Toya settles in at new position

BY STEPHANIE BAUERLEIN
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

If you haven’t been to the Cross-Cultural Center lately, you probably haven’t had the chance to meet a man who has already made an impact on the students and faculty he’s come in contact with in the first month he’s been at San Diego State.

Greg Toya, the inaugural director of the center, comes to SDSU with a lot of knowledge and experience in multicultural education, and plenty of ideas for improving what the center already offers.

Toya was recently the interim director of SDSU’s Cross-Cultural Center and the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Resource Center at UC Davis. There, Toya said he supervised three full-time staffs and 11 undergraduate interns, and established revised mission and vision statements for the departments. In addition to his previous position, Toya has served on many professional and community committees and projects related to multicultural education.

Psychology senior and special events intern Genesis Toya talked to International business senior Michelle Ro in the Cross-Cultural Center. Jesica Swarts / Daily Aztec

Lastrella said Toya brings a lot of knowledge to SDSU and really knows what the centers are all about.

"He's great," Lastrella said. "He's a lot of fun to work with. We had a lot of great candidates, but we couldn't have done as good as Greg."

Toya said after his three years of direct experience with cross-cultural centers and many years of multicultural project experience, he was attracted to the coordinator position because it provided an opportunity to implement that is a 30 percent increase compared to last year's election, when 7.7 million Californians voted.

After tallying all the votes, election results must be submitted in a certified statement to the Secretary of State within 35 days of the election, or Nov. 11. By Nov. 15, the Secretary of State must certify the election results and issue a certificate of election to the replacement candidate if the recall is successful.

CNN said the average time it takes to completely count all the votes is 38 days. If the race should be certified sooner, but it is unlikely.

— City Editor Brandon Jenkins contributed to this article

University clubs support AIDS cause

BY RONDI COLLINS, CONTRIBUTOR

Approximately 100 people joined Team SDSU on Sunday to participate in AIDS Walk San Diego. The event supports the cause and those affected by the virus by raising funds for HIV/AIDS research and care.

Ben Carnes, event organizer and Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Student Union president, said they have not added up all the funds, but he knows they raised more than $1,000.

"Online donations as of Sunday morning were at $581," Carnes said. "They accepted cash and checks on Sunday adding up to well over $550."

LGBTSU has participated in this annual event since 1989, when the walk first came to San Diego.

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SDSU student expresses life as FBI employee

Institution only accepts the best of the best for its Honors Internship Program

BY JENNIFER EMEL, CONTRIBUTOR

Top-secret clearance, three-hour lie detector tests, 20 pages of security clearance and counterterrorism. Is this the new fall blockbuster?

No. It’s all a part of the Honors Internship Program with the FBI.

Lance Larson, information and decision systems senior at San Diego State, recently completed his internship with the FBI in Quantico, Va. After undergoing nearly a yearlong application process, he was one of a limited number of interns available each summer.

“I worked in the brand-new 58 million Laboratory Division – Unit 7,” Larson said. “My job was to assist in the creation of online counterterrorism training and we were very, very busy.”

If Larson’s internship process began last July when he requested an application from the San Diego Field Office. Applicants are required to apply through the field office nearest their home, so Larson found himself doing what we’re counting like airline hopping four months, Larson prepared his resume, wrote a 500-word essay expressing his interest in the program and obtained letters of recommendation. Current passport-size photographs were a must as were his current academic transcripts.

Larson submitted his application in November, and in December, he had a phone interview, extensive background investigations, polygraph tests and drug screenings.

His appointment was rendered in the spring, Larson began the FBI Honors Internship Program in August and returned home the second Friday in August. He was paid at the GS-6 level on the government pay scale — approximately $3,000 per month.

“All FBI employees are required to have top-secret clearance, so the interns were granted top-secret clearance,” Larson said. “I learned a lot because you can use that on any future job application, especially for the government.”

FBI interns are available to a small number of highly qualified students each year. The FBI Honors Internship Program is one of many programs the FBI offers to attract and retain qualified individuals. According to the FBI Honors Internship Program, the FBI intends to return to their campus following the program, have an accumulate grade-point average of 3.0 or above and must be a United States citizen.

The application process is the same for interns as it is for agents. The FBI selects individuals who possess specific skills based on current agency needs and are chosen because of their strong academic credentials, outstanding character and high degree of motivation.

