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CSU student association pledges support of CFA

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Student representatives of the California State University system agreed on Sunday in a close vote to show their support of the California Faculty Association, which is currently holding strike votes on all 23 campuses.

The decision was a result of three days of meetings, some of which ran long and were defined by tensions between students who favored neutrality and those who wanted to show support to the system's faculty.

Adam Salgado, president of CSUN's Associated Students, abstained from voting on the resolution because the A.S. Senate has not held a vote yet to determine CSUN students' official response to the salary negotiations between the CFA and CSU.

Salgado said they plan to discuss the issue further at



The University Affairs Committee of the California State Student Association meets at San Diego State University on Saturday.

DINA CERVANTES / SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SUNDIAL

today's Senate meeting.

The California State Student Association meets once a month on alternating campuses. This month, the meeting was held at

San Diego State University, and the main topic of conversation was the CFA resolution.

Dina Cervantes, who is CSUN's director of politi-

cal awareness at A.S., played a crucial role in the fight between resolutions. She co-authored the resolution supporting a CFA with Sonoma State's

A.S. President Nadir Vis-sanjy, who also serves as the chair of the CSSA. The two have worked on the resolution since December and were dealt a surprise at

last month's CSSA meeting when SDSU's Vice President of External Affairs, Khoulood Elmasri, released her own resolution, which urged neutrality on the CFA-CSU negotiations. Elmasri is also chair of the CSSA's University Affairs Committee, which was the first to discuss the resolutions on Saturday afternoon.

With the two resolutions butting heads, the atmosphere at SDSU's Cox Arena was tense on Saturday. When the morning's Board of Directors meeting ended nearly an hour early, a break was not an option.

Rather, students in support of the resolution written by Cervantes and Vis-sanjy held court at a table outside for nearly two hours, strategizing and working through lunch devising a plan to make their resolution heard and supported at the afternoon's UAC meet-

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Rally educates students on violence against women and men

BEJAN SIAVOSHY
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Many came in to observe and participate in the opening ceremony of the Take Back the Night rally on Thursday.

Violent Acts Grounded (VAG), V-DAY, the Women's Studies Department and the Women's Center hosted the fourth annual Take Back the Night rally and march, with the opening ceremony at CSUN's plaza del sol.

The opening ceremony consisted of speakers and participants expressed their message that sexual violence and abuse must be stopped in all its forms.

"We are here to talk about issues with abuse toward women and children, but also men too," said Ayu Nishikawa, Asst. Director of the Women's Center here on campus. "Men get raped and abused too, so we want to talk about how we can prevent sexual violence against people in general."

Those that took the stage to address the crowd set the tone for the evening's event, conveying that sexual violence is a problem that will not go away without the will to unite and speak out. Although not the first person to speak, one of the more notable addresses during the ceremony was third-year Women's studies major Jessica Burnett, who gave an account of her experience with sexual violence.

Burnett did not play the victim in front of the crowd, but showed that what had happened to her would not become her downfall. "I refused to let someone destroy me," she said. Burnett told the crowd that women have the right to fight against sexual assault and in the struggle, "you can fight, you can survive, we can be our sisters keeper."

"I felt a little vulnerable, but I became comfortable because these people stand for the exact same thing I stand for," said Burnett when asked how she felt about sharing her experience with oth-

ers. "There are people who don't say anything about it, who don't speak up about it, or who think it is their fault that it happened. I felt that going up there and feeling a little vulnerable, I can let someone else know that 'hey, you are not alone.'"

Alexis Lawrence, alumna volunteer for the Women's Center and founder of VAG, also shared her account of sexual assault. Talking about it at her first Take Back the Night rally helped her persevere through the negative feelings surrounding her experience.

Lawrence recalls that, amidst encouraging shouts from the crowd at her first rally, "It was the first time ever, when I felt that when I shared my story, I wasn't being judged...I could finally learn to heal and move on with my life." Lawrence covered all aspects of the event in her speech, telling the crowd what she felt were the main aspects of the event.

"The rally helps people on four different levels. Educa-

tion, resources, a solidarity and unity dynamic, as well as the healing factor." Lawrence also urged more people to come up and share their experiences with sexual assault and violence for both the

benefit of the crowd and the speaker.

"A lot of the time, this is the first time when women go up (on stage) and actually say the words 'I was raped,' 'I was assaulted,' or 'I was sexually

molested as a child.' It is a really, really scary thing...but I am here to tell you it can be done," Lawrence said. "The transformation you feel from

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SHEENA SWEARINGEN / DAILY SUNDIAL

A shirt created for the Take Back the Night Rally, held Thursday at the USU and the CSUN Women's Center.

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NEWS BRIEFS

West Sacramento district seeks bond money for major overhaul

WEST SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — A major restructuring plan by the Washington Unified School District hinges on a \$65 million bond measure to go on the November ballot.

The school board for the West Sacramento school district unanimously approved a far-reaching makeover last week. It includes plans to eliminate or reduce 56 teachers, expand several elementary schools to add seventh and eighth grades and possibly add a college preparatory school.

The district has struggled with dismal student test scores in the face of the federal No Child Left Behind Act and has lost state funding in recent years because of decreased enrollment.

The proposals stem in part from a public task force that weighed evidence that some students fare better when elementary schools add older children. The K-8 conversion would cost an estimated \$35.8 million, according to a district report.

Some parents and teachers say they're worried the newly hired administration is rushing into the reforms. Parent Dani Langford questioned the district's plan to seek a \$65 million bond in November, noting that voters already approved a \$17 million school bond in 1999.

"I don't care that some people think we are not jumping fast enough because we are putting our district at risk," Langford said.

But Derek Backus, a parent who served on the task force, said the changes are long overdue.

"The status quo is not acceptable, and we can get a bond passed we have to. The status quo is going to put us at risk," he said.

Officials defend LA County lifeguard driving safety record

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Records show that lifeguards have driven over at least five sunbathers on Los Angeles County beaches in the past five years, but officials said training and safety procedures have been improved since the last such incident two years ago.

Fire Department Lifeguard Division officials defended their safety record as the county claims board prepares to decide later this month whether to recommend a \$600,000 settlement for a 21-year-old man who was run over in 2005 on Santa Monica Beach.

Since the accident that cost Jesse Pace his spleen, rules have been changed to limit the hours lifeguards can drive on the beach and beepers and sensors have been installed on vehicles, lifeguard division Assistant Chief Philip Topar said.

Lifeguards also now receive more training for driving on beaches and the department has increased penalties for violating driving rules, officials said.

Proposal would create authority for entire Los Angeles River

LOS ANGELES, Calif. (AP) — Parkland backers and environmental advocates are pushing for the formation of an authority to oversee cleanup and greening of the entire length of the Los Angeles River.

The call for such a coordinating body comes as plans to rejuvenate the portion of the river within the city of Los Angeles surges ahead of blueprints for the 19-mile portion of the river that winds through other Los Angeles County cities to the ocean.

Correction

In an article published in the Sundial on March 7, it was incorrectly reported that Los Angeles City Councilman Grieg Smith voted no on both the living wage ordinance and the Tennie Pierce settlement. He only voted no on the living wage ordinance.

CFA

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ing. They were already at a disadvantage as Elmasri, who drafted the meeting's agenda, had made the key action item all about her own resolution. If hers passed, the agenda stated, "all other pending documents regarding collective bargaining (would become) null and void."

The meeting came to order shortly after 1 p.m. during the public comment portion of the meeting (which was similar to CSUN's A.S. Senate Open Forum), several supporters of the pro-CFA resolution spoke up, pointing out the plight of CSU faculty and what they considered the dirty politics behind Elmasri's resolution.

Two student representatives pointed out that the committee should consider the students of their universities.

"I'm just here to tell you guys ... it's the future of our university," said Lily Marquez, from CSU East Bay. "It's important that we support it. So today, remember your campuses."

San Francisco State's Joicy Serrano voiced her worry that the representatives would not look toward their constituents' opinions.

"I encourage you guys ... to represent your students and not your own

opinion," Serrano said.

