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Faculty and students participated in the California Faculty Association informational picket on campus on Nov. 8, 2011.

## CSU faculty may strike this fall

After being without a contract for over a year, 95 percent of voting union member are in favor of protesting

**RON ROKHY**  
LIVE NEWS EDITOR

**F**aculty across all 23 CSU campuses have approved a statewide strike if their demands for a new collective bargaining

agreement after 22 months of not having one aren't met. The results of the voting period, which lasted from April 16-27, came in yesterday at noon when Lillian Taiz, president of the California Faculty Association (CFA), announced in a teleconference that 95 per-

cent of the 8,750 faculty members who voted affirmed the motion to strike. To be passed, more than 50 percent of the 12,501 CFA had to vote yes, Taiz said. "Now is the time for the voice of the faculty to be heard," Taiz said. "The faculty

of the CSU have had enough of executives putting themselves above, and they've had enough of managers cutting the budget." The work stoppages will come into effect next fall in the form of two-day "rolling strikes" if a final meeting with

the CSU fails, said Andy Merrifield, associate vice president and bargaining team member of the CFA. "We don't have a clear timetable, but we're going to have a sit down with management, and if it's necessary, we'll be going through a fact-finding process,"

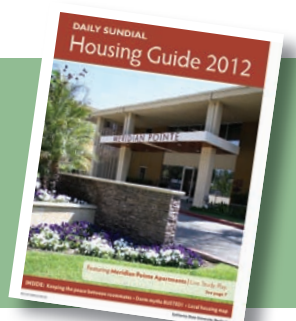
Merrifield said. The main demands of the CFA, according to Merrifield, are issues regarding workload, compensation and academic freedom, among many others. "Academic freedom is

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# Field trip to the White House

Kinesiology students compete with campuses nationwide to help Michelle Obama fight childhood obesity

**IRENE NESBITT**  
DAILY SUNDIAL

**U**ndergraduate interns of CSUN's Kinesiology Department, who've formed the group 100 Citizens, are one of the 61 community groups taking part in a competition to combat childhood obesity called Michelle Obama's Let's Move Campaign.

There will be two winning entries selected — a first-place winner will be determined by a panel of health experts from the Let's Move Campaign, and another first-place winner will be chosen by a popular vote of the public. Both first prize winners receive a trip to the White House.

Dr. Steven Loy, a CSUN professor in the kinesiology

department and faculty advisor to the 100 Citizens group, said the mission is to fight childhood obesity in underserved and low-income cities in the San Fernando Valley.

"Look around, and every other person you see is overweight, obese or doesn't exercise the minimum recommended amounts to stay healthy," Loy said. "Physical inactivity increases the risk for obesity and diabetes which occurs highest in those with lower income and the lowest education."

100 Citizens has partnered with the public parks in the San Fernando Valley to offer no cost exercise classes and lectures for the entire community to participate in. The classes are offered on Wednesdays and Fridays, and lasts from 8:15 - 9:15 a.m.

According to Loy, there is



ENIOLA JOSE / CONTRIBUTOR

**Kinesiology professor, Steven Loy directs CSUN students on how to cast their votes for the kinesiology departments participation in Michelle Obama's Let's Move Campaign Challenge at the Student Recreation Center on Tuesday.**

usually little to no funding for health programs in poor communities. 100 Citizens will educate the parents and families on exercise and nutrition.

"The partnership between the CSUN Kinesiology Department and the parks is a natural one in providing effective intervention to improve the public's

health," Loy said. "100 Citizens has the potential to save a big chunk of California's \$45 billion of annual cost treatment for the overweight, obese and diabetic."

100 Citizens is made up of CSUN's kinesiology student interns, who will educate the families in nutrition, anatomy and the physiology of exercise.

Loy said the key is appropriate introduction, education and progression of physical activities to maximize the benefits for the participants.

"This environment represents community-level physical activity at its very best," Loy said. "Ending childhood obesity starts with family. This is why we are out in the communities. If 100 Citizens can get more people moving, we can save money, get people healthier, and make a difference."

The two winners will be invited to the Let's Move event in Washington, D.C., where they will have a special opportunity to showcase their video and will receive an award each of \$1000.

In addition, seven honorable mention winners will be selected and invited to Washington, D.C. as well. All the winners will have their videos featured on the Let's Move website.

"We are called 100 Citizens because we are focused on reaching 100 families' minds each week and so far we have been affecting 200 citizens' minds on a weekly basis to become healthier," Loy said.

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**CFA**

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fundamental,” Merrifield said. “We want this to be contractually recognized. The current contract is silent on academic freedom, and even though the CSU has said it is fundamental, it’s apparently not fundamental enough to put in contract.”

The CFA still maintains the position that they’re offering fair proposals to the CSU, according to Merrifield.

“We’re still demanding a 1 percent general service increase over three years, which we find reasonable,” Merrifield said. “It’s been a difficult and disappointing process. We didn’t want this fight, we offered modest proposals.”

However, a recent fact sheet released by the CSU claims the CFA’s proposals would cost the CSU \$504.1 million more over the life of the agreement in salaries and tenure track hiring.

Taiz stressed the importance of solidarity between faculty members and students throughout this situation.

“We believe in our students, and the students and faculty are in this together,” Taiz said. “Both have been slammed by the CSU – students by rising tuition and faculty by furloughs and lay-offs. Students get ignored by the CSU and are being used as ATM machines.”

Merrifield insists a new contract will allow teachers to better accommodate the



SUNDIAL FILE PHOTO

On Nov. 8, faculty and students gathered on campus to participate in the CFA informational picket event.

needs of students.

“We’re the people who teach, we’re the librarians and we’re the people who train and coach the athletes,” Merrifield said. “A fair contract will allow us to be better.”

