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Candidates sit down for final stand-off

Romney and Obama debate over America's role in the world

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he final presidential debate between President Obama and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney saw more agreement than not on foreign policy and several shifts of discussion to domestic issues.

The candidates discussed conflicts in the Middle East, such as Syria, Libya, and Egypt, the war in Afghanistan, sanctions on Iran, Israel, the U.S.'s role on the world stage, and trade policies with China.

The debate was held at Lynn University in Boca Raton, Fla. with Bob Schieffer, host of CBS' "Face the Nation" as the moderator. There were six 15-minute segments and each candidate was allowed two minutes to respond to questions.

Afghanistan, Pakistan and Iran

On the issue of Afghanistan, Romney agreed with the Obama administration's timeline to withdraw by 2014, marking a sharp turn in his previous position. Earlier this year, when the Obama administration announced their plans to withdraw, Romney criticized the decision, according to an ABC news article.

"Why in the world do you go to the people that you're fighting with and tell them the date you're pulling out your troops? It makes absolutely no sense," he said in the article.

Romney said that in order to withdraw from Afghanistan, nuclear-armed Pakistan must be stable.

"A Pakistan that falls apart (and) becomes a failed state would be of extraordinary danger to Afghanistan and us," Romney said.

Obama maintained his position that withdrawal of troops from Afghanistan would be completed by 2014. The president stated that it was important to withdraw from Iraq to focus on Afghanistan, which he said was ignored by the Bush administration.

"And we're not in a position where we can transition out, because there's no reason why Americans should die when Afghans are perfectly capable of defending their own country," Obama said.

Romney said he agreed with the "crippling" sanctions on Iran that the Obama administration has supported, but he called for even tougher ones.

U.S. role on the world stage

When the candidates were asked what they see as America's role in the world, each laid out their views, but ultimately pivoted back to the issue of the U.S. economy.

"America has a responsibility and the privilege of helping defend freedom and promote the principles that make the world more peaceful," Romney said.

Romney also said the U.S. must stand by its allies and said he would strengthen a relationship between America and Israel that he contends has suffered under the Obama administration.

He then used the question as an opportunity to chastise Obama's track record on the economy: "You can't have 23 million people struggling to get a job," he said.

Obama said that the U.S. is "one indispensable nation" and is stronger since he's been in office.

"Because we ended the war in Iraq, we were able to refocus our attention on not only the terrorist threat but also beginning a transition process in Afghanistan," he said. "It also allowed us to refocus on

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The debates as Matadors saw them

Highlights from the four debates shine spotlight on variety of issues, debate styles, and moderators

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andidates have dominated public discourse while the debates have had contrasting styles, adding to peoples variety of opinions.

Statistics

Days before the first presidential debate, Gov. Romney was trailing President Obama by five points, as reported by Gallup. After the debate, the former Massachusetts governor had pulled even with Obama. The same poll found 70 percent of independents and 49 percent of Democrats thought Romney won the first debate.

After the second debate, Obama seemed to come out ahead of Romney, with 54 percent of independents and 9 percent of Republicans declaring Obama was the winner.

In this poll, Gallup found 54 percent of independents and 9 percent of Republicans thought President Obama won the second debate.

Debate Style

When it comes to getting votes during an election, the most important aspect of a tele-

vised debate is style, said Peter Marston, communication studies professor.

"Romney came off as informed and energetic in the first debate, so he was perceived as 'winning," Marston said. "Obama stood his ground in the second debate while Romney appeared nitpicky, so Obama was perceived as 'winning.' The substance of the arguments were largely the same in both debates."

James Mitchell, political science professor, said voters tend to be more interested on the positions of candidates.

"They seem to be looking more for style and whether or not they agree," he said. "President Obama's performance in the first debate shows that it does not pay to be gracious and respectful. He scored more points in the eyes of the voting majority in the second debate when he went on the offensive and attacked."

Henrik Minassians, urban planning studies professor, added that people seem to wait for political analysts to give their input on what happened.

"We won't know which candidate would win until the day after the election but I think that the political pundits are shaping public opinion by expressing their uninformed views and opinions," Minassians said.

