Sun Devils cool down the Aztecs

Laura Barrick staff writer

The No. 5 San Diego State water polo team traveled to Tempe, Ariz. to take on the No. 6 Arizona State Sun Devils on Saturday.

Although SDSU defeated ASU the week prior and went 3-2 in the UC Irvine Invitational, the team didn’t have the same luck this weekend. The Sun Devils took a 2-0 lead early in the first quarter, which left the Aztecs playing catch up the rest of the game.

Sophomore utility Taylor Moreno scored SDSU’s first goal in the last three minutes of the opening quarter, but another goal from ASU gave it a 3-1 advantage at the end of the first quarter. Senior two-meter defense Leanne Ford was able to snag a quick goal during the opening possession of the second quarter to make the score 3-2. However, the Sun Devils added three more goals and led 6-3 at halftime.

In the second half, ASU robbed the Aztecs of any comeback hopes. Even though SDSU’s defense allowed only one Sun Devil goal in the third quarter, five goals in the fourth quarter make the deficit impossible for the Aztecs to come back from.

Senior utility Meaghan Poland scored the third and final goal for the Aztecs with 16 seconds left in the game, making the final score 12-3. Senior goalkeeper Kelly Campoli finished with nine saves.

SDSU will be back in action at 5 p.m. on Friday in Los Angeles, when the team takes on USC.
Students, faculty and staff rallied at SDSU last Thursday to protest higher tuition and fees at CSU campuses.  

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"Education under attack. Fight back!" was the chant heard by passersby last Thursday from the Scripps Cottage Patio.

**How do they expect us to succeed? We don’t even have an accessible education to help us succeed.**

Kimberly Ramirez, criminal justice freshman at SDSU

San Diego State joined in the day of statewide demonstrations along with San Diego City College and the University of California at San Diego. The protest was against budget cuts as well as the ongoing argument against the privatization of public universities and colleges.

One of the highlights was the rally’s goal, which was urging the government to prioritize public education funding. Many petitions, including the Millionaires Tax Initiative that opposes Gov. Jerry Brown’s proposal to increase income taxes on those who earn $1 million a year, were made accessible to students and faculty during the rally.

"We are the 99 percent," Africana studies professor Charles Toombs said. "We are the ones that are supposed to make the decisions." A 40 percent increase in faculty cuts have been affecting class quality, according to the Chair of the European Studies Department, Anne Donaday.

San Diego State has joined the call for increased spending on education. President Elliot Hirshman, chair of the University Affairs Board, said he is "looking for donors." SDSU and the University of California at Los Angeles have both met with the parents of the 65 students to daycare. Executives met with the parents of the 65 students this cut could affect on Friday to explain the situation.

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**GreenFest to donate proceeds**

Because of budget cuts, the San Diego State Children’s Center could lose a $340,000 grant from the state. The grant enables low-income parents to send their children to daycare. Administrators met with the parents of the 65 students this cut could affect on Friday to explain the situation.

In an attempt to alleviate some of the stress caused by the cut, proceeds from this year’s GreenFest will go to the Children’s Center. GreenFest recently received a $500 sponsorship from Kohl’s, which will significantly increase the amount of activities offered.

**Restructuring update**

On Friday, the Associated Students’ Restructuring Committee updated some of the decisions made at its previous meeting. Two council representatives will sit on the Multi-Cultural Caucus as non-voting members, rather than seven as originally planned.

To ensure cultural organizations will continue to contribute to the University Affairs Board, there will also be a diversity commissioner. Discussions at the next meeting will include how to integrate non-cultural organizations, such as the Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Association, and how to fit in council boards such as community service and external affairs.

**Administrative changes to AS**

Associated Students need a new marketing manager to handle its media relations. Lorena Ruggero began work last Monday.

A.S. turns 80 this Wednesday. No festivities are planned, but A.S. is reportedly excited to have been on campus for so long.

**Compiled by Staff Writer Amy Williams**

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**CSU students walk out**

The protest was against budget cuts with San Diego City College and the University of California at San Diego.

**“Before, it used to be easier because we were able to concentrate more, and not have to worry about people crossing us.”**

Alicia Nicols, SDSU graduate and Cultural Caucus as non-voting member.

Dr. Aaron Bruce, San Diego State’s chief diversity officer, said everyone is looking forward to the opening of the new Aztec Student Union next year.

He said the reconstruction has temporarily inconvenienced a variety of organizations and individuals because the building was frequent on a regular basis.

“There are some minor inconveniences due to the reconstruction of the new Aztec Center,” Bruce said. “I am looking forward to the new student union that will provide important facilities and resources for our campus community.”

Bruce said it is important to acknowledge the diversity of the Muslim community and not all students feel inconveniences. Some students pray before school, after school or do not pray at all. Some students just meditate and do not pray because the room is for meditation and reflection.

The new Aztec Student Union is scheduled to open in fall 2013. A meditation room will be provided.

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**Aztecs have no space to pray**

Although the Cross-Cultural Center has extended the invitation to help individuals to mediate, County Abdirahman, president of MSA, said it is out of the way.

Abdirahman said prayers are held in front of Manchester Hall, a centralizarion. However, it becomes inconvenient when it rains. He said prayer is one of the keystones of Muslim practice.

"As a Muslim, it is our obligation to pray," Abdirahman said. "We believe, yes, school is really important, but as a belief ideology, this is mandated upon us as Muslims so we have to pray."

Communication Director of MSA, Tasnim El Mezan, said it is difficult because she has to find quiet places around the university to pray instead of just going to a room dedicated for meditation.

"Before, it used to be easier because we were able to concentrate more, and not have to worry about people crossing us," Mezan said. "You have to make sure when you are praying or try to distract you."

**Since Aztec Center closed last May, many organizations, including the Muslim Student Association, have expressed being hindered by the lack of resources available.** There is now no permanent meditation space available on campus.

**Tasnim El Mezan, communication director, Muslim Student Association**

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As my brain was getting no sleep. As my brain was feeling like voices were coming from behind the shelves and I just knew that something was not right. It was just another student hyperbole, my imagination decided to give the library another shot.

After dark, the library is a terrifying place, particularly during the day, I've learned it is in fact a safe place, especially during the day, I've learned to be grateful for all the things that have happened to me. I've learned it is in fact a safe place.

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