Taiz once again reiterated the CFA’s stance that the CSU has been slowly transforming into a for-profit organization.

“We’re seeing a very disturbing trend across campuses,” Taiz said. “As students pay more, they can’t get into classes, so they’re forced to pay extra for extended education for a course they need to graduate.”

“Our message to Reed is clear,” she added. “We just want to provide quality higher education to the students.”

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# CSU finances explained

NATALIE RIVERA  
DAILY SUNDIAL

**A** professor of accounting will be speaking on Thursday at Sierra Hall between 4 and 5 p.m. in order to explain the CSU budget and financial problems in the CSU system.

Dr. Howard Bunsis is a professor of accounting at Eastern Michigan University. According to Amy Denissen, associate professor coordinator of sociology who is helping set the event, Bunsis has conducted numerous independent financial analyses for college campuses all over

the country.

"Bunsis was asked to come and speak by the CFA (California Faculty Association)," Denissen said.

According to Bunsis, there will be a lot to expect from the event including a revelation to as to what the CSU financial situation really is. When asked what to expect from Thursday's lecture, Bunsis responded that students and faculty should expect the truth behind where the CSU money goes to. Bunsis discovered that the financial situation is only severe because of administration's spending.

"Contrary to what the CSU has made us believe, the CSU

financial condition is actually strong," he said. "All of the assumptions that the CSU financial system is broke are completely false. Most of the money goes to the priorities of the Chancellor's office. There should be fewer resources for the administration. I will be proving this Thursday."

## Where's the Money?

Where: SH 203  
When: 4-5 p.m.  
tonight

# State legislators visit campus

TENNY MINASSIAN  
DAILY SUNDIAL

**A** Town Hall meeting with state legislators discussing statewide issues will be held today in Grand Salon of the USU at 6 p.m.

This is one of three forums that make up "Big Politics," an event A.S. has created and funded for this week.

The participants include State Assemblyman Cameron Smyth, State Assemblyman Mike Feuer, Wood Ranch Restaurant

Chain Founder and Owner Eric Anders, Valley Industry and Commerce Association Chair-Elect Coby King and State Controller's Deputy Chief of Staff Audrey Noda.

The events were created to raise awareness and get students involved in politics, according to the A.S. website.

"I think it's really important for students to be given the opportunity to be informed and take part in politics. The state summit will answer questions about their concerns," said A.S. Senator Nicole Corlett, a business marketing senior.

## Town Hall Meeting

Where: USU  
Grand Salon  
When: 6p.m.  
tonight

The last event of the series will be focusing on local politics. The mayoral discussion will be held Tuesday, May 15th at 5:30 p.m. at the Grand Salon of the USU.



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## Cinco de Mayo

Family friendly, outdoor, and 21 and up events abound in Los Angeles for the holiday weekend

**STEFANIE DE LEONTZIC**  
DAILY SUNDIAL

With finals rapidly approaching, there is one day CSUN students should set aside to relax and take their minds off the impending exams, Cinco de Mayo.

Not to be confused with Mexico's independence day, which is September 16, Cinco de Mayo celebrates Mexican heritage and culture in the U.S. This day also celebrates the Mexican army's unlikely victory over the French in 1862.

Much like Saint Patrick's Day commemorates Irish tradition, this day is meant to celebrate the striking Mexican ancestry that coats Los Angeles, as well as its surrounding communities.

Individuals of Mexican descent account for 20 percent of the Latino population in L.A., according to the 2010 census. With such a distinguished population, students can easily find a celebration near them.

One option is a free walking tour through the El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument in downtown. The tour will include the block of historic buildings and the colorful Mexican alley marketplace often referred to as "La Placita Olvera." The tours are scheduled to take place Saturday from noon to 7 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Olvera Street pedestrian zone. Besides the walking tours, there will be a traditional celebration with mariachis, folklorico dancers, piñatas and activities for kids. For more information students can visit [www.elpueblo.lacity.org](http://www.elpueblo.lacity.org) or call the information line at (213) 289-4641.

Virginia Park in the city of Santa Monica will join in the festivities Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. with their Cinco de Mayo Fiesta. Fiesta goers can enter their best salsa recipe into the homemade salsa tasting contest while they enjoy the live entertainment of mariachi music and folklorico dancers. The event will also feature a traditional fashion contest for those who want to exhibit their best traditional garment. Artisan crafts and traditional Mexican food will be available for purchase to accompany the live entertainment. To complete the celebration, games, rides and raffles will also be held. Enjoy a game

of Loteria (a Mexican game of chance, similar to bingo) to win prizes.

For those 21 and over looking for a more rambunctious night, join Lucha VaVoom at the Mayan Theatre for a night of authentic masked Mexican wrestling, striptease and comedy. Lucha VaVoom celebrates Cinco de Mayo carnival style with a donkey photo booth, giant conga lines and trapeze artists. There will be tamales, tequila and Aztec dancers. Lucha VaVoom also draws in some Chicano culture with their exhibition of lowriders. Tickets are \$45 at the Lucha VaVoom website and will be available until the event sells out. Doors open at 7 p.m.

The 21-and-over options extend beyond just Lucha VaVoom with a Cinco de Mayo Pub Crawl happening both Friday evening and all day Saturday. The crawl is \$15 for access to all the bars included with registration taking place at the Pig n' Whistle in Hollywood. By buying the tickets the reveler gets access to both days and amazing drink deals including \$2 cervezas and 2-for-1 margaritas. Tickets can be purchased online or at the registration venue on either day of the crawl.

Whether students are looking for a peaceful, family-oriented night or a louder and more party-oriented Cinco de Mayo, set aside the day to celebrate the rich Mexican heritage that Los Angeles is known for.



