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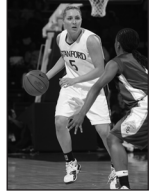
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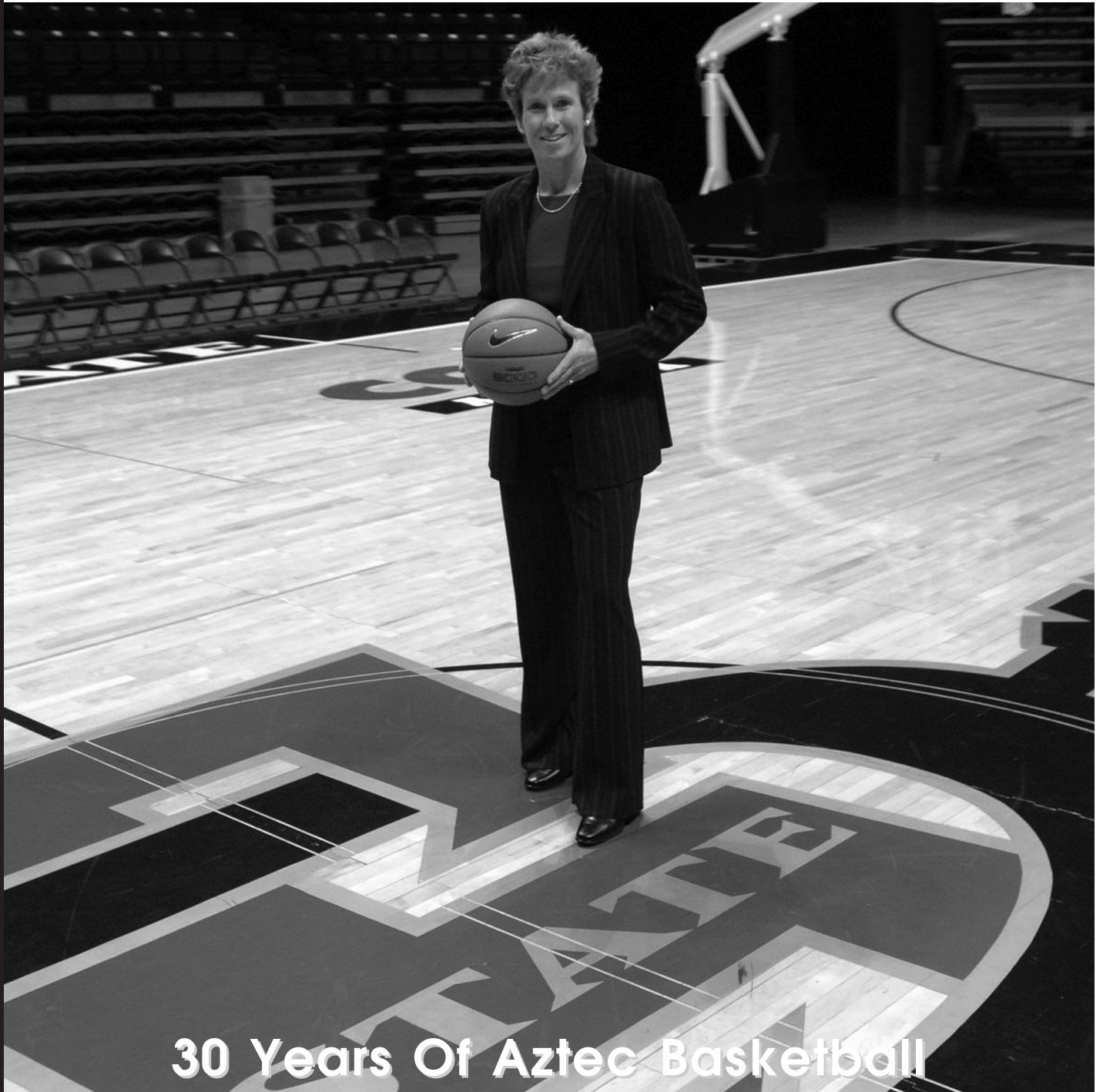
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30 Years Of Aztec Basketball

Beth Burns: Back In The Red And Black

Building a successful basketball program is nothing new to head coach Beth Burns.

