SCHOLARSHIPS

Financial Need Spurs New Scholarship Drive

The economic downturn has upended the lives of countless Americans, and the families of San Diego State University are no exception. Students face a financial conundrum—they need financial assistance more than ever, but there is less scholarship money available from California’s universities.

As a result, SDSU is going public with an appeal for funds—called FuelPotential—to finance student scholarships. To date, the university has raised $2 million, which includes $500,000 from TCF board member Terry Atkinson. More information is available at www.sdsu.edu/fuelpotential.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Tanning Facilities Ignore FDA Recommendations

Many indoor tanning businesses require parental consent for teenagers to use their facilities, but most would allow young tanners more than the government-recommended amount of exposure during the first week, according to a new study by San Diego State University public health researcher Joni Mayer.

The report was published in the September issue of Archives of Dermatology, one of the JAMA/Archives journals and was funded by grants from the National Cancer Institute.

DIVERSITY

SDSU ranks among top 20 universities nationwide for racial diversity

SDSU ranks No. 20 in the nation for campus racial diversity, according to U.S. News & World Report’s “America’s Best Colleges 2010.” Campus-wide, more than 40 percent of SDSU undergraduate students are from historically underrepresented ethnic groups.

Out of SDSU’s 4,089 first-time freshmen, more than half (50.5 percent) come from historically underrepresented ethnic groups, up from 49.3 percent last fall and 44.9 percent in fall 2007.

ALUMNI

Alumni Center Preps for Grand Opening

The new Parma Payne Goodall Alumni Center is a hive of activity these days with workers swarming the facility in preparation for the Grand opening. They’re putting the finishing touches on many areas of the building. The center’s first resident is a 4,650-pound replica of the iconic Aztec sculpture. The new statue will be unveiled at the grand opening on Oct. 17.
ALUMNI
CSU Honors Nisei Students Interned during WWII

The California State University Board of Trustees will consider granting hundreds of honorary degrees to former students forced from their academic studies due to the internment of people of Japanese ancestry during World War II.

Nearly 250 Americans of Japanese descent were students attending CSU campuses when the order for removal was issued. While records show some students went on to receive a university degree, many did not.

SDSU is currently searching for former CSU Students (or families of students) whose studies were interrupted due to the internment who qualify for the honorary degree.

WOMEN’S STUDIES
Women’s Studies Launches 40th Anniversary Celebration

In the spring of 1970, based on student activism and the mentoring and support of faculty across campus, the senate of San Diego State College ratified the first women’s studies program in the nation. In honor of the 40th anniversary of this historic program, SDSU will welcome back the trailblazers of the department to join those who have carried it forward for a yearlong celebration, including a special colloquium series, supported in part by the generosity of Deb Carstens, an alumna from the first years of the Department of Women’s Studies.

STUDENTS
Student Wins Big at San Diego Music Awards

Danny Green, a master’s student in the jazz studies program in the School of Music and Dance, is the recipient of the “Best Jazz Album of the Year” award from the San Diego Music Foundation, presented at their 19th annual San Diego Music Awards ceremony.

*With You in Mind*, Green’s debut solo release, has received extensive airplay in stations around the globe.

LECTURES
SDSU Library Presents Special Darwin Exhibits

The library’s ongoing celebration of Charles Darwin continues with two intriguing exhibits on view until Dec. 20.

On display in the Donor Hall, “The Fact of Evolution” incorporates animal specimens and plants mostly from the SDSU Museum of Biodiversity and Greenhouse, including a Galápagos Island tortoise shell and a terrarium of live plants. A supporting exhibit in the library’s Special Collection titled “The Book that Shook the World” examines Darwin’s works and his influence on other scientists, writers and philosophers.

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