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# Mountain West Conference



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## Mountain West Conference

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From its inception in 1999, the Mountain West Conference has been committed to excellence in intercollegiate athletics, while promoting the academic missions of its member institutions. Progressive in its approach, the MWC continues to cultivate opportunities for student-athletes to compete at the highest level, while fostering academic achievement and sportsmanship. Now in its seventh year, the MWC has been assertive in its involvement with the NCAA governance structure and has taken a leadership role in the overall administration of intercollegiate athletics.

The MWC was conceived on May 26, 1998, when the presidents of eight institutions — Air Force, Brigham Young, Colorado State, New Mexico, San Diego State, UNLV, Utah and Wyoming — decided to form a new NCAA Division I-A intercollegiate athletic conference.

The split from the former 16-team conference re-established continuity and stability among the membership within the new league and signaled the continuation of its tradition-rich, long standing athletic rivalries. Five of the MWC's eight members have been conference rivals since the 1960's (BYU, Utah,

New Mexico, Wyoming, Colorado State), while SDSU (1978) and Air Force (1980) were longstanding members as well. UNLV entered the fold in 1996 and TCU begins its first year of competition in 2005-06, completing the membership in the MWC as it stands today.

When the MWC officially began operations on July 1, 1999, the new league had in place a seven-year contract with ESPN, giving the broadcaster exclusive national television rights to MWC football and men's basketball; and three-year agreements to send the league's football champion to the Liberty Bowl and a second team to the Las Vegas Bowl. Thompson also arranged a third bowl tie-in each of the first three years (1999 Motor City, 2000 Silicon Valley, 2001 New Orleans) before securing a four-year deal with the Emerald Bowl in San Francisco in 2002.

The MWC established a comprehensive television package to promote its sports, anchored in a partnership with ESPN. Currently in the final year of a seven-year deal, ESPN holds exclusive rights to MWC football and men's basketball, distributing the league's football and men's basketball games through ABC, ESPN, ESPN2 and syndication via ESPN Regional

Television.

Through the league's first six years, excluding institutional local packages, 574 football, volleyball, men's basketball and women's basketball events have aired on television, with 114 football games and over 100 men's basketball contests broadcast nationally.

A new era begins in the fall of 2006 as College Sports Television (CSTV) becomes the official television partner for the Conference. The MWC forged a seven-year agreement with CSTV, giving the fastest-growing independent cable network exclusive rights to MWC football and men's basketball, plus coverage for all other MWC sports.

The MWC provides a first-class athletic and academic experience for over 4,000 student-athletes each year. The past three years, nine MWC student-athletes have earned NCAA Postgraduate Scholarships, and since the league's inception in 1999, an additional 10 student-athletes were named MWC Scholar-Athlete of the Year and awarded league-sponsored postgraduate scholarships. Two student-athletes have earned distinction as Rhodes Scholars (Jessica Mellinger, Wyoming and Delavane Diaz, Air Force).



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## **Dr. Stephen L. Weber** University President - 10th Year

Stephen L. Weber, the seventh president of San Diego State University, provides dynamic leadership to an institution that

ranks among the largest in the nation and third largest in California. Educated as a philosopher, President Weber began his tenure at SDSU in July 1996 and shortly afterward initiated a broad-based dialog intended to set the course for the University's future.

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

In the process, SDSU has become an increasingly popular and selective choice among college-bound students. For fall 2003, some 45,635 undergraduate applicants competed for 6,545 vacancies. Not surprisingly, the overall academic quality of SDSU students is also rising. In addition, alumni

involvement and private financial support of the university have never been stronger.

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

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

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



## **Jeff Schemmel** Director of Athletics - First Year

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.

"I think the athletic director's job is very simple in many ways: put everything in place that he or she can to help the student-athletes and the coaches succeed. It's really about that," Schemmel said at his introductory news conference. "It is always about the student-athletes, and if we do everything we can to help them be successful, it's going to be terrific."

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 San Diego State from Conference USA, where he had served as associate commissioner for governance and legal affairs since October 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 that school'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 playing host to 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 bowling 11 times 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.

# Athletic Directory



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Asst. Coach: Bob Elliott ..... 619-594-6769  
Asst. Coach: Larry Holton ..... 619-594-6769  
Asst. Coach: William Inge ..... 619-594-6769  
Asst. Coach: Thom Kaumeyer ..... 619-594-6769  
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### **Women's Tennis**

