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Chuck Long and his coaching staff enter their third season on Montezuma Mesa.



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HEAD COACH CHUCK LONG



As A Player At Iowa

- Played for Hall of Fame head coach Hayden Fry with Bill Snyder serving as his position coach
- Winner of the 1985 Maxwell and O'Brien Trophies and finished second in the Heisman Trophy voting
- Guided Iowa to the 1985 Big Ten title and a berth in the Rose Bowl
- The Hawkeyes were the top-ranked team in the country for five weeks during the 1985 season, the only time to date that Iowa has topped the AP poll
- Inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame

As A Player In The NFL

- The Detroit Lions selected him in the first round with the 12th overall pick in the 1986 NFL Draft
- Played eight seasons in the NFL with the Lions and the Los Angeles Rams
- In 1987, he ranked fifth in the NFL in pass attempts and eighth in pass completions
- Ranks 12th on the Detroit Lions' all-time passing list
- His 33 pass completions vs. the Green Bay Packers in 1987 tie him with two others for second in Lions history

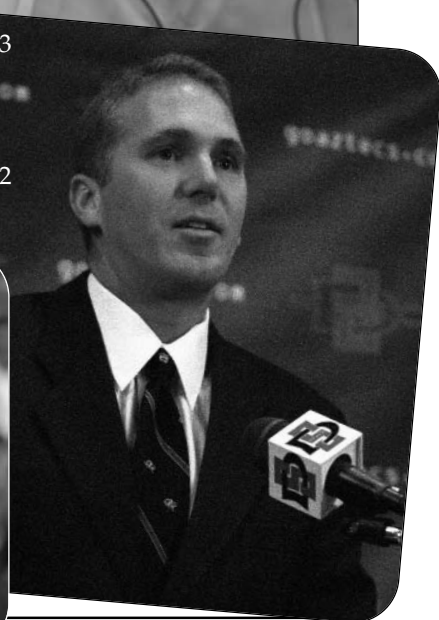


As A Coach At Oklahoma

- Sooners finished in the top six of the AP final national rankings in all five of his full seasons in Norman
- Helped OU to four Big 12 South titles and three victories in the Big 12 championship game
- Coached Heisman Trophy winner Jason White in 2003 and Heisman finalist Josh Heupel in 2000
- Had two QBs named AP National Player of the Year
- Coached eight All-Americans
- Under his direction, 17 players earned All-Big 12 Conference accolades

Coaching Accomplishments

- Coached on the staffs of College Football Hall of Fame member Hayden Fry and national coaches of the year Kirk Ferentz and Bob Stoops
- Helped Bob Stoops' Oklahoma team to the national championship in 2000
- Has coached or guided a team to a bowl game in seven of the last nine seasons and 10 times overall
- Led teams to nine winning seasons in the last 14 years



Head Coach



CHUCK LONG

Head Coach
Third Year at San Diego State
Iowa '85

Coaching Experience

- Hired as the 16th head football coach in San Diego State history on December 17, 2005.
- Has a national championship ring, five top-six finishes in the national polls and nine appearances in bowl games as products of an impressive 11 seasons as a collegiate assistant coach.
- Worked on the staffs of College Football Hall of Fame member Hayden Fry and national coach of the year Kirk Ferentz at Iowa, as well as two-time national coach of the year Bob Stoops at Oklahoma.
- Coached four Aztecs selected in this past year's NFL Draft, the program's most picks since the 1997 season and three more than any other Mountain West Conference school in 2008.
- Spent six seasons at Oklahoma, with the final four as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. Was an integral part of the Sooners' success, helping guide Oklahoma to a 67-11 record since 2000 and berths in six consecutive bowl games.
- Since he arrived in Norman in December of 1999, the Sooners won a national title (2000), three Big 12 championships (2000, 2002, 2004) and four Big 12 South Division titles (2000, 2002, 2003, 2004).
- Coached three Oklahoma players who finished in the top three of the Heisman balloting, including 2003 Heisman recipient quarterback Jason White.

- At Oklahoma, had eight offensive players who earned All-America accolades and 17 players who earned first-team all-conference honors.
- As a member of the Sooner staff, his players won a Heisman Trophy, Maxwell Memorial Award (college player of the year), Walter Camp Trophy (college player of the year), two Davey O'Brien Awards (outstanding quarterback), Outland Trophy (outstanding interior lineman), Unitas Award (outstanding senior quarterback), two *Associated Press* Player of the Year awards, two *The Sporting News* Player of the Year honors and a *CBS* Player of the Year accolade.
- Coached four NFL first-round draft picks, including three at Oklahoma and one at Iowa.
- Played a major role in the Sooners' and Hawkeyes' recruiting efforts, including the state of California.
- In 2005, helped the Sooners to a Holiday Bowl appearance and victories in five of their final six regular-season contests. Guided quarterback Rhett Bomar to freshman All-America honors, posting OU freshman bests for completions (167), passing attempts (308), completion percentage (54.2 percent) and touchdown passes (10).
- A 2004 finalist for the Broyles Award for the nation's top assistant coach. Oklahoma completed an undefeated regular season and played for the national championship.
- The 2004 Oklahoma offense produced the first player tandem in NCAA history to post 35 touchdowns passing and 1,800 yards rushing (Jason White and Adrian Peterson).

The Chuck Long File

Birthdate

February 18, 1963

Hometown

Wheaton, Ill.

High School

Wheaton North

Alma Mater

Iowa

Family

Wife, Lisa, and children, Lindsay, Samantha, Nathan, Zachary and Maddy

Playing Career

1981-85

Iowa

1986-89, 1991-94

Detroit Lions

1990

Los Angeles Rams

Coaching Career

2006-08

San Diego State

Head Coach

1999-2005

Oklahoma

Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks (2002-05)

Quarterbacks/Passing Game Coordinator (1999-2001)

1995-99

Iowa

Quarterbacks/Special Teams (1998-99)

Defensive Backs/Special Teams (1995-97)

Bowl Games As A Coach (9)

Oklahoma

2005 Orange Bowl, 2004 Sugar Bowl,

2003 Rose Bowl, 2002 Cotton Bowl,

2001 Orange Bowl, 1999 Independence Bowl

Iowa

1997 Sun Bowl, 1996 Alamo Bowl,

1995 Sun Bowl

Bowl Games As A Player (5)

Iowa

1986 Rose Bowl, 1984 Freedom Bowl,

1983 Gator Bowl, 1982 Peach Bowl, 1982 Rose Bowl



The Long family includes: Chuck, his wife, Lisa, daughters, Lindsay, Samantha and Maddy, and sons, Nathan and Zachary.

Head Coach



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Giving Back

Chuck Long has always believed in giving back to the community. It's a philosophy that began close to home.

"My brother has cerebral palsy and so I have always been heavily involved in Special Olympics wherever I have been."

Long and several Aztecs have volunteered with the Special Olympics since his arrival. In addition to speaking at the opening ceremonies, Long also has served as an official for several events.

"It is important to me that our student-athletes are great members of the community when they leave San Diego State. One area where we concentrate our efforts is in community service and that starts with the coaching staff setting the example. Our team looks forward to these events."

Members of the Aztec football program have volunteered their time within the past year at many events such as a Shop-With-A-Jock and MS Walk (Water Walkers). They have also organized a campus cleanup, worked at campus blood drives and youth football camps and played host to a group of wounded Marines from the Naval Medical Center San Diego at the Tony Gwynn 2007 Classic at PETCO Park.

In addition, the coach still lends his name and celebrity to the Chuck Long Charity Auction to benefit the Children's Therapy Center of the Quad Cities. Despite having left the state, Long still returns to the Iowa-Illinois border every March to host an auction to benefit the charity.

Long's wife serves on the board for a center that helps abused family members in Oklahoma, while coach Long is a board member for the Toussaint Academy of the Arts and Sciences, a licensed group home that serves homeless youth in San Diego.



Coaching Experience (Continued)

- As Oklahoma's offensive coordinator, the Sooners set a Big 12 Conference record by averaging 51.5 points per game and ranked third nationally in scoring offense in 2003.

- Oklahoma posted back-to-back 12-2 campaigns in 2002 and 2003, highlighted by Jason White's Heisman Trophy and a 34-14 victory over Washington State in the 2003 Rose Bowl.

- In 2001, Sooner quarterbacks completed more than 60 percent of their passes for the third straight season (all under Long) and the passing offense ranked second in the Big 12 Conference for the second consecutive year.

