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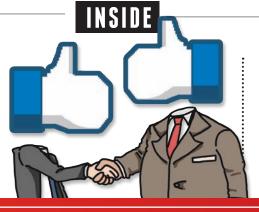
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# CSUs may see \$125 million

Gov. Brown offers relief to CSU system

#### MELISSA SIMON SENIOR REPORTER

Gov. Jerry Brown proposed a budget of an additional \$125.1 million to go to the CSU system for the 2013-2014 academic year.

The total CSU budget is projected to be \$2.2 billion.

The \$125 million is only a portion of what the CSU requested in November, said Erik Fallis, media relations specialist for the CSU.

"We made a request (for \$371.9 million) based off what we thought would be best for the students, including enrollment, services that students rely on and repairs," he said.

This budget is based on the voters' approval of Proposition 30, said Cynthia Rawitch, provost and vice president of Academic Affairs at CSUN.

"The campus didn't have to cut \$7 to \$8 million this year and the budget won't be cut next year either," she said. "CSUN will get some share (of the budget), but I'm not sure what it will be yet. I'm thinking between \$7 to \$10 million (because) we usually get 7 to 8 percent." The amount each CSU receives depends on the number the campus serves, Rawitch said. Whatever the amount CSUN receives, Rawitch said it would have a positive impact on the campus. Depending on how the money is earmarked, some things it may be used for include: opening more

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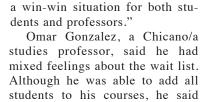
#### BOB GARCIA

The new online wait list feature CSUN implemented in Fall 2012 has continued to get a positive reaction from students and faculty, but some problems still remain.

For spring, 3,296 students who used the wait list were able to get into 4,402 open seats in classes, said Todd Wolfe, registrar and associate director for admissions and records.

Since the wait list's implementation in the fall, some students and professors have complained the feature does not prioritize students who have more units.

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more sections," Wolfe said. "It is

there is room for improvement. "I do like the fact that it gives students a chance to get in the classes they need instead of trying to crash other classes," Gonzalez said. "But I feel more factors should be considered in the wait list process."

He said he hopes the wait list process is tweaked so priority is placed on students who have more units or who are graduating seniors.

"If I go down the wait list, I am looking at the graduating seniors and juniors first, not the students who are freshmen and sophomores," Gonzalez said. "I am trying to help these students who are closer to graduating, not waste their time and expenses." Joseph Monterreso, a senior cinema and television arts major, expressed mixed feelings about the wait list. He used the wait list this spring for a geography lab course.

President Sydni Powell said the online system is on a "first-come, first-serve" basis until the first day of school, when the process of adding students is at the professor's discretion.

Powell added that the A.S is aware of students' inability to use the wait list for co-requisite courses and said they will discuss the problem.

"(The wait list) is one of the best things A.S. has advocated in the past few years," Powell said.

Wolfe agreed the wait list has improved students' likelihood of enrollment into classes.

"It's a positive thing in that it allows for classes to open up



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"It helps a little bit, in that it helped make adding a class a little easier," Monterreso said. "The professor for the class can

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# **Obama starts his second term**

#### CHRISTINA COCCA NEWS EDITOR



resident Barack Obama addressed the nation for the second time at the 57th quadrennial Presidential Inauguration Monday.

"My fellow Americans, we are made for this moment, and we will seize it, so long as we seize it together," Obama said after he took his oath.

The inauguration has a constitutionally-mandated date of Jan. 20, but since this fell on a

Sunday this year, the ceremony commenced on the proceeding Monday.

The inauguration has fallen on a Sunday six times in U.S. history, a day former U.S. President James Monroe declared "courts and other public institutions" should be closed.

The Vice Presidential Oath of Office was administered to Biden by Sonia Sotomayor, associate justice, and the Presidential Oath of Office was administered to Obama by John G. Roberts Jr., chief justice of the United States.

"We must make the hard choices to reduce the cost of



health care and the size of our deficit," Obama said. "But we reject the belief that America must choose between caring for the generation that built this country and investing in the generation that will build its future."

Obama will give his State of the Union Address Tuesday, Feb. 12.

# **Brown to address state**

#### CHRISTINA COCCA NEWS EDITOR

Gov. Jerry Brown will

give his third State of the State speech Thursday.

Brown recently released his proposed budget for the 2013-2014 fiscal year, which included an additional \$125.1 million to the CSU system.

He will likely address the increased budget for education after his success with the passage of Proposition 30, legislature he heavily endorsed.

Other likely discussion topics for Brown include a proposal to build an underground canal to deliver Sacramento River water across the Delta to Southern California, his \$69 billion high-speed rail project and his plans on whether he will reform the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). With last year's speech

focused on how California was "on the mend" from a deficit of more than \$20 billion, Brown's upcoming speech may reference his January announcement of California's budget which is now "in the black" and out of its deficit, potentially looking at several years of surpluses.

Brown will also speak to Californians about the state's biggest issues, which he has has listed as in-state jobs, education, budgetary success, environmental protection, clean energy jobs, pension reform, sufficient water supply and civil rights.

# **TUNE IN**

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# CSU board of trustees table proposed fees 'indefinitely'

#### GABRIELLE MOREIRA LIVE NEWS EDITOR

hree proposed fees, expected to speed up students' paths to graduation, have been tabled indefinitely by the California State University board of trustees. They will now discuss Gov. Jerry Brown's CSU investment budget proposal. The board will discuss their support budget request to the state of \$371.9 million and an investment proposal by Brown, who has proposed an investment budget of \$125.1 million for the CSU system.

As part of the investment plan, Brown wants \$10 million allocated to online solutions to help students pass high-demand courses.

The proposed fees were originally on the agenda for

the board's Tuesday-Wednesday meetings, but have since been tabled and will not be discussed unless the governor's office recommends the board revisit the fees, according to a revised agenda.

