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CSUN reaccredited for 10 years

AGNES CONSTANCE
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Cal State Northridge (CSUN) has been reaccredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) for another 10 years. The university received a letter from WASC on March 8 reaffirming CSUN’s focus on student success and learning. “The Commission commends CSUN for becoming

a model learning organization characterized by collaborative and evidence-based planning, decision making and problem solving,” WASC President Ralph Wolff wrote in the letter to the university. The accreditation process began in early 2007 and included two detailed self-studies (where the school assessed and examined its programs) conducted by CSUN administrators, faculty, staff and students, Hellenbrand said in a statement

to the campus community. According to the WASC website, accredited institutions: are student-oriented and continually evaluate student performance; are focused on a goals and a mission for students; have qualified faculty; regularly assess the quality of its programs; accept objective evaluations from WASC-trained peer professionals; and plan for the future. “I think CSUN’s reaccreditation for the maximum 10 years is a wonderful testament

to the excellence of the university, its faculty, staff and students. Being described by WASC as a ‘model learning institution’ affirms what is closest to our hearts—our mission to serve students’ educational needs and aspirations,” said Vice Provost Cynthia Rawitch. “It also is an acknowledgement of the five years of work on the part of hundreds of people who helped CSUN demonstrate our excellence and success to WASC.” Outside reviewers, which

consisted of administrators and faculty from other universities throughout the country, also visited the campus in 2010 and 2011. An exit meeting between WASC, Rawitch and Hellenbrand took place earlier this year. The meeting was the last step in the accreditation process that allows the commission to ask final questions and for the president to present any additional information. “Everyone should take great pride in our earning a full

10-year reaccreditation, which reflects the strength and commitment of the entire campus community, particularly faculty and staff, to our students,” Hellenbrand said in the statement. Hellenbrand gave a special thank you to WASC accreditation co-chairs, Liberal Studies Director and Mathematics Professor Michael Neubauer, College of Humanities Dean Elizabeth Say, members of the Steering Committee, Proposal Development Committee, and other task groups.

Board of trustees may
gain absentee voting

NATALIE RIVERA
DAILY SUNDIAL

A new bill will allow members of the board of trustees who are in favor of bettering student issues to be heard when absent from meetings. AB 1965, authored by Assemblyman Richard Pan (D-Sacramento), was announced at Sacramento State University last month by the Student Action Committee. According to Pan's press secretary, Brian O'Hara, it allows members of the CSU board of trustees to send a representative to cast a vote on their behalf when they are absent from a meeting. The bill also allows the first-year student trustee to vote in the absence of the second-year student trustee.

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Steps toward CSU democratization

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"If passed and signed by the governor, it becomes law on Jan 1, 2013," said O'Hara. "This bill will help student voices be heard by including the voice and perspective of students regardless of their year on the board of trustees."

O'Hara believes that allowing the first year student to cast the second year's vote when the latter student is absent, will help address student issues.

"There are members who want to speak for the people," O'Hara said. "If AB 1965, authored by Assemblyman (D-Sacramento), was announced at Sacramento State University last month by the Student Action Committee."

According to Pan's press secretary, Brian O'Hara, it allows members of the CSU board of trustees to send a representative to cast a vote on their behalf when they are absent from a meeting, and allows first-year trustees to vote in the absence of the second-year trustee.

The bill also allows more power for the two student board members; the student with only one year of experience on the board can vote in the absence of the student with two years of experience, previously allowed.

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less of their year on the board of trustees."

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Some of the members of the CSU board of trustees include the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the assembly and the CSU chancellor.

According to O'Hara, board members are allowed to choose who will cast their vote and will most likely be an education consultant from their offices.

The SAC had input in the forming of the bill, according to O'Hara.

"It is being staffed by Assembly Fellow and recent graduate of CSU Sacramento Motecuzoma Sanchez," O'Hara said.

The SAC was created by Pan to better communicate with students and their concerns for higher education by having his district office located on the Sacramento State campus.