In addition to the way candidates debate, there may be a specific demeanor voters are watching for.

Marston said Romney showed a more appropriate demeanor in the first debate by being "confident, engaged (and) mostly polite," whereas Obama was "lethargic, disengaged (and) petulant.

"In the second debate Obama's demeanor was preferable to Romney's, but not by much," he said. "Both were dismissive, impatient, and sometimes just rude, especially about time allotment and debate rules. Playground stuff. Embarrassing."

Minassians, on the other hand, said people look for candidates to be tough and debate well.

"I think the candidate should be more relaxed instead of being scripted by their speech writers and consultants," Minassians said.

Mitchell said many tend to look at Al Gore's performance from 2000.

"Candidates need to be aggressive whether they like it or not," he said. "Many cite Al Gore's debate performance in 2000 when he was a different Al

Gore for each."

Moderators

There were many opinions about the different moderators between the debates.

Minassians said the purpose of moderators is to manage the time and ask questions, making sure the candidates answer.

"Do I think any did better than the other depends if I think the first moderator was fair to Mr. Obama and vice versa," Minassians said. "I preferred the second moderator because she was more in their face and pushed them to answer questions."

Marston found that Jim Lehrer and Candy Crowley approached the debates differently.

"In my opinion, Jim Lehrer, though widely criticized, did a good job of getting the candidates to address one another without rancor. It was, in my opinion, one of the most cogent Presidential Debates since Nixon-Kennedy," he said. "Candy Crowley approached the candidates more assertively and the candidates became too contentious. I suppose it depends what political theatre you want to attend, but I found Lehrer's approach more consistent with a deliberation for the highest U.S. office."

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What did you think about the debates?



KATHLEEN TUNTISUKHARUM

BUSINESS
"Well, I actually don't follow
the debates, so I don't know
what is going on or what
issues are being talked about."



ARTHUR WONG
COMMUNICATION
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If was actually for Romney

"I was actually for Romney but after seeing the second presidential debates I am more aiming back to Obama because he has actually done more things in his term."



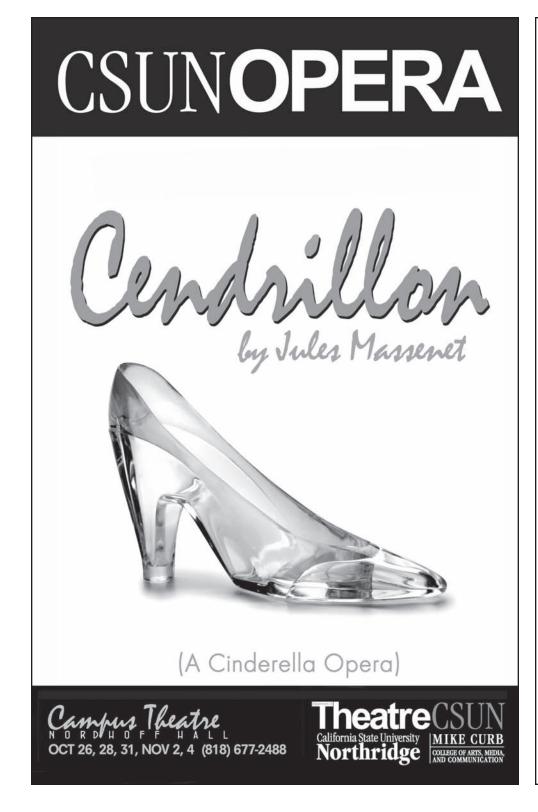
AYLEEN DIMAILIG

PUBLIC HEALTH
"I feel like one candidate
has always been better than
the other candidate during
the debate. It's been good
knowing their sides."



RYAN PENTA COMMUNICATION STUDIES

"If (voters) want to complain about something in the future they definitely need to vote ... we just need to, as a nation, decide which one will be best for our country."





DEBATE

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alliances and relationships that had been neglected for a decade."

Obama added that his administration has engaged in "unprecedented military and intelligence cooperation" with Israel in dealing with the "Iranian threat."

