Beer advertisements line campus arenas

University does not allow tobacco signs

BY ABRA DEGEARE
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

It's Miller time. For many locations on campus, this slogan is apparent. The Aztec Recreation Center, Aztrack, Cox Arena, Open Air Theatre and Tony Gwynn Stadium don at least one sign representing the Miller Brewing Company. A university endorsing a beer company may seem like it's sending a mixed message, but officials at San Diego State University disagree.

"The university has taken very proactive stances against underage drinking," Media Relations Manager Jason Foster said. "The university has not taken the anti-alcohol position. The fact is, it is certainly legal for most of our student body to drink." One College Area resident disagrees with the advertisements.

Norman Mann said a university should not be supported by a beer company. "I feel the school has sold its soul for a pot of gold by allowing the beer company to place its signs around the campus," Mann said. "I think it's tragic. I'm not against drinking, but I don't feel that the proper place to advertise is on a school property where underage minors have a chance to see beer signs and it's made to look attractive."

SDSU Associated Students and the Athletics Department said there is a general consensus on what is and is not allowed to be advertised on campus. Prior to the building of Cox Arena, who is gradually, the university officials sat down with A.S., the Athletics Department and the alumni association to decide which see BEER on page 2

Squad places high at competition

Dedication and hard work help team earn fifth spot

BY BRANDON JENKINS
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

In its first year as a competitive squad, the San Diego State cheerleading team placed in the top five of its division at the National Cheerleading Association College Nationals. The event was held in early April in Daytona Beach, Fla., with competing teams from all around the country. The SDSU cheerleading team placed fifth out of 27 teams in the small co-ed division.

The cheerleading team — who also cheer at basketball and football games for SDSU — has never participated in competitive cheerleading events prior to this year. Head coach Jennifer Robison said the reason for competing this year was to represent San Diego since no other schools in the area have competitive squads.

Robison said the team has every intention to compete, we had no idea how we were going to rank, and to go in there against teams who have been competing for a long time and ranking fifth out of 27 is pretty good," Worner said. Placing first in competition was the squad from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Worner said.

She said the team had practiced for the nationals since August and they raised all the money for the trip. "They have, so they (SDSU) had no idea," she said.

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The team was judged on difficulty, choreography, gymnastics, showmanship and stunting ability — which the judges placed the emphasis on — Robison said.

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Team captain Aly Seibert, who is graduating this year, said the squad’s achievement in the national will give high expectations on next year’s team members and she thinks they will continue to improve.

"They have a strong coaching staff, and a lot of dedicated members," she said. "With those combined, they should do very well in the years to come."
Spanish junior Michelle Puhek also reflected on the importance of the Cross Cultural Center.

"It’s very important part of college, to go and learn about other cultures," she said. "It’s essential for the whole college learning experience."

After her speech, Malveaux received many cheers and an advisory board. "We had a dynamic series," she Center.

"It’s essential to receive many cheers and a good kick-off, a good inaugural event for the Cross Cultural Center."

Malveaux’s speech was the finale to a two-day inaugural celebration held on campus for the cultural center. On April 29, there was an inaugural breakfast while on April 30, there was a student cultural showcase on the Aztec Center patio. The showcase included entertainment from the Pacific Islanders Association, whose members performed different dances from the Polynesian Islands. It was an exceptional turnout, according to Shimizu.

Ocen says that the center plans to continue full-force next year, with a continuation of the lecture series and also with the hiring of a full-time coordinator.

"It just didn’t seem right in a health facility to advertise something that was not conducive to good health."

--- NORMAN MANN

COLLEGE AREA RESIDENT

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Operation: Freedom littered with failures

BY BEN EISENSTEIN
STAFF COLUMNIST

H eading into the long-anticipated war with Saddam Hussein's regime, President Bush cited two main reasons for a preemptive strike on Iraq. First: to disarm Saddam Hussein of the chemical weapons that Washington has long accused him of possessing. Second: to liberate the oppressed Iraqi people. Weeks after coalition forces entered Iraq and dismantled Hussein's forces, the allied soldiers have yet to find any weapons of mass destruction. Recently, U.S. forces in Iraq were embarrassed after alerting news agencies about a site they uncovered which they thought might be the "smoking gun" concerning WMDs. These statements have led to the question of whether or not we have actually earned the right to use force in the Middle East.

Undeniably, the war has gone very well militarily for the United States and its allies in Operation Iraqi Freedom. In approximately three weeks, coalition forces swept the country and ousted the dictator regime of Iraq. The critical question is to point out recent embarrassments on the part of the Bush administration and, however, their options are plenty.

The United States' genuine and stated reason for entering the conflict was to oust Hussein from power. It is如今 the U.S. Security Council on action against Iraq failed miserably. For many reasons — misplaced intelligence, preconceptions, and the like — they have not convinced France, Russia and China of the immediate threat to the region that Hussein possessed.

In one of his reports to the United Nations concerning Iraq, Secretary Powell mentioned intelligence documents proving that Iraq recently tried to purchase atomic weapon-purpose uranium from Africa. These "intelligence" documents turned out to be forgeries. The forgeries were apparently so crude that an amateur could tell the documents were fraudulent. President Bush also referred to these documents in one of his speeches before they were proved to be invalid. The word "embarrassing" does not begin to describe the diplomatic failure of the African scenario.

