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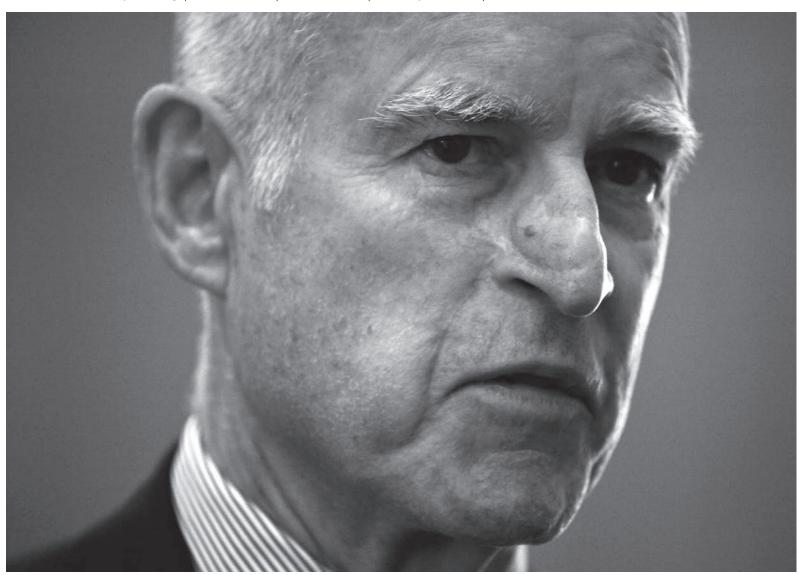


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Gov. Jerry brown attended the CSU board of trustees meeting on no v. 13.

CSU postpones decision

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SU Board Chair Bob Linscheid announced Tuesday that three proposed

notice.

"After the testimony of a number of folks, including students, and the outcome of the election of Proposition 30 I thought it was in the best interest of the body to remove that from the agenda

tuition fees will be delayed until further

today to study it further," he said.

Gov. Jerry Brown attended the morning session of the CSU and congratulated the crowd on the passage of Proposition 30. However, he remarked that the road ahead may be challenging.

"We have a vote of confidence," he said. "Let's measure up to the expectation of the voters. (The) taxpayers got out of their comfort zone, we have to follow suit."

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> — Jerry Brown Governor of California

unit over a 16-unit semester course load, a "graduation incentive" fee, which would add \$372 per unit beyond 150 in a student's college career, and a "course repeat" fee that would tag on \$100 per unit for repeated courses.

In an interview after the morning session concluded, Brown said he will be asking the public to make sacrifices to reinvest in education, however he would not comment on what students can expect.

"We need to share the burden, but according to the ability different people

have," he said. "Those with the biggest belts have to tuck them in first."

He refused to share his view of the proposed fees and said he still needs to "take a look at it."

"We got it delayed," he said. "We'll take it one at a time."

Students for Quality Education held a rally outside of the chancellor's office in the afternoon. Protesters held signs and led chants against raised tuition and the high cost of education.

Miguel Garcia, a student organizer

from SQE at CSU San Bernardino, said the news was good but there is more work to do.

"It's a good thing that it's stopped for now but we're still going," he said. "Hopefully (the board) will get rid of it altogether and come back with real solutions."

He was also surprised that the governor made an appearance, as it is rare.

"For him to come out is pretty cool," he said. "If he's coming I guess it means we did something right."

Other highlights from the meeting

A report on proposed Title V amendments was also presented to the board. These would eliminate certain unit requirements in an effort to reduce the amount of credits needed for students to complete their bachelor's degrees.

The "minimum" of units-per-degree was decreased from 124 to 120 in the 2000-2001 year. However, in an effort

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Student group talks Prop 30

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reg Lewis, a sociology major at CSU Dominguez Hills, only has to complete 18 units to get his degree. He said he could probably get it done in one semester and even though it would be a lot more work, he would be that much closer to the workforce and fulfilling his goals.

The new fees being considered by the CSU were originally going to be voted on today but the decision was postponed. If passed, they may complicate Lewis' graduation plan.