- Hired in December of 1999, as the passing game coordinator and quarterbacks coach on Bob Stoops' staff at Oklahoma.

- Joined the Sooner staff in time for the 1999 Independence Bowl, and a year later, helped direct Oklahoma to the 2000 national championship with a perfect 13-0 record.

- Long coached All-American and Heisman Trophy runner-up QB Josh Heupel in 2000, the same year OU led the nation in completion percentage (64.2 percent).

- Coaching career began at his alma mater, when he was hired by his former college coach Hayden Fry as a secondary and special teams coach in 1995.

- Iowa led the nation in interceptions returned for touchdowns (four) in 1995, while the 1997 squad led the Big Ten in interceptions (22).

CHUCK LONG'S COACHING LEDGER

Season	School	Position	Head Coach	Record	Bowl	F. Rk.
1995	Iowa	Secondary/Special Teams	Hayden Fry	8-4 (.667)	Sun	23/22
1996	Iowa	Secondary/Special Teams	Hayden Fry	9-3 (.750)	Alamo	18/18
1997	Iowa	Secondary/Special Teams	Hayden Fry	7-5 (.583)	Sun	
1998	Iowa	Quarterbacks/Special Teams	Hayden Fry	3-8 (.273)		
1999	Iowa	Quarterbacks/Special Teams	Kirk Ferentz	1-10 (.091)		
1999	Oklahoma	QBs/Passing Game Coordinator	Bob Stoops	0-1 (.000)	Independence	
2000	Oklahoma	QBs/Passing Game Coordinator	Bob Stoops	13-0 (1.000)	Orange	1/1
2001	Oklahoma	QBs/Passing Game Coordinator	Bob Stoops	11-2 (.846)	Cotton	6/6
2002	Oklahoma	Offensive Coordinator/QBs	Bob Stoops	12-2 (.857)	Rose	5/5
2003	Oklahoma	Offensive Coordinator/QBs	Bob Stoops	12-2 (.857)	Sugar	3/3
2004	Oklahoma	Offensive Coordinator/QBs	Bob Stoops	12-1 (.923)	Orange	3/3
2005	Oklahoma	Offensive Coordinator/QBs	Bob Stoops	7-4 (.636)*	Holiday	22/22
2006	San Diego State	Head Coach	Chuck Long	3-9 (.250)		
2007	San Diego State	Head Coach	Chuck Long	4-8 (.333)		

Totals

Nine Bowl Games - Seven Top 25, Five Top-Six Finishes - Member of 2000 National Championship Staff
 Final Rankings - Associated Press/Coaches Poll *Does not include Oklahoma's Holiday Bowl victory

102-59 (.633)

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Coaching Experience (Continued)

- Switched to the offensive side of the ball in 1998, becoming the first quarterbacks coach in Fry's 20-year tenure at Iowa.

- The Hawkeyes advanced to bowl games in each of his first three campaigns and were ranked in the final top 25 poll in both 1995 and 1996.

- Remained on the Hawkeye staff as quarterbacks and special teams coach through the transition from Fry to Kirk Ferentz in 1999.

Playing Experience

- Starting quarterback on the 1979 Wheaton North High School state title team. Garnered all-state honors in 1980 and was named to the all-state championship squad in 1979.

- Three-sport standout at Wheaton North in football, basketball and baseball.

- A four-year starter and consensus All-America quarterback at the University of Iowa from 1981-85.

- Guided Iowa to bowl games in each of his seasons as a starter, including the 1986 Rose Bowl.

- Led the Hawkeyes to the 1985 Big Ten championship and was a member of the 1981 conference-winning squad.

- Became the first player in Big Ten history to surpass 10,000 yards passing and still holds Hawkeye career records for passing yards (10,461), touchdowns (74) and completion percentage (65.0).

- As a senior in 1985, led Iowa to a No. 1 national ranking and in so doing, earned the Maxwell and Davey O'Brien Awards. Was the Big Ten Male Athlete and football player of the year.

- Runner-up to Auburn's Bo Jackson for the Heisman Trophy in the closest finish in the history of the award in 1985.

- Inducted into the Iowa Hall of Fame in 1996 and the National Collegiate Hall of Fame in 1999.

- Taken with the 12th pick of the first round of the 1986 NFL Draft by the Detroit Lions. One of Iowa's three first-round selections.

- Played professionally for the Detroit Lions and the Los Angeles Rams from 1986 through 1994, logging eight seasons in the NFL.

Education

- Graduated from North (Wheaton, Ill.) High School in 1981.

- Earned his bachelor's degree in business administration/marketing from Iowa in 1985.

Chuck Long On ...



ENTERING HIS THIRD YEAR:

"We like where we are going in our program. We have had a master plan from day one which is right on track. We have a team that has a chance to grow up together. Just pure size and strength has gotten better across the board. You see a good and healthy team atmosphere happening. I am really anxious and excited for training camp because that's when we go to Camp Pendleton. As far as our program, I have been pleased with where we are. The record hasn't indicated as such, but I know we are a lot better football team and are where we need to be foundation-wise. We get a chance to turn this thing around and we believe the program will be good for years to come."

A CHUCK LONG PROGRAM:

"I want us to have a class program that is starting to do things on and off the field equally as well. What I mean by that is academics and athletics, both are important. Recruiting and developing are two crucial things for us to accomplish. That's why I hired the staff I did. I hired good developers. I want people to look back and say, 'They really recruit well to what they have at San Diego State and they develop that talent.'"

FEEDBACK ON YOUR COACHING STAFF:

"When you get coaches who say privately and publicly, 'You are a breath of fresh air,' that's the feedback you look for as a head coach. You think you are doing all the right things and then you have feedback like, 'You guys are great. You have been very personable.' The other part of that is when you have over 1,000 kids in your (summer) camps. Those are the coaches who are bringing their kids to camp. That's a good sign. They feel that something good is going to happen here and they want their kids around it or at least exposed to it. If they didn't believe in our future, we would have fewer kids, not more. Those are always tangible signs that you look for that you can measure where your program is."

EMPHASIS ON RECRUITING:

"It has to come from the head coach. If it doesn't come from the head coach, you are going to have certain members of your staff saying, 'If he

doesn't like it then I don't like it.'" I do love recruiting. Building relationships with kids and families is like playing the football season for me. I like it equally as well. Our guys feel that. They roll up their sleeves and recruit every day. We have had more clinics on campus and more coaches can see that. We are reaching out in a good way."

KEEPING THE STAFF INTACT:

"It makes a huge difference. That goes back to President Weber and Jeff Schemmel's commitment. We have been committed to keeping guys here. I also believe that the guys feel something good here and they want to be a part of that. That's always a good sign when your staff stays. I believe I have added some really good people. We kept continuity by putting Toby Neinas in a more natural position with him (coaching) linebackers. He's breaking right into a potential All-American in Russell Allen and has a good situation. Then bringing (tight ends coach) Brian Stark back in on offense, because he's got a very young, bright mind. Adding (defensive line coach) Mike Nelson has been a great addition, also. It is great to get a guy of his caliber and experience. They are hard to get and I am glad to have him. He brings a lot of fire and energy that is needed at that position. The key to it is continuity and hearing the same thing over and over. Keeping the staff, especially the coordinators together, gives them a chance to hear it again."

THE TEAM'S PROGRESSION:

"The biggest change is how our guys are working during the summer. That is significantly better through our team and what they want. That's been a big difference. And going back to all the strength and size, I have been very proud of the fact that they are bigger and stronger in our program since we have been here. They do all the right things and are a good team off the field. They really started to take care of their business. The team GPA is the second-highest ever. Those are the things I am proud of. When you get guys who come up to you and say, 'I get it now.' It's the feedback that makes you feel you're making strides."



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ELLIOTT ◀ COACHES



BOB ELLIOTT

Assistant Head Coach - Defensive Coordinator & Inside Linebackers
Third Year at San Diego State
Iowa '76

Coaching Experience

● A 30-year veteran in the college football coaching ranks, he was Chuck Long's first hire at San

Diego State. Serves as assistant head coach and defensive coordinator and added coaching duties with the inside linebackers in 2008.

● Has served as a defensive coordinator for 10 seasons, including one year at Ball State, three years at Iowa, four with Kansas State and the last two years at San Diego State.

