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# Bad news for students hoping to attend CSUs in Spring 2013

NATALIE RIVERA  
DAILY SUNDIAL

CSU officials announced an enrollment freeze, as a result of budget cuts, that will require CSU campuses to freeze enrollment for the Spring 2013. According to Erik Fallis, CSU media relations manager, 15 CSU campuses have frozen enrollment beginning Spring 2013 and eight campuses will accept only a few hundred applicants from community college transfers. “We expect that there will be a number of transfer appli-

cants that range in the hundreds who will apply,” Fallis said. “By law, if a community college transfer applicant has finished their associate’s degree then they will automatically be in the system for those eight campuses. That does not mean they are enrolled, but they will be in the system.” The eight campuses are Channel Islands, Chico, East Bay, Fullerton, Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Bernardino and Sonoma. “For spring we are going to be closed,” Fallis said. “There will be eight campuses opened primarily to serve community college transfer students. This

is definitely going to happen.” The board of trustees discussed this plan in a Tuesday meeting that was held at Cal State Long Beach. Mission College student Vivian Carchi, who is hoping to transfer to CSUN as soon as she finishes her general courses, believes the enrollment freeze will affect her future plans. “I feel let down and a sense of abandonment. CSUN was my go-to college because of its location and relatively low prices (compared to other state universities),” she said. “Now my plan, my future, has a huge wrench just stuck in there. We are told that we need an edu-

cation so we can have more opportunities to be successful. But how can we achieve that when the California State University system is literally shutting their school doors in our faces?” The meeting discussed strategies to overcome the \$750 million funding cuts from 2011-12. According to Fallis, they will be sustaining these cuts. Fallis further explained that there may still be enrollment reduction for Spring 2013, but this is still not confirmed and will depend on the initiative proposed by Gov. Jerry Brown. If the initiative is not passed

by voters in November then CSU will face an additional \$200 million cut that may cause the board of trustees to consider an enrollment reduction, class reduction and layoffs. Applicants for Fall 2013 will be “waitlisted,” according to Fallis. This means that if the initiative is not passed in November, there will be more restrictions for applicants the beginning of Fall 2013. “This is just another possible scenario if we get the additional \$200 million cut,” Fallis said.

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According to Fallis, the number of CSU applicants for community college transfers for spring semesters are about 16,000. The number of CSU applicants transferring from a community college with an associate's degrees fall in the hundreds.

The overall number of CSU applicants is 700,000 for a fall semester.

According to a CSU budget fact sheet, other topics that are being discussed include Brown's proposal to increase the GPA requirement for Cal Grant applicants.

Elizabeth Chapin of the CSU's public affairs told student reporters that there will be a media teleconference to discuss these issues on today at 3:30 p.m.

CSU officials will be present to discuss budget strategies. Officials who will be present are the CSU Assistant Vice Chancellor, Robert Turnage and CSSA Executive Director Miles Nevin.

"I'm telling students to hold their questions until the conference," Chapin said. "There will be a Q&A and there will be time to clarify what may happen and answer student questions."

# Team can now attend national championship

AS allocates funds after heated debate

**MATTHEW ASHMAN**  
DAILY SUNDIAL

**A**fter much debate, the Associated Students approved a motion to allocate \$1,840 to the CSUN waterski and wakeboard team to attend the USA Waterski and Wakeboard Collegiate National Championship, at a meeting Tuesday in the Grand Salon.

Before the A.S. Senate could approve this, they had to discuss if the amount should be raised to meet some of the team's needs.

"Seeing that this is our waterski and wakeboard team and they are going to the national championship, this board should approve them for the national championship seeing that we approved \$20,000 for another team," said Cinzia Lettieri, a CSUN A.S. education senator.

The team had initially asked for \$4,000 to help the team get to the tournament,



FARAH YACOB / DAILY SUNDIAL

The Associated Students approved to give \$1,840 to the CSUN waterski and wakeboard team to attend a national championship.

then they reevaluated the costs and concluded they would need \$3,000.

Some A.S. members didn't think it was fair to give the waterski and wakeboard team extra money to cover things that other teams did not get covered.

"I don't think it's fair to cover food for one team and not another," said William Ryder, a CSUN A.S. business and economics senator. "If there is anything else we can do to increase funding, or things we can cover, I

would be in support of that."

Ryder went on to say that based off of the numbers he has seen, \$3,000 doesn't accurately cover what the team needs.

