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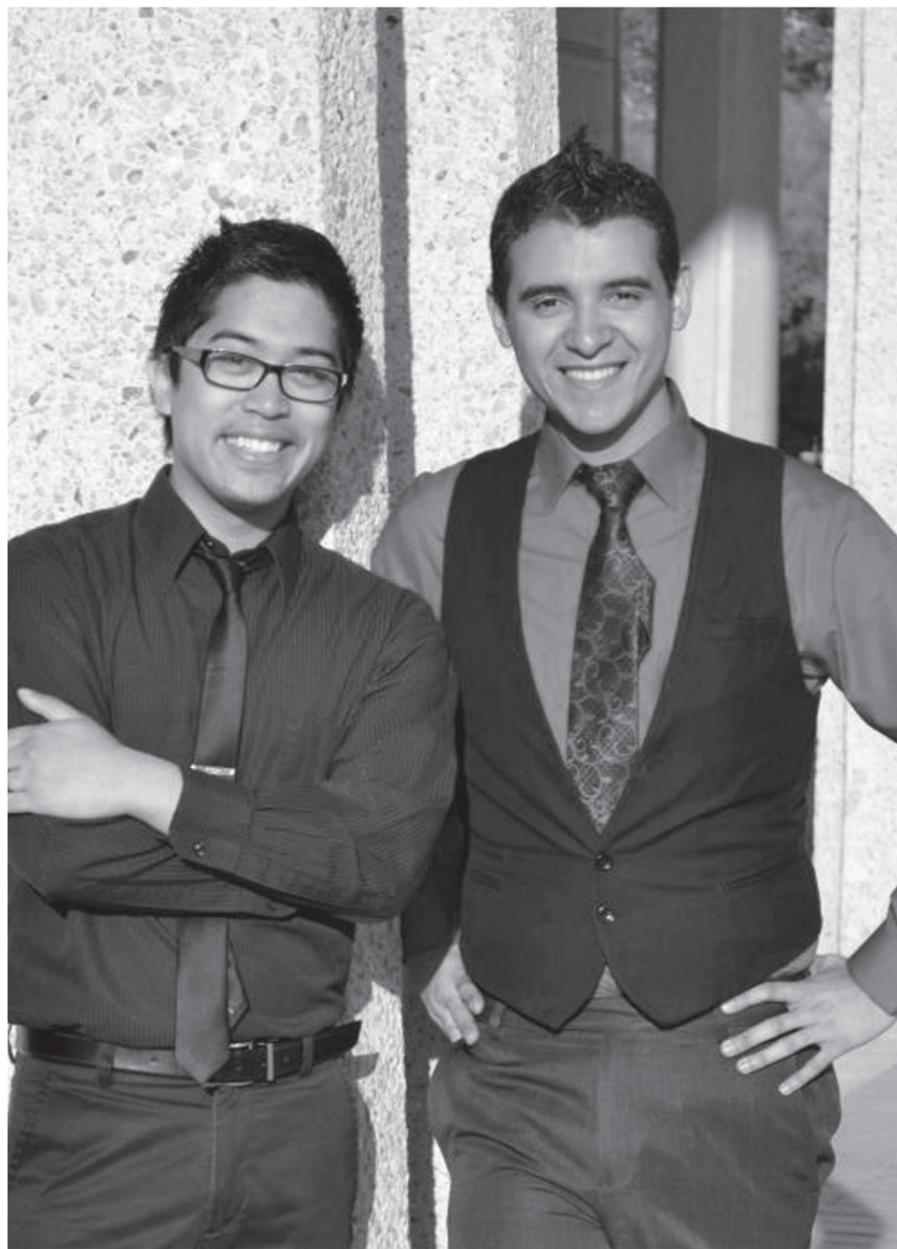
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CHRISTOPHER WOOLETT

Senator for College of Humanities

Running for: A.S. Vice President

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JOHN SARINGO-RODRIGUEZ

Journalism major

Running for: A.S. Vice President

EMMANUEL MARTINEZ

Chair of arts and culture at the USU

Running for: A.S. President



President Dianne Harrison will make her first official campus visit today. There will be a reception at the Valley Performing Arts Center courtyard from 2 - 3 p.m. **Scan the QR code** to learn more about the president.

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY NORTHRIDGE ASSOCIATED STUDENT BALLOT

President and Vice President Vote for one

AGNES CONSTANTE
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Sydni Powell, for President
Christopher Woolett, for Vice President



Emmanuel Martinez, for President
John Saringo-Rodriguez for Vice President

On an early Wednesday evening, Associated Students Vice President Sydni Powell stood in front of Arbor Grill answering questions and greeting CSUN students.

Powell, a junior psychology major, is running for A.S. president for the 2012-13 school year. She was also involved with the organization in 2010 when she served as Lower Division Senator.

With these activities and leadership experiences behind her, Powell said she has worked hard to become qualified to hold this position next year.

"The purpose of the president is not only to advocate on the campus – statewide level and national level – but it's really somebody who needs to be able to run a corporation," she said. "The \$6.9 million we're in charge of really needs to go back to the students. It needs to be handled effectively."

Her running mate, junior Christopher Woolett, is a liberal studies major who has served on A.S. as a graphic designer for the past two years, and is a senator for the College of Humanities. He is also president of the fraternity Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and secretary of Order of Omega honorary Greek society, which represents the top 3 percent of Greek leaders on this campus.

Woolett's involvement in CSUN's Greek community and in A.S. influenced his decision to run for vice president.

Powell and Woolett highlighted tuition as one of the issues they would focus on if elected next school year.