● The Aztecs have boasted the top tackler in Mountain West Conference games in each of Elliott's campaigns. Joe Martin averaged 10.0 stops in 2006, while Russell Allen ranked No. 1 with 10.6 tackles per game a year ago.

● In his first season at San Diego State, the Aztecs were second in the MWC in pass defense (171.0 yards per game) and second in red zone defense (67.3 percent).

● Had a four-year run at Kansas State in which the Wildcats posted two 11-win seasons, claimed the school's lone Big 12 championship and advanced to the 2003 Fiesta Bowl, the only appearance in a BCS Bowl game in school history.

● During his tenure, K-State went 31-19 (62.0 winning percentage) with four victories over nationally ranked teams.

● His 2002 Wildcat defensive unit finished the season ranked first in scoring defense, second in total defense, second in rushing defense and third in passing efficiency defense.

● The 2003 Wildcats were sixth nationally in total defense, eighth in scoring defense, 12th in pass efficiency defense and 17th in rushing defense.

● Elliott helped lead Iowa St. to consecutive bowl games in 2000 and 2001 as an associate head coach, secondary and special teams coordinator.

● From 1987 to 1998, he was Iowa's secondary coach and then the Hawkeyes' assistant head coach and defensive coordinator, guiding the program to an 82-56-2 record (59.3 percent), and nine .500 or better campaigns in 11 seasons.

● In 1996 and 1997, Elliott's Iowa defensive unit ranked among the top 10 nationally in several statistical categories.

● During his stay, Iowa participated in the Rose Bowl, two Holiday Bowls, two Alamo Bowls, two Sun Bowls and the Peach Bowl.

● From 1983 to 1987, he served as wide receivers and tight ends coach at North Carolina, before returning to his alma mater in 1987.

● Was a graduate assistant coach at Iowa in 1976, before getting his first full-time position as a secondary coach at Kent State in 1977.

● Served as defensive coordinator and secondary coach at Ball State from 1978 to 1981, before going to Iowa State in 1981 as a secondary coach.

● Also worked in several other positions at Iowa, including assistant athletic director (1998-2000), adjunct professor in the college of business and Executive Director of the Iowa Alumni Association (1995).

Notable Players Coached By Elliott

- Josh Buhl, LB (Kansas State)
First-team All-American; Butkus Award Semifinalist
- Terrance Newman, DB (Kansas State), Dallas Cowboys, *Consensus All-American*
- Terry Pierce, LB (Kansas State)
- Rashad Washington, S (Kansas State)
- Matt Bowan, DB (Iowa)
- Kerry Cooks, DB (Iowa)
- Jared DeVries, DL (Iowa), Detroit Lions
Consensus All-American
- Merton Hanks, DB (Iowa)
First-team All-American; NFL All-Pro
- Tom Knight, DB (Iowa)
First-round NFL Draft pick in 1997
- Damien Robinson, DB (Iowa)
Eight-year NFL career

Playing Experience

● Three-year letterwinner (1972, 1974-75) as a defensive back at Iowa.

Education

● Graduated with high distinction from Iowa in 1976, with a bachelor's degree in history.

● Candidate for a Rhodes Scholarship in 1976, and was named an Academic All-American on two occasions in 1974 and 1975.

● NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship recipient and member of Phi Beta Kappa and Omicron Delta Kappa honor societies.



Joey, Jessica, Grant and Bob Elliott

The Bob Elliott File

Birthdate

May 6, 1953

Hometown

Iowa City, Iowa

High School

West

Alma Mater

Iowa

Family

Wife, Joey, and children, Grant and Jessica

Coaching Career

2006-08

San Diego State (*Asst. Head Coach/ Def. Coordinator (2006-08); Inside Linebackers (2008)*)

2002-05

Kansas State (*Def. Coordinator*)

2000-01

Iowa State (*Assoc. Head Coach/Secondary/Special Teams*)

1987-98

Iowa (*Asst. Head Coach (1998); Def. Coordinator (1996-98); Secondary (1987-94)*)

1983-86

North Carolina (*Wide Receivers/Tight Ends*)

1981-82

Iowa State (*Secondary*)

1978-80

Ball State (*Def. Coordinator (1980); Secondary (1978-79)*)

1977

Kent State (*Secondary*)

1976

Iowa (*Graduate Assistant*)

Bowl Games As A Coach (13)

Kansas State

2004 Fiesta Bowl, 2002 Holiday Bowl

Iowa State

2001 Independence Bowl, 2000 Insight.com Bowl

Iowa

1997 Sun Bowl, 1996 Alamo Bowl, 1993 Alamo Bowl,

1991 Holiday Bowl, 1991 Rose Bowl,

1988 Peach Bowl, 1987 Holiday Bowl

North Carolina

1986 Aloha Bowl, 1983 Peach Bowl

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DEL MILLER

Assistant Coach - Offensive Coordinator & Quarterbacks
Third Year at San Diego State
Central College '72, Northern Iowa '76

Coaching Experience
 ● Joined the SDSU staff in January 2006, as the team's offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach.

● Has over 27 years of experience at the collegiate level, including stints at Kansas St., Oklahoma St., Iowa and San Diego St. Offensive coordinator at the I-A level for 12 seasons.

● In 2007, the Aztecs ranked 28th nationally in passing offense, throwing for over 3,000 yards. SDSU also led the Mountain West Conference in red zone offense, scoring nearly 90 percent of the time.

● A year ago, quarterback Kevin O'Connell became the first Aztec to lead the team in both rushing (408 yards) and passing (3,063 yards), ranking in the top 30 nationally in passing average and total offense. He was one of three Aztec offensive players selected in the 2008 NFL Draft.

● Prior to his arrival at San Diego State, Miller was the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at K-State from 2003-05, helping the Wildcats to the 2003 Big 12 championship and a spot in the Fiesta Bowl. The 2003 squad averaged 37 points and 441 yards of total offense per contest.

● Defensive ends coach for the 2002 Kansas State squad which led the nation in total defense (243.9 ypg.) and scoring defense (10.6 ppg.) en route to a 10-2 record and a No. 8 final national ranking.

● Also was the Wildcats' offensive tackles coach in 1999 and assistant for football operations in 2001.

● One-year stint at Oklahoma State in 2000, as the Cowboys' offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach.

● Head coach at Missouri State (I-AA) from

1995-98. Guided the Bears to a 21-23 mark in four seasons, including a 7-4 record in 1996.

● Miller was head coach Bill Snyder's first hire at Kansas State in 1989, and helped lay the foundation for one of the biggest turnarounds in college football history.

● Served as the Wildcats' offensive coordinator for six seasons and also worked with the quarterbacks and wide receivers. Promoted to assistant head coach in 1991, the year K-State recorded its first winning season in nine years.

● Spent 10 seasons as Iowa's recruiting coordinator under coaching legend Hayden Fry. Assisted future K-State head coach Bill Snyder with the quarterbacks and wide receivers.

● Iowa went to eight straight bowl games from 1981 to 1988, won two Big Ten championships and achieved a No. 1 national ranking during the 1985 campaign.

● Started his collegiate coaching career as a graduate assistant at Iowa in 1978. Also coached at the prep level at Plainfield and Eagle Grove High Schools.

Notable Players Coached By Miller

- Kevin O'Connell, QB (SDSU), New England Patriots
- Nick Leckey, C (Kansas State), St. Louis Rams
- Kevin Lockett, WR (Kansas State)
K-State's all-time leading receiver
- Chad May, QB (Kansas State)
First-team All-American
- Ell Roberson, QB (Kansas State)
K-State's all-time leader in total offense
- Darren Sproles, RB (Kansas State), San Diego Chargers
- Reggie White, RB (Oklahoma State)
- Mike Miano, DT (Missouri State)
Conference defensive player of the year
- Jason Whittle, OT (Missouri State)
- Chuck Hartlieb, QB (Iowa)
Iowa's single-season passing leader
- Quinn Early, WR (Iowa)
10 NFL seasons
- Chuck Long, QB (Iowa)
SDSU head football coach
- Mark Vlasic, QB (Iowa)

Playing Experience

● Lettered three years in football and one year in basketball at Central College in Iowa. Played three different positions under coaching legend Ron Schipper, including linebacker, fullback and in the secondary.

● Was an all-state selection in both football and basketball at Iowa Valley High School in Marengo, Iowa.

Education

● Earned his bachelor's degree in physical education from Central College in Iowa in 1972. Also has a master's degree in physical education from Northern Iowa (1976).