After a heated debate the team did not get the extra money they were hoping for after a vote of 7-11.

Even though the team did not get the extra money, they did end up getting \$1,840 to help cover the cost of participating in the national championship and to help out with lodging.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

### Ban on plastic grocery bags takes effect July 1 in unincorporated L.A. County

By Max Aram

A sweeping ban on plastic grocery bags will go into effect July 1 for unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. The bag ban was touted by county supervisors as an environmental measure to rid the county of "urban tumbleweed" that pollutes landfills and gets washed out to sea. Paper bags will still be available, but customers will be charged 10 cents per bag.

The effort is intended to encourage shoppers to bring reusable bags to the market for shopping. The plastic bag ban will affect anyone who shops at stores outside the county's incorporated cities, such as the communities of Rowland Heights, Hacienda Heights, Altadena, La Crescenta, Topanga Canyon, Marina del Rey, Baldwin Hills, Athens, Willowbrook, Florence, Rancho Dominguez, Valencia, East Pasadena and East Los Angeles. About 1.1 million people in the county live in the unincorporated areas.

Beginning July 1, 67 large supermarkets and pharmacies must stop providing disposable plastic bags. By January 2012, the ban will cover about 1,000 smaller stores.

Source: Los Angeles Times websie

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Amendment #1

Should the student body amend Article V, Section 4(F)(3) of the Associated Students Constitution public notice for special meetings would change from two business days to twenty-four (24) hours. The change would allow the Associated Students Constitution to conduct business in a ~~timelier~~ *more timely* manner while remaining compliant with the Gloria Romero Open Meeting Act of 2000 as required.

The current language is:  
“Special meetings shall be called by the President upon the written request of twenty-five (25) percent of the members of the Senate, and may be called at any time by the President upon two (2) working days written notice to each Senator.”

The amended language would be:  
“Special meetings shall be called by the President upon the written request of twenty-five (25) percent of the members of the Senate, and may be called at any time by the President upon twenty-four (24) hours written notice to each Senator.”

\_\_\_ Yes, the constitution should be amended as proposed.

\_\_\_ No, the constitution should remain as it currently reads.

ANALYSIS

The Associated Students Senate has analyzed the constitution as it exists and as it is proposed on the ballot measure. Amendments to the constitution require the student body's consideration and vote.

The Associated Students Constitution is a document that dictates how the student body government operates as a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization. The Gloria Romero Open Meeting Act of 2000 is legislation that provides guidelines and limitations to student governments and university organizations that hold public meetings. The Associated Students' open meetings are required to be in compliance with the Gloria Romero Act.

Section 89306.5(a) of the Gloria Romero Open Meeting Act of 2000 requires 24 hours advance notice to the public for special meetings. Article V, Section 4(F)(3) of the current Associated Students Constitution calls for two working days advance notice to the public for special meetings. The amendment would provide no less than 24 hour advance notice to the public regarding special meetings. The change would allow the Associated Students Constitution to conduct business in a *timelier* manner while remaining compliant with the Gloria Romero Open Meeting Act of 2000 as required.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT #2

Should the Associated Students Constitution be amended as proposed below?

\_\_\_ Yes, the constitution should be amended as proposed.

\_\_\_ No, the constitution should not be amended.

TEXT: The proposed amendments to the A.S. Constitution will put Associated Students in compliance with a new state law, Assembly Bill 1233. This bill states that a corporation may not have non-voting Directors or non-voting "members" on the Board. This law also requires that the Board must have greater authority than the A.S. President.

Currently, the A.S. Constitution lists the Associated Students Cabinet as non-voting Directors. It, also, currently lists the Associated Students General Manager, the Associated Students Secretary, and the Associated Students Attorney General as non-voting members. Additionally, the A.S. President has greater authority over Senate. Therefore, these things need to be changed in order to bring us into compliance with the law.

The proposed amendments will change the name of the so-called director or non-voting member to appropriate titles. The amendments will also give the Senate greater authority in the decision-making process for Associated Students.

\*Please note that these changes are required by the State of California in order to be in compliance with AB 1233. To operate legally, A.S. is required to follow state laws.

