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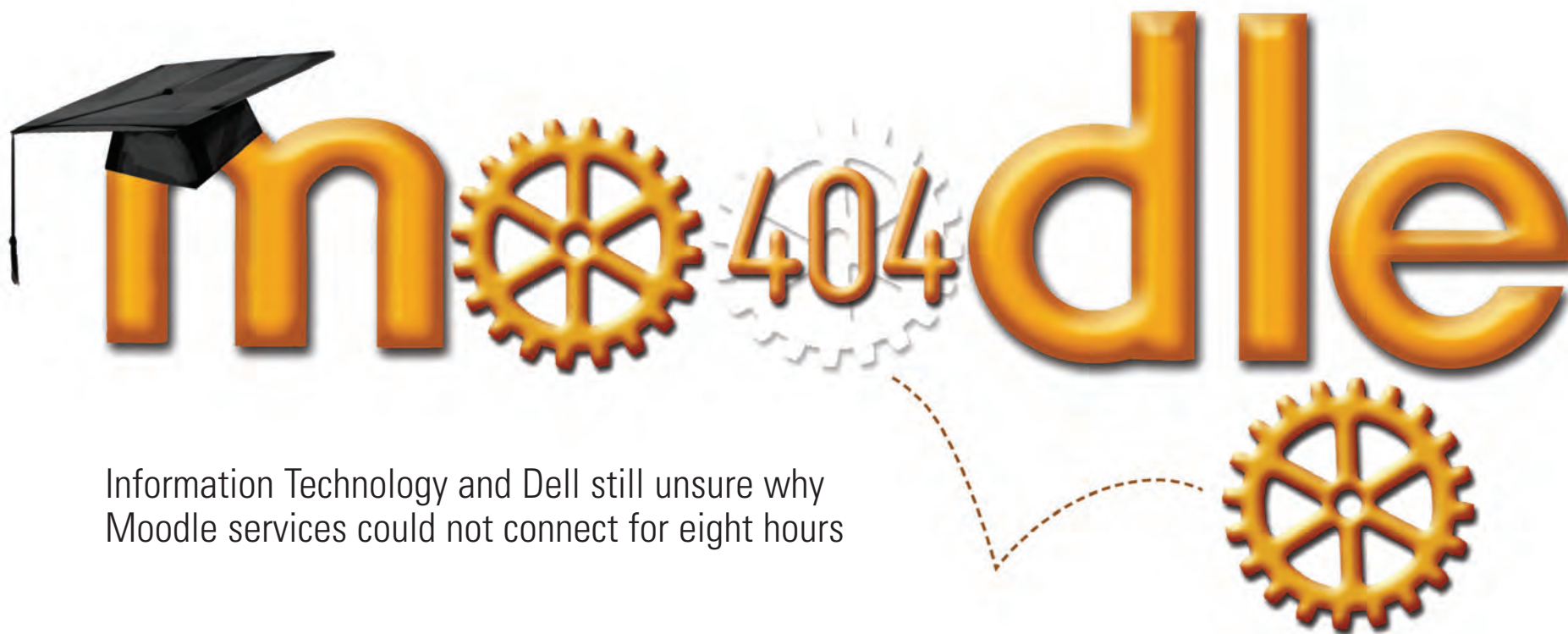
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Cause of shutdown unknown



Information Technology and Dell still unsure why Moodle services could not connect for eight hours

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The cause for the server outage that led to the March 12 Moodle shutdown is still unknown, according to CSUN's office of

Information Technology.

Ernie Perez, director of instructional technologies, said a Dell Data Center in Texas runs the Moodle server and had an unexpected outage that caused Moodle and many other Dell clients to see website failures from 9 p.m. Tuesday, through 5 a.m. the following day.

"This was not a scheduled outage, by us or Moodlerooms,"

Perez said.

Moodlerooms is the company that provides the CSUN Moodle service.

According to Perez, Moodlerooms contracts with Dell to host Moodle resources online. This means that Dell is the company that makes Moodle content operational online. If Dell experiences technical difficulties, any website that is hosted by the company

could temporarily go offline.

Perez said the Information Technology office is turning this into a learning opportunity.

"We are in conversations with Moodlerooms who is talking with Dell to determine what happened to make sure this doesn't happen again," Perez said.

The outage coincided with midterms for many classes,

causing frustrations for students trying to study for courses with lesson plans on Moodle.

