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# NEW ABORTION BILLS CAUSE UPROAR

**MERCEDES ORTIZ** DAILY SUNDIAL

Saturday after-Heather Mechanic clutched her "8th Week of Life" abortion poster at the Odd Fellows Cemetery to remember the lives of more than 16,000 unborn children that were buried there.

Mechanic and her husband traveled from San Diego to Los Angeles to participate in the National Day of Remembrance memorial to honor the children's graves and to learn more about California's new abortion bills currently going through legislation.

When she was a student at Columbia University during the 1970s Mechanic had an abortion. She now wants to bring awareness with her testimony to stop what she calls a "holocaust."

"I just didn't have a thought until someone finally told me 'abortion is murder," Mechanic said. "In all these years I suffered so much. I couldn't have any more children. I was left sterile and I kept thinking about my baby. And the depression was overwhelming."

In the 1973 Roe v. Wade court case, the U.S. that all women with the

cians, have the constitutional right to protect themselves by choosing to have an abortion during the early stages of their pregnancy.

In the 1992 Supreme Court case Planned Parenthood v. Casey, the court upheld their previous decision to allow women the right to abortion. In addition, this case "expanded the ability of the states to enact all but the most extreme restrictions on women's access to abortion[s]."

California's new abortion bill, AB 154, which is awaiting a signature from Gov. Jerry Brown, will allow non-physicians to perform "an abortion by medication or aspiration techniques in the first trimester of pregnancy."

According to the bill, "a person with a license or certificate to practice as a nurse practitioner (NP) or a certified nurse-midwife (CNM) shall complete training recognized by the Board of Registered Nursing."

Dianne Bartlow, professor and chair of gender and women studies at CSUN, said it's time for women to receive more protection, as their rights have been under attack for a while.

"I'm pro-choice because I believe in women's reproductive freedoms, and I love life. I know there's been an attack on wom-Supreme Court declared en's reproductive freedoms for a period of time now." consultation of their physi- Bartlow said. "There's been a scale back on women's rights and that's pretty disturbing and alarming.'

Astrid Bennett, the president of Hispanics for Life and executive director of Los Angeles Pregnancy Services, attended the National Day of Remembrance memorial and said that people need to be more informed in order to take action.

"People don't involved until they realize that every day 4,000 unborn babies are killed and their parents are hurt physically [and] emotionally," Bennett said. "The pro-life movement is here to say that every human life is valuable, is sacred, and there is help."

Bennett said she had the opportunity to help a CSUN student last year.

"She was in her junior year. She [had] amazing grades, she was doing an internship, and she found herself pregnant."

Bennett said she helped the student and she was able to have her baby and graduate at the same time.

"She told me that the baby gave her more motivation to get ahead," Bennett said.

California is currently in the process of passing two measures that will provide women more access to abortion alternatives.

If the bill is passed, the training required for NP's and CNM's will begin on Jan. 1, 2014. The standards

See **ABORTION**, page 7 my soul, mind and spirit."



JOHN SARINGO-RODRIGUEZ / PHOTO EDITOR

Pro-life activist and member of Project Save America Heather Mechanic had an abortion over 40 years ago, and now fervidly describes abortion as murder. "The suffering is horrible, I experienced depression and thoughts of suicide," Mechanic said. "[These] thoughts pursued like PTSD causing injury to

# Freshmen urged to eliminate waste



JOHN SARINGO-RODRIGUEZ / PHOTO EDITOR

Speakers at the convocation included CSUN president Dianne F. Harrison, Dr. Harold Hellenbrand, provost and vice president for academic affairs, Dr. William Watkins, vice president for student affairs and dean of students, Angela Lara Lomeli, CSUN Alumnus and Edward Humes, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist.

**ANDREW MARTINEZ** 

DAILY SUNDIAL

THE ANNUAL Freshman Convocation welcomed the largest class in CSUN history to the lawn of Oviatt Library Thursday evening to learn about the importance of "Garbology," a book written by Edward Humes.

President Dianne F. Harrison, along with college department heads and Associated Student (A.S.) representatives, welcomed freshmen as they arrived.

Edward Humes' book "Garbology" is on this year's freshman common reading list. Humes addressed students and explained the concept of garbology, the study of trash, and why it is important for CSUN to learn.

"Trash is the biggest thing we make. It's our leading export," Humes said. "The amount of trash we make in a year would be equal to every car manufactured in Detroit since World War II. That's one year's worth of trash in America."

