Special Programs and Services

Academic Computing

The SDSU computing environment provides access to scores of software products including World Wide Web browsers, programming languages, wordprocessing, spreadsheets, presentation packages, relational databases, statistical software, and large databases such as IMF and CRSP. The university provides access to a Sun SunFire 4900 Server (running Solaris). The Sun F4900 Server is available to the university community via the campus network which also links students to specialty computing centers located at other California State Universities.

The university has over 2,000 microcomputers located in 80 departmental/college computer laboratories. There are also three large computer labs open to all students; all machines in those labs are connected to the Internet. The open computer labs are the Student Computer Center located in Love Library 200 which has PCs, Macintoshes, and laser printing as well as the Social Science Research Lab located in PSFA 140 which has PCs, Macintoshes, and laser printing.

The Baseline Access, Training and Support (BATS) program offers free hands-on computer training to the SDSU community. Workshops cover the Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Access). Adobe Photoshop, Web Page Creation, Introduction to Computers and the Windows and Macintosh Operating Systems, and more.

Student computing and e-mail accounts are available through a student account system. This system allows enrolled SDSU students to create their own accounts via the Internet from a computer or terminal on campus or via the Web from off campus.

Web site is available at http://www.sdsu.edu.

Alumni Association

The SDSU Alumni Association is dedicated to connecting SDSU alumni to the university and each other. Membership in the San Diego State University Alumni Association is open to those individuals who have an abiding interest in and commitment to the growth and future of SDSU and the community it serves.

The Alumni Association is a dynamic, exciting organization whose purpose is to serve and support the university and its graduates. It offers a number of programs and services designed to meet the variety of needs and interests of its alumni, including library privileges, reduced admission to many cultural activities and sporting events, discounts on purchases at the Aztec Store, access to SDSU's Career Services for a nominal fee, and a subscription to SDSU Magazine, a monthly electronic newsletter, and Aztec update: publications for alumni and friends of the university.

In addition, the Alumni Association sponsors The Montys (annual awards event honoring alumni of the university), provides scholarships for students, organizes Homecoming, provides input regarding university programs and policies, and provides excellent networking opportunities through a myriad of events.

For further information call the Alumni Office at 619-594-2586 or visit http://www.sdsualumni.org.

Associated Students of San Diego State University

For over 75 years, the Associated Students of San Diego State University (A.S.) has served as a unique, full-service organization. The A.S. provides a variety of programs, services and activities for SDSU students as well as faculty, staff, alumni, and the public. Directed by elected student executives, the Associated Students offers programs ranging from recreation to entertainment and child care. An independent, not-for-profit corporation, it is funded by the student activities fee and revenues collected from programs and services. Associated Students can be reached by calling 619-594-6555, or on the Web site at http://as.sdsu.edu.

Student Government. The Associated Students sponsors extensive student leadership programs designed to encourage active student participation in the decision-making policies of the university. The A.S. Council is the voice of the SDSU student body. Composed of one college representative per 1500 students, five executive officers, and representatives from 16 student organizations, the Council is responsible for the A.S. $21 million annual budget and for formulating organizational and university-wide policy. Elections held each year allow for the selection of individuals to fill one-year terms on the Council. Meetings of the A.S. Council are weekly, open sessions.

Other student government activities include collaborating with administration on university policies, programs, and services; appointments to educational or campus-related committees; lobbying to provide student input to city, county, state, and federal governments; and working to do what is best for SDSU students. Call 619-594-6555 for more details about student government programs or visit http://www.as.sdsu.edu/govt.

Aztec Center Student Union. Aztec Center Student Union serves as the heart of student activity and the community center of SDSU. This facility has several meeting and conference rooms, study areas, free wireless access, the Bowling and Games Center, and is home to AS government affairs and business offices. A variety of convenient campus services are available including Starbucks Coffee, Food Court, STA Travel, SDSU Card Office, USE Credit Union, Ticket Office, Meeting Services, and the University Information Center. Montezuma Lounge offers a quiet place to study, relax, meet friends, or use free computers. Visit the Cross-Cultural Center, Government Affairs office, or one of several student organizations to get involved. A wide variety of free entertainment including movies, lectures, and noontime concerts are offered throughout the academic semesters. Aztec Center, in partnership with Aztec Shops, Ltd., also provides a Satellite Cyber Lounge located in West Commons with free computer use. A major renovation and expansion is scheduled for Aztec Center that will greatly improve amenities and the quality of campus life for students. For more information, call 619-594-6551 or visit http://www.azteccenter.sdsu.edu.

Cox Arena. Home to Aztec Men's and Women's Basketball, Cox Arena is San Diego's premier venue for everything from concerts to sporting events, family shows, conventions, conference, and corporate events. Facilities and Event Management has awarded Cox Arena the prestigious Prime Site Award for 10 consecutive years.

This state-of-the-art, 12,000 seat facility is complete with award winning acoustics, VIP lounges, and star dressing rooms, as well as a distinctive outdoor concourse area. On site is a full-service ticket office and TicketMaster location for events throughout California. The Cox Arena is adjacent to the Aztec Recreation Center in the heart of the SDSU campus with nearby parking for 4,000 vehicles. Call 619-594-0234 or visit http://www.cox-arena.com.

Recreation Programs. Associated Students manages SDSU's recreation and fitness programs. Offered at affordable prices, they are open to the public, as well as students, faculty, staff, and alumni.

