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Orange Grove honors Valley's agricultural past

LUIS RIVAS
SENIOR REPORTER

CSUN's Orange Grove features more than 400 orange trees. The Orange Grove is enjoyed by CSUN students, faculty and staff and outside guests. In addition to the hundreds of trees, the five-acre Orange Grove is also home to a botani-

cal pond featuring a 270-foot stream and a natural spring well, that provides a home to wildlife such as red-eared slider turtles, koi and goldfish and ducks.

People come here to enjoy quiet time for relaxation, with many taking the opportunity to do homework, read or feed the ducks.

Its pathways are wheelchair accessible and well-lit for night-time strolls.

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SMOKE-FREE CSU

Chancellor White plans to implement a systemwide cigarette ban

HANSOOK OH
SENIOR REPORTER

The CSU Academic Senate's resolution to ban tobacco products on all CSU campuses is one step closer to being implemented as an executive order.

At Wednesday's meeting, the senate's chair, Dr. Diana Guerin, thanked Chancellor Timothy White for responding to the senate's plan to make the CSU smoke-free.

"He wants to plan the process to ban all tobacco products in the CSU and cessation programs," Guerin said. "We would be pleased to participate in this (and) provided solutions electronically to the board."

Currently the only CSU campus with a tobacco policy is San Francisco State University, which bans tobacco use outside of designated smoking areas. Cal State Fullerton is the first CSU campus that will become 100 percent smoke-free as of August 2013.

Two CSUN student representatives of the Campuses Organized and United for Good Health (COUGH) expressed their support for such a policy during a 30-minute public forum segment.

"Current smokers can successfully quit with a 100 percent campus tobacco free policy," said CSUN COUGH President Charleen Mikail. "We must ensure that each of the campuses can provide cessation services to students, faculty and staff."

CSUN COUGH Vice President, Marleni DePhilippis, urged CSUN

President Dianne Harrison to progress a smoke-free policy at the Northridge campus.

"This policy is a long victory and show the cost efforts around the state haven't been in vain and we encourage you to move this policy forward," DePhilippis said. "We have confidence that with your continued support we will be successful in assisting our campus transition in becoming 100 percent tobacco free."

White did not mention the smoke-free policy in his report, but expressed his overall support for the CSU system as he completes a tour of the 23 CSU campuses.

"You can compare the California University to a quilt of many fabrics, stronger as a whole than the sum-

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KEN SCARBORO/SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

President Dianne Harrison listens while CSUN students from COUGH address the CSU Board of Trustees. Students from CSUN and other campuses came to seek further support for a campus-wide smoking ban.

CULTURECLASH

BOTTOMS UP, GEEKS



PREVIEW

Women take back the night

The Women's Resource and Research Center will host the 10th annual Take Back the Night rally on Thursday at 6 p.m.

Students, groups and activists will meet at the USU Plaza Del Sol where they will rally together to protest violence against women.

Take Back the Night will open with a performance from Natalia Zukerman and President Dianne Harrison will welcome attendees.

There will be performances throughout the night by spoken word artist, Yazmin Watkins.

Daniel Foster, CSUN police department's crime prevention coordinator, will take the stage and educate attendees on crime prevention techniques.

Attendees will then march by candlelight from the USU to the WRRC, located on Halsted.

The night will end with testimonials and real life accounts of experiences with violence.

—REANNE ROGERS

BOT

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mation of the parts," White said. "I am learning about the unique fabrics during the visits and find better ways to work together and stronger as one."

Student representatives from CSU Long Beach Associated Students Inc. (ASI) also spoke during the public forum to oppose Gov. Jerry Brown's unit cap funding policy in his education budget for 2013-14. His policy would cap financial aid for all CSU students at a maximum of 150 course units by 2015.

ASI Sen. Agatha Gucyski representing the CSULB College of Business Administration explained that the unit cap will hurt students majoring in STEM majors—science, technology, engineering and mathematics—who are required to complete a base of 150 units for an undergraduate degree.

"As the mission of the CSU is to provide high quality and accessible education we don't want to punish our students," Gucyski said. "Students who will be affected the most are STEM majors and others as well. Accounting majors need 150 units in order to get a CPA, do we want to punish students getting that degree in order to have a promising future?"

CSULB ASI's president



KEN SCARBORO/SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Marleni DePhilippis, vice president of CSUN COUGH, thanks Chancellor Timothy White for supporting a proposal to make all CSU campuses smoke-free. DePhilippis, a graduate student public health major, was joined by other health majors thank White and push for more support of a campus-wide smoking ban.

John Haberstroh handed the resolution, sealed in an envelope, to a board member.

The board also gave recognition to Rebecca Mieliwocki, who was awarded as the 2012 National Teacher of the Year by the Council of Chief State School Officers.

Mieliwocki, who graduated

from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo with her bachelors degree and completed her credentials at CSUN, teaches seventh grade English at Luther Burbank Middle School, but has of late been traveling the country and internationally on an education tour. She described how important the CSU was

for her training and practice as a teacher.

"I am a proud product of California schools from preschool to my last class at Cal State Northridge," said Mieliwocki. "I was taught by the best and given so much responsibility and opportunity and

expectations through the roof. One of the things I took from Cal Poly (is) I make my kids do everything, they have all the responsibility, they're in the driving seat. And that's the ticket (to the future)."

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Mother and Daughter Esperanza Sanchez, 68, and Angelica Cervantez, 48, come to the Orange Grove because they love the smell of the orange trees.



Junior Tanekeo Marcus, 23, Communications major came to the Orange Grove for the first time on Wednesday and loved it.

