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CSUN center Jasmine Erving tries to power up and score for her team Tuesday night at the Matadome. Erving, who finished with 13 points and 11 rebounds, and the Matadors could not maintain a 19-point second-half lead as the No. 2 Matadors were eliminated from the Big West Conference Tournament by No. 7 Long Beach State.

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# AS extends deadline to run for senate seats

Candidates are given an extra week; AS allocates nearly \$40,000 for five MIND screens around campus

JESSICA JEWELL  
DAILY SUNDIAL

Associated Students voted to extend the deadline for people who want to run for a seat from today to March 14, at 11:00 p.m. in an attempt to encourage more civic engagement on campus.

President Amanda Flavin, a graduating senior, expressed her concern for students to have more choices in candidates. She said as of Friday, only one ticket had been filed for the vice president and presidential seats.

“I want to make sure students have options and that no seat goes uncontested,” Flavin said.

A.S. is promoting the election through Facebook, bulletin boards around campus, emails and word of mouth.

“Often, senators don’t do their jobs to reach out to constituents and this is a problem,” Flavin said.

A.S. will have a table in front of the Oviatt Library on Wednesday and Thursday next week from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. where every senator is mandated to contribute two hours of service to encourage people to run.

Students interested in running can visit the A.S. website and fill out the appropriate forms. All candidates must have a minimum 2.5 GPA.

There are seats for each college

available to students interested in running: two lower division, two upper division and two graduate seats. Along with the vice president and president’s seats.

### MIND Screens

A.S. voted to allocate \$38,965 to A.S. Marketing for the installation of five new Matador Information Network Display screens from the Capital Improvement account.

In a special presentation to the senate, Manager of Support Services for Associated Students, Ken Premo, said A.S. Marketing plans to install three MIND screens around the Student Union area of campus: one by the student government office, one by the ticket office and one in the children’s center; the remaining two screens’ placement will be determined by a committee.

According to Premo, the USU opted to buy their own screens--one in the main building and another in the Satellite Student Union.

The screens provide free advertising to students, faculty, staff or any club or organization, Premo said. The goal of the MIND screens is to promote more campus engagement and to bring cohesion to the student body in spreading awareness of CSUN operations.

“The purpose of the screen is to promote spirit on campus,” he added.

Senator Hookfin shared she had issues contacting someone in A.S. Marketing when she tried to get



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The Associated Students Senate voted to change the filing deadline for A.S. elections on Tuesday.

content published on the MIND screens in the past.

Senator Ryder asked Premo if the location of the MIND screens could be revisited to areas with “higher traffic” to colleges that currently don’t have MIND screens away from the other “auxiliary locations” proposed.

“I’m really happy you’ve noticed the absence,” Premo said, assuring Ryder that they would explore that request.

MIND screens take up to 60

days from delivery to installation. The approved screens can be expected around campus by graduation.

### Chick-Fil-A

Matadors for Equality Board Member John Saringo-Rodriguez spoke to the senate during open forum urging to ban Chick-Fil-A services at CSUN events and activities in support of the LGBTQ community at CSUN.

Saringo-Rodriguez distributed a petition to A.S. created on

Change.org pressuring CSUN to stop serving Chick-Fil-A due to their history of supporting organizations who’ve been accused of being homophobic. According to a report by EqualityMatters.org cited in his speech, Chick-Fil-A has donated a “total of 1.7 million dollars in 2009 to organizations like Marriage and Family fund, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Family Research Council, Exodus International and Focus on the Family.”