Original

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

- Section 2.** The legislative body governing this Corporation shall be the Board of Directors of the Associated Students, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE SENATE. It shall consist of the following members:
- A. The voting officers shall be the Vice President, two (2) representatives from each academic college of the University, two (2) Upper Division Senators, two (2) Lower Division Senators, and two (2) Graduate Division Senators.
  - B. The presiding officer of this body shall be the President of the Associated Students, who shall be the Chair. The Chair shall vote only when it affects the result of the vote.
  - C. The non-voting ~~members~~ shall be: the Associated Students General Manager; the Associated Students Secretary; and Associated Students Attorney General, who shall be appointed by the President with majority approval of the Senate

Amended

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  - B. The voting officers shall be the Vice President, two (2) representatives from each academic college of the University, two (2) Upper Division Senators, two (2) Lower Division Senators, and two (2) Graduate Division Senators.
  - C. The non-voting ***staff*** shall be: the Associated Students General Manager; the Associated Students Secretary; and Associated Students Attorney General, who shall be appointed by the President with majority approval of the Senate

Explanation: The title "non-voting member" would imply that these advisors would have the same responsibilities and rights of the board of directors, with the exception of the right to vote. According to AB 1233, corporations may include these members in board meetings but they must be treated as guests or be appointed to an advisory committee.

Original

ARTICLE XIII – FINANCE COMMITTEE

- Section 1.** The Finance Committee shall consist of
- B. Non-voting ~~members~~
    - 1. The Associated Students General Manager.
    - 2. Dean of Students or his/her representative.
    - 3. One Faculty Member appointed by the Faculty President upon request of the Associated Students President to serve concurrently with that President

Amended

ARTICLE XIII – FINANCE COMMITTEE

- Section 1.** The Finance Committee shall consist of
- B. Non-voting ***staff and advisors***
    - 1. The Associated Students General Manager (***staff***).
    - 2. Dean of Students or his/her representative.
    - 3. One Faculty Member appointed by the Faculty President upon request of the Associated Students President to serve concurrently with that President

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Original

ARTICLE XIV – ASSOCIATED STUDENTS EMPLOYEE

- Section 4.** Duties of the General Manager shall include the following:
- A. Being accountable to the Senate, the A.S. President, and President of the University, for the establishment of sound fiscal and operational policies and procedures designed to fit the best interest of the Associated Students Corporation;
  - B. Being in charge of the collection and disbursement of the funds of the Associated Students in keeping with such policies and procedures;
  - C. Attending all meetings of the Senate as a non-voting ~~member~~;
  - D. Acting as trustee for the Associated Students, maintaining accounts for the various student chartered organizations.

Amended

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  - C. Attending all meetings of the Senate as a non-voting ***staff member***;
  - D. Acting as trustee for the Associated Students, maintaining accounts for the various student chartered organizations.

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[Original](#)

**ARTICLE VIII – STUDENT DIRECTORS**

- Section 1.** The President shall have the authority to create positions as he/she deems necessary with the approval of the Senate.  
**Section 2.** In order to become a ~~director~~ of the Associated Students, a candidate must be in good standing as certified by the Office of the Registrar and must remain in good standing during their tenure in office.  
**Section 3.** The President shall have the power to appoint ~~directors~~ with Senate approval. **Section 4.** No senator may serve simultaneously as a ~~director~~.  
**Section 5.** A code shall be created for each ~~directorship~~ as prescribed by Article XV of these Bylaws.  
**Section 6.** The student ~~directors~~ shall be responsible for the actions of their assistants.  
**Section 7.** The President shall have the power to dissolve student ~~director~~ positions and remove ~~directors~~ at his/her discretion. ~~The President shall report such actions to the Senate.~~

[Amended](#)

**ARTICLE VIII – STUDENT *LEADERSHIP STAFF***

- Section 1.** The President shall have the authority to create positions as he/she deems necessary with the approval of the Senate.  
**Section 2.** In order to become a ***student leadership staff member*** of the Associated Students, a candidate must be in good standing as certified by the Office of the Registrar and must remain in good standing during their tenure in office.  
**Section 3.** The President shall have the power to appoint ***student leadership staff member*** with Senate approval.  
**Section 4.** No senator may serve simultaneously as a ***student leadership staff member***.  
**Section 5.** A code shall be created for each ***student leadership staff position*** as prescribed by Article XV of these Bylaws.  
**Section 6.** The student ***leadership staff*** shall be responsible for the actions of their assistants.  
**Section 7.** The President shall have the power to dissolve student ***leadership staff*** positions and remove ***leadership staff*** at his/her discretion ***with the approval of the Senate.***

Explanation: People who hold positions titled Director are given the rights and responsibilities as the board of directors, including the right to vote. Currently, those who we call Directors are not given the right to vote. In order to be in compliance with AB 1233, corporations must either 1) remove the so-called director positions, or 2) give the directors the right to vote at board meetings. However, a non-director (i.e. staff or advisor) could still attend board meetings, offer opinions, and give reports.

