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The Daily Sundial's YEAR IN REVIEW

LAURA DAVIS
DAILY SUNDIAL

We've collected the top 10 things that made this year so memorable on campus.



SEPT. 27, 2011 — CSUN student, 22-year-old Gahren Moradian is arrested, after police said he claimed to have a gun on campus. The Oviatt Library was shut down. Moradian wore a white shirt that read "human rights violatin (sic)" as he faced a pillar outside of the library. The campus remained open throughout the day with the exception of the Oviatt Library, according to the story.



OCT. 12, 2011 — The Occupy Movement moves to CSUN, along with 100 other campuses nationwide. Students who were unable to travel downtown chose to occupy CSUN, said Eddie Alvarez, president of student activist group CSUN Greens. Students occupied the campus lawn by camping out in tents for more than a month, to represent the CSUN community as part of the 99 percent.



DEC. 7, 2011 — The CSUN Valley Performance Art Center is declared CSUN's first certified eco-friendly building. By obtaining a Leadership and Energy in Environmental Design (LEED) recognition, the building qualifies for tax deductions made available through the 2005 Energy Policy Act. The LEED-rating system consists of silver, gold and platinum certification and is point-based. The VPAC earned 39 points, which is a gold rating.



JAN. 26 — The brand new and long-awaited eco-friendly Student Recreation Center opens its doors, with a daylong ceremony of celebration. The facility features a rock climbing wall and indoor sports courts for volleyball / basketball. The project cost approximately \$62 million, according to Kevin Lizarra, marketing manager at the USU.



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FEB. 20 — Charges are dropped for the “CSUN 6,” a group of students who were arrested for protesting educational budget cuts. “I am extremely relieved that justice was served. It’s been a long journey, and these are moments I’ll never forget,” said Jonnae Thompson, a student who was charged for failure to disperse and resisting arrest said



MARCH 16 — CSUN became re-accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) for an additional 10 years. CSUN was honored by the WASC for their 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 said in a letter.



MARCH 20 — The CSU campuses instill a freeze for incoming freshman and transfer students for the Spring 2013 semester. CSU Media Relations Manager Erik Fallis said to the Daily Sundial in March, “Applicants for the Spring 2013 semester will be placed on a wait list, meaning if the initiative is not passed this November, there will be even more restrictions placed on applicants.”



MARCH 22 — Diane F. Harrison is named CSUN’s new president. Previously, Harrison was president for Cal State Monterey Bay. “Dr. Harrison brings an outstanding portfolio of administrative experience, academic credentials and a student-focused approach to her new position as president of Cal State Northridge,” CSU Trustee Bob Linscheid said to the Daily Sundial.



MAY 2 — The California Faculty Association, comprised of 23,000 members from all 23 CSU campuses, voted in favor of a strike this fall if their demands for a new collective bargaining agreement from the CSU are not met, according to a Daily Sundial article earlier this month. The California Faculty Association has been without a contract for almost two years, and a sweeping 95 percent of its members affirmed the motion to strike.



MAY 6 — Twelve CSU students go on hunger strike to protest against tuition rises and executive salaries, according to a Daily Sundial article earlier this month. Four CSUN students participated on campus: Raiza Arias, 18, Grace Castaneda, 20, Matthew Delgado, 20, and Sarah Garcia, 19. To date, the students have not eaten food but have had juice to drink.

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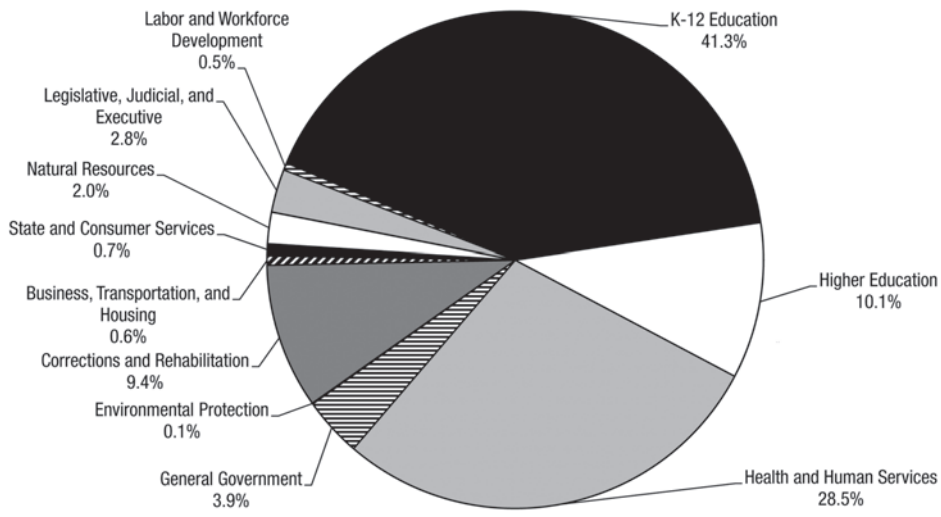
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General Fund Spending by Agency



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Students struggle as CSU funding depletes

Trigger cut of \$200 mil looms if tax initiative fails

STEFANIE DE LEONTZIC
DAILY SUNDIAL

With more than 100 units completed and a few more to go, Krystal Brooks, a history major, was ready to graduate this year after five years at CSUN. She was

ready to enter the workforce and continue her education on to law school, maybe USC, Southwestern or Hastings, she said. But as the Spring 2012 semester got underway, Brooks found herself with no classes.

"I must have crashed 25 to 26 classes," Brooks said.

Despite her efforts, she was only able to add two

classes at CSUN, one of which counts towards her major. One of the classes she needed was a political science course, but when she went to add, all eight available sections yielded no results.

Due to closed class sec-

See **BUDGET** page 10

President's renovations to cost over \$350,000

State funds dole out for changes to Harrison's office

MELISSA SIMON
DAILY SUNDIAL

In the midst of faculty protests and enrollment freezes, CSUN has brought in Diane Harrison as its new president.

Along with the cost of bringing in a new president, new expenses have been established. Potential costs include office renovations, salaries for new staff, welcoming events and moving costs.

Carmen Ramos Chandler, director of news and information for CSUN, said that renovations for the office of the president are costing state funding \$243,292.

"The decision to renovate the office was made many years ago and it could not be done before because the office is so busy," Chandler said. "We decided to take advantage of the vacancy between presidents and do the renovations."

Since the office of the president belongs to Harrison as well as her staff, the

majority of the work being done is to improve the staff cubicles. By fixing the cubicles, privacy issues are being addressed, Chandler said.

"Because the cubicles have short walls, you can technically hear conversations between cubicles," she said.

Other major renovations include updates to the university house, which is owned by the University Corporation, according to Chandler.

"The house is pretty old and needs more than just regular maintenance," she said. "The kitchen and bathroom are going to be improved and it will cost approximately \$115,000."

Housing renovations come from the University Corporation, who owns the house.

Chandler stated that Harrison made none of these requests. However, the improvements were necessary since the university house is also used for any events that need the prestige of being at the president's house.

With so much being spent on just renovations, one may wonder how Harrison's salary will factor into all of this.

Michael Uhlenkamp, director of media relations and new media for the CSU, said that president Harrison's salary has not yet been established.