From 1989-97, Burns took the Aztecs full circle, going from 7-23 her first year to 23-7 in her final campaign. Along the way, she compiled a 151-83 record and a 64.5 winning percentage, the best in school history.

So when the time came to restore the winning tradition of the Aztec basketball program, the answer was easy - bring back Beth Burns.

After an eight-year absence, she officially returned to Montezuma Mesa on April 8, 2005.

In her first stint as head coach, Burns' impact was almost instantaneous. The Aztecs doubled their win total from her first to her second season and ushered in the school's move to the Western Athletic Conference with a 14-14 overall record.

A year later in 1991-92, SDSU won five of its first six outings and went on to post an 18-11 overall record, tallying its first victory at a conference tournament in four seasons.

The team used that momentum heading into a 1992-93 campaign which ended in the Aztecs' first trip to the NCAA tournament in eight years.

SDSU advanced to the 1993 NAAs with the help of early season victories over the likes of UCLA, USC, St. John's, Oregon State, Georgia and Villanova. The Aztecs also tied for second in the final WAC regular-season standings, which at the time, was the program's best-ever conference finish.

Burns' teams would go on to dominate the Western Athletic Conference from 1994-97, capturing a pair of tournament championships and three regular-season titles. The 1993-94 team set a school record for victories with 26, while the 1994-95 squad was a perfect 14-0 in league play.

The Aztecs continued their success the following two years by going 20-8 in 1995-96,



Beth Burns - Head Coach
First Year Of Second Stint At SDSU
14th Season Overall
Ohio Wesleyan, 1979

including a perfect 13-0 at home, and 23-7 in 1996-97, leading the nation in scoring defense (52.0 ppg.).

In all, Burns led SDSU to four, 20-plus win seasons and four NCAA tournament appearances (1993, 1994, 1995, 1997).

Burns coached 13 first team all-conference picks in her time at SDSU, including a pair of WAC players of the year in Kieishsha Garnes (1991) and Christina Murguia (1995). Guard Falisha Wright became just the second Aztec women's basketball player to be named an All-American, earning honorable mention accolades in 1993 and 1994. She finished her four-year career as the school's all-time assists leader and was inducted into the Aztec Hall of Fame in 2002.

The postseason honors were not just limited to her players, as Burns was a three-time WAC coach of the year (1994, 1995, 1997) and was the district coach of the year in 1995.

SDSU also had seven conference all-academic selections, headlined by three-time winner Olivia DiCamilli.

Burns departed San Diego State in 1997 to take the head women's basketball position at Ohio State, where she first started her collegiate coaching career.

In five seasons with the Buckeyes, Burns notched an 82-65 overall record, highlighted by a WNIT title in 2001 and a trip to the NCAA tournament in 1999.

Two OSU players earned first team all-Big Ten honors and LaToya Turner was named conference freshman of the year in 2000. The Buckeyes also excelled in the classroom as 14 players received Big Ten all-academic accolades.

Burns was an active part of the Columbus community, establishing the Beth Burns Bucks for Breast Cancer Research fund at the OSU/James Cancer Hospital, and putting together an annual fundraiser, OSU Bounce for Bucks, for cancer research.

Off the court, the Chatham, N.J., native joined some of the game's elite coaches, Cael Barry (Colorado), Kay Yow (North Carolina State) and Pat Summitt (Tennessee), as a member of the USA Basketball Olympic team selection committee from 1997-2000.

Burns returned to San Diego from Ohio in 2001, as the owner and operator of her own fitness and basketball instruction business, BBHoops, before serving as the strength and conditioning coach for the women's basketball program at Stanford in 2004-05. The Cardinal finished the regular season ranked first in the nation, advanced to the Elite Eight and won the Pac-10 regular season and championship titles.

Burns' collegiate coaching career began at Ohio State as a graduate assistant from 1979-81, under current Stanford head coach Tara VanDerveer. She then spent two seasons as an assistant coach at East Carolina (1981-83), helping the Lady Pirates to a No. 17 national ranking, before moving to Colorado (1983-88), where the Buffaloes made their first-ever NCAA tournament appearance in 1987-88.

Prior to taking her first head coaching job at San Diego State, Burns was an assistant coach at North Carolina State when the Wolfpack advanced to the Sweet 16 in 1989.