With the cost of education con-

tinuously on the rise, Powell said A.S. receives complaints about why the organization doesn't take measures to lower this cost, and why class sizes aren't smaller.

"It's not one of the powers we have," she said. "The biggest tool we have is our voice."

Under their campaign slate "Integrity & Innovation", Powell and Woolett aim to alleviate the financial strain on students by lowering the cost of learning tools, such as books. One measure Powell said she'd like to take to help would be to reevaluate the rent-a-text program.

Other major issues of concern to Powell's slate are improving communication with students, and advocating job, volunteer and learning opportunities.

The two candidates have made efforts to reach out to a diverse body of students, Woolett said.

"We understand that there isn't any one type of student or anyone stance on an issue so we made it one of our priorities to recruit students that will represent our campus accurately," Woolett said.

The slate name "Integrity & Innovation" was derived from principles Powell and Woolett wanted to guide throughout their term if they are elected. Innovation is something necessary when seeking new answers to old problems, Woolett said.

"Integrity is the main focus, because we wanted students to know that if we are elected into office they can trust us to make moral and ethical decisions and be held accountable for our actions," Woolett said.

More information about Integrity & Innovation is available on the slate website.

Since Emmanuel Martinez has been part of CSUN, he has been searching for ways to improve student life on campus.

"I love this school. This was my first choice school, and I've been looking for ways to see more of a community-based environment, rather than a commuter (environment)," Martinez said.

He is running for AS president, and his running mate is John Saringo-Rodriguez, who's running for vice president for the upcoming school year.

Martinez, 22, is majoring in English with an emphasis in creative writing and pursuing a minor in Chicana/o Studies. He has been involved in A.S. since 2010, when he volunteered for the Big Show. He is now chair of arts and culture in the events department at the University Student Union.

Saringo-Rodriguez, is majoring in journalism with a minor in political science.

The two are running under the slate "Progress through Solidarity." The name of the slate comes from the different walks of life coming together and trying to get elected to represent CSUN students.

The candidates seek to promote awareness, collaboration, participation and motivation throughout the campus.

"We would like to keep students aware of what surrounds them, what's going on, everything that's important and CSUN related because we believe that will grant them more opportunities," Saringo-Rodriguez said.

Issues like budget cuts and tuition hikes plague students, Martinez said, and he intends on addressing them. However, his slate is more focused on

spreading awareness.

"A lot of students, especially the underclassmen, aren't really sure about how to go about communicating with the government or state legislature," he said. "I would love to have workshops on how to communicate, write a letter, make a phone call and how to make our voices heard as a community here at CSUN."

The vice president hopeful is involved in multiple organizations, including Matadors for Equality (which represents undocumented students, those of different sexual orientations, and the differently-abled) and the Tau Sigma Honor Society at CSUN. He is also a volunteer at the United Church of Christ and Vote for Equality.

With their combined involvement in various CSUN organizations, Martinez and Saringo-Rodriguez said they are able to keep in touch with their peers from other groups.

"We really want to represent the people. We want to create positive change on campus and we think in order to do that you have to be in touch with the concerns of students," Saringo-Rodriguez said.

Some specific goals of the slate include having an interpreter at A.S. meetings to encourage those hard of hearing to attend, and improving school spirit.

While whoever is elected A.S. president and vice president holds the positions one year, Martinez said he knows they can't change much in that time.

"But we can influence the next year to keep pushing for (change)," he said.

More information about "Progress through Solidarity" is available on the slate website.

Board of Directors raises salaries of two employees

MATTHEW ASHMAN
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CCSUN's Board of Directors unanimously approved two separate motions to give salary raises for the facilities projects coordinator (formerly the facilities projects and services technician) and the administrative assistant to the executive director at CSUN.

Along with the title change, Grant Rockfellow, the facilities projects coordinator, would get an updated salary range from \$27,300 - \$43,321 to \$34,128 - \$45,146 annually.

The responsibility level for the position has gone up drastically in the last few years, said Jason Wang, associate executive director

for the University Student Union. "He has been a true asset for us," Wang said. "He has clearly demonstrated his value, and his ability to maintain fiscal decisions."

Wang continues to say that the position has changed to involve more complex job duties and that the salary increase would be retroactive to July 10, 2011.

Carol Nardini, the assistant to the executive director would get an updated salary range from \$25,056 - \$37,596 to \$36,888 - \$55,380 annually and also being retroactive to July 10, 2011.

This position is considered to be comparable to the CSU position of administrative support coordinator II.

With the opening of the Student Recreation Center, this position has taken on a lot more responsi-

bilities, Wang said.

Each come with a fiscal impact of just over \$10,000 annually due to reclassification and salary review recommendation, according to a pamphlet handed out by the USU.

The board also passed a motion to approve Jae Kwon as a new student member of the Audit Committee.

"He is an awesome candidate," said Zachary Roof, vice chair of the board of directors. "He is a part of the A.S. finance, which gives him experience."

Roof went on to say that Kwon is very inquisitive because Kwon kept seeking out Roof asking various questions in regard to this position.

The student committee member is required to have a familiarity with basic accounting principles, which Kwon is studying.



TRISHA SPROUSE / DAILY SUNDIAL

The USU Board of Directors voted unanimously to approve a staff reclassification and salary increase for the position of USU Staff Assistant, which will change to Administrative Assistant to Executive Director during the meeting at the Grand Salon on Monday.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CANDIDATE STATEMENTS



Collin Johnson
 Finance, 2013

Collin Johnson is currently on the Committee of Facilities and Commercial Services and has been a proud member of the IFC network. He also promptly established his role in the USU by working for the New Student Orientation program. Collin is interested in bringing CSUN closer together as a community. In addition, Collin is motivated to help create a more enjoyable and productive environment for the CSUN students. He thanks you for your active participation in the USU Board of Director's election and your enthusiasm for improving the college experience.



