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Assemblyman Cameron Smyth, Senator Kevin De Leon and two members of the business community hold a town hall meeting for a less than one-third filled Grand Salon. Big Politics aimed at giving students a chance to hear from elected officials and interact with them, but few students took advantage of the event.

## Big Politics brings small crowd

Empty seats greet elected officials, AS president as panel members discuss pros and cons of taxing the rich

**JOE TOMASZEWSKI**  
DAILY SUNDIAL

California state legislators participated in a round table discussion about how the state's budget crisis is connected to higher education funding, Thursday in the USU Grand Salon.

Few CSUN students attended the second of three events in the A.S. sponsored series "Big Politics" to hear guests Coby King, the Chair Elect of the Valley Industry and Commerce Association, Eric Anders,

founder and owner of the Wood Ranch restaurant chain, Democratic Senator Kevin de Leon and Republican Assemblyman Cameron Smyth discuss how California's budget crisis relates to higher education funding.

Business law major and student body President Amanda Flavin represented CSUN students in the discussion.

"It seems to me that if we don't continue to fund higher education, then we are cutting off our noses to spite our faces," said King, who believes that a qualified and educated workforce is essential to grow Cali-

fornia's economy.

While all of the invited speakers agreed about the importance of funding higher education in California, they had differing opinions about how to grow the economy and fix the state's revenue shortfall.

Sen. de Leon explained that unlike the federal budget, which can run on a deficit, California's constitution requires the state budget be balanced each year.

The current economic crisis has severely reduced state tax revenues. De Leon explained the only choices for closing California's \$9.2 billion budget

shortfall are to cut services and social programs, raise taxes, or a combination of both.

"We're dealing with a very difficult period, especially for those who have historically been marginalized," deLeon said. "Single mothers with children, the blind, the disabled, and in this case here at Cal State Northridge, college age students."

De Leon urged students to vote for Governor Brown's revenue package ballot initiative in order to stave off further budget cuts to California's higher education system.

"Is taxing the rich unfair

to the rich? Maybe, but who cares?" said King who thinks Governor Brown's initiative strikes the right balance in an effort to raise revenue without hurting economic growth through higher taxes.

Smyth opposes Brown's revenue initiative, because he feels higher taxes for the wealthy will hurt job growth in California's struggling economy.

"It's going to be tough to keep going to the well," Smyth said. "There's no one more mobile than a millionaire and their money. At some point you see an erosion of the business

sector. I worry that those job creators, that are going to give you guys jobs when you get out, they're not going to be in California, and they're not going to be here in the valley."

Attracting businesses to California and keeping them here was a major theme of the discussion, with more than one speaker blaming California's excessive regulations for stifling business growth.

Flavin said excessive regulation makes it harder for her father, who owns a small busi-

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# Calendar of Events

## MAY 2012

07

**A.S. Finance Meetings**

**WHEN:** 2 - 4 p.m.  
**WHERE:** A.S. Conference Room (USU 100)  
**DESCRIPTION:** The A.S. finance meeting to discuss current budget requests.

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**A.S. Senate Meetings**

**WHEN:** 2 - 4 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Grand Salon  
**DESCRIPTION:** The A.S. Senate meets to discuss current agenda items. An open forum will be held at the beginning of the meeting.

**Annual Kenneth Devol Forum**

**WHEN:** 2 - 4 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Thousand Oaks room (USU)  
**DESCRIPTION:** This year's event will focus on the difficulty of reporting news surrounding the education system in Los Angeles. These difficulties range from the restrictions placed on student to professional journalists reporting on current allegations against numerous Los Angeles Unified School District teachers and employees.

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**2012 Clubs & Organizations Awards Ceremony**

**WHEN:** 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Northridge Center, USU  
**DESCRIPTION:** This program highlights the accomplishments of the student leaders and organizations that have had a significant impact on the CSUN community.

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**Convicts of Comedy – Stand Up Comedy Show**

**WHEN:** 8 - 10 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Stovepiper Lounge  
**DESCRIPTION:** The Convicts of Comedy are coming back to Northridge! A hilarious, free stand up comedy show at the Stovepiper Lounge in Northridge. The Convicts of Comedy are a Los Angeles based Stand Up Comedy group that perform all over the Southwest. The show is free and starts at 8 p.m. It's a great time, with comics that have performed on CBS, TNT, and the CW networks.

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**Cinematheque**

**WHEN:** 7 - 7:45 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Armer Screening Room (ASR)  
**DESCRIPTION:** The many ways in which men are fascinated, compelled, and confused by their attraction to women are explored in this four part drama of love and illusion, co-directed by Wim Wenders. As a filmmaker (John Malkovich) tries to sort out his plans for his next film, he considers several stories about women and the men who love them. Beyond the Clouds was Antonioni's first film after a massive stroke derailed his directorial career and his last released feature, yet it remains one of his most beautiful and haunting films.

