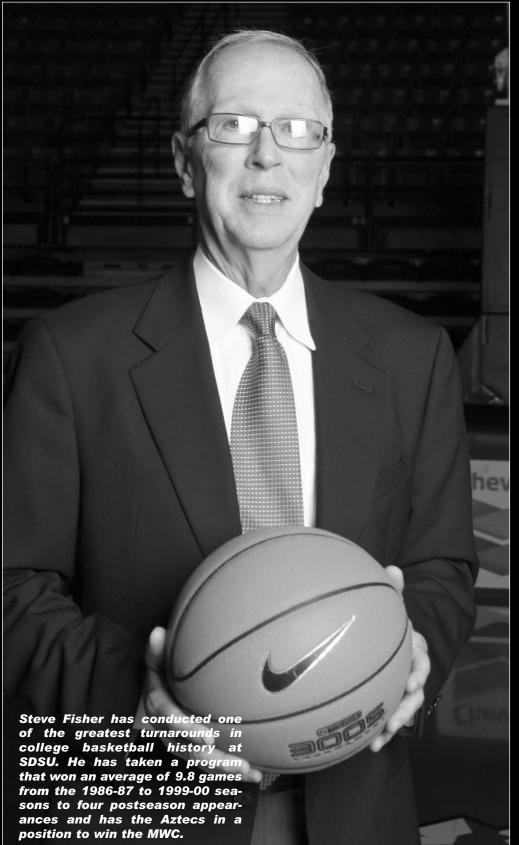
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# STEVE FISHER BASKETBALL

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. A postseason victory culminating with a Division I schoolrecord 24 victories, a conference regular season and tournament championship and an NCAA Tournament appearance for the fifth time in school history. Then to cap it off, a second straight trip to the postseason, its second postseason victory and another 20-plus win campaign.

In eight 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 firstever Mountain West Conference campaign with an 0-14 record into a conference champion contender. It is a school that is now nationally recognized and 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 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.

#### FISHER ON MONTEZUMA MESA

#### 1999-00

Steve Fisher takes over a San Diego State program that compiled a record of 4-22 the year prior to his arrival. In the inaugural season of the Mountain West Conference, Fisher improves the Aztecs' victory total by one, posting five wins.

#### 2000-01

Fisher directs one of the greatest turnarounds in the history of Division I college basketball by taking the Aztecs from a 5-23 record the year before to finishing the 2000-01 campaign with a 14-14 overall record. SDSU's four league victories were more than the previous two seasons combined.



2001-02

Takes a senior- and junior-laden starting five and wins eight of their last nine to claim the Mountain West Conference tournament title earning SDSU its first trip to the NCAA Tournament since the 1984-85 season.



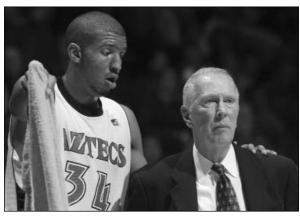
#### 2001-02

On Selection Sunday, Fisher and the Aztecs learn they are a No. 13 seed and will face fourth-seeded Illinois in Chicago in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. SDSU falls in the opening round and finishes the season at 21-12, its first 20-plus win season since '84-85.



#### 2002-03

Fisher continues to work his magic, this time guiding San Diego State to the NIT and recording its first postseason victory in the school's Division I history. The Aztecs reach the postseason in consecutive seasons for the first time since the 1974-75, 1975-76 campaigns.



#### 2003-04

Behind the play of senior Aerick Sanders, Fisher and San Diego State take third place in the EA Sports Maui Invitational, set a home attendance record and broke the 100,000-fan mark for the second consecutive year. The Aztecs also recorded their fourth straight season with at least 14 wins, something that had not been accomplished since the 1981-82 through 1984-85 seasons.



#### 2004-05

Fisher, along with his super sophomores, Brandon Heath and Marcus Slaughter, go on the road and defeat Brigham Young and UNLV in the same season for the first time in program history. In the MWC tournament, SDSU shook up the bracket by upsetting third-seeded Air Force in the first round.



#### 2005-06

With a solid group of players, Fisher navigates SDSU to a 13-3 MWC record and the school's first outright conference championship in SDSU's Division I history.



