ATHLETICS
SDSU Athletics Reaches New Heights

With eight teams advancing to NCAA post season play, SDSU Athletics earned its highest finish in school history in the annual Learfield Sports Directors' Cup and for the third straight year improved its final standing.

The Directors' Cup is presented annually by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA), Learfield Sports and USA Today to the best overall collegiate athletics programs in the country in NCAA Divisions I, II and III and the NAIA.

COMMUNITY
Aztecs Show Their Pride

President Stephen L. Weber and Vice President for Student Affairs James Kitchen, along with 30 students, faculty, staff and alumni, represented SDSU during this year's annual LGBT Pride Parade themed, “One World, One Heart, One Pride.”

The San Diego parade is the fifth largest in the United States and attracts 150,000 spectators as well as significant media attention. SDSU is ranked among the top 20 LGBT-friendly campuses nationwide.

RESEARCH
Get your Zzz’s

Research conducted by SDSU and Brigham and Women’s Hospital showed a direct correlation between chronic diseases and the amount of sleep a person gets each night.

Compared with sleeping seven to eight hours per night, Sociology Asst. Professor Enrico Marcelli and his colleagues found that people who regularly sleep less than seven hours or more than eight hours increase their probability for obesity, diabetes, high blood pressure and cardiovascular disease.

DIVERSITY
Walking in Another’s Shoes

SDSU's Intercultural Relations/Cross Cultural Center is now offering a cultural competency certificate program that teaches classes on the history and understanding of human differences. The course combines lectures and workshops with the university’s cultural programming on topics such as race, disabilities, women's issues and spirituality.

The program allows students to gain insight on the cultures and backgrounds of others, which is increasingly valuable in a global marketplace.
RESEARCH

Trust Your Gut for Health Clues

SDSU biology professor Forest Rohwer and Dr. Jeffrey Gordon, director of Washington University’s Center for Genome Sciences and Systems Biology, conducted a study that revealed that the human body contains a unique collection of intestinal viruses, even in identical twins.

Rohwer expects that their research, which was published in Nature, will soon be used by nutritionists, as well as public health and fitness professionals, to help modify people’s systems so they can get more or less energy from their foods.

STUDENTS

Christine Wong Finishes No. 2 Amateur at U.S. Open

Christine Wong, an SDSU sophomore, finished as No. 2 amateur in the field and tied for 55th place overall at the 2010 U.S. Women's Open held at the Oakmont Country Club in Oakmont, Pa.

Wong also finished 17th at the 2010 Ladies' British Open Amateur Championships and won the British Columbia Women's Amateur Championship by 11 strokes.

PHILANTHROPY

SDSU Students See How MLB Affects Dominicans

Thirty-three sports MBA students from SDSU took a nine-day trip to the Dominican Republic to gain firsthand knowledge about the socioeconomic factors that influence major league baseball's (MLB) activities in that country. The trip to Najoyo included a visit to the San Diego Padres’ baseball academy, as well as other MLB operations.

The students have raised more than $5,000, and plan to continue to raise funds that will go toward helping the Najayo community.

COMMUNITY

Fourth Graders Relish Million-Dollar Lecture

Fourth graders from Rosa Parks Elementary school visited the campus as part of the College Avenue Compact program, modeled after the Compact for Success in the Sweetwater Union High School District.

Professor William Nericcio, Department of English and Comparative Literature, entertained and informed all 140 visiting students by giving a 30-minute lecture, entitled “Why it is Worth One Million Dollars to Go On this Field Trip Today: An Introduction to a Rocket Ship to Fame and Fortune Called the University.”

SDSU Educational Opportunity Program and Ethnic Affairs organized the program.