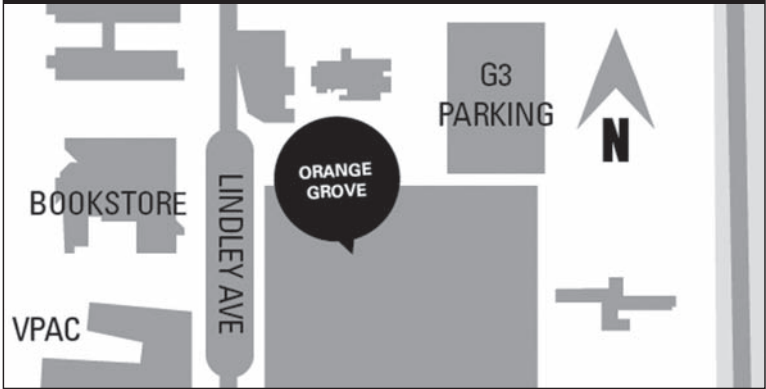


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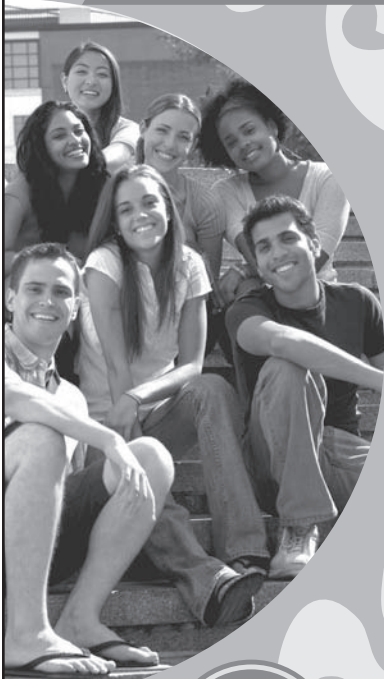
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Athletic trainers celebrate career all month

Kiniseology department helps students learn on the job skills through clinical education rotations and classes

BOB GARCIA
DAILY SUNDIAL

In California, there is currently a licensure bill (AB 864) that would define the scope of athletic training and keep non-certified individuals from identifying themselves as athletic trainers.

Shane Stecyk, associate professor and director of CSUN’s athletic training education program, said if the bill is signed into law, it could help students.

“This is a problem at some high schools in California because these non-certified individuals are not able to provide the level of care that an athletic trainer can,” Stecyk said. “And with concussions being a significant problem especially at the high school level, it is vitally important that the public understands who certified athletic trainers are.”

March marks National Athletic Training month for the training program and is promoted by the National Athletic Training Association to help people better understand the career.

The education program will sell t-shirts during the month and put up posters around Redwood Hall, which is the kinesiology building.

“It is important because the more we can educate the public, the more we can contribute to health care in

general,” Stecyk said. “Although there is overlap of knowledge and skills between various allied health professions (athletic training, physical therapy, nursing), each profession is different and each profession provides healthcare to the public.”

Stecyk also added that athletic trainers have been recognized as allied health professionals by the American Medical Association since 1991.

The training program is involved in two off-campus events every March. These events are the St. Francis Sports Medicine Competition and the National Honors Society of Sports Medicine.

The St. Francis Sports Medicine Competition is hosted by St. Francis High School and brings students from across the U.S. to test their knowledge in sports medicine and athletic training. At last year’s event nearly 550 students attended, according to Stecyk.

The National Honors Society of Sports Medicine, which was founded in 2007 by certified athletic trainers Eli Hallak and Cindy Kramer, is an organization with over 35 chapters across the United States.

Stecyk said an Honors Society event last year was held at Staples Center in conjunction with the Los Angeles Clippers, with about 1,200 students in attendance.

“I think national training month will raise awareness about athletic trainers and help people learn about what athletic trainers actually do,”



KARLA HENRY / DAILY SUNDIAL

Athletic Trainer Miguel Quintero engages in hands on physical therapy with students during his Kinesiology class on Tuesday morning.

said Miguel Quintero, part-time CSUN faculty lecturer and certified athletic trainer.

CSUN has been in existence since 1974 and is presently accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE) until the 2016-2017 academic year.

The program teaches athletic train-

ing majors classroom and clinical education components for five semesters and requires one summer session.

Students admitted to the program are expected to be full-time students throughout the course and must complete 15-25 hours per week for their clinical education rotations.

This career field includes professions such as athletic training, medi-

cine, nursing, biomechanics, sports psychology, exercise physiology, pharmacy and nutrition, according to the program’s home page.

Once students complete the program they are eligible to take the national certification examination for entry level athletic trainers, which is directed by the Board of Certification, Inc.

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FINAL ROUND

Drink with Pikachu and Snow White to these cartoon recipes

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RAISING THE BAR

Too bad cartoons are fiction, at least the booze are not

JOHN SARINGO-RODRIGUEZ
DAILY SUNDIAL

There are many raunchy and over-the-top named drinks these days that are titled for the sake of a laugh. If we tone it down and get creative, we can assemble a variety of drinks that may bring about nostalgic memories from our adolescence. Pokemon, Street Fighter, Resident Evil, Metroid and Disney themed drinks are sure to entertain gamers and the young-at-heart.

T-VIRUS SHOT RESIDENT EVIL

Reanimate yourself with the T-Virus. This infectious shot will give you an unrelenting craving for more!

INGREDIENTS:

- 3/4 shot Silver rum
- 1/4 shot Everclear
- 1 Blue Twizzler

DIRECTIONS:

Wind a blue Twizzler around a tall double shot glass. It should stick to the sides of the glass. Pour in the silver rum and top with the Everclear.

PIKACHU Pokemon

A wild Pikachu has appeared...drink it! This concoction will send a shockwave through your body and keep you in an elated state of mind; Nurse Joy won't know what to do with you.

INGREDIENTS:

- 1/2 oz. Grenadine
- 1/2 oz. Crème de banana
- 1/2 oz. Captain Morgan Tattoo

DIRECTIONS:

Pour the grenadine, next layer the Crème de banana, then layer the Captain Morgan tattoo on top

Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs

The object of this drinking game is to name the seven dwarfs; if one is unable to, then they must drink the Dwarf that they could not remember, then finish it off by drinking Snow White. Beware! If the drinker should fall into a deep slumber, true love's kiss will have no effect.

INGREDIENTS:

- Happy - Tequila shot
- Dopey - White rum shot
- Grumpy - Vodka shot
- Doc - Whiskey shot
- Sneezzy - Brandy shot
- Bashful - Dark rum shot
- Sleepy - Absinthe
- Snow White - 1 shot of Kahlua, 2 shots of Bailey's Irish Cream and 2 shots of vodka. Stir. Garnish as needed.



This Street Fighter themed drink is full of punch. Do drink cautiously to avoid Hadoukening in your DD's car.



