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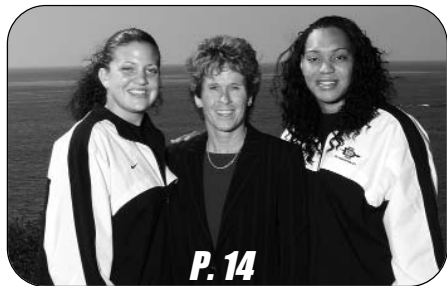


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The 2006-07 Aztecs and the Aztec Warrior at Law Street Park in Pacific Beach, Calif.

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Location: San Diego, Calif., 92182  
 Founded: 1897  
 Enrollment: 35,887  
 Nickname: Aztecs  
 Mascot: The Aztec Warrior  
 Colors: Scarlet & Black  
 Affiliation: NCAA Division I  
 Conference: Mountain West  
 Home Arena: Cox Arena at Aztec Bowl  
 Arena Capacity: 12,414  
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**Aztec Basketball Staff**

Head Coach: Beth Burns (Ohio Wesleyan, 1979)  
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 235-172 (.577)/14 Seasons  
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 Athletic Trainer: Gina Maggio  
 Academic Advisor: Willie Judd  
 Strength & Conditioning: Jon Francis, Wendell Richards

**Aztec Basketball Facts**

First Year of Aztec Basketball: 1976-77  
 All-Time Record: 451-420 (.518)  
 2005-06 Record: 3-24  
 2005-06 Conf. Record/Finish: 0-16/9th  
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 6/9  
 Starters Returning/Lost: 3/2  
 Newcomers: 9  
 Postseason App./NCAA App.: 8/6  
 Last Postseason Appearance:  
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The 2006-07 SDSU basketball media guide has been prepared to assist media members in their coverage of the Aztecs. Additional information, including media releases and photographs, may be obtained by contacting assistant media relations director Peggy Curtin at 619-594-2576.

**Credentials**

All requests for working credentials (press, radio, television, scouting) should be directed to Peggy Curtin at least 24 hours prior to tip-off. Faxed inquiries may be sent to 619-582-6541. Credentials will not be mailed. They may be picked up at the media entrance at Cox Arena (lower level) two hours prior to the start of all home games.

**Campus Parking**

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**Directions To Cox Arena**

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**Practice And Interviews**

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Head coach Beth Burns and the players are generally available to meet with the media following each workout, as requested. Coaches and players are also available to conduct television and radio interviews, which must be set up through the media relations office at 619-594-2576.

Please request all interviews with a minimum of 24 hours notice. San Diego State players and coaches will not be available for interviews on game days until postgame.

**Game-Day Services**

The Aztec media relations office furnishes game programs, pregame notes and media guides prior to each game in the media room at Cox Arena. Play-by-play accounts, halftime and final statistics and shot charts are also provided.

**Telephones**

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**Weekly Press Release**

Weekly Aztec basketball releases in pdf format (Acrobat) are available for download from the women's basketball page at [www.goaztecs.com](http://www.goaztecs.com) or via e-mail. Please contact assistant media relations director Peggy Curtin if you would like to be placed on the Aztec basketball e-mail list.

**Aztec Web Casts**

Aztec basketball fans will have an opportunity to listen to live play-by-play of regular season and MWC tournament games, both home and away, over the internet at [www.goaztecs.com](http://www.goaztecs.com). In addition, starting this season all Aztec home games will feature a live video feed from Cox Arena. Both services will be available free of charge.

Bill Earley will do the play-by-play, while former Aztec Tammy Blackburn provides analysis. Blackburn and Earley are in their 13th year of covering SDSU women's basketball.

**On The Internet**

Information on Aztec basketball is available on the Internet at [www.goaztecs.com](http://www.goaztecs.com). Press releases and recaps, along with in-game and season statistics, are updated on a weekly basis. In addition, the basketball media guide is also located on the site and includes player profiles, school records and team history.



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### SDSU Basketball Network

For the sixth straight year, Aztec women's basketball fans will have an opportunity to listen to live play-by-play of all regular season and conference tournament games over the internet at [www.goaztecs.com](http://www.goaztecs.com).