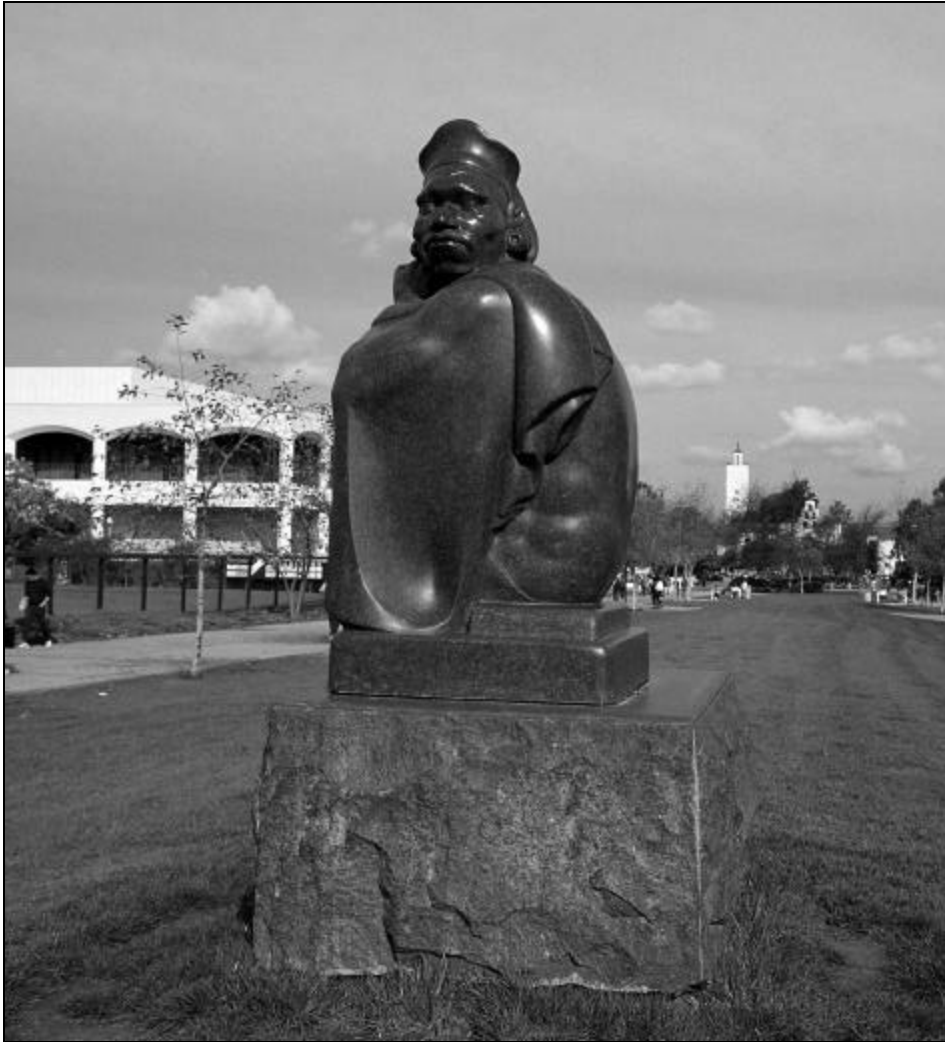
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Asst. Coach: Lindsey Hedberg ..... 619-594-5900

### **Women's Volleyball**

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Asst. Coach: John Shirk ..... 619-594-5266

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enjoyed sports and built grand ballcourts to accommodate team events.

## AZTECS AND SDSU

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

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



## SDSU'S AZTEC HERITAGE

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

## AZTEC HISTORY

Aztec civilization dates back to at least 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

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# SDSU ACADEMICS



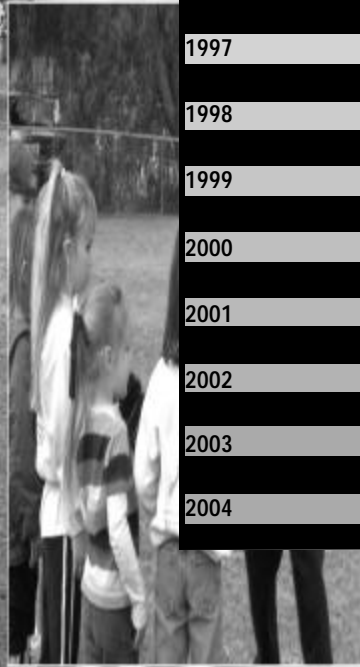
The dual role of student and athlete can be a daunting challenge for any person at the Division I level. Recognizing that academic challenge, the Student Athlete Academic Support Services program has been developed at San Diego State to assist all student-athletes in achieving academic excellence.

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.

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.





## San Diego State Student-Athletes to Achieve a 3.2 GPA or Better (1994-2004)

1994	34
1995	56
1996	74
1997	101
1998	133
1999	135
2000	148
2001	147
2002	141
2003	177
2004	199



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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.

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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.



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With arguably some of the finest facilities on the west coast already in the place, San Diego State made a case for national recognition with the addition of the new softball/tennis facility on the west side of the University campus.

The brand-new lighted facility, completed in early February of 2005, played host to three regular season tournaments as well as the 2005 Mountain West Conference Championships. The SDSU Softball Stadium boasts 300 permanent seats (150 stadium and 150 bench-back), numerous bleacher seats and a mounded landscape that lies behind a five-foot green outfield fence. The stadium can hold 1,000 fans with room to add 1,000 more seats if needed.

Batting cages and a bullpen are available for each team and a tree-lined concourse graces the path between the stadium and baseball's Tony Gwynn Stadium.

In its first year, SDSU moved from the first base dugout, where it used to play at SDSU Field, into the third base dugout at the new facility.

John and Becky Moores, owners of the San Diego Padres, donated approximately \$6.5 million for the combined facility.

In addition to the new complex, ground broke in December on the new Aquatics Complex adjacent to SDSU Softball Stadium and Tony Gwynn Stadium.



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- \* Lighting for night competition
- \* Media area behind home plate
- \* Easy access to adjacent facilities