SDSU Ranks No. 30 on List of Best Universities for Vets

SDSU is the highest ranked university in California, and ranks 30th among 100 universities nationwide for military veterans who are preparing for the next phase of their lives and careers. The report was published in the Military Times Edge, a publication for military veteran and active duty personnel.

The SDSU Veterans Center provides academic and student services to more than 1,000 veteran and active duty military students.

A Better Look at Heart Disease

Thanks to a grant from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, SDSU’s BioScience Center has acquired a new in-vivo imaging system, which will analyze the way infections spread through the body and help determine how to better treat them and the damage caused by heart attacks.

This high-tech tool, which utilizes bioluminescent and fluorescent proteins to detect disease processes, will also significantly reduce the number of animals required for research.

Jerry Brown Campaigns on the Mesa

California gubernatorial candidate, Jerry Brown spoke at SDSU weeks before the mid-term elections. Along with members of the local media, a standing-room-only crowd attended Montezuma Hall to hear Brown’s speech that touched on California’s finances and higher education issues.

SDSU’s Associated Students extended the invitation to address the university to both gubernatorial candidates. Other elected officials representing San Diego were also in attendance.

Library Debuts Chicana/o Archive Collection

The SDSU Library and Information Access opened its new Chicana/o movement archive, which features a bilingual exhibit, Unidos Por la Causa: The Chicana and Chicano Experience in San Diego. Photos, art, posters and documents illustrating the early years of the Chicano and civil rights movements are on display through Dec. 31.

The exhibit was made possible by contributions from the President’s Leadership Fund, SDSU departments and support from individuals and organizations throughout the San Diego community.
SDSU Rocks Hunger

SDSU won the San Diego Food Bank- and Hard Rock Hotel-sponsored food drive competition to help feed hungry San Diegans. By collecting 18,841 pounds of food, SDSU beat out the University of California San Diego, California State University San Marcos and University of San Diego.

A Colleges Rock Hunger electric guitar trophy will hang in the AS Government Office in Aztec Center.

Alumni

Aztecs for Life Kick Off Homecoming

Almost 200 SDSU Alumni Association lifetime members and more than a dozen prominent Aztecs whose faces appear on the Aztec for Life trolley, were on hand to kick off SDSU’s Homecoming 2010 celebration. Alumni in attendance included Marshall Faulk, Stephen Strasburg, Suzy Spafford and Ralph Rubio.

The event, sponsored by SDSU Alumni Association corporate partner Liberty Mutual, began at the campus trolley station and ended with a festive dinner in Old Town.

Veterans

Ceremony Remembers Fallen Aztecs

This year’s annual War Memorial Ceremony took place after an all-night vigil coordinated by student volunteers. The SDSU Choir, directed by Christopher Allen began the event, which included keynote speaker Rocky Chavez, undersecretary, California Department of Veterans Affairs.

The event highlighted the two new names added to the memorial earlier this year: Eulis N.B. Wikes, Jr. (Vietnam) and Wilhs Preston (Korea).

Treasures

WPA Mural Finds a New Home

The fresco painted in 1936 by SDSU alumnus George Sorenson, “San Diego Industry,” (which depicts the tuna canning industry) has been restored and relocated to the first floor of the SDSU Library. It was one of two murals uncovered during routine maintenance and replacement of ceiling tiles in SDSU’s Hardy Memorial Tower in 2004, which housed the university’s original library.

Science

Building Molecules in Classrooms

Chemistry professor Andrew Cooksy and SDSU undergraduate students travel to neighborhood chemistry classes with laptop computers that are preloaded with software that builds individual molecules from an interactive periodic table and allows students to visualize the results in 3-D.

As part of this new outreach program funded by the NSF and The Campanile Foundation, Cooksy makes about two visits per month and expects to continue for as long as there is interest from teachers.