Seizing his own opportunity to talk about the economy, Obama said the U.S. needs to bring more manufacturing jobs back to America, highlighting the auto industry. He also said the U.S. must invest in education and clean energy.

U.S. trade policies with China

On the subject of China, Romney said if he were to become president he would label China a "currency manipulator." He stated that China "has not played by the same rules" because the country was "stealing intellectual property, patents, designs, and technology."

Romney also said he would become a partner with China, but according to his website, he would pose sanctions against China if talks failed.

Obama immediately took the opportunity to attack Romney for investing in companies that shipped iobs overseas, alluding to Romney's investments through the private equity firm, Bain Capital.

He added that during his first term, U.S. exports to China had doubled and that "currencies are at their most advantageous point for U.S. exporters since 1993."

"We absolutely have to make more progress and that's why we're going to keep on pressing," Obama said.

Police brutality unites students

Students come together for 16th annual National Day of Protest

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he National Day of Protest is an annual event that aims to bring awareness of police brutality and the criminalization of a generation by

The event began in 1996 and every year on Oct. 22, the topic is reintroduced to society in order create solidarity across the nation.

This year, information was passed out to the public through flyers that were available in Spanish.

These flyers included information that related to understanding the rights a person is entitled to when encountering the police and the brutality that occurs on a national level.

"This protest means honoring the responsibility and the knowledge that I have in terms of understanding the police systems' implications and responsibilities to the communities of color, especially the undocumented and immigrant communities," said Bryant Partida, 24, a student in the Chicano/a studies master's program.

Ten intersections served as epicenters for the release of this information in the San Fernando Valley, including Sherman Way and Reseda



Bryant Partida, a graduate student working on his master's degree in the Chicano/Chicana Studies department, handed out leaflets on the corner of Nordhoff and Reseda to help raise awareness about "police oppression and imprisonment of youth in this area," said Partida.

Blvd., Van Nuys Blvd. and San Fernando Rd. and De Soto Ave. and Parthenia St.

The closest intersection to the CSUN campus was Nordhoff St. and Reseda Blvd. and that is where two students were volunteering their time to the event.

"With increased criminalization of youth, I feel it's important for them to know their rights," said Yanet Lopez, 23, a first year master's program student in the Chicano/a studies department. "My research focuses on the youth and their education instead of incarceration. I feel like this is a way for me to share my knowledge with them so they can

use in their lives."

Each of the students handed out flyers and engaged in a brief conversation with every person they provided a copy to, informing them of the significance of the day and what they were being given.

"The history of this event has a lot of troubling implications. If we are speaking about the L.A. community in general, it (police brutality) dates back to the L.A. riots and the Rodney King beatings. I think for people of color, it definitely has provided us the opportunity to vocalize to others in our communities who might not be aware of the faults of the police system," said Partida.

They both emphasized that the purpose of being out at the intersection was to inform people of their rights, how to handle themselves in situations involving the police and a brief insight of the history of the

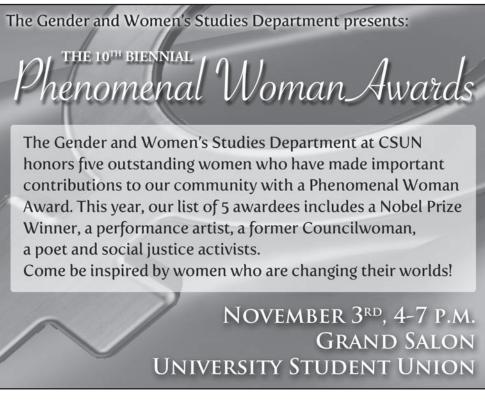
"Idealistically, you would wish that everyone would read the information, but if you can help someone out in a certain situation, just that one person, I feel like that would be the best outcome," said Lopez. "This information can touch someone and they can refer someone else to it as well. That will help them know about their rights and to just start that important conversation."

