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San Diego State

2011 Signing Class ♦ February 2, 2011

■ Sam Atoe

Linebacker

6-0, 200

Windsor, Calif. (Maria Carillo High)

Switching from running back to defense for the college level ... Committed to SDSU as a linebacker ... A three-star signee by Rivals.com ... Rated as the 50th-best running back prospect in the country by Rivals.com ... Earned a Scouts, Inc. grade of 74 on ESPN.com... Has a 35-inch vertical jump ... North Bay League Most Valuable Player as a junior and senior ... Selected to play in the first ever Polynesian All-American Classic, an all-star game featuring the top Polynesian high school football players from around the country ... Named to the All-Redwood Empire region team as a multi-purpose player ... Also drew interest from Fresno State, Nevada, Oregon State, Sac State and USC.

Assistant Coach Tony White on Atoe: "He played quarterback, running back, linebacker and defensive back all in the same year. He's one of those guys who is a good, hard-nosed football player. Guys like Sam not only help you in the sense of playing defense or offense, but those are the guys who make up the core of your special teams. He's one of those guys who likes to fly around and hit."

■ Tony Bell

Defensive Back

6-1, 180

Los Angeles, Calif. (Locke High)

Rated a two-star recruit by Rivals.com ... An athlete who is slated to play on the defensive side of the ball for the Aztecs ... Named first-team all-city section in 2009 and 2010, and second-team honors in 2008 ... Recorded 48 total tackles, two interceptions and a pass breakup during his senior season while battling injuries ... Also led the Saints in rushing with 102 carries for 551 yards (5.4 avg.) ... Also scored seven total touchdowns ... Accounted for over 1,000 yards of total offense during his junior campaign and scored 12 touchdowns ... Runs a 4.46 40-yard dash ... Also drew interest from Arizona State and New Mexico State.

Assistant Coach Tony White on Bell (and Darius Guillory): "Those guys are physical. They will get after you and hit you any way they can, as well as make plays on the ball. It's a key element in what we want to do defensively."

Safeties Coach Daniel Gonzales on Bell (and Darius Guillory): "Tony and Darius are both very athletic kids. They're very physical and very aggressive at the line of scrimmage. They run around well and they're fast, so we expect them to be able to cover. Both of these two defensive

backs that we have were high school running backs. Normally that position is for the best player on your team. You can see their athletic ability when they're running the ball by how their hips and feet move. Based on their athletic ability there at that position, we project them to be good at the Aztec and Warrior positions."

■ Kevin Chase

Defensive End

6-3, 233

Concord, Calif. (Concord High)

A two-star recruit by Rivals.com... Earned a Scouts, Inc. grade of 67 ... Recorded 62 tackles, six sacks, two pass deflections and two fumble recoveries in 2010, garnering defensive first-team all-East Bay honors ... Led the Concord Minutemen to a 13-1 record and a CIF North Coast Section Championship ... Also started on the offensive line, making all-league on both offense and defense... Named a team captain during his junior and senior campaigns ... During his junior year, was an all-league honorable mention pick ... Bay Area "Cream of the Crop" team selection alongside fellow recruit Darrell Green ... A three-year letterman ... Also lettered in baseball and basketball ... Chose SDSU over Sacramento State and Cal Poly.

Assistant Coach Tony White on Chase: "Kevin Chase is a big defender that can move anywhere down the line. He's 6-4, and we feel that if he doesn't get any bigger then he's the type of guy that you keep at defensive end. If he's a guy that ends up maturing and gaining weight, then you stick him at nose (tackle). I think he will be a good player either way."

■ Larry Clark

Wide Receiver

6-4, 200

Venice, Calif. (Venice High)

A three-star recruit by Rivals.com ... A two-star recruit by ESPN.com who received a Scouts, Inc. grade of 68 ... Boasts a 325 lb. squat and 295 lb. bench press ... Earned first-team all-league honors from 2008-10 ... Was a first-team all-city section pick in 2010 and a second-team winner in 2009 ... Had 37 receptions for 703 yards and nine touchdowns as a junior ... Received an offer from Idaho, and considered Nevada, Fresno State, New Mexico State, UNLV and UCLA.