One of three proposed tuition fees, called the "third-tier" fee, would penalize students taking more than 16 units by charging an extra \$200 per unit.

Although the CSU has described the fee as creating opportunities for more students to get classes, Lewis points to his own example and disagrees. He said he has two choices: pay \$400 more now to graduate faster, or enroll an additional

It is a balancing act he feels is unacceptable.

"These fees are punishing and driving students away instead of helping them graduate," he said.

Lewis related his experience during a press teleconference Monday held by Students for Quality Education.

The CSU board has proposed three fees to modify student behavior and encourage a faster route to graduation. Beyond the third-tier fee, a "graduation incentive" fee would add \$372 per unit beyond 150 and a "course repeat" fee that would tack on \$100 per unit for any repeated courses.

These fees were introduced at the CSU's September meet-

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Tide of activism ebbs, flows on campus

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or 10 days CSUN student activists went without food, only consuming water, fruit and vegetable juice three times a day waiting for a list of demands to be met.

Inspired by the Occupy Wall Street movement, another group of students set up tents on the lawn in front of the Oviatt Library to educate the campus on the political process, national wealth inequality and corporatism.

These are just two of the ways that student activism took form in the past year at CSUN. But the university has a legacy of activism and, at times, political turmoil going as far back as the '60s.

Before June 1972, when CSUN was still known as San Fernando Valley State College in the '60s and '70s, students held large protests, rallies and acts of civil disobedience. It was primarily African-American students in the Black Student Union that lead and took over the administration building protesting for an increase in minority enrollment and staff on campus among other issues.

It was those students' efforts that lead to an increase in the number of minorities enrolled and the creation of the Pan-



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a ndrew Laleian, freshman biology major, participates in o ccupy cs UN last semester.

African and Chicano/a studies departments.

"The activism was really great but it was something that you smelled in the air, not only saw it physically but you felt it—change," said David Rodriguez, Chicano/a studies professor who was a CSUN student in 1971.

Although that rebellious spirit has drastically reduced, many groups and students are still active on campus.

Students for Quality Education (SQE) organized the liquids-only hunger strike in May with four CSUN students, collaborating with eight surrounding California State University students. The students went 10 days without solid food waiting for a list of demands to be met by the board of trustees.

The demands included a five-year moratorium on tuition, reverting salaries to 1999 levels to proportionally match with current CSU funding levels, eliminating the chancellor and presidents' perks, such as housing and car allowances, and extending free speech zones on campuses.

Occupy CSUN took a different course of action by setting up tents on campus. Activists engaged students on educational and political issues in hopes of spreading awareness and to get students engaged in the political process.

"A lot of students became aware and empowered by it because they started realizing wait, things are wrong and they need to be fixed," said Sarah Garcia, 19, hunger striker, junior deaf studies major and education senator for Associated Students.

Occupy CSUN activists consider it a success to have gotten younger people involved and interested in the political process.

"There are neighborhood council elections going on this year and there were at least a dozen candidates organized throughout the valley on a unified slate across eight elections, and that was put together by Occupy CSUN activists," said Jeff Woodruff, 34, senior history major who was part of Occupy CSUN.

Students also said the commuter nature of the campus was one reason why they did not know about the activist efforts.

"For me, if it's not from parking lot B2 to Sierra Hall and the quad, I won't know about it. I'll be completely ignorant, so I get that--because we all have stuff to do," Woodruff said.

For professor Rodriguez it was not much of a surprise to hear that students on campus are not aware or don't support student activism. That also happened in the Valley

State days, he said.

"In the '60s and '70s although it was obviously in your face some people still denied it or marginalized it. Especially in the majority of the population that was white, middle class privileged students. Not all of them embraced the activism here," Rodriguez said.

Rodolfo Acuna, professor emeritus and founding chair of the Chicano/a studies department, described the current state of student activism on campus as terrible.

According to Acuna it's not that students don't care about the issues, instead it's a lack of information.

"They care, they just don't know about (the issues)," Acuna said. "If they were better informed on what's affecting them (they'd be more involved)....why do you have the occupy Wall Street movement? Because people can't get jobs. Why did people protest the Vietnam War? Because it was affecting them. So it has to affect them."

