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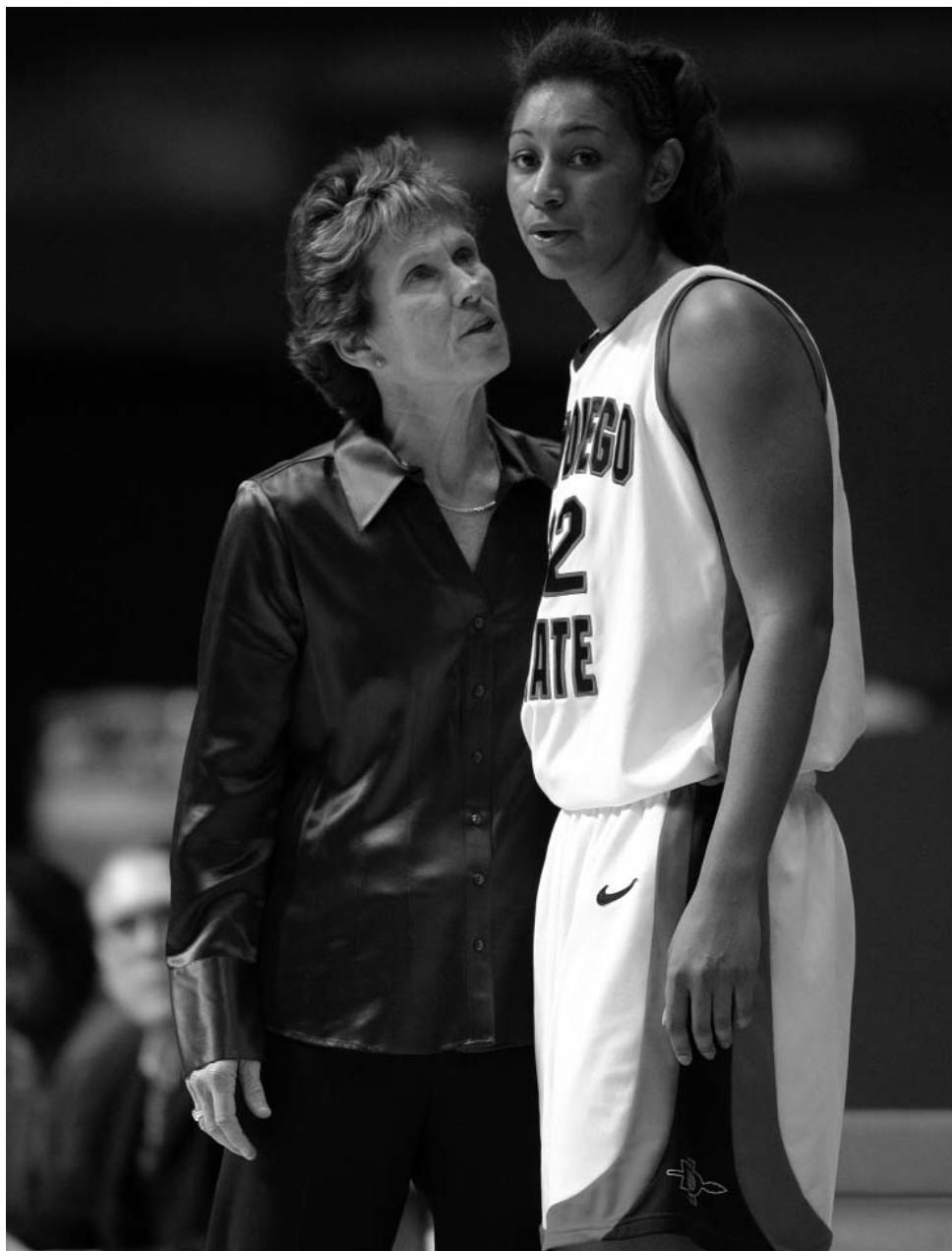


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BETH BURNS

HEAD COACH • 6TH SEASON OF 2ND STINT AT SDSU/19TH OVERALL • OHIO WESLEYAN, 1979



Leadership. Charisma. Passion. Energy. Expertise. These are just a few words to describe Beth Burns, who for the last 18 years has dedicated herself to the sport of basketball as a collegiate head coach.



BETH BURNS



THE BETH BURNS FILE

Hometown:
Chatham, N.J.