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**Spring 2012 last weekday of formal instruction**

**WHEN:** May 11, 2012  
**WHERE:** Bayramian Hall Lobby (BH 100)  
**DESCRIPTION:** Last day of formal instruction except for Saturday classes meeting once weekly.

**Evolution of Gender and Sexuality**

**WHEN:** 2 - 3 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Noski Auditorium  
**DESCRIPTION:** Dr. Joan Roughgarden, Stanford University. Author of *The Genial Gene: Deconstructing Darwinian selfishness*; *Evolution and Christian faith: Reflections of an evolutionary biologist*; *Evolution's rainbow: Diversity, gender, and sexuality in nature and people*; among other books. Hosted by A. Metzberg

**Dance Presentations**

**WHEN:** 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Redwood Hall 292  
**DESCRIPTION:** Dialogues in Dance will take place Friday May 11 at 6:30 p.m. and also at 8:30 p.m. in Redwood Hall's Studio 292 (located on the east side of campus off Zelzah Ave.) Admission is free, although donations to the Jessica Rawles Dance Scholarship are welcomed. CSUN student choreographers, dancers and actors will present studies – literary explorations of movement, music, time and space.

**Baseball vs. UC Irvine**

**WHEN:** 3 - 5 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Matador Field  
**DESCRIPTION:** Baseball hosts UC Irvine.

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**Soulful Saturdays**

**WHEN:** 8 - 10 p.m.  
**WHERE:** The Pub, USU  
**DESCRIPTION:** Live music as well as free food and drinks.

**Where is the Love LA**

**WHEN:** 7 - 9 p.m.  
**WHERE:** 111 N. Virgil Ave. LA, CA 90004  
**DESCRIPTION:** Where is the Love LA is an event held by youth for youth. It is a concert that will also include a theatrical performance, as well as a message by a speaker. The purpose is to reach out to youth and encourage them to live out their best, unleash their full potential. There are many young people who are not receiving education, are involved with illegal activities, or are looking for help and don't know how to begin. This event hopes to change this through the message of Christ. All are welcome.

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*IT'S CRUNCH TIME - PLAZA DEL SOL, USU - 11 A.M. - 1 P.M.*  
*SATELLITE STUDENT UNION - 8 - 11 P.M.*

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 9**

*IT'S CRUNCH TIME - PLAZA DEL SOL, USU - 11 A.M. - 1 P.M.*

**THURSDAY, MAY 10**

*VETERAN MEET RELAX EAT - BALBOA ROOM, USU - NOON - 1 P.M.*  
*MUSIC NIGHT - GAMES ROOM, USU - 8 - 10 P.M.*  
*IT'S CRUNCH TIME - PLAZA DEL SOL, USU - 11 A.M. - 1 P.M.*  
*SATELLITE STUDENT UNION - 8 - 11 P.M.*

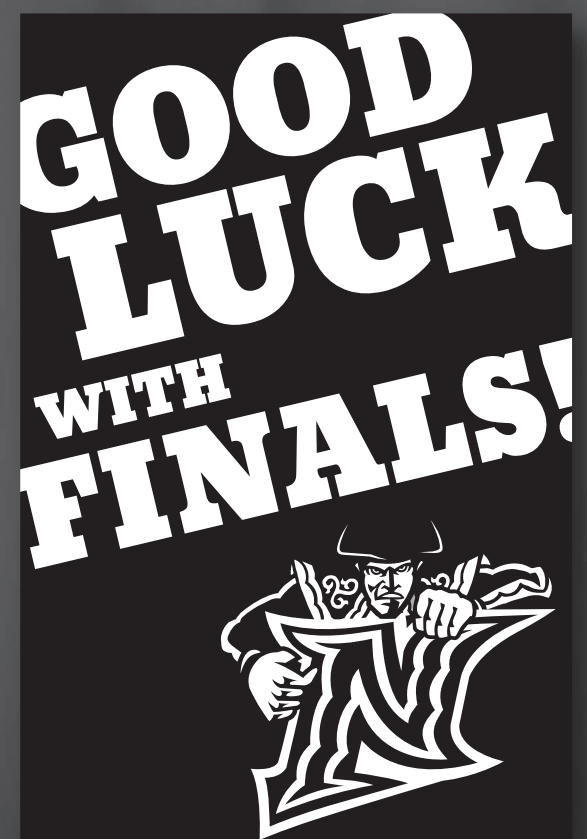
**FRIDAY, MAY 11**

*RED RALLY - MEN'S BASEBALL VS. IRVINE - MATADOR FIELD - 3 - 5 P.M.*  
*LAUGH YOUR CLASS OFF - GAMES ROOM, USU - 8 P.M. - 11 P.M.*

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# Professor conducts financial analysis of CSUN

Dr. Howard Bunsis examines CSUN's financial records and finds the budget for instruction overcut

**STEFANIE DE LEONTZIC**  
DAILY SUNDIAL

**C** SUN's army of administrators and insufficient funding for instructors are to blame for cuts in class sections, student admission and faculty instructors, said Dr. Howard Bunsis during his Thursday lecture in Sierra Hall.