FOOD REVIEWS

# Make your own pizza at PizzaRev

**JANETTE FLETCHER**  
DAILY SUNDIAL

When PizzaRev held its grand opening April 20, there were hundreds of customers anxious to bake their own new pizzas.

Ordinary pizza places like Domino's, Pizza Hut and Papa John's seem to take 30 minutes or more making just one pepperoni pizza, plus the time it takes if you choose delivery. In addition, the cost of that same pepperoni pizza is more than \$10.

This doesn't include tip or additional toppings, which are an additional 50 cents to a dollar.

PizzaRev, short for Pizza Revolution, allows you to craft your own

pizza at an affordable price. For just \$7.45, you can enjoy an 11-inch artisan pizza topped with fresh ingredients delivered daily. The dough is made everyday and never frozen. You can taste the quality of fresh food once you take that first bite.

Unlike other pizza places that offer more dough than toppings, PizzaRev's original crust is thin and crispy. The creators of PizzaRev have a background in food and entertainment.

"We looked all over Los Angeles and chose Northridge," Nicholas Eckerman, owner and operator of PizzaRev, says. "College kids love pizza, and we think it's a great fit for the area. We wanted to change people's perception about pizza," Eckerman said.

Located in a shopping plaza next to Starbucks on Reseda Boulevard

and Vincennes Street, and within walking distance from CSUN, PizzaRev lets you pick unlimited toppings for your pizza.

Nicknamed the "Chipotle of pizza" by customers, there are over 32 toppings to choose from including: white sauce, olive oil, ricotta cheese, feta cheese, crumbled meatballs, arugula, basil, fennel, pepperoncini, capers and artichoke hearts.

If you're trying to watch calories, PizzaRev offers a pizza called "Skinny Margherita" and it includes reduced fat mozzarella cheese. They also offer a gluten-free crust for \$2 and vegan cheese for \$1.

"It takes 90 seconds for the pizza to cook in the oven," said Jeff Zuckerman, part-owner and operator. "It [the oven] weighs two and a half tons

and can reach temperatures of 1000 degrees."

My pizza took less than five minutes to bake, which included the time it took for the team to craft my pizza. There's no need to call and place an order. You won't miss the Lakers playing the championship game because it's ready once you get there.

Their pizza is priced for college students to be able to afford, so leave the burger at Burger King.

"I'll be coming back," Emanuel Renteria, senior and business management major, said. "The price is reasonable."

The next time you and your friends are craving something yummy, new, and affordable, try out PizzaRev.

"Join the pizza revolution," Eckerman said.



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## Superfood Smoothie

JESSICA JEWELL / DAILY SUNDIAL

With finals right around the corner, students scramble looking to cram in a quick meal and more frequently than not, an energy boost. Now, while most clamor for the closest energy drink or stand in line for a red eye, there are other healthier options that not only can wake you up, but sustain and nourish as well.

**Fill a blender with the following ingredients:**

- Handful of fresh or frozen strawberries
- One banana

- 1 T green powder/liquid (I try and use chlorella or E3 Live whenever possible, but spirulina or any other green powder works)
- 1 t bee pollen
- 1 t maca powder
- 1 T flax seeds
- 1 T coconut oil
- 1/3 c plain nonfat yogurt
- 1 T cacao powder
- 1 scoop hemp protein powder
- Sweeten to taste (agave nectar, honey or stevia preferred)
- Enough almond milk (or whatever non-dairy

alternative) to cover ingredients in blender. This can be adjusted depending on how thick you like your smoothies, ice can be added too if desired.

**Blend.** Garnish with a fresh berry or sprinkle some bee pollen on top and enjoy! You'll have wings after one of these babies!

Maca is a root from Peru that's been used for generations. It's believed to increase longevity amongst other benefits. Maca is an adaptogen; it helps give more energy if feeling fatigued and also can calm nerves if anxious. Maca also is a natural aphrodisiac, always a plus! Cacao has naturally-occurring traces of caffeine and also is an antioxidant. Bee pollen provides a kick of energy as well.

The greens (whatever form you choose)

not only balance your blood's pH levels, but are packed full of nutrients. If using an algae like E3 Live, chlorella or spirulina, you get the added benefit of flooding your body with detoxifying chemicals, perfect for when the pressure's on.

Now, as far as protein powders go, I'm partial to hemp protein. It's plant-based and is actually the easiest for your body to absorb (aside from whey protein) as its molecular structure is very similar to our blood's plasma— bioavailability, here we come! If you are a little unsure of hemp, no worries, opt for whey if dairy isn't an issue or maybe rice protein. Just don't go for soy, it's the most genetically modified of all the options and is a phytoestrogen, so it can toy with your hormone balance.