"It (her salary) will most likely be taken up by the board of trustees at the July meeting and will be compliant with the policy established May 8," Uhlenkamp said.

The policy that Uhlenkamp is referring to is the one stating the criteria for a CSU president. Salary is based on location, enrollment, budget, percentage of students receiving Pell grants, six-year graduation rates and research funding, among other things, according to the policy.

"Based on the parameters established in the new policy, her compensation would not be more than \$295,000 in state funding,

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Commencement Schedule

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Commencement: Mike Curb College of Arts, Media, and Communication

WHEN: 8 - 10 a.m.

WHERE: Oviatt Library Lawn

DESCRIPTION: <http://www.csun.edu/commencement/index.htm>

College Reception: Mike Curb College of Arts, Media, and Communication

A reception for graduates and their families will be held immediately following the ceremony at the courtyard on the north side of the Valley Performing Arts Center.

Commencement: College of Science and Mathematics

WHEN: 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

WHERE: Manzanita Hall Lawn

DESCRIPTION: <http://www.csun.edu/commencement/index.htm>

College Reception: College of Science and Mathematics

A reception for graduates and their families will be held immediately following the ceremony in the Cyprus Hall Courtyard located between Nordhoff Hall and Cyprus Hall.

Commencement: College of Health and Human Development

WHEN: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

WHERE: Oviatt Library Lawn

DESCRIPTION: <http://www.csun.edu/commencement/index.htm>

College Reception: College of Health and Human Development

A reception for graduates and their families will be held prior to the ceremony on the patio area on the south side of Bayramian Hall just west of the Oviatt Library.

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Commencement: College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

WHEN: 8 - 10 a.m.

WHERE: Oviatt Library Lawn

DESCRIPTION: <http://www.csun.edu/commencement/index.htm>

College Reception: College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

A reception for graduates and their families will be held immediately following the ceremony on the patio area on the south side of Bayramian Hall just west of the Oviatt Library.

Commencement: College of Engineering and Computer Science

WHEN: 3:30 - 5:30 pm

WHERE: Manzanita Hall Lawn

DESCRIPTION: <http://www.csun.edu/commencement/index.htm>

College Reception: College of Engineering and Computer Science

A reception for graduates and their families will be held immediately following the ceremony in the Cyprus Hall Courtyard located between Nordhoff Hall and Cyprus Hall.

Commencement: College of Humanities

WHEN: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

WHERE: Oviatt Library Lawn

DESCRIPTION: <http://www.csun.edu/commencement/index.htm>

College Reception: College of Humanities

A reception for graduates and their families will be held prior to the ceremony on the patio area on the south side of Bayramian Hall just west of the Oviatt Library.

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Commencement: College of Business and Economics

WHEN: 8 - 10 a.m.

WHERE: Oviatt Library Lawn

DESCRIPTION: <http://www.csun.edu/commencement/index.htm>

College Reception: College of Business and Economics

A reception for graduates and their families will be held immediately following the ceremony in the courtyard of Juniper Hall.

Commencement: Michael D. Eisner College of Education

WHEN: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

WHERE: Oviatt Library Lawn

College Reception: Michael D. Eisner College of Education

Department hooding ceremonies and receptions will take place for graduates and their families. These will be held prior to the College ceremony. Please inquire with your department for more information.

NOTE

For Masters and Doctoral graduates, additional information regarding Hooding Ceremonies can be inquired by contacting individual departments.



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StoryCube project returns

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In an effort to record the personal stories of the CSUN community, an anthropology professor will be bringing back the StoryCube project during commencement week.

The project, spearheaded by professor Patrick Polk, offers a unique opportunity for students to recount major moments in their CSUN career, in the safe-

ty of an enclosed soundproof booth from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Matador Complex.

Students, staff and faculty may verbally tell their tale in StoryCube free of charge. Shared stories will eventually be transcribed and kept at the Oviatt Library, according to Michael Hoggan, the assistant professor in the department of cinema and television arts.

"The purpose of it is to preserve the history of CSUN and its students," said Lyann

Escudero, a senior humanities major in charge of interviewing those willing to participate. "But students are so shy about talking. Once they enter here though, it's a whole different story."

While normal interviews are meant to run up to 30 minutes, Escudero said students have talked for up to 40 or 50 minutes.

Individuals who participate will be treated to a DVD with a recording of their story.

Last chance to talk politics

Los Angeles mayoral candidates come to Big Politics

CARL ROBINETTE
DAILY SUNDIAL

Energy and environment in Los Angeles will be the topics of discussion at the third and last Big Politics, an A.S.-sponsored series, in the USU Grand Salon Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

The discussion is an extension of "Talking About Los Angeles," a series of six conversations with LA mayoral candidates designed to raise awareness among voters for the 2013 elections held in March.

"The Valley is an incredible part of Los Angeles with unique needs and demands," said Sean

Rossall, spokesperson for Talking About Los Angeles. "It's a critical constituency."

Speakers will include candidates Councilwoman Jan Perry, broadcaster Kevin James and Wendy Greuel, current LA City Controller.

One of the major goals of the discussion is to involve college students in one of the most important mayoral elections in the country, Rossall said.

Eric Garcetti, also a mayoral candidate and current City Council member is not scheduled to attend.

The forum will be a discussion format for candidates to share thoughts and concerns

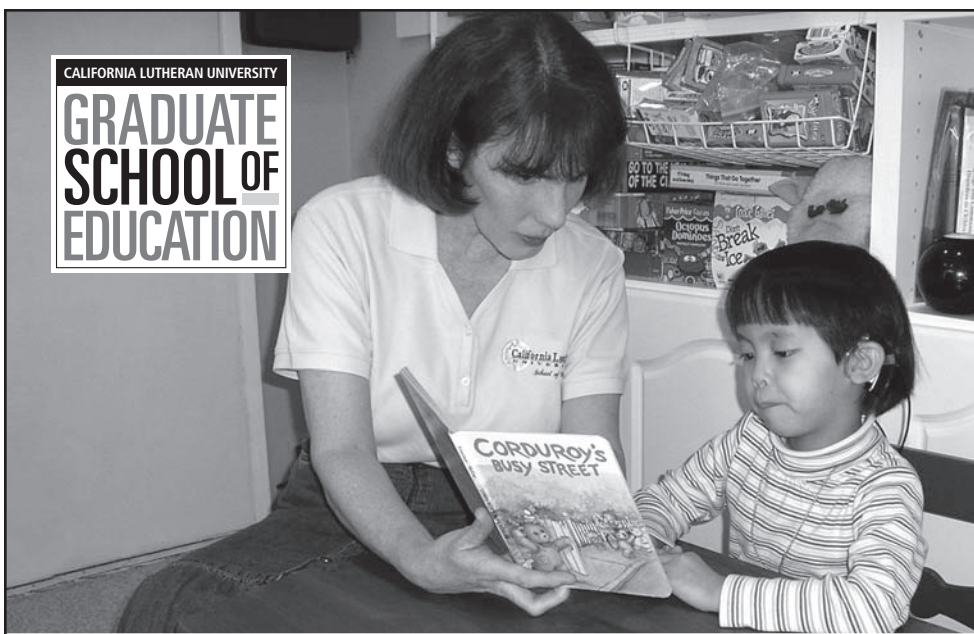
about the city's traffic, public safety, education and many other topics.

