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# Changing majors may be hard



Glenn Connelly / Photo Editor

Some students have complained the San Diego State Office of the Registrar has implemented an unauthorized policy and denied requests to change or add majors or minors.

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The San Diego State Academic Policy and Planning Committee has discussed a new policy to the University Senate that would affect students' chances of changing or adding a new major or minor.

The discussed policy consists of four main recommendations, which include: not allowing new transfer students to change into a different pre-major from the major they were admitted to; denying change-of-major requests by all upper division students who have 90 or more units if the change requires more than 24 units; limiting all students to one impacted major, unless the number of units needed to complete the second major to graduate does not exceed 15 units; and limiting all students to one minor, unless the addition of a second minor does not require additional units for graduation.

The committee recommendations are part of SDSU's "delivery plan" to deal with the current budget cuts and enrollment reductions.

The discussed policy changes are intended to facilitate the graduation of students, and in turn, open more spots for incoming students.

"This is one of the avenues to limit enrollment ... but it's not the right avenue," Natalie Colli, vice president of University Affairs, said. "Anything limiting students' opportunity to choose their major is wrong."

Colli said the discussed policy should be more flexible and allow for more academic freedom and experience.

While the policy has not been passed, the Office of the Registrar has reportedly denied several student requests to change or add a major or minor.

Rick Felix, a Spanish junior, said he submitted a request to change his major to hospitality and tourism management in September and found he was denied in early November.

"(The Office of the Registrar) told me you can't change your major due to new policies and the budget — of course, everyone is giving that excuse for everything that's going wrong," he said.

Felix said what has been occurring is very disappointing and frustrating because college is supposed to be an experience where students discover and enhance their talents.

"Why just get a piece of paper that says bachelor's degree or master's degree of something that doesn't demonstrate your capabilities?" he said.

Sandra Cook, assistant vice president of Academic Affairs, confirmed that the policy has not yet been implemented and that the Office of the Registrar and the Academic Advising Center has been informed of the rumors.

"We're trying to get to the heart of how this started," she said. "This thing just got a life of its own and kept growing."

Cook said students who have been affected by these "rumors" are encouraged to come into the Academic Advising Center for help.

She said Felix might have been denied admittance to a new pre-major because he is a transfer student. Because of the recent budget issues, transfer students can only be admitted to a different major — not a pre-major — and must have met

all the requirements for the major.

Cook said the administration works on every case individually and are willing to make exceptions for specific circumstances.

"We're not denying any reasonable request," she said.

If the policy recommendations pass through the University Senate, the new policy will take effect next fall.

Dan Finnegan, chairman of the Academic Policy and Planning Committee, denied several requests to answer questions or comment about the discussed policy until after the committee meeting next week.

In the meantime, Colli said Student Affairs is trying to help students who have encountered a problem adding or changing a major or minor recently. An "Info Zone" tent will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday in Aztec Center to inform students about the discussed policy and help those who have experienced any difficulties with the administration.

## A.S. BRIEF

### GreenFest

Associated Students' Cultural Arts & Special Events will host GreenFest again this spring. The event, which focuses on sustainability and green practices, will take place April 19 through 23. Starting Thursday, anyone wanting to attend GreenFest can purchase tickets for \$5 at the Aztec

Center ticket office. One guest ticket is available per RedID for an additional \$10. Headlining the event is music group LMFAO.

### Cultural Awareness

The Office of Intercultural Relations is offering cultural competency certificates to students. The A.S. Multi-Cultural Caucus

drafted a resolution in support of the program, which is intended to help students gain a better awareness of different cultures and appreciation for cultural differences. The certification process is free and seminars will be available through May. The next seminar is from 4 to 7 p.m. tomorrow at Casa Real. The seminar will focus on African American Awareness.

### ModernSpace

A ModernSpace referendum is currently in the A.S. committee. The next scheduled student referendum regarding the project will be March 9 and 10.

—Compiled by Senior Staff Writer Sarah Kovash.



FLAMING LIBERAL

# Unofficial policy change is detrimental

If it's not one uproar, it's another. Last semester we saw the San Diego State administration change the admissions policy for localarea students to no longer give them guaranteed acceptance even if they meet minimum standards. Regardless of how you felt about this issue last semester, one thing most students can agree on is that decisions having a major impact on campus life and enrollment should have student input. The new issue at hand is alarming to students in and of itself, but even more alarming is the lack of student input that was sought.

For you students who have visited the Office of the Registrar these past two weeks, you may have been surprised to learn that allegedly you are no longer able to apply for double major programs. This comes at a difficult time for students because we are looking for ways to improve our degrees, increase our grade point averages or make our résumés more competitive in the job market by adding a second major in another field.