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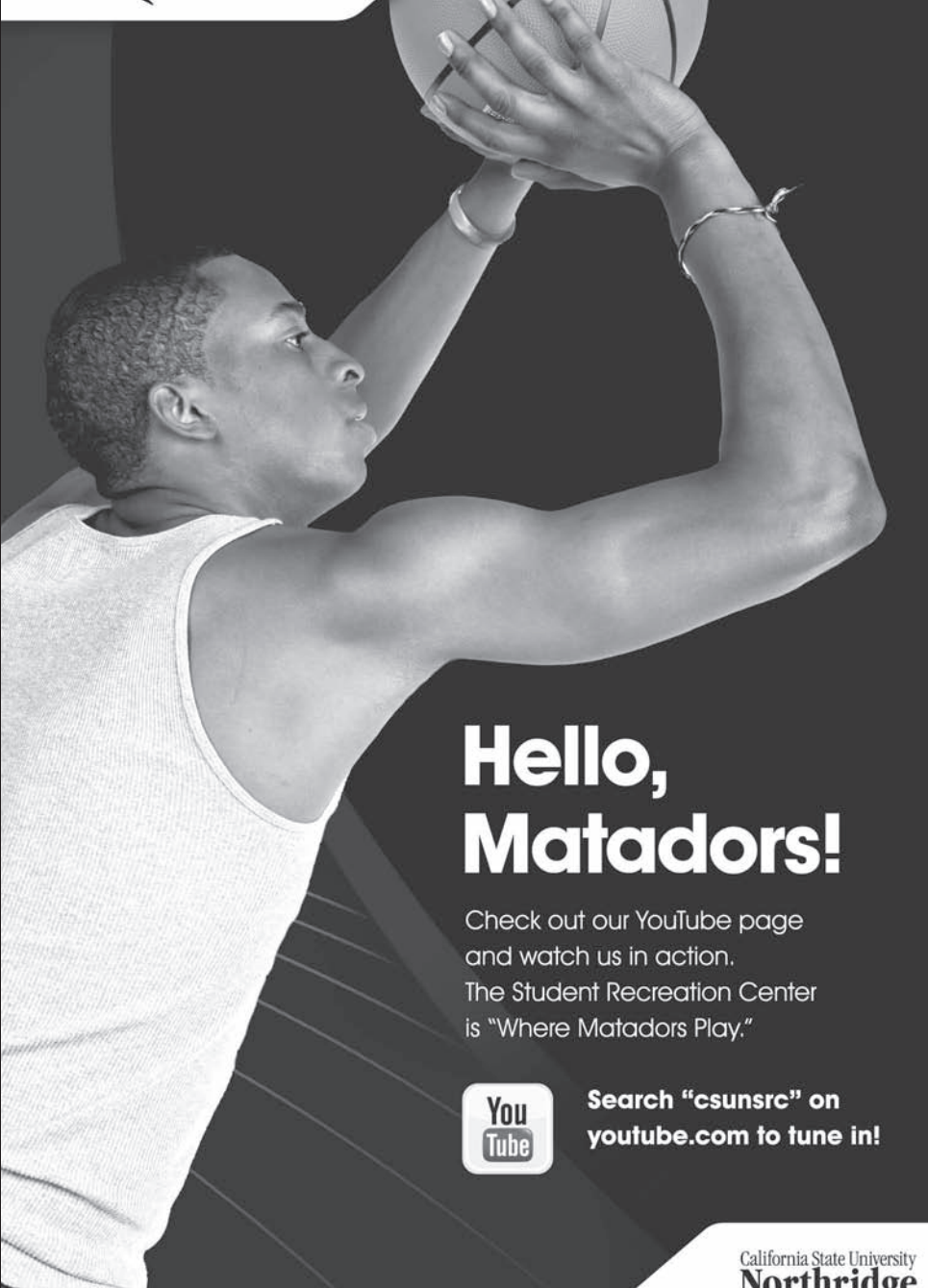
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**DRAMA**

# Funny and furry: Avenue Q earns four stars

**TAYLOR VILLESCHAS**  
DAILY SUNDIAL

With Sesame Street-like animations and fuzzy puppet characters, Avenue Q has all the makings of a children's show. But don't let the puppets fool you: These cute little characters can get pretty vulgar. And audiences will love it.

The show revolves around the lives of the tenants of Avenue Q, while they deal with their jobs, money problems, and their relationships, while poking fun at things like racism ("Everyone's a Little Bit Racist") and the Internet ("The Internet is for Porn" which is hilariously growled by Danny Guerrero's Trekkie Monster).

Princeton (played by graduating senior Bobby Avila) is a fresh-faced college graduate who just moved in, and is obsessed with finding his purpose in life. He asks the question that many students today wonder: "What do you do with a B.A. in English?" Avila's Princeton is relatable and human, despite being made of felt.

Next door to Princeton is the lovely Kate Monster, who is expertly brought to life by junior Lauren Tyni. Kate's dream is to open a school exclusively for other creatures of fur, like herself. In the meantime, she works as a kindergarten assistant and just hopes to find a boyfriend. Tyni's voice is astounding, and her rendition of the ballad "There's a Fine, Fine Line," is heartbreakingly powerful.

Contrasting Kate Monster's sweet-

ness is the vixen Lucy the Slut (played by the sultry yet funny Brook Van Grinsven). Given her title, it's clear that Lucy is...popular around town. And from the moment she slinks on stage singing "Special," it's clear she's trouble.

Up the street are Rod the OCD, closeted investment banker (played in a wonderfully nasally voice by David Acala), and his slacker roommate Nicky (Alex Tordi). Their chemistry is hilarious and almost brotherly, as they perform "If You Were Gay," and Nicky begs Rod to come out and be himself, while Rod ardently denies it.

But it's not all about the puppets! The supporting cast of humans' interactions with the puppet characters create a hilarious chemistry. Christmas Eve (wonderfully played by Grace Yoo) is a bossy therapist from Japan whose

broken English and attitude is a joke itself, and is highlighted in her funny yet true solo "The More You Ruv Someone." Her uptight ways are contrasted by her laidback husband Brian (portrayed by Nick Popham) whose dream is to be a famous comedian, even though he hasn't figured out any punchlines yet. And then there's the super, Gary Coleman (yes, that one) played by Alyssa Smith, who makes cracks about being broke and a former child star.

While the whole cast did an amazing and humorous job, the show is easily stolen by the cutest characters on the stage: the Bad Idea Bears, played by Danny Guerrero and Amanda Godepski. These adorable little critters pop up at the worst moments, and whisper in Princeton's ear, telling him to buy

that case of beer ("You're saving money in the long run!") or to relax a little longer before finding a job. Their high-pitched voices and extensive amounts of giggling will get you to do just about anything.

However, no show is without its faults. At times the puppeteering seems amateurish and off-track. Occasionally the actors forgot that the puppets themselves were supposed to be the center of attention, not themselves. Despite this and a few technical difficulties with the microphones, the cast still puts on a hysterical show.

