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In their history, the Aztecs have won over 56 percent of their games.

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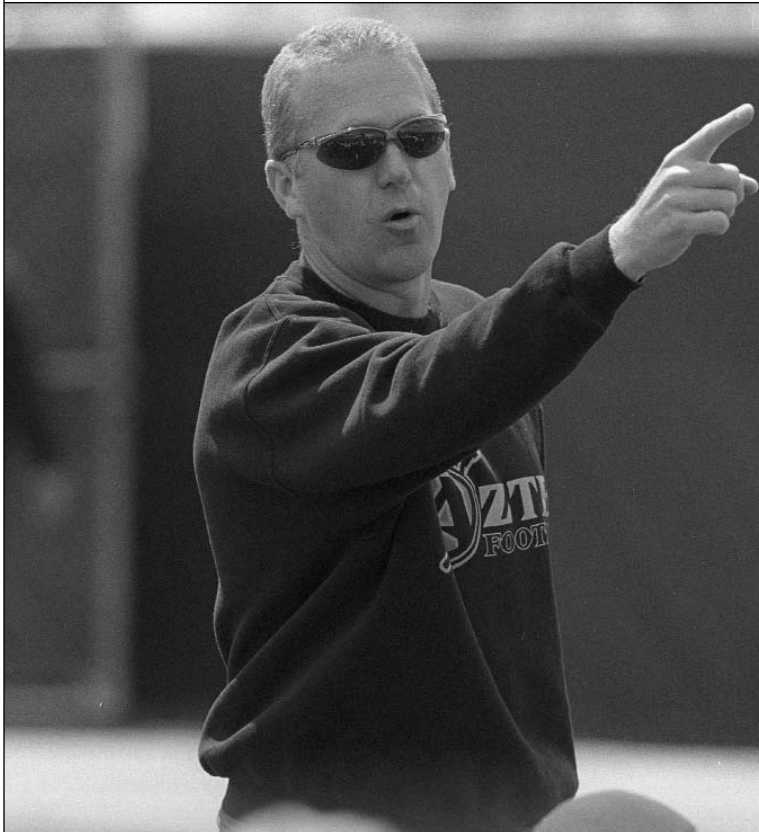
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HEAD COACH CHUCK LONG



When San Diego State hired Chuck Long to be its new head football coach, there was an immediate feeling of excitement surrounding the program.

And for good reason.

People within the college football ranks know and respect Long and have nothing but praises for SDSU's 16th head coach.

He is the ultimate winner going back to his collegiate days at Iowa where he guided the Hawkeyes to a No. 1 national ranking during the 1985 season, which culminated in a Big Ten title and a berth in the Rose Bowl. That same season he won the Maxwell and O'Brien trophies and finished second in the Heisman Trophy voting.

Long later was drafted by the Detroit Lions with the 12th selection in the first round of 1986 NFL Draft. He spent eight seasons in the NFL with the Lions and the Los Angeles Rams before focusing his sights on coaching.

In 1995, he was added to Hayden Fry's staff at Iowa where victories followed. In four years under Fry and one under Kirk Ferentz, the Hawkeyes went to three bowl games before Long was hired in December of 1999 at Oklahoma.

His tenure in Norman produced more of the same as he helped guide the Sooners to six straight bowl appearances and a national championship in 2000.

Not only did he help Oklahoma win as a team, he guided his players to numerous national accolades, including Jason White's Heisman Trophy in 2003.

If history repeats itself, good things are in store for Aztec Football on Montezuma Mesa.

Quotes on Coach Long

"Chuck Long has been incredible for our program. Look at the accomplishments under his tutelage. Look what Josh Heupel has done. Look what Jason White did. Look at Nate Hybl, MVP of the Rose Bowl and a Big 12 championship quarterback. Look at what he has done in one year just working with (freshman quarterback) Rhett (Bomar)... I think he's done a fantastic job. I'm excited for him."

- Bob Stoops, head coach, University of Oklahoma

"San Diego State got a super, super coach in Chuck Long. Chuck has had opportunities and he has been waiting for the right opportunity and found it in San Diego State. I recruited him out of high school and he was a great player for us. He had the opportunity to leave for the NFL after his junior year but returned to school and led us to the Big Ten championship and a trip to the Rose Bowl. That shows the type of character he has... He will be a great head coach. He has experience coaching on both sides of the ball. He has always been a great leader and a winner. San Diego State made an absolute great choice."

- Hall of Fame Coach Hayden Fry, former coach at the University of Iowa

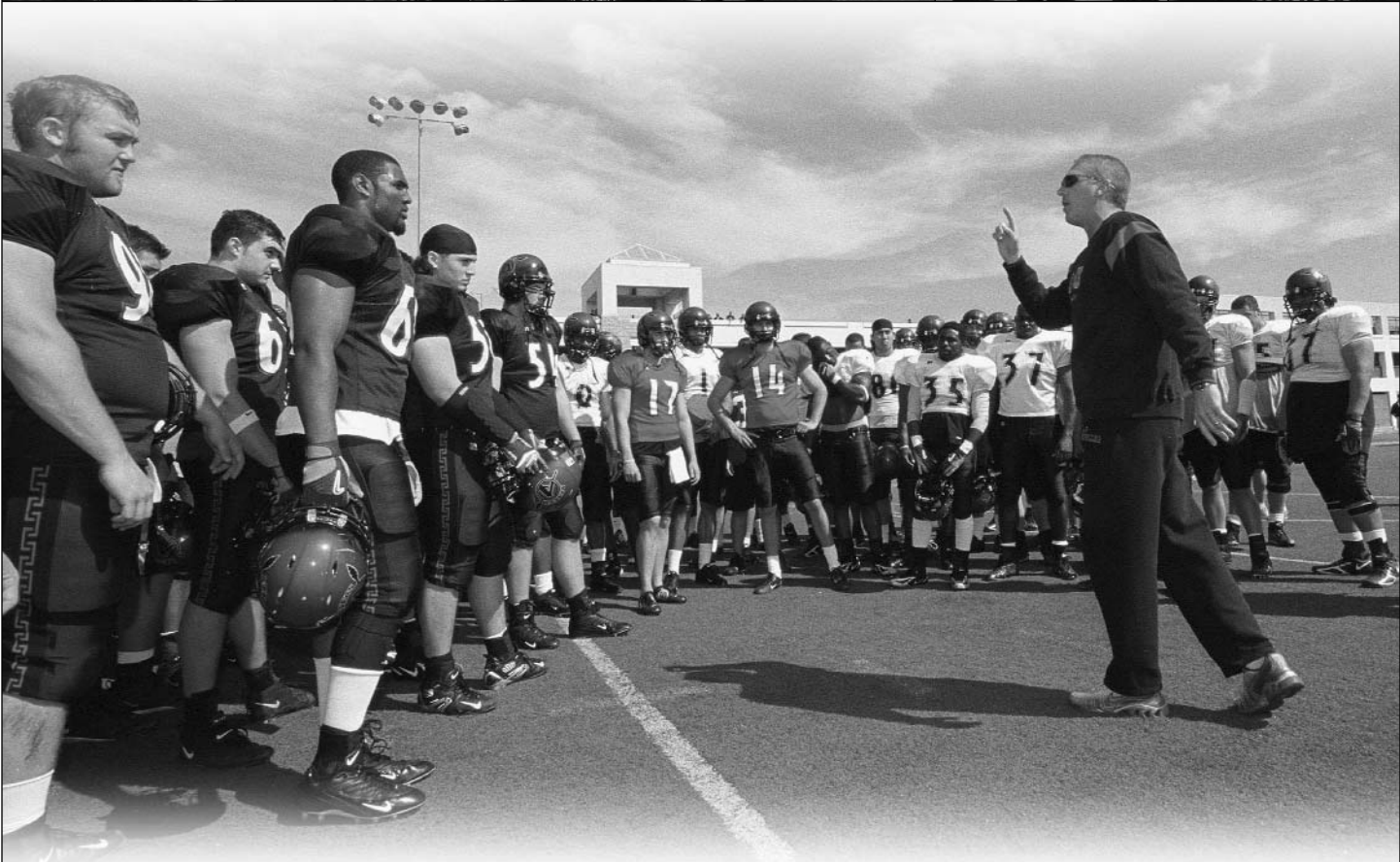
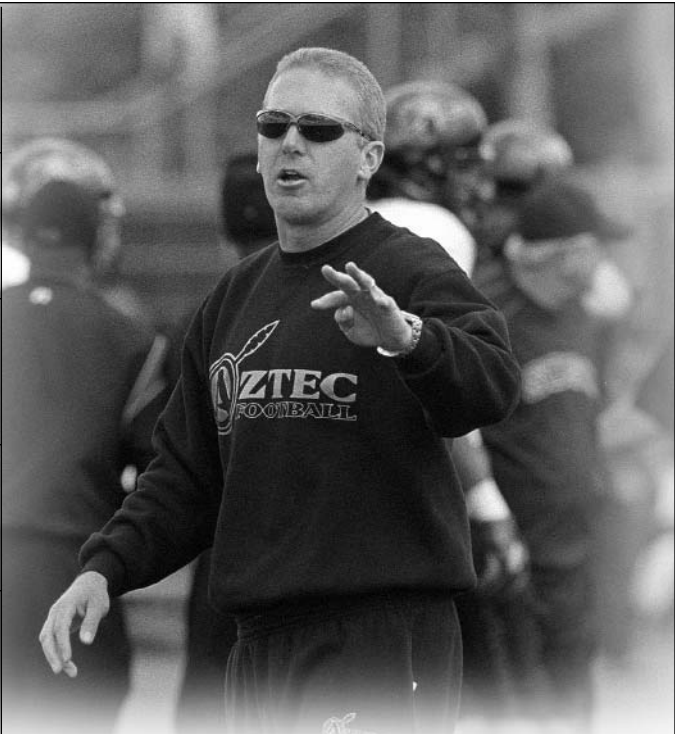
"I think he will make a great head coach. He has played the game recently and has played it at all levels. He understands the highs and lows of the game and helps you deal with them and improve. I loved playing for him. I know from how he ran the offense at Oklahoma and with his organizational abilities, he will easily make the transition to head coach... As a player he helped me develop immensely. He came in at the end of my freshman year and I could tell the difference in two weeks, learning football the way he learned it. After teaching me the fundamentals, he taught me what it takes to become a great player. He knows how to get players to respond... San Diego State has got a great coach in Coach Long."

