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### CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 4 - MAY 11

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1	2	3	4 Rowing (thru Sun.) at WIRA Championships Sacramento, Calif. All Day
5 Track at Steve Scott Invite Irvine, Calif. 10 a.m.	6	7	8	9	10 M/W-Tennis (thru Sun.) NCAA Regionals Site TBD All Day	11 Track at Oxy Invitational Los Angeles 5 p.m.

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*Crew prepares for two-day WIRA Championships.*

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# TRACK and FIELD

## Aztecs Head To Irvine For Steve Scott Invitational

### This Week...

at Steve Scott Invitational

Sun., May 5

### 2002 Schedule and Results

Date	Event	Time/Result
<i>Indoor Schedule</i>		
Jan. 12	at Pole Vault Summit	NTS
Feb. 2	at Wolf Pack Invite	7th, 23 pts.
Feb. 9	at NAU Invitational	NTS
Feb. 21-23	MWC Indoor Chps.*	6th, 58.5 pts.

### Outdoor Schedule

Date	Event	Time/Result
Mar. 2	at USC Invitational	NTS
Mar. 9	at Ben Brown Invitational	NTS
Mar. 15-16	at Willie Williams Classic	NTS
Mar. 17	at Trojan Classic	NTS
Mar. 23	AZTECCCLASSIC	NTS
Mar. 29-30	at Cal-Nev Chps.	3rd, 121 pts.
Apr. 6	UNLV Desert Classic	NTS
Apr. 13	ALL-WOMEN INVITE	4th, 95 pts.
Apr. 13	at Sun Angel Classic	NTS
Apr. 18-19	at Mt. SAC Heptathalon	NTS
Apr. 19-21	at Mt. SAC Relays	NTS
Apr. 27	at Oregon Invitational	NTS
	at UCSD Invitational	NTS
May 5	at Steve Scott Invitational	8 a.m.
May 11	at Oxy Invitational	5 p.m.
May 15-18	MWC Outdoor Champs.*	All Day

Home meets in CAPS

Home meets held at SDSU Sports Deck

\*Colorado Springs, Colo.

### 2002 Outdoor Bests

100 Meters - Tonette Dyer	11.77
200 Meters - Tonette Dyer	23.41#
400 Meters - Tonette Dyer	52.48#
800 Meters - Jennifer Stakiw	2:13.30
100 Hurdles - Leslie Miller	14.00
400 Hurdles - Leslie Miller	1:00.04
1,500 Meters - Jennifer Stakiw	4:45.74
3,000 Meters - Alicia Stewart	10:23.07
3,000 Steeple - Hillery Gemmill	11:36.27
5,000 Meters - Alicia Stewart	18:13.97
4x100-Meter Relay - SDSU "A"	44.77#^
4x400-Meter Relay - SDSU "B"	3:36.82#
Long Jump - M. Schaueremann	19-04.25 (5.90m)
High Jump - Alisha Lasswell	5-07.00 (1.70m)
Pole Vault - Shayla Balentine	13-00.25 (3.97m)#
Javelin - Leslie Miller	105-10.00 (32.27m)
Shot Put - Candace Hill	43-10.00 (13.36m)
Discus - Candace Hill	149-02.00 (45.46m)
Hammer - Candace Hill	145-03.00 (44.29m)

#Indicates NCAA provisional mark

^Indicates school record



### This Week

The San Diego State track and field program continues its season on Saturday by traveling to Irvine for the Steve Scott Invitational. The event will be held at UC Irvine's Anteater Stadium. Field events begin at 8:30 a.m., with the first running event scheduled for 9:20 a.m. Nearly 400 competitors are scheduled to participate in the meet.

### SDSU Lately

#### Noting the Oregon Invitational

• A 1-2-3-4 finish in the 100-meter dash and a 1-2 finish in the 200 meters highlighted SDSU's competition at Saturday's Oregon Invitational.

• The Aztecs sweep of the top-four spots in the 100 meters was performed by Tonette Dyer (12.14), Melinda Smedley (12.17), Jillita Griffin (12.27) and Jini Hogg (12.55). Dyer and Smedley placed 1-2 in the 200 meters, with times of 24.30 and 24.46, respectively.

• Other highlights came courtesy of Leslie Miller's first-place time of 14.06 in the 100 hurdles. She also placed second in the 400 hurdles (1:01.14).

• The Aztecs' 4x100 relay team of Hogg, Dyer, Ryan Peters and Smedley took the top spot in their event, racing to a time of 45.89.

• Hollan Givens clocked in third in the 400 meters (56.91) and Alicia Stewart second in the 5,000 meters (18:14.41).

### Looking Ahead

On May 11, the squad wraps up the regular season at the Oxy Invite, in Los Angeles. The MWC Outdoor Championships will be held May 15-18 in Colorado Springs.

