

# news

## ASSOCIATED STUDENTS STAFF



### A HUGE SUCCESS!

## AZTEC NIGHTS

The first five weeks of **Aztec Nights** provided students with a huge variety of events — from Ferris wheel rides to drag shows, go-kart racing to dodge ball — all culminating with a concert by the rock-reggae group Pepper. Many events saw large crowds of enthusiastic students, here are just a few attendance numbers: Welcome Back Dance - 4,000, Screen on the Green/Diva's Night Out - 1,000, Campus Carnival - 3,000, The Race Is On - 1,500 and the Pepper Concert - 3,400. Two A.S. sponsored events were huge successes...

## DODGEBALL WORLD RECORD BROKEN!

On Saturday, September 5, 2009 at approximately 11:15 p.m., participants completed the unofficial **world's largest game of Dodgeball** with 450 participants in the Aztec Recreation Center.

The concept was initiated by A.S. student leaders in 2008 as an idea for the Aztec Nights late night programming. At that time the band Weezer held the record for the largest game of Dodgeball with 100 participants. **Eric Huth**, Aztec Recreation Director, coordinated efforts with the Guinness World Records to begin planning for the attempt to break Weezer's record. Then, on March 13, 2009 the record was broken in Portlethen, Aberdeenshire, UK with 120 people. As finals plans were coming in place for the event in the Aztec Recreation Center, a Google search revealed that an attempt was held at Kennesaw State University in Atlanta Georgia on August 14, 2009 and another event at Gonzaga University in Spokane also threatened the opportunity.

To prove that the SDSU attempt was valid and that SDSU holds the World's Largest Game of Dodgeball record, several systems were set in place to provide evidence: a numbering system for all participants as well as a roster with each person's signature. In addition, the entire event was videotaped and numerous photos were taken. Three independent adjudicators were brought in: these are required witnesses with standing in the local community; they were recreation professionals not associated with SDSU. After submitting all these materials to the Guinness World Records, Aztec Recreation will wait for up to six weeks for ratification of the record.

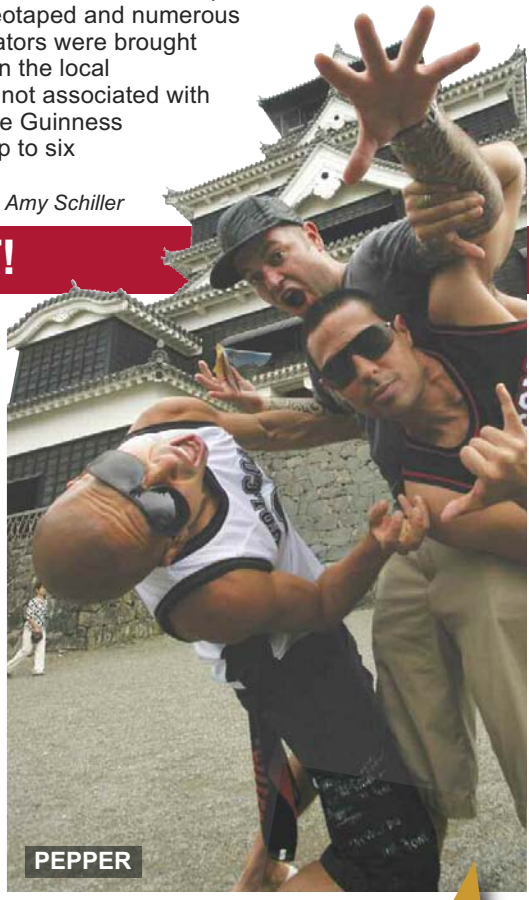
— Amy Schiller



## PEPPER IN CONCERT!

Friday, September 25th marked the finale of Aztec Nights with an incredible concert featuring the reggae-rock sensation **PEPPER**. With an attendance of over 3,400 students, this event proved to be one of the most successful Aztec Nights events to date. This concert truly showcased the outstanding teamwork Associated Students embodies as **CASE, Viejas Arena, Aztec Center, A.S. Directors, A.S. Council**, and many other **A.S. Staff & students** joined in support of this memorable event. Congratulations to **San Diego State University, Associated Students, Student Life and Leadership**, and all those involved with the programming efforts of Aztec Nights — here's to a great success.