- Jason White, 2003 Heisman Trophy Winner and former Oklahoma All-American quarterback

"I think the most important thing is that San Diego State is getting a quality individual who will be a great mentor for student-athletes. He will do a great job as head coach. He will run a very disciplined program that will represent the university the right way on and off the field... He came in after my junior year, right before we made the national championship run, and helped me develop as a quarterback. He understands and knows how to communicate the fundamentals and expanded my knowledge of the game and what it takes to succeed... I think he is someone who will have a clear vision of what he wants for the program. With all of the success he has had as player and a coach he knows how to get the most out of players... He is a quality individual who cares about them as student-athletes and about his players after they graduate. He stays in touch with his former players."

- Josh Heupel, 2000 AP Player of the Year and former Oklahoma All-American quarterback

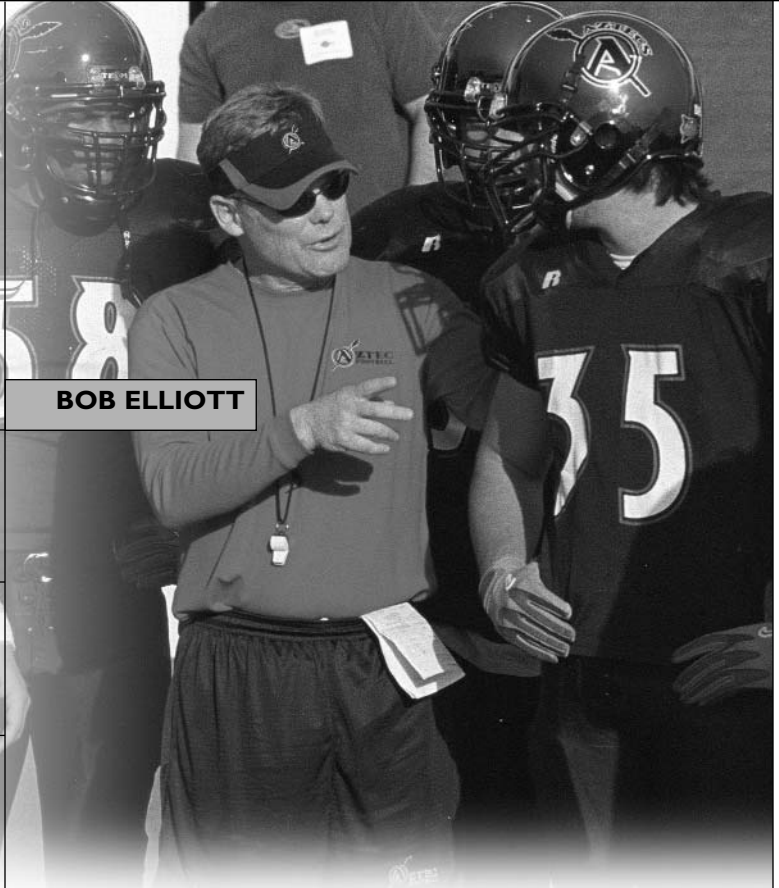
2	Chuck Long has coached two players who received Big 12 Conference Player of the Year honors during his tenure as an assistant at Oklahoma.
15	Total number of bowl games Chuck Long has appeared in as a player or coach.
24	Oklahoma played 24 games without committing a turnover during Chuck Long's four years as the Sooners' offensive coordinator.
74	Chuck Long set a Big Ten Conference record throwing 74 touchdown passes during his collegiate playing career at Iowa.
601	During Chuck Long's second season as offensive coordinator in 2003, Oklahoma set a team record exploding for 601 points.



SDSU COACHING STAFF

Aztec head coach Chuck Long has put together one of the most experienced coaching staffs in the nation and their credentials back it up. Between the nine members on the staff, they have a total of 899 victories in 140 years of coaching experience at the major college level. In addition, they have made 60 appearances in bowl games and won 13 conference titles over the course of their careers. Not only do they produce results, they produce NFL-ready players as 76 of their student-athletes have been drafted by NFL clubs.

Team and individual accolades aside, Long's coaching staff has a history of recruiting well, winning championships at the college level and preparing them for life after college.



BOB ELLIOTT



BOB ELLIOTT

Asst. Head Coach, Defensive Coordinator



DEL MILLER

Offensive Coordinator, Quarterbacks



JOE BOB CLEMENTS

Assistant Coach, Defensive Line



JONATHAN HIMEBAUCH

Assistant Coach, Offensive Line



LARRY HOLTON

Assistant Coach, Running Backs



WILLIAM INGE

Assistant Coach, Linebackers



THOM KAUMEYER

Assistant Coach, Defensive Backs



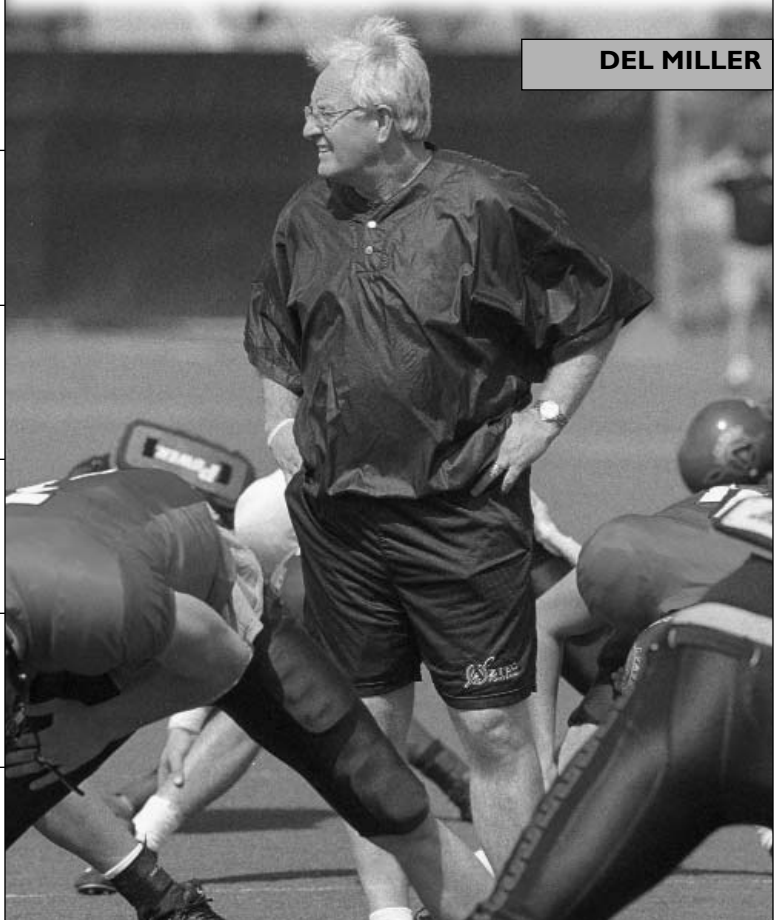
LECHARLS MCDANIEL

Assistant Coach, Wide Receivers



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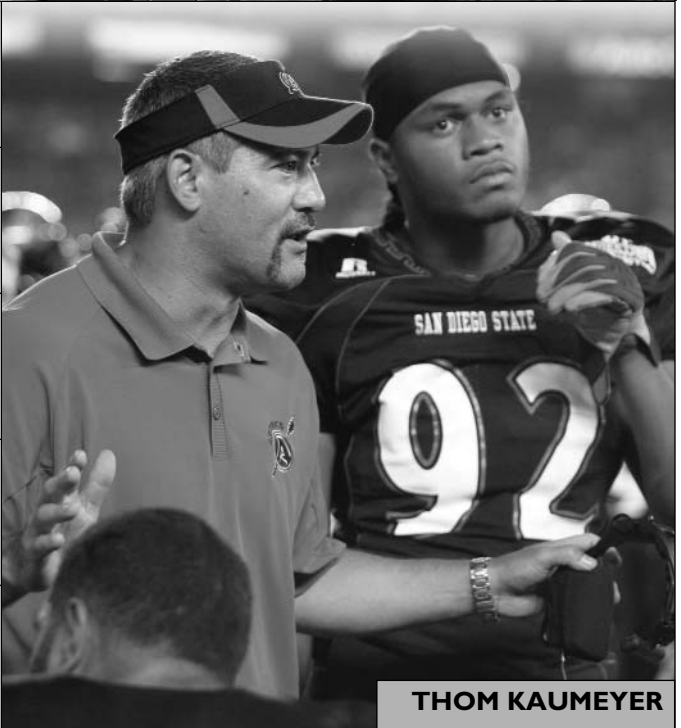


DEL MILLER

WILLIAM INGE



13	The San Diego State coaching staff has won 13 conference titles during its combined coaching career.
60	In all, the Aztec coaching staff has made 60 appearances in bowl games.
76	During their careers, the SDSU staff has coached 76 players who have been drafted by NFL clubs.
140	The San Diego State staff has 140 years of coaching experience at the major college level.
899	In their 140 years of coaching, the Aztec staff has recorded 899 victories.



