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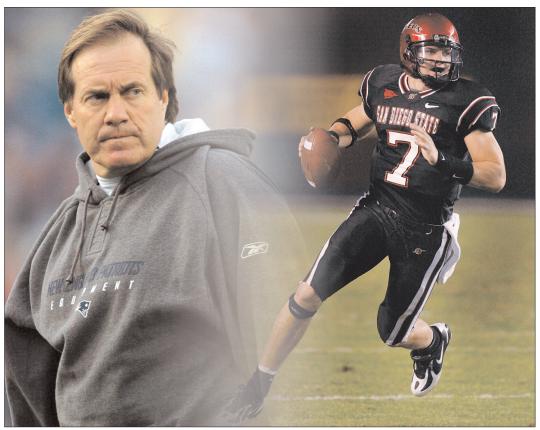
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SPORTS



BRING YOUR VIDEO CAMERA ... AND SOME TAPE

The New England Patriots made a surprise pick in the third round of the 2008 NFL Draft yesterday, taking former San Diego State quarterback Kevin O'Connell with the 94th overall selection. See page 5 for details.

Outbreak at Chipotle

JUSTIN LAFFERTY MANAGING EDITOR

There have been 14 reported cases of people contracting Hepatitis A after visiting the Chipotle restaurant in La Mesa, according to the San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency.

The restaurant was closed last Tuesday and Wednesday as health inspectors tried to find the outbreak's cause, but it is back open and operating.

According to an e-mail from Chipotle spokesperson Chris Arnold, the health department inspected the restaurant on April 3, 22 and 23, and received an "A" grade every time.

Luis Resendiz, a supervisor at the La Mesa restaurant, said all 26 employees were tested for Hepatitis A. All tests came back clean and the employees were cleared to resume work.

The (health) department came in and they

couldn't find anything," Resendiz said. "It's scary." Arnold's e-mail also included an official statement regarding the situation from Chipotle president and CEO Monty Moran.

"The health and safety of our customers and employees is our top priority," Moran said. "We have the highest standards for all of our food preparation and food handling procedures, and began cooperating immediately with local health authorities.

Dr. Gregg Lichtenstein, medical sirector of San Diego State's Student Health Services, advises any student who ate at the restaurant between March 1 and April 22 to seek medical help.

There are a limited amount of Hepatitis A vac-

cines available through SHS (\$23 per dose) or your health care provider, but they are only effective when taken within two weeks of exposure

"It's a rapidly diminishing window in which they may have eaten there that a Hepatitis A vaccine may be helpful," Lichtenstein said. "And it's controversial whether it does that much good in this kind of situation. It doesn't make sense for someone who ate there on March 1 to get vaccinated now because if they were going to have the Hepatitis infection, they would've already had it.'

A memo from Lichtenstein notes that if you have eaten at the restaurant recently, be aware of these symptoms: fatigue, abdominal discomfort, dark urine, light-colored stool, headaches, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, itching or jaundice.

"If you are not ill, but have eaten at this Chipotle between April 10 and April 22, you should receive an immunization with Hepatitis A vaccine," Lichtenstein said in the memo. "Persons with a history of hepatitis A disease, who have completed an HAV series, or have had at least one dose of Hepatitis A vaccine at least one month prior to exposure, do not require prophylaxis."

There is no official word yet on what has caused the Hepatitis A breakout. Food borne Hepatitis A is usually transmitted through fecal contamination or direct contact with an infected person.

The exposure has been limited to the La Mesa restaurant, located at 8005 Fletcher Pkwy., so students should feel safe dining at other Chipotle restaurants.

For more information, contact SHS at (619) 594-5058.

A.S. BRIEF

Presentation on racism sparks debate

Students from the Multicultural Caucus spoke to the council about racism at San Diego State, which led to a discussion on the specifics of dis-

The presentation given by graduate student Lauren Kollar was about the racism rooted in the functioning of SDSU, which upset some council members. A debate about semantics ensued and continued until Associated Students President James Poet ended the discussion because of time

Sustainability Board starts off right

The newest board to be awarded a spot on A.S.

council, the Green Love sustainability board, had its first meeting last week. Vice President of Finance and head of Green Love Justin Motika said it was a great success. About 40 people attended the first meeting, and numbers are expected to increase in future meetings.