Double majors are important and oftentimes make sense, especially for specialized majors such as International Business. There is a language requirement for this major and many students see it as advantageous to also major in the language they are studying.

I was concerned about this issue and decided to do some window-shopping. When I went into the Office of the Registrar, I was given mixed messages. First, I spoke to Kim

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Macias, who was working at the front desk at the time. She told me I would not be able to apply for a second major. When I pressed the issue and asked questions, I was told I would be allowed to submit an application and that I would receive a call in two weeks letting me know if the application was accepted. Macias then proceeded to show me a stack of applications from students who had submitted the requests, though she was not able to differentiate the applications for second majors from those for major changes.

Other students have dealt with similar situations. Rikki Bower, a child and family development junior, went in to the Office of the Registrar last Tuesday to apply for a second major in social work and was told to see someone in Academic Advising about whether he met the requirements to change his major altogether, but not to add it as a second major. "They told me to go speak to someone else to see if I could change my major, but not to add a second one. That's not what I wanted," Bowers said. Bowers also said he was not allowed to submit his application.

This unauthorized policy change is an offense to the very system of higher education we have established. The university administration seems to be shaping higher education into a business where college is no longer

about the process of learning and critical thinking, but about the end goal of earning a degree. Higher education should not be a business of manufacturing college graduates with degrees at the cheapest cost and fastest output for the university.

I have tried many times to contact Registrar Rean Williams, but have so far received no response. The only university-related voice I have heard speak on this issue was during last Monday's Associated Students External Affairs Board meeting, when Dr. Bill Eadie, a representative of the University Senate, stated the decision to change the policy had occurred without University Senate approval and no new policy had even been articulated.

Eadie stated that Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs Sandra Cook had allegedly "unilaterally" decided to change this policy on her own and that the University Senate "was not happy with her." When asked why he believed she had changed the policy he stated "she's in charge of the Registrar, they wouldn't change something without her approval."

Cook was not available for a response, but her receptionist, Patsy Trendal, stated Cook did not know about this policy change. It appears there is incongruence here. Either Cook has gone around the policies and procedures of the university or the Office of the Registrar has. My money is on the person in charge.

Ignoring the shared governance structure

of the university and the student body is disrespectful and unrepresentative of SDSU. Time and again we have seen the university change policies without student input, just like last semester when the enrollment management policy was changed. No matter your views on these two issues, it's important to know that the administration is following the rules themselves and taking in student opinions. If not, then we need to hold them accountable.

SDSU exists for the students and it is unacceptable for such major policies to be changed without following the proper procedures. Students need to make sure their voices are being heard and included as equal participants in the decision-making process. I call upon the A.S. Council, the representatives of the students on this campus, to look into this matter and educate students about what actions to take. It is disappointing that our own governing body has not publicly stood up to object to this unfair and ethically questionable change to policy that affects the academic lives of current and future students.

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GOING ROGUE

# Allow students earlier registration for classes



Glenn Connolly / Photo Editor  
The Office of the Registrar does not give students enough time to select their class schedules. Allowing students to register earlier would allow students to better use campus advising services and plan to graduate on time.

Today, as many of you know, is the last day to drop classes and Thursday will be the last day to add classes. While a few of you were lucky and got into every class you needed, this is not the case for many students at San Diego State.

We have heard the effects of budget cuts repeatedly throughout last semester. Because of the statewide budget crisis, class sizes have increased. Slashes to university departments have also removed a significant amount of instructors, leaving many professors to teach subjects they do not specialize in.

Many students spent the first week of classes begging instructors to let them enroll and add codes have always been the ultimate prize in a student's endeavor to crash a class. For some, this is their last semester and without a certain class they will be unable to graduate. With many departments decreasing the amount of professors for next semester, not getting into a class could have life-changing consequences. This year, not getting into a course could mean potentially

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changing your major.

While there is not much we can do about class sizes or department cuts, there is one thing the SDSU Office of the Registrar could do to alleviate the problem: Allow students to register for classes earlier.

This year, many juniors and seniors were not able to sign up for classes until Jan. 12, only eight days before classes began. This system makes no sense when classes are posted on WebPortal in late November. Should students be able to register for classes when they appear online, they would be avoiding a huge amount of stress and frustration. The Office of the Registrar could open enrollment during the last month of the semester, and then close it during break. Students would then have a month to plan their schedule. If a student could not get into a class because there were not enough seats, they could easily talk to an adviser or professor before the end of the semester to figure out an alternate arrangement.