Cervantes brought up the internal politics that had everyone agitated.

"When you want camaraderie and to work together," you stick to past promises, she said, referencing Elmasri's sudden decision to release a new resolution. "For (Cervantes' resolution) not to be heard equally is wrong."

Before a vote was held regarding the resolutions, however, the UAC heard from Mark Wheeler, an associate philosophy professor at SDSU who represented the CFA, and Patrick Lenz, who represented the CSU, for a collective bargaining update that was especially crucial that afternoon.

"Were we to accept the current offer, we would essentially capitulate to business as usual," Wheeler said. "Business as usual is not proactive."

Wheeler later tried to assuage the committee's concerns about the possibility of rolling strikes this semester. If the strike, which is currently under discussion, takes place, it will be the largest higher education strike in United States history.

"Were (the strike) to take place, it would be a historic moment, (though) not one we'd cherish," Wheeler said.

Lenz tried to break down the CSU's financial situa-

tion for the committee.

"We can raise student fees, or we can get more general fund (money) from the legislature and the governor than they're giving us," he said when a representative from the community asked how a raise for faculty would be paid for.

After the update, resolution discussion and voting began.

"It's important that we maintain the spirit of the resolution that the author intended," Elmasri said, referring to her own resolution.

One student responded to a neutrality supporter's reminder that the Academic Senate had already voted to remain neutral.

"Academic Senate has a different (role) to the rest of the campus than student government does," the representative said. "That's why I propose that we vote this resolution down."

That statement, as well as many others against Elmasri's resolution, was applauded.

The first vote held was to determine the committee's stance on Elmasri's resolution, which eventually failed.

Then the committee discussed the pro-CFA resolution authored by Cervantes and Vissanjy. Some relatively minor amendments were made to the resolution.

Another amendment

caused quite a bit of discussion and was eventually passed by the committee.

The amendment to the resolution suggested that the fourth "resolved" portion of the document be removed entirely.

The controversial suggestion said that the "CSSA urges CFA to use job action that will have an imposition on students only when all other means have been exhausted."

One student expressed her reluctance "to go back and tell my students that I voted for a strike," and evidently other representatives shared this concern.

After the resolution passed, its supporters could not fully celebrate, however; the resolution still had to be passed by the Board of Directors at Sunday's meeting.

However, Sunday's meeting was defined by even more drama and politics. Elmasri's resolution was brought before the Board of Directors, despite the fact that it had been rejected by the UAC the day before. After two hours of deliberating (which included debate of whether to change the more controversial language of the pro-CFA resolution), however, the BOD passed a close vote in favor of the resolution written by Cervantes and Vissanjy, with 10 voting for the resolution, eight opposed, and CSUN abstaining from the vote.

Later that afternoon, Cervantes expressed her relief at the end result.

"I've been dealing with this since December, but it's all worth it," she said.

CRIME BRIEFS

3/9/07 POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA FOR SALES

A CSUN police officer arrested an 18-year-old CSUN student for possession of marijuana for sales during a traffic stop in Lot G9. The suspect was booked at LAPD Devonshire.

3/9/07 VANDALISM

Someone spray-painted graffiti on the B3 parking lot entrance/exit sign.

3/9/07 INDECENT EXPOSURE

An unknown male suspect jumped from the bushes and exposed his genitalia to five juvenile victims as they walked on the east side of the tennis courts. The victims are not CSUN students.

— Provided by CSUN Police

3/9/07 WARRANT

A CSUN police officer arrested 26-year-old John Westley Wilkins, Jr. for a misdemeanor warrant during a traffic stop at Post 2. The suspect, who is not a CSUN student, was booked at LAPD Devonshire.

3/10/07 WARRANT

A CSUN police officer arrested 21-year-old Joshua Kane Soto in UPA Building 1 for a felony warrant. The suspect is not a CSUN student and was issued a seven-day stay-away admonition. The suspect was booked at LAPD Devonshire.

3/11/07 OBSTRUCT A POLICE OFFICER

A CSUN police officer arrested 48-year-old Lance Derrick Negroni at Gresham and Reseda for obstructing a police officer, giving false information to a police officer, and possession of drug paraphernalia. The suspect is not a CSUN student. The suspect sustained minor injuries to both hands when he fell as he attempted to fire. He was treated for his injuries and booked at LAPD Van Nuys.

Weather Update

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DREAM act offers hope to undocumented students

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DAILY SUNDIAL

The Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors Act, also known as the DREAM Act, was reintroduced to the House of Representatives on March 1, representing some hope for the legalization of many undocumented students in the nation.

Maria Rodriguez, youth organizer at the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles, said the DREAM Act is the best solution for undocumented students who want to realize their dreams and become productive members of U.S. society.

"(The DREAM Act) is a step for undocumented immigrants to become fully productive in this society," Rodriguez said. This legislation should pass "because people's dreams can't wait."

The DREAM Act was first introduced in 2001 and throughout the years it has gained the support of 48 Senate co-sponsors. This legislation would qualify undocumented students to apply for legal status. Requirements include entering the U.S. at least five years ago at the age of 15 or younger, and demonstrating good moral conduct.

If the DREAM Act is approved, undocumented students would be able to apply for conditional status that would last for a period of six years. Within this period, the students would need to complete at least two

years toward a four-year bachelor's degree or serve in the U.S. Army for two years. After the six years of conditional status, the students would be granted permanent residency if all of the requirements are met.

Victor, a freshman business administration major at CSUN did not want to reveal his last name due to his legal status, said he wants the DREAM Act to pass because in the future he wants to open his own business in order to help students like himself.

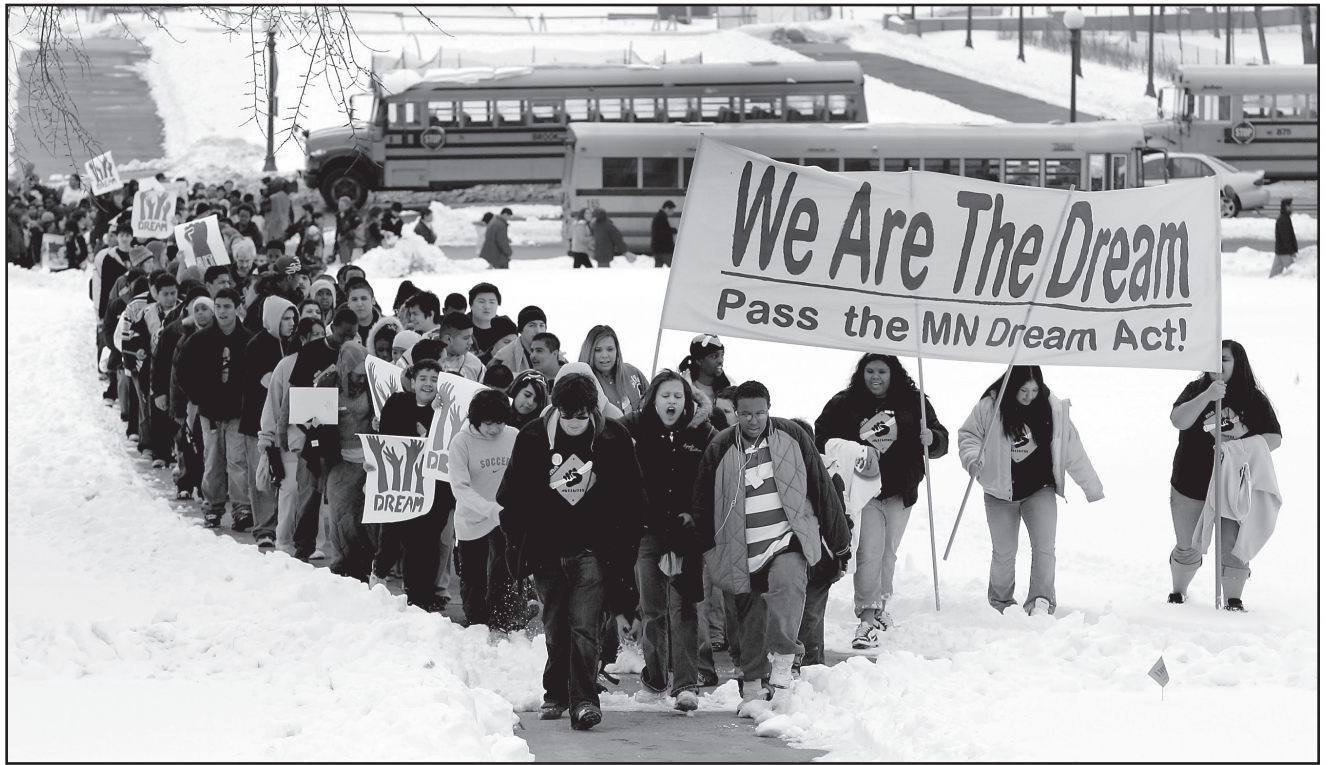
"If I don't get any documents, I don't know what I'm going to do," Victor said.