"I had a midterm (Wednesday), and the professor posted PowerPoints and articles on Moodle that needed to be reviewed for the test," said Sariyah Dalumpines, 22, senior child development major. "I had notes

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CSSA discuss new legislative bills

Student government officials from all CSU campuses discuss proposal to have online classes for higher education



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A.S. President and Vice Chair, Sydni Powell, shares her view on CSSA membership dues for the next three years before the action is called to a vote, Saturday.

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weekend-long event.

"I'm a senior, so this was my last big event to help with. It's a huge honor to host here at Northridge," Andrews said.

The monthly meeting comprised 23 A.S. presidents and school representatives, who discussed a number of issues pertaining to individual universities and CSSA.

Four committees met for discussions on Saturday afternoon. The Legislative Affairs committee took a big step, establishing CSSA's official stances on 25 bills concerning higher education. Out of the those presented, 21 were given official support.

Among the bills viewed, Assembly Bill 386 brought about the most discussion. The bill

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS // MARCH 2013

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“Spirituality and Social Justice”
WHEN: 4-6:45 p.m.
WHERE: Musical Recital Hall, Cypress Hall
DESCRIPTION: A free event, watch representatives of major religions talk about spirituality and social justice.

“Women in Ancient Syria”
WHEN: 4-6 p.m.
WHERE: Sierra Hall 451- Whitsett Room
DESCRIPTION: A history lecture by Dr. Mark Chavalas of University of Wisconsin-LA Crosse. He will be reading ancient letters about the lives of Syrian women. This is a free event to attend.

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“Tennis Vs. Dartmouth”
WHEN: 1-3 p.m.
WHERE: Tennis courts
DESCRIPTION: This event is free to attend.

“Women’s Water polo vs. Marist”
WHEN: 2-4 p.m.
WHERE: Matador pool
DESCRIPTION: Free for anyone to enjoy.

“Baseball vs. CSU Bakersfield”
WHEN: 3-5 p.m.
WHERE: Baseball field
DESCRIPTION: This event costs \$5 for adults and \$3 for youth (17&under) seniors (60+), CSUN faculty and staff, military, and CSUN Alumni Association. Student ID is required.

“Tuesday Talks”
WHEN: 7-8 p.m.
WHERE: USU- Pride Center
DESCRIPTION: Students can talk about different topics and issues regarding the LGBTQ community.

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“Tech Series-Excel”
WHEN: 1-2 p.m.
WHERE: Computer lab training lab
DESCRIPTION: Learn how to use excel. Space is limited to 25 students so register at computer lab or e-mail usman.kamil.734@my.csun.edu.

“Men’s Volleyball vs. Cal Baptist”
WHEN: 7-9 p.m.
WHERE: Matadome
DESCRIPTION: This event is free with travel toiletry donations and costs \$5 for adults and \$3 for youth (17&under), seniors (60+), CSUN faculty and staff, military, and CSUN Alumni Association. Student ID is required.

“LA Nights”
WHEN: 7:30 p.m.
WHERE: Pub Sports Grill
DESCRIPTION: Enjoy the Clippers vs. Philadelphia Sixers game with other students.

“Espressions”
WHEN: 8-10 p.m.
WHERE: USU-Games Room

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“Noontime Concert”
WHEN: 12-1 p.m.
WHERE: Plaza del Sol
DESCRIPTION: Take a break from the busy day and enjoy some live music with friends. R&B singer Keaira Lashae will sing.

“LGBTQ Coffee Nights”
WHEN: 5-7 p.m.
WHERE: USU-Pride Center
DESCRIPTION: Join the weekly conversations with other LGBTQ students over coffee and light snacks. All are welcome.

“High Ground film screening”
WHEN: 6-9 p.m.
WHERE: USU Theatre
DESCRIPTION: Watch the documentary “High Ground” about U.S. veterans. There will be a Q&A after with the producer, Don Hahn.

“10th Annual Take Back the Night Rally”
WHEN: 6-10 p.m.
WHERE: Plaza del Sol Performance Hall and The Women’s Resource and Research Center
DESCRIPTION: Anyone can come join the fight to end violence against women. There will be testimonials, a live performance, a march and more.

