

# FANTASTIC FACILITIES



*Tony Gwynn Stadium*



*Qualcomm Stadium*



*Cox Arena*



*The \$13 Million SDSU Sports Deck*

In place on The Mesa are, arguably, some of the finest facilities in the United States and San Diego State certainly tops the charts on the west coast.

The department is now housed in the \$28 million, 130,000-square-foot Aztec Athletics Center. The entrance lobby of the center houses the 5,000-square-foot Aztec Hall of Fame, presented by the Wise Foundation. A state-of-the-art weight room, encompassing more than

15,000 square feet, is also located on the first floor of the building along with a plush locker room for each of the varsity sports, except baseball, which has its clubhouse at Tony Gwynn Stadium.

The sports medicine center and equipment operations are also located on the first floor and help provide incredible convenience to the locker rooms and weight room, as well as other practice facilities.

The new centerpiece of the department, which was dedicated in February 2002, is located just across the street from Cox Arena and just east of Tony Gwynn Stadium. On the south, the Athletic Center is buffered by the new Sports Deck, where both San Diego State soccer squads and track team compete. On the north side, it is connected to Peterson Gym, the home of Aztec volleyball. The west exit of the building opens onto



*The 15,000-Square Foot Weight Room*



*Aztec Soccer Locker Room*



*The Athletics Center Auditorium*



*Aztec Sports Medicine Center*



*Aztec Hall of Fame*

three, 100-yard practice fields. One of the fields is natural grass and two utilize field-turf, providing SDSU daily options for its workouts.

All of SDSU's new facilities, including the athletics center, Cox Arena, Tony Gwynn Stadium and the Sports Deck, have opened since 1995. The buildings are not just sparkling new, but they are already postseason tested. Cox Arena, the 12,400-seat basketball facility, has

served as a site for the NCAA Men's Basketball Division I Championship (first and second rounds) as well as the NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball National Championship. The NCAA men's basketball tournament is scheduled to return to the facility in 2006.

The Sports Deck has already hosted Mountain West Conference championships, as has Tony Gwynn Stadium. And the building isn't stopping anytime

soon.

San Diego State has plans for a new tennis stadium and softball facility located just west of Tony Gwynn Stadium. The preliminary timeline has construction scheduled to be complete by September, 2004.

Tony Gwynn Stadium and the Aztec Athletics Center were constructed thanks to donations by San Diego Padres' owners John and Becky Moores.

# San Diego State University

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Beginning its 107th academic year in fall 2003, San Diego State University can take pride in more than a century of achievement in education, research and service. With an enrollment of more than 33,000 students, SDSU has grown into the largest institution of higher education in the San Diego region and one of the largest in California.

- San Diego State is the only member of the 23-campus California State University system designated as a "Doctoral/Research University-Intensive" by the Carnegie Foundation, placing it among the top 6.7 percent of higher education institutions in the United States.



- San Diego State currently grants bachelor's degrees in 78 academic areas and master's degrees in 60.
- One in 13 adults in San Diego holds a degree from San Diego State.
- San Diego State ranked 10th nationally in 1999-00 for bachelor's degrees awarded to minorities, according to *Black Issues In Higher Education*.
- In 2002, San Diego State's International Business program was ranked 15th in the country by *U.S. News and World Report*. The magazine, along with *Success* magazine, also named San Diego State's College of Business as one of the top in the country for entrepreneurs.
- The School of Accountancy was the first and one of only four accredited accounting programs in California. Student test scores on the CPA exam consistently rank among the top five in the nation.
- Three times during the past 15 years the College of Education has been ranked among the top three programs in the country for teacher education by the Association of Teacher Educators. On two occasions the college has been ranked best in the country.
- SDSU has been increasingly recognized for innovative research. In fiscal year 2001-2002, SDSU faculty attracted \$140.4 million in grants and contracts for research and pro-



gram administration, representing a 65 percent increase in funding from five years ago.

