



the university

AZTECS WATER POLO



Beginning its 109th academic year in fall 2005, San Diego State University can take pride in more than a century of achievement in education, research and service. With an enrollment of more than 34,000 students, SDSU has grown into the largest institution of higher education in the San Diego region and one of the largest in California.

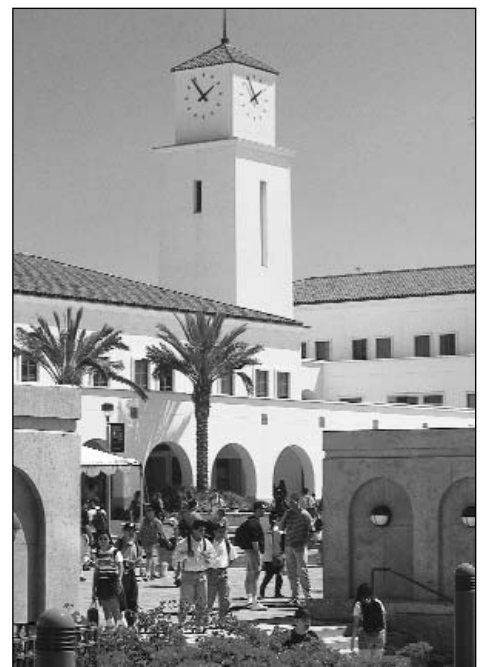
- San Diego State currently grants bachelor's degrees in 81 academic areas, master's degrees in 72 and doctoral degrees in 16.
- One in seven adults in San Diego holds a degree from San Diego State.
- SDSU is No. 15 in the nation for bachelor's degrees conferred to ethnic minorities according to the June 2004 edition of *Black Issues in Higher Education*.
- SDSU's undergraduate international business program was ranked No. 7 in the nation in August 2004 by *U.S. News & World Report*.



SDSU was also ranked No. 26 in entrepreneurship among best graduate programs in April 2005, by the same magazine.

- SDSU is No. 9 in the nation and No. 4 in California for bachelor's degrees awarded to Hispanics according to the May 2005 issue of *Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education*.
- The School of Accountancy was the first and one of only four accredited accounting programs in California. Student test scores on the CPA exam consistently rank among the top five in the nation.
- The SDSU College of Business Entrepreneurial Management Center is a Nasdaq Center of Excellence, which places it among the top eight such programs in the nation.
- Increasingly recognized for innovative research, San Diego State University has achieved the prestigious Doctoral/Research University-Intensive designation. This is granted by the Carnegie Foundation to the top 6.7 percent of the nation's research-conducting universities. Since 2000, SDSU faculty and staff have attracted more than \$600 million in grants and contracts for research and program administration. SDSU ranks among the top 100 public universities nationwide in research expenditures, and SDSU's research funding has doubled from a decade ago.
- In 2002, SDSU was ranked among the 31 hottest and trendiest universities in the nation according to Kaplan's Annual National High School Guidance Counselor Survey.

- Recently completed facilities, totaling more than \$200 million in value, include Cuicacalli, a dining and residence complex; the Chemical Sciences Laboratory, a showcase of leading-edge laboratories and infrastructure; a 2,458-space parking structure, the largest in the California State University system; and the Aztec Athletics Center, housing coaches' offices, training facilities and the Wise Foundation Hall of Fame. This past July also marked the long-awaited completion of the SDSU trolley station and tunnel, part of the Metropolitan Transit Development Board's Mission Valley East extension of the San Diego Trolley system.



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

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



The Staff

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

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

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

The Services

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

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

The Resources

In the fall of 2001, the academic unit joined the rest of the athletic department in moving into the new \$30 million, 130,000-square-foot Aztec Athletics Center. The academic staff is located on the third floor of the complex and includes a new 40-station computer lab, individual study rooms and two lecture rooms.

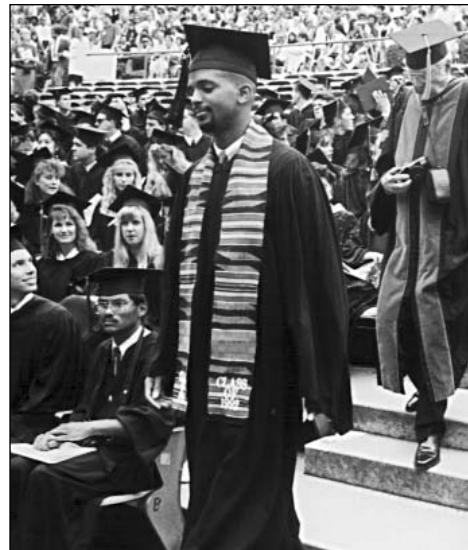
The Commitment

San Diego State's annual Scholar-Athlete Awards Banquet honors students with a grade-point average in excess of 3.2. In 2004, 199 student-athletes, more than one-third of the SDSU student-athlete body, were honored at the Scholar-Athlete Awards Banquet and attended a theatrical production downtown.