PHOTOS BY JOHN SARINGO-RODRIGUEZ / DAILY SUNDIAL

Whatever your drunken nature may be: happy, dopey, grumpy or sleepy, it will be revealed after consuming a few of these poisons.

RYU'S HADOUKEN Street Fighter

This combination doesn't require an arrangement of ups, downs and heavy punches, but an acquired taste for whisky and Bacardi 151. This fiery ensemble is all you need for a heavy attack on the senses, just don't let it knock you out.

INGREDIENTS:

- 3/4 oz. Blue Curacao
- 3/4 oz. Fireball cinnamon whisky
- Splash of Bacardi 151

DIRECTIONS:

Mix the blue curacao and Fireball in a shot glass. Layer a thin bit of Bacardi 151 (or other 151 rum) on the top and light on fire. Block to extinguish and drink! Add more Bacardi 151 to the top to make it a Shinkuu Hadouken.

ZERO SUIT SAMUS & METROID COCKTAILS

Zero Suit Samus' paralyzer is known for stopping her enemies cold. This chilled, sweet and sour fusion will do just the same.

Metroids feed on the "life energy" of their prey. Return the favor and have some fun at the same time!

ZERO SUIT SAMUS INGREDIENTS:

- 1 1/2 oz. Hypnotiq
- 1 oz. Blue Curacao
- 1 Sweet lemon
- Splash of Midori
- Splash of Apple pucker

ZERO SUIT SAMUS DIRECTIONS:

Squeeze the juice out of half a sweet lemon and use a scoop to remove the pulp, leaving a clean rind. Measure the juice to 1/2 oz. and blend all ingredients together and strain into a glass. Cut a hole in the lemon rind for a straw and place over the glass.

METROID INGREDIENTS:

- 1/2 shot Bacardi big apple rum
- 1/2 shot Coconut rum
- 1/2 glass Kiwi strawberry crystal Light or Green Kool-Aid
- 1/2 Cup 7UP
- 3 Raspberries

METROID DIRECTIONS:

Mix and shake the two rums and kiwi strawberry and pour into a lowball glass. Add the 7UP for a bit of flavor and carbonation. Drop in three raspberries as a garnish.

EVERYONE'S A CRITIC

There's nothing magical about 'Wonderstone'

JOSH CARLTON
CONTRIBUTOR

Growing up I wasn't a fan of magic. I never understood the appeal of a guy waving a wand around, or pulling a rabbit out of a hat. The wonder never took hold of me. So going into "The Incredible Burt Wonderstone," I was hoping to get a few laughs and maybe even a glimpse into something I had shied away from as a kid.

Was I asking too much? Yep. What I ended up getting was a movie so lost in its own bewildered sense of magic you can't help but feel cheated by its sloppy prestige.

Steve Carell plays the title role, a cynical magician who has lost his

way. He dumps his best friend and partner, Anton Marvelton, (Steve Buscemi) and is fired by his boss, Doug Munny, (James Gandolfini). Burt must then regain his love of magic, get his friend back, get the girl and... well, you know the rest.

The story (team behind 'Horrible Bosses') is a mess, and the direction by Don Scardino (30 Rock) felt uninspired. Some of the gags had potential, mainly Jim Carrey's as an over-the-top magician stealing Burt's thunder. However, the comedic effect is lost on the films infuriating habit of pulling its punches.

It's obvious who the movie takes shots at (Criss Angel, David Blaine, Sigfried and Roy), but it seems as if they didn't want to hurt anyone's feelings. As an audience member this was frustrating, especially with characters this blatantly uneven. Carell looks bored, Carrey's shtick is beaten like a dead horse (an actual

scene in the movie; kind of) and Olivia Wilde chooses yet another flat role. Buscemi, Gandolfini and the reliable Alan Arkin give it a shot, but none of them really seem to care. Rightfully so, their talents are wasted on a one-note mess.

That aside, the biggest issue with the film, aside from not being funny, lies with Wonderstone himself. Carell tries, but the character is too unlikeable to empathize with. When Wilde's character, Jane, tries to right Burt's path, he just gets worse. Only when Burt meets his idol, Rance Holloway (Arkin) does he start to slightly change, but even then he is played more like a buffoon and less like a comeback kid. The outrageous ending only makes matters worse by opting for a mean-spirited and phony final act. Considering the talent on and off the screen, it's probably best for everyone to move on and forget this cheap trick.



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Steve Carell and Olivia Wilde in "The Incredible Burt Wonderstone," a comedy on Vegas' magic acts.



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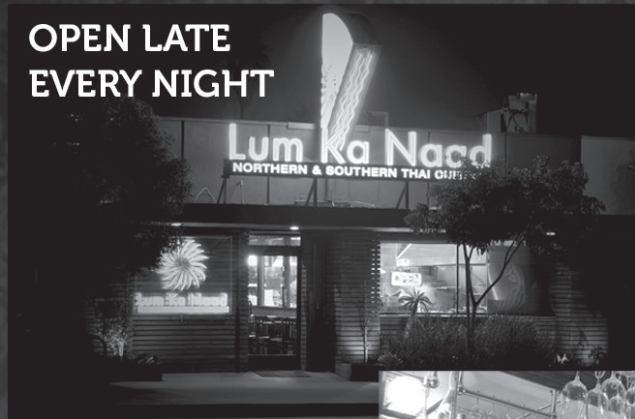
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Barclays, has new owners and more music

JASON GALLAHER
DAILY SUNDIAL

Studies show that music helps the brain, so for those Matadors who need a little mental boost, there's a coffee shop not too far from campus that offers multiple live music options each month.

Barclays Coffee & Tea Co., located on Tampa Ave., has jazz and singer/songwriter performers almost every

Friday and Saturday night, as well as afternoon jazz jam sessions from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. every other Sunday.

Tony Sangiacomo, a CSUN alum who graduated in May with a degree in music industry studies, handles promotion and books performers for Barclays.

"A lot goes into our music events, and our performers aren't just in the background," Sangiacomo said. "These musicians get to be in the forefront and not just provide background noise."

Sangiaco looks for a mix of professional musicians and CSUN students in the jazz program to play at Barclays.