"Our real hope is that we can get students out to hear what drives the candidates," Rossall said. "It's really designed to let students have a voice."

The first two installments in the Big Politics series have seen low audience turn-out, with less than half of the seats filled in the second round table discussion which featured state level political topics.

The first of the series was a congressional Town Hall debate between the four leading candidates for the 30th Congressional District seat. The debate focused on federal politics.

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JEFFREY ZIDE
DAILY SUNDIAL

With finals just around the corner and student stress at a high, some students and faculty are concerned about the mental health of students during finals week.

With budget cuts, hunger strikes and long lines for mandatory tests, it's not that hard to imagine that many students and faculty are feeling their stress level rise significantly.

The National Institute on Mental Health estimates that 15 percent of people ages 18-25 have or have had a mood disorder, the most common being major depressive disorder.

The institute also states that of all age groups, those 18-30 have the highest incidence of mental illness, while those over 50 have the lowest incidence of mental illness.

Other severe mental illnesses such as schizophrenia and anxiety disorders also have their highest rate of incidence among the 18-30 population.

On Sept. 27, 2011, philosophy student Gahren Moradian stood outside the Oviatt Library alleging he had a gun. The campus was ablaze with concerns about late notifications, inadequate responses by CSUN police, yet no concerns were ever explicitly raised about the mental health of students on campus.

"With the exception of (the guman instances) and the lack of specificity in the circumstances leading up to the event, I will say more generally that the campus

has a no tolerance policy for weapons, and that we do have staff who are aware and sensitive – but there does need to be a broadening of awareness of health issues in general such as depression so students and faculty can be more aware of signs of trouble," said Marshall Bloom, a campus psychologist for University Counseling

and sits alongside two other UCS peer-education programs J.A.D.E (Joint Advocates on Disordered Eating) and Project Date, a program designed to bring awareness to issues of date rape and sexual assault on

able to report such incidents," Bloom said.

University Counseling Services states on its website that warning signs of students under distress can include exaggerations of personality traits, changes in weight and unprovoked anger and hostility as well as actual threats of self-

help even when they desperately need it.

"I think students don't seek mental health treatment because there is a stigma against it and students will often self-medicate to avoid seeking treatment even though they are great resources on campus," said Brianda Hernandez, urban studies and planning major and the current student assistant for the Blues Project.

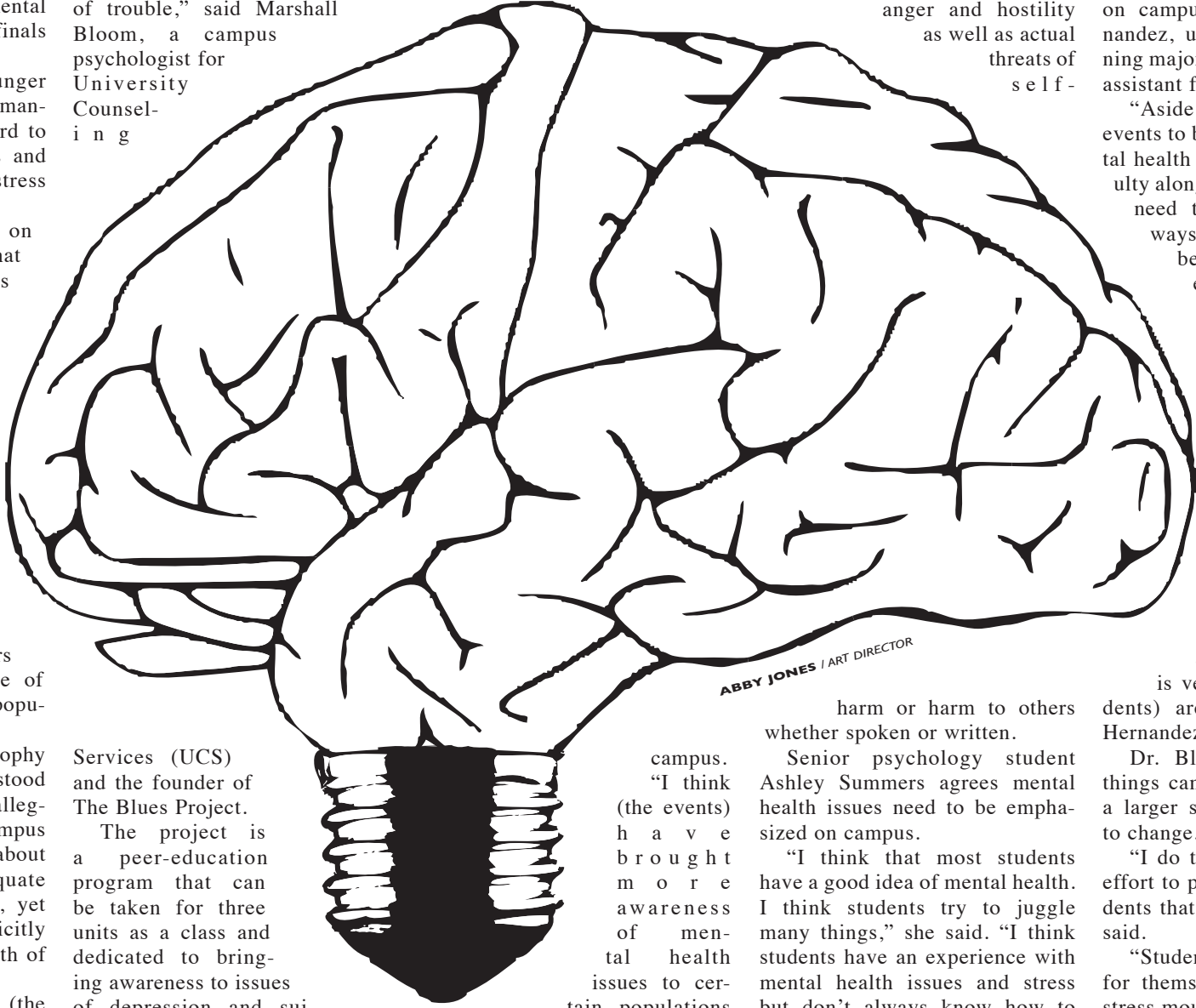
"Aside from holding special events to bring awareness to mental health issues, I think that faculty along with every department need to be open to finding ways to help their students be open to treatment, even if their problems aren't life-threatening. I think when you hear something like (the gunman incident) happens, we find out later that the person had a history of mental illness that went untreated," Hernandez said.

"I also think counseling centers need to be persistent and reach out because it is very important that (students) are (mentally) healthy," Hernandez added.

Dr. Bloom also agrees that things can be done better, but in a larger sense the culture needs to change.

"I do think there has been an effort to provide services for students that are interested," Bloom said.

"Students need to be educated for themselves, especially when stress mounts, and be able to perceive that someone's not behaving the way normally would and be able to get them help before it becomes a problem," Bloom said.



Services (UCS) and the founder of The Blues Project.

