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Federal scorecard aims to help students and parents find the right college campus

MELISSA SIMON
SENIOR REPORTER

A new online college scorecard aiming to help prospective students and their parents find the right college is now available.

The scorecard, which was announced during President Obama's State of the Union Address on Feb. 12, provides criteria such as cost, location, size and graduation rates for students to look at when comparing different colleges, according to a fact sheet by the White House press secretary.

Stephanie Thara, web communications specialist for the CSU, said the CSU has generated something similar to the federal scorecard called Measuring the Value of a CSU Education.

"Like the federal scorecard, our site aggregates key information about the CSU and its campuses to help students make an informed decision about what college they would like to attend," Thara said.

The CSU created the site several years ago because they felt it was important to show prospective students and the public facts about attending the CSU, such as cost, financial aid, diversity and workforce contributions, Thara said.

Dianne Klein, media relations in the University of California Office of the President, said the UC is also aware of the federal scorecard.

"We believe it is a step in the right direction to helping students and their families make informed choices about which college or university suits their needs," Klein said.

Dr. Shirley Svorny, economics professor at CSUN, said there are already so many private and public sources of information available that she is not sure why the federal government would take on something like this.

"Given the federal government's budget deficit and the broad array of private companies that rank colleges, I think the scorecard is not a good idea," Svorny said.

Kara Jew, senior biology major, said she did not know much about the scorecard, but said it seems something like it should already exist because of the details about financial aspects for all universities.

"When I was a senior in high school, I was set on going to a university that was located in California not too far away from home," she said. "The financial aspects weren't a major factor in my decision, so the scorecard wouldn't have been useful for me."

Ryan Bunyan, freshman mechanical engineering major, said that he thought the scorecard would be very useful for prospective students.

"When I was looking around at colleges, there wasn't really anything official that would compare campuses so I had to visit the ones I was interested in," he said. "If this scorecard had been around, I probably would have used it."

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CSUN'S SCORECARD

\$6,504
cost to attend,
not including housing

46.1%
of students receive
their Bachelor's degree
within six years

43%
of 2009-2010 degree
recipients started as
freshmen and assumed loans

40%
of undergraduates in
2009-2010 were
Pell Grant recipients

8.5%
of borrowers defaulted
on their Federal student loans
within three years
of entering repayment

6,723
bachelor's degrees
were granted
in 2010-2011

\$42,900
is the median starting
salary of 2011 graduates,
over \$1,000 more than
the national average

IN-DEMAND GRADUATES

Number of Bachelor's degrees
granted by CSUN in 2010-2011

1,013
Media, culture
& design

128
Information
Technology

1,372
Business &
Professional Services

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Campus-exclusive sorority caters to deaf community

Alpha Sigma Theta family includes those hard-of-hearing, ASL speakers and a dog that reads sign language

REANNE ROGERS
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A small mutt with scruffy grey fur enters the room. She sits, unnoticed, inside a crocheted

Dakine backpack littered with pink, white and teal colors. The backpack is hooked to the back of 23-year-old child and adolescent development major Danielle Sprague.

The two of them sit on a couch. The dog exits the backpack calmly upon Sprague's command for her to sit, which is

relayed through sign language. This dog, a mix of chihuahua and maltese poodle, is named Hazel and belongs to Sprague, president of Alpha Sigma Theta.

Hazel is an honorary member of the sorority that, in the words of Vice President Holly Kerker, 23, an English major, caters to the deaf community. It provides

deaf women a place that encourages leadership, socialization and overcoming challenges.

"That's what our letters stand for," said Elizabeth Noles, 26, deaf studies major and spirit chair of Alpha Sigma Theta as she pointed to each individual letter on her sweater shirt: The alpha symbol stands for leader-

ship, sigma stands for socialization, and theta stands for challenging.

The alpha chapter of Alpha Sigma Theta was founded on April 17, 1984 in Rochester, NY at Rochester Institute of Technology. The gamma chapter

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“Black and Latina/o Migrant Relations”
WHEN: 4-6:30 p.m.
WHERE: USU-Thousand Oaks Room
DESCRIPTION: Guest speakers will be talking about the civil rights of black and Latina/o immigrants. This event is free to attend.

