WELCOME!
Hirshman Named President

The CSU Board of Trustees named Elliot Hirshman, provost and senior vice president of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, as president of SDSU, succeeding President Stephen L. Weber, who served as president since 1996.

Hirshman, who will begin on July 5, received his bachelor’s degree in economics and mathematics from Yale University and his master’s degree and Ph.D. in cognitive psychology at the University of California, Los Angeles. He was also a post-doctoral fellow at New York University on a National Institute of Mental Health Fellowship.

COMMENCEMENT
President Weber’s Final Commencement

This year marked the last time retiring President Stephen Weber presided over commencement, which included 10,260 graduates. Additionally, 297 candidates participated in the SDSU-Imperial Valley campus ceremonies. During his tenure, Weber conferred more than 117,000 degrees to SDSU graduates.

PHILANTHROPHY
The Generosity of Friends

In the last six months, SDSU has received $15.7 million in major gifts from friends, alumni and faculty, surpassing the $250 million milestone in the university’s comprehensive campaign. These investments in sciences, education, veterans’ programs, athletics and scholarships enabled SDSU to build a strong foundation for the growth of academic and student programs.

A number of the recent gifts resulted in changes to the names of campus landmarks such as the Donald P. Shiley BioScience Center, the Joan and Art Barron Veterans Center and the Fowler Athletics Center.

HOUSING
CSU Approves Mixed-Use Housing and Retail Project

The CSU Board of Trustees unanimously approved plans for SDSU’s proposed Plaza Linda Verde, a mixed-use student housing and retail project, which will be located immediately south of the SDSU Transit Center.

The project will be built utilizing green building guidelines and practices and house as many as 1,600 students. It will also include retail uses designed to serve both the campus and the surrounding community. For more information about Plaza Linda Verde, visit the website at www.sdsu.edu/plazalindaverde.
AWARDS
Monty Honorees

SDSU’s Alumni Association recently announced its awards for outstanding faculty contributions to the university, more commonly known as the Faculty Montys.

Each year, the group honors an outstanding faculty member from each of the university's colleges and the library. This year's honorees are: Rebecca Moore, James Beatty, Laura J. Hall, Kee Moon, Karen Emmorey, Kathy LaMaster, Forest Rohwer and Linda Salem. The awardees will be recognized at the All-University Convocation.

DIVERSITY
Leading by Example

At the seventh annual SDSU Diversity Awards Celebration, President Stephen L. Weber was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award for his commitment to diversity.

Since Weber joined SDSU in 1996, graduation rates for students of color have increased 31.2 percentage points, the campus has become No. 7 nationwide for awarding undergraduate degrees to Hispanic students and the university has introduced a minor in lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender studies.

PUBLIC SERVICE
KPBS Strengthens News Service

KPBS 89.5 FM, the public service arm of SDSU, began airing 24 hours of news and informational programming to better serve the community and fulfill its goal of being the premier local news analysis organization in San Diego.

All of the previous programs that aired on KPBS radio remained, but were subject to a different time schedule. KPBS.org/radioschedule provides an up-to-date look at the new lineup.

TREASURES
Preserving Aztec Center's Musical History

SDSU Department of Anthropology Chairman Seth Mallios raised $15,000 to preserve a 9' x 14' mural depicting a psychedelic rock band of Aztec warriors decked out for a '70s-style concert. The mural, which hung in the hallway in the lower level of Aztec Center by the Backdoor concert hall was rescued before the demolition of Aztec Center began.

The Backdoor was a small but formerly popular concert venue that hosted some of the greatest musical artists of the late '60s through the '90s before they became well known.

RANKINGS
SDSU No. 7 in Nation for Hispanic Undergraduate Degrees

SDSU ranks seventh in the nation and second in California for bachelor’s degrees awarded to Hispanics, according to Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education’s Top 100 Colleges for Hispanics.

The rankings, published in the May issue were compiled using 2010 data from the National Center for Education Statistics. That year, SDSU conferred bachelor’s degrees on 1,464 students of Hispanic descent, an increase from 1,430 in 2009. A complete list of the rankings can be found at www.hispanicoutlook.com.
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