SDSU graduate Bill Earley (play-by-play) and former Aztec standout Tammy Blackburn (analysis) return for their 13th season together on the broadcast team.

Blackburn earned four letters in basketball at San Diego State from 1991-94, helping the Aztecs to a 26-5 record and an NCAA tournament bid her senior season.

Along with her radio duties at SDSU, she worked for 10 years with Fox Sports as a color commentator, broadcasting Pac-10 Conference women's basketball games.

Blackburn has spent the last two seasons with CSTV and ESPN. She provides analysis for women's volleyball, soccer, basketball and softball contests involving teams from the Big 12, Big Ten, Conference USA and the Mountain West and Western Athletic Conferences.

Blackburn, who earned both her bachelor's (1994) and master's (2001) degrees from San Diego State, is an associate director for the SDSU Alumni Association.

Earley, a native San Diegan, started his broadcast work as a student on KCR - SDSU's campus radio station. After returning to San Diego following law school, Earley produced (along with SDSU Alumni Executive Director Jim Herrick) SDSU women's basketball and became the original voice of the Aztecs over a decade ago.

Earley has been heard on several local radio stations broadcasting Aztec football, men's and women's basketball, as well as co-hosting a comedy call-in show. He has also called games for the ESPN Radio affiliate in Nevada.

Earley has ventured into television in San Diego (Channel 4 San Diego, FOX 6 Sports) and Arizona. A partner specializing in employment law at San Diego's law firm of Luce Forward, he resides in Point Loma.

Starting in 2006-07, all regular season Aztec home contests, with the exception of the Air Force game, will also feature a live video feed to go along with the audio call from Cox Arena on [www.goaztecs.com](http://www.goaztecs.com).



### Aztec Sports Weekly

For the eighth consecutive year, San Diego State University will join forces with Channel 4 San Diego to produce Aztecs Sports Weekly.



The 30-minute magazine show will highlight the week in San Diego State athletics with action footage, interviews and features. The winter and spring

telecasts place an emphasis on the Aztec basketball season.

Each week head coach Beth Burns and a women's basketball player will preview the upcoming game and review the previous week's action.

The show is hosted by John Weisbarth. Best known for his efforts on Channel 4 San Diego's Padres telecasts, he is a familiar face around the San Diego State campus as well. Weisbarth provides Aztecs Sports Weekly with in-depth features and behind-the-scenes looks at the athletic department. Weisbarth is a San Diego native and a UC Santa Barbara grad.

The show is produced by Emmy Award nominee Jason Bott and newcomer Abby Smith.

Each edition of Aztecs Sports Weekly is telecast several times with the initial show taking place each Wednesday evening.



### College Sports Television

College Sports Television (CSTV) and the Mountain West Conference have created a partnership that will revolutionize the college sports landscape. The landmark agreement includes the first NCAA Division I-A football and men's basketball conference wide deal for CSTV, beginning this fall.

The potential 14-year agreement with CSTV incorporates all conference-related media and marketing rights, including all television, national over-the-air and satellite radio, video-on-demand and online and broadband rights.

The multi-media partnership also includes the Mountain West Sports Network, better known as the mtn., which is the first-ever regional sports network dedicated solely to an intercollegiate athletic conference. The mtn. will not only broadcast live games, but will air a variety of studio shows, including pre- and post-game shows, which break down MWC games, look ahead to the big games on the horizon and feature extensive game highlights.

This season's women's basketball coverage includes 32 games on national and regional television, nearly three times the coverage of 2005-06.

Twenty-five games, including both of the Aztecs' meetings with Air Force, will be shown on the the mtn. Seven other contests involving MWC teams will be broadcast live nationally on CSTV.

The television schedule tips off Friday, Nov. 10, with BYU hosting Idaho State in the first round of the WNIT. Conference play begins Wednesday, Jan. 3, with UNLV facing TCU in Fort Worth, Texas.

Every game of the 2006 conference championships from Las Vegas, Nev., will also be shown on either the mtn. or CSTV.