Burns has a bachelor's degree in health and physical education from Ohio Wesleyan University (1979), where she was the school's all-time leading rebounder and garnered the most outstanding female student-athlete award as a senior. In 1984, her first year of eligibility, she was inducted into the Battling Bishops' athletic hall of fame.

Burns earned a master's degree in physical education from Ohio State (1981), and is a member of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association and the National Strength and Conditioning Association.

Burns' Head Coaching Career Highlights

- Five 20+ win seasons, including four at SDSU
- NCAA First Round (1993, 1995, 1997, 1999)
- NCAA Second Round (1994)
- 2001 WNIT Team Champion
- 1994, 1997 WAC Tournament Champions
- 1995 WAC Tournament Runner-Up
- 1994, 1995, 1997 WAC Regular Season Champions
- 1994, 1995, 1997 WAC Coach of the Year
- 1995 CoSIDA District 7 Coach of the Year

- 2 - All-America Selections (Falisha Wright, SDSU, 1993, 1994, honorable mention)
- 2 - WAC Players of the Year (Kieishsha Garnes (1991) and Christina Murguia (1995))
- 2 - WAC Tournament MVPs (Christina Murguia (1994) and Jodi Nowlin-Tres (1997))
- 1 - Big Ten Freshman of the Year (LaToya Turner, OSU, 2000)
- 15 - First Team All-Conference Selections (12 WAC, 2 Big Ten, 1 Big West)
- 7 - WAC All-Academic Selections
- 14 - Big Ten All-Academic Honorees

Other Career Highlights

- Ohio Wesleyan Athletics Hall of Fame Inductee
- USA Basketball Senior National Team Committee - Selected 2000 U.S. Olympic team
- 1995 U.S. Olympic Festival Head Coach - North team (bronze)

The Beth Burns File

Hometown: Chatham, N.J.

Education:

Bachelor's of Arts -
Health and physical education
Ohio Wesleyan University, 1979

Master's of Arts -
Physical education
Ohio State University, 1981

Playing Experience:

Ohio Wesleyan - 1975-1979

Head Coaching Background:

San Diego State

(Head Coach)

	Overall	Conf.
1989-90	7-23 (.233)	6-12 (.333)
1990-91	14-14 (.500)	6-6 (.500)
1991-92	18-11 (.621)	9-5 (.643)
1992-93	19-9 (.678)	9-5 (.643)
1993-94	26-5 (.839)	13-1 (.929)
1994-95	24-6 (.800)	14-0 (1.000)
1995-96	20-8 (.714)	9-5 (.643)
1996-97	23-7 (.767)	15-1 (.938)
Totals	151-83 (.645)	81-35 (.698)

Ohio State

(Head Coach)

1997-98	15-12 (.556)	7-9 (.438)
1998-99	17-12 (.607)	9-7 (.692)
1999-2000	13-15 (.464)	5-11 (.313)
2000-01	22-11 (.667)	6-10 (.375)
2001-02	14-15 (.483)	8-8 (.500)
Totals	81-65 (.555)	35-45 (.438)

OVERALL 232-148 (.611) 116-80 (.592)

Assistant Coaching Background:

Ohio State - Graduate Assistant Coach

1979-80	16-18 (.471)
1980-81	17-15 (.531)
Totals	33-33 (.500)

East Carolina - Assistant Coach

1981-82	17-10 (.630)
1982-83	14-12 (.539)
Totals	31-22 (.585)

Colorado - Assistant Coach

1983-84	10-18 (.357)
1984-85	6-22 (.214)
1985-86	21-9 (.700)
1986-87	14-14 (.500)
1987-88	21-11 (.656)
Totals	72-74 (.493)

North Carolina St. - Assistant Coach

1988-89	24-7 (.774)
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Career Coaching Record

392-284 (.580)





Three Questions With Beth Burns

Q: What is the Beth Burns style of play?

A: "When you first come anywhere it's really important to assess the strengths of your athletes. You can't really force or dictate a style. Whether it's something I would be comfortable coaching or not, you have to assess what we have and then move forward. That will be determined more and more as we get into practice to see not only what people's abilities are, but to see what their abilities are under pressure. You have to find out who your finishers are and tailor what we want to do around those people."