Jeremy Spurley
 Masters of Arts in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies, 2013

Jeremy Spurley is a past president of Kappa Sigma Fraternity, and the Interfraternity Council (IFC), and the current president of Gamma Sigma Alpha, Academic Honor Society. He has been on the Dean's List since 2009. As a member of the Board of Directors, Jeremy will work diligently to enhance the programming offered by the University Student Union, build a stronger relationship between the USU and the Associated Students, and will represent the views of you-the students. Jeremy will be honored to represent you all and thanks you for your consideration when voting.



Nathalie Camarena
 Political Science, Chicano studies, 2015

Nathalie Camarena is dedicated to the advocacy of raising consciousness and the needs of students at CSUN. Despite just arriving on this campus, she has already made an appearance on the dean's list, is a part of several honor associations, is currently interning for District 14's assemblyman, has become a familiar face in the Greek community, and all while being a committed community service assistant on campus. She believes an ideal leader should obtain along with notable academic achievements, an outgoing personality with the ability to maintain an open mind and always work in the student's best interest. She has an insatiable thirst of student involvement that promises to truly implement the voices of our student body.



Sabrina Lockey
 Business Marketing, 2013

Sabrina Lockey currently serves on the University Student Union (USU) Board of Directors (BOD), and is Chair of the Facilities and Commercial Services Committee for the BOD. She has been involved on campus as a New Student Orientation Leader for two years, and is currently a member of MACSUN and The National Collegiate Scholars. It is her goal as a Director to promote school spirit by creating exciting USU events and services, such as the new SRC, to entertain students. Sabrina feels that it's important to help students feel included at the USU by establishing programs such as the new Veteran's and LGBTQ Resource Centers. Sabrina is dedicated to giving all students opportunities to make the most of their college experience, and will continue to be an asset to the BOD next year if re-elected.



Daniel Hidalgo
 Business Law, 2015

Daniel Hidalgo currently holds the chair position on the Matador Night's Committee and has volunteered for USU events. He would like to enlighten students about the various services that the USU holds as well as make the USU more known to the student body. By informing students about the USU and what it has to offer, he hopes that students will be more inclined to use it as a valuable resource both for intellectual and recreational use.



Collin Robinson
 Economics, 2014

It is evident that our school is impacted; a degree which once took four years to achieve is being prolonged. It is vital now, more than ever for the student body to make their college experience productive and enjoyable. Collin Robinson believes awareness and opportunity are the keys necessary for each student to unlock their potential for a successful future. As a director, Collin plans to enhance the available resources to students and ensure they are properly informed about the benefits of each program. He is an amiable persistent leader who will be a platform for you, as a student, to express your opinions to administration on campus.



Shahtaj Khan
 Business Law, 2015

Khan is a passionate scholar who is willing to uplift the "matador life" for every student. She is eager to become a USU liaison who will in due time be a wireless speaker for the students. Her communication and leadership skills were attained through being a part of Granada Hills Charter High School drama company and Vice President position with the South Asian Club (SAC) at CSUN. She would like to make the USU feel more like home, provide helpful resources, and promote more multicultural involvement. If voted, it would be an honor for Khan to represent you in the future Board of Directors (BOD).



Terinesha McGee
 Sociology, 2014

Terinesha McGee is a little lady with big ideas and strategies geared towards helping the student body have more of a voice and option to what events and activities the University Student Union (USU) provides. As a board member Terinesha's goal is to assist students in making their college journey easier to maintain by promoting the resources and events the USU has to offer. With a diverse outlook and strong leadership ability obtained from experience with the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) she assures that she will put the students' thoughts and her plots into action.



Myles Adkins
 Psychology, 2013

Myles Adkins currently serves as a member of the Personnel Committee, which reports directly to the USU Board of Directors. In hopes of becoming a Board of Director, he would like to focus on working with his fellow board members to effectively make decisions on the various matters that pertain to the students at CSUN. He would also focus on making sure that CSUN students are made aware of the different organizations and opportunities that are available to them and how to take advantage of the experience they may gain. He would be honored to represent his fellow colleagues on campus and make their voices heard. His congenial disposition and deep sense of personal responsibility will be a great asset to the Board of Directors.



Tyler Moore
 Undecided, 2016

Tyler is enthusiastic plus Moore! Optimistic plus more! A scholar student plus Moore! A leader plus Moore! Tyler is also the creative genius and brainchild behind McHype Media, an avenue in which he has at his disposal to bring all of your relevant issues to the forefront! He lives up to his name! If you require Moore from your college experience on this great campus then your clear choice is TYLER MOORE for Board of Directors! Tyler asks that you DREAM BIG, TAKE ACTION, and GET INVOLVED and require Moore in 2012. Vote TYLER MOORE!



Perlita Varela
 Political Science, 2015

Perlita Varela is currently a member of Hermanas Unidas de CSUN. She has gained Leadership skills given the fact that she was Student Body Secretary and Treasurer at her High School. Her motivation, open mind, and enthusiasm are what make her strive to make a difference in the student's life through CSUN. She would like to reach out to the students and raise awareness that CSUN has great resources to offer. She plans to make the student's experience a shinier one by encouraging them to attend and be involved in USU events.



Tiffany Castellanos
 Business Law, 2014

Statement not available.