Del, Jan, Todd and Tad Miller



The Del Miller File

Birthdate

November 6, 1950

Hometown

Cedar Rapids, Iowa

High School

Iowa Valley

Alma Mater

Central College, Northern Iowa

Family

Wife, Jan, and children, Todd, Tad and Troy

Coaching Career

2006-08
 San Diego State (*Offensive Coordinator/QBs*)

2001-05, 1999, 1989-94
 Kansas State
Offensive Coordinator/QBs (2003-05)
Defensive Ends (2002)
Asst. Football Operations (2001)
Offensive Tackles (1999)
Asst. Head Coach (1991-94)
Offensive Coordinator (1989-94)

2000
 Oklahoma State (*Offensive Coordinator/QBs*)

1995-98
 Missouri State (*Head Coach*)

1979-88
 Iowa (*Recruiting Coordinator*)

1978
 Iowa (*Graduate Assistant*)

Bowl Games As A Coach (14)

Kansas State
 2004 Fiesta Bowl, 2002 Holiday Bowl,
 2001 Insight.com Bowl, 1999 Holiday Bowl,
 1994 Aloha Bowl, 1993 Copper Bowl,

Iowa
 1988 Peach Bowl, 1987 Holiday Bowl,
 1986 Holiday Bowl, 1986 Rose Bowl,
 1984 Freedom Bowl, 1983 Gator Bowl,
 1982 Peach Bowl, 1982 Rose Bowl

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ASH ◀ COACHES



CHRIS ASH

Assistant Coach - Defensive Backs/Recruiting Coordinator
Second Year at San Diego State
Drake '96, Iowa State '05

Coaching Experience

- Joined the Aztecs in January of 2007, and will serve as the team's defensive backs coach for the

second year in a row. Added duties as SDSU's recruiting coordinator in 2008.

- San Diego State logged 16 interceptions his first year, seven more than its season total from 2006.

- Before coming to SDSU, Ash spent seven years at Iowa State, including the last five as defensive backs coach. Served as the team's recruiting coordinator in 2006 and was a defensive graduate assistant from 2000-01.

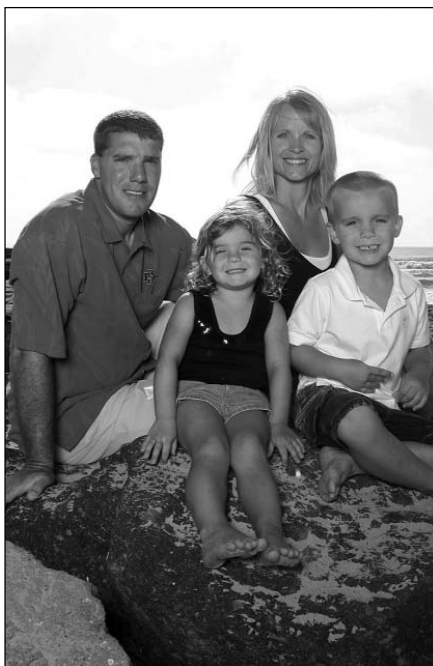
- Helped lead Iowa State to one of the more dramatic turnarounds this decade. The Cyclones played in five bowl games in a six-year stretch this decade after failing to make a bowl game the previous 21 seasons.

- Ash's secondary units were regularly ranked among the best nationally. In 2005, the Cyclone defense ranked seventh nationally with 35 turnovers and led the Big 12 Conference with 22 interceptions. That squad set the school record for fewest rushing yards allowed (102.7) and the Cyclones were 20th nationally in defensive passing efficiency.

- In 2004, the Iowa State defense was second in the league with 17 picks and in 2001 the Cyclones were fourth nationally in pass defense.

- Ash served as defensive coordinator at Drake for two seasons. The Bulldogs won the 1998 Pioneer Conference title and a year later, Drake ranked eighth nationally in I-AA in total defense with four defenders earning all-league honors.

- Also worked as a defensive assistant at Princeton (Spring 1998) and a graduate/volunteer assistant at Drake (1996-97).



Chris, Jacey, Jessica and Tanner Ash

Notable Players Coached By Ash

- JaMaine Billups, S (Iowa State)
Third-team all-Big 12
- LaMarcus Hicks, CB (Iowa State), Detroit Lions
First-team all-Big 12
- Ellis Hobbs, CB (Iowa State), New England Patriots
First-team all-Big 12
- DeAndre Jackson, DB (Iowa State)
Led-Big 12 in interceptions in 2005
- Steve Paris, S (Iowa State)
Second-team all-Big 12

Playing Experience

- Two-year letterwinner as a safety at Drake.

Education

- Received his bachelor's degree in secondary education from Drake in 1996 and his master's of education from Iowa State in 2005.



The Chris Ash File

Birthdate

December 24, 1973

Hometown

Ottumwa, Iowa

High School

Ottumwa

Alma Mater

Drake, Iowa State

Family

Wife, Jessica, and children, Tanner and Jacey

Coaching Career

2007-08
 San Diego State
Defensive Backs (2007-08)
Recruiting Coordinator (2008)

2000-06
 Iowa State
Defensive Backs (2002-06)
Recruiting Coordinator (2006)
Graduate Assistant - Defense (2000-01)

1998-99
 Drake
Defensive Coordinator

1998
 Princeton
Defensive Assistant

1996-97
 Drake
Graduate Assistant - Defense (1997)
Volunteer Assistant (1996)

Bowl Games As A Coach (5)

Iowa State
 2005 Houston Bowl, 2004 Independence Bowl, 2002 Humanitarian Bowl, 2001 Independence Bowl, 2000 Insight.com Bowl

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COACHES ► HIMEBAUCH



JONATHAN HIMEBAUCH

Assistant Coach - Offensive Line
Third Year at San Diego State
 USC '98, UNLV '02

Coaching Experience

- Set to start his third season as the Aztecs' offensive line coach. Has directed

three SDSU linemen to conference honorable mention honors from 2006-07.

- Came to SDSU after serving as the varsity head coach at Harvard-Westlake High School in North Hollywood, Calif., where he led the Wolverines to a 5-5 overall record in his only campaign in 2005. The team more than doubled its win total from 2004 (2-8) and claimed its first conference victory in three years.

- Has previous coaching experience in the Mountain West Conference, as he spent one season at UNLV as the Rebels' offensive line coach in 2004, under his former collegiate coach John Robinson.

- Was also a graduate assistant coach at UNLV on the offensive side of the ball from 2000-01. The Rebels were Las Vegas Bowl champions in 2000, while posting the program's highest win total since 1984.

- Has coached in the CFL with the Calgary Stampeders (2003) and at the junior college level at Santa Barbara City College (2002).

- Began his coaching career at his alma mater, Damien High School in 1998, and was an assistant football coach at Palos Verdes Peninsula High School in 1999.

Notable Players Coached By Himebauch

- Patrick Justman, C (SDSU)
All-Mountain West Conference HM



- Mike Kravetz, OT (SDSU)
All-Mountain West Conference HM
- Will Robinson, OT (SDSU)
All-Mountain West Conference HM
- Joe Critchfield, OG (UNLV)
All-Mountain West Conference second team
- Steven Morley, OT (Calgary Stampeders),
Played for Green Bay Packers, N.Y. Jets

Playing Experience

- Played his collegiate football at USC from 1993-97.

- After redshirting as a true freshman, he went on to start 23 games on the offensive line for the Trojans and served as team co-captain as a senior.

- Helped USC to three bowl game victories at the 1993 Freedom Bowl, the 1995 Cotton Bowl and the 1996 Rose Bowl.

- After graduating from USC, played professionally with NFL Europe's Rhein Fire, where he was an all-league selection, the CFL's Toronto Argonauts and the XFL's champion Los Angeles Xtreme.

- Invited to preseason training camps by the Arizona Cardinals and Kansas City Chiefs.

- A Blue Chip All-American as a prep at Damien High School in La Verne, Calif.

Education

- Has a bachelor's degree in English from USC in 1998, and a master's degree in education from UNLV in 2002.

- Was honored for his achievements off the field at USC with the team's Howard Jones Alumni (highest cumulative GPA) and Bob Chandler (leadership and integrity) Awards.

Tyler, Jonathan, Jessica and Walker Himebauch

The Jonathan Himebauch File

Birthdate

August 13, 1975

Hometown

San Dimas, Calif.