- In 2002, San Diego State was ranked among the 31 hottest and trendiest universities in the nation according to Kaplan's Annual National High School Guidance Counselor Survey.
- Recently completed facilities, totaling more than \$200 million in value, include Cuicacalli, a dining and residence complex; the Chemical Sciences Laboratory, a showcase of leading-edge laboratories and infrastructure; a 2,458-space parking structure, the largest in the California State University system; and the Aztec Athletics Center, housing coaches' offices, training facilities and the Wise Foundation Hall of Fame. Construction continues on the SDSU trolley station and tunnel, part of the Metropolitan Transit Development Board's Mission Valley East extension of the San Diego Trolley system scheduled to open in 2005.





## SDSU'S Aztec Heritage

From the early decades of its history, San Diego State has identified itself with the Aztecs, one of the most sophisticated and distinctive societies in the history of the Western Hemisphere. A fitting choice for a university committed to internationalism and diversity, the Aztec identity evokes great pride in Mexico, as well as among many people in the United States, and certainly within the SDSU community. Consequently, San Diego State strives to honor the Aztec people by enhancing awareness, understanding and appreciation of Aztec culture and achievements.

## Aztec History

Aztec civilization dates back at least to the 12th century A.D. The precise location is still debated by scholars, but tradition tells us of a place somewhere north of modern-day Mexico City known at that time as Aztlan, which meant "the place of the cranes" or "the place of the herons." The people who lived in this land were called Azteca meaning "those of Aztlan."

The Azteca eventually left their homeland and became known as the Mexica. Native folklore attributes this name change to the instructions of the people's patron deity, Huitzilopochtli (Hummingbird on the Left).

Around 1325, the Mexica settled on an island in Lake Texcoco, an area that is now the heart of Mexico City, and named it



Tenochtitlan or "the place of the fruit of the cactus." A century later, the Mexica and two other Nahuatl-speaking city-states, Texcoco and Tlacopan, combined to create an entity popularly known as the Aztec Empire. Boasting a strong military force, this new alliance commanded a sphere of influence that stretched across much of present-day Mexico.

Tenochtitlan and its surrounding valley evolved into a highly sophisticated, multicultural and multilingual city-state of several million inhabitants. At this same time, major European cities numbered only 30,000 to 40,000 in population. A cradle of innovation, the Aztec Empire developed advanced systems of trade, science, politics, religion, education and agriculture. The Aztecs also enjoyed sports and built grand ballcourts to accommodate team events.

## Aztecs and SDSU

San Diego State University first adopted the Aztec name in the 1920s as a nickname for the college's sports teams. In 1925, the student newspaper followed suit, changing its name from *The Paper Lantern* to *The Aztec*. Since that time, San Diego State's celebration of Aztec heritage has permeated the campus. In 1936, a Donald Hord sculpture of Montezuma II, the last Aztec emperor, became a welcoming campus icon. With the passing years, Aztec themes echoed in the names, colors and architectural elements of new campus buildings. And Aztec culture became the subject of more than a dozen university courses.

In 1941, Monty Montezuma, a character based on Montezuma II, debuted at San Diego State athletic events as a symbolic personification of the Aztecs. Over time, the Montezuma character's look and activities have evolved from a sports mascot into a more dignified and accurate representation of the historical emperor. Montezuma now serves as the university's ambassador of Aztec culture, charged with the responsibility of informing and educating the San Diego community about Aztec civilization. SDSU continues to take pride in its affiliation with Aztec culture and to celebrate the Aztec virtues of strength, valor and intellectual achievement.



# Aztec Administration

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## DR. STEPHEN WEBER

*University President*



Stephen L. Weber, the seventh president of San Diego State University, provides dynamic leadership to an institution that ranks among the largest in the nation and third-largest in California. Educated as a philosopher, President Weber began his tenure at SDSU in July 1996 and shortly afterward initiated a broad-based dialog intended to set the course for the university's future.