Humes offered strategies to combat waste such as recycling and going vintage, and asked the audience to keep waste reduction strategies in mind.

"Garbology is not about supplying all the answers, it's getting you to question the status quo and look at the absurdities that we now consider to be normal," Humes said. "How is Cal State Northridge, how are you, fired up new members of this great community,

going to help the rest of us redefine normal when it comes to our trash cans?"

Michelle Becerra, a freshman English major, thought the convocation was a nice gesture for the freshman class.

"I thought it was nice to see that the principal cares about us. Usually when I go to a school there's no introduction speech or anything and it was nice that there was this whole orientation after freshman orientation,"

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# Colleges may be ranked by new standards

SHIRA MOSKOWITZ

DAILY SUNDIAL

PRESIDENT OBAMA recently proposed a new ranking system in which he aims to combat tuition fees while making college more accessible for more Americans.

The president's plan will measure colleges through the College Scoreboard, which will be implemented by the year 2015.

With the new bill, the president wants to encourage public institutions to enroll more middle and lower class students by also rewarding colleges with a bonus based on how many Pell Grant students they graduate.

The new system will be based on the following information: the number of students receiving Pell Grants, their average cost of tuition, the amount of scholarships given, the amount of student loan debt, graduation rates, and graduate earnings.

By 2018, once colleges have had a chance to improve their performances, the government will use these new

rankings to determine how much federal aid is given to each institution.

Colleges with the highest rankings will get larger amounts of federal aid and students who choose to attend those higher ranked colleges will be able to receive larger Pell Grants and more affordable student loans.

Meredith Vivian, president of government relations for the California State Student Association (CSSA), said this proposal will have a positive effect on students across the country.

"The premise of the proposal is that President Obama wants to reward universities and university systems that are educating a more diverse student population and graduating more students, all the while keeping costs down. These are all areas in which the CSU already stands out among its peers," Vivian said.

Although the CSSA has not yet taken a formal position on the president's proposal, Vivian said that they are hopeful of its outcome.

"We're encouraged that [the president] has turned his focus towards higher education and wants to ensure that federal support is going to universities with the most value." Vivian said. "I believe this proposal has the potential to benefit the CSU system and its students because we meet many of the proposal's requirements such as access, affordability, and student outcomes."

While Vivian acknowledges that college tuition fees have sharply increased in recent years, she also says that CSU tuition has remained one of the lowest in the nation.

According to CollegeBoard.com, the average cost for most CSUN commuter students per year is around \$15,658, while the average cost for a commuter student at the University of Southern California is \$51,403.

President Obama pointed out during his speech last month at State University of New York Buffalo that "it is time to stop subsidizing schools that are not producing good results and reward schools that deliver for American students and our future."

Through his bill, Obama is challenging states to find innovative ways to create more successful results while finding new ways to fund their colleges.

But Congressman John Kline, R-Minn, said in a statement, that while he was "pleased" the president signed this new legislation, he believes the approach could create unintended consequences.

"While I am pleased the president's new plan recognizes the importance of promoting innovation and competition in higher education, I remain concerned that imposing an arbitrary college ranking system could curtail the very innovation we hope to encourage - and even lead to federal price controls," Kline said.

Under the new plan, students who receive federal aid will have to complete specific academic requirements, "It is time to stop subsidizing schools that are not producing good results and reward schools that deliver for American students and our future. "

> —Barack Obama President of the United States

such as finishing a certain percentage of classes on time, before being able to receive more funding.

President Obama has also set up a more affordable way for students to pay back their debt when they graduate, called the Pay As You Earn Plan.

Under the Pay As you Earn Plan, students with federal loan debts will be able to cap their payments at 10 percent of their monthly income.

Students who originally took out loans before 2008, or who have not taken out any loans since 2011, are not eligible to be part of the Pay As You Earn Plan.

Business major and CSUN sophomore Ben Shapiro, already has student loans that he needs to pay back when

"School loans are not cheap right now, and it's getting harder to find jobs as we graduate. For loans to be made more affordable, would definitely be a step in the right direction for college students," Shapiro said.

California Congresswoman Julia Brownley, D-Westlake Village, said the bill will also help inform college students about what they need to know before selecting a college that fits their lifestyle.

"I support the president's efforts to

equip students with more complete information on graduation rates, loan debt, and tuition so they can choose the college that best suits their needs and will help them fulfill their goals," Brownley said.