When asked whether AB 1965 will help student tuition O'Hara responded:

"This bill will further democratize the board of trustees meetings and decisions being made, including decisions on fee increases, by allowing ex-officio and student members to have more inclusion in the process."

Edgar Ramos, art major and member of CSUN's Students for

Quality Education, believes the proposed bill may bring other troubles.

"It worries me a little bit, wondering who may replace the board of trustees when they're not there," Ramos said. "Someone might misrepresent them. My fear is that someone who is replacing them when they're not there might vote for things they want, like raising tuition."

However, Ramos thinks the SAC was a great approach to democratizing the board's decision making process.

"I really appreciate it when we have state legislators reach out to students," Ramos said.

Biology and psychology major Erika Baron agrees with Ramos' fear and suggests members choose a different solution when being absent at a meeting.

"If you can't be there for the meeting, it should be held on another day or they should take their position seriously and show up," Baron said. "It may not matter to them, but it does to the student who has had a 191-percent tuition rise, and every day, it gets harder to graduate."

AB 1965 is one of many things the SAC will focus on, according to O'Hara.

"The purpose of the SAC is to build a bridge and active relationship between students and the legislature which will continue after the bill goes through the legislative process," said O'Hara.

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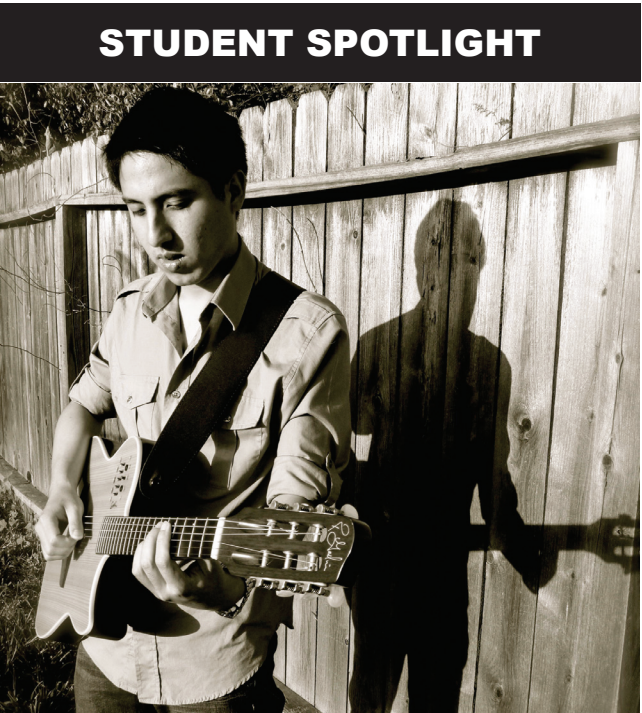
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CSUN musician helps compose for Hollywood



COURTESY OF ADRIAN M. BOLUARTE CHONG

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Adrian M. Boluarte Chong lived on \$80 a month for six months after arriving at Fullerton College from Lima, Peru. He spent most of his savings on a cheap used car, because it took two hours to get anywhere by bus. He struggled through bureaucracy to get a driver's license. But Boluarte Chong was undaunted by obstacles to pursue his dream of studying music

in the United States. "I took that risk. A lot of people criticized me – 'You're just wasting your time, you're going to fail' – and I just kept working, working, working, because somehow I thought I could make it," said Boluarte Chong. Boluarte Chong started playing guitar and listening to American rock and pop as an adolescent and he met a teacher who encouraged his interest in music. However, opportunities to study music in Peru are limited. The U.S. was the place to go.

