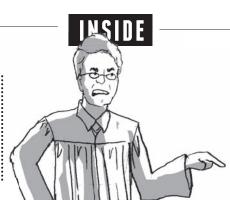
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### ATHLETIC BILL OF RIGHTS all cSus are left out of an effort to provide full funding to college student athletes **LUIS RIVAS** SENIOR REPORTER new California bill would allow university student athletes GO MATADORS athletes. The bill requires California uni-

to get their tuition, including their full cost of attendance, paid in full and an additional yearly stipend from state universities that meet certain requirements. This is in an effort to provide more aid and protection for student

versities in the Pacific-12 Conference (Pac-12), which participate in the National Collegiate Athletic Association's (NCAA) Division I, to pay student athlete tuition, full cost of attendance and an additional \$3,600 per year.

> Currently, there are no CSU schools in the Pac-12.

Pac-12 is made up of University of Arizona, Arizona State University, University of Colorado, University of Oregon, University

of Utah, University of Washington, Washington State University and four schools in California: University of California, Berkeley, University of California, Los Angeles, Stanford University and University of Southern California.

Senate Bill 1525, authored by Sen. Alex Padilla (D-Pacoima) and dubbed "The Athletic Bill of Rights," is being sponsored by the National College Players Association (NCPA). It was signed into law by Gov. Jerry Brown in September of last year.

"With this bill, California is leading by example. Neither personal

nor poverty should dim the dreams of a student athlete pursuing a college degree, particularly when their performance has enriched their college," said Padilla in a press release.

Money will be coming out from Pac-12 sports media revenue, with an estimated projected increase of \$6 million to \$21 million per school and per year with new TV advertisement, according to the NCPA.

Stephanie Thara, a CSU spokesperson, said that since the bill only affects university campuses that generate more than \$10 million per year in sports media

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### Cal Grant cuts remain

Its funding may increase but only for private universities

**MELISSA SIMON** SENIOR REPORTER

new bill has been introduced by Assembly members Beth Gaines and Mike Morrell that would return Cal Grant awards to the full amount before the 2012-13 budget cuts.

Gaines, representative for the 6th District, co-authored AB 1085 with Morrell, representative for the 40th District, to combat the cuts to Cal Grant funding for students at private universities. Gaines said the funding was cut from \$9,708 to \$4,000.

"I see this as a problem because the Cal Grant program is designed to help all California students in need to pursue

what type of institution they choose to attend," Gaines said.

The only colleges affected by AB 1085 are non-profit and proprietary private institutions because they would be able to accept more students who could not afford tuition under current Cal Grant funding, Gaines said.

Miles Nevin, executive director for the California State Student Association (CSSA), said they oppose the bill because the cuts not only affect private colleges, but public colleges as well.

"We're opposed because our students don't believe that private colleges and universities should be draining the Cal Grant program, and for that matter draining the Pell Grant program," he said. "We have similar positions on federal legislation."

a college degree, regardless of Nevin said the CSSA discovered AB 1085 by using CapitolTrack, a system that tracks all legislation.

"When we came across (AB 1085), it was definitely of interest to us because obviously a lot of CSU students use the Cal Grant program," he said. "We did some analysis on it and put it in front of our board of directors earlier this month at our meeting."

John Kendall, a senior majoring in TV production, said he receives grants for his education.

"The grants have been really helpful because they have covered at least half my tuition and sometimes even all of it," he said. "Because I receive grants, I feel kind of helpless in a way because the more money you can receive the better. With

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CSUN students take advantage of Outdoor Adventures and join a night hike at Mount Hollywood Hiking Trail on March 27.

### **PREVIEW**

### **Book donations** to help children in Africa

CSUN students will be able to give to Books for Africa this semester by donating literary texts that will be shipped to Africa. The organization is an African-based company that wants to help improve accessibility of education to the children.

