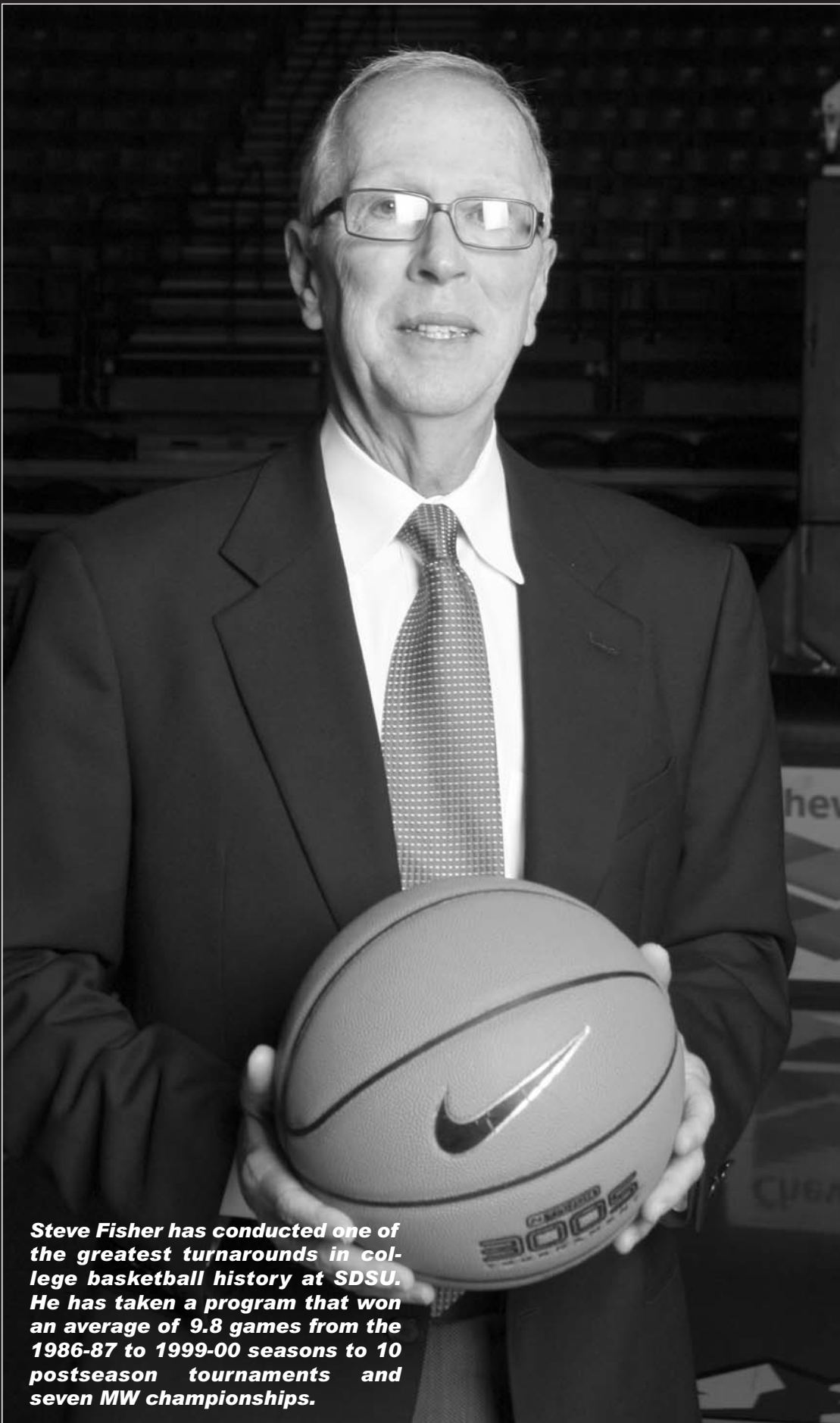


# This Is San Diego State



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**Steve Fisher has conducted one of the greatest turnarounds in college basketball history at SDSU. He has taken a program that won an average of 9.8 games from the 1986-87 to 1999-00 seasons to 10 postseason tournaments and seven MW championships.**

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# STEVE FISHER



**"Consistency is the key with Steve Fisher. He consistently brings in great players, consistently wins big games. His players respect his national championship, but just as importantly, relate to his teaching."**

**—Tom Hart, ESPN**



**" Steve Fisher is in the process of coaching SDSU during its Golden Era. Someday people will look back to these days as the best in the history of the basketball program. The job he has done is nothing short of amazing. Every year he establishes some new accomplishment for the program."**

**— Steve Lappas, CBS Sports Network**

# ELITE COMPANY

Schools that have advanced to the NCAA tournament and won 23 or more games the last four seasons.