Finals Study Lounge returns

The annual CASE Midnight Study Break will be held on May 12 in Aztec Center. Students can show their Red ID to get a free breakfast from 9 p.m. to midnight while they study for finals.

-Compiled by Staff Writer Alanna Berman

Diverse talks at **SDSU**

MIKE MENNINGER ASSISTANT CITY EDITOR

Students and faculty from San Diego State and members of the surrounding community met on a hot Saturday at the Aztec Center for the 2008 Diversity Conference titled "Diversity Pathways to Student Success."

The brainchild of Tanis Starck, Ph.D.,

director of the Intercultural Relations and the Cross-Cultural Center, the conference brought together leaders of different cultural sectors from across campus to discuss issues surrounding race, gender and class status. The first conference of its kind at SDSU, it is a good starting point for bringing these issues to light, according to Starck

"We all have issues that we're faced with, and we're going to talk about them," she said. "We're not going to solve anything today, but let's begin the discussion. Let's not hide from things. Let's put it out there and try to move forward."

The day was filled with speakers and panel discussions, and included a unique roundtable lunch in which participants picked up sandwiches and sat at one of 15 tables, each of which hosted a presenter leading a discussion on a diversity related topic. Kyra Greene, Ph. D., an assistant professor in SDSU's sociology department, led a discussion about how students want to deal with classroom diversity.

"We live in a society where people are really uncomfortable talking about inequality," she said. "We don't like to talk about the fact that the people are different. We get raised to believe that it's a bad thing. But we can't solve the problems without discussing them.'

Other tables discussed racism, homophobia, sexism and racial stereotypes.

SDSU Vice President of Student Affairs James Kitchen opened the conference with remarks on the university's commitment to diversity, and William Anthony Nericcio, Ph.D., chair of English and Comparative Literature at SDSU, delivered the keynote address.

From there, participants adjourned into different workshops and panel discussions that lasted throughout the day covering four themes: black and brown voices, sexism and identity, issues in minority health and diversity in higher education.

Ron Martel of the Aztec Parents Advisory Board said his group gave its Aztec Parents Grant to Starck to start this program because the idea of a diversity conference helps the most amount of students in the best way overall.

"This exceeds our expectations," he said. "These students are busy. They took their time - on a Saturday - and you can see the looks on their faces. They've invested their time (in this) and they will come away with confidence they can use in their everyday lives."

Starck said she was thrilled with the turnout and is already looking forward to next year's conference.

"We already have the date: April 25, 2009," Stark said. "This is our beginning, but we don't want to end. How often have you had conferences on campus for our students? It's wonderful to see our students prepare themselves for globalization and living in the world because we're no longer just going to be one color or another.

Our students need to be able to develop relationships with all types of people because that's the world we live in today. They need to become comfortable in things they may (have been) uncomfort-

able (with) in the past."

RUTHIE KELLY

Imprisoning people before educating them

veryone knows we are in á financial crisis right now, as a country, as a state and for many of us, as individuals. We can all be reasonable about the need to cut back in state spending. But when it comes to funding for California's public universities – comprised of the California State University system, the University of California system and community colleges – a long history of contempt for higher education and students emerges. Legislators just don't think college students are that important.

They should be ashamed.
The cuts to California's college and university funding coupled with a rejection of additional funding to prevent student fees from rising 10 percent, means Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger plans to cut \$386.1 million of desperately needed funding for the CSU system alone. San Diego State's portion amounts to an \$18.2 million budget cut, which will probably have to be compen-

sated for by tuition hikes. This is because of an estimated \$14 billion deficit in state revenue from this year and next year, which caused the governor to declare a state of emergency and begin slashing funds across the board.

This comes as a particular blow after the budget cuts from 2002 to 2005, that amounted to more than \$500 million. As a result, student fees have gone up by nearly 70 percent since 2002.

But if you're imagining a panicked governor reacting in haste, madly slashing budgets with a red pen without realizing the consequences, strike that image from your mind. Cuts to education are chillingly deliberate and ridiculously out of proportion to other areas of less crucial spending. Budget cuts to California universities are not really about decreasing the deficit or a response to an economic downturn. It's hard to see unless you look at the bigger picture and recent history of funding for public universities.

