

# This Is San Diego State



*Senior Jose Perez, an Oceanside High product, is one of seven defensive starters returning in 2010.*

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# HEAD COACH BRADY HOKE

## HOKE BY THE NUMBERS

- 1997** year he helped Michigan to the national championship as the defensive line coach
- 40** number of all-conference picks in his seven-year head coaching career
- 29** years of coaching experience, including 27 at the collegiate level
- 21.0** average margin of victory in Ball State's 12 wins in 2008
- 9** bowl games he has coached
- 5** number of times his teams have won or shared a conference regular season title
- 4** number of schools to end the 2008 regular season perfect, including Hoke's Cardinals, Alabama, Boise State and Utah
- 2** number of 10-plus win seasons in Ball State's 84 years. Hoke has been part of both, as a player in 1978 and as a coach in 2008
- 1** national ranking in 2008 for Ball State in fewest penalties and fewest penalty yards per game
- 0** number of times Ball State had been nationally ranked before 2008, where the Cardinals reached as high as No. 12 in the AP poll



*Hired as the 17th head football coach in San Diego State history.*



*Also works with the Aztec defensive line.*



## 2008 Associated Press Coach of the Year Final Results

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Head Coach	School
1. Nick Saban	Alabama
2. Mike Leach	Texas Tech
3. Kyle Whittingham	Utah
4. Paul Johnson	Georgia Tech
5. Joe Paterno	Penn State
6. Brady Hoke	Ball State
7. Five others received votes	

### 2008 AFCA Regional Coach of the Year Winners

Head Coach	School
Brady Hoke	Ball State
Brian Kelly	Cincinnati
Mike Leach	Texas Tech
Houston Nutt	Mississippi
Mike Riley	Oregon State

## What They're Saying About BRADY HOKE

"Brady Hoke is one of the very fine coaches in this land. He and his staff care about their players and demand excellence in all phases of their program. The Aztecs will enjoy great success with coach Hoke!"

– Jim Tressel, head coach of Ohio State

"San Diego State made the right choice. Brady has done one of the great coaching jobs in the country at Ball State. I think he has proven what an outstanding coach he is."

– Lloyd Carr, former head coach of Michigan

"(He is) one of the finest football coaches in America. He is a proven winner and more importantly, he is a tremendous family man. He's also a great friend. The people of San Diego State should be very proud that Brady Hoke is their head football coach."

– John Harbaugh, head coach of the NFL's Baltimore Ravens



# SDSU COACHING STAFF



Darrell Funk



Rocky Long



Mark Smith



Brian Sipe



Jeff Hecklinski




LeCharls McDaniel



Dan Ferrigno



Al Borges

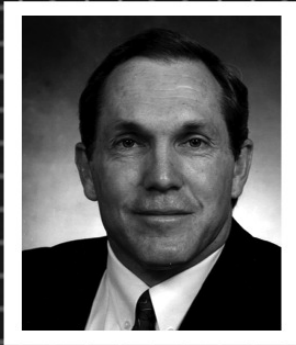


Tony White



**Al Borges**  
Offensive Coordinator

Previously served as offensive coordinator at Auburn, Indiana, California, UCLA, Oregon, Portland State and Boise State. Helped guide Auburn to a 41-9 record and four straight top-15 finishes in the AP final poll from 2004-07.



**Rocky Long**  
Defensive Coordinator

Served as the head coach at New Mexico from 1998-08 and is the all-time winningest coach in Mountain West Conference history. At UNM, his defensive units ranked among the top 30 in fewest yards allowed six times.



**Jeff Hecklinski**  
Assistant Head Coach/RBs  
Recruiting Coordinator

Coached five seasons with Brady Hoke at Ball State. Also served on coaching staffs at Arizona and Central Missouri State.



**Dan Ferrigno**  
Tight Ends/Special Teams

Spent 22 seasons coaching in the Pac-10 Conference at California, Oregon, Oregon State and USC. Coached Tony Gonzalez, Lavelle Hawkins, Keenan Howry, DeSean Jackson, Samie Parker and Demetrius Williams in college.



**Darrell Funk**  
Offensive Line

Served as the offensive line coach at Ball State and has coached the position at the college level for 15 years. In 2008, he coached Robert Brewster, who was selected in the third round of the NFL Draft, and Rimington Award candidate Dan Gerberry.



**LeCharls McDaniel**  
Wide Receivers

Is in his 10<sup>th</sup> season at San Diego State. His college pupils at wide receiver include Kassim Osgood, Chaz Schilens, Brett Swain and J.R. Tolver.



**Brian Sipe**  
Quarterbacks

Earned NFL MVP honors in 1980, when he guided the Cleveland Browns to an 11-5 record. He passed for more than 5,000 yards and earned honorable mention All-America honors at San Diego State.



**Mark Smith**  
Linebackers

Spent six seasons as the defensive coordinator and linebackers coach for Brady Hoke at Ball State. In 2008, his Cardinal defense ranked 28th nationally in points allowed.



**Tony White**  
Cornerbacks

Served as the linebackers coach for Rocky Long at New Mexico. Was a three-year starter and a four-year letterwinner from 1997-2000 at UCLA.

# AZTEC FOOTBALL TRADITION

## RECEIVER U.

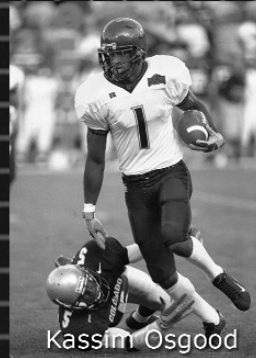
There is little argument that if you're looking for future pros, record-setting collegians or just old-fashioned playmakers, San Diego State's receiving corps, past, present and future, might be a good place to start.