Under President Weber's guidance, students, faculty, staff, alumni

and community leaders participated in shaping this "Shared Vision." SDSU is now moving boldly ahead toward goals set by those discussions: reinforcing academic excellence, nurturing students, honoring diversity and social justice, carefully stewarding resources and further developing global programs.

In the process, SDSU has become an increasingly popular and selective choice among college-bound students. For fall 2003, SDSU has received more than 39,000 undergraduate applicants for 7,283 vacancies. Not surprisingly, the overall academic quality of SDSU students is also rising. In addition, alumni involvement and private financial support of the university have never been stronger.

A champion of community involvement as well as academic excellence, President Weber has been an advocate for community service. Leading by example, he is immediate past chair of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities Board of Directors and co-chairs Partners for K-12 School Reform. He also serves on the boards of governors of The Peres Center for Peace and the San Diego Foundation, and on the boards of directors of the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation, the San Diego Science and Technology Council, and the California Healthcare Institute.

Born in Boston, President Weber is a graduate of Bowling Green University with a B.A. in philosophy. He received his Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of Notre Dame in 1969 and is the author of numerous articles on philosophy and higher education.

President Weber's many awards include an honorary degree from Beijing Capital Normal University. He was named among the 1997 Headliners of the Year by the San Diego Press Club. Also in 1997, the San Diego Mediation Center honored him with its Peacemaker Award. In 1999, President Weber received the Executive Director's Award from the San Diego Education Association and the Gold Key Award from the San Diego Hospitality Association.

Before coming to San Diego State University, President Weber served as interim provost of the State University of New York (SUNY). He also served seven years as president of the SUNY Oswego campus. Prior to that he was vice president of academic affairs at St. Cloud State University in Minnesota, dean of arts and sciences at Fairfield University in Connecticut, and assistant to the president of the University of Maine. While a faculty member at the University of Maine, he was recognized as the outstanding professor in humanities.

President Weber is married to Susan Keim Weber, who shares his enthusiastic commitment to SDSU. They have two sons.

## GENE BARTOW

*Interim Athletics Director*



Gene Bartow, one of the most respected and experienced figures in intercollegiate athletics, joined the San Diego State administration in June of 2003 to serve as the interim athletics director. He oversees the day-to-day operations of the athletic department and will run the Aztec operation until October.

Bartow returned to the NCAA ranks after taking a leave of absence from the Memphis Grizzlies, where he served as a special advisor and

was involved in the basketball and business operations, as well as special projects. He will return to his position with the Grizzlies in October.

Bartow is a legendary figure in Memphis, stemming from his days as head basketball coach at Memphis State. He led the Tigers to the 1973 national-championship game. He is also the former head coach at UCLA, Illinois, Valparaiso, Central Missouri State and Alabama-Birmingham. In his coaching career, Bartow made two trips to the Final Four, three regional-final appearances and participated in 12 NCAA Tournaments.

He coached at UCLA for two seasons and posted a 52-9 record while following in the footsteps of John Wooden. He led the 1976 Bruins to the Final Four just three years after coaching Memphis State to the championship game.

When he retired from coaching, he left the game with 647 victories to rank 17th all-time in that category.

"We are pleased and fortunate to have someone as accomplished and skilled as Mr. Bartow assume interim leadership of our athletic program," said San Diego State President Dr. Stephen L. Weber. "He brings everything we could possibly ask for in experience and eagerness. He is an accomplished leader who will serve our student-athletes, our coaches, our staff and our fans well."

Despite his success on the hardwood, Bartow's greatest achievement may have come as an administrator. He is considered the "Father of Athletics" at Alabama-Birmingham, where he built the Division I athletic program. Bartow served as athletic director at the school from 1977-2000 and for 18 years he served as the athletic director as well as head basketball coach. He led the UAB athletic department through three league changes and eventually into Conference USA prior to his retirement.