THOM KAUMEYER

AZTEC FOOTBALL TRADITION



San Diego State football has one of the richest football traditions in America from the "Air Coryell" days under legendary head coach Don Coryell to the 1986 WAC Championship team to the Marshall Faulk era. Many have left Montezuma Mesa and done spectacular things at the next level, such as coach and play in the NFL, and there certainly will be plenty more in the future.

SUPER BOWL AZTECS

Super Bowl XXXVIII continued a long line of San Diego State Aztecs in the NFL's biggest game. In 2004, the NFC representative, Carolina, was coached by former Aztec John Fox. Fox earned two letters playing in the defensive backfield on Montezuma Mesa in 1975-76. Fox joins three other Super Bowl coaches and 21 players from San Diego State that have participated in the festivities of the largest spectacle in sports. Overall, an Aztec has been involved in over half of the Super Bowls, beginning with legendary Don Horn in Green Bay's victory in Super Bowl II.

Joe Gibbs, who played at SDSU from 1961-63 and then coached on The Mesa three more seasons, has been the Aztec with the greatest influence on the Super Bowl. Gibbs won three of the four games he participated in with the Redskins, beginning with a 27-17 triumph over Miami in 1983, and finishing with a 37-24 victory over Buffalo in 1992.

Gibbs wasn't the first former Aztec to lead his team to victory. Oakland Raiders head coach John Madden won Super Bowl XI over Minnesota in 1977, only 11 years after leaving the staff of SDSU. Brian Billick is the latest former Aztec staffer to serve as a Super Bowl coach, leading Baltimore to a 34-7 victory over the Giants in 2001.

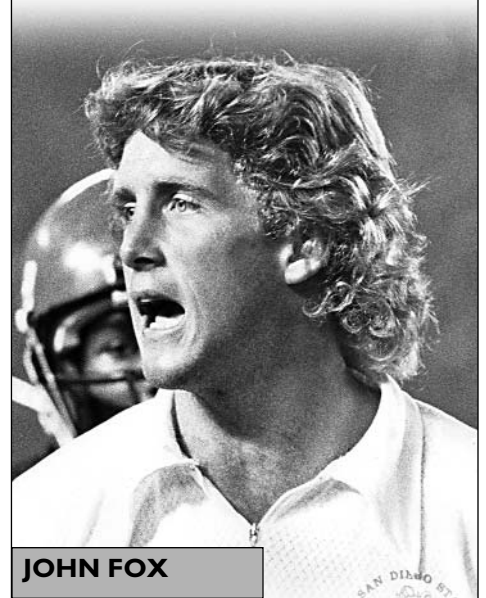
One of Fox's former Aztec teammates and a current peer in the NFL coaching ranks, has Super Bowl experience as a player. Current Kansas City Chiefs head coach Herman Edwards played in the same SDSU secondary as Fox in 1976. Edwards then went on to start in the Philadelphia Eagles' first Super Bowl, a 27-10 loss to the Raiders in 1981.

Of course the most famous Aztec in recent years, Marshall Faulk, has made an impact in the big game, teaming with former SDSU wide receiver Az Hakim in two Super Bowls. Faulk totaled 117 yards to lead the St. Louis Rams to a 23-16 victory over Tennessee in 2000. The two Aztecs combined for 225 yards as the leading rusher and receiver in the Rams' 20-17 loss at the hands of the New England Patriots in 2002.

Several Aztecs have been key to multiple Super Bowl appearances. Tight end Don Warren was a starter for four games, teaming with Joe Gibbs in each of the Redskins' Super Bowl appearances, while Nate Wright started in three for Minnesota from 1974-77, but was never able to hoist the trophy.

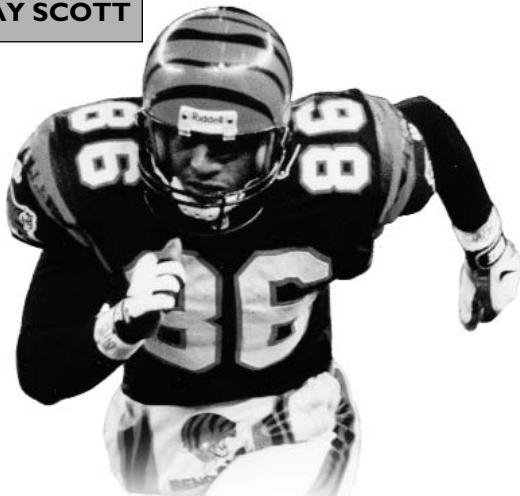
Of all the Aztec greats to participate in the Super Bowl, only one has ever been able to reach the end zone. Ronnie Smith, SDSU's leading receiver in 1976, hauled in a 24-yard touchdown strike to give the L.A. Rams a 19-13 third-quarter lead over Pittsburgh in 1980. However, former SDSU defensive end Fred Dryer and the Ram defense could not stop the Steelers from scoring two unanswered scores as they earned a 31-19 victory.

San Diego State's former offensive line coach, Ed White, played in four Super Bowls in the 1960s and 1970s for Bud Grant's Minnesota Vikings.



JOHN FOX

DARNAY SCOTT



RECEIVER U.

There is little argument that if you're looking for future pros, record-setting collegians or just old-fashioned playmakers, San Diego State's receiving corps, past, present and future, might be a good place to start.

With the Aztecs' tradition of attacking through the air, igniting scoreboards and sending players to the next level of football, receiver has become a position of glory and notoriety at San Diego State. Below is a look at just some of the standout pass catchers who have worn the red and black

Sunday Sightings

Will Blackwell	Kassim Osgood
Isaac Curtis	Darnay Scott
Az Hakim	Webster Slaughter
Haven Moses	J.R. Tolver

SDSU RETIRED JERSEYS

Willie Buchanon - #28

Legendary Willie Buchanon is not only a member of the Aztec Hall of Fame, he has also been inducted into the Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame and is a member of the San Diego Hall of Champions. He was a consensus All-American at San Diego State and was a cornerback on *The Sporting News* all-time college football team. He was a first-round draft pick of the Packers and went on to earn defensive rookie of the year honors. He spent seven seasons in the NFL.

Haven Moses - #25

A charter member of the Aztec Hall of Fame and an inductee into the Denver Broncos' Ring of Fame after spending 10 NFL seasons in the Mile High City, Moses was named All-American in 1967 by *Time* and *The Sporting News*. His two-year career on Montezuma Mesa saw the Aztecs go 19-1. He caught 54 passes for 958 yards during his senior season and he had over 2,100 receiving yards in two seasons. He was a first-round draft pick of the Buffalo Bills.

Todd Santos - #8

At a school with a quarterback tradition second to none, Todd Santos may have been the Aztecs' best ever. He led the Aztecs to their lone Holiday Bowl appearance in 1986, and ended his career as State's all-time leader in total offense, passing yards, completions and touchdown passes. He still holds the school record for single-season total offense, passing yards and completions. He was the WAC's offensive MVP in 1987.

Marshall Faulk - #28

From the opening moments of his career, Marshall Faulk was on his way to legendary status at State. He was a three-time All-American and a Heisman Trophy runner-up in 1992. He led the nation in rushing in 1991 and 1992 and is still among the top 25 rushers in NCAA history, despite playing just three years of college football. He scored an astounding 57 touchdowns and is still first in NCAA history with an average of 12.1 points per game. His NFL career has been just as successful with seven selections to the Pro Bowl and he was the NFL's Most Valuable Player in 2000.



CORYELL COACHING TREE

Don Coryell's legacy began in the 1960s at San Diego State and now stretches into a new century and crosses the professional and collegiate ranks. The heart and soul of the old Aztec air attacks have since become known as the "West Coast Offense." Below are just some of the coaches connected to, or sprung from, the Don Coryell Coaching Tree.