The proposed fees would have affected graduating seniors, students who register in more than 18 units and students who repeated courses. Students with more than 160 units would have faced a \$372 unit fee, while students who enrolled in more than 18 units faced \$182 per unit. Any students who repeated a course would have been charged \$91 per unit.

This will also be Timothy P. White's first meeting as the new CSU chancellor.

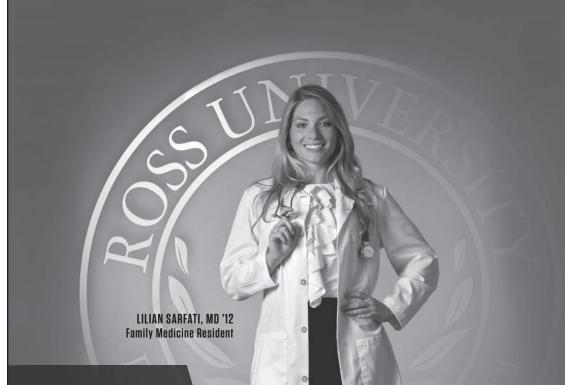
At the Nov. 13-14 2012 meeting White requested a 10 percent reduction in his salary bringing it to \$380,000. Students and faculty who attended the meeting praised White and said it was a step in the right direction.

White had been expected to take former Chancellor Charles B. Reed's salary of \$421,500. Reed announced his retirement last year in May.

Before being named the new chancellor on Oct. 4 2012, White was chancellor at UC Riverside and had expanded the campus by 21,000 students, according to a previous Sundial article on White.

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Veteran's Resource Center Welcome Back Night WHEN: 3 - 5 p.m. WHERE: Thousand Oaks Room

**DESCRIPTION:** The Veteran's Resource Center will host a night where students can come and check out all the resources the center has to offer.

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#### Spring Kick-Off

WHEN: All day, visit the USU website for a detailed event flyer WHERE: Plaza del Sol DESCRIPTION: Activities to kick-off the spring semester include food and drink. They're also celebrating the SRC's one year anniversary.

#### Craft Corner

WHEN: 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Weekly event. WHERE: Plaza del Sol DESCRIPTION: A basic maintenance clinic. Free advice, cleaning, maps, tune-ups, and smiles.

#### **Signature Yoga Class**

WHEN: 6 - 9 p.m. Door open at 5:30 p.m. WHERE: Red Rings Court in the SRC DESCRIPTION: Celebrating the SRC's one year anniversary in Red Rings Court.

#### Red Rally WHEN: 8 p.m. Weekly event. WHERE: Matadome DESCRIPTION: Celebrate CSUN and support the women's basketball team with our school colors. First 100 students with a valic CSUN ID recieve a free t-shirt.

Welcome Back Games Night WHERE: USU Games Room WHEN: 8 - 10 p.m. DESCRIPTION: Join fellow CSUN students and

enjoy playing free pool, table tennis, food and video games as part of the Spring Kick-Off.

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Laugh Your Class Off WHEN: 8 p.m. - midnight WHERE: USU Games Room DESCRIPTION: Comedy night in the games room with Allan Cunningham, Hampton Yount and Chris Gardner. Music by CSUN DJ Kamikaze will be provided.



Pride Center Tuesday Talks WHEN: 7 - 8 p.m. Every Tuesday. WHERE: Pride Center DESCRIPTION: All students can come by and chat with one another or members of the Pride Center on whatever they feel like regarding the LGBTQ community.

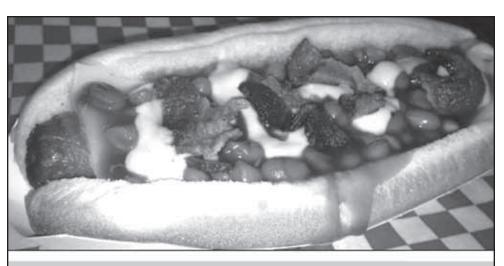
Meet the Clubs Day WHEN: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m, and Wednesday, Jan 30. WHERE: Bayramian Lawn DESCRIPTION: Meet and greet all the clubs, associations, and organizations that are part of the CSUN community.



Veteran's Game Night WHEN: 8 - 10 p.m WHERE: Veteran's Resource Center DESCRIPTION: The Veteran's Resource Center will be hosting Game Nights, four times a month, for students with free games and food.

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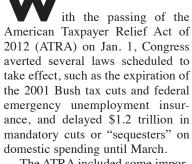
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# Some students avoid falling off 'fiscal cliff'

While the American Opportunity Tax Credit is extended five years, Federal-Work Study program remains in danger

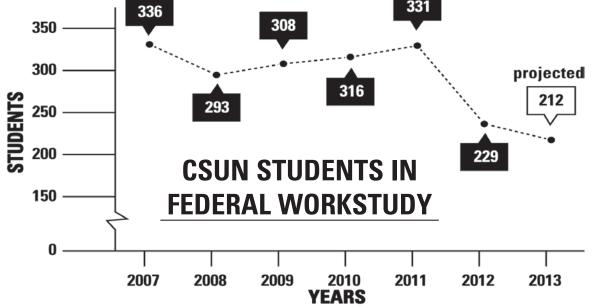
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The ATRA included some important items for the higher education community. According to the American Council on Education (ACE), the act extended the American Opportunity Tax Credit (AOTC), for five years, which "allows students and their parents to claim up to \$2,500 a year for college expenses, (which) benefits 9 million families a year."

It also extended a few more tax deductions and credits until the end of 2013 and gave permanent status for employer-provided education expenses, the Student Loan Interest Deduction and Coverdell Education Savings Accounts.

The most significant concern for higher education may be the two-month delay in the sequesters. The mandatory cuts were scheduled under the Budget



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Control Act of 2011, a federal statute that raised the debt ceiling and avoided the U.S. from defaulting on its debt, which would have downgraded the country's credit rating and increased interest rates.

As part of the deal, the cuts necessary to decrease the federal debt were put off until the end of the 2012, biding Congress time to find alternative ways to deal with the deficit.