Between 1984 and 2004, the

state's population increased by about 35 percent, according to *The Sacramento Bee.* It makes sense that in response, the state would need to spend more money in order to meet the demands of more people. But during that 20-year period, public university spending only increased by 18 percent, as opposed to prison spending, which grew by a ridiculous 205 percent.

The Bee explains that higher education is the only major part of the state budget to grow slower than the population. State spending per person for prisons increased by about 126 percent, but declined by 12 percent for universities — the only major part of the budget that actually decreased in proportion to population growth.

Such disregard for our public universities is not just a matter of principle; it also doesn't make business sense.

"The CSU is California's economic engine, strengthening the economy by graduating 90,000 students into the state's workforce

every year," SDSU President Stephen Weber wrote in a budget memo to the SDSU faculty. "We play a major role in the state's workforce ... The CSU returns \$4.41 to California's economy annually for every \$1 invested by the state." The prison system cannot claim that kind of economic return.

Even assuming everyone currently in prison deserves to be there — and let's face it, between marijuana convictions and "three strikers" who could be incarcerated for 25 to life just for stealing a spare tire, this is a highly unlikely assumption — the spending numbers don't add up. California does very little to rehabilitate criminals so they don't commit crimes again, so the spending doesn't even help decrease crime.

So when it comes down to it, California legislators care more about imprisoning more people with draconian third-strike laws in an ineffective prison system than investing in the higher education of its populace. They spend more money making your pot-smoking neighbor miserable than they do helping you pay for school. Perhaps our indifference to voting and politics reflects politicians' indifference to our financial struggles, for which they are partly responsible.

Representatives can say all they want about budgets not reflecting their priorities, but they refuse to put their votes — and thus, our tax dollars — where their mouths are. Their actions speak louder than their denials and empty rhetoric.

Until something changes, our tuition will continue to increase along with the crime rate and the prison population. But neither legislators nor the governor care, as long as they still get votes.

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ALLAN ACEVEDO

Making a case for bilingual classes

ienvenido a America.

My family and I moved to America when I was 6 years old. My mom said it was for the best: She wanted us to receive a good education and not have to work our whole lives.

I was nervous about leaving behind my friends and cousins, but I was mostly worried about the language barrier. At that point, I'd had minimal exposure to the English language and while I did know some, it was mostly a jumble of broken expressions that further solidified I was foreign.

I grew up hearing that I was smart and quick to learn, but now I couldn't even respond to someone asking my favorite color.

The biggest surprise, however, was my first day of class. As soon as I walked in the classroom, my mom and I were greeted in Spanish. I had no idea that American classes could be taught in English and Spanish.

I was lucky enough to remain in bilingual education classes until the age of 10, when I was then told my proficiency in English was enough to switch into all-English classes.

It was a simple enough transi-

tion, but only because I was afforded those crucial early years where I was able to connect with an instructor and a group of peers who understood both my native language and the language I was learning.

I feel I was afforded the best possibility for success by learning in a bilingual setting. It's the most effective method for teaching non-native English speakers. It promotes a comprehensive understanding of core materials while teaching English. It focuses on teaching academic English and better facilitates the learning of critical thinking and reading skills. There are many other methods of education that attempt to support language minority students, but most are fundamentally flawed.

Education has become incredibly politicized, but the students' best interest should always be top priority.

Some hold that the best way to learn a language is exposure. They believe the best method for teaching non-native speakers are immersion programs that place students in all-English classes. A student's vocabulary is expected to improve exponentially as every interaction requires com-

munication in English.

This belief is supported by many who also feel that bilingual education is just a new form of political correctness that places the accommodation need for

"My mom and I were greeted in Spanish. I had no idea that American classes could be taught in English and Spanish."

these students in the wrong place.

Exposure may be key to full adaptation of a new language; it is not, however, the single most important factor for new English learners. It won't teach academic English that will support a student's scholastic success. What's needed is a concrete explanation of vocabulary and personalized attention to English as a secondary language students.

Without the inclusive environment that bilingual education provides, this academic English acquisition won't be as effective. Teachers won't be able to single out instruction that benefits ESL students at the expense of the mainstream audience, which doesn't require as much conceptual elaboration.

But bilingual education isn't the racial segregation that some hope to label it; rather, it's the creation of a smaller learning community that allows a student to learn among a group of his or her scholastic peers.

These programs group students together, but don't prevent the students from learning the core materials required of the

mainstream group.