Avenue Q delights with its real-world charm and honesty. It talks about the struggles of post-college life, and teaches lessons in a hilarious and unforgettable way that's sure to tickle audiences.

# 'It's Crunch Time' brings study aids to students

**MATTHEW ASHMAN**  
DAILY SUNDIAL

Starting May 8, the University Student Union (USU) will be hosting an event called "It's Crunch Time" which aims to help students alleviate stress during a time that is very taxing for most students - finals week. Best of all, this event is free.

The event is being held at Plaza Del Sol, USU and the Satellite Student Union and will have stress-relieving crafts, on-the-go snacks, test kit handouts, games,

and massages to help ease the pressure of test taking. The USU has been holding this event since Fall 2001.

"Dealing with finals myself, it just feels like everything is being thrown at you and you have so much to do," said Iris Pupo, an event assistant at the USU. "We are here to help them [students] and encourage them through finals."

According to Pupo, there will be three themes running through the week before finals; Cereal Day, Superhero Day, and School House Rock.

"We chose these themes so we can relate them to what students are going

through at that time," Pupo said. She continued by explaining how Superhero Day will offer health foods to give students more energy for the long hours spent studying.

Students may remember the event, previously named "Up All Night" (named that way because they would literally have the USU open for 24 hours to help students), only happened during finals week itself, but this time around the USU is holding the event the week before finals as well to help students prepare, according to Pupo. The choice to change it to "It's Crunch Time" was because it seemed like something students could relate to.

The on-the-go snacks will be at a table with various health snacks so the students can make their own type of grab bag and take it with them as they rush off to class or head home to go study.

The test kits will include bags that contain pens/pencils, scantrons and other items to help students with their studies and test taking.

The massage portion will consist of a five-minute free massage, continuing the crunch time idea behind it. The health center will be providing the people giving the massage, so they are will trained and licensed for maximum stress relief.

Most of this stuff will be happening the week before finals, but there are other goodies to be had during finals week itself.

On May 14, breakfast will be served from 8-9 a.m. at the Plaza Del Sol. Later that evening, at the SSU, the Residence Hall Association will host a make-your-own ice cream sundaes from 8-11 p.m.

"We are here to plan events for students and we want them to enjoy it," said Pupo. "That's the purpose of the union, to add to the ultimate college experience and hope they enjoy it."

For more information, head to the USU website for a full breakdown of the schedule.



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MAY

# VPAC Calendar of Events

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For the first issue of the month, here are the events happening in May at CSUN's very own performance halls!

## 05 SATURDAY

**WHAT:** The Acting Company "The Comedy of Errors"  
**WHERE:** Plaza del Sol Performance Hall  
**WHEN:** May 5: 8 p.m. May 6: 3 p.m.  
**PRICE:** \$70 / \$55 / \$40 / \$25

## 07 MONDAY

**WHAT:** Media Composition and Studio Ensemble  
**WHERE:** Plaza del Sol Performance Hall  
**WHEN:** 7:30 p.m.  
**PRICE:** \$10 / \$7 / \$5

## 03 THURSDAY

**WHAT:** Lab Jazz Big Band & Latin Jazz Ensembles  
**WHERE:** Cypress Recital Hall  
**WHEN:** 7:30 p.m.  
**PRICE:** \$10 / \$7 / \$5

## 04 FRIDAY

**WHAT:** Stars of the Russian Ballet  
**WHERE:** VPAC (Great Hall)  
**WHEN:** 8 p.m.  
**PRICE:** \$70 / \$55 / \$40 / \$25

## 08 TUESDAY

**WHAT:** Vocal Jazz Ensemble David Joyce, director  
**WHERE:** Cypress Recital Hall  
**WHEN:** 7:30 p.m.  
**PRICE:** \$10 / \$7 / \$5

## 09 WEDNESDAY

**WHAT:** An Evening of Small Group Jazz - Jazz "A" Combos  
**WHERE:** Cypress Recital Hall  
**WHEN:** 7:30 p.m.  
**PRICE:** \$10 / \$7 / \$5

## 10 THURSDAY

**WHAT:** Jazz "A" Band Matt Harris, director  
**WHERE:** Plaza del Sol Performance Hall  
**WHEN:** 7:30 p.m.  
**PRICE:** \$10 / \$7 / \$5

## 11 FRIDAY

**WHAT:** Studio Jazz Ensemble and NuVeau Art Ensemble  
**WHERE:** Cypress Recital Hall  
**WHEN:** 7:30 p.m.  
**PRICE:** \$10 / \$7 / \$5

## 12 SATURDAY

**WHAT:** John Pizzarelli Quartet and Jane Monheit  
**WHERE:** VPAC (Great Hall)  
**WHEN:** 8 p.m.  
**PRICE:** \$70 / \$55 / \$40 / \$25

## 19 SATURDAY

**WHAT:** Barbara Cook  
**WHERE:** VPAC (Great Hall)  
**WHEN:** 8 p.m.  
**PRICE:** \$85 / \$70 / \$55 / \$40



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# No passwords for employers

Jobs, universities and colleges can no longer legally ask for your social media login information

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The California Senate Labor and Industrial Relations Committee approved the Social Media Privacy Act on April 25, in an attempt to stop public and private universities and colleges from asking students for their social media information.

The committee approved the legislation in a 5-0 vote.

Under the legislation, authored by state Sen. Leland Yee, (D-San Francisco), employers will also be prohibited from asking employees for their social media information.

“Your private life should be kept separate from your professional life,” said Patriccia Ordoñez, 21, a senior majoring in sociology, about employers turning to social media for personal information.

“If you’re not supposed to discuss your personal matters at work, why should they be used against you when you’re applying for a job?” Ordoñez added.

