbled meatballs, arugula, basil, fennel, peppercorn, capers and artichoke hearts.

If you’re trying to watch calories, PizzaRev offers a pizza called “Skinny Margherita” and it includes reduced fat mozzarella cheese. They also offer a gluten-free crust for $2 and vegan cheese for $1.

“It takes 90 seconds for the pizza to cook in the oven,” said Jeff Zuckerman, part-owner and operator. “It’s the oven weights two and a half tons and can reach temperatures of 1000 degrees.”

My pizza took less than five minutes to bake, which included the time it took for the team to craft my pizza. There’s no need to call and place an order. You won’t miss the Lakers playing the championship game because it’s ready once you get there.

Their pizza is proud for college students to be able to afford, so leave the burger at Burger King. “I’ll be coming back,” Emanuel Renteria, senior and business management major, said. “The price is reasonable.”

The next time you and your friends are craving something yummy, new and affordable, try out PizzaRev. “Join the pizza revolution,” Eckerman said.

Superfood Smoothie

JESSICA JEWELL / DAILY SUNDIAL
With finals right around the corner, students scramble looking to come in a quick meal and more frequently than not, an energy boost. Now, while most come for the closest energy drink or stand in line for a red eye, there are other healthier options— not only can you wake up, but maintain and nourish as well.

Fill a blender with the following ingredients:

- Handful of fresh or frozen strawberries
- One banana
- 1 T green powder (I use and try using chlorella or E3 Live whenever possible, but spirulina or any other green powder works)
- 1 tsp ground cacao
- 1 tsp maca powder
- 1 tsp Gotu Kola
- 1 T coconut oil
- 1/3 cup plain nonfat yogurt
- 1 tsp cacao powder
- 1 scoop hemp protein powder

Sweeten to taste (agave nectar, honey or stevia preferred)

Enough almond milk (or whatever non-dairy alternative) to cover ingredients in blender.

This can be adjusted depending on how thick you like your smoothies, ice can be added too if desired.

Blend. Garnish with a fresh berry or spinach leaves same base powder on top and enjoy! You’ll have wings after one of these babies!

Ecclesia is a root from Peru that’s been used for generations. It’s believed to increase longevity amongst other benefits. Ecclesia is an adaptogen; it helps give more energy if feeling fatigued and also can calm nerves if anxious. Ecclesia also is a natural aphrodisiac, always a plus! Cacao has naturally-occurring traces of caffeine and also is an antioxidant. Blue pollen provides a kick of energy as well.

The greens (whatever form you choose) not only balance your blood’s pH levels, but are packed full of nutrients. If using an algae like E3 Live, chlorella or spirulina, you get the added benefit of detoxifying your body with detoxifying chemicals, perfect for when the stress is over.

Now, as far as protein powders go, I’m partial to hemp protein. It’s plant-based and is actually the second for your body to absorb (aside from whey protein) as its molecular structure is very similar to our blood’s plasma— bioavailability, here we come! If you are a little unsure of hemp, no worries, opt for whey if dairy isn’t an issue or maybe rice protein. Just don’t go for soy, it’s the most genetically modified of all the options and is a phytotoxin, so it can toy with your hormone balance.
IT'S CRUNCH TIME' BRINGS STUDY AIDS TO STUDENTS

TAYLOR VILLESCAS

With Sesame Street-like animations and fuzzy puppet characters, Avenue Q has all the makings of a children's show. But don't let the puppets fool you. These cute little characters can get pretty wily. And audiences will love it.

The show revolves around the lives of the tenants of Avenue Q, while they deal with their jobs, money problems, and their relationships, while poking fun at things like racism (Everyone's a Little Bit Racist) and the Internet ("The Internet is for Porn" which is hilariously gloated by Danny Guerrero's Trekkie Monster).

Princeton (played by graduating senior Bobby Avila) is a fresh-faced college graduate who just moved in, and is obsessed with finding his purpose in life. He asks the question that many students today wonder: "What do you do with a B.A. in English?" Avila's Princeton is relatable and human, despite being made of felt. Next door to Princeton is the lovely Kate Monster, who is expertly brought to life by junior Lauren Tyini. Kate's dream is to open a school exclusively for other creatures of fur, like herself. In the meantime, she works as a kindergarten assistant and just hopes to find a boyfriend. Tyini's voice is astounding, and her rendition of the ballad "There's a Fine, Fine Line," is heartbreaking so powerful.

Contrasting Kate Monster's sweetness is the vixen Lucy the Slut (played by the suity yet funny Brookie Van Grouw). Given her title, it's clear that Lucy is popular around town. And from the moment she slinks on stage singing "Special," it's clear she's trouble. Up the street are the Red the OCD, closeted investment banker (played in a wonderfully nasally voice by David Aceal), and his slacker roommate Nicky (Alex Torni). Their chemistry is hilarious and almost brotherly, as they perform "If You Were Gay," and Nicky begs Rod to come out and be himself, while Rod ardently denies it.