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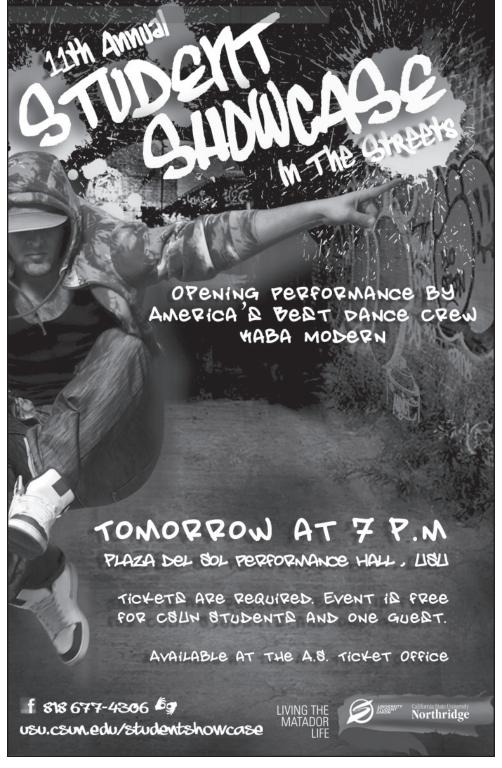
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Who sunk whom on foreign policy?

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resident Barack Obama wants to act as though he has maintained a strong foreign policy in the past four years rather than admit to the horrifying perpetual train wreck it actually has been.

"The world needs a strong America, and it is stronger now than when I came into office," said Obama at the debate between his snarky comments about bayonets and horses and his rather creepy death glare that would have made a child

But are we really stronger today? Mitt Romney correctly pointed out that the size of our Navy is too low. It is certainly fair to suggest that advances in technology means that smaller fleets can do the same job, but that ignores the fact that adequate power projection requires enough ships to cover all corners of the globe. A smaller navy simply cannot be in as many places at once.

Having such a small navy means that losing a single ship is far more costly than with a larger navy. It is the same rationale that supports having more nuclear warheads than necessary to do the job, since there is no guarantee that all the nissiles will strike their targets before exploding. Incidentally, the president has worked to reduce those as well.

Obama also claimed in the debate that our alliances were also stronger than ever, but that is not true.

Consider for a moment the treatment of our allies. For years, Poland stuck its neck out against an increasingly belligerent Russia, in order to install a missile defense system that would have protected Europe against a potential intercontinental missile attack. Obama canceled that program to the dismay of the Polish government. Years of building trust with Poland were flushed down the toilet by that decision and the odds of gaining Poland's cooperation again are low.

A few years later, Obama was caught on microphone telling the Russian president that he would "flexible" when it came to the missile shield after the election.

According to the UK newspaper, the Telegraph, Obama gave away the serial numbers of Britain's trident missiles against their protest while negotiating with the Russians on a pointless nuclear reduction treaty. It is remarkable that an American president would use another nation's security as a bargaining chip when dealing with a political enemy like Russia, but it is even more remarkable that a president would do this to what is supposed to be our closest ally in the world.

The president also wants to pretend that he has been a friend to Israel, but what kind of a friend is he when he demands that Israel negotiates with Palestine on the impossible-to-defend 1967 border? Is there anyone who honestly believes that the president is in a

good relationship with our best ally in the Middle East? The presi-



would have kept a small number of forces in Iraq in order to keep the fledgling democracy stable. Now the situation in Iraq is deteriorating again, as reported by the Washington Post earlier this month. Many Democrats hitched their political futures on a failure in Iraq, but when that didn't happen, it appears they manufactured that failure. Now nearly a decade's worth of fighting, thousands of deaths and billions of dollars are at risk of having been spent

entirely for nothing. Romney didn't manage to put up a strong foreign policy argument and it wasn't particularly surprising. Romney's strength is and continues to be on the domestic end. He spent a majority of the debate agreeing with the president, rarely interrupting and remaining mostly passive.

This was likely strategic. Romney certainly looked more presidential than his opponent. Romney's warm smile contrasted sharply with Obama's constant staring.

It may be true that Obama won the debate in the end since he was much more aggressive than before. The last presidential debate may have been a lost battle for the Republican candidate, but the war isn't over until election day.

 Arman is a concerned warhawk whose current hobby is building his own military to $tic\ domination.\ All\ shall\ bow$ before his might, or else he'll be very sad.