"If you're asking me what my reputation is, I'd tell you it is a defensive reputation. We like to guard people. Our conference is maybe the best defensive conference, top to bottom, in the country if you look at the points per game scored and given up by every team. People guard people in this league, which is what I like to do and that's where we're going to have to hang our hat."

Q: What made your past teams at San Diego State so successful?

A: "The greatest teams that we had here at San Diego State had incredible balance. Falisha (Wright) could have scored 25 points a night and (Michelle) Suman could have scored 25 points a night, but they didn't. Falisha probably scored 14 or 15 and Michelle probably scored 12 or 13. Their junior year, when I had Sorii Epps and Rachelle Johnson, our five starters were in double-figures. They were all from 10.5 to 14.5 and they played with and for each other."

"In college basketball with a 30-second shot clock, your guards dictate what happen. I have been so fortunate to have great guards. I haven't had good guards, I've had great guards. Falisha gets (most of) the credit, but Lakeyshya (Wright) and Tammy Blackburn both made a big difference. I had great guards who played 95 feet and 40-minute games, were in great, great shape and understood when to push tempo and when to hold tempo."

Q: What measures success?

A: "What measures success is how you approach things everyday and if you approach it everyday by practicing like a champion, wins will follow. I'm not going to pick 15 wins, 20 or even 25, but we do go into each contest wanting to win. Our goals are going to be to improve everyday, to be able to sustain effort everyday and to get better. My goal is that the team that you see in March is a lot better than the team you saw in November."

Burns: By The Numbers

232 Career Wins As A Head Coach

Burns has won 232 career games as a head coach in 13 seasons, including 151 at San Diego State.

21 Conference All-Academic Selections

Burns' players have also succeeded in the classroom, garnering all-academic honors 21 times.

20+ Win Seasons

Burns' teams have won 20 or more games in a season five times, including four straight at SDSU from 1993-97.

15 First Team All-Conference Selections

Players earned first team all-conference honors on 15 occasions in Burns' 13 years as a head coach.

5 NCAA Tournament Appearances

Burns has directed five teams to NCAA tournament bids. The Aztecs' advanced to the second round in 1994.

3 WAC Coach Of The Year Awards

Burns was honored as the WAC coach of the year in 1994, 1995 and 1997, as her teams went a combined 42-2 in league regular season play.

2 Conference Tournament Championships

The Aztecs won a pair of Western Athletic Conference championships under Burns in both 1994 and 1997, and was runner-up in 1995.

2 WAC Players of the Year

Two Aztecs earned conference player-of-the-year honors during Burns' first stint as head coach, including Kieishsha Garnes in 1991 and Christina Murguia in 1995.

1 WNIT Title

Burns' 2000-01 Ohio State team claimed the WNIT title and finished with a 22-11 record, including a 10-0 mark in non-conference play.

.645 Winning Percentage At San Diego State

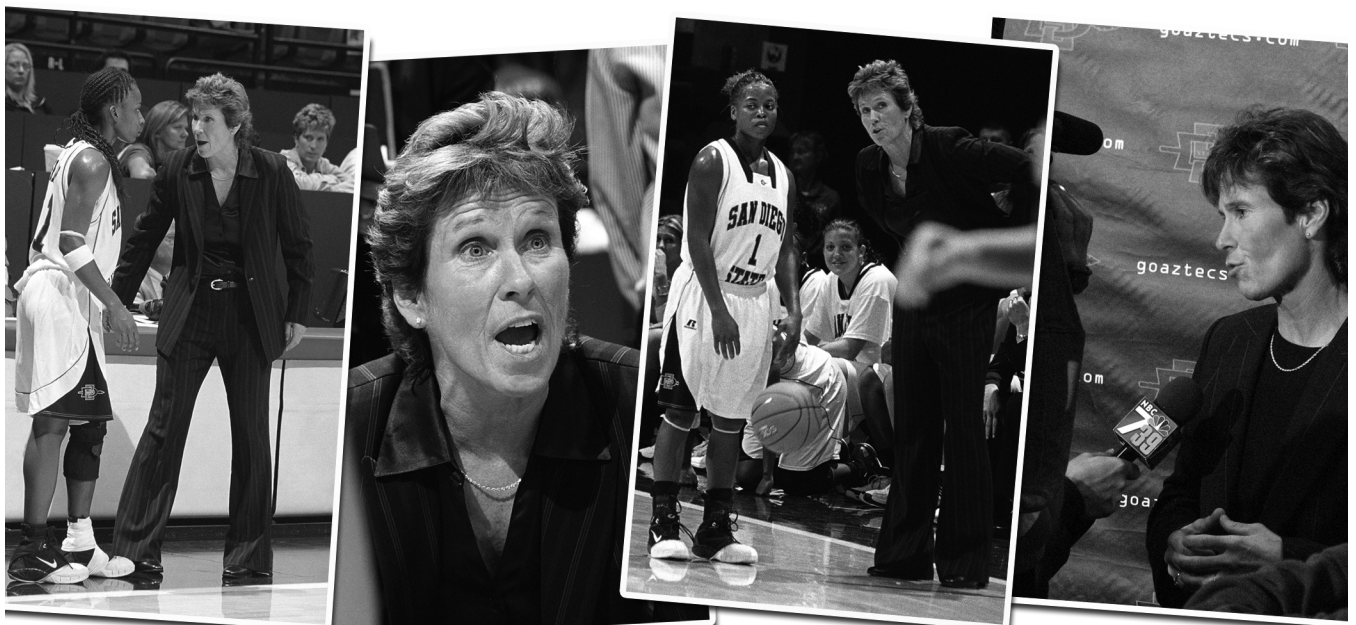
Burns' .645 winning percentage as head coach of the Aztecs is the best in program history.