Assistant Coach LeCharls McDaniel on Clark: "I really like this young man. He has a [former Aztec] Chaz Schilens frame and he works like Vincent Brown. He wants to be good, and for a guy his size, he has good feet. He's going to come down here and work to be as good as he can be and that will be pretty great."

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■ Robert Craighead

Tight End

6-4, 230

Lakeside, Calif. (El Capitan High)

A two-star recruit by Rivals.com ... Named to the CIF San Diego Section team his senior season ... Had 26 receptions for 366 yards and a touchdown his senior year ... Recorded 40 receptions for 516 yards and six touchdowns as a junior ... Earned all-East County offensive first-team honors in both his junior and senior seasons ... A two-time all-league selection ... Garnered 2010 all-San Diego section offensive first-team honors from SignonSanDiego.com ... Served as a two-time captain for the Vaqueros ... His team won three consecutive Grossmont North League championships ... Also played basketball, earning the most improved player award as a sophomore and the coaches award as a junior ... Chose SDSU over Arizona, Boise State, California and Minnesota.

Head Coach Rocky Long on Craighead: "We were impressed with him when he came to our camp last summer. Not only did he show us that he's an athlete who can run good routes and catch the ball, but he also showed us that he has aggressiveness, strength and power as a blocker."

■ Darrell Greene

Offensive Line

6-3, 270

Oakley, Calif. (Freedom High)

A two-star recruit by Rivals.com ... Received Bay Valley Athletic League first-team honors his senior season ... Recognized by the BVAL as the league's top lineman in 2010 ... Also played basketball for the Falcons, leading the team in rebounds his senior season on his way to all-league honors ... Father Johnnie Greene played college football ... Bay Area "Cream of the Crop" team selection alongside fellow recruit Kevin Chase ... Picked the Aztecs over Fresno State, Nevada, Utah, Washington State, San Jose State and Sacramento State.

Assistant Coach Tony White on Greene: "Darrell Green is one of the real good gets for us. Washington State and other schools came on to him hard at the end of the recruiting process. He's an athletic, big guy who will play guard. He's very physical, yet light on his feet, and he really came on towards the end of high school."

■ Darius Guillory

Safety

5-10, 180

Temecula, Calif. (Chaparral High)

A three-star signee by Rivals.com ... A two-star recruit by ESPN.com who received a Scouts, Inc. grade of 71 and is listed as the No. 105 cornerback recruit ... A second-team selection to Sectionsports.com's all-state team as a safety ... An all-CIF running back selection in 2010 Earned all-Southwestern League honors on both offense and defense as a senior ... In three seasons, had 139 tackles, eight interceptions, 16 pass

deflections, eight fumble recoveries and three forced fumbles ... The eight interceptions are tied for second in school history ... On offense, rushed for 1,038 yards and 13 touchdowns, including 819 yards and 11 scores as a senior in 2010 ... Caught 80 career passes for 1,148 yards (14.4 avg) ... As a junior, named CIF co-defensive most valuable player while leading the Pumas to a first-place regional finish ... Also earned all-league defense first-team accolades ... Also considered USC and Oregon State ... Chose SDSU because it was his favorite school growing up.

Assistant Coach Tony White on Guillory (and Tony Bell): "Those guys are physical. They will get after you and hit you any way they can, as well as make plays on the ball. It's a key element in what we want to do defensively."

Safeties Coach Daniel Gonzales on Guillory (and Tony Bell): "Tony and Darrius are both very athletic kids. They're very physical and very aggressive at the line of scrimmage. They run around well and they're fast, so we expect them to be able to cover. Both of these two defensive backs that we have were high school running backs. Normally that position is for the best player on your team. You can see their athletic ability when they're running the ball by how their hips and feet move. Based on their athletic ability there at that position, we project them to be good at the Aztec and Warrior positions."

■ De'Saan Hardwick

Running Back

5-9, 175

San Diego, Calif. (Madison High)

A three-star signee by Rivals.com ... Ranked as the 118th-best running back recruit by Scouts, Inc., earning a grade of 75 ... Rushed for 1,086 yards (7.1 avg) and 11 touchdowns his senior year ... Added an additional 123 yards and a touchdown catching the ball out of the backfield ... Runs a 4.5 forty and boasts a 37-inch vertical ... Led the Warhawks to a 12-2 finish and a CIF San Diego Section title ... Scored 16 touchdowns while averaging 9.8 yards per carry as a junior ... A two-time all-Western League selection ... Picked the Aztecs over Arizona, UNLV, Nevada, Boise State and Air Force, among others.