“USU Games Room Table Tennis Tournament”
WHEN: 4-6 p.m.
WHERE: USU-Games Room
DESCRIPTION: Compete with other students in a table tennis tournament.

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“A Faculty Literary Symposium XIV with Writers Writing”
WHEN: 2-3:15 p.m.
WHERE: JR 319
DESCRIPTION: This event is presented by the Chicana/o studies department.

“Baseball vs. UCLA”
WHEN: 3-5 p.m.
WHERE: Baseball Field
DESCRIPTION: This event costs \$5 for adults and \$3 for youth (17&under), seniors (60+). CSUN faculty/staff, military and CSUN Alumni Association are allowed in with a valid ID.

“Softball vs. Northern Illinois”
WHEN: 3-5 p.m.
WHERE: Softball Field
DESCRIPTION: Game two of double header starts 30 minutes after the first game. This event costs \$5 for adults and \$3 for youth (17&under), seniors (60+), CSUN faculty/staff, military and CSUN Alumni Association are allowed in with a valid ID.

12 (CONT.)

“Tuesday Talks”
WHEN: 7-8 p.m.
WHERE: USU-Pride Center
DESCRIPTION: The weekly discussions for all students to come talk about issues in the LGBTQ community.

“Red Rally”
WHEN: 2 p.m.
WHERE: Matador Baseball Field
DESCRIPTION: Show some matador pride and get a chance to receive a Red Rally shirt, towel or other merch.

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“Blood Drive- National Cesar E. Chavez Blood Drive Challenge”
WHEN: 9-5 p.m.
WHERE: Flintridge Room
DESCRIPTION: This blood drive is free for anyone and sponsored by the Chicanos for Community Medicine.

“Imagining a New Mexican American Girl”
WHEN: 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
WHERE: JR 319
DESCRIPTION: Director of Equity and Diversity and assistant professor of English & Chicana/o studies at Northern New Mexico College Patricia Trujillo, will talk about the identities of a New Mexican girl.

“Games Night”
WHEN: 8 p.m.
WHERE: USU-Games Room
DESCRIPTION: Hosted by the Veterans’ Resource Center, all students are invited for a night of games and food.

13 (CONT.)

“USU Games Night Poker Tournament”
WHEN: 4-6 p.m.
WHERE: USU-Games Room
DESCRIPTION: Show off your poker skills.

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“Tennis vs. New Mexico”
WHEN: 2-4 p.m.
WHERE: Tennis Courts
DESCRIPTION: This event is free to attend.

“Celebrate Pi Day with Us!”
WHEN: 4-6 p.m.
WHERE: Oviatt Library-Ferman Presentation Room
DESCRIPTION: Listen to a panel of scientists, engineers and educators talk about careers in their field. This event is free to attend.

“LGBTQ Coffee Nights”
WHEN: 5-7 p.m.
WHERE: USU-Pride Center
DESCRIPTION: All students are welcome for light snacks, coffee and conversations.

“Music Night”
WHEN: 8-10 p.m.
WHERE: USU-Games Room
DESCRIPTION: Free pizza and music by folk rock artist Fire Chief Charlie.

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“Aquila Theatre Cyrano de Bergerac”
WHEN: 8-10 p.m.
WHERE: Great Hall
DESCRIPTION: A famous French play of love based on a historical figure. This event costs \$40/\$35.

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“Softball vs. LMU”
WHEN: 9:30-11:30 a.m.
WHERE: Softball Field
DESCRIPTION: This event is free for high school students with high school ID and costs \$5 for adults and \$3 for youth (17&under), seniors (60+), CSUN faculty/staff, military and CSUN Alumni Association (ID required).

“Softball vs. Seattle”
WHEN: 2:30-4:30 p.m.
WHERE: Softball Field
DESCRIPTION: This event is free for high school students with high school ID and costs \$5 for adults and \$3 for youth (17&under), seniors (60+), CSUN faculty/staff, military and CSUN Alumni Association (ID required).