1960s

Sid Gillman
Vince Lombardi
Ara Parseghian
Norm Van Brocklin
Al Davis
George Allen

1970s

John Madden
Chuck Noll
Bum Phillips
Dick Vermeil
Tom Bass

1980s

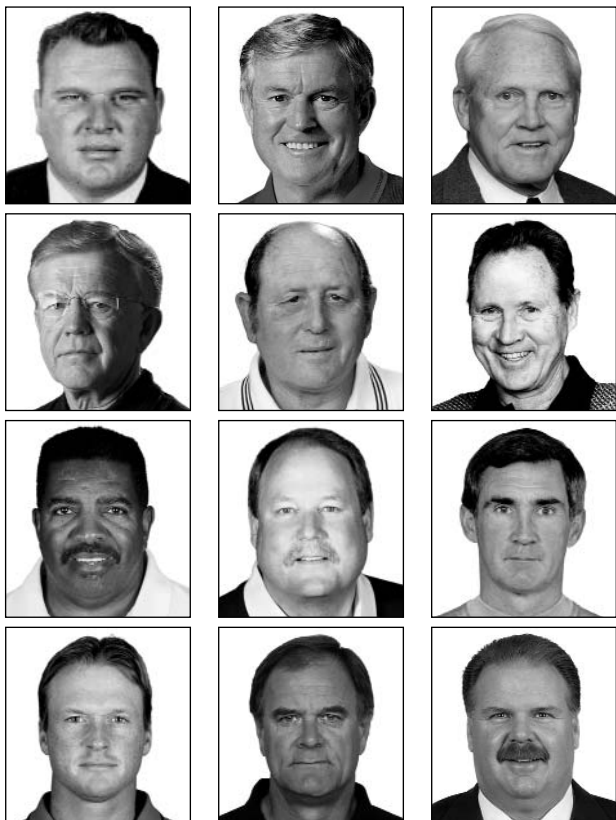
Bill Walsh
Joe Gibbs
Jim Hanifan
Ernie Zampese
Dan Henning
Rod Dowhower
Sam Wyche
Al Saunders

1990s

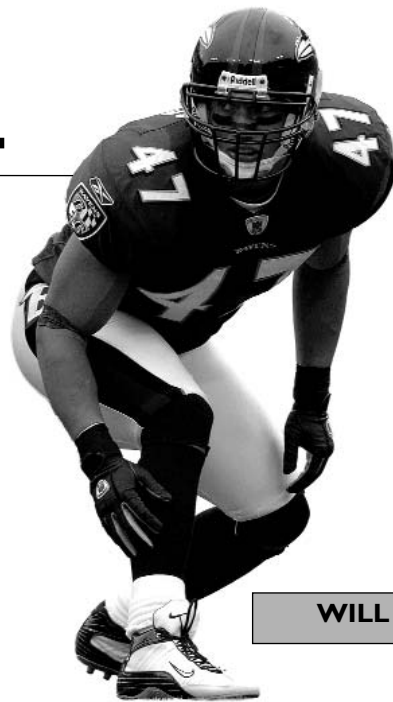
George Seifert
Dennis Green
Mike Holmgren
Mike Shanahan
Jeff Fisher
Norv Turner
Ray Rhodes
Marty Mornhinweg
Sherman Lewis
Paul Hackett

2000s

Steve Mariucci
Tony Dungy
Jon Gruden
Brian Billick
Andy Reid
Mike Martz
John Fox



AZTECS IN THE NFL



WILL DEMPS

San Diego State has a storied history of sending its players to the National Football League. Over the years, the Aztecs have had 137 players selected in the NFL draft, which ranks second in the Mountain West Conference. Of its overall total, 50 have been picked within the first 100 selections.

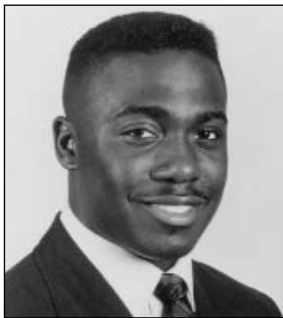
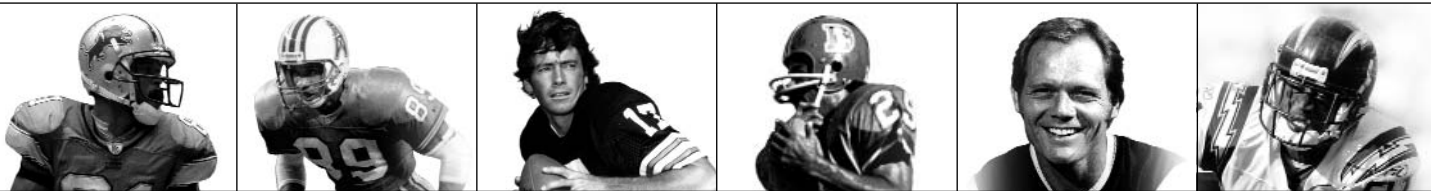
In the past two years, the Aztecs have had three players go on the first day of the NFL draft. In 2005, Matt McCoy went in the second round to the Philadelphia Eagles, while his teammate Kirk Morrison was tabbed in the third round by the Oakland Raiders. Most recently, Freddy Keiaho continued the tradition by going in the third round to the Indianapolis Colts.

A complete list of Aztecs drafted and those who played in the NFL can be found on pages 173-176.

ALL-TIME DRAFT PICKS BY MWC SCHOOLS

School	Draft Picks
TCU	163
San Diego State	137
Brigham Young	131
Utah	123
Colorado State	93
Wyoming	75
New Mexico	59
UNLV	36
Air Force	7

Source - DraftHistory.com



MARSHALL FAULK

- * Super Bowl XXXIV Champion
- * AP Most Valuable Player (2000)
- * AP Offensive Player of the Year (1999-01)
- * AP Offensive Rookie of the Year (1994)
- * All-American (1991-93)
- * Heisman Trophy Runner-Up (1992)
- * NCAA Rushing Champion (1991-92)
- * Second runner ever to gain 3,000 yards in first two collegiate seasons (1991-92)



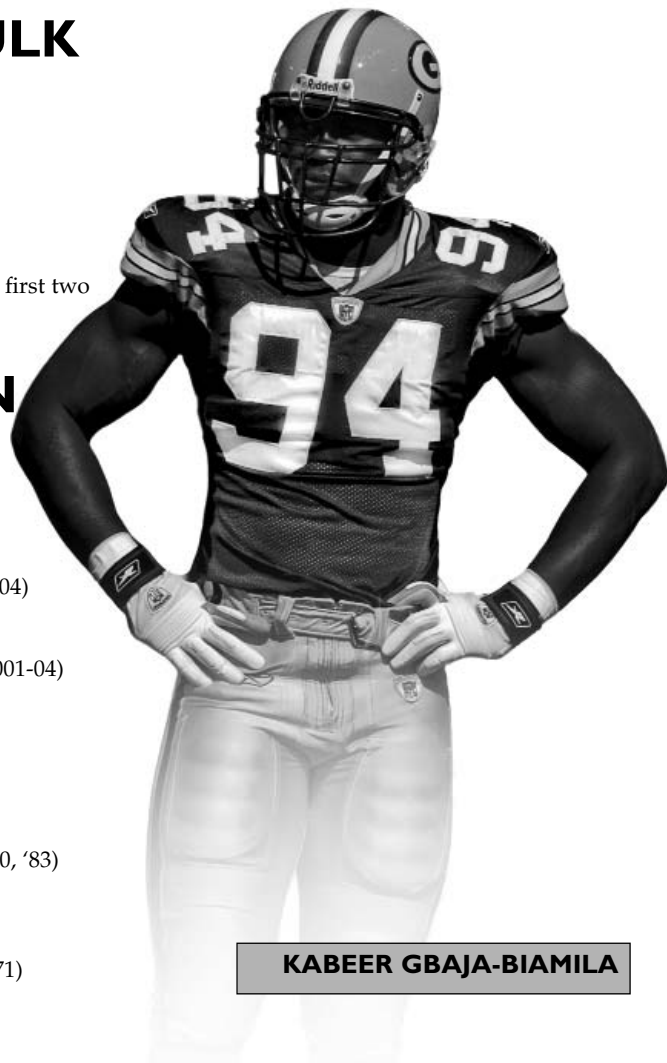
KIRK MORRISON

- * Drafted by Oakland Raiders (2005)
- * Played in all 16 games, starting 15 (2005)
- * Led all rookie defenders in tackles (2005)
- * Second on team in tackles with 112 (2005)
- * All-American (2003-04)
- * MWC Defensive Player of the Year (2003-04)
- * All-Mountain West Conference (2002-04)
- * Butkus Award semifinalist (2004)
- * SDSU second all-time leader in tackles (2001-04)



BRIAN SIPE

- * Drafted by Cleveland Browns (1972)
- * AP Most Valuable Player (1980)
- * Led AFC in passing touchdowns (1979, '80, '83)
- * Led AFC in passing (1980)
- * All-American (1971)
- * NCAA Passing Champion (1971)
- * All-Pacific Coast Athletic Association (1971)



KABEER GBAJA-BIAMILA

Aztecs Drafted Since 2002



FREDDY KEIAHO

2006 Third Round - Indianapolis Colts



JEFF WEBB

2006 Sixth Round - Kansas City Chiefs



MATT MCCOY

2005 Second Round - Philadelphia Eagles



KIRK MORRISON

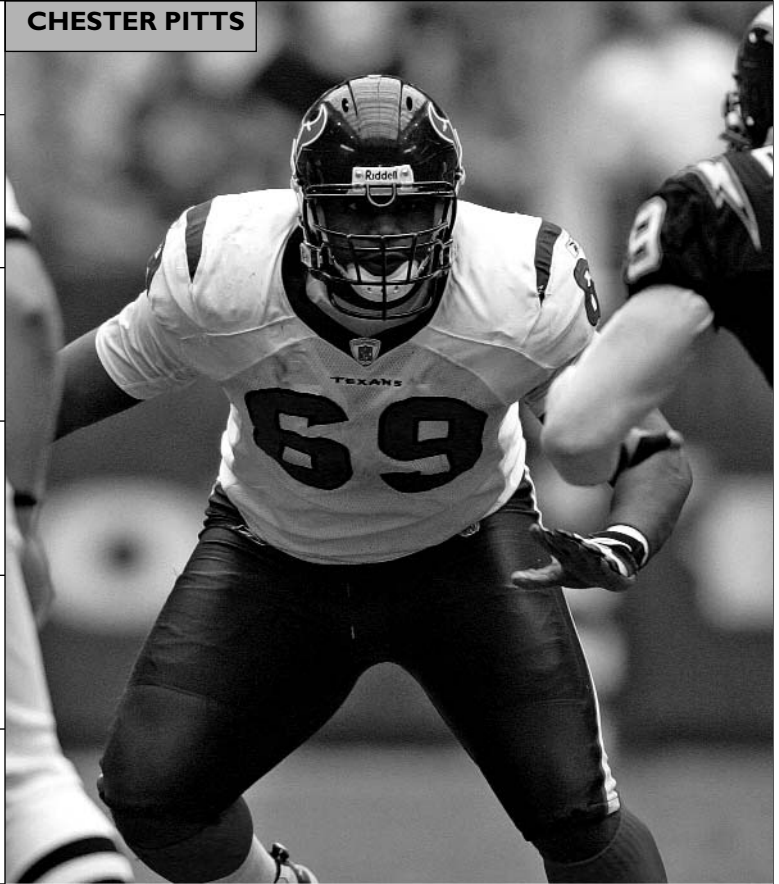
2005 Third Round - Oakland Raiders



MARVIEL UNDERWOOD

2005 Fourth Round - Green Bay Packers

CHESTER PITTS



The Aztecs have had 50 players taken within the first 100 selections in the history of the National Football League draft, including three of the last two years.