When a campus or organization wants to participate in collecting donations, Books for Africa will send shipping labels and other needed supplies, making it cheap and easy to help. Once books are collected, they are sent to Books for Africa, where they are filtered for appropriate content and then sent to students

Students can drop off books starting April 15, until the end of the semester. Drop off books in the Oviatt Library, Sierra Tower and more locations that will be announced. The organization asks for textbooks from the last 10 years, children's books, travel guides from the last five years, and fiction and literature books. While they ask for as many books as possible, it is asked that students do not donate law books or mass market books, such as romance or paranormal content.

—BERLYN REISENAUER,

Daily Sundial

## Students gear up for hike to see outstanding views of LA

CSUN's Outdoor Adventures provides students with affordable excursions

JOHN SARINGO-**RODRIGUEZ** 

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SUN students who have ever wanted to explore a national park, ski down the mountains of Big Bear or dare to go white water rafting, can do so at a discounted rate.

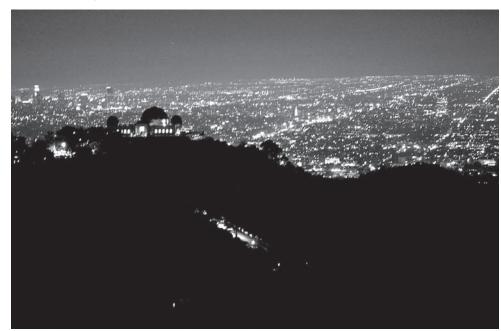
Outdoor Adventures is offered to CSUN students, faculty, staff, alumni and their guests.

Those who participate have the opportunity to explore, learn and relish in the wonder of the outdoors.

Kembelyn Ramirez, 18, kinesiology major, joined a night hike at Mount Hollywood Hiking Trail. It was her first Outdoor Adventures experience.

"Don't think about it twice," Ramirez said. "You get to meet people from different backgrounds and experience it with them. It's beautiful."

Students are taking advantage of the excursions whether a local hike or a weekend camping trip to Santa Cruz or the Grand Canyon.



Viewpoints Outdoor Adventures participants saw of Los Angeles and the Griffith Observatory from the Mount Hollywood Hiking Trail.

Some students have been on multiple excursions. Lena Sayadian, 26, art major, said that the Outdoor Adventures guides were able to get the whole group to interact with one another.

"It's a good way to meet students, be active and learn

new things," Sayadian said. There are usually at least employees or volunteers that oversee every excursion. Their job is to keep students safe and to make sure that their experience is both enlightening and enjoyable.

"I hope students get to learn something new, and use this opportunity to create new friendships and more than anything else, get out and have some fun," said Eric Hengesbaugh, 24, a recreational sport management graduate student and Outdoor Adventures guide.

Outdoor Adventures, established by Associated Students, is located in the Student Recreation Center. All the expeditions available for the current semester are listed online.



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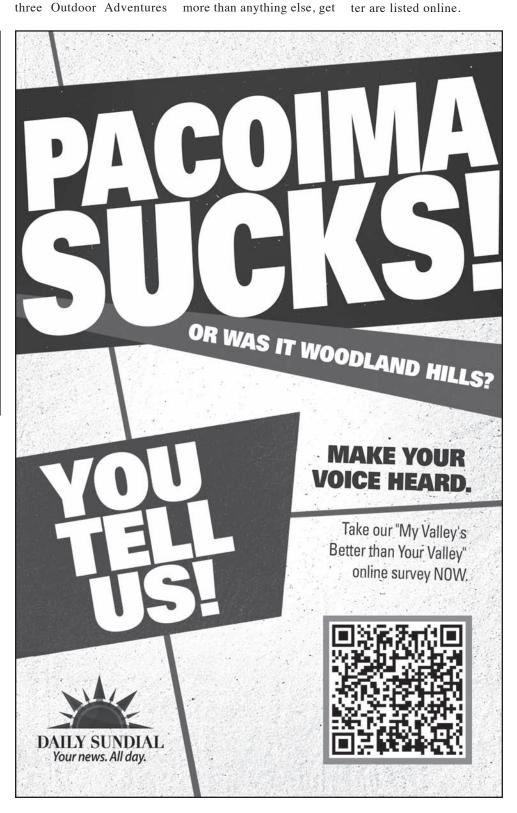
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revenue, no CSU campuses will be affected. Currently, no CSUs meet that threshold, Thara said.