If student activist want to get the student body more involved in activism they have to politicize them, according to Acuna.

"Get out and politicize them," Acuna said. "There's a reason why you see so many Latinos out in demonstrations. It's because we helped to politicize them."

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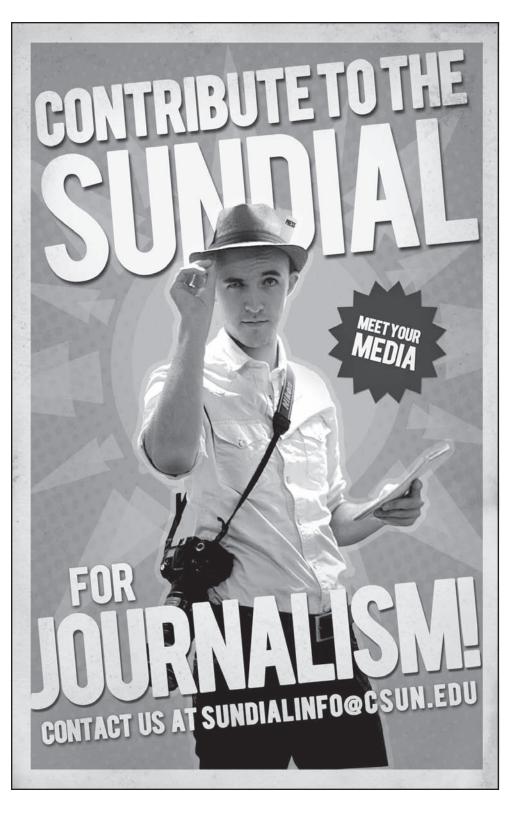


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to encourage graduation, a new "maximum" would be introduced, that would cap the needed units to most bachelor's degrees at 120.

In the proposal, a number of degrees - including architecture, landscape architecture, fine arts and music degrees - would be exempt from the required maximum, and campuses may request exceptions on a case by case basis.

CSUN President Dianne Harrison commented in favor of the change, stating that eliminating excess units would make space for at least 400 more students per year.

"For me, because the proposed changes reduce the cost for students, make additional financial aid funds available to more students and increases access for incoming students, I support this proposed change and I hope the board members will also," said Harrison.

Board members will vote on the proposal at their January meeting.

Also at the meeting, a tentative collective bargaining agreement was reached between the American Professionals of California and the CSU.

Also discussed were a variety of informational reports, including an

update on the CSU Troops to Trades program which would focus on a special relationship between the California Department of Veterans Affairs and the university system.

The program would focus on training returning military on 10 trade programs, including electrician, carpenter, auto mechanic, plumber and more. A pilot program is set to be tested on nine campuses.

Many CSU board members and public commenters commended efforts to pass Proposition 30. Karen Zamarripa, assistant vice chancellor, thanked a variety of student and faculty organizations and remarked on the importance of young voters in this last election.

"Many young people in the state said that what they wanted from government was different and they wanted to reinvest in a way that we have not had the opportunity to do in some time," she said.

> CSU board of Trustees meetings resume: Today at 8 a.m.

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Veterans, beyond the label

CSUN community eats BBQ and mingles with others at luncheon

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he Veteran's Resource Center held their "Beyond the Label" luncheon Tuesday in the USU, in celebration of Veteran's Day.

Those in attendance received a free BBQ meal after visiting the VRC. Students ate and mingled in the USU at tables set out especially for the

"I feel that this event is important because it aids to the awareness of the CSUN student population about the center," said Tower J. Hazard, a peer mentor at the VRC and graduating senior in finance. "The space is here! It's available to all CSUN students, not just military dependents or veterans."

A video played outside the center showing interviews with eight staff members of the VRC. They shared their stories and discussed the valuable resources available at the center. VRC coordinator Monteigne Staats-Long, a military dependent, discussed how Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder is not only suffered by military veterans like many people might think, but by anyone who has suffered a traumatic event.



Students eat bb Q at a luncheon at the Veteran's r esource Center in the USU . The event took place on n ov. 13 in honor of Veteran's Day.