According to ACE, if Congress does not find a way to avert the \$1.2 trillion in cuts by March 1, many programs such as the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation and

many Department of Education programs would face millions of dollars of funding reductions.

Although Federal Pell Grants would be protected, other programs such as Federal Work-Study (FWS) would face the axe. FWS is a type of financial aid that that allows students to earn money to help pay for school.

"If sequestration goes into effect on March 1, it would reduce our Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) and FWS funds by 8.2 percent for this current year," sarid Lili Vidal, director of financial aid and scholarship department.

"By that point, we will have paid out 100 percent of our FSEOG funds and almost all of the FWS funds would have been earned by students," Vidal said. "This could result in students being billed for FSEOG funds already received."

"Because students must be paid for hours worked, if at that time students have earned more than 91.2 percent of the funds available, the university would be required to find the funds in its own budget to cover the earnings,

and all work-study students would be stopped from earning any further FWS funds," Vidal said.

Around 230 students were employed through work-study last year, said Josefina Carbajal, the CSUN FWS manager. She said she expects at least 212 workstudy students to be employed this year.

Diane Young, a freshman psychology major, works at the Financial Aid office as a student assistant through the FWS program. Young said an oncampus job is very beneficial to her schedule.

"Work-study is good because your bosses and supervisors understand you are a student," Young said. "You have the opportunity to take your classes and work. When we are not busy, we can do our (homework.)"

Carbajal added CSUN's FWS budget allocation has been reduced by around \$280,000 in the last three years. In the 2009-2010 school year, former CSUN President Jolene Koester allocated special funds for departments to keep or hire FWS student employees and insure that eligible FWS students would be able to find jobs. This year, there is no such extra funding.

Young said that if she lost her job on campus, her options for work would be limited.

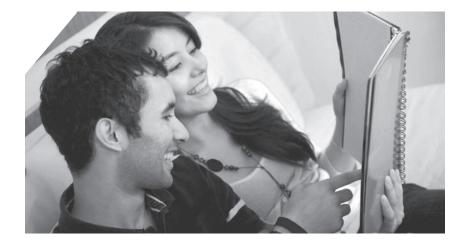
"I don't have a car, and I usually ride my skateboard everyday," said Young. "If I had to take a job elsewhere I don't know how I would be able to juggle my classes and how I could pay my bills."

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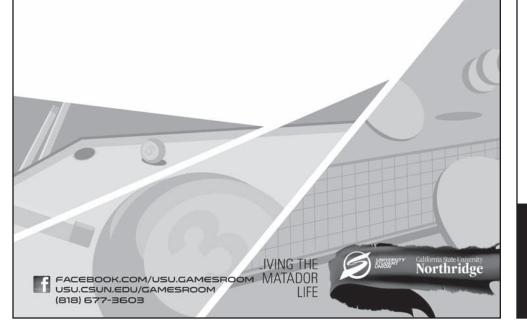




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# Social media passwords safe from the boss

## New California law protects privacy for university applicants, job hopefuls

#### **KEVIN KIANI** DAILY SUNDIAL

new law took effect Jan. 1 in California prohibiting employers and universities from asking applicants for their social media passwords. This new legislation, Assembly Bill 25, also bans employers from taking disciplinary action against employees for not releasing their passwords.

In addition to California, this law has been passed in Delaware, Illinois, Maryland, Michigan and New Jersey.

Hiring new CSUN employees is based on performance and knowledge, not what is posted on Facebook, according to Mika Williamson, associate director of recruitment services and compensation for human resources at CSUN.

"Here at the university, we don't use social media as part of our decision making," Wil-

liamson said. "What we do here is make sure we're using what's called 'behavioral-based questions,' which focus on a person's experience, knowledge, skills and abilities."

Using social media passwords as a decision-making tool became a trend among employers, but it was not something that was being practiced on a large scale, Williamson said.

"(AB 25) may not actually change the process, but perhaps it will just clarify for any companies that may have been thinking about incorporating that into their process," Williamson said.

This ushers in a new era of privacy in an ever-expanding world of private information being displayed on social media websites such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

"The Golden State is pioneering the social media revolution, and these laws will protect all Californians from unwarranted invasions of their personal social media accounts," Gov. Jerry Brown said in a statement released

after the law was passed.

Shivani Sood, 21, a senior marketing major, said she has never had a problem with an employer asking for a social media password and is relieved that the law has been passed.

"I feel better knowing that I won't ever be in a situation where I might feel obligated to give out my Facebook password," Sood said. "There are much less intrusive ways for an employer to find out a potential employee's work ethic."

Although this law protects applicants from giving up their social media passwords to potential employers, it does not protect them from the information that can be accessed without the password.

This easy access is what resonated with Adam Lane, 21, a senior political science major, as he nears the end of his college career and prepares to enter the professional world.

"When I had a Facebook, I would clean it up not because of the information I necessar-

ily had placed, but because of comments and posts of friends on my Facebook that I believed would be detrimental to me receiving a job," Lane said.

Some students believe that their social life can be completely separated from their careers and does not need to be shared with employers, like Casey Page, 23, senior English major, who said she thinks a balance between work and play is attainable.

"I know many people who both work hard and party hard," Page said. "An employer should really only be concerned with a person's performance on the job."

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Senior Keilyn Robinson, a sociology major, takes advantage of the services and appreciates the convenient location.

"I love that I can walk

across campus to see a doctor and still make it to class on time," Robinson said. Student Recreation Center

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able for parents with children 18 months to 5 years old who need child care while in class. Financial assistance is available for eligible families.

Office assistant, Jennifer Orellana, said the center allows parents to continue their education knowing their children are well taken care of. **EOP** 

Educational Opportunity Program provides academic and financial assistance to low income undergraduate students needing admission assistance, and is located in each department's building.