The only schools that meet that criteria are University of Southern California, University of California, Los Angeles, Stanford and University of California, Berkeley, Mann said.

"The law only applies to schools that have more than \$10 million in sports media revenue," said John Mann, communications director for Padilla.

One of the key points that Padilla focused on was the vulnerability that student athletes have if they're on an athletic scholarship and they get injured, and subsequently lose that scholarship. This bill would protect those athletes by giving them academic scholarships.

Additionally, Padilla's bill would require schools to provide more scholarship opportunities for injured athletes, cover all deductibles related to sports injuries, pay health care premiums for low-income student athletes, conduct "life skills" workshops for freshman and junior athletes and provide more care for all student athletes.

But since CSUN does not meet the criteria of necessary sports media revenue as mentioned in the bill, some student athletes see the new intiative as being of little importance.

"I guess to CSUN it's kind of almost irrelevant as an issue since we don't create enough revenue to be covered by the law," said Leni Ma'ia'i, 19, freshman middle blocker on the men's volleyball team. "We're in the volleyball team and there's limited scholarships...The NCAA guidelines limit the number of scholarships, and there's not enough revenue in the school."

Additionally, Ma'ia'i sees CSUN as a school in which sports are not as high a priority as other, bigger schools, such as UCLA. Not a lot of students come out to the games, he said, citing the commuter population.

"It's a result of the culture of the school. We're living in more of an anonymous culture than, say, one of the bigger schools like UCLA," he said. "It's a product of the environment. It's never going to be a real, communal, unified atmosphere (at CSUN) unless that whole culture of commuting goes away. If the school started to become better and advertise its sports more, like basketball, football-which we don't even have."

### CSUN takes on tax season

One more day to get free help on tax returns from IRS-certified volunteers



Volunteer tax preparer, Jessica Kim, helps accounting major, Viseh Danaei, prepare her taxes. Thursday is the last day to get tax help.

**LUCY GUANUNA** DAILY SUNDIAL

tudent volunteers had the helped the campus community prepare their taxes with an income of less than \$58,000 for free as part of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program.

The VITA Program on cam-

pus is a service provided by the IRS with-IRS certified volunteers who offer basic income tax return preparation with electronic filing.

Jessica Lopez, 24, junior accounting major, volunteered for a second time in the program.

"I really like being able to help out the community. Some people volunteer for their resume or to gain credits, but I just like doing it," Lopez said.

VITA's office is located at Juniper Hall 4117, but they offered services at locations offcampus as well. CSUN's VITA Program offered services from Feb. 23 through April 4.

There are about 300 student volunteers who offered services in Spanish, English, Russian and Armenian.

CSUN's VITA program started in 1971 and aims to help those with low incomes, disabilities and the elderly. They do not turn away undocumented workers with Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers.

The student volunteers can inform taxpayers about special tax credits, including an Earned Income Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit and Credit for the Elderly or the Disabled.

"There's a lot of low income taxpayers who don't get their return because they are scared, or they don't know how, or can't pay," said Jaewoo Chung, director of education for the VITA Program. "We're looking forward to helping more people get the return they deserve."



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# Cleaning your way to spring break

Before embarking on a week-long journey of R&R, here are some tips on leaving your place spick and span

**REANNE ROGERS** 

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ormer dorm resident Chris Sanchez, 21, a senior psychology major used to go home for the entire spring break when he lived on campus.

"I found it easier to have everything clean when I would leave," Sanchez said. "I might not be there for a week so I might as well clean. I didn't feel like it was so messy and cluttered. I would want to come home and relax and do homework and focus on school."

Spring break is a time for relaxation and trips to lavish places. Students work hard all semester and this is their time to be carefree and free of obligations. But their plans most likely do not include cleaning.

Along with the tenth week of the spring semester comes midterms, the anticipation of spring break and spring cleaning for some.

All the stress of tests and anxiousness to take a much needed break could leave a stressed student complacent about cleaning their spaces and saying, "Ain't nobody got time for that."

