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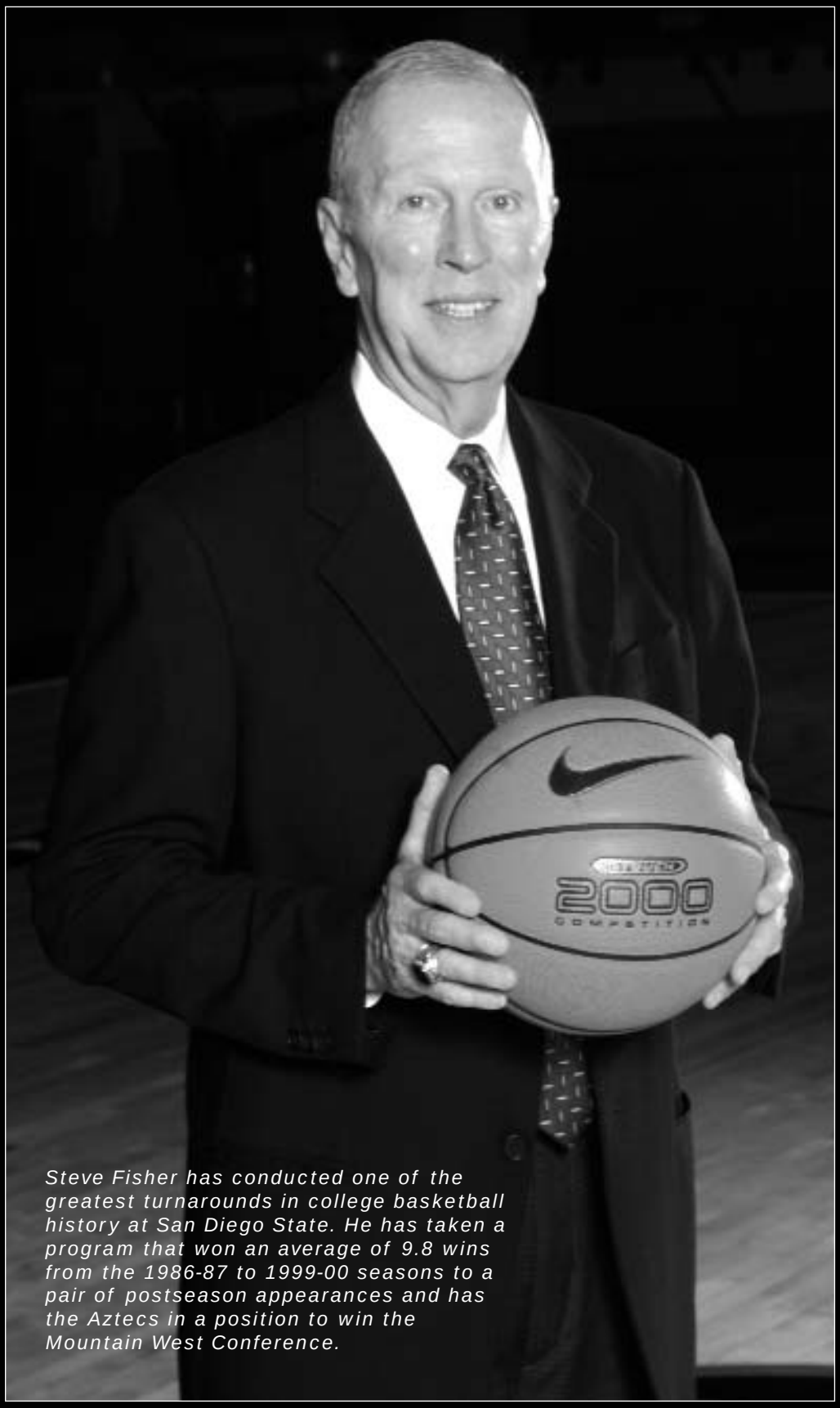

Steve Fisher has conducted one of the greatest turnarounds in college basketball history at San Diego State. He has taken a program that won an average of 9.8 wins from the 1986-87 to 1999-00 seasons to a pair of postseason appearances and has the Aztecs in a position to win the Mountain West Conference.