### SDSU Women's Basketball Games Televised In 2007

Date	Game	TV	Time
Jan. 14	vs. Air Force	the mtn.	2 p.m. PT
Feb. 15	at Air Force	the mtn.	7 p.m. MT



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## On A Mission: Young Aztec Squad Ready To Exceed Expectations

Expectations are growing on Montezuma Mesa, and no one knows that better than Aztec basketball head coach Beth Burns.

Burns, who returned for her second stint at the helm of the Aztecs in 2005, has worked hard along with her staff to lay a strong foundation toward moving SDSU basketball back into the national spotlight.

Part of that process is enduring the growing pains of a young squad. In 2006-07, the Aztec basketball team welcomes nine newcomers and returns just six letterwinners from a team that won three times in its 27 outings a year ago.

And while prior collegiate experience may not be a strength of this year's team, Burns feels that improvement will come with the increased talent pool and overall level of competition for playing time in practice.

"We have a competitive environment on the floor, relative to how many minutes each player is going to get on the court this year," Burns said. "There are some good battles going on, which only makes us better."

The following is a breakdown of the 2006-07 San Diego State women's basketball team.

### Guards

The backcourt returns two starters in one position with junior **Kate Eveland (Southlake, Texas)** and sophomore **Tamika Lipford (Oceanside, Calif.)**. Add in freshman **Quenese Davis (Sacramento, Calif.)** and sophomore **LaSandra Dixon (Azusa, Calif.)** and the Aztecs have four possible options at point guard.

Lipford started 14 times as a true freshman at the point, including the first 10 outings. She averaged 3.4 assists per game and logged 31 steals in just 17 outings, but saw her season come to an end after suffering a right ACL injury in early February.

"Adversity makes one stronger and Tamika,

after getting off to an excellent start to her freshman season, was dealt a couple blows with injuries," Burns said. "But she has attacked her rehab and her transition from high school to college academically has been fantastic. We look forward to getting Tamika back soon at full strength and expect her to come back from rehab not only healthy, but a more complete basketball player."

Eveland, who was the Aztecs' starting point guard in 2004-05, filled in for Lipford admirably a year ago, starting 13 times and logging 54 assists. With the team's many options at the point this year, Eveland could spend most of her time at the two-guard spot, concentrating on her outside shooting.

"Coach (Kate) Paye gave Kate a plan for the summer and it involved shooting, shooting and more shooting," Burns said. "Kate followed that plan and has shown to be a strong, consistent perimeter threat. She's really improved her strength in the weight room and we will count on her to score points for us this season."

A top recruit, Davis provides SDSU with an immediate scoring threat at the point guard position. She averaged over 25 points a game as a junior at Rio Americano High School to garner *Cal-Hi* all-state underclass second-team honors.

"Quenese has an excellent handle, makes good decisions and her presence on the floor will make everyone around her better," Burns said. "She's an exciting player who will tremendously impact our offense, and as she learns the college game, will become an excellent defender as well."

San Diego State's attack from beyond the arc will be improved this season with the help of Dixon and freshman **Kim Spinardi (Merced, Calif.)**.

Dixon appeared in 16 games in 2005-06, averaging just under three points per outing. She

scored a career-high 10 points against Mountain West Conference power Utah and offers the coaching staff a quick, aggressive defender off the bench.

"LaSandra is one of our most vocal returners," Burns said. "She is always excited and enthusiastic and has done everything we've asked her to do. She will be one of our best on-ball defenders and has worked really hard in the weight room."

Spinardi led Golden Valley High School to back-to-back conference titles and garnered player-of-the-year honors as a senior with her 17 points and 7.5 assists per game. She also connected on a school record 62 three-pointers.

"Kim can contribute to this year's team with her three-point shooting ability," Burns said.

The Aztec backcourt will be consistently challenged during practice by sophomore **Jené Morris** and freshman **Jenn Rogers**, who will both have to sit out the 2006-07 campaign.

