ATHLETICS
An Unforgettable Season

The SDSU men’s basketball team enjoyed an unprecedented season of success as the Aztecs
finished the year with a 34-3 record — the best in program history.

The team, which advanced to the Sweet 16 in the NCAA tournament for the first time in
program history, was also the Mountain West Conference regular season co-champion and
tournament champion. Head coach Steve Fisher came in second for the Associated Press Coach of the Year
award and is a finalist for the Naismith Coach of the Year award. SDSU sophomore Kawhi Leonard was one of
10 players named to the John Wooden All-America Team.

PRESIDENT WEBER
Celebrating President Stephen Weber

The San Diego community will gather on April 9 to honor President Stephen L. and Mrs. Susan
K. Weber for their 15 years of dedication and service to San Diego State University. The
formal gala will recognize the incredible university achievements made under President Weber’s tenure. The
following week, on April 14, SDSU faculty and staff will host an All-University Farewell. President Weber will
retire at the end of the academic year, effective July 5, 2011.

RANKINGS
Graduate Programs Rank Among Best in Nation

The annual issue of U.S. News and World Report’s, “America’s Best Graduate Schools 2012”
ranked more than a dozen SDSU graduate programs among the best in the nation. Among
SDSU’s highest ranked programs were rehabilitation counseling, which ranked ninth in the
nation, and the jewelry and metalwork program, which ranked fifth. SDSU’s College of
Education, College of Engineering and College of Business Administration were all recognized
as being one of the best schools of their kind nationwide.

STUDENTS
New Admits Continue to Raise Bar

Of the more than 60,000 applicants, SDSU expects to enroll a total of 3,657 freshmen and
2,517 undergraduate transfer students in fall 2011. The incoming freshmen class has an
average high school GPA of 3.78 and an average SAT score of 1148, which matches the outstanding academic
credentials of last year’s incoming class.

An estimated 44 percent of new freshman are expected to be in from SDSU’s local admissions area, which
extends south from State Route 56 and includes Imperial County.
RESEARCH

Stem-Cell Controversy Gets Brush Off

Shinya Yamanaka, the 2010 recipient of the Kyoto Prize in advanced technology — Japan’s highest private award for global achievement, will speak about his research efforts during the annual Kyoto Laureate Symposium at SDSU this month.

In addition to Yamanaka’s presentation, SDSU will also confer an honorary doctorate degree to Kazuo Inamori, founder of the Kyoto Prize. Inamori will receive an honorary doctorate in science, presented by SDSU President Stephen Weber.

RESEARCH

Laws Ineffective Against Teenage Indoor Tanning

After surveying 6,000 teens from the 100 largest cities in the United States, a new study from SDSU professor Joni Mayer found that teens living in states with indoor tanning youth access laws were just as likely to have used indoor tanning as teens in states without such laws. The study was the most extensive evaluation of teen tanning ever conducted.

Complete findings will be published in the American Journal of Public Health.

TECHNOLOGY

International Simulation Tests Disaster Response

SDSU’s Immersive Visualization Center tested communications and response to a series of simulated natural disasters in Exercise 24 (X24) Europe.

X24 Europe ran from control nodes in San Diego, Calif.; Stuttgart, Germany; and Washington DC, with participants from Montenegro, Kosovo, Tunisia, Turkey and other countries. Participants will continue to discuss their findings for six months in open chat sessions.

ATHLETICS

Dance Team Wins National Championship

The SDSU dance team was named collegiate champions in the Division I open four-year college hip hop and jazz categories at the United Spirit Association’s 2011 Collegiate Championship at the Anaheim Convention Center.

This is the first time in the team’s history that it competed in the hip hop category and won a title.

OUTREACH

Middle and High Schoolers Explore STEM

Thanks to support from the President’s Leadership Fund, SDSU’s Pre-College Institute brought about 300 students to campus from the San Diego Unified and Sweetwater Union High School Districts to focus on fields in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) for the first time.

The event, dubbed (STEM)2 Exploration Day, allowed students to explore careers in STEM disciplines and meet current undergraduate and graduate students.

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