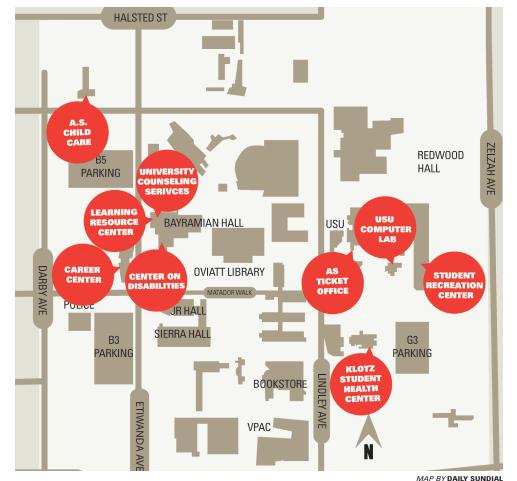
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dents, focusing on college experience, gay and lesbian support, loving your body and career development.

Mark Stevens, director of

UCS, said the main goal is providing students with the best college experience.

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and I feel very good about what we offer to help students succeed academically inside classes and emotionally outside of classes," he said.



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# Klotz center offers cheap flu shots

Student health center helps prepare students and faculty for flu season by offering \$15 shots

#### TAYLOR VILLESCAS PRODUCTION STAFF

SUN's spring semester is starting in the middle of a hectic flu season, and many students could be unprepared or unprotected against this year's rampant strain of the influenza virus.

The Klotz Student Health Center is currently offering flu shots for students, faculty and staff. Vaccinations cost \$15 and are only available by appointment. Klotz has been giving out flu shots since mid-October and has also held several walk-in clinics across campus to raise awareness and make flu shots more accessible to the public.

Mercedes Gallup, the nursing supervisor at the health center and a registered nurse, estimates that around only 500 flu shots have been administered since the fall. With CSUN's student population of 36,000, Gallups laments that it's not very many.

"Vaccination is a personal preference," Gallup said.

"It helps with keeping those at risk for complications safe. You may be healthy and not affected, but those around you may be at risk."

The Center for Disease Control considers pregnant women, children under 5, the elderly, and people who suffer from asthma, diabetes or other diseases to be the most at risk for health complications during flu season.

The CDC recommends that individuals over 6-months-old receive a flu vaccination, even late into the season. This year's vaccine has shown to reduce a person's vulnerability to the influenza virus by about 60 percent, and takes approximately two weeks to take full effect.

"The shot doesn't cover all of the flu, but it does cover most strains, especially the one that's hitting hardest right now," Gallup said.

According to the CDC website, about 129.4 million flu shots have been cumulatively administered in the United States from Sept. 7, 2012 up until Jan. 11. Despite the influx of flu sufferers to hospitals across the country, no major vaccine shortages have been reported.

Sharon Aronoff, health educator at Klotz, recommends that those who cannot get vaccinated at the Health Center should find their nearest county clinic in order to receive the flu shot, usually free of charge.

On their website, the CDC states that those feeling sick should stay home for at least 24 hours after a fever is gone, or until all symptoms have subsided. This is in order to recover fully and to avoid spreading the virus to other healthy individuals.

However, due to CSUN's strict attendance policy for the first week of school, many sick students could be wandering the campus. The policy states: "Students absent from the first two meetings of a course that meets more than once a week or who miss the first meeting of a class that meets only once a week lose the right to remain on the class roll."

Experts are undecided on how severe this flu season will be. Some argue that we may have already seen the peak of influenza activity, while others say that it is too early to tell.



"It's hitting earlier than it has in the past, so it's yet to be determined if it's worse than last year," Gallup said about this year's seemingly rampant flu.

Hospitals across the country reported overcrowded emergency rooms and widespread flu activity in more than 40 states. Some MAP INFORMATION BY GOOGLE

areas have even declared a state of emergency due to the amount of people suffering from the virus, and several people dying due to complications.

Despite the hype, Gallup maintains that prevention of the flu is simple: "The best prevention above everything else is good hand hygiene.'

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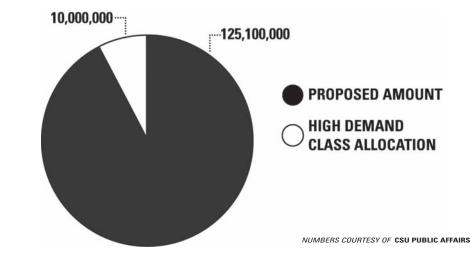
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#### GOV. BROWN'S PROPOSED INVESTMENT BUDGET



#### BUDGET

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classes, accepting more students, or addressing some deferred maintenance issues on campus such as fixing sidewalks and buildings.

We may get a better idea of what we might be able to do at the board of trustees meeting on Wednesday," Rawitch said. "(But) this is still a proposal and still has a lot of steps to go."

The first step was Brown's proposal, which will go to the legislature for them to look over and make any changes in what is known as the May revise, Rawitch said. Once the changes have been made, the proposal is sent back to Brown to make any additional changes. The proposal will go between Brown and the legislature until an agreement is reached.

"We hope for a budget to be voted on by June 30, but that doesn't always happen," Rawitch said.

Meredith Vivian, director of government relations at California State Student Association, said they will work with the governor's office and the legislature to ensure the proposal ends up in the final budget in June.

Fallis said that receiving less money means the CSU needs to evaluate how far the money will be able to go and prioritize what will need to be addressed.

"CSSA understands that any new money invested in the CSU will help improve access, affordability and quality for all current and future CSU students," Vivian said.

One thing that is certain is that \$10 million of the budget has been earmarked for electronic "bottleneck courses," said Rawitch.

"These are classes that are required courses in a specific major, that are in high demand for a number of students and there aren't enough sections open," she said. "This in turn slows the

graduation rate."

Vivian said these classes often have high enrollment, such as general education.