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- April 2-4:** *Backpacking Santa Barbara, Manzanita Trail*
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More events listed on our site. To sign-up, you must first visit our office located in the USU. Check them out on the A.S. Web site, www.csunas.org/asrec

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

Recycling Single Use Batteries

By Laura Yetter

We all use batteries. We need them for flash lights, TV/ game controllers, radios and toys to digital cameras, cell phones, and laptops. According to the EPA Americans buy 3 billion dry cell batteries a year and Earth911.com estimates that the average American uses 8 dry cell batteries per year. However, did you know that in California all batteries, single use and rechargeable, are considered hazardous waste and must be disposed of properly (Cal Recycle)? The EAC interviewed Dr. Michael Sullivan toxicology expert from CSUN's Environmental and Occupational Health department to discuss single use batteries.

"Single use batteries should be recycled using appropriate recycling methods. The alternative to that is when people throw them in the trash ... they end up in the landfills and because they are toxic chemicals, specifically heavy metals in the batteries, that's not good because once batteries get old they break open" says Dr. Sullivan. This is an issue because "that results in the release of heavy metals in the landfill environment... [and] has the potential to leach and contaminate ground water and other resources" warns Dr. Sullivan. Once heavy metals get into ground water they cannot be filtered out, Dr. Sullivan continues, and they may cause minor to more serious health problems.

In addition to reducing pollution, recycling batteries has other benefits. Dr. Sullivan explains that if we do not recycle "then we have wasted those resources... they can take metals from those batteries and those can be reworked instead of throwing them away and losing them forever. So there is even a sustainability issue ... we take these heavy metals that we have had to mine from the earth... [and by] developing some sort of sustainable process we get the ability to reuse those type of metals." Dr. Sullivan also explains that this is similar to e waste "because the big issue with electronic waste, in addition to the plastic, are the metals, all the metal components, and when they get thrown in the landfill it is the same thing."

The University can help with recycling batteries. Dr. Sullivan suggests, "by having a more visible battery collection program". Furthermore, he encourages "every department office to have a battery collection box and ... tell their students...and then appropriately send them to recycling... because we all use batteries." When students are away from campus Dr. Sullivan encourage students to save their used batteries and other toxic wastes, such as old paint, and then disposing of them a few times a year at the proper facilities.

Thank you Dr. Sullivan!

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 CSUN HESO presents our spring health event **SPRING FOR HEALTH!**
 Right in time for Spring Break and Exams, come join us as we present information and techniques on dealing with **STRESS, SUBSTANCE ABUSE, and STDs** - whether during spring break or every day of your college life.
 We will also be selling delicious, healthy goodies to help raise money for our growing organization.
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 Where: Cleary walk, near Matador statue
Come out and support!

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President and Vice President



Emmanuel Martinez

Progress Through Solidarity

Emmanuel Martinez is an English Major with an emphasis in Creative Writing and is also working towards obtaining a minor in Chicano Studies. He has been actively involved with Associated Students since 2010 and has since become an Associate Producer for their Events Team. If elected, Emmanuel plans to implement/reestablish school traditions, build a strong financial foundation that future Matadors can depend on for classes, and bring to light internal and external issues surrounding the CSUN community.



John Saringo-Rodriguez

Progress Through Solidarity

John Saringo-Rodriguez is a junior Journalism major/ Political Science minor and a board member of Matadors For Equality and Tau Sigma Honor Society. Saringo-Rodriguez is passionate about the livelihoods of CSUN students from all backgrounds and all walks of life. If elected, he will continue to invest much of his time actively representing your voices because he truly believes in bringing about awareness and Progress through Solidarity.



Sydni Powell

Integrity & Innovation

Sydni Powell is junior Psychology major with an emphasis in Cognition. Powell was elected as Lower Division Senator in 2010 and Vice President in 2011. She hopes to continue her leadership journey and to serve the students of Cal State Northridge with integrity and innovation.



Christopher Woolett

Integrity & Innovation

Christopher Woolett is a Junior Majoring in Liberal Studies and has spent his years at CSUN involved in many aspects of the Greek Community and working with Associated Students as a Graphic Designer. Christopher hopes to keep working with the students at CSUN and serve the students with the ideas of Integrity & Innovation.

Senate Candidates

Graduate Candidates



Chavon Smith - Integrity & Innovation

Upper Division Candidates



Talar Alexanian

I am a proud Matador who wants to create change on the CSUN Campus. My involvement in several clubs and activities as well as my position at the Matador Involvement Center has allowed me to personally see what issues are important to the student population and what steps must be taken to resolve them. Through my passion, determination, and dedication, I hope to unify the CSUN community and truly be a voice for students on the A.S. Senate.



Juan Quevedo

The summer before my sophomore year of high school, I had the opportunity to participate in a Migrant Education Program here at California State University, Northridge- from that summer on, CSUN was my first and only choice. As the president of Dreams to be Heard- a student led organization at CSUN dedicated to inspire, educate and empower the documented and undocumented students alike, I have gained valuable tools making me a perfect candidate for the Upper Division Student Senator. I firmly believe that together, we can make our time here at CSUN one of the best years of our lives.



Alyssa Tyner - Integrity & Innovation

I am a Junior, Communication Studies Major, at CSUN. I am a University Scholar, the Director of Finance for the University Ambassadors, and your current Upper Division Senator. I am here to represent you, and I hope that you re-elect me for this position.



Jenna Yowell - Integrity & Innovation

Lower Division Candidates



Benjamin Hecht - Integrity & Innovation



Lauryn Lawson - Integrity & Innovation

Lauryn Lawson currently holds the position of Lower Division Senator and hopes to accomplish as much as she can during her term. She wants to hear the voice of the students so that she can make CSUN a better place for her constituents. She is extremely driven and looks forward to continuing to help students throughout her term.