Bunsis, an accounting professor at Eastern Michigan University, examined CSUN's financial records, as well as the CSU system, and determined that both institutions are in "strong financial condition."

He was invited as an independent financial analyst by the California Faculty Association (CFA) to inform the students about the financial health of the university in order for them to participate in discussions, said Amy Denissen, associate professor and chair of the membership com-

mittee for the CFA's Northridge chapter.

## CSUN Financial Analysis

According to Bunsis, the only problem is the excessive amount of administrators who have nothing to do with the teaching profession. Instruction funding accounts for a third of the CSUN budget and was the only department to receive significant cuts, while institutional support and other administrative categories remained the same.

"I'm speechless," said Grace Castillo, 20, a sophomore majoring in psychology, when she saw administrators' salaries displayed in the presentation.

Decreasing the number of administrators, their salaries and using CSUN's \$171 million in unrestricted net assets (CSUN's emergency fund) would be effective strategies to revive investing in instruction, Castillo said.

Bunsis predicted a difficult



**KEN SCARBORO** / EDITOR IN CHIEF

**Accounting professor from Eastern Michigan University, Howard Bunsis, explains restricted and unrestricted funds in the CSU budget. Bunsis explained that the CSU is not broke as it claims to be, but is actually making a profit.**

2012-2013 year for CSUN if change is not implemented

The surplus of administrators is not the only problem,

Bunsis said. Misplaced priorities on the CSU level are also the cause of increase in tuition and class size.

Bunsis said the state legislature has not supported public higher education in California and is no longer considered a public good.

The CSU has undergone a shift in where it gets its money. In 2006, 55 percent of the total money came from the state and 22 percent from students. In 2011, the CSU received less than half its money from the state and instead shifted onto the students. Last year, student tuition accounted for 29 percent of the total money, according to Bunsis.

"It didn't surprise me that (CSU) would be telling something completely different from the reality," said Jorge Moraga, 24, a senior majoring in history and Central American studies, about the system's claim to have no money.

Moraga was shocked at the system's surplus of administrators and its \$2 billion cushion in reserves.

"It's really about individual priorities. You tell this new

president or Chancellor Reed 'can you not get paid this much?' but it's in their interest to maintain that salary," he said.

## Solution

In order to stop the divesting of instruction, "every campus must undertake what we call a zero-based budget analysis, justify the existence, budget and salary of every upper level administrator," Bunsis said.

Cutting classes is not the right approach, but cutting administrators and those who do not enhance student learning don't deserve to be paid nearly as much, he said.

"It makes you feel numb, overall, about how the whole budget system works. I'm fortunate enough to have escaped here with about \$10,000 in debt, but it's still very gruesome for those who still believe the CSU is affordable and accessible for all students," Moraga said.

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ness, to operate in California

"Why would a business choose to start up here where there is the highest

income tax, where there is some of the worst regulation, whether they're environmental regulations, or work regulations. Why not go to Nevada or Texas?" she said.

De Leon suggested that a

happy medium can be found between providing incentives to business and protecting worker's rights, clean air and clean water.

"Texas is the China of the United States – low wages like you cannot imagine,

worker protections – doesn't exist at all whatsoever... California is a much better place," de Leon said.

Successful entrepreneur Anders borrowed money to buy his first restaurant with a friend, and now owns

Wood Ranch restaurants in 14 Southern California locations, suggested students not rely on government in their pursuit of success.

"Just don't count on anybody, count on yourself," Anders said. "Don't let gov-

ernment or other people or anyone tell you that you can't do it."

Whatever their opinions, it was clear that none of the speakers had an easy fix for higher education funding until the economy improves.

Ivan Feign, Mui Wo, Hong Kong, B.F.A., photography student

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# Participants of hunger strike meet with Chancellor

Meeting yields no results as Chancellor Reed refuses to bargain with three of the striker's demands

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DAILY SUNDIAL

**T**he 12 students that are partaking in the current hunger strike to protest tuition rises and executive and administrative compensation met with Chancellor Charles B. Reed Friday in Long Beach but were unable to negotiate the students' demands.

Students involved in the hunger strike are from CSU Dominguez Hills, Fullerton, Long Beach, Northridge, Sacramento and San Bernardino. Four of the hunger strikers are from CSUN, but were unable to attend the meeting.

According to Sarah Garcia, one of the CSUN hunger strikers, there will be a press release and a recording of the meeting coming out soon.

Though the four CSUN students – Grace Castaneda, Raiza Arias, Matthew Delgado and Sarah Garcia – were unable to attend the meeting, the other five CSU's informed them of what had happened.

"He absolutely would not bargain with the first three demands and he said he'd work on the fourth one," Arias said.