It's immensely important for ESL students to feel culturally, as well as academically, inspired to learn. Immersion programs are contradictory because they show the importance for cultural diversity while assimilating students into all-English communication, which can be highly stressful.

Instructors are also imperative for a successful learning environment. If students aren't receptive to the instructor, they won't be motivated to learn. This is why bilingual education and proper training of such instructors are fundamental for the success of language minority students.

As a whole, education favors immediate results. Time must be taken to foster an environment of inclusivity. It's clear that bilingual education provides a beneficial structure and framework for learning the skills necessary for reading, writing and arithmetic.

America is founded on the value of equality of opportunity where everyone is granted the ability to succeed through merit. Opportunities should be afforded to establish an even playing field for advancement.

When these bilingual programs aren't put in place, neither the students nor instructors are provided the adequate tools for scholastic success.

Bilingual education and academic success are therefore as synonymous as America and equality.

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NEWS TO KNOW

A man was killed while swimming in Solana Beach Friday morning by a supposed 12-to-17-foot great white shark. The victim, 66-year-old David Martin, was swimming with members of a triathlon club 150 yards off shore near Fletcher Cove, when his legs were bitten. Martin was a retired veterinarian. San Diego County's last confirmed shark attack was in 1994. North County beaches were closed to swimming and surfing for the weekend.

The high school class of 2008 is the largest in U.S. history, at 3.3 million students. But more universities are accepting fewer students and decreasing their wait-list size.

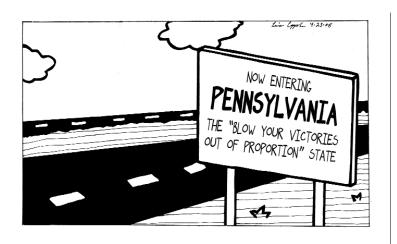
Afghanistan President Hamid Karzai escaped an attack from Taliban militants on Sunday morning. At least two people were killed and more than 12 were wounded. A Taliban spokesman claimed responsibility and boasted that the shooters got within 30 yards of the president.

Reno, Nev. had a magnitude-4.7 earthquake Friday night, following more than 100 tremors the day before. The quake was the strongest to hit Reno since 1953. Scientists are predicting a bigger earthquake in the city's future.

Sens. Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton have spent record amounts for a presidential nomination. They have spent a combined \$110 million on TV ads. John Kerry spent almost \$20 million four years ago to receive the Democratic nomination.

An 18-year-old from Louisiana pleaded guilty on Friday to hanging nooses from the back of his truck in September. There was a picture, sent into CNN from an I-Reporter, of the truck driving near "Jena 6" protesters.

-Sources: CNN, Time Magazine and The San Diego Union-Tribune



DATING & ROMANCE

The art of commitment

s I sat there trying to make sense of his words, all I could do was laugh. I mean seriously, this guy was getting mad because I didn't want to commit after two months of "dating." The whole situation was ironic in my mind.

At one point or another most of us will fall into a "sort-of relation-ship." One person will hope that his partner agrees that there will never be an official relationship, while the other individual will be wishing that the person who doesn't want to commit will have a change of heart and end up wanting the title.

Liquid Library
Commitment is the the cornerstone of any serious
relationship, but getting someone to commit can be hard.

ALEJANDRA GARCES
STAFF WRITER

In today's relationship patterns, dating has become a very complicated thing. If the relationship isn't officially established, the level of commitment can confuse both the people in the relationship and the relationship as a whole.

"We first hooked up at a friend's birthday party," women's studies senior Jenny Yip said. "He is good friends with my roommate and her boyfriend."

Hook-ups can be so satisfying and yet so regretful at the same time.

"We kept it from

we kept it from my roommate until one night when we were all out at a bar," Yip said. "He kept secretly flirting and he ended up spending the night. In the morning they knew something was up."

Being in a dating situation can also confuse friends of the people in a relationship. The dreaded talk can help clarify some situations, but can leave others flustered when you don't hear what you want to hear.

"When we had the talk I brought up the issue of commitment and he told me he has the tendency of dating a girl and then just being over it," Yip said. "We talked about what we both wanted and understood that at the time, neither of us wanted anything serious."

Being at the complete

opposite end of the spectrum as Yip was weird; there I sat having the talk. However, I was the one talking, trying to explain that there was no need for a commitment because we were having a good time regardless. Truth is, I'll be in Europe this summer and I just want to be able to have fun without thinking about a relationship I'll be leaving at home.