Larson's experience enabled him to network with high-level personnel,” Larson said. “I was lucky enough to receive a recommendation letter from the section chief that I can use for future applications.

Larson, who has been long in preparing for this opportunity, used his IDS background and his volunteer work as a reserve police officer to enhance his application.

After Larson’s all-expense-paid trip to FBI headquarters in Washington, D.C., he was sworn in, then handed over to FBI Supervisor Dean Fletcher. Fletcher had submitted his intern resume three years earlier, which, in turn, was matched with Larson’s qualifications.

“Lance helped to work on a course for national security and also on an Introduction to Forensics Biology course,” Fletcher said. “He worked with subject matter experts and he did programming for the interactive online course. I wish I was in his class this year.”

Immediately after he graduates from SDSU this coming August, Larson plans to begin his graduate work in computer science. Larson wants to continue to qualify directly to the FBI. Because of his internship experience with the FBI, the three-year work experience the FBI normally requires were waived.

“How can you beat it?” Fletcher said. “You’ve worked for the FBI. Who wouldn’t take you on? You passed the fierce scrutiny of many organizations for that one. Lance has no director, is also an intern, and his experience is still like that this year.

“We all try to help each other,” Cherre said. “Greg is always doing everything. It’s good he’s here because now the whole family is together.”

In addition to Toya’s specific plans for the upcoming year, he has also some more general goals. Toya said he wants to establish the center as one of the main campus and community entities for diversity education, create signature multicultural programs, inform the campus and community about the center, and assess and learn about the diverse needs and issues of the community.

“We want to emphasize that the center is for everyone,” he said. “People like me, all cultures and backgrounds are welcome in the center and we encourage all to become involved in our programs and services.”

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Media responsible for misinformation

By Jari Leischon
Contribution Columnist

Getting to find out exactly what happened tends to occur long after the fact when dealing with our government. Is it because we no longer pay attention to the news, or is it because our government operate under a shroud of legal secrecy? Is it because the mainstream news media is a business, and their newest marketing techniques indicate a return to yellow journalism and frizzed sensationalism? Is it because the bloated middle classes can only begin to dig the myriad news stories recounting technological breakdowns of the war, societal breakdowns such as terrorism, and financial ruin in the United States?

Illuminated only in retrospect, the complexity of these issues remains hidden from the least and the brightest college graduates.

Washington and the “fourth estate” s proliferation of lies have helped to create an apathetic attitude toward the media.

To the dismay of most, the media failed to report the war of watchdog journalism was quickly ushered out by a new, junkyard journalism that paid off for journalistic style, in which news reporters strive no longer for truth but for a story that will make another to have the most scandalous or sexed-up story appear on their newscast first.

According to the recent election, people would have liked their government to ask Congress to provide all the needed aid and resources for war on AIDS. However, as the popular vote shows, people are not satisfied with the response to the epidemic.

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Global war on HIV/AIDS in dire need of federal funds

By Consuela Headrick
Staff Writer

After the absurd election that took place in November, it's now time to refocus your con­science toward something much more serious that receives not nearly enough publicity.

The highly AIDS-infected areas of the world are not getting the money promised by Dubya from Congress. President George W. Bush promised to ask Congress for $15 billion over the next five years to help the areas most plagued by the disease around the world during his State of the Union address last January. It's been more than six months, and not a dime has come from the United States to aid those in need.

Money has been allocated toward ending the “war on terror” — in which we terrorized other countries, and label our war on drugs by increasing drug offenders to prison, but what about the war on AIDS?

In 2004, it was said that $3 billion would be the first installment to help fight AIDS globally. However, according to www.data.org, only $2 billion will be given to the nations in need, since that is all the Senate and House of Rep­resentatives allocated. Without any burdens, Cosmetic 1.6 billion infections will not be prevented, 400,000 people will not get the medicine they need, and thousands of orphans will die because they will not be cared for. Cosmo disease is only a start. True, possible ways to control the disease are discussed at this forum; how­ever, what about the uneducated tribes who have no idea about the myths of the AIDS virus?

The Masai tribe of East Africa is one example to consid­er. Since most members are illit­erate, they are also uneducated about the AIDS virus. Masai are still living under the belief that acquiring the virus is a curse and not a disease. When the men of the tribe sell cattle in Nairobi, they earn money and food from the city with pros­titutes. They then bring the dis­ease back to their wives and their village.