Part- time CSUN political science professor Craig Allen Renetzky believes that the new plan could help many CSUN students.

"It does have the potential to make student loans more affordable which will help anyone on financial aid." Renetzky said.

Being a parent of a college junior and high school senior, Renetzky supports the concept of college being more affordable, but has concerns about the factors that will be used to rank the institutions.

"If a college rates students on graduation rates, will colleges graduate students who have not performed satisfactorily [in order] to keep these numbers high? Will colleges emphasize money making majors over equally important majors that result in lower incomes? If a factor is a graduate's earnings, this is a distinct possibility," Renetzky said.

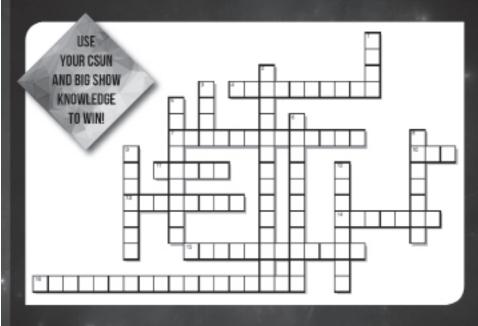
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Obama's plan will:

- tie financial aid to college performance
- hold colleges receiving aid responsible for students obtaining a degree



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- 1. Campus radio station
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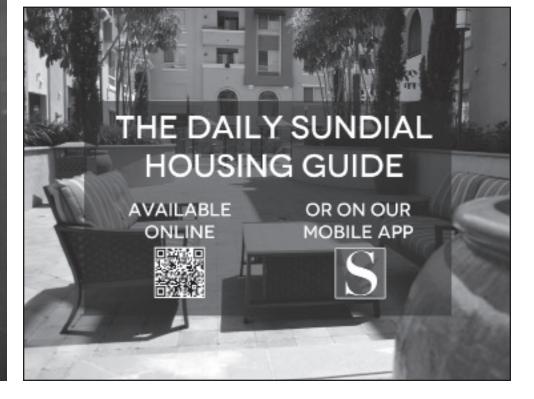
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- 10. One of CSUN's school colors
- 11. Name of CSUN mascot 13. Bold animal on campus
- 14. What month is Big Show?
- 15. School newspaper
- 16. Organization that puts on Big Show

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#### CONVOCATION

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Becerra said.

Becerra also noted Humes' speech, as she said "everyone should be aware of those things, and I think that it's important these matters are being brought up at a public event like this."

Though the core of the convocation was about understanding the importance of garbology and eliminating unnecessary waste, there were also



JOHN SARINGO-RODRIGUEZ / PHOTO EDITOR President Dianne F. Harrison advises freshmen that it is their responsiblity to take advantage of the many opportunities and resources available at CSUN.

speakers present to encourage freshmen and to offer advice for the beginning of their college experience.

CSUN alumna and current USC graduate student Angela Lara Lomeli encouraged students to not be afraid and to help each other out.

"College is a place where if you want or need something, you need to go after it. Please, do not be afraid like I was. It is absolutely okay not to know," Lomeli said. "After all, this is a learning institution. Beyond all the circumstances you have faced, insecurities you might

have about yourself, and what others expect of you, you can do it. You are part of CSUN's largest class in history. Help each other out, and make the best experience possible."

Madalyne Handy, the first recipient of the Harrison Leadership Award by President Harrison, also spoke at the convocation. Handy is a sophomore studying kinesiology with a 3.6 GPA and a member of the softball team. Following the ceremony, Handy said she was honored to receive the award, and thought that the advice given in the



Freshmen listen to president Dianne F. Harrison speak about campus resources at the annual Convocation. The event took place on Thursday, at 5 p.m. on the Oviatt lawn.

ceremony was especially influential for freshmen.

Freshman Kevin Truong, a public health major, felt the speech by Lomeli and the award given to Handy were inspiring to the freshman audience.

"It makes us want to work harder as freshmen. It's inspiring. It's definitely something to look forward to," Truong said.

Students and faculty were entertained with the CSUN

Jazz "A" Band and vocalist Erin Reagan. Reagan played jazz and swing standards, as well as film scores and the CSUN Alma Mater at the end of the convocation.

A spread of sandwiches, strawberries, and water bottles were opened in front of the library following the convocation as students got the opportunity to speak with President Harrison as well as the heads of their departments and other school representatives.

