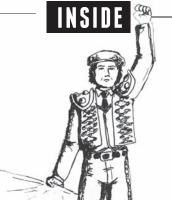
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NEW STUDENT HOUSING TO OPEN

freshman Suites will be ready in 2015, but not without the loss of two parking lots

DAISY PINEDA RAMIREZ DAILY SUNDIAL

he Student Housing Department has confirmed plans for the construction of two new Freshman Suites buildings, projected to open in 2015.

Timothy Trevan, Student Housing president, said the Student Housing Department is currently in the final stages of signing contracts for design plans for the new buildings, which who want an on-campus apartwill have 400 bed spaces.

Some students, like junior CTVA major Devone Day, 21, are eager for additional housing to open.

"Applying for dorms is not enough," Day said. "My friends have been put onto a wait list, and our campus is expanding everyday with more freshmen coming in. CSUN can benefit from creating more housing."

Trevan said the wait list can have as many as 800 students ment for fall semesters, and said no university fees will concredited the demand to the high tribute to the new housing proiamount of incoming freshmen each year.

Senior psychology major Amani Williams, 22, said she is less concerned with the amount of housing and more worried about the cost.

"I don't think students need more housing other than what they have," Williams said. "It

will suffice for students. I just think it needs to be affordable."

Regarding the cost, Trevan ects and the money will come only from housing fees.

"Housing is a completely stand alone enterprise. We are actually contributing a major portion of (the money) from housing reserves, and we planned years ahead so we could

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Vice provost to retire this year

Cynthia Rawitch to leave after 40 years

JASON GALLAHER DAILY SUNDIAL

Provost Cynthia Rawitch announced that she will be retiring at the end of this academic year.

She has worked at CSUN for 40 years with career milestones ranging from serving as journalism department chair and working her way up to vice provost.

The decision to retire was due in large part to be able to spend more time with her husband, journalism professor Robert Rawitch, and family, Rawitch said.

"You get to a certain age, and you say, 'Wow, it's time to play," Rawitch said. "My husband and I are both retiring. We are going to travel more, see our grandchildren more, all the stuff you do when you're our age and retired."

Rawitch began working at CSUN in 1973 after serving as a reporter for the Associated Press and was later offered a teaching position.

"I was on maternity leave from the Associated Press," Rawitch said. "The opportunity was presented to me to teach a single class. It was a class on editing."

At the time, she thought her teaching career would be a flash

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in the pan.

"I fell in love with the experience," Rawitch said. "I fell in love with being in a classroom. I fell in love with the students. I fell in love with being able to share with people ideas and education that was going to have a major impact on their lives."

She worked for 29 years in the journalism department, including a 10-year period in which she served as advisor and publisher of the Daily Sundial.

"Being advisor to the student newspaper was absolutely the best experience I ever had at this university," Rawitch said, "Even if it was, on occasion, also the worst experience."

Her time as publisher was busy and marked with a lawsuit regarding free speech. Former student James Taranto, now editor of OpinionJournal.com and a member of The Wall Street Journal editorial board, sued for being suspended after he printed a cartoon on the paper's opinion page.

The suit was settled out of court, with Taranto receiving \$93 kept from him during his suspension as editor-inchief of the paper.

After her time at the Sundial, Rawitch kept moving up at CSUN. She served as the journalism department chair before moving on to such positions as associate dean of the College of Arts, Media, and Communication, associate vice president of undergraduate studies, and her position as vice provost since April 2011.

She worked on projects such as the CSU Graduation Initiative, working with other faculty members to improve six-year graduation and transfer graduation rates, as well as a successful reac-



Vice Provost Cynthia Rawitch works at her desk in University Hall. She announced her retirement last week after working at CSUN for 40 years.

creditation project with the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

"(Reaccreditation) has been my baby for an extended period of time," she said. "As vice provost at CSUN, my job truly is as chief operating officer of academic affairs."

Faculty who have worked with Rawitch on campus projects said her leadership was a key to success.

"Without Cynthia and her willing-

ness to grab hold and do something, I'd be spinning my wheels," said Bettina Huber, director of institutional research.