#### 2005-06

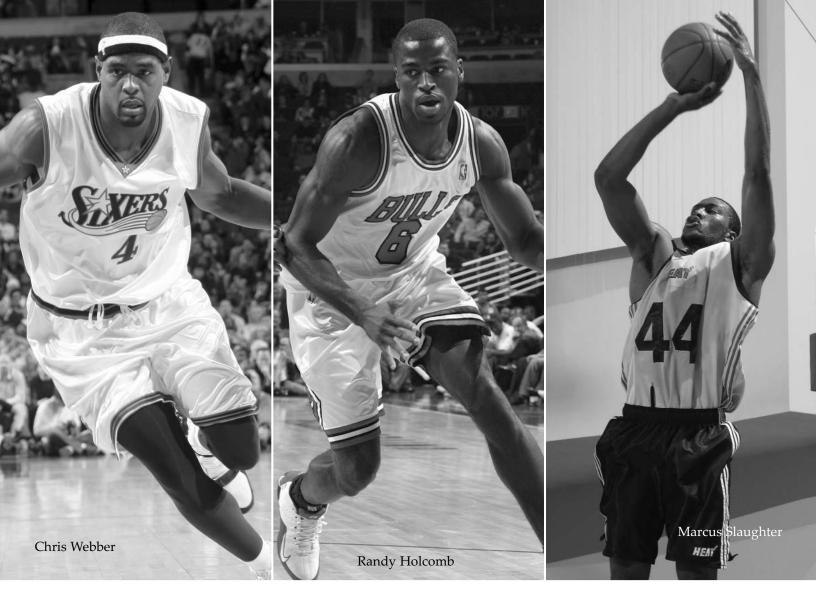
As the top seed in the MWC tournament, Fisher coaches his team to three hard-fought victories to win SDSU's second Mountain West tourney title. The Aztecs advance to the NCAA Tournament and finish with a Division I school-record 24 wins.



#### 2006-07

Fisher and the Aztecs finish with a 22-11 record and reach the second round of the NIT after defeating Missouri State on the road.





# FISHER'S MENNYTHENBA



A keen eye for talent coupled with the ability to develop raw athletic ability is one reason Steve Fisher's men play in the National Basketball Association.

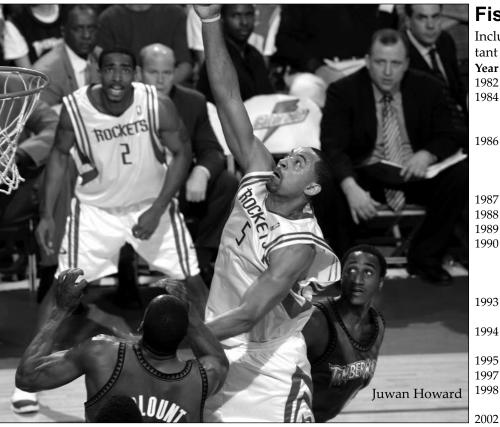
Fisher has helped 24 student-athletes realize their professional dream of hearing their names called out and then making the walk to the podium on the world's biggest basketball stage - the NBA Draft.

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.

During the summer of 2007, former Aztec Marcus Slaughter signed a two-year free agent deal with the Miami Heat and will be in training camp heading into the 2007-08 campaign.

Slaughter's teammate for three seasons, Brandon Heath, will look to join his former classmate in the NBA as he and Mohamed Abukar, will be in camp looking to solidify a spot on a roster heading into the season.





#### Fisher's NBA Draft Picks

Includes players selected while an assistant coach

Name
Thad Gardner
Dan Pelekoudas
Tim McCormick
Eric Turner
Robert Henderson
Richard Rellford
Roy Tarpley
Butch Wade
Antoine Joubert
Gary Grant
Glen Rice
Sean Higgins
Terry Mills
Rumeal Robinson
Loy Vaught
Eric Riley
Chris Webber
Juwan Howard
Jalen Rose
Jimmy King
Maurice Taylor
Robert Traylor
Maceo Baston
Randy Holcomb
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GARY GRANT L.A. Clippers '89-95; New York '96; Miami '97; Portland '98-01

GLEN RICE Miami '90-95; Charlotte '96-98, L.A. Lakers '99-00; New York '01; Houston '02-03; L.A. Clippers '04

TERRY MILLS New Jersey '91, '92; Denver '91; Detroit '93-97, '00; Miami '98-99; Indiana '01