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“Tennis vs. UC Davis”
WHEN: 12:30-2:30 p.m.
WHERE: Tennis Courts
DESCRIPTION: This event is free to attend.

“An Evening with Kenny Rogers”
WHEN: 7:30-9 p.m.
WHERE: Great Hall
DESCRIPTION: Kenny Rogers will be here for a night of entertainment. The event costs ranges from \$85/\$70/\$55.

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A.S. talks technology in class

iPad initiative, Lecture Capture program discussed as new possibilities to help students learn

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Associated Students met Friday to discuss the new iPad Initiative, and a survey for students that will be on the ballot during the upcoming elections.

Vice President Christopher Woollett had met with the Academic Technology Committee (ATC) and the Advisory Committee on Academic Technology (ACAT) earlier in the week to discuss new technology on campus.

The biggest issue was the integration of iPads in many classes at CSUN, possibly by Fall 2013. Woollett clarified that the iPads would mostly be for upper-division courses. Only a few majors have been confirmed so far, including biology, journalism and kinesiology.

President Sydni Powell added that one of the few concerns over the iPad Initiative is whether it will be seen as an "unintentional endorsement" of the Apple company's less than ethical business practices.

Powell acknowledged the fear, but maintained that their main priority was the advance-



A.S. President Sydni Powell and Vice President Christopher Woollett discuss the iPad initiative.

ment of students through this initiative.

Woollett also discussed another technological possibility, a program called Lecture Capture.

"It's the idea of flipping the classroom," Woollett said. "Instead of coming into class and listening to a lecture, you would do that for homework."

The program would allow for class time that would be spent lecturing to be spent doing group work or clarifying information. ACT and ACAT reported that when used in trial runs, 70 percent of students watch the lectures.

Before adjourning, the Senate looked over a survey that will

be presented to students on the Spring 2013 elections ballot.

Students will have the chance to give their opinion on topics such as the creation of a Matador football team, a Freshman Orientation Camp and the development of a Matador Bike program, which would rent, repair or even sell bikes on campus.

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Klein, however, said that not all data relating to the UC system is up-to-date and will need to be fixed.

"As an example, at UC Merced, it lists a six-year graduation rate, but based on the 2009 data they used, UC Merced wasn't even in existence that long," Klein said.

Svorny does not expect the scorecard to actually help students in making a decision on where to go to college.

"I expect colleges to fudge the data they report or manipulate it, as colleges do when reporting information for the U.S. News and World Report's efforts to rank college programs," she said.

Bunyan said that even though this is a new tool, he would recommend it to other students just starting the college journey.

"I think it's worth tracking different colleges," he said. "A lot of kids go to the wrong school because the right resources aren't available to them. This would allow them to find the right or better option."

Jew said the scorecard should help a little if a student has no idea where they want to go but does not think it will sway a person's final decision.

"It would be convenient to have essential cost information about a university in an easy-to-read format, but that doesn't detail how well the university accommodates a specific major," she said. "The financial feature is certainly important in the decision making process, but the quality of teaching is, by far, a greater aspect. You can go to a university with a cheaper tuition, but that doesn't mean you'll be receiving a quality education."

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Matadors raise money for breast cancer

Women’s basketball team wear pink uniforms in support of a national sports campaign to fight the disease

BOB GARCIA
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C SUN’s Women’s basketball team has worn pink uniforms at some of their games as part of Play 4Kay, an initiative that aims to raise nationwide awareness for breast cancer.

Play 4Kay is a foundation created in memory and honor of Kay Yow, a head coach of women’s basketball at the University of North Carolina who lost her life to breast cancer in January 2009.

The Foundation is dedicated to raising funds for breast cancer research “on the court, across campuses, in communities and beyond.”

“Cancer is a disease that has affected a lot of people,” said Jason Flowers, CSUN women’s basketball head coach. “I do not know anybody who has not been affect by it, so we are trying to build up (breast cancer awareness) so we can make it a big deal to donate money to the foundation.”