Jesus Martinez Ramirez

Jesus Martinez is a Political Science Major who is very passionate about government and politics and hopes that he can help empower his community by providing a voice for them through Associated Students. He loves CSUN because it has introduced him to different cultures, religions, and ideologies which have made him more aware of the diverse communities that surround him. If elected Jesus plans to increase awareness about student issues and opportunities in order to influence the need for change to bring lower tuition and increase financial aid.



Kartik Prabhakar - Integrity & Innovation

I'm a Biology major, and this is my first year at CSUN. I was born in India, but grew up in West Hills, California being the first member of my family to go to college in America. I'm planning to become a veterinarian soon, and have already led a group, at an animal rescue shelter, in order to bring awareness about the topics of animal cruelty and pet ownership.



Anthony Wong

I'm a sophomore majoring in business management and I am a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity. I've served as Finance chair for Tau Kappa Epsilon, interned for Stussy Honolulu, represented my school for Key Club in high school, and have a lot of leadership skills. If elected, I plan on voicing the opinions and concerns that lower division students have.

College of Arts, Media and Communication Candidates

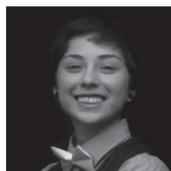


Laquae Felix - Integrity & Innovation



Adan Garay - Progress Through Solidarity

Adan Garay as past President for his high school for three years, current House Chair for his Fraternity and as a church youth group leader, has got him involved on campus, local communities, and fundraising towards St. Jude's Children Hospital. Adan is running for College of Arts, Media & Communication Senator to ensure that students know more about the decisions being made at CSUN before they are finalized. If elected, Adan wants to make this campus the best California State University by getting students more involved on campus, tuition to be affordable, and have students graduating in four years.



Karen Medina - Progress Through Solidarity



Jeffery Zide

I'm a 21 year old Journalism Major who is also a student with Asperger's Syndrome (a type of Autism) and I am running for Senator for the College of Arts, Media and Communication Seat II. Nonetheless I do my best to communicate effectively and kindly to everyone I meet. There are many problems facing CSUN and I may not have all the answers but if there is one thing I am, it is fighter and I fight to the end to make sure that CSUN students get the education they deserve.

College of Business and Economics Candidates



Theodore Agbonwaneten

I am a first-year freshman at CSUN. I am current member of the Business Honors Program and the CSUN Speech and Debate Team. I am a former member of the Men's Basketball team here at CSUN.

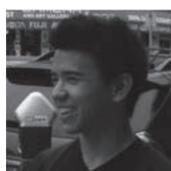


Nelly Altamirano - Progress Through Solidarity

Nelly Altamirano is a junior majoring in Marketing. Upon graduating, Nelly wants to pursue an MBA or a law degree in marketing law. She hopes to become A.S senator in order to voice the concerns of the College of Business and Economics and raise student involvement within the amazing CSUN community.



Shalisa Craig - Integrity & Innovation



Corey Davis

I currently am a sophomore majoring in Business Law. I have realized that CSUN has given so much to me while attending and I have decided to offer my own services to that of the Student body by taking up candidacy, so that I can assist those who feel that campus has the potential to offer greater opportunities!



Marbella Lupercio - Integrity & Innovation



Daniel McGregor



Sasha Struthers

I am a Business Law major. I wish to pursue the field of Intellectual Property Law to protect individuals' creativity. I have always had an innate longing to protect people and there is no better way to inspire people than giving them comfort in knowing their ideas will be safe.

Senate Candidates

College of Education Candidates



Cinzia Lettieri - Integrity & Innovation

Cinzia Lettieri is currently a teaching credential candidate at the Michael D. Eisner College of Education. For the past academic year, Cinzia has held the College of Education I Senate seat, and since spring has chaired the A.S. Academic Affairs Committee. Cinzia hopes to continue as Senator of Education in order to vigorously advocate for her college and constituents.



Martin Watkins - Integrity & Innovation



Sarah Garcia - Progress Through Solidarity

Sarah Garcia is a Deaf Studies major, Anthropology minor, and a queer studies minor. She is also active in various organizations, such as Students for Quality Education and Matadors for Equality. Sarah Garcia believes in active representation and the voice of the students, if elected she will ensure that those voices are not only heard, but listened to.

Engineering and Computer Science Candidates



Kevin Phan

College of Health and Human Development Candidates



Jessica Thorton - Integrity & Innovation

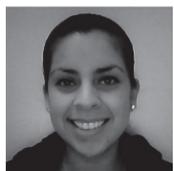
Hello fellow CSUN students, My name is Chloe Thornton and I hold the current seat as Senator for health and human development in Associated Students. I would appreciate the chance to continue my work in Associated Students and be able to represent the students of my college! I can't wait to meet all of you and listen to your requests and concerns on how to better this school!



Jonathan Hollingsworth



Kristi Karou



Sasha Barahona - Progress Through Solidarity



Susie Bautista

I am in my third year majoring in Child and Adolescent Development. I have experience with numerous student organizations on campus and I am interested in serving as an advocate for CSUN students particularly given the increase in fees and difficulty getting classes we are facing. If elected, I pledge to ensure that students in the College of Health & Human Development are well-represented in university programs and activities.

College of Humanities Candidates



Bryan Lee - Integrity & Innovation



Jennifer Perdomo

Jennifer Perdomo has attended CSUN since her freshmen year and is double majoring in Central American Studies and Political Science. Jennifer is running for the Senator of the College Of Humanities because she would like to give the students, organizations and clubs that are part of this college as much representation and support as possible. Jennifer strongly believes that the student's voice should always be heard, so she plans to be the liaison, the advocate, the voice for all students, organizations and clubs that are a part of the College of Humanities.