In a news release, Yee said it is illegal for employers and colleges to use the information acquired from social media outlets to make employment and admission decisions.

“(It) has absolutely no bearing on a person’s ability to do their job or be successful in the classroom,” said Yee in the news release.

The bill came about after several news agencies and civil rights organizations reported that numerous businesses, public agencies and post-secondary institutions were asking workers and students for their Facebook and Twitter account information.

**“If you’re not supposed to discuss your personal matters at work, why should they be used against you when you’re applying for a job?”**

— Patriccia Ordoñez  
senior, sociology major

Sydney Delville, 18, a freshman majoring in political science, said she encountered the question of social media accounts when she was filling out an application to a fast-food restaurant.

“There can be assumptions and insinuations about anything on Facebook, and employers can misinterpret that,” Delville

said. “Sometimes, I say things out of anger, and they could assume it pertains to them.”

Delville, however, is not opposed to institutions or companies, public or private, asking applicants to see their social media accounts.

“It depends on the position they are applying for,” she said. “If you’re applying to a CEO position or to be the president of CSUN, I would like to see what you do in your personal life.”

Employers that don’t formally ask for this information use other measures to access employees’ social media accounts, such as asking the person to login during an interview while the interviewer looks over the person’s shoulder. There is also asking prospective employees to “friend” human resources managers.

“I remember an accountant from my orthodontist once asked me how my three jobs were going,” said Ana Phomthirath, 24, CTVA senior. “I never told her I had three jobs. The only way she could have found that out is by reading the comments on my Facebook.”

She changed her privacy settings shortly after.

The Senate Committee on Education also approved the bill April 24 in a 7-0 vote.

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# Opinions

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## Fisher v. University of Texas:

Is Affirmative Action relevant and efficient to correct racial and gender disparities in higher education?

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**A**ffirmative action in the academic world means considering traditionally underrepresented characteristics (race, sex, ethnicity, sexual orientation, etc.) in the admission process, in an attempt to reverse historical disparities.

This controversial topic will return to national attention when the Supreme Court begins to hear the case of Fisher v. University of Texas at Austin (UT). The case is rather simple. Abigail Noel Fisher claims she was not admitted to UT because affirmative action policies exclude white applicants. In most court cases regarding affirmative action, Fisher v. UT included, race is the admission factor being challenged.

Affirmative action in higher education is not only beneficial for students of color, it is essential in creating diverse and representative learning institutions. Affirmative action programs aim to reverse centuries of discrimination in education by providing opportunities to the traditionally disadvantaged.

Racism is still a potent force in American society; it may not be as violent or overt as it was 50 years ago, but to argue that racism doesn't exist would be ignorant and dangerous. A student of color faces a myriad of issues along the way to college applications: a historical lack of positive role models; fewer AP/Honors courses offered in high school; and a historical under-representation in all aspects of society. These factors make attaining higher education much more difficult for students of color compared to white students.

Opponents of affirmative

action will argue that such programs are based on reverse-racism. The phrase "reverse-racism" is an oxymoron and is used to justify the status quo. Racism is a system of inequalities designed to limit resources to specific racial groups. In order to claim being a victim of any form of racism, you must be a part of the disadvantaged group. I'm sorry fellow white people, but you can't be a victim of any form of racism. You just can't.

There may also be arguments suggesting that affirma-

from some university. I remember hearing many of my white peers complain that affirmative action cost them their spot at many prestigious California institutions.

Not only is this untrue, but it demonstrates the sense of entitlement that only my white peers could develop. Those peers conveniently forgot about Proposition 209. Passed in 1996, the California Civil Rights Initiative prohibited affirmative action in state activities, making it illegal for UC and CSU systems to use race as

### CON

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**I**n the case of Fisher v. The University of Texas, Abigail Fisher is suing the University of Texas on the grounds that their affirmative action-based admissions process is unconstitutional. Fisher was rejected from The University of Texas

understanding of race, and is ineffective.

The issues with affirmative action are two-fold. First, affirmative action focuses on race with a single-mindedness; it is rooted in the mentality that all minority students attend underfunded inner-city high schools and are forced to work part-time jobs to help out with their families, which means they are often too busy to study or too tired to do well in class, whereas white students face none of these disadvantages.

In reality, this isn't always

same high school, was in the same economic class and had the exact same opportunities as Abigail Fisher, why should that student get an advantage over Ms. Fisher?

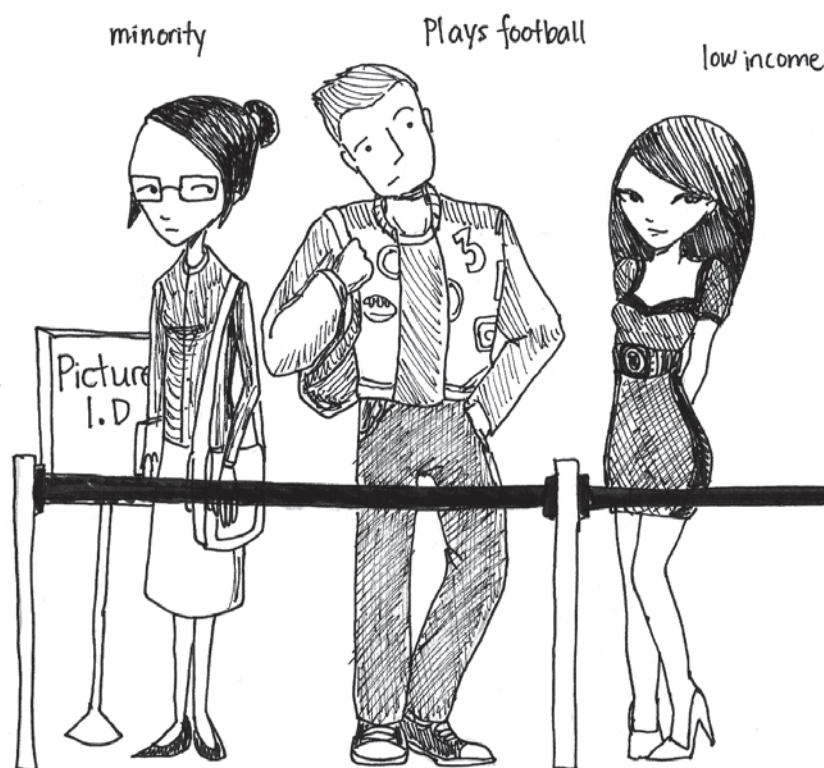
Or consider the opposite, a white student from a working-class family, who had to struggle through a bad public school. By the University of Texas' policy, that student would have less opportunity to get into college than either his minority peers or a middle-class minority student, which is unfair.