The Play 4Kay foundation has nationwide participation from other women’s collegiate basketball teams. Since its creation in 2007, the initiative has raised more than \$2 million in its Kay

Yow Cancer Fund, according to play4kay.org.

CSUN women’s basketball team began to take part in the foundation when the team wore its pink uniform for a home game on Feb. 16 against UC Davis. The choice to join the initiative by Flowers was made because of the nationwide participation from different women’s college basketball programs.

“It’s a chance (for students and athletes) to be involved in a cause that is bigger than them,” said Erin Kiser, assistant athletic director for marketing at CSUN. “And it also shows young kids that (the women’s basketball team) gets involved in something that is bigger than the community.”

According to Kiser, it is hard to estimate the amount of money the women’s basketball program has raised since joining the breast cancer awareness foundation.

“We cannot put an exact figure on how much we raised because each of our sports programs has their own breast cancer awareness foundations,” Kiser said. “For women’s basketball we work with Tau Omega Rho fraternity and also get donations through the food we sell at our concession stands for the women’s basketball game. This makes it hard get an estimation on how much we have raised because of the mul-

tle entities we work with (for the breast cancer awareness foundation).”

Tau Omega Rho has been involved with the university’s athletics department for the past year and a half. The fraternity established last year an annual week long event known as Race to the Top, which is also a charity that raises money for breast cancer research. In its first year. The event raised \$3,500 in less than a week and was held the last spring.

Several other CSUN sports programs such as men’s and women’s soccer, softball, baseball, men’s and women’s volleyball, and men’s basketball are also involved in various breast cancer awareness foundations.

At the home game against UC Davis, Tau Omega Rho fraternity collected over \$100 in donations from attendees.

“It’s one of the best things out there because breast cancer hits home for everyone,” said Joshua Lin, president of the Tau Omega Rho fraternity. “And to know donations are going to breast cancer research makes it better knowing it’s going to a good cause.”



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came to CSUN on May 13, 1987.

CSUN houses the only active chapter of Alpha Sigma Theta. The alpha chapter was suspended for substance use during an event about a year and a half ago, and the beta chapter is currently shut down.

Many of the women involved have been part of the deaf community for much longer than their membership in the sorority. Both Kerker and Sprague were born into non-hearing families, and American Sign Language is their first language.

"I do not really like using voice. Sign is my preferred language," Kerker said.

Samantha Fina, 20, deaf studies major and member of the sorority, said she began signing at age 14 when it was offered at her high school because of theater involvement.

Kerker said all of the women in the sorority are diverse. They all have different interests, different majors and different backgrounds, but the sorority is the one thing that unites them all.

She identifies as a child of a deaf adult and has been involved with Alpha Sigma Theta for three and a half years.

Noles joined the sorority

when she decided she wanted to step out of her comfort zone. She has always been shy but has broken out of her shell and been involved with the sorority for two years.

Sprague, Kerker, Fina and Noles all identify the sorority as a family.

As a family that is so dedicated and invested in the deaf community, they take part in many philanthropic activities. The group is a major supporter of Deaf Hope, an organization with a mission to end domestic and sexual violence through empowerment, education and services.

On March 1 Alpha Sigma Theta hosted a show called "Real Women, Real Beauty." It provided an opportunity for real women to bring awareness on women's experiences with domestic violence and empower all women.

All proceeds from the show were donated to Deaf Hope.

The women of Alpha Sigma Theta are also supporters and volunteers at the Greater Los Angeles Agency on Deafness.

The sorority has also adopted Zuma beach and cleans it up twice per semester.

While it is often a misconception among students that the members of Alpha Sigma Theta are all non-hearing, there are six non-hearing members and



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Danielle Sprague, Holly Kerker, Elizabeth Noles and Samantha Fina of Alpha Sigma Theta, a sorority focused on the deaf community pose with Sprague's dog Hazel. Hazel responds to ASL and can do four tricks when prompted with just the sign.

15 hearing members. The sorority welcomes both hearing and non-hearing students.