It may be beneficial for students to find time for it, though.

As elementary as tidying up may seem, it can help keep the mind clear when returning to school.

According to a study conducted If it is kept clean and orderly, the by OfficeMax of more than 1,000 adults, it was found that 90 percent of Americans believe clutter has a negative impact on their lives and work.

"Sometimes if we just tidy up our atmosphere and make sure it's nice, it can shift how you feel about yourself and school and your academic presence in the school you attend," said Ahneishia Washington, 21, English major and senior resident adviser of three years.

The way a student's home environment is kept can often correlate the way their minds work, according to the OfficeMax study.

"[Not keeping a clean dorm] would make me want to just go back home because it's like, why am I going back to a mess? I'd feel like I'm not ready to start school because I'd have to clean the mess to get back on track," said Cassandra Irvin, 21, a senior sociology major who has lived in the dorms for three years.

To make things easier for the student anxiously anticipating spring break, here are a few tips to get organized so that returning to the dorms after being home can be an easy transition:

#### Make your bed

Making your bed may not seem very productive when it comes to cleaning, but chances are, your bed is the biggest piece of furniture in your room. rest of your room can, more easily, follow suit.

#### Give ever ythin G a place

If everything in your room belongs in a specific place, it will be easier to keep up with it and easier to clean up.

#### Get rid of visual clutter

Take a moment to scan your room for random clutter, such as papers on the desk and pens on the floor. These are

things that can create clutter and make your mind feel overwhelmed when returning to the dorm after spring break.

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Establish the amount of items that you want to have in your space at once. Once that number of items is exceeded use it as a cue to tidy up and throw unnecessary items out. In instances

#### factor cleanin G into your weekly schedule

like these, less is more.

College students are busy, but factoring in cleaning for a couple of hours into one's schedule could prevent messes from getting out of hand.



Ahneishia Washington, 21, English major and senior resident adviser, believes that having a clean space helps keep her stay focused on her academics.







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April 5th, 2013 Grand Salon (USU) at 9 a.m.

The Senate will:

- Review the approval of the A.S. 2013-2014 Annual Budget
- Review the approval of the constitution of the CSUN Tae Kwon Do
- Consider the creation of a code on the A.S. Annual Banquet Recognition
- Consider amendments to the AS Code on Environmental Affairs Committee
- Review the approval of the resolution on "Allowing Students to Enter a Preferred Name on all CSUN Affiliated Applications and Coursework"
- Review the approval of the resolution on "Advocating on Extending Writing Assignments in Classes"



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# Little levity for the Supreme Court

The arguments made for same-sex marriage and DOMA are not only preposterous, but also down right comical

**MICHELLE REUTER** 

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his past week has been a big one for the Supreme Court. People who rarely pay attention to the issues discuessed in those marble-laden, hallowed halls have been paying very close attention to what is being said about same-sex marriage. I know, because I'm one of them and I believe a recognition of basic rights is needed.

This is one of those rare, probably historic, occasions where what nine people decide will directly affect the lives of a large swath of our population. The federal government has over 1,100 laws on the books that deal with the rights of married people. There are some real life consequences here. Married folks expect to be able to do things like take time off of work to care for their sick spouse or qualify for social security benefits. Let's not even get into the legal obstacles presented every April 15 when taxes are due. Taxes get all kinds of interesting when the state recognizes your relationship status as married while the Fed seems to think you're roommates. Really affectionate roommates, but just roommates.

As a brief recap, the Supreme Court heard two separate cases last week. The first was about our state's lovely Proposition 8 issue. The second had to do with the Defense Of Marriage Act (DOMA).

Here are a few choice quotes from Supreme Court justices who mumbled them during the

But you want us to step in and render a decision based on an assessment of the effects of this institution which is newer than cell phones or the Internet? I mean we...do not have the ability to see the future."

> -Justice Samuel Alito, during the Prop 8 arguments

I'm sorry, Justice Alito, did you just imply that gay peoples' participation in committed relationships is somehow a more recent development than the ability to text my bestie another pointless meme? You seem to think that the gays just woke up one morning in the mid-80s and said to each other, "Y'know what would be fun? Let's mess with the straights and demand marriage equality. That would be a hoot!"