Morris transferred from California this past summer after helping to lead the Golden Bears to the program's first NCAA appearance since 1993. Morris averaged 8.7 points and 2.3 rebounds per game and led the squad in steals with 62, including nine in one game alone. She was an honorable mention Pac-10 All-Freshman team honoree and earned an invitation to the 2006 U.S. under-20 national team trials in May.

"Jené is a fantastic addition to our program and don't think that a redshirt can't have a tremendous impact on the fortunes of a team," Burns said. "She approaches everything she does at full speed, with enthusiasm and with competitiveness. She is the type of player who will give our young guards someone to emulate, and her time this season will be spent improving on her own individual skills."

Rogers, who signed with UC Riverside out of high school in 2005 but did not play, brings a





strong offensive game and has the ability to knock down three-point shots.

Also joining the Aztec is freshman **Chelsea Williamson (Boulder, Colo.)**, whose work ethic and hard-nosed play will enable her to provide key depth off the bench when called upon.

## Forwards

The biggest change in this season's Aztec basketball squad is no doubt at forward. The competition will be constant for playing time between the Aztecs' two returning frontcourt letterwinners and three of the newcomers.

Junior **Shanna Demus (Palmdale, Calif.)** is a returning starter, who played her first season of Division I basketball in 2005-06. Demus ended the year ranking second on the squad in steals (34) and blocks (24) and is the team's second-leading returning scorer, after chipping in 6.1 points per contest.

Demus' strength is on the defensive side of the ball, where she routinely guarded the opposition's top player a year ago.

"Shanna was by far and away our best defensive player last season," Burns said. "She guarded everyone on the floor from the point guard to the center. We are going to count on her versatility to plug some holes, especially with all the newcomers."

Another returning player is senior **Erin Jackson (Sparks, Nev.)**, who is coming off her best season in an Aztec uniform. After redshirting due to an ankle injury in 2004-05, Jackson played in 22 games, earning three starts. She scored in double-figures in five of the first six conference outings and ended the year on a high note, scoring 14 points at the Mountain West Conference tournament.

"A year ago, Erin worked as hard as anyone in the program and it paid off during the conference season, when she really made a push and helped us a lot," Burns said. "Her challenge this season is consistency and to continue to work on the things we've coached her to do."

Three Aztec newcomers, two of whom come from the junior college ranks, will contribute immediately in the frontcourt in 2006-07.

Junior **Shannon Clay (Inglewood, Calif.)** played the last two seasons at West Los Angeles College, where she was a two-time first team all-conference honoree. In her first year, she ranked 17th in the state in rebounding (10.7 rpg.) and 24th in scoring (17.0 ppg.).

"Shannon is as skilled an offensive player as we've had," Burns said. "Her biggest strength is her mid-range game, which she is very comfortable. Plus, she's big enough and strong enough to create her own shot and finish."

Another junior college transfer, **Jennifer Layton (Sacramento, Calif.)** was a two-time second-team all-state pick at San Joaquin Delta College in Stockton, Calif. She helped Delta to a runner-up finish at the state junior college championships, earning all-tournament honors. Layton, who averaged 13.4 points and 7.6

rebounds per contest in 2005-06, is a versatile player, who can guard every position on the floor and is strong on the offensive glass.

"Jennifer will contribute immediately in a lot of areas, the first being offensive rebounding," Burns said. "She might be as quick off her feet to the glass as anyone I've ever coached. She is relentless to the glass and will play a lot at the power forward and even some at the small forward."

The team's lone frontcourt newcomer from outside the state of California, freshman **Lauren Hoisington (Las Vegas, Nev.)**, brings championship experience with her to SDSU. Hoisington led her Bishop Gorman High School team to the Nevada state title as a senior with a 31-1 record and a No. 17 final national ranking. Hoisington was a first team all-state pick with 16.4 points and 7.8 rebounds as a senior.

"Lauren is everything I expected her to be and then some," Burns said. "She has fantastic work habits, comes from an excellent high school program and is extremely bright on and off the court. She attacks everything she does and will greatly improve our team."