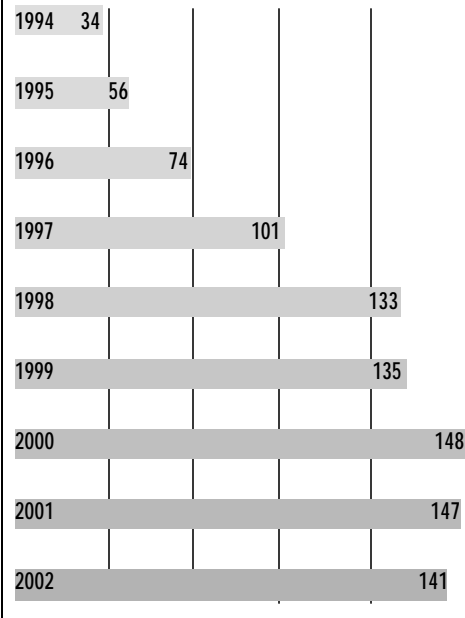
Bartow is a member of five hall of fames, including the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame, the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame and the Northeast Missouri Athletic Hall of Fame. In addition, the UAB arena is now known as Bartow Arena. The facility at St. Charles High School (Mo.), which Bartow coached to the 1957 state championship, plays its games in Gene Bartow-Ernie Hedge Gymnasium.

Bartow was named by the *Birmingham News* as one of the 10 most influential sports figures in Alabama for the past century.

"San Diego State has state-of-the-art facilities, a large base of alumni and an exciting cadre of coaches who have their programs on the right track," Bartow said. "My goal is to help this department run as smoothly as possible."

Bartow and his wife, Ruth, have three children and six grandchildren.

## SDSU Student-Athletes to Achieve a 3.2 GPA or Better (1994-2002)



The dual role of student and athlete can be a daunting challenge for any person at the Division I level. Recognizing that academic challenge, the Student Athlete Academic Support Services program has been developed at San Diego State to assist all student-athletes in achieving academic excellence.

It is a source of pride within San Diego State athletics that the department has developed one of the most comprehensive academic support programs in the country.

### The Staff

The SAASS staff includes a learning specialist, four academic advisors, the department's director of compliance, an eligibility coordinator, a financial aid coordinator as well as a recruitment coordinator.



Mark Gumble  
Asst. A.D. - Dir. of  
Academics

In addition to the full-time staff, the department employs more than 20 mentors and tutors.

Collectively, they operate a program that enhances each student's satisfactory progress toward graduation.



### The Services

Throughout the academic year, advisors offer a variety of services to aid individuals in the development of their personal goals and the blueprint for pursuing those goals.

All new student-athletes are invited to an orientation that helps lay the foundation for future successes. Each advisor teaches a section of the University's Freshman Success course (General Studies 100), which deals with specific transition issues for student-athletes. Topics include time management, study skills and test taking. In addition, the course also introduces new students to services such as the Love Library, University Advising Center, Career Services, Health Services and the counseling center.

### The Resources

In the fall of 2001, the academic unit joined the rest of the athletic department in moving into the new \$26 million, 130,000-square-foot Aztec Athletics Center. The academic staff is located on the third floor of the complex and includes a new 40-station computer lab, individual study rooms and two lecture rooms.

### The Commitment

San Diego State's annual Scholar-Athlete Awards Banquet honors students with a grade-point average in excess of 3.2. In 2002, 177 student-athletes, more than one-third of the SDSU student-athlete body, were honored at the Scholar-Athlete Awards Banquet and attended a theatrical production downtown.

### Life Skills

To further increase the opportunities for success, San Diego State is part of the NCAA's CHAMPS/Life Skills Program. The curriculum of Aztec Pride (Promoting Responsibility, Integrity, Diversity, Education) offers a wide range of programs and activities that enhance the educational experience. Special emphasis is placed on the areas of personal development, community service and career development.