RUMEAL ROBINSON Portland '96-97; Phoenix '97; L.A. Lakers '97

LOY VAUGHT L.A. Clippers '91-98; Detroit '99-00; Washington '01; Dallas '01



### CHRIS WEBBER

Golden St. '94; Washington '95-98; Sacramento '99-05; Philadelphia '05-07; Detroit '07

JUWAN HOWARD Washington '95-01; Dallas '01-02; Denver '02-03; Orlando '04; Houston '05-07

### JALEN ROSE

Denver '95-96; Indiana '97-02; Chicago '02-04; Toronto '04-06; New York '06; Phoenix '07

JIMMY KING Toronto '96; Denver '97

MAURICE TAYLOR L.A. Clippers '98-00; Houston '01-05; New York '05-06; Sacramento '07

ROBERT TRAYLOR Milwaukee '99-00; Cleveland '01, '05; Charlotte '02; New Orleans '03-04

RANDY HOLCOMB Chicago '06

"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."

- Chris Webber



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 11th season as the home court for the San Diego State men's and women's basketball programs. It is a 12,414-seat facility that combines state-of-the-art technology with a fan-friendly and close-to-the-floor seating configuration. National powerhouses such as Arizona, California, Iowa State, Oklahoma State, Providence, Texas Tech and Washington have all played against the Aztecs inside Cox Arena in recent years. The arena has already played host to the first and second rounds of the 2001 and 2006 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament, the 2001 NCAA Women's Volleyball Tournament and the 2006 McDonald's Boys and Girls High School All-American game as well.

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



"It has been so neat to watch the transformation. The fans have erupted here. It gives me chills to see our crowd so involved, particularly our students. We have a student crowd that is as good as there is anywhere. It is indicative of what big time college basketball is all about. "We have as good an athletic complex

as anyone in the country."

- Steve Fisher

"Aztec basketball fans are growing nuttier in number and more innovative as the Steve Fisher Era continues to blow hot. And so Cox rocks."

- Nick Canepa, San Diego Union-Tribune columnist

### San Diego State is 25-3 in its last 28 games at Cox Arena

The Aztecs averaged a school-record 7,821 fans per home game last season





#### Cox Arena

Bulit:	1997	Capacity:	12,414	
Largest Crowd:	12,414, five times, most recently vs.			
	Brigham Young on Feb., 24, 2007			

#### Average Home Attendance/ California Division I Schools

<u>Pl.</u>	School	Gms.	2007 Att.	Avg.
1.	Fresno State	18	212,866	11,713
2.	UCLA	16	166,843	10,428
3.	California	15	126,650	8,443
4.	San Diego State	16	125,135	7,821
5.	Southern California	18	104,357	5,798

From Tip-Off to the Postgame Celebration, Nothing is Like...

GAMENIGHT ATCOX ARENA

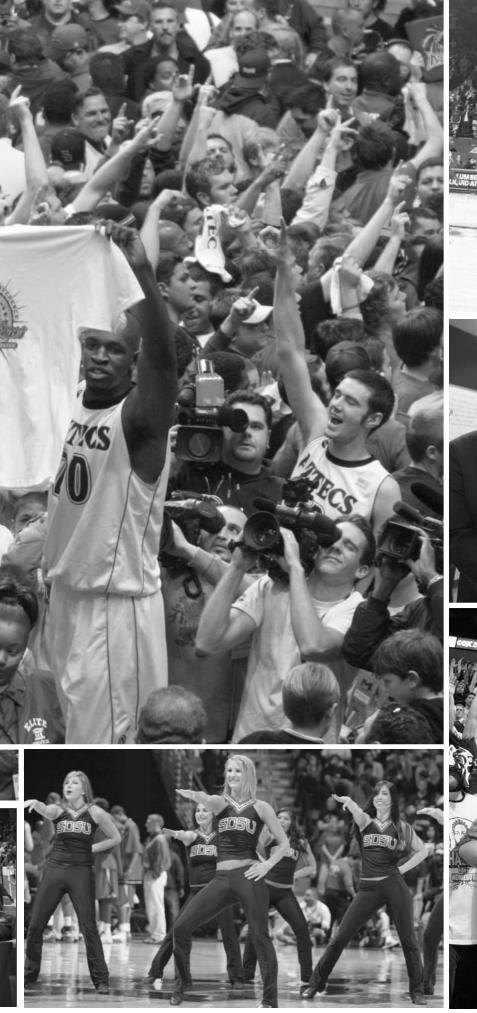
Game night inside Cox Arena at Aztec Bowl is a spectacle that every college basketball fan must see.