Education:
Bachelor's of Arts -
Health and Physical Education
Ohio Wesleyan University, 1979

Master's of Arts -
Physical Education
Ohio State University, 1981

Playing Experience:
Ohio Wesleyan
1975-79

Head Coaching Experience:

San Diego State -
2005-present

Ohio State -
1997-2002

San Diego State -
1989-97

Assistant Coaching Experience:

North Carolina State -
1988-89

Colorado -
1983-88

East Carolina -
1981-83

Ohio State
Graduate Assistant Coach -
1979-81

The winningest coach in San Diego State women's basketball history, Beth Burns enters her sixth season of her second stint on Montezuma Mesa in 2010-11.

This past year, Burns took the program to new heights, as the Aztecs advanced to the NCAA Sweet Sixteen for the first time since the field was expanded to 64 teams. SDSU notched victories over a pair of top-25 foes in No. 10 West Virginia and defeated No. 17 Texas on the Longhorns' home floor. The 11th-seeded Aztecs were the lowest seed to advance to the Round of 16 in 2010, and lowest overall since 2007.

San Diego State earned an automatic bid to the 2010 NCAA tournament after a dramatic overtime victory over Utah at the Mountain West Conference championships in Las Vegas, Nev. The Aztecs, playing in their third straight MWC title game, trailed the Utes by eight points with under four minutes left, but then outscored them 22-4 in the final nine minutes, including overtime, to secure the MWC crown.

As a team, SDSU ended the campaign with a 23-11 overall record and garnered a No. 20 national ranking in the final *ESPN/USA Today* coaches poll, a program first since the poll started in 1986.

Individually, senior guard Jené Morris was named an honorable mention All-American, MWC Defensive Player of the Year and first-team all-league selection for the second year in a row, before becoming the first-ever Aztec selected in the WNBA Draft. Morris was the 11th overall pick in the first round by the Indiana Fever and made her professional debut on May 15, 2010.

In addition, Morris' classmate, senior point guard Quenese Davis capped her career by being named the MWC tournament MVP and was also a third-team all-league pick, while junior center Paris Johnson earned second-team all-MWC accolades.

Burns was rewarded for the program's success with a five-year contract extension this past September that will keep her at SDSU through 2014-15.

In 2008-09, San Diego State posted its first 20-win campaign in 12 years, finishing 24-8 overall and 13-3 in conference action. The Aztecs won a share of the Mountain West regular season title, advanced to the MWC tournament championship game for the second consecutive year and garnered SDSU's first NCAA bid since 1997.

The list of accomplishments for Burns' 2008-09 squad continued with a perfect regular season home record of 14-0, highlighted by the Aztecs' stunning victory over fourth-ranked and previously unbeaten Texas to claim the San Diego Surf 'N Slam title in late December. The win over the Longhorns was San Diego State's first against a ranked team since 1994.

Big wins over established programs followed during conference play, including a sweep of New Mexico, the Aztecs' first victory at BYU in 14 years and ending Utah's 25-game MWC win streak.

SDSU served as perfect hosts to the NCAA first and second rounds at Cox Arena, knocking off DePaul, 76-70, for its first post-season victory in 15 seasons, before falling to eventual Final Four participant Stanford.

Individually, Burns helped Morris, the MWC Defensive Player of

the Year, become Aztec basketball's first honorable mention All-American since 1994. Morris, along with then sophomore Paris Johnson, also were the first SDSU players to be chosen first-team all-MWC in the league's 10-year history. The duo and guard Quenese Davis accounted for three of the five spots on the conference's all-defensive squad.

For her efforts, Burns was named Mountain West Conference Coach of the Year, marking the fourth such honor of her career at San Diego State.

During the summer of 2009, Burns was named to the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) Board of Directors as an at-large member and was reelected to a new three-year term this past June.

In 2007-08, Burns led the Aztecs to within an eyelash of the NCAA tournament. The sixth seed in the Mountain West Conference tournament, SDSU defeated third-seeded Wyoming (66-54) and second-seeded TCU (82-80) before falling, 62-59, in the championship game.

San Diego State went 18-13 overall and 7-9 in MWC play to finish in a tie for fifth with Brigham Young. The Aztecs' seven league wins and fifth-place showing was their best-ever in the history of the MWC. Burns helped SDSU lead the league in assists per game (15.71), steals per game (12.61) and turnover margin (+5.81), and rank second with 4.35 blocks per game.

Burns coached three players to all-conference selections, the program's most in MWC history, as then sophomore Morris earned second-team accolades, while then freshmen Allison Duffy and Paris Johnson each received honorable mention honors. Morris and Duffy also became the first two Aztecs to ever be selected to the MWC all-tournament team.