One of the Aztecs' top incoming players is forward **Allison Duffy (Lakeside, Calif.)**, a local standout, who will sit out the upcoming campaign. Duffy was the team's first verbal commitment of the 2005-06 recruiting class and came to SDSU after a prep career which saw her score 2,190 points and pull down 1,291 rebounds. She averaged over 20 points per game in each of her final three seasons and garnered all-state accolades twice.

"Allison was our first commitment and we're as excited today as we were then, if not more so," Burns said. "She's a fantastic fit for our style of play, a relentless competitor and rebounder. She's a great athlete, who runs the floor extremely well and is going to be a real force in our conference. Her competitiveness alone will improve our practices this season and Aztec fans will see in 2007-08 why she was worth waiting for."

## Centers

While there are many questions surrounding this season's Aztec basketball team, one thing is certain - SDSU will continue to depend on the play of center **Desiree Johnson (Kahuku, Hawaii)**.

After transferring from to SDSU during the summer of 2005, Johnson had an immediate impact. She ranked first in the Mountain West Conference in blocks per game (1.41) and was the Aztecs' top rebounder (5.6 rpg.). Johnson led the team in rebounds on 10 occasions and scored in double figures in six outings. Her 7.5 points per game in 2005-06 also makes her SDSU's top returning scorer.

"Desiree improved 100-fold from the beginning to the end of last season and regardless of our game outcomes, we would have not functioned as a team if we didn't have Desiree on

the floor," Burns said.

While Johnson produced solid results, Burns expects her to have an even greater impact this season, especially on the offensive side.

"Desiree's challenge offensively last year was more of a result of some injuries," Burns said. "She's worked hard in the off-season in the weight room and more importantly, in the training room. She has concentrated on improving her leg strength, and I think you'll see a new and improved Desiree Johnson. We're counting on her experience to help our young team."

## The Schedule

The Aztec basketball team will get ready for its rigorous Mountain West Conference schedule by staying close to home. San Diego State plays eight of its 11 non-conference contests at Cox Arena with another outing - the Nov. 19 game at USD - also in the City of San Diego. In all, SDSU plays 16 home games for the second time in the last three seasons.

"This season, we worked to upgrade our schedule, because we feel that our team is ready to face the challenge," Burns said. "We have a lot of home games during the non-conference portion of the year, which will only help our young squad prepare to play in one of the best conferences in the country."

The team kicks off the year against Nevada on Nov. 14, followed by another game three days later against UC Davis, a team it faced twice in 2005-06. The Aztecs then head on their only non-conference road trip of the season, which takes them to USD, followed by a pair of games in the state of Utah during the week of Thanksgiving.

SDSU plays all six of its games during the month of December at Cox Arena. The team has rematches with Wichita State and Pepperdine and renews old rivalries with a pair of in-state foes in Saint Mary's and Cal Poly.

The highlight of the non-conference schedule will once again be the San Diego Surf 'N Slam tournament, which features perennial national powerhouse Georgia, NCAA tournament team George Washington and Ivy League power Brown.

For the second straight season, the Aztecs will face changes in their Mountain West Conference schedule. A year ago, with the addition of TCU, the league dropped its travel partner format. In 2006-07, SDSU will play league games on four possible days of the week as opposed to last year's Wednesday/Thursday and Saturday format. The league championships will also see a change in venue as the teams meet for a chance at an automatic NCAA bid in Las Vegas, Nev., March 6-10.

Add in the fact that six conference squads are coming off postseason bids, and this year's Mountain West play will once again be an exciting season to watch.