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The USU has been holding this event since Fall 2001. "Dealing with finals myself, it just feels like everything is being thrown at you and you have so much to do," said Iris Pupo, an event assistant at the USU. "We are here to help them [students] and encourage them through finals." According to Pupo, there will be three themes running through the week before finals, Casual Day, Superhero Day, and House-Rock. "We chose these themes so we can relate them to what students are going through at that time," Pupo said. She continued by explaining how Superhero Day will offer health foods to give students more energy for the long hours spent studying. Students may remember the event, previously named "Up All Night" (named that choice to change it to "It's Crunch Time" students prepare, according to Pupo. The event the week before finals as well to help them through at that time," Pupo said. She continued by explaining how Superhero Day will offer health foods to give students more energy for the long hours spent studying. Students may remember the event, previously named "Up All Night" (named that choice to change it to "It's Crunch Time"

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Most of this stuff will be happening the week before finals, but there are other goodies to be had during finals week itself. On May 14, breakfast will be served from 8-9 a.m. at the Plaza Del Sol. Later that evening, at the BBQ, the Residence Hall Association will host a make-your-own ice cream sundae from 8-11 p.m. We are here to plan events for students and we want them to enjoy it," said Pupo. "That's the purpose of the union, to add to the ultimate college experience and hope they enjoy it."

For more information, head to the USU website for a full breakdown of the schedule.

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE Concert Schedule

May 4 NO CONCERT - DAY RACING ONLY
May 11 DEVO
May 18 G. Love & Special Sauce
May 25 SOJA
June 1 Revolution
June 8 The Wailers
June 15 The Jesus and Mary Chain
June 22 Jimmy Cliff
June 29 Michael Franti & Spearhead
July 6 Iration
July 13 TBA

So, if you're looking for a fun and furry way to enjoy some live music, Avenue Q is sure to provide entertainment. Whether you're a puppet enthusiast or just enjoy a good laugh, this show is not to be missed.
VPAC Calendar of Events

For the first issue of the month, here are the events happening in May at CSUN's very own performance halls!

05 SATURDAY
WHAT: The Acting Company
“The Comedy of Errors”
WHERE: Plaza del Sol Performance Hall
WHEN: May 5: 8 p.m.; May 6: 3 p.m.
PRICE: $70 / $55 / $40 / $25

07 MONDAY
WHAT: Media Composition and Studio Ensemble
WHERE: Plaza del Sol Performance Hall
WHEN: 7:30 p.m.
PRICE: $10 / $7 / $5

08 TUESDAY
WHAT: Vocal Jazz Ensemble David Joyce, director
WHERE: Cypress Recital Hall
WHEN: 7:30 p.m.
PRICE: $10 / $7 / $5

09 WEDNESDAY
WHAT: An Evening of Small Group Jazz: Jazz “A” Combos
WHERE: Cypress Recital Hall
WHEN: 7:30 p.m.
PRICE: $10 / $7 / $5

10 THURSDAY
WHAT: Jazz “A” Band Matt Harris, director
WHERE: Plaza del Sol Performance Hall
WHEN: 7:30 p.m.
PRICE: $10 / $7 / $5

11 FRIDAY
WHAT: Studio Jazz Ensemble and NuVeau Art Ensemble
WHERE: Cypress Recital Hall
WHEN: 7:30 p.m.
PRICE: $10 / $7 / $5

12 SATURDAY
WHAT: John Pizzarelli Quartet and Jane Monheit
WHERE: VPAC (Great Hall)
WHEN: 8 p.m.
PRICE: $70 / $55 / $40 / $25

19 SATURDAY
WHAT: Barbara Cook
WHERE: VPAC (Great Hall)
WHEN: 8 p.m.
PRICE: $85 / $70 / $55 / $40

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The California Senate Labor and Industrial Relations Committee approved the Social Media Privacy Act on April 25, in an attempt to stop public and private universities and colleges from asking students for their social media information. The committee approved the legislation in a 5-0 vote.

Under the legislation, authored by state Sen. Leland Yee, (D-San Francisco), employers will also be prohibited from asking employees for their social media information.

“Your private life should be kept separate from your professional life,” said Patricia Ordoñez, 21, a senior majoring in sociology, about employers turning to social media for personal information.

“If you aren’t supposed to discuss your personal matters at work, why should they be used against you when you’re applying for a job?” Ordoñez added.

In a news release, Yee said it is illegal for employers and colleges to use the information acquired from social media outlets to make employment and admission decisions.