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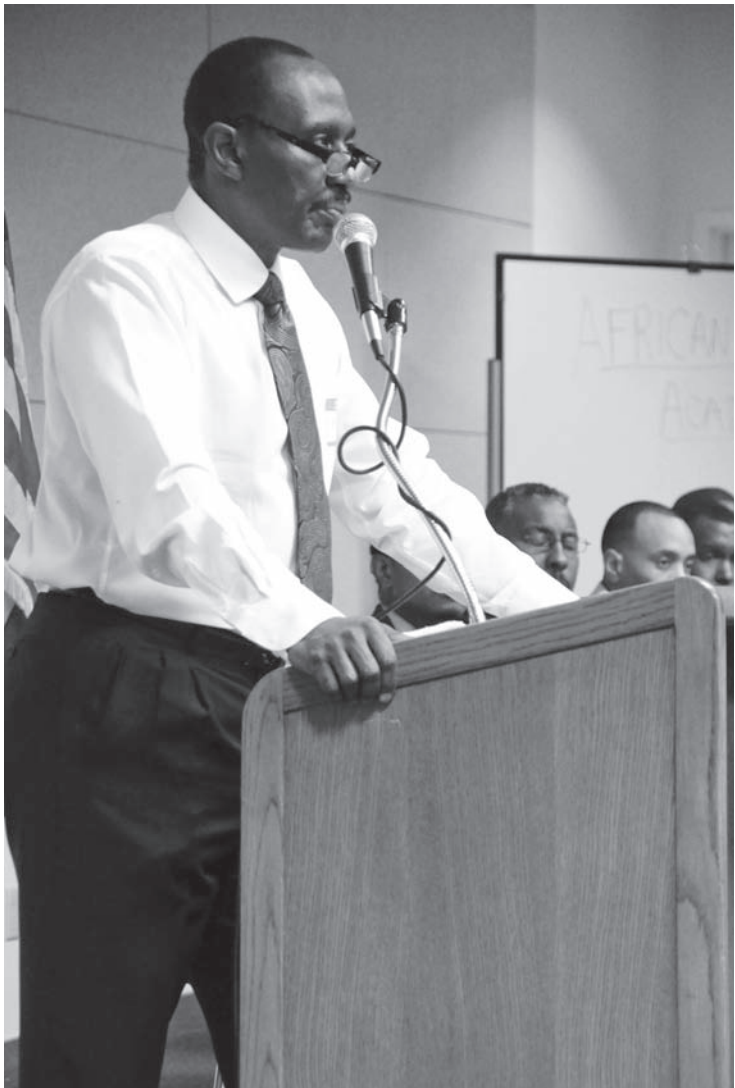


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# Initiative aims to increase grad rates



Dr. Chris Holmes, clinical psychologist from CSUN University Counseling, spoke about African-American males graduation and retention rates at the Oviatt Library Presentation Room on Tuesday.

MICHAEL CHENG / DAILY SUNDIAL

Statistics show African-American students are falling behind

**JANETTE FLETCHER**  
DAILY SUNDIAL

An initiative to help define the image and future goals for the success of African-American men at CSUN was discussed during a lecture by University Counseling staff psychologist Dr. Chris Holmes, Tuesday at the Jack and Florence Ferman Presentation Room in the Oviatt Library.

The event, discussing the African American Male Academic Initiative, was supported by the University Counseling Services, EOP, and the Du Bois/Hamer Institute.

“Black males are having a difficult time graduating,” Holmes said. “What are you doing right that’s keeping you here?”

Holmes stated that his dream is to see black men come together and support each other. He also said that many programs are not successful because people don’t put energy into them.

“I want to use this group as a platform,” Holmes said. “We need to start at elementary level; black women are graduating 2 to 1 (compared to men).”

Holmes, who grew up during the 1960s, succeeded in college with help from mentors as they provided him the tools needed to graduate.

“Seven percent of African-

American males have graduated from CSUN, which includes those who started at CSUN and actually graduated,” Holmes said. “These statistics are based on an entire population and we’re losing too many.”

The average number of degrees earned from African-American males is 129 compared to 491 from Latinos and 926 from Caucasians, according to Holmes.

“This is why I am concerned,” Holmes said. “The stats shouldn’t discourage you, but encourage you.”

A panel of educated African-American men provided their support and feedback to students.

“Recruitment and retaining is an issue,” said Cedric Hackett, Pan African studies professor.

Our life experiences are different, but we are all black men, Hackett added.

Kenny Oden, program mentor for EOP student support services, is the oldest sibling in his family, and said he feels responsible for making sure he instills how important an education is to his sisters.

“I got mentored on a professional level and was the only black male in my class,” Oden said. “I saw positive competition and people that looked like me were doing good things, the images around me were positive.”

Now a graduate student working on a master’s in educational

leadership in policy, Oden plans on attending USC.

Sean James of CSUN EOP, grew up in Compton, California, and said he did not witness any positive influences around him.