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  
Isaac Curtis  
Dwight McDonald  
Kassim Osgood  
Ronnie Smith  
Webster Slaughter  
J.R. Tolver

Ken Burrow  
Gary Garrison  
Haven Moses  
Darnay Scott  
Chaz Schilens  
Brett Swain  
Jeff Webb



Kassim Osgood



Webster Slaughter



Chaz Schilens



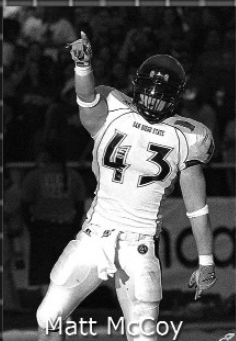
J.R. Tolver



Jeff Webb



Brett Swain



Matt McCoy



Russell Allen



Antwan Applewhite



Kirk Morrison



Freddy Keiaho



Heath Farwell

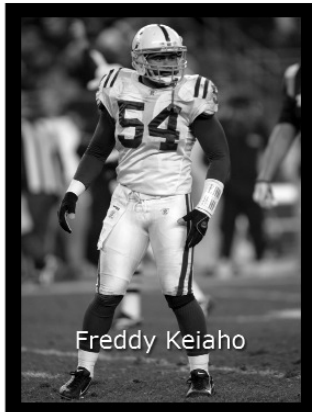
## LINEBACKER U.

Beginning with the Dark Side Defense earlier this decade, San Diego State has quickly become synonymous with big-time linebackers. This decade alone, Aztec linebackers have combined to earn four first-team all-conference selections and four second-team all-conference accolades.

These days it is tough to turn on an NFL game without seeing a former Aztec linebacker making plays. Currently, six former San Diego State players – Russell Allen, Antwan Applewhite, Heath Farwell, Freddy Keiaho, Kirk Morrison and Matt McCoy - are listed as linebackers in the NFL.

Allen became the latest Aztec linebacker to join the ranks of the Sunday league when the two-time Dick Butkus Award nominee was signed by the Jacksonville Jaguars prior to the 2009 season. The school's all-time leader in assisted tackles, Allen was a four-year starter for the Aztecs.

## SUPER BOWL AZTECS



Freddy Keiaho

Super Bowl XLIV continued a long line of San Diego State Aztecs in the NFL's biggest game. In last season's championship game, Freddy Keiaho participated in his second Super Bowl with the Indianapolis Colts. The former Aztec, who won in 2007, was denied his second ring as former teammate and running back Lynell Hamilton helped the New Orleans Saints capture their first Super Bowl victory. Hamilton's coach, Sean Payton, began his coaching career at SDSU in 1988, while New Orleans assistant coaches Curtis Johnson and Bret Ingalls served in the same capacity on Montezuma Mesa in the late '80s and '90s.

Hamilton and the Saints' three coaches joined 22 other players and seven coaches from San Diego State who 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 another former Aztec staffer to serve as a Super Bowl coach, leading Baltimore to a 34-7 triumph over the Giants in 2001.

In 2004, the Carolina Panthers, coached by former SDSU player John Fox, gave the New England Patriots all they could handle before falling in a 32-29 nail-biter. Fox earned two letters playing in the defensive backfield on Montezuma Mesa in 1975-76 and later served as a graduate assistant in 1978. One of Fox's Aztec teammates and former peer in the NFL coaching ranks, has Super Bowl experience as a player. Former NFL head coach Herman Edwards played in the same SDSU secondary as Fox in 1976, and 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 New England in 2002.

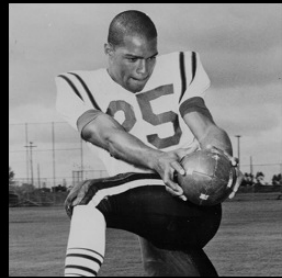
Several Aztecs have been key to multiple Super Bowl appearances. Tight end Don Warren was a starter for four games, teaming with Joe Gibbs in each of the Redskins' Super Bowl appearances, while Nate Wright started in three for Minnesota from 1974-77, but was never able to hoist the trophy.

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 touchdowns as they earned a 31-19 victory.