According to Kerker, unlike most other sororities and fraternities, all meetings and gatherings are voices off, signing only.

Kerker said there are 10 women who showed inter-

est in joining the sorority this semester and who are currently going through the new member process.

"I was really impressed at the first meeting by their understanding," Sprague said about the the new recruits.

Kerker and Sprague are both excited for their new

members and the expansion of their family.

"We don't always like each other, but we always love each other," Noles said. "Sometimes we are dysfunctional and we fight but at the end of the day we are family."

Included in that family is Hazel, the family dog, who

the group has planned on adding to their composite, a compilation that features a picture of each of the year's members, this year, giving her her own portrait.

Hazel knows four signs: kiss, sit, play dead and friend. Perhaps more people will catch Hazel around campus blowing kisses.

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Opinion

Athletes: boundless and belligerent

KEVIN KIANI
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Aggression and physicality is an integral and necessary part of sports, but unfortunately it has spilled into the homes of many prominent athletes. Athletes have been increasingly linked to domestic violence and it has developed into a growing trend that frankly makes me cringe.

The most recent athlete turned killer is Oscar Pistorius, who has been accused of murdering his 26-year-old girlfriend, Reeva Steenkamp. Pistorius was a double amputee who competed in the London Olympics and was often regarded as an inspirational and heroic sports figure who overcame all odds to compete and this is precisely where the problem lies.

The media elevated Pistorius to hero status much too early and we as a society forgot that he is in fact mortal and can make mistakes. We were all caught up in a whirlwind of passion and the tide of tearjerking stories that were perpetuated by media outlets fed into this frenzy.

This story is reminiscent of the O.J. Simpson trial. Both were implicated in the murder of their significant others after previous reports of domestic violence were ignored and investigators botched the forensics of both crime scenes. Instead of focusing on the victims and the atrocious crimes that were committed, our society is fascinated by the media circus that these trials create. The media preys on these potential ratings and it brings more attention to the killer as opposed to the victim and the idea of domestic abuse and murder as a growing problem in our country.

According to the National Coalition

Against Domestic Violence (NCADV), one in every four women will experience some sort of domestic violence in their life time and most cases aren't even reported to the police. This statistic is alarming enough, but when we see pro athletes, whom young and impressionable athletes revere and emulate, committing such heinous crimes, it is especially tough to stomach.

According to the National Coalition Against Violent Athletes (NCAVA) in a 1995 study, 8.5 percent of the national population was charged with assault while 36.8 percent of athletes were charged with that same offense. This is a very striking statistic.

Although there isn't a link between athletes and domestic violence there are some factors that inevitably play into it. First off, professional athletes have to be focused and driven, more so than the average person. Their job is to compete on a nightly basis and to beat an opponent by any means necessary. At times, they are relentless in pursuit of their goal and all those characteristics sometimes subconsciously overflow into the home life where a verbal dispute can turn violent.

Second, athletes are fed with a golden spoon since the day they turn pro, sometimes even before, and many of them lose sight of values and morals that they either learned growing up or missed altogether. They get money, attention, fame, and essentially anything else that they ask for and for that they have a hard time grasping onto the concept of things not always going their way.

When a successful athlete is used to having everything be about them, their

intimate relationships often suffer.

Although athletes are mainly responsible for their actions, the leagues and teams they play for are doing an atrocious job of regulating and handing down punishments for these violent acts.

In 2010, then Los Angeles Lakers forward Matt Barnes was arrested for domestic violence in Sacramento after the police observed his girlfriend had sustained visible injuries during an altercation with Barnes. He later posted a \$50,000 bond and was released with no further repercussions.

When he arrived back in LA for the start of the season, neither the NBA nor the Lakers organization punished Barnes for his actions and unfortunately this is a common theme among all sports. According to the NCAVA, the general population has a conviction rate of 80 percent while athletes have a conviction rate of just 38 percent.