Instead of holding a five-day conference in the city, the people need to go into the country and teach people about the virus. The only way to put a hold on the pandemic is to catch it at the roots. Education is the key to helping end this crisis. Not only do we have an obligation to be educated about what is going on with this "promise," the people in sub-Saharan and other highly infected countries need to be educated about AIDS. Condoms also need to be made readily available to them.

There is still a great deal that needs to be done in order to conquer this virus. Although the ultimate hope is that a vaccine will be found one day, it is important that we focus on the immediate problems instead of allowing the number of those infected to expand. We will never stay giving up hope, and neither should you. To make sure that Bush and Con­gress keep their promises, visit http://data.lettercampaign.org, and write to them. A little bit can go a long way in order to help those in need across the globe.

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Democrats must capitalize on growing animosity

BY MARK WEISBROT

**KRT Campus**

"lies and the Lying Liars Who Tell Them," the tale of Al Franken's book on the American right, is starting to look less like a cartoon and more like a description that could filter into the mainstream. Last week, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., surprised his Senate colleagues by accusing the Bush team of going to war in Iraq for domestic political reasons, and deliberately deceiving the American public.

"There was no immediate threat. This was made up in Texas, announced in January to the Republican leadership that (the war) was going to take place and was going to be good politically. This whole thing was a fraud," Kennedy said. Kennedy's remarks were not the least bit shocking to the tens of millions of Americans who have seen through the fraud from the very beginning. Back in August 2002, the Democrats were polling Republicans on the economy, the budget, Social Security and almost all of the biggest election issues except national security and terrorism. Millions of Americans had lost much of their retirement savings in a wave of corporate crime.

Then came the war talk, and soon all of these issues were out of the headlines. It worked: the Republicans went on to win both houses of Congress in November.

The timing was perfect and the mascots offered for the war turned out to be fraudulent — no weapons of mass destruction, no link between Iraq and Sept. 11. What more evidence would anyone need as to why they did it?

Yet Kennedy is the first political leader with full access to the national media to state the obvious. Hence the swift and shrill response from Republicans, with House Majority Leader Tom DeLay accusing Kennedy of having "spread more hateful rhetoric at President Bush than they ever did at Saddam Hussein."

"It's a war of lies," Kennedy said, "not for freedom but for prolonging the agony."

There is a part of the electorate, probably a third, that already knows that the war on Iraq is illegal and that Bush used a fraud to get through this mess for the most unconscionable of political motives. These readers can be found in the New York Times, or use the Internet to find dozens of other well-informed, even, as Kennedy says, make these arguments persuasively.

According to the New York Times, about 38 percent of the public have consistently told pollsters they do not believe that George W. Bush was legitimately elected president. Another part, also roughly a third, is solidly in Bush's corner. These are people who get their information from Fox News and actually believe that it is "fair and balanced." They would support the president if he invaded Sweden to liberate its people from the oppression of its welfare state.

It's that other third — the swing voters — that the Bush team is worried about. According to the most recent poll, their support for the war is slipping and their skepticism about President Bush is growing. Many of these people do not get much news outside of the major broadcast media, and therefore have not been exposed to the strong arguments that Kennedy brought them recently.

If more political leaders with Kennedy's level of access to the media were to pick up on these themes, it could seriously undermine President Bush's credibility. Still, the biggest group of swing voters will probably make their decision on the basis of the economy. But President Bush is at least as vulnerable on that front, as he is poised to become the first president since Herbert Hoover to preside over a net loss of jobs during his term.

It's still very early in the game and the Democrats don't have a candidate yet, but if they don't seize this presidencial moment it will be theirs for the taking. If they have the courage to take it.

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**LETTERS**

MASCOT DECISION SHOULD NOT REST SOLELY IN HANDS OF MINORITY GROUPS

This letter is in reply to Stephanie Bauerlein's article (Fate of future mascot center of A.S. debate," Oct. 7). I hate it when politically correct do-gooders such as MECHA and NASA automatically feel offended by our mascot and decide to ruin everyone's fun by voting to take him away. I hope the A.S. Council makes the right decision by giving Monty Montezuma back to us, the students who decided overwhelmingly to keep him in the first place.