Castaneda dropped out of the strike Friday, citing a high fever and a full body collapse as her reasons, bringing the total of CSUN students taking

part to three.

SQE's four demands include a five-year tuition freeze, a salary change which requires Reed and the president's salaries be reduced to 1999 levels, the elimination of allowances for board members and having all CSU campuses be free-speech zones.

When there was no response from the Chancellor or the Chairman for their demands, SQE announced that 12 volunteer CSU students will be hunger striking. The hunger strike officially began Wednesday May 2, and according to SQE, the expiration date is still unknown.

The hunger strike restricts food but allows them juices and waters.

According to Arias, the CSUN hunger strikers are "still going hungry but strong."

Erik Fallis, CSU media relations specialist, explained the CSU feels concern for the students and it discourages students from hunger striking.

The student's demands are not possible at this moment and if "we were to freeze tuition we would have to cut classes and not admit tens of thousands of students," Fallis said.

The CSUN strikers last week were stationed at the quad where they spoke to students and faculty in order to get support.



COURTESY OF YOUTUBE

Grace Castaneda, 20, chants "students" while other students yell "power" in front of the Oviatt Library on Thursday. Castaneda is one of four CSUN students who went on a hunger strike.

"We're not at the quad anymore. When we were there we had our juices made there, we would reach out to students and faculty," Garcia said. "I'm not sure where/when we will be on campus."

When asked whether she believes the hunger strike will change anything, Brianda Hernandez, urban studies and planning major, said "maybe not change to the guidelines they want but definitely be heard like the meeting they

are having finally."

Clem Hernandez, photography major, believes the strike is motivational but will not cause any big changes.

"While I do feel that it is admirable to see students willing to stand up for a cause, I honestly don't think it'll make a difference," Hernandez said. "I think it would have more of an impact if more students were involved but even then, with all the constant protest and occupy

movements elsewhere, it seems like a bit of a long-shot to expect to yield any real results."

Nate Thomas, professor of film production option and president of the CSUN California Faculty Association (CFA), believes it is too soon to tell whether the strike will bring any changes but he is very supportive of their decision.

"I cannot speak for the faculty and CFA, but I do

believe that most of us are supportive," Thomas said. "I for one am always supportive of any student activism. One of the students involved in the strike is actually one of our interns."

"They are doing this strike the right way by having medical consultants," Thomas said. "The CSU has been giving their administration raises and raising tuition so you can't predict what they'll do next."



CHARLIE KAIJO / DAILY SUNDIAL

CSUN students participate in the CSU wide hunger strike to stop budge cuts. "I work at the art department, and I'm fortunate to have a job. A lot of students I know struggle to have things like food and insurance. Chancellor Reed has all of these luxuries while students struggle," said Grace Castaneda.



# Student born with visual impairment excels

Urban studies major uses heightened sound skills to make Dean's List

**NAOMI OGALDEZ**  
CONTRIBUTOR

**S**aud Alsair's parents received the devastating news every parent of a newborn fears most.

The doctors informed them their son was visually impaired, severe enough to be constituted as a handicap. His parents were deeply saddened by this news, but this did not diminish their love for him.

They attempted to make the best choices in this situation, raising and educating Alsair to the best of their capabilities.

When he was a young child he was able to see with glasses, but over the years his eyesight worsened. Now, at the age of 23, Alsair can only see shapes in the bright light and at night he is completely blind.

When he turned 18 years old, Alsair moved from Saudi Arabia to California in order

to receive proper treatment for his disability and obtain a better education.

Upon arriving, Alsair realized that America was a place with new norms, language and culture.

"I had to really adjust my way of life when I came to California," Alsair said.

In addition to having to adjust to the American way of life, Alsair had to learn English, which differed greatly from his native Arabic language, which is read from right to left. English is notorious for having a non-linear, complex grammar. But that did not intimidate Alsair, and he took on the task of taking English classes as soon as he got on American soil.

His disability has made his hearing more acute and stronger than the average person. This helps him get a sense of direction and understand what is happening in his surroundings. He is able to pick up noises and sounds an average

person would not be able to pick up. For example, he is able to distinguish the different types of car engines by the different sounds they produce.

Beyond that, Alsair's listening skills have raised the eyebrows of a few of his peers. When fellow classmates ask him about the instructions for a given assignment or important points from a professor's lecture, Alsair is able to recite detailed instructions and repeat lectures verbatim.

As if learning a new language or studying without the sense of sight were not enough, Alsair faced another problem when he came to CSUN – getting around campus. In order for him to be independent in school and be mobile by himself, he has had to memorize the entire campus, from the buildings to the hallways to the room numbers.

In all of his current classes, he has students that take notes for him and aid him

with the material being discussed in class. In addition, his roommate, Saad Altkafi, sometimes reads him the notes that the note takers have taken for him and teaches him the material. Altkafi sometimes types out assignments, emails, phone calls and text messages for Alsair.

