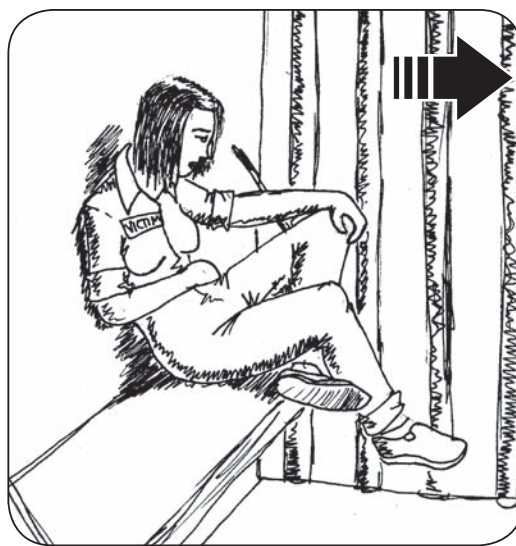


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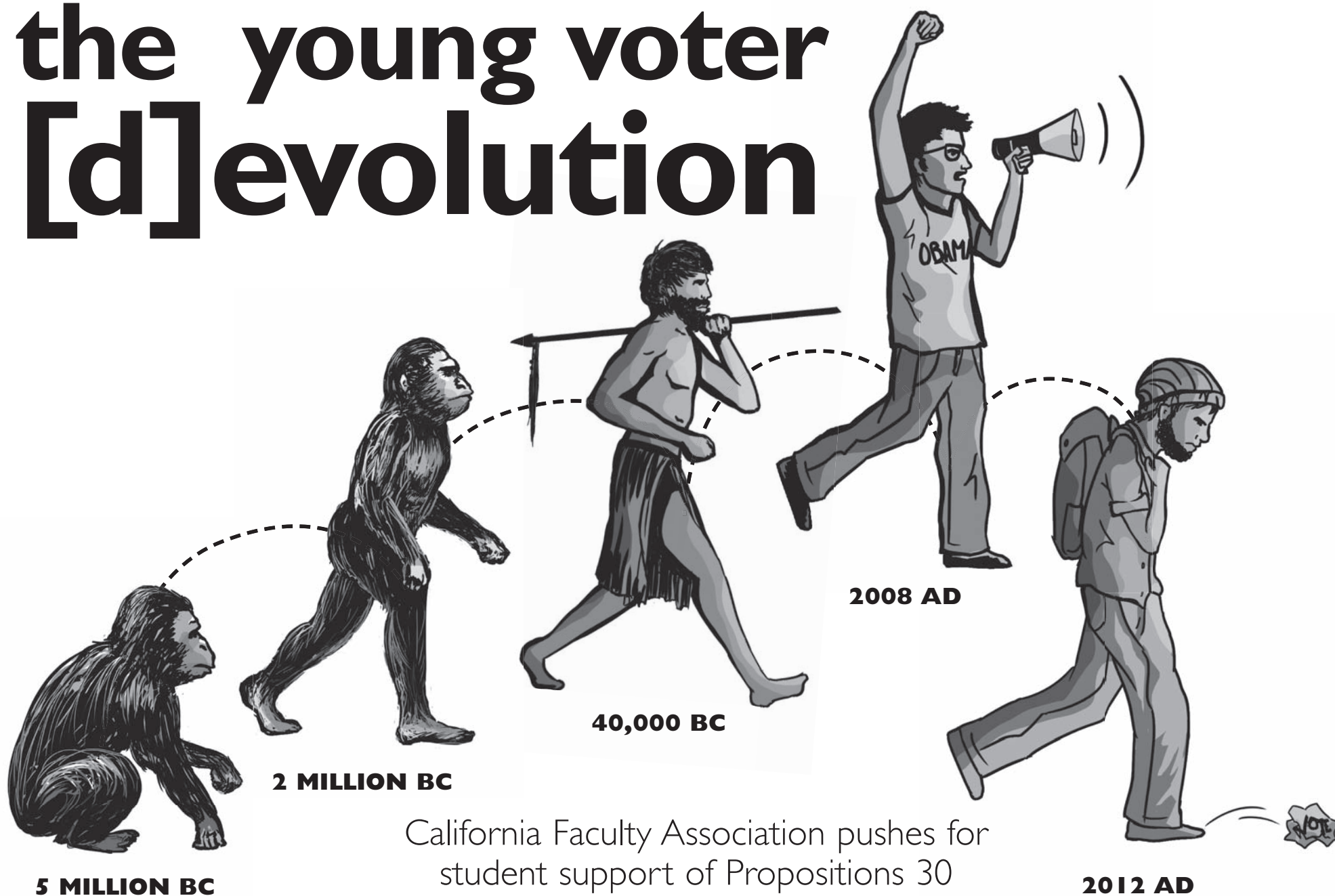


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California Faculty Association pushes for student support of Propositions 30

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With students' enthusiasm for voting this November down from four years ago, the CSUN chapter of the California Faculty Association (CFA) is mobilizing to raise awareness about a critical ballot for higher education, said Theresa Montano, Chicano/a studies professor and CFA member. Proposition 30 is one of the main focuses of the CFA this November, with the CSU-wide group supporting the proposition.