Michaela Connor - Integrity & Innovation

I am originally from Palmdale, CA where I was very involved in leadership positions throughout high school and continue to participate in leadership roles at CSUN as both a Resident Advisor and in Alpha Xi Delta sorority. I am a third year CSUN student pursuing a B.A in English with plans to work in higher education. I want to be apart of A.S to do what I can to support this important organization and represent the student body with integrity and passion.

College of Science and Mathematics Candidates



Edward Rosenblatt II - Integrity & Innovation

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Candidates



Christian Cruz



Jesus Jesus



Tanya Martin - Integrity & Innovation



Victoria Rodriguez - Progress Through Solidarity

Victoria Rodriguez is a Junior with a major in Psychology and a minor in Family Studies. Working in the Matador Involvement Center as the Clubs and Organizations Marketing Assistant has given Victoria the resources and knowledge about student leadership and the campus as a whole. Victoria aspires to get the student's voices heard and act as an advocate to achieve students' goals and collaboration.

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Associated Students Spring 2012 Elections Ballot Language Vote March 28-29 csunas.org/elections

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

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 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.

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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](#)

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 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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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).

[Amended](#)

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Trayvon Martin will not be just another black boy taken

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It is chilling to listen to the 911 calls that were dialed a few moments before Trayvon Martin's life was taken away. The screams for help could be heard through the gated community, yet nothing was done. According to the Orlando Sentinel, authorities leaked that witnesses are in dispute about who the screams belonged to.

It is clear to over two million supporters that those screams belonged to Martin, a 17-year-old black male calling out to someone, anyone for help. And instead of help, all he got was a bullet in his chest and injustice for his untimely death.

Wearing a hooded sweat-shirt and carrying a bag of skittles and an iced tea in his hands, Martin did not expect to be followed home on his way back from 7-Eleven. He did not expect George Zimmerman, the captain of an unregistered neighborhood organization, to exit his Chevrolet Suburban and stalk Martin through their gated community. He did not expect for Zimmerman to accuse him of being suspicious and therefore not belonging to the community. Most important, Martin did not expect to die that dark night.

We cannot ignore the probability that Zimmerman also did not expect to kill Martin that night, and if found to be true, we cannot ignore new evidence showing that Martin caused damage to Zimmerman. According to the Orlando Sentinel, authorities said that Zimmerman was found "bleeding from the nose, had a swollen lip and had bloody lacerations to the back of his head." Zimmerman admits to following Martin in his vehicle to look for the boy, but said that upon walking back to his car, Martin confronted him. According to the shooter, Martin took him down with a single punch, slammed his head into the sidewalk, punched him repeatedly in the face and reached for his gun; the shooter said he did it in self-defense.

Whether or not his account is true, it is still an incriminating defense. The circumstances surrounding Martin's death did not develop out of an act of self-defense, but began unjustly and racially motivated.

There are two 911 calls out of the several made by neighbors, which present plenty of evidence. In Zimmerman's call to Sanford police, he described Martin as a suspicious character in his neighborhood. The police told him not to pursue the suspect. Zimmerman did anyway. Another call placed by a neighbor living in the gated community recorded screams for help, silenced by a single gunshot.

The one-minute gap between Zimmerman's call and the gunshot can be filled out by testimony from an anonymous teenage girl identified as Martin's girlfriend. She told ABC News that Martin put up his hoodie because he was being followed. She said she heard Martin ask Zimmerman why he was following him, then heard the man push him down, ending the call. She called again, but Martin never answered.

According to the Associated Press, Zimmerman's attorney, Craig Sonner, defended Zimmerman's actions and dismissed racism as a reason for the shooting. Sonner said that people would soon see that his client used Florida's "Stand Your Ground" law accordingly.

News sources have been reporting that the "Stand Your Ground" law may be the biggest challenge in getting Zimmerman arrested. If Martin did indeed reach for his gun, Zimmerman had the leeway to shoot first under this law.

However, even if racism did not cause Zimmerman to shoot the boy, it can still be proved as a factor which instigated the whole situation. If Zimmerman did not wrongly find Martin to be suspicious and did not follow the boy in the first place, maybe he would not have had to "stand his ground."

Chapter 776 of the 2011 Florida Statutes, states that "using defensive force that is intended or likely to cause death or great bodily harm to another" is only justified



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Jibade Hudson, 9, center, wears a sign next to his mother Ann Jones, right, at a civil rights protest, Wednesday, March 21, 2012, to demand the revoking of George Zimmerman's gun permit after the shooting death of Trayvon Martin.

if a person is "presumed to have held a reasonable fear of imminent peril of death or great bodily harm to himself or herself or another."

This means a person has the "right to stand his or her ground and meet force with force" against a "person who unlawfully and by force enters or attempts to enter a person's dwelling, residence, or occupied vehicle" and "is presumed to be doing so with the intent to commit an unlawful act involving force or violence."

Zimmerman had no logical reason to believe that Martin had an "intent to commit an unlawful act involving force or violence" against him, when he started to stalk the teenager from his vehicle. Zimmerman had no rightful "ground" to "stand," since he does not own the entire gated community. Martin had no deadly weapon to hurt Zimmerman with except for a bag of skittles and a cold drink.

Truly, Zimmerman created a situation where Martin to have a "reasonable fear of imminent peril of death or great bodily harm." Martin had the right to react to violence with violence to defend

himself.