JEFF SHOATE

2004 Fifth Round - Denver Broncos



J.R. TOLVER

2003 Fifth Round - Miami Dolphins



CHESTER PITTS

2002 Second Round - Houston Texans



LARRY NED

2002 Sixth Round - Oakland Raiders



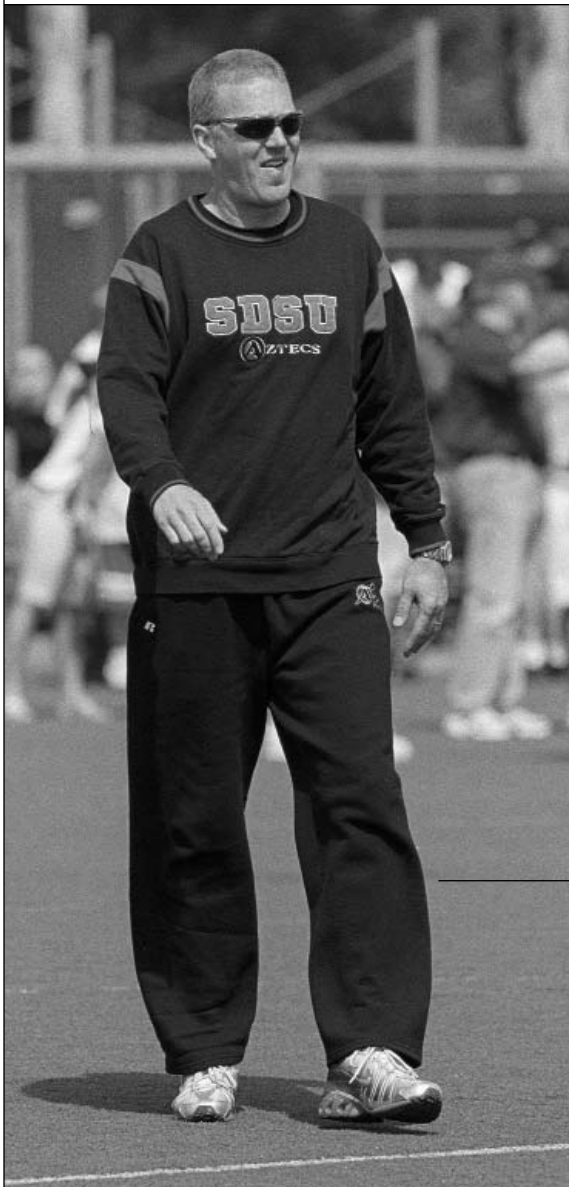
MIKE HOUGHTON

2002 Sixth Round - Green Bay Packers



ROBERT GRIFFITH

MOLDING TALENT



When it comes to molding talent, the SDSU coaching staff is no stranger. Between the 10 coaches, the staff is responsible for more than 75 NFL Draft choices in 140 combined years of coaching at the major collegiate level. Equally impressive is that three relative newcomers to the coaching community, William Inge, Jonathan Himebauch and Thom Kaumeyer, have added to the total.

Regardless of experience, the staff undoubtedly recognizes talent and prepares their players for the professional ranks by making sure they are ready for every game while at San Diego State.

The numbers do not lie.

Since the 2003 draft, the current Aztec coaching staff has had 28 players selected by NFL clubs and 38 since 2000.

With everything San Diego State has to offer, the list is sure to grow.

JOE BOB CLEMENTS

Defensive Line
7 Years of Overall Experience
5 NFL Draft Picks

- ◆ Terrance Newman
- ◆ Jerametrious Butler



CHUCK LONG

Head Coach
11 Years of Overall Experience
16 NFL Draft Picks

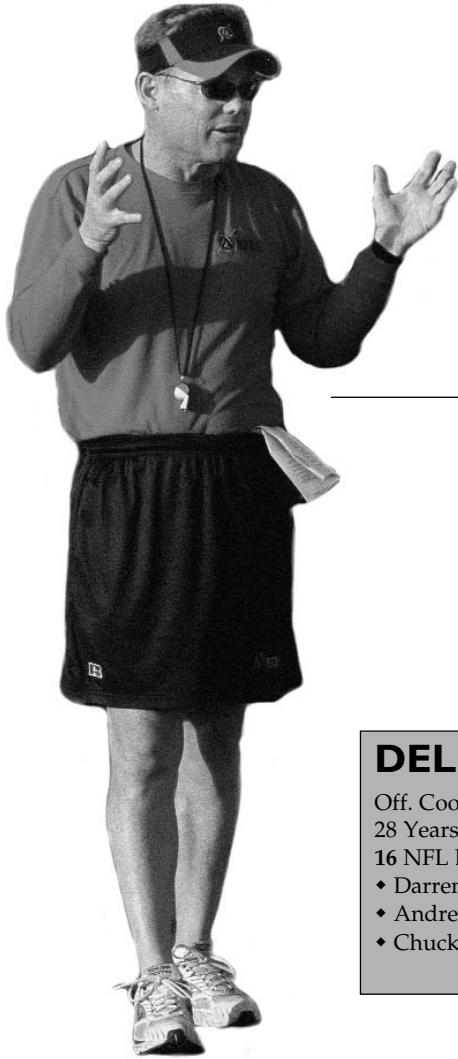
- ◆ Nine selections in last two years
- ◆ Mark Clayton
- ◆ Quentin Griffin



TOBY NEINAS

Tight Ends/Special Teams
13 Years of Overall Experience
5 NFL Draft Picks

- ◆ Dan Klecko
- ◆ Otis Leverette
- ◆ Bryan Thomas



**THOM
KAUMEYER**

Defensive Backs
4 Years of Overall Experience
5 NFL Draft Picks
♦ Five selections in last three years
♦ Kirk Morrison

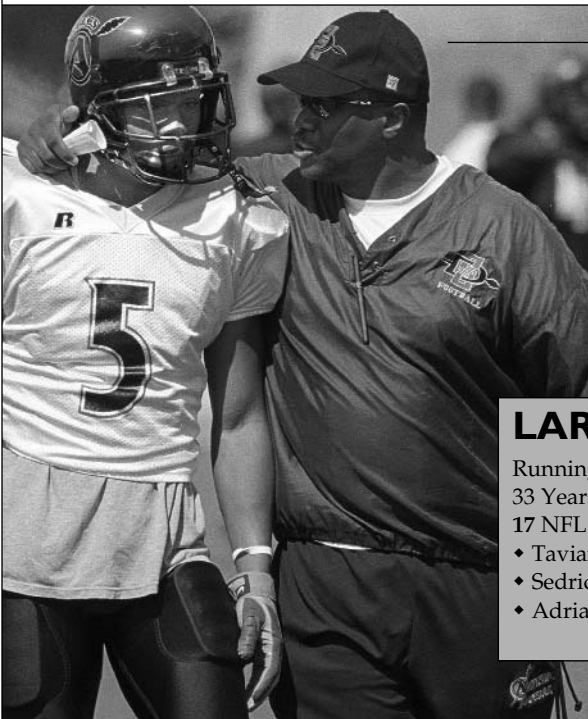
BOB ELLIOTT

Asst. Head Coach/Def. Coordinator
29 Years of Overall Experience
10 NFL Draft Picks
♦ Rashad Washington
♦ Terrance Newman
♦ Tom Knight



DEL MILLER

Off. Coordinator/Quarterbacks
28 Years of Overall Experience
16 NFL Draft Picks
♦ Darren Sproles
♦ Andre Coleman
♦ Chuck Long



**LECHARLS
MCDANIEL**

Wide Receivers
8 Years of Overall Experience
2 NFL Draft Picks
♦ J.R. Tolver
♦ Ricky Parker

LARRY HOLTON

Running Backs
33 Years of Overall Experience
17 NFL Draft Picks
♦ Tavian Banks
♦ Sedrick Shaw
♦ Adrian Murrell



GAMEDAY AT THE Q



Game day at San Diego State is a mixture of big-city sophistication, college football at its highest level, the best climate in America and a fan base that is accustomed to points and victories in bunches. The ingredients come together in an NFL stadium that has hosted three Super Bowls and seen its share of dramatics over the years.

SDSU football has grown up with the city of San Diego. Since the Aztecs began playing their home games in Mission Valley in the 1960s under the direction of Don Coryell, the traditions of night football and all-black uniforms have become important in the San Diego lifestyle.