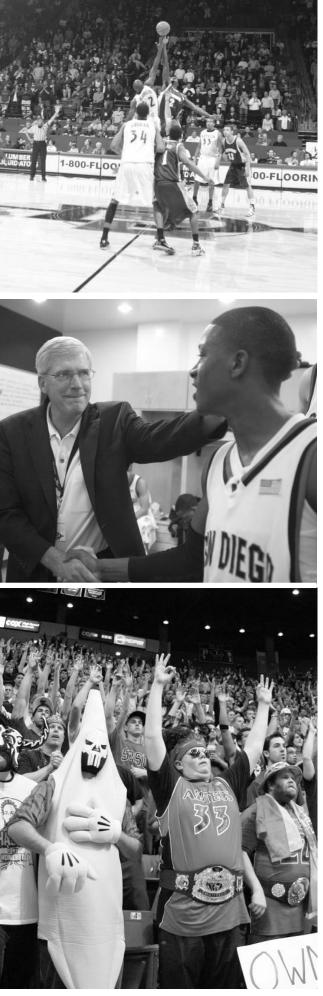
Whether it's the Aztec pep band blasting the SDSU Fight Song, the cheerleaders working the crowd into a frenzy, the dance team entertaining during timeouts, one thing is for sure: Cox Arena shakes with excitement every time San Diego State takes the floor.

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

And no matter whether you are seated courtside, 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.









# AZTEC ATHLETICS CENTER

In addition to the Aztec Athletics Center housing the 15,000-square foot weight room, locker rooms and the Aztec Hall of Fame, San Diego State has some of the finest athletic facilities west of the Mississippi River.

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

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

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

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

In spring 2005, San Diego State opened its new 12-court tennis complex complete with state-of-the art Plexicushion surfacing and a tennis operations center. Also opening in 2005 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 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.

Just last spring, the two-pool Aztec Aquaplex opened with both the SDSU water polo and swimming and diving programs set to compete at their new on-campus home. In spring 2008, the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation water polo championship will come to the Aquaplex.

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 FACILITIES**



COX ARENA AT AZTEC BOWLImage: Constraint of the second second



**TONY GWYNN STADIUM** Baseball Built - 1997 • Capacity - 3,000 Largest Crowd - 2,857 vs. Texas on Feb. 4, 2005



**PETERSON GYM** Women's Volleyball Built - 1961 • Capacity - 3,668 Largest Crowd - 2,358 vs. Southern California on Nov. 13, 1982



AZTEC TENNIS CENTER Men's and Women's Tennis Built - 2005 • Capacity - 1,000



**QUALCOMM STADIUM** Football Built - 1967 • Capacity - 54,000 Largest Crowd - 59,473 vs. Iowa on Dec. 30, 1986



SOFTBALL STADIUM Softball Built - 2005 • Capacity - 1,000 Largest Crowd - 876 vs. UCLA on Feb. 12, 2006



**SDSU SPORTS DECK** Men's and Women's Soccer, Women's Track and Field Built - 2000 • Capacity - 1,000 Largest Crowd - 1,516, Men's Soccer vs. UCLA on Nov. 13, 2005



AZTEC AQUAPLEX Women's Water Polo, Women's Swimming and Diving Built - 2007 • Capacity - 500



# NATIONAL ATTENTION

In the nation's eighth largest city, San Diego State basketball is recognized at a national level. The media spotlight has always been on Montezuma Mesa and is even more so with the Aztecs coming off consecutive 20-plus win seasons and postseason tournament appearances.

The Aztecs have always been an attractive option as SDSU has had 148 of 188 games (78.7 percent) carried live either locally, regionally or nationally the past five seasons.

This season will be no different as all 16 Mountain West Conference games are scheduled to be televised live along with several other non-conference tilts. Once again, the Aztecs will play live on VERSUS, CSTV, The Mtn. and Channel 4 San Diego and can be seen locally, regionally and nationally.

San Diego State's national popularity can be seen in the number of in-season tournaments and events the Aztecs have been invited to in recent years. That list includes the EA Sports Maui Invitational, the BP Top of the World Classic, the Shamrock Invitational and the Cougar Hardwood Classic, all of which are nationally covered in the media. This season, the tradition continues as the Aztecs have been selected to play Saint Mary's in the 14th annual John R. Wooden Classic in Anaheim, Calif., joining UCLA and Davidson. Prior to playing in the prestigious event named after the hall of fame coach, the Scarlet and Black will play in the World Vision Classic in Fresno to open the 2007-08 campaign.