“The bill came about after several news agencies and civil rights organizations reported that numerous businesses, public agencies and post-secondary institutions were asking workers and students for their Facebook and Twitter account information.

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SYDNEY DELVILLE, 18, a freshman majoring in political science, said she encountered the question of social media accounts when she was filling out an application to a fast-food restaurant.

“There can be assumptions and insinuations about anything on Facebook, and employers can misinterpret that,” Delville said. Sometimes, I say things out of anger, and they could assume it pertains to them.”

Delville, however, is not opposed to institutions or companies, public or private, asking applicants to see their social media accounts.

“It depends on the position they are applying for,” she said. “If you’re applying to a CEO position or to be the president of CSUN, I would like to see what you do in your personal life.”

Employers that don’t formally ask for this information use other measures to access employees’ social media accounts, such as asking the person to login during an interview while the interviewer looks over the person’s shoulder. There is also asking prospective employees to “friend” human resources managers.

“I remember an accountant from my orthodontist once asked me how my three jobs were going,” said Ana Phomthirath, 24, CTV A senior. “I never told her I had three jobs. The only way she could have found that out is by reading the comments on my Facebook.”

She changed her privacy settings shortly after.

The Senate Committee on Education also approved the bill April 24 in a 7-0 vote.

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Orange Line safety begins with you.

Metro is now testing buses along the four-mile extension of the Metro Orange Line, near Canoga Av between Victory Bl and Devonshire St.

Please be alert and use extra care at all Orange Line crossings:
> Obey all street signage and road markings
> Never run a red light—Metro operates photo enforcement cameras at every crossing
> Watch for flashing signs that indicate a bus is coming
> Observe the “Keep Clear” zone at crossings
> Make sure you turn onto a street—never onto the busway
> Never drive, walk or bike on the busway
> Use the designated bike path when riding along the busway
> When turning left across the busway, watch for vehicles in both directions
> Do not make a right turn on a red light
> Never try to beat an Orange Line bus across an intersection
> Always use crosswalks
> Wait for the “Walk” signal before entering the crosswalk—never jaywalk across the busway
Fisher v. University of Texas:
Is Affirmative Action relevant and efficient to correct racial and gender disparities in higher education?

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ffirmative action in the academic world means considering traditionally underrepresented characteristics (race, sex, ethnicity, sexual orientation, etc.) in the admissions process, in an attempt to reverse historical disparities. This controversial topic will return to national attention when the Supreme Court begins to hear the case of Fisher v. University of Texas at Austin (UT). The case is rather simple. Abigail Noel Fisher claims she was not admitted to UT because affirmative action policies exclude white applicants. In most court cases regarding affirmative action, Fisher v. UT included; race is the admission factor being challenged.

Affirmative action in higher education is not only beneficial for students of color, it is essential in creating diverse and representative learning institutions. Affirmative action programs aim to reverse centuries of discrimination in education by providing opportunities to the traditionally disadvantaged.

Racism is a systemic issue present in American society; it may begin to hear the case of Fisher v. University of Texas, Abigail Fisher is suing the University of Texas on the grounds that their affirmative action-based admissions process is unconstitutional. Fisher was rejected by The University of Texas from some university. I remember hearing many of my white peers complain that affirmative action cost them a spot at many prestigious California institutions.

Not only is this untrue, but it demonstrates the sense of entitlement that only my white peers could develop. These peers conveniently forgot about Proposition 209. Passed in 1996, the California Civil Rights Initiative prohibited affirmative action in state activities, making it illegal for UC and CSU systems to use race as an admission factor being challenged.

I'm sure we've all shared stories, but you can't be a victim of any form of racism. In reality, this isn't always true, because the way that the relationship between race and class has evolved. Furthermore, affirmative action doesn't do enough to actually bring about real change; it's nothing more than a case of treating the symptoms, but ignoring the disease. Proponents of affirmative action point to the low grades and test scores of inner-city schools as reasons to adopt affirmative action-based policies. If this is true, why don't we stop trying to make it easier for students from bad schools to get into college, and instead focus on reforming K-12 education and increasing funding for all public schools?

If every group lobbying for affirmative action would instead focus on reforming under-performing public high schools, perhaps we wouldn't need affirmative action at all. Affirmative action operates as a system to promote diversity and equality – it is our duty as human beings to accept and promote it.

Opponents of affirmative action see the system as a way to enfranchise a historically marginalized group. The phrase “reverse discrimination” is an oxymoron and is used to justify the status quo. Racism is a system of inequalities designed to limit resources to specific racial groups. In order to claim being a victim of any form of racism, you must be a part of the disadvantaged group. I’m sorry fellow white people, but you can’t be a victim of any form of racism. You just can’t.