This double standard that has lived with athletes and celebrities has lived on too long and there needs to be more extreme punishments for off the court conduct, especially something as serious as domestic violence. Some punishments could include indefinite suspension, lower salary, and even being permanently released from the team or league.

What a player may lose in salary and

employment doesn't begin to compare to the lifetime of emotional and physical pain that a woman who suffered abuse has to continually go through.

If I work for a company and I receive a DUI or commit any sort of crime, there is no doubt in my mind that I will be fired or severely punished for my actions. There is no forgiveness in the real world for blue-collar jobs so this double standard and this notion that every athlete gets off the hook for their despicable actions needs to disintegrate.

We as sports fans, and society as a whole, need to stop forgetting and forgiving as soon as these athletes do something positive in their realm. A game-winning home run or a last second buzzer-beater does not erase physical abuse left by irresponsible fists and emotions.

What do all these athletes have in common? They were elevated to a pedestal of invincibility and clouded by attention, fame, and money. Once you feel like you are on top of the world, the only thing that can bring you down is a courtroom filled with weeping families of the victims that you designated as targets for your anger.

Hitting another human being is wrong in its own right, but the idea of a man hitting a woman is something I have trouble visualizing and when I do, nothing makes me sicker.

It inhabits a degree of cowardice and inhumane nature and athletes in the public eye should be made as examples when they engage in it as well as victims being consoled and comforted by the repercussions they face.

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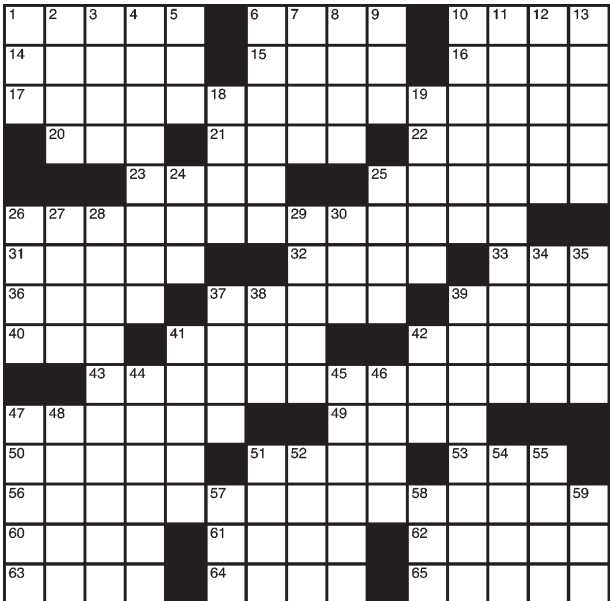
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By Jeff Chen

3/11/13

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SOFTBALL

CSUN goes 1-1 in doubleheader

Despite losing the first game, the Matadors bounce back to take a 4-2 win against the visiting Roadrunners

CASEY DELICH
SPORTS EDITOR

Playing their first home doubleheader of the season, the Matadors (10-16) softball team split Saturday's games with visiting CSU Bakersfield (2-13), losing 3-2 in the first and winning 4-2 in the final.

In the second game, the Roadrunners came out strong in the top of the first, loading the bases with two outs. Sophomore starting pitcher Brianna Elder was unable to get out of the jam and was replaced on the mound by senior pitcher Mia Pagano.

"All of our pitchers know that we have high expectations for them and we have our own little system that we've been working out," said head coach Tairia Flowers. "It was just time to make a change, and (Brianna) knew she had to be ready to go back in, but Mia was ready to go from the start and she just did a good job for us."

Pagano got CSUN out of the top half of the inning, striking out the only batter she faced in the first – one of her seven in the game.

"I just knew I had to do



Wynnona Loreda / Contributor

Junior pitcher Mia Pagano, who replaced starting pitcher Brianna Elder, tries to strike out a CSU Bakersfield batter.

a job and I was there to help (Brianna) out in the best way that I could," Pagano said. "I just wanted to shut down the team and set a different tone for the game."

The Matadors struck first, scoring in the bottom of the first. Sophomore center fielder Abby Linn looped a

single over the Bakersfield junior shortstop Shay Fryer, and came around to score on three wild pitches.