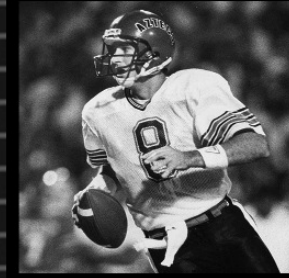
## SDSU RETIRED JERSEYS



Willie Buchanon - #28  
1970-71



Haven Moses - #25  
1966-67

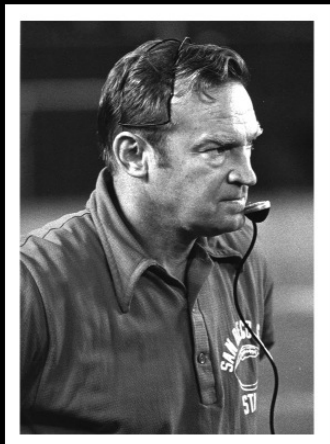


Todd Santos - #8  
1984-87



Marshall Faulk - #28  
1991-93

## 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 Wych  
Al Saunders

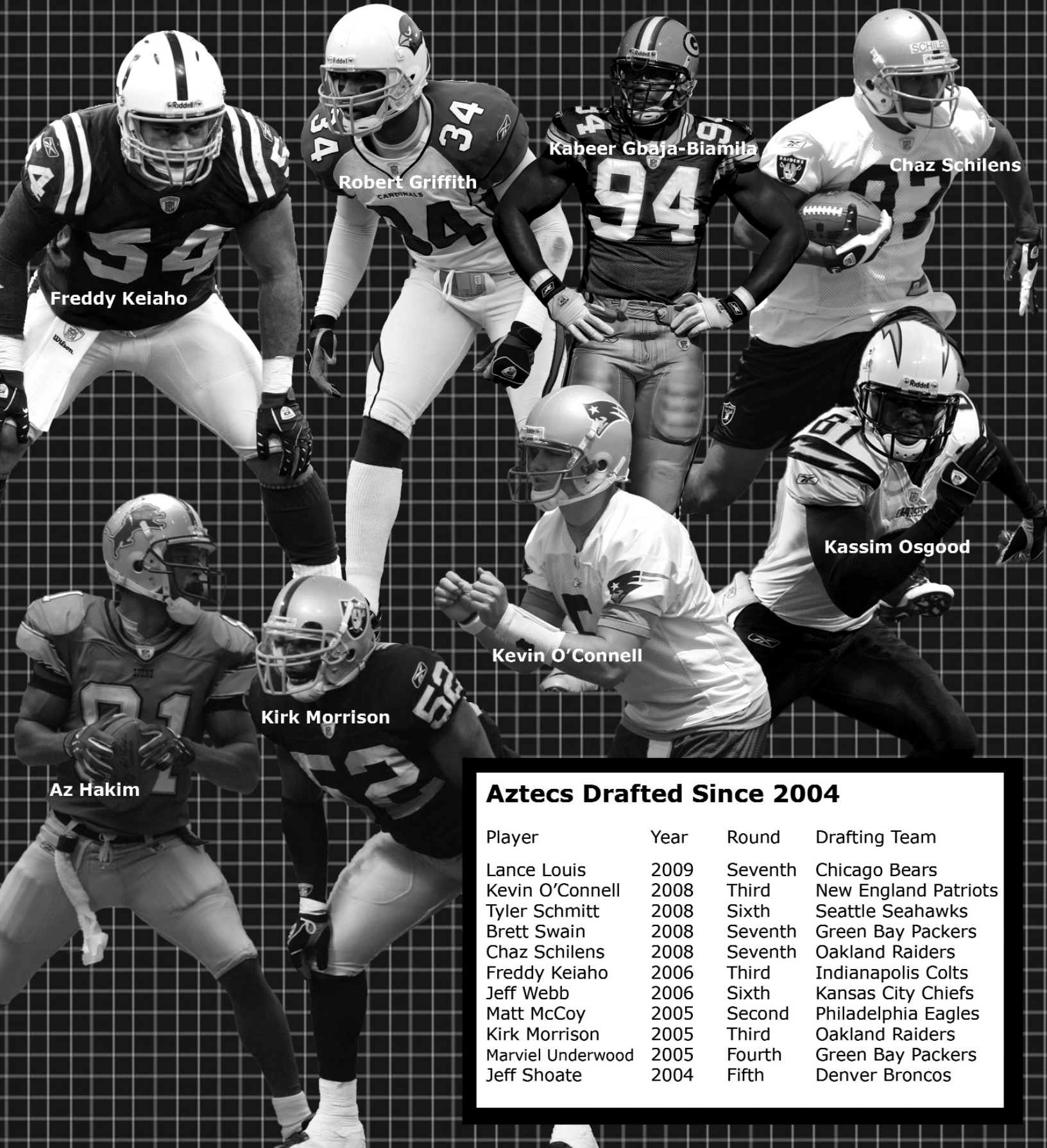
### 1990s

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



Freddy Keiaho

Robert Griffith

Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila

Chaz Schilens

Kassim Osgood

Kevin O'Connell

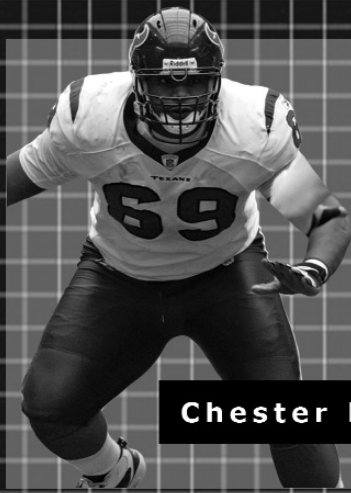
Kirk Morrison

Az Hakim

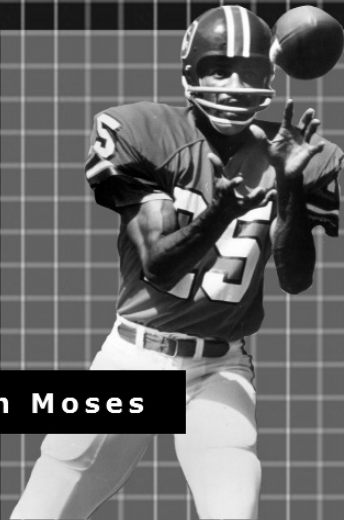
## Aztecs Drafted Since 2004

Player	Year	Round	Drafting Team
Lance Louis	2009	Seventh	Chicago Bears
Kevin O'Connell	2008	Third	New England Patriots
Tyler Schmitt	2008	Sixth	Seattle Seahawks
Brett Swain	2008	Seventh	Green Bay Packers
Chaz Schilens	2008	Seventh	Oakland Raiders
Freddy Keiaho	2006	Third	Indianapolis Colts
Jeff Webb	2006	Sixth	Kansas City Chiefs
Matt McCoy	2005	Second	Philadelphia Eagles
Kirk Morrison	2005	Third	Oakland Raiders
Marviel Underwood	2005	Fourth	Green Bay Packers
Jeff Shoate	2004	Fifth	Denver Broncos

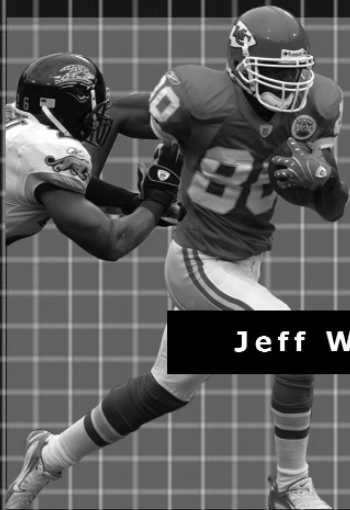




**Chester Pitts**



**Haven Moses**



**Jeff Webb**

**ALL-TIME NFL DRAFT PICKS  
BY MWC SCHOOLS**

School	Draft Picks
TCU	173
<b>San Diego State</b>	<b>142</b>
Brigham Young	136
Utah	135
Colorado State	96
Wyoming	76
New Mexico	64
UNLV	44
Air Force	7

Source - DraftHistory.com

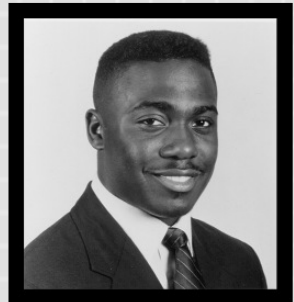
San Diego State has a storied history of sending its players to the National Football League. Over the years, the Aztecs have had 142 players selected in the NFL Draft, which ranks second in the Mountain West Conference. Of its overall total, 51 have been picked within the first 100 selections.