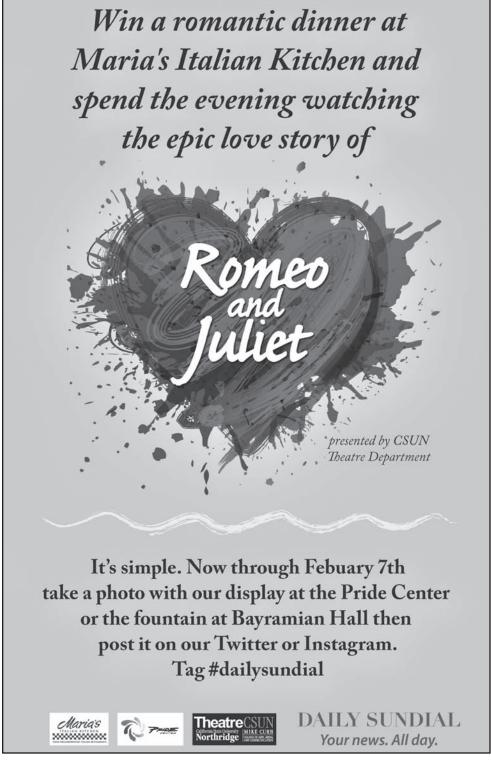
"Two generations of CSUN (students and faculty) have benefited from her no-nonsense and creative approaches to a very wide range of educational policies and practices," said Maureen Rubin, special assistant to the dean of Mike Curb College of Arts, Media, and Communication.

Her co-workers are who she is going to miss the most as she heads into retirement, Rawitch said.

"This happens to be an extraordinarily friendly and vibrant place," she said. "I have never ever been sorry that I came to this place 40 years ago, and the only reason I can say that is for the people I work with. We are a great institution, we do great things for students who come here, but on a dayto-day basis, it's the people you work with who make a difference."

Rawitch's separation from her coworkers won't be immediate. She will transition into retirement through the Faculty Early Retirement Program (FERP). This allows a faculty member to work a maximum of half of the time he or she worked in the year preceding retirement and receive full retirement income.





Helping others is almost second nature

Personal injuries lead to a fascination with the human body and one students to pursuit of a major in kinesiology

LUIS RIVAS SENIOR REPORTER

a young skateboarder, Max Haglun, now 23, would often injure himself. He would slip off his skateboard, roll his ankle and fall to the ground.

But after some rest, over and over again, just like magic, his body would recover. Scrapes would scab up, bruises would begin healing and he would be back on his skateboard-ready to repeat the cycle again.

That fascinated Haglun. And that fascination, of how the body can change and heal itself, has stuck with him ever since. It drove him to pursue a major in kinesiology at CSUN, an area that focuses on the human body and movement.

"I was always interested in the human body, the way it heals itself, the way you can change it, gain weight, lose weight, gain muscle, all the different ways you can influence how it works," he said.

Haglun is studying applied fitness in kinesiology and works as an athletic training student at the Athletic Training Center at CSUN where athletes come to get rehabilitated after a game or workout.

While Haglun was at Pasadena City College, he befriended health trainers and became more convinced that kinesiology was the right major for him. His interest in the human body was properly paired with his area of study.

"It kind of clicked with what I wanted to do," Haglun said.

After he gets his bach-

"I was always interested in the human body, the way it heals itself, the way you can change it..."

> —Max HaglUn athletic Trainer

elor's degree, Haglun plans on attending graduate school. Afterward, he hopes to get a job with a professional sports team or at a place similar to CSUN's Athletic Training

He remembers being younger, climbing a tree and falling. He landed on his

right arm and broke his bone high up near the shoulder. Initially, he was happy that he broke it.

"I always wanted to break my arm so I could get the cast and have people sign it," Halgun said. "But where I broke it, you couldn't get a cast. So I just wore a sling the whole time. So I was kind of disappointed."

He is one of just six student athletic trainers at CSUN's Athletic Training Center. To get into the applied fitness program, a student must complete 60 hours of observation under a certified athletic trainer.

It's easy, almost second nature, to help others when they're injured in the Center, Halgun said.

But at times it can be challenging.