High School

Damien

Alma Mater

USC, UNLV

Family

Wife, Jessica, and children, Walker and Tyler

Coaching Career

2006-08
 San Diego State (*Offensive Line*)

2005
 Harvard-Westlake HS (*Head Coach*)

2004
 UNLV (*Offensive Line*)

2003
 Calgary Stampeders (*Offensive Line*)

2002
 Santa Barbara City College (*Offensive Line/Tight Ends*)

2000-01
 UNLV (*Graduate Assistant/Offense*)

1999
 Palos Verdes Peninsula HS (*Offensive Line*)

1998
 Damien HS (*Offensive Line*)

Bowl Games As A Coach (1)

UNLV
 2000 Las Vegas Bowl

Bowl Games As A Player (3)

USC
 1996 Rose Bowl, 1995 Cotton Bowl,
 1993 Freedom Bowl

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HOLTON ◀ COACHES



LARRY HOLTON

Assistant Coach - Running Backs
Third Year at San Diego State
Iowa State '70

Coaching Experience

● Holton enters his third year at San Diego State as the team's running backs

coach.

● Has more than 30 years of experience at the collegiate level, including 15 seasons as a running backs coach.

● Holton has coached in 14 postseason bowl games.

● Came to San Diego State after serving as assistant head coach and offensive coordinator at Delaware State in 2004 and tight ends coach at Eastern Michigan in 2003.

● Was part of the Western Illinois staff from 2000 to 2002, coaching the running backs and special teams. The Leathernecks were champions of the Gateway Conference in 2002.

● Worked with Aztec head coach Chuck Long at Iowa under Hayden Fry from 1995 to 1998.

● Tutored two of Iowa's top all-time running backs in Tavian Banks and Sedrick Shaw. Banks earned All-America and conference offensive player-of-the-year honors in 1997, after he set a school single-season rushing record of 1,681 yards. Shaw was the eighth player in Big Ten history to rush for a 1,000 yards in three different seasons and left Iowa as its all-time leading rusher.

● Prior to his stint at Iowa, Holton coached at West Virginia, Northwestern, Illinois, Oklahoma State, Pittsburgh and Florida State.

● His stay at West Virginia included a Big East title in 1993, an 11-1 record, a trip to the Sugar Bowl and a final national ranking of No. 6.

● Part of the Illinois coaching staff which directed the Illini to the 1983 Big Ten title and a No. 8 national ranking.

● Worked with the secondary at Oklahoma State under head coach Jimmy Johnson.

● Holton was a member of the coaching staff at Pittsburgh in 1976, when the Panthers won the national championship and finished with a 12-0 record.

● Began his coaching career at his alma mater, Iowa State, in 1971.

Notable Players Coached By Holton

- Mike Scifres, P (Western Illinois), San Diego Chargers
- Tavian Banks, RB (Iowa)
Hawkeyes' all-time leading single-season rusher
- Sedrick Shaw, RB (Iowa)
Hawkeyes' all-time leading rusher
- Kantroy Barber, FB (West Virginia)
- Adrian Murrell, RB (West Virginia)
- Robert Walker, RB (West Virginia)
- Bob Christian, RB (Northwestern)
- Dwight Beverly, RB (Illinois)
- Thomas Rooks, RB (Illinois)
- Jeff Delaney, DB (Pittsburgh)
Two-time Academic All-American
- Bob Jury, DB (Pittsburgh)
First-team All-American

Playing Experience

● Was a defensive back and three-year starter at Iowa State from 1965 to 1970.

Education

● Has a bachelor's degree in liberal studies from Iowa State (1970).



Marianne and Larry Holton

The Larry Holton File

Birthdate

February 11, 1947

Hometown

Keokuk, Iowa

High School

Keokuk Senior

Alma Mater

Iowa State

Family

Wife, Marianne, and children, Alex and Jennifer

Coaching Career

2006-08
 San Diego State (*Running Backs*)
 2004
 Delaware State (*Asst. Head Coach/Off. Coordinator/RBs*)
 2003
 Eastern Michigan (*Tight Ends*)
 2000-02
 Western Illinois (*RBs/Special Teams*)
 1995-98
 Iowa (*RBs/Defensive Backs*)
 1992-95
 West Virginia (*Running Backs*)
 1988-91
 Northwestern (*RBs/Wide Receivers*)
 1983-87
 Illinois (*Outside LBs/Running Backs*)
 1979-83
 Oklahoma State (*Secondary*)
 1973-79
 Pittsburgh (*Secondary/Linebackers*)
 1972
 Florida State (*Defensive Backs*)
 1971
 Iowa State (*Student Assistant*)

Bowl Games As A Coach (14)

Iowa
 1997 Sun Bowl, 1996 Alamo Bowl, 1995 Sun Bowl
 West Virginia
 1994 Sugar Bowl, 1995 CarQuest Bowl
 Illinois
 1985 Peach Bowl, 1984 Rose Bowl
 Oklahoma State
 1981 Independence Bowl
 Pittsburgh
 1978 Tangerine Bowl, 1977 Gator Bowl, 1977 Sugar Bowl, 1975 Sun Bowl, 1973 Fiesta Bowl
 Iowa State
 1971 Sun Bowl

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LECHARLS MCDANIEL

Assistant Coach - Wide Receivers
Eighth Year at San Diego State
Cal Poly '81

Coaching Experience

- Begins his fourth year of his third stint on Montezuma Mesa. For the third

consecutive year he will work with the wide receivers after coaching the Aztec running backs in 2005.

- Tutored a pair of 2008 NFL Draft picks in Aztec wideouts Chaz Schilens (Oakland Raiders) and Brett Swain (Green Bay Packers). Swain was a second team all-conference pick in 2007, finishing 30th nationally and second in the league in receiving yards per contest (79.6). Schilens ended his career with three straight 100-yard receiving games and ranked No. 1 in the Mountain West in 2007 in receiving yards in league outings (100.7 ypg.).

- Returned to SDSU in 2005, after a two-year stay on Mike Riley's staff at Oregon State, which saw the Beavers earn invitations to two straight postseason bowl games.

- From 1994-96, McDaniel coached the special teams and secondary at SDSU, and in 2002, he was the receivers and special teams coach. That season Aztec wideouts J.R. Tolver and Kassim Osgood set NCAA single-season records for receptions and receiving yards by two teammates.

- Prior to 2002, McDaniel was on the staff at California, coaching the Golden Bear special teams and assisting with the defensive backs.

- Served as a coach and administrator with the Washington Redskins from 1998 to 2000. Was the Redskins special teams coach for three sea-

sons under head coach Norv Turner.

- NFL background also includes a one-year stint as the wide receivers coach for the Phoenix Cardinals (1993) and a stop with the Philadelphia Eagles as a pro scout.

- Began his coaching career at Hartnell College in Salinas, Calif., before joining the San Diego Chargers in 1989 as assistant special teams coach. He remained with the Chargers until he returned to his alma mater, Cal Poly, as special teams and secondary coach in 1992.

Notable Players Coached By McDaniel

- Kassim Osgood, WR (SDSU), San Diego Chargers
- Ricky Parker, DB (SDSU)
- Chaz Schilens, WR (SDSU), Oakland Raiders
- Brett Swain, WR (SDSU), Green Bay Packers
- J.R. Tolver, WR (SDSU)
SDSU's all-time leading receiver
- Joe Newton, TE (OSU)
Capital One MVP - Insight Bowl
- Alexis Serna, K (OSU)
Lou Groza Award winner
- Kirk Ylioniemi, K (OSU)
Lou Groza Award semifinalist
- Brian Mitchell, KR (Redskins)
- Matt Turk, P (Redskins)
- Gary Clark, WR (Cardinals)
- Ricky Proehl, WR (Cardinals)

Playing Experience

- Cornerback on Cal Poly's 1980 NCAA Division II National Championship football team.

- Honorable mention All-American as a senior, a two-time team captain and finished his career with 13 career interceptions.

- Inducted into the Cal Poly Athletic Hall of Fame in 2002.

- Spent four years in the NFL with the Giants and Redskins and was a part of Washington's Super Bowl championship team in 1983.

Education

- Received his bachelor's degree in social sciences from Cal Poly in 1981.

Michelle, LeCharls, Sheryl, Michael and Keisha McDaniel



The LeCharls McDaniel File

Birthdate

October 15, 1958

Hometown

Seaside, Calif.