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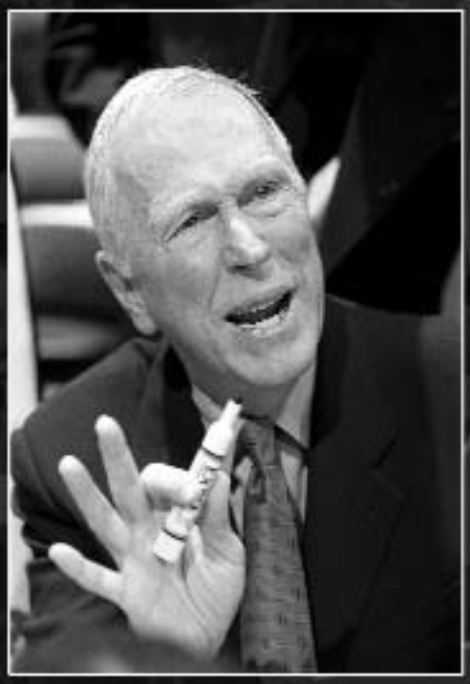
Steve Fisher

Sometimes there are no adjectives. Sometimes the phrases don't do justice. Sometimes you just stick with the basic facts and let them tell the story.

A five-win season followed by a 14-win season. A 14-win season followed by 21 wins, a conference championship and a trip to the NCAA Tournament. An NCAA Tournament appearance followed by a third-straight .500 or better season, a second consecutive trip to the postseason and the first Division I postseason victory in school history.



In six short seasons, Steve Fisher has changed the outlook, fortunes and expectations of San Diego State basketball.

The Aztecs have been transformed from the ugly duckling that muddled through the first-ever Mountain West Conference campaign with an 0-14 record into a conference champion. It is a school that now regularly goes toe-to-toe with the west's best basketball programs on the court and in the recruiting wars. It may be the new program on the block but seniority rarely matters in the changing world of college athletics.

It is now Steve Fisher's program.

The hiring only dates back to March of 1999, so referring to the "Steve Fisher Era" at San Diego State might be considered a bit premature. But with the Aztecs success under the national championship coach, there is little doubt that San Diego State basketball has reached a new level.

Highest NCAA Tournament Winning Percentage/Active Coaches*

Minimum 20 games

Rk.	Coach, Current School	W-L	Pct.
1.	Mike Krzyzewski, Duke	62-16	79.5
2.	Tom Izzo, Michigan St.	23-7	76.7
3.	Rick Pitino, Louisville	31-10	75.6
4.	**Steve Fisher, SDSU**	**20-7**	**74.1**
5.	Roy Williams, UNC	41-15	73.2
6.	Tubby Smith, Kentucky	27-11	71.1
7.	Jim Calhoun, UCONN	36-15	70.6
8.	Gary Williams, Maryland	26-13	66.7
9.	Bob Knight, Texas Tech	45-24	65.2
10.	Bill Self, Kansas	13-7	65.0

Most Final Four Appearances/Active Coaches

Rk.	Coach, Current School	No.
1.	Mike Krzyzewski, Duke	10
2.	Bob Knight, Texas Tech	5
	Lute Olson, Arizona	5
	Rick Pitino, Louisville	5
	Roy Williams, North Carolina	5
6.	Tom Izzo, Michigan St.	4
7.	**Steve Fisher, San Diego St.**	**3**
	Jim Boeheim, Syracuse	3
	Eddie Sutton, Oklahoma St.	3

Active National Championship Coaches

Coach	Current School
Jim Boeheim	Syracuse
Jim Calhoun	Connecticut
Steve Fisher	**San Diego State**
Tom Izzo	Michigan State
Bob Knight	Texas Tech
Mike Krzyzewski	Duke
Lute Olson	Arizona
Rick Pitino	Louisville
Tubby Smith	Kentucky
Gary Williams	Maryland
Roy Williams	North Carolina