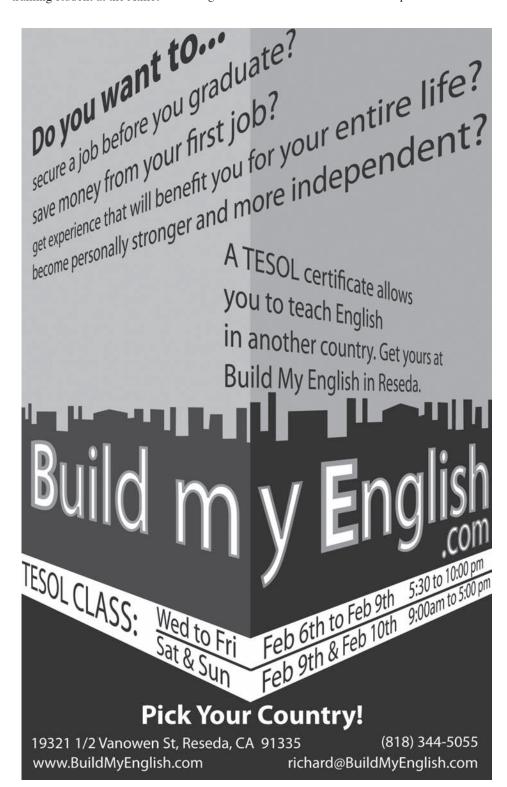
"But being in here in the center and getting some of the people in here, the athletes, when they're coming in to get rehab, and getting to know them is difficult sometimes," he said. "It's a process."

Haglun also practices yoga regularly and finds that his philosophy on life fits perfectly with that of yoga: self awareness, staying in the present and not worrying about the past or the future.



Luis Rivas / Senior reporte

Max Haglun, 23, a kinesiology major studying athletic training, assists Stephen Hicks, 20, of the basketball team at the Athletic Training Center.





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have a cash down payment for this construction," Trevan said. "We are financing a little over half, (and the reason we finance) is because it keeps our debt service down, so we can keep our student housing fees low."

The estimated cost is about \$33 million, which includes costs for new furniture, 400 bed spaces, 60,000 square feet of community space and meeting rooms and a learning center for group studies tutoring, Trevan said.

He added that the two new buildings will be constructed on the two F8 student parking lots in front of Toyon Hall (building 17) and Hawthorne Hall (build-

An L-shaped building will sit on the south F8 lot, and a rectangular building will sit on the east F8 lot.

Parking will be relocated to the student lots G9 on Zelzah Avenue and F10 on

Lassen Street.

The new buildings will have the same design as Mariposa Hall (building 16) and Toyon Hall.

Sophomore kinesiology major Kira Garland, 19, said her drive to campus is a hassle that could be prevented if she lived oncampus.

"I commute from my apartment, and it's more trouble to come to school everyday. If there were more housing, it would be easier," Garland said. "I'll be at school more, study more and get better grades."

Trevan said other ongoing renovation projects are currently in progress, and the Student Housing Department is aware that other buildings need attention.

All of the heating and air conditioning units, hot water heaters and roofs of 11 student housing buildings have been replaced. There are four buildings left that will be renovated this summer, Trevan said.

"We'll continue to do other projects to keep the current buildings in the best possible shape as we work towards our

new construction as well," Trevan said.

Melissa Giles, associate director for Student Housing and Conference Services, said all housing rates will increase by 5 percent, so the new housing units will match the higher price of the old units.

"We typically raise our price by 5 percent each year," Giles said.

Analysis and planning for this project was already underway when President Dianne Harrison started her presidencv at CSUN, said Trevan.

He added the department surveyed students who live in the current student housing buildings and learned that feel housing provides them with a smoother college transition.

Trevan said the main reason for the new housing projects is to provide more space for students to experience that kind of on-campus community.

Contributing reporting by Karla Henry, Staff Reporter, and Christina Cocca, News Editor.

CAMPUS VOICE

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VPAC to hold Los Angeles Mayoral Forum

Candidates for the L.A. Mayoral Race will discuss city-wide issues and target potential voters

JOELL GRAGER DAILY SUNDIAL

he VPAC will host the Mayoral Forum for the should take special notice

Los Angeles County Mayor candidates Thursday.

The event will be preceded by a breakfast reception at 9 a.m. The debate will begin at 10 a.m. and go until noon.