Wait — there is more. Weeks after Iraq's initial invasion of Kuwait, Bush's administration promised to release video evidence of Saddam Hussein ordering the execution of 148 hostages. The administration, however, was unable to locate video evidence, much less any evidence of Hussein's complicity. The video evidence never surfaced.

Meanwhile, the British are looking to add other sanctions to the United Nations' already stringent arms embargo against Iraq. No doubt the Bush administration will continue to push for more sanctions, hoping to gain some form of diplomatic support for their actions.

If the United States cannot find WMDs in Iraq, that disappointment would bring the aforementioned failures of recent U.S. foreign policy. The belief that Hussein is or was hiding chemical and biological weapons will continue to drive many people around the world to support U.S.-led invasion of this war. To honest, the information linking Hussein to a current stash of chemical and biological weapons is scant. The majority of the information about him is based on what he said under torture. This is the point at which President Bush and his administration have trusted the judgment of the United States.

Conclusion: The United States' foreign policy is a complete failure. The United States' genuine and stated reason for entering the conflict was to oust Hussein from power. It is now evidence that this is not the case. The United States' foreign policy is a complete failure.
School shooting should not be blamed on President Bush

I am writing this in response to a letter written by Daren Zook ("War is far from over," April 29).

Zook somehow manages to make the absurd argument that the school shooting in Pennsylvania should be blamed on President Bush and the war in Iraq. He states, "Look to our president — he has shown our country, adults and children alike, that it is OK to use violence as a means to solve problems." This is ludicrous. There is a big difference between fighting a war for a cause and being a troubled youth and killing a school child. It is not as if President Bush invented war, or that he is the first president to use such force to solve a conflict. School shootings were going on a long time before the war in Iraq.

Zook states earlier in his letter, "the root of this problem lies in the role models for these children and what society deems acceptable." The role model for these children should be the parents before it is the president. Zook is trying to somehow excuse this kid for what he did and not hold him accountable. The bottom line is that this kid is a psychopath with deadbeat parents who are probably as messed up as he is. No sane person would justify murdering someone just because President Bush sent troops to Iraq.

Another thing that Zook said that was incredibly stupid was: President Bush should "teach children that war solves nothing." If Zook had maybe read a history book or two, he may have realized that war has solved many problems. It took a war to topple the evil Nazi regime in the 1940s; it took a war to free the slaves in the 1860s and it took a war to free America from the British in the 1770s. Stop blaming President Bush for some school shooting, stop saying such idiotic things like "war never solves anything," and open up a history book instead.

—George Ruch

business sophomore

De La Torre an 'admitted thief'

I am writing to address two points in Mr. De La Torre’s column ("Budget cuts in San Diego have ups, more downs," April 29).

The first item is his mention of flat panel monitors in the school district offices being more expensive than the older CRT monitors. Initially, he is correct. However, in the long run, the savings generated by the significantly lower power requirements and the lower heat generation (saving on air conditioning costs) makes the flat-panel monitors cheaper. These monitors are now listed as standard issue on San Diego State’s campus for this very reason.

The second issue I would like to address is that Mr. De La Torre is an admitted thief: "I have been able to personally acquire free office supplies and resources from another high school district in the county, courtesy of a student office worker who I will not identify. In fact, I don’t remember the last time I had to pay to make copies, overheads or buy pens."

If Mr. De La Torre would like to help with the budget crises, he could add up the value of the materials he has stolen and pay for them. Perhaps Mr. De La Torre should sign up for an ethics class, since other facets of his life have obviously failed.

—James Edwards
Consultant at Instructional Technology Services, SDSU

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Rebels bust out whooping stick

MWC's top dogs rip Aztecs for five homers, 21 hits

By MICHAEL KLITZING
Sports Editor

Sometimes, progress has to be measured in baby steps. In that vein, at least the San Diego State baseball team can look to the fact it was not routed when it faced UNLV starter Matt Luca Saturday.

Beyond that, however, there is very little. SDSU can take from the second game of its weekend series with the best in the Mountain West. The No. 38 Rebels embarrassed the Aztecs 15-3 in front of 485 on a damp, dreary afternoon at Tony Gwynn Stadium.

"We're playing a Vegas team that's on a roll right now," SDSU head coach Tony Gwynn said. "They're playing with a lot of confidence and they should — they're getting it done. And in our case, we're not."

Not nearly.

While the Rebels pounded starter Joe Carque, whose pitches were left up in the strike zone all afternoon, SDSU was held to eight runs in three plus innings, it appeared his counterpart was out to make history. After no-hitting the Aztecs in Las Vegas a month ago, Luca was perfect over the first two frames.

K-D Piquet's bloop single to left center in the third snapped the freshman's hitless inning streak against SDSU at 11, but the Aztecs (21-27, 1-17) were never closer to solving him. Luca did not allow a run, while surrendering just four hits over five innings. He was lifted heading into the sixth because UNLV had opened up an 11-run lead.