“CSUN Cinematheque”
WHEN: 7-9:45 p.m.
WHERE: Armer Screening Room
DESCRIPTION: Krzysttof Kieslowski Retrospective presents “Decalogue VII & VIII.”

“Karaoke Night”
WHEN: 8-10 p.m.
WHERE: USU-Games Room
DESCRIPTION: Show off your vocal skills and enter the contest for a chance to win a \$25 Visa gift card.

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“Men’s Volleyball vs. Brigham Young University”
WHEN: 7-9 p.m.
WHERE: Matadome
DESCRIPTION: Senior and fan appreciation night means \$3 admission for any fans wearing CSUN gear. This event costs \$5 for adults and \$3 for youth (17&under), CSUN faculty and staff, military, and CSUN Alumni Association. ID is required.

“Musical: RAGTIME”
WHEN: 7:30 p.m. (Sunday showing is at 2 p.m.)
WHERE: CSUN Campus Theatre NH100
DESCRIPTION: The musical based on E.L. Doctorow’s novel will begin showing Friday. The show plays through Sunday. The event costs \$20 for general, \$17 for seniors, \$16 for employees, and \$9-15 for students.

“Laugh Your Class Off”
WHEN: 8-10 p.m.
WHERE: USU-Games Room
DESCRIPTION: Enjoy a free comedy show with several comedians.

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MONDAY

Table Tennis Tournament
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TUESDAY

VRC Discussion Group
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Billiards Tournament
4 p.m. Northridge Center, USU

Tuesday Talks
7 p.m. Pride Center, USU

WEDNESDAY

Tech Series: Excel
1 p.m. Computer Lab, USU

T-Time
1 p.m.

Poker Tournament
4 p.m. Games Room, USU

LA Nights
7:30 p.m. Pub Sports Grill, USU

Espressions
8 p.m. Games Room, USU

THURSDAY

Craft Corner
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Plaza del Sol, USU

Noontime Concert
Plaza del Sol, USU

LGBTQ Coffee Nights
5 p.m. Pride Center, USU

High Ground Film Screening
6 p.m. USU Theatre

Karaoke Night
8 p.m. Games Room, USU

FRIDAY

Tech Series: Excel
3 p.m. Computer Lab, USU

Laugh Your Class Off
8 p.m. Games Room, USU

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to go on, but it was hard to study with Moodle gone.”

CSUN professors faced difficulties with the website being down as well.

“I was hoping to post some grades for my Anthropology 693 class, but was not able to because the system was down,” Dr. Sabina Magliocco said.

She said this was only a minor inconvenience as she was able to post grades the next day.

Magliocco did have a midterm scheduled for her Introduction to folklore class on Wednesday and received complaints from students who could not access materials Tuesday night.

“If they waited until 9:30 the night before the test to download PowerPoints, study questions, and so on, that was poor planning on their part,” she said. “The thing about technology is that it occasionally does fail; teachers and students need to include that possibility in their plans.”

Students who use Moodle heavily have advice on how to avoid problems with potential outages in the future.

“I copy and paste all the things on Moodle I have to do each week and send them to myself through e-mail,” said Alexis Carpenter, 22, senior deaf studies major. “Then I can look at them even if the site is down.”

A.S. appoints new senators

Members prepare for upcoming election and research legislative bills for CSSA conference

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Associated Students appointed three new senators and members in their finance and environmental affairs committees Friday.

Bijan Nasseripourtowski, new Senator of Upper Division, is also campaigning to be the next president of A.S. and will be running against current Vice President Christopher Woollett.

“I’m finally getting the chance to touch the far corners of Associated Students and provide a voice for the Upper Division students,” Nasseripourtowski said. “I’m really excited.”

Nasseripourtowski, a transfer student, is interested in getting Upper Division students more involved and to further discuss the upcoming iPad initiative.

“We have to enhance the wi-fi on campus,” he said. “If we have all of this great technology, but lackluster wi-fi, then what’s the point?”

A.S. Elections are going to be held March 26 and 27, with multiple polling stations across campus. To start off the election, a Kick-Off event will be

held on Bayramian Lawn Monday, March 25.

Nadia Lomeli was also appointed Friday, and is now Senator of Health and Human Development. She previously worked on the student government of her high school and currently works as recruitment chair of the Alpha Omicron Pi sorority. Lomeli is very excited to start her new position.

“I feel very qualified, I’ve had to manage my whole chapter and three sub-committees,” Lomeli said.