The Matadors threatened again in the bottom of the third, loading the bases with one out. Freshman shortstop Maylynn Mitchell sent a seeing eye single through the

left side of the infield, scoring another Northridge run, putting its lead at 2-0.

Bakersfield closed the gap, scoring in the top half of the fourth inning, on a throwing error by senior second baseman Korinne Randazzo.

Unable to start much on the offensive front, North-

ridge capitalized on errors by Bakersfield freshman pitcher Amber Mills. Already scoring one run off of a wild pitch, the Matadors plated two more runs in the bottom of the sixth on a wild pitch and RBI groundout, extending their lead to 4-1.

"I knew that it wasn't my

best pitch, but I knew that we were going to win the game," Pagano said about the home run. "I had to come back at the next two batters and couldn't let anything up or think they could get away with anymore runs than that."

Pitching 6.1 innings in relief, Pagano let up the final run of the game on a solo home run in the top of the seventh to sophomore second baseman Adrianna Cardoza.

Northridge's offense only recorded five hits to go along with their three in the previous game, and Randazzo was responsible for four of the eight hits.

"I was just feeling good at the plate, her ball wasn't moving too much on me," said Randazzo, who went 4 for 6 in the doubleheader, scoring two runs.

The win was the Matadors tenth of the season, matching their total from the 2012 season.

"It's always exciting to do better than you do last year, but this is in no way the benchmark that we were looking for," Flowers said. "We are going to keep moving along, we talked about that as a staff before the game and we wanted to finish the day a game ahead of where we were last year. We just have to keep coming out here and working."

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Game-winner by Guay lifts CSUN again

KEVIN KIANI
DAILY SUNDIAL

Sophomore guard Ashlee Guay's game-winning layup with three seconds left – her second of the season – lifted the Matadors (15-15, 9-9 Big West) over UC Riverside (11-18, 4-14) and gave CSUN the sixth seed going into the Big West Tournament next week.

With 13 seconds left and the Matadors down by one, the ball was inbounded to Guay who made a hard drive to the basket, jump stopped, spun and scooped it in to give Northridge the lead and ultimately the win on senior night.

"I know we needed to score so with the seconds running down, I had to do what I had to do," Guay

said. "My last shot doesn't matter, through the whole game everyone was working hard and if my teammates didn't set me up, the play wouldn't have worked."

Guay scored 11 points and had four steals in 39 minutes but the Matadors were led in scoring by junior guard Haley White who asserted herself offensively with 13 points and six rebounds off the bench.

"I just wanted to be aggressive and stay in the flow of the offense. By me being aggressive it opens things up for my teammates," White said.

Both teams struggled from the field in the first half as the Matadors shot 37 percent (10-27) and Riverside shot 35.5 percent (11-31). The teams ended the half in a 28-28 tie with no team able to pull ahead.

"Both teams turned the basketball over and we gave them too many easy

baskets," said head coach Jason Flowers. "We just weren't as sharp as I wanted us to be."

Coming out of halftime, the Matadors raced out to a 17-8 run capped off by a steal and layup by Guay. CSUN capitalized on Riverside's mistakes as they poured in 19 points off of 24 Highlanders' turnovers.

"We came into the game putting a lot of pressure on them. We wanted to press and make them tired," Guay said. "We want to run on them because our offense is predicated on our defense."

UC Riverside fought back from an 11 point deficit when a 3-pointer from Highlander freshman guard Brittany Crain gave them their first lead of the second half with just 45 seconds left.

Coach Flowers was impressed by his team's resiliency and poise in the chaotic last minute of the

game.

"I wanted to let the kids play and decide the game," Flowers said. "We work on things all year for these situations and our kids stepped up. I thought they did a great job of making plays and getting the job done."

The Matadors have now won two games in a row and they will begin the conference tournament next Tuesday March 12 against UC Davis (13-16, 8-10 BWC).

UP NEXT

Csun v. uC Davis

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Senior forward Gianni Jackson elevates for two against UC Riverside.