### Leader Board

With the Mountain West Conference Outdoor Championships just two weeks away, several SDSU athletes are listed among the league's top times and marks this season. Five of the conference's 10-best marks in the 100 meters are held by Aztecs, with Tonette Dyer holding the second best (11.77). Dyer also has the league's second-best time in the 200 meters (23.41), Melinda Smedley the third best (23.99) and Jini Hogg the fourth fastest (24.09). Dyer also has the fastest clocking in the 400 meters (52.48). Leslie Miller holds the No. 3 spot in both the 100 and 400 hurdles, with times of 14.00 and 1:00.04 respectively. Miller also holds the league's highest-point total in the heptathlon (5,472). SDSU's 4x100 relay squad has the fastest time in the league (44.77), with the 4x400 quartet being listed second (3:36.82). Pole vaulters Shayla Balentine and Patricia Gutierrez are 1-2, respectively in that event. Alicia Stewart and Allison Brown are 2-3 in the 3,000 meters.

### Under Consideration

The Aztecs' NCAA provisional mark in the 4x400 at the Mt. SAC Relays is the 12th consideration mark set by SDSU this season. The Aztecs' "A" relay squad had already set qualifying marks in the 4x100 and 4x400 at the Cal-Nevada meet in March. Tonette Dyer, a member of both those relay squads, ran an NCAA provisional mark in the 200 meters at the UNLV Desert Classic. Dyer also raced to a provisional time of 53.37 in the 400 meters at the Cal-Nevada Championships and set another in the 400 (52.48) at Mt. SAC. Three SDSU pole vaulters, Shayla Balentine, Patricia Gutierrez and Jesika Englebretson, have cleared a provisional mark at least once this season. Leslie Miller's 5,472 points in the heptathlon at Mt. SAC was also a provisional mark.

### Among The National Leaders

Several Aztecs are listed among the top times and marks in the nation this season. Tonette Dyer's time in the 200 meters (23.41) and 400 meters (52.48) are the 10th and sixth best this season. The team's time in the 4x100 (44.77) is the 20th fastest, to go along with the 19th best in the 4x400 (3:36.82). Shayla Balentine's 13-0.25 mark in the pole vault is 15th best. Leslie Miller's 5,472 points in the heptathlon ranks her seventh.

### Aztec Honors

Leslie Miller's performance in the heptathlon at Mt. SAC earned her Mountain West Conference player of the week honors. This is Miller's first career athlete of the week award. She is the third Aztec to be honored by the league this season, with sprinter Tonette Dyer being recognized earlier this month and pole vaulter Patricia Gutierrez being selected during the indoor season.

### Vaulting To Success

Freshman Shayla Balentine recorded her seventh NCAA provisional qualifying mark of the season in the pole vault at the All-Women Invite on April 13. Her first-place mark of 3.97 meters (13-00.25) at the Aztec Classic on March 23 was her fourth NCAA provisional vault in as many meets and tied her best this season. The 13-00.25 mark places her second all-time in SDSU's record book. The mark also puts her atop the Mountain West Conference's list of bests in the event this season. Included in her four-meet NCAA mark streak is winning the MWC's indoor title at the league championships in February with a MWC record vault of 3.84 meters (12-07.50). Earlier in the indoor season she set the SDSU indoor record in the vault with a 3.90 meter (12-09.50) mark at the National Pole Vault Summit in Reno.

# ROWING

## Aztecs Look To Keep Momentum At WIRA Championships

### 2001-02 Schedule

Date	Event
<i>Fall Schedule</i>	
Oct. 21	at Head of the Charles Regatta
Nov. 4	at Newport Autumn Rowing Fest.
Nov. 11	at San Diego Fall Classic
<i>Spring Schedule</i>	
Feb. 2	at San Diego Indoor Classic
Feb. 23	vs USD/Orange Coast Coll.
Mar. 2	Alumni Race
Mar. 9	Parker Cup Regatta Loyola Marymount and UC Irvine at Virginia
Mar. 16	at Virginia
Mar. 23	at Southern California
Apr. 6-7	at San Diego Crew Classic
Apr. 13	at San Diego City Championships
Apr. 27	at Norman P. Miller Cup
May 4-5	WIRAConference Championships
May 18-19	Pacific Coast Rowing Champs.