“I’m tired of seeing black men leave colleges,” he added.

He has received his B.A. in Pan African studies, master in higher education administration and is currently working on a doctorate in education administration at USC.

“Black males are in much more need,” said Josh Thompson, a political science major. “Black males need effective study habits, mentors and need to prioritize.”

Black males need to be in social engagements with different environments, Thompson added.

“It’s great that we got dialogue started,” said Mark Gradner, staff member assistant community director of resident life. “We named the issue and black males are under-represented in higher education.”

According to freshman Shane McGhie, major undeclared, figures that low give him a sense of motivation to continue his education.

In 2007 to 2008, 150 black males graduated with degrees from CSUN. In 2008 to 2009, 133 degrees were earned and in 2010 to 2011, 116 degrees were earned.

Holmes said African-American males can succeed by doing well academically in groups and by mentoring other Black males.



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**Keep CSUN Current: Ban Plastic Bags**  
By: Carissa Capello



California State University, Northridge has established itself as one of the leaders in sustainable solutions for all academic institutions worldwide (Moore). With more than 5,800 solar panels on campus, a fuel cell power plant, a food garden, and compostable food containers, CSUN is staying current in the growing "green" world.

Other college campuses in the country are also taking initiative to "green" their campuses. California State University, Northridge can take the next step of remaining relevant among other institutions by reducing and banning plastic bag usage. According to the Plastic Pollution Coalition (PPC), college campuses are often times the source of a lot of plastic pollution. With their "Plastic Free Campuses" project, PPC has created a global community of university and school campuses working towards reducing their plastic footprint (PPC).

The map above, showcases proposed and passed bans on plastic bags in the US, including the southern California campus of UC Santa Barbara's ban of plastic bags on their campus (PPC).

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# Opinions

## Santorum's theocracy

This candidate believes only literal understanding of the bible counts



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**A** literal interpretation of the Bible says adulterers should be stoned to death (Deuteronomy 22:22-24), and you must be put to death if you touch Mount Sinai (Exodus 19:13). And for all of you out there who worship other gods or none at all, fear thou a Santorum presidency, for in Deuteronomy 17:2-5, "Moses spake ..if there be found among you... man or woman ... that ... hath gone and served other gods, and worshiped them ... Then shalt thou ... stone them with stones, till they die."

Although Santorum will probably not become president, I find it frightening that he has gotten as close as he has.

Santorum is a man of blind faith who follows an extreme Christian ideology. He rejects the science of evolution and global warming, he is intolerant of sexual variance and he believes that anyone who does not share his faith has a false world view. Men and women like him are dangerous and should not be in positions of power.

Santorum believes if you are a liberal, you cannot be a true Christian. He is not a man of conviction, but a dangerous ideologue who values blind faith over reason and common sense.

In a 2008 interview with the Oxford Center for Religion and Public Life, Santorum, an avowed Roman Catholic, was

asked if he believed President Barack Obama is a "sincere liberal Christian." Santorum essentially said you cannot be a Christian if you don't believe in a literal interpretation of the Bible.

"I don't think there is such a thing," Santorum said. "To take what is plainly written (in the Bible) and say that 'I don't agree with that, therefore I don't have to pay attention to it,' means you're not what you say you are. You're a liberal something, but you're not a Christian."

Obama has said he doesn't believe that everything written in the Bible should be taken literally, which puts him in the same category as most Christians and sane people in general.

Since then, Santorum has said he does believe Obama is a Christian. But remarks he made about Obama's policies during a February tea party rally in Columbus, Ohio, suggest he said this for political expediency, rather than because he believes it.

"It's about some phony ideal, some phony theology," Santorum said about Obama's beliefs. "Oh, not a theology based on the Bible. A different theology." Santorum is implying here that the right way to govern our country is according to biblical theology.

This goes far beyond issues of separation of church and state; it speaks to the necessity of the separation of fanatics from positions of power.

And, according to numerous Bible passages, if you believe in what Santo-

rum calls a false theology, then you will end up in hell.

Even the Catholic church and Pope Benedict XVI realize everything in the Bible shouldn't be taken literally. During the 2008 Synod of Bishops, the Vatican released a position paper in which it warned against literal interpretations of the Bible.