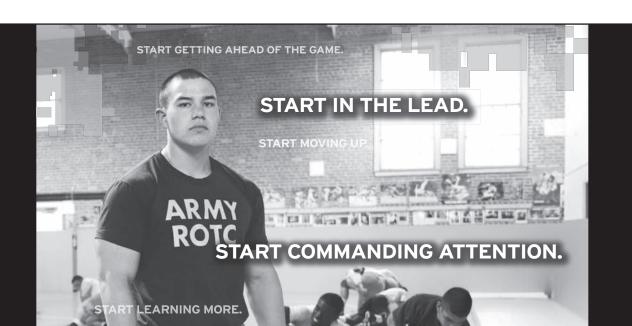
"These classes fill up quickly and some students find themselves having to take filler courses because they can't get in," she said.

Judy Heiman, principal analyst at the California Legislative Analyst's Office, said Brown's administration identified some important issues in higher education.

"We think the governor's plan needs some work, though, to address those issues effectively," she said. "For example, the plan does not identify specific outcomes that the universities should achieve with the new funding the Governor proposes to provide."

Fallis said the chancellor and system as a whole is cautiously optimistic.

"We are hopeful this will be an indication of a stronger reinvestment in higher education for future years," he said.





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# **Faculty and staff pay more for pension plans**

New and exisiting public employees must now pay half or more for their pension plans with Pension Reform Act

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ewly hired state employees must pay 50 percent of their pension due to the Public Employee Pension Reform Act (PEPRA), which requires employees and employers to pay equal amounts of the employees' pension plan.

PEPRA, or Assembly Bill 340, was signed by Gov. Jerry Brown on Sept. 12, 2012.

Existing and new employees affected by the act will see some benefits such as airtime and post retirement employment change, according to the CSU system wide human resources webpage.

Airtime is a credit that an employee can purchase within five years that will add to their pension benefits. Post retirement employment is when an employee chooses to work after retirement and cannot work over 120 days a year for a public employer.

But any individuals that are currently retired, and those who were employed before Jan. 1, will not see their benefits

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change in their retirement pension plan.

California Faculty Association (CFA) President for CSUN's Chapter, Nate Thomas, and Cinema and Television Arts professor, said while it is a good thing he and other state employees are grandfathered into their older benefits plans, it is not good for new employees because that means less pay.

"For an assistant professor with a Ph.D making about \$60,000 a year and paying back student loans the salary is not a lot," Thomas said.

California Public Employees Retirement System (CalP-ERS), the largest pension fund in the country, works closely with CSU employees on interpretations and updates of PEPRA.

Amy Norris, CalPERS spokesperson, said CalPERS wanted an affordable and secure retirement pension because it will reduce pension costs.

Pensions are payments made by employers to an employee's retirement plan. There are three factors used to calculate employees' monthly retirement benefits: age, total years of service and the monthly rate of pay.

"Many provisions apply to new members and generally lower benefit level cost," Norris said.

Norris said the money for pensions comes from three sources: the employer contributions, employee of agency and invested income.

Shirley Svorny, CSUN professor of economics, said CalPERS has two types of pensions, define contribution and define benefit. CSU employees receive define benefit.

Define benefits is a plan where payments are made by both the employee and employer and the employee receives retirement funds based off a formula of their years of service, age and their salary amount.

Define contribution is when employees and employers set a specific amount of monthly payments to put aside for the retirement of the employee.

"When we retire we get a dollar amount of how long we worked there, how old we are and monthly rate of pay," Svorny said.

Svorny is in favor of PEPRA and said if the state increase taxes, businesses and people may leave the state because high tax rates could make the state unattractive resulting in a loss of tax revenue.

Thomas said the CFA originally did not want the reform to be passed, but hopes it will



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ciation CSUN Chapter, at the CFA office in Sequoia Hall. Public employee pensions recently were reformed so new employees must pay for 50 percent of their pensions. According to Government

stop some criticism on public employees and educators.

Thomas also said people have complained that state employees and pension plans were breaking the state. He does not think pensions are breaking the system and thinks that the reform act might quite them down

"These are trying times and there were people after the public employees saying we are breaking the system, but honestly we are helping the system," Thomas said.

Code section 77522.20, the earliest age for retirement is 52 with a 1 percent factor and the latest age is 67 with a 2.5 percent factor for all new non safety members.

Nate Thomas, head of the CTVA film production option and president of the California Faculty Asso-

Factors are percentages that help determine an individual's retirement plan benefits depending on their age and retirement formula

In that same section of the code the earliest age of retirement for the safety workers is 50 at a 1.4 percent factor and the latest age, at 57 and over, at a 2 percent factor.

The formulas of the benefit plans are meant to encourage a later retirement age for employees.

Thomas is in favor of the reform and said it saves the state money.

"In trying times it is about saving money," Thomas said. "When money is low you have to cut things to save money. I think the governor is staying true and rewarding us by making a reinvestment."

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just go off the wait list and add students from there."

Monterreso said the only problem with the wait list was that it did not open immediately once his registration period began. He felt it was inconvenient to constantly check when the wait list was available for fully enrolled courses.

Elizabeth Adams, senior director of Undergraduate Studies, said she believes the wait list provides a big advantage for students..

"It allows for (the university) to be more specific in knowing what students want," Adams said.

One particular issue has been brought to Adams' attention, which dealt with students who tried to add sections of a course based on their class schedules.

The university is working to solve this problem by launching a program in Fall 2013 called "My Path to Graduation," which is a system that will allow students to make a class schedule that fits their times of availability to attend classes, Adams said.

"There are limitations with the wait list system, and we are hoping this new program will help solve problems students are having with fitting classes into their schedule, " Adams said.

# **CSU sees record high enrollment**

With passage of Proposition 30 and a proposed budget increase, CSU demand is higher than ever

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he California State Uni-

versity system received 12 percent more applications for Fall 2013 than for the previous year, continuing a four year increase in demand for all 23 CSU campuses.

After an enrollment freeze for this semester, which forced the majority of the CSU to deny admission to new students, CSUs received 763,517 applications for first time freshman, transfers, graduate, and credential students for this fall, according to the CSU Public Affairs.