Fisher's Men In The NBA

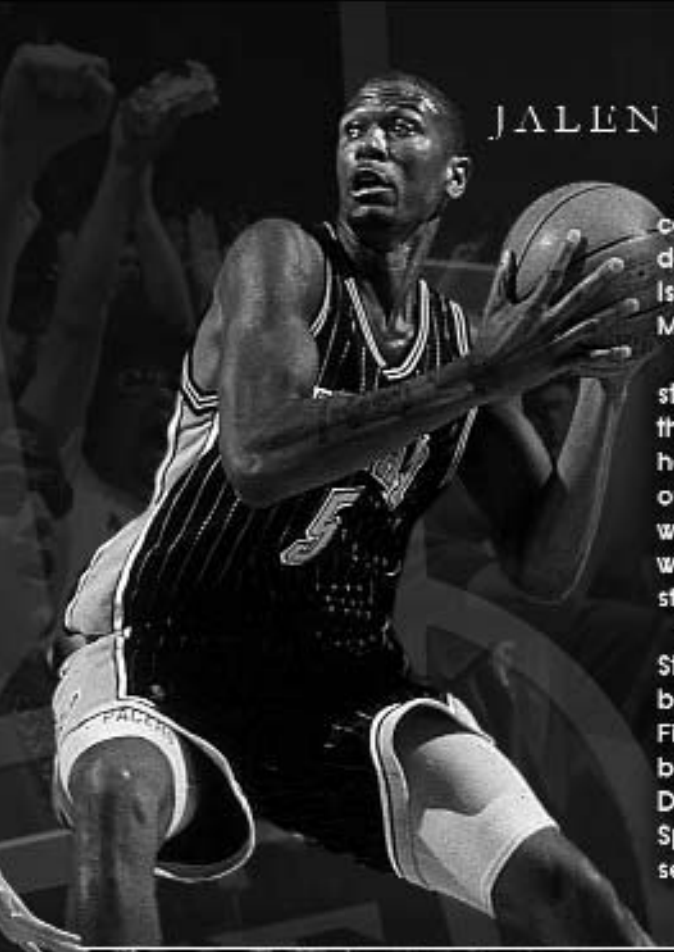
JUWAN HOWARD

CHRIS WEBBER

"Coach Fisher helped me develop as a person, a student and a basketball player. There is no question that he is a major reason I am where I am today."

Most NBA Draft Picks/Active Coaches Since 1989

Rk.	Coach, Current School	No.
1.	Mike Krzyzewski, Duke	25
2.	Lute Olson, Arizona	24
3.	Roy Williams, North Carolina	19
4.	Jim Calhoun, Connecticut	16
5.	**Steve Fisher, SDSU**	**14**
	Gary Williams, Maryland	14
7.	Jim Boeheim, Syracuse	13
8.	Rick Barnes, Texas	11
	Bob Huggins, Cincinnati	11
	Rick Pitino, Louisville	11



JALEN ROSE

A keen eye for talent coupled with the ability to develop raw athletic ability is one reason Steve Fisher's Men Play in the NBA.

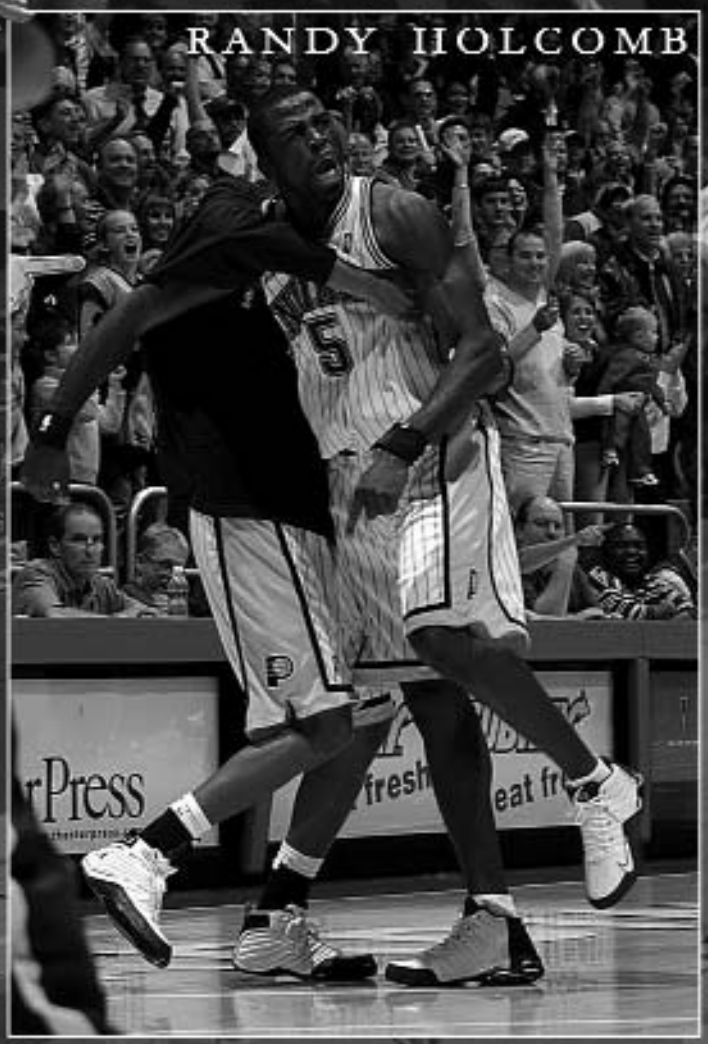
Fisher has helped 24 student-athletes realize their professional dream of hearing their names called out and then making the walk to the podium on the world's biggest basketball stage - the NBA Draft.