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The Jualeah Woods File

Hometown: Berkeley, Calif.

Education:
Bachelor's of Arts -
Public administration
University of
Southern California, 1994

Playing Experience:
USC - 1990-94
Long Beach StingRays (ABL) -
1996-97

Coaching Background:

San Diego State -
Assistant Coach
2005-06

Oregon State -
Assistant Coach
2000-05

California -
Assistant Coach
1998-2000

Santa Monica High School -
Head Coach/ Assistant Coach
1994-97

Assistant Coach - Jualeah Woods

♦ First Season At San Diego State/Eighth Overall ♦

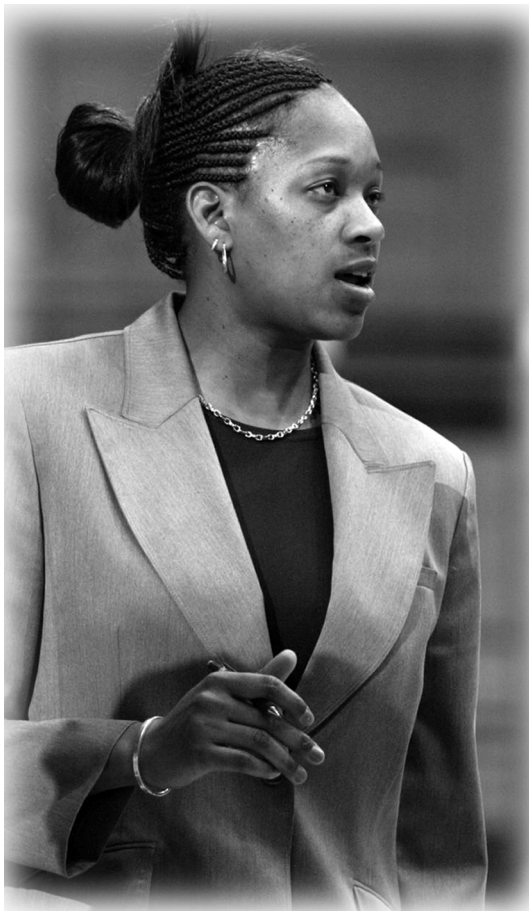
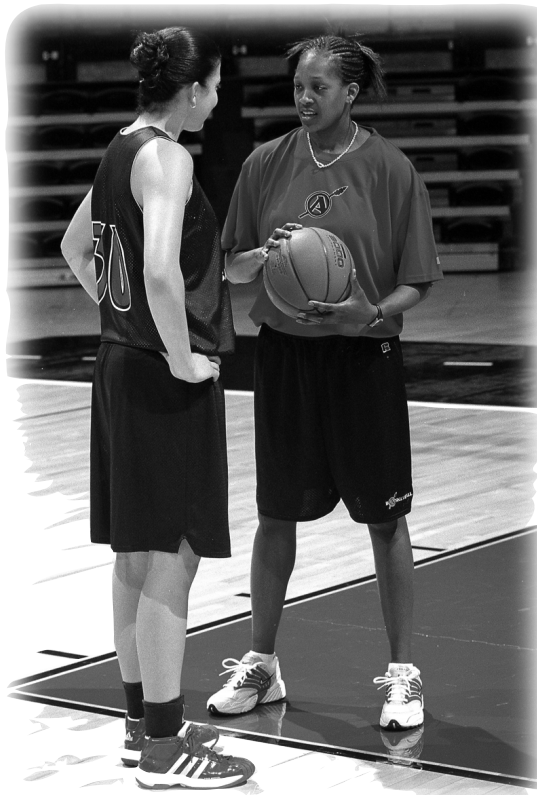
After seven seasons in the Pac-10 Conference, Jualeah Woods is in her first year as an assistant coach at San Diego State.