Having students register for classes during summer and winter breaks also leaves no way for students to contact the Office of Advising and Evaluations. Currently, when a student has an inquiry regarding his or her registration, the office would more than likely be closed and many questions would go unanswered.

Registering in late November for spring semester and in April for fall semester would provide students with an ample amount of time to plan for the upcoming term. Many students work, and their employers do not tolerate constant changes in their employees' schedules. With an earlier registration, students would know months ahead which classes they will take and can plan accordingly with their bosses.

Eventually, if this system were to be adopted, crashing classes would become obsolete. The first few days of the semester would be less hectic for both professors and students. Professors would no longer dread going into a full classroom and telling 40 students that they cannot be added and students would no longer run

around in a desperate attempt to get add codes. Instead, they could focus on getting a good start to their semester.

The university would argue it needs those extra months of dead registration time for potential changes to the schedule. But most of the time, only a few classes get dropped. This excuse seems like a petty reason to keep things the way they are.

A similar system has been implemented by many universities across the country. The reason SDSU does not allow earlier registration seems trivial and ineffective.

The Office of the Registrar must adopt a better way to enroll for the fall semester. Without a change, students and professors will continue to look toward the first week of class with nothing but dread.

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# Frequent flyer programs on a tight budget

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There is something about the term “frequent flyer program” that often discourages students from taking advantage of the benefits. Despite what the name implies, people do not need to be frequent flyers to benefit from the memberships many airlines offer.

Students are always looking for deals and discounts but are often turned off by frequent flyer programs because they do not travel often enough or know the available benefits. Also, these programs may sound complicated, but they are actually relatively simple, easy and best of all – free.

## United Airlines

Many students fly back and forth across the country and could benefit from a miles program such as the one United Airlines features. United Airlines’ Mileage Plus program gives users points on miles flown – one mile flown, one mile earned. A flight within the continental U.S. can be earned with 25,000 miles using the United Saver Program, but it has limits such as blackout dates. Blackout dates are busy travel days that have fewer than normal or no seats available for rewards travel.

United Airlines is part of the Star Alliance, which links 26 different airlines and allows users to have one account, therefore users are able to link miles from all flights. Star Alliance members can be found at [www.staralliance.com/en/about/airlines](http://www.staralliance.com/en/about/airlines). Some members included are U.S. Airways, Air

Canada and Lufthansa. United also provides the chance to earn miles without flying.

Students are always looking to save money, and one effective way to do so, while earning miles, is by purchasing groceries. United allows users to link Safeway, Dominick’s, Vons, Pavilions or Genuardi’s club cards with the user’s United Mileage Plus account number. People interested in joining need to apply in the stores for the card. If they already have a club card with a grocery store, they can simply go online and link them together at [www.unitedmileageplus.com/GroceryMiles2.jsp](http://www.unitedmileageplus.com/GroceryMiles2.jsp). As many as 125 miles can be earned for every \$250 spent in the store. While this may seem like a small amount, it could be the number of miles that earns a free round-trip ticket.

United gives users the opportunity to buy, transfer and even gift miles online at [www.ualmiles.com](http://www.ualmiles.com). And the best gift of all is for graduating seniors who are United College Plus members, as they receive 10,000 miles after graduating. That’s 40 percent of the way toward a free round-trip ticket in the continental U.S.

As a final hint for United, always check for promotions. United has partnerships with most major wireless providers, and users can earn points for purchasing accessories, new phones and extending contracts. For more information, visit [www.mileagepluswireless.com](http://www.mileagepluswireless.com).

Because United works on a miles system, it’s best to find flights in the Star Alliance if flying long distances such as across the coast or to another country. And for those flying short segments, United counts segments rather than miles to calculate rewards.

## Southwest Airlines

For those who fly often within California, Southwest Airlines often times offers cheap tickets. Southwest’s frequent flyer program, Rapid Rewards, is true to its name. Participants have the opportunity to quickly earn credits toward a free flight.

Rapid Rewards works on a point system rather than a miles system. For every flight, participants earn one point. Round-trip flights earn two points. A total of 16 points will earn a free round-trip ticket, which means every ninth flight is free, as long as the previous eight flights were within the past 24 consecutive months. To sign up, visit [www.southwest.com/rapid\\_rewards](http://www.southwest.com/rapid_rewards).

One benefit of the Southwest point system is that even if all 16 points are earned flying from San Diego to San Francisco, they can be used at any of the 64 locations Southwest flies to when they earn a free flight.