If the aim of affirmative action is to level the playing field and help students who don't have a lot of opportunities, then clearly affirmative action doesn't always work. Affirmative action operates under an understanding of race and class straight from the 1960's. Instead, universities should look for new admissions standards that recognize the way that the relationship between race and class has evolved.

Furthermore, affirmative action doesn't do enough to actually bring about real change; it's nothing more than a case of treating the symptom, but ignoring the disease. Proponents of affirmative action point to the low grades and test scores of inner-city schools as reasons to adopt affirmative action-based policies. If this is true, why don't we stop trying to make it easier for students from bad schools to get into college, and instead focus on reforming K-12 education and increasing funding for all public schools?

If every group lobbying for affirmative action would instead focus on reforming under-performing public high schools, then perhaps we wouldn't need affirmative action at all. Affirmative action means well, but in the end does nothing to help the disadvantaged and serves as a distraction from the real educational reform that could level the playing field.

### ACCEPTED



### NOT ACCEPTED

Upper  
Middle  
Class  
Caucasian

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tive action lessens the prestige of any organization involved by admitting lesser qualified applicants. That is a misconception because affirmative action programs generally focus on merit-based admission. That means that the applicants of color being admitted are just as qualified as other applicants who are not students of color.

I'm sure we've all shared the experience of being rejected

a factor in admissions. I'm sure my peers were at least partially aware of this, but they chose to ignore it.

Blaming affirmative action is the easy cop-out for dealing with our own failures. If we look past our own insecurities and look at affirmative action for what it is – a system to promote diversity and equality – then it is our duty as human beings to accept and promote it.

and in her court filing, claims that the reason she was rejected was because she was white.

The university's current admissions policy automatically admits the top ten percent from each Texas high school, and then gives preferential treatment and special consideration to minority candidates. Affirmative action, both at the University of Texas and in general, is rooted in a problematic

true, but because of the way affirmative action operates on the basis of race it has to make this assumption.

The University of Texas at Austin's admissions department assumed that because Abigail Fisher was white, she had an easier time in high school than any minority student. What about upper or middle-class minority students? If a minority student went to the

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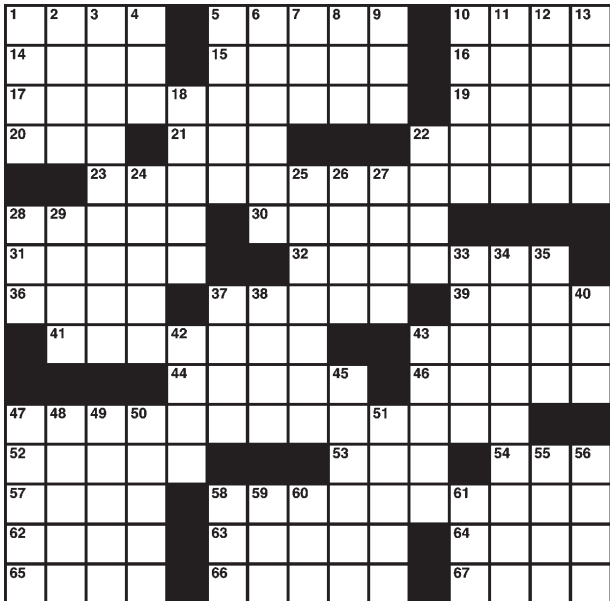
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- 21 Road trip respite
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- 32 Perfect
- 36 Warsaw
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- 39 Ancient gathering place
- 41 Fried, filled tortilla
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- 57 Men's clothing cut
- 58 Starlet's benefactor, perhaps
- 62 Alien-seeking org.
- 63 Circle
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By Bart Beisner

5/3/12

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- 24 Ellington's "\_\_\_ Song Go Out of My Heart"
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- 27 Word with gum or rain
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- 33 "Tender \_\_\_ Night"
- 34 Rebellious dispositions
- 35 Wassailer's song
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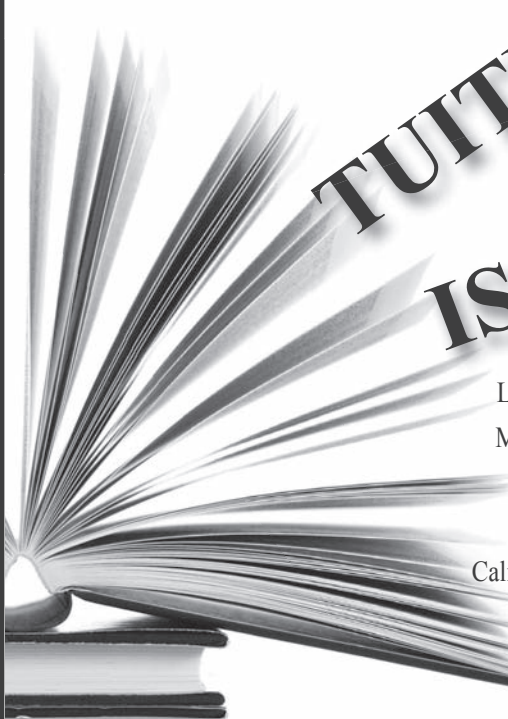
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## SOFTBALL

# Time to catch some Ws

Looking to move up in standings, Matadors visit bottom-feeding Highlanders for three-game series

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**T**here's no way around it. For the majority of 2012, the Matadors have not played well.