Really, sir? Just because the government refuses to recognize something, doesn't mean it isn't going on right under your nose. Gay folks have been around as long as people have been walking upright and you can bet we've been try-

ing to live together in stable, loving homes as long as you have. Oh, we might have had to be sneaky about it. Maybe we pretended to be just a couple of old, single ladies who liked to hold hands when we walked in the gloaming. Those hidden relationships of the past were just as sincere and were felt just as deeply as any state-sanctioned marriage.

Cell phones and the Internet? Please.

There are some 40,000 children in California, according to the red brief, that live with same-sex parents, and they want their parents to have full recognition and full status. The voice of those children is important in this case, don't you think?"

> -Justice Anthony Kennedy, during the Prop 8 arguments

Hi there Justice Kennedy! [waving excitedly] Yes, sir, I absolutely do think the voices of those children are important and should be heard. Kids know what's going on around them, even if the grown-ups like to think otherwise. They know the government is treating people unfairly because they see the real-life effects at home. If they aren't the children of same-sex parents, then they have friends who are.

I mean, what little girl doesn't want to get to be in a wedding? My step-daughter got to be in ours. Well, it wasn't really a wedding because Proposition 8 had passed in my home state of California. She got to be in a really dressy domestic partnership ceremony. And, if she's ever hurt and in the hospital, I could very well be denied the right to see her. And one of her moms had to go through an expensive, months-long legal process to adopt her after she was born so she would have parental rights over her own child.

Could you maybe explain some of this to Justice Alito?

Well, what happened in 1996—and I'm going to quote from the House report here—is that "Congress decided to reflect an honor of collective moral judgment and to express moral disapproval of homosexuality."

> -Justice Elena Kagan, during the DOMA arguments

Boy did they! And how times have changed...

Back then the arguments were all about how morally disagreeable gays were and how we were all going to recruit their children into the sexually promiscuous "gay lifestyle" and, I don't know, make them snappier dressers. Congress had no problem coming right out and saying they thought the idea of gay marriage was icky. Okay, maybe not in so many words.

The exact words of Sen. Tom Coburn (R-OK) were, "I come from a district in Oklahoma who has very profound beliefs that homosexuality is wrong...We hear about diversity, but we do not hear about perversity."

Since the Republicans tanked with young voters in the last election cycle, they've been looking for any way to get this demographic to look at them again. Easing up on their marriage equality rhetoric is a great way to appear more forward thinking. Public opinion has been moving away from their exclusionary, narrowminded and down-right scared position on this for a while now.

But let's not be fooled. Just because conservatives seem to be coming around doesn't mean there isn't going to be a nasty backlash when you find Supreme Court justices make the right decision here. Just because some people are grossed out by the idea of a couple of guys kissing, it doesn't mean they have the right to deny us those 1,100 rights under federal marriage law.

You're saying, no, the state said two kinds of marriage; the full marriage, and then this sort of skim-milk marriage."

### -Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg,

during the DOMA arguments

I hate skim milk. It's icky and perverse.

-Michelle Reuter's domestic-partnered is a hot chick who remodels homes and once wore army boots. They would both like to experience what it feels like to have equal protection under the law.



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this bill, I feel a little left out."

Mahealani Holcomb, a super-senior majoring in speech pathology, said she does not receive grants but the disbursement of money should be equal.

"Grants are good period, but we're struggling too," she said. "I understand they pay more than we do (at CSUN), but everyone deserves an equal chance to get a grant."

Gaines said that AB 1085, if passed, would give students who cannot pay their tuition the option to attend a CSU, UC or private institution. As of 2012, there were nearly 40,000 students attending private institutions and receiving Cal Grant awards.

Nevin said the CSU is one of the state systems that efficiently educates students and graduates them in a timely manner and does so with low debt levels and high gainful employment levels.

"At the end of the day, the state only has so much money," Nevin said. "It's very frustrating to us and to our students that a private college or university can charge, for example \$50,000 a year in tuition and their students drain the Cal Grant program. It's public money, and we feel that it should be used by students in the public school system."