Off the court, seven players were honored at the department's annual scholar-athlete awards banquet, which recognizes student-athletes with at least a 3.0 cumulative or 3.2 semester GPA.

The previous season, Burns led the Aztecs to their most wins since 2000-01, finishing as the 11th-most improved team in NCAA Division I and recording the biggest turnaround in back-to-back seasons in MWC history. Burns helped point guard Quenese Davis lead the league and rank first nationally among freshmen in assists per game, while center Desiree Johnson was first in the MWC in blocked shots per game for the second year in a row.

Burns has also helped the program find success in both the classroom and on the recruiting trail. In the spring of 2007, 10 players were recognized at the department's annual scholar-athlete awards banquet. Among the 10 were Shanna Demus, who received the school's Academic Initiative Medal for her persistent commitment toward meeting her academic goals, and Kate Eveland, who became a member of the elite Phi Beta Kappa honor society and would later graduate magna cum laude.

On the recruiting trail, Burns and her staff signed two *San Diego Union-Tribune* section players of the year, including two-time winner, Paris Johnson.

In 2005-06, Burns' first year back was a tough one, as the Aztecs entered the campaign with just six of 15 players with previous Divi-

BETH BURNS' HEAD COACHING CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- * Seven 20+ win seasons, including five at SDSU
- * NCAA First Round (1999, 1997, 1995, 1993)
- * NCAA Second Round (2009, 1994)
- * NCAA Sweet Sixteen (2010)
- * 2001 WNIT Team Champion
- * 1994, 1997 WAC Tournament Champions
- * 2010 MWC Tournament Champions
- * 2008, 2009 MWC Tournament Runner-Up
- * 1995 WAC Tournament Runner-Up
- * 1994, 1995, 1997 WAC Regular Season Champions
- * 2009 MWC Regular Season Co-Champions
- * 1994, 1995, 1997 WAC Coach of the Year
- * 2009 MWC Coach of the Year
- * 1995 CoSIDA District 7 Coach of the Year
- * 1 - WNBA First-Round Draft Pick: (Jené Morris, 2010)

- * 4 All-America Selections: (Jené Morris, SDSU, 2009, 2010 (hm); Falisha Wright, SDSU, 1993, 1994 (hm))
- * 2 WAC Players of the Year: (Kieishsha Garnes (1991) and Christina Murguia (1995))
- * 2 WAC Tournament MVPs: (Christina Murguia (1994) and Jodi Nowlin-Tres (1997))
- * 1 MWC Tournament MVP: (Quenese Davis (2010))
- * 2 - Mountain West Conference Defensive Player of the Year: (Jené Morris, SDSU, 2009, 2010)
- * 1 - Big Ten Freshman of the Year: (LaToya Turner, OSU, 2000)
- * 18 - First Team All-Conference Selections: (12 WAC, 3 MWC, 2 Big Ten, 1 Big West)
- * 7 - WAC All-Academic Selections
- * 9 - MWC All-Academic Picks
- * 14 - Big Ten All-Academic Honorees



BETH BURNS

sion I experience. Injuries, youth and a lack of depth were key issues, while SDSU played 15 of its 27 games against teams advancing to the postseason, including 12 in league play alone.

Senior forward Michelle Strawberry earned conference honorable mention honors and then junior Desiree Johnson led the league in blocked shots. Three Aztecs were named to the Mountain West Conference all-academic squad, with two also garnering MWC scholar-athlete accolades.

BURNS: BY THE NUMBERS

312 Career Wins As A Head Coach

Burns has won 312 career games as a head coach in 18 seasons, including 231 at San Diego State. Nearly 27 percent of her losses have come during her first seasons.

98% Graduation Rate

In 18 seasons, 98 percent of players who have completed their eligibility under Burns have gone on to earn their degrees.

30 Conference All-Academic Selections

Burns' players have also succeeded in the classroom, garnering all-academic honors 30 times.

20+ Win Seasons

Burns' teams have won 20 or more games in a season seven times, including four straight at SDSU from 1993-97, and again the last two years in 2008-09 and 2009-10.

18 First Team All-Conference Selections

Players have earned first-team all-conference honors on 18 occasions in Burns' 18 years as a head coach.

7 NCAA Tournament Appearances

Burns has directed seven teams to NCAA tournament bids. The Aztecs advanced to the Sweet Sixteen in 2010, and made it to the second round in 1994 and in 2009.

4 Conference Coach Of The Year Awards

Burns was honored as the WAC coach of the year in 1994, 1995 and 1997, as her teams went a combined 42-2 in league regular season play. She garnered MWC coach-of-year honors in 2009, after helping the Aztecs to a share of the regular-season title.