> **Aztec Recreation Center (ARC).** The ARC features four full-size gyms; a 30-foot climbing wall; 21,000 square feet of cardio, group exercise, dance, and weight rooms; a TV lounge area; plus locker rooms with full towel service and saunas. Membership includes unlimited access to recreation facilities, group exercise, cardio and weight rooms, racquetball, wallyball, intramural sports, aquatics, and bowling. Additional programming is offered at minimal fees with a wide variety of rec classes such as the tai chi, dance, health and fitness, martial arts, tennis, and rock climbing. Membership fees start at only $17.00 per month for students. The facility is open 24 hours per day. Call 619-594-PLAY for complete schedules and membership information or visit http://www.arc.sdsu.edu.

Aztec Aquaplex. Another extension to the Aztec Recreation Center (ARC), the Aztec Aquaplex provides SDSU students with a new state-of-the-art pool facility to serve the recreational, educational, and athletic needs of the SDSU campus. The facility is located adjacent to the Tony Gwynn baseball stadium on the western edge of campus. The complex includes three heated pools; an Olympic 50-meter pool for lap swimming and diving; a 7,300 square foot recreation pool with a zero-edge gutter and beach entry for aquatic-based group exercise classes (aqua-aerobics), recreational swimming and water volleyball/basketball. The third pool is a 20-person hydrotherapy spa for students looking to soak and relax. Active members of the Aztec Recreation Center (ARC) receive entrance privileges into the new pool facility. Non-ARC members will pay a small daily entry fee or purchase a pool-only membership. For more information call 619-594-SWIM or visit

http://www.arc.sdsu.edu.

Aztec Center Bowling and Games. This recently renovated facility includes 12 bowling lanes, 30 video games, billiards, table tennis, and leagues. Also available for parties. Call 619-594-6561 or visit http://www.arc.sdsu.edu.

Mission Bay Aquatic Center. The Mission Bay Aquatic Center, located at 1001 Santa Clara Point in Mission Beach, is the university waterfront facility offering students credit and recreational watersports classes, rentals, special events, and jobs for qualified candidates. It is one of the few programs in the world where students can earn university credit in wakeboarding, waterskiing, surfing, kayaking, sailing, rowing, or windsurfing. Getting to the MBAC is easy by car or by the San Diego Trolley Green Line to San Diego Transit Route 8. Call 858-488-1000 or visit

http://www.missionbayaquaticcenter.com.

Aztec Adventures. Located in the Aztec Recreation Center, this outdoor adventure program offers camping, backpacking, rock climbing, canoeing, sea kayaking, and skiing outings. Also features excursions such as Baja whale watching, surfing safaris, and nature awareness weekends. Trips are always led by experienced guides. Most outings include transportation, food, group equipment, and all permits or fees. Call 619-594-PLAY for more information and trip schedules or visit

http://www.aztecadventures.sdsu.edu.

Recreational Sports. An extension of the Aztec Recreation Center (ARC), Recreational Sports offers free racquetball and wallyball to ARC members. The golf driving range is available for minimal fees. Non-ARC members can participate in all programs at slightly higher prices. Recreational Sports is located at SDSU on the west end of Peterson Gym. For more information, call 619-594-6424 or visit http://www.arc.sdsu.edu.

Sports Clubs. Sports Clubs are organized, funded, and managed by SDSU students. The collective efforts and organization of the students comprising each team determine each club's success. Sports Clubs practice weekly, from two to five times per week, in preparation for organized intercollegiate competitions at local, state, regional, and national levels. Both new and experienced athletes are actively recruited. In fact, many athletes are new to their sports. Sport Club teams are an excellent setting for the development of athletic skills, student leadership skills, and social opportunities. Groups interested in starting a new club or want information on an existing club should call the ARC at 619-594-0200 or visit

http://www.arc.sdsu.edu.

Child Care Programs. Associated Students provides child care and preschool learning programs through the SDSU Children's Center. Programs range from part-time to full-time care for children ages infant to five years, with all programming provided by expertly trained teachers and staff members. For more information, call 619-594-7941 or visit http://www.sdsu.edu/as/child.

Open Air Theater and Entertainment. Located amidst the original landscaping of San Diego State University, this historic venue is ideal for watching your favorite musical group while sitting under the stars. Originally opened in 1941, this 4,800 seat amphitheatre has played host to sold out concerts, lectures, and symphony performances. Generations of guest have enjoyed this theatre's natural acoustics which complement the sound of all music genres. On site are full-service concession stands and a two-level hospitality suite, equipped with open balconies and dressing rooms. For event information, call the Aztec Center Ticket Office at 619-594-6947 or visit

http://www.cox-arena.com.

Athletics

San Diego State University sponsors a broad array of varsity intercollegiate athletics for women and men. SDSU's commitment to gender equity in athletics includes 12 sports for women (basketball, crew, cross country, golf, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, indoor/outdoor track and field, volleyball, and water polo) and six for men (baseball, basketball, football, golf, soccer, and tennis). As a National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I program, Aztec athletic teams compete at the highest level of intercollegiate competition. All of the teams except crew, men's soccer, and water polo compete in the 9-member Mountain West Conference. Crew is a member of the Western Intercollegiate Rowing Association (WIRA); men's soccer is a member of the Pac10 Conference; and water polo is a member of the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF).