"Many of our performers are friends of mine through the jazz program or

are current jazz majors," he said. "It's a great opportunity for CSUN students to play with professionals."

One of these professionals was Josh Nelson, a jazz pianist who has released five studio albums and performed with people such as Natalie Cole and Queen Latifah.

Sangiaco thanks the emphasis on live music at Barclays to the willingness of the store's new owners, Isaac and Irene Akouka.

"The new owners are supportive and really open to new ideas," Sangiacomo said. "They have allowed me to have more live music than the past owner."

The Akoukas took over the coffee shop five months ago, buying Barclays from the previous owner who ran it since its establishment in 1973.

Isaac Akouka said, along with a new paint job, providing live music is helping breathe new life into Barclays.

"The live music is doing great for business," Akouka said. "We meet a lot of people and new faces. It's just fun."

Ian Roller, saxophonist and CSUN graduate in jazz performance, said he attends nearly every jazz jam session.

"It's great because everyone's welcome," Roller said. "It's here not just for the CSUN community, but for the local community and music community as well."

Sangiaco said that one of the best parts of having live music is it invigorates the coffee shop with energy.

"Jazz is a style of music that has a fun vibe," he said. "You can clap in the middle of a song, come in and order



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The Rogét Chahayed Quartet performs a set at Barclays Coffee and Tea Co. in Northridge. The cafe features weekly performances from local bands and performers. They are open to all ages, and there is no cover.

a drink, and not worry about making noise. It's a really relaxed environment that's all about the music."

Barclays offers a variety of coffees to choose from while listening to this music with international names such as Jamaica Blue Mountain, Mocha Yemen, Sumatra Mandheling and Kona-Kenya-Columbia.

Northridge resident Adam Artizada summed up his experience at a Saturday night Barclays jazz performance.

"I came here for the musicians and it's great," he said. "The coffee's great, the music's great. It's definitely better than Starbucks."

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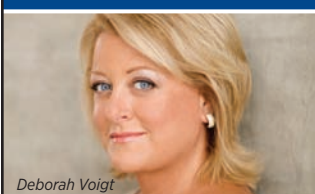






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GET ON TRACK

Fall Out Boy returns

BRIAN ANDRADE
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They are the four-man pop punk band that became icons in the field of rock. The Illinois natives broke out from the underground music scene and quickly launched themselves as one the top known rock groups of the last decade.

"Sugar We're Going Down" and "Dance, Dance" are two of their many singles that reached the highest hits on the Billboard Top 100. Musical stardom was reached during their careers up until late 2009 when they decided to take a hiatus. A temporary break was set so members could have the time to pursue side projects and solo careers.

Fans were devastated to hear about the momentary split where no comeback was expected to arise. The well-missed band is Fall Out Boy and this year they made a loud reunion.

Out of the blue, a commotion was ignited when the artists tweeted that they would be releasing a new album entitled "Save Rock and Roll" on April 16.

As a group of guys who enjoy stirring reckless fun, the four celebrated the end of their hiatus in their hometown Chicago by burning copies of their previous albums.

However, they did not stop

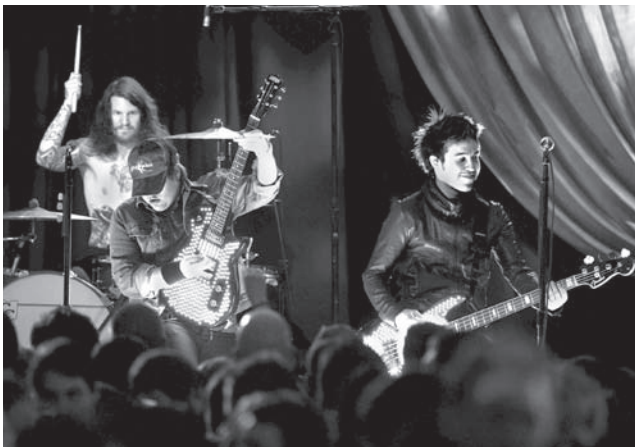


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Fall Out Boy performing at the 2009 presidential inauguration.

there. Fall Out Boy made sure that their return would generate a frenzy of news by releasing a track shortly after the announcement. "My Songs Know What You Did in the Dark (Light Em Up)" is the lead single of their upcoming album.

The new song is a teaser for the band's innovative sound. Beside the vocals sung by Patrick Stump, Fall Out Boy had some small but noticeable distinctions. It features heavy instrumentation, which details the track with a dark tone. Rhythmically, the single is slow but consistent in order to intensify the angry anthem.

The music video features a cameo by 2 Chainz. Oddly enough, Fall Out Boy made no appearances in the video. As a treat for fans, they could possibly be hinting collaborations with the rap artist.

Fall Out Boy recently began performing secret shows and hosted autograph signings. However, an official tour named after the album is set from May 24 to June 30. All their national tour dates are already sold out.

Being back in the studio and on stage where they can play music together as a group of friends have the guys overjoyed. On their official website, the band posted "when we were kids the only thing that got us through most days was music. It's why we started Fall Out Boy in the first place."

Will the rock quartet be able to succeed again after their nearly four year break? After their sudden comeback the band's hype was redeemed. Fall Out Boy is in the spotlight and are committed to providing fans with further exceptional tunes.



EVERYONE'S A CRITIC

Looking back at 'Girls'

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Season two of the critically acclaimed HBO series "Girls" saw the series go in a direction that fans feared after the stellar first season.

While working on season two, creator Lena Dunham was receiving a ton of awards and being touted as the voice of a generation by many in the media. Unfortunately, the success appears to have went to her head as season two became entirely too self-involved.

The great dialogue and interactions of season one were replaced by monologues by Dunham's character Hannah. Some of the monologues are great, like the one at the end of "Bad Friend" where Hannah points out how the formerly composed Marnie (Allison Williams) is falling apart. But too many monologues, like the "I want to feel everything!" speech in "One Man's Trash," are plagued by episodes that are too self-serving.

Dunham uses Hannah to show how stressful "making it" is, but the storyline lacks relateness and falls flat.

