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TODAY'S WEATHER

Rain/Thunder
High: 65°F
Low: 53°F

TOMORROW

Scattered showers
High: 63°F
Low: 50°F

FRIDAY

Sunny
High: 68°F
Low: 49°F

TODAY'S SURF

2-4 ft.; Fair conditions
W swell holds early then fades
TIDES 1:24 a.m., 1.82 ft. low
7:35 a.m., 6.04 ft. high
2:53 p.m., -0.61 ft. low
9:09 p.m., 3.63 ft. high

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Officials: deal near at the 'Q'

Negotiations on the future of Aztec play at stadium continue

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Just days after San Diego State posted its first-ever 10-loss football season, officials from both the university and the City of San Diego said a Monday meeting left them confident that a deal to renew SDSU's lease at Qualcomm Stadium is near.

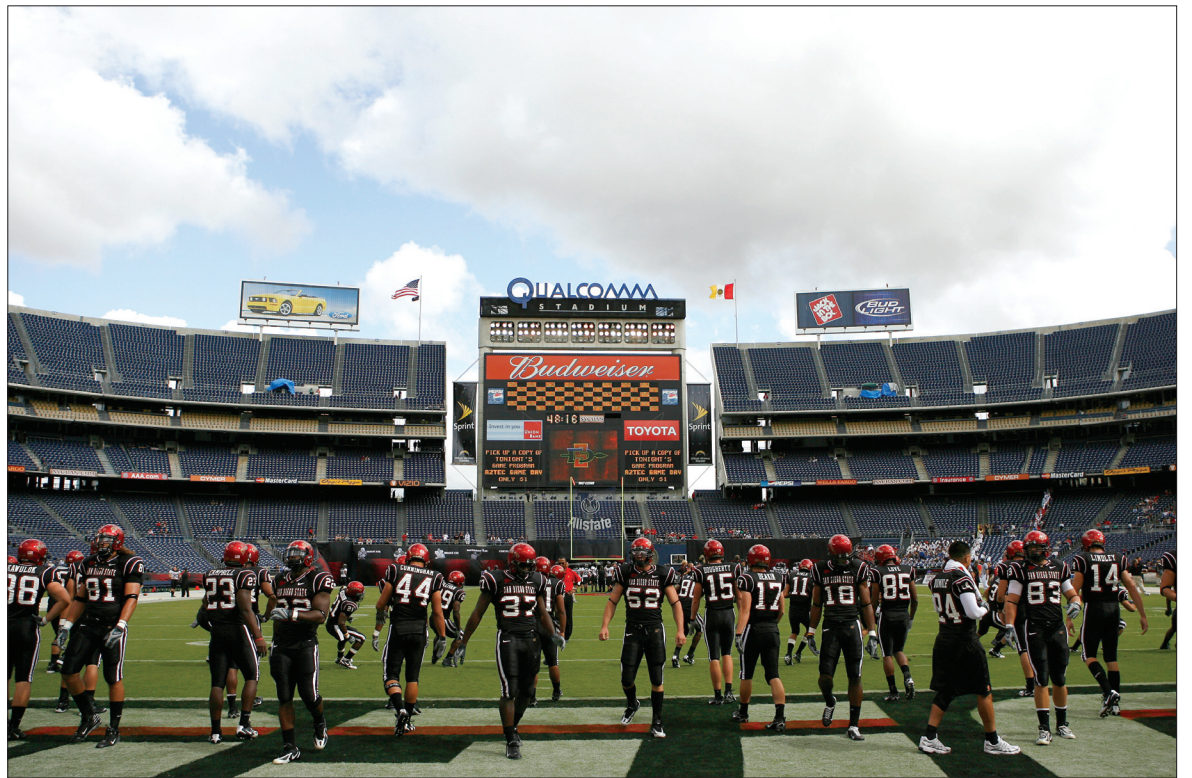
The confidence exhibited Monday stands in stark contrast to certain attitudes held recently. Fewer than two weeks ago, *The San Diego Union-Tribune* reported a stadium official as saying negotiations have been "very difficult" and "very, very frustrating."