"It demands an unshakable adherence to rigid doctrinal points of view and imposes, as the only source of teaching for Christian life and salvation, a reading of the Bible, which rejects all questioning and any kind of critical research," it said.

My point isn't to poke fun at the Bible or religious belief. I am against "the unshakable adherence to rigid doctrinal points of view," about which the Vatican warns.

When it comes to solving the world's problems, there are not always easy answers to complex problems. Rigid adherence to any one doctrine often leads to unreasonable solutions like rejection of scientific evidence, warfare, ethnic cleansing, discrimination and intolerance. Adolf Hitler and Osama Bin Laden had such rigid adherence.

People often make the mistake of admiring rigid conviction. They equate it with morality. But blind faith in any book, or religion or political philosophy is not moral or admirable. It is an abdication of personal responsibility to view the world with a critical eye and to think for oneself.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I have known in general about the problem of American fast food before, but after the watching "Supersize Me" by Morgan Spurlock, I noticed how difficult of a situation we have in regards to food items on our campus. There are a lot of different eating options, but almost all of them sell nothing but junk food. As a result, it is possible to say that we are just forced to eat fast food. I know many Americans like to eat this food because it is pretty traditional in American culture. However, I think people should have a choice. It is necessary to create some spots on our campus where students could eat healthy food. They might not become as popular as Burger King or Panda Express, but would at least have a choice to eat better. Changing our diets would help us to avoid being overweight and would save our health. As the old saying goes, you are what you eat.

Dmitry Rogachev  
International exchange student  
California State University, Northridge

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WEEKLY COLUMN

Knocked out Colt: Manning release wrong choice

GILBERTO MANZANO  
SENIOR REPORTER

The Colts have until Thursday to make a decision on Peyton Manning. However, ESPN is reporting that Indianapolis is expected to announce today that it won't be picking up the NFL's only four-time MVP's \$28 million option and will release him.

If the reports are true, the Colts seriously need to reconsider. Here's what they should do: Stay with Manning, and don't draft Stanford stud Andrew Luck.

I'm sure most of you guys are thinking, "This Manzano guy is crazy and delusional. He needs to find another career." But hear me out first.

Yes, Luck has the skills to be an all-time great – size, arm-strength, leadership, intelligence and athleticism. But after a dreadful 2-14 season, the Colts have many needs on both sides of the ball, and the quarterback position should be the least of their worries if Manning was to remain on the roster.

The St. Louis Rams have already said they want to trade their No. 2 pick and build around quarterback Sam

Bradford. After an impressive combine, the stock of Baylor quarterback Robert Griffin III (RG3) is rising faster than lava in an erupting volcano. So the Rams must be salivating at the mouth thinking about what teams like the Browns and Redskins are willing to give up to get RG3 with the second pick.

Now, imagine what the Colts can get by trading the No. 1 pick and passing on Luck.

An argument could be made that the Colts are in a different situation than the Rams since Bradford is 11 years younger than the 35-year-old Manning. However, not many could say Bradford is better than a healthy Manning. Heck, even a 70-percent Manning is better than most quarterbacks in the NFL.

Let's pretend I'm Colts owner Jim Irsay. What I would do is trade down with a team that has a top-10 pick and have them throw in other assets, perhaps more picks. Then I'd take Alabama running back Trent Richardson. The Colts, who were 26th in rushing yards last season, will get an added boost in the ground game and take some load off Manning's arm.

Indy's No. 1 pick could end up filling any of their myriad

other needs: an offensive lineman, a linebacker or a cornerback, for example.

The icing on the cake would be Manning convincing the free-agent wideouts he made into stars, Reggie Wayne and Pierre Garcon, to return to the Colts.

If all that were to happen, the Colts would be looking like a wild card team. Unfortunately, with the reported release of Manning, it appears as if Indy is set on Luck, which will mean no draft picks, no Wayne and Garcon and definitely no playoffs for a few years.

No one really knows if Luck is the next Manning or the next Brady Quinn, but having some kind of help around the Stanford standout could keep him off a quarterback-bust list that includes Ryan Leaf, JaMarcus Russell and Akili Smith. All those guys were thrown into the fire with an awful team and struggled their way out of the league.