The entire season isn't a total loss. Ironically, the stars of Girls season two are actually the men. Hannah's gay ex-boyfriend Elijah (Andrew Rannells) steals the first



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The cast of "Girls" celebrating their win at the 2013 Golden Globes.

couple episodes and his interactions with Hannah are some of the shows most intriguing scenes. In "Bad Friend," the two go on a bender and have an iconic dance scene to Icono Pop's "I Love It." The scene propelled the song to the Billboard Hot 100 list, proving that Dunham still has some pop culture relevancy.

One particular episode that the men carry is fittingly titled "Boys." There's a brilliant scene shared by Shoshanna's (Zosia Mamet) cynical boyfriend Ray (Alex Karpovsky) and Hannah's neurotic ex-boyfriend Adam (Adam Driver), while the two are returning a stolen dog to Staten Island.

Adam has a great speech about how Hannah is a carnival prize that you don't even want, but try so hard to get anyways. Then, he says, after you win it, you're stuck walking around the carnival with a

big, stupid stuffed animal.

As the season went on and Adam became a more prominent character, the episodes got better. The season ended with its strongest two episodes, one of which had a controversial scene that got a lot of press.

The scene in "On All Four," shows Adam's dark side when he forces his girlfriend Natalia to do sexual things she's not too into. The scene got a lot of negative press about how it was over-the-top and made people feel uncomfortable, but those same critics were calling it rough sex and not rape, which is what it was.

"Girls" may have regressed in its second season, but Dunham's commentary about femininity and rape awareness on TV is important. The fact that the show ended on a high note inspires hope for season three.



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Film honors Iraqi veterans

The Veterans Resource Center (VRC) and UCLA's Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) will be screening the documentary "High Ground" Thursday in the USU Theater.

The 7 p.m. screening will also feature a post-movie Q&A with the producer, Don Hahn, a CSUN alumnus.

"High Ground" follows 11 veterans as they attempt to climb Mount Lobuche, a 20,000 foot mountain in the Himalayas. The team, led by blind veteran Erik Weihenmayer, symbolize their climb with their struggle to cope with emotional and physical scars from the war in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The screening, which is open to the public, costs \$5 but tickets online or at the door are \$10. All sales benefit the UCLA Bruin Battalion student group.

—JESSICA BULLOCK

USU proposes new technology lounge

Board of Directors unsure of completion date and ask for student feedback to build location

JESSICA BULLOCK
DAILY SUNDIAL

The USU Board of Directors is currently working on creating a technology lounge on campus.

Although originally projected to open by the end of 2013, the board has now decided to complete only a proposed design, based on their meeting held last month.

"A completion date is still to be determined and will be based on what students want in this space, the budget and how quickly we can make it happen," said Shannon Krajewski, USU associate director for marketing and programs.

According to Kevin Lizarraga, USU marketing manager, the Oviatt Library is undergoing renovations as well and will be installing new furniture and technology.

The renovations will be found throughout the first floor of the library including both wings and the core. Renovations will include new technologies

for librarians and ergonomic and flexible furniture for students.

The renovations in the library are proposed to start in Fall 2013.

Based on observation from this addition, the USU will assess how students use these items in the library and incorporate whether additional similar items are needed, or if something completely different should be created in the technology lounge.

"Once we know the needs, then a budget can be developed," Lizarraga said, referring to the planning of the lounge.

Student feedback is equally important in planning the technology lounge. Determinations of what students want and need are thoroughly incorporated into the board's decisions in building and furnishing this new space.

"As a young person, the idea of a technology lounge sounds great. However, I believe more funding should be put into areas such as enabling students to take more classes and supporting professors to teach those classes," said Amanda Sutton, 25, senior health administration.

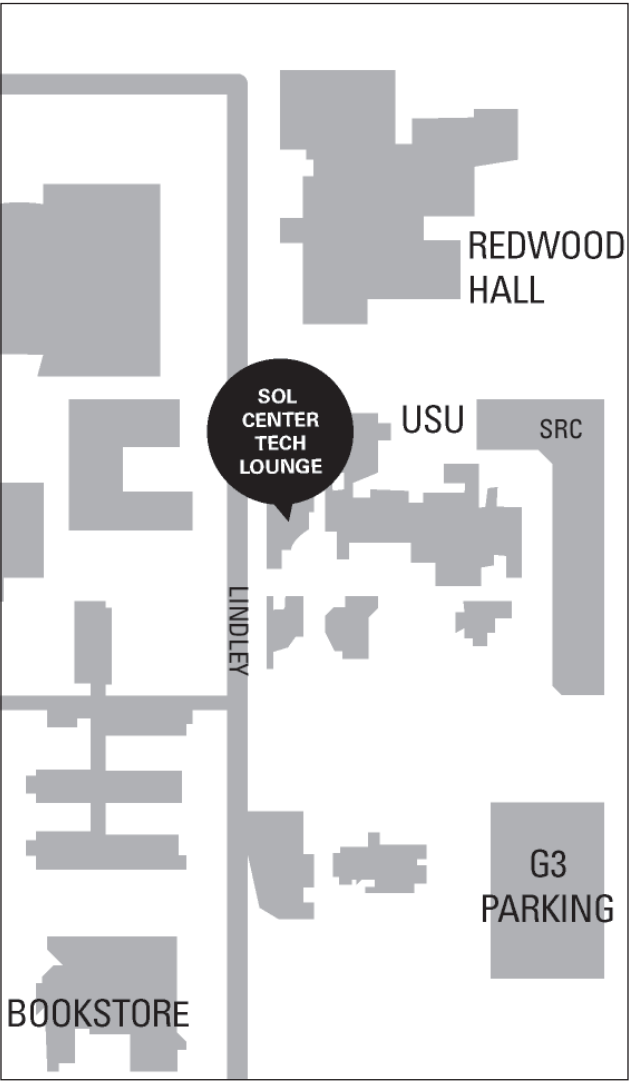
"The idea of a lounge with big screen televisions, computers and possibly video games is another way to keep students indoors and inactive," said Matthew Rodriguez, 23, junior environmental and occupational health major.

Details as to what will be included regarding furniture, equipment and amenities has not yet been disclosed, but according to Krawjeski, because there is already a television lounge in the Sol Center, the technology lounge might focus more on supporting group and individual studying.

"It is important to the University Student Union and its board of directors that all decisions we make, especially those with fiscal implications, are informed by student input and assessment data," Krajewski said.