"Public funding has declined consistently, most to a minimal level," Montano said. "Beyond Proposition 30, this ballot is about sending a message to the wealthy and the state. It's time for (the wealthy) to pay their fair share and time to reinvest in public education." If voters pass Proposition 30, the personal income tax of those making more than \$250,000 will increase by 1 to 3 percent based on their income bracket and sales tax will go up one cent for every \$4 Californians spend. The \$6 billion the Legislative Analyst's Office estimates the state would receive in additional tax revenue would go into the K-12 school system

and community colleges. It would also see the CSU system avoid a \$250 million "trigger cut" in funding. "Proposition 30 is the difference between a rebate and an increase in tuition for students. If it doesn't pass, it will devastate our public schools. I'm not sure students are aware," Montano said. The CSU board of trustees voted last month to increase tuition another 5 percent if Proposition 30 fails. If it passes, students will receive a rebate on the 9 percent tuition hike from the 2011-12 academic year. Joining the CFA in support of Proposition 30 is the Students for Quality Education (SQE).

"There hasn't been a positive proposition (for education) like this before — and if it doesn't pass, there won't be one like it again," said Edgar Ramos, 22, art major and SQE member. SQE is also trying to spread awareness about Proposition 30 and Proposition 32 (a measure that restricts using union dues for political contributions, around campus) setting up tables where they pass out fliers and educate students about the upcoming ballot. "Students are not as enthusiastic as four years ago because we're not electing the first African American

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New minor with a Middle Eastern flair

Middle Eastern and Islamic studies minor helps students understand the culture and history of the region

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The Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies minor (MEIS) is being offered for the first time at CSUN this semester due to the program receiving a large grant from the National Endowment for Humanities.

Dr. Nayereh Tohidi, professor of gender and Women's Studies Department, is the founding director, advisor and lead contributor of the grant.

"This new minor is aimed at studying people who make up the majority of the Middle Eastern nation, but also people who are coming from a Muslim tradition who live in other parts of the worlds. That's why we have included both terms in the title," Tohidi said.

The minor can interest students in becoming scholars, journalists, translators, interpreters, diplomats, businesspersons, negotiators and personnel in foreign offices, according to the MEIS website.

The minor became possible when the college of humanities received a \$100,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), which Tohidi lead.

"That was a turning point in making us able to actualize what have been talking about for several years," Tohidi said. "We've been planning this for five years."

The minor took longer than expected to make possible due to several professors involved leaving CSUN. Faculty



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Jo Glazer, history major (center left), responds to a seminar topic on understanding and interpreting Muslim laws and teachings. Medieval Middle East history is one of the new classes offered for the new Meis minor this semester, taught by Professor Rachel Howe (left).

from different departments stepped up to the plate and fulfilled the department's requirements to having a full faculty.

"Now, we have a co-faculty of experts who have made out the faculty committee of MEIS," Tohidi said.

The minor aims for students to understand a cohesive picture of what the Middle East is really about.

"Given how tense the relationship now is between the US and the Middle East and the importance of new immigrant groups in the United States coming from different parts of the Middle East and other parts of the world with an Islamic background, it is a very timely program now for students because we tend to, in America, not to know much

about Muslims and Middle Eastern people. There are a lot of simplistic notions and stereotypes," Tohidi said.

There are a variety of jobs this minor can complement or pursue for students.

"Among the primary beneficiaries of this program are students interested in becoming scholars, journalists, translators, interpreters, diplomats, businesspersons, negotiators and personnel in foreign offices. Some of the courses in the MEIS program satisfy general education requirements or may be used as electives in several majors," according to the MEIS website.

Several students are already enrolled in the program, like Veronica Caro, a junior majoring in cinema and television arts and double minoring in Teach-

ing English as a Second Language and MEIS.

"I've always been interested in the Middle East since I was 15. I have a couple of friends who are Middle Eastern and they introduced me to the culture and I've been interested since then," said Caro, 20.

Caro heard about the minor online when she browsed through the different minors offered at CSUN. She believes it is important to learn about the Middle East because of how poorly the media represents them.

"It's not exactly how it is. It is completely different. We see something different than what is really going on out there. My boyfriend is from Pakistan and he tells me a lot of different things from what we see," Caro said.

She believes the minor will benefit her film major because she plans to do documentaries based on the Middle East culture.

"Since my major is film, I have had this plan to learn about a culture and do a documentary about it. This minor will provide the research. It will benefit me to know what I am getting into and what I am going to be filming," Caro said.

Arnold Alahverdian, 21, is a senior majoring in history and minoring in Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies minor. He is three credits away from finishing the minor.

"It's in the field I am interested in," Alahverdian said. "I also I think it's one

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of those areas that you can never really learn the truth. There is the media. There is everything you hear, stereotypes. And school is the only place where I can learn the truth."

Alahverdian recommends taking History 426 Early Modern Middle East.

"It's a really good class," Alahverdian said. "There are so many things going on. There is so much misinformation in the media."

The Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies minor complements his major in history but that is not the only reason why he is taking this minor.

"It's something I always wanted to learn, and I think everyone should, especially in the modern states. It's really important," Alahverdian said.

Tohidi believes the minor will engage students on the political standpoint from the Middle East. Students will be able to learn about the wars going on in Afghanistan and Iraq from a Middle Eastern point of view.

"There is a talk now perhaps of another war. This time with Iran," Tohidi said. "Students need to understand why we have so much intentional tension with Middle Eastern people. What is the history behind it? What is the politics behind it? What is the economy interest behind it? Is this really all about oil? Or is there something more than that?"

CSU ventures into cyberspace

CSU to launch program in January that will offer students online degree programs

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California State University will be launching a service to house online versions of degree programs currently offered at CSU campuses, providing access to students who were unable to complete their degrees.