Having a college mascot, whether he's running on the football field at halftime or cheering for our basketball team, is one of the many fun things about college. Monty Montezuma was not intentionally created to offend anyone, especially the students who "are pure Aztecs." When the mascot was created, everything was researched to make sure Monty was created in a way that he honored to use the Aztec as a mascot is most likely to appear.

If these politically correct organizations feel so offended, why don't they transfer the Cal State San Marcos where they have a cougar as a mascot? Oh, I'm sorry. Having a cougar mascot might just offend all the wildcats out there.

—Shannon Hammell

history senior

BELABORING MASCOT ISSUE IS FUTILE, WASTE OF TIME

I was disappointed to hear that the Associated Students Council is once again dealing with this dead-as-Johnny-Cash issue of the mascot. As a recent graduate of SDSU and one of the A.S. Council members who helped push the Aztec out of the way in 2001, I wish to offer some advice to any and all who wish to continue this silly debate — stop. It's not worth it.

No matter how many times we discuss it, or how many resolutions and referenda the students at SDSU want to go through, Monty will never again be the official mascot of SDSU. I am not saying this because I have an overall faith that the students, faculty or administration of SDSU will someday become a little more sensitive to students of color. I'm saying this because the law — that's right, the law.

There is actual legislation from the California State Assembly that says, "no humans shall be mascots for San Marcos" or "the use of Montezuma was not intentional to offend anyone." When you read it, you will see that Monty Montezuma was not intentional to offend anyone. When you read it, you will see that Monty Montezuma was not intentional to offend anyone. When you read it, you will see that Monty Montezuma was not intentional to offend anyone. When you read it, you will see that Monty Montezuma was not intentional to offend anyone.

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COLUMINIST AS ZEALOUS AS CATHOLIC PHYSICIANS SHE CONDEMNS

Ms. Satia, if I were a betting man, I would bet with confidence that every time I run across a copy of The Daily Aztec, I can flip to page 4 and find a little church-bashing, and last Thursday, I probably could have made a few bucks ("Zealots hinder fair care of rape victims".

What you have chosen to call "religious zealots" (and I can only assume the word "zealot" is used to bring about a sense of radicalism) are simply people who hold their faith to be true and dear. You just don't agree with it.

They might be right, they might be wrong, but the fact is, you just don't agree with it. You are among the targeting doctors at Catholic hospitals, hospitals created to serve people where our civic dollars are scarce, and you want to criticize them for not bending regarding a tenet of their faith.

Please take care note I am not a Catholic, nor a former one, but I have bothered to find out why you are suggesting is an abomination to the medical practice is an issue. It is simply against their faith to stop a sperm from fertilizing an egg (this is a simple explanation, but it makes the point), regardless of the situation. You can joke about Monty Python’s "Every Sperm is Sacred" all day long, but that about sums it up. And if a child is produced from rape (mind you, Planned Parenthood’s 9 percent factor is rather liberal), why don’t you ask those children how they feel about it? You could really try a less biased organization for your facts.

If being a "zealot" means standing by what you believe in, then there aren’t enough zealots in this world, but the same measuring stick should be used to mark them as "religious zealots" in turn marks you an "unbelieving zealot." Doesn’t feel good, does it?

You say they lack compassion. They let a child be conceived, regardless of circumstances, and let it grow and love and become someone: that is compassion. You say to not yield to your version of idealism is "intolerable," so what you are essentially saying is that people of devout faith ought to go against what they believe is right and good to further your ideals. Now that is intolerable.

Explore your subject before you name-calling — not your topic — your subject, the people. Did you ask one of these people what they felt? Did you explore the reasons or background for this par tic ular public health? Does it have a private/faith? Or does it matter?

An opinion column is more than just name-calling. Please offer us a more academic and professional approach. The name-calling is just plain rude.

—Brett A. Burner
San Diego resident

SDSU SPECTATORS ARE A SORRY EXCUSE FOR FANS, MUST SHOW MORE ENTHUSIASM AT GAMES

This letter is in response to the previous letter, which I personally witnessed during SDSU’s loss to BYU last Saturday at Qualcomm Stadium. What the HELL was that? Who taught SDSU fans how to cheer? I know it wasn’t Charlie Strong’s 12th man. If I didn’t want to hear crowd noise, I would have bought season tickets. When 4,000 BYU fans cheer louder than more than 20,000 SDSU fans, there is a huge problem. I mean, are there some pointers I want to give our fans?