Despite this dependence, Altkafi does not do all the typing for him. Alsair has programmed his laptop and cell phone to verbally interact with him and provide instructions for programs he uses, read aloud what he is typing and notify him when he has incoming messages.

Alsair does not let his disability become an obstacle for his success in school. "I work hard at everything I do," he said. "I like to be on top of every single matter of my life."

And what does being on the top really mean? For Alsair it means reaching the Dean's List, which he has done three times since he started studying at CSUN.

Alsair is working to obtain a bachelor's degree in urban studies and planning at CSUN. Although his degree heavily involves visual work such as mapping and architecture design, Alsair does not let

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



NAOMI OGALDEZ / CONTRIBUTOR

**Saud Alsair, a 23-year-old urban studies and planning major, is partially blind but does not let his disability prevent him from living a full, active life.**

his inability to physically see prevent him from studying in this field. Instead, he uses his imagination to obtain the visual pictures that he cannot see in person.

Alsair hopes to graduate in May 2013. He plans to take his degree and create and increase the number of special public transportation for the disabled. He wants to set up services that will care for the disabled and provide them guidance. He also hopes to make housing complexes

for the disabled that will also treat them with care.

Alsair's experience with his disability has taught him to adopt a simple approach when faced with challenge: "Never say never."

"There will always be obstacles in our lives," Alsair said. "We have to stay strong. We don't choose how our lives turn out. We just have to deal with them and continue moving forward – everyone has the capability of doing great things."

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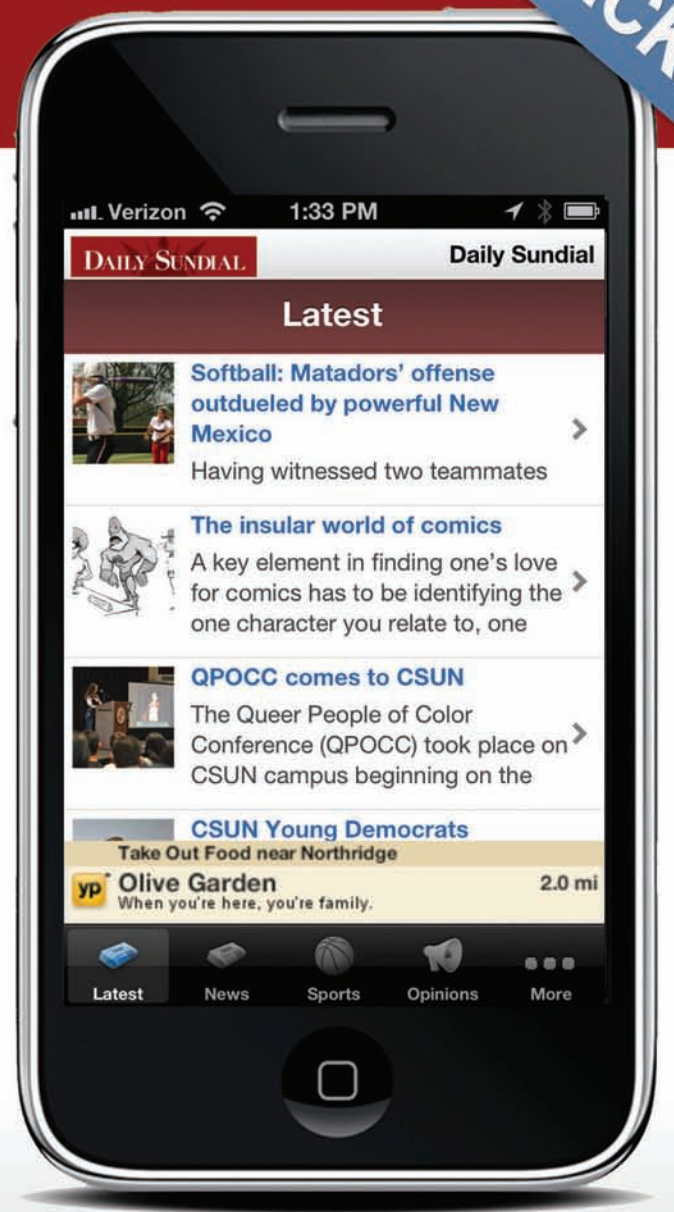
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# Opinions

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## Freedom to speak and yell at cops

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CONTRIBUTOR

**S**ome of you may have seen the video of me barking down two police officers on May 2 in front of the CSUN Oviatt Library. The YouTube video has over 2,000 views since and I have received both positive and negative feedback for what I said and did.

What I succeeded in doing was getting people to pay attention. The 15 minutes before the interaction with the police is what really should have been taped, but unfortunately people pay more attention when there is confrontation brewing – be it theatrical or real. I am sure some of the students watching were waiting to see if I got beat.