A pilot program of Cal State Online will launch in January before launching a bigger program in the fall. CSUN was an initial participant in the online system.

"We have one program involved with Cal State Online," said Kamiran Badrkhan, deputy dean for the Tseng College. "We were one of the first CSU's to be involved with the program. We thought it was a great opportunity."

Cal State Online will be a central unit that handles the outreach, marketing and technological support for all the programs.

"It serves as a central area where we would house the current online offerings as well as any new ones that are developed," said Mike Uhlenkamp, director of media rela-

tions and new media for CSU Public Affairs. "So that the user experience as well as the support for all of these programs is all similar and there is a consistent type of support or technological look."

This will allow students to access different undergraduate and graduate programs from different CSU's to earn a degree without having to physically be there, Uhlenkamp said.

Cal State Online has partnered with Pearson, a technical support company that provides assistance to faculty and students, to implement the technology for the program.

Funding comes from a \$50,000 contribution that each of the 23 CSU campuses made to help launch Cal State Online. Universities that do not offer online programs also made the contribution, said Uhlenkamp.

"The commitment from the campuses is that they all are interested or understand

the need to create online programs," he said. "They are interested in investing in this program so that there is a repository so when funding is available they can create online programs where they can house these programs."

Uhlenkamp said there will

es and have completed at least 80 units, but left the university within the last year or two.

Out-of-state students will also be able to enroll in these online programs, Uhlenkamp said.

Participation in Cal State Online is optional for the near-

ly 60 undergraduate and graduate online degrees.

Programs that are currently available, and any future programs that will be developed by the universities, will decide if there is a benefit in participating in the services offered, according to Uhlenkamp.

"The benefit is that there would be technical support, customer support, and different options in terms of technology that will help students that are not currently available in some of the programs," Uhlenkamp said.

CSUN, which offers online degree programs through the Tseng College, has committed

on programs to participate in Cal State Online.

Badrkhan said that their degree completion program will be participating in Cal State Online but as of now there no plans for their master's degree programs to be involved.

"We decided to get involved because it's a wider net for advertising," said Badrkhan. "It merges the entire CSU system to give more opportunities for students."

The cost for enrolling in programs offered through Cal State Online is still being calculated. The program will receive no state subsidizing, meaning that the amount that is paid for tuition will cover the complete cost of instruction.

Students, however, will be able to receive financial aid to help cover tuition costs.

The cost of tuition will be on a per-unit basis and is being planned to be less than what for-profit online universities such as the University of Phoenix charge, said Uhlenkamp.

Information on the how much the revenue, tuition and the cost to have Cal State Online running is still being calculated and will be discussed at the Nov. 13 and 14 board of trustees meeting.

"The benefit is that there would be technical support, customer support, different options in terms of technology that will help students that are not currently available in some of the programs."

-Michael Uhlenkamp

director of media relations and new media for CSU Public Affairs

be two fully online programs will be offered: The "Reconnect" program, a bachelor's degree completion for students who stopped attending CSU schools and cannot physically make it to a campus, and a master's degree program.

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president,” Ramos said.

Both Ramos and Montano are confident that students will get more involved as the November election approaches.

“Students made the election in 2008, and I hope they realize how important it is to register and get out to vote,” Montano said.

The argument against Proposition 30 is that the taxes raised on the rich will drive corporations out of the state, thus hurting job creation. The Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association (HJTA) says that Proposition 30 will hurt college students in the long run by making it harder for them to find jobs.

“When people have jobs, you grow the base of taxpayers, which will bring in more tax money,” Eric Eisenhammer, the director of grassroots operations at HJTA, said.

“We don’t need to raise taxes, we need job creation and real reform,” he said.

Real reform would be to cut wasteful spending and put that saved money into education as opposed to raising taxes for it, Eisenhammer said.

“When we win (with Proposition 30), and I’m

confident we will, things won’t get better unless we exercise our vote. That means we hold our elected officials accountable and stay involved when we don’t have an election year,” Montano said.

As the election nears, the CFA will be doing more to educate and register students for the ballot and election, Montano said.

While Montano and Ramos think Proposition 30 is a good thing for education in California, they agree that a hold on tuition hikes for the moment does not erase the past 10 years when CSU students have seen their tuition go from \$1,428 to \$5,472 a year, according to the CSU website.

“Proposition 30 is not the answer to all of our problems,” Ramos said. “But it is a stepping stone to improving education.”

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From Istanbul with peace

Turkish author addresses mainstream media coverage of Middle East

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Mustafa Akyol shared his ideas of Islam’s strengths and challenges, and solutions on how to deal with those challenges and move toward worldwide acceptance, with CSUN students and faculty Monday.

Akyol, a Turkish political commentator and author, spoke about the importance of remaining peaceful and non-violent when demonstrating religious beliefs.

He gave a preview of his new book, “Islam Without Extremes: A Muslim Case of Liberty,” which was published last year. His writings have been in publications like the New York Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal and Newsweek.

His lecture focused on the negative effects of viewing cultures around the world through the lens of the media. He added this problem is due to the media’s heavy focus on the most shocking occurrences.

He used the example of Americans who relate all Muslims to violent behavior and how the Turkish media viewed Americans around the attacks on 9/11.

“In Turkey, we see the most shocking elements of the U.S.



Mustafa Akyol, a Turkish author and political commentator, spoke to students and faculty at the U.S.U Grand Salon on Monday. He called for a more rational response to the media's perceived attacking of the religion and politics of Islam.

like headlines of Christians burning the Quran,” Akyol said. “But this burning was only one Christian leader in Florida.”