4 All-America Selections

Two Aztecs, Jené Morris (2009, 2010) and Falisha Wright (1993, 1994), have combined to earn honorable mention All-America honors on four occasions during Burns' two stints at SDSU.

3 Conference Tournament Championships

The Aztecs won a pair of Western Athletic Conference championships under Burns in both 1994 and 1997, and were the runners-up in 1995. SDSU claimed the Mountain West Conference Championship in 2010, and has been to the title game each of the last three seasons.

1 WNIT Title

Burns' 2000-01 Ohio State team claimed the WNIT title and finished with a 22-11 record, including a 10-0 mark in non-conference play.

Since returning to SDSU, Burns has resumed an active role in the campus and local community. In the summer of 2008, she was honored with the YWCA's Tribute to Women and Industry (TWIN) award for her outstanding achievements, leadership and contributions to her profession. Burns also was tabbed a Girls Scout "Cool Person of the Year" for 2007-08 and has previously served as SDSU's honorary Homecoming chair.

From 1989-97, Burns took the Aztecs full circle, going from 7-23 her first year to 23-7 in her final campaign. Along the way, she compiled a 151-83 record and a 64.5 winning percentage, the best in school history.

Burns' impact was almost instantaneous. The Aztecs doubled their win total from her first to her second season and ushered in the school's move to the Western Athletic Conference with a 14-14 overall record.

A year later in 1991-92, SDSU won five of its first six outings and went on to post an 18-11 overall record, tallying its first victory at a conference tournament in four seasons.

The team used that momentum heading into a 1992-93 campaign which ended in the Aztecs' first trip to the NCAA tournament in eight years.

SDSU advanced to the 1993 NAAs with the help of early season victories over the likes of UCLA, USC, St. John's, Oregon State, Georgia and Villanova. The Aztecs also tied for second in the final WAC regular-season standings, which at the time, was the program's best-ever conference finish.

Burns' teams would go on to dominate the Western Athletic Conference from 1994-97, capturing a pair of tournament championships and three regular-season titles. The 1993-94 team set a school record for victories with 26, while the 1994-95 squad was a perfect 14-0 in league play.

The Aztecs continued their success the following two years by going 20-8 in 1995-96, including a perfect 13-0 at home, and 23-7 in 1996-97, leading the nation in scoring defense (52.0 ppg.).

In all, Burns led SDSU to four, 20-plus win seasons and four NCAA tournament appearances (1993, 1994, 1995, 1997).

Burns coached 13 first team all-conference picks in her time at SDSU, including a pair of WAC players of the year in Kleishsha Games (1991) and Christina Murguia (1995). Guard Falisha Wright became just the second Aztec women's basketball player to be named an All-American, earning honorable mention accolades in 1993 and 1994. She finished her four-year career as the school's all-time assists leader and, along with Ganes, has been inducted into the Aztec Hall of Fame.

The postseason honors were not just limited to her players, as Burns was a three-time WAC coach of the year (1994, 1995, 1997) and was the district coach of the year in 1995. SDSU also had seven conference all-academic selections, headlined by three-time winner Olivia DiCamilli.

Burns departed San Diego State in 1997 to take the head women's basketball position at Ohio State, where she first started her collegiate coaching career.

In five seasons with the Buckeyes, Burns notched an 82-65 overall record, highlighted by a WNIT title in 2001 and a trip to the NCAA tournament in 1999.

Two OSU players earned first team all-Big Ten honors and LaToya Turner was named conference freshman of the year in 2000. The Buckeyes also excelled in the classroom as 14 players received Big Ten all-academic accolades.

Burns was an active part of the Columbus community, establishing the Beth Burns Bucks for Breast Cancer Research fund at the OSU/James Cancer Hospital, and putting together an annual fundraiser, OSU Bounce

BETH BURNS' HEAD COACHING LEDGER

-At San Diego State (1989-97, 2005-present)		
	Overall	Conference
1989-90	7-23 (.233)	6-12 (.333)
1990-91	14-14 (.500)	6-6 (.500)
1991-92	18-11 (.621)	9-5 (.643)
1992-93	19-9 (.678)	9-5 (.643)
1993-94	26-5 (.839)	13-1 (.929)
1994-95	24-6 (.800)	14-0 (1.000)
1995-96	20-8 (.714)	9-5 (.643)
1996-97	23-7 (.767)	15-1 (.938)