Victor, 18, is one of 65,000 undocumented students that the National Immigration Law Center estimates graduate from high school every year in the nation, and part of the 5 to 10 percent of students who pursue higher education.

Victor is also one of the many students in California who benefit from Assembly Bill 540, which allows undocumented students with three years of high school completed and/or an equivalent general education degree to attend public institutions and to pay in-state tuition.

However, Victor, who emigrated to the U.S. almost six years ago from Mexico, said he has to look for private scholarships and depend on his job, and financial support from his family, in order to pay his tuition.

Rodriguez said students like Victor need support from orga-



JIM MONE / AP IMAGES

Hundreds of young people rally at the state Capitol on Feb. 27, 2007 in St. Paul, Minn., in support of the so-called 'DREAM Act' bill, which would extend in-state tuition to some foreign-born students.

nizations like CHIRLA, which has created an AB 540 network nation wide. CHIRLA has actively supported the DREAM Act since it was first introduced and is currently working on a campaign that educates and advocates for the legislation.

The U.S. would benefit from undocumented students because they would soon become part of a productive labor force, Rodriguez said.

"An educated youth creates an educated work force that

leads to a prosperous nation," she said. "Investing in immigrant students is like investing in the future of California."

However, Ira Mehlman, media director for the Federation for American Immigration Reform, a national group that has challenged the DREAM Act in California court, said it is not fair to grant legal documentation to people who came to the U.S. illegally because there are not enough available spaces at universities.

"If we subsidize the kids of parents who broke the law and we grant them green cards what kind of message are we sending?" asked Mehlman. "If you grant a (university) seat to an undocumented student, we know there is somebody out there that would not be able to go to school because his/her seat is taken away."

But Rodriguez said that if the DREAM Act does not pass, the U.S. would not be able to benefit from the abilities of these

students.

"The nation would be losing out on talented and qualified students who want to contribute to this country," she said. If the DREAM Act does not pass "a lot of dreams would be destroyed and there will be a feeling of frustration (from these students)."

Jorge Garcia, professor of Chicano/a Studies and expert

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victim to survivor is phenomenal." Veronica Chavira, a senior CTVA major and member of V-DAY, shared a poem with the audience that an anonymous person submitted in a previous rally. The poem was titled "That one night" and was about the night an acquaintance had raped the author and ruined her life.

"I felt really compelled to share that because it focuses on that one night where that person had her life taken from her and...this event 'gives your life back' for a lot of people," said Chavira.

Among those that took the

stage was the unexpected, but well-received, coordinator for the torture prevention center in Honduras, Alba Mejea. She happened to be in attendance while waiting for a Central American United Students Association event later in the evening.

Mejea said that sexual violence against women is not something that can be compartmentalized to college campuses, but a problem that needs to be addressed on a global scale. Mejea, who has been a vocal advocate and activist for human rights for 27 years in Honduras and abroad, spoke about the rape, murder and mutilation of women that take place everywhere, from her

home country to the United States. She spoke on behalf of the people living abroad that have faced sexual assault and violence, saying, "Receive the greetings of the forgotten neighborhoods I represent here today."

Mejea urged the audience to "come together as sisters" and fight what she calls "femicide"—the violence and murder perpetuated toward women today.

Members of the organizations sharing the same message or involved in sponsoring the Taking Back the Night rally came up to spread awareness about the resources that are available for victims of sexual abuse and violence.

Michel Stayer, a CSUN student and volunteer at the Valley Trauma Center, on stage and told the crowd about the services provided at the facility. The center provides a range of services and resources to help those who have experienced sexual abuse or violence. Services include a 24-hour crisis hot line, abuse counseling and accompaniment for people in need of moral support when visiting a hospital or courthouse.

"It's about awareness," Stayer said. "(Sexual abuse and violence) is a problem that isn't going away and ignoring it isn't going to help. Talking about it and promoting education about it will help teach people to treat others with respect."

Members of Project D.A.T.E., a date-and-acquaintance rape prevention program on campus, came and spoke about students getting involved to eliminate the occurrence of rape at CSUN.

Michelle Kim, a third-year psychology major and volunteer at Project D.A.T.E., stood at the table for the organization, educating students on how rape is not a problem that is out of sight or out of mind, but a problem that needs to be addressed directly.

"Sexual violence is inflicted on men, women and children of all walks of life, of all ethnicities. The more education that is out there and the more

people are aware, the better we can prevent it," Kim said.

Tables of various organizations circled the Plaza Del Sol. The event was co-sponsored by many of these organizations, including the Associated Student government and the University Programs Council. Ariel Zoled, a senior in marketing, was among the males who were in attendance at the event. "I came to observe, but I am just analyzing everything I heard and just taking it all in," said Zoled. "But all in all, this rally here, it's a good thing."

Business administration major David Chafin was also there. Chafin felt the event brought sexual violence more to the forefront in his mind. "It is not something you think about every day and it is actually a really positive thing that this event is bringing to people's attention," Chafin said.

One of the driving factors of attendance to the rally was Rachel Murphy, graduate student and officer of VAG, who promoted the event and worked to obtain the permits for the rally to take place.

Lawrence also credited Women's Studies professor Ruth Kalin for her continuous efforts to support these events by being one of the only professors who requires her students to attend the rally each year.

Before there was a Take

Back the Night rally at CSUN, Lawrence was encouraged by Women's Studies Professor and Department Chair Mayerea Tohidi five years ago to pursue establishing an organization to host the rally here on campus, which led to the formation of VAG.

After the rally became bigger each year, the objective has become to let students know about the issues with sexual violence as well as a way to bring people together to combat the problem.

"We are trying to be very comprehensive about our approach on violence to raise people's consciousness to these issues," said Tohidi. "It is an event to educate people...Usually students find it not only an educational or learning experience, but it also brings students together to network, socialize and hopefully get involved."

As the opening ceremony came to a close, countless flames flickered, illuminating the walls of buildings as students and staff members walked with their lit candles in commemoration of both survivors and fatal victims of sexual violence.

Off in the distance, as the bunches of lights clustered together, chants against sexual assault and violence rang out as they made their way to the Women's Center to continue the Take Back the Night rally.



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Volunteers and organizers of the Take Back the Night Rally hung shirts containing powerful phrases and words that supported the fight against violence toward women and children.

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on political science, agreed with Rodriguez that the future of the nation depends on these students because baby boomers are reaching their fifties and sixties.

"It is urgent for the future of this nation to give all the opportunities to the new generations because on them relies our future," Garcia said.

But one of the obstacles that undocumented students face is that when they graduate from

college they can not work due to their legal situation.

"We have students who are talented and who have a diploma, but they can't do anything with it," Garcia said. "The DREAM Act should pass because (undocumented students) deserve the opportunity to study, to work and to contribute to this society."

That is the case for Joselyn, who also did not want to reveal her last name for the same reasons. She graduated from CSUN with a bachelor's degree in jour-

nalism and she found herself unable to get a job.

"I graduated from CSUN and I hit a wall; there were no options for me," she said.

Joselyn, a 24-year-old graduate student, said she, along with other students, are in the process of forming a group called Higher Education and Realizing Dreams. This group would support and educate students on initiatives such as AB 540 and the DREAM Act.