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s the election winds up we were all treated to a resounding and hearty debate on foreign policy. Except of course for the more than 15 minutes that Mitt Romney and Barack Obama devolved into tired talking points on domestic policy. The almost complete lack of moderating skills by Bob Schieffer was sad but at this point can we really expect anything other than a floundering fish gasping for air?

When the foreign policy agenda was on point though, Romney displayed a level of discomfort and inexperience that can only be the result of a complete lack of comfort in the realm of foreign affairs. When you consider his completely bungled foreign tour this past summer it makes complete sense.

Romney's entire tour was marred by missteps and flubs. He belittled the London Olympic Games and was roundly bopped on the head by Britain's conservative Prime Minister David Cameron. He neglected the plight of the Palestinians in a bid to curry favor with Israel. And his general intent for the trip seemed to be steeped in fundraising and glad-handing which Obama pointed out in the debate.

Romney's early responses were also grounded in the absurd idea that his multitude of changing positions weren't up for discussion. Unfortunately for him, he has no solid idea of what he actually believes in. He's never maintained any belief, but his belief in the need to win the presidency that he thinks he deserves. Playing the victim card is their go to defense and it smells strongly of cowardice and bullshit.

Romney is so adept at changing positions that he often does it within the span of a few moments. In his early remarks, he mentioned that though the killing of Osama bin Laden and key leaders in Al Qaeda were great steps forward in the war on terror, we cannot kill our way out of this mess. Moments later Romney explicitly stated that his strategy for handling Islamic extremists is exactly that.

"Well, my strategy is pretty straightforward. which is to go after the bad guys, to make sure we do our very best to interrupt them, to - to kill them, to take them out of the picture." said Romney. It's beyond belief that he is so disconnected from himself.

Obama's biggest point was summed up fairly nicely in his response to Romney's comments on Syria.

"What you just heard Gov. Romney say is he doesn't have different ideas. And that's because we're doing exactly what we should be doing to try to promote a moderate Syrian leadership," said Obama.

Romney has no ideas and no solutions except for the idea that he should be president. He never articulates his stances well and when he tries he ends up falling all over his previous positions on the issues at hand.

Even more apparent after this final debate is the fact that Romney pretty much agrees with most of Obama's foreign policy actions but he thinks he should be the one implementing them instead of the president. Wrapping one's head around that logic is painful and really establishes who deserves to be president and lead our country for the next four years.

Hint. It isn't Mitt Romney.

Nathan, like Mitt Romney, likes bayonets and horses in his warfare. They make it more fun. That's one strike against you Obama.

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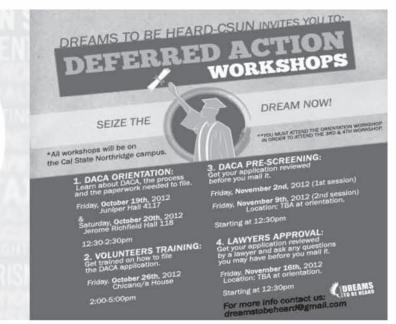
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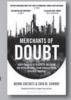


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Third party? We don't need more talking heads

LIBERTARIAN **WITH A BOWTIE**

> **MICHELANGELO** LANDGRAVE



arlier this year, Libertarian party presidential candidate and former New Mexico Gov. Gary Johnson filed suit against the Commission on Presidential Debates for excluding him and other third-party candidates from the debates. Jill Stein, the Green Party candidate, was arrested outside of one of the debates after attempting to enter the debate hall. Needless to say, members of third-parties are enraged that their candidates are not allowed to debate the Democrat or Republican candidates.

Third-party candidates should not be allowed to debate. No consistent libertarian can succeed in electoral politics and it is a fantasy to believe a multiparty system would somehow benefit those who wish to reduce the state.

Libertarianism advocates for the maximum liberty possible. In the case of speech, libertarians are not only in favor of being allowed to speak, say or think whatever one wishes without restriction by the state, but also believe that people have the liberty not to speak. It follows then that no serious libertarian can demand speech from Mitt Romney or Barrack Obama.