— Jamie Lynn Cochran



PEPPER

...and more still to come!  
Visit [aztecnights.com](http://aztecnights.com) for more information.

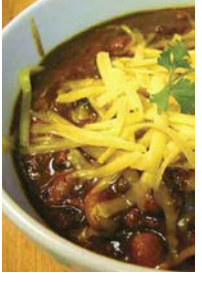
## A.S. EMPLOYEES HONORED FOR... Years of Dedication!

Next week the following A.S. full-time staff members will be honored for their years of service to A.S. at a breakfast in Aztec Center and a special ceremony at Tony Gwynn Stadium. When you see them, be sure to congratulate them and thank them for their dedication!

20 YEARS	20 YEARS	15 YEARS	10 YEARS	10 YEARS	10 YEARS
 <b>John Kolek</b> Viejas Arena Director	 <b>Jim Lustig</b> Aztec Recreation Outdoor Programs Coordinator	 <b>Sara Sanders</b> Supervising Teacher - Infants/Toddlers/Transition 2s	 <b>DeJuan Benford</b> Aztec Recreation Intramural Sports & Sport Club Coordinator	 <b>Ron Pascual</b> Aztec Recreation Building Services Coordinator	 <b>Juan Silva</b> Aztec Recreation Center Accounting Supervisor

## A.S. EMPLOYEE CHILI COOKOFF Start Dicing Those Onions!

Time to dig out your favorite chili recipe and warm up that crockpot for the **7th annual A.S. Employee Chili Cookoff**. This year's event will be held on the Scripps Cottage Patio, Thursday, October 22nd at 1:00 p.m. All employees are eligible to enter — you can enter individually or as a team. Entry forms, which are available online at [as.sdsu.edu/admin/forms](http://as.sdsu.edu/admin/forms), must be submitted by October 16th. Awards will be given to the 1st and 2nd place chili in two categories, Best Tasting Chili and Most Creative Display. Contact **Tara Slaughter** at 619.594.4001 for additional information.



Last year's winners were:  
BEST TASTING CHILI  
1st Place: Unbeatable Frito Pie - **Travis McCauley**  
2nd Place: Aztec Adventures Vegetarian Chili - **Christina Tyndall, Jessamyne Tinquist & Babs Grossman**  
MOST CREATIVE DISPLAY  
1st Place: Cox's Chili Cauldron - **Ryan Delong, Amanda Burgess & Deanne Fingerma**  
2nd Place: Designer's Chili - **Susan Heiser**

## A.S. Welcomes

All new full and part-time employees.

- Michael Alldredge, Jr.
- Elizabeth Bandy
- Travis Jew
- Eric Loya
- Sean Nadalin
- Slade Oran
- Tiffani Amana
- Dennis Avery
- Regina Clements-Fields
- Carlyn Peterson
- Nichole Rodriguez
- Travis Tahmahkera
- Diana Adao
- Lyndsi Sherman
- Michelle Lanning
- Brandon Ciaccio
- Thomas Havert
- Kenneth Mayfield
- Jackson Stearns
- Steven Wahl
- Christopher Fleming
- Joseph Viggiano
- Ani Araya-Byrd
- Megan Andrews
- Amie Crump
- Kara Anderson
- Sarah Mcallister
- Brian Robison
- Martin Diaz
- Sayran Arab
- Yvonne Derk
- Carolina Herrera
- Rachel Hubka
- Jarae Page
- Rachel Woodside
- Davita Brown
- Sierra Lynn Castillo
- Elisabeth Hill
- Alexis Huff
- Gwynne Leftwich
- Cayla Martin
- Karla Rodriguez
- Lauren Kilburg
- Meliza Pangilinan
- Joshua Pettis
- Megan Rogers
- Lisa Scully
- Stephanie Galvez
- Erika Garcia
- Joel Hudec
- Sarai Mora
- Ivette Castanon
- Lisa Leonard
- Michelle Torres
- Elizabeth Concepcion
- Leonica Brown
- Gaston Bustamante
- Kate Lampert
- Nicola Llanda
- Monique Williams
- Hailey Young
- Ty'ricee Bovain
- Joseph Byrnes
- Sean Hart
- Sarah Irvin
- David Schroeder
- Jason Wood
- Elise Fox
- Margret Palma
- Daniela Anderson
- Andrea Dicey
- Angelyne Mabilangan