Stephanie Thara, spokesman for CSU public affairs, said this demand may be a good thing for the future of CSUs.

"If the governor sees this demand for CSU education, it may encourage additional funding, like the proposed \$125.1 million in the (2013-2014) budget," Thara said.

On Jan. 10, Gov. Jerry Brown released his 2013-2014 budget, which proposed an annual increase in funding for higher education. This included the addition of \$125.1 million toward CSUs, \$10 million of which will go toward increasing the amount of online classes.

Thanks to the passage of Proposition 30, the budget would also reinstate \$125 million that was cut from last year's budget, according to CSU public affairs. The total CSU budget is projected to be \$2.2 billion.

According to CSU, \$155.8 million will go towards an expected 5 percent enrollment increase at all CSU locations.

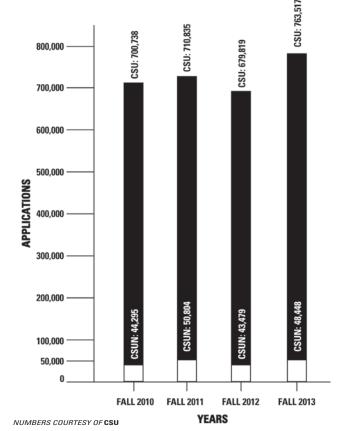
"This is the first time in a long time we have been proposed an increase in budget," Thara said.

Gina Gratza, CSUN graduate student in marriage family therapy, said she understands why there would be high demand at CSUN.

"CSUN is an attractive campus, and it is always trying to make improvements," Gratza said. "You can see where they have put money into the campus with new facilities like the Valley Performing Arts Center and the new (Student Recreation Center)."

She added that she believes the affordability for people furthering their education is an appealing factor, especially compared to other options in Los Angeles.





Some CSUN applicants are nervous getting into CSUs due the high volume of hopefuls.

CSUN applicant Jennifer Santiago is currently attending Pierce College and said she is worried about her chances of transferring into CSUN and other CSUs.

"I have been (at Pierce College) three years already. I really want to get into CSUN this fall, but I'm nervous even though most of my friends who have transferred from here have gotten in," Santiago said. "It feels more competitive this year. So many people are applying to all the (CSUs)."

Santiago added she is worried about graduating within two or three years even if she does get into a CSU.

"I've heard its nearly impossible to get into certain classes at CSUN and CSU Long Beach, and that really stresses me out," said Santiago.

Brown's proposed budget states that he expects CSU's to "use these increases to implement reforms that will make available the courses students need and help them progress through college efficiently," making the highest demand classes more available.

The CSU board of trustees will meet Tuesday and Wednesday to discuss how the new funds will be allocated.

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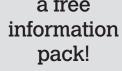
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# STAFF EDITORIAL Changes in comment policy

Readers will now only be able to make online comments on articles that state an opinion; which will include all articles written in the opinion page (including this one), reviews made in the Arts & Entertainment section and Sports columns. This is for a slew of reasons, which we will get to in a moment.

If you want us to publish a letter to the editor, please read our "updated comment policy."

We are an unbiased publication that aims to offer local, campus news that is well-researched and informative. All articles that are not in the Opinion section or stated to be a review should only include facts and interviews with experts on the specific topic.

To maintain the integrity of News, Features and other factually based articles, we will no longer allow comments because the vast majority of commenters do not add to the discussion, but rather detract.

Comments observed in recent semesters have repeatedly done this through their tone, showing a lack of respect and dog-whistle racism (a phrase for veiled attacks against individuals of certain race, ethnicity, gender or sexuality).

#### Tone

The tone in comments is often rude, uninformative and hostile.

Specifically in News articles, comments should be more focused on the structure and the inclusiveness or lack thereof. Biased feelings should not be part of someone's comment because contrary to opinion or other sections, news always strive to be objective. Additionally, comments attacking what the author wrote about frequently take issue with facts within the article without stating their source.

#### Showing a lack of respect

We strive to reflect the diversity of our institution through our staff and readers and in doing so respect and invite many differing opinions. In turn, we also expect the same courtesy for our news stories and the subjects therein.

Unfortunately, many comments do not afford that respect and have generally devolved into denigration of staff and sources and more importantly, entire campus organizations. This is detrimental to our school. Discussion of politics, religion, gender, and culture always carry a certain amount of heated debate and opinions, but without showing respect for each other, we can never grow as human beings and thus learn from one another. meaningful discussion. It's bad enough when discrimination is overt and obvious but the nature of these subversive comments is especially nefarious.

#### **Decision Process**

This decision was heavily debated, and not unanimous.

Removing comments entirely was originally proposed, but we feel it is unfair for us to have a platform to state our opinions and critiques and not afford the same to you.

We also considered a policy similar to what Reddit uses, where "liking" a comment moves it further up the page and "disliking" it moves it down or collapses it so readers have to click it to view it. However, we already have the "like" feature and do not have enough readers for the "dislike" feature to work.

Another issue we have is that commenters rarely, if ever, identify themselves. Forcing commenters to identify themselves was our original goal, hoping it would discourage the iniquitous comments we previously discussed.

Currently, you are only able to comment if you register with our website. However, there is no way to force users to use their real names.

Connecting comments with Facebook seemed to be the best option. But we voted against this because Facebook would then own our content and all archived comments would be eliminated.

While evaluating other news organizations and their policies on comments, we saw the

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general vitriol that accompanied a large variety of their stories. The best organizations seemed to curb this by keeping commenting to a minimum or having sufficient resources to moderate comments. We look to these examples as a basis for our own change.

Specific publication examples: The New York Times, The Los Angeles Times, CNN.

We know this policy change may not be popular. We will be evaluating and evolving the new policy over time and we encourage you to email the editor in chief any comments or suggestions that will help with this transition.