The project is a peer-education program that can be taken for three units as a class and dedicated to bringing awareness to issues of depression and suicide, specifically overcoming depression and preventing suicide. The program is sponsored by University Counseling Services

campus. "I think (the events) have brought more awareness of mental health issues to certain populations on campus, but that students and faculty do need to look out for signs that students are in distress and be

harm or harm to others whether spoken or written.

Senior psychology student Ashley Summers agrees mental health issues need to be emphasized on campus.

"I think that most students have a good idea of mental health. I think students try to juggle many things," she said. "I think students have an experience with mental health issues and stress but don't always know how to cope."

It is commonplace on campuses around the United States that many students will not seek



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More students depend on parents for financial needs

NATALIE RIVERA
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Asha Jahan has what she calls “overprotective parents.”

The 18-year-old freshman lives at home and financially relies on her parents. There is an unspoken agreement that if Jahan continues to follow their rules she will be allowed to live under their roof and receive money for her basic needs.

“My parents help me in every way basically,” Jahan explained. “I’m not working so they pay for everything. They pay for my clothes and food and everything. They will also give me money for the rest of the week.”

According to new data collected by the Pew Research Center, one in five adults still receive financial support from their parents. Whether it is from living at home or receiving money for food and clothes, adults between the ages of 18 and 34 continue to receive money from their parents for more than basic needs.

As the semester comes to a close, students will inevitably continue to turn to their parents for financial support. Working and non-working students are likely to rely on their parents to financially support their summer plans. These plans may consist

of various trips, entertainment or even just having the student stay home.

Psychology major Gabriela Sanchez, 21, is among those who still receive help from their parents. Sanchez notes that her parents’ money goes past necessities like educational expenses. She describes her relationship with her parents as a bond where they “help each other out.”

“They pay for my tuition, and if I ever need money from them for something, they understand then they will give it to me,” Sanchez said. She notes that her parents assist her with weekly groceries as well as credit card payments.

Sanchez listed many other reasons as to why her parents still help her out, one of these reasons being the difficulty of going to school.

“I am a full-time student and I can only work two days a week and so they understand that sometimes I need help,” she said.

According to the Pew Research survey, eight in 10 adults from the ages of 25 to 34 years old say they are not stable enough to live on their own.

Three out of 10 adults between the ages of 24 and 35 are living with their parents. This is the highest number of live-at-home grown children since the

1950s, the survey noted.

Forty percent of men and 38 percent of women between the ages of 18 and 34 still live at home according to the survey.

Jahan, communication studies major, said the financial help she receives from her parents won’t change anytime soon because it is a way for them to keep her bounded.

Jahan explained that her relationship with her parents has its “ups and downs,” and that she believes her parents will continue to provide for her as long as she obeys their rules.

According to Shirley Svorny from the department of economics, the reason behind students still asking for financial help from their parents may be as simple as “people who want money will go to people who want to give them money.”

“There isn’t a real economic basis behind it,” Svorny said. “Maybe the recession has to do with it but the recession isn’t really happening as much right now. I think it just has to do with students who need money and parents who want to help.”

Svorny also said most students stay home to save money for the future.

According to the Pew Research Center, 2,048 adults nationwide were surveyed in December 2011.

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and if it is determined that she is to receive a supplement from campus foundation sources, it would not be more than 10 percent of the amount she will receive in state funding," Uhlenkamp said.

Harrison's expenses in moving to CSUN are being covered the same way any other faculty or staff's would be, according to Chandler.

"We follow the policy set out by the CSU," she said.

In addition to moving costs, there will be additional costs for welcome events. According to Chandler, Harrison does not want to have an elaborate inauguration celebration, but would rather do something as an additional part of an existing event.

"She (Harrison) does not like to spend needlessly," Chandler said. "We do not have any further events planned other than meet and greets, which will be paid for mostly by donors."

The welcome event for Harrison on March 27 cost nearly \$6,800, which covered all costs for food, the stage, banners, chairs, etc., according to Chandler.

"All services provided were handled in-house, which means we paid our own people (on campus) to do the work so the money went back into our pockets," Chandler said.

President Harrison will officially begin her tenure on June 11.

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tions, she has had to postpone her graduation, as well as her plans to go to law school and enter the workforce, because according to Brooks, she is not qualified without her degree. Rather than preparing for the Law School Admission Test (LSAT), Brooks commutes to two different campuses, CSUN and LACC, to get back to her original plans.

As the CSU prepares to further increase tuition and reduce course sections in an attempt to make up for the budget cuts it experienced earlier this year, the situation Brooks faced may be the case for many other students this upcoming semester. There could be more trigger cuts as the California state budget proposal continues to divest in higher education, according to this year's budget proposal.

California Budget and Gov. Brown's tax initiative

Gov. Jerry Brown's 2012-2013 state budget proposal is estimated to set aside \$9.377 billion for higher education, less than the amount the agency received last year, which was \$9.821 billion. While the state cut \$444 million in higher education, it increased funding to corrections and rehabilitations by \$895 million.

On top of the more than \$4 million projected decrease in state funds, higher education received more than a billion dollars

in cuts during the 2010-11 and 2011-12 academic years, according to last year's budget.

This billion dollar decrease of state funds impacted CSUs particularly hard. The cutbacks translated to a \$750 million decrease in state funds to the CSU system, according to a January Sundial article, and shifted the burden onto students. A recent independent analysis of the CSU revealed that the system receives less than half its money from the state, compared to past years when it accounted for 55 percent of the total money.

According to Dr. Howard Bunsis, accounting professor from Eastern Michigan University who conducted the analysis, 29 percent of the money is now coming from student tuition, as opposed to 22 percent in 2006.

The budget deficit has prompted various tax initiatives to arise in order to prevent future divesting in education and other sectors. Among these is Brown's "California Sales and Income Tax Increase Initiative," which merged with the California Federation of Teachers "Millionaire's Tax" in March, and will be voted on this upcoming November.

Brown asked California voters in an open letter to temporarily increase tax revenues, otherwise, "We will have no other choice but to make deeper and more damaging cuts to schools, universities, public safety and our courts."

If the initiative, which calls for a quarter cent

increase in sales and use tax for four years as well as an increase in income tax for people earning over \$250,000 for seven years, doesn't pass the CSU will suffer \$200 million in trigger cuts.

According to CSUN Vice Provost Dr. Cynthia Rawitch, there could be serious consequences if the tax initiative is not passed.

"Cuts to this campus would be \$17 million of which the majority part would be in academic affairs, which is where the classes are. It's the majority part because it gets the majority budget," Rawitch said.

Tuition

As a result of the budget, students should prepare themselves for a 9 percent tuition increase this fall to help supplement where state-funds fell short. This will bring the cost of attendance for CSUN to \$7,002 for the 2012-2013 academic year, according to the CSUN website.

"(The board of trustees) has said pretty directly that they do not plan another tuition fee increase next academic year, it will be that amount and no more," Rawitch said.

The board of trustees could decide to have another mid-year increase if the shortfall in California income revenue is worse than estimated, but so far there have been no indication from them, according to Rawitch.

The 9 percent increase comes after the CSU trustees approved a 12 percent tuition hike last November for Fall 2011. From the 2007-2008 academic year, when

Brooks entered CSUN, to this upcoming year, tuition has risen a total of \$3,306, according to the National Center for Education Statistics.