Akyol urged the audience to go beyond shocking media images and “go into the civilizations that are alien to us.”

Regarding the controversial video, “The Innocence of Muslims,” he referred to the attacks on the U.S. Ambassador in Benghazi as one of the violent acts of some Muslims.

“Even though we now know this attack was planned, the film was still used to justify the attacks,” Akyol said. “So what is the right response?”

Akyol used examples of how other countries reacted to

the video, specifically Turkish people, who peacefully roamed the streets with signs of writings from the Quran. He also mentioned the Muslims in England who peacefully passed out pamphlets of teachings of Islam as a reaction to the film.

“Nothing in the Quran says to attack the mockery of religion,” Akyol said. “It only says, ‘Do not sit with those people unless they engage in a different discourse,’ or do not talk to those people.”

During a question-and-answer session with the audience, one student said he felt peaceful demonstrations do not help how outsiders view him as a Muslim. The student asked Akyol how he could handle

others’ views of him as violent when he would “never hurt anyone because of religion.”

“Yes, violence can be media savvy, but we need more meticulous and long-term efforts for Islam,” Akyol responded. “Civilized and peaceful ways are the best ways to present our religion.”

Michelle Martell, 18, came to the lecture with her Introduction to Religious Studies class and said she found Akyol’s presentation interesting and informative.

“I don’t know very much about other religions and opposition,” said Martell, a sophomore, major undecided. “The topic is something that is going on now and something we face day-to-day.”

Another student felt Akyol did a great job of educating the audience.

Yazmin Alalli, a freshman accounting major, felt the lecture served the purpose of educating those who may not know enough about Islam and Muslims.

“It was nice to have someone who can open people’s minds to show exactly what a Muslim is supposed to be rather than just how a lot of people act,” said Alalli, 24. “I think he was a good choice of who to choose to speak to talk about these situations.”

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Stop blaming the victims of sexual assault

Men need to take responsibility and lead the movement to stop rape and sexual violence against women

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Why did this happen? What did I do to deserve this? What am I going to tell my parents?

These are some of the many possible questions that go through the mind of a sexual assault victim in the moments after the assault or rape. Yet, we rarely expect to think that the victim might ask, "How can I bring my attacker to justice?"

One reason could be because our culture blames the victims of sexual violence and leaves the consequences to the victims, instead of to the attacker.

Men are the main perpetrators of sexual violence – on both women and other men – and should take the lead by educating men to end rape and sexual violence.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Justice statistics, 99 percent of rapists are male. Fifty-four percent of rapes and sexual assault cases go unreported and 97 percent of attackers will never spend a night in jail, according to the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN). Some of this can be attributed to certain issues in the legal system, but those issues are only an extension of a culture that reinforces apathy over sexual assault.

In what has now been one of the most widely publicized sexual assault cases, 16-year-old Savannah Deitrich from Louisville, Ky., was sexually assaulted at a party by two teenage boys and then tweeted the names of her two attackers after they

received a plea deal – which, according to "Anderson Cooper 360," the Dietrich family did not agree to.

Dietrich was subsequently threatened with 180 days in jail for contempt after the judge in the case had advised her to stay silent on the matter. This would be more jail time than either attacker would ever receive; the two were given 50 hours of volunteer work and ordered to finish a diversion program in order to have their criminal record expunged, according to CNN. After an Internet firestorm, the charges against Dietrich were dropped and the Louisville Courier-Journal sued the court to have the sealed records made public.

What this case illustrates is a justice system that is still rooted heavily in misogyny and patriarchy, in which a victim of sexual assault would receive more jail time for confronting her attackers than the two boys would for having committed the crime.

This is something so mind-boggling I sometimes wonder if we are living in 2012 or the 1950s. Rape-prevention efforts across the nation have also seemingly written out the attacker as the one to blame and made it the responsibility of sexual assault victims to not get attacked. Many common phrases heard in prevention efforts sound something similar to this: "Don't wear a short skirt because it makes you an easy target."

For example in January 2011, a Toronto police officer said that "Women should stop dressing like sluts in order to not be victimized." Not only was this highly offensive for an officer of the law to say, it