# 15 QUESTIONS

1. What is your name and job title?  
**Faryar Borhani, Editor in Chief of The Daily Aztec**
2. Which A.S. department do you work in? Describe your job in 25 words or less.  
**I work for The Daily Aztec. My job is to oversee the daily operations of an on-campus, student-run newspaper comprised of almost 100 paid and volunteer employees.**



FARYAR BORHANI

3. How many years have you worked for A.S.?  
**3 years.**
4. What was the last movie you saw? Thumbs up or thumbs down?  
**"I Love You, Man," two thumbs way up.**
5. What is your favorite restaurant?  
**C-Level on Harbor Island, amazing view of downtown day or night.**
6. What is your favorite dessert?  
**Chocolate Souffle**
7. Which three people (living or dead) you would like to have dinner with?  
**Kobe Bryant because he is amazing. Paul Newman because he was epic. Kanye West to ask him what he was thinking.**
8. What city would you most like to visit or visit again?  
**Paris, France. It's the one place where eating cheese with a bottle of wine for dinner is encouraged.**
9. What is your favorite ride at an amusement park?  
**Ghost rider at Knotts Berry Farm.**
10. Would you rather build a sandcastle or a snowman?  
**I'd rather be building a sandcastle because that entails being on a beach, and who wouldn't want that?**
11. What is your favorite sports team or who is your favorite individual athlete?  
**Die-hard Lakers fan, purple and gold run through my veins... and Kobe Bryant.**
12. Would you rather meet friends for coffee or curl-up with a good book?  
**Meet up for a pizza.**
13. Do you like to cook and what is your specialty?  
**Yes, pop tarts with a side of fresh-squeezed orange juice sums it up.**
14. What three things are always in your refrigerator?  
**Blueberries, cheese and chicken.**
15. Do you prefer to read the news, watch the news, or get your news on the Internet?  
**On weekdays I like the Internet, on weekends I like the paper and TV.**

## HERE'S YOUR CHANCE FOR... BIG MONEY!

### CREATIVE INNOVATION AWARD (CIA)

A.S. is proud to reward employees who help to improve the operations and service of our organization. Creative Innovation Awards — monetary awards — are giving for ideas for new procedures, increased efficiency, improved customer service, cost savings or improved safety practices. Both part-time and full-time A.S. employees are eligible to apply. Application deadline is October 26, 2009.



### A.S. EMPLOYEES' SCHOLARSHIP

Three \$300 awards are available to part-time student staff. Eligibility requirements: Current A.S. part-time employee for the last 4 months, current SDSU student (in the current and following semester), 2.75 overall GPA or 3.0 GPA in your last 24 units. Application deadline is October 26, 2009.

Applications for the CIA and Scholarship Awards are available online at [www.as.sdsu.edu/admin/forms](http://www.as.sdsu.edu/admin/forms). Contact **Tara Slaughter** at 619.594.4001 for additional information.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Events and important dates:
- OCTOBER**
  - 9th **Pearl Jam**, 7:30 p.m., Viejas Arena
  - 12th - 17th **SDSU 2009 HOMECOMING**  
Check out the schedule of events at [case.sdsu.edu](http://case.sdsu.edu)
  - 17th **Snow Patrol**, 7:30 p.m., OAT
  - 21th **Rob Thomas**, 7:00 p.m., OAT
  - 22nd **7th Annual A.S. Employee Cookoff**, 1:00 p.m., Scripps Cottage
  - 23rd **National Mole Day\***  
...commemorates Italian Chemist Amadeo Avogadro's Number 6.02x10<sup>23</sup>, which is a basic measuring unit in chemistry, known as a "mole." 18 grams of water is equal to one mole of water. National Mole Day is celebrated from 6:02 a.m. to 6:02 p.m.
  - 26th **CIA Application and A.S. Part-Time Employee Scholarship Application Deadline**, 4:30 p.m., A.S. Business Office
  - 30th **Safety Inspection Reports** due to the A.S. Business Office
  - 31st **Happy Halloween!**



SNOW PATROL

\*Source: HolidayInsights.com and MoleDay.org