[Original](#)

**ARTICLE V- QUALIFICATIONS AND POWERS OF THE SENATE**

- Section 2.** President  
G. Powers:  
1. The President shall be the Chief Executive of the Corporation and ~~shall have general supervision, direction, and control of the business of the officers of the Corporation. He/she shall have the general powers and duties of management usually vested in the office of the president of the corporation and~~ shall have such other powers and duties that may be from time to time prescribed by the Senate.

[Amended](#)

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1. The President shall be the Chief Executive of the Corporation and shall have such other powers and duties that may be from time to time prescribed by the Senate.

Explanation: This section gives the Associated Students President the power to make decisions, without Senate approval. It is also not specific enough as to what "general powers and duties or management" are.

[Original](#)

**ARTICLE V- QUALIFICATIONS AND POWERS OF THE SENATE**

- Section 2.** President  
G. Powers:  
4. ~~The President shall have the power to veto any action of the Senate, which shall be accompanied by an explanation. If such veto is not exercised within a period of one week, action of the Senate shall become automatically approved. The President has the power of item veto of the Associated Students Budget.~~

Explanation: This section gives the Associated Students President the power to make decisions, regardless of the vote of the Senate. This amendment would delete "G. Powers" from the Associated Students Constitution, as required by AB 1233.

[Original](#)

**ARTICLE X – ELECTIONS**

- Section 1.** All Associated Students elections shall be administered by an Elections Committee, and a ~~Director of Elections~~, who shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Senate.

[Amended](#)

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- Section 1.** All Associated Students elections shall be administered by an Elections Committee and an ***Elections Chair***, who shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Senate.

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**ARTICLE V- QUALIFICATIONS AND POWERS OF THE SENATE**

- Section 2.** President  
G. Powers:  
6. ~~The President shall have full administrative powers needed to implement the functioning of the Associated Students.~~

Explanation: This section gives the Associated Students President the power to make decisions, without Senate approval, which is not in compliance with AB 1233.

[Original](#)

**ARTICLE V- QUALIFICATIONS AND POWERS OF THE SENATE**

- Section 3.** Vice President  
E. The Vice President shall have such other powers and duties as may be prescribed by the ~~President~~ or these Bylaws.

[Amended](#)

**ARTICLE V- QUALIFICATIONS AND POWERS OF THE SENATE**

- Section 3.** Vice President  
E. The Vice President shall have such other powers and duties as may be prescribed by the ***Senate*** or these Bylaws.

Explanation: This section could imply that the Senate does not have a voice in deciding what the Vice President's duties are. Replacing the word "President" with "the Senate" would ensure that the Senate can exercise their vote, a requirement of AB 1233.

[Original](#)

**ARTICLE XIII – FINANCE COMMITTEE**

- Section 1.** The Finance Committee shall consist of:  
A. Voting Members  
1. ~~The Director of Finance~~ shall Chair the Finance Committee meetings and shall be a student appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. ~~The Director of Finance~~ may be removed only at the discretion of the President.  
5. Student members, excluding the ~~Director~~, may be removed for just cause under the following proviso; that two-thirds (2/3) of the total voting membership of the Senate confirms removal or by direct action of two-thirds (2/3) of the total voting membership of the Senate.  
D. ~~The Director of Finance~~ and the General Manager shall notify all organizations and their respective sponsors that budget requests will be due three (3) to five (5) weeks prior to the end of the Fall Semester. Said notification shall be given not less than twenty (20) working days prior to the due date and shall be publicized in campus publication(s).

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1. ***The Finance Chair*** shall Chair the Finance Committee meetings and shall be a student appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. ***The Finance Chair*** may be removed only at the discretion of the President.  
5. Student members, excluding the ***Finance Chair***, may be removed for just cause under the following proviso; that two-thirds (2/3) of the total voting membership of the Senate confirms removal or by direct action of two-thirds (2/3) of the total voting membership of the Senate.  
D. ***The Finance Chair*** and the General Manager shall notify all organizations and their respective sponsors that budget requests will be due three (3) to five (5) weeks prior to the end of the Fall Semester. Said notification shall be given not less than twenty (20) working days prior to the due date and shall be publicized in campus publication(s).