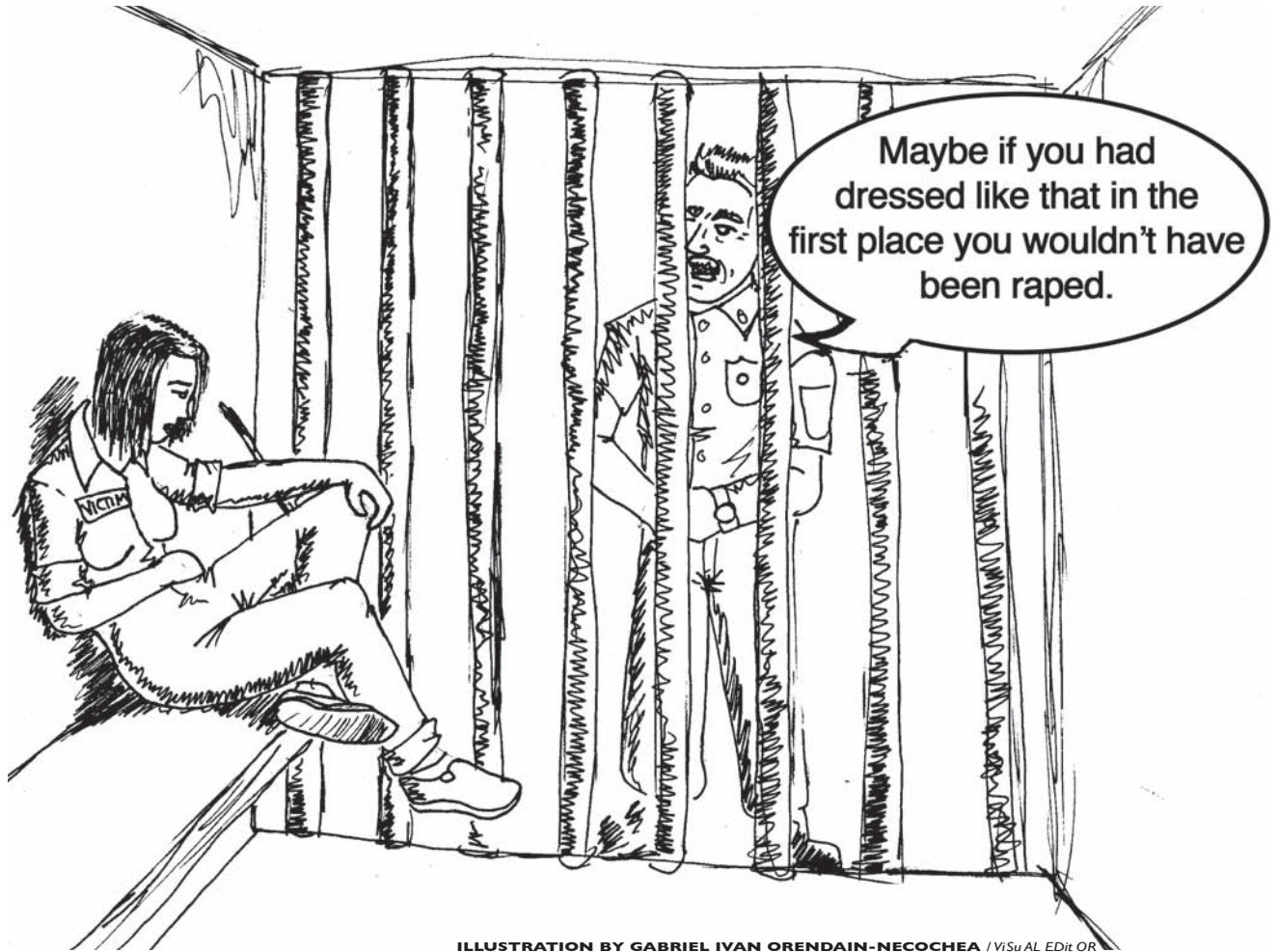


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completely misses the point that rape is not about sex, it is about power. It is for that reason that men rape other men in prison, and sexual abuse is used as a tool of war in developing countries.

It is time to end the culture of slut-shaming, selective blindness and outright misogyny that has saturated our culture and made women across the world live in fear of being attacked, or even worse, be unable to come forward with the story of their attacks in fear of being blamed for their rape.

In the 21st century, this is entirely unacceptable and is a

testament to how far we still have to go in ending the scourge of sexual violence that plagues our society today.

Victims of rape have in the past been some of the only voices advocating against rape – women protecting other women – but it is time for men to step up to the plate.

Men need to be strong advocates against sexual assault by telling each other that rape is never acceptable under any circumstances.

It's really just common sense. I wonder whatever happened to that.

Gay men should not have to prove their masculinity

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Throughout my young life, one of my worst fears was to lose my status as a man.

This paranoia was primarily due to my sexual orientation. Growing up, I had learned that there was a distinction between men and "gays." A gay male was the antithesis of a man, and this anxiety had crawled into my mind when I was in my preteens, clawing at my self-esteem for years to come.

A conservative Latino/a culture that nurtured me had also taught me that men were superior to women. This wasn't blatantly stated, but the message was clear because women were to cook for us, wash our clothes and submit themselves in many other ways.

If a male was attracted to another male, then this

meant that there would not be woman to submit to him; instead, he would be submitting himself to another man. A gay man was thought to be assuming the role of a woman and so lost his right to call himself a man.

"LGBTQ people hesitate to come out of the closet due to fear of rejection. But men, specifically, have the added pressure of society emasculating them," said Diego Flores, a peer mentor at the CSUN Pride Center.

A few years ago, I left my home and traveled to Maryland, where I was stationed on Fort Meade for a year as part of my duty to the Army.

As much as I enjoyed the experience, I was still plagued by the fear of being stripped of my manhood.

This was a whole new world, almost literally a world with no color. It seemed like everything was either gray, brown, or variations of green. For someone who bleeds the rainbow, it

was very hard to blend in, especially during the tyranny of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" (DADT).

A few weeks after my arrival, rumors began to spread. I directly received passive aggressive comments about the way I dressed, which wasn't really that "flamboyant" by Southern California's standards, talked, or even about my facial structure.

I hated myself. I finally broke down. I asked myself why I couldn't be more masculine and why I was such a girl. Why couldn't I at least hide it better?

Thankfully, I found a great group of people that not only accepted, but also embraced my personality and all I had to offer. Still, it took awhile for me to hurdle over my self-deprecating mindset. I even went through a short rebellious phase in which I behaved as effeminate as I could as a way of saying, "Screw you,

society!"

And after reflecting on this phase, I have realized why many gay men out there are as effeminate as they are.

Some queer theorists suggest that this behavior is a form of rebellion against societal norms, as well as an expression of self-identity. This is usually associated with those that are repressed the most. This, of course, is just a theory, and there's no exact way to determine the reason behind an individual's gender expression.