Whom we should be most concerned with practicing racism are the officers who arrived on the crime scene. When Sanford police arrived, they did not follow proper procedure. In a speech at a rally in Sanford on Monday, Ben Crump, the attorney for Martin's parents, pointed out that police did not do a background check on Zimmerman, but did one on the dead boy. He asked why officers gave Martin a drug and alcohol test, but did not test Zimmerman.

It seems there was no thorough investigation into Zimmerman's story of defense, but generous acceptance. Martin's body sat in the morgue for three days as ABC reported, labeled "John Doe," even when the Stanford police department had Martin's cellphone in their possession. According to Time Magazine, Martin's father had to file a missing-person report in order to find his dead son.

The officers placed no importance on this minor's life, instead, they sought to defend a man more than ten years older than him.

In the past week, several demonstrations calling for justice for Martin took place all over the country. Martin's

case has sparked a national outcry because unfortunately, the circumstances of his death are all too common. Millions of young black men have become a target for the system. The prison industrial complex houses more black men in prison than men of any other race. According to The Root, an online Black news source, Blacks compose nearly 13 percent of the population yet 40 percent of the prisoners. The article explains that the number of black men in prison exceed the number of men that were enslaved in 1850. Take a closer look, and it appears that the prison industrial complex is a reflection of a dehumanizing system the nation would like to believe disappeared long ago.

Rev. Jesse Jackson compared Martin's death to the killing of Emmitt Till, a 14 year old that was beaten to death in 1955 for whistling at a white woman. His killers were never brought to justice, and his killing sparked civil rights movements, just as Martin's death has brought very similar calls for justice.

On Friday, Obama made a statement regarding the death of Martin.

"If I had a son, he would

look like Trayvon," Obama said.

This statement has caused major controversy from his right wing opponents who feel that this issue is not based on race. Newt Gingrich, former Speaker of the House during the Clinton administration and a GOP presidential candidate, said Obama's words were "disgraceful." Conservative columnist Michelle Malkin wrote on her blog that Obama is, "all too willing to pour gas on fire." However, the "gas" Obama poured is fueling a fire that is seeking justice for an issue that lacks proper attention.

To the right wing conservatives that bash Obama for standing in allegiance with the black community, we question Zimmerman's twisted perception of an unarmed young man carrying candy and a drink; why did Martin appear suspicious that night?

Martin's tragedy echoes the stories of many young black males whose lives have been taken away by racist police, the racist prison industrial complex and racist citizens, since slavery ended. But fortunately for Martin's family, the public is outraged and journalists will not relent in their search for the truth.

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Student turns street graffiti into clothing business

CSUN freshman creates Take! Los Angeles out of passion for street art

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In the beginning, Jed Mitra only wanted to create graffiti.

The 19-year-old CSUN freshman and graphic design major began designing shirts in middle school, a time when his friends were heavily into practicing the art.

After a 100-hour community service stint for being caught tagging on public property, Mitra sought a legal alternative to express the designs that were sketched in his mind. Combining his ambition and knack for the art, Mitra established the streetwear company Take! Los Angeles.

Take! Los Angeles, founded in 2011, began as a way for Mitra to channel his creative energies into a more professional manner.

Specializing in creating men's apparel, such as jackets and shirts, the company's themes and name revolve around independence and ambition.

"At one point, it was about staying young," Mitra said, "but now, it's about taking what you want. Even if you deserve it, you won't get it unless you get up and take a step towards it. There's no room for dreaming."

Mitra funded Take! Los Angeles with money from his personal savings and the first 12 shirts he created. Steady sales of the shirts eventually led to the production of 24 more, spurring Mitra to expand the business to what it is today.

Despite starting his business during his senior year of high school, Mitra regards it as his biggest regret.

"I feel bad for not starting as early as I could," Mitra said. "I would tell my younger self to just go for it and take a risk."

The need to help the younger generation extends to his everyday life, as well. Mitra also works in Northridge at Creative Leap, an indoor playground for children. To Mitra, the children's youthful creativity and energy serve as an inspiration for his work.

Mitra has even taken steps to

mentoring teens who want to begin their own company one day, often grilling them about the importance of building a network and pursuing one's dream.

With his dreams at their highest point, Mitra hopes to have an established retail store in Los Angeles within the next 10 years and continue to see his brand of clothes on strangers and people he knows. He also plans to expand the designs and create a line for women, as well.

"Besides a retail store, by actually being able to make a good living off of it would be great," he comments.

Pushing aside his hopes, Mitra remains grounded.

"My parents wanted me to take the safe route, and I'm sure a lot of people in the art department have experienced that," Mitra said. "But I wanted to follow this dream of mine."

Mitra continues to live up to his clothing's philosophy, one that began years ago with only a group of supportive friends and a handful of stencils.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



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Jed Mitra, 19, freshman Kinesiology major, started a T-shirt Business in middle school called Take! Los Angeles.