Southwest also allows users to earn points by signing up for its Rapid Rewards Dining Program. This program is free and allows users to link five credit or debit cards to their account and earn points for visiting thousands of local restaurants, bars and clubs. When participants sign up, they earn a quarter of a point for the first \$25 they spend, and another quarter of a point for every subsequent \$100 spent. Participants don’t have to do anything extra; the points are automatically awarded to their account as long as the credit card used is linked to the Rapid Rewards account.

When users sign up, they’ll be able to

input their zip code and find hundreds of places locally and abroad to earn points. Just around the College Area, students can earn points by going to Burger Lounge, Ponce’s Mexican Restaurant, Bamboo Lounge and even Effin’s Pub n’ Grill. The only note to be considered is that certain restaurants will not offer points on specific days, such as Ponce’s, which does not participate on Sundays, or Bamboo Lounge that does not participate on Mondays. To learn more about partners as well as read reviews

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online, visit [www.rapidrewardsdining.com](http://www.rapidrewardsdining.com).

Southwest also issues limited time promotions for users to earn extra points. To register, go to Southwest’s main account page, click on the “promotion” tab, then on each link and hit “register.” Currently, Southwest is offering extra points through its Winter Bonusland promotions, where users can earn an extra point for every third flight flown between Nov. 19 and Feb. 15.

These are just a few examples of how students can earn points toward free flights without even flying that often. One should always consider the many possibilities.

# New regulations for airports are taking off



MCT Campus

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For travelers on Flight 253 bound for the Detroit Metropolitan Airport on Dec. 25 of last year, their Christmas holiday was anything but jolly. Passengers became startled when they heard a loud pop, followed by smoke. A passenger aboard the plane ignited a small explosive device, which the White House later called “an attempted terrorist attack.”

On Jan. 6, Umar Farouk Abdul Mutallab, a 23-year-old Nigerian national, was charged in a six-count criminal indictment for his alleged role in the attempted Christmas Day bombing of Northwest Airlines Flight 253 from Amsterdam to Detroit, according to [www.fbi.gov](http://www.fbi.gov).

“As the Christmas Day attempted bombing illustrates, the threats we face are becoming more diverse and more dangerous with each passing day,” Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Robert Mueller said on Jan. 20 before the Senate Committee on the Judiciary. “We not only face threats from al Qaeda, but also from self-directed groups not part of al Qaeda’s

formal structure which have ties to terrorist organizations through money or training.”

All travelers flying into the U.S. from foreign countries will receive tightened random screening, and 100 percent of passengers from 14 terrorism-prone countries will be patted down and have their carry-ons searched, according to [www.politico.com](http://www.politico.com). People planning to fly out of the San Diego International Airport and national airports can expect enhanced law enforcement presence in public areas, walking around terminals and at the security gate.

“The biggest change is for international travelers coming into the U.S.,” Transportation Security Administration spokesperson Suzanne Trevino said. “Since December 25, we’re always looking for the latest security measures.”

These include precautions the public may not be aware of, such as increased federal air marshals, more K-9s and random inspections.

All passengers should arrive at least two hours before their scheduled flight departure and have their tickets and proper identification ready, according to [www.San.org](http://www.San.org). For frequent flyers, it’s important to stay informed as regulations change, especially at the San Diego International Airport.



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There are many tricks to acquire frequent flyer miles for students with little cash and experience with flying. By using airline systems to one’s advantage, points can be accumulated fast to book free flights.



# Counting down 73 days until Coachella festival



Courtesy of Joe Olender

Whether camping, renting or staying in a hotel, this year's Coachella-bound music connoisseurs are destined to see many changes, including a change to the car policy. This year, campers are allowed to bring their vehicles.

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For the first year ever, Coachella is only selling three-day passes. Those who used to drive to Indio for the day to avoid hotel or camping fees are now destined to pitch a tent or drag along their luggage.

There are multiple options for lodging depending on one's budget:

## General camping

General \$55 on-site camping begins April 15 and ends April 19. Located on the fields next to the concert, this is the basic alternative for those who don't mind the 100-degree Indio sun heating them up at early hours in the morning, long lines for bathrooms and showers or loud partying throughout the entire night.

"Camping is a remarkable experience," Jason Woodrum, a sixth year attendee of Coachella, said. "The vibe of the campsite the night before the festival begins is amazing, and the site turns into a bit of a community. It provides a great

chance to get to know your festival goers, many of whom in the campsite are from all over the world."

It is advised to arrive with friends because people are placed in 10-foot by 30-foot spots as they come.

For the first time, people are allowed to park their cars next to their tents and festival attendees will be able to enter and exit the concert throughout the weekend. However, the car will not be allowed back in the camp area once it exits.