The location for the technology lounge, decided at the USU Board of Directors meeting in June 2012, will be in the former computer lab located on the second floor of the Sol Center building.

Funding for this space will come from existing student fees paid each semester at the USU. An



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estimated cost cannot be provided until decisions based on features and furnishings are chosen. The project will not increase student fees.

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Opinion

The myth of gender equality

The fight needs to continue as young girls and women globally are still being devalued because of their gender

MONA ADEM
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Don't fool yourself. It's still a man's world. Yes, some of you might argue that the issue is tiring, boring and repetitive. But it must be repeated until the words are heard and the goal is achieved. And yes, we have come a long way and that certainly needs to be acknowledged. However, more work needs to be done before we can tell ourselves that we live in a supposedly gender-blind society. It is only when every mother, daughter, sister and grandmother worldwide can breathe and walk safely, that we can proudly and firmly shout gender equality. To live free from violence and inhumane treatment is one of the most fundamental human rights that should be given to everyone regardless of gender. Yet, it is estimated that one in every three women worldwide experience violence and in some countries, almost 70 percent of women have their basic human rights violated. These manifestations of violence range from rape to domestic abuse, honor-killing and acid burnings. But perhaps one of the merciless practices that continues to plague young girls and women in the world is female genital cutting or FGM.

According to the 2013 report by the World Health Organization, "about 140 million girls and women worldwide are currently living with the consequence of FGM." Each day, some 8,000 girls face the risk of getting mutilated. For those who are unaware of FGM, it is a procedure that intentionally alters or causes injury to the female genital organs by partial or total removal of the external female genitalia. It is a grotesque and inhumane practice that is carried out on young women between the periods of infancy and the age of 15. Not only does it cause unbearable, immediate pain and shock, but life-long health problems; both physical and psychological.

More than **1 million** women are raped in the US **EVERY YEAR**



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Some people claim that Islam is to blame for this practice, but this is far from the truth. It's imperative to remember that religion is never the cause for man-made problems. Rather, the practice of FGM, which is not unknown to the West as they performed clitoridectomies into the 1940s, is the consequence of our patriarchal global society that has devalued women for as long as the existence of mankind. A mindset that is slowly evolving, but still remains very much alive, especially when it comes to man-made deprivation and barriers that have become increasingly attached to gendered roles over time.

According to the Girls and Women's Education Initiative, an organization that attempts to meet the needs of the educationally disadvantaged, "one in three women and girls in the developing world live on less than \$2 a day." The same amount of money we usually spend on a bottle of water is the same amount other people have to stretch in order to feed themselves and their family, buy clothes, pay rent while trying to send one's children to school; a strenuous choice that often has negative effects on young women who are often excluded from gaining an education.

According to the 2012 report 'Because I am a Girl,' only 74 percent of young women between the age of 11 and 15 are in school globally, compared to 83 percent of boys. As indicated by the report, these numbers do not share the reality of poorer and rural girls or girls in conflict-affected regions. Consequently, the average number would drop even further if these lives were to be included. It's essential to remember that once young women are excluded from school, choices become few and far between, leaving marriage as the most practical path one can take to survive poverty. It is estimated that more than 10,000 girls a day will eventually get married before they turn 15 and most of them give birth before they turn 18. Unfortunately, the world is already losing too many young lives to maternal mortality.

According to the 2012 report by the World Health Organization, every day, more than 800 women die from preventable causes related to pregnancy and childbirth. Moreover, 99 percent of all maternal deaths occur in developing countries.

When examining the world and the listless issues that women face, particularly in developing countries, one can quickly make the assertion that industrialized countries like the U.S. have come a long way and the work of feminism has been very fruitful in achieving gender equality. But this is a fallacious proclamation that erases everyday reality of women.

The 'The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey,' by Centers for Diseases and Control Prevention show more than one million women are raped a year and about one in four women have experienced severe physical violence. These extremely sobering numbers are attached to many faces that could be your sister, friend, daughter, mother or grandmother. Consequently, the fight against sexual violence should be everyone's fight; both men and women— young and old. Furthermore, it's imperative to remember that violence against women is not the only issue that needs to be accentuated; firm barriers that stand against opportunities in a supposedly democratic, un-patriarchal progressive country need to be broken down.

According to the 2012 report by the United State Census Bureau, "the poverty rate for males decreased between 2010 and 2011 from 14 percent to 13.6 percent." However, the poverty rate for females remained 16.3 percent, a discrepancy that cannot be explained by any educational gap.

The 2013 report 'Still Behind,' by The Women's Legal Defense and Education Fund, showed that young women now surpass young men in educational attainment. In 2012, more than 30 percent of women age 21 to 30 had a bachelor's degree compared to 23 percent of men in the same age group. However, this report showed that young men still have superior levels of economic well being where the median income for women was about \$14,000 compared to \$20,000 for men.

Perhaps more significantly, when comparing the U.S. with other industrialized countries, one cannot overstate enough how much the country is lagging behind in

terms of gender equality, especially when it comes to maternity leave and political empowerment.


According to a 2013 report by 'Raising the Global Floor,' an organization that measures governmental performance, wage replacement of paid leave for mothers in the Scandinavian countries, Russia and China is between 75 percent to 100 percent. In the U.S., there is no such concept or policy as wage replacement. In fact, the only four countries that do not have wage replacement or duration of paid leave for mothers globally are Papua New Guinea, Sierra Leone, Liberia and the U.S.

Although we tend to categorize childbearing as a private issue, it ought to be treated as a public issue because the well-being of mothers and their children affects the well-being of the nation as a whole. However, most societies have been slow to implement safeguards that could drastically improve the lives of women; a reality that can be partly explained through the exclusion of women in the political realm where decisions are often made for a woman and not by her.

According to the 2013 report 'Women in National Parliaments,' Rwanda is the only country in the world that has more than 50 percent of women in its legislature. The U.S. is ranked 77 out of the 139 countries listed with 17 percent of women in its legislature. Of the 435 members in the house, 80 are women and of the 100 senators, 20 are women.