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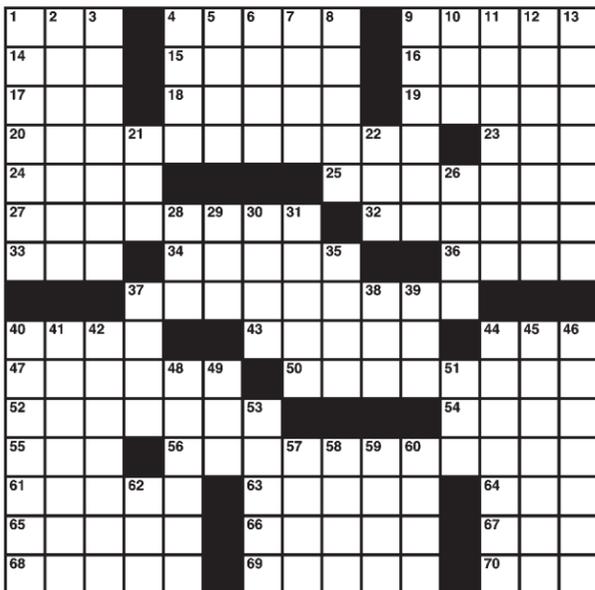
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- 32 Air-conditioned
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- 34 Andrea __: ill-fated vessel
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- 43 Reeves of "Speed"
- 44 Palindromic Altar
- 47 Bridge holding such as ace-queen
- 50 Surprises
- 52 More decrepit
- 54 Wuss
- 55 Topsy's playmate in "Uncle Tom's Cabin"
- 56 Exalted group leader, facetiously
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- 63 Household cleanser
- 64 Alternate identity letters
- 65 Encouraging cry, such as the one formed by the ends of 20-, 37-, and 56-Across
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BASEBALL

All newcomers welcome

Transfers and freshmen playing important roles for Matadors in 2012

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C SUN baseball is in the midst of what most people might consider “a rebuilding year” for a program. The Matadors are fielding a higher ratio of newcomers on the roster than most colleges, with nearly half of the team being comprised of new faces in CSUN uniforms.

Newcomers, made up of freshmen and transfer students, usually don’t play too much of a factor at the Division-I level, but transfer students such as juniors Cal Vogelsang and Brett Balkan have already contributed to some Matador wins this year.

“I just want to do my best as an individual to help the team win,” Balkan said. “I want to put Northridge on the map and be able to compete rather than just be last place.”

Vogelsang has seen more innings than most other newcomers so far this year, spending most of his time playing outfield. The transfer is hitting .269 this year with 21 hits and eight RBI. He struggled early in the season to get his first hit as a Matador, but has since strung together a pair of hitting streaks.

“I try and have a quality at-bat every single time, and it’s been working out lately,” Vogelsang said. “We’ve been doing it all year. We’re sticking to the quality at-bats and just letting those translate to statistics.”

Balkan has also seen his fair share of innings, starting most games at third base for Northridge. The transfer, coming from San Diego Mesa College, has so far used his experience in college to earn playing time and hit .205 with 15 hits and 11 RBI.

The freshmen have also begun to produce for the offense and performed well in the field behind the Northridge pitching staff.

Freshman Ryan Raslowsky, an infielder



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CSUN freshman outfielder Chester Pak stares down a pitch during a game against UCLA on Feb. 21. Pak, along with the other freshmen and transfer players, are making an effort to contribute in their first year as Matadors. CSUN is 11-13 in 2012.

from Mission Viejo, has earned his way into the starting lineup and is hitting .275 with 11 hits and seven RBI. Raslowsky has played in 19 games and has a .961 fielding percentage on the defensive end, only committing two errors. The youngster has high hopes for himself and the Matadors for the rest of the season.

“I just plan on doing my part in helping the team win,” Raslowsky said. “I also want to get good grades in school before helping us do good in conference.”

The hitters aren’t the only ones getting a chance to help the Matadors in 2012. CSUN

also has freshman Jerry Keel, who will see many more innings on the mound as Big West Conference play nears. The left-handed pitcher has thrown 33 1/3 innings and has a 1.62 ERA, the best of any pitcher on the staff. Keel constantly impresses the coaching staff and has earned a weekly spot in the starting rotation.

“I just want to finish this season strong,” Keel said. “If I can finish as one of the better freshman, I’ve met my goal.”

Although the freshmen haven’t seen nearly as much time on the diamond as transfers,

they have impressed coaches and veteran Matadors alike.

“Not a lot of (freshmen) are playing right now, but as far as intersquad, they help the team get prepared,” said sophomore starting outfielder Miles Williams. “They’re all working hard, and that’s how you build a good program.”

With conference play beginning Friday at Cal State Fullerton, the newcomers will finally have their chance to give a glimpse of what Big West foes will have to look forward to in the years to come.

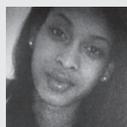


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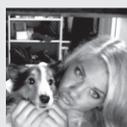
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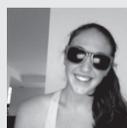
Those are some harsh words, ma'am.
@Jia_hoops23, Gianni Jackson, women's basketball
I dont hate you, Im just not necessarily excited about your existence
March 26



Because the Lakers aren't very good.
@4TheRealHer, Hayley Gurriell, water polo
Dang why are the Lakers getting smacked by the Grizzlies right now
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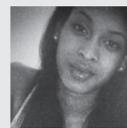
On the bright side, your dog is pretty cute.
@LindsayNel, Lindsay Nelson, water polo
I love studying for three hours and as soon as I put down my pencil and close the book I forget everything I just studied. SpringBreak- PLEASE
March 25



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@stop_cammertime, Camille Mahlknecht, women's basketball
Yay me for finding my debit card!2 hours after I cancel it. #fail
March 21



I'm not texting you first. You text me.
@CHESTERPAK, Chester Pak, baseball
Got 3 more hours till we are back home and there is absolutely nothing to do on this bus but eat seeds and watch people sleep. Text me!
March 25



Text Chester Pak (see above). He'll reply right away.
@Jia_hoops23, Gianni Jackson, women's basketball
If you take 15mins to text me back, i'm going to take 30
March 26



He's making a statement. Statement is: "I can't coach."
@LWatson14, Lonnie Watson, men's basketball
Wtf is mike brown doin benchin kobe
March 26



Sausage life?
@nubigglyfe, Kyle Attl, baseball
When laying down just for a Minute turns into a 3 hour nap. #sausagelife
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