In conclusion, we must accept and promote affirmative action as an efficient way to correct racial and gender disparities in higher education.

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In and in her court filing, claims that the reason she was rejected was because she was white.

The university’s current admissions policy automatically admits the top ten percent from each Texas high school, and then gives preferential treatment and special consideration to minority candidates. Affirmative action, both at the University of Texas and in general, is rooted in a problematic understanding of race, and is ineffective.

The issues with affirmative action are two-fold. First, affirmative action focuses on race with a single-mindedness; it is rooted in the mentality that all minority students attend under-funded inner-city high schools and are forced to work part-time jobs to help out with their families, which means they are often too busy to study or too tired to do well in class, where as white students face none of these disadvantages.

In reality, this isn’t always true, because the way that the relationship between race and class has evolved. If the aim of affirmative action is to level the playing field and help students who don’t have a lot of opportunities, then clearly affirmative action doesn’t always work. Affirmative action operates under an understanding of race and class straight from the 1960’s, instead universities should look for new admissions standards that recognize the way that the relationship between race and class has evolved.

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**SOFTBALL**

**Time to catch some Ws**

Looking to move up in standings, Matadors visit bottom-feeding Highlanders for three-game series

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There’s no way around it. For the majority of 2012, the Matadors have not played well.

Sunday’s 11-0 loss to Fullerton was an exaggerated illustration of how poorly the Matadors (10-36, 5-10 Big West) have struggled offensively at times this season. While the Titans hit the ball as if it had called their mothers a bad name (17 hits), CSUN could only muster a single hit in the shutout.

“It was a tough day,” said CSUN junior Mia Pagano, who pitched the first two innings of the game, allowing five hits and no runs.

CSUN’s tough offensive days have placed it at bottom of several categories in the Big West Conference, including batting average, hits and RBI.

But the one bottom the Matadors are definitely trying to stay away from, is the CSU Bakersfield on April 10. The Matadors travel to Riverside to start their series with the highlanders.

CSUN catcher Mikayla Thieles attempts to catch the ball during a game against Cal State Fullerton Saturday. Thieles and the Matadors are looking to bounce back from a 11-0 loss to the Titans as they head to Riverside for a three-game series.

Miles Williams dives for a catch in a game against CSU Bakersfield on April 10. The Matadors travel to Riverside to start their series with the Highlanders.

Matadors like their chances against UC Riverside

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DAILY SUN Dial

The Matadors have to like their chances heading into a series against UC Riverside (14-24, 4-8) this weekend at Cunningham Stadium.

The Matadors have avoided sweeps against all the top teams so far this season and even stole the series against third-ranked Cal Poly.

CSUN currently sits at sixth in conference with three of its remaining four series against teams currently behind it in the Big West race.

That’s not to say that the Highlanders can’t push ahead of the Matadors this weekend. Riverside comes into the weekend dead last in the conference in batting average and hits but is ranked third in on-base percentage.

In its last conference action, UCR was swept by UC Irvine on the road.

The Highlanders’ senior infielder Vince Gonzalez has paced the UCR offense so far this season and leads the team in batting average (.350), hits (50) and runs batted in (18) while on no one on the rest of the roster is hitting above .300.

Riverside’s pitchers have better numbers in the stats books than CSUN and have the ability to minimize the number of runs opposing teams can put up on the board.

UCR has two pitchers with four wins apiece in Eddie Orozco and Dylan Stuart, but have also combined for 11 losses. Orozco leads the Highlanders with a 2.30 ERA while Stuart’s ERA continues to hover at 4.96.

Although UCR’s numbers show it hardly ever comes out on top, CSUN will need to find a way to get on base if it wants to earn its second Big West series victory of the season.

Transfer Cal Vogelsang comes into the weekend on a six-game hitting streak and ranks fourth on the team in batting average at .301.

Junior Nate Ring also has a .301 batting average in 103 plate appearances and leads the team in stolen bases with six.

If these two continue to reach base safely, sophomore Miles Williams and junior Kyle Arlt could potential-ly bring these base runners home.

Williams continues to lead the team in home runs (5), but Arlt is right behind him with four. Williams also leads the team in total RBI (21) while Arlt leads the team in conference RBI (8).

CSUN is only two conference wins away from surpassing its 2011 total but will need to see solid pitching from its staff if it plans on overcoming that mark this weekend.

Junior Alex Muren put up five innings of two-run base- ball against Long Beach last week before leaving the game with the bases loaded in what turned out to be a four-run sixth inning for the Dirtbags.

Freshman Jerry Keel turned in another stellar out- ing against the Dirtbags in Saturday’s matchup, pitch- ing seven innings while allowing one run and scatter- ing seven hits.