"(My) best memory would have to be camping in 2006," Woodrum said. "Close to 100 campers gathered around 4 a.m. to gather with a huge rubber ball and kick it back and forth to one another. It is the simple things in life, at times, that seem to stand out."

## RV camping

Another first is the \$250 RV camping spots. Just like general camping, there is a charging station for cell phones, showers, an Internet café, portable toilets and a general store. All campers can visit the different

camping sites.

## Ready 2 Go camping

Ready 2 Go camping is for those who are flying in or don't have the general camping gear. It is on-site camping spots that fit two to four people and includes sleeping bags, a tent, blankets and pillows. It costs anywhere from \$200 to \$500, depending on the size of the tent and camping spot.

## Safari tent camping

The most expensive camping is the luxury Safari tents. For \$5,000 for two people, this air-conditioned, indoor and outdoor-lit Safari tent provides an all-access pass, it is fully furnished and has private parking, golf cart shuttles to and from the stages, breakfast and late night snacks.

## Off-site camping

There are multiple off-site camping spots such as Shadow Hills RV Resort, any Joshua Tree National

Park campsites or Riverside County Parks campgrounds.

Whichever decision is chosen, camping is a good option for those adventurous souls who want to get the full Coachella experience.

## Hotels

Above all, the number one tip for a Coachella hotel stay is to book early.

"The rates for all hotels in the general area are often exorbitantly priced, but (people) may find it is worth it ... to sleep comfortably after the festival and beat the heat of the early afternoon," Woodrum said.

But if this option is chosen, expect long lines for parking.

"The drive to and from the festival is a nightmare, with traffic usually not subsiding after the festival for over an hour at the least," Woodrum said.

Some hotels do not sell out, but those are generally the resorts or those that are expensively priced.

## Renting

Renting a house is always another

option if looking to stay with a large group of people. "Renting a house or getting a hotel room is definitely a more comfortable experience," Woodrum said. "Easy access to an air-conditioned room, a bed and a private shower are certainly creature comforts many people have trouble going without."

Some people are even using time-shares for their Coachella stay. But same with staying at a hotel, expect parking delays.

## All these choices, what is one to do?

Proper planning is key to a Coachella trip. Prepare to spend \$269 on a festival pass plus money for gas to and from the venue, lodging, bringing or buying food and, most importantly, water.

Staying at Coachella is only half the battle, making it through the Indio heat is a whole other journey. But regardless of where one stays, Coachella is bound to be an experience not to be forgotten.



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As a bicycle built for the snow, the ski-bike is a comfortable way to tackle the mountain.

# Sail the snow with ski-bikes

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Growing up, most people learned to ski "pizza" and "french fry" style and to fall backward when snowboarding to avoid painful landings. But some say traditional ways of skiing and snowboarding can be boring.

A secret to some and a specialty of others, ski-biking is winter's lesser-known sport but is quickly attracting followers.

Originating in the snow-powdered mountains of Europe, the concept of a ski-bike first hit American soil in 1963 through the efforts of German skibob racer, Lorenz Ertl. This bike-like contraption is designed with the front and rear wheels replaced with skis, while the rider, equipped with his own pair of short foot-skis, straddles the seat. The concept was not greeted with excitement. Ertl couldn't find very much support for his peculiar product for quite some time. A few years later, a man in California, William Cartwright, decided he liked the odd mobile and soon imported several bikes. It was

only a matter of time until the trend took off.

The basic ski-bike evolved into an aerodynamic marvel and is now specially engineered to work with the force of gravity so riders can zip down mountainsides faster. Safer than other snow sports, a ski-bike allows for more navigational command, symmetrical stability and speed control, according to [www.ski-bike.org](http://www.ski-bike.org).

The bikes are light, ranging from 16 to 25 pounds and can be as light as seven pounds for children.

Because of the ski-bike's three-point stance and low center of gravity, new riders can learn the sport quickly. Thankfully, there is very little "downtime" associated with ski-bikes, and stopping is as easy as turning sideways.

But riders rarely want to stop and ski-bike sessions can run for hours at a time because of the decreased fatigue factor. Riders are not standing, but instead sitting, allowing for more relaxed recreational fun.

For many, the faster speeds are the attraction of the game. Ski-bikes have raced as fast as 125 mph and are light enough to spin, whip and heel-click for Xtreme riders.

"I come from a motorcycle

background and it felt so natural and intuitive having those handlebars in my hands," Rod Ratzlaff, founder of the American Ski-Bike Association, said.

"I was in line at 4 p.m. to get that last run in and I could have kept going for hours," he said, describing the first time he rode on a ski-bike. "I guess I must have enjoyed myself ... I immediately went out and bought a bike."