Woods serves as the Aztecs' recruiting coordinator, while her on-court duties include working with the forwards and centers, as well as concentrating on team defense.

"A proven coach and recruiter at both Oregon State and Cal, 'Coach Y' will coordinate our recruiting efforts," Burns said. "We want to attract the finest student-athletes possible to San Diego State and with Jualeah and Kate's (Paye) experience on the west coast, I'm confident we will quickly be able to get into the homes of our top recruits."

Woods was most recently an assistant coach at Oregon State for five years, serving as the program's recruiting coordinator for the last three seasons. The Beavers made four consecutive WNIT appearances from 2001-04, and advanced to the quarterfinals in 2004.

Before moving to Corvallis, she was an assistant coach for two seasons at California. She started her coaching career at Santa Monica High School as both an assistant and later as the head girls' basketball coach from 1994-97, before spending a year with the Long Beach StingRays of the American Basketball League in 1997-98.



Woods was a four-year starter at small forward and two-time team captain at USC from 1990-94.

The Berkeley, Calif., native helped lead the Women of Troy to four NCAA tournament appearances, including trips to the Elite Eight in 1993 and 1994 and the Sweet 16 in 1992. Woods earned her bachelor's degree in public administration from USC in 1994.

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The Kate Paye File

Hometown: Woodside, Calif.

Education:
Bachelor's of Arts -
Political science
Stanford University, 1995

Master's of
Business administration
Stanford University, 2003

Juris Doctorate
Stanford University, 2003

Playing Experience:
Stanford University - 1992-95
Seattle Reign (ABL) - 1996-98
Minnesota Lynx (WNBA) - 2000-01
Seattle Storm (WNBA) - 2002

Coaching Background:

San Diego State -
Assistant Coach
1995-96
2005-06

Pepperdine -
Assistant Coach
2004-05

Assistant Coach - Kate Paye

♦ Second Season At San Diego State/Third Overall ♦

Kate Paye is in her first year of her second stint as an assistant coach at San Diego State. Her on-court duties include working with the point guards and perimeter players, as well as focusing on the overall team offense. She also coordinates opponent scouting and plays a large part in the Aztecs' recruiting efforts.

Paye was an assistant under head coach Beth Burns in 1995-96, before beginning her professional basketball career. Paye was a member of the Seattle Reign of the ABL for three seasons, and later played with the WNBA's Minnesota Lynx and Seattle Storm from 2000-02.

In her time away from SDSU, the Woodside, Calif., native graduated with distinction with both her juris doctorate and master's of business administration degrees from Stanford in 2003.

Paye was a four-year member of the Stanford women's basketball team that claimed the national championship in 1992, and advanced to the NCAA Final Four in 1995.

"I have known Kate Paye since her national championship years as a student-athlete at Stanford," Burns said. "Coach Paye is an excellent teacher and has a great understanding of the game. Her experience in the WNBA, combined with a terrific academic and athletic background, makes her one of the young 'shining stars' in our profession."

A Pac-10 honorable mention selection and two-time team captain, she earned her bachelor of arts degree in political science in 1995, and most recently was an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at Pepperdine University in 2004-05.



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Assistant Coach - Renee Jimenez

◆ First Season At San Diego State/First Overall ◆

Renee Jimenez begins her first season as an assistant coach with the Aztecs. At SDSU, Jimenez will coordinate all the computer/video editing and teaching tapes. She will specifically focus on player and scout edits, as well as helping to organize summer camps.