In June 2002, San Diego State's Randy Holcomb became the 24th Fisher-coached player to be selected in the NBA Draft when the San Antonio Spurs made him their second-round selection.

Fisher's NBA Draft Picks

Includes players selected while an assistant coach

Year	Name
1982	Thad Garner
1984	Tim McCormick
	Eric Turner
	Dan Pelekoudas
1986	Roy Tarpley
	Richard Relford
	Butch Wade
	Robert Henderson
1987	Antoine Joubert
1988	Gary Grant
1989	Glen Rice
1990	Rumeal Robinson
	Loy Vaught
	Terry Mills
	Sean Higgins
1993	Chris Webber
	Eric Riley
1994	Juwan Howard
	Jalen Rose
1995	Jimmy King
1997	Maurice Taylor
1998	Robert Traylor
	Maceo Baston
2002	Randy Holcomb



RANDY HOLCOMB

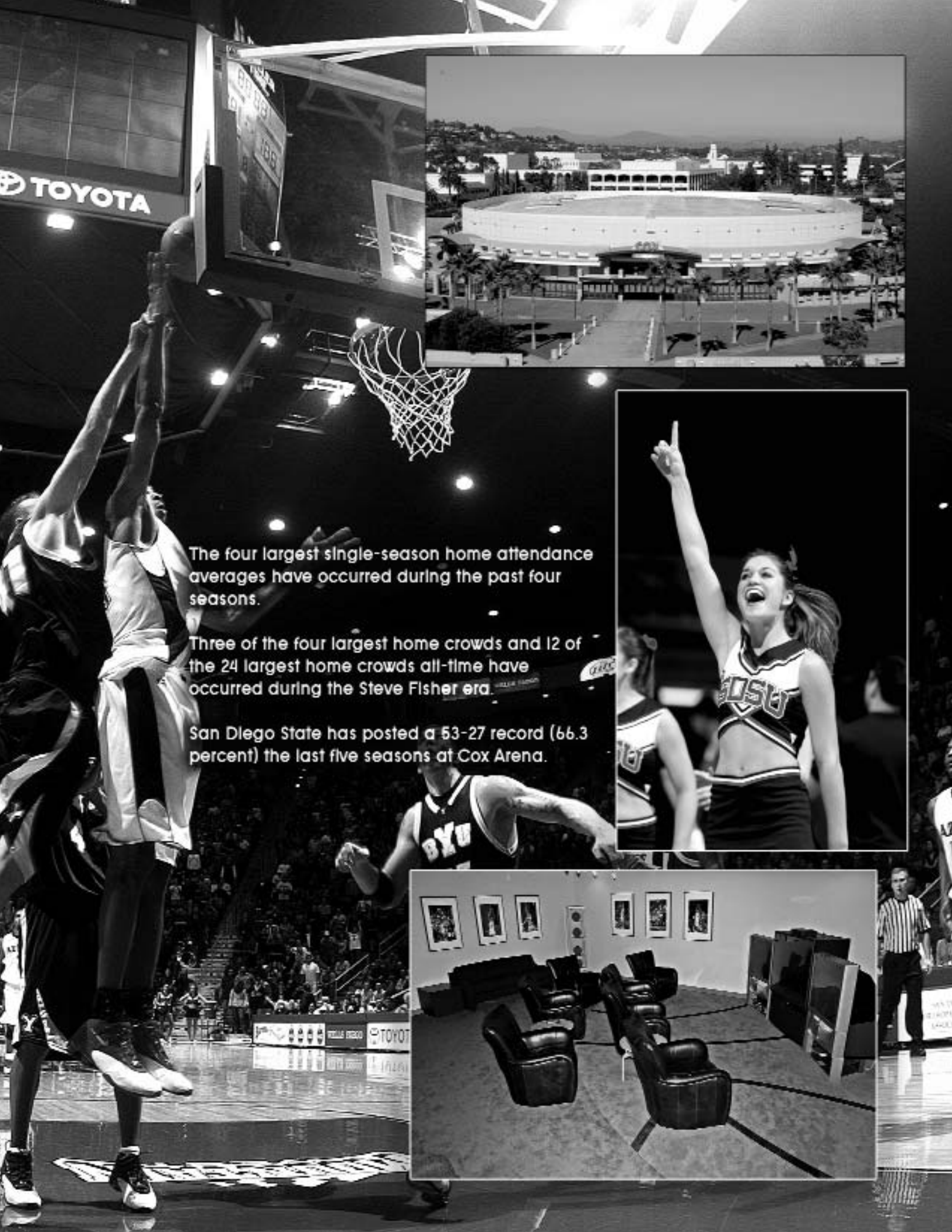
GLEN RICE

Cox Arena

The San Diego State basketball team has one of the finest on-campus basketball facilities in the country as its home court.