The first obstacle to overcome was getting the support of his parents. "Coming from where I come from, a middle class Peruvian family, my parents wanted me to get a degree in something traditional," Boluarte Chong said. But after a semester of studying industrial design in Peru, he realized his heart wasn't in it. "I didn't see myself doing anything other than music," Boluarte Chong said. His parents eventually agreed to help him pursue his dream. For two years he saved money and honed his musical skills before coming to Fullerton. After graduating from Fullerton, Boluarte Chong transferred to CSUN in 2009. This spring he will graduate CSUN with a Bachelor of Music in Commercial and Media Composition. Commercial and media composition includes writing music for film scores, television, video games and advertising, and Boluarte Chong is already working in the field. He plays guitar and helps compose for Hollywood orchestrator and composer Penka Kouneva ("The Matrix," "Transformers," "Pirates of the Caribbean"), as well as television composer Shawn Clement. He just submitted tracks for the upcoming Speed Network TV show "Whipped" and also just finished the music for a national

Peruvian TV ad campaign for the vitamin supplement Calcibon. Boluarte Chong enjoys composing media scores in a variety of musical styles including classical, jazz, rock, pop, electronica and Peruvian folk. When he graduates he would also like to form a band to perform his own songs. Despite the time Boluarte spends practicing, composing, producing and performing music for school and work, he still finds time to be involved with student government. He was among 15 candidates for Man of the Year who won the Men of Distinction Award at Fullerton College for his involvement in the school and the community, including serving as a A.S. Senator, A.S. Vice-President and Inter-Club Council President. Boluarte Chong credits the influence of his parents for his political activism. His mom is a social worker for Peru's poor, and his father is a pro-environment, left-leaning journalist.

Although Boluarte Chong has had to reduce his student government activities at CSUN to concentrate on his music he still finds the time. He serves on the University Student Union Board of Directors and the Student Panels for an International Curriculum and Education, a group of eight international students who visit classrooms and do small lectures to raise awareness of different ethnicities and cultures, is sponsored by the CSUN International.

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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

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.

Amended

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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 ***staff member***;
D. Acting as trustee for the Associated Students, maintaining accounts for the various student chartered organizations.

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 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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- 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).

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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

Pink Slime Strikes Again!

JESSICA JEWELL
DAILY SUNDIAL

A petition on Change.org went viral on the web during the last few weeks, spotlighting bad U.S. agricultural practices. With over 220,000 signatures, the petition demands the U.S. Department of Agriculture to stop buying “pink slime” for public school lunches.

The USDA is buying 7 million pounds of Beef Products Inc. Boneless Lean Beef Trimmings (BLBT) for the National School Lunch Program. The product essentially is a toxic filler that when incorporated into ground beef, brings three cents off per pound.

USA Today described the process: “The bits are heated to about 100 (degrees) fahrenheit and spun to remove most of the fat. The lean mix then is compressed into blocks for use in ground meat.”

BLBT is then bathed in ammonia gas – a major point of concern for consumers.

Now, I’m in concordance with upset consumers. I think the stuff is deplorable and it makes my skin crawl to think about it for too long. But I’m peeved with society’s inability to look at the big picture; a corrupt and broken U.S. industrial agricultural system, of which they should rid themselves.

The term “pink slime” is not new, but has been buzzing around the Internet for years. A photo showing what looked to be a disturbing pink sludgy soft-serve a while back, sparked uproar online.

The controversial “pink slime” back then referred to mechanically separated chicken used as a staple in processed foods, namely chicken nuggets. According to the USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service, in 1995, “a final rule on mechanically separated poultry said it was safe and could be used without restrictions,” but “it must be labeled as ‘mechanically separated chicken or turkey’ in the product’s ingredients statement.”

One of the big issues people are raising about BLBT is not just that it’s slated to be served at little Johnny’s cafeteria, but that there will not be any distinctive labeling when it’s incorporated into ground beef.

In the past, “pink slime” – connective tissue and “other leavings” of beef gassed with ammonia – was deemed unfit for human consumption, due to the fact that these trimmings were more susceptible to salmonella and E. coli. The product is sold to other companies who mix it into their ground beef to bring down price.

According to The Huffington Post, even fast food giants like McDonald’s, Burger King and Taco Bell recently announced they won’t be using BLBT in their food. The product, sans gassing, has traditionally been used for dog food. “Pink slime” is currently banned in the UK.