**Aztec Numerical Roster**

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown (Previous School)
1	Tamika Lipford	G	5-4	So.	1L	Oceanside, Calif. (Bishop's HS)
3	Quenese Davis	G	5-9	Fr.	HS	Sacramento, Calif. (Rio Americano HS)
4	Kim Spinardi	G	5-8	Fr.	HS	Merced, Calif. (Golden Valley HS)
5	Jené Morris^	G	5-9	So.	TR	San Francisco, Calif. (UC Berkeley)
11	Kate Eveland	G	5-8	Jr.	2L	Southlake, Texas (Southlake Carroll HS)
12	Chelsea Williamson	G	5-9	Fr.	HS	Boulder, Colo. (Boulder HS)
15	Lauren Hoisington	F	6-2	Fr.	HS	Las Vegas, Nev. (Bishop Gorman HS)
21	Jenn Rogers^	G	5-9	Fr.	HS	Fountain Valley, Calif. (Mater Dei HS)
22	Shanna Demus	F	5-8	Jr.	1L	Palmdale, Calif. (CS Los Angeles)
23	LaSandra Dixon	G	5-7	So.	1L	Azusa, Calif. (Azusa HS)
24	Jennifer Layton	F	6-1	Jr.	TR	Sacramento, Calif. (San Joaquin Delta JC)
25	Shannon Clay	F	5-11	Jr.	TR	Inglewood, Calif. (West Los Angeles CC)
30	Erin Jackson	F	6-1	Sr.	2L	Sparks, Nev. (Reed HS)
32	Desiree Johnson	C	6-2	Sr.	1L	Kahuku, Hawaii (Los Angeles CC)
34	Allison Duffy^	F	6-2	Fr.	HS	Lakeside, Calif. (El Capitan HS)

**Aztec Alphabetical Roster**

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown (Previous School)
25	Shannon Clay	F	5-11	Jr.	TR	Inglewood, Calif. (West Los Angeles CC)
3	Quenese Davis	G	5-9	Fr.	HS	Sacramento, Calif. (Rio Americano HS)
22	Shanna Demus	F	5-8	Jr.	1L	Palmdale, Calif. (CS Los Angeles)
23	LaSandra Dixon	G	5-7	So.	1L	Azusa, Calif. (Azusa HS)
34	Allison Duffy^	F	6-2	Fr.	HS	Lakeside, Calif. (El Capitan HS)
11	Kate Eveland	G	5-8	Jr.	2L	Southlake, Texas (Southlake Carroll HS)
15	Lauren Hoisington	F	6-2	Fr.	HS	Las Vegas, Nev. (Bishop Gorman HS)
30	Erin Jackson	F	6-1	Sr.	2L	Sparks, Nev. (Reed HS)
32	Desiree Johnson	C	6-2	Sr.	1L	Kahuku, Hawaii (Los Angeles CC)
24	Jennifer Layton	F	6-1	Jr.	TR	Sacramento, Calif. (San Joaquin Delta JC)
1	Tamika Lipford	G	5-4	So.	1L	Oceanside, Calif. (Bishop's HS)
5	Jené Morris^	G	5-9	So.	TR	San Francisco, Calif. (UC Berkeley)
21	Jenn Rogers^	G	5-9	Fr.	HS	Fountain Valley, Calif. (Mater Dei HS)
4	Kim Spinardi	G	5-8	Fr.	HS	Merced, Calif. (Golden Valley HS)
12	Chelsea Williamson	G	5-9	Fr.	HS	Boulder, Colo. (Boulder HS)

^ = will not play in 2006-07

**Head Coach:** Beth Burns (Ohio Wesleyan, 1979), second year of second stint/10th season at SDSU; 15th overall**Assistant Coaches:** Jualeah Woods (USC, 1994), second year at SDSU; ninth overall

Kate Paye (Stanford, 1995), second year of second stint/third season at SDSU; fourth overall

Renee Jimenez (San Francisco State, 2004), second season at SDSU; second overall

**Dir. of Operations:** Tammy Stephens (CS Fullerton, 1981), second season at SDSU; sixth overall**Head Manager:** Beth Murdock (CS Hayward, 2004), first season at SDSU**Aztec Pronunciation Guide**

QUENESE Davis	QUINN-ee-se	Lauren HOISINGTON	hoy-SING-ton	Kim SPINARDI	SPIN-are-dee
SHANNA DEMUS	shann-UH DEE-muss	DESIREE Johnson	dez-ur-A	Renee JIMENEZ	he-MEN-ez
LASANDRA Dixon	luh-SAND-ruh	TAMIKA Lipford	tuh-MEEK-uh	Kate PAYE	pay
Kate EVELAND	EVE-lund	JENÉ Morris	juh-NAY	JUALEAH Woods	WAH-lee-uh





**Personnel Summary**



Demus



Johnson



Lipford

**Returning Starters (3)**

Shanna Demus, Jr., F, 6.1 ppg., 4.0 rpg.  
Desiree Johnson, Sr., C, 7.5 ppg., 5.6 rpg.  
Tamika Lipford, So., G, 4.1 ppg., 3.4 apg.