Lining the walkway to the resource center were posters about the center's staff. These featured what branch of military they were in if they had served, their class and major, and position at the VRC.

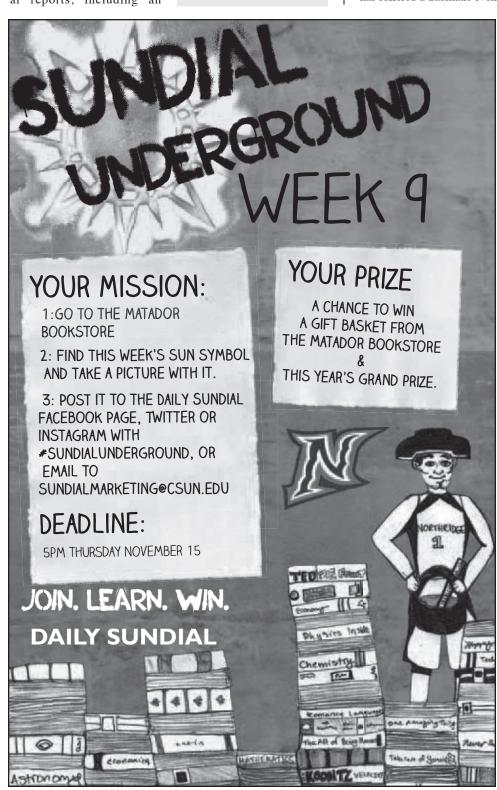
Many of these posters featured a "Myth Buster," which challenged a common myth held by the public regarding the military. Kim Smith, a

peer mentor and Navy veteran, talked about how she was on a "convoy security element team" in Iraq, despite the general belief that women do not see any combat in the military.

Supervisor and Air Force veteran Claudio Caldarescu's poster discussed how being involved in the war does not always mean combat.

"If servicemen and women

are serving during war and getting deployed to combat zones, the majority are actually in supporting roles," Caldarescu said. "Hollywood is notorious for flashing scenes such as Maverick flying around in his F-14 on screen, but what is never really shown is all of the tiresome hours of maintenance that goes on to make that possible."





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ing. They were not approved, but it was proposed that these fees be implemented regardless of Proposition 30's success.

Natalie Dorado, an economics major at CSU San Bernardino and organizer for SQE, said the organization is opposed to the fees because they would create more obstacles for students to graduate and it opposes the CSU's mission.

"It ignores the diversity, humanity and complexity of CSU students," she said.

Besides voicing opposition of the proposed fees, the organization also released preliminary results from a student survey conducted on the fees.

Preliminary results from SQE's "Survey on CSU Students' Obstacles To Graduating" were also announced at the meeting.

More than 2,400 student surveys have been tallied from all 23 CSU campuses, but representatives said there are at least 1,000 that still need to be tallied.

Of the survey results so far, 60 percent of students said the fees will make it more difficult to graduate and will increase their student loans.

SQE members developed the questions and then distributed them between Oct. 22 and Nov. 9 both online



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Troy Mondragon and n atalie Dorado from CSU San bernadino join Grace Castaneda from CSUn and other students from various CSUs in protesting outside the chancellor's office Sept. 19.

and in paper form through branch chapters. Each survey featured information on each of the fees and offered fill-in sections so students could volunteer their own opinions.

"We wanted to know what's really going on and no information was available on what obstacles students were facing," Dorado said. "We talk to our friends and know people aren't staying in classes just to take up resources."

Beyond being economically difficult for students, the fees may be misdirected. Although the intention is to penalize students from taking courses they do not need, Lewis said there are "a pleth-

ora of reasons" for students to take on extra units and this fee will effect all of them.

"It's too much of an umbrella fee," said Lewis. "If you want to target those students, I want to say there should be more criteria for that."

Matthew Delgado, CSUN student and SQE member, said he sometimes has to

take on extra classes in other areas of study to qualify for financial aid because relevant classes are not available.

"It's absurd," he said.
"We can't get the classes we need. I think that's CSUN's No. 1 problem."