Part of that lifestyle can be found leading up to the game. Many can be found in the Qualcomm Stadium parking lot throwing a football around and barbecuing in their red and black enjoying a perfect Southern California afternoon. Aztec football is just not a game, it is a ritual in San Diego.



GAME DAY IN SAN DIEGO

1	San Diego State is the only school in the Mountain West Conference to play all its home games in an NFL stadium.
36	During the last two seasons, the Aztecs have averaged 36,109 fans at home games.
40	This season marks the 40th year SDSU has played its home games at Qualcomm Stadium.
51	San Diego State has played on network and national cable television 51 times since 1990.
160	The Aztecs have won 160 games in their 39 years of playing at Qualcomm Stadium, meaning SDSU has won nearly 70 percent of its home games at the Q.



KGB SKYSHOW

Aztec football along with the KGB SkyShow have generated two of the top four all-time home crowds in each of the last two years.



NATIONAL ATTENTION

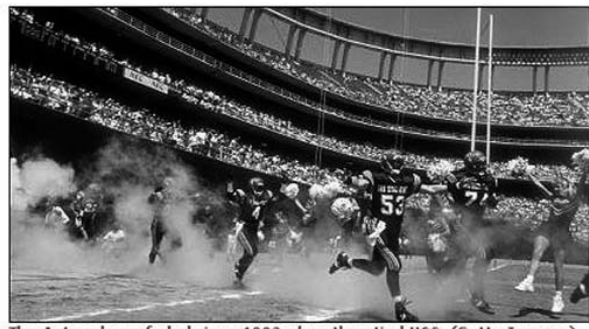
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Perfect solution?



The Aztecs have faded since 1992 when they tied USC. (Getty Images)

In a city so nice that it is a distraction as much as a recruiting attraction, San Diego State signals with its latest coaching hire, Chuck Long, that it plans to move beyond football mediocrity, **Dennis Dodd** says. [Full story](#)

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In the nation's eighth largest city, San Diego State football is recognized at a national level. The media spotlight has always been on Montezuma Mesa and is even more so with a new coaching staff and a renewed excitement surrounding the program.

The Aztecs have always been an attractive option for the network and cable television networks as they have broadcasted SDSU games 51 times since 1990.

This season will be no different as 11 games, with the possibility of a 12th, can be seen nationally or on a regional basis.

Not only does San Diego State receive coverage locally and regionally, it is common for national and out-of-market writers and broadcasters to cover SDSU football.

COUNTDOWN TO
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SDSU has Long wa

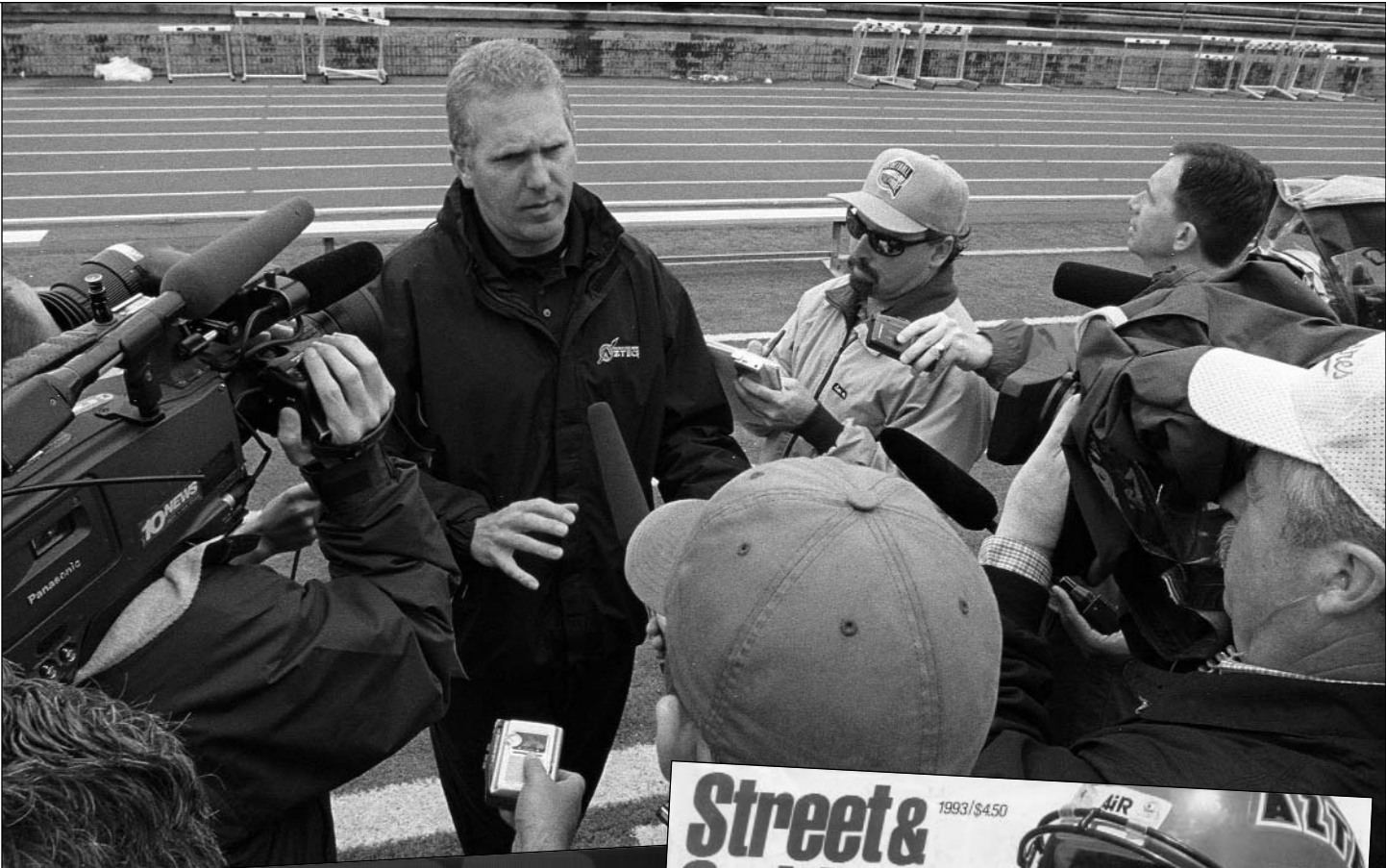
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Return to glory?

New Aztecs coach Long expects to wage... and fight enemy





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San Diego State turned to Chuck Long to revive the Aztecs program.

Long And Short Of It

Chuck Long helped OU win titles and post big offensive numbers. But can he awake the sleeping giant at SDSU? [Schad blog](#)

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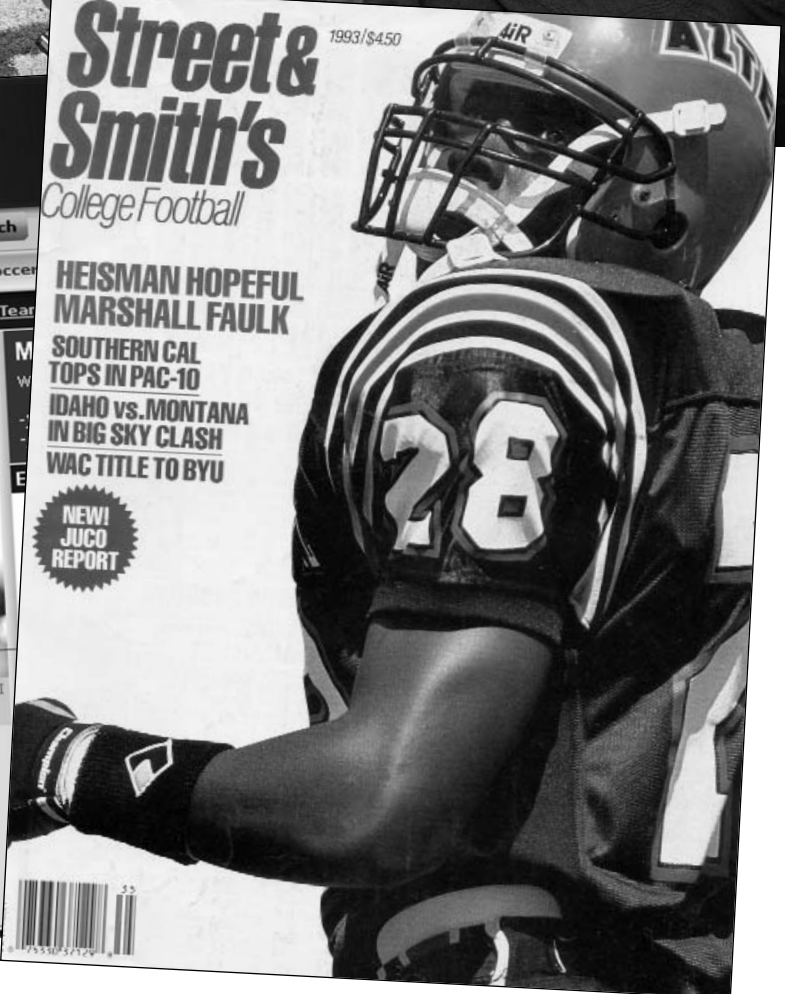
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College Football

HEISMAN HOPEFUL MARSHALL FAULK
SOUTHERN CAL TOPS IN PAC-10
IDAHO vs. MONTANA IN BIG SKY CLASH
WAC TITLE TO BYU

NEW! JUCO REPORT



STRENGTH & CONDITIONING

San Diego State's strength and conditioning program is headquartered in one of the finest facilities in the West. It is in the Aztec weight room where players work on becoming stronger and faster and it is on the SDSU practice fields where they work on their conditioning.