Libertarianism also advocates for the full freedom of association. This is why Libertarians, regardless of their moral view on the subject, believe that the state has no role in defining marriage.

I am sad that too many Libertarians forget

this principle of free association when discussing political parties. These Libertarians believe that Republicans and Democrats should be forced to associate with third parties during the debates. Political parties are associations of people with similar political goals; they should not be forced to associate with anyone nor should they be disallowed from associating with others. Johnson should be mocked for trying to use the law to force others to associate with him whilst running as a Libertarian.

Suppose though that the two major parties did want to allow the third parties to join them in the debates. Should we rejoice and see this as the end of the two-party system and the start of a more perfect multiparty system? If you are a Green, then yes, but a Libertarian should be saddened at this.

It is true that this would increase competition between politicians, but we must recall that politicians do not produce anything. They merely redistribute the wealth of others. Competition between politicians then is always about increasing the amount of wealth being redistributed (i.e. increasing taxes) and getting as much

Libertarians are alone in believing that government should not redistribute the wealth of producers. Democrats and Republicans do not debate whether the state should redistribute. but only in how and to whom it should redistribute. If the Greens managed to win seats in Congress, little would change except in where wealth is being redistributed. In fact, we should expect wealth redistribution to increase as the parties compete with one another.

of that to one's constituents.

It is true that libertarian Congressman Ron Paul has had tremendous success in introducing libertarianism to others, but

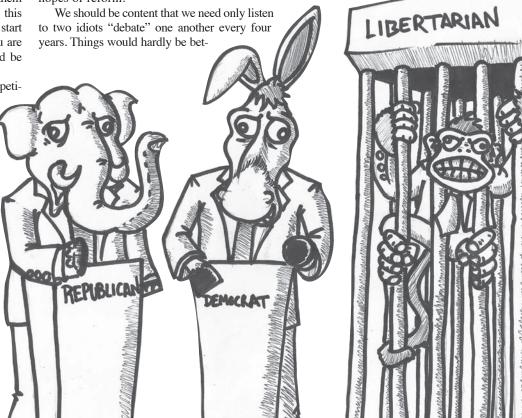
he has had no true success in electoral politics. His "End the Fed" movement has been watered down to "audit the fed." His success has been in education, and it is still up to debate how successful he has been there. It may be that the liberty movement could gain from having another Paul or two in Congress for the purpose of reaching out to people, but it is less clear that much more can be won in electoral battles.

We should abandon electoral politics to pass a grand reform. We should certainly not strive to create a multiparty system in the hopes of reform.

We should be content that we need only listen

ter if we had three or four idiots "debate" instead. The adoption of an elective monarchy should be seriously considered if for no other reason that we might spare ourselves the sound of these idiots to only once or twice in our lifetimes.

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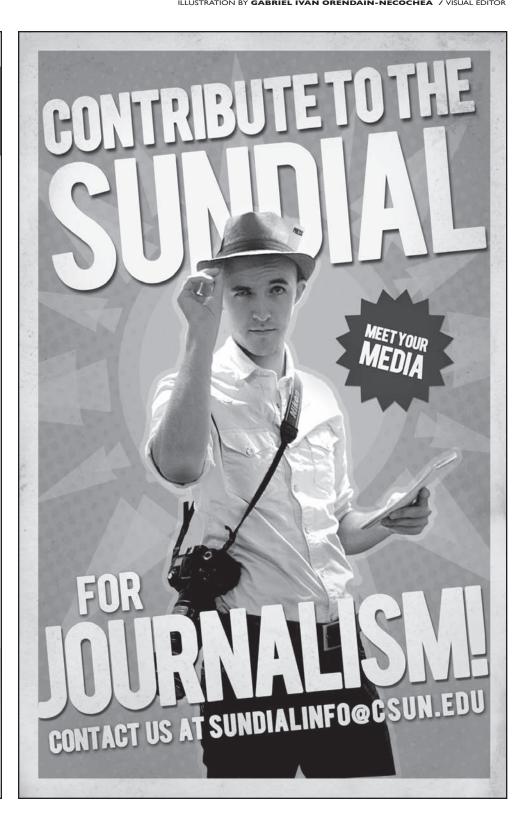