As Senator, she hopes to get students more involved on campus.

“I really want to see a lot more school spirit,” Lomeli said. “I want people to get excited about the great resources available at CSUN.”

Last semester, the external affairs committee received an online petition about the possibility of opening up a Metro line for students to use around campus.

“It would be a way for students to get to local hot spots,” said Senator Sarah Garcia, the chair of the committee. “It’s not really that easy to walk around the Valley.”

The line would go from the dorms to areas around campus, such as Matador bowling or the Northridge Fashion Center. But



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A.S. President Sydni Powell discusses the upcoming California State Student Association conference on campus March 16-17. A.S. presidents from all 23 campuses will be at the conference.

nothing has been decided or discussed at length, Garcia said.

“We will be learning more in the next few weeks,” Garcia said.

A.S. also prepared for the California State Student Association conference for March 16-17.

A.S. presidents from all 23 CSU campuses attended the

event at CSUN to discuss the association’s stances on future Senate bills and changes to policies within the association.

President Sydni Powell said that one of the “hot topics” to be talked about was increasing membership fees for colleges involved.

CSUN currently pays 62 cents per student to CSSA every

year. A fee increase between 63 cents and 68 cents has been proposed, which could affect CSUN, who is one of the top three biggest schools paying fees to CSSA.

“The increase wouldn’t affect us too greatly,” Powell said. “Also, it serves as a great investment in a growing organization.”

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Matador patrol now a triple threat

Besides safety escort and guest registration positions, the program offers members internship opportunities

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During the day, students hustle on walkways lit by the Southern California sun. But at night, the darkness is disconcerting for some. For those students, there is Matador Patrol. With the possibility of increased danger in the Northridge area, CSUN students said they are glad it exists.

"With things like the Christopher Dörner sighting in the area, I'd think about using the safety escort more," said Gauri Kuwadekar, a sophomore undeclared major.

Matador Patrol is a group comprising 30 student Community Service Assistants (CSAs) who provide safety escorts to and from campus locations from dusk until 11 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

Marie Takakura, a senior biology major, said the service helped alleviate fears of walking alone after evening classes.

"I used to get out of classes around 10 p.m. and I was scared of walking by myself," Takakura said. "I saw a (safety escort) and I didn't have to walk across campus alone."

In 2012, Matador Patrol pro-

vided 21,931 safety escorts. Of these, 284 were calls to the police station for a dispatched escort. The rest were for solicited escorts, provided by CSAs stationed throughout campus.

Scott Vanscoy, captain of patrol operations, who oversees Matador Patrol, said while safety escorts are the core of Matador Patrol, they provide other services.

Patrol members also serve as guest registration assistants, who check in student guests, helping the police department keep track of people entering campus housing.

"There's really no other place to go hang out in the Valley besides CSUN," Vanscoy said. "This means we get a lot of people who aren't part of the community coming in, and at times committing crimes."

Matador Patrol provides safety education resources for the community led by student staff. Vanscoy said their sexual assault awareness campaign was one of their most successful peer-to-peer education efforts.

Partnering with the Klotz Student Health Center and the Valley Trauma Counseling Center, patrol members handed out 2,500 flashlights with information cards detailing sexual assault victim services.

While Matador Patrol strives to make CSUN a safer place,

Vanscoy implemented ways for members to get practical experience, boosting resumes with internship programs regardless of major.

"I work with a particular department and show how they could take that field and make it work within the unit," Vanscoy said. "If they were in accounting, they'd help me with the numbers, the hours, the payroll, and they would give me projections as to what I would need for the year."

Matador Patrol now works in conjunction with CSUN's Department of Police Services, but began in the Greek community in 1978.

"A lot of activist groups were protesting in the 70s, causing some students to feel unsafe walking alone," Vanscoy said. "Members of fraternities came together to provide safety escorts to meet the needs of students who had evening classes and sports practice."

Matador Patrol came under the department of police services in the early 80s because fraternities could not keep up with demands.

"They didn't have enough resources or funding, so the Associated Students came to the university and asked for the service to be continued under what was called the department of public safety at the time,"



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Matador Patrol Community Service Assistants wait outside the Oviatt Library to offer safety escorts to fellow students on March 11.

Vanscoy said.