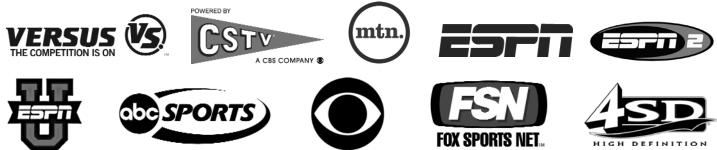
Not only does San Diego State receive coverage locally and up and down the West Coast, it is common for national and out-of-market writers and broadcasters to cover SDSU basketball.





#### Aztecs on the Internet and in the Magazines

San Diego State and college basketball fans around the nation have plenty of opportunities to watch Aztec Basketball on television. Over the last six seasons, the Scarlet and Black have appeared on national television 30 times, including eight times on VERSUS and CSTV combined last season. The 10 overall national TV appearances in 2006-07 was a school record.



### **Aztecs on Television**





AZTEC BASKETBALL MEDIA GUIDE



# AZTECS

"The students are providing a community service. However, I would say that the student-athletes may often gain the most from the experience." - Bre White, Assistant Director of Academic Services

## **GIVING BACK**

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 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. 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.



Lorrenzo Wade (left) and former SDSU football player Antwan Applewhite (right) at Shop-With-A-Jock.

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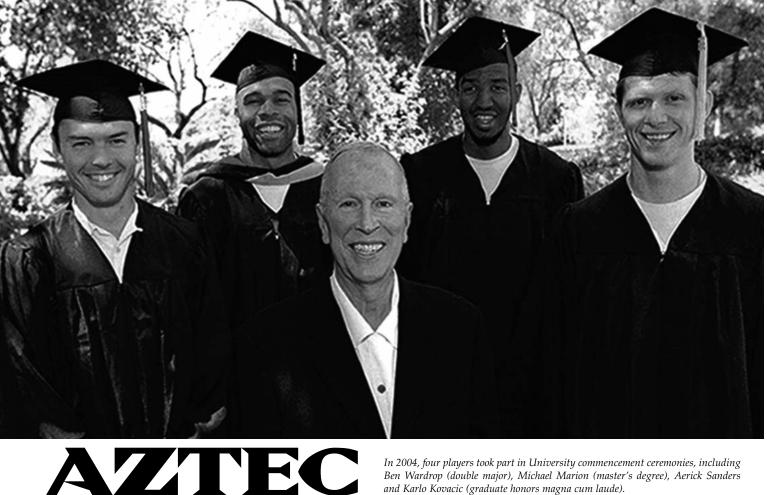
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In 2004, four players took part in University commencement ceremonies, including Ben Wardrop (double major), Michael Marion (master's degree), Aerick Sanders and Karlo Kovacic (graduate honors magna cum laude).

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The dual role of student and athlete can be a daunting challenge for any person at the Division I level. Recognizing that academic challenge, the Student Athlete Academic Support Services (SAASS) program has been developed at SDSU 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, a director of compliance and an eligibility, financial aid and recruitment coordinator. In addition, the department has over 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 SDSU's Freshman Success course (General Studies 100), which deals with specific transition issues for student-athletes. Topics include time management, study skills, test taking and introduces students to the various services offered on campus.

The Resources - In 2001, the academic unit joined the rest of the athletic department in moving into the Aztec Athletics Center. The staff is located on the third floor and includes a 40-station computer lab, individual study rooms and two lecture rooms.

The Commitment - SDSU's annual Scholar-Athlete Awards Banquet honors students with a grade-point average in excess of 3.2. In 2007, 192 student-athletes, more than one-third of the student-athlete body, were honored for their work in the classroom.

Life Skills - To further increase the opportunities for success, SDSU 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.

#### Student-Athlete Academic Support Services Staff



Colleen Evans Director





Willie Judd Academic Advisor



**Jessica Simmons** Academic Advisor





Learning Specialist

Kristie Smedsrud Academic Advisor - Men's Basketball





Lori Mitchell Administrative Assistant





# SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY

Beginning its 111th academic year in fall 2007, 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.