**Starters Lost (2)**

Michelle Strawberry, Sr., F, 13.5 ppg., 5.5 rpg.  
Veronica Shaw, Sr., G, 8.7 ppg., 3.5 rpg.



Demus



Dixon



Eveland



Jackson



Johnson



Lipford

**Letterwinners Returning (6)**

Shanna Demus, Jr., F, 6.1 ppg., 4.0 rpg.  
LaSandra Dixon, So., G, 2.8 ppg., 0.6 rpg.  
Kate Eveland, Jr., G, 3.0 ppg., 2.0 apg.  
Erin Jackson, Sr., F, 5.0 ppg., 3.2 rpg.  
Desiree Johnson, Sr., C, 7.5 ppg., 5.6 rpg.  
Tamika Lipford, So., G, 4.1 ppg., 3.4 apg.

**Letterwinners Lost (9)**

Ijlal Barnes, F, 0.5 ppg., 1.0 rpg.  
Courtney Fritz, G, 2.4 ppg., 1.0 rpg.  
Lindsay Goldblatt, G, 0.8 ppg., 0.3 rpg.  
Audrey Green, C, 1.1 ppg., 1.1 rpg.  
Jana Heinrich, F, 4.3 ppg., 2.2 rpg.  
Taryn Milburn, F, 0.8 ppg., 0.6 rpg.  
Brittany Santos, F, 0.8 ppg., 0.5 rpg.  
Michelle Strawberry, F, 13.5 ppg., 5.5 rpg.  
Veronica Shaw, G, 8.7 ppg., 3.5 rpg.

**Newcomers (9)**

Quenese Davis, 5-9, Fr., G, Sacramento, Calif. (Rio Americano HS)  
Shannon Clay, 5-11, Jr., F, Inglewood, Calif. (West Los Angeles CC)  
Allison Duffy, 6-2, Fr., F, Lakeside, Calif. (El Capitan HS)  
Lauren Hoisington, 6-2, Fr., F, Las Vegas, Nev. (Bishop Gorman HS)  
Jennifer Layton, 6-1, Jr., F, Sacramento, Calif. (San Joaquin Delta JC)  
Jené Morris, 5-9, So., G, San Francisco, Calif. (UC Berkeley)  
Jenn Rogers, 5-9, Fr., G, Fountain Valley, Calif. (Mater Dei HS)  
Kim Spinardi, 5-8, Fr., G, Merced, Calif. (Golden Valley HS)  
Chelsea Williamson, 5-9, Fr., G, Boulder, Colo. (Boulder HS)

**Roster Breakdown**

**By Class**

Seniors (2): Jackson, Johnson  
Juniors (4): Clay, Demus, Eveland, Layton  
Sophomores (3): Dixon, Lipford, Morris  
Freshmen (6): Davis, Duffy, Hoisington, Rogers, Spinardi, Williamson

**By Experience**

Two Letters (2): Eveland, Jackson  
One Letter (4): Demus, Dixon, Johnson, Lipford  
Transfers (3): Clay, Layton, Morris  
High School (6): Davis, Duffy, Hoisington, Rogers, Spinardi, Williamson

**By State/Country**

California (10): Clay, Davis, Demus, Dixon, Duffy, Layton, Lipford, Morris, Rogers, Spinardi  
Nevada (2): Hoisington, Jackson  
Colorado (1): Williamson  
Hawaii (1): Johnson  
Texas (1): Eveland

**By Position**

Center (1): Johnson  
Forwards (6): Clay, Demus, Duffy, Hoisington, Jackson, Layton  
Guards (8): Davis, Dixon, Eveland, Lipford, Morris, Rogers, Spinardi, Williamson