# UPDATED Comment Policy

THE DAILY SUNDIAL welcomes and encourages readers to comment on articles that state an opinion. We believe that fostering discussion between those expressing different points of view is important in upholding the freedoms of speech and the press, to which we are entitled. However, we do not allow comments on most News, Features, Arts & Entertainment and Sports articles because history has shown us that these articles typically attract comments that are not well thought out and often attack sources and well-researched facts.

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Stories on controversial topics often attract many negative comments and personal attacks against others. We believe comments such as those can derail discussion of the issue at hand and block constructive dialogue. Thus, we reserve the right to delete any comment without prior notice.

However, we also hold that comments expressing unpopular, underrepresented or otherwise controversial viewpoints are equally protected under the First Amendment.

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#### **MEN'S BASKETBALL**

# **CSUN off to 0-6 start in Big West play**

After an upset win against Utah to start their semester break, the Matadors drop to last place in the Big W est

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fter an 8-3 start, the Matadors cooled off during the semester break as they opened up conference play 0-6, sitting at the bottom of the Big West Conference.

Northridge opened their winter break schedule with a 93-63 win over San Diego Christian (4-8). With a 52-31 lead at halftime, the Matadors bench came up big with 51 points led by freshman center Brandon Perry.

Hitting the road, the Matadors traveled to Utah (8-8) and fought back from a 48-27 halftime deficit en route to a 76-71 win. The win was especially gratifying for head coach Bobby Braswell who was proud of his team after such a win.

"These guys came out at halftime and completely turned it around. It was night and day," Braswell said. "It was characteristic of the kind of game that you want them to play here at Northridge."

Big West Conference play opened for CSUN with a 74-71 road loss to Hawai'i (9-7, 3-2 Big West). Redshirt sophomore guard Stephan

Hicks led the way with 25 points, but it wasn't enough as the Matadors shot 9-18 from the free throw line, well below their 74 percent average on the season.

Looking to get back on track, the Matadors continued conference play with a 65-64 home loss against UC Riverside (4-12, 1-3). Sophomore forward Stephen Maxwell led the way for CSUN with 16 points and six rebounds on 7-11 shooting.

Maxwell has emerged as one of the leaders on this young Matador team, while continuing his strong play.

"It just comes down to leadership and coming together," said Maxwell. "We just need to stay focused on what the goal is, not personal or individual success."

The losing streak continued as they suffered a 105-86 home loss to CSU Fullerton (10-6, 3-1). CSUN had no answer for Fullerton's offensive onslaught which was led by senior guard D.J. Seeley, scoring a game-high, 37 points.

Heading back on the road, the Matadors visited Long Beach State (8-8, 4-1), missing two of their starting guards. Junior guard Josh Greene sat out, serving a one-game suspension, and sophomore guard Allan Guei



CSUN's leading scorer, sophomore guard Stephan Hicks (right), attempts to get by a defender on the drive.

was not medically cleared after suffering a concussion in practice.

Playing undermanned on the road against a tough opponent, CSUN lost 78-69, but it was enough to win the praise of Braswell.

"We never celebrate a loss, but we were very pleased as coaches," Braswell said.

"Sometimes you can have a great effort and you just don't have enough to win and you can live with that as a coach as long as you play the game the right way."

The Matadors visited UC Irvine (9-9, 3-2) still looking for their first conference win, but came up short in a 79-69 loss. Irvine shot 64 percent from the field, highlighting a glaring weakness for CSUN.

"We have relied on our offense a little bit too much to carry us and defensively we are not sitting down and guarding anymore," said Braswell.

Defense was again the weak point for the Matadors Thursday night, falling to UC Davis (6-10, 2-3) 74-71. After letting UC Irvine shoot 75 percent in the second half of the previous game, UC Davis shot 60 percent in the second half, taking the lead for good with seven minutes left in the game.

Maxwell continued to lead the offense, recording his sixth double-double of the season, and third in his last four games.

# **Hot-shooting Pacific takes down Matadors**

Pacific shoots 62 percent in the first half, giving it a 15-point halftime lead that CSUN couldn't overcome

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most of the games early, our bench was outscoring the opponent's bench every game," head coach Bobby Braswell said. "Right now we got some guys with

CSUN trailed by as many as 18 against the Tigers and went into halftime down 45-30.

halftime with a renewed

shooting in the second half, which earned the praise of Braswell despite the loss.

"I challenged them in Maxwell came out of the second half and they stepped up," Braswell said.



aving four starters in double figures, but with no help from the bench, the Matadors (9-10, 0-7) lost their seventh Big West Conference game in a row to Pacific (10-8, 4-2) 74-62.

Sophomore forward Stephen Maxwell led all scorers with a career-high 23 points and also added 12 rebounds to give him his second consecutive doubledouble and fourth in five games.

Junior guard Josh Greene chipped in with 12 points and redshirt sophomore guard Stephan Hicks with 11 points, but the bench was outscored 36-6 by the Tiger's reserves.

"That's another thing that's kind of flipped. For some confidence issues.

Giving up the first six points to Pacific, the Matadors never held the lead throughout the game.

Early in the first half the score was tied at 9, but a 15-1 run by the Tigers capped off by two threepointers from junior forward Ross Rivera inflated the lead to 24-10 in favor of Pacific.

Struggling to take care of the ball, Northridge committed 14 turnovers in the first half leading to 19 points for the Tigers.

"When we first came out, we weren't engaged," said sophomore guard Allan Guei. "It was basically like we were in a boxing match and we were getting hit and we weren't doing anything about it."

purpose as he scored the Matadors first six points, punctuated by a dunk on a behind-the-back pass from Greene.

Pulling within six points on an 11-3 run, the Matadors were unable to get closer than five points in the second half, and unable to overcome their struggles in the first.

"If we are not matching everyone else's intensity or going beyond it, it's going to be a loss," Maxwell said. "That's the bottom line."

An inability to make free throws throughout the game, going 22-37 (59 percent), kept the game out of reach for the Matadors.