All gender expressions should be celebrated regardless of the physical sex of the person they belong to. This tug of war that has been going on between the two main gender identities, is causing us to marginalize those who fall somewhere in between or outside that binary.

Whatever the case may be, I am now proud of possessing both masculine and feminine traits.

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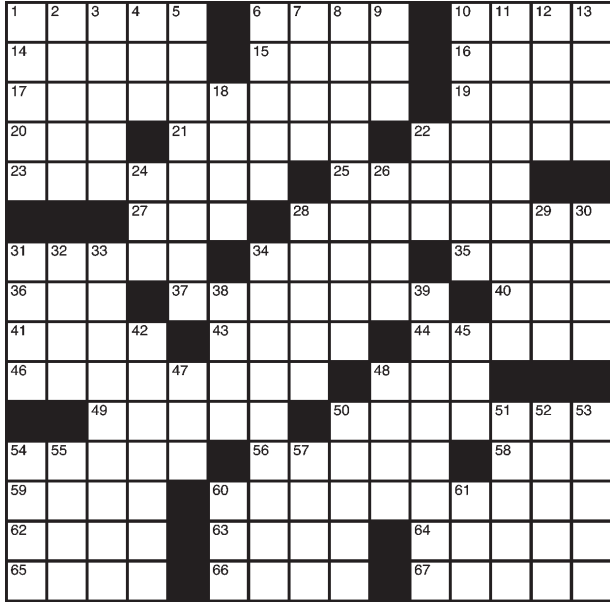
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ACROSS

- 1 Well-constructed
- 6 Formal agreement
- 10 Carried a balance
- 14 Boxing venue
- 15 Turkish honorific
- 16 Kolkata cover-up
- 17 2003 horse movie that won Best Picture
- 19 Early 11th-century date
- 20 Bunny gait
- 21 Important bee
- 22 Runs easily
- 23 Throw for a loop
- 25 ___ acid
- 27 Suffix with neat or beat
- 28 One who's not on the honor roll
- 31 Tee off
- 34 Gets moving
- 35 Stick around
- 36 Pal of Piglet
- 37 Stress, as a key point
- 40 DSL offerer
- 41 Banjo ridge
- 43 WWII females
- 44 Like Stallone's persona
- 46 "Yes, ma'am," in Madrid
- 48 "Fresh Air" airer
- 49 Colgate rival
- 50 Bench or Berra
- 54 Manager who managed the Mets, Braves, Cardinals, Yankees and Dodgers
- 56 '70s sitcom family name
- 58 Firefighter's tool
- 59 Antioxidant berry in fruit juices
- 60 Primer sentence
- 62 Idle
- 63 Cologne that sounds forbidden
- 64 Sidestep
- 65 About 5.88 trillion mi.
- 66 Comical Laurel
- 67 Uses a stopwatch for



By Kevin Christian

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Monday's Puzzle Solved

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DOWN

- 1 Malia Obama's sister
- 2 Black-and-white treats
- 3 Jumped
- 4 Having five sharps, musically
- 5 Rum cocktail
- 6 Walked around the waiting room
- 7 Fluish feeling
- 8 Waters near Hong Kong and Shanghai
- 9 One might have "Mom" in a heart, briefly
- 10 Utah singing family name
- 11 Woo like Cyrano
- 12 New York's ___ Canal
- 13 Parts of depts.
- 18 Done for
- 22 Lucy of "Kill Bill"
- 24 Small number
- 26 ___ Helens, Wash.
- 28 About, chronologically
- 29 "A bit of talcum/ls always walcum" poet
- 30 Proofreader's pickup
- 31 Fido's greetings
- 32 "Me neither"
- 33 Flips out
- 34 Chest pulsation
- 38 "Terrible" age
- 39 Uncontested, like some hockey goals
- 42 Jack Russell or wirehair
- 45 Rainbow shape
- 47 Word before a maiden name
- 48 Zilch
- 50 Like some Louisiana fare
- 51 ___-scarum
- 52 Radiate
- 53 Auberjonois and Russo
- 54 Hard to believe, as a tale
- 55 One ___: kids' ball game
- 57 Singer McEntire
- 60 Rds.
- 61 Actor Wallach

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2	9	4	3	7	1	6	8	5
8	5	1	9	4	6	2	7	3

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COLUMN

Top teams in East and West

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ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Los Angeles Lakers

Coming off back-to-back seasons where they combined for a single win in the second round of the playoffs, the Lakers quickly adapted by filling up the glaring holes in their starting lineup. Bringing in Steve Nash and Dwight Howard gives the Lakers an unprecedented edge over every team in the Western Conference — both on offense and defense. When Nash was on the court last season, the vast majority of Suns' players saw a 6-9 boost in their field goal percentage. Howard, who has threeprepeated the Defensive Player of the Year award, led a Magic defense that held their opponents to under 95 points per game four of the past five years.

Oklahoma City Thunder

Despite losing the finals last year to Miami, Oklahoma's young nucleus of Kevin Durant, Russell Westbrook and Serge Ibaka, who have an average age of 23, can only get better as time goes on. Though the Thunder recently lost James Harden in a trade that sent him to Houston for Kevin Martin, the offseason improvements to Durant and Westbrook, along with Martin's added scoring, should be enough to compensate for his loss. OKC is clearly the de facto team of the future, but if they hope to be the team to beat now, Westbrook is going to have to learn to be a pass-first player and Durant needs to improve his defense.