A new event was launched in the spring of 2005 with the inaugural Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) Awards. In the spirit of the ESPY's, SDSU's student-athletes were treated to an awards banquet and ceremonies to recognize outstanding individual achievements throughout the athletic department.

Life Skills

To further increase the opportunities for success, San Diego State is part of the NCAA's CHAMPS/Life Skills Program. The curriculum of Aztec Pride (Promoting Responsibility, Integrity, Diversity, Education) offers a wide



range of programs and activities that enhance the educational experience. Special emphasis is placed on the areas of personal development, community service and career development.

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

2004-05 Water Polo Scholar Athletes

Monty Award (GPA above 3.5)

Monica DeRosier (Fall)
Heather Fenske (Fall & Spring)
Sarah Kilgore (Fall)
Niki Lolis (Fall & Spring)
Becca Ur (Fall & Spring)

Big Red Award (GPA above 3.2)

Cia Cobb (Fall)
Dominique Delgado (Spring)
Savanah Kelley (Spring)
Ashley Reta (Fall)

MPSF All-Academic

Cia Cobb
Dominique Delgado
Monica DeRosier
Sarah Kilgore
Ashley Reta
Becca Ur

AWPCA All-Academic

Cia Cobb
Monica DeRosier
Becca Ur
Ashley Reta



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Dr. Stephen L. Weber
University President

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

to set the course for the University's future.

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

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

In addition, President Weber is a member of the international advisory board for the Foundation for Children of the Californias, the advisory council of the San Diego Performing Arts League, and the honorary advisory board of the San Diego Science Alliance. He is a member of the San Diego Rotary Club, an honorary director of the Japan Society of San Diego and Tijuana, and a member of the advisory board for Bahcesehir University in Turkey.

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

President Weber's many awards include an honorary degree from Beijing Capital Normal University. He was named among the 1997 Headliners of the Year by the San Diego Press Club. Also in 1997, the San Diego Mediation Center honored him with its Peacemaker Award. In 1999, President Weber received the Executive Director's Award from the San Diego Education Association and the Gold Key Award from the San Diego Hospitality Association. He was recognized as a Leader of Vision by the League of Women Voters of San Diego in 2000.

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

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



Jeff Schemmel
Director of Athletics

Jeff Schemmel, who brings a wealth of experience, a history of success and new expectations to Montezuma Mesa, was introduced as San Diego State's Director of Athletics on July 6, 2005.

Schemmel immediately becomes one of the most accomplished sitting athletic directors in the country. He is a former practicing

attorney, has directed a Final Four, served as a senior administrator at Big 10 and Big 12 schools, and played a part in what might be the biggest football turnaround in the history of college athletics.

Schemmel arrived at SDSU from Conference USA, where he had served as associate commissioner for governance and legal affairs since October of 2004. During his stay in Dallas, he helped the league negotiate television contracts with ESPN and College Sports Television that exceeded more than \$100 million in revenue, and he served as a member of the NCAA Division I Management Council.

From February 2004 to October 2004, Schemmel was the senior vice president and executive director of development for the Arizona State University Foundation, where he oversaw ASU's fundraising efforts while supervising approximately 135 employees across the Tempe campus.

Schemmel was an administrator at the University of Minnesota from 1991 to 2003. During his stay in the Twin Cities, he advanced from associate athletic director for compliance to senior associate athletic director and chief operating officer for Gopher athletics.

Along with his departmental duties, Schemmel directed the school's efforts in hosting NCAA Championship events, including the 2001 Final Four, one of America's fastest growing events.

He also supervised and implemented a \$3 million capital improvement campaign, and was heavily involved in the hiring of football coach Glen Mason and men's basketball coach Dan Monson, both of whom have revitalized programs in Minneapolis.

From 1988 to 1991, Schemmel was an administrator at his alma mater, Kansas State. He served as the school's assistant athletic director for development and later was the associate athletic director for compliance while supervising the school's Olympic sports.

Schemmel was part of the management team that hired Bill Snyder as the Wildcat head football coach. Under Snyder's direction, Kansas State executed what is considered one of the greatest turnarounds in college football history. K-State had made just one bowl appearance in its history prior to Snyder's arrival, did not win a single game in the two seasons before he took over in 1989, and had just three wins in the previous four seasons. Under Snyder, the Wildcats have been to 11 bowl games and claimed their first-ever Big 12 title.

Schemmel was a decorated runner at Kansas State and was named the 1976 outstanding student athlete at the school. As a Wildcat, he was a four-time track and field All-American, a five-time Big 8 Conference champion, was a member of a national champion distance medley relay team and won the Big 8 Conference Medallion.

He also served as an ABC Television and Time Magazine correspondent for the 1976 Summer Olympics in Montreal.

After earning his undergraduate degree in political science, Schemmel earned his law degree at Washburn University in Topeka, Kan. He began his professional career as an attorney and later was a partner in his own firm, specializing in business and sports law.

Schemmel and his wife, Lori, have been married for 28 years. They have two adult sons, Justin, and Jon, who plays minor league baseball in the New York Mets organization.

aztec aquaplex



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Since the 2003 season, SDSU's women's water polo team has called the Ray and Joan Kroc Community Center its home.

But beginning in spring 2007, San Diego State's water polo squad will make the transition from the Ray and Joan Kroc Community Center to a brand new swimming facility on campus, the Aztec Aquaplex.

Located on the west side of school, the swimming facility will be the long-awaited, final piece of the puzzle to San Diego State athletics. The pool will be nestled behind Tony Gwynn Stadium, the newly constructed Aztec Tennis Center and SDSU Softball Stadium, three football practice fields and the SDSU Sports Deck. In addition, Cox Arena is within walking distance, which truly makes the west side of campus the home for Aztec athletics. Moreover, the aquaplex is situated behind the Aztec Athletics Center, which will allow student-athletes easy access to some of the top training personnel and weightlifting facilities on the West Coast.

The Aztec Aquaplex will feature two pools, one for competition and another for recreation, and a hydrotherapy spa. The competition pool will be 25 yards long and 51 meters wide. It will

include movable bulkheads and a flexible water depth of anywhere between seven to 17 feet deep.

The pool will be able to accommodate competitive swimming events (25-yard short course, 25-meter short course, 50-meter long course); water polo events with floating cage courses of 25 yards, 25 meters and 30 meters, in addition to three 25-yard fixed cage courses; and diving events with its one- and three-meter springboards, along with the option of expanding the platform to 10 meters.

The complex's 7,000-square-foot recreation pool will be just as multi-dimensional as the competitive pool. The pool, open to all San Diego State students, will have a water depth between 3-6 to 5-0 and can be utilized for lap swimming, water aerobics, water basketball and volleyball, and recreational swimming.