Joselyn also said HEARD would be an important group

at CSUN because most of the students who are undocumented think that they are the only ones.

"Students don't talk about it, so the group would be able to support them and bring them a safe environment to talk," Joselyn said.

The only way that undocumented students would achieve their aspirations would be through the DREAM Act. These students struggle to obtain an education on a daily basis,

said Joselyn, who is currently working on her thesis; a documentary about immigrant students.

"Even arriving to school becomes an issue because they don't have a license," she said. "It is hard to be a college student in general, but to be a college student and have the restrictions that undocumented students have it's even harder."

Gurrola, 24, said HEARD would inform college and high school students on the alternatives that exist for them and on

the future they would like to give scholarships to undocumented students.

One of the main goals of HEARD is to be a social and educational support for the students, who deserve the opportunity to realize their dreams, Gurrola said.

"I just want people to become aware that these students have a potential that despite their legal status they have goals and dreams like any other student."

Students say there was not enough notice about parking rules



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The last car of 12 is towed away from the dorms on Lindley on Friday.

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University police towed away 12 cars that were parked in student spots on Lindley Avenue because they were obstructing space allocated for trucks carrying film equipment for a pilot television show on Friday around 2:30 p.m.

The parking area along Lindley Avenue was sectioned off with cones and signs that were posted on every other pole dictating that no cars could park there March 9th from 5 a.m. to 11:59 p.m.

The officer on the scene said that the signs were posted Wednesday—two days before

the towing but student residents disagreed, many of them saying they were not made aware of the parking restriction.

Hamed Animashaun, a second-year accounting major, and resident of dormitory building five said that the cones sectioning off the area were not there until the day of the parking enforcement.

"My friends and I got back [to the dorms] from the movies at about 2:15 a.m. last night and there were no cones out here," Animashaun said.

When asked if it was possible to post bulletins in the lobby of the 14 dormitory buildings notifying students ahead of time that the parking area was

going to be sectioned off, Special Assistant to the CSUN Chief of Police Christina Villalobos said that it wasn't the police department's responsibility to do so. She noted that "the signs that were posted were sufficient notification."

Half of the spots were occupied by equipment trucks and the other half was empty. Asst. Prop Master Eddie Ramirez said that more trucks might be moved into the empty area later in the day, but it was not certain.

Villalobos said the production company makes the arrangement with the police station to have the parking area sectioned off weeks in advance.

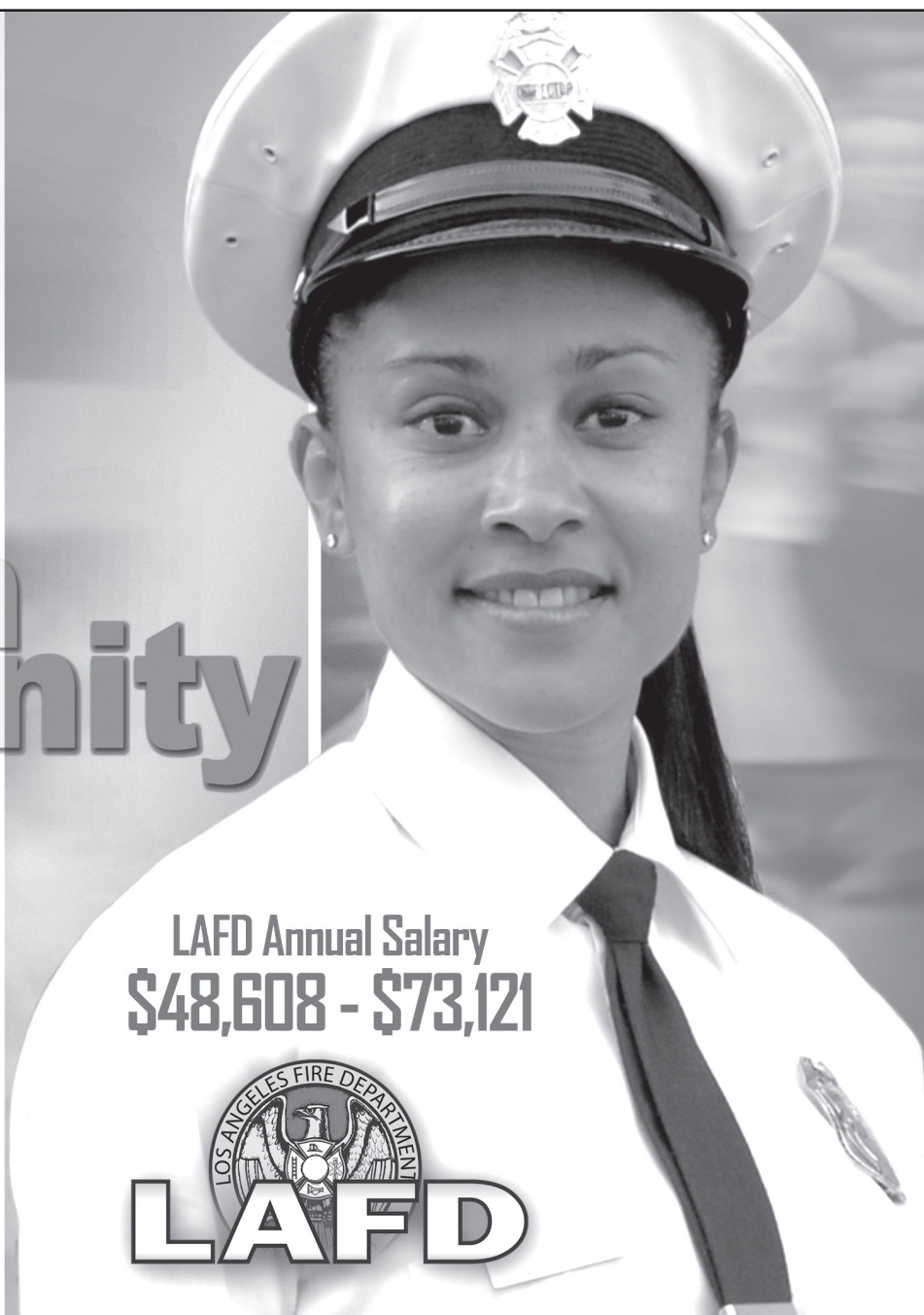
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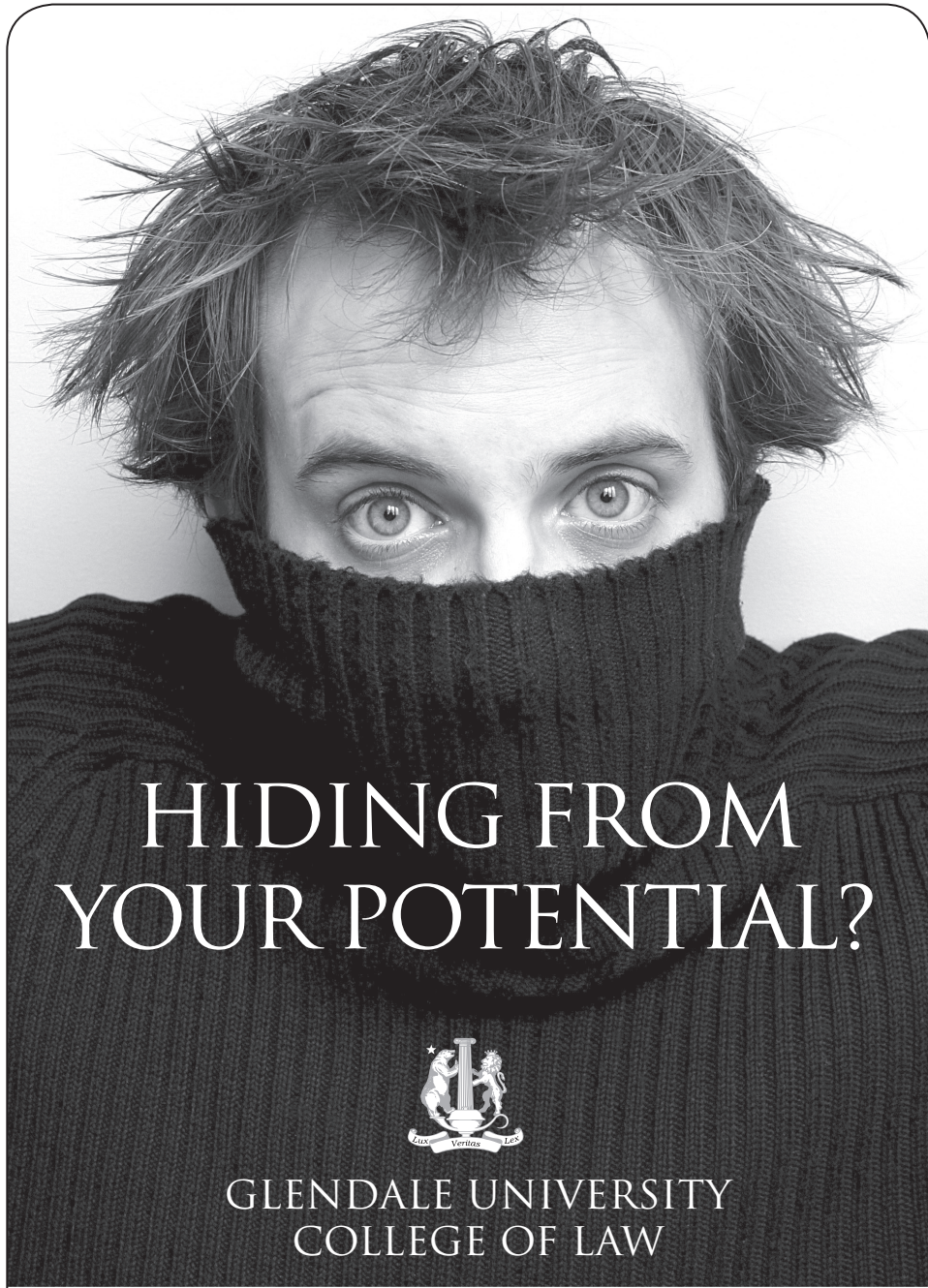
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U.N. team: World must protect Darfur civilians from crimes against humanity