Head Coach Rocky Long on Hardwick: "He is legitimately fast. I think he ran a 10.7 (in the) 100 meters last year, and he's going to try to be a 10.5 100-meter guy this year. He has good quickness and speed. He played on a really good high school football team and one of the reasons they went so far was because of what happened when they gave him the ball. You can't tackle him in the open field, and when he gets in the open, most people don't chase him down. He has a lot of the qualities that we want and it's nice that he's from around here."

Assistant Coach Tony White on Hardwick: "De'Saan is a guy who has played at a winning program. When you watch film, you can see he can do it all. He had offers from places at both defensive back and running back."

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■ Jemond Hazley

Wide Receiver

6-1, 170

Corona, Calif. (Santiago High)

Rated as an all-region prospect by prepstar.com, their third-highest possible rating ... A first-team all-league selection each of his final two seasons ... Had 59 receptions for 686 yards and one touchdown in 2010 ... Had an 12-yard punt return average and a 22-yard kick return average ... As a junior, had 44 receptions for 695 yards and six touchdowns ... Had seven receptions three times that year, eclipsing the 100-yard plateau twice ... Owns a 4.6 forty time.

Assistant Coach Tony White on Hazley: "Jemond Hazley is an inside slot receiver that really shined at camp. He showed that he can move in and out of breaks and he can catch the ball with his hands. He and Paul Pitts are the explosive types that you can put inside at receiver."

■ Ryan Jack

Linebacker

6-1, 220

Corona, Calif. (Centennial High)

A hard-hitting open field tackler ... A two-star recruit by ESPN.com who received a Scouts, Inc. grade of 73 and is listed as the No. 64 inside linebacker recruit ... Named to the HSGametime.PE.com preseason all-area football team ... A first-team all-Inland Empire League selection ... Earned SectionSports.com first-team all-Southern Section and second-team all-state honors ... Made 145 tackles during his junior campaign ... Also considered Colorado and San Jose State.

Assistant Coach Tony White on Jack: "With Ryan you get a guy who comes from a powerhouse team in Centennial that plays good football and competes at a high level. He runs around and he'll knock your socks off. You get a guy who brings a physical nature to the game and will fit in on special teams. He fits right in to what we want to do."

■ Chad Jeffries

Quarterback

6-2, 175

Glendora, Calif. (Glendora High)

A three-star signee by Rivals.com who is listed as the nation's No. 10 pro-style quarterback ... Received a Scouts, inc. grade of 75 and is listed as the No. 69 quarterback recruit in the nation ... Named the Baseline League Most Valuable Player as a junior ... Also ran track ... Picked SDSU over Washington, Utah, Fresno State and UTEP ... Chose SDSU because of the coaching staff.

Assistant Coach Tony White on Jeffries: "When you only take in one quarterback, the evaluation process becomes very important. A lot of guys looked at him and we felt the things that he brings to the table are the things that we are looking for and the things that will bring a cham-

pionship to San Diego State. We're lucky to have him."

Assistant Coach Brian Sipe on Jeffries: "He had a terrific junior year, but I think that he surprised all of us. We knew coming in that he was a good quarterback, but after we offered him a spot, the floodgates just opened. He's a very mobile, athletic quarterback and he does things right. I know the term gets used a lot lately but he can extend a play. You want someone like that who can solve a crisis. When things don't go right, he really has the mobility and the athleticism to get things done."

■ Reggie Jones

Offensive Lineman

6-5, 295

San Diego, Calif. (Mount Miguel High)

A two-star signee by Rivals.com ... Earned 2010 first-team all-East County League honors ... Team captain his senior season, leading the Matadors to a Grossmont Valley League championship ... First-team all-Grossmont Valley League and all-East County honoree ... Recipient of the team's Rojas Award ... Was also recruited by Idaho, New Mexico and Fresno State.

Assistant Coach Tony White on Jones: "He's a big man. He's another big guy who can move his feet and get after it. He's straight nasty."

Assistant Coach Brian Sipe on Jones: "He's a great kid, the kind you can build a program around, and I love having him here out of San Diego County. He's a big, strong, athletic guy, and this is where we want to go with our line. You're going to see a tall kid with a big frame that already has the weight on him and is not far from being ready to play."