Aside from tuition increases, CSUN announced it would cap the number of units students can take during a semester last November via email. The university only allowed students to enroll in 13 units during the registration-by-appointment period and 15 units during the non-restrictive registration.

According to a November 2011 Sundial article, this was done in order to avoid a \$7 million penalty the university was facing for exceeding the CSU mandated enrollment capacity. CSUN was only allowed to go 3 percent over the targeted capacity, but was operating at 6.3 percent.

The unit cap will continue on to the fall semester. Students will be allowed to register for 13 units during the registration-by-appointment period and up to 16 units after the rest of the campus has had a chance to register.

Before the cap, students were allowed to take up to 18 units without any requirements.

Enrollment

Due to the budget cuts higher education has suffered, several CSU campuses will freeze enrollment for Spring 2013. Whether the "California Sales and Income Tax Increase Initiative" passes or not could greatly affect the plans of high school seniors planning to attend a CSU.

A recent L.A. Times article stated, "the majority of Cal State's 23 campuses won't be accepting any new students under the plan" with the exception of eight campuses which are willing to accept a few hundred students transferring from community colleges for the 2012-2013 academic year.

CSUN is not one of them.

All fall applicants will be warned that their admittance is dependent on whether the tax initiative passes or not, the article said.

"We believe we have enough classes scheduled and have controlled enrollment of new students that we will be able to offer students at least a minimum schedule, which would be 12 to 13 units," Rawitch said for the fall semester.

"But for spring of 2013, we are admitting virtually no one," she said.

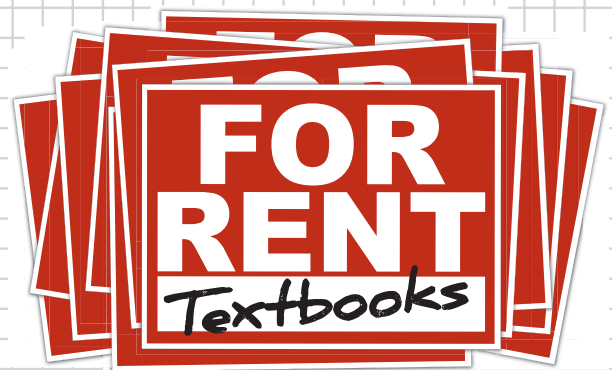
The Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) has projected to raise "the high school graduation rate to 70 percent by 2013-14," according to 2011 Superintendent's Annual Meeting report.

This, along with the 2013 spring enrollment freeze, will have "an ever increasing impact on the Fall 2013 semester enrollments," said Rawitch, when both transfer students and incoming freshman will be competing for enrollment.

As Bunsis, the professor who conducted the independent analysis on CSUN, predicted, 2012-2013 will be a difficult year for the university unless change is implemented.

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Reliving the past

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While many upper middle class men would be dressed up in business attire and manage conferences, 57-year-old Dr. Shukavak Dasa, which is his Sanskrit name, dons traditional Indian attire – a dhoti and kurta – and conducts prayers at the Sri Lakshmi Narayan Mandir (Temple) in Riverside, California. Brought up in Canada, Shukavak believes it was his previous life as a priest or “Jaanma Purna” that led him to being one today; despite his Christian background and parents’ objections. For 35 years, Shukavak has been conducting weddings, funerals and other Hindu ceremonies such as prayers when a new car is bought or when a baby is to be named. Much like a Reverend, Shukavak offers counseling to Hindu devotees and teaches Sanskrit at the temple. As the head priest, Shukavak also handles the business of the temple, which may require him to meet with lawyers. Especially for weddings, Shukavak travels all over the world such as Moscow, Hong Kong, and Paris, and uses his abilities to unite Western values with Hindu customs. As a father of 9 children, Shukavak says he is not home often due to his role as a priest. Shukavak reads astrology for those who seek it and they tend to go to him when they are either happy or sad, not when they are feeling neutral. At times, Indian parents may seek advice for dealing with their Americanized child, or another might ask to offer prayers for somebody who is in the hospital. “This is what I do, it doesn’t mean it’s easy,” says Shukavak and continues to state that one of the most challenging parts of his job is when he has to conduct a funeral for a young child. Although he does not show his emotions in public, such situations can be stressful for him at times. “I am just a guy with a certain role,” Shukavak admits, “I am not better than you and you are not better than me. We are all human.” At the end of the day, Shukavak is glad he is living his dream.



HBO tips the scales

'Weight of the Nation' series previewed at VPAC

ALEXANDRIA RIGGLE
DAILY SUNDIAL

The Weight of the Nation" fell on the Valley Performing Arts Center Thursday night, with a free public screening of the final part of the four-part HBO documentary series. The series addressed the underlying causes of the obesity epidemic, from human biology to inactivity and government policy.

Hundreds turned out for the screening of "Challenges." Beginning with a brief look at the history of the human-food relationship, the film illustrated the culmination of events that has led us to a time when nearly two-thirds of the nation is overweight or obese.

Our days of hunting and foraging on the savannah are long gone, yet our genetic programming is virtually the same today as it was tens of thousands of years ago, according to the documentary. Our physiology and psychology are designed for scarcity, and we are simply not programmed to turn down calories. The technological advancements that have made our lives virtually effortless coupled with the availability of boundless calories in the form of processed and fast foods are killing us slowly.

Highlighted in the film were children who have no access to safe parkland or open space to play and be physically active, as well as neighborhoods dubbed "food deserts" where residents have virtually no access to fresh fruits and vegetables.

Farmers in the film discussed the obstacles hindering large-scale production of fruits and vegetables, most notably, our own government.

The films messages were clear: If we fail to rigorously address America's obesity epidemic, the security of our nation is at risk and rising healthcare costs and lost productivity could bankrupt the nation. But there is reason for hope. The film offered solutions to tackling obesity and featured community members who are making real change across the nation.

George Perez, a CSUN alumnus with an undergrad degree in kinesiology, was one of dozens of members of the program 100 Citizens in attendance at the screening. 100 Citizens was developed by Dr. Professor Steven Loy, of CSUN's kinesiology department to help San Fernando residents get active and improve their quality of life.

"Our mission is getting people more physically active and combating obesity," Perez said. "We teach people that you can

be physically active without having to go to the gym."

The film screening was immediately followed by an expert panel discussion that included health experts from CSUN's kinesiology department and the Marilyn Magaram Center for Food Science, Nutrition and Dietetics, a doctor from Kaiser Permanente, a representative of Pacoima Beautiful, a registered nurse from the Northeast Valley Health Corporation, and president and CEO of the Southland Farmers Market Association.

The panelists discussed what they found most compelling about the film as well as solutions to the nation's obesity epidemic, which they said will require fundamental infrastructural changes of both our food system and lifestyles.

The four-part HBO documentary series features interviews with the nation's leading health experts and interviews with everyday citizens who are struggling with obesity and related diseases.

"The Weight of the Nation" was produced with the Institute of Medicine, in association with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Institutes of Health, and in partnership with the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation and Kaiser Permanente.

It will air on HBO May 14 and 15, free to cable subscribers.