"Some people may forget what an incredible job of rebuilding Steve Fisher did when he first got to San Diego State. The best evidence of that is now. When you think of Aztec basketball, you think of a winning program with quality players and post-season appearances."

– Fran Fraschilla, ESPN



## NUMBER OF HEAD COACHES SINCE 1999-2000 (MW SCHOOLS)

San Diego State.....	1
Utah State.....	1
Boise State.....	3
Nevada.....	3
Wyoming.....	3
Colorado State.....	4
Fresno State.....	4
New Mexico.....	4
San Jose State.....	4
Air Force.....	6
UNLV.....	6

# FISHER'S MEN IN THE PROS

## Kawhi Leonard

2011 NBA Draft | 1st Round, 15th pick | Indiana Pacers  
2012 NBA All-Rookie First Team | 2013 NBA Finalist

"Coach Fisher helped me develop as a person, a student and a basketball player. There is no question that he is a major reason I am where I am today."

- Chris Webber



**Jamaal Franklin**  
2013 NBA Draft Pick



**Chris Webber**  
15-Year NBA Veteran



**Marcus Slaughter**



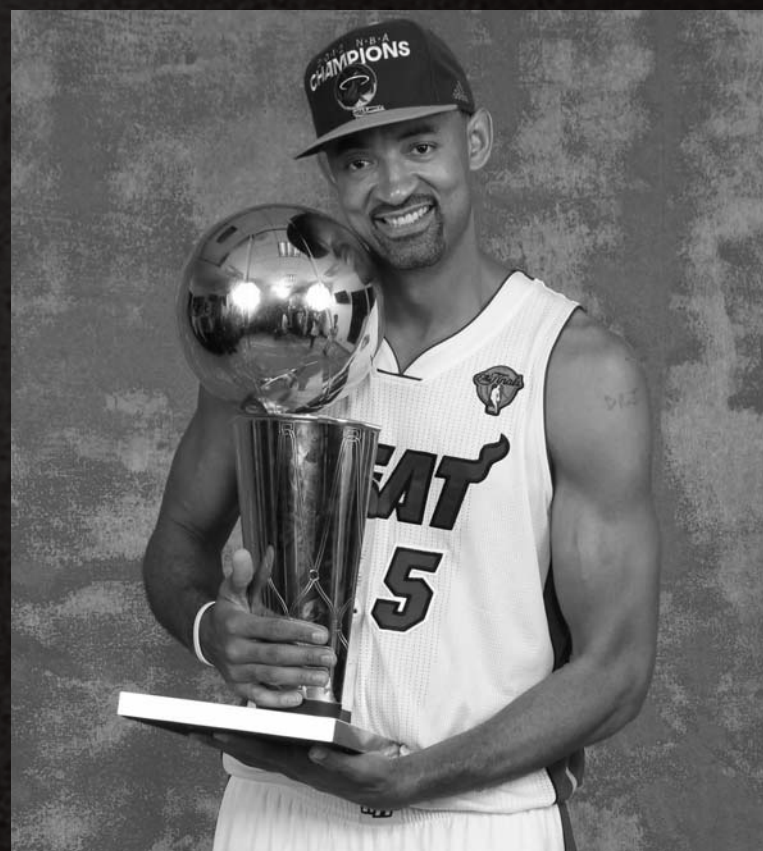
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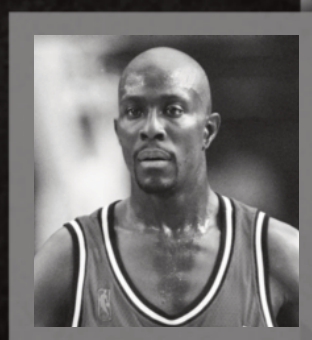
**Malcolm Thomas**