■ Sam Meredith

Defensive End

6-4, 250

San Diego, Calif. (Helix High)

An aggressive athlete who shows good speed for his size and can play both sides of the ball ... Prefers defense, but could see time as a tight end at SDSU ... A three-star signee by Rivals.com ... A three-star recruit by ESPN.com who received a Scouts, Inc. grade of 77 and is listed as the No. 45 tight end recruit ... Earned all-CIF defensive line honors, recording six sacks through ten games as a senior ... Named East County League Defensive Player of the Year and Prep Pigskin Report lineman of the year ... As a junior, was an East County first-team selection as both a tight end and defensive end ... Also saw action at Helix as an offensive lineman ... Also lettered in basketball and track ... Cousin is Trask Iosefa, who was a four-year starting center at SDSU from 2007-10 ... Chose the Aztecs over Stanford, Brigham Young, Arizona and Utah.

Head Coach Rocky Long on Meredith: "He's a really good athlete who played both sides of the ball. He played tight end, as well as defensive end, and he's a powerful, big guy who runs really well. It's the same point throughout this class - (we recruited) big guys who can play on

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both sides of the ball.”

Assistant Coach Tony White on Meredith: “Sam is a perfect example of keeping talent here. He has athleticism and is what we would call a jumbo athlete, who can play offensive line, defensive line and H-back. He’s one of those guys who are like queens on a chessboard - you can place them anywhere.”

■ Christian Parra

Linebacker

6-1, 225

Clovis, Calif. (Buchanan High)

A tough tackler who will play either inside or outside linebacker at SDSU ... A three-star signee by Rivals.com ... A two-star recruit by ESPN.com who received a Scouts, Inc. grade of 72 and is listed as the No. 161 outside linebacker ... Made 133 tackles and added one sack at the inside linebacker position his senior year ... Played defensive end as a junior, recording 90 tackles and 11 sacks ... Had a five-sack single-game performance en route to an all-Tri Valley Athletic Conference first-team selection ... Also caught 11 balls for 187 yards ... Picked SDSU over Fresno State and Nevada.

Assistant Coach Tony White on Parra: “One thing that stands out with Christian is that on tape you see him play hard and fast. He’s all over the place. It’s very evident that some guys play faster and just let it go when they’re loose, and he plays fast on film.”

■ Paul Pitts

Wide Receiver

6-0, 190

Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. (Los Osos High)

A possession receiver with a wide catch radius and good body control ... A three-star recruit by ESPN.com who received a Scouts, Inc. grade of 76 and is listed as the No. 119 wide receiver recruit ... Runs a 10.8 second 100-meter dash ... Caught 32 passes for 501 yards and four touchdowns in 2010 ... Had five receptions for 193 yards in the season finale against Upland ... Named Los Osos’ most valuable player while garnering the team’s best wide receiver award ... Served as team captain for one season ... A captain for the Inland Empire All-Star Classic Game ... Made 28 receptions for 633 yards and five touchdowns as a junior, taking home team best wide receiver honors ... Had an 82-yard TD reception against Etiwanda ... Team offensive MVP as a sophomore ... JV Team MVP as a freshman ... Also considered Arizona State, Fresno State, New Mexico State, Stanford and Southern Utah.

Assistant Coach LeCharls McDaniel on Pitts: “He is the consummate athlete. He is a smart kid who works hard, and he comes from the area where (former Aztec wideout) Vincent Brown is from. He sees himself being that type of kid. He works like Vincent, has a good frame and size on him and is going to work hard to get himself to the point where he is a good football player.”

■ Chase Price

Running Back

5-8, 200

Diamond Bar, Calif. (Diamond Ranch High)

A solid, sturdy downhill runner who plays bigger than his 5-8 height ... A two-star recruit by Rivals.com... Received a Scouts, Inc. grade of 72 on ESPN.com ... A four-year letterman for the Panthers ... A first-team all-Miramonte League selection and first-team all-valley pick as a senior... Rushed for over 2,000 yards and 18 touchdowns during his Diamond Ranch High School career ... Ran for 215 yards and three touchdowns against league rival Diamond Bar, winning ESPN.com LA South athlete of the week honors ... Compiled 388 total yards and scored four touchdowns in a 35-28, double-overtime win against Walnut ... Price’s AAU basketball team took third at Nationals in Orlando, Fla. ... A scholar-athlete who also played baseball at Diamond Ranch ... Comes from an athlete-rich family; his uncle Lenny Randle played professional baseball, his cousin Tyus Edney was a former UCLA basketball standout and his cousin Daryl Smith plays professional football ... Describes San Diego State as his dream school... Also recruited by Oregon, Utah, Idaho, Cal Poly and Columbia.