GENEVA (AP) — A U.N. human rights team investigating crimes against humanity in Sudan's Darfur region zeroed in on the international community Monday for the first time, accusing the world's governments of an "inadequate and ineffective" response to widespread atrocities.

In one of the hardest-hitting and most explicit reports in a series submitted to the world body, the team called for U.N. Security Council intervention, sanctions and criminal prosecution.

The team, headed by the Nobel peace laureate Jody Williams, was itself barred by Sudanese officials from the restive region, where more than 200,000 people have died and more than 2.5 million have been displaced by fighting in Darfur.

Human rights groups have said the international community could do more, but this was the first time a U.N.-supported group has done so.

Williams told The Associated Press she had a message for the Security Council: "If you're not prepared to act on what you say, don't say it."

The report was also adamant.

"All U.N. Security Council and (African Union) Peace and Security Council resolutions should be fully implemented, including those relating to travel bans and the freezing of funds, assets, and economic resources of those who commit violations," the 35-page report said.

Important steps have been taken by the international community, including the African Union and the United Nations, but "these have been largely resisted and obstructed, and have proven inadequate and ineffective," the report said.

The conflict began when members of the region's ethnic African tribes took up arms against what they saw as decades of neglect and discrimination by the Arab-dominated government in Khartoum. It is accused of unleashing a pro-government Arab militia, known as the janjaweed, that has committed many of the atrocities in the conflict.

The U.N. Human Rights Council commissioned Monday's report in an emergency session in December. Williams filed the report after concluding in a 20-day attempt to enter Sudan in February that the

Sudanese government had no intention of cooperating with the United Nations.

Sudan's government "has manifestly failed to protect the population of Darfur from large-scale international crimes, and has itself orchestrated and participated in these crimes," the report said.

It said rape was widespread across Darfur, but that Sudanese authorities were doing little to prevent it or investigate the crimes.

"Arbitrary arrest and detention in Darfur by government security forces continue," the report said, adding that there had been a wave of arrests of Darfurians in the Sudanese capital, Khartoum, in recent months.

"War crimes and crimes against humanity continue across the region," it said. "The principal pattern is one of a violent counterinsurgency campaign waged by the government of the Sudan in concert with janjaweed militia, and targeting mostly civilians. Rebel forces are also guilty of serious abuses of human rights and violations of humanitarian law."

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President pushing U.S. compassion in Guatemala

GUATEMALA CITY, Guatemala (AP) — President Bush heaved crates of lettuce onto a loading dock Monday, a vivid demonstration of the benefits of a free trade deal he had trouble pushing through Congress.

“Free trade is important to a lot of people,” Bush said after helping move cartons of lettuce at Labradores Mayas, a thriving vegetable packing station in Chirijuyu not far from here. “It’s a gateway. It creates jobs in America as it created jobs here.”

Undeterred by protesters who have dogged Bush at every stop on his five-nation Latin American trip, Bush is working to convince the region’s residents that the United States is a compassionate nation. It’s the same message he delivered earlier at stops in Brazil, Uruguay and Colombia.

His travels also serve as a counterweight to Venezuela’s Hugo Chavez, who has been on his own parallel tour of Latin America. Chavez has been pumping his nation’s oil profits into social programs across the region to further the leftward political shift he’s leading in the United States’ backyard.

On Sunday in Bolivia, while Bush was in Colombia, Chavez

called for a socialist counter-attack against the American “empire.”

Bush received a brightly colored jacket at the vegetable packing station, started in the early 1990s by an indigenous farmer named Mariano Canu. The association of 66 small farming families produces 95,000 heads of lettuce a week that are sold in Guatemala, Costa Rica, El Salvador and Honduras. It employs 200 indigenous farmers and is one of the major vegetable suppliers for Wal-Mart Stores Inc.’s Central American supermarkets.

“I worked as a day laborer. I kept improving over time. The people here work hard. They want to sell you our products,” Canu told Bush, who got a close look at tomatoes, broccoli, cauliflower, radishes and other locally grown products are washed, processed and packed for distribution.

The packing station has received \$350,000 in U.S. assistance since 2003 and is taking advantage of eased trade restrictions under the U.S.-Central America Free Trade Agreement.

Congress narrowly passed the trade pact last year and Bush wants lawmakers to approve of three similar ones

with Colombia, Panama and Peru. With the Congress now in Democratic hands, the president acknowledges that these are “tough votes,” but argues that free trade and democratic reforms can help lift Latin Americans from poverty.

“You represent people who dream,” Bush told dozens of workers. “You represent people who work hard and people who make wonderful products.”

Earlier, Guatemala’s President Oscar Berger and his wife took the Bushes to Santa Cruz Balanya, a town of about 10,000 mostly indigenous Guatemalans, to stress the need for social justice and equality. In the town, he was warmly greeted with cries of “HOLA!” from children who gave first lady Laura Bush lilies.

There, he saw the site of a U.S. military medical readiness and training exercise team, which bring military doctors from both nations to provide medical, dental, surgical and optometrical services for underserved rural areas. In the town square, the Bushes listened to a marimba band and were cheered by about 500 people especially excited to see Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

Nearly three-quarters of Guatemala’s indigenous people, descendants of native Mayans, live in poverty. Many who have protested Bush’s visit don’t agree with U.S. immigration policy and believe current trade agreements between the countries have kept Guatemalans from rising out of poverty.

The distribution of income throughout all of Guatemala is lopsided. The

richest 20 percent of the population receives two-thirds of all income.

On Sunday, in Tecpan, more than 100 Mayan Indians protested Bush’s visit, holding signs that read: “No more blood for oil.” The group is angry that Bush was visiting the sacred Iximche archaeological site, founded as the capital of the Kaqchiqueles kingdom before the Spanish conquest in 1524.

Mayan priests say they will purify the site to rid it of any “bad spirits” after Bush is there.