Those interested in nabbing one of their ski-bikes will have to go straight to manufacturers such as Alpine, Koski, Slopecycle and Venom. Finding slopes that allow the bikes may be tricky. In California, Bear Valley, Sierra-at-Tahoe, Northstar-at-Tahoe and Mt. Baldy all accept ski-bikers, but others are still hesitant to grant the new sport entrance.

It's all a matter of time before the whole country catches on. Ski-biking is already a popular worldwide sport and the winter months hold hundreds of ski-bike festivals, rallies and competitions.

For more information on how to get involved in ski biking, how to find slopes or where to purchase the revolutionary snowmobiles, visit [www.ski-bike.org](http://www.ski-bike.org).



MEN’S BASKETBALL

# Leonard lends the Aztecs a big hand



Glenn Connelly / Photo Editor  
Freshman forward Kawhi Leonard leads the Mountain West Conference in rebounds this season.

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On a Thursday evening inside Viejas Arena, the San Diego State men’s basketball team practiced for its upcoming game against Colorado State. There was a scout team dressed in white scrimmage jerseys playing against SDSU’s starting five dressed in black jerseys.

“This play is called ‘Cash,’” a player from the scout team called out.

Players in white weaved in and out of the Aztecs’ starting five. Then, one of them picked up his dribble, reared back and fired a pass to Kawhi Leonard’s man. Leonard promptly stuck his paw out and stole the basketball.

“Dang!” the scout team player yelled. “Nice hands!”

Leonard has heard plenty of things about his hands since he first arrived at SDSU. Almost never, however, does he hear about them being nice.

“Everybody talks about his hands,” junior guard D.J. Gay said. “I can’t say all the jokes, but we always talk about what it would be like if you got slapped by him or something like that. Or how when he dribbles it looks like he’s just holding it in midair or stuff like that.”

Leonard, a freshman forward, has massive hands. He makes a basketball look like a miniature volleyball. When he shakes hands with reporters, many often joke that they have to ask for their hand back.

“He’s got the biggest hands that I’ve seen on a player that we’ve had since Chris

Webber,” head coach Steve Fisher said.

The big hands, though, have come with a price. The Aztecs’ squad is full of jokesters this year and they like to let Leonard have it whenever they can.

“They give me a hard time about my hands every day,” Leonard said. “They talk about, ‘Get away from me. Stop touching me with your hands. They’re too big.’”

Leonard’s never measured his hands, so the exact size of them is unknown. Although Leonard did say he was going to measure them soon “because people keep asking me, ‘How big are your hands?’”

What is known, however, is how useful they really are. Leonard says his hands give him extra length, which helps him grab rebounds better. This season, Leonard leads the Mountain West Conference in rebounding, averaging 9.6 boards per game.

“There’s plenty of jokes that go around about his hands, but on the flipside, everybody’s jealous of them,” Gay said. “Because those hands, you saw what they do on the boards.”

Leonard will try to lend a hand again when SDSU takes on Air Force at 7:05 p.m. tonight at Viejas Arena. The freshman forward will look to extend his double-double streak to four games tonight against the Falcons.

“He came in with a lot of hype and he’s living up to a good portion of it,” Fisher said. “He’s an exceptional offensive rebounder, physically imposing at times, smart, aggressive and wants to learn and get better. He’s a keeper.”

WOMEN’S TENNIS

# Getting to know: Julia Trunk



Glenn Connelly / Photo Editor

CHUCK HERRMANN  
STAFF WRITER

her doubles matches and 2-1 in her singles matches, losing only to UC Irvine’s No. 109 Stephanie Hammel.

Name: Julia Trunk  
Height: 5’5”  
Class: Junior  
High School: Stoerck-Gymnasium  
Hometown: Bad Saulgau, Germany

**Best tool**  
Trunk said her aggressiveness and athleticism are the keys to her game. “I try to be aggressive when I play, putting the pressure on the other player,” Trunk said. “But my athleticism allows me to cover a lot of ground and recover very well.”

**How she fits**  
Julia Trunk is the veteran of this year’s young San Diego State team and is one of only two juniors on SDSU’s squad. She looks to continue her strong play while providing a leadership role this season.

“Being a leader is something you need to do once you get into this position,” Trunk said. “I feel like it’s my job to help lead the team.”

Trunk is also a member of the No. 2 doubles team and sets the tone as the team’s No. 1 singles competitor, going against the best the opponents have to offer.

**Something you don’t know**  
This is the first time that Trunk has played with a fellow German while playing for the Aztecs, with freshman Julia Wais being one of the newcomers this year.