This interaction with the police happened after I had drawn a crowd by talking about the overall state of our society; we need to question the power structures and how they came to be. I was reiterating simple points like, “You are not alone in thinking that tuition is too high! You are not alone in thinking we spend too much money on bombs than on books! You are not alone in thinking that authority should be in the hands of the people!”

Drawing a crowd then leads police to question why have people gathered, which is not necessarily a bad thing; but when so called “authority” thinks they have the right to control people expressing free speech, I have the right, in this country, to be enraged.

I was brash, but I don’t think privileged people understand what the relationship between police and poor-black-and-brown communities really is. I know I don’t understand it being a Northridge-



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**Ankur Patel, an interdisciplinary studies graduate student, confronted two CSUN policemen who arrived in front of the Oviatt Library after Patel drew a crowd. “I’m just loud and angry right now that you guys think you have the right to tell me what to do,” yelled Patel.**

Hospital-born Indian living in Chatsworth for most of my life, while going through the Los Angeles Unified School District’s Magnet programs. However, I do know people support standing up to authority. I am not sure of the size of the crowd that had gathered, but I would dare say that those who were listening to me before the police came,

were in support.

It is about challenging authority. Where does authority come from? What is authority used for? Keeping tuition high? Bombing people in other countries?

Last Monday we had a debate for California’s 30th Congressional race. The race for the 30 is going to be the most expensive in U.S. his-

tory as both Howard Berman and Brad Sherman have millions of dollars pouring into their respective campaigns. There are actually seven candidates on the ballot, but only four were invited to debate on our campus. Most heinous is the fact that Mike Powelson, former professor at CSUN, wasn’t invited to debate. It might be because his cam-

paign has raised under \$3,000 or because he is a third party candidate, but the fact of the matter is that a CSUN professor was excluded from a debate on this campus, even though he will be on the ballot for the June 5 primary.

There were more than a few of us who literally heckled two U.S. Congressmen during the entire debate on April 30

in the Valley Performing Arts Center. If we have the power and ability to criticize sitting U.S. congressmen, why do we cower in fear when police puff out their chest and ask, “What’s the problem here?”

On Tuesday, May Day, I was in Downtown causing a ruckus and pushing the enve-

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## I do – until contract expiration do us part?

**NATALIE RIVERA**  
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**I**n September, Mexico City lawmakers proposed legislation that would allow couples to apply for temporary marriage licens-

es. Under the law couples would be able to choose the length of their marriage, starting at a minimum of two years, and would be able to renew their licenses if they wished to be married longer. According to Assemblyman Leonel Luna, who co-authored the bill, the short contract will

slow down increasing divorce rates and free couples from the hassle of divorce.

Choosing how long to be married is like an easy way out of a life-long commitment; it is like doubting the marriage before it even starts.

Stan Charnofsky, coordinator

of the Family and Marriage Counseling program at CSUN, explains that the reason why people would choose to partake in a temporary marriage is because they do not want to be fully committed. According to Charnofsky, in this time and culture of advanced technology and quick means of

communication, it is easier for people to find partners. They do not wish to lose this freedom and ruin the fun for themselves by being tied down.

He also explains that the negative way people might view mar-

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## POLICE

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lope with police in a similar way to what I did on campus in the video that I am now referencing.

On Saturday I was waiting for the bus on Balboa and Nordhoff and saw two LAPD officers giving someone a ticket. They had pulled into the gas station right next to the Matador Bowl and the police car was parked onto the sidewalk. As I was walking passed, I yelled, "Can you please move your vehicle? It is blocking public space."

That led to a situation. One of the officers put his hands on me, grabbed my neck and put me against a wall after I had said that I did not need to show him my identification or answer any of his questions. He suggested that I might be drunk to justify his actions and assert his monopoly on the use of violence. I stared him down and let the other officer know that the aggression that his partner showed was wrong.

I do believe that there are good cops. In fact, I believe there are more good cops than bad. However, the current relationship between authority and the public needs to be questioned; it is unfortunate that the police have to serve as proxies for the one percent.

The different tactics that we use—be they making noise in the streets, voting, or hunger striking — each has its role in the movement. Some will prove to be more effective than others, but we have got to be trying something. That is why I was yelling on the steps of the Oviatt.

## MARRIAGE

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riage, may be a result of incidents that have happened to them.

"I had a uncle who did joint physical custody for his children growing up, after he and his wife divorced," Charnofsky said. "When I spoke to his son, who was in his 40s at that time, I asked him if he would ever want to be married someday. He said he would for maybe 10 years and that 10 years would be a good marriage. I thought that maybe the way his family functioned had to do with the way he saw marriage."