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# Opinions

## 'Join or decline': Your love on the Interwebs

C'mon, c'mon, I 'like' it, 'like' it

**IRA CAMINONG**  
CONTRIBUTOR

When the telephone came about, it changed the world by adding a network for communication. When television became a basic commodity in the home, it changed the world of news and entertainment. And when social networks emerged, it changed the way we interact with our friends.

I am not going to make blanket statements about social networking and online dating and how both changed the world, but I will say that sites like Match.com and Facebook are extensions of the world in which we're living, and have changed the way we interact with each other. Instead of changing the game of love and friendship in a negative way, they simply make interacting with others a little easier.

Some people would say that sites like Facebook have the potential of bringing relationships to an end as fast as hitting a "dislike" button. But we should look at places like Facebook as an extension of reality where we take things as seriously as we do while interacting with people face-to-face.

On our profiles we can tell the world what we are up to, who we're dating, how we feel, what we believe in, what television shows we watch, what music we listen to, our political views; really, the Facebook profile consists of answers to questions that would be brought up in a casual first-time conversation offline.

Social sites also allow for friendships to be maintained and old connections rekindled, because profiles give users the opportunity of connecting with distant friends and relatives in ways they couldn't offline. According to the Pew Research Center, roughly two-thirds of users use social networks to keep in touch with these distant friends and relatives. Also, more than half use it to connect with old friends from high school or college.

In particular, users from older generations benefit from these sites in this way as they can connect with people from their past. It brings joy to them when they find their old buddies.

Additionally, social networking can help establish romantic connections through online dating. The notion of finding a date online, once a frowned upon activity, is now more socially acceptable. The whole phenomenon of online dating is becoming so popular that Lisa Mirza Grotts blogs about online dating etiquette on the Huffington Post. Just as you should in face-to-face interactions, she cautions: "Your profile is your advertisement. Be honest from the get-go, or you will be wasting your time with unsuitable candidates."

The same etiquette, relevant to both online dating and social networking, is applicable in real-life situations. In a casual first-time conversation, we also want to be honest. Lying to make yourself look good in front of an attractive person is not the greatest strategy for finding a partner. We are accountable for what we share online in the same way we are responsible for the information we share in our interactions with others in everyday life.

The interactions you have on the Internet may have their nuances, but the important thing is that you have the power to make those interactions in new ways thanks to technology. These developments are advancements in our capacities as human beings. It changes the way we interact with our peers without changing our physiological qualities.

We still have logic and emotion as we always had, and we can now share these two through social networks. So what are you waiting for? Get on that computer and take advantage of these tools. Just be as careful as you are in the real world.

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Modern advances in communication technology and mass media have a negative effect on romantic relationships, changing the way people date, how they end relationships, and ultimately, how they view relationships.

People take relationships less seriously because of shallow access to a world-wide online dating pool as well as messages from popular media. For example, we often see movies about people hooking up or having friends with benefits instead of getting into serious, deep relationships. "No Strings Attached," "Friends With Benefits," "Jersey Shore," and "The Back-up Plan" are some examples of movies and shows that present these trends.

According to an article titled "Hookups and Friends With Benefits: Is Everyone Really Just Doing It?," published last year by Psychology Today, 78 percent of college students are engaging in hookups, which are "generally defined as casual sexual encounters that may or may not include intercourse and typically occur during a singular occasion between strangers or recently met acquaintances."

With such constant bombardment of messages that encourage hookups and having "friends with benefits," it is not surprising that there are high statistics of teens and young adults hooking up irresponsibly. If the hookup culture keeps developing and occurring within a misogynist and patriarchal paradigm for society, then there will be trouble in the future.

People are not only behaving based on what they are learning from the media, but also through their use of social media.

"I'm seeing that people are breaking up with each other via text message or by simply changing their Facebook status updates," said June Kwon, director of CSUN's Project D.A.T.E., a date/acquaintance and rape prevention program sponsored by the University Counseling Services. "If one is going to end their relationship via text message, then I'm going to assume that they do not (or did not) take their relationship seriously," said Kwon.

People are also using social networking sites to "hook up" with people they met online, which can be very dangerous or even fatal.

Karen Rodas, administrative coordinator for the Center for Assault Treatment Services (CATS) Program of Northridge Hospital, has witnessed the negative consequences of online hookups.