“It’s been a lot of fun to play with her,” Trunk said. “We get along really well.”

An avid tennis player since age 8, Trunk hopes to one day go professional.

“I just have to keep developing my game and see where it takes me,” Trunk said.

**Season so far**  
Trunk has started off hot this spring semester, going 3-0 with freshman Alicia Aguilar in

**Quotable**  
“I think this team can have a great season as long as everyone plays as hard as they can,” Trunk said.

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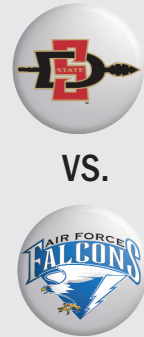
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## AT A GLANCE



**WHEN:** 7:05 p.m., tonight  
**WHERE:** Viejas Arena

**WHY TO WATCH:** Freshman forward Kawhi Leonard and the San Diego State men’s basketball team look to extend their winning streak to two tonight against the 1-6 Air Force Falcons.



POPE’S DOCTRINE

Some final thoughts on the SDSU-BYU controversy



Glenn Connelly / Photo Editor

On Jan. 23, the San Diego State men’s basketball team played a home game against then-No. 13 BYU. The game sold out early that morning, the crowd showed up in full force for the “Black Out,” former SDSU athletes and local celebrities were in attendance, Viejas Arena was as electric as it’s ever been, and the Aztecs lost, 71-69. The game bumped the Cougars up to No. 10 in the country and in all likelihood, killed SDSU’s chances for an at-large bid come March. But the story in the days following the game had little to do with the on-court action, or even basketball at all. The issue at hand was the way many BYU fans reacted to what has been taken as far as to be called “religious persecution.”

DAVID POPE  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Aztecs’ student section, affectionately known as “The Show,” has become notorious for (among other things) dressing in traditional Mormon missionary garb every year for this game, complete with white collared shirts, black ties and even bike helmets to boot. Cougar fans normally seem moderately amused by this and on this day, two brave females in BYU T-shirts even tried to take a picture with the two dozen or so in costume. Also present were signs mocking the Cougars’ star, Jimmer Fredette, who has been dealing with a bout of mononucleosis for about a month now. Some of the best read “Mon-OWNED” and “Hey Jimmer,

which one of your wives gave you Mono?” Even the most uptight BYU fan had to chuckle at that one. But in the waning seconds of the game, when an SDSU loss seemed likely, the sizeable group of Cougar fans began a boisterous “B-Y-U!” chant. The frustrated Aztec students retorted with “You’re still Mormon!” That put the people of Provo over the edge. Message boards and comment sections of news sites blew up. BYU fans and members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints lamented the crude nature of the SDSU fans and demanded an apology from the Aztec administration. Cougar fans wanted to know why it’s fair to mock their religion and why everyone else seems to have it so much easier than them. To that I say: You are not special. Do you really think you are the only fans who receive personal attacks and obscene heckles? I’m reminded of the SDSU basketball game earlier this season across town at the University of San Diego where the USD student section serenaded the Aztec faithful with chants of “S-T-D’s” and “You have syphilis!” long after the joke had been worn out. How did SDSU fans respond? With a quick laugh and their own chant of “scoreboard” and it was done. Now I do understand ridiculing someone about their religion is very different from mocking someone’s social life, but I’ve struggled to find anything offensive that transpired that day. Maybe the “You’re still

Mormon!” chant was pushing the envelope, and there’s no doubt it lacked any real creativity, but I think the appropriate response to that would be, “Yes. Yes I am. Also, my team just beat yours. Thank you for your time.” Some Cougar fans even said they no longer feel comfortable coming to Viejas Arena with their families and cheering for their team. Well, isn’t that the whole point? Isn’t that the goal of every home crowd – to make sure fans of the road team keep quiet? The answer is “yes.” So BYU, you are not special. There was a time when your fans could come to an Aztec basketball game, account for half of the people in attendance and take over the arena in a blowout win for the

Cougars. That time has passed. SDSU now has a legitimate home atmosphere, a creative and passionate student section and a perennial contender on the court. I would recommend developing thicker skin or at least a sense of humor, because once “The Show” knows it’s in your head, you open the door for more signs, more heckles and a lot more tough games on Montezuma Mesa. Congratulations on the win; we look forward to seeing you next year – especially you, Jimmer. –David Pope is an English senior. –This article does not necessarily reflect the opinions of The Daily Aztec.