For decades, blood has been spilled and tears shared in order to achieve gender equality. We have fought for the right of girls and women to be seen and heard as human beings; to be respected for their individual work, dedication, and integrity. More importantly, to make sure that they are able to walk safely on this earth without fearing that their gender might be the cause for an early, unjustifiable and inhumane death. Women in this world are not asking for much. All they want, and most definitely deserve, is to be treated and respected as human beings; a cost-free demand that should be in everyone's interest to provide.

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Chicago's streak product of lockout



Chicago Blackhawks tough play and lockout schedule helped them record a 24 game point streak. COURTESY OF MCT

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It was bound to happen. The Chicago Blackhawks ended their season starting points streak at 24 consecutive games in a blowout loss to Colorado on March 8.

Fans and admirers were on the edge of their seat to see if Chicago could keep their record going, but even the hottest of teams have their bad days and make careless errors.

When this season started on Jan. 19 after the lockout ended, the Blackhawks faced the Stanley Cup Champion Los Angeles Kings and won 5-2, beginning the streak.

If the lockout hadn't happened earlier this year, would they have even come as far as the remarkable number they accomplished?

Judging by their previous records, the answer is no. If you look back to the start of last season season, they lost their first game, and in the first month they earned a 7-4 record. The previous two seasons before this saw them

go 7-6 and 8-5, playing a normal, full schedule against both conferences.

The Blackhawks wouldn't have this record if the lockout hadn't happened because they are not playing against tougher Eastern Conference teams. The lockout impeded the season so much that games had to be scheduled within each team's conference.

Feasting on a plethora of weaker teams, much like the Miami Heat of the NBA are doing with their current streak, the Blackhawks used this as a launching pad to the best season start in league history.

Eastern Conference teams are notoriously harder to beat, such as the NY Rangers, Philadelphia Flyers, Boston Bruins and Pittsburgh Penguins, who consistently bring their best game and make the playoffs. Keeping a 24-game points streak going against lineups like those mentioned would have been possible, but extremely difficult.

If losing their first game against Colorado wasn't devastating enough, they lost the following game to the Edmonton Oilers 6-5, their first losing streak of the season. They have already started out on a new streak, win-

ning three games in a row by blowing out their opponents, including an 8-1 trouncing of the Dallas Stars on March 16.

Sure, their amazing record wouldn't be set if it wasn't for the lockout, but regardless, they set a record that has only been outdone by the Philadelphia Flyers in 1979-1980, with a record of 35 consecutive games won in regulation.

Line consistency was a key aspect of their success. Players mention that line consistency is a big part in playing the game and once you get one goal through the net adrenaline kicks in, and that's definitely something we saw with Chicago's success.

Without some luck that saw them come back in multiple games with minutes left or heading to overtime or shootouts, the Blackhawks wouldn't be in this conversation. Throughout the 27 games, the Blackhawks went past regulation 10 times, including six shootouts.

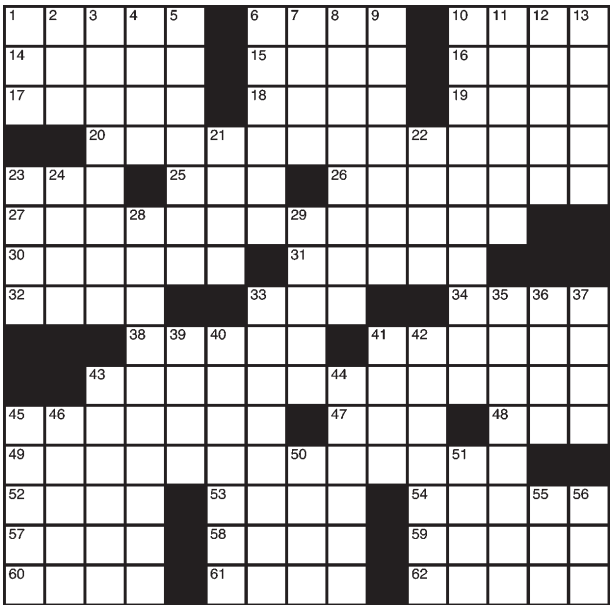
The Blackhawks still succeeded in a tremendous historical, record-high moment that will be talked about in the NHL for a long time to come, but would have never happened for them any other year.

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS

- 1 ___-minded
- 6 Skating team
- 10 Strong desire, with "the"
- 14 Caught this morning
- 15 "Look ___ when I'm talking to you!"
- 16 Auth. of many snarky blog comments
- 17 "Scrubs" head nurse
- 18 Nurses
- 19 "___ 911!": police series parody
- 20 Hot sauce ingredient
- 23 Beret-sporting revolutionary
- 25 Operation Overlord vessel, for short
- 26 Concerto standout
- 27 Vox populi
- 30 Monstrous
- 31 Off ___: sporadically
- 32 NBAer who tweeted "I'm about to retire" in 2011
- 33 Wrinkly toy
- 34 Silver-tongued
- 38 No later than
- 41 British blame game?
- 43 Genre artist of mid-18th-century Europe
- 45 Men's department fixture
- 47 Vessel near the desserts
- 48 Droop
- 49 Stinger? (and what's literally found in 20-, 27- and 43-Across)
- 52 Produced fiction?
- 53 Say and mean
- 54 Slapstick sidekick
- 57 "House," in Inuit
- 58 Suckling spot
- 59 Favors, with "toward"
- 60 Fanfare
- 61 Woody's son
- 62 "Tearin' Up My Heart" band



By Alex Bajcz

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DOWN

- 1 Compound once used as aerosol propellant: Abbr.
- 2 NPR's "Science Friday" host
- 3 Anatomical column component
- 4 Land in el agua
- 5 Dry French wine
- 6 Target in the end zone
- 7 System ending?
- 8 Eliciting awe
- 9 Plead in court, say
- 10 Whaling weapon
- 11 Bowler's target
- 12 Strengthens
- 13 Sound from the bull pen
- 21 "The Nazarene" author Sholem
- 22 Belgian prime minister Di Rupo
- 23 Coast Guard noncoms
- 24 Jackman of "Les Misérables" (2012)
- 28 Sloshed

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved



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- 29 São ___
- 33 Examine, as produce
- 35 "Game on!"
- 36 Coconut product?
- 37 McEnroe rival
- 39 Tar Heel St.
- 40 Improvisational piece
- 41 Gideon Fell creator John Dickson ___
- 42 Apt vehicle in a presidential motorcade?
- 43 Furniture wood
- 44 ___ Rico
- 45 Dutch export
- 46 Covent Garden architect Jones
- 50 Scaloppine meat
- 51 Fútbol cheers
- 55 Resting place
- 56 "I didn't mean to do that" key

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THE MADNESS IS UPON US

March Madness play begins with 64 teams vying for Final Four spots. These are our predictions on who will fill them.