Issues within families and staggering divorce rates can be the reason why people would be intimidated to take the long-term plunge. According to the National Vital Statistics Report, there were 3.4 divorces per 1,000 people as of 2010 in the United States. In Mexico, the divorce rate is 0.33 divorces per 1,000 people, according to nationmaster.com. These staggering divorce numbers may frighten someone out of fully committing to a marriage, but there are benefits that come with marriage that one cannot acquire otherwise. For

instance, medical benefits allow you to make medical decisions when your spouse is in critical care. These perks can be beneficial for someone who wishes to be involved in a loved one's life.

Some may criticize marriage as irrelevant in today's

roles and economy—to obtain more land for knights in medieval times who fought for a wife—and that marriage

CSUN who have been in a domestic partnership since last April — John is a political science major and Bryan is a linguistics major.

They consider each other as their husbands, but cannot legally marry. Though they are both young, they wish to marry someday because of what marriage offers them as a couple.

"We want that option." John said. "It will make us secure in some ways a domestic partnership can't. If something were to happen to Brian, I would have more say if I'm married to him, than just being in a domestic partnership."

John and Bryan said that they both grew up wanting to get married and that "even just the word 'married' means more than a domestic partnership."

Allowing couples to choose how long they should be married for defeats the purpose of getting married at all. Marriage is a commitment between two people to stay together until death parts them; this is specifically stated in the vows that are said during a marriage ceremony. Allowing a person to choose how long they should be married would not decrease divorce rates because this "temporary marriage" should not have been considered as a marriage in the first place.



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was not considered as an act of love until the 1700s. Years before, there was "pair bonding," which was a way to categorize women as the mothers and nurturers and the men as protectors.

Though marriage started off in this patriarchal way it can offer something valuable to today's society.

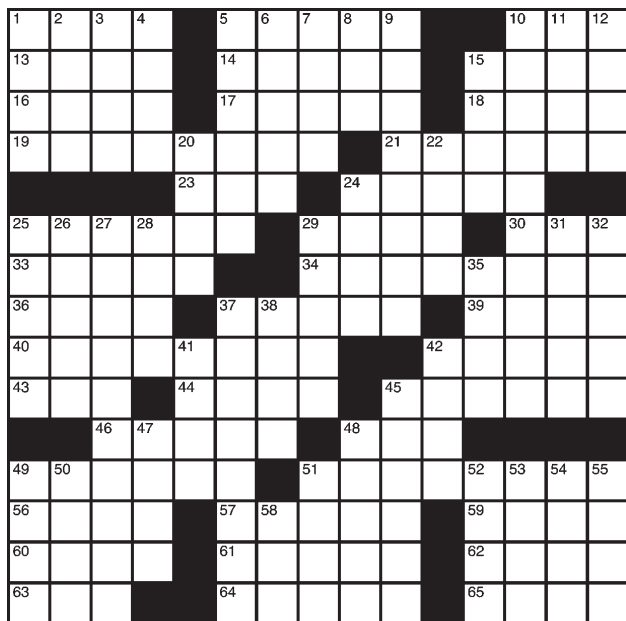
Bryan and John-Rodriguez-Sarango are a gay couple attending

## Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

### ACROSS

- 1 Poi maker's need
- 5 Sudden twitch
- 10 "Rumour \_\_\_ It": Adele song
- 13 Muffin ingredient
- 14 Knee-to-ankle bone
- 15 Free of contaminants
- 16 Email folder
- 17 Old Testament patriarch
- 18 New York City theater award
- 19 Capital of American Samoa
- 21 Weather map air pressure line
- 23 Green and Gore
- 24 Nebraska city
- 25 Lumberjacks, often
- 29 With 43-Across, shrinking Asian lake
- 30 Oft-replaced joint
- 33 Disneyland shuttles
- 34 Train station posting
- 36 Wrinkly citrus fruit
- 37 Persian faith that promotes spiritual unity
- 39 Kinda sorta
- 40 Archer's target
- 42 Chance for a hit
- 43 See 29-Across
- 44 Greek god of war
- 45 "\_\_\_ as she goes"
- 46 Collaborative websites
- 48 One may be SWAK
- 49 Like the darkest maple syrups
- 51 South Pacific resort island
- 56 Pack of quarters, e.g.
- 57 Virtuoso piano work
- 59 Say and mean
- 60 Competent
- 61 Ruffles chip feature
- 62 Lightsaber welder
- 63 Arthur of "Maude"
- 64 Magnified map detail
- 65 Yankee slugger, to fans



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### DOWN

- 1 Cookbook abbr.
- 2 Geometric calculation
- 3 Pushed the doorbell
- 4 Not snowed by
- 5 Makes off with
- 6 Worrisome engine sounds
- 7 Peek ending
- 8 Incite to pounce (on)
- 9 Hawaiian food fish
- 10 "Va-va-voom!"
- 11 Opera showstopper
- 12 Futurist
- 15 Bear who loves "hunny"
- 20 Most golfers' goals
- 22 Red tag event
- 24 Black-and-white ocean predator
- 25 Hard pencils to sharpen
- 26 Debate
- 27 Washington city famous for sweet onions
- 28 Oscar winner Jannings
- 29 Fire remnants

### Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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- 31 Homer epic
- 32 Not worth the bother
- 35 Go out with
- 37 Disease caused by vitamin B deficiency
- 38 Roll call replies
- 41 Drink with sashimi
- 42 Gillette razor
- 45 Space between curbs
- 47 Just sitting there
- 48 Ski resort building
- 49 Snatch
- 50 Judge Judy's garb
- 51 Blossoms-to-be
- 52 Cabo's peninsula
- 53 So last year, as a fad
- 54 Start again
- 55 Desertlike
- 58 \_\_\_ Pan Alley

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### Solution to today's sudoku

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1	2	9	3	5	7	8	4	6
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9	1	6	3	8	2	4	5	7
4	7	2	9	3	1	5	8	6
5	8	9	4	6	7	3	2	1
2	7	3	8	1	9	4	5	6
7	3	8	9	6	5	2	1	4
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#### How to play:

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

Solution above.





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## SOFTBALL

# Lasting impression

Pagano gets little help from teammates once again as CSUN drops series at UCR, falls into last place in Big West



ANTHONY CARPIO / SPORTS EDITOR

CSUN pitcher Mia Pagano pitches at a UC Riverside batter during Game 1 of a Saturday doubleheader. Pagano only allowed three hits, but the Matadors only got a single one themselves and lost 1-0. Later in Game 2, CSUN also lost, 5-4, to drop a series to the Highlanders for the first time in its history.

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**RIVERSIDE** – In a season full of struggles, hitting pitcher Mia Pagano has been the brightest spot for CSUN.

So with the Matadors down to their last out and trailing by one in Game 2 of a Saturday doubleheader at UC Riverside, it wasn't strange to see head coach Tairia Flowers call upon the junior to save them.

At least that's what it looked like.

"(It's) not necessarily that we tried to put so much pressure on just one player, but just hoping (Pagano) can come in and pick somebody up," Flowers said.

Pagano, who pitched all of a 1-0 loss in Game 1 and rested all of Game 2 until Flowers' last-out summoning, came out of the dugout

as if shot out of a telephone booth while wearing a big "S" on the front of her jersey.

Unfortunately for CSUN (10-38, 5-12 Big West), Pagano didn't have much left in the tank and flied out to right field as UCR won Game 2 5-4 to claim its first-ever series win against the Matadors.

The Highlanders (22-27, 5-12) had come into the day at 2-28 since joining Division I vs. CSUN. Saturday doubled their all-time win total.

Dejected at seeing her team fall into a tie for last place in the Big West, Pagano walked off the field with her head down as teammates put their hands on her shoulder in support, something they had failed to give her earlier in the first game.

Although Pagano only allowed three hits while striking out seven in Game

1, the Matadors provided no run support for her and lost 1-0. It was even more frustrating for CSUN because – despite only recording one hit for the game – it had an unbeatable chance to get the win.

UCR seemingly wanted to give the game away in the second inning. Two throwing errors allowed the Matadors to load the bases with no outs, but they got nothing out of it and the Highlanders escaped unscathed.

"Bottom line, we need a little more execution at the plate," Flowers said.

UCR third baseman Brittany Keeney had the only offensive highlight of the game: a game-winning home run in the bottom of the fifth.

While defense prevailed in Game 1, offense did so in Game 2.

CSUN pitcher Shelly Tait looked shaky in the

first inning and gave up a hit to each of the first four batters she faced – two singles and two doubles to put UCR up 3-0 – before settling down and retiring the next three.

To the relief of Tait, her teammates provided some run support and scored two in the second to chop at the Highlander lead.

"We felt the need to back up our pitcher a little more because we didn't do that in the first game," said first baseman Madeline Sale, who after going on a streak of 11 games in a row with at least a hit is now on a three-game hit-less mini-funk.

The Matadors exploded for six hits through three innings in Game 2, tying it at 4-4 after a two-run third. After that, the offense went Game 1 again. CSUN couldn't get on base for the rest of the game.

Riverside used a three-

hit fifth to finish it off. Jojo Mendoza's two-out RBI in the inning provided the final margin.

"It's frustrating for our team," said Tait, who went the distance and allowed 10 hits.

CSUN had had its struggles offensively coming into the weekend. Game 1 marked the second consecutive time the Matadors had been one-hit, so Flowers was happy to see her team's response in the rubber game.

"Hitting to me is the hardest thing in sports," she said.

With the Matadors in need of someone to come through with a hit in crunch time, it's no wonder they looked to Pagano. Even if her primary assignment is pitching.

"It's just nice knowing they count on me," said Pagano, who has eight wins this season. "I wasn't think-

ing of hitting a home run or anything like that, I just wanted to get on base to start a rally going."

Said Flowers: "Definitely, I didn't tell her to go in and hit a home run."

Couldn't have hurt to ask.

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