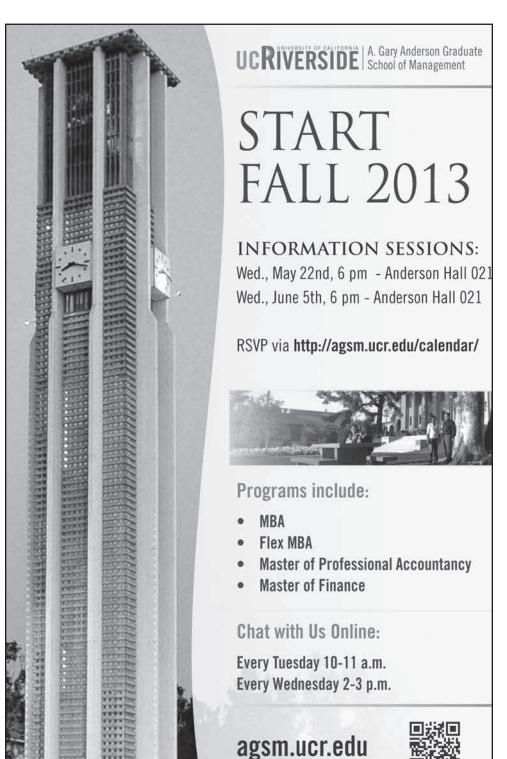
A.S. senior volunteer Austin Hernandez noted that the convocation was a simulation of commencement for freshmen, allowing freshmen to visualize what it would be like to graduate in

"I want this to be their driving motivation," Hernandez said. "Our goal is that they see this and they realize this is where they want to be in four years."

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## Student works toward bike-friendly campus



**NEELOFER LODHY** 

DAILY SUNDIAL

WHEN DENNIS D'Alfonso transferred from Santa Barbara City College to CSUN in 2010, he envisioned a campus that would accommodate students who used bicycles as a main source of transportation.

Throughout his first year at CSUN, he became a founder and active member of the Bicycle Club on campus, whose name was later changed to the CSUN Bicycle Collective.

While majoring in mechanical engineering, D'Alfonso found that having a minor in sustainability would help integrate his passion for mechanics and cycling.

"I was already into sustainability and caring for the environment so that was away I could integrate that and cycling," D'Alfonso said. "I came from Santa Barbara which is now fairly well-known for being bicycle friendly."

His passion for cycling began when he worked at a bicycle shop in high school as a mechanic. He then started using the bicycle as his sole mode of transportation. After establishing his presence with the CSUN Bicycle Collective, D'Alfonso continued his work toward a bike-friendly campus by minoring in sustainability and working closely with Dr. Helen Cox, the director of the Institute for Sustainability.

While minoring in sustainability, D'Alfonso helped create the first bicycle report for CSUN. According to a 2010 Institute for Sustainability survey, 74 percent of faculty, coordinator of the plan over

students, and staff commute to CSUN. It takes an average of 14.5 miles to commute to campus from all over Los Angeles and Ventura, though the majority commute from the San Fernando Valley.

This information concerned D'Alfonso, so he became active within the Working Transportation Group (TWG), a subcommittee under the Institute for Sustainability. Within this subcommittee, D'Alfonso took part in discussions of the implementation of bicycle racks and bicycle lanes on campus, as well as the new bicycle lanes that are now on Lindley Avenue.

"I enjoy the struggle of fixing the problem, and I noticed there was a need for that," D'Alfonso said.

Along with his participation in the TWG, D'Alfonso advocated for the CSUN Bicycle Collective to help create bicycle clinics on campus. The bicycle clinics were created to provide students, faculty and staff with free bike repairs and maintenance services.

Due to these efforts, the Bicycle Collective was able to reserve space on campus for bike maintenance and repairs.

He also met with the

the summer to establish the fundamentals for the space before he and other members of the collective graduate next spring.

The location for the bike clinic has not yet been determined because logistics are still being considered. The space is due to become available to students next spring.

With only three years spent at CSUN and one semester left to complete, D'Alfonso can take pleasure in the work that he's done to help make CSUN a more bike-friendly and bikeknowledgeable campus.

"I love sharing my knowledge about bikes," D'Alfonso said. "If you learn something and know a lot about it you should just pass it on. The process of doing that is a great feeling, and you can share that and empower an individual. I found a lot of joy doing that at CSUN."

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Dennis D'Alfonso, engineering major, became a founding member of the CSUN Bike Collective after transferring to CSUN from Santa Barbara City College.