Echoing similar opinions as presented in a recent editorial by the Sacramento Bee,

the SQE representatives recommended the CSU table the discussion for the future, present more research on the selection of fees and leave the decision to the next chancellor.

"Students aren't gaming the system, they are trying to graduate," said Dorado. "We need solutions that would help, not punish, students."

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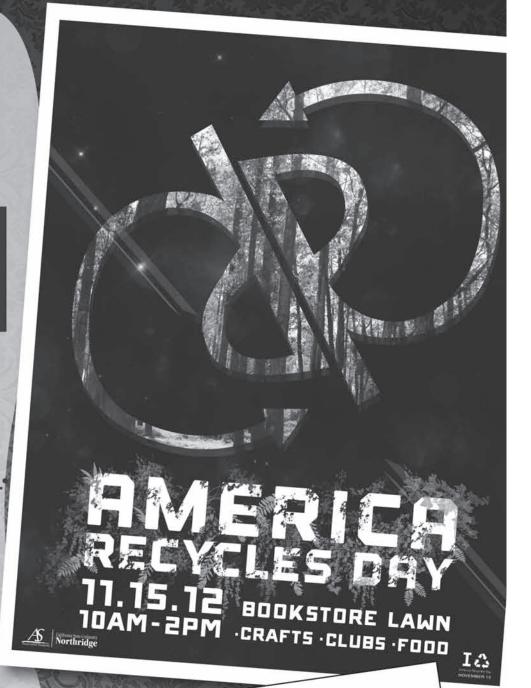
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Close your eyes and imagine yourself on the street, cold and hungry. Imagine how you would feel, alone with a bed of concrete. You, in this imaginary world, are "invisible" to people, and no matter how hard you try, no one is reaching out to help you. In fact, people want you to go away, because you are seen as a blight on society.

Now, open your eyes and realize that this is going on every day in the United States. This is called being homeless, and it is a social injustice.

On Nov. 17, CSUN students are banding together against this injustice and making a difference by walking at HomeWalk 2012 at Exposition Park. HomeWalk is an annual, one-day walking marathon put on by United Way to raise money for affordable housing for the homeless, and this year Kobe Bryant will be the honorary chair. The goal is to end the homeless crisis by 2016. The main philosophy behind the event is that affordable housing for everyone should be a right, not a privilege. As students, and as human beings, we should all be fighting for this, and that is why I feel it is important for you to join the CSUN HomeWalk team.

Statistics from United Way state that on any given night in Los Angeles, about 51,000 people are sleeping on the streets. These are men, women, children, veterans and others just like you or me. In fact, statistics from the United Way state that 32 percent of the homeless population have received bachelor's degrees, and the main cause of homelessness is job loss. Advocating for the homeless, in a way, is a lot like advocating for our own rights as human beings.

What most people don't talk about is that anyone, at any time, could become homeless. When I was an intern at a nonprofit on Skid Row during 2010, homelessness became much more than a social problem to me. The day that really woke me up to the harsh reality of this issue was when I was manning a booth at a non-

profit street fair on San Julian Avenue in the heart of Skid Row. Each person who came to my booth had a story, had questions and had interesting and sometimes heartbreaking histories.

One person in particular I met while working with a non-profit on Skid Row, made homelessness hit home for me. She had tatters in her dirty, gray men's slacks. Bags of candy hung from her beaten up backpack, and her hair was short and in an array of dark brown tangles. Her eyes seemed to droop, but with each, fleeting clear stare it was easy to tell she had no hope left. Each booth she came to sent her away for being either too "healthy" for supportive housing, or too old for the transitional homes for aging foster children. There really was no place for her to live but the streets. She was only 23 - my age.

We, as college students, have the responsibility of affecting change for the future. Joining the CSUN HomeWalk team is a small step, but this can lead to a larger impact. Over the past five years, this HomeWalk event alone has helped raise funds for 12,000 new permanent and supportive housing facilities. According to the United Way, this permanent housing has kept people off the streets at an 85 percent success rate. This has saved taxpayers money, as well.