"I have seen many teens and young adults come in after having been involved in a violent episode with someone they met online, via Facebook or another social network," said Rodas.

Social networking sites are not only playing a role in breakups, but divorces as well. According to a January article in Mail Today, Emma Patel, the head of family law at Hart Scales & Hodges Solicitors, claimed that Facebook acts as a "virtual third party" in break-ups and that suspicious spouses have used these to spy and find evidence of flirting and even affairs, which have then led to break-ups."

Statistics from a 2010 survey by the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers stated that two-thirds of lawyers who took the survey commented that Facebook is the "primary source" for evidence in divorce cases, followed by 15 percent from MySpace, and 5 percent from Twitter.

These facts are without a doubt evidence for the growing negative impact of technology in romantic relationships in our culture today.

This phenomenon presents several important questions about how we will live out our romantic lives. What will happen in the future if we keep going this way? Is it healthy for both men and women? Will this only hurt women, when we are already subjected to so much negativity about our sexual lives?

If media and social media do not take action to change negative portrayals and practices of relationships, then we will end up with a big problem in the future that we could have avoided in the first place.



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# Lack of women in science

Engineer writes book on females that changed history

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DAILY SUNDIAL

Less than 20 percent of women pursue careers in the sciences, said president and CEO of Technically Speaking, Jill Tietjen, in her lecture sponsored by the Women in Science and Engineering Endowment at the Campus Theatre Tuesday morning.



Jill S. Tietjen, speaks to a group of females in a lecture at CSUN's Campus Theatre on Tuesday.

Her lecture, titled “Her Story: A Timeline of Women Who Changed America,” highlighted her book of the same title.

“I have devoted 33 years of my life to encouraging young women to seek opportunities

in science, math and engineering,” Tietjen said. “If this lecture encourages one student to open up a science book, I’ve done my job.”

Tietjen broke her power-point presentation into three categories: passion, determination and persistence. In each category, she discussed women that exemplified these traits in their careers.

A crowd favorite was the section on Martha Coston, a

“The early history books were written by men,” Tietjen said. “So women like those I presented today were left out and are often still unheard of.”

Tietjen said the disconnect between women and the sciences occurs because young girls are heavily influenced by their parents and society.

“We all know what doctors and lawyers do, but not very many people know what the role of an engineer is,” Tietjen said. “Grown adults hardly know what they do, so naturally young people don’t have much of a chance.”

Tietjen also discussed her personal struggles and successes as a female engineer.

“Nobody told me or encouraged me to become an engineer, not even my Ph.D. engineer father,” Tietjen said. “But I pushed forward and attended the University of Virginia in its first year admitting engineering students.”

Tietjen is currently in the process of developing a new book and is currently on the selection committee for the National Women’s Hall of Fame.

“It only takes one person to change the world,” Tietjen said to the young women during the question and answer portion of her presentation. “You all have the ability to change the world.”

woman who played a vital role in the development of the signal flare.

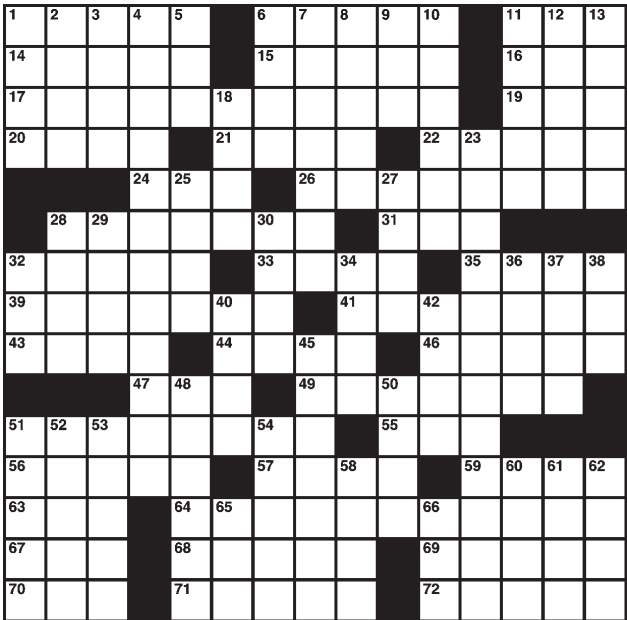
Students also ‘oohed and aahed’ as they learned about Admiral Grace Hopper, one of the compilers of the first English-based computer language.

## Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

### ACROSS

- 1 17-time NBA champs
- 6 Stern with strings
- 11 Hrs. before noon
- 14 Filing board
- 15 Word of praise for el niño
- 16 House plant’s housing
- 17 With “The,” Bette Midler’s debut album
- 19 Gun lobby org.
- 20 Funny Idle
- 21 Regarding
- 22 Classic name in toys
- 24 Floors
- 26 Kellogg’s cereal
- 28 1-Across, e.g.
- 31 Govt. cryptanalysis org.
- 32 Bar graph, say
- 33 Alluring
- 35 Purely academic
- 39 Ones making deliveries at colleges?
- 41 Lady in a Beatles song
- 43 Carafe cousin
- 44 First razor with a pivoting head
- 46 Acquire, as debt
- 47 Austrian article
- 49 Conceals from the enemy, in a way
- 51 Riboflavin
- 55 An ace has a strong one
- 56 Italian violin craftsman
- 57 Sci. with cliff notes?
- 59 Shiite Islam is its state religion
- 63 Slangy refusal
- 64 Spectacular concert ender, or what 17-, 26- and 51-Across numerically contain
- 67 Self-esteem
- 68 Caribbean country
- 69 Dry out, in rehab
- 70 Cross-reference word
- 71 “\_ were the days!”



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### DOWN

- 1 Give up
- 2 Muslim noble
- 3 Jeans pioneer Strauss
- 4 October custom done in costume
- 5 Dict. entry
- 6 Some PCs
- 7 “I’m fine with that”
- 8 Greek with 12-Downs
- 9 Crossword entry: Abbr.
- 10 Funny pages
- 11 Sleep disorder
- 12 Point
- 13 Pursue, cat-style
- 18 The life of Riley
- 23 De Beers properties
- 25 Hall of Fame quarterback Graham
- 27 One-named Irish singer
- 28 “Close call!”
- 29 Political contest
- 30 \_ D.A.
- 32 Largest OH airport
- 34 Marvel superhero

### Tuesday’s Puzzle Solved

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### Solution to today’s sudoku

9	4	1	2	5	7	3	8	6
2	8	7	9	6	3	5	1	4
6	5	3	1	4	8	7	2	9
8	1	9	4	3	5	6	7	2
7	3	5	8	2	6	4	9	1
4	2	6	7	1	9	8	3	5
1	6	2	3	8	4	9	5	7
5	9	8	6	7	1	2	4	3
3	5	4	7	9	2	1	6	8

## sudoku

### How to play:

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9.

*Solution above.*

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## WEEKLY COLUMN

# Dear Lakers fans: I hate you

P.S., I love you. Observations of L.A. die-hards from a Celtics fan

**JIM MCLAUCHLIN**  
DAILY SUNDIAL

**L**et's get this out of the way: My favorite NBA team is the Boston Celtics.

Teams number two through 29 are...oh, who cares? It's a big morass. Rank 'em as you will.

Clocking in at no. 30, dead last on my hit list, are the Los Angeles Lakers.

Live with it.

That said, I will admit with fervent belief and all strength of conviction that the greatest game to watch in L.A. is the Lakers.

No, scratch that — the greatest game to watch in L.A. is Lakers fans.

Seriously, you're hilarious. Listen to any hour of sports talk radio in L.A. and you'll hear Lakers fans lighting up the lines with lamentations by the dozen. Kobe's taking too many shots. Kobe's not taking enough shots. Ron Artest's defense has suffered since he changed his name to Metta World Peace. Metta World Peace's defense has suffered since he went on Dancing With the Stars.

And the sense of propriety is insane. Lakers fans seem to think that a yearly championship is a birthright. It's like the spirit of Dr. James Naismith descended on to Figueroa in a peach basket and decreed

that yon Larry O'Brien Trophy shall reside at the Center of Staples (not on the Clippers side, tho') as long as rivers run and grass grows, until the mountains crumble into the sea, ad infinitum, forever and ever, amen. The very thought of last year's Dallas Mavericks is seen as a cosmic aberration. The red-letter day of June 17, 2008 — remember that 39-point drubbing at the hands of the Celtics? I do! — has already been erased from the collective memory.

Ah, and the trade talk. The incessant, mind-numbing trade talk. The run-up to the trade deadline was hilarious with fans genuinely convinced — Genuinely convinced! — that the Lakers could trade Steve Blake and a Chick Hearn bobblehead for Dwight Howard. Similarly, they were convinced Deron Williams can be had for Devin Ebanks and an autographed 8-by-10 color glossy of Jack Nicholson. It's beyond boosterism. Beyond a fan's wishful thinking. It delves straight into mania. Is it any wonder L.A. is such a great place for a shrink to hang out his shingle?