"I just go with the same approach I take to every game," Luca said of his most recent mastery of the Aztecs. "I just try to throw strikes and hit corners and hope the ump's giving me the call. I came off those runny outs, but I was able to go out there and throw good today."

And his offense provided more than enough support. The Rebels made matters worse in Remington Road duty for cover as they clubbed five home runs as part of their 21-hit barrage.

UNLV (37-12, 20-3) center fielder Patrick Dobson put his team up 2-0 in the first by smashing an elevated Carque offering onto the street beyond the left-field wall. First baseman Fernando Valenzuela feasted off the Aztec right-hander with a towering three-run shot to right center in the third — his first of two on the day.

Quotable

"I get mad just like everybody else, but you know what? Sometimes you've just got to come to the realization that a lot of my guys can't do it for me. For that, we're playing with a lot of confidence and we should — they're getting it done. And in our case, we're not."

Off on the wrong foot

In the series-opener Friday, it did not take long for the tone to be set. The Rebels drew first blood in the opening frame with a Dobson sacrifice fly and, in the bottom of the inning, the Aztecs got the first two men on but could not score.

"That would continue. As UNLV broke through against starter Mike Moat, who was hammered for six runs over six innings, SDSU could do little with junior Robbie Van's curveball.

"That was pretty much his go-to pitch," Aztec catcher Josh Allen said. "Early in the game, he was showing his fastball, but then he was throwing that breaking ball all day. We got to him a few times, but we just didn't capitalize."

The lefty pitched seven innings, allowing three runs on seven hits. He was touched up for a three-run sixth that cut the UNLV lead to 9-3, but the Rebels responded with two runs off Moat and Daryl Haram in the top of the seventh to remove much of the drama from the rest of the contest.

By the numbers

6 — hits for center fielder Anthony Gwynn in the first two games. He was knocked in just once.

9 — consecutive MWC wins for UNLV.

485 — attendance at Tony Gwynn Stadium.

The Aztec Baseball Saturday

REBELS 15, AZTECS 3

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Shielsanii, 2b  5 3 3 1
Gauthreau, rf  5 3 2 1
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Score by innings

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Pupo  2.0 5 3 3 0 0
Citrak, 3b  1.0 0 0 0 0 0
Lesko  1.0 0 0 0 1 0

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WP—Luca (4-0).

Utility Amber Prestegard became the first player in Aztec history to score 50 goals in four consecutive seasons. Ben Chance / Daily Aztec

UNLV's Garrett Shielsanii is congratulated by Fernando Valenzuela after scoring on Dobson's homer. Matt FitzGerald / Daily Aztec

SATURDAY, 9/4 WATVERO POLO IN REVIEW

Impressive finish in MPSF net.

Zabel and Prestegard

No. 7 rank

BY BOBBY ELLIS
Staff Writer

It is no stretch to say the San Diego State women's water polo team exceeded its 2003 expectations. SDSU entered its campaign with a No. 8 ranking. It finished its run with an impressive fifth-place showing at the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Tournament to earn a lock on a lucky No. 7 finish.

The Aztecs' triumph at the nation's premier conference tournament resulted in their best finish in four years and gave SDSU a record of 21-12 when all was said and done.

"I think we set the bar pretty high," head coach Carin Crawford said. "I don't think that any of the returners will be satisfied with any less of a strong finish than what we experienced this year."

Goalkeeper

Arguably, the biggest void the Aztecs had to fill this season was the absence of goalkeeper and 2002 team MVP Heather Stilen. The pressure to fill that position was placed on the shoulders of junior goalkeeper Ashley Zabel.

Although Zabel may have struggled early on, both her play and confidence steadily improved throughout the 2003 season.

"I think the experience I have every year has really given me a lot of confidence," Zabel said. "I think it will definitely help me this year."

Goalie's play hit its peak at the most opportune time, as she tallied 34 saves over four games at the 2003 MPSF Championship. Zabel's prodigious 10 saves against No. 5 Cal led both the defense and the Aztecs to a 5-2 victory.

With Zabel's return in 2004, the strength in front of the cage only looks to improve. Both junior Sara see FINISH on page 7

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**FINISH:** Hartzell led team with 63 goals, should lead attack again in '04

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**Utility**

Senior co-captain Casey Finnegan and senior midfielder Holly Hartzell embodied the Aztecs’ strength at the utility position. Finnegan’s invaluable leadership both in and out of the pool will stand as a foundation upon which SDSU will build toward future success.

**Analysis**

Although Prestegard is clearly aware of the impact of both her and Finnegan’s absence, she is confident that the Aztecs will continue in their winning ways.

She holds the program’s all-time assist record with 116 and stands in second place on the Aztecs all-time scorer’s list with 230 career goals.

The Aztecs will have to say goodbye to possibly two of the program’s best players in SDSU’s young, yet rich water polo history.

Tommy Choy and Alyssa Banks will have to work out for her after we’re gone,” she said. “All of the newcomers and another dimension to the team — I think we will be strong for at least the next few years — until (Crawford) has to recur a new class.

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