“That a person like (Bush) with the persecution of our migrant brothers in the United States, with the wars he has provoked is going to walk in our sacred lands is an offense for the Mayan people and their culture,” said Juan Tiney, director of a Mayan non-governmental organization with close ties to Mayan religious and political leaders.

Wildfire 80 percent contained near homes southeast of Los Angeles, 2 homes damaged

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP)— A wildfire burning among houses in the hills southeast of Los Angeles was ignited by flames from a stolen car that was intentionally set ablaze during strong Santa Ana winds, a fire official said Monday.

Orange County Fire Authority Battalion Chief Ed Fleming stopped short of calling it arson, however, because it wasn’t clear if the intent was to start a wildfire or simply cover up criminal evidence.

“They have confirmed that it was a stolen car and that the car was intentionally ignited,” Fleming said. “As we fight the fire, they are trying to come up with every lead possible to figure out who did this and why and what their motive was.”

Cool morning weather helped firefighters get ahead of a wind-driven wildfire Monday morning. The 3-square-mile blaze had damaged two homes but was 80 percent contained, up from just 30 percent early in the day,

fire officials reported.

After Sunday’s high near 100 degrees, the morning temperatures in the 50s were a relief, but dry, windy weather remained a concern for the rest of the day, Fleming said. The National Weather Service forecast temperatures in the 80s and 90s.

“It is going to cause some challenges for the firefighters, but they are going to work through the day and through the night to make sure it is contained by tomorrow,” Fleming said.

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A.S. needs to decide who it wants to support

SAM WOMACK
DAILY SUNDIAL

The Associated Students is the student government, elected by the students to work for the students. Throughout the past year, the loyal CSUN faculty has been fighting faithfully for the students while they fight for a living wage for themselves. And CSUN students have been supporting them. I covered the CSU Board of Trustees meeting in Long Beach in October 2006, and there were busloads of CSUN students there. I also covered the recent picket and there were 200 students there also supporting the faculty. The students who I interviewed are concerned enough to take time out of their busy

work and class schedule to physically show their support for the plight of the faculty.

CSUN students want to get into their classes without having to fight over who has the most units. They want to graduate in four years instead of feeling as though they're being bled dry by the CSU system. They want professors who remember their name in and out of class. They want professors who have the time to care and encourage them in their future plans and not just have time to lecture and grade like a monotonous robot.

These CSUN students who care about these things also care about the current negotiations between the California Faculty Association and the

CSU. They care because if they didn't, their college experience would dissipate into the "youth league" from George Orwell's "1984." Students would be taught to despise creativity and passion and free thought and to think only of money, capitalism, control and war.

The correlation between supporting the CFA and caring about getting classes and a decent education is a simple one. If our faculty is getting a decent wage and raises that they deserve from years of service, then they will stay and they will feel appreciated. We will be able to get and maintain professors who will add to our college experience and our future.

Our A.S. has been vacillating on their decision of

whether or not to support, remain neutral or deny the CFA of CSUN students' support. The negotiations have been going on for almost two years and still our A.S. has remained silent on their decision. At last Tuesday's Senate meeting, Sen. Byron Baba announced that a resolution had been drafted, but would not be available for a vote until the following week. A student commented to me, "They're probably going to postpone their vote until it's moot and the negotiations are settled."

Why won't our A.S. make a decision? What powerful force is persuading our student representatives to not act in accordance with the students' wishes? If they're waiting to

see what their constituents want, I think they must have missed the rallies and the picketing and the sign holding on Zelzah and Nordhoff (those are students holding that sign).

Not to bring up a topic that has been played to death, but when Janet Jackson had the infamous wardrobe malfunction, the FCC received 200,000 complaints out of 300 million US citizens. And they made a decision immediately considering those complaints didn't equal even 1 percent of the population. Our students have been outspoken in their support of CSUN faculty, but still A.S. has remained undecided.

Make a decision, A.S. Decide one way or the other,

but decide. Do not continue to ignore the signs At the CSSA conference last weekend, every other A.S. at each of the 23 CSU campuses have adopted resolutions regarding the CFA and CSU contract negotiation, except for CSUN's representative Adam Salgado and our A.S. senate.

Have they not noticed their constituents pick up a sign and shout out with faculty members, "Reed, Reed stop the greed, give the people what they need!" Because I've heard them, I've seen them out there, I've interviewed them and they want to support our faculty. So why won't our elected representatives speak out in support of the faculty as well? Or speak out at all?

DREAM Act following ideals of American dream

PAUL CASTILLO
DAILY SUNDIAL

Though rarely mentioned alongside the more lofty principles of the United States like liberty and the pursuit of happiness, no less important of a principle is that of the meritocracy, a society where position is based on ability. Unlike other systems like Confucianism and the divine right of kings, where an inadequate son can inherit a high ranking position from his father, a meritocracy allows for anyone with the ability to assume a high ranking position. This possibility for upward mobility is more often known as the American Dream.

The Development, Relief and Education of Alien Minors Act, or DREAM Act, currently before Congress, is one of the most recent and most tangible examples. The DREAM Act will open up the possibility of becoming legal residents to millions of people who were brought to America illegally as children.

According to the bill, to be eligible the immi-

grant would have to meet a number of qualifications. They would have to be able to prove that they were brought to the United States before they turned 16 years old, have been in the United States at least five consecutive years, obtained a high school diploma or its equivalent, and have a "good moral character," basically having a clean criminal record. Another important facet of this bill is that it only applies to those who have already been in the United States for at least five years from when the bill goes into effect.

If an applicant is found to be eligible under the bill, they are then given a temporary legal resident status have six years to either graduate from a community college, complete two years of a four-year degree program, or serve two years in the military. If they complete one of these options, they are then allowed to apply for a permanent legal resident status and, after that, citizenship. If they don't complete one of the options, their temporary

legal resident status would then be revoked, and they could be deported.

Opponents of the bill say this is unfair to those who have come to the United States legally. Why should people who have spent the time and money to come here legally when those who have come here illegally could be receiving similar benefits?

Beyond that, is it really fair for students who are already citizens to have to compete with students who are here illegally? Getting classes is already hard enough, but now we may be inundated with more students who aren't even here legally.

To me this is a moot point, though. As a nation that believes in competition and judging someone based on their merits, we should welcome the challenge. If forcing me to try harder to compete with someone else not only makes me better but allows us to find another person who could be an asset to society, then I'm all for it.

Getting into the United States illegally and managing to stay here for more

than five years is no easy feat, especially for those who make the journey from several countries away. If they're able to make it here and stay here, aren't they the type of person we should want to be in America?

Especially because this bill specifically states that the applicant must have a "good moral character," we should be accepting these people as making society better.

It's America's principle of acting as a meritocracy

that allows anyone with the ability to become successful. It is the ability to chase the American Dream that draws people from around the world to America. The DREAM Act only encourages that principle.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Paul Castillo is to be commended for raising awareness of the Higher Education Act's denial of student loans to youth convicted of drug offenses. Instead of empowering at-risk students with a college degree, HEA limits career opportunities and increases the likelihood that those affected will resort to crime. Speaking of crime, convicted rapists and murders are still eligible for federal student loans. Most students outgrow their youthful indiscretions involving illicit drugs. An arrest and criminal record,

on the other hand, can be life shattering.

After admitting to smoking pot (but not inhaling), former President Bill Clinton opened himself up to "soft on drugs" criticism. And thousands of Americans have paid the price in the form of shattered lives. More Americans went to prison or jail during the Clinton administration than during any past administration. As an admitted former drinker and alleged illicit drug user, President George W. Bush is also politically vulnerable when it comes to drugs.

While youthful indis-

cretions didn't stop Clinton or Bush from assuming leadership positions, an arrest surely would have. The short-term effects of marijuana are inconsequential compared to the long-term effects of criminal records. Students who want to help end the inter-generational culture war otherwise known as the war on some drugs should contact Students for Sensible Drug Policy at www.SchoolsNotPrisons.com.