Assistant Coach Tony White on Price: “As a running back, one thing that you’ll see about Chase Price is that he’s elusive. He’s hard to tackle, and when you look at his running style you’ll see that he’ll pound you. If he catches you slipping he’ll run right by you, too. He has a mixed running style of power and speed.”

■ Adam Roberts

Tight End

6-3, 210

El Paso, Texas (Coronado High)

A tall receiver who also shows promise as a blocker ... A two-star signee by Rivals.com ... Received a Scouts, Inc. grade of 71 on ESPN.com and is listed as the No. 72 tight end recruit ... Earned first-team all-district and all-city honors in each of his final two years (2009-10) ... Caught 23 passes for 457 yards and four touchdowns in 2010 ... Also rushed 14 times for 66 yards and a score ... As a junior, had 18 receptions for 291 yards and four TDs ... Picked SDSU over New Mexico, UTEP, New Mexico State and Texas State.

Assistant Coach Tony White on Roberts: “Adam Roberts is an athletic guy. On film, you can see his high school team ran the ball a lot. One thing that stands out besides him being a 6-3, 210 pound tight end is that he just buries guys. You figure that the guy can run and catch passes, but you watch his film and most of his highlights are of him burying guys than catching passes. He’s a physical guy at the point of attack.”

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■ Paul Rodriguez

Offensive Line

6-7, 240

San Bernardino, Calif. (San Geronio High)

Has the height and athleticism to play tackle, but must increase his weight ... A two-star recruit and the 173rd overall offensive lineman recruit according to ESPN.com ... Helped lead the Spartans into the second round of the CIF Southern Section playoffs ... Started both ways for the Spartans during his senior season, earning all-league honors on offense ... Also played basketball and volleyball and participated on the track and field team ... Picked SDSU over Arizona State, Washington State, Colorado State, New Mexico and New Mexico State.

Assistant Coach Tony White on Rodriguez: "He's a tall, long and athletic big guy. It is evident on film how well he can run. He possesses the athletic ability to play defensive end and we're excited to have him."

■ Jon Sanchez

Defensive End

6-2, 245

Murrieta, Calif. (Vista Murrieta High)

A three-star recruit by Rivals.com ... Earned a Scouts, Inc. grade of 76 ... A three-star recruit and the 129th overall defensive end prospect by ESPN.com ... Made 79 tackles, including 53 solo efforts, and recorded eight sacks in 2010 ... Helped Vista Murrieta to a Southwestern League title and a second-place Southern Section Inland Division finish ... First-team all-Southwestern League and all-Valley recipient ... All-Inland Empire Team and all-CIF honoree ... Team captain in 2010 ... Made 83 tackles and five sacks as a junior, including 58 solo tackles ... Second-team all-Southwestern League that year ... Team was CIF runner-ups both years he played ... Received offers from Arizona and Colorado State, and was recruited by Boise State.

Assistant Coach Tony White on Jon Sanchez: "Jon Sanchez is a jumbo athlete who is good enough to help you on special teams as well. He can run and is a big defensive end. If his body continues to grow he could be a guy you stick on the inside and should be a good player."

■ Micah Seau

Linebacker

6-3, 225

Spring Valley, Calif. (Bishop's School)

A three-star recruit by Rivals.com ... Received a Scouts, Inc. grade of 77 on ESPN.com and is ranked by them as the 87th-best linebacker recruit in the country ... Has skills and size for both the linebacker and fullback positions ... Makes a quick first step and has great anticipation ... A first-team Sectionsports.com all-San Diego Section selection ... Helped Bishop's to an undefeated season and a Coastal League title ... Also a three-year basketball letterman ... Related to former NFL linebacker Junior Seau ... Chose SDSU to remain close to his family.