High School

Seaside

Alma Mater

Cal Poly

Family

Wife, Sheryl, and children, Michael, Michelle and Keisha

Coaching Career

2005-08, 2002, 1994-96
 San Diego State
Wide Receivers (2002, 2006-08)
Running Backs (2005)
Secondary/Special Teams (1994-96)

2003-04
 Oregon State (*Special Teams/Tight Ends*)

2001
 California (*Special Teams*)

1998-00
 Washington Redskins (*Special Teams*)

1993
 Phoenix Cardinals (*Receivers*)

1992
 Cal Poly (*Secondary/Special Teams*)

1989-91
 San Diego Chargers (*Asst. Special Teams*)

1986-88
 Hartnell College (*Secondary/Sp. Teams*)

Bowl Games As A Coach (2)

Oregon State
 2004 Insight Bowl, 2003 Las Vegas Bowl

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NEINAS ◀ COACHES



TOBY NEINAS

Assistant Coach - Outside Linebackers & Special Teams Coordinator
Third Year at San Diego State
Missouri '95

Coaching Experience

● Neinas begins his third campaign at San Diego State and his first as the team's outside linebackers coach. Was the Aztecs' tight ends coach his first two seasons and will continue his role as special teams coordinator.

● Has 13 years of experience as a collegiate coach with 10 seasons on the defensive side of the ball.

● In 2007, helped SDSU tight ends combine for 38 catches for 310 yards and two scores, a year after the position produced just 10 catches for 107 yards.

● Tutored Aztec Tyler Schmitt, who was the only long snapper taken in the 2008 NFL Draft. Schmitt was a sixth-round pick of the Seattle Seahawks.

● Last season, SDSU punter Michael Hughes earned honorable mention All-America honors and ranked 11th nationally in punting average. Place-kicker Garrett Palmer was 8-for-8 on field-goal attempts during conference play and was 13-for-15 overall with six from 40 or more yards.

● Worked at Temple University from 2002-05, where he coached both the inside linebackers and defensive line. The Owls were ranked 15th nationally in run defense in 2002, behind Big East Conference Defensive Player of the Year, defensive tackle Dan Klecko.

● Spent seven years at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (1996-2002), tutoring the Blazers' tight ends, running backs, safeties, defensive ends and outside linebackers.

● In 2001, UAB led the nation in rushing defense (57.3 yards per game) and was fifth in total defense (265.9 yards per game).

● Coached four Blazers selected in the NFL draft, including first rounder, defensive end Bryan Thomas, and second-round pick, defensive tackle Eddie Freeman.

● Was a graduate assistant coach at North Carolina in 1995, when the Tar Heels won the CarQuest Bowl and finished with a 7-5 record. Neinas worked under current Texas head coach Mack Brown at North Carolina.

● Started his coaching career as a student assis-



tant under head coach Bob Stull, at his alma mater, Missouri, from 1993-94. Focused on the Tigers' secondary.

Notable Players Coached By Neinas

- Tyler Schmitt, LS (SDSU), Seattle Seahawks
- Dan Klecko, DT (Temple), Philadelphia Eagles
Big East Defensive Player of the Year; AP second-team All-American
- Rodregis Brooks, DB (UAB)
1999 Conference USA Special Teams Player of the Year; AP second-team All-American
- Eddie Freeman, DT (UAB)
Second-round NFL draft pick in 2002
- Bryan Thomas, DE (UAB), New York Jets
First-round NFL draft pick in 2002

Education

● Graduated from the University of Missouri with a bachelor's degree in history in 1995.

The Toby Neinas File

Birthdate

September 1, 1971

Hometown

Boulder, Colo.

High School

Boulder

Alma Mater

Missouri

Family

Wife, Cassie

Coaching Career

2006-08
 San Diego State
Outside Linebackers (2008)
Special Teams Coordinator (2006-08)
Tight Ends (2006-07)

2002-05
 Temple
Inside Linebackers (2004-05)
Defensive Line (2002-03)

1996-2002
 University of Alabama at Birmingham
RBs/Tight Ends (2001)
Safeties (1999-2000)
Defensive Ends (1997-98)
Outside Linebackers (1996)

1995
 North Carolina
Graduate Assistant

1993-94
 Missouri
Student Assistant

Bowl Games As A Coach (1)

North Carolina
 1995 CarQuest Bowl

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COACHES ► NELSON



MIKE NELSON

Assistant Coach - Defensive Line
Third Year at San Diego State
Dayton '69, Southern Illinois '70

Coaching Experience

- Returned to Montezuma Mesa earlier this year, as SDSU's defensive

line coach.

- Coached the Aztec defensive line in 1987 and the inside linebackers in 1988, under head coach Denny Stolz.

- Has nearly 40 years of coaching experience with his most recent stop as the defensive line coach with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats of the Canadian Football League in 2007.

- Moved to the CFL last season after a 10-year stay as the defensive line coach at Iowa State, where he worked alongside current Aztec coaches Bob Elliott and Chris Ash.

- During his tenure with the Cyclones, the team set two post-World War II school records in 2005, allowing just 102.7 rushing yards per game, which ranked 12th nationally, and 2.98 yards per carry. The 1998 squad also logged a school-record 32 sacks.

- Helped tutor Iowa State first-team all-conference honoree Nick Leaders, conference defensive newcomer of the year Jason Berryman, and NFL players Reggie Hayward (Jacksonville) and James Reed (Kansas City).

- Previous collegiate coaching stints at Virginia, Ball State, Wisconsin, Missouri, Kansas State, Stanford, Rutgers and Oregon State.

- Began his career as the defensive coordinator

for the freshman team at Southern Illinois and also served one-year stints at Toledo Central Catholic High School and Norfolk State. Later returned to his alma mater, Dayton, as the defensive line and linebackers coach from 1973-74.

- The Chicago native has coached in eight bowl games, including five in a six-year span at Iowa State, two at Wisconsin under the late Dave McClain, and one at Stanford under Dennis Green.

Notable Players Coached By Nelson

- Jason Berryman, DE (Iowa State)
Big 12 Defensive Newcomer of the Year
- Jordan Carstens, DT (Iowa State)
- Reggie Hayward, DE (Iowa State), Jacksonville Jaguars
- Nick Leaders, DT (Iowa State)
First-team All-Big 12
- James Reed, DT (Iowa State)
- Keif Bryant, DT (Rutgers)
- Dick Chapura, DT (Missouri)
- Jeff Cross, DE (Missouri)

Playing Experience

- Played both football and hockey at the University of Dayton. Was a defensive back on the football team, earning four varsity letters.

Education

- Has a bachelor's degree in physical education from Dayton in 1969, and a master's degree in physical education from Southern Illinois in 1970.

The Mike Nelson File

Birthdate

October 8, 1947

Hometown

Chicago, Ill.

High School

St. Laurence

Alma Mater

Dayton, Southern Illinois

Family

Wife, Betsy, and children, Kurt, Mark and Eric

Coaching Career

2008, 1987-88
 San Diego State (*Defensive Line (2008, 1987); Inside Linebackers (1988)*)
 2007
 Hamilton Tiger-Cats (*Defensive Line*)
 1997-2006
 Iowa State (*Defensive Line*)
 1996
 Oregon State (*Defensive Line*)
 1993-95
 Rutgers (*Defensive Line*)
 1992, 1983-84
 Edmonton Eskimos (*Defensive Front*)
 1990-91
 Stanford (*Defensive Line*)
 1989
 Kansas State (*Defensive Line*)
 1985-86
 Missouri (*Defensive Line*)
 1978-82
 Wisconsin (*Outside Linebackers*)
 1977-78
 Ball State (*Linebackers*)
 1975-76
 Virginia (*Secondary*)
 1973-74
 Dayton (*Defensive Line, Linebackers*)
 1972
 Norfolk State (*Defensive Coordinator, LBs*)
 1971
 Toledo Central Catholic HS (*Def./Off. Backfield, WRs*)
 1969-70
 Southern Illinois (*Freshman defensive coordinator*)

Bowl Games As A Coach (8)

Iowa State
 2005 Houston Bowl, 2004 Independence Bowl, 2002 Humanitarian Bowl, 2001 Independence Bowl, 2000 Insight.com Bowl
Stanford
 1991 Aloha Bowl
Wisconsin
 1981 Garden State Bowl, 1982 Independence Bowl



Mike and Betsy Nelson

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STARK ◀ COACHES



BRIAN STARK

Assistant Coach - Tight Ends
Ninth Year at San Diego State
Colorado '97

Coaching Experience
● Returns to the field as the Aztecs' tight ends coach in 2008.