Over the last three years, SDSU has had five players picked in the NFL Draft, its second-highest number of players selected since 2004-06, when six Aztecs were chosen during those installments of the NFL Draft.

Offensive lineman Lance Louis was the Chicago Bears' seventh-round pick in 2009, while quarterback Kevin O'Connell was the 31st pick in the third round and 94th selection overall, going to the New England Patriots in 2008. Joining O'Connell in the '08 Draft were long snapper Tyler Schmitt, a sixth-round choice of the Seattle Seahawks, and wide receivers Brett Swain and Chaz Schilens, who were tabbed in the seventh round by the Green Bay Packers and Oakland Raiders, respectively.

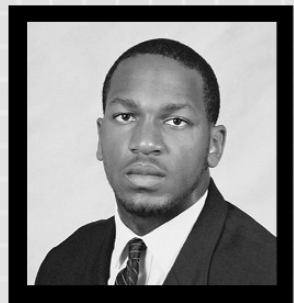
## Marshall Faulk

- 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)



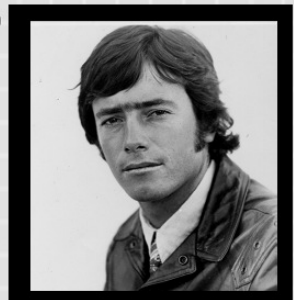
## Kirk Morrison

- Drafted by Oakland Raiders (2005)
- Played in all 16 games in each of his five seasons (2005-09)
- Led all NFL rookie defenders in tackles (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)



# GAME DAY AT THE O

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 not just a game, it is a ritual in San Diego.





*San Diego State is the only school in the Mountain West Conference to play all its home games in an NFL stadium.*

# MEDIA COVERAGE



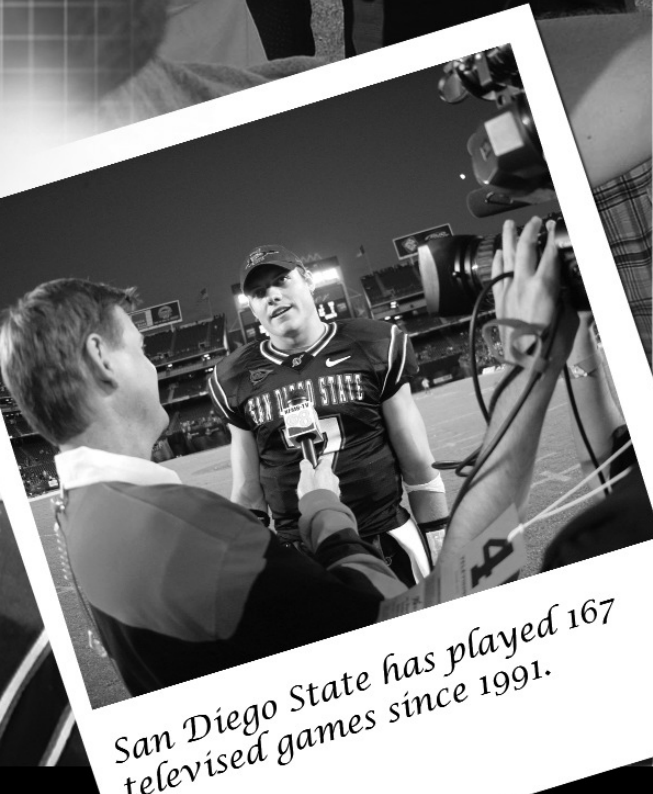
In the nation's ninth-largest city, San Diego State football is recognized at a national level. The media spotlight has always been on Montezuma Mesa and even more so with an experienced coaching staff and a renewed excitement surrounding the program.

The Aztecs have always been an attractive option for national, regional or local television as they have broadcasted SDSU games 167 times since 1991.

This season will be no different as eight games, with the possibility of all 12, will 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.





San Diego State has played 167  
televised games since 1991.

# Street & Smith's

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## College Football

**HEISMAN HOPEFUL  
MARSHALL FAULK**

**SOUTHERN CAL  
TOPS IN PAC-10**

**UTAH vs. MONTANA  
BIG SKY CLASH  
C TITLE TO BYU**



**VERSUS**



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# STRENGTH & CONDITIONING

## AARON WELLMAN

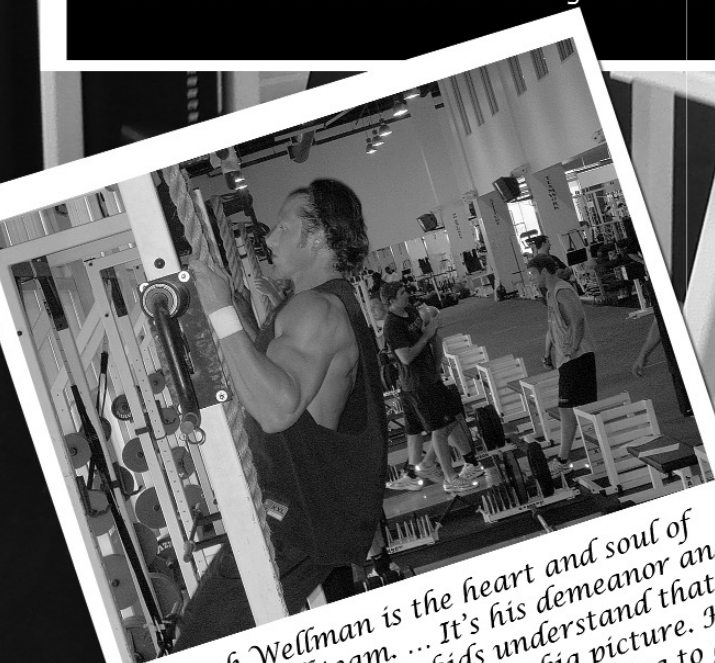
Aaron Wellman enters his second year at San Diego State as the football team's strength and conditioning coach.