And the mania gets better every minute, as the writing on the wall gets bolder and more legible. Kobe Bean Bryant is 34 years old and his wrist ligaments are held on with spit and bailing wire. Metta World Peace is shooting a career-



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Fans celebrate the Lakers' championship win over the Boston Celtics outside Staples Center. From thinking that they can get superstar players for benchwarmers to dreams of winning more titles than the Celtics, Lakers fans never cease to amuse.

low 36 percent. Coach Mike Brown still hasn't learned how to pronounce Andrew Goudelock's name. And next year, when the NBA salary cap hardens up and the luxury tax gets punitive, the Lakers will feel every bit of Bean's \$29 mil salary. They'll be capped out, unable to make roster moves. They'll be begging to get that Chick Hearn bobblehead back.

But in the spirit of friendship and sportsmanship, let me put my Celtic shillelagh down for a moment. Let me avert my eyes from the 17 glorious green championship banners that hang from the TD Center rafters. Let me offer some advice to you, o Lakers fan, o estranged brother in basketball.

Just take a deep breath. Relax. Know that things will

eventually get better. Understand that a full life includes more than just sports. Take some time. Stop and smell the flowers. Give your car windows a rest, and when you put your sun-faded little Lakers flags in the drawer for the year, pause and reflect. Remember the good times. And smile.

Or, at the very least, please be careful and don't sprain

your ankle when you jump over to the Clippers bandwagon.

On second thought, please, Lakers fans, whatever you do — please don't stop. You're the best game in town.

—Jim McLauchlin is from Minnesota, so what the hell does he know, anyway? Don't they play hockey there?

## BASEBALL

## Slugfest: CSUN powers through LMU



KIERA MCKIBBENS / CONTRIBUTOR

CSUN outfielder Adam Barry tags home plate during their game against Rhode Island. The Matadors find their offensive rhythm at LMU.

**GILBERTO MANZANO**  
SENIOR REPORTER

**A**fter leaving 23 runners stranded and only scoring five runs in three games against Portland, the Matadors came out swinging Tuesday.

Not only did the CSUN sluggers find their swing by racking up 14 hits, but the pitchers were on point as well, only allowing five hits in the Matadors 12-1 victory over Loyola Marymount (7-10) at Page Stadium.

The 12 runs scored tied a season-high for CSUN (10-11), but most importantly it gave them a much needed victory after losing four out of five games last week, including two losses at home.

The Matador offense didn't waste any time getting on the scoreboard as they drove in two runs in the top of the first inning. With the bases loaded and two outs, Nate Ring hit a two-run RBI single to

give CSUN the early lead.

CSUN didn't let up in the second inning, adding two more runs to its lead. Cal Vogelsang and Miles Williams each had an RBI.

On the mound, starter Brandon Warner didn't have any trouble against the Lions' lineup. Warner only allowed one earned run with four hits and one strikeout. The lone run scored on Warner came in the bottom of the third inning after Matt Lowenstein doubled to left center field to bring home Colton Plaia.

LMU starter Brandon Horth had a rough outing, lasting only one inning. Reliever Kevin Glomb didn't do much better after being pulled before the third inning.

For the next three innings, pitcher Matt Florer held CSUN's lead to 4-1, giving the Lions hope of a comeback.

However, the Matadors broke the game wide open in the top of the sixth inning, but it wasn't Florer's fault. CSUN added four more runs against LMU's fourth and fifth relievers of the day.

Justin Grijalva didn't record a single out in the sixth and walked the first two CSUN batters of the inning.

Northridge added a run in the seventh and eighth inning and concluded its slugfest with two more runs in the ninth.

CSUN's No. 3 hitter Adam Barry went 3-for-6 with two RBI, Williams and Ring also recorded two RBI. Kyle Attl and Alexis Mercado collected two hits apiece.

Northridge had a clean game with no errors while the Lions recorded three miscues.

The Matadors continue their 11-game road trip with a four-game series against Saint Mary's, starting Friday night. CSUN returns to Matador Field March 30 for a rematch versus Loyola Marymount.

## GAME INFO:

CSUN @ St. Mary's  
When: Friday  
Time: 3 p.m.