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Professionals in Human Resources Association/Management Association – Resume Workshop
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Juniper Hall, Room 3107

Aztlan Graduation and Scholarship Committee – Meeting
6:30 p.m.
Jerome Richfield Hall, Room 114

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Wednesday, March 14

Black Graduation Committee – Meeting
12 p.m.
Bayramian Hall, Room 245

M.E.Ch.A. – Meeting
3 p.m.
Jerome Richfield Hall, Room 118

Monday, March 19

Latino Business Association – Meeting
3 p.m.
Thousand Oaks Room, USU

Thursday, March 15

Jewish Studies Lecture – “Only in the Dark: An Inquiry into the Complex Philosophical and Moral Questions Evoked by the Holocaust”
4:20 p.m.
Sierra Hall, Room 279

Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Alliance – Meeting
7 p.m.
Flintridge Room, USU

Tuesday, March 20

Jewish Studies Lecture: “Matters of Life and Death: A Jewish Approach to Bioethics”
11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Flintridge Room, USU

A.S. Senate – Meeting
2 p.m.
Grand Salon, USU

Friday, March 16

Acasola A Cappella – Performance
12:10 p.m.
Beneath Sierra Tower

Wednesday, March 21

Black Graduation Committee – Meeting
12 p.m.
Bayramian Hall, Room 245

M.E.Ch.A. – Meeting
3 p.m.
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sudoku

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How to play:

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9.

Solution on page 10

horoscope

By Linda C. Black, Tribune Media Services

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Today is a 6. Discuss your strategy with the people who’ll help you carry it out. You have a lot more planning to do before you should proceed.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Today is a 7. There’s a hidden danger in something that, at first, looks like a good deal. Don’t go racing off and do it before you’ve checked it out. Or just don’t do it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Today is a 7. This is a good day to find money. It isn’t all yours, however. Don’t spend it, but don’t forget where it is. You can borrow it when you need it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): Today is a 7. A forceful, assertive person wants you to take bold action. Don’t do it. This is not a good day to be way out in front.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Today is a 7. Well, it seems that the work’s piled up to the point where it can’t be ignored. Better do enough to keep from getting squashed like a bug.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Today is a 6. Don’t celebrate prematurely. New problems will be discovered. You can be in a festive mood if you want, but resist going shopping.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Today is a 6. Real estate is the best way to increase your assets now. If you don’t have any, get a fixer-upper. If you have one, fix it up.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Today is a 7. You’re into new territory now, and that can be dangerous. The job has been easy, but the old way won’t work as well anymore. Watch out.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Today is an 8. Finally, you’re making more than brownie points for your efforts. Accept whatever cash you get, graciously, and don’t take it to the casino. Gambling is not well favored.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Today is a 7. The more you think about it, the more things you’d like to change. Draw up a list with cost estimates; don’t start bashing with a sledgehammer.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Today is a 6. Better follow through on a task that’s almost overdue. Proceed with caution, though. Your first plan of action’s not likely to work.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Today is a 7. A meeting goes well, except that you may be asked to pick up the tab. Think of it as part of the initiation, and don’t complain.

Crossword

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- Wild try
 - Caen’s neighbor
 - Dwelling
 - Baseball team
 - Neighbor of N. Mex.
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 - Fellas
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 - Sunrise to sunset
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 - Spotted horse
 - Small bill
 - French clerics
 - Afore
 - Rams’ mates
 - Largest of the Marianas
 - Campers’ shelters
 - Main dish
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 - Cul-de-__
 - Rolls up, as a flag
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 - Register operator
 - __ to be found (lost)
 - Trimmed
 - Feels ill
 - Spread throughout
 - Whittle
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 - Dull pain
 - Command
 - Enthusiastic vigor
 - Guide
 - Impertinent
 - Look after
 - Sea eagles

- DOWN**
- Slammin’ Sammy
 - Ornamental coronet
 - Fidgety
 - Attacked from all sides
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 - Sharp to the taste
 - NBA star Shaq
 - Trial runs
 - Judge’s place
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With a big two-match weekend with the Hawaii Rainbow Wahine looming on March 16-17, the CSUN Matador men's volleyball team has spent the last four matches preparing for its big weekend in the Aloha State.

The Quincy University Hawks became the Matadors' fourth consecutive victim last Friday, sweeping the Hawks at the Matadome by scores of 30-20, 30-24 and 30-20.

"This was a big stepping stone to Hawaii next week," sophomore Isaac Kneubuhl said.

Senior opposite Dan Rhodes led the way with 17 kills, sophomore outside hitter Eric Vance had 13 kills and freshman setter Sean Pederson had 34 set assists. Peter Coley had 11 kills, Eric Woolridge assisted 31 kills and Mike Contee had 10 digs.

"We played pretty well," head coach Jeff Campbell said. "We had a little bit of a letdown in game two, but we played pretty well and I'm pretty happy with the effort."

Game one was tied at four until the Matadors won the next three sets to lead 7-4 and forced a Quincy time out. The Hawks responded with three of the next four points to cut the Northridge lead to one and force a Matador time out. CSUN won three of the next four sets and led by as many as five during the match, the last at 23-18 until the Matadors won three straight sets to take a 26-18

	Conference Games			All Games			Home	Away	Neutral
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.			
Pepperdine	13	1	.929	16	1	.941	9-1	7-0	0-0
UC Irvine	14	3	.824	20	3	.870	10-2	7-1	3-0
BYU	11	3	.786	15	4	.789	7-1	6-3	2-0
UC Santa Barbara	10	7	.588	14	8	.636	6-5	8-3	0-0
CSU Northridge	7	6	.538	12	9	.571	7-3	3-5	2-1
UCLA	9	8	.529	12	9	.571	8-2	3-6	1-1
Pacific	8	8	.500	12	10	.545	7-3	4-5	1-2
Long Beach State	6	8	.429	9	9	.500	4-4	3-4	2-1
USC	5	9	.357	7	11	.389	4-4	2-6	1-1
Hawaii	3	11	.214	3	13	.188	3-7	0-6	0-0
UC San Diego	2	12	.143	5	15	.250	3-5	1-10	1-0
Stanford	2	14	.125	3	19	.136	2-8	1-8	0-3

lead. Northridge eventually won four of the next six points to take the match.

Game two was a little close. The Matadors won seven of eight sets to turn a 3-3 tie into a 10-4 lead. The Matadors held an 18-11 lead until the Hawks won four straight sets to force a Matador time out. Quincy won two more sets until Rhodes went off a Quincy block for a kill and Vance pinned Coley for a kill to stem the Hawks' tide. A Matador service error and a Zach Splitt kill to the Matador back row cut the lead back to one. The two teams then traded the next six sets, until Vance smashed consecutive kills and freshman outside hitter Mike Gaudino came out of the back row for a kill to complete a three-point spurt that gave Northridge a 26-22 lead. The Matadors cruised from there.

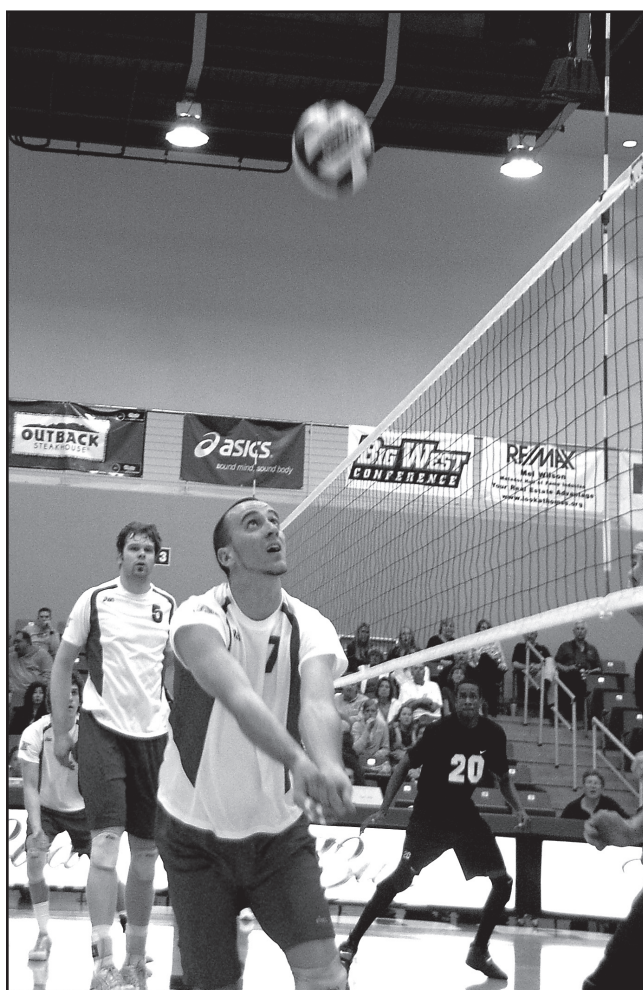
In game three, CSUN held an early 6-5 lead and then won five straight sets to take an 11-5