Sunday's 11-0 loss to Fullerton was an exaggerated illustration of how poorly the Matadors (10-36, 5-10 Big West) have struggled offensively at times this season. While the Titans hit the ball as if it had called their mothers a bad name (17 hits), CSUN could only muster a single hit in the shutout.

"It was a tough day," said CSUN junior Mia Pagano, who pitched the first two innings of the game, allowing five hits and no runs.

CSUN's tough offensive days have placed it at bottom of several categories in the Big West Conference, including batting average, hits and RBI.

But the one bottom the Matadors are definitely trying to stay away from, and are succeeding at thus far, is the bottom of the standings. Currently in seventh place in the conference, CSUN has a great chance at getting more separation and climbing up towards the middle of the pack this weekend when it visits UC Riverside, the current last-place holder, for a three-game series.

Losers of nine of 11 games includ-



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**CSUN catcher Mikayla Thielges attempts to catch the ball during a game against Cal State Fullerton Saturday. Thielges and the Matadors are looking to bounce back from a 11-0 loss to the Titans as they head to Riverside for a three-game series.**

ing the last four entering their series against CSUN, the Highlanders (20-27, 3-12) didn't enjoy a nice offensive outing last weekend and were shut out by Long Beach State twice, only combining for four combined hits in the losses.

However, the Matadors – who are going through a humbling season themselves – aren't expected to over-look their Riverside peers.

"A lot of teams take us lightly and we know we're really competitive," said Pagano, who has eight wins this

season. "We just have to take it one game at a time, one inning at a time, treat (UCR) as any other team."

At times, it's been a wonder seeing CSUN on the losing end of so many games. The Matadors have shown they can hold their own in the Big West, with wins against some top dogs: the 49ers and Pacific.

The Titans are located just one spot above CSUN in the conference standings, so it was surprising to see them pound the Matadors in such an abusive

fashion.

"We kind of let things get to our heads, snowball, which isn't normally like us," Pagano said. "It just wasn't one of our best days."

"We're moving forward, hopefully not looking back to that."

With the chance to win their first series since defeating Pacific two out of three times five weeks ago, CSUN will have to show up in attack mode against UCR. The Highlanders have been known to heat up at times and

rank third in the Big West in batting average and RBI for the year.

There's only six games left in the season and Pagano would like to go out with a bang. She also would like to move higher in the Big West and prove wrong a preseason coaches' poll that said CSUN would end up in the middle part of the standings.

"We can still show people we aren't going to be in fifth place like they thought we were and build momentum for next year," she said.

## CSUN VS. UC RIVERSIDE

GAME 1: SAT. NOON  
GAME 2: SAT. 2 P.M.  
GAME 3: SUN. NOON

## BASEBALL

# Matadors like their chances against UC Riverside



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**CSUN outfielder Miles Williams dives for a catch in a game against CSU Bakersfield on April 10. The Matadors travel to Riverside to start their series with the Highlanders.**

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**T**he Matadors have to like their chances heading into a series against a team that's ranked lower than they are in the Big West Conference.

Northridge (18-22, 5-7 Big West) has already faced the top four ranked teams in the conference and will next face the seventh-ranked UC Riverside (14-24, 4-8) this weekend at Cunningham Stadium.

The Matadors have avoided sweeps against all the top teams so far this season and even stole the series against third-ranked Cal Poly.

CSUN currently sits at sixth in conference with three of its remaining four series against teams currently

behind it in the Big West race.

That's not to say that the Highlanders can't push ahead of the Matadors this weekend.

Riverside comes into the weekend dead last in the conference in batting average and hits but is ranked third in on-base percentage.

In its last conference action, UCR was swept by UC Irvine on the road.

The Highlanders' senior infielder Vince Gonzalez has paced the UCR offense so far this season and leads the team in batting average (.350), hits (50) and runs batted in (18) while no one on the rest of the roster is hitting above .300.

Riverside's pitchers have better numbers in the stat books than CSUN and have the ability to minimize the number of runs opposing teams can put up on the board.

UCR has two pitchers with four wins apiece in Eddie

Orozco and Dylan Stuart, but have also combined for 11 losses. Orozco leads the Highlanders with a 2.30 ERA while Stuart's ERA continues to hover at 4.96.

Although UCR's numbers show it hardly ever comes out on top, CSUN will need to find a way to get on base if it wants to earn its second Big West series victory of the season.

Transfer Cal Vogelsang comes into the weekend on a six-game hitting streak and ranks fourth on the team in batting average at .301.

Junior Nate Ring also has a .301 batting average in 103 plate appearances and leads the team in stolen bases with six.

If these two continue to reach base safely, sophomore Miles Williams and junior Kyle Attl could potentially bring these base runners

home.

Williams continues to lead the team in home runs (5), but Attl is right behind him with four. Williams also leads the team in total RBI (21) while Attl leads the team in conference RBI (8).

CSUN is only two conference wins away from surpassing its 2011 total but will need to see solid pitching from its staff if it plans on overcoming that mark this weekend.

Junior Alex Muren put up five innings of two-run baseball against Long Beach last week before leaving the game with the bases loaded in what turned out to be a four-run sixth inning for the Dirtbags.

Freshman Jerry Keel turned in another stellar outing against the Dirtbags in Saturday's matchup, pitching seven innings while allowing one run and scattering seven hits.