Commuter students as the B1 parking lot will be reserved for attendees of the forum. If extra space is necessary, the event attendees will be directed to F10 in the northern part of campus, and shuttle rides will be provided.

> Former Los Ange

les Deputy Mayor Austin Beutner will be moderating the forum. Each candidate will be asked about key issues including fixing the economy, creating more jobs and workforce training.

They will discuss transportation issues, specifically the Metro, tourism in L.A. and trade infrastructure.

The forum will include front runners Wendy Greuel, Eric Garcetti, Kevin James, Jan Perry and Emanuel

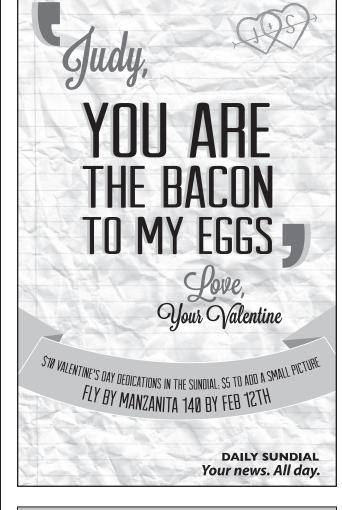
This event will be free and open to the public.

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Don't complain; Be the change

ANKUR PATEL CONTRIBUTOR

most student rallies where chants echo, we hear "Student-Power!" repeated until throats are coarse. Making noise and drawing attention to campus issues is important, but increased awareness does not directly change policy or gain funding.

In order for students to contend for power in our current economic system, we have to recognize the politics that allow access to resources. At CSUN, students need to form a club and follow rules in order to get some of our own money back to fund events or actions. A corporate structure does facilitate the actions necessary to govern large sums of money, but the fact that the Associated Students, our student government, is a private corporation acting under the color of state law starts to blur the role of for-profit entities conducting business on public campuses.

On a larger level, increased funding of higher education through Proposition 30 was deemed the solution to the regular budget cuts and tuition increases that have plagued the California State University system over the last decade. This led much of the academic community to mobilize in support of the proposition.

However, the structural faults of an education system that is more concerned with the bottom line than the intrinsic value of knowledge will not be solved by throwing money at the problem. On the contrary, it encourages a neo-liberal privatization of public education.

Last year, Gov. Jerry Brown marginalized the tenured professor by promoting online education and the new requirements

that increase pension contributions from new professors. Nevertheless, the California Faculty Association, the union that represents professors throughout the California State University system, hasn't mobilized a response that has gotten the public's attention.

The dissenting academy has been hibernating because of material comfort and a bureaucratic system that stomps out radical intellectuals who speak out against a corrupt and incompetent political system. Instead, professors play politics in the academic senate while campus administrators play budget games that pit one department project against another.

Students don't come with that baggage.

We have the ability to be free thinkers and challenge the status quo, but sometimes we are threatened with academic probation or told to worry about graduation under whispered breath. Even if students aren't pressured to walk the line by campus administration, we haven't had the resources or the organization to come together with one voice without being co-opted by the Democratic Party.

The large number of students, our consumerist tendencies, and our malleable worldviews make us easy targets for assimilation by well-developed political machinery.

The campus becomes a place of polarization when we accept the rhetoric of a two-party-binary. We get lured into a battle for more funding for education, which prevents us from acknowledging the fact that we have CSU administrators who make over \$500,000, while adjunct professors make little more than a tenth of that. These administrators. campus presidents, and Board of Trustees are appointed by the Democratic Governor and approved by the Democrat controlled State Sen-

But at CSUs and UCs across the state, the local legislator is not beholden to the students at that specific university because they can assume that a large portion of students don't vote, and many that do, don't vote in that district.

Some students think of themselves as transient; on campus for a few years and then on to somewhere better. Students may register to vote in their hometown and not bother to re-register at their campus address, but that dilutes the electoral power of the student community.

Most people, especially students, don't pay attention to local politics because of misconception that local government doesn't impact their daily life. Unfortunately, this combination has usually produced a lower voter turnout in elections for the city council district that includes CSUN.

This leaves future generations of students underrepresented and allows the politicians of that area to avoid taking strong stances in support of public education. In fact, it allows the entire conversation to be trivialized into simple sound bites and rhetoric that plays into a broader Democrat versus Republican binary that marginalizes third parties and independent candidates.