NAME: Dennis D'Alfonso MAJOR: Mechanical Engineering

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CLAIM TO FAME: One of the founders of the CSUN

bike collective

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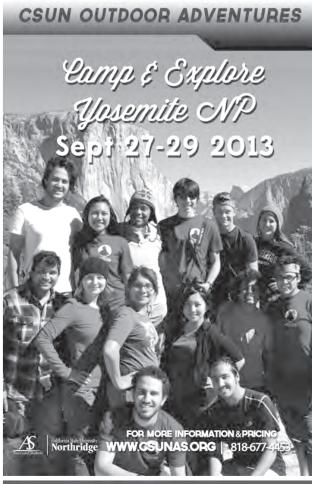
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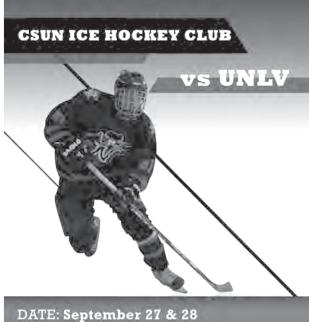
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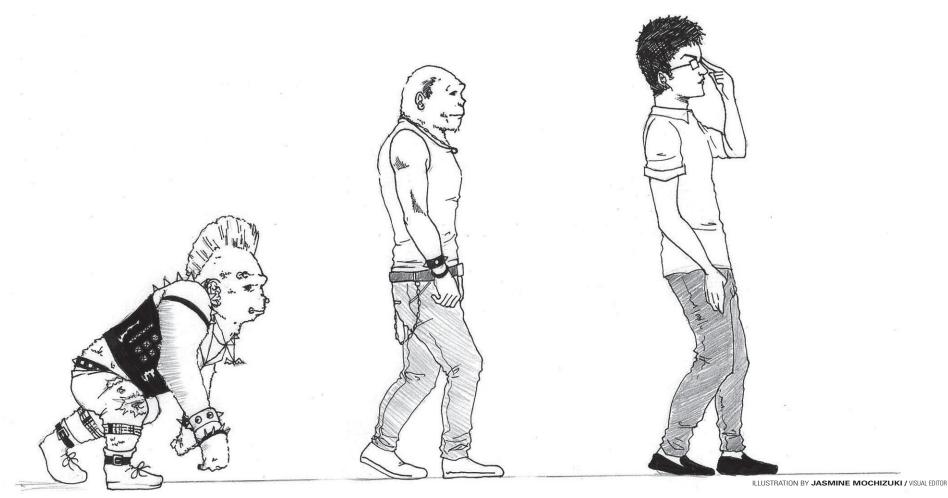
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# Punk rock: appropriated but not dead



**NEELOFER LODHY** DAILY SUNDIAL

I STILL REMEMBER my first rock show: I was about 12 years old and was headed to the Long Beach Arena to catch No Doubt headlining with The Distillers and Garbage as the opening act. Upon my arrival I couldn't help but feel intimidated by the large amount of people covered in tattoos and piercings. The significant yet occasional mohawk or liberty spikes (long hair styled in thick upright spikes), would pop up every now and then, and I couldn't help but wonder, "Where am I?"

I was immediately enthralled by the scene: the smell of beer and cigarettes throughout the arena and the safetypinned-up punks who came to show their support for their girl Brody Dalle of The Distillers. The lights went low and Dalle appeared on stage wearing a fishnet shirt, a skirt tailored for a school girl, combat boots, and the coolest upright hair-do I've ever seen. Then, she started screaming.

That was the moment that my taste in music drastically expanded. Now, I know my first introduction to punk could never be compared to seeing legendary 70s and 80s punk bands like The Clash, The Ramones or even Minor Threat live, but it was enough to keep me intrigued.

The question of whether or not punk rock music is dead has haunted the scene ever since its first emergence in the 70s as an anti-authoritarian, purposefully simplified and rebellious reaction to Stadium Rock like Styx, Pink Floyd and the legends of that era. From their 1978 album "Feeding of the 5000," the UK anarchistpunk pioneers Crass released a song titled "Punk is Dead" with lyrics that do a great job in summing up the dissatisfaction with the term and trend:

"Yes that's right, punk is dead, It's just another cheap product for the consumers head.

Bubblegum rock on plastic transis-

Schoolboy sedition backed by big time promoters.