Mike McSweeney, Qualcomm Stadium's manager and one of the key figures involved in the negotiations, said Monday in a telephone interview that the situation is now looking hopeful.

"We had a great meeting today (Monday)," McSweeney said. "It looks like we have the framework for an agreement."

According to *the U-T* article, the only parties that appeared convinced that a deal was inevitable were those at SDSU. In the article, SDSU Athletic Director Jeff Schemmel labeled negative comments by a member of the Qualcomm Stadium Advisory Board as "positioning," saying that there are no doubts that an accord will be agreed upon.

Hospitalized late last week, Schemmel was unavailable for comment and was not present at



Glenn Connelly / Assistant Photo Editor

SDSU and Qualcomm Stadium representatives emerged confident from a meeting to determine the stadium's role in Aztec football.

Monday's meeting.

Speaking on behalf of SDSU at the meeting, Associate Vice President of Operations Bob Schulz said the talks went well.

"We had a productive meeting with the city staff yesterday, and I believe both parties feel we are close to a long-term lease agreement that is beneficial both to SDSU and the City of San Diego," Schulz said in an e-mail asking about any progress made.

Despite the previous notion by the advisory board member that

Qualcomm might not be available for the Aztecs next year, McSweeney said he's not surprised by the progress.

"I think we were all motivated and wanted to get things done," McSweeney said. "And like I said, it was a terrific meeting. We're gonna work out the details and I think we're headed down toward an agreement here pretty soon."

How soon is unclear.

An agreement won't be made prior to Thanksgiving, but McSweeney said it's not out of the

question to expect one shortly thereafter.

When asked if that meant SDSU could be looking at a done deal by early next week, McSweeney said that's not very likely.

"I wouldn't go so far as to say that, but it will be very quick."

McSweeney wasn't willing to discuss details of the negotiations, such as how much the City of San Diego and SDSU are hoping to set the stadium's minimum rent level to. According to *the U-T*, the previ-

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Love-ly renovations progressing

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Repairs to Love Library's roof and air handlers may be done soon.

With 2.49 million self-reported annual visits, the Love Library is frequently used on campus, but students may not currently find the expected icy cool temperature they've come to enjoy in the past.

By now, most students have noticed the giant crane and the large area fenced off on the northwest side of the building, which are there for the workers who are currently servicing the air handlers on the roof.

Positioned on top of the library are four large air handlers, which have been there keeping the building cool, or warm during the few cold months in San Diego since the building was constructed in 1971.

Throughout the building's history, the air handlers have sometimes been out of commission, usually during the harshest weather. Bea Briggs, the facilities coordinator, said outages shouldn't be a problem after the current maintenance is completed, though.

The repairs are being done in phases. Workers are taking one of the four handlers off at a time, letting the remaining three run and using smaller air circulators in affected areas to try and control the temperature.

"Each of the air handlers controls a large area of the building's temperature, so when one of them is out, the other three are forced to try and compensate, but having only three running is not enough to cool the entire building alone," Briggs said.

"The air handler that is currently being serviced is causing floors one, two and three

on the east side of the building to become warmer," she said.

Math junior Francisco Solano is a regular at the Love Library and is not happy with the current temperature in the third floor study area.

"It's suffocating in here," he said. "When the air is on, though, it can get too cold too."

Political science senior Joey Draeger also is uncomfortable with the indoor climate.

"I don't appreciate the heat at all, the cold is what keeps you awake in here," she said. "Many of us bring jackets because we expect the cold, but right now it's really warm."

Luckily for students, the administration is trying very hard to keep students as comfortable as possible. Any student who feels the temperature is getting out of hand in a specific area can take a quick trip to the nearest help desk to alert staff, and they will call for help.

"When students notify the staff of excessively bad temperatures, they call me, I go check it out and then I call the workers who bring in extra fans and direct more air to that area of the building," Briggs said.

The repairs are expected to be done before Spring Break next semester, but Briggs said they are hoping to have them done even earlier, by the end of February.

There is more to the work than just fixing the air handlers. The roof is also being replaced to fix problems with the airflow and other minor problems in the library below.

"We have had a lot of trouble with leaks, which will be fixed, along with no more outages in the air handlers when it's really needed," Briggs said.