As it is, the US government gives the green light to the distribution of sub-par foods to the American public with its subsidies to factory farming. The new “pink

slime” is just one of countless repulsive practices the public is subject to.

People are demanding the elimination of BLBT from school lunches or, at the very least, transparency through labels. However, what Americans should really demand is for the government to cut ties with factory farming. Yes, easier said than done, but what people don’t realize is that putting a band aid or causing a hoopla over one peripheral company’s practices is not a solution.

Current large-scale agricultural practices are simply toxic and completely unsustainable. At this point, there are few options to avoid eating meats that have unrecognizable additives, gassed with ammonia or are chock-full of hormones and antibiotics. According to the Washington Post, regulations allow 15 percent of ground beef to contain “pink slime” without the label indicating the ammonia. It’s considered a “processing agent,” not an ingredient.

In an interview on the documentary, Food Inc., BPI Founder Eldon Roth said 70 percent of ground beef in the US contains “pink slime,” with hopes of reaching 100 percent in the coming years.

There is mounting evidence that gassing the “pink slime” with ammonia does not make the beef mixture any safer. A 2009 investigative piece published by the New York Times reported contradicting information in terms of BLBT’s safety, “Since 2005, E. coli has been found 3 times and salmonella 48 times, including back-to-back incidents in August in which two 27,000-pound batches were found to be contaminated. The meat was caught before reaching lunchrooms trays.”

Surely, the corporations are not standing idly by the criticism. In a PR move, BPI launched a website, pinkslimeisamyth.com and are blabbing all over the twitterverse with the hash tag #pinkslimeisamyth to combat the backlash. Even going far enough to put out a press release titled, “Lean Beef Trimmings—High Quality and Safe.”

Last week, Beef Products Inc. spokesman Rich Jochum defended BLBT to The Daily:

“It 1) improves the nutritional profile, 2) increases the safety of the products and 3) meets the budget parameters that allow the school lunch program to feed kids nationwide every day.”

Yes, integrating BLBT into ground beef does make the product cheaper for schools, however, it is absurd to imply that usage of this product “improves the nutritional profile” for children. If by that he means children will eat more “protein” then yes, but it is chemically tainted and full of material previously thought only suitable for animals.

This most recent food scandal, though validly repugnant, should not get thrown out of context and fall prey to sensationalism. During the first “pink slime” buzz, people re-posted photos and articles about the nasty chicken paste. Predictably, peoples’ overstimulated, information-inundated, media-saturated minds got distracted, and “pink

slime” dissipated from public consciousness.

People are completely sedated to the over-arching issue at the heart of this controversy. Maybe it’s because they’re doped up on a cocktail of chemicals slipped into their food — I’ll give them the benefit of the doubt.

The industry needs to be turned on its

head. A society can only survive so long on the back of a scorched earth approach; it is naive and idealistic.

Eat locally-sourced foods as much as possible and try to eat as much of a plant-based diet as possible for both its health benefits, but also to stick it to the man (USDA, FDA, Big Ag, Monsanto, Con Agra and friends).



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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

One final hurrah



ANDRES AGUILA / DAILY SUNDIAL

CSUN guard Ashlee Guay goes up for a layup during a game against USD Friday night. Though she scored 17 points, it wasn't enough as the Matadors fell to the Toreros 60-58.

Matadors rally from 13 points down, but late turnovers spell end to their season in WNIT's first round

ANTHONY CARPIO
SPORTS EDITOR

SAN DIEGO – Though they trailed by as many as 13 points, CSUN's effort Friday night just wasn't enough. Offensive boards

by the University of San Diego and late turnovers spelled the end of the Matadors' season as they fell to the Toreros 60-58 at Jenny Craig Pavilion in the first round of the WNIT.

CSUN had numerous opportunities to tie or take the lead with just minutes

left on the clock. With 1:40 left in the game, guard Janae Sharpe split her free throws, cutting USD's lead to just one point (59-58). But, due to turnovers, the Matadors didn't put up another shot until the final seconds of the game.