Holcomb said it almost sounds like the 1 percent are getting a break and the 99 percent are suffering.

"I get there are some students in the same economic class as me that go to a private college, but they shouldn't have any better chance to get a grant than students that go to a public college," she said.

Kendall does understand why students may need more money if attending a private college, but said students at public colleges, including CSUN,



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Assembly member Beth Gaines of the 6th District co-authored AB 1085.

need just as much help as the others.

"I guess if students going to private colleges have really good grades than I could see why they might get better grants, but students in a university in general should have an equal opportunity at receiving grants," he said.

Gaines said if the bill is voted down, she will continue to fight to make sure that all students are given the opportunity to pursue affordable and effective higher education at the institution they choose.

"Restoring Cal Grants for private school students is a smart investment in education and protects the purpose of the Cal Grant program," she said.

Nevin said the CSSA is not opposed to the Cal Grant program itself but to the fact that so much money is taken up by private colleges and universities that charge so much money.

"Why are all these colleges like the Harvards and Stanfords. with exorbitant endowments and enough money to provide scholarships to their students, sucking up federal money that could be used by public school students that truly need it?" he said. "This issue is gaining some traction, but it needs to be talked about more and more, especially as states disinvest in public higher education as they are doing. It's a federal issue and a state issue, and this bill is only one little piece of it."

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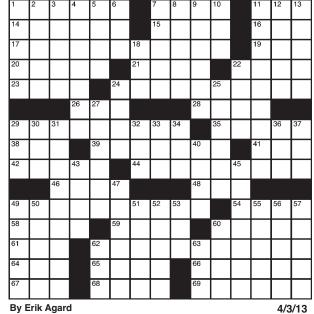
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### BASEBALL

## Matadors fail to tame Lions

Joshua Goossen-Brown falls home run short of cycle as Loyola Marymount rallies in extra innings

**KEVIN KIANI** 

DAILY SUNDIAL

umping out to an early three run lead in the middle innings, the Matadors baseball team was unable to hold the lead against visiting Loyola Marymount (14-14), losing 9-7 in 10 innings Tuesday afternoon.

The Lions scored first in the third inning on an RBI single by senior catcher Colton Plaia after loading the bases on three consecutive singles.

For a second straight game, Northridge struggled at the plate, managing two hits through the first four innings.

"They did a good job of taking advantage of our mistakes," said head coach Matt Curtis. "We missed some opportunities offensively where we could have scored. It was a good college game, both teams were competing but it was a win we left out there on the table."

CSUN sophomore starting pitcher Brandon Warner was pulled after 4.1 innings with a runner on first, bringing in freshman pitcher Oscar Sandoval who quickly got the final two outs.



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Redshirt sophomore right fielder Chester Pak went 1-for-5 Tuesday afternoon, scoring one of the Matadors seven runs against LMU.

The Matadors finally broke their scoring drought on a threerun triple by junior first baseman Josh Goossen-Brown to center field that gave the Matadors a 3-1 lead going into the sixth inning.

Loading the bases in the sixth inning, Northridge plated another couple runs after loading the bases on a single to left field

by freshman left fielder Anthony Lombardo. Sophomore second baseman Ryan Raslowsky brought home one runner on a single to right field and Kyle Attl put the Matadors up 5-2 after an RBI groundout.

The Matadors loaded the bases off a single to left field by freshman outfielder Anthony Lombardo. CSUN capitalized

as sophomore second baseman Ryan Raslowsky and senior shortstop Kyle Attl each brought home a runner off an RBI single to give the Matadors a 5-2 advantage heading into the top of the seventh inning.

Northridge's lead would be short-lived as LMU loaded the bases in the seventh inning and scored two runs on a groundball to third that resulted in a throwing error. A single up the middle by senior second baseman Cullen Mahoney tied the game 5-5. Loading the bases once again, the Matadors brought in junior pitcher Harley Holt, who got the final out of the inning on a strikeout.

'We let the little things build up," said Goosen-Brown, who

went 3-for-5 and was a home run short of the cycle. "They made the most out of every situation and we didn't."