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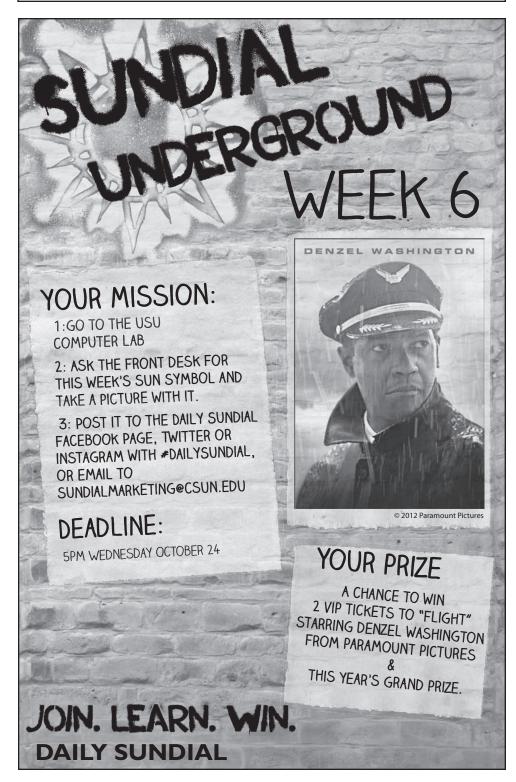
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WOMEN'S SOCCER

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Stork's soaring

Volleyball great now in HOF

JONATHAN ANDRADE SPORTS EDITOR

orthridge women's volleyball head coach Jeff Stork was inducted into the Volleyball Hall of Fame Saturday night.

The city of Holyoke, Mass., hosted the 27th induction class that enshrined Stork and five other volleyball players including: Peter Blange of Netherlands, Georgiy Mondzolevski of Russia, Mauricio Lima of Brazil, Lyudmila Buldakova of Russia and Mike Dodd also of the United States.

"I would like to thank the Volleyball Hall of Fame for honoring me with this induction," Stork said in an excerpt of his acceptance speech reported on TeamUSA. org. "I would also like to thank the city of Holyoke and the Volleyball Hall of Fame for putting on such a wonderful event...Today is certainly a sense of accomplishment and pride in what I did as a volleyball player."

Stork won a gold medal as the starting setter of the 1988 Olympic men's volleyball team and earned a bronze in the 1992 Olympic games. He also competed in the 1996 Olympic games and was named Most Valuable Player in the Italian Serie A in 1993 as the setter for Mediolanum Gonzaga. according to TeamUSA.

The father of three keeps volleyball in the family. His son, Matthew Stork, was a part of the Northridge men's volleyball team and played his senior season in 2012. Stork's other son, Daniel Stork, will be a junior for Big West foe UC Irvine's men's volleyball team.

"I certainly did not get in the sport to be in this position," Stork said in his speech. "I loved the sport. I loved to compete and I played for the love of the game."

Stork is currently in his 11th season as head coach at CSUN and earned Big West Coach of the Year last season.

One for the record books

Jacobo becomes all-time winningest CSUN goalkeeper with 30th win on Senior Day

DAILY SUNDIAL

n a day where goalkeeper Cynthia Jacobo etched her name in the record books forever, the Matadors (8-4-5) played host to the UC Davis Aggies in their last home game of the 2012 regular season, and celebrated their nine graduating seniors by earning a 1-0 victory.

"They changed our program, we've made the Big West tournament every year since they got here, they are a special group," said head coach Keith West about the graduating seniors.

Jacobo, one of those seniors, logged her 30th win in goal, breaking the previous school record. She finished the game with four saves and also recorded the 23rd shutout of her career.

"It feels great, it's also (the teams) wins as well as mine, I feel really proud," Jacobo said.

While it was a team effort, the seniors helped play pivotal roles in securing a Matador victory.

The match was evenly contested in the early going, with neither side able to control the ball or pace of the game. Senior forward Melissa Fernandez, who would be the hero of the game, recorded the first shot on goal during an active Matador possession in the seventh minute.