Matador Patrol once had more than one hundred members, with the highest number being right after the Northridge earthquake, totaling 120 people, Vanscoy said. But, when he took over in 2000, there were 80 CSAs.

"We have shrunk for a few reasons," Vanscoy said. "One is that the services we provide have changed. Another is funding."

To supplement the patrol's \$36,000 budget, Vanscoy uses work-study, volunteer members and A.S. funding.

According to Diane Hartjen, A.S. accounting and financial services director, A.S. was asked to help aid increased escort activity. Total aid this year was \$9,090 for bike repair and CSA positions.

Vanscoy said specific programs are paid for by others. Funds for GRAs are provided

by housing and sexual assault campaigns through federal grants.

The patrol's main focus is students, Vanscoy said.

"This started as a program for student safety," Vanscoy said. "We continue that today in addition to providing valuable work experience for all of the students involved."

Patrol members were not given permission to speak to the media or provide interviews.

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proposes online cross-enrollment between all CSUs. A similar system already exists, but this would streamline the process and make it completely online.

“It’s legislature-season, so I’m glad we finally talked about the 20-odd bills we’re supporting,” said Erin Leach, from CSU San Bernadino.

After committee meetings, round-table discussions were held to talk about a system-wide smoking ban, elections procedures and campus-based student fees. Any member could go to either discussion.

CSUN’s Elections Chair Breanna Kyle attended the discussion about student elections. The colleges present asked each other about group and club endorsements of candidates.

According to election guidelines for CSUN, the rules do not allow groups to openly market what clubs or organizations support them, but they are allowed to take donations.

“Clubs can endorse someone and give them finances, but everything has to be documented,” Kyle said. “It holds everyone accountable and provides a paper trail for us to follow.”

CSUN Candidates also have to abide by a spending limit. A slate of candidates can only spend \$1,000, \$500 for a president and for a vice president to share a ticket, and \$500 for any individual. However, Kyle said there



CSU trustee, Lou Monville, addresses concerns about implementing online classes at the California State Student Association plenary meeting at the Sierra Center, Saturday.

has been talk of throwing out the limit.

“In real life there’s no spending limit, like in Mitt Romney’s campaign against Barack Obama,” she said, “But the point is to keep everything fair.”

Spring elections for A.S. open

online from March 26-27.

The conference will wrap up Sunday morning, after breakfast and more meetings in the USU, to finalize all decisions made.

“This has to be one of the most organized CSSAs that I’ve ever been to!” said David Allison,

president of CSSA.

CSUN A.S. President Sydni Powell agreed that the conference went well.

“A lot has been accomplished. Some of the stuff we talked about today has rolled over from previous months,” Powell said.

PREVIEW

CSU will discuss new budget

The California State University Board of Trustees will discuss their 2013-2014 budget on Tuesday and Wednesday.

After Gov. Jerry Brown’s Proposition 30 implemented a one cent sales tax increase, the CSU refunded \$250 to each student in the university system. This refund was given to students who paid the 9 percent tuition increase for Fall 2012.

With an expected loss of \$261.1 million from the refunds, the CSU requested an additional \$371.9 million from the state after their Nov. 13-14 meeting.

In January, Brown proposed an investment budget of \$125.1 million for the CSU system with a requirement that \$10 million be invested in high-demand, or “bottleneck,” courses.

To promote the budget, Brown and Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom attended the CSU board’s Jan 22-23 meeting. Chancellor Timothy P. White said in order for the 2013-2014 budget to work with less than what they requested he would present a revised budget at this month’s meeting.

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Opinion

Student loans, a ticking bomb

MONA ADEM
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It has been proclaimed that this piece of paper is the pathway to a richer life. The ‘American dream’ can be realized; securing a well paying job, buying a house and accumulating savings.

But this is far from the truth. In fact, this piece of paper, a college degree, is increasingly becoming a path to a life-long servitude to debt for many college students. And this is not by choice.

As the higher education system has dramatically changed to become a profit-oriented business. The meaning of earning a degree has been reshaped to benefit the few while hurting students. Not only are students trapped in a vicious cycle of life-long debts when leaving school, they also need to face a reality of underemployment and stagnated wages.

However, most leaders in this country fail to realize that by making students slaves to yet another debt system, they are hurting our capitalistic society. It cannot and will not survive without good customers who regularly posses the credit or capital to consume.

Student loans are not a financial epidemic that only have a micro level impact. This perpetual cycle will slowly demolish this nation as a whole.