MIDWEST REGION

Who to watch for:

Louisville is too strong for any of the teams in this region. They gave their supporters a scare in last weekend's Big East championship game, at one point trailing by double digits to Syracuse, but this team is scary good. They are one team that can coast through their region, ranking in the top 50 in most offensive categories. Though their defense can be suspect at times, they can overpower teams with their shooting tandem of Russ Smith and Gorgui Dieng.

The experts keep talking about how the Oregon Ducks are jaded and out to prove they are better than the 12 seed they were given. An opening round matchup against a proven Oklahoma State team doesn't make their mission any easier. Don't expect Oregon to make it through the first round. They have never looked cohesive as a team, suffering losses at the hands of lesser teams throughout the season, but especially as of late. Not saying the Cowboys will make it to the Final Four or even Sweet 16, but this will be an easy win over the Ducks.

Upsets:

Everyone has been clam-

oring for a Duke upset for the second straight year after 2012's Lehigh fiasco, but don't expect that facing the Albany Great Danes. I honestly don't really see an upset here in the first round, unless you consider ninth seeded Missouri beating eighth seeded Colorado, which we don't.

I could see Creighton upsetting Duke in the third

round though. Duke is no longer that impenetrable fortress this year after losing the ACC regular season and postseason crown to Miami. That will be a matchup to watch as Creighton ranks first in college in field goal percentage and they are both in the top-50 in points per game. Louisville reaches Final Four.

—CASEY DELICH

SOUTH REGION

Who to watch for:

Kansas is one of the favorites to reach the Final Four this year, unfortunately the selection committee stuck them with a third round game against UNC if both should advance in the second round. UNC may not be the team of previous years, but they do have a hot shooter in P.J. Hairston, who scorched

Miami for 28 points on Sunday.

Do not expect UNC to make it any further than that round, but you can expect Georgetown's grind-it-out low-scoring defense to make it through to the Sweet 16. Shutting down teams with their overbearing pressure, it reminds me of VCU's defense with media darling Shaka Smart. A matchup

between Kansas and Georgetown can be expected in this region, but both have tough roads to get there with some tight games in between.

Upsets:

Akron versus VCU seems to be one that is going to come down to who can conquer the other persons' defense faster. Both coaches were assistants together on the Akron staff, and Smart was once the assistant of the current Akron head coach. They know each other's playing styles and can expect to use that against each other, but as St. Louis University showed last weekend, VCU is a team that can be figured out. The Zips are an all-around balanced team with VCU being strong in its defense, and while they can score, their rankings in the NCAA are not eye-popping.

Minnesota is another possible upset bid against an injured UCLA lineup. Missing Jordan Adams had an effect in the PAC-12 Championships, and will in the NCAA's; a bad injury at the wrong time. The Golden Gophers are on a three game losing streak but hope to turn that around with lockdown defense against a high-scoring Bruin offense.

Kansas will reach the Final Four.

—CASEY DELICH

WEST REGION

Who to watch for:

Top-seeded Gonzaga won't fall anytime soon. Armed with the NCAA's 12th best offense (77.6 points per game) on over 50 percent shooting (good for third best in the nation), look for the Bulldogs to roll over the competition in the first few rounds. The power forward/center combination of Kelly Olynyk and Elias Harris has proven to be too much for teams to handle as the duo combines for around 30 points and 15 rebounds per night.

Though they will have a tough road ahead of them -- one that most likely has them going through a powerhouse trio of Pittsburgh, Kansas State and Ohio State barring any upsets -- Gonzaga has only lost twice this season. Sure, they may not have faced the stiffest competition around, but all of their wins were what they should have been: blowout victories. This team is ready to face bigger, better teams and show they can persevere.

Their guard play may be weak, but Gonzaga's bigs

will lead them to the Final Four.

Upsets:

Iowa State versus Notre Dame seems to have upset written all over it. The Cyclones' 3-point heavy roster -- which has proven to be immensely effective as shown by their comeback victory against Oklahoma on March 14 -- shoot a blazing 37 percent from

beyond the arc as a team. Iowa State took 325 three-pointers throughout the regular season, and the team's sixth man, Tyrus McGee, connects on 2.7 treys per game, shooting them at a clip of over 45 percent.

Look for the Cyclones to bury the Fighting Irish in the first round using the three ball.

—RON ROKHY

EAST REGION

Who to watch for:

Miami (FL), with a record of 15-3 in the ACC, will secure a spot in the Final Four behind its combination of guards Shane Larkin and Durand Scott and their big man in the middle, Kenny Kadji.

Kadji, a 6'11" center from Cameroon, is averaging 13 points, seven rebounds and 1.3 blocks per

game. More notably, however, is his unusual prowess from beyond the arc -- he's shooting an incredible 35.7 percent from downtown, hitting 1.4 treys per game.

The Hurricanes biggest challenges -- Marquette and Indiana -- have proven they are unreliable at scoring points. Indiana lost twice to Wisconsin at home (and six times overall, which is somewhat unusual for a first

seeded team), giving up their No. 1 seed at the time during the first loss. The Golden Eagles are fresh off a loss against Notre Dame after barely edging out a mediocre St. John's team by just two points on the road.

Expect to see the Hurricanes in the Final Four, and with momentum on their side, they may make it even further.

Upsets:

The Bucknell Bison, led by bruising center Mike Muscala and savvy guard Cameron Ayers, will pull off the upset against the Butler Bulldogs, who missed the finals last year after two consecutive years of reaching the championship game.

Muscala, who averaged 19.2 points, 11.4 rebounds and 2.4 blocks a game in the regular season, has brought his team to an overall 28-5 record, and he'll look to impose his will upon the Bulldogs, who are a guard-heavy team devoid of a star big man and strong rebounder.

—RON ROKHY

