

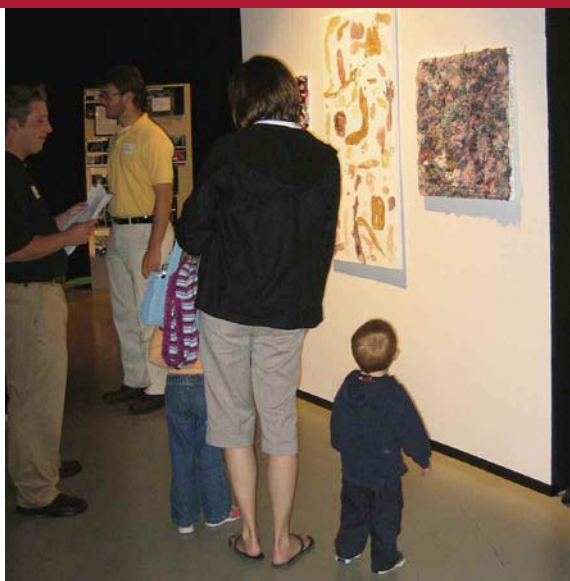
# news

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS STAFF

APRIL 2009

## SDSU CHILDREN'S CENTER

# A is for Art Exhibition & Gala



The children enrolled at the SDSU Children's Center have been hard at work creating 20 canvases, which will be displayed and auctioned at the 5th annual "A is for Art" Exhibition & Gala. Each canvas is the collaborative effort of the children, Master Teachers and visiting artists from the community. The techniques used to create the paintings are just as varied as the materials used. Fingers, paintbrushes, plastic knives, elbows and toy cars, all smeared, dripped, squeezed and spread acrylic paint, flour, tempera paint, sand and watercolors, resulting in unbelievably beautiful works of art.

Please join event co-chairs, **President and Mrs. Stephen L. Weber** for an Evening of Art Benefiting Children, at **5:30 p.m. on Friday, April 10. Studio A at KPBS** will be transformed into an art gallery for this special event. There will be a silent auction of the canvases — with all proceeds going toward the purchase of curriculum materials for the Center — musical entertainment for children and light refreshments. Admission is free. For more details, visit [childcare.sdsu.edu](http://childcare.sdsu.edu) and click on "A is for Art."

As a part of "A is for Art," a campus-wide Children's Art Exhibition is also being held. In the last four years, more than 40 A.S. and university departments have participated in this event, exhibiting art created by children from ages 6 months to 5 years. For more information about the campus-wide exhibition, please contact the Center at 619-594-7941.

## MISSION BAY AQUATIC CENTER

# FREE Surfing & More!

As the weather is getting warmer and the days are getting longer, make sure that you are taking full advantage of your A.S. benefits at the Mission Bay Aquatic Center. As an A.S. employee, you are entitled to many benefits with your A.S. benefit card. The Mission Bay Aquatic Center offers some of the best discounts. You can receive a **FREE** non-credit aquatic recreation class. These include sailing, surfing, kayaking, windsurfing, rowing, wakeboarding and waterskiing classes (up to \$150 value). You are also entitled to a **FREE** sit-on-top kayak rental (\$20 value). MBAC will also give you a **FREE** hour private lesson with the purchase of one hour private lesson (up to \$125 value). If you are a parent, you can also receive a \$75 discount on our spring or summer youth water sports camps for your children. Take advantage of these great savings and come visit the Mission Bay Aquatic Center.



## ★ Job Well Done!

### Great Customer Service at Cox Arena

Below is an e-mail received from a Slipknot fan after attending a recent concert at Cox Arena...