Cox Arena at Aztec Bowl enters its eighth season as the home court for the San Diego State men's and women's basketball programs. A 12,414-seat facility that combines state-of-the-art technology with a fan-friendly and close-to-the-floor seating configuration. The arena has already hosted the 2001 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament and the 2001 NCAA Women's Volleyball national championship. The Aztecs will again play host to the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament in 2006 and the 2006 McDonald's Boys and Girls High School All-American game.

In addition, the facility is the premier concert venue in Southern California, as Elton John, Billy Joel, Britney Spears, Creed and Incubus have all recently graced the arena's stage.



The four largest single-season home attendance averages have occurred during the past four seasons.

Three of the four largest home crowds and 12 of the 24 largest home crowds all-time have occurred during the Steve Fisher era.

San Diego State has posted a 53-27 record (66.3 percent) the last five seasons at Cox Arena.

Game day at Cox Arena

Game day at Cox Arena is a spectacle that every college basketball fan must see.

Whether it's the Aztec pep band blasting the SDSU Fight Song, the cheerleaders working the crowd into a frenzy, the dance team entertaining during timeouts, one thing is for sure: Cox Arena shakes with excitement every time San Diego State takes the floor.

From the booming introductions building to a crescendo at tip-off, to the storming of the court following another big Aztec victory, game nights at Cox Arena are special.

And no matter whether you are in the front row, in the middle of the wild student section, or at the top of the arena, four video display boards make every seat seem like the front row.

Fight on and on
Ye Aztec men
Sons of Montezuma we will
Win again
Keep your spirits high
Never bow a knee
We will fight till victory.

Fight on and on ye Aztec men
Proudly raise your banners high
For it's the Red and Black
Hail to our team
San Diego Aztec Fight!

S-D-S-U

SDSU Aztecs Fight!

Finest Facilities

In place now on Montezuma Mesa are arguably some of the finest facilities in the United States and San Diego State certainly tops the charts on the west coast.

The department is now housed in the $30 million, 130,000-square-foot Aztec Athletics Center. The new centerpiece of the department, which was dedicated in February of 2002, is located just across the street from Cox Arena and just east of Tony Gwynn Stadium.

On the south, the AAC 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 100-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 1996. Last spring, the San Diego State men's and women's tennis teams opened its new Aztec Tennis Center, while the softball team began play at SDSU Softball Stadium. In fall 2006, both the swimming and diving squads, along with the water polo team will have a brand new on-campus pool.

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, in addition to the 2006 McDonald's Boys and Girls High School All-American 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, while SDSU Softball Stadium was the home of the 2005 MWC Softball Championships.

San Diego State Sports Deck
Aztec Athletics Center
Aztec Hall Of Fame
Aztec Sports Medicine Center
The 15,000-Square Foot Weight Room

SDSU Plays Big Games

From playing in the postseason (NCAA Tournament and NIT) to the marquee preseason events (EA Sports Maui Invitational, San Diego SLAM) to national headline regular-season games with teams like Duke, Arizona, Texas Tech and Oklahoma State, San Diego State plays a national caliber schedule.

With more than 81 percent of its games televised over the past four seasons, San Diego State's challenging schedule has been rewarded with live television appearances and national media attention.

SAN DIEGO
SLAM
EA SPORTS
MAUI
INVITATIONAL

National Coverage

- San Diego State has had 99 of its 122 games (81.1 percent) carried live either nationally, regionally or locally the past three seasons.
- Since the 2001-02 season, the Aztecs have had basketball games broadcast by ABC, CBS, ESPN, ESPN2, Fox Sports Net, ESPN+Plus, SportsWest and Channel 4 San Diego.
- SDSU set a school-record in 2003-04 with 27 games appearing live on television. There are at least 20 games scheduled to appear on television in 2005-06.
- The seventh largest city + 34,174 students + no professional basketball = unparalleled media exposure. Below is a look at the nation's 10 most populated cities with basketball teams, both professional and major colleges, that call that market home. San Diego State is the only major-conference school located in one of the 10 largest cities that does not compete with the NBA. In fact, the Aztecs are the only Division I-A school in San Diego.