"I was drunk one night and someone asked me if I was seeing anyone in a text; I said, 'Yes, I'm dating someone,'" Yip said. "I showed him because I thought it was funny and he started to act weird after that. He was forcing himself to be distant."

The problem with an unofficial relationship is that there is no obligation. Commitment issues can arise if someone is investing more feelings than the other person, and someone is bound to get hurt in the end.

"I love commitment, but right now, all I can do is enjoy the time I have with him rather than overanalyze," Yip said. "We'll see where it goes and then figure it out from there."

In my past experiences, dating had always been simple. I never got attached unless I dated them for a long period of time. Being on the different end of the spectrum where a guy was the one wanting the commitment was unfamiliar territory.

When all is said and done, being in a "sort-of-relationship," without any intentions of moving toward a real one, is sure to hurt someone. Being cautious with hook-ups and with people who stray from commitment can prevent hurt feelings in the long run.

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Liquid Library

Sending texts might be the ultimate element of playing hard to get when trying to spark new flings or relationships, but breaking up with someone can be just as easy.

"We r thru, g2g"

ERICA OSBURN STAFF WRITER

Imagine receiving a text from your significant other that reads, "It's not u, it's me. BTW, we r thru."

Your reaction might be something along the lines of "OMG! Did he really just send me that text? I can't believe he just broke up with me through a text!"

Believe it or not, some people think that ending a relationship by text message is OK.

Whatever happened to breaking up on the phone or breaking up face-to-face? Technology is officially taking the dating world by storm and relationships are starting – and ending – without any verbal communication.

Recently, Chase Crawford from the hit show "Gossip Girl" broke up with American Idol Carrie Underwood via text message. In 2006, Britney Spears even texted Kevin Federline that she wanted to get a divorce. High-profilers are putting breakup texting in the spotlight, but they aren't the only ones getting broken up with by text — it's happening to everyday people.

According to a Google collaboration with Nielsen Online survey, 1 in 3 males consider "breakup e-mails" as neutral to good e-mail etiquette, whereas only 1 in 7 females agree. In the same survey, 8 percent of men and 6 percent of women have broken up with someone by e-mail.

Times are changing and our communication is being replaced by the Internet and text

messages. With e-mail, texting and networking Web sites becoming a part of our everyday lives, breaking up through technology is becoming a trend.

People are taking advantage of iPhones and BlackBerrys by using them to escape uncomfortable situations. People who send text messages about unpleasant situations are avoiding confrontation.

The people behind the breakup text have many excuses. For some, they want to be in control of the conversation and won't take no for an answer. For others, figuring out what to say is hard, so it gives them time to think or, they simply say they don't want to see the person hurt.

At the rate society is moving, it won't be long until some people are breaking up via Facebook wall posts: "Hey Babe, we're breaking up. Sorry."

If you've had more than three dates with someone, you owe them the courtesy of a phone call to end the relationship at the very least. It's always better to talk in person and let them down with thoughtful consideration.

However, if circumstances don't allow you to talk in person, then breaking up over the phone is the next acceptable option.

Breaking up with someone via text message is a cowardly move. If you're a victim of a texting break-up, delete the sender's number pronto and be happy that you didn't waste any more time.

Let's keep it old school and break hearts the old-fashioned way.





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BASEBALL



Starting pitcher J.R. Murphy had a rough Saturday, allowing six runs on seven hits in just 3 2/3 innings.

Pitching woes doom Aztecs in a 16-5 loss

SDSU pitching gives up 16 runs on 16 hits in a battle for first place against TCU

> DAVID POPE SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Everyone is entitled to a bad day.

Failing a test, getting dumped or even hanging a fastball can happen every once in

Unfortunately for the San Diego State baseball team and starting pitcher J.R.

		Murphy, a bad day
TCU	16	came Saturday after
SDSU		noon at Tony Gwynr Stadium against TCU
		with first place on the

line. The Aztecs were blown out 16-5 as Murphy fell behind early and was unable to regain control.

"This was really Murphy's first bad outing of the season," head coach Tony Gwynn said. "He just had a bad day, but we didn't do well in any aspect of the game."