Watch your mouth. Drunken tirades about an opposing player’s mom can be funny, but not in the vicinity of young children. Have some consideration for our younger fans, but continue berating Brathwaite’s mom’s hairstylist.

Be considerate of those fans who are actually watching the game. If you are at the game to socialize, please don’t block anyone’s view, and keep your cell phone in your pocket. If you’re there to watch the game, and you were just sitting or whom you’re sitting with — I care whether we win the game.

Scream on third down! If the offense is not doing anything, they shouldn’t be able to hear the cadence. Our defense feeds off our fans. If we want to have some offense at a disadvantage. By the end of the game, I want someone players to be dead. I was shouting my lungs out and I could see people chatting on their cell phones. You’re not in a bar — watch the frickin’ game!

When we’re on offense, shut the hell up! We want our guys to hear the cadence, so wait till we make the play. It’s not about, for crying out loud, do you want it to make it harder for our guys?

Close game, the stadium should be blowing its lid. When our defense is on the field with less than a minute, we are in winnable game, we should be screaming like maniacs on the sidelines, not standing still third or fourth down to shout till your lungs bleed and your head hurts. Our guys need to hear it. When I say do they want to make plays on first and second downs too, people.

Until the letter end! I saw our guys leaving everything out there on the field only to see people exit after our missed fourth down. I know everyone is disappointed, but we still have to cheer our guys’ efforts. Give the players the respect they deserve. Cheer for them, win or lose. You bandwagons need to stay home if you don’t want to cheer. Be a real fan and stay the entire game. No more leaving at halftime.

I lost my voice last Saturday after cheering longer than I have ever cheered, and I was done in my life. When our team lost, I felt like I lost, too. I care about our team because they represent my school.

As SDSU fans, we should feel a connection to our players because they are our classmates, friends and OIR team. I was ashamed to be an SDSU fan that day. I bashed our team’s quality of play, but because of our horrible fan attitude. We’re in contention, and home-field advantage is more important than ever. This year will determine if we can ascend to the level of the past, where I believe we belong — and it starts with our fans.

We have to be the 12th man if we want to beat the opposition’s best. I want to see real fans out there. My lungs and throat bleed with the team and I will for the rest of this year and my life. Yours should, too. GO AZTECS!

—Rosendo P. DelaCruz II
Social science senior

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Out of the Webb: WR sets priorities straight

Aztecs look to add some balance to offensive attack with Hall's return

BY Kourosh Safavi
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

There are times in one's life when a student's priorities just don't seem to make sense for them, when in fact the key to their success literally sits at their feet.

For San Diego State wide receiver Jeff Webb, the missing key in front of him was his education. After struggling with his classes in 2001, the sophomore wideout spent last season as a redshirt so he could focus on academics after playing in all 11 games as a freshman.

After a slow start this year, Webb exploded out of his shell against BYU, hauling in 10 catches for 253 yards and three touchdowns, tallying up the best outing by a receiver thus far in 2003. Webb looks to maintain the balance between making big plays on the field, while also hitting the books.

"He's learned a real self-purpose of why he's here — to get an education," head coach Tom Craft said. "There's been a continual change of attitude and he's come a long ways. And just like anything else, he has to sustain it."

For Webb, all the potential yards, catches, big plays and touchdowns start in practice. His philosophy is simple. If you give your all and put out 100 percent on the practice field, it will show come game time.

"I believe 100 percent that you practice like you play," Webb said. "I just went out to practice every day and hoped that it made me have a better Saturday."

And after his one-season hiatus, the sophomore receiver is appreciating all of the "little things" about his playing time on the field and being part of the Air Craft system.

"It's overwhelming just to be out there," Webb said. "My goals are starting to come true and I'm glad that I'm back this year as an Aztec."

Despite Webb's game-breaking performance last week, he is quick to credit his quarterback and the offense that continually rotates its receivers.

"I don't think that I'm the No. 1 guy," Webb said. "I think all my receivers are the No. 1 guy and it would have been Lonnel Penman or Devin Pitts having a big day."