CBS promote the Clash,

But it ain't for revolution, it's just

Punk became a fashion just like hippy used to be

And it ain't got a thing to do with you or me."

Three years later The Exploited, another UK punk band, released their debut album with title track "Punk's Not Dead." Unfortunately, their lyrics were not as sharp:

"We're all punks and we don't care

We're boot boys who dye our hair Leather jackets, jeans and boots Run about every night."

When considering if punk rock is dead, one must know that the meaning of punk has evolved since the beginning. Punk can be broken down into three main components: the attitude, the style, and the spirit of the music. The term punk was previously used to define individuals as worthless hoodlums, or as a derogatory slang for gay or queer. However, the punk scene rightfully appropriated the term and helped shape it into something empowering.

When punk originated in the 1970s (although it is said that it was born in Peru in 1965 with the garage band Los Saicos) and peaked in the 80s, the world was introduced to a movement that was loud, fast, angry, and--to some--fashionable. Punk was known to be outspoken and contained offensive lyrics that stirred controversy, yet the scene created a devoted following of adults and adolescents, but primarily kids.

When I say angry, I mean rebellious. Take for example the Sex Pistols, an English punk band, formed in 1975. Frontman Johnny Rotten had no problem preaching anarchy and contempt for the Queen and government. Rebellion was the common foundation for the early punk scene.

Not only is punk still alive, it still holds the same meaning and significance from its old days. Punk exists in an evolved state of mind, which is necessarily different from what it was. If punk never evolved or changed, it wouldn't be alive.

"...It's nigh on impossible for any sort of subculture to remain cuttingedge and relevant for 30 years...and in any case, the subsumption of punk into the mainstream started to happen pretty damn quickly," said columnist Tom Hawking of Flavorwire in a recent article titled "Who Does Punk Belong to in 2013?"

Would bands like Green Day, the Offspring, and other radio punk bands constitute as actual punk? At one point in time people did define them as punk bands because their careers thrived from punk origins. While Green Day may have taken their punk enthusiasm in a different direction musically, the deliverance of punk messages are still present in their music. Remember "American Idiot"? Who could forget it? The album heavily criticized former President George Bush, evoking a wave of anger and rebelliousness similar to that of the Sex Pistols. Though the message normally constitutes what punk is, it needn't always be regarding rebellion.

Another aspect that majorly attributes to punk aside from the attitude is the style. Nothing is more definitive of punk visually than the style itself. Safety pins, sleeveless shirts and leather jackets, tight, torn up jeans, occasionally colorful hair, mohawks, liberty spikes, charged hair, shaved heads, tattoos and piercings, the list can go on for what visually defines a punk.

But does one need to (literally) wear the punk on their sleeves in order to feel like they are a part of the movement?

Punk has evolved in many ways. It's not necessary to dress the part in order to show appreciation for the music. There are plenty of "plain Janes" and "average Joes" who rightfully appreciate the music just as much as any other punk without wearing the "punk appropriate" attire, which is an interesting issue - probably even controversial to some. Many punks follow an anti-authoritarian and anti-conformity tendency, but at the same time find it acceptable to put on the easily-identifiable punk uniform.

At the end of the day, people just need to appreciate the music for what it is, not how they display their appreciation for it.

So is punk dead? It's safe to say my answer is a flat-out no. Just because it has evolved over the course of time does not mean it's dead and buried. In fact, there are so many subgenres within punk that it would be hard to just define punk as a single particular genre. The fact of the matter is that punk has evolved and found a way to recreate itself to define new meanings that are less negative and more positive. It's up to the purists whether or not they think these new forms will suffice for their always beloved punk movement, but for now it's safe to say that punk, with or without the mohawks and ripped jeans, is here to stay.

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#### **ABORTION**

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in which registered nurses and midwives will have to meet in order to perform an abortion using medication or aspiration techniques will be decided by the Health Workforce Pilot Project (HWPP).

The HWPP program "allows organizations to test, demonstrate, and evaluate new or expanded roles for healthcare professionals, or new healthcare delivery alternatives before changes in licensing laws are made by the Legislature," according to the State of California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development.

The second abortion measure, AB 980, will change current building code regulations where "all primary care clinics, including primary care clinics that provide abortion services, [are] subject to repeal certain regulations."

Brian Johnson, western regional director of the National Right to Life Committee, urged the attendees of the National Day of Remembrance to call Brown and ask him to veto the bills.