After shooting 61.5% from the field in the first half, the Tigers were held by Northridge to just 36%

"I am very proud of the effort we gave in the second half. We just got to put forty minutes together like the second twenty minutes and we'll be OK."



Stephen Maxwell (12)

**MOST ASSISTS:** Josh Greene (3)

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Freshman forward Tre Hale-Edmerson looks on as the Matadors win the opening tip-off of the game.

## MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

# Northridge shuts out Concordia

Back-to-back sweeps during early-season homestand highlight a quick 3-1 start on the season for the Matadors

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he 10th-ranked Matadors (3-1) men's volleyball team earned their third win in a row after sweeping Grand Canyon University (2-3) Friday night, shutting out their opponent for the second straight game.

Northridge completed a flawless non-conference schedule and extended their win streak at home to three on the season.

Ryan Mather, Grand Canyon's sophomore middle hitter, scored the first point of the match to start the Antelopes off strong. Mather continued to put the pressure on the Matadors with four swings and four kills, putting the Antelopes up 11-8.

CSUN had trouble scoring and the game's tempo shifted in favor of the Antelopes during the set, but Northridge continued to stay alive.

Looking like the set was out of reach with a five point deficit, the Matadors mounted a comeback. Northridge finished with a 7-1 run, winning the first set 25-23 that gave them motivation throughout the night.

Struggling to dig many of the Antelopes kills down the middle in the first set, head coach Jeff Campbell made the necessary adjustments in the last two sets to come out on top.

"They went to their middles a lot in set one and we really couldn't stop them," said Campbell in an interview with gomatadors.com. "They hit a lot of off-speed roll shots and tips that we did not do a very good job defending. I thought we made some adjustments and really started serving and defending better in games two and three."

The Antelopes forced another tight match early in the second set, but Northridge pulled away with the lead, taking the set 25-18.

Steadily improving throughout the match, Northridge took its hitting percentage from .194 to .609, overwhelming Grand Canyon.

Taking the early lead in set three, the energy in the Matadome was high as the Matadors had their strongest set of the night. Senior middle blocker Jared Moore spiked it off the head of an Antelope player to seal the win for the Matadors, 25-20.

"Anytime we play nonconference events there is pressure to win," sophomore outside hitter Kyle Stevenson said. "I am new to the lineup and excited to be on the court and get the time."

Stevenson led an allaround effort by the Matadors, recording 10 kills, while junior outside hitter Brandon Lebrock and senior opposite side hitter John Baker finished with nine kills each. Northridge finished the night with .350 hitting percentage, nearly doubling Grand Canyon's .191, Northridge also led with 29 kills and three aces.



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Sophomore setter Travis Magorien (15) sets up senior middle blocker Drew Staker (13) for a spike against two waiting Concordia players Friday night in a Matadors' home sweep.

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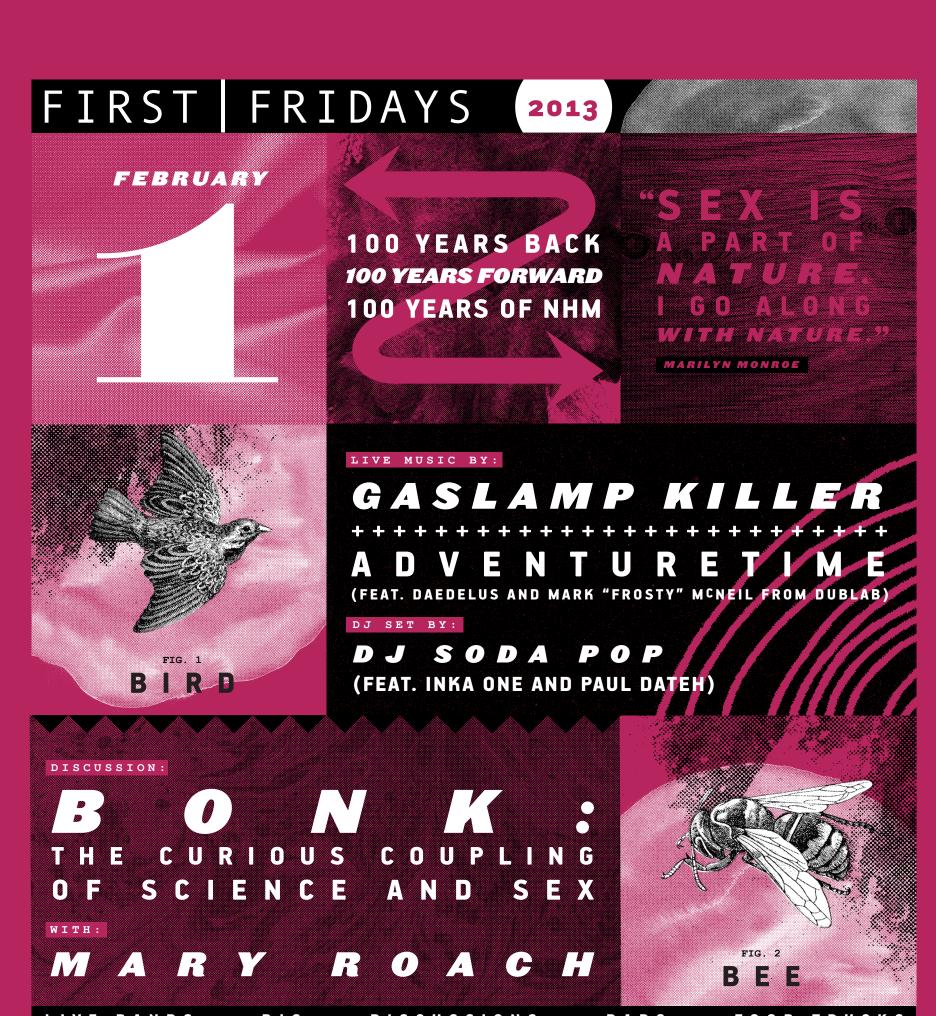
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