Location: San Diego, Calif. Founded: 1897 Enrollment: 35,887 President: Dr. Stephen L. Weber Major Fields for Bachelor Degrees: 81 Major Fields for Master's Degrees: 73 Major Fields for Doctoral Degrees: 16



Love Library, open 24 hours, offers Aztecs various study options.

### **RANKINGS AND DISTINCTIONS**

#### **Overall**

• San Diego State University has been designated a "Research University" with high research activity by the Carnegie Foundation. Peers in this group include George Washington University, Syracuse University, Texas Tech University and the University of Oregon.

• SDSU is the largest university in San Diego and the fifth largest in California.

• One in 7 adults in San Diego who holds a college degree attended San Diego State University.

#### **Academic Programs**

• SDSU's undergraduate international business program ranks No. 10 in the nation, according to *U.S. News and World Report's* "America's Best-Colleges 2007 Guide."

• SDSU's international business MSBA program ranks No. 21 in the nation, according to *U.S. News and World Report's* "America's Best Graduate Schools 2008 Guide."

• SDSU's rehabilitation counseling program ranks. No. 9 in the nation according to *U.S. News and World Report's* "America's Best Graduate Schools 2008 Guide."

• The joint doctoral program in clinical psychology (with UCSD) was named the best in the country in the Faculty Scholarly Productivity Index rankings of best doctoral programs nationwide by Academic Analytics and released by *The Chronicle of Higher Education* in 2007.

• SDSU's joint doctoral program in teacher education (with Claremont Graduate University) ranked third in the country in the Faculty Scholarly Productivity Index rankings compiled by Academic Analytics and released by *The Chronicle of Higher Education* in 2007.

• SDSU's joint doctoral program in language and communicative disorders (with UCSD) placed fourth on the Faculty Scholarly Productivity Index rankings compiled by Academic Analytics and released by *The Chronicle of Higher Education* in 2007.

• SDSU was ranked No. 27 in entrepreneurship among best graduate programs in April 2007 by U.S. News & World Report.

• SDSU was ranked among the top 25 regional universities for entrepreneurs in the U.S. in *Entrepreneur* Magazine's Top 100 Colleges and Universities for Entrepreneurs list for 2005.

#### Diversity

• SDSU ranks No. 24 in the nation for graduate school Hispanic Enrollment – *Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education*, April 2007.

• SDSU ranks No. 22 in the nation for ethnic diversity – U.S. News & World Report, August 2006.

• SDSU is No. 14 in the nation for bachelor's degrees conferred to ethnic minorities – *Diverse Issues in Higher Education*, June 2006.

• SDSU is No. 9 in the nation and No. 4 in California for bachelor's degrees awarded to Hispanics – *Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education,* May 2006.

• SDSU's College of Engineering ranks No. 4 in the nation among top graduate engineering programs for Hispanics – *Hispanic Business*, September 2005.

• SDSU's MBA program is ranked among the top 25 in the nation for Hispanics – *Hispanic Trends*, September 2005.

#### Research/Sciences

• SDSU faculty received more than \$130 million in grants and contracts for research and administering programs during fiscal year 2005/2006, the most of any CSU campus. SDSU faculty members have received a total of more than \$880 million in external funding since 2000.

• SDSU received \$26 million in research funding from the National Institutes of Health alone in 2005-06, a record for the university.

• SDSU ranks in the top 150 colleges and universities in research and development expenditures, according to the latest data available from the National Science Foundation (2005).

• SDSU serves as host institution for CSUPERB, which is designed to channel resources from the entire California State University system and catalyze interdisciplinary, inter-campus, synergistic endeavors involving biology and chemistry departments (including biotechnology research and applications), as well as engineering, agriculture and computer science. CSUPERB also serves as the official liaison between the CSU and industry, government, the Congressional Biotechnology Caucus and the public arena in all biotechnological matters.

• SDSU's MS in regulatory affairs – a key area of the biotech industry – is one of only two programs of its kind in the country and is considered the most comprehensive.

#### International

• SDSU ranks No. 2 among universities of its type nationwide and No. 1 in California, for students studying abroad as part of their college experience. – Institute of International Education, May 2006.

• The International Business Program at SDSU is the largest undergraduate international business program in the country, serving 700 students annually.

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• SDSU's international business MSBA program ranks No. 21 in the nation, according to *U.S. News and World Report's* "America's Best Graduate Schools 2008 Guide."

• SDSU is home to the first-ever MBA program in Global Entrepreneurship. As part of the program, students study at four universities worldwide, including the Indian Institute of Management, Lucknow (NOIDA campus); University of Hyderabad; United Arab Emirates Higher Colleges of Technology (HCT); American University of Beirut and is currently negotiating partnerships with universities in China.

• SDSU is the first U.S. university to offer a transnational triple degree program in International Business. In fact, SDSU has the only two such programs in the country. Undergraduate students 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.

• SDSU and Universidad Autónoma de Baja California in Mexico offered the first transnational dual degree between the United States and Mexico, in 1994, through the Mexus/International Business program. SDSU leads the U.S. in transnational dual degree programs with six (partners include Brazil, Canada, Chile, France, Italy and Mexico).

• CIBER – the Center for International Business and Educational Research – is one of 28 federally funded centers in the U.S.

• SDSU's International Security and Conflict Resolution (ISCOR) major is the first of its kind in California.



# 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 eighth 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.



## AMERICA'S FINEST

#### **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. THIS IS

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# AZTEC

2006 MWC Tournament Champions

### EXCELLENCE

The San Diego State athletic program once again enjoyed a successful year led by unprecedented success in women's water polo and men's basketball.

The Aztec women's water polo squad advanced to its first-ever National Collegiate Women's Water Polo Championship in 2007 and fell just short in the tournament's third-place game to finish fourth nationally. Thanks to their team's success, Stacy Werner (second team), Anna Gonzales (third team) and Jenna Schuster (honorable mention) earned All-America honors, marking the first time in head coach Carin Crawford's nine-year tenure that she has had three athletes earn All-America recognition.

In men's basketball, head coach Steve Fisher led the Aztecs to its second straight 20-plus win campaign for the first time in the school's Division I history. The team posted an overall record of 22-11 and advanced to the second round of the postseason NIT, marking the second time under Fisher and just the third time in the Division I era that an SDSU squad made the postseason in consecutive years.

But it wasn't just the women's water polo and men's basketball programs that advanced to postseason play in 2007. Once again San Diego State showed why it has one of the most successful overall athletic programs, as men's golf, men's soccer and women's tennis all advanced to NCAA postseason play. In addition women's track and field and men's tennis had individuals advance to the NCAA Championships with track and field's Decontee Kaye earning All-America honors in the outdoor triple jump.

Other coaches continued the building process toward what promises to be a bright future. Chuck Long completed his first season as the football head coach on Montezuma Mesa and led the Aztecs to wins in two of their final four games of the season. Beth Burns returned to lead the women's basketball program after guiding SDSU to four consecutive 20-win seasons in the 1990s. Burns improved the Aztecs' win total by nine from the season before and was the 11th most improved team in Division I women's basketball. The SDSU baseball program continues to be in the capable hands of Tony Gwynn, who was inducted into the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame in July 2007.

Overall, San Diego State had 53 all-conference selections, seven All-Americans and had seven teams reach the postseason last year. There is certainly more to come as each of SDSU's 17 varsity sports has a solid group of returners back for the 2007-08 academic year.

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### **AZTEC EXCELLENCE**



#### MARKUS DICKHARDT

• 2007 Mountain West Conference men's tennis player of the year • 2006 ITA doubles All-American • Four-time all-MWC singles • Twotime all-MWC doubles • 2004 MWC men's tennis freshman of the year



#### **AARON GOLDBERG**

• 2007 PING honorable mention All-American • Two-time all-Mountain West Conference selection • Three-time MWC golfer of the month



#### TALLY HALL

• 2006 second-team NSCAA All-American • 2005 third-team NSCAA All-American • Two-time all-Far West Region first team pick • Twotime first-team all-Pac-10 Conference selection



#### **BRANDON HEATH**

• 2006 AP honorable mention All-American • 2006 Mountain West player of the year • Two-time NABC all-district 13 first team • Twotime USBWA all-district selection • Four-time all-MWC honoree



#### **DECONTEE KAYE**

• 2007 outdoor triple jump All-American • 2007 Mountain West Conference outdoor triple jump champion • 2007 all-West Region • Two-time all-MWC performer



#### **JOE MARTIN** • 2006 second-team all-Mountain West Conference • 2006 San Diego State leading tackler



#### **CHRISTINA ROSS**

• 2006 second-team NFCA all-West Region • 2006 Mountain West Conference pitcher of the year • Two-time all-MWC selection • Threetime MWC pitcher of the week