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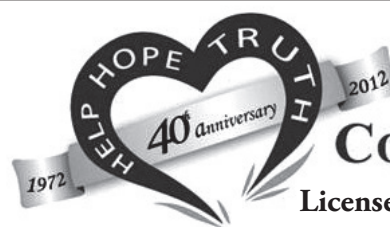
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# Game Time!

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## Sudoku #1

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## Sudoku #2

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| 7 |   |   |   |   |   |  |   | 3 |
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## Number Cruncher

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|    |    |    |  |    | 21 |    |    |    |
| 22 |    |    |  |    |    |    | 23 |    |

### Across

- 17 across plus fourteen
- 12 across minus 2198
- 14 across divided by six
- 13 down plus eighty
- 1 across times five
- Dozen in nine gross
- 19 down times three
- 12 across minus three
- 12 across divided by eleven
- Months in twelve years
- 11 down plus fourteen
- 1 down doubled
- Minutes in three hours
- 21 across plus twenty

### Down

- 20 down minus 115
- 8 across plus fifty-four
- 23 across times eight
- 6 across minus 184
- 9 down minus 770
- 2 down plus eighty-six
- Hours in eight days
- 5 down plus 669
- Three times 1 across
- 15 across times seven
- Three times forty-seven
- Seconds in seven minutes
- 8 across plus thirteen
- Minutes in five hours

## Cryptogram #1

BJD AOXJ FERN LEFHX BJGB OB ROTDX OE BJD HGBDS, GABDS OB OX  
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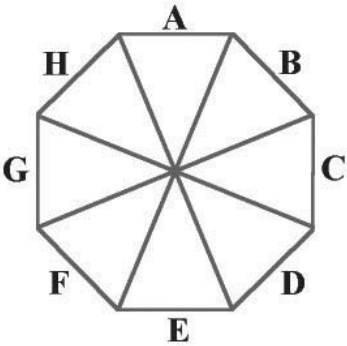
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### Octa-Plus

Which eight numbers correspond with the letters A-H on the Octa-Plus diagram? No two numbers are the same. Each number is a whole number and no number is less than 1 or greater than 50.



1. D minus F is either 15 or 16.
2. B is half of F.
3. A seventh of D is a whole number and odd.
4. H is a third of F.
5. E equals H plus D.
6. G equals E minus B.
7. C is a fifth of G.
8. A is equal to 120 minus the sum of the other seven numbers.

### Cryptogram #2

UKGJGUSZJ LIA'S LAKZJLSZR. QAZ XVLFRI LS RGLFO XO SKZ PGO QAZ  
SKLAYI GAR GUSI, SKQVTKS XO SKQVTKS, GUSLQA XO GUSLQA.

— Helen Gahagan Douglas

### Sudoku #3

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|   | 4 |   |   |   |   |   |   | 1 |
|   |   |   | 2 |   |   | 3 | 6 |   |
|   |   | 2 |   |   |   | 5 |   |   |
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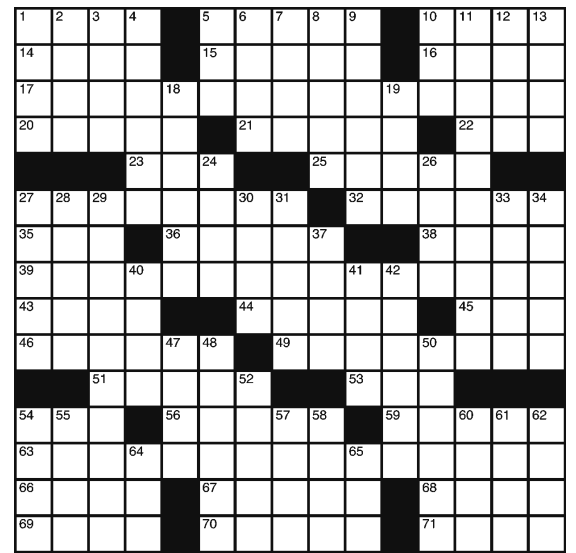
### Bowling Brain Teaser

At the recent web developer's bowling match, two games were played. Kev beat Stuart in both games, also Richard beat John in both games. The winner in game 1 came second in game 2. Richard won game 2 and John beat Stuart in game 1. No player got the same placing twice. Can you determine who finished where in each game?

### Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

- ACROSS**
- 1 Manitoba native
  - 5 Seat at a bar
  - 10 Mallorca or Menorca, por ejemplo
  - 14 "The War of the Worlds" broadcast, notably
  - 15 \_\_\_ d'Or: Cannes award
  - 16 Gush forth
  - 17 Swimming stroke
  - 20 Major tractor manufacturer
  - 21 Welsh dog breed
  - 22 DJ's stack
  - 23 Egyptian viper
  - 25 Vampire vanquisher
  - 27 Intense emotions
  - 32 Bigwig
  - 35 Genetic carrier
  - 36 Persona non \_\_\_
  - 38 Paleozoic and others
  - 39 Often-booped baseball play
  - 43 Popular faucet brand
  - 44 Hawaiian porch
  - 45 State with a peninsula: Abbr.
  - 46 Traffic cones
  - 49 Playful marine mammal
  - 51 Exams for future attys.
  - 53 \_\_\_ Balls: Hostess treats
  - 54 Sports Illustrated named him Sportsman of the Century in 1999
  - 56 Voice above baritone
  - 59 Secretly tie the knot
  - 63 1861 or 1862 Civil War conflict
  - 66 Tied
  - 67 Empty of liquid
  - 68 Abbr. on a cornerstone
  - 69 Hang in there
  - 70 Sound judgment
  - 71 Colon components



By David Poole

5/14/12

- DOWN**
- 1 Paper ballot punch-out
  - 2 Scoundrel
  - 3 Ally, as fears
  - 4 They're more than what's needed
  - 5 Hotel amenity
  - 6 Rash soother
  - 7 This and that
  - 8 Actors Epps and Sharif
  - 9 Inseam measurement
  - 10 Netanyahu's land: Abbr.
  - 11 Mariner 4 or Voyager 2
  - 12 Indecent
  - 13 Beltmaking tools
  - 18 Step down
  - 19 "Arrivederci!"
  - 24 Ocean liner's destination
  - 26 Was familiar with
  - 27 Groom carefully
  - 28 Bug
  - 29 Phobos and Deimos, to Mars
  - 30 Hammer's target
  - 31 Greek walkways
  - 33 Berry of "Monster's Ball"

### Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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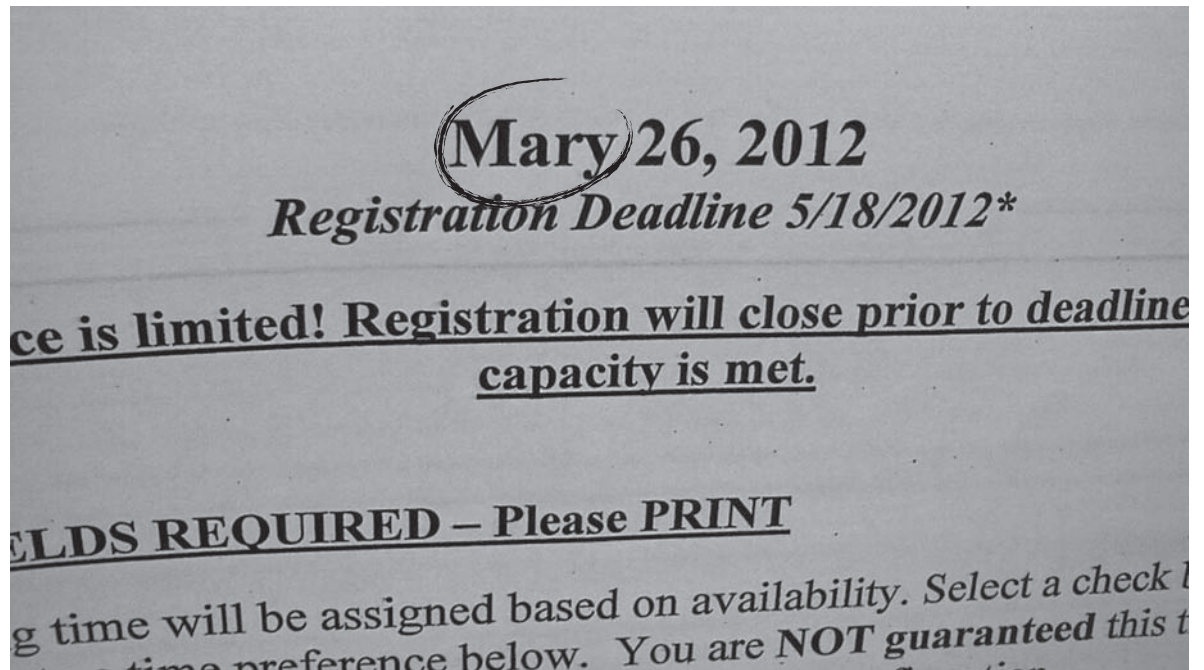
this semester, he will not receive a diploma until he gets a passing exam result, quite possibly limiting his work opportunities.

The UDWPE is an arbitrary test which amounts to a big waste of time and money for students and staff, creating an unnecessary step in the lengthy process of graduation. At \$20 per student per exam and eight exams available per academic year, it serves as a money-maker for the university.

According to the UDWPE website, the CSU trustees have directed that “all students entering the CSU System... be required to demonstrate their proficiency with regard to writing skills as a requirement for graduation.” Students are given 75 minutes to answer an essay prompt revealed on the spot, are graded on a scale of one to 12 points – eight points the minimum score to pass – and do not receive their score for at least two weeks after the exam.

The exam fulfills the CSU trustees’ Graduate Writing Assessment Requirement, which all schools are required to complete. However, schools have freedom to choose their own methods to measure writing proficiency; according to a CSU resolution, “ten campuses require a writing exam, two campuses require completion of a course, three campuses require both an exam and a course, and seven campuses require either an exam or a course.”

On April 29, thousands of students lined up along the outside of Bayramian Hall to register for the Upper Division Writing Proficiency Exam (UDWPE). According to an article by the Daily Sundial, students had been waiting to register for the exam that morning since 6 o’clock, despite the doors opening at 8:30 – it was the last registration date available for the last test offered this year before June. One student told the Sundial that although he is walking on stage



KARLEE JOHNSON / OPINION EDITOR

**A flyer warning students of the UDWPE registration deadline ironically carries a major spelling error.**

For busy students already consumed with coursework, extracurriculars and jobs, this requirement deters their success. Since Spring 1982, students have been required to take the exam after 56 units on top of the lower division writing requirement and most recently, students who do not take the exam by 75 units “will have a hold placed on their subsequent class registration and may

delay their graduation.” For a campus eager to push graduating students out of the university to make more room, this requirement is problematic.

According to the Sundial, there are 2800 seats available for each exam, which means each test can produce up to \$56,000. At eight exams per academic year, the university raises up to \$448,000 off of students. According

to Dr. Pamela Bourgeois, coordinator of the UDWPE, the pass rate is 75-80 percent. Since a significant number of students take the exam more than once, its financial capacity is increased. The UDWPE’s frequently asked questions page states that students have to cover the costs because the trustees provide

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## Queer in review

How the queer happenings of today will affect everyone tomorrow

### QUEERING CAMPUS WITH KARLEE



**KARLEE JOHNSON**  
OPINIONS EDITOR

that is long overdue. Both the American Psychological Association and the American Psychiatric Association have disavowed the effectiveness of this means of conversation therapy for those with same-sex attraction. According to the American Psychological Association’s website, “To date, there has been no scientifically adequate research to show that therapy aimed at changing sexual orientation (sometimes called reparative or conversion therapy) is safe or effective. Furthermore, it seems likely that the promotion of change therapies reinforces stereotypes and contributes to a negative climate for lesbian, gay, and bisexual persons.”

This news is not new though; the APA removed gay, lesbian and bisexual orientations from their list of mental disorders in the 1970s. Since then, these types of conversion therapy have been harming youths by making them think that their sexual orientation is unnatural. Individuals that have undergone this therapy experience depression, anxiety and thoughts of suicide, according to a 2009 APA study the bill cites.

While the bill will not include prohibiting conversion therapy for transgender individuals – and the debate over whether or not gender identity disorder should be included in the APA’s Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders still rages on, – this step proposed by SB1172 is still a monumental step in the right direction.

### Against Gender Conformity!

In other queer news this week, the lead singer of the punk band Against Me! came out as transgender. Formerly Tom Gabel, Laura Jane Grace told Rolling Stone that she will be beginning her transition from male to female and that her bandmates and family, particularly her wife, have been very supportive of her coming out.

I was pleased with the initial Rolling Stone coverage of Grace’s transition, as they used her preferred pronouns and used the proper word “transition” instead of “sex change” or any other term that would make the assumption that all transgender people want to have sex reassignment surgery. Although in conversation with a friend, it was pointed out to me that the article did use the term “gender dysphoria” as though her gender identity was an illness. I’ve also been very pleased with the fans’ reactions to Grace’s transition. They have mostly been concerned with whether or not it will affect her singing voice if Grace decides to begin taking estrogen.

I admire Grace’s courage for coming out publicly and hope to see more acceptance and understanding of trans identities as an outcome.

### North Carolina’s Number One

It seems that the most important priority for North Carolina is making sure “the gays” don’t get hitched. This past week,

SB514 passed with an overwhelming 61 percent, officially defining marriage in the state as “one man, one woman.” North Carolina is the thirtieth state in the union to create such a law.

It is not too surprising that a Southern state would create this law. What is interesting though, and potentially disheartening, is that North Carolina is a swing state. As this is an election year, it will be interesting to see how North Carolina votes this November in the wake of President Obama’s recent statement on marriage equality.

### Obama comes out

Now, about that statement. Regardless of how you feel about Obama’s announcement that he supports same-sex marriage – it was too late; his story about his daughters was too cutesy – he said it. While I have my own reasons as to why marriage equality should not be at the top of the queer list of priorities, we cannot ignore the reality that we still live in a world where constitutional amendments explicitly exclude individuals from social privilege. To have a current president say that he supports marriage for same-sex couples is a huge move.

It’s an election year. This move on Obama’s part, particularly because of North Carolina’s amendment, puts the state of the election in an interesting position. Though Obama took the African American vote in the last election, they over-

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no funds, despite having created the requirement in the first place.