In conjunction with the Student Athlete Advisory Committee, the Life Skills Program represents San Diego State's total commitment to enhancing the quality of each student's experience.

### 2002 Soccer Scholar Athletes

#### Malik Award (4.0 GPA)

Brian Barnes  
Colin Hanke  
Paul Szefer

#### Monty Award (GPA above 3.5)

Travis Baker  
Abraham Martinez

#### Big Red Award (GPA above 3.2)

Robert Diaz  
Christopher Novak  
Derek Pickett  
Tyler Tinning  
Eric Wohl

#### MPSF All-Academic

Brian Barnes  
Abraham Martinez  
Chris Novak  
Paul Szefer  
Tyler Tinning

#### NSCAA Scholar Athlete

Brian Barnes  
Abraham Martinez

#### Verizon Academic All-Region

Brian Barnes



# Aztec SportsDeck

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SDSU Sports Deck

“When there’s no room to build out...build up.” That’s the mantra of modern-day engineers and contractors and is something San Diego State took to heart when designing its soccer/track facility. The two year-old, \$13 million SDSU Sports Deck sits atop the university’s newest two-story parking structure (PS 5). The facility is located at 55th Street and Montezuma Avenue at the site of the old Choc Sportsman Oval.

► The Sports Deck serves as the home for the men’s and women’s soccer programs as well as the SDSU women’s track team. The track team competes on the Choc Sportsman Oval which surrounds the soccer field.

► The playing turf for soccer is a state-of-the-art natural grass surface with a built in automatic-drainage system. The facility features an all-weather track and was the site of the 2001 Mountain West Conference track and field championships.

► The stadium seats about 1,000 people. The facility includes an electronic message/scoreboard, which will be utilized for both soccer and track events. Future plans call for the facility to be lighted for night contests and seating capacity to be increased.

► The first official NCAA event was held at the Sports Deck on August 25, 2000, when the Aztec women’s soccer team faced Mississippi in its season opener. SDSU won that match, 2-1.

► The first men’s soccer contest at the site was held on Sept. 1, 2000, versus Christian Heritage. SDSU took that match, 5-0, making the occasion the facility’s first shutout.

► The facility was dedicated on Friday, Oct. 6, 2000, during a men’s and women’s doubleheader.

## SDSU Sports Deck Firsts

### Men

#### Match

vs. Christian Heritage  
Sept. 1, 2000

#### Goal

Carlos Menjivar, SDSU  
Sept. 1, 2000

#### Assist

Carlos Menjivar, SDSU  
Sept. 1, 2000

#### Win

vs. Christian Heritage  
Sept. 1, 2000  
(SDSU 5, CH 0)

#### Shutout

vs. Christian Heritage  
Sept. 1, 2000  
(SDSU 5, CH 0)

### Women

#### Match

vs. Mississippi  
Aug. 25, 2000

#### Goal

Nicole Findlay, SDSU  
Aug. 25, 2000

#### Assist

Rebecca Prilaman, SDSU  
Aug. 25, 2000

#### Win

vs. Mississippi  
Aug. 25, 2000  
(SDSU 2, Miss. 1)

#### Shutout

vs. Long Beach State  
Sept. 24, 2000  
(SDSU 1, LBSU 0)

## SDSU Sports Deck Records

### Goals

7, SDSU vs. Christian Heritage,  
Oct. 4, 2001

### Assists

5, twice, last: SDSU vs. Christian  
Heritage, Oct. 4, 2001

### Points

19, SDSU vs. Christian Heritage,  
Oct. 4, 2001

### Shots

28, SDSU vs. Cal Baptist,  
Sept. 18, 2000

### Goals Allowed

4 three times, last: SDSU vs.  
Gonzaga, Nov. 8, 2002

### Saves

10, twice, last: SDSU vs. Loyola  
Marymount, Oct. 16, 2002