The program in place for San Diego State football is set up by third-year strength and conditioning coach Jon Francis, assistant strength coach Wendell Richards and SDSU track and field head coach Rahn Sheffield.

"Our program is a run-first philosophy," Francis said. "If you cannot sprint, change direction and be functional on the field, then nothing we do in the weight room matters."

Between all three coaches, they oversee a lifting program that is power oriented with an emphasis on Olympic-style lifts and plyometrics. The basis for the program is to improve the players' power, speed and movement.

"We vary our workouts and challenge the players everyday," Francis added. "They walk into the door looking forward to the day's challenges."

One of the pioneers of the plyometrics approach was Sheffield, a highly respected and sought-after speed and conditioning coach. The biggest obstacle facing athletes is their fight with gravity. The ability to jump, maneuver and transition from vertical to horizontal movement dictate the success of a football player.

The combination of Francis and Sheffield brings a number of graduating seniors and former Aztecs back to Montezuma Mesa in the offseason to train for the NFL combine and football at the next level.

Most recently, Heath Farwell (Minnesota Vikings), Freddy Keiaho (Indianapolis Colts), Robert Ortiz (San Diego Chargers) and Marviel Underwood (Green Bay Packers) have spent their offseason at SDSU to be a part of the Aztec offseason training program to prepare for the upcoming season.



Coach Francis and his wife, Joy

Jon Francis

Jon Francis is in his third year as the strength and conditioning coach of the Aztec football team 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.

"Our program is a run-first philosophy. If you cannot sprint, change direction and be functional on the field, then nothing we do in the weight room matters."

- Jon Francis



AZTEC WEIGHT ROOM



1	San Diego State's weight room is one of the finest, if not the finest, on the West Coast.
15	The Aztec weight room, located on the first floor of the Aztec Athletics Center, encompasses more than 15,000 square feet.
60	Located inside the SDSU weight room is a multi-purpose 60-meter running track.

Wendell Richards

Wendell Richards enters his first year as an assistant strength and conditioning coach at San Diego State 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.

AZTEC 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.

The Staff

The SAASS staff includes a director, 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.

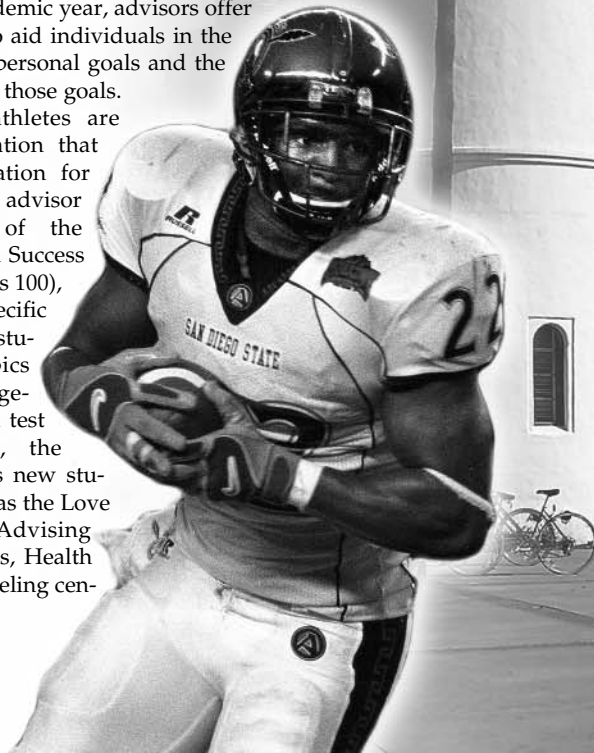
In addition to the full-time staff, the department employs more than 20 mentors and tutors.

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.



HEPNER HALL

15	Football's Josh Ulibarri along with 14 others were given Malik Awards, which honor students with the highest semester GPAs, at the SAAC banquet.
91	This past year, 91 Big Red Awards were handed out at the SAAC awards. To be eligible, student-athletes must have a semester GPA of at least a 3.2.
100	The Monty Award was given out to 100 Aztec student-athletes for achieving a semester GPA of 3.5 or higher at the annual awards banquet.



Student-Athlete Academic Support Services



COLLEEN EVANS

Director



BRE WHITE

Asst. Dir., Multicultural/Community Service Programs, SAAC Co-advisor, Academic Advisor - Football, XC/Track, Tennis, Swimming



WILLIE JUDD

CHAMPS/Life Skills Coordinator, SAAC Co-advisor, Academic Advisor - Baseball, Women's Basketball, Volleyball, Men's Golf



JESSICA SIMMONS

Academic Advisor - Football, Softball, Women's Soccer, Water Polo



KRISTIE SMEDSRUD

Academic Advisor - Men's Basketball, Crew, Men's Soccer, Women's Golf



MARIA MORENO-PARDO

Learning Specialist/DSS Liason, Mentor/Tutor Coordinator

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 2006, 206 student-athletes, more than one-third of the student-athlete body, were honored for their work in the classroom.

A new event was launched in 2005 with the inaugural Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) Awards. SDSU's student-athletes were treated to an awards banquet 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 SAAC, the Life Skills Program represents SDSU's total commitment to enhancing the quality of each student's experience.



HARDY TOWER

AZTECS IN THE COMMUNITY

At San Diego State University, community outreach is an important component of campus life. Over the years, Aztec athletes have been involved in numerous programs, including Habitat For Humanity, Special Olympics, Shop-With-A-Jock and MS Walk (Water Walkers).

Visits to Children's Hospital, local elementary schools and the Ronald McDonald House are common events for SDSU student-athletes. Over the last five years, red and black jerseys from all sports have become familiar sights at local military bases and hospitals.

San Diego State University has a partnership with Encanto Elementary School in which the Aztec athletic department provides student-athlete tutors and mentors for the school. Tickets to SDSU athletic events are rewards for outstanding academic achievement by the elementary students.

Food drives, stuffed-animal drives and Christmas gift drives are annual features at San Diego State University.

Every season for four consecutive weeks during the month of November, the Aztec swimming and diving team staffs a local shelter and soup kitchen.

In addition, the swimming and diving squad along with the crew team participate in Race for the Cure and Row for the Cure, respectively.

"The students are providing a community service," said Bre White, who is the coordinator of SDSU's community service activities. "However, I would say that often times the student-athletes may gain the most from the experience."

NAVAL MEDICAL CENTER



WATER WALKERS



"It is important to me that our student-athletes are great members of the community when they are here at San Diego State. One area where we concentrate our efforts is in community service. Our team looks forward to these events."

- Chuck Long



RONALD McDONALD HOUSE

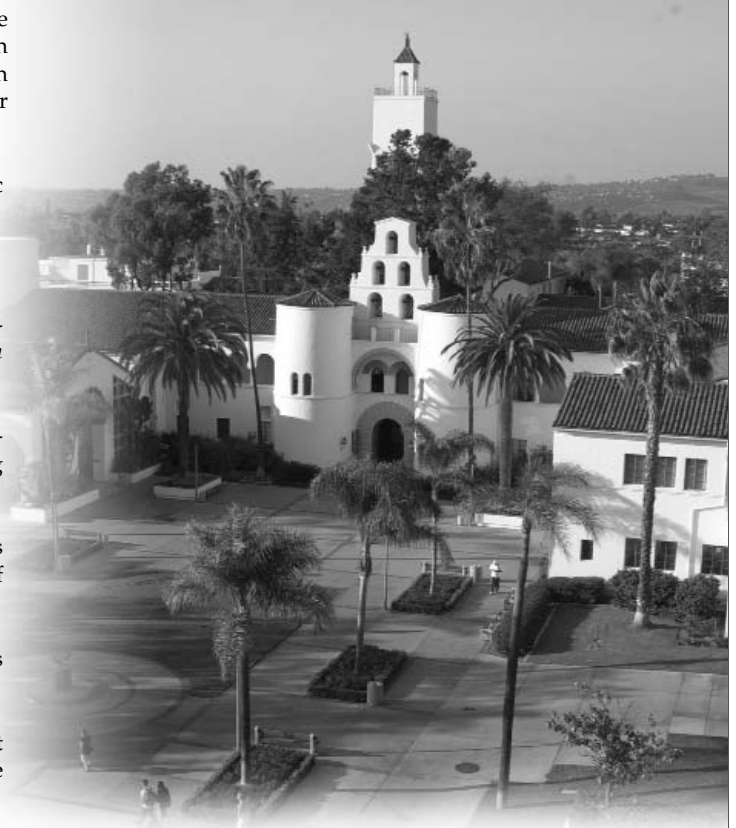


SHOP-WITH-A-JOCK

SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY

Beginning its 110th academic year in fall 2006, 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 35,000 students, SDSU has grown into the largest institution of higher education in the San Diego region and the fifth 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 SDSU.
- SDSU is No. 14 in the nation for bachelor's degrees conferred to ethnic minorities according to the June 2006 edition of *Diverse Issues in Higher Education*.
- The International Business Program at SDSU is the largest undergraduate international business program in the country, serving 700 students annually.
- SDSU is No. 9 in the nation and No. 4 in California for bachelor's degrees awarded to Hispanics according to the May 2006 issue of *Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education*.
- SDSU is No. 22 in entrepreneurship among best graduate programs according to the April 2006 edition of *U.S. News & World Report*.
- 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.