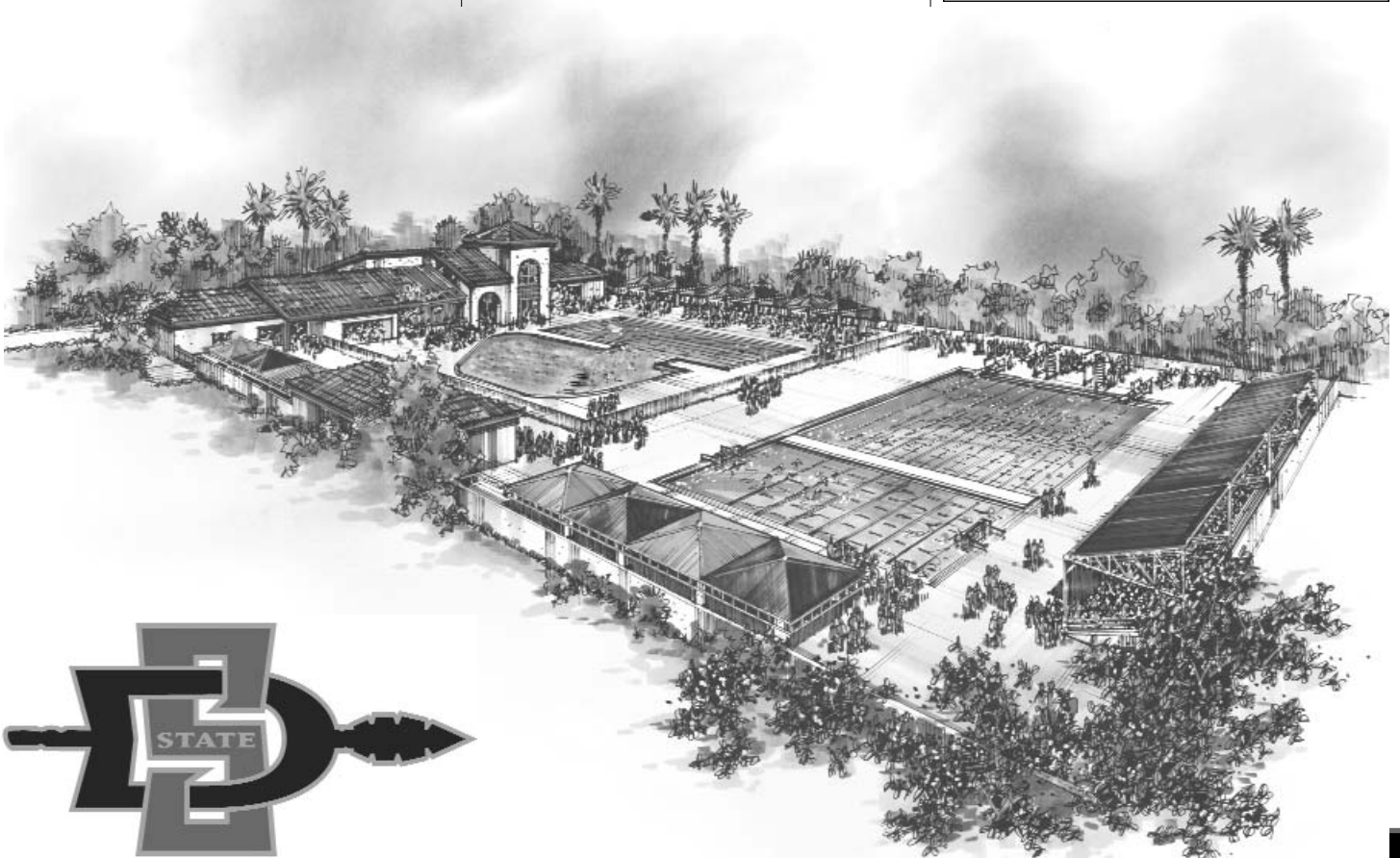
Beyond the pools itself, the aquaplex will include seating to accommodate a crowd of 500, men's and women's changing areas, lockers, restrooms, storage area and administrative offices, all located through an 11,000 square foot entrance lobby. Throw in a hydrotherapy spa and San Diego State will have one of the leading aquatic facilities in the United States.

The Aztec Aquaplex is scheduled to be up and running in time for the 2007 season and we are looking forward to its completion, San Diego State water polo head coach Carin Crawford said. It will definitely be the crown jewel among the very impressive athletic facilities here at San Diego State.

The construction of the Aztec Aquaplex proves that San Diego State University is committed to providing its student-athletes and the Aztec community with the highest quality facilities in America.

Aztec Aquaplex Quick Facts

- Competition pool
- Recreation pool
- One- and three-meter springboards
- Hydrotherapy spa
- Movable bulkheads
- Team rooms
- Staff offices
- Spectator seating
- Easy access to training facilities





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In addition to everything the Aztec Athletics Center has to offer, San Diego State has some of the finest athletic facilities west of the Mississippi River.

On the south, the Aztec Athletic Center is buffered by the SDSU Sports Deck, where San Diego State's track and field team, along with both soccer squads compete.

On the north side, it is connected to Peterson Gym, the home of Aztec volleyball.

The west exit of the building opens onto three 120-yard practice fields. One of the fields is natural grass and two utilize field-turf, providing San Diego State daily options for its workouts.

All of SDSU's new facilities, including the athletics center, Cox Arena, Tony Gwynn Stadium and the Sports Deck, have opened since 1997.

In the spring of 2005, San Diego State opened its new 12-court tennis complex complete with state-of-the art Plexicushion surfacing and a tennis operations center. Also opening last spring was the softball team's new stadium adjacent to Tony Gwynn Stadium.

The buildings are not just sparkling new, but they are already postseason tested. Cox Arena, the 12,400-seat basketball facility, has served as a site for the NCAA Men's Basketball Division I Championship (first and second rounds) as well as the NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball National Championship. The NCAA men's basketball tournament is scheduled to return to the facility in 2006.