### **STACY WERNER**

2007 Association of Collegiate Water Polo Coaches second-team All-American • 2007 second-team all-Mountain Pacific Sports Federation selection

# Mountain West Conference



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#### History

#### This is the Mountain West

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 ninth 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 is noted for its geographic diversity. Some of the most beautiful terrain and landscapes in the nation can be found within MWC boundaries, including the majestic Rocky Mountain range, which borders four MWC schools (Utah, BYU, Air Force and Colorado State). The high plains of Wyoming contrast with the desert city of Las Vegas and the Pacific Ocean locale of San Diego State. The southwestern flavor of New Mexico complements the western heritage and culture of Fort Worth, Texas, home of the MWC's newest member, TCU.

The MWC was conceived on May 26, 1998, when the presidents of eight institutions - Air Force, BYU, Colorado State, New Mexico, SDSU, 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 original members have been conference rivals since the 1960s (BYU, Utah, New Mexico, Wyoming, Colorado State), while San Diego State (1978) and Air Force (1980) were longtime members as well. UNLV entered the fold in 1996 and TCU began its first year of competition in 2005-06, completing the membership in the MWC as it stands today.

#### 2006-07 in Review

The MWC enjoyed a successful 2006-07 campaign. San Diego State advanced to its second consecutive postseason tournament by earning a berth in the NIT and advancing to the second round. Meanwhile, BYU garnered its third MWC regular-season men's basketball crown and UNLV captured its second MWC Tournament title in front of a tournament finals record 16,204 fans. The Runnin' Rebels advanced to the Sweet Sixteen of the NCAA Tournament, marking the second time in three years an MWC team has advanced past the first and second rounds. BYU earned an at-large bid to NCAA postseason play, marking the seventh time in the last eight years the MWC has sent multiple teams to the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament. Air Force earned its first trip to the NIT and advanced to the semifinals at Madison Square Garden.

#### Exposure

On Aug. 26, 2004, College Sports Television (CSTV) and the MWC announced a visionary partnership that revolutionized the college sports landscape. The landmark agreement was the first NCAA Division I football and men's basketball conference-wide deal for CSTV. The advent of the new television model gives the fastest-growing independent cable network exclusive rights to all MWC events, including cable and satellite television coverage, national over-the-air and satellite radio, video-on-demand and online broadcast rights. The CSTV/MWC partnership has guaranteed greater levels of television exposure for all MWC sports and has resoundingly met the fundamental goals of more exposure, preferred start times and competition on select days of the week.

A succession of events since the fall of 2004 have improved the new television model, including the CBS purchase of CSTV, and the merger with Comcast to create The Mtn. - MountainWest Sports Network. The relationship with Comcast also delivered a new national broadcast partner in VERSUS. The MWC was the first exclusive college programming provider for the Comcast-owned entity, with football and both men's and women's basketball games, and is in more than 72 million homes.

In the summer of 2006, the centerpiece of this historic relationship was the launch of The Mtn. - the first sports network dedicated to serving a single collegiate athletic conference 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. The Mtn. provides sports fans blanket coverage of MWC athletics across multiple sports, including football, men's and women's basketball, and men's and women's Olympic sports. The Mtn. features more than just live games and has added its own original programming. Fans get a comprehensive array of news, features and analysis about their favorite MWC teams and players. In 2006-07, more than 250 MWC events were shown live on The Mtn., CSTV and VERSUS. CSTV is currently available in over 65 million homes, while VERSUS is in more than 72 million households.

#### Opportunity

The MWC provides a first-class athletic and academic experience for over 4,000 student-athletes each year. The past five years, 12 MWC student-athletes have earned NCAA Postgraduate Scholarships, and since the league's inception in 1999, an additional 16 student-athletes were named MWC Student-Athlete of the Year and awarded league-sponsored postgraduate scholarships and two student-athletes have earned distinction as Rhodes Scholars.

Conference student-athletes are also given a voice regarding pertinent issues within the MWC and NCAA governance structure through representation on the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC). The MWC SAAC consists of 10 representatives; one student-athlete from each member institution and one faculty athletics representative. The committee reviews and reacts to legislation and to other topics referred by the league constituent groups or committees related to the student-athlete experience.







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