Athletics serves a number of important roles on campus and within the larger San Diego community. In addition to encouraging student-athletes to expand their competitive capabilities to the fullest, San Diego State teams provide a catalyst which helps generate pride and a shared *esprit de corps* among students, faculty, staff, and alumni. This also helps link these groups from generation to generation. Similarly, with nearly a hundred-thousand alumni and former students and tens of thousands of supporters in the county with no other direct connection to the university, Aztec teams frequently carry the aspirations of San Diego in the forum of NCAA Division I Athletics. On-campus athletic events attract both students and members of the community to campus and this reinforces many mutually beneficial town-gown relationships.

Student Athlete Support Services
Aztec Athletics Center, Room 3029, 619-594-3395

Involvement with intercollegiate athletics on campus presents many challenges for students. This office provides guidance and assistance for these student-athletes in the areas of admission, registration, new student orientation, counseling, study hall, mentoring, tutoring, and academic advising. The office also serves as a liaison between faculty and the Athletic Department. This individualized program is designed to create an academic support network to ensure all student-athletes comply with university requirements while working toward completion of a degree. For more information please call 619-594-3019 or visit http://www.goaztecs.com.

Aztec Shops, Ltd.

(Campus Stores, Dining Services)
http://www.aztecshops.com

Aztec Shops, Ltd., founded in 1932, is a not-for-profit corporation that functions primarily as an auxiliary of San Diego State University. The corporation provides a diverse portfolio of commercial services including operation of the bookstore and dining services on campus. Aztec Shops also operates selected other enterprises at San Diego State and at other colleges and universities. The corporation employs close to 200 full-time professionals and up to 800 part-time employees – mainly students – during busiest times.

SDSU Bookstore. The flagship of Aztec Shops' retail operations, the SDSU Bookstore is one of the largest campus bookstores in the country as measured by sales. The 25,000-square-foot facility – located in the heart of campus – carries every text (required and optional) for every class taught at SDSU. The facility's "Bookstore within a Bookstore" offers an impressive selection of general-interest titles including volumes for children. The store's well-staffed special order desk is available to secure even the most hard-to-find titles. Aztec Shops is the exclusive licensee for the San Diego State University logo and related images. The SDSU Bookstore features the most extensive selection of SDSU-imprinted clothing and gifts available. The store also houses a full-service computer hardware and software

department that offers significant academic discounts on the most popular systems from Sony, Toshiba, and Apple as well as the most current versions of the nation's most popular software. A broad selection of school supplies, cards, gifts and graduation regalia round out the store's offerings. For more information, call 619-594-7525 or visit http://www.sdsubookstore.com.

SDSU Dining Services. Aztec Shops is responsible for all restaurants and other food service outlets on the SDSU campus. The corporation operates SDSU's Meal Plan Program which allows residence hall students to choose interesting and healthy meals from virtually any restaurant on campus. In addition to residence hall dining programs, we developed and operate our own branded restaurants such as Sub Connection and Vinnie's Gourmet Italian Deli in East Commons. We also contract with other restaurant operators such as Rubio's and Panda Express to provide quality food and service on campus. In addition to the varied restaurant options, Aztec Shops operates six Aztec Market convenience stores on campus, including a 3,000-square-foot store in East Commons. All stores carry a wide variety of grab-and-go beverages, sandwiches and salads, as well as traditional convenience store items. SDSU Dining Services' Catering Department is the recognized caterer for all events on the SDSU campus. For more information, call 619-594-7640 or visit http://www.eatatsdsu.com.

Other operations. Other Aztec Shops operations include:

Art Etc. – A specialty store (located in the Art Building at SDSU) which features art supplies for both amateur and professional artists.

Aztec Store – Located in San Diego's Fashion Valley Mall, the store offers Aztec team apparel and SDSU imprinted gifts.

The Campus Store – Aztec Shops operates The Campus Store, the bookstore at the SDSU branch campus in Calexico, CA.

Elderhostel – Aztec Shops runs a successful Elderhostel program that brings senior citizens from around the country to San Diego for specialized educational enrichment programs.

Montezuma Publishing – As part of its commitment to providing course materials for every class, Aztec Shops operates Montezuma Publishing which prints customized course materials and readers, securing copyright permissions when necessary.

University Towers – In November 2000, Aztec Shops purchased the well-known El Conquistador residence hall near the SDSU campus. Renamed University Towers, the facility is home to more than 500 students during the academic year.

Concessions – Aztec Shops operates the concession stands at Cox Arena, the Open Air Theater and Tony Gwynn Stadium.

The Center for Bio/Pharmaceutical and Biodevice Development

Stanley R. Maloy, Interim Director

The center focuses on education and training specifically applicable to the research, development, process development, manufacturing, and marketing of FDA regulated pharmaceutical, biologic and medical device products. Faculty and courses from departments within the Colleges of Sciences and Business Administration are integrated with the center's programs to provide students with a broad understanding of science and management issues that exist in the biomedical industry work environment. The center's programs particularly address the research and workforce needs of biotechnology companies as their initial product development projects progress from R&D into clinical research, process development, and manufacturing. The Master of Science in Regulatory Affairs was the first degree program developed and offered by the center. This program addresses overarching legal, ethical, and regulatory requirements that impact the development, manufacturing, and commercialization of biomedical products.

A second, newer Master of Science in Biomedical Quality Systems degree program is being offered by the center. With a focus on the quality aspects of development, manufacturing, and commercialization of biomedical products, it strongly complements the regulatory affairs program and the two programs share some elective courses. Both of these programs also offer a certificate to those students interested in obtaining a foundational understanding, through successfully completing four basic courses.