CHEMICAL SCIENCES LABORATORY

CENTENNIAL WALKWAY



Did You Know?

San Diego State has been designated a "Research University" with high research activity by the Carnegie Foundation. This designation places SDSU among the top 200 universities conducting research in the United States.

SDSU's undergraduate International Business program was ranked No. 9 in the nation in August 2005 by *U.S. News & World Report*.

San Diego State's Graduate School of Public Health is No. 1 in the continental U.S. for Hispanic graduates.

SDSU's College of Education ranked No. 57 in the nation in the *U.S. News & World Report's* 2006 rankings of best graduate schools.

San Diego State students volunteer more than three million hours annually in community service - which, if valued at minimum wage, would be a donation to the region worth more than \$20 million a year.

SDSU is the first U.S. university to offer an transnational triple degree program in International Business. In fact, SDSU has the only two such programs in the country. Undergraduates earn degrees from SDSU and universities in Mexico and Canada in the CaMexUs program, or degrees from SDSU, Mexico and Chile in the TransAmerica program.



AZTEC FACILITIES

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.

Two springs ago, 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 twice 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. In March 2006, Cox Arena also played host to the boy's and girl's McDonald's High School All-American Basketball game.

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 Mountain West Conference softball championship.

Also in the plans for Montezuma Mesa is a new pool where the SDSU 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 2006.

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

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



AZTEC ATHLETICS CENTER

AZTEC PRACTICE FACILITY



COX ARENA AT AZTEC BOWL

AZTEC EXCELLENCE



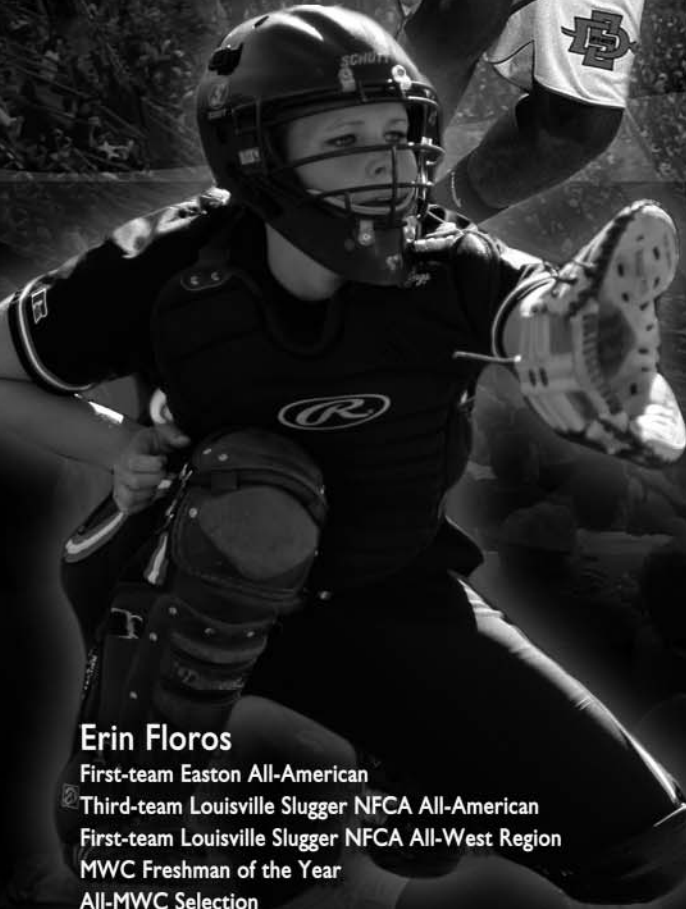
Brandon Heath

2006 AP Honorable Mention All-American
2006 MWC Player of the Year
2006 MWC All-Tournament Pick
2006 USBWA All-District Team
2006 NABC All-District 13 First Team
Three-time All-MWC Selection



Andrew Scott

2006 All-MWC Selection
Two-time MWC Golfer of the Month



Erin Floros

First-team Easton All-American
Third-team Louisville Slugger NFCA All-American
First-team Louisville Slugger NFCA All-West Region
MWC Freshman of the Year
All-MWC Selection



Dita Hauerlandova

Three-time All-MWC Singles
Two-time All-MWC Doubles
2006 West Region ITA/Arthur Ashe
Sportsmanship & Leadership Recipient



Markus Dickhardt

2006 ITA Doubles All-American
Three-time All-MWC Singles
2006 All-MWC Doubles
2004 MWC Freshman of the Year

Freddy Keiaho

2006 First-team All-MWC
2006 SDSU Leading Tackler

Tally Hall

2006 Third-team NSCAA All-American
2006 All-Far West Region First Team
2006 First-team All-Pac-10

Erin Asay

2006 Indoor Track & Field All-American Pole Vaulter
2006 MWC Indoor/Outdoor Track & Field Pole Vault Champion
2004 MWC Indoor Track & Field Pole Vault Champion

AMERICA'S FINEST CITY

San Diego AZTEC TERRITORY

Quite simply, San Diego State University and the City of San Diego, "America's Finest City," enjoy several advantages over virtually every other school in America. The climate, diversity, environment and sheer beauty of the city attracts people from all walks of life.

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 eighth 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?

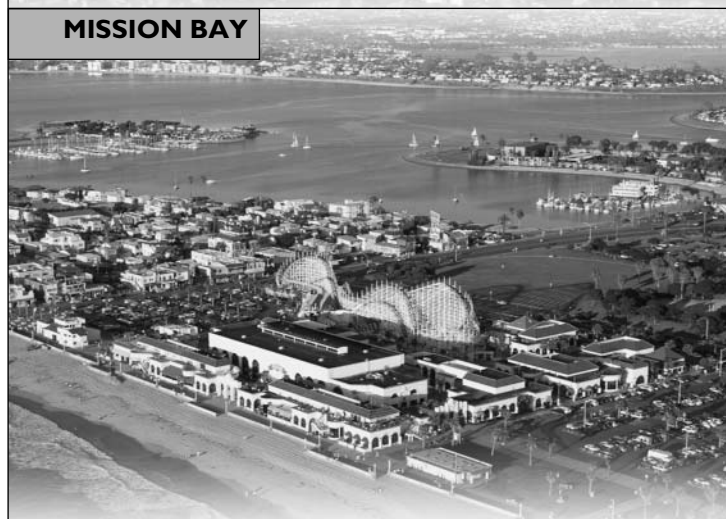
San Diego also offers Tony Award-winning theatre, opera, symphony, art galleries and performance art for the culturally curious.

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.

BALBOA PARK



MISSION BAY



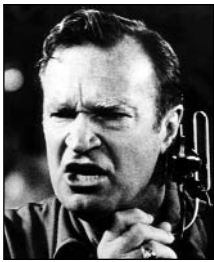
1	The City of San Diego has a population of 1,266,753. and is the second largest city in California. More than 100 languages are spoken by San Diego residents.
3	With a San Diego County population of 3,017,204, the metropolitan area ranks as the 17th largest in the United States.
8	San Diego is the eighth largest city in America, but has maintained its small-town feel.
10	Many claim San Diego has America's perfect climate and with an average of 10 inches of rainfall per year, it is difficult to dispute.
35	San Diego has a youthful population as approximately 56 percent of the city's residents are under 35 years of age.
70	With an average of 10 inches of rainfall a year plus an average daytime temperature of 70 degrees, San Diego has the nation's perfect climate.



HARBOR ISLAND

CORYELL LOCKER ROOM

DON CORYELL LOCKER ROOM



Don Coryell
SDSU Head Coach 1961-1972
104-19-2
.840 career winning percentage

One of the cornerstones of the Aztec Athletics Center is now named after the man many consider the cornerstone of Aztec football.

The San Diego State football team calls the Don Coryell Locker Room home. The naming rights to the locker room were purchased by former Aztec football players and boosters on behalf of the legendary Aztec coach, who went on to a standout NFL career with the Cardinals and Chargers.

The locker room is one of the largest areas in the Aztec Athletics Center. It is located on the first floor of the Aztec Athletics Center. It features oak lockers with personalized nameplates of current Aztecs, along with historic nameplates honoring past players who wore the same number.

The historic recognition comes via purchases made by former players in support of the football program, or by friends of those players, or boosters, who use the lockers as a way to recognize accomplishments by former Aztecs.

If you or someone you know is interested in purchasing the nameplate to honor a former Aztec, contact Senior Associate Athletic Director Dave Powroznik at 619-594-0291.

Honorary Nameplates

- #3 Kevin Craft
Presented by Scott Pressley
- #7 Kevin O'Connell
Presented by Davis Heller
- #12 Dennis Shaw
- #15 Tom Craft
- #20 Michael Franklin
– In Memory of Terrell Franklin
Presented by Jon & Becky Busch
- #28 Marshall Faulk
- #23 Leon Parma
Presented by Jack Goodall
- #32 Mike Ibe Jr.
- #34 Kirk Morrison
Presented by Mike Ibe
- #35 Art Preston
Presented by Tom Pine
- #44 Herman Edwards
- #45 John Duich
Presented by Steve Duich
- #50 Jim Hight
- #68 Dennis Jenkins
Presented by Ben Bagnas
- #76 Andrew Kline
- #77 Fred Dryer
- #79 Brooke Dunn
- #89 Rob Awalt
- #93 Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila

