RESEARCH
Remnants of Glory

A captivation with the Olympic Games led Robert Mechikoff, exercise and nutritional sciences professor, to make a breakthrough discovery in the world of ancient sports. Last year, Mechikoff worked on the excavation of a stadium in the ancient city of Alexandria Troas in western Turkey.

Though archaeologists thought the stadium’s origins were Roman, Mechikoff and his colleagues thought otherwise. By finding the missing key piece of the puzzle, Mechikoff was able to prove that the stadium was, in fact, Greek and has opened the door to further research on the stadium’s history.

VETERANS
New Veteran’s Affairs Office Opens at SDSU

San Diego State University’s more than 1,000 veteran and active-duty military students will have a new resource on campus this spring. As a part of the VetSuccess program, the Veterans Affairs Regional Office in San Diego has opened a new VA office on the SDSU campus.

SDSU is the first university in California and only the second in the nation to have the VA office on campus.

PEOPLE
BioScience Center Welcomes New Research Director

Renowned transplant surgeon Dr. Robert M. Mentzer, Jr., will serve as director of translational research at SDSU’s BioScience Center.

In his new role, Mentzer will guide the center in the process of translating research findings into medical practice more efficiently and quickly. He will also expand SDSU’s existing collaborations with premier research institutions worldwide.

PHILANTHROPY
SDSU Fund Ahead of Last Year’s Pace

Entering the holiday season, the SDSU Fund had raised more than $370,000, and is on pace to raise more than $750,000 for fiscal year 2009-10.

The SDSU Fund provides opportunities to make a gift, no matter what size, to San Diego State University each year. Annual gifts enable the university to respond to the emerging possibilities and challenges of today.
RESEARCH

SDSU and Port of San Diego Partner to Study San Diego Bay

The San Diego Unified Port District is partnering with San Diego State University, Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD and Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute to form a research center focusing on the study of San Diego Bay.

The Center for Bay and Coastal Dynamics will be based at SDSU’s Coastal and Marine Institute Laboratory at the formal Naval Training Center.

WORLD PEACE

Lecture Series Takes In-depth Look at Terrorism

The semester-long lecture series, “Killing for a Higher Cause: Political Violence in a World in Crisis,” will take an in-depth look at terrorism and those who are willing to kill themselves in order to kill many more.

The series will bring some of the top experts in terrorism and human motivation to provide insight into the threat of terrorism around the world.

SUSTAINABILITY

“Call to Service” Grant Supports New Sustainability Program

San Diego State’s Center for Regional Sustainability will begin a pilot community engagement project thanks to a recently awarded $45,000 grant by the CSU Chancellor’s Office.

The project, dubbed “Public Conversations for a Sustainable Future,” aims to advance sustainability in higher education and the community.

SCHOLARSHIPS

SDSU Students Awarded Gilman Scholarship

Four SDSU students received the prestigious Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship, which is given to U.S. undergraduate students to study abroad.

The scholarship is awarded to students receiving Federal Pell Grants. The four students will study in Uruguay, Argentina and Spain.

AWARDS

Higher Ed Ambassadors Recognize Congressman

To recognize his work on the post-9/11 GI Bill, Congressman Bob Filner (D-CA) received the SDSU Ambassadors for Higher Education Public Service Award.

The award is given to leaders who promote higher education issues on behalf of SDSU and the California State University.

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