In 2010, President Obama addressed the issue of student loans and stated that “no one should go broke because they chose to go to college.” Yet, the president has not only made it easier to take out student loans, but also continues to neglect the issue, a political rationale heavily influenced by lobbying efforts of related parties, the winners in this exploitative cycle.

The student loan industry has had a disproportionate impact on how the future for a college student should play out. They have spent prodigious time and money to make sure that their envisioned future of indebted fellow citizens continues to be highly profitable.

A 2012 report by Public Campaign, a nonpartisan organization, show that since 2000, the student loan industry has spent more than \$50 million on lobbying to advance their interests. The biggest private student loan provider Sallie Mae (SLM) has spent more than \$32 million lobbying since 2000 and “its PAC and employees have given almost \$4 million in campaign contributions during the same period.” Without any doubt, the hard

work of lobbying is certainly paying off for the industry.

According to the 2012 report by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, the student loan debt has now hit the one trillion dollar mark. Unlike “other consumers credit products, student debt keeps growing at a steady clip.” Consequently, the outstanding student loan balance has now surpassed the total credit card balance and the total auto loan balance.

More than 20 million Americans attend college each year and close to 12 million, or 60 percent, borrow annually to help cover the cost that continues to rise. The younger generation whom we supposedly invest in to become the next productive members of our society, are instead becoming the lost, barren generation.

The 2012 report by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York shows that among people under 30, more than 40 percent have outstanding student loan debt and almost \$580 billion of the debt total is owed by people younger than 40. Perhaps more importantly, more than \$80 billion of the outstanding debt is past due and unlike credit card debt or car loans, bankruptcy can rarely, if ever, be utilized by those who struggle to pay back student loans to clear their outstanding debt.

This has not always been the case.

Before the bankruptcy code was significantly altered, college students were able to discharge their educational loans, but after 1976, this came to an end. That year, Congress changed the code so that loans made by the government or a non-profit college loan could not be filed for bankruptcy during the first years of repayment. However, the biggest change came in 2005 when Congress passed the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act which rendered federal or private loans ineligible for bankruptcy, a law that groups student loans with other ineligible debt such as child support and criminal fines. Lobbying certainly pays off. In fact, now you have a better chance to file for bankruptcy for gambling than with student loans.

But why are borrowers having such difficulty in paying back their loans?

Undoubtedly, most people enroll in college because they presume that the golden key to a better future is a college degree. We are constantly told that without a college degree, one’s future can only be condemned. Like most leaders, Obama has constantly employed education as a political focal point. Through speeches and his administration through policy have stressed that higher education is “the prerequisite for the growing jobs of the

new economy.”

However, the younger generation are not only being punished for trying to succeed in life, but they have to face a job-market where the “growing” job opportunity ends in underemployment and unsustainable wages that can barely pay the rent, let alone the principal on student loans.

A 2013 report by the Center for College Affordability and Productivity explicate that almost 50 percent of employed U.S. college graduates are currently working in jobs that the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) say requires less than a four-year college degree. Furthermore, about five million college graduates are in jobs that require less than a high-school education.

Although we tend to see student loans as an individual issue, it’s imperative to remember that this is a burden that undoubtedly forestalls things such as auto and home purchases, industries that can create jobs and spur further economic growth.

According to the 2012 report “Denied? The Impact of Student Debt on the Ability to Buy a House” by the youth advocacy group Young Invincible, “the average single debtor will likely be ineligible for the typical home mortgage due to their debt-to-income ratio.” The report also show that the future is equally grim for couples looking to buy a house if both buyers have student debt. But student loans also have a long-lasting effect that is increasingly becoming a hardship for the family as a whole.

In 2000, there were only six cases in which the federal government withheld money from Social Security recipients who had fallen behind their on their federal student loans. In 2012, that number had grown exponentially when the “government reduced the size of roughly 115,000 retirees Social Security checks on those grounds,” according to Wall Street Journal.