The Sports Deck has already played host to the Mountain West Conference Track & Field Championships. Tony Gwynn Stadium was the site of the MWC baseball tournament in 2001 and the softball stadium hosted the 2005 MWC softball championship.

Also in the plans for Montezuma Mesa is a new pool where the San Diego State swimming and diving and water polo programs will compete. The Aztec Aquaplex will feature two pools, one for competition and another for recreation, and is set to open in 2007.

Besides all of the school's on-campus facilities, the football team plays at Qualcomm Stadium, home of the NFL's San Diego Chargers. Qualcomm Stadium is the host of the Holiday and Poinsettia Bowls and was the home of Super Bowl XXXVII in 2003.

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



Qualcomm Stadium



Cox Arena at Aztec Bowl



Aztec Aquaplex

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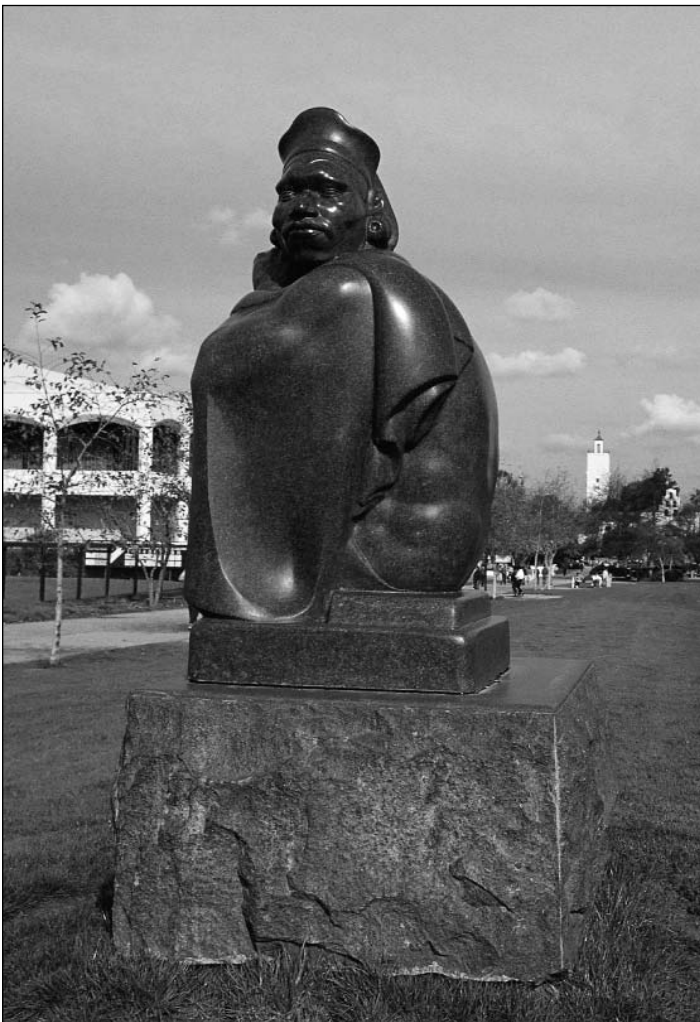
San Diego State's Aztec Heritage

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

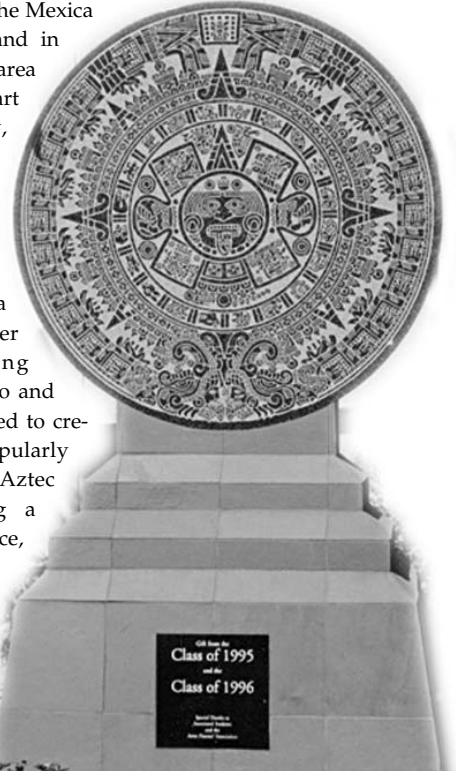
Aztec History

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

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



Around 1325, the Mexica settled on an island in Lake Texcoco, an area that is now the heart of Mexico City, and named it Tenochtitlan or "the place of the fruit of the cactus." A century later, the Mexica and two other Nahuatl-speaking city-states, Texcoco and Tlacopan, combined to create an entity popularly known as the Aztec Empire. Boasting a strong military force, this new alliance commanded a sphere of influence that stretched across much of present-day Mexico.