Internet-based, distance teaching technologies are used to make the center's education and training programs more widely available to individuals outside of the San Diego area, and this also facilitates the training of industry professionals who often find themselves traveling worldwide on company business. The center is also engaged with regional economic development and workforce development issues and the future acquisition of new training and research facilities. The center interfaces extensively with the California State University Program for Education and Research in Biotechnology (CSUPERB). The Web site is http://interwork.sdsu.edu/cbbd/aboutus.htm.

California State University Program for Education and Research in Biotechnology (CSUPERB)

Susan Baxter, Executive Director

The California State University Program for Education and Research in Biotechnology (CSUPERB) is based at San Diego State University. It exists to provide a coordinated and amplified development of biotechnology research and education within the university system; to foster competitiveness both on the state and national levels; to facilitate training of a sufficient number of biotechnology technicians and scientists; to catalyze technology transfer and enhance intellectual property protection; and to facilitate the acquisition and long-term maintenance of state-of-the-art biotechnology resource facilities across the university system, such as the SDSU Microchemical Core Facility, the SDSU Macromolecular Structural Analysis Resource Center, the CSU Stanislaus Confocal Microscope Core Facility, the CSU Fullerton W. M. Keck Foundation Center for Molecular Structure, and the CSU Long Beach Facility for Elemental Micro-Chemical Analysis (FEMCA). It facilitates interdisciplinary cooperative activities among the Colleges of Sciences and Engineering, the key departments on all campuses, as well as among faculty and from a number of allied academic and research units such as bioengineering, agricultural biotechnology, environmental and natural resources, molecular ecology, and marine biotechnology. It also operates a grants program of over $2 million annually for programmatic development, for joint corporate research ventures with industry, and faculty seed program for student research. It also serves as the official liaison between the CSU and industry, government, and the public arena in biotechnological matters. CSUPERB operates through an Executive Director, two Associate Directors, a Director of Operations and Workforce Development, a Strategic Planning Council composed of five corporate CEO's, five CSU deans of sciences, and ten faculty from the system. CSUPERB is overseen by the Presidents' Commission composed of five CSU campus presidents from San Diego State University, Humboldt State University, CSU East Bay, CSU Los Angeles, and Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. Faculty input into the organization and its multiple activities is through a 100 member Biotechnology Faculty Consensus Group. The Web site is http://www.csuchico.edu/csuperb/.

Center for Community Based Service-Learning (CCBSL)

The mission of the Center for Community Based Service-Learning is to enhance learning and civic responsibility through community engagement. The center serves faculty, students, and community organizations by providing a link to integrate community service programs with classwork, giving students unparalleled insight into community needs. The CCBSL is a supportive and collaborative force for the campus and the community to come together for shared endeavors and goals.

Community based learning, also known as service learning, is a form of experiential education combined with the ethic of giving back to the community. The goals of the CCBSL include assisting and supporting faculty as they make community service part of their classwork, and helping individual students and student organizations identify places where they can directly address community needs.

The CCBSL serves as a central location on campus for students, their clubs, faculty and staff to plan and implement community projects. To aid in those efforts, the CCBSL has developed several resources and services to include:

- A listing of faculty and courses involved in community-based learning;

- A listing of community activities meeting student volunteer or service needs;
- A bank of community projects suitable for faculty to include in their courses;
- A listing of grants related to community based and experiential learning;
- A resource library for research, assessment, grant writing, course design, focusing upon experiential and community based learning;
- A place for faculty and staff to meet to discuss service-learning curriculum;

The CCBSL is located in Career Services. For more information, contact the CCBSL at 619-594-0546 or

http://servicelearning.sdsu.edu.

Children's Center

The SDSU Children's Center, a quality service provided by Associated Students, provides an enriched learning program for infants, toddlers, and preschool children of students, faculty, and staff while their parents are in class, studying, and/or at work. The academic school year program is designed to meet the needs of students and is only open the days school is in session for the fall and spring semesters. The year round program is designed to meet the needs of the working parents and is open year round. We observe all university holidays.

A grant from the State Department of Education, Child Development Division, pays all or partial child care fees for qualifying students' children. Tuition for all others is billed monthly and is determined by the child's classroom/age and contracted schedule.

The program is designed so that a variety of activities are offered that will foster the child's social, emotional, intellectual, and physical development, and help the child view himself/herself and the environment positively.

The classrooms are staffed by professional and student employees, volunteers, and child and family development majors. Parent participation is strongly encouraged and appreciated. Parents have the opportunity to serve on the Children's Center Board, which is composed of parents and other campus representatives.

Call 619-594-7941 or go to http://www.sdsu.edu/as/child for more information.

Communications Clinic for Speech, Language, and Hearing Disorders

Administered by the School of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences, the clinic provides assessment and remediation services for SDSU students, staff, faculty, and the community. Comprehensive diagnostic and treatment programs are available for children and adults in the areas of delayed speech/language development, voice, fluency or articulation disorders, aphasia, cleft palate, cerebral palsy, loss of communication function, augmentative communication needs, and hearing loss. Also provided are services for bilingual/multicultural clients and speakers of English as a second language. Audiologic services provided by the clinic include hearing assessment, hearing aid evaluation and fitting, assistive listening device evaluations, earmolds, ear protectors, hearing conservation and speech reading/aural rehabilitation therapy. In addition, the clinic offers opportunities for research, consultation, supervised field internships, continuing education, and other service activities. The clinic is located at 6330 Alvarado Court, Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92120-4917, 619-594-7747.

Developmental Writing Program

The Developmental Writing program, in the Department of Rhetoric and Writing Studies, offers assistance to all students at any university level, including bilingual and international students, who wish to improve reading and writing skills. The program's services are available on an enrollment basis only.

In addition, the program assists students in completing the university's writing competency requirement. The university requires students to demonstrate writing competency consistent with its established standards and, accordingly, requires all entering students to pass various writing competency tests. Students who do not score high enough on any of these tests must enroll in appropriate developmental writing coursework in the Department of Rhetoric and Writing Studies during their first semester at SDSU. As of fall 2001, incoming freshmen have only three consecutive academic semesters in which to complete developmental writing requirements.

General Mathematics Studies

The General Mathematics Studies program offers assistance to all students at any university level who wish to improve their mathematics skills. These services, which are available on an enrollment basis only, are designed to assist students in completing the CSU ELM and SDSU Mathematics Placement, Part IA requirements. The university requires all students to demonstrate mathematics proficiency consistent with its established standards. In particular, students who fail the ELM must enroll in the appropriate General Mathematics Studies course in their first semester at SDSU and continue until they have satisfied this requirement; students have one year only to complete this requirement.

Honors Council

The Honors Council was formed in 1989. It comprises representatives of the Honors Program and of Golden Key, Mortar Board, Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Eta Sigma, and Phi Kappa Phi interdisciplinary honor societies.

The purposes of the Honors Council are:

- To act as an advisory and coordinating resource center for the interdisciplinary honor societies on campus;
- To promote the specific interests of the above listed honor societies;
- To promote the common concerns of all honor societies and honors programs at San Diego State University;
- To cooperate with the faculty and administrative officers in developing and maintaining high academic standards;
- To recognize students and faculty for their achievements in scholarship, leadership, and service;
- To recognize graduating seniors who are active members of all five university-wide honor societies.

For meetings and events and to house honors insignia and regalia, the Honors Council has the Henry L. Janssen Honors Council Room in Library and Information Access, Love Library, Room 428D.

Honor Societies

An academic honor society is a campus organization that values and reinforces the high academic standards of the university and selects its members, at least in part, on the basis of superior academic performance. Honor societies have the use of the Darlene Gould Davies Honors Study, located in Library and Information Access, Love Library, Room 428A.

Multidisciplinary Academic Honor Societies

Golden Key is a national and worldwide undergraduate honor society whose purpose is to recognize and encourage scholastic achievement and excellence in all undergraduate fields of study, to unite with collegiate faculties and administrators in developing and maintaining high standards of education, to provide economic assistance to outstanding members by means of annual scholarships, and to promote scholastic achievement and altruistic conduct through voluntary service. Golden Key International Honor Society has over 300 active chapters. It also publishes an annual magazine and a regular newsletter. San Diego State University's chapter was chartered in 1984.

Each fall, the chapter invites to membership juniors and seniors in the upper 15 percent of their classes who have completed their last 24 units at SDSU. Elected student officers set all agendas and direct activities.

The faculty adviser is Dr. Edith J. Benkov, Department of European Studies. For more information, visit

http://www-rohan.sdsu.edu/~gknhs/index.htm.

Mortar Board, a national honor society for college seniors, was founded in 1918. The society recognizes in its membership the qualities of superior scholastic ability, outstanding and continual leadership, and dedicated service to the university community. The SDSU chapter of Mortar Board had its beginning in 1932 as Cap and Gown.

In 1965 the local honorary was recognized as a member of the national organization. Nationwide there are over 200 active chapters with a membership in excess of 240,000. At the 2007 National Conference, the SDSU Chapter received the Golden Torch Award which is the highest award given to chapters. They also received a Project Excellence Award for their projects.

Mortar Board membership means active involvement to benefit the campus and community. Current projects include support of philanthropy projects related to literacy, awarding of scholarships, presentation of annual emeritus faculty and staff Outstanding Service Awards to recognize individuals whose work contributed significantly to this university; an annual faculty/staff appreciation dinner; support of activities and projects of the San Diego Alumni Chapter; and the sale of the Mortar Board Daily Planner and Calendar of Events – a daily planner and calendar of events for the university community.

To be considered for election to membership, students must have senior standing for the fall semester with an overall GPA of 3.2 or higher and must have participated and excelled in the areas of scholarship, service, and leadership. All prospective members must be making satisfactory progress toward the degree. Admission to Mortar Board is highly competitive and is restricted to no more than 40 students per year.

Advisers for the honor society are Dr. Ronald R. Young, Emeritus Associate Professor of Spanish, Dr. Henry L. Janssen, Emeritus Professor of Political Science, and Dr. Penny L. Wright, Emeritus Professor of Management. The administrative liaison is Dr. Jane K. Smith, Assistant Vice President for Academic Services (AD-220). Information is available at http://mortarboard.sdsu.edu/.

Phi Beta Kappa, founded in 1776, is the oldest national honor society in America. Its 276 chapters recognize academic excellence in the liberal arts and sciences. In 1974, Nu Chapter of California was established at SDSU, the first CSU campus to be so honored.

Membership is by invitation only. Juniors and seniors considered for membership each Spring are usually enrolled in the College of Arts and Letters or the College of Sciences and are or will be eligible for the bachelor of arts or bachelor of science degree. Juniors must have a GPA of at least 3.75, and seniors must have a GPA of at least 3.50. Juniors and seniors must have a GPA of at least 3.50 in liberal arts and sciences courses. These GPAs must be maintained with minimal use of Cr/NC. All candidates must have demonstrated university proficiency in mathematics and in a foreign language at the third-semester level. In addition, juniors must have completed at least 75 units of liberal arts and sciences courses, and seniors must have completed at least 45 liberal arts and sciences units at SDSU and must have demonstrated university proficiency in written English by coursework or satisfaction of the Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement. Finally, candidates must show significant depth and breadth of scholarly interests by the number, variety, and rigor of upper division courses taken outside the major. Election for membership, after careful examination of the student's record, is by vote of the chapter members.

Chapter activities include the annual initiation, at which several scholarships are awarded; the annual Phi Beta Kappa Lecture honoring an outstanding faculty member; lectures by visiting scholars; participation on the University Honors Council; supportive interaction with local schools; and cooperation with Epsilon Association, San Diego's alumni chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. Chapter president is Dr. Annalisa Berta, Department of Biology. For general information consult http://www.pbk.org.

Phi Eta Sigma is a national freshman honor society. The national chapter was formed in 1923; the local chapter was formed in 1955.

Phi Eta Sigma was established to encourage and reward high scholastic achievement among freshmen in institutions of higher education. There are over 300 chapters throughout the United States and more than 500,000 members.

All freshmen, both men and women, who have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.0 scale with at least 12 units at the close of either semester during their freshman year are eligible to join. Students who were eligible but missed induction after their freshman year may join at any time thereafter.

Among its activities are induction ceremonies, community service involvement, social events, and national conventions.

The adviser for the honor society is Dr. Stacey L. Sinclair, Director of University Honors Program. For more information, call 619-594-2872.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 to promote the pursuit of excellence in all fields of higher education and to recognize outstanding achievement by students, faculty, and others through election to membership and through various awards for distinguished achievement. Activities of the organization include the awarding of two scholarships annually for graduate education of outstanding students, the recognition of outstanding faculty and students through nominations for national awards and scholarships, spring initiation, and sponsorship of the SDSU Emeritus Lecture Series. The national organization publishes a newsletter and a scholarly journal and sponsors the National Scholar and National Artist awards and the Graduate Fellowship program. The society offers literacy grants, study abroad grants, and research grants for scholarly work. Nationally there are almost 300 active chapters. San Diego State University's chapter was chartered in 1965.

Membership is based on, but not limited to, the following criteria: Juniors must have completed a minimum of 75 units and be in the top 7-1/2 percent of their class at SDSU; seniors must have completed a minimum of 90 units and be in the top 10 percent of their class at SDSU; graduate students must have completed a minimum of 15 units of graduate work at SDSU and be in the top 10 percent of their class. All prospective members must have made satisfactory progress toward the degree.

President of the society is Dr. Sandra A. Cook, Executive Director for Enrollment Services.

Discipline-Based Honor Societies

The national honor societies at San Diego State University which accord recognition to students who demonstrate superior scholarship and leadership in specific academic fields include:

Alpha Epsilon Delta (Pre-Medical)
Alpha Kappa Delta (Sociology)
Beta Alpha Psi (Accountancy)
Beta Gamma Sigma (Business)
Chi Epsilon (Civil Engineering)
Eta Sigma Phi (Classics)
Honors Council (General)
Kappa Delta Pi (Education)
Lambda Pi Eta (Communication)
Omicron Delta Epsilon (Economics)
Phi Alpha Theta (History)
Phi Beta Delta (International Scholars)
Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia (Music)
Pi Delta Phi (French)
Pi Kappa Lambda (Music)
Pi Sigma Alpha (Political Science)
Psi Chi (Psychology)
Sigma Gamma Tau (Aerospace Engineering)
Sigma Tau Delta (English)
Sigma Theta Tau (Nursing)
Tau Beta Pi (Engineering)

Instructional Technology Services

Instructional Technology Services (ITS) provides support to faculty in the design, selection, production, and distribution of instructional technology. Service and support are provided in three key areas: Instructional Resources and Technology Systems, Instructional Development, and Multimedia Production.

Instructional Resources provides support in the selection, use, and distribution of instructional materials and equipment. Services include consultation on selection and use of media and equipment for instruction; checkout of media and equipment for classroom use; online access to an instructional media collection containing more than 8,000 titles; and maintenance and repair of audiovisual equipment. **Technology Systems** provides support in the design, installation, operation, and maintenance of instructional systems in classrooms. Services include the design, installation, and maintenance of Smart Classroom systems and basic audiovisual systems; operation of the campus cable television system; operation of videoconferencing systems for instructional and administrative use; satellite downlink and off-air recording services; and operation of a

presentation room for high-quality video and data projection. The ITS Learning Research Studio is designed to support faculty who wish to experiment with teaching strategies involving the use of new and emerging instructional technologies. It is a location on campus for conducting research aimed at measuring and documenting the use of technological tools to improve teaching and learning.

The **Instructional Development** program offers professional assistance in instructional design, course design, teaching techniques, and assessment. Services include: assistance in development of instructional materials; assessing and selecting instructional methods; facilitating course design; workshops on teaching skills and techniques; and a facility for faculty to produce their own instructional media and to learn about new technologies. The B.A.T.S. initiative (Baseline Access, Training and Support) provides instruction to faculty, staff, and students in the use of computer hardware and software through a full schedule of workshops held in hands-on computer labs and through Help Desks staffed by instructional computing consultants. In addition, courseware development specialists are available to assist faculty with the Blackboard web-based learning management system as well as the Horizon Wimba web conferencing system.

Multimedia Production assists in the design and production of instructional and research materials, as well as other university-related materials. Services include development and production of instructional videotapes; graphic and photographic support of instruction, research and publication; and assistance in development of multimedia materials including CD-ROM's, DVD's, and instructional Web sites.