Murphy went 3 1/3 innings, giving up seven hits and six earned runs, bringing his record to 5-2 on the year. Meanwhile, Murphy's counterpart on the mound, Sean Hoelscher, went 6 2/3 innings allowing seven hits and four earned runs to get the win and improve his record to 5-2.

With the loss, SDSU falls to 25-18 (11-6

in Mountain West Conference play) and a game behind the Horned Frogs who sit at

The route followed a very different outcome on Friday night which featured yet another dominating performance by Aztecs ace Stephen Strasburg. The sophomore phenom allowed just one hit in an impressive complete game effort to earn the 4-1 victory.

"Strasburg has been tremendous, he really has, every time we've needed him to be, he's delivered," said Gwynn. "And normally we can depend on Murphy too, but he just didn't have it today. But that happens, and when it does, you need some of your hitters to bail you out, and we didn't do that."

Murphy wasn't the only SDSU hurler to struggle on the mound Saturday as freshmen Michael Dixon and Brett Miller both went one inning, allowing four runs each. Reliever Craig Rasmussen faired best of the four Aztec pitchers, going 3 2/3 innings, giving up two hits and two earned runs.

SDSU once again left several men on base, a problem it hasn't been able to shake the past few weeks.

'We all knew how big this series was coming in," Gwynn said. "And on Friday, we came out and played the way we needed to. Obviously, today we didn't have it."

The Aztecs will hit the road for 11 of their next 12 matches, starting Tuesday night against Arizona.

SOFTBALL

Thin Utah air dashes chance at first place

KEVIN SCARPATI STAFF WRITER

The San Diego State softball team's hopes for a conference title were soaring higher than a Megan McDonald fly ball this past weekend in the thin Utah air.

Unfortunately for SDSU, its hopes were caught on the warning track.

While the race for first is hardly over, the Aztecs' chances took a major hit against the Utes. After crushing

Utah 13-3 on Friday UTES **AZTECS**

night at Ute Field in Salt Lake City, Utah, a couple of uncharacteristic errors doomed SDSU on Saturday,

losing 2-1 in eight innings. The No. 19 Aztecs no longer control

their own destiny and find themselves tied with Utah for second place, one game behind BYU. "There's definitely a building sense of

urgency," junior infielder Erin Floros said. "We want to win the rest of our games and it looks like we'll probably have to in order to finish first.'

On Friday night, SDSU scored a seasonhigh 13 runs on 12 hits and nine walks. Each of the first four Aztec hitters, Brittany Knudsen, Tamani Wells, Tonye McCorkle and Floros, recorded two hits in the route.

Freshman Samantha Beasley also chipped in with two hits to accompany with a solid performance in the circle, picking up her seventh win of the year.

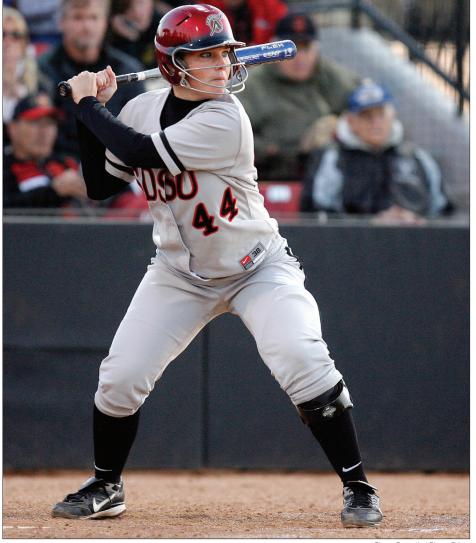
"That game was a lot of fun for us at the plate," Floros said. "Just having runners on base for (our hitters) really took the pressure off."

The pressure was soon put right back on SDSU, though, as it found itself locked in a 1-1 tie the very next day. Utah hurler Ashley Smuda flustered the Aztecs' bats for the second time this season. An error and a wild pitch in the first frame of extra innings was all it took to take down SDSU.

Senior ace Christina Ross's wild pitch ultimately cost the team its victory, a very uncharacteristic move for one of the country's top pitchers.

"I was trying to throw my changeup low and away because the day before (Utah first baseman Kara Foster) hit a double off me," Ross said. "I missed down and it took a bad hop."

The Aztecs split a double header on Thursday with first-place Cougars and will now play their final home stand Friday when they host Colorado State and New Mexico. SDSU will then travel to UNLV the following weekend to play their final games before postseason action.