How does a student prepare for the exam? According to the FAQ page, "there is no quick and easy way to prepare for it. The best preparation is to have done a considerable amount of reading and writing, and to have taken writing seriously throughout your high school and college years." This vague advice sounds redundant since students already need to prove their writing proficiency upon entering the university and then take a list of required

general education classes.

No students are exempt from exam, including disabled students, non-native English speakers and international students. This test can be especially frustrating for English and other humanities majors who obviously have a mastery of writing composition, who should be exempt.

The exam does not ensure that students receive a quality education, but only that they can write in an essay format under a time constraint. Writing is a valuable skill that all educated people should master by the time they leave college, but not all people will need to write essays for the rest of their lives.

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whelmingly voted against same-sex marriage. This was while Obama's opinion was still "evolving." Regardless of his stance now, will people of color opt out of voting for Obama because of the issue? Is the issue important enough to make them switch to Team Romney? Or will people of color, who are already less likely to vote because of a system that encourages them not to (see Florida 2000), just not turn out at the polls? While the outcome is unclear, I have hope that this declaration is truly echoing the voice of the American populous.

## Game Time! Solutions

### LA Times Crossword

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### Cryptogram #1

The fish only knows that it lives in the water, after it is already on the river bank. Without our awareness of another world out there, it would never occur to us to change.

### Cryptogram #2

Character isn't inherited. One builds it daily by the way one thinks and acts, thought by thought, action by action.

### Octo-Plus

D divided by seven is a whole number and odd (clue 3), so D is an odd number. B is half of F (clue 2), so F is an even number, so D minus F is 15 (1). D is a multiple of seven and odd (above) and D minus F is 15 (above), so D is 21, 35 or 49 and F is 6, 20 or 34. H is a third of F (4), so D is 21, F is 6, B is 3 and H is 2. E is 23 (5). G is 20 (6). C is 4 (7). A is 41 (8).

### Bowling Brain Teaser

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development of the other players on the team has been tremendous.”

**Men’s Soccer**

The Matadors (4-4-2, 8-8-3) ended last season with a 2-1 win over Big West rival Cal State Fullerton and will have most of the same players returning to the squad for the 2012 campaign, as only three players are graduating.

The loss of midfielder Rafael Garcia to the L.A. Galaxy will shake up the roster but head coach Terry Davila is certain the Matadors have what it takes to make a run in 2012.

“It’s hard to replace (Garcia),” Davila said. “We’re never going to replace him, but we have someone that’s going to fit his role in Rene Anguiano.”

After starting 17 games and notching three assists in 2011, Anguiano will be entering his senior season with CSUN and take a majority of the minutes that belonged to Garcia.

“(Anguiano) will lead our team and organize our defense and he’s a great player. We expect big things out of him,” Davila said.

Co-captain Joe Franco will hold down the defense with Michael Abalos returning as goalkeeper.

“We’re expecting them to be one year older and one year better,” Davila said.

**Women’s Soccer**

CSUN (7-10-2, 4-3-1) finished last season third in the Big West but will have to produce an encore season in 2012 with one of the toughest schedules in recent history.

The Matadors’ first half of the schedule is filled with games against top-25 and top-50 teams, including matchups against Arizona State and San Diego.

Forward Melissa Fernandez returns for her senior year and will carry much of the offensive load for head coach Keith West.

“(Fernandez) is a creator,” West said. “She does a lot for our offense. She’s a super talented player and I can tell you we’re expecting some big, big things out of her, but at the same time she’s going to need a team behind her to really make a push.”

The Matadors will also have Cynthia Jacobo back in goal after making 60 saves in 18 starts for a 6-10-2 record in her appearances.

Northridge has nine freshmen coming in for 2012 and the coaches are looking for them to contribute instantly.

“Obviously, I recruited them — so I liked them,” West said. “I’ve been fortunate enough to watch them in one or two games, and I think this class is going to turn some eyebrows.”



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(TOP) CSUN midfielder Yarden Azulay and the men’s soccer team had a rough 2011 and is looking to polish their game for the upcoming season. After losing now-pro Rafael Garcia, defender Joe Franco will be a key player the Matadors next season. Azulay will also play an important role in the scoring department for head coach Terry Davila.



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(RIGHT) CSUN’s women’s soccer team reached the Big West Conference Tournament, but was eliminated by Long Beach State in the first round. The Fall 2012 season will be a challenge, playing against top-25 and top-50 teams.

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# A year in Matador sports

It was a 2011-12 season filled with triumphs and also a few disappointments for CSUN. Women's volleyball had an outstanding year while women's basketball had the biggest turnaround of any Division-I team last season, going 17-14 a year after only winning four games. Then there were the men's basketball and softball teams, squads who suffered some of their worst seasons in recent history. All in all, for a lot of different reasons, it was a memorable year for the Matadors.



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**Time to celebrate:** CSUN cheers after scoring a point in a game last season. After earning third place in the Big West in 2011, they are looking to build on last season's progress.



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**Staying afloat:** CSUN's water polo team rallied back in the second half of the season to earn a spot in the Big West Tournament and won third place.



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**Fighting for possession:** Violet Alama and the women's basketball team had the best turnaround season in Division I.



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**Too tall a task:** The men's volleyball team earned the eighth seed in the MPSF Tournament, but fell to USC.



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**Keeping pace:** The women's soccer team is looking to return to the Big West Tournament after reaching it in 2011.



MONIQUE MUNIZ / DAILY SUNDIAL

**What a nightmare:** Terry Davila and his men's soccer team had ups and downs in 2011, but are looking to make adjustments heading into the fall season.



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**Needing a pick-me-up:** CSUN's men's basketball team finished their first year of their postseason suspension, but will continue to improve on building its team.



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FALL PREVIEW

# Ready for some fall ball?

CSUN's soccer and women's volleyball programs look to build on last season's progress in 2012

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## Women's Volleyball

CSUN head coach Jeff Stork and his women's volleyball team ended the 2011 season with the third-place spot in the Big West Conference.

After finishing the year with an overall record of 16-13 and 9-7 in the Big West, Stork is looking to build on what he said was a great season.

"We had been going through some adjustments of decreased funding for the past four to five years and we were able to do some

things that were above and beyond what the expectations were based on the support we were getting," Stork said. "There's a pretty big turnaround in what happened from the previous two years."

The Matadors had a chance to tie for second place at the end of the season, but going 5-2 in the month of November wasn't enough to seize the spot. UC Santa Barbara was the only team in their way, serving them those two losses that month.

"We got better as the season wore on," Stork said. "The match that got away from us was the Santa Barbara five-game loss. We played extremely well through the entire match and weren't able to capitalize on one or two plays in the fifth set."

With only two seniors

graduating from his squad, Stork is left with a relatively young team. Opposite Natalie Allen, outside hitter Mahina Haina and middle blocker Casey Hinger were the team's go-to players last year, but Stork isn't going to rely on only those three to have a successful season.

"Being a team game, we rely on everybody. That's top to bottom" he said.

Stork continued to list the players he thought contributed to his team's success, reinforcing his stance on their performance last year.

"While we were very young last year, we were very good," he said. "Our expectations are even greater this year because they're more seasoned and we don't lose any starters ... plus the



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