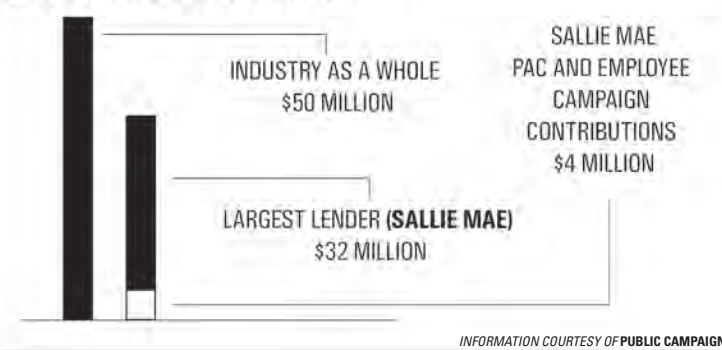
Sadly, many retirees are not even indebted for their own education. Some borrowers went into debt later in life to cover education cost for their children or other family members.

Thomas Jefferson once said “the end of democracy and the defeat of the American revolution will occur when government falls into the hands of lending institutions and moneyed incorporations.” Little did Jefferson know that he had predicted the future of this country. If a society cannot foster a well-educated population that perceives higher education as an investment, how can this nation ever progress? In the end, everyone will lose if this country continues to take the same irrational path with higher learning.

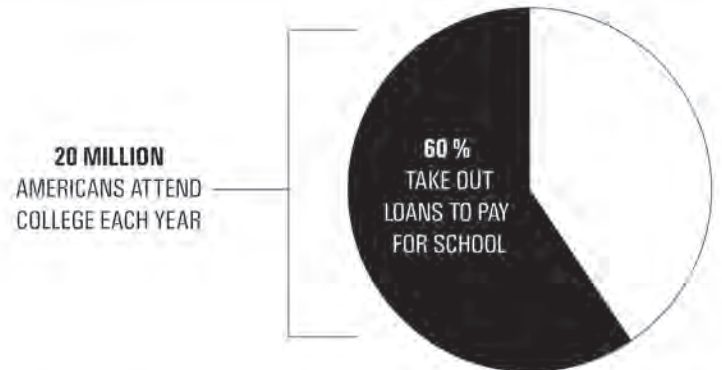
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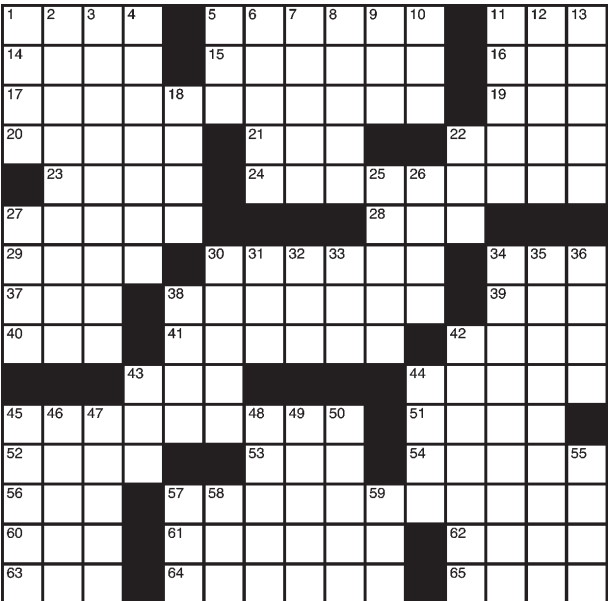
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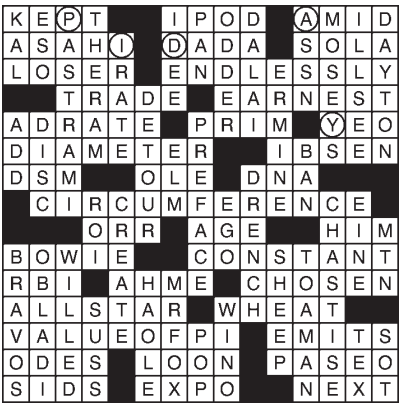
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NFL free agency wins and woes

The Lions and Dolphins make bank at free agency as Reggie Bush takes his talents from South Beach to Detroit

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Colts wide receiver Donnie Avery as well as signing pro-bowl wide receiver Dwayne Bowe to a long-term deal. Kansas City also improved their secondary by signing Sean Smith from the Miami Dolphins and Dunta Robinson from the Atlanta Falcons. Although they are not big name free agents, they significantly improve their secondary, which allowed 220.8 yards per game last year through the air. After finishing 2-14 last year, there is no way to go but up for the Chiefs.