Denver Nuggets

The NBA's highest scoring team got a huge defensive boost this offseason. Iguodala, a veteran small forward, is a versatile player. His best characteristic, though, is his ability to lockdown nearly any perimeter player. Iguodala held opposing small forwards to just 5.9 PER per game, by far the lowest in the league. The Nuggets' well-balanced and deep roster, with improvements to youngsters Ty Lawson and JaVale McGee, should land them the three seed as the aging Spurs gradually decline.

Eastern Conference:

Miami Heat

No-brainer here. Not only did the Heat stomp everyone in the East last year (don't be fooled by the seven game series against Boston, Bosh missed four games), they also improved this offseason. The additions of sharpshooters Ray Allen and Rashard Lewis, who reunite after a five-year absence of being teammates on the now-defunct Sonics, give them two reliable threats from downtown. With league MVP LeBron James and Dwyane Wade attacking the paint at will forcing double teams, Allen and Lewis will get all the open looks they want.

Boston Celtics

Boston's aging core barely showed any signs of

decline last season as both Paul Pierce and Kevin Garnett posted similar PERs to their 2010-11 campaigns. Despite this, the Celtics revamped their bench by injecting it with youth (ignoring Jason Terry, who'll make an adequate replacement for Ray Allen). The returns of Jeff Green and Avery Bradley, along with the additions of Courtney Lee and rookies Fab Melo and Jared Sullinger, will compliment the stellar play of All-Star point guard Rajon Rondo. Boston's medley of veterans and youth is enough for a two seed.

Brooklyn Nets

The Nets will be the most surprising team this season. The addition of Gerald Wallace late last year and the offseason acquiring of Joe Johnson, along with the return of injured young center Brook Lopez, make the Nets one of the most well-rounded teams in the league. Savvy point guard Deron Williams, who averages 9.2 assists per game for his career, has new favorable targets to dish the rock to. If the Nets' star power jells well, they'll hold off challengers and lock up the three seed.

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Western Conference:

Oklahoma City Thunder

The Thunder made it to the Finals last season but were defeated by the Miami Heat. They're a young team with playoff experience, which gives them the edge over other teams in the Western Conference entering this season. Kevin Durant is arguably the second best player behind final's MVP LeBron James but KD must make the next step to become champion by playing more aggressive and being a better leader on and off the court.

LA Lakers

They lost to the Thunder in the second round of the playoffs, but they've revamped their team this year by acquiring Steve Nash and Dwight Howard. The Lakers have filled the two glaring weaknesses on their team and now they must rely on the bench to help this team get back to the Finals. Howard has to maximize his full potential for this team to compete against the Thunder and Heat. Kobe Bryant is at the end of his career, so he will play with all the heart and

determination he has to make sure this team does not become underachievers.

San Antonio Spurs

The Spurs lost to the Thunder in the Western Conference Finals and will be back in the race to compete for a chance at the finals. In their conference, the Spurs have finished in first place the last two years without reaching the finals. The Spurs have aging players, which will cause the team problems later in the year. They're better than the rest of the teams in the conference because of their experience but this veteran team needs help from their youth if they want to defeat the Lakers and Thunder.

Eastern Conference:

Miami Heat

Finally, the Heat delivered by winning the NBA Finals but they have a new challenge to accomplish. Their mission is to become a dynasty like the Chicago Bulls, Lakers and Boston Celtics have in past decades. James earned his first title and had his best season statistically in the NBA. Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh made many significant plays to keep the Heat from falling apart during last season. It is up to new acquisitions, Ray Allen and Rashard Lewis to make the bench stronger than ever. As long as the big three can stay healthy, they will be able to get back to the finals for a third straight appearance.

Boston Celtics

Boston lost to the Heat in the Eastern Conference Finals and lost Ray Allen to their rivals during free agency. Their aging players drew doubts from critics that didn't believe they could make it as far as they did in the playoffs. Veterans Kevin Garnett and Paul Pierce must stay healthy in order to make a run at the playoffs again this year. Even though Rajon Rondo has been a great point guard for the team, he will have to provide more for the offense by creating more shots for himself. Players like Leandro Barbosa, Jeff Green, Jared Sullinger and Jason Terry must provide life coming off the bench to keep this veteran team in good condition.

New York Knicks

For the last two seasons, the Knicks have been disappointing, getting booted out of the playoffs in the first round. Jason Kidd will provide the stability this team needs to play better during the season. His leadership will have a positive influence on the team. Carmelo Anthony and Amare Stoudemire have not been able to coexist on the court because both players can only operate when the ball is in their hands. They must learn to move without the ball and become leaders, as well. Carmelo is outstanding on offense but he lacks integrity on defense. If he does not maximize his full potential, his legacy will be similar to Tracy McGrady, who wasn't able to catapult to superstar status.