● Entering his ninth year overall at San Diego State with four seasons as the director of football operations (2000-01, 2006-07) and four campaigns as the Aztecs' quarterbacks coach.

● Was SDSU's quarterbacks coach from 2002-05, helping the Aztecs average nearly 3,100 yards (259 yards per game) and 18 touchdowns per season through the air in each of his campaigns.

● Was SDSU's passing game coordinator in 2005, when then sophomore quarterback Kevin O'Connell threw for 2,663 yards and 19 touchdowns.

● In his first term as the Aztecs' director of football operations from 2000-01, oversaw SDSU's recruiting efforts, including the 2002 class that was ranked second in the Mountain West Conference. He was also responsible for all administrative functions of the program, including training camp, travel and summer camps.

● Arrived at San Diego State after spending a year as offensive program coordinator at the University of Washington, where he also assisted with the Huskies' recruiting efforts.

● Served as a student assistant coach and assistant recruiting coordinator at his alma mater, Colorado, from 1994-99. Stark was involved in coaching the running backs with both the Buffaloes and Huskies.



● Has worked with five bowl teams, including two Holiday Bowls, the Fiesta Bowl, the Cotton Bowl and the Aloha Bowl.

● Began his coaching career by serving as offensive coordinator at Brighton High in Colorado. He helped coach 12 first-team all-league and three first-team all-Colorado selections while with the Bulldogs.

Notable Players Coached By Stark

- Kevin O'Connell, QB (SDSU), New England Patriots
Third-round NFL draft pick in 2008
- Chaz Schilens, WR (SDSU), Oakland Raiders
- Brett Swain, WR (SDSU), Green Bay Packers
- Jeff Webb, WR (SDSU), Kansas City Chiefs

Education

● Received his bachelor's degree in history/secondary education from Colorado in 1997.

Sarah and Brian Stark



The Brian Stark File

Birthdate
September 18, 1973

Hometown
Fort Morgan, Colo.

High School
Fort Morgan

Alma Mater
Colorado

Family
Wife, Sarah, and son, Jackson

Coaching Career

2000-08
San Diego State
Tight Ends (2008)
Director of Football Operations (2006-07, 2000-01)
Quarterbacks (2002-05)
Passing Game Coordinator (2005)

1999
Washington
Offensive Program Coordinator

1994-99
Colorado
Student Assistant/Assistant Recruiting Coordinator

Bowl Games As A Coach (5)

Washington
1999 Holiday Bowl

Colorado
1998 Aloha Bowl, 1996 Holiday Bowl,
1996 Cotton Bowl, 1995 Fiesta Bowl

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BOB LOPEZ

Director of Football Operations
First Year at San Diego State
Illinois State '77, Illinois State '79

Experience

● Joined the staff this April as the team's director of football operations, after

spending five seasons in the same position at UCLA.

● Beginning in January of 2003, he oversaw the administrative side of the Bruin football program. His responsibilities included preseason and bowl planning and recruiting administration. He served as the football liaison within the athletic department, managed official visits, worked as the liaison with pro scouts, oversaw the football budget and was the co-director for camps.

● Was the executive director for enrollment services and admissions at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire from April 2001 until moving to UCLA.

● Has a rich history in the sport, having spent 13 seasons coaching football at the high school, junior college and collegiate levels.

● From 1987-98, he held several positions at Northern Arizona University, including recruiting coordinator and assistant coach and program coordinator in the Counseling and Testing

Center. Also worked in the office of admissions for five years, with the final four as assistant director of admissions.

● Began his career as a high school teacher and football coach at Loyola Academy in Illinois. Later became director of admissions and athletics at Fort Scott (Kan.) Community College, where he was the head football coach.

● Also has experience as a marketing manager for Southwest Student Services Corp., in Mesa, Ariz., as director of enrollment management at Peru (Neb.) State College and as an assistant football coach at Arizona Western College in Yuma.

Playing Experience

● Played quarterback at Illinois State from 1973-76, starting his final two seasons.

Education

● Earned his bachelor's degree from ISU in science, health and physical education in 1977, and two years later, earned his master's in education administration.



The Bob Lopez File

Birthdate

March 19, 1955

Hometown

Chicago, Ill.

High School

Mendel Catholic

Alma Mater

Illinois State

Family

Wife, Nancy, and children, Tyler and Daniel

Professional/Coaching Career

2008
 San Diego State
Director of Football Operations

2003-08
 UCLA
Director of Football Operations

1987-91
 Northern Arizona
Assistant Coach
Recruiting Coordinator

1983-87
 Fort Scott Community College
Head Coach

1981-83
 Arizona Western College
Assistant Coach

1979-81
 Loyola Academy
Assistant Coach

Bowl Games (5)

UCLA
 2007 Las Vegas Bowl, 2006 Emerald Bowl,
 2005 Sun Bowl, 2004 Las Vegas Bowl, 2003
 Silicon Valley Classic

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LINDER/VANDERMADE ◀ COACHES

NICK LINDER

Graduate Assistant - Defense
Second Year at San Diego State
Iowa State '04



The Nick Linder File

Birthdate

August 30, 1980

Hometown

Iowa City, Iowa

High School

Iowa City

Alma Mater

Iowa State

Coaching Career

2007-08
San Diego State
Graduate Asst. - Defense

2006
Iowa State
Student Assistant

2005
Drake Univ.
Safeties/Special Teams

2004
St. Ambrose Univ.
Secondary/Special Teams

Playing Experience

2000-2003
Iowa State

Bowl Games As A Player (3)

Iowa State
2002 Humanitarian Bowl,
2001 Independence Bowl,
2000 Insight.com Bowl

Coaching Experience

- Begins his second season as a graduate assistant at SDSU, working with the defensive backs.

- Came to SDSU from Iowa State, where he was a student assistant football coach beginning in August 2006.

- Assistant coach at Drake University in 2005 and at St. Ambrose University in 2004. Worked with the safeties and special teams at Drake and the secondary and special teams at St. Ambrose.

Playing Experience

- A defensive back at Iowa State from 2000-03, playing for current Aztec assistant Chris Ash.

- Was a three-year letterwinner for the Cyclones, who earned special teams MVP and captain honors.

- Member of three bowl teams in 2000, 2001 and 2002.

Education

- Has a bachelor's degree in exercise of sports science from Iowa State in 2004.



LENNY VANDERMADE

Graduate Assistant - Offense
Second Year at San Diego State
USC '04



The Lenny Vandermade File

Birthdate

January 3, 1981

Hometown

Santa Ana, Calif.

High School

Mater Dei

Alma Mater

USC

Family

Wife, Stacey

Coaching Career

2007-08
San Diego State
Graduate Assistant - Offense

Playing Experience

1999-2003
USC

Bowl Games As A Player (3)

USC
2004 Rose Bowl,
2003 Orange Bowl,
2001 Las Vegas Bowl

Coaching Experience

- In his second season as a graduate assistant at SDSU, working with the offensive line.

Playing Experience

- Member of the Pittsburgh Steelers (2005-06) and Baltimore Ravens (2004). Also played in NFL Europe for the Hamburg Sea Devils in 2005.

- Four-year starter at USC at both center and left guard from 2000-03. Was the starting guard on the 2003 national championship squad.

- Named to the 2001 Dave Rimington Trophy (top center) watch list.

- Freshman All-American by *The Sporting News* and *Football News* in 2000, after starting all 12 contests.

- Was a *SuperPrep* All-American at Mater Dei High School in Santa Ana, Calif.

Education

- Has a bachelor's degree in international relations from USC in 2004.



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MEGHAN COWEN

Administrative Assistant
Second Year at San Diego State



Meghan Cowen came to SDSU in May of 2007, and serves as the administrative assistant to head coach Chuck Long and the SDSU defensive and special teams staffs.

Her job responsibilities include scheduling meetings and appointments and arranging coach Long's speaking engagements and appearances. She also serves as office manager and assists the director of football operations with coordinating summer camps and clinics.

Cowen grew up in Haarlem, The Netherlands, before moving to San Diego and attending West Hills High in Santee, Calif.