Junior infielder Erin Floros and the Aztecs may have trouble getting into first place after two weekend losses.

BEAT BOX

O'CONNELL DRAFTED IN THIRD ROUND

Former San Diego State quarterback Kevin O'Connell was selected in the third round of the NFL Draft yesterday by the New England Patriots. O'Connell was the 94th overall player selected and was the fifth quarterback taken off the board.

O'Connell is considered by many scouts to be a developmental quarterback, and sitting behind future Hall of Famer Tom Brady can only help the

current senior grow. Scouts fell in love with the young gunslinger's mobility and stature.

O'Connell wasn't the only former Aztec

drafted yesterday. Long snapper Tyler Schmitt went in the sixth round to the Seattle Seahawks. Wide receivers Brett Swain (Green Bay Packers) and Chaz Shilens (Oakland Raiders) were taken in the seventh and final round.

-Compiled by Assistant Sports Editor Edward Lewis

MEN'S TENNIS

Bid for coach's fourth league final falls short

SDSU gets swept in second round of Mountain West Conference Tournament

MATT ARNOLD STAFF WRITER

The San Diego State men's tennis team has been quite comfortable as king of the mountain. Since head coach Gene Carswell took over the program in 2003, SDSU has reached the finals of the Mountain West Conference tournament three times. That

UNM 4 solidify the Aztecs' place in the NCAA Tournament five times

However, this season's lofty expectations have been thwarted by injuries, team suspensions and a torrid five-match losing streak to end the regular season. On Friday at the Mountain West Conference Championships, their luck didn't change much at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center at Texas Christian University.

SDSU was swept 4-0 in the second round by New Mexico, most likely ending its chances at an NCAA bid.

"That was a given," sophomore Jordan Colman said. "After (five straight losses during the season) our ranking dropped too far. Our goal was to win (the tournament) because that was the only way to stay alive. We were trying to salvage our

season and finish on a strong note and see if we could pull out the stuff that we know we have inside us."

The Aztecs were unable to recover from a doubles loss on Friday against the Lobos, who also had their number during the regular season. The first three singles matches completed went to New Mexico, emphatically ending the tournament for SDSU with a shutout defeat.

"We knew that the doubles point was really important," sophomore Juan Gomez said. "(Bartosz Golas) and myself didn't have the best doubles match."

Although their trip ended with a sound defeat, the scoreboard only told part of the story for the Aztecs. Freshman Andre Feliz and sophomore Achim Ceban both had their opponents fighting off match points when New Mexico clinched the victory.

Sophomore Juan Gomez was also locked in a tough match, trailing closely in the third set when play stopped.

"Yesterday was really disappointing for the whole team," Gomez said. "We played a really tough team. I think our team didn't play our best tennis but we fought a lot. The score was 4-0 but it was not easy."

SDSU has no departing players and will look to use this season as a growing experience.

"We are a better team all the way around," Colman said. "Unfortunately, we just didn't get it together this season. We've just got to figure out what to do next year so this doesn't happen again. Teams of our quality and stature, it shouldn't happen at all."

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Cadua's injury stalls SDSU in quest for a MWC victory

CHASE GHARRITY
STAFF WRITER

Esther Cadua's leg cramp meant more to the San Diego State women's tennis team than just losing one of their best players.

The junior's injury was a representation of SDSU's season — one hobbled by injuries and performances that came up just short.

"Before (Cadua's) cramping, we both felt very confidently in her chances to win her

LOBOS 4
AZTECS 2
Peta the foot

match," head coach Peter Mattera said. "But, the cramp started at her foot but slowly spread up her leg. It got so bad

that, by 2-2 in the second set, she could barely even walk on it, let alone play. She was a warrior and she wanted to keep going, but health and well-being of an athlete comes first and she was just unable to continue."

Like Cadua, the Aztecs fought hard but weren't able to pull it out as they fell to New Mexico 4-2 at the Mountain West Conference Championships on Thursday.

"It was close, it was competitive, but we just came up short," Mattera said. "We also had an injury, which probably hurt our chances. So, in a lot of ways, it was a lot like our season: Close, but no cigar."

Cadua, who received all-MWC honors earlier in the day, had to be pulled by Mattera, costing SDSU a valuable point.