Jumping out to another lead in the seventh, the Matadors scored on a throwing error by Plaia on a steal attempt to second base. With a runner at third, sophomore catcher Alexis Mercado gave the Matadors a 7-5 lead with an RBI groundout.

Allowing another run to begin the eighth inning, CSUN brought in Goossen-Brown to close out the game. Getting two quick outs in the eighth inning, the Matadors headed to their half of the eighth in which they went down 1-2-3.

One out away from a victory, a line drive to left field went through the legs of Attl, resulting in the tying run scoring for LMU.

Scoring twice in the top of the tenth, the Lions took control of the game 9-7.

Leading off their half of the tenth with two singles, the Matadors attempted a comeback, but the next three batters went down in order.

"We competed down to the end, even the final inning," Goossen-Brown said. "There were a lot of low spots but we still fought."

### **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

# Inconsistent play ruins title hopes

**BOB GARCIA** 

DAILY SUNDIAL

ntering the season, the Matadors had their eyes set on claiming the Big West Championship and a March Madness tournament berth.

"Our expectations are the same every year, which is to be the best team we can possibly be at the end of the season," said head coach Jason Flowers. "I do not think that I did a good enough job to make that happen this year. I need to do a better a job (to) make sure we are (playing) more consistent in our peak for a longer period of time."

Northridge's lack of consistent play led them to an overall 16-16 record and a 9-9 one in Big West play, which ranked them sixth in the conference. Coach Flowers felt that what contributed to the inconsistency was the team's inexperience and change of personnel.

"Our kids have played in a lot of games but it does not change the fact that they are sophomores and there are

certain things you gain with experience," Flowers said. "Obviously, with (freshman guard Marta) Masoni leaving in the heart of the season, we struggled with things and (it affected) we what did."

Before leaving the team in early February due to a family emergency, Masoni was averaging 12.4 points per game, which ranked second on the team behind sophomore allsecond team Big West guard Ashlee Guay.

Although CSUN played inconsistent at times during the season, there were high points such as the team's 77-72 win over the UCLA Bruins at Pauley Pavillion on Dec. 20, a four game win streak against Big West opponents in early January, and the team making it past the opening round of the Big West Tournament by handily defeating UC Davis 61-40.

"The win at UCLA was the highlight of our season," said Senior forward Violet Alama, who averaged 6.7 points and 5.8 rebounds per game on the season. "It was one of the few games we played together as a team. It was just a really exciting and fun game to be a



Sophomore guard Ashlee Guay led the Matadors with 13.2 points per game and 2.9 steals.

CSUN was lead in scoring and assists by Guay, who averaged 13.2 points and 3.9 assists per game. Sophomore center Camille Mahlknecht led the team with 7.3 rebounds per contest and led the conference with 2.2 blocks.

Guay said the team did not reach its goal of winning the conference and reaching the NCAA tournament, but the win at UCLA and getting to the second round of the postseason were steps in the right direc-

"We had an up and down season with some accomplishments," Guay said. "We need to be consistent and (as the team's point guard), I need to

maintain a good flow for each and every game for us to play a good, consistent level."

The Matadors offense and defense both ranked in the middle of the pack as they scored 58.3 per game, good for sixth in the conference, and gave up 58.9 points per game, which was fifth best in the Big West.

CSUN ranked first in the

conference at 12.1 steals per game, with Guay leading all Big West players with 3.3 steals per game. They also ranked first in the conference with 16.3 offensive rebounds per game.

Alama feels that the team has grown both physically and mentally this season.

"I am proud of how much I and my teammates have grown," Alama said. "I am just very excited about the direction the program is heading and I am proud to be a part of that change."

Flowers felt the two tournament games were very telling of the Matadors inconsistent play throughout the season.

"At the end we played really well offensively against UC Davis and then against UC Santa Barbara we were just not," Flowers said. "It iust still comes back to consistency and being able to show up everyday. We talked about responding the right way to success or failure. I think this is an area this group can definitely improve in handling success and expectations. That is something that will be learned this season and will help us next season."