1	New York	8,085,742	Knicks (NBA), Nets (NBA), St. John's
2	Los Angeles	3,819,951	Lakers (NBA), Clippers (NBA), UCLA, USC
3	Chicago	2,869,121	Bulls (NBA), DePaul, Northwestern
4	Houston	2,009,690	Rockets (NBA), Houston, Rice
5	Philadelphia	1,479,339	76ers (NBA), Temple, St. Joseph's, Villanova, LaSalle, Pennsylvania
6	Phoenix	1,388,416	Suns (NBA), Arizona State
7	**San Diego**	**1,266,753**	**San Diego State**
8	San Antonio	1,214,725	Spurs (NBA)
9	Dallas	1,208,318	Mavericks (NBA), SMU
10	Detroit	911,402	Pistons (NBA), Michigan, Michigan State

National Attention

Marcus Slaughter

- 2005-06 MWC Preseason Player of the Year
- 2005-06 Preseason All-MWC First Team
- *Athlon Sports* and *Sporting News* Preseason MWC Player of the Year
- *Street & Smith's*, *Athlon Sports* and *Sporting News* MWC Preseason All-MWC First Team

Brandon Heath

- 2005-06 Preseason All-MWC First Team
- *Blue Ribbon* and cbssportsline.com MWC Preseason Player of the Year
- cbssportsline.com and *Sporting News* MWC Preseason All-MWC First Team
- *Street & Smith's* MWC Best Penetrator

Mohamed Abukar

- 2005-06 MWC Preseason Newcomer of hte Year
- *Sporting News* MWC Preseason Newcomer of the Year
- *Street & Smith's* MWC Best Transfer
- *Athlon Sports* Top Transfers

Since 2002, 11 San Diego State players have earned 14 all-league honors. Each of the last three seasons, the Aztecs have had at least three players earn all-league accolades.

SDSU In The Community

The athletic department and the San Diego State basketball program take pride in taking an active role in a number of community projects. Aztec players volunteer their time to help support the community that supports San Diego State athletics.

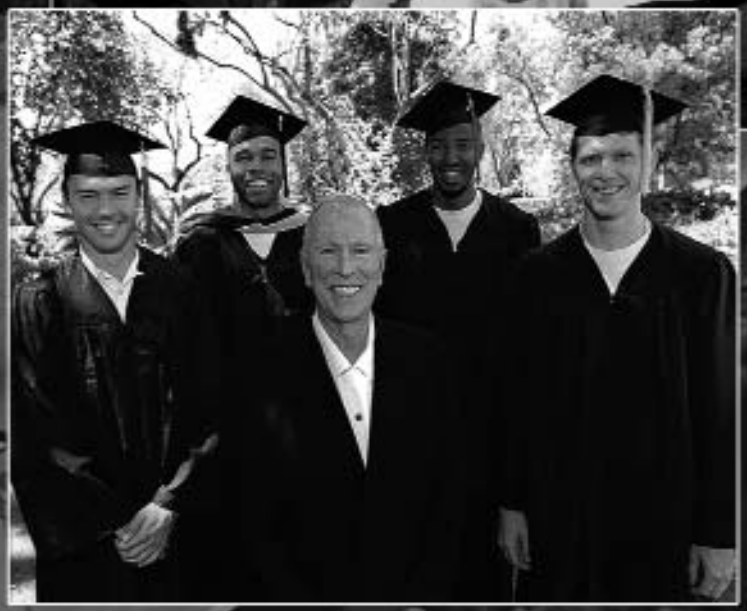
In addition to visiting schools and hospitals, Aztec players are always looking for additional ways to help serve the community. For example, the past three years former Aztec Chris Walton has organized a food drive in conjunction with a men's basketball game to help San Diego area residents in need.

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.

Two years ago, four SDSU players (right), including both seniors in the 2004 class, took part in University commencement ceremonies, including Ben Wardrop (double major), Michael Marion (master's degree), Aerick Sanders and Karlo Kovacic (graduate honors magna cum laude).



SDSU Is...

Renowned

San Diego State is home to top-ranking programs in education, business, social work, speech-language and public administration, to name a few.

Opportunities

Students at SDSU can choose from 81 undergraduate majors, 72 master's programs and 16 doctoral degree programs.

Community

One in seven San Diegans with a college degree attended SDSU.

Diversity

SDSU ranks among the top 10 schools in racial and ethnic diversity.

Research

SDSU is among the top seven percent of research universities.