If Irsay changes his mind, he could keep Manning for three or four years and then hand the keys to his next franchise quarterback with weapons and support surrounding him, similar to the situations Ben Roethlisberger and Aaron Rodgers were drafted into with



COURTESY OF MCT

Fans show support for 2012's expected No. 1 draft pick (Andrew Luck) in a November game at Indianapolis. The Colts, reportedly, will release Peyton Manning today.

their respective teams.

Think about it, would Rodgers have had immediate success if he'd been drafted No. 1 by the 49ers after their awful 2005 season?

The main concern for the Colts is Manning's health, but doesn't the guy who brought a Super Bowl title and a new stadium to Indy deserve a chance to prove himself?

If Manning struggles and

doesn't play at his Hall-of-Fame level, the Colts would still be on the right track to building a winning team, and they could draft another quarterback in the near future. The NFL is a passing league now, and quarterback stars are coming out like hot cakes.

I hope somehow Irsay reads this column and stays loyal to Manning. However, I know there's no chance of that hap-

pening. I don't blame the Colts for wanting Luck, who's considered the best quarterback in a draft since John Elway in 1983, but going with Manning gives Indy a winning team quicker.

Hey, it is what it is. Hopefully, Manning gets a shot somewhere and that team better play the Colts sometime in the near future. Manning vs. Luck, part II. Only this time, it will be on the field.

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

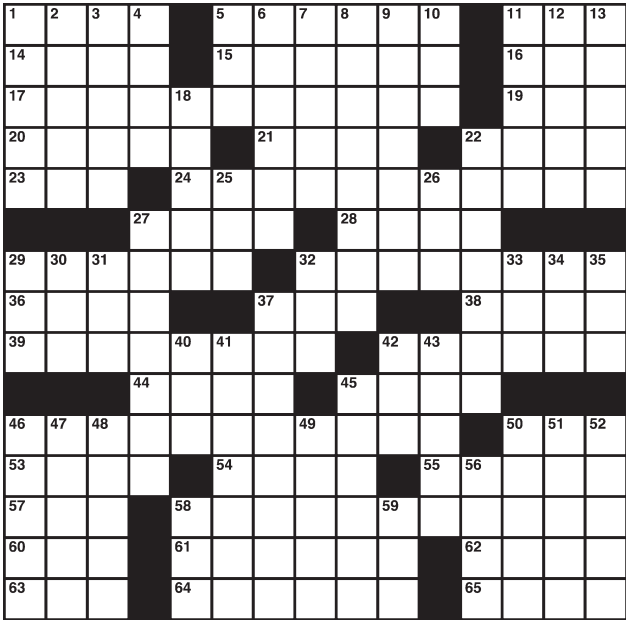
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- 1 Taj Mahal city
- 5 Merry
- 11 One doing serious crunching in 29-Down
- 14 Perturb
- 15 Hang on a clothesline
- 16 One of a swiveled pair
- 17 1981 Richard Pryor film
- 19 Sit-\_: protests
- 20 Ancient Greek theater
- 21 Merry old king
- 22 In a funk
- 23 Managed
- 24 Band whose frontman passes through the audience in a plastic bubble, with "The"
- 27 Typical "Twilight" fan
- 28 Billy of "Titanic"
- 29 Daisylike blooms
- 32 Pipe dream
- 36 Bartlett, e.g.
- 37 Distress signal
- 38 Pop
- 39 Chew out
- 42 Chic
- 44 "How steak is done" sauce
- 45 Like a battery needing a charge
- 46 "Everything but" item
- 50 "Don't \_": 2005 R&B hit
- 53 Dull discomfort
- 54 Chess ending
- 55 Cultural values
- 57 King of Spain
- 58 Jolly Roger fliers
- 60 The word, as suggested by the saying formed by the ends of this puzzle's four longest answers
- 61 Cab rider-to-be
- 62 Sheltered, at sea
- 63 Mimic
- 64 Lover of Tristan
- 65 Student's stressor