### 2001 Fall Results

*Head of the Charles  
October 21, 2001  
Boston, Mass*

Event	Time	Finish
Varsity Eight	18:16.46	44th

*Newport Rowing Festival  
November 4, 2001  
Newport Beach, Calif.*

Event	Time	Finish
Varsity Eight "A"	16:56	5th
Varsity Eight "B"	17:41	15th
Novice Eight "B"	18:02	2nd
Novice Eight "C"	19:27	16th
Novice Eight "B"	19:55	19th
Open Four "A"	18:49	3rd
Open Four "B"	18:51	4th

*San Diego Fall Classic  
November 11, 2001  
Mission Bay, Calif.*

Event	Time	Finish
Varsity Eight "A"	22:26	1st
Varsity Eight "B"	23:12	5th
Open Four "A"	24:34	1st
Open Four (Alumni)	25:05	2nd
Novice Eight "C"	24:12	1st
Novice Eight "A"	24:37	3rd
Novice Eight "B"	24:59	5th
Novice Four	24:59	2nd



### This Week

The San Diego State rowing program heads to Sacramento this weekend for the Western Intercollegiate Rowing Association Championships. Sacramento State will serve as host of the 28-team event which will be held Saturday and Sunday on Lake Natoma. Saturday's regatta will consist of 47 races (21 on the women's side), beginning at 8 a.m. and continuing to 5 p.m. Sunday's competition, which includes grand finals for each event, consists of 23 races (12 on the women's side). Admission to both days of racing is free. A total of 16 schools will be competing in the varsity eight championships, with SDSU receiving a five seed. The Aztecs enter the WIRA event after winning last weekend's Norman P. Miller Cup.

### SDSU's Race Schedule

Novice Four (Heat 1)	8:20 a.m.
Varsity Four (Heat 1)	10:30 a.m.
Novice Eight (Heat 1)	11:30 a.m.
2nd Varsity Eight (Heat 1)	12:30 p.m.
Varsity Eight (Heat 3)	1:10 p.m.

### Recapping The Miller Cup

The Aztecs won Saturday's Norman P. Miller Cup, racing to a time of 7:09.3 and outdistancing the University of San Diego (7:10.6) and Loyola Marymount (7:19.9). The win in the varsity eight was on one of four grand final victories on the day for the Aztecs. SDSU's varsity eight squad qualified for the grand final after placing first in heat one of the prelims, with a time of 7:53.5. SDSU's other top finishes in the grand finals came in the novice four (8:47.3), second novice eight (8:16.4) and second varsity eight (7:32.5). The Aztecs finished second in the novice eight grand final, clocking in at 7:34.7.

### A Year Ago

The highlight of the Aztecs' competition in last year's WIRAChampionships was a first-place finish in the varsity four race. SDSU finished with a time of 7:37.0, just a second ahead of Seattle Pacific. SDSU also clocked in second in the novice eight (7:27.8) and novice four (8:14). The program also recorded fifth-place finishes in the varsity eight (7:02.6) and second varsity eight (7:29.2) competitions.

### Aztec Coaching Staff

SDSU is led by fifth-year head coach Scott Steckel. Steckel is assisted by Kevin Waldick, who is in his fourth year with the Aztec program and first-year assistant Meredith Johnson. Steckel is a 1994 graduate of San Diego State and has coached the program since 1993 when it was a club sport. Waldick is also an SDSU alum and rowed on the school's men's club team from 1992-96. Johnson is also a graduate of SDSU and was an All-American rower for the Aztecs in 2000.

### This Week...

at WIRA Championships

Sat., May 4 - Sun., May 5

### 2002 Spring Results

*Parker Cup  
March 9, 2002  
Mission Bay, Calif.*

Event	Time	Finish
Novice Eight	8:43	1st
2nd Novice Eight	7:33	1st
Novice Eight	7:24	2nd
2nd Varsity Eight	7:28	1st
Varsity Eight	7:25	2nd

*vs. Virginia  
March 16, 2002  
Charlottesville, Va.*

Event	Time	Finish
Varsity Eight	7:24.27	3rd
Novice Eight	7:34.26	3rd

*vs. USC  
March 23, 2002  
Port of Los Angeles*

Event	Time	Finish
Novice Eight	7:32.40	1st
2nd Varsity Eight	7:23.60	1st
2nd Novice Eight	7:49.60	1st
Varsity Eight	7:16.60	2nd
Varsity Four	8:31.50	1st

*San Diego Crew Classic  
April 6-7, 2002  
Mission Bay, Calif.*

Event	Time	Finish
Novice Eight (petite)	7:12.97	3rd
Open Eight (petite)	7:35.93	3rd
Varsity Eight (petite)	7:05.88	5th
2nd Var. Eight (3rd final)	7:06.08	2nd

*San Diego City Championships  
April 13, 2002  
Mission Bay, Calif.*

Event	Time	Finish
Novice Four "A"	8:15.84	1st
Novice Four "B"	8:29.12	2nd
Novice Eight	7:21.31	1st
2nd Varsity Eight	7:24.32	1st
Varsity Eight	7:07.07	1st
Varsity Four "A"	7:38.94	1st
Varsity Four "B"	8:05.0	3rd

*Norman P. Miller Cup  
April 27, 2002  
Marina del Rey, Calif.*

Event	Time	Finish
Varsity Eight (grand)	7:09.3	1st
Novice Four (grand)	8:47.3	1st
2nd Nov. Eight (grand)	8:16.4	1st
2nd Var. Eight (grand)	7:32.5	1st
Novice Eight (grand)	7:34.7	2nd