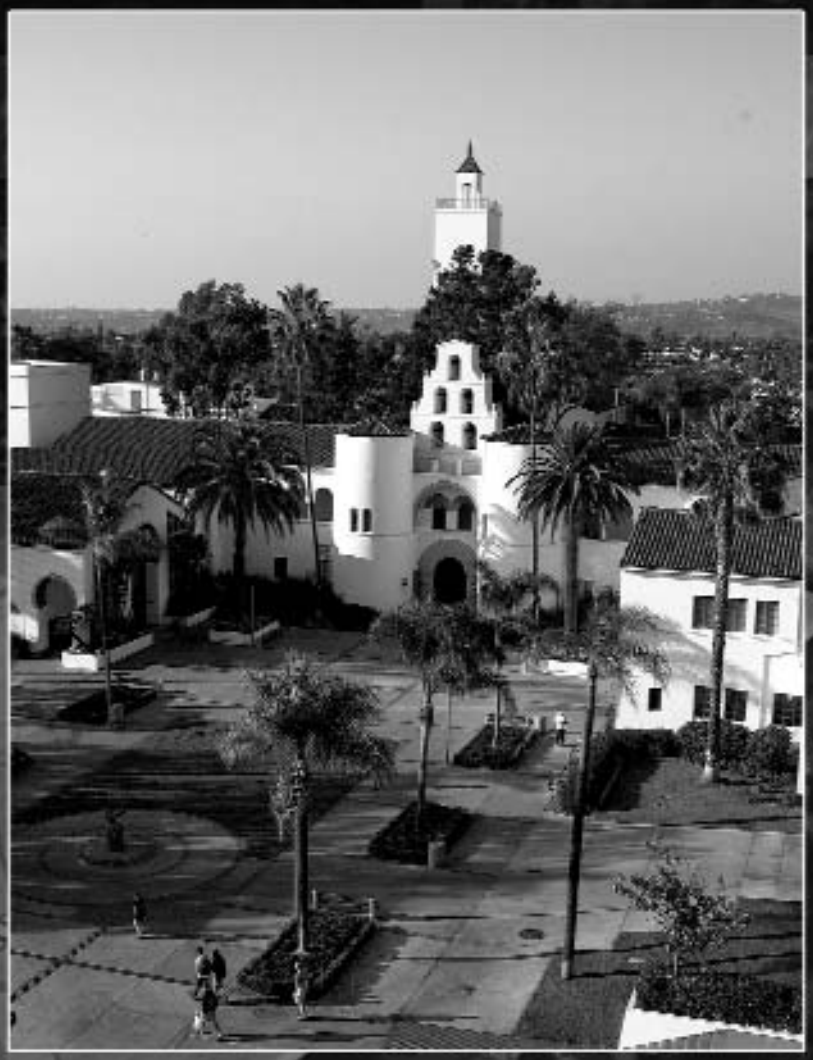
Beginning its 109th academic year in fall 2005, San Diego State University can take pride in more than a century of achievement in education, research and service. With an enrollment of more than 34,000 students, SDSU has grown into the largest institution of higher education in the San Diego region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

Renowned for its academic excellence, the university is home to top-ranking programs in education, international business, social work, speech-language pathology, biology and public administration, to name just a few. Overall, San Diego State students can choose from 81 undergraduate majors, 72 master's programs and 16 doctoral degree programs.

One in seven San Diegans with a college degree attended SDSU, making San Diego State a primary educator of the region's work force, as well as a leader in expanding access to higher education. Committed to serving the richly diverse San Diego region, SDSU ranks among the top universities nationwide in terms of ethnic and racial diversity among its student body, as well as the number of bachelor's degrees conferred upon students of color.

Increasingly recognized for innovative research, SDSU 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.

Private giving to San Diego State has also risen sharply in recent years, reaching a record $65 million in the 2003-2004 fiscal year.



San Diego
America's Finest City

Not just any place, but the place.

Recognized as "America's Finest City," San Diego offers the best of summer living all year long. With an average temperature of 70 degrees, very little rainfall and beautiful beaches at your doorstep, who could ask for anything more?

And yet there is so much more.

There are mountains and lakes, theaters and museums, and all the benefits of living in a large city while maintaining distinct communities.

As the seventh-largest city in the country, San Diego offers a diverse urban environment. It is the home of Fortune 500 companies, Major League Baseball, the National Football League, the 2003 Super Bowl and some of the world's most spectacular beaches.