Office of International Programs

In recognition of the rapidly expanding number and importance of international activities on the San Diego State University campus, the Office of International Programs has specific responsibility for coordinating and facilitating the development of the diverse international programs and activities of the university. The Office of International Programs is the primary contact for international programs and represents the university on international matters to external agencies and institutions. The Office of International Programs coordinates all international faculty and student programs and serves as an information clearinghouse regarding international projects, funding opportunities, and academic programs and services that have an international component.

International Faculty Exchanges

In order to enhance the international character of instruction and research, San Diego State University has developed a continuing program of faculty exchanges with partner universities worldwide. Currently, the university has formal arrangements to exchange faculty periodically with universities across the globe. Over 100 international scholars visit the San Diego State University campus each year to pursue scholarly research, participate in academic or professional programs, and share their international perspectives with the university community.

Marine Officer Programs

The Marine Officer Selection Office in San Diego is looking for qualified students interested in a career as a commissioned officer in the United States Marine Corps. Positions are available in aviation, ground, and law; aviation and law programs may be guaranteed prior to commissioning. Contact the officer selection officer at 619-294-2174 or visit http://www.ostsandiego.com/ for more information.

Platoon Leaders Class. The Platoon Leaders Class is the most popular route to becoming an officer. For college freshmen and sophomores, the program consists of two six-week training sessions between school years at Officer Candidates School in Quantico, Virginia. For college juniors, it is one 10-week training session during the summer prior to your senior year. You are paid and travel costs to and from Quantico, meals, textbooks, materials, and clothing are furnished. During the school year, you will not be called to active duty and you are not required to wear a uniform. Upon graduation, you'll be commissioned as a Marine Second Lieutenant and advance directly to The Basic School.

Officer Candidates Course. College graduates who want to be officers in the Marine Corps go through one 10-week session at Officer Candidates School. Upon completion, you will move immediately to The Basic School. There are three sessions during the year: fall, winter, and summer. No matter which pattern you follow, you will be paid and travel costs to and from Quantico will be covered. Meals, textbooks, materials, and clothing for training are also furnished.

Officer Candidates Course-Reserve. Officer Candidates Course-Reserve is similar to Officer Candidates Course, except you are pursuing a reserve commission. College graduates attend the 10-week session at Officer Candidates School, attend The Basic School, and after completing military occupational school, report into their reserve unit. Applicants competing for these positions will select their military job and reserve unit prior to attending Officer Candidates School.

Students are encouraged to seek information and plan ahead if they are interested in pursuing a commission in the United States Marine Corps.

Navy Officer Programs and Scholarships

San Diego State University maintains a liaison with the Navy Officer Programs Office in San Diego. This liaison provides students with access to the many opportunities available to college students throughout the Navy, including scholarships for up to $42,000. Call 1-800-USA-NAVY for additional information.

Baccalaureate Degree Completion Program. Sophomores, juniors and seniors who qualify can earn up to $1,800 each month while they finish their last one, two or three years of college – no uniforms or drill required. Scholarships are available to sophomores, juniors and seniors in all majors who have a 2.7 grade point average or above. Positions in aviation, surface warfare, business management, personnel management, and information systems is guaranteed after college graduation.

Navy Engineering Programs. Scholarships are available to students in technical majors who have at least a 3.0 grade point average. Those who are interested and qualified receive more than $1,700 each month plus benefits while they finish their last one or two years of undergraduate study. The scholarship leads to a position as an instructor, research or operating engineer for the Navy, and a commission as a naval officer.

Medical School and Dental School Scholarships. For students applying to medical or dental school, a scholarship is available which will cover the cost of tuition and books and provide a monthly payment while in medical school. Initial requirements are application to an accredited medical school and competitive GPA and MCAT/DAT scores.

Allied Health Profession Opportunities. The Navy Medical Service Corps offers commissions to clinical, scientific and administrative professionals in the health care field. It is comprised of several specialties that require either a baccalaureate, masters or doctorate degree.

Nurse Corps. Limited scholarships are available for junior and senior nursing students with top scholastic performance.

Students are encouraged to seek information and plan ahead if they are interested in adding any of these programs to their career options. More information on all programs is available by calling or writing to the Officer Programs Office, NRD San Diego, ASW Base, Bldg. 2, 33055 Nixie Way, San Diego, CA 92147-5192, 619-524-6760.

Parking and Transportation

When possible, carpooling or use of alternate modes of transportation is recommended for the commute to campus.

Metropolitan Transit System's Green Line trolley and six bus routes (11, 13, 81, 115, 936, 955) conveniently connect the San Diego metropolitan area with service to the San Diego State University Trolley Station and Transit Center. Semester and monthly trolley and bus passes can be purchased at the Aztec Center Ticket Office.

Further information concerning Metropolitan Transit trolley and bus routes, fares, services, and SchoolPool carpool registration is available at 1-800-COMMUTE or

http://www.sdmts.com and http://www.ridelink.org.

On-campus parking is by permit only and overnight parking requires an additional permit. Purchase or possession of a parking permit does not guarantee a parking space; and, overnight parking is limited and available on a first come, first serve basis. Parking structures and surface lots are located on the perimeter of the campus,

with the remote parking lots serviced by free shuttle vans weekday evenings (Monday through Thursday) during the academic year. Major events at Cox Arena may require parking location adjustment.