The Renee Jimenez File

Hometown: Ventura, Calif.

Education:
Bachelor's of Arts -
Liberal studies, kinesiology
San Francisco State, 2004

Playing Experience:
Ventura College - 2000
San Francisco State - 2001-04

Coaching Background:

San Diego State -
Assistant Coach
2005-06

Stanford -
Intern
2004-05

"Coach Jimenez is a young coach with a bright future," SDSU head coach Beth Burns said. "Having worked on Tara VanDerveer's staff at Stanford last season, Renee brings the experience of coordinating all of the computer/video editing and teaching tapes, as well as working every aspect of summer camps. Being very well versed in technology, Renee will assist me in every area of the program, with a specific focus on our player and scout edits as well as summer camps."

A year ago, Jimenez was an intern for the women's basketball team at Stanford, where she was the team's videographer and coordinated film exchange. She also organized pre-game youth clinics and assisted with recruiting evaluations and summer camps.

The Ventura, Calif., native played three seasons at San Francisco State from 2001-04, finishing her career as the Gators' all-time leader in three-point field goals. Jimenez also set two school season records, including most three-pointers made (62).

A 2004 graduate of San Francisco State with a bachelor's degree in liberal studies and kinesiology, Jimenez also competed for one year at Ventura College, helping the Pirates to the 2001 state junior college championship.



Dir. Of Basketball Operations - Tammy Stephens

◆ First Season At San Diego State/Fifth Overall ◆

Previously director of basketball operations at both Stanford and Ohio State, Tammy Stephens is in her first season with the Aztecs.

At SDSU, she will handle all of the off-the-court responsibilities relative to the budget, facilities and travel, as well as coordinate community service projects, the season ticket campaign, summer camps and fundraising. Stephens will also work with the Aztec Athletic Foundation to re-create the "Full Court Press" booster club and establish on-going relationships with Aztec basketball alumnae.

"Tammy Stephens is a proven professional," Burns said. "Her presence will enable all of us to be better coaches, as well as make an immediate impact with our fan and community relations."

In 2004-05, Stephens was a part of coach Tara VanDerveer's staff at Stanford, helping the Cardinal to a No. 1 national ranking, a 32-3 record and a trip to the NCAA Elite Eight. She coordinated the team's practice facilities and worked with the booster club in its fundraising efforts. She also

was the primary contact for summer camps and was responsible for the Cardinal's game scheduling for the 2005-06 campaign.

Stephens was the director of basketball operations at Ohio State from 1997-2000. In that position, she managed the day-to-day operations of the Buckeye program, which included overseeing the budget, hiring and supervising the office staff and coordinating team travel. She also was in charge of summer camps and was the community relations liaison.

Before leaving for Ohio State, Stephens was an assistant women's tennis coach at the University of San Diego from 1993-97. She graduated in 1981 from Cal State Fullerton with a bachelor's degree in sociology and has a master's of education in counseling from USD.

The Tammy Stephens File

Hometown: San Diego, Calif.

Education:
Bachelor's of Arts -
Sociology
Cal State Fullerton, 1981

Master's of Education -
Counseling
University of San Diego, 1991

College Basketball Background:

San Diego State -
Dir. of Basketball Operations
2005-06

Stanford -
Dir. of Basketball Operations
2004-05

Ohio State -
Dir. of Basketball Operations
1997-2000

This 2005-06 Aztec coaching staff includes (left to right): assistant coach Renee Jimenez, assistant coach Kate Paye, head coach Beth Burns, assistant coach Jualeah Woods and director of basketball operations Tammy Stephens.

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Kelley Suminski
Head Manager
First Season

Former Stanford standout Kelley Suminski joined the San Diego State women's basketball coaching staff as head manager this past September.

"Kelley has been an excellent scholar, as well as the starting point guard for the No. 1 team in the nation (at Stanford)," Aztec head coach Beth Burns said. "That aside, you will not find a more sincere or humble person than Kelley. Her work ethic is unparalleled, and she will be a terrific role model for our student-athletes."