Head Coach Rocky Long on Seau: "He played tight end and fullback, as well as middle linebacker. He's an athlete. We recruited him as a linebacker, and he is one, but he's a big guy, too. There's no telling, but maybe he'll grow into a defensive end someday."

Assistant Coach Tony White on Seau: "He's a guy who can play fullback and (halfback) and might even grow into a defensive end. Ultimately, when you look at what he did at linebacker you can see that he can end up being a heck of a player."

Assistant Coach Brian Sipe on Seau: "I'm especially excited about Micah. I had a chance to watch him when he was starting as a freshman at Bishop's. His sophomore season he got banged up and injured a bit, but he came back strong after having surgery. I think that a lot of schools stopped paying attention after that and he flew under the radar. If he didn't get injured, he would have been recruited by schools all over the nation. We're really lucky to have him here."

■ Anthony Sheffield

Wide Receiver

6-3, 190

Los Angeles, Calif. (West Adams Prep High)

A two-star recruit by Rivals.com ... Considered by many to be a sleeper signing with tremendous upside potential ... Earned second-team all-league honors ... Caught 20 passes for 388 yards and two scores in 2010 ... Also threw for two TDs ... Made 31 tackles as a defensive back ... As a junior, caught 11 passes for 130 yards and one touchdown ... As a sophomore in 2008, caught nine balls for 170 yards and one score, with a long of 70 yards ... Picked SDSU over New Mexico, Fresno State and Navy.

Assistant Coach LeCharls McDaniel on Sheffield: "I love big receivers. Anthony is a big guy, and when he grows into his body, he is going to be even bigger. He is going to be a worker and is going to grow into the athlete we believe he can be. He'll come in here and compete like all of the other receivers in this class."

■ Jordan Smith

Offensive Line

6-5, 250

Redlands, Calif. (Redlands High)

A forceful run blocker who can develop into a polished pass protector ... Projected to play offensive tackle ... A three-star recruit by Rivals.com ... Received a Scouts, Inc. grade of 73 ... A 2010-11 All-CIF Southern Section selection ... Was a team captain for one season ... An all-county and all-Inland Empire Elite honoree ... A first-team all-Citrus Belt League selection following his junior and senior seasons ... Redlands player of the week for the week ending Oct. 24, 2009 ... Also considered USC, Hawai'i, Colorado State and New Mexico State.

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Assistant Coach Tony White on Smith: “When you talk about tackle-type guys who protect the quarterback on the outside edges against the best athletes, you have to have a guy like Jordan Smith. He’s tall, light on his feet, can move and change directions. He’s a long guy. He could be 6-5, 300 pounds and look like he’s 250. His athleticism is really evident when you watch his tape.”

■ **Brandon Wright**

Running Back

5-11, 185

Las Vegas, Nev. (Palo Verde High)

A three-star recruit by Rivals.com ... Listed as the No. 15 tailback recruit by MaxPreps.com ... Received a Scouts, Inc. grade of 76 ... Gained 1,632 yards on 179 carries (9.1 avg.) his senior year, reaching the end zone 25 times ... Had a run of 50 yards or more in five games that season ... Reached the 200-yard plateau twice, including a 296-yard, four-touchdown performance against Green Valley ... Ran Palo Verde High to a Sunset – Northwest league title, a 12-1 overall record and a Nevada championships runner-up finish ... All-Nevada first-team ... National Underclassmen Combine Most Valuable Player and first-team running back selection ... Ran for 1,181 yards and 16 touchdowns as a junior in 2009, taking home first-team all-region honors ... Recorded 25 tackles and recovered two fumbles in action as a defensive back that season ... Averaged 37 yards on kickoff returns, scoring on runbacks of 81 and 91 yards ... Scored at least one touchdown in every game ... Played for Centennial High School in Nevada his sophomore campaign, running for 977 yards and 13 scores ... Was more involved out of the backfield that year, catching 18 balls for 274 yards and one TD ... Had 14 carries for 310 yards and 4 TDs in the season finale ... Honorable mention for the NUC most valuable player ... Chose SDSU over Cal, Arizona and Colorado.

Assistant Coach Tony White on Wright: “Brandon Wright is another big-time get because he fits the mold of what we want to do. He’s a bigger-type back who has some speed. We want some competition in the backfield. He’s coming in to play running back, and if something doesn’t happen there, he’s the type of player you can stick at other positions on the field.”