A foul that sent San

Diego guard Morgan Woodrow to the line with five seconds left gave Northridge its final chance at pulling the upset. Woodrow sank her first free throw, but missed her second and CSUN grabbed the rebound and called a timeout with 3.4 seconds left on the clock. Northridge almost turned it over off the timeout, but Sharpe was able to control the ball and take a shot from behind the arc, but it was long and bounced off the back iron.

Throwaways were key in the loss. The Matadors were a tad sloppy in the first half, tallying 10 for the first 20 minutes of play. But two turnovers near the end of the game made it harder for the team to get the victory. CSUN forward Violet Alama grabbed the rebound off a missed jumper by Torero guard Dominique Connors with 52 seconds left, but was stripped away by Torero guard Amy Kame.

"We just kept fighting, like we always do, until

the end," Northridge guard Ashlee Guay said. "We probably had some key possessions where we just had silly mistakes, but that didn't stop us and we knew we were still in the game. It just didn't go our way at the end, but I'm proud of the team because we worked our heart off out there."

Guay was the main source of offense for the Matadors, finishing the night with 17 points, six assists and seven rebounds. The San Diego-native did her best to keep her team within striking distance of the Toreros.

"When we found out that we were coming to San Diego, I texted her, 'You're going home. Put on a show,'" CSUN head coach Jason Flowers said. "I thought she put on a show. It's nothing different from what she's done at different times throughout the year. She was the Ashlee Guay we know she's going to be for the next three years here. I'm proud of all my kids, but she was big for

us offensively tonight."

Guay wasn't the only point guard that had a big night. USD's guard Connors was the workhorse for the Toreros. The senior had a WNBA-like game, with 26 points, three assists, three steals and five rebounds. No matter what CSUN did on defense, Connors was in her zone.

"Dominique Connors was big time," Flowers said. "She just put her team on her shoulders. She made plays for them. She was huge for them all game and in the second half, she was big, especially when they were struggling offensively."

Rebounding was the other deciding factor in this game. USD was all over the glass, outrebounding Northridge by seven overall in the first half. CSUN eventually won the rebounding battle (39-37), but what caused the most problems for the team were offensive rebounds. The Toreros finished the game with 17 offensive boards and scored 10 second-chance points.



ANDRES AGUILA / DAILY SUNDIAL

CSUN and USD exchange postgame handshakes as the teams walk off the court Friday night. Matador head coach Jason Flowers (right) had a 17-14 record in 2011-12.

MEN’S VOLLEYBALL

Local funk: Matadors drop third in a row at home

JONATHAN ANDRADE
DAILY SUNDIAL

Northridge looked as if it was going to cruise to its second win of the season over the UC San Diego Tritons (6-16, 4-13) after hitting .500 in the opening set of Friday’s match.

CSUN’s hitting dropped off considerably in the following sets as Northridge (8-13, 4-10 MPSF) dropped the next three frames and lost 19-25, 30-28, 25-18, 25-21.

“We played more steady last game,” said sophomore Brandon Lebrock, referring to CSUN’s win at UCSD on Feb. 24. “We could have spread the ball a little more. After the second game, there was a couple of bad calls, we just put our heads down after that and it didn’t seem like we wanted to fight back.”

The Matadors controlled the pace throughout most of the first set and held the lead with great offensive performances from junior John Baker and Lebrock.

UC San Diego evened up the score but well-placed shots by Lebrock put the Matadors ahead on multiple occasions while the defensive performance of Moore added two block assists to Northridge’s six in the frame.

The Matadors allowed the

Tritons to even the score at 15 apiece before pulling away in the second half of the set and earning the 25-19 win.

“We came out with confidence in the first game,” Lebrock said. “We knew we beat them before so we came out ready to beat them.”

Baker and Lebrock combined for eight kills on 13 swings while redshirt freshman Kyle Stevenson added two kills.

“We controlled the momentum and they were forced to play on our territory,” Baker said. “It’s hard for the other team to be able to compete and be able to go at that rate ... we played well (in the first set).”