Suminski finished her eligibility with the Cardinal a year ago, leading the team to a No. 1 national ranking and a trip to the NCAA Elite Eight, finishing with a 32-3 overall record. As a senior, she was a first team all-Pac-10 selection and was named to the Pac-10 all-tournament team, averaging 11.2 points per contest. Suminski was also named a 2004-05 preseason Wooden Award and Naismith Trophy candidate.

The Chester, N.J. native played in a school-record 136 career games, starting 128 times in her four years on The Farm. Suminski ranks second in Stanford history in career three-pointers with 208, while she is the 25th Cardinal player to reach the 1,000-point milestone, ending with 1,364 points overall.

Suminski is currently pursuing her master's of business administration degree with a concentration in marketing at SDSU.



Jon Francis
Strength & Conditioning
Second Season

Jon Francis is in his second year as the strength and conditioning coach of the Aztec basketball team after spending the past three years

as head strength and conditioning coach at the University of Idaho.

Francis' philosophy includes "run first" sprint-oriented programs that emphasize change-in-direction and position-specific training.

Before arriving in Idaho, Francis was the assistant strength and conditioning coach at Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C. He worked with the university's football, basketball, baseball, wrestling, volleyball and men's soccer programs.

He also served as a graduate assistant at Appalachian State and worked as a special education teacher and head strength and conditioning coach at Foard High School in Hickory, N.C.

Francis is a 1993 graduate of Appalachian State and completed his master of arts in sport management at the school in 2001. He is a member of the Collegiate Strength and

Conditioning Coaches Association and is Strength and Conditioning Coach Certified (SCCC). He is also a member of the National Strength and Conditioning Association and has earned certification from the USA Weightlifting Club.

Francis and his wife, Joy, who also works at SDSU, reside in Oceanside.



Patti O'Leary
Admin. Asst.
First Season

Patti O'Leary joined the Aztec basketball program as an administrative assistant this fall.

O'Leary has more than 20 years of administrative support experience, working most recently in the biology department at San Diego State, but also serving stints at UC San Diego, UC San Francisco and Georgia Tech.

From 2002-05, she was as a volunteer high school teacher and coach at H-Town Christian Academy in southeast San Diego, where she taught honors chemistry, precalculus and algebra.

O'Leary attended UC Irvine from 1977-80, and participated in both basketball and track and field, while studying biology.

In her spare time, she is very active in the community, tutoring low-income students, working with the homeless and elderly and serving as an advisor for a local high school group.

O'Leary's father, Henry, worked at San Diego State for more than 20 years, while her brother, Shawn, is an SDSU alum.



Christina Scherr
Athletic Trainer
First Season

Christina Scherr begins her first season as the athletic trainer for the Aztec women's basketball team. She also works directly with the school's cross country,

track and field and women's golf teams, and is an adjunct faculty member in SDSU's exercise and nutritional sciences department.

Scherr came to SDSU after one season at the University of San Diego, where her primary responsibilities included women's volleyball and women's basketball.

Before moving to California, Scherr earned her master's of education degree in athletic administration at Washington State University in 2004. In Pullman, she was a graduate assistant athletic trainer with the Cougars, working with the baseball and football teams.

The Washington native earned her undergraduate degree in physical education and health with a minor in athletic training at Eastern Oregon University in 2001.

Scherr is a certified athletic trainer and an approved clinical instructor by the

NATABOC. She is a member of NATA, as well as many other professional affiliations.



Bre White
Asst. Director
Academic Services
Sixth Season

Bre White enters her sixth year at SDSU and her fourth year as the academic advisor for women's basketball. White also

works with the Aztec football, women's tennis and women's track and field teams and helps with the department's multicultural and community service programs.

Prior to coming to San Diego State, White was an academic coordinator at her alma mater, Utah State University, for seven years (1993-2000). With the Aggies, she served as an advisor for the football, men's basketball, women's soccer, women's volleyball, men's golf, softball and men's and women's tennis and track and field teams.

White earned her first degree from Utah State in liberal arts and science, and later went on to earn a second bachelor's degree in business.

Born in Weathersfield, England, White enjoys boxing, crocheting and scrapbooking. She also is a member of the National Association of Academic Advisors for Athletics.



Dennis Brown
Equipment Attendant

Monica Felix
Student Ath. Trainer



John Kaupp
Strength & Conditioning

Cortney VanHook
Student Manager