BEATBOX

Shelton out for the year

The San Diego State men’s basketball team announced yesterday that redshirt sophomore forward Tim Shelton will have exploratory surgery on his knee tomorrow and will miss the remainder of the season. Shelton, a 6-foot-7, 248-pound power forward, has been battling knee problems since he arrived at SDSU in 2007. In the past four years, Shelton has had three major knee surgeries

and has missed numerous games because of knee soreness. In the 2007-08 season, Shelton redshirted because of his knee injury. Shelton played in nine games for the Aztecs this season, starting two. He averaged 3.3 points and two rebounds per game, but was an emotional leader on and off the court. –Compiled by Sports Editor Edward Lewis

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Contrasts between men and women

When I ask a man what is wrong and he says “nothing,” I believe him. I believe him because he is a man. And when men say “something,” I have found they actually mean it. That’s weird, right? Because when you ask me what’s wrong and I say “nothing,” what I mean is: “Everything and it’s your fault!” You see, men and women communicate differently.

Initiating contact

Men need conflict to start talking. He will say, “That movie sucked. Any real cop would wear a Kevlar vest.” The other gentleman, after first citing his credentials (e.g., “I own all four ‘Die Hard’ movies”) would disagree. That is how conversations are born in the male world. A woman, not having this problem, begins conversation by saying something neutral and agreeable such as, “Wasn’t that movie great?” But the man, not realizing this, will respond with “Mm-hmm.” And the conversation ends.

Conversation

It has been said that men speak 15,000 words a day while women speak 30,000 words. The first time my dad pointed this out, I pondered the idea that women may talk too much. But then, I realized it’s because men don’t listen so women have to constantly repeat themselves. I am told that men talk about two things: sports and sex. They don’t know football nearly as well as they think they do and they always exaggerate about sex. Women only talk about two things in the locker room too: their bodies and sex. In both instances, they are extremely critical, graphic and technical. And they never lie.

Locker room talk

KRISTEN ACE NEVAREZ  
STAFF COLUMNIST

Post breakup chat

After a serious breakup, a woman will cry, watch four seasons of “Grey’s Anatomy” and post cryptic Lady Gaga lyrics as her Facebook status. She will write him a long-winded e-mail about what she’s learned and how she’s grown as a person. Then she will continue with her life. A man will begin dating someone younger and prettier almost immediately. Six months after the breakup, at 2:57 a.m. on a Thursday, he will call his ex and say, “You ruined my life and I hate you. But if you ever want to hook up, then I guess I could learn and grow from this relationship too.” That’s just communication. Bottom line: Men and women differ in every category. I have done a thorough in-depth study (meaning talking to my boyfriend and his roommates) and have realized these other key discrepancies.

Groceries

A woman makes a list of things she needs and she buys them. She may go to several different stores to get the right items. A man waits until the only food items in his apartment are protein powder and half of a bag of shredded cheese. Then he goes to Costco and buys everything that looks good, plus more protein (aka: “supps”). By the time he gets to the checkout he has two carts. This does not stop him from going through the express lane.

Shoes

A girl will get up in the morning and wear boots but bring flip-flops and stilettos in a Victoria’s Secret shopping bag. While getting ready for the party that night, she will change from boots to the heels. Once drunk, she will realize no one cares about her shoes and stumble home barefoot. She will have lost the flip-flops. Men will wear the same pair of shoes all day. But let’s not talk about how many

days he’ll wear the same socks.

Handwriting

Men write quickly, they cannot read their own notes afterward and therefore must refer to the doodles to remind themselves what it said. Women’s handwriting rivals artwork. They make up words like “totes” and “fab.” They dot every single “i,” even when they are telling someone they hate them. And they may put a smiley face at the end of the note.

Dressing up

Women will get dressed up for class. Some women will get dressed up to go shopping, to get the mail and even to chat on Skype. Men will get dressed up for weddings and funerals. And they think dark-wash jeans count as formal wear.

The bed

Men can fall asleep anywhere, in any circumstances. They don’t wash their sheets and they’ll sleep on the couch. Women will pile oddly shaped, decorative pillows across the entire bed until there is no usably flat surface to sleep on. I can’t prove it, but I just know that men love women’s beds, but won’t admit it. They will claim all backaches are because of the foreign concept of a “pillow top.” I’m going to stop there because I can’t discuss differences in driving and stay within my word limit.

After writing this column, I have to wonder why I would choose to have a boyfriend at all. I could just have all my girlfriends who know how to listen and grocery shop and French braid. But then again, who will help me move out of my apartment? Those couches don’t lift themselves ... and he has a truck.

—Kristen Ace Nevarez is a theater arts junior who doesn’t know how to effectively communicate.

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