Loser - Miami Dolphins

Sometimes you just have so much money lying around, it's hard to figure what to do with it. Well, Jeff Ireland, general manager of the Miami Dolphins, decided to drop \$60 million on former Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver, Mike Wallace. The one-dimensional speedster will be working with a shaky second-year quarterback in Ryan Tannehill and a rushing attack that just lost starting runningback Reggie Bush to the Detroit Lions. With lack of a running game and no receiving threats surrounding Wallace, it will be easy for opposing teams to defend the Dolphins and their longbomb happy offense. Did I mention their defense is awful? Miami will once again be looking up to the big bad New England Patriots in the AFC East.



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Former Dolphins runningback Reggie Bush (22) attempts to smash through multiple Patriots defenders before being taken down.

With NFL free agency underway, teams have an opportunity to significantly improve or ruin their chances of winning a championship. Which teams took steps backwards and which teams took steps closer to that elusive Lombardi trophy?

Winner - Kansas City Chiefs

The Matt Cassel/Brady Quinn era that has haunted the Sundays of Chiefs fans everywhere is officially over. In comes former San Francisco 49ers quarterback, Alex Smith, who resurrected his career as of late and has become one of the most consistent and error-free quarterbacks in the league. The Chiefs gave Smith a lot of toys to play as they bolstered their receiving core by adding

Winner - Detroit Lions

The Detroit Lions had the most notable free agent as they signed dynamic running back Reggie Bush who flourished previously with the Dolphins. He fits perfectly in the Lions' offense as he can catch out of the backfield and is ridicu-

lous in the open-field as he makes defenders miss and has the elusiveness to break off long runs. He doesn't have the durability or the frame to be a every down back, but when you have the best receiver in the league in Calvin Johnson, it adds balance and allows for both stars to succeed in a high-tempo offense.

Loser - Baltimore Ravens

You just won the Super Bowl, what are you going to do next? Well the management team for the Baltimore Ravens thought that they would let two young up and coming linebackers in Daniel Ellerbe and Paul Kruger walk away in free agency as well as trade

Anquan Boldin, their veteran receiver, walk to the very team they beat in the Super Bowl. With Ray Lewis retiring, the Ravens have lost their veteran leadership as well as the talent needed to repeat. Joe Flacco needs to step into a leadership role and put his money where his mouth is, all \$120 million of it.

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Matadors drop 2-1 set lead at home



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John Barker, 14, gets ready for a kill against the UCLA Bruins. The Matadors fell short against the Bruins, losing 3-2 on March 15 at the Matadome.

RON ROKHY
SPORTS EDITOR

Despite holding a 2-1 set lead against the visiting fifth-ranked Bruins Friday night, the Matadors (10-8, 8-8 MPSF) allowed UCLA to mount a comeback and win the final two frames of the match by a combined 17 points.

Led by senior opposite hitter John Baker's five kills and junior outside hitter Brandon Lebrock's six kills, CSUN started the match strong, beating the Bruins 25-20 in a first set which saw UCLA hit just - .059. Though they committed

over 10 errors in the first set, the Matadors stayed strong and finished the Bruins when Lebrock struck down a kill set by sophomore setter Travis Mago-rien, who finished the game with 43 assists.

Baker led all Matadors in kills for the night, tallying 15 on a .250 hitting percentage while Lebrock put down 11 on .194. Senior middle blocker Drew Staker contributed to CSUN's offense as well, striking down a season-high 10 kills on an impressive .600 percentage. On the Bruins side, junior outside hitter Gonzalo Quiroga had 22 kills on .576.

Dropping the second set by six and winning the third by three, Northridge couldn't keep its momentum going as they scored just 23 points in the last two sets combined. In the

fourth set, CSUN hit an abysmal - .100 while the Bruins hit .600 as UCLA took the set with a commanding score of 25-13.

Defensively, the Matadors couldn't find a way to stop their opponents after the first set as UCLA hit .448 throughout the match compared to Northridge's .280. CSUN managed 32 digs (nine by freshman outside hitter Sam Holt, who led Northridge), but ultimately succumbed to the Bruins, allowing 66 kills.

UCLA dialed up the pressure in the fifth and final set, hitting a blazing .786, and won 15-10. This match marks CSUN's second loss to the Bruins on the season, the first being on Northridge's season opening night on the road where they nearly surmounted a 2-1 set lead by UCLA.