Welcome To San Diego

Population (county): 3.017.204
Population (city): 1.266.753
U.S. Population Rank: 7th
Avg. Daytime Temp.: 70 degrees
Avg. Annual Rain: 10 inches
Median Age of Residents: 32

WINNING...
IT'S WHAT WE DO

Alexis Solovij
Three-Time First Team Selection
2004 MWC Defensive Player of the Year

Bruce Billings
2005 MWC Pitcher of the Year

Markus Dickhardt
Two-time All-MWC Singles Selection
2004 MWC Freshman of the Year

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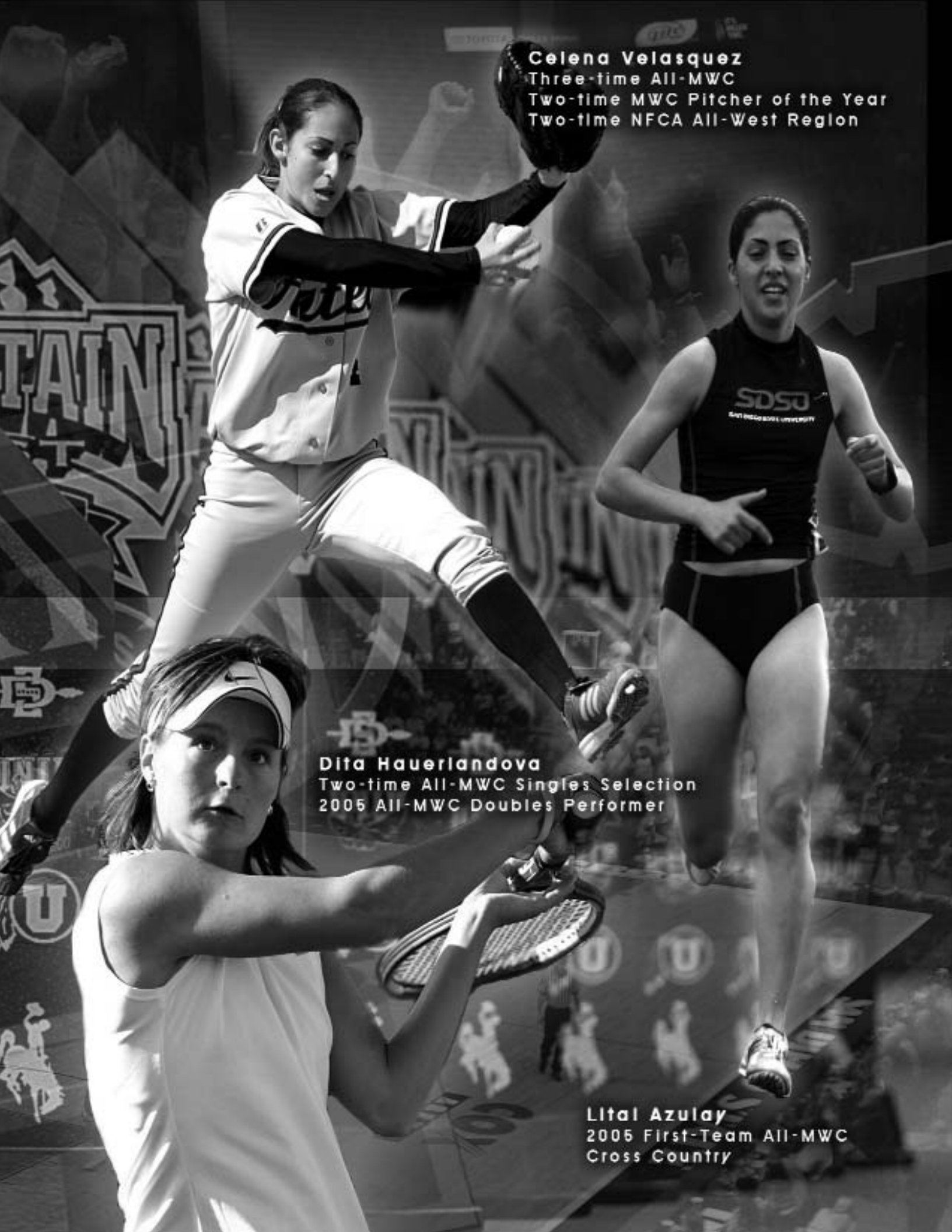
Celena Velasquez
Three-time All-MWC
Two-time MWC Pitcher of the Year
Two-time NFCA All-West Region
Dita Hauerlandova
Two-time All-MWC Singles Selection
2005 All-MWC Doubles Performer
Lital Azulay
2005 First-Team All-MWC
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From its inception in 1999, 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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