Wellman has 15 years of experience at the Division I collegiate level. Prior to him coming to SDSU in time for the 2009 season, his most recent stint came working alongside head coach Brady Hoke at Ball State from 2004-08, as the director of football strength and conditioning.

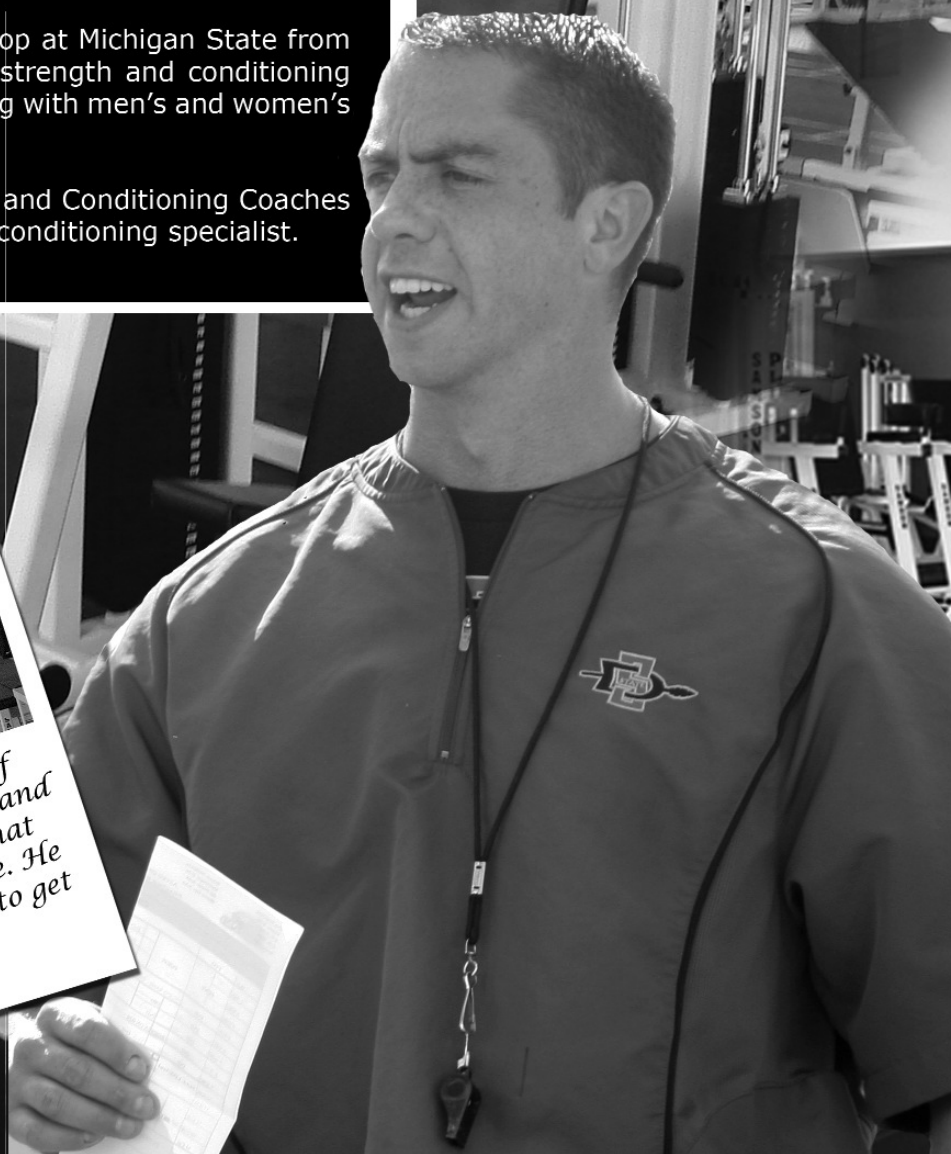
A former safety at Division III Manchester College in Indiana, Wellman began his career as a graduate assistant at the University of Indiana in Bloomington, where he earned his master's degree in 1998. He then worked for three years as an assistant strength and conditioning coach for the Hoosiers and was primarily involved with the football, baseball and softball teams, as well as developing individual nutrition programs for student-athletes.

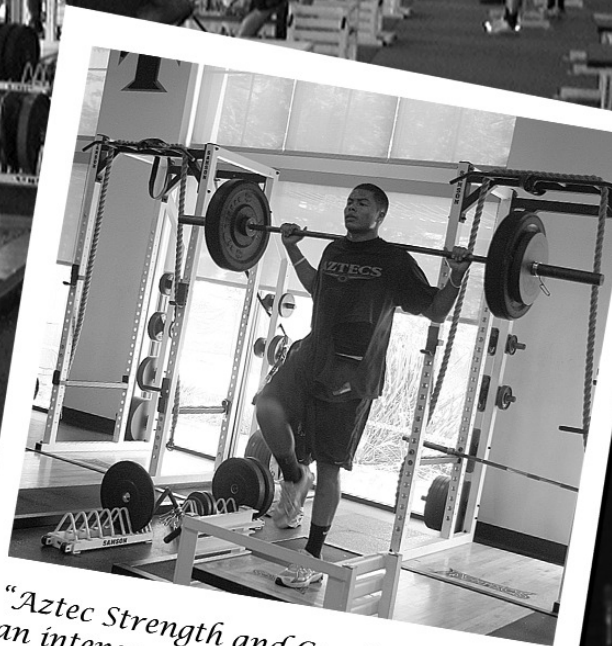
Wellman left Indiana for a three-season stop at Michigan State from 2001-03, working with all aspects of the strength and conditioning program for the football team, plus assisting with men's and women's basketball and ice hockey.