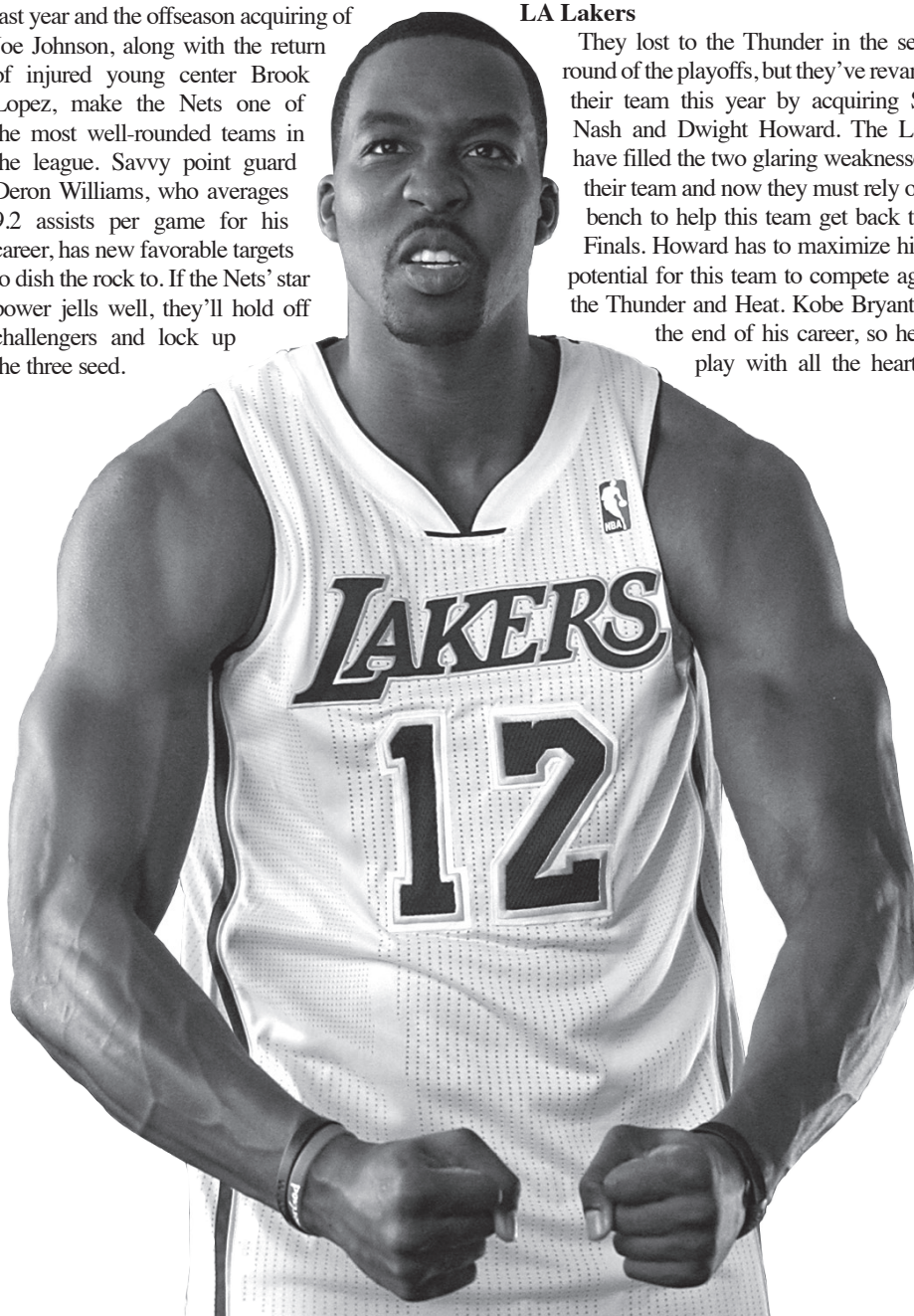


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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Upset win sets playoff date for CSUN

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With a 1-0 double-overtime victory at Long Beach State, the Matadors clinched a Big West Conference playoff berth for the fourth straight year.

With Sunday's victory over the 49ers (12-7-0 overall, 5-4-0 Big West), the Matadors (9-4-6 overall, 6-1-2 Big West) sewed up the second seed, and will face Cal Poly on Thursday in Irvine.

Both sides were fighting

for one of four playoff spots — the 49ers were the preseason favorites to win the conference but never met their potential. The 49ers beat the Matadors in the opening round of playoffs last season on their way to the 2011 Big West title, their second title in a row.

The 49ers will not be seeing the postseason this year after facing a Matador's defense and offense that seemed to take control of the game right from the beginning. Senior forward Melissa Fernandez, who has been on her own offensive tear, put the first shot on goal less than a minute into

the game on a header, though it was narrowly saved by 49er redshirt freshman goalie Marina Meyers.

The Matadors had their next chance on freshman midfielder Taylor Hobson's shot, but it was again saved by Meyers in goal. Hobson was trigger-happy throughout the game, as she tied for the team lead in shots on the day but she eventually came through and buried the game winner in the second overtime.

Fouls were aplenty in the match, with two yellow cards given to the Matadors and one to the 49ers.

After taking just only two corner kicks throughout the match, the third time proved to be the charm for CSUN. The corner kick, coming from sophomore defender Leandra Walker, set up a chain of rapid shots in succession that were too much for Meyers to handle.

Senior defender Nicole Cruz received the ball on the corner kick from Walker and her shot on goal was deflected off Meyers into the waiting foot of Hobson who promptly put it in the back of the open net, setting off a celebration for the Matadors.

Newly minted career wins leader senior goalie Cynthia Jacobo padded her totals with another win and shutout, putting her at 32 wins and 25 shutouts for her career. With Northridge's top of the line defense in front of her, Jacobo had one of her easier days in goal as the 49ers managed only one shot on goal.

In regular-season play, Jacobo has a .51 goals against average, which would place her first all time in the Big West Conference record book, her nine shutouts on the season put her tied for ninth in that category.

MEN'S SOCCER

CSUN clinched the Big West Conference South Division with its 2-1 win over UC Riverside Saturday night. Northridge will play the first round of playoffs on Nov. 7