We complain about inactivity in the government or how their decisions negatively affect our lives or the lives of our loved ones. But quiescence do not produce changes. Nor can we wait for the world to change.

Student power comes from our ability to dialogue between different viewpoints, come to a pragmatic solution and mobilize to Student power comes from being organized and well informed. Student power comes from diversity of

of action.

There is an election in Los Angeles on March 5th where 11 out of 18 LA City officials will be on the ballot, three out of seven LAUSD School Board Members and three out of seven Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees will be on the ballot.

student power comes from voting together. Not only students on a single campus, but if students across campuses develop into an independent voting constituency, we have the

background and cohesion collective ability to steer the American government away from war. After all, it was the youth that pushed the 1960s civil rights agenda that we now seem to take for granted.

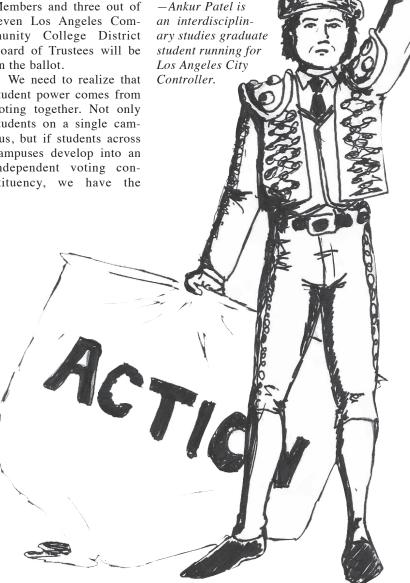
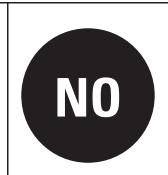


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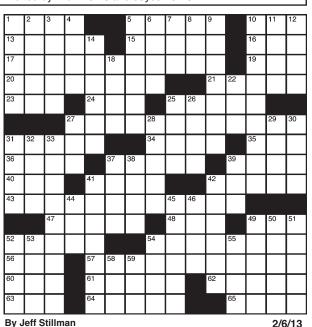
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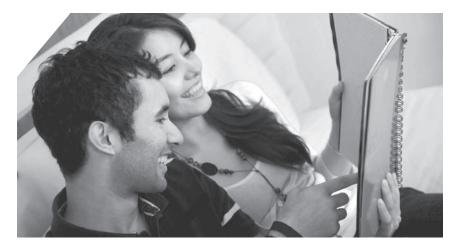
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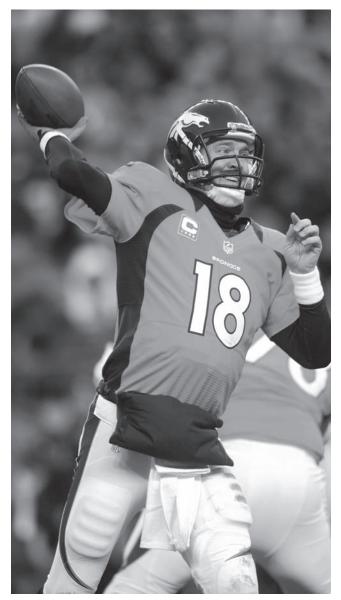




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COLUMN

NFL awards chosen by the Sundial



Denver quarterback Peyton Manning led a resurgent Broncos offense. Coming off his third neck surgery, Manning put up the second best numbers of his career at the age of 36.

RON ROKHY

SPORTS EDITOR

hile Adrian Peterson's spectacular return from a torn ACL may have most people -- and the NFL -- thinking he's the clear-cut MVP, there's a solid case to be made for Colts' quarterback Peyton Manning to the take the prestigious award

First of all, Manning, like Peterson, also came back from a career-threatening injury. Last offseason, he underwent his third neck surgery in the last two years and wasn't guaranteed a return to the NFL due to his climbing age (he's 36).

But get this: Not only did he return, he had his best statistical year since 2004-2005, when he threw a then-NFL record 49 touchdowns in a year. Furthermore, Manning led the Broncos to a 12-game winning streak to close out the regular season, which was sparked by an unbelievable come-from-behind victory against the Chargers in week six, who led Denver 25-0 at halftime.