CSUN struggled to keep up with the Tritons early on in the second set although UC San Diego only hit .130 in the frame.

Northridge was down by as many as five at one point but fought back to even the score at 21-21.

The Tritons battled back to even the score at 24 apiece, but a missed shot that flew long and a botched Matador match point sent the frame to extra points.

CSUN took a one-point lead, but a questionable net call in the following point evened the set up once again.

“I thought I hit the ball off the block and the ref didn’t call it,”

Lebrock said. “We kept playing but they got a couple chances and they took advantage of it.”

The Tritons pulled ahead again with another questionable call that brought CSUN head coach Jeff Campbell off his chair. Campbell disputed that one of the UCSD players had touched a Matador attack that landed out of bounds, but the ref called it a CSUN attack error. The point gave San Diego the edge and the Tritons closed the set with the next point, taking the frame 30-28.

“That’s going to happen in volleyball,” Baker said about the questionable calls. “We’ve had some go our way this season so we can’t put that on the ref. The call was the call and we had to accept that and not dwell on that.”

The Matadors exchanged points early in the third set, but again were unable to side out and were forced into a timeout after falling behind 12-8.

The Tritons continued to dominate the net and took the third set 25-18 behind a Carl Eberts five-kill performance in the frame. UCSD hit for an astounding .467 hitting percentage compared to the Matadors’ .000.

The hitting woes carried over to the fourth set for the Matadors



MARIELA MOLINA / PHOTO EDITOR

CSUN middle blocker Jared Moore (10) goes for a kill against UCI Wednesday night. The Matadors lost its third consecutive home game, 3-1, to UC San Diego Friday night.

as they quickly fell behind 8-3.

The presence of freshman Julius Hoefer sparked the CSUN offense and the comeback attempt. The Matadors forced a Tritons’ timeout after Northridge drew within two, but the UCSD offense continued to find holes in the Matadors’ defense and extended the lead to five.

A pair of service errors late in the set put a halt to any potential Matador comebacks en route to the Tritons taking the fourth, 25-21, and the match, 3-1.

CSUN hit better than the Tritons in the frame, but four service errors cost Northridge in the end despite Hoefer’s five kills.

The Matadors committed 10 service errors in the match.

Their .189 hitting throughout was no match for UCSD. Lebrock ended with 18 kills on .196 hitting while Baker added 10 on the night.

“Any team in this league can beat us,” Lebrock said. “We just have to play our hardest. We have to forget about this game and prepare for Hawaii next week.”

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle
Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

- ACROSS**
- 1 Subdued color
 - 7 Take a breather
 - 11 Marx’s “— Kapital”
 - 14 Christmas carol start
 - 15 Green Gables girl
 - 16 All-Star starting pitcher
 - 17 Airfare-plus-hotel stay, say
 - 19 Convent dweller
 - 20 Invoice total: Abbr.
 - 21 Thrilla in Manila fighter
 - 22 “I’d be delighted!”
 - 24 Poultry hierarchy
 - 27 Camaro and Corvette
 - 29 Sound from a snout
 - 30 Comic actress Oteri
 - 31 RR stop
 - 32 Diagnostic scanner, briefly
 - 35 Soul food pork snack
 - 40 Comics cry of disgust
 - 41 Cold War KGB rival
 - 42 Stop in the Sahara
 - 43 Commotions
 - 45 Beachgoer’s souvenir
 - 47 Coins in one’s pants
 - 51 Texas city on the Rio Grande
 - 52 NFL drive killer
 - 53 “My lips — sealed”
 - 56 Note after fa
 - 57 Ready to be kissed
 - 61 Capote’s nickname
 - 62 “It’s her ___”: relationship ultimatum
 - 63 Lack of comfort
 - 64 Has way too much, briefly
 - 65 Bygone royal Russian
 - 66 Main course
- DOWN**
- 1 Mama’s main man
 - 2 Noted rib donor
 - 3 Religious splinter group

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By Patti Varol 3/19/12

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47	Fettuccine topping
48	Prayer starter
49	Slightly above average grade
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