Visitors are directed to the Parking Information Booth at the College Avenue entrance to the campus for directions to several available pay parking lots. For further information on parking at the San Diego campus, contact the Department of Public Safety, 619-594-6671. For visitor parking at the Imperial Valley Campus, call 760-768-5500.

San Diego State University Research Foundation

San Diego State University Research Foundation was incorporated in 1943 as an auxiliary organization authorized by the Education Code of the State of California. It is a nonprofit corporation, self-financed, and chartered to augment the educational, research, and community services objectives of the university. San Diego State University Research Foundation serves the university in the following major areas:

- Working with faculty and staff to develop and administer grants and contracts and community-service programs;
- Developing and administering major centers, institutes, community partnerships, and programs;
- Administering a technology transfer program;
- Administering student scholarship, loan funds, and financially managing and investing gifts, trusts and endowments, most on behalf of the university's philanthropic foundation;
- Managing real property to support sponsored programs;
- Assisting in the management functions of KPBS radio and television stations;
- Providing resources to develop new and support existing SDSU faculty sponsored projects, including funds for faculty grants-in-aid, research faculty recruitment, joint doctoral programs, research equipment, and other costs related to advancing the university's research agenda.

San Diego State University Research Foundation, as a nonprofit corporation, is governed by a Board of Directors in accordance with its articles of incorporation and bylaws. The principal function of the Directors is to establish policies and guide the corporation in achieving its objectives.

San Diego State University Press

As the scholarly press for San Diego State University, San Diego State University Press publishes works of original research, as well as other meritorious academic and creative works that will further the intellectual mission of the university. The current focus of the Press is in these areas: Latin America and the United States-Mexico border; regional studies of the Pacific Southwest; and postmodernism. In addition to books, the Press also publishes under its imprint the journals *Fiction International* and *Poetry International.*

San Diego State University Press imprint is controlled by an editorial committee of scholars, appointed by the provost and the senate. Financial accounting and coordination are provided by the San Diego State University Research Foundation.

Semester Study Abroad Programs

Florence Summer Semester Program

The Florence Semester Program offers students the opportunity to study for an eight week summer semester in Florence while earning SDSU resident credit. Courses satisfying upper division General Education Explorations are taught by SDSU faculty. To be eligible, students must be sophomores, juniors, or seniors in good academic standing. For further information contact Maren Castaneda in the Department of Asian Studies, Arts and Letters, Room 473.

London Summer Program

The London Summer Program offers students the opportunity to study and do an internship in London while earning SDSU resident credit through the College of Extended Studies. Students may choose the six week study program or the eight week internship option. Courses satisfying upper division General Education Explorations are taught by SDSU faculty. To be eligible, students must be sophomores, juniors, or seniors in good academic standing. For further information contact Maren Castaneda in the Department of Asian Studies, Arts and Letters, Room 473.

Madrid Semester Academic Program

The Madrid Semester academic program is administered by the Department of Spanish and Portuguese. This program offers students the opportunity to study the Spanish language and culture in Spain for four months and to live in Madrid. Open to SDSU and other California State University students in good standing who have completed at least three college semesters of Spanish (or equivalent). All courses taught by faculty of the Center for Spanish Studies at Antonio de Nebrija University. Living accommodations with Spanish-speaking families throughout Madrid. Students earn 12-15 SDSU resident units toward the bachelor's degree. SDSU financial aid may be available to qualified students. For further information, contact the Department of Spanish and Portuguese Languages and Literatures, Arts and Letters, Room 134.

Paris Semester Academic Program

The Paris Semester academic program is administered by the Department of European Studies. It offers students the opportunity to study for a semester in Paris, while earning 12-15 units of SDSU resident credit. Courses satisfying General Education, French, and International Business requirements are taught by SDSU and Paris-based faculty. To be eligible, students must be sophomores, juniors, or seniors in good academic standing with a minimum of two college semesters of French. For further information, contact the Department of European Studies, Education and Business Administration, Room 304.

Veterans Affairs

Students who are eligible for veterans, dependents, or reservists V.A. education benefits should visit SDSU's Veterans Affairs Office. The Veterans Affairs Office can offer assistance with applying for education benefits, coordinating the V.A. work study program, and processing tutorial assistance paperwork.

Students planning to attend SDSU should contact the Veterans Affairs Office two months before the beginning of the first semester to learn how to file for benefits. Students that miss the application deadline due to circumstances beyond their control (i.e. serving in the military active duty) should contact the Veterans Affairs Office or the Office of Admissions for information regarding petition appeal procedures.

The following educational benefits are available to veterans and dependents at SDSU:

- Chapter 30 (Montgomery GI Bill — Active Duty)
- Chapter 30 (Montgomery GI Bill — Currently Serving on Active Duty)
- Chapter 1606 (Montgomery GI Bill — Reservists)
- Chapter 1607 (Montgomery GI Bill — Reserve Educational Assistance Program)
- Chapter 31 (Vocational Rehabilitation)
- Chapter 35 (Dependents Educational Assistance)
- California Veterans Fee Waiver Program (Dependents of Veterans with a Service-Connected Disability)

Note that in order for a student to use their benefits while attending SDSU, the student must be a regularly matriculated student and all classes taken must be required for the educational objective selected.

For additional information contact the Veterans Affairs Office, Student Services West, Room 1641, 619-594-5831, http://www.sdsu.edu/registrar. For information on the United States Department of Veterans Affairs see http://www.gibill.va.gov. For information of the fee waiver, contact the Cal Vet Fee Waiver Office at 619-531-4545.