ATHLETICS

Aztecs Leading MWC in Football Attendance

Going into its fourth home game against the University of Wyoming, the Aztecs were leading the Mountain West Conference in average attendance. Through the first three home games, 122,321 people have come out to Qualcomm Stadium to cheer on the Aztecs. Approximately, 29,000 tickets were sold to the Wyoming game.

Trolley ridership to the games has also increased to record numbers with more than 25,000 taking the trolley to Qualcomm for the first three home games.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Aztecs Dominate Food Drive

SDSU won the 2011 Colleges Rock Hunger food drive for the fourth year in a row — collecting 54,526 pounds of donated food — more than three times what was collected last year. Donations are collected on behalf of the Jacobs and Cushman San Diego Food Bank.

Universities are judged in terms of how many pounds of food are collected in proportion to student population. CSU San Marcos came in second, while U.C. San Diego placed third.

RESEARCH

Research Brings in $145 Million

SDSU researchers continue to be among the most productive in the nation, securing 799 research grants and contracts worth nearly $145.2 million during the last fiscal year.

Through this work, SDSU is addressing challenges in public health, the environment, national security, energy and many other areas. The knowledge and skills students develop in these experiences enhance their ability to contribute to our economic recovery, as well as their entrepreneurial spirit.

INTERNATIONAL

SDSU to Exchange Faculty, Students with Turkish University

SDSU and Bahçesehir University in Istanbul, Turkey, will begin a student and faculty exchange program in the spring 2012 semester. The first cohort will include students from SDSU’s College of Business Administration. Eventually, programs throughout the university will exchange with Bahçesehir University.
**TEACHING**

**Teaching LGBT Pride**
San Diego State is the second university in the nation and the first in California to offer an undergraduate degree in lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender studies. The university has offered a minor in LGBT studies since 2009. The new major will begin accepting students in spring 2012.

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**RESEARCH**

**$6M CDC Award Aims to Prevent Childhood Obesity**
San Diego State University is one of four universities nationwide to be awarded a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to combat childhood obesity. SDSU will receive more than $6 million over four years to support the Childhood Obesity Demonstration Project. SDSU’s Institute for Behavioral and Community Health will lead the effort to evaluate a multisector, multilevel intervention to address childhood obesity in Imperial County, which has the highest rate of childhood obesity of any county in California (39 percent vs. 28 percent statewide).

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**RESEARCH**

**Poor Neighborhoods Can Harm Health**
A new study from San Diego State University finds that low-income neighborhoods have many roadblocks to physical activity. The study is published in the new issue of the journal, Health and Place, and helps explain how low-income neighborhoods can harm health.

A number of neighborhood attributes play a role discouraging people in low-income areas from participating in physical activity.

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**PHILANTHROPY**

**Women Donors Fund Science Scholarships**
The San Diego Chapter of Achievement Rewards for College Scientists (ARCS®) Foundation awarded $120,000 in scholarship support for 16 Ph.D. students in the College of Sciences. Cumulatively, ARCS has provided $2.3 million to support 161 scholars at SDSU since 1988.

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**SUSTAINABILITY**

**PS 1 Soaks Up the Sun**
New solar panels were installed on top of Parking Structure 1 that will eventually provide power to the new Aztec Student Union, currently under construction.

The 356-kilowatt solar photovoltaics array will offset approximately 50 percent of the total energy use of the Aztec Student Union, scheduled to open in fall 2013, and will offset the Associated Student’s total energy costs until that time.

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