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

Aztecs and San Diego State

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

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



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The City

Dubbed the jewel of the southern California coast, the city of San Diego has grown to surround its natural harbor and is the seventh largest city in the United States and the second largest in California.

Diversity

The rich flavors and colors of this diverse population blends all ethnic groups and all walks of life to create an amazing quality of life that makes San Diego all things to all people.

Natural Beauty

As America's seventh largest city, San Diego also protects vast areas of open space for riding, hiking, skiing, and camping. The region also boasts more than 70 miles of beaches along its coastline. From Torrey Pines and La Costa to Aviara, Mission Bay or Singing Hills, beautiful settings offer an abundance of golf and tennis options.

The Weather

Meteorologists claim San Diego as the country's only area with a perfect climate. This year-round environment posts an average daytime temperature of 70 degrees, with an annual rainfall average of less than 10 inches.

Ideal Living

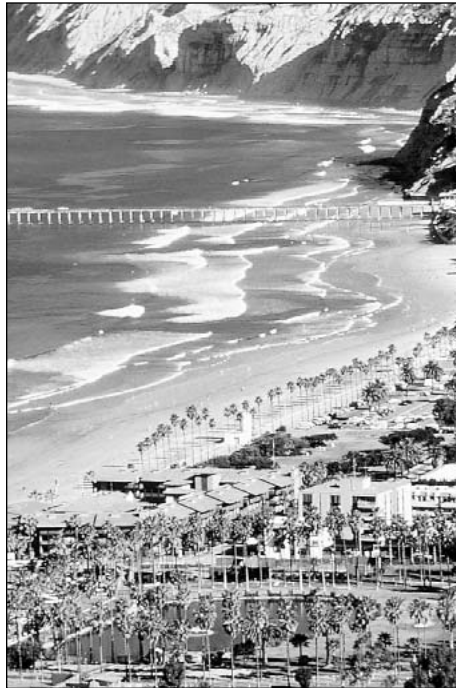
Whether watching the sun rise over the east county mountains or the sun setting over the Pacific, in San Diego, one is surrounded by natural beauty, pampered by an ideal climate, immersed in old-world traditions and able to enjoy a comfortable, friendly lifestyle that no other city offers. What a treat to live, play and study in America's Finest City.

Places To Go

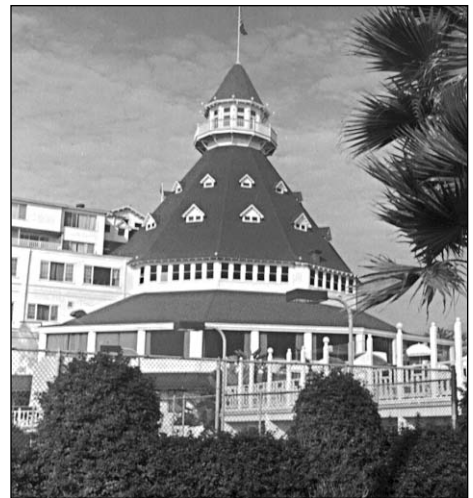
There's always something to do in San Diego. SeaWorld, the World-Famous San Diego Zoo and Wild Animal Park, LEGOLAND California, Balboa Park and historic Old Town are just some of the attractions San Diego has to offer.

If it's art and history you seek, you'll find it here. Did you know San Diego is the birthplace of California or that San Diego boasts the largest concentration of museums west of the Mississippi?

San Diego also offers Tony Award-winning theatre, opera, symphony, art galleries and performance art for the culturally curious.



San Diego Quick Facts	
Population (County)	2,800,000
Population (City)	1,264,600
U.S. Population Rank (City)	Seventh
Avg. Daytime Temperature	70
Avg. Annual Rain Fall	10 inches
Airport	Lindbergh Field (SAN)
Media Age of Residents	32



For that night on the town San Diego's night life beckons with over 200 nightclubs that offer toe-tapping beats of everything from country western to R&B.