He is a member of the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association and is a certified strength and conditioning specialist.



*"Coach Wellman is the heart and soul of the football team. ... It's his demeanor and his ability to make kids understand that hard work is all about the big picture. He coaches hard, but he's always going to get the best out of you."  
— SDSU Head Coach Brady Hoke*





*"Aztec Strength and Conditioning is an intense, everyday commitment."  
- Aaron Wellman*

### **Aztec Weight Room Quick Facts**

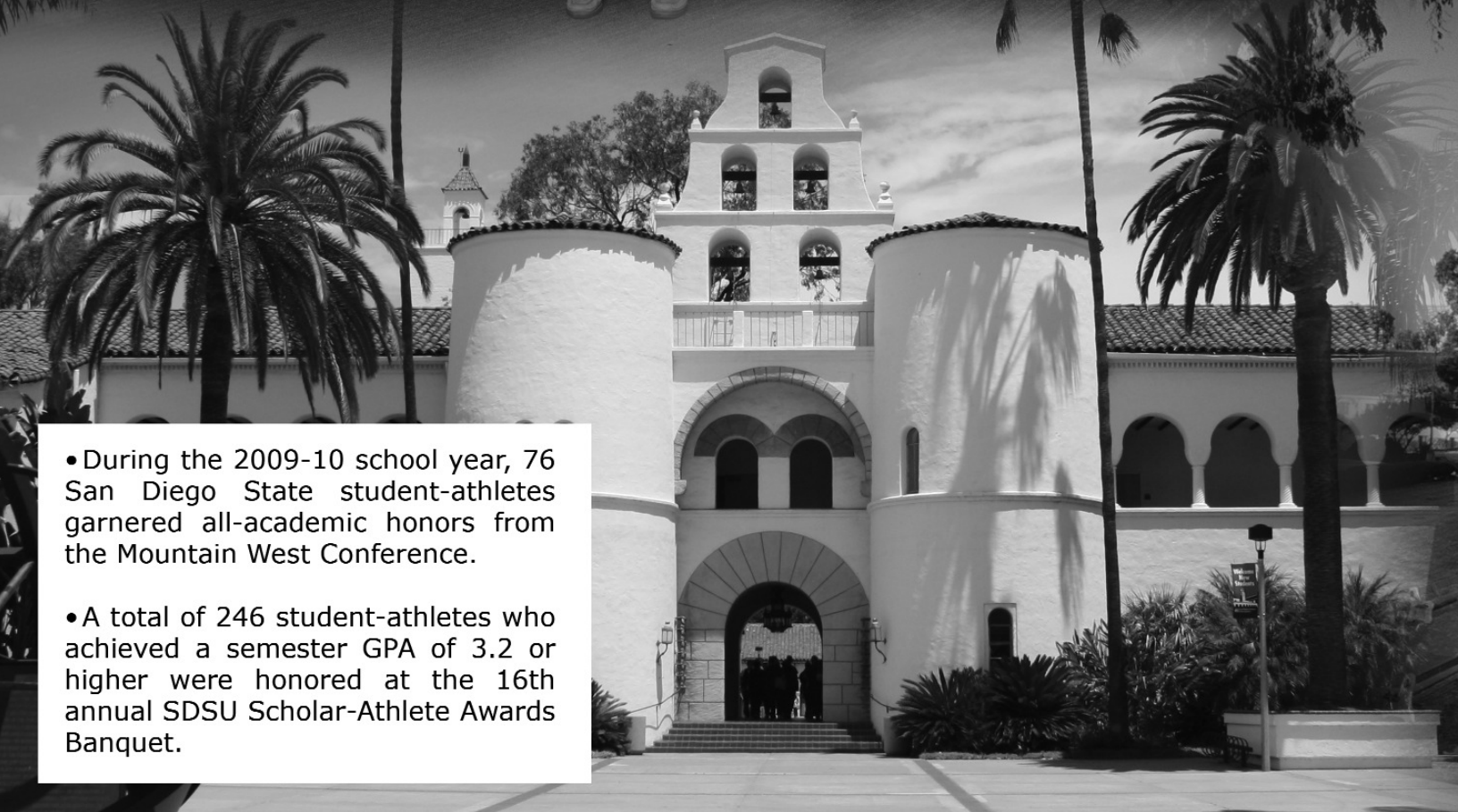
- Encompasses more than 15,000 square feet
- Includes an indoor running track
- All Samson training equipment
- Free weights
- Weightlifting machines
- Cardiovascular equipment

# AZTEC ACADEMICS



• During the 2009-10 school year, 76 San Diego State student-athletes garnered all-academic honors from the Mountain West Conference.

• A total of 246 student-athletes who achieved a semester GPA of 3.2 or higher were honored at the 16th annual SDSU Scholar-Athlete Awards Banquet.







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.

#### **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 2010, a university-record 246 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.



**SAN DIEGO STATE  
UNIVERSITY**

# AZTECS IN THE COMMUNITY



*"The students are providing a community service, however, I would say they often times are the ones who gain the most from the experience."*  
— Bre White, SDSU community service coordinator



*Aztec football annually volunteers at Shop-With-A-Jock.*

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).