# Fisher's Aztecs in the Professional Ranks

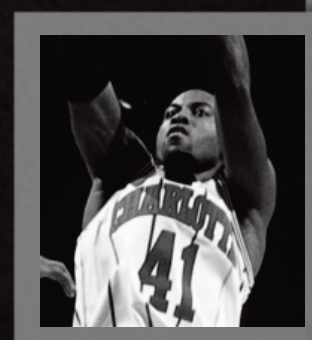
Player	Last Organization/Country
David Abramowitz	Mexico
Mohamed Abukar	Belgium
Ryan Amoroso	Italy
Tony Bland	Lebanon
Evan Burns	D-League – Sioux Falls
Mohamed Camara	IBL – Las Vegas
Brian Carlwell	Japan
Mehdi Cheriet	France
Marcelo Correa	Syria
Kelvin Davis	ABA – Connecticut
Jason Deutchman	Philippines
Myron Epps	ABA – South Valley
Al Faux	Austria
Jamaal Franklin	NBA – Memphis Grizzlies
D.J. Gay	Ukraine
Garrett Green	Hungary
Jerome Habel	Mexico
Brandon Heath	NBA – Sacramento Kings
Randy Holcomb	Japan
Michael Holper	Philippines
Kawhi Leonard	NBA – San Antonio Spurs
Mike Mackell	PBL – Rochester
Chris Manker	Iceland
Deandre Moore	Mexico
Aerick Sanders	France
John Sharper	Macedonia
Marcus Slaughter	Spain
Brandon Smith	Finland
Kyle Spain	France
DeShawn Stephens	Japan
Chase Tapley	Uruguay
Malcolm Thomas	NBA – Chicago Bulls
Lorrenzo Wade	Venezuela
Billy White	Finland
Richie Williams	Germany



**Juwan Howard**  
2012 and 2013 NBA Champion | 19-Year NBA Veteran



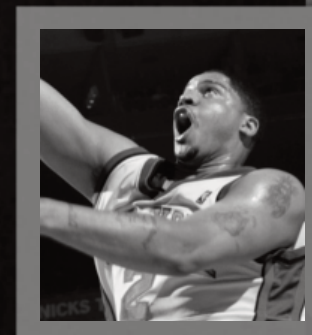
**Gary Grant**  
13-Year NBA Veteran



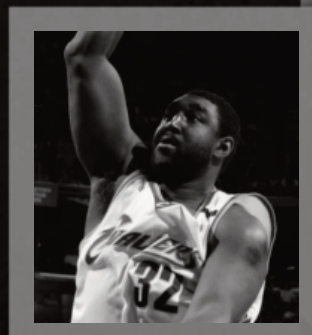
**Glen Rice**  
15-Year NBA Veteran



**Jalen Rose**  
13-Year NBA Veteran



**Maurice Taylor**  
9-Year NBA Veteran



**Robert Traylor**  
7-Year NBA Veteran



**Loy Vaught**  
11-Year NBA Veteran

## Fisher's NBA Draft Picks

Includes players selected while an assistant coach

Year	Player	Year	Player
1982	Thad Gardner	1994	Juwan Howard
1984	Dan Pelekoudas		Jalen Rose
	Tim McCormick	1995	Jimmy King
	Eric Turner	1997	Maurice Taylor
1986	Robert Henderson	1998	Robert Traylor
	Richard Rellford		Maceo Baston
	Roy Tarpley	2002	Randy Holcomb
	Butch Wade	2011	Kawhi Leonard
1987	Antoine Joubert	2013	Jamaal Franklin
1988	Gary Grant		
1989	Glen Rice		
1990	Sean Higgins		
	Terry Mills		
	Rumeal Robinson		
	Loy Vaught		
1993	Eric Riley		
	Chris Webber		