"If these new bills are passed, abortion will be second grade medicine," Johnson said. "The people doing these abortions won't have the medical training to help women if there [are] any accidents," Johnson said. "There is going to be great risk and we already know there are complications in abortion.

A 2013 study examined the consequences of removing the physician-only requirement for aspiration abortions in California. The report showed that abortions performed by newly trained NP's or CNM's were "not inferior to [those] provided by experienced physicians.'

Johnson said these bills will not only change the standards of the clinics, but they will also turn abortion into a "cheap" decision that will increase the number of women who get abortions.

Brendan Mallory, 18-year-old screenwriting major, said that there are certain life circumstances in which abortion is the necessary option.

"If you're poor and you know you can't really support the kid and it's just going to starve and have a miserable life anyway, it might be the right choice," Mallory said. "I know it's difficult to kill a child, how could it not be, but there are circumstances when I think abortion would be necessary."

While one in three



A memorial was held on National Day of Rememberance for Aborted Children at Odd Fellows Cemetery in East Los Angeles on Saturday. The majority of attendees' views were pro-life.

women will make the decision to have an abortion by age 45, many women do not have access to early abortions because "of the limited number of physicians providing the services in their communities," according to a 2013 report by Planned Parenthood.

In California, nearly half of the counties do not provide accessible abortion providers, an issue that AB 154 aims to address.

"I am pro-choice," said Lesia O'Connor, 22-yearold psychology major. "[But] that does not necessarily mean I am proabortion. I feel that it is no one else's decision except a

woman and her doctor what she should do with a life growing inside of her."

#### CORRECTION

In the story "Student projects soar on shuttles," which ran Sept. 11, the College of Science and Mathematics is incorrectly identified. It was President Harrison and the CSUN China Institute that held the honors ceremony. In addition, President Dianne Harrison will be attending the 60th anniversary of NUST, not the 20th.

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Juan Oscar Gutiérrez Alvarez, a volunteer at La Iglesia de la Purisima, said he feels very strongly about pro-life issues and connects with those who feel the same. Alvarez said he goes to different abortion clinics not to talk women out of having an abortion, but to pray with them in hopes that they will not go through with it.

#### Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

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#### WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

# Matadors suffer first two losses

Northridge is no longer undefeated after losing to UCLA and Creighton at the Denver Invitational

**ANDREW MARTINEZ DAILY SUNDIAL** 

THE MATADORS (7-2) left the Denver Invitational tournament with a win after suffering their first loss of the season against ranked opponents this past weekend.

The Matadors closed out the tournament with a victory against the host Denver Pioneers (5-5) on Saturday in four sets, 25-18, 21-25, 28-26, 25-23. After trading the first two sets, the Matadors came from behind late to win the third set and pulled away from the Pioneers in a close fourth set with consecutive kills by senior setter Sydney Ge dryn and senior outside hitter Mahina Haina to win the match.

Junior opposite hitter Natalie Allen led the way for the Matadors with a double-double of a team high 13 kills to go along with 12 digs. Haina, junior middle blocker Casey Hinger and sophomore middle blocker Cieana Stinson all recorded ten kills apiece, while Gedryn recorded 46

assists to go along with her eight kills and eight digs.

On Friday, the Matadors faced 11th ranked UCLA (8-1), who they have never defeated in 15 tries. The Matadors lost a tough match in five sets, 27-25, 25-23, 20-25, 22-25, 15-12. Although UCLA took the first two sets, the Matadors rallied to win the next two to force a fifth set. In the fifth set, the Bruins pulled away from an 11-11 tie, winning four of the next five points to win the match.

Allen, Haina, Stinson and junior middle blocker Sam Kaul all finished with double-digit kills, and Hinger recorded nine kills to go along with her teamhigh four blocks. Gedryn added a double-double with 52 assists and 10 digs.

Coach Jeff Stork thought his team fought hard, but said a couple of missed plays made the difference.

"It's disappointing, some of the basic plays we need to execute better but in the end we need to be good enough when it matters," he said in a postgame interview with www.gomatadors.com.