There are many ways a student can join our HomeWalk team. To become a walker costs \$25 and people under the age of 18 walk for free. If money is an issue, there are also ways to volunteer at the event, but every person makes a difference. If you would like more information about joining our growing team of CSUN students who will participate in HomeWalk this year, visit our Facebook page.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Krieger, Graduate student of social work

BEYOND BELIEF

One nation unaffiliated

Religious indifference is better for society



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ust try to imagine a country where someone's religion does not get in everyone's way. A place where church and state, religion and politics all stayed far, far away from each other.

This is not just an agnostic's wet dream anymore, it is becoming a reality.

In light of last week's election results, it is clear that the power of religion over politics in this country is starting to fall by the wayside. And as a young, non-religious person, I am thrilled.

A recent study released last month by the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life shows that about onefifth of Americans, or around 19.6 percent of the population, consider themselves "religiously unaffiliated," and 6

percent of this statistic includes atheists and agnostics. About one-third of these 46 million people are under the age of 30.

The study also showed that while these people do not affiliate with a particular religion, 68 percent of them still

believe in a god and 37 percent consider themselves "spiritual, but not religious." One in five of those surveyed also said they pray every day.

This data presents an interesting possibility: a strong, non-religiously affiliated youth vote. And this change in demographics will have a big, positive impact on what issues will take center stage in politics, be presented on future ballots and be important to our society in general. And this past election was simply the start.

Maine, whose voters rejected a gay marriage initiative just three years ago, Maryland and Washington all legalized gay marriage. This is a huge accomplishment for civil rights and the LGBT community as a whole. After years of a very traditional, outspoken religious right opposing same-sex marriage, it appears that the American public has changed its mind, and its

vote.

This is just the first step in the right direction. There are so many possibilities with a more secular society: more accessible birth control, safe and legal abortions, marriage equality and opportunities to close the gender and class gaps.

This shift in demographics isn't the only catalyst for social change in this country. All of this social achievement is aided by the fact that people who are religious are taking their beliefs out of their politics. The greatest example of this is Vice President Joe Biden, who, while on the campaign trail, talked about how he believes in the right for women to have abortions, even though he doesn't personally support them according to his faith.

America is finally starting to follow the important principle of the separation of church and state, and it's about time. The attitude of "I don't like this, so no one else can have it!" which has permeated our politics, is reminiscent of a cranky preschooler throwing a tantrum. But with this sudden surge in secular politics, the immature child is finally taking a timeout.

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COLUMN

D'a ntoni: gift or curse for la ?

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he Lakers' stunning announcement -- which had them choose Mike D'Antoni over Phil Jackson as their new head coach after last week's firing of Mike Brown -- is a good move and a step in the right direction for the star-studded franchise.

Not only were Jackson's rumored demands of owning part of the team, controlling personnel choices and leeway for road-game travel absolutely ridiculous, D'Antoni's style of offense will fit the Lakers better because he's accustomed to working with Steve Nash as he coached him for years on the Phoenix Suns.

D'Antoni's offensive philosophy, which holds the run 'n' gun style of play dear and preaches the best defense is more offense has been criticized over the years for producing high scoring games that don't result in playoff victories when needed. However, what some people forget is that defense is largely left up to the players, and D'Antoni has never had a star-studded defensive cast as he does now.

Everyone knows Nash is a poor defender, and on Phoenix and New York, D'Antoni also had to contend with other defensive liabilities: Amar'e Stoudemire and David Lee are known as two of the worst starting power forwards on the

defensive end of the floor. Carmelo Anthony, who'd much rather score than lockdown his opponent and Al Harrington, who simply has never shown an interest in playing defense at any point in his career.

Sure, he may have had some defensive monsters like Raja Bell and Shawn Marion over the years, but that doesn't compare to having the best defensive big man of the modern era in Dwight Howard, and two heavily-decorated perimeter defenders in Metta World Peace and Kobe Bryant.

The Lakers' defense will take care of itself. The veteran players they have understand the importance of defense when it comes to winning rings. But more importantly, D'Antoni's offensive schemes will launch the Lakers' offense to new heights.