LEAH OWCZARCZAK

Administrative Assistant
Second Year at San Diego State
Southwest Missouri State '05, Missouri State '05



Leah Owczarczak is in her second year as an administrative assistant with the Aztec football team. Her responsibilities include working with the Aztec offensive coaching staff and the recruiting coordinator. She also develops correspondence for prospective student-athletes, maintains the recruiting database, fills requests from NFL scouts and coordinates pro-timing days.

The St. Louis, Mo., native has a bachelor's degree in entertainment management from Southwest Missouri St. in May 2005, where she also was a member of the school's soccer team. She later earned her MBA with an emphasis in athletic administration from Missouri St. in Dec. 2005.

Owczarczak lives in Pacific Beach with her dog, Atlas.

Football Student Assistants

Doreen Buttery
Lindsay Long
Nina McKnight

JON FRANCIS

Director of Strength & Conditioning
Fifth Year at San Diego State
Appalachian State '93, '01



Jon Francis is in his fifth year at San Diego State working with the Aztec football team and second as the director of strength and conditioning after spending the previous three years as head strength and conditioning coach at the University of Idaho.

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.

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 USA Weightlifting.

His wife, Joy, is San Diego State's director of athletic development.

WENDELL RICHARDS

Assistant Strength & Conditioning Coach
Third Year at San Diego State
Appalachian State '01, Idaho '03



Wendell Richards enters his third year as an assistant strength and conditioning coach at SDSU after nearly five years at the University of Idaho.

While in Moscow, Idaho, he served as a graduate assistant from 2001-02, and an assistant strength and conditioning coach from 2002-06. He worked with the Vandals' women's basketball, women's soccer, golf, tennis, track and field and volleyball programs. In addition, Richards assisted with football and men's basketball teams.

Prior to his stay at Idaho, the Broadalbin, N.Y., native first worked with coach Francis while he was an undergraduate at Appalachian State in Boone, N.C. As a senior, he focused primarily on men's tennis and assisted with the Mountaineers' 20 other varsity sports.

Richards, who is certified by the CSCCa, earned a bachelor's degree in exercise science from Appalachian State (2001) and a master's degree in physical education (2003) from the University of Idaho.

NICK PETTIT

Associate Athletic Director
Seventh Year at San Diego State
Michigan State '98



Nick Pettit began his second stint at San Diego State in July 2003, and was recently promoted to associate athletic director. In his position, he oversees the purchasing, fitting, maintenance and distribution of equipment for the entire Aztec athletic program. He also supervises the facilities and event staff and the video services department.

Pettit was an assistant equipment manager with the San Francisco 49ers from 1999 to 2003. His responsibilities with the 49ers included maintaining and coordinating equipment, assisting with inventory and supervising interns and game-day personnel.

As an undergraduate at Michigan State, he was the head football manager from 1995-98. Under the tutelage of Nick Saban, he supervised a staff of eight students in daily practice and game setup. Pettit was a graduate assistant intern equipment manager at SDSU during the 1998-99 academic year.

Pettit has a bachelor's degree in management from Michigan St. and recently earned a master's degree in sports management from the United States Sports Academy. A certified member of the Athletic Equipment Managers Association, he and his wife, Amber, and newborn son, Beau, live in Ramona.

Asst. Equipment Manager

Angie Garza

Equipment Attendants

Dennis Brown

Ben Herman

Pat Murray

Support Staff



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BRIAN MURPHY

Video Coordinator
Sixth Year at San Diego State



Brian Murphy joined the San Diego State athletic department staff in August 2003 as the video coordinator. In his position, he films and edits the Aztecs' football games and coordinates film exchange with other schools. He is in charge of all video packages used by the football coaches in their scouting and game preparation.

Murphy's responsibilities also include overseeing the day-to-day operations of the video room and assisting with the video needs of other SDSU sports.

From 1997-2000, Murphy was an assistant video director with the San Diego Chargers. He filmed and edited games and practices and assisted the NFL with the Super Bowl held in San Diego in 1998. He also provided the NFL with video support

for the 1999 Holiday Bowl.

Murphy graduated from Mira Mesa High School in 1995, and attended both SDSU and Miramar College. He currently lives in Pacific Beach.

Assistant Video Coordinator
Gregg Nassen

DON KESSLER

Head Athletic Trainer
Fourth Year at San Diego State
Ozarks '70, Arkansas '71



With more than 35 years of experience in college athletics, Don Kessler begins his fourth year as the head athletic trainer at SDSU. He is in charge of the Aztecs' athletic training department.

Before coming to San Diego State, Kessler spent 18 years at Rutgers University, where he was most recently the Coordinator of Athletic Training Services. In that position, he supervised a staff of 11 full-time athletic trainers, who provided coverage and rehabilitative care for 30 intercollegiate teams and 1,000 student-athletes.

He began his career in collegiate athletics at the U.S. Naval Academy in 1972, while serving as a hospital corpsman during the Vietnam War from 1971-75. After two years at Delran High School in New Jersey, Kessler spent a decade at Princeton, where he was involved with 13 sports, including football.

In addition to his experience in college athletics, Kessler has worked with the U.S. Olympic Committee, USRowing and the United States Soccer Federation. Most recently, he was the athletic trainer for the rowing team at the 2004 Olympics in Athens, Greece.

A certified member of the National Athletic Trainers Association (NATA) since 1976, Kessler was part of NATA's board of directors for research and education from 1996-2001.

Kessler, who attended Rutgers from 1965-67, is a 1970 graduate of the University of the Ozarks in Clarksville, Ark., with a degree in physical education. He earned eight varsity letters, while earning the school's outstanding athlete award as a senior. In 2006, he received the University's Alumni Achievement Award for his 30 plus years in college athletics.

Kessler also has a master's degree in physical education from the University of Arkansas (1971).

A native of Riverside, N.J., his wife, Maggie, was an All-American soccer player at Rutgers. His son, Gregg, is a 1995 Rutgers graduate.

Assistant Athletic Trainers
Mark Haines
Gina Maggio
Allison Miner (fball)
Carolyn Peters

DR. CHRISTOPHER BEHR

Team Physician/Orthopedic Surgeon
10th Year at San Diego State



Dr. Christopher Behr enters his 10th season as team orthopedic surgeon for San Diego State. A graduate of Cornell and Cornell University Medical College, Behr completed his orthopedic residency and sports medicine/shoulder fellowship at the renowned Hospital for Special Surgery in New York, N.Y., where he worked closely with the New York Giants. Dr. Behr is a board-certified physician and a partner in the San Diego Orthopedic Associates Medical Group.

DR. GREG GASTALDO

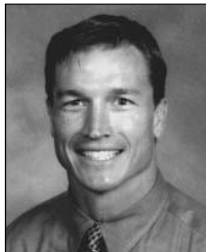
Team Physician/Director of Athletic Medicine
12th Year at San Diego State



Dr. Greg Gastaldo is in his 12th year as the Director of Athletic Medicine at SDSU and splits his time between Student Health Services and the Aztec Athletics Training Room. Prior to coming to SDSU, Gastaldo served five years as the director of athletic medicine at Princeton. A graduate of Long Beach State, Gastaldo received his medical degree from the UCLA School of Medicine. He is board certified in internal medicine and holds a Certificate of Added Qualification in Sports Medicine.

DR. ALAN RICHBERG

Team Physician
11th Year at San Diego State



Dr. Alan Richberg enters his 11th year as a member of the SDSU athletic medicine staff. An All-American wrestler at Fresno State, Richberg is a graduate of the Loma Linda University School of Medicine. He trained in family practice at the UCLA Santa Monica Family Practice Residency and completed his training in the San Diego Sports Medicine Fellowship Program. He is a family physician at the San Diego Sports Medicine and Family Health Center, the head physician at Patrick Henry High and Grossmont College, and a U.S. Olympic team physician at the Arco Training Center.

DR. PETER WILE

Team Physician/Head Orthopedic Surgeon
23rd Year at San Diego State



Dr. Peter B. Wile begins his 23rd season at SDSU, and since 1993, he has served as the team's head orthopedic surgeon. Dr. Wile received his undergraduate degree from USC in 1972 and his M.D. from Michigan in 1976. He completed an orthopedic surgery residency at Yale and a Fellowship in hip and knee surgery in Rummelsburg, West Germany, in 1981. Dr. Wile is a partner in the San Diego Orthopedics Associates Medical group, which is located in Hillcrest. The practice has an emphasis and subspecialization in sports medicine and arthroscopic surgery.

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