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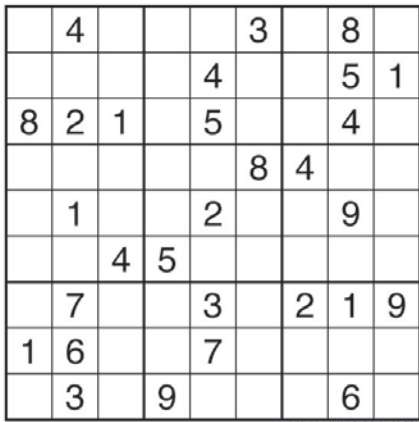
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## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# CSUN blows 19-point lead, loses to LBSU in first round of tournament

**ANTHONY CARPIO**  
SPORTS EDITOR

**T**heir biggest lead of the game was 19 points after CSUN center Jasmine Erving sank two free throws Tuesday night.

With 17:32 left in the game, the Matadors were riding an 18-0 run and it looked like it was smooth sailing from then on out.

But then something started to happen that ultimately proved too costly in their 57-52 loss to Long Beach State at the Matadome in the first round of the Big West Tournament.

A 3-pointer by Long Beach State guard Lauren Spargo with 15:55 left: lead down to 14 points. Another trey by Spargo almost two minutes later: down to eight.

Northridge started to witness something it has done to many teams this season, but now it was happening to them.

49er guard Hallie Meneses nailed a mid-range jumper: seven points. Yet another make from behind the arc, now from forward Mary Ochiltree: four points. A layup from forward Tipesa Moorer: two points. Then with 5:58 left, Moorer sank a jumper.

Long Beach had tied the game. CSUN couldn't stop the bleeding.

On their next possession, the 49ers did what they did best against the Matadors all season: they made another 3-pointer.

That 3-pointer made by Ochiltree gave Long Beach the lead, and with 5:28 remaining,

all momentum had swung over to the 49ers.

What had just happened was a 26-4 run by seventh-seeded LBSU in a span of nearly 12 minutes. It was this run that led to the defeat of second-seeded Northridge and ended its season.

CSUN tried to fight back, with forward Violet Alama draining a trey with 31 seconds left to cut the 49ers' lead to three (53-50). Though she made the much-needed basket, it was too little too late for the team to come back.

"Looking back on it, I probably could have and should have stopped the bleeding sooner," Matador head coach Jason Flowers said. "We've been a team, all year, that have played through those situations. Our group has shown that they bounce back and they handle those things."

Indeed, Northridge has recovered from big double-digit deficits, but those deficits occurred at the beginning of the second half and not while it had the lead itself.

"We've had several come-back wins this year. I talk about our kids and their character in that regard," Flowers said. "(Long Beach's) kids showed that tonight. They were down players; half of them are banged up and could barely walk. And they got to the point where they could have rolled over or fought. And they fought."

From the beginning of the night, it took a while for the team to find its rhythm, and as usual, when they found it, they looked unstoppable.



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**CSUN forward Violet Alama, left, fights for a loose ball with a 49er Tuesday night at the Matadome. The No. 2 Matadors let a double-digit lead slip through their fingers and were eliminated by No. 7 LBSU from the Big West Tournament.**

Forward Gianni Jackson, who is not known for her scoring, sparked a 7-0 CSUN run near the end of the first half. Big West Freshman of the Year Janae Sharpe, who had seven points in the initial period, hit a buzzer-beating trey to push the Matadors' lead to 31-20 going into halftime.

"We executed. We played at the pace that we wanted to play offensively," Flowers said about

the half. "Most importantly, we guarded. We played defense. They were struggling to score."

And CSUN played good defense, forcing Long Beach to make 13 turnovers, stealing the ball six times and gathering three blocks.

The second half started with a made hook shot by center Camille Mahlkecht and it looked as if nothing could stop Northridge. But the Matadors'

momentum was stalled as they began to watch the 49ers chip away at their lead.

"We just had too many breakdowns on the defensive end when (the 49ers) were making their runs," Flowers said. "The intensity of their game went up. They were backed into a corner and they came back fighting, and I don't think we handled that real well."

The Matadors ended the

night shooting 32.2 percent from the field, including a mind-numbing 23.1 percent in the second half alone. On the other hand, Long Beach finished with 38.5 percent, making five of 12 from behind the arc.