# VIEJAS ARENA

**"Tickets to The Show are harder to come by than those for a red-carpet Hollywood premiere."**

**- Dana O'Neil, ESPN.com**



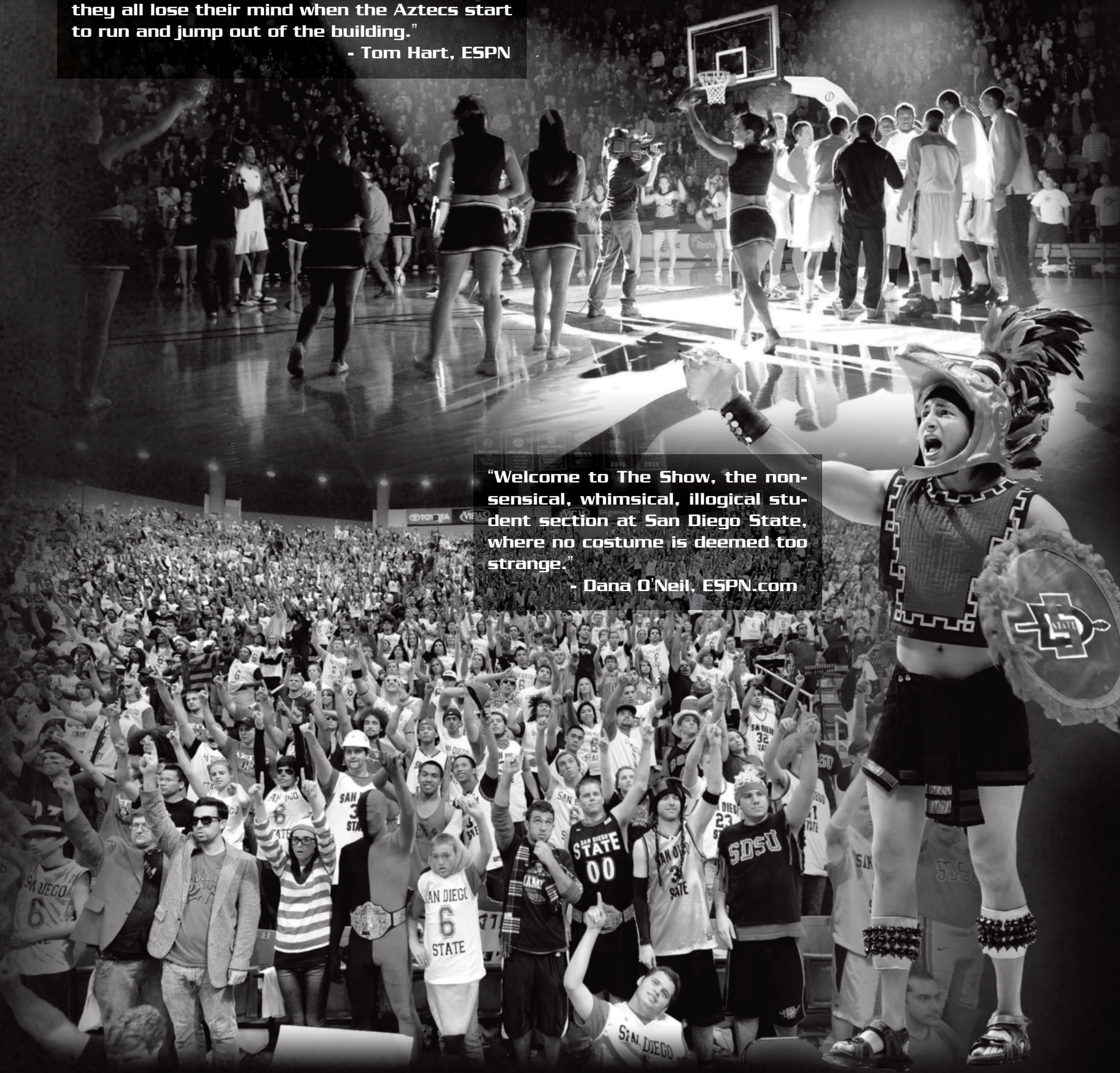
**"Viejas Arena is one tough place to play as a visitor. You feel like you are surrounded from above when that place rocks."**

**- Steve Lappas, CBS Sports Network**



**"The most creative student section in the MWC is the foundation of a great atmosphere at Viejas Arena. Bananas, gorillas, little bananas - they all lose their mind when the Aztecs start to run and jump out of the building."**

**- Tom Hart, ESPN**



**"Welcome to The Show, the nonsensical, whimsical, illogical student section at San Diego State, where no costume is deemed too strange."**

**- Dana O'Neil, ESPN.com**

# AZTEC EXCELLENCE



**San Diego State enjoyed a banner 2012-13 as the Aztecs won a Mountain West-best 12 league titles.**





**In 2012-13, SDSU logged its best Director's Cup finish and came in third place nationally for the Excellence in Management Cup.**

# Mountain West



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## Mountain West

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### This is the Mountain West

From its inception in 1999, the Mountain West has been committed to excellence in intercollegiate athletics, while promoting the academic missions of its member institutions. Progressive in its approach, the MW continues to cultivate opportunities for student-athletes to compete at the highest level, while fostering academic achievement and sportsmanship. Now in its 15th year, the MW has been assertive in its involvement with the NCAA governance structure and has taken a leadership role in the overall administration of intercollegiate athletics.

The Mountain West has marked several achievements over its first 14 years of existence, most notably becoming the first to establish a sports television network dedicated solely to an intercollegiate athletic conference (The Mtn.). The Mountain West also was the first to experiment with the coaches' challenge in the college football instant replay system, and was the first non-automatic-qualifying BCS conference to participate in four BCS bowl games, winning three. Additionally, the Mountain West was the first conference to have a member institution with No. 1 overall picks in both the NFL and NBA drafts in the same year (Utah's Alex Smith and Andrew Bogut, respectively in 2005). With San Diego State's Stephen Strasburg claiming the No. 1 pick in the 2009 MLB Draft, the Mountain West is one of two conferences to have the No. 1 selection in each of the NFL, NBA and MLB drafts since the MW was founded in 1999. In 2011-12, the Mountain West was among the first conferences to implement a league-wide state-of-the-art basketball instant replay system.