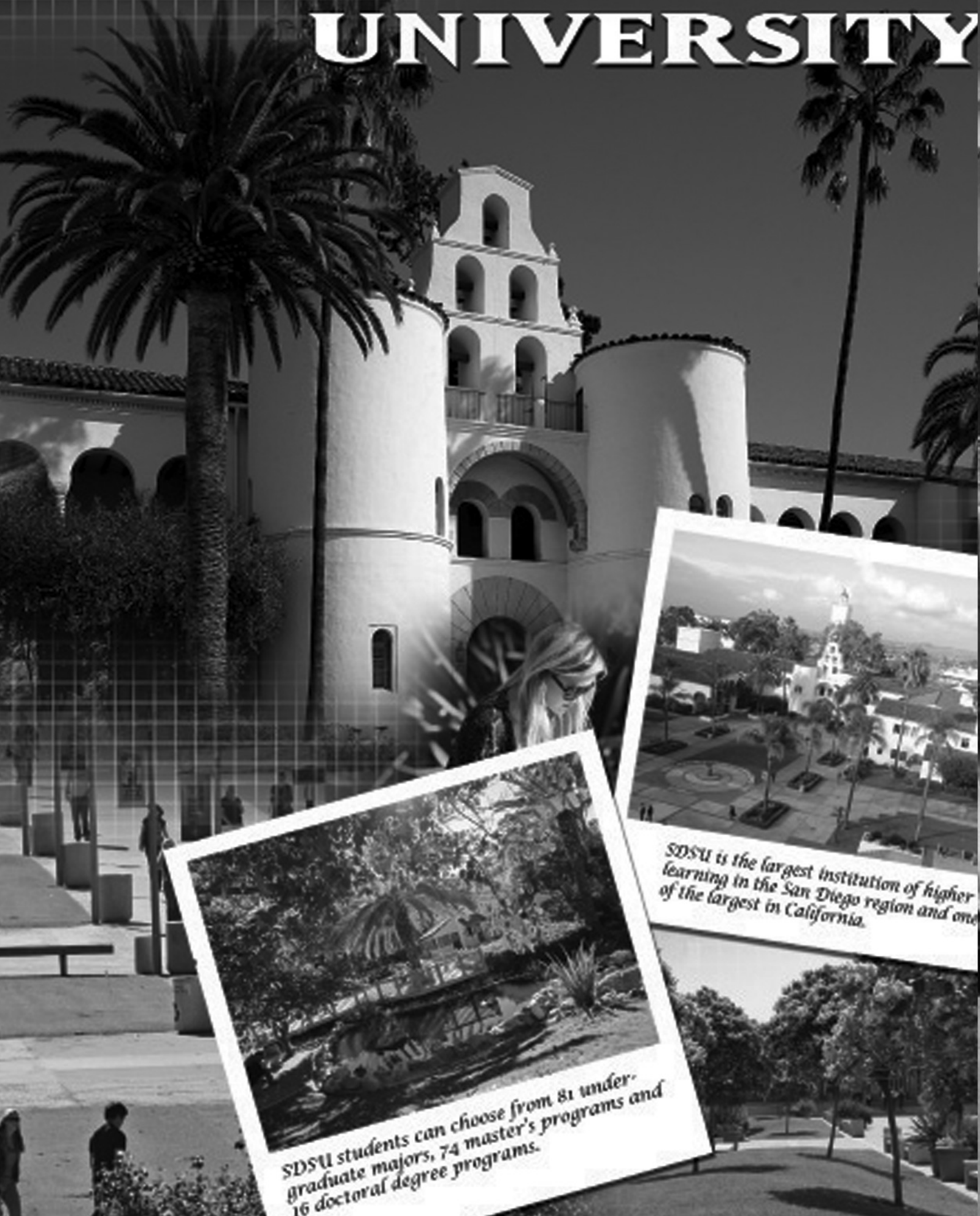
Visits to Children's Hospital, local elementary schools and the Ronald McDonald House are common events for SDSU student-athletes. Over the last seven years, red and black jerseys from all sports have become familiar sights at local military bases and hospitals.

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.

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

# SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY



*SDSU students can choose from 81 undergraduate majors, 74 master's programs and 16 doctoral degree programs.*

*SDSU is the largest institution of higher learning in the San Diego region and one of the largest in California.*



*Sixty percent of San Diego State  
alums remain San Diego.*

# AZTEC FACILITIES

Viejas Arena Locker Room

SAN DIEGO STATE

Aztec Hall of Fame

AZTEC ATHLETICS CENTER

*Aztec Aquaplex is home of the  
2010 NCAA Women's Water Polo  
Championships.*

Qualcomm Stadium

SDSU Sports Deck

SDSU Softball Stadium


*Tony Gwynn Stadium is home of the  
2010 MWC baseball championships.*

Peterson Gym

SDSU Tennis Center

Viejas Arena

# AZTEC EXCELLENCE



## SDSU Men's Basketball 2010 MWC Champions

## San Diego State 2009-10 Athletic Highlights

San Diego State posted its highest finish ever in the 17-year history of the Learfield Sports Director's Cup.

The Aztecs had a school-record eight sports participate in NCAA championships (men's basketball, women's basketball, women's soccer, women's swimming and diving, indoor track and field, men's golf, women's golf and softball).

This marks the third consecutive athletic season that San Diego State has set a school record for best finish in the Directors' Cup.

Not included among the eight sports that advanced to NCAA postseason play was women's water polo, which finished the season ranked in a tie for ninth place nationally.

For the second consecutive season, San Diego State had two teams finish in the top 25 nationally (women's basketball (20th) and women's soccer (16th)). The 2008-09 campaign marked the first time the Aztecs had two sports finish among the top 25 in the same academic year since 2002-03.

San Diego State was one of 24 schools nationally to qualify for both the NCAA men's and women's basketball tournaments.



## Kawhi Leonard 2010 MWC Freshman of the Year





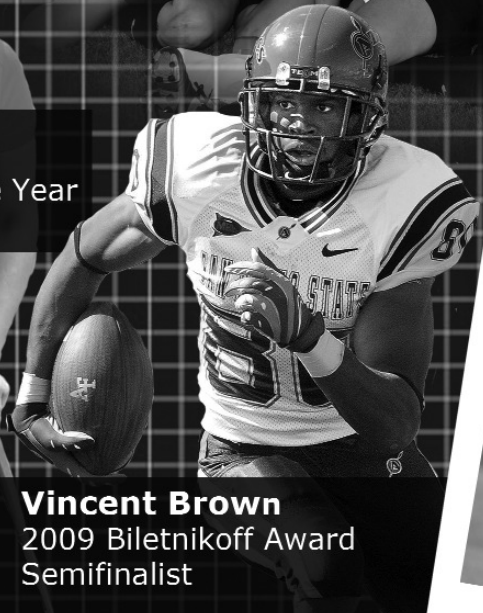
**Katelyn Weddle**  
2010 HM All-American