Demp's sidelined

After suffering an ankle injury against BYU Saturday, strong safety Marcus Demps will be out of action for at least four weeks. Demps' rehab process will be similar to what quarterback Aaron Hall went through after his ankle injury.

"We're gonna boot him, restrict it and let it have an opportunity to heal and evaluate it after a month and go from there," Craft said.

If the scenario arises where Demps' injury will require surgery, the sophomore will most likely wait until the end of the season.

Sophomore wide receiver Jeff Webb has turned things around after academic struggles and looks to be the go-to guy for QB Adam Hall.

BY Paul Cohen
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Feeling blue at an orange and black university

T is summer. I frequented 12 Los Angeles Dodger games, all of which were thrilling games — including the Dodgers' 8-2 romp of the Giants in June when Paul Lo Duca extended his eventual 25-game hitting streak.

Just pondering about all the exciting Dodger games reminds me of how pleasant it was to spend a thorough three to four hours watching baseball at Dodger Stadium.

Dodger Stadium is a place where I can walk through the stands and see at least five people I know. A place where everywhere I turn I see an ocean of blue hats and shirts in the stands. It is where the bitter rivals (the San Francisco Giants, naturally) are mocked, ridiculed and taunted.

Much like a baboon feels secure in his or her natural environment, I feel safe and secure at Dodger Stadium.

But this all changes as soon as I return to school each year at San Diego State. Suddenly the Dodger fans, which in my hometown of Pasadena are a majority, have become the ridiculed and mocked minority.

The majority: Giants fans.

My freshman year, I lived on a floor where nearly all the people rooted for the Giants and only one or two people besides myself were Dodger fans. Of course Anaheim winning the World Series the same year did not help Los Angeles as it only turned the few disgruntled Dodger fans into bandwagon Angel fans.

Currently at my apartment, I cannot seem to mention or breath a word about the Dodgers without my very own roommate verbally tearing my beloved team apart in conservation of his sacred Giants. Almost everywhere I look in the hallways on campus, I see copious amounts of students clothed in Halloween-colored Giants gear.

So I ask the students: Where have all the Dodger fans gone?

Surely there are more Dodger fans on campus than 10 in every other full moon. It almost seems like finding a Dodger fan at State is like finding a needle in a haystack. And for every Dodger fan I meet in my classes, there are five Giants fans to oppose him or her.

Even more surprising is that fact that I rarely see a dedicated San Diego Padres fan. But seriously, one might as well be better off rooting for the Padres.

In my honest opinion, I believe what Dodger fans at this school are lacking is pride. I know it may seem disheartening and unpropitious that every year the Dodgers come so close to the wild card only to let it slip from their grasp, but these heartbreaking losses are all a part of being a devoted fan.

It is time for the Dodger fans to emerge from the dark, lonely caves they hide in and reveal themselves to SDSU. I ask all fans to join me in bearing their Dodger paraphernalia on campus this Friday to send a message to the Giants fans across the campus that we Dodger fans are proud!

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"It is really been an emotional lift for us to have Adam back," Craft said. "As he continues to get some of the rust off, we're going to strive for balance because we're going to need it in the tough light games. His presence is definitely going to have an impact on what we do offensively."
SDSU retaliates with a sweep of its own, gains confidence

Aztecs stay above .500 with win Tuesday night
By Tim Miguel
Senior Staff Writer

It was just what the doctor ordered — the kind of match that couldn’t have come at a better time.

Last night, the San Diego State women’s volleyball team broke its two-match losing streak with a 3-0 shutout against Cal State Fullerton at Peterson Gym.

“This was a really big match,” senior Zlatina Anguelova said. “We haven’t been playing well lately, but we got our confidence back tonight. This match really helped us out.”

said junior Kara Moriarty: “After last weekend we’ve been in a bit of a slump. We definitely have more confidence now.”

The second game was the turning point of the match. SDSU had an 18-9 lead, but the Titans would come all the way back to take the lead late in the match. With the game tied at 25, the Aztecs won the next two points to claim the victory.

“We made the key plays at the end of the game,” head coach Mark Warner said. “They were the kind of plays that good teams make to win. We’ve been in situations like this earlier in the season and we didn’t make those plays.”

Moriarty said: “We were much more relaxed after winning that second game. We had all the momentum going into the third game.”