The Mountain West is noted for its geographic diversity. Some of the most beautiful terrain and landscapes in the nation can be found within Mountain West boundaries, including the majestic Rocky Mountain range, which borders five MW institutions (Air Force, Boise State, Colorado State, New Mexico and Utah State). The high plains of Wyoming (elevation 7,220 feet – the highest Division I campus in the nation) contrast with the desert cities of Las Vegas and Reno, home to UNLV and Nevada, respectively, while Fresno State, San Diego State and San Jose State add a West coast influence with their locations in Central, Southern and Northern California. The inclusion of the Hawai'i football program extends the Mountain West footprint to the beautiful islands in the Pacific Ocean.

### History

The Mountain West was conceived on May 26, 1998, when the presidents of eight institutions – Air Force, BYU, Colorado State, New Mexico, San Diego State, UNLV, Utah and Wyoming – decided to form a new NCAA Division I-A intercollegiate athletic conference. The split from a former 16-team conference re-established continuity and stability among the membership within the new league and signaled the continuation of its tradition-rich, long-standing athletic rivalries. Three of the MW's eight original members have been conference rivals since the 1960s (New Mexico, Wyoming and Colorado State), while San Diego State (1978) and Air Force (1980) were longtime members as well. UNLV and TCU entered the fold in 1996 and the Rebels continued as one of the original eight institutions that formed the MW in 1999. TCU re-joined the group with its first year of competition in the Mountain West in 2005-06. With conference realignment sweeping the nation in recent years, the MW has been proactive in addressing membership changes. Boise State University joined the Mountain West in 2011-12, followed by Fresno State and the University of Nevada on July 1, 2012. Also on July 1, 2012, the University of Hawai'i became a football-only member of the Conference. On July 1, 2013, the Mountain West further expanded when San Jose State University and Utah State University joined the Conference, bringing to 11 the number of full-time member institutions and 12 football-playing members.

When the Mountain West officially began operations on July 1, 1999, the new league had in place a seven-year contract with ESPN, giving the broadcaster exclusive national television rights to MW football and men's basketball, and three-year agreements to send the league's football champion to the Liberty Bowl and a second team to the Las Vegas Bowl. Commissioner Craig Thompson also arranged a third bowl tie-in each of the first three seasons (1999 Motor City, 2000 Silicon Valley, 2001 New Orleans) before securing a four-year deal with the Emerald Bowl in San Francisco in 2002. Entering the 2013 season, the MW has six contracted bowl affiliations – the Las Vegas Bowl, San Diego Country Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl, Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl, Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl, Famous Potato Idaho Bowl and Gildan New Mexico Bowl.

An innovator in the postseason bowl structure, the MW engineered many "firsts," as league teams have participated in five inaugural bowl games (2000 Silicon Valley, 2001 New Orleans, 2002 San Francisco (Emerald), 2005 Poinsettia, 2006 New Mexico), as well as placing the first non-automatic-qualifying BCS team into a BCS bowl game with Utah's appearance in the 2005 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl.

### 2012-13 in Review

The selection of four MW players in the 2013 NBA Draft was a Conference record and was highlighted by UNLV's Anthony Bennett going to the Cleveland Cavaliers with the overall No. 1 pick. The success of the MW in the NBA Draft capped off one of the most exciting men's basketball seasons in Conference history. A league-record seven teams participated in postseason action, including a record five squads in the NCAA tournament, marking the 13th time in 14 years the Conference has sent multiple teams to the Big Dance. Regular-season champion New Mexico captured the MW tournament title to earn the league's automatic bid, while Boise State, Colorado State, San Diego State and UNLV received at-large invitations to the NCAA tournament. Air Force and Wyoming also took part in postseason action, playing in the College Basketball Invitational and CollegeInsider.com tournaments, respectively. Five different Mountain West teams were ranked in at least one national poll at some point during the 2012-13 campaign, marking a first for the Conference.

### Opportunity

Named a Sports Ethics Fellow by the Institute for International Sport in 1998, Commissioner Thompson has been a driving force for sportsmanship within intercollegiate athletics. As part of its continuing growth and development, the Mountain West implemented an extensive Sportsmanship Initiative, endorsed by both the MW Joint Council and MW Board of Directors. The program is made up of several elements, which are both practical and philosophical in nature. While the MW has significant penalties in place to deal with violations, the Sportsmanship Initiative is primarily promotional and educational in nature. The goal is to develop an environment that fosters appropriate behavior from all Conference constituencies.



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