Turnovers caught up to CSUN as it tallied 17 for the game, only having turned the ball over seven times in the first half.

## MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

# Ball'ing: Matadors face Ball State tonight

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SPORTS EDITOR

**O**wners of their first winning streak of the season following a home win against UC Santa Barbara last Wednesday, the Matadors had the misfortune of running into the top team in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation – and No. 1 team in the nation – Friday.

Not even the usual edge of playing at home could spark CSUN's efforts enough to take down UCLA then as the Bruins came away with a 3-0 win.

Tonight, against a streaking Ball State squad who's won three consecutive games, the Matadors (6-10, 4-8 MPSF) hope to prove Friday's match was just a bump

in the road of improvement by taking down their Mid-western Intercollegiate Volleyball Association peers.

Ball State (10-5, 2-3 MIVA), which shares a league with 2011 NCAA champion Ohio State, is coming off a 3-0 sweep over Park University on Feb. 25 in which it hit a season-best .305. Led by right side Jamion Hartley, who averages 2.69 kills per game, and outside hitter Larry Wrather, who averages 2.58 kpg, the Cardinals have won five of their last six games.

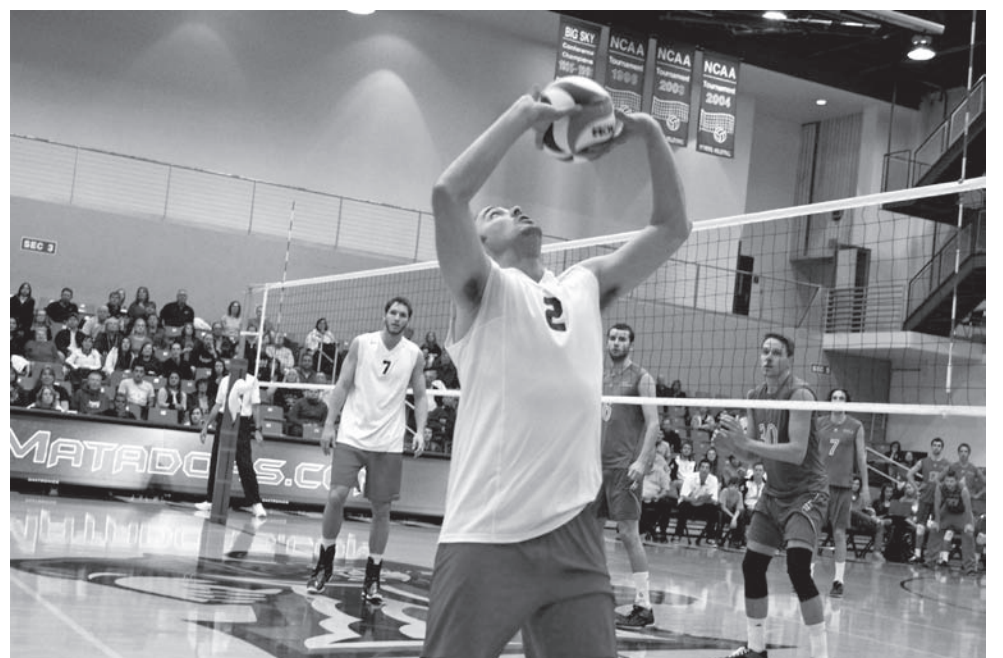
Against the top-dog Bruins, CSUN came out energized and hit an outstanding .324 in the first set, taking them into extra points before ultimately falling 28-26.

"We brought a lot of fire in that first set," said CSUN

opposite John Baker, who led his team with nine kills against UCLA.

The Matadors seemingly had little fire left after the initial frame. CSUN only hit .031 in the second set and lost it convincingly, 25-15. In the third, Northridge stayed close and was tied at 19-19 before UCLA pulled away and completed the sweep with a 25-22 win.

The match against the Bruins was the second of a nine-game homestand which will have CSUN playing against three non-conference opponents in a span of five days. The first will be Ball State tonight. Fellow MIVA member Loyola (Ill.) will follow Friday night and Harvard will pay a visit the next day.



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**Matador Danny Rodrick sets the ball to one of his teammates in their game against UCLA Friday night. CSUN continues its nine-game homestand as it faces Ball State tonight at the Matadome.**