Anguelova led SDSU (10-8, 2-0) with 17 kills. Anguelova also had a hitting percentage of .455 along with nine digs.

Moriarty led the Aztecs with 11 digs, along with 13 kills of her own.

SDSU was in control for most of the match during the first and third games.

The Aztecs led by as many as six points in the first game, only to have the Titans cut the lead to one. SDSU would slam the door and take the 30-25 win.

In the third game, Cal State Fullerton led at the outset, but eventually the Aztecs would pull away with a 30-23 win.

For Cal State Fullerton (7-10, 1-4), Elena Goldina led the Titans with 13 kills and also had a hitting percentage of .344.

Tuesday night marked a very important win for SDSU, but it will have to keep its momentum up as conference play resumes.

“Play night the Aztecs host New Mexico for their 1,000th game at Peterson Gym at 7 p.m.

“We didn’t block too well, but our defense was much better,” Warner said. “This match was big for us to build our confidence back, but we’re (the coaches) still going to be on the girls.”

CLUB SPOTLIGHT

Cyclists finish strong in battle with the region’s best

By Paul Cohen
Staff Writer

The San Diego State club cycling team pedaled its way to another outstanding finish at its second race of the season this weekend at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

Many other schools joined SDSU in the competition, including USC, UCLA, UCSD and Chico State, to name a few. The Aztecs brought 15 riders to represent their team in the race, and had some standout finishes.

“We not only have professional level riders, but we have rela­bility,” SDSU downhill/slalom racer Andre Sanches said. “Most of our athletes go to all the races.”

German native Roland Danzer, a professional cross-country racer, took second place in the cross-country competition and third place in the short track cross-country competition. Brazil native Sanches took fourth place in the dual slalom, a race that pits two racers against one another on adjacent, identical downhill courses that are rid­dled with jumps and turns.

Andre, who normally competes in the downhill races, has continued his unbeaten streak in the dual slalom competition.

Ryan MacDonald and Chad MacDonald placed fifth and eighth respectively in the cross-country race, which consists of uphill climbs, descending along the varying terrain of the mountains, and the occasional smooth road in which riders can go up to 40 mph.

“This year, we have four riders qualified for Nationals, and depending on a petition we put for funds with the Sports Council, we will be racing all the events,” Sanches said.

Sanches, Danzer, Schafer and Alan Villa all qualified for nationals and will represent SDSU this weekend at the Collegiate Mountain Bike Nationals held in New Mexico.

For more information about the SDSU cycling team, visit www.SDSUCycling.org.

Women’s Club Soccer

San Diego State’s women’s club soccer team improved its overall season record to 3-1 this weekend with back-to-back wins against USC and UCLA.

The Aztecs’ first win came against the University of Southern California on Saturday.

A standout performance came from Jasara Gillette, who contributed a goal and an assist to help SDSU to a 4-0 win over the Trojans.

The following day, the Aztecs took on UCLA and won in grand fashion 3-1 over the Bruins. The game was close at the half as both teams had scored on each other to leave a 1-1 tie. The second half proved to be a different story as SDSU outscored UCLA 2-0.

The final goal came from sweeper Avery Austria who kicked the ball from about 10 yards from midfield into the far corner of the goal. Overall, Austria had an outstanding weekend providing two of the seven goals scored by SDSU in both games.

“T he team is finally coming together and showing what kind of power we can be,” team captain Annie Pendergast said.

This Saturday at 3 p.m. the Aztecs will be playing at home on the football practice field against CSU Long Beach, where they look to continue their two-game winning streak.

Men’s Club Soccer

The SDSU men’s club soccer team continued its unbeaten streak to make the team 6-0 on the season. This past weekend they defeated highly-ranked Arizona State 5-1.

SDSU has now scored 30 goals in the last six games averaging five goals per game against opponents this season.

A standout performance for the Aztecs came from Chris Giangiaci who scored two goals and registered two assists against the Sun Devils. Defensively, Adam Kulpa, the team’s sweeper, helped keep the Sun Devils to merely one goal.

“Our defense has been playing well despite various injuries,” coach Chris Silsbee said. “Players on the team have been coming up and playing well.”

The undefeated Aztecs look to add another win this Saturday as they travel to UC Irvine to face the Anteaters.
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