lead. The Matadors continued their aggressive play and jumped to a 16-8 lead. The Matadors' last eight-point lead was at 18-10 until Quincy won the next four sets to force a CSUN time out. The Hawks got another point, but freshman middle blocker Kevin McKniff stopped the run with a kill and a Gaudino spike through a Quincy block capped off another three-point run that raised its lead back to eight at 23-15 and just like in game two, those three straight sets proved to be the difference as the Matadors cruised to the sweep.

With freshman libero Ali'i Keohohou out with a broken leg, the Matadors turned to Kneubuhl, usually one of the Matadors' main weapons at outside hitter to fill the void. Kneubuhl had five digs and two assists against Quincy.

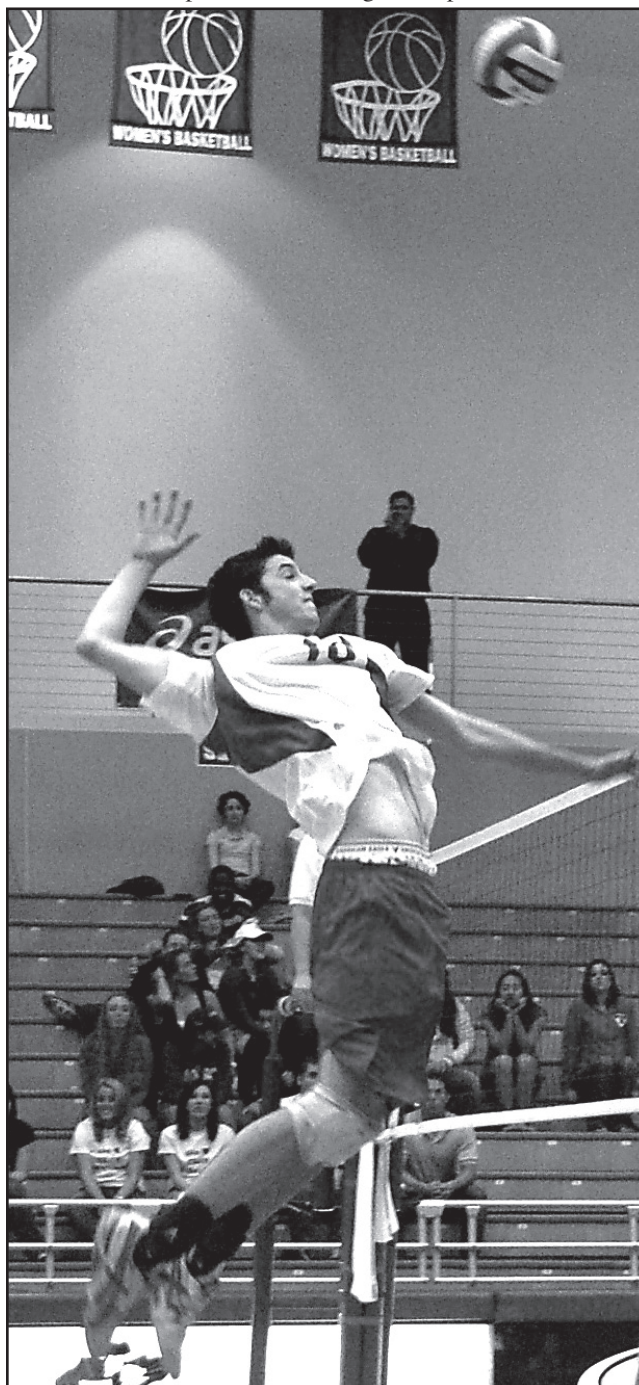
"We had to try some things and see what works," Kneubuhl said.

The Matadors will have one more home match hosting the New Jersey Institute of Technology Highlanders at the Matadome Wednesday night at 7 p.m.



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Dan Rhodes sets up his teammate against Quincy.



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Kevin McKniff goes for the kill on Friday March 9.

SPORTS BRIEFS

NEW YORK (AP) — Chris Simon of the New York Islanders was suspended Sunday for an NHL-record 25 games, meaning he will miss the rest of the regular season and playoffs as punishment for his two-handed stick attack to the face of Ryan Hollweg.

Simon will miss New York's final 15 regular-season contests and the entire postseason, if the Islanders reach the playoffs. If the Islanders play fewer than 10 playoff games this year, the suspension will carry over to next season.

The ban is the longest in terms of games missed in NHL history. Marty McSorley was suspended 23 games in February 2000 for knocking out Donald Brashear with a stick-swinging hit. NHL commissioner Gary Bettman stretched that punishment to one year, and McSorley never played in the league again.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Defending champion Florida, Ohio State, Kansas and North Carolina drew No. 1 seeds in the NCAA men's basketball tournament, earning their spots Sunday by winning their conference championships.

The 65-team tournament begins Tuesday night in Dayton, Ohio, with a play-in game between Florida A&M and Niagara, the two lowest-ranked teams.

PRO FOOTBALL

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Donte' Stallworth and the New England Patriots agreed Sunday on a multiyear contract. The deal was confirmed to The Associated Press by a person familiar with negotiations who spoke on condition of anonymity because the deal had not been announced.

ESPN.com reported Stallworth's contract could be worth \$33.1 million over six years, including a guaranteed \$3.6 million for 2007.

GOLF

PALM HARBOR, Fla. (AP) — Mark Calcavecchia, ready to leave Innisbrook after opening with a 75, survived a wild swing in emotions Sunday and won the PODS Championship when Heath Slocum missed a 4-foot par putt on the final hole.

Calcavecchia closed with a 1-under 70 and never lost the lead, but his stomach was churning the whole way around. He had a two-shot lead and stood over a 4-foot birdie putt on the 15th hole that he missed, then had to hang on for dear life.

AUTO RACING

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Jimmie Johnson beat teammate Jeff Gordon on Sunday to win his third straight Nextel Cup race at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

The defending series champion had few problems navigating his way around the track that was under intense scrutiny all weekend because of changes owner Bruton Smith made to the 1.5-mile speedway. It included an increase in the banking from 12 degrees to 20, and a curved pit lane unlike anything the drivers had seen before.

Johnson overcame a pit-road penalty and a minor brush with the wall to lead 89 of the 267 laps en route to the 150th NASCAR victory for Hendrick Motorsports.

TENNIS

INDIAN WELLS, Calif. (AP) — Guillermo Canas snapped Roger Federer's 41-match winning streak Sunday, beating the world's top player 7-5, 6-2 in the third round of the Pacific Life Open.

Federer had arrived at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden having won seven consecutive tournaments and was considered an odds-on favorite to break the record of 47 straight matches won by Guillermo Vilas of Argentina 30 years ago.

Canas, an Argentine who got into the tournament as a "lucky loser" from qualifying when Xavier Malisse withdrew, played more like a man who once was No. 8 in the world.

Canas went up 6-5 in the first set with a service break and held to close out the set.

INDIAN WELLS, Calif. (AP) — Top-ranked Maria Sharapova, the defending champion of the Pacific Life Open, stayed on course to repeat with a 7-5, 6-2 win over Nathalie Dechy of France in the third round Sunday.