Manning, who accumulated 4,659 yards and 31 touchdowns during the year, also put up a passer rating of 105.8 (all of which are good for second-highest of his career). He's shown time and time again that he is an elite quarterback no matter how old he is or what team he plays for -- and he's still deadly accurate, completing a crisp 68.6 percent of his passes.

This season, Manning stacked up well against other quarterbacks, ranking fifth in overall passing yards, third in touchdowns and second in quarterback rating. His presence behind center turned the Broncos' ho-hum passing game into a top-tier aerial attack featuring two 1,000+

yard wideouts. Many doubted Manning's ability before the season, questioning his age and the strength of his throwing arm, but his statistics, wins and clutch play leave no room for doubt: Manning can still play, and at an MVP level.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER

RON ROKHY SPORTS EDITOR

here's really no debate about who the Defensive Player of the Year award should go to.

Houston's J.J. Watt, who anchored one of the league's toughest defenses in his second year as a pro, finished the season leading the league with 20.5 sacks to along with four forced fumbles, 81 tackles and an amazing 16 passes defended, which is unheard of for a defensive end.

His presence on the field gave nightmares to opposing quarterbacks. Having to constantly be worried about being blindsided by a near-300 lb. wrecking ball, or having their passes tipped or batted down at the line.

Watt also recorded an impressive three sacks in a game on two separate occa-



Houston Texans defensive end J.J. Watt ran away with the NFL Defensive Player of the Year award.

sions this season, had a four-game streak where he forced at least one fumble, and became the first player in NFL history to finish a season with at least 16.5 sacks and 15 tipped passes.

His quickness, size and

strength make him unblockable to opposing linmen, allowing him to wreak havoc on the other team's ground assault. Houston allowed less than 100 rushing yards per game and Watt recorded 23 tackles for losses this year.

Watt, who broke Mario Williams' franchise record for most sacks, justly received 49 out of the 50 votes for the NFL's Defensive Player of the Year award, completely blowing away the competition.

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

BOB GARCIA DAILY SUNDIAL

here were a slew of rookies that have had an outstanding 2012, but quarterbacks made up the top-three.

There is Indianapolis Colts quarterback Andrew Luck, who took a team that finished with the worst record in the league last season to the playoffs this year.

Washington Redskins quarterback Robert Griffin III, led his team to an NFC East division title and the playoffs.

These two rookies each made hard-to-miss cases this season for the award. Though there is one rookie whose play this year was nothing less than sensational. Seattle Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson.

Wilson entered 2012 as the 75th overall draft pick, slated to come in and compete for the backup quarterback job. The Seahawks had just given former Green Bay Packers backup quarterback Matt Flynn, a 3-year \$26 million contract to be their starter.

Unlike Griffin and Luck, Wilson had to beat out Flynn for the starting quarterback

Once under center, Wilson lead the Seahawks to an unexpected 11-5 record and a playoff berth.

Seattle ended the regular season on a five game winning streak going into the playoffs, which consisted of a 58-0 blowout of the Arizona Cardinals, a 50-17 win over the Buffalo Bills followed by a 42-13 thumping of the San Francisco 49ers.

According to ESPN.com, Wilson's quarterback passer rating of 100.0 ranked him fourth in the NFL, and was second-highest among rookie quarterbacks behind Griffin III's 102.4.

Wilson's 26 passing touchdowns ranked him 12th in NFL, and first for all rookie quarterbacks. His 26 touchdowns tied Denver Broncos quarterback Payton Manning's rookie record.

was no other quarterback in the league that you would

want the ball in the hands of than Wilson. Three times during the season, Wilson threw a game-winning touchdown pass in the last two minutes or overtime.

His completion percentage of 64.1 had him ranked eighth in the league, and second for rookies behind Griffin III's 65.6.

Wilson was also dangerous with his legs rushing for 489 yards and four touchdowns which ranked him third in NFL for quarterbacks, and second for rookies behind Griffin III's 815 rushing yards.

Wilson's outstanding performance this season as a rookie quarterback for Under pressure, there the Seahawks makes him worthy of this season's NFL rookie of the year.



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Seattle Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson led a surpising Seahawks team into the playoffs, losing to Atlanta in the NFC Divisional Round.