**SDSU Women's Soccer**  
2009 NCAA Second Round



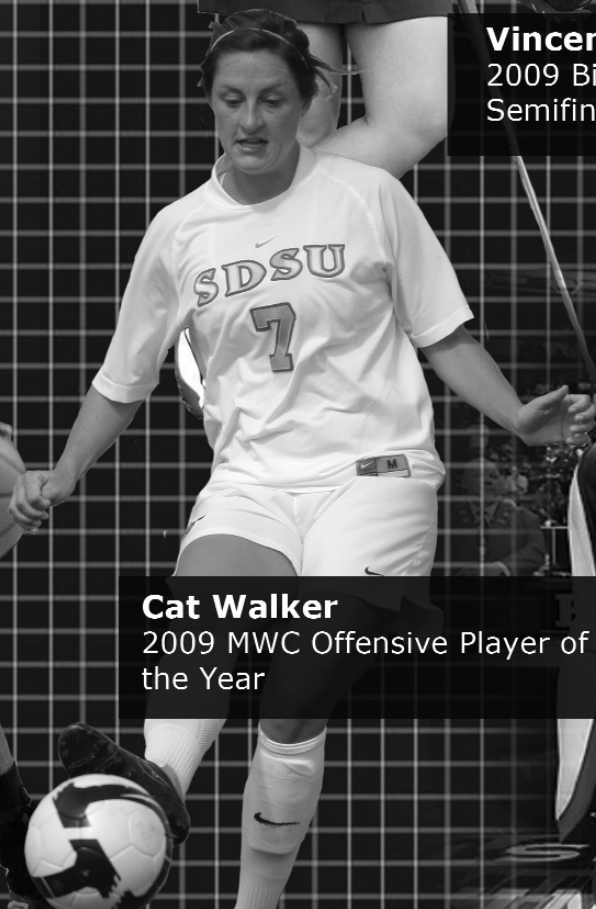
**Christine Wong**  
2010 MWC Freshman of the Year



**Vincent Brown**  
2009 Biletnikoff Award  
Semifinalist



**Samantha Beasley**  
2010 MWC Pitcher of the Year



**Cat Walker**  
2009 MWC Offensive Player of  
the Year



**SDSU Women's Basketball**  
2010 NCAA Sweet Sixteen

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*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.*



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# CORYELL LOCKER ROOM

## Don Coryell

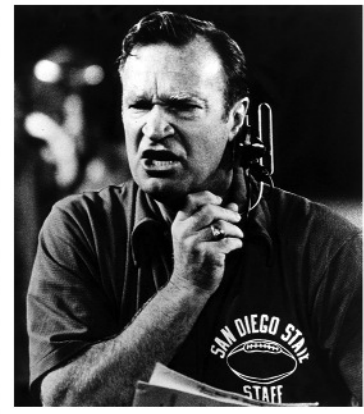
SDSU Head Coach 1961-1972

104-19-2

.840 career winning percentage

In 1961, San Diego State College director of athletics Bill Terry hired a little-known assistant from USC to take over as head coach of the Aztec football team. Twelve years later, Donald David Coryell left Montezuma Mesa for the National Football League, having made an indelible impact upon the San Diego State athletic program, upon the campus, on the San Diego community and, maybe most importantly, on college football.

There are many reasons why the College Football Hall of Fame voted Don Coryell into its hallowed membership in 1999.



In the first place, Coryell, who had previously been a head coach at Whittier College, was a winner throughout his career. At San Diego State, he compiled an astounding 104-19-2 record, capturing two national college division championships along the way. During his dozen seasons at SDSU, the team posted winning streaks of 31 and 25 games and in only one season did the squad lose more than twice. In 1966 and 1969, the Aztecs completed unbeaten and untied campaigns. San Diego State secured three bowl victories during Coryell's tenure.

It was Coryell who was the driving force in San Diego State's efforts to move from an NCAA college division (Division II) to a university division (Division I) program, a move that was brought to fruition in 1969.

Apart from his record or the 42 players who were drafted by the NFL during his tenure, Coryell had his greatest impact in bringing the modern passing game to college football. He was the first collegiate coach to make the commitment to the forward pass as the base component of an offensive scheme and use it as the means to be successful. Coryell's "passing tree", with numerically assigned routes, simplified the teaching aspect of his system in coordinating pass patterns for quarterbacks and receivers.

He went on to coach for nine years in the NFL (St. Louis Cardinals and San Diego Chargers) and became the first coach to win 100 games at both the collegiate and professional levels.

The game of football and the Aztec family lost a true pioneer, when Don Coryell passed away on July 1, 2010.

# DON CORYELL LOCKER ROOM

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 a nameplate to honor a former Aztec, contact the Aztec Club at (619) 594-6444.

## Honorary Nameplates

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|--|---|
| #7 Kevin O'Connell<br><i>Presented by Davis Heller</i> | #10 Dan McGwire   |
| #15 Tom Craft  | #12 Dennis Shaw   |
| #23 Leon Parma<br><i>Presented by Jack Goodall</i>     | #20 Michael Franklin<br>- In Memory of Terrell Franklin<br><i>Presented by John &amp; Becky Busch</i> |
| #28 Marshall Faulk                                     | #32 Mike Ibe, Jr.   |
| #34 Kirk Morrison<br><i>Presented by Mike Ibe</i>      | #35 Art Preston<br><i>Presented by Tom Pine</i>   |
| #44 Herman Edwards                                     | #45 John Duich<br><i>Presented by Steve Duich</i>   |
| #50 Jim Hight  | #76 Steve Duich   |
| #68 Dennis Jenkins<br><i>Presented by Ben Bagnas</i>   | #79 Brooke Dunn   |
| #77 Fred Dryer   | #89 Rob Awalt   |
| #93 Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila                               |   |