*My son and I went to the Slipknot concert tonight. He injured his knee after we got tickets. I called and we were told that we could switch for handicap seats since he is in a wheelchair. When we went to the show a rep from Rock 105.3 asked if we wanted to go to the meet and greet. We, of course, said yes! When the band manager came to take everyone down, they all got single file and followed him right down the stairs. We thought that was it, we were left behind in all the chaos...my son is a huge fan, he was so bummed out. One of the employees told me to go to the elevator and tell the staff there. At this point I thought no one is going to care and they wouldn't be able to do anything about it. Well, that was not the case. The girl at the elevator called a supervisor, I didn't get his name, but he was the only one wearing a blue shirt and I think it said event supervisor. He has a short haircut, I wish I would have asked his name. He escorted us down the elevator and got us back into the meet and greet. Your staff went above and beyond the call of duty and made one kid's dream come true. We got pictures taken with the band, autographs and shirts. It made the night so much better since we lost our good seats due to his injury and had to sit in the handicap section. Thank you SOOOOO much for having that kind of staff at Cox Arena!*

*Thanks, Robert G.*

The "phone call" mentioned was handled by **Deanne Fingerman**, the "girl at the elevator" was **Jennifer Whitehead**, and the "event supervisor" was **Ryan DeLong**. **Congratulations Deanne, Jennifer and Ryan on a Job Well Done!**

### Excellence Rewarded at The Daily Aztec

**The Daily Aztec Staff** recently attended the Associated Collegiate Press Conference and the paper was recognized in 11 categories:

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| 1st Place - Best Breaking News Online | 3rd Place - Best Feature Photo                    |
| 1st Place - Best Sports Photo         | 3rd Place - Best Back to School/Orientation Issue |
| 1st Place - Best Editorial            | 3rd Place - Best Feature Page                     |
| 1st Place - Best Overall Design       | 3rd Place - Best Feature Story                    |
| 2nd Place - Best Infographic          | 3rd Place - Special Section                       |
| 2nd Place - Best Sports Page Design   |   |

**Congratulations to everyone at The Daily Aztec on a Job Well Done!** Pick up a copy of this award-winning paper today!



## SDSU Children's Center Board Member Honored for Showing Appreciation

The following was reprinted from the City National Bank Community Corner Newsletter...

**Simon Chapman** (member of the SDSU Children's Center Board), *Wealth Management Services - San Diego, always wanted to be involved in his local community and has found the perfect opportunity in serving on the board at the San Diego State University (SDSU) Children's Center. Simon's son attends the school and as part of the board, Simon works with the other parents, teachers, staff and students to manage the Center's budget and activities, address parental concerns and meet student and staff development priorities for this well-respected school. Most recently, Simon chaired Staff Appreciation Week, where the Center's staff was treated to a different show of thanks each day during the week, ranging from breakfast to thank you cards for each staff member.*

*"This is a great way for me to be involved," says Simon. "I enjoy watching the growth and development of the children at the Center and they have been very kind to recognize the bank as a supporter of the Center. It's a win-win-win for me, the school and City National."*

*In honor of Simon's service, City National Bank has given a \$250 "Dollars for Doers" grant to the San Diego State University Children's Center. Thank you Simon! City National is proud to have you on our team!*

**Thank you Simon for a Job Well Done, we are proud to have you on our team too!**

## A.S. Welcomes

All new full and part-time employees.

- Mona Abood
- Oliver Allosh
- Shevana Aquino
- Whitney Baumann
- Teresa Bigelow
- Hannah Boyd
- Erwin Buenavente
- Melissa Butler
- Nicole Callas
- Alicia Casillas
- Rahul Chaturvedi
- Erika Cueva
- Michael Ethier
- Pedram Farjad
- Adrian Galvez
- Evan Handa
- Sean Harper
- Jennifer Harris
- Nina Hoang
- William Jacks
- Ashley Jackson
- Kimberly Johnson
- Kristen Kwong
- Edmond Liu
- Yue-Wen Liu
- Sarah Luciani
- Kari Luu
- Brian Marz
- Meigan Mell
- Adrian Meneses
- Daniel Meza
- John Moran
- Giorgi Naoom
- Donald Nguyen
- Maura Ochoa
- Evelyn Oehmke
- Andrew Onishi
- Erica Palmatier
- Jovan Paunovic
- Cara Poliquin
- Pratik Rele
- Timothy Revenko
- Bianca Rivas
- Cassidy Roderigue
- Mandel Rodriguez
- Rafael Rodriguez
- Stuart Rush
- Kevin Scannell
- Edward Sciaky
- Zachary Smith
- Steven Soares
- Robert Stewart
- Chad Teichman
- Lilian Truong
- Mary Vonurff
- Kaitlin Wessel
- Jared Whitlock
- Lina You