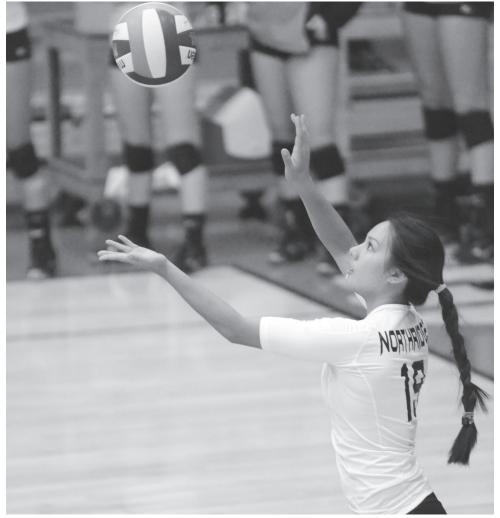
Only a few hours earlier, the Matadors suffered their first loss of the season when they fell to the 24th ranked Creighton Bluejays (7-2) in three sets, 25-20, 25-17, 25-12. The Bluejays were in control throughout the match, as they only trailed twice and never looked back after regaining the lead at 6-5 in the second set.

Allen and Stinson led the Matadors with 8 kills each, while Gedryn added 31 assists along with four digs and three blocks. However, the Matadors only recorded 6 blocks, a season-low.

"I thought the girls pressed a little which may have affected the outcome," said Stork in a postgame interview with www. gomatadors.com. "But we simply got beat today.'

The Matadors hope to rekindle their hot start when they have their home opener on Tuesday against Seattle. The Matadors started the season strong with six consecutive wins, sweeping the Bulldog Invitational Tournament at Fresno State and the Fiesta Bowl Tournament at Northern Arizona. Their current record of 7-2 is their best through nine matches since 2000.

Following Tuesday's match, the Matadors will travel to Washington, where they will play Coppin State and 6th ranked Washington.



Matadors ended the tournament with a win against the host Denver Pioneers after losing two games to highly ranked opponents.

#### COLUMN

# Dodgers set to make postseason run

After a historic season the boys in blue could be the first team in the league to clinch a playoff berth

**MEGAN DISKIN** 

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WHEN A GROUP publicly led by legendary L.A. Laker Magic Johnson bought the Los Angeles Dodgers last March for over \$2 billion, fans all around the world rejoiced. A team that just months before had filed Chapter 11 bankruptcy became the most expensive sports franchise that had ever been bought. And after extensive improvements to the stadium and team, including the \$260 million Red Sox megatrade for players Adrian Gonzalez, Nick Punto, Carl Crawford and Josh Beckett, L.A.'s ball club has once again emerged as a true contender.

But the road to October is not paved in gold. Coincidentally, the big AL team this season is the Boston Red Sox who boast the best record in the league led by veteran David Ortiz. One can only hope for an east coast west coast showdown. But in order to even face an AL team in



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Rookie Yasiel Puig looks to carry over his strong play into the playoffs.

the World Series, the Dodgers have to face some tough NL competitors including the NL East favorite Atlanta Braves, who seek to clinch the division title. The Braves have won five of seven games played against the Dodgers this season toting an 89-59 record.

The St. Louis Cardinals and Pittsburgh Pirates are battling for the NL Central division title, the Bucs earning their first winning season since 1992. The

loser of that race will face the Cincinnati Reds in a one-game elimination series to move on as the NL Wild Card. The Dodgers have posted winning records against both the Cards and Bucs this season, but not the Reds.

The NL West's first place Los Angeles Dodgers (86-62) have had a historical season, but it definitely didn't start out that way. Early injuries to shortstop Hanley Ramirez, left fielder Carl Crawford and cen-

team momentum. In July they were saddled in last place, but what the team didn't know was that they were in the midst of making baseball history. In their next 50 games from June 22, the Dodgers went 42-8, the best 50-game stretch in baseball since the 1942 St. Louis Cardinals. When that streak ended, the Dodgers had improved from a 30-42 record to a 72-50 record. A big influence on that streak was Ramirez's return from the DL and the debut of Cuban phenomenon Yasiel Puig. The 22-year-old outfielder was called up in June and became the first Dodger to hit multiple home runs in one of his first two major league plate appearances.

ter fielder Matt Kemp halted

With only 13 games left, the Dodgers' magic number is 4, the lowest in the league, and could be the first team in the league to clinch a playoff berth.

But in true Murphy's Law fashion, Hanley Ramirez was taken out of Thursday night's game because of back pain. On the bright side, Manager Don Mattingly expects Matt Kemp to be back for the postseason after being out for the last two months nursing injuries.

But the fact remains, the Dodgers will be making their

first postseason appearance since 2009 after a little Laker magic saved the day. Whoever said money doesn't matter never went through bankruptcy.