**By Height**

6-2 (3): Duffy, Hoisington, Johnson  
6-1 (2): Jackson, Layton  
5-11 (1): Clay  
5-9 (4): Davis, Morris, Rogers, Williamson  
5-8 (3): Demus, Eveland, Spinardi  
5-7 (1): Dixon  
5-4 (1) Lipford



2006-07 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 7	Arizona Venom (Exhibition)	7 p.m.
Nov. 11	Love & Basketball (Exhibition)	2 p.m.
Nov. 14	Nevada	7 p.m.
Nov. 17	UC Davis	7 p.m.
Nov. 19	at USD	2 p.m.
Nov. 22	at Utah Valley State	3 p.m.
Nov. 24	at Southern Utah	7:05 p.m.
Dec. 3	Wichita State	1 p.m.
Dec. 7	Cal Poly	7 p.m.
Dec. 10	Saint Mary's	2 p.m.
Dec. 21	Pepperdine	7 p.m.



San Diego Surf 'N Slam at Cox Arena

(Georgia, George Washington, Brown, San Diego State)		
Dec. 28	Brown at San Diego State	2 p.m.
Dec. 28	George Washington vs. Georgia	4 p.m.
Dec. 30	Consolation/Championship Games	2/4 p.m.
Jan. 4	at Utah*	7 p.m.
Jan. 6	at UNLV*	7 p.m.
Jan. 14	Air Force* (the mtn.)	2 p.m.
Jan. 17	at Wyoming*	7 p.m.
Jan. 20	Colorado State*	2 p.m.
Jan. 25	Brigham Young*	7 p.m.
Jan. 28	at TCU*	2 p.m.
Jan. 31	at New Mexico*	7 p.m.
Feb. 3	Utah*	2 p.m.
Feb. 8	UNLV*	7 p.m.
Feb. 15	at Air Force* (the mtn.)	7 p.m.
Feb. 18	Wyoming*	2 p.m.
Feb. 22	at Colorado State*	7 p.m.
Feb. 24	at Brigham Young*	2 p.m.
Feb. 28	TCU*	7 p.m.
Mar. 3	New Mexico*	Noon
Mar. 6-10	2007 MWC Championship Thomas & Mack (Las Vegas, Nev.)	TBA
Mar. 17-20	NCAA First and Second Rounds	TBA
Mar. 24-27	NCAA Regionals	TBA
Apr. 1,3	NCAA Final Four (Cleveland, Ohio)	TBA

All times local to site  
 Home games in **Bold**  
 All home games at Cox Arena  
 \* = Mountain West Conference game  
 Times and dates subject to change



2007 NCAA Tournament Information

NCAA First & Second Rounds

March 17 and 19  
 Frank Erwin Center (Austin, Texas)  
 Williams Arena (Minneapolis, Minn.)  
 Maples Pavilion (Stanford, Calif.)  
 Galen Center (Los Angeles, Calif.)

March 18 and 20  
 Breslin Student Events Center (East Lansing, Mich.)  
 Hartford Civic Center (Hartford, Conn.)  
 Petersen Events Center (Pittsburgh, Pa.)  
 RBC Center (Raleigh, N.C.)

NCAA Regionals

March 24 and 26  
**Fresno Regional**  
 Save Mart Center (15,621)  
 Fresno, Calif.  
**Host:** California State University, Fresno

March 24 and 26  
**Greensboro Regional**  
 Greensboro Coliseum (12,005)  
 Greensboro, N.C.  
**Host:** Atlantic Coast Conference

March 25 and 27  
**Dallas Regional**  
 Reunion Arena (17,767)  
 Dallas, Texas  
**Hosts:** Conference USA and Southern Methodist University

March 25 and 27  
**Dayton Regional**  
 University of Dayton Arena (13,000)  
 Dayton, Ohio  
**Host:** University of Dayton

**NCAA Final Four**  
**April 1 and 3**  
 Quicken Loans Arena (20,000)  
 Cleveland, Ohio  
**Hosts:** Cleveland State University and Mid-American Conference

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