New hires as of 3/10/09



# 15 QUESTIONS

1. What is your name?  
**Charmika Gelmo**
2. Which A.S. department do you work in? Describe your job in 25 words or less.  
**I work at the Children's Center as an Assistant Teacher. I work right now in the Transition Cottage, but have worked with the Toddlers, too.**
3. How many years have you worked for A.S.?  
**4½ years.**
4. What was the last movie you saw? Thumbs up or thumbs down?  
**Slumdog Millionaire — 2 thumbs up!**



CHARMIKA GELMO

5. What is your favorite dessert?  
**It's a tie between cheesecake and chocolate chip cookie dough ice cream.**
6. What city would you most like to visit or visit again?  
**Venice, Italy**
7. Would you rather build a sandcastle or a snowman?  
**Sandcastle all the way!**
8. Who is your favorite singer / musician / musical group?  
**Billie Holiday**
9. What is your favorite sports team or who is your favorite individual athlete?  
**Go Lakers!**
10. Would you rather meet friends for coffee or curl-up with a good book?  
**Replace the coffee with tea, they both sound good.**
11. What do you want to be when you grow up?  
**I use to want to be a child psychologist, but I'm not sure yet, I just know I want to work with children.**
12. Do you like to cook and what is your specialty?  
**I love to cook, especially baking — you should try my cheesecake.**
13. What is your favorite color?  
**Purple**
14. When you visit the Zoo, which animal do you make sure you see?  
**Pandas and giraffes**
15. Who is your favorite actor or actress?  
**Edward Norton and Natalie Portman**

## FOR SAFETY'S SAKE

# Take a Buddy

Working late or on the weekend? Be sure to use the "Buddy System" — there is safety in numbers when walking to parking lots or public transportation areas. If a buddy is not available, SDSU Public Safety offers an escort service. You can request an escort by calling 594-6659 from any of the campus emergency/duress telephones located around campus and in all parking lots.

**For safety's sake...**

- Don't take the stairs alone.
- Don't get into elevators with people who look out of place or behave in a way that makes you feel uncomfortable. If you find yourself in an elevator with someone who makes you nervous, press the next floor button and get off as soon as possible. Also, stand near the emergency phone or button in the elevator.
- Choose a well lit, well-guarded parking garage. When you approach your car, have the key ready. Check the floor and front and back seats before getting in. Lock your car as soon as you get in — before you buckle your seat belt.

*Tips provided by the National Crime Prevention Council*

## A.S. Day



San Diego City Councilmember Marti Emerald (left) with A.S. Councilmembers and A.S. Staff.

The San Diego City Council proclaimed Saturday, March 7, "Associated Students of San Diego State University Day." Associated Students was incorporated on March 7, 1932. San Diego District 7 City Councilmember Marti Emerald sponsored the proclamation. District Seven encompasses SDSU, Allied Gardens, San Carlos, Rolando and Tierrasanta, among other neighborhoods. Danny "Oz" Osztreicher, A.S. Vice President of External Affairs, worked with Emerald's office to make this proclamation a reality. A.S. President James Poet, A.S. Executive Director Dan Cornthwaite, Associate Executive Director Christina Brown and other members of the A.S. Council and A.S. External Affairs Board were present to receive the proclamation.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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| APRIL 15th, 16th & 17th | 4th 2009 Epicenter Conference, 9:00 a.m., Cox Arena   |
|                         | Greenfest, OAT & Campanile Walk, Aztec Center, visit <a href="http://case.sdsu.edu">case.sdsu.edu</a> for details |
| 24th                    | Greek Week Talent Show, OAT   |
| 29th                    | Celtic Woman, 7:30pm, OAT   |
| 30th                    | Safety Inspection Reports due to the A.S. Business Office   |