The ultra fast-paced style of offense D'Antoni brings to the Lakers will be amplified by the fact that Nash has legitimate superstars in Bryant, Gasol and Howard to dish the rock to. From 2004 to 2007, when D'Antoni coached the Suns, they averaged 109.8 points per game, never dipped below the second-best offensive ranking in the league and made the Western Conference Finals twice while completely ignoring the defense.

Though D'Antoni isn't in the same league as Jackson when it comes to winning championships, his experience with Nash and his offensive prowess make him a huge upgrade over Mike Brown as his players will make up for his lacking defensive schemes.



Mike D'a ntoni reacts to a call by a ref during the first half against the Denver n uggets at Madison s quare Garden.

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D'Antoni was hired as the Lakers new coach, he said he was surprised.

So was the rest of the Laker Nation. Ever since Mike Brown got fired, the obvious first choice, the one the Lakers shouldn't have passed up on, was Phil Jackson.

In Jackson's career, he has won 11 titles, five of them with Los Angeles, and the Lakers know he breeds champions. He gives them a balanced attack on both the offensive and defensive sides of the ball, something that D'Antoni has yet to do with any team.

In D'Antoni's career, he holds no titles and five playoff appearances. His teams are consistently ranked among the worst in the NBA in defense, and as it has shown time and time again, a one-sided team can't win a championship.

His up-tempo style of offense worked for the Suns, but the Lakers lack of shooters and speed can't do the same. Their climbing ages don't help much either. A sprinting offense, on Bryant's bad knees and Howard's hurt back, won't work -- his offense is based on rosters that have speed and quickness, something that the Lakers just don't have.

D'Antoni teams are famous for caring more about scoring points than guarding anyone, and while that may fill the seats and make games exciting, it doesn't necessarily translate to wins. However, D'Antoni now teams up with Dwight Howard, a three-time Defensive Player of the Year winner. It remains to be seen whether Howard will help a lackadaisical D'Antoni defense, and may make Howard's decision on resigning easier or harder.

Claiming "he is the coach for this roster," the Lakers took a big risk that may not pay off as they hope. D'Antoni once had Amar'e Stoudemire. Steve Nash, Joe Johnson and Shawn Marion all on Phoenix when they were in their primes and was never able to take them all the way.

This may just be another bad Jim Buss move, one done out of panic because Jackson demanded too much. Firing Brown excited the Lakers' fanbase who are tired with their early losing ways and the unproved Princeton offense, but Buss messed up by not doing everything he could to hire who the fans wanted: the Zen Master.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Matadors win second straight at home

orthridge put up 60 points in the second half of Monday night's game against Eastern Washington en route to a 96-79 CSUN blowout in the Matadome.

The Matadors (2-0) shot 53 percent from the field in the second half after only holding a slim 36-32 advantage over the Eagles (0-2) at the half.

CSUN had four players in double figures with sophomore forward Stephen Maxwell leading the Matadors with 21 points and 10 rebounds.

Redshirt sophomore Stephan Hicks and freshman center Brandon Perry each added 19 points while junior guard Josh Greene

Jona than an DRa De tallied 13 assists on the 13 steals.

marks his career high in assists. His previous personal record was an 11-assist performance against Pacifica in 2011.

Eastern Washington's forward Martin Seiferth led the Eagles with 27 points, 17 rebounds and seven blocks but couldn't slow a potent CSUN offense.

Perry gave CSUN multiple second chances under the boards with six offensive rebounds while Northridge as a team outrebounded the Eastern Washington 54-40. The freshman also added six defensive rebounds to bring his boards total to 12.

Sophomore guard Allan Guei added 10 points, two rebounds and two assists and also helped the Matadors defensively coming up with five of the Matadors

CSUN will next take part Greene's performance in a four-day tournament at the University of San Diego. The Matadors begin the weekend with a game against the host Toreros on November 15 at 7 p.m.

CSUN game **leaders**

Points: Maxwell (21) **Assists:** Greene (13) **Rebounds:** Perry (6) Steals: **Guei (5)**



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Junior guard Josh Greene had a career-high 13 assists Monday night at the Matadome.