The injury was not the only thing that hurt the Aztecs in Fort Worth, Texas. In dou-

bles, SDSU lost big leads and squandered scoring chances.

"We fought hard and had some good opportunities in doubles," Mattera said. "All of the doubles matches were very close. We had a pretty good size lead at number three but we just couldn't finish it off."

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> —Peter Mattera, head coach

The Aztecs finished the season with a disappointing 11-13 record — one that will leave a bad taste in Mattera's mouth for the rest of the offseason.

"This season was not a successful one for us," Mattera said. "I think this program is a national power. We're used to going to the postseason and we're used to being ranked as one of the best teams in the country. So, no, we can't look at this season as a success.

"I just hope we got all of our bad luck out of the way in one year."

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The biggest foul: puka

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That was about seven years ago. Thankfully, I haven't seen anyone less than 40 wearing Hawaiian print lately, and the butterfly clips have stayed in the junior high hallways.

So, why is it that recently I have seen different people wearing puka shells again? Are the shells trying to make a comeback?

I hope not.

It's not that the shells themselves are ugly. They really aren't. It's just that when they are put on a necklace, I can't stand them. They're better on a table, or at the bottom of the ocean.

I would much rather see something ridiculous like parachute pants make a comeback. That actually wouldn't be so ridiculous. I feel the parachute-pant trend faded away too quickly. My brother had this amazing pair that was faded gray and lime green with a gecko pattern all over it which I would steal an...OK, getting way

NATALIE DUCHALA STAFF WRITER

sidetracked.

Back to the puka shells. My roommates and I are on what we like to call "Puka watch." This game involves trying to find as many offenders as possible. We expected a challenge, and thought it would be hard to find people

committing the puka crime. But, no. Definitely not hard. Sarah, with eyes like a hawk, managed to spot five different offenders on the first day we started.

But finding offenders doesn't require eagle eyes. Molly, who may or may not be blind, actually spotted three offenders. With puka shells making a hearty comeback on campus, it has to be asked. What is the motivation for wearing these?

Maybe they want to look like a 12-year-old who just started taking surf lessons from a guy who goes by his Hawaiian name, Huna. Huna wears puka shells. That's cool for him. Not for you.

Or, people just don't realize how wacky this is. (These shells

are about as cool as me trying to bring back the word "wacky".)

For the students at San Diego State, thanks for ruining our game by making it easier than framing Mary-Kate for Heath Ledger's untimely death. Too soon? Probably.

(I should credit Samantha Phillips for that one. And yes, she made me type her whole name because she's always wanted her name in the paper.) Congrats Sam, you made it!

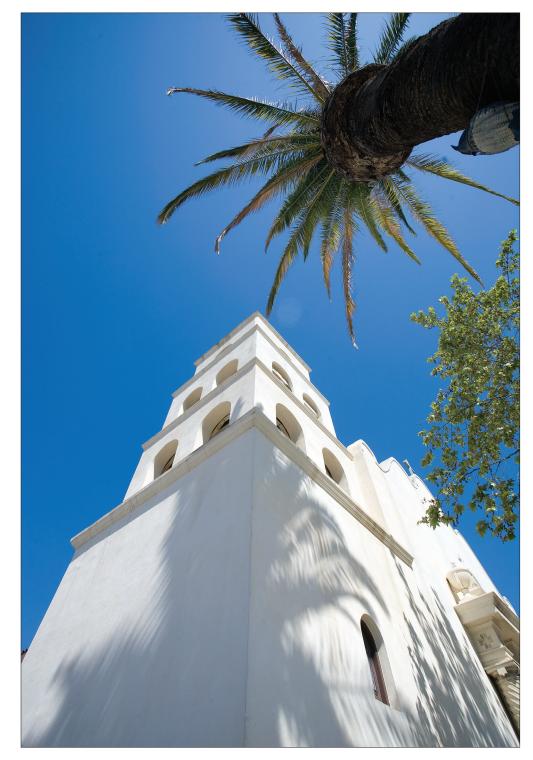
Oddly enough (this is actually not hard to believe at all), Sarah got bonus points in our little game for making the observation that ALL of the people sporting puka shells also had bleach-blonde tips.

I would elaborate on this but it would take a whole new article. So, let's just put the bleached tips and puka shells in the category of "not OK."

-Natalie Duchala is a journalism sophomore who may or may not be bringing wacky back.

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