An outstanding performance by Aggies' sophomore goalkeeper Taylor Jern kept the Matadors off the board early with multiple sliding, diving and jumping saves. The constant pressure against the Aggies' defense and Jern eventually became too much for them to handle.

Fernandez scored her third goal in two games in the ball and found her, she got it

24th minute on an assist by senior forward Marisa Miller. A give and go between Fernandez and Miller resulted in the former hitting a shot in the right box past a diving Jern into the bottom left side of the net. The goal set a career-high for Fernandez with her sixth of the season.

"It was a combination play with Marisa Miller," Fernandez said. "I got the back to me with a perfect ball and it was one-on-one with the keeper."

At the start of the second half, the Matadors came out with the same intensity, but the Aggies came out with a mission of their own. Putting only one shot on goal in the 35th minute during the first half, the Aggies managed to fire off three shots on goal in the second half.

"We just had to pick up

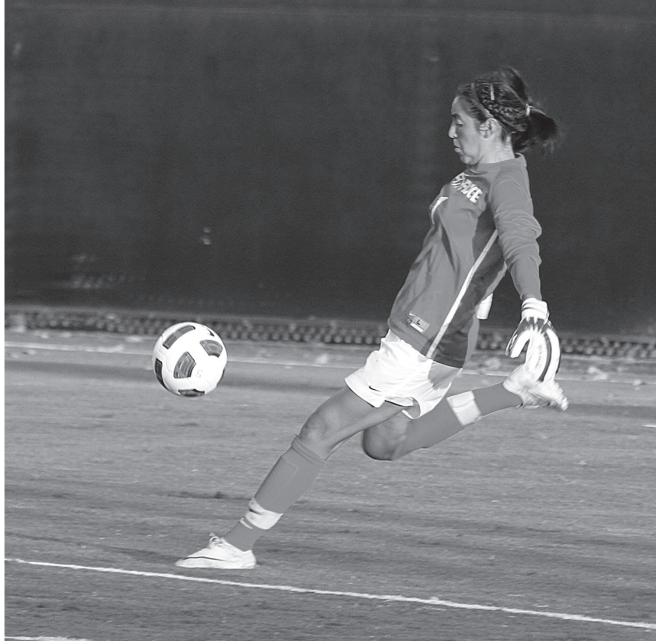
our energy," West said. "I think we let down our guard a little bit, and they came at us a little more than we thought they would."

The Matadors got a scare when a UC Davis shot in the middle of the second half nearly slipped past Jacobo, who had to fully extend on a jump to block the shot, barely reaching it with her

fingertips. Needing a goal to send what they threw at us."

them into overtime, the Aggies kept the pressure on the Matadors. The final minutes were tense as the Matadors struggled to clear the ball, but the Aggies were unable to score.

"They were coming at us a little bit more stronger," Jacobo said. "We were just trying to hold our ground, trying to get that win, keep fighting till the end no matter



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MEN'S SOCCER

SUN clinches return to playoffs

JONATHAN ANDRADE SPORTS EDITOR

orthridge guaranteed itself atleast a second place finish in the Big West South Division with a 2-1 victory over UC Irvine Saturday night.

The playoff birth gives the Matadors (11-5, 5-2 Big West) its first visit to the postseason

After suffering a stumble against Cal State Fullerton on

Oct. 17, CSUN rebounded with an early 1-0 off a Sagi Lev-Ari goal in the 10th minute of Saturday's match in Irvine.

Northridge gave up an equalizer in the 60th minute but the Matadors' Armando Gutierrez responded with his first goal of the year in the 80th minute, putting CSUN ahead for good.

The goal was the senior defender's second of his career and the eventual goal that clinched the southern division.

With three games remaining, Lev-Ari and his conferenceleading 12 goals this year look to stay atop the south heading into the playoffs.

CSUN next closes its road trip with a visit to UC Riverside before finishing the regular season with two home matches against Cal State Fullerton and UC Irvine at Matador Soccer Field.

The three conference foes are a combined 5-15-1 in Big West play. Fullerton is currently second, 8 points out of first place.

Senior Night will take place Nov. 3 with Big West playoffs slated to start Nov. 7.



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