2005-06	3-24 (.111)	0-16 (.000)
2006-07	12-16 (.429)	5-11 (.313)
2007-08	18-13 (.581)	7-9 (.438)
2008-09	24-8 (.750)	13-3 (.813)
2009-10	23-11 (.677)	10-6 (.625)
Totals	231-155 (.599)	116-80 (.592)
-At Ohio State (1997-2002)		
1997-98	15-12 (.556)	7-9 (.438)
1998-99	17-12 (.607)	9-7 (.692)
1999-2000	13-15 (.464)	5-11 (.313)
2000-01	22-11 (.667)	6-10 (.375)
2001-02	14-15 (.483)	8-8 (.500)
Totals	81-65 (.555)	35-45 (.438)
OVERALL	312-220 (.587)	151-125 (.547)

for Bucks, for cancer research.

Off the court, the Chatham, N.J., native joined some of the game's elite coaches, Ceal Barry (Colorado), the late Kay Yow (North Carolina State) and Pat Summitt (Tennessee), as a member of the USA Basketball Olympic team selection committee from 1997-2000.

Burns returned to San Diego from Ohio in 2001, as the owner and operator of her own fitness and basketball instruction business, BBHoops, before serving as the strength and conditioning coach for the women's basketball program at Stanford in 2004-05. The Cardinal finished the regular season ranked first in the nation, advanced to the Elite Eight and won the Pac-10 regular season and championship titles.

Burns' collegiate coaching career began at Ohio State as a graduate assistant from 1979-81, under current Stanford head coach Tara VanDerveer. She then spent two seasons as an assistant coach at East Carolina (1981-83), helping the Lady Pirates to a No. 17 national ranking, before moving to Colorado (1983-88), where the Buffaloes made their first-ever NCAA tournament appearance in 1987-88.

Prior to taking her first head coaching job, Burns was an assistant coach at North Carolina State when the Wolfpack advanced to the Sweet 16 in 1989.

Burns has a bachelor's degree in health and physical education from Ohio Wesleyan University (1979), where she was the school's all-time leading rebounder and garnered the most outstanding female student-athlete award as a senior. In 1984, her first year of eligibility, she was inducted into the Battling Bishops' athletic hall of fame.

Burns earned a master's degree in physical education from Ohio State (1981).

She is a member of the WBCA and the National Strength and Conditioning Association and was on the voting panel for the WBCA/USA Today Coaches Top 25 national weekly poll.



JUALEAH WOODS

ASST. COACH/RECRUITING COORDINATOR • 6TH YEAR AT SDSU/13TH OVERALL • USC, 1994



Burns on Woods: "Coach Y has been with us every step of the way and a large amount of the credit goes to her. As our recruiting coordinator, she is the one who ensures that the brightest and the best from across the country are aware of San Diego State. As evident from the talent on our roster, I think you can see why I say that she has done a fabulous job and we're reaping the benefits."

Entering her 13th season as an NCAA Division I assistant coach, Jualeah Woods is in her sixth year at San Diego State.

Woods is the Aztecs' recruiting coordinator, while her on-court duties include working with the forwards and centers, as well as concentrating on team defense.

Hired in May of 2005, Woods immediately got to work on the recruiting trail, playing an instrumental part in laying a strong foundation for the future success of Aztec basketball.

Since her arrival, the team has won a Mountain West Conference regular season title, a league tournament championship and recorded back-to-back NCAA appearances, including a trip to the Sweet Sixteen in 2010.

Woods helped tutor two-time all-conference center Paris Johnson, MWC Newcomer of the Year forward Jessika Bradley and had two front court players earn honorable mention all-league honors in 2007-08.

Before arriving in San Diego, she was an assistant coach at Oregon State for five years, serving as the program's recruiting coordinator for the last three seasons. The Beavers made four consecutive WNIT appearances from 2001-04, and advanced to the quarterfinals in 2004.

Woods was an assistant coach for two seasons at California and started her coaching career at Santa Monica High School as both an assistant and later as the head girls' basketball coach from 1994-97.

She was a four-year starter at small forward and two-time team captain at USC from 1990-94. The Berkeley, Calif., native helped



lead the Women of Troy to four NCAA tournament appearances, including trips to the Elite Eight in 1993 and 1994 and the Sweet 16 in 1992.

Woods earned her bachelor's degree in public administration from USC in 1994.

THE JUALEAH WOODS FILE

Hometown:
Berkeley, Calif.

Education:
Bachelor's of Arts -
Public Administration
Southern California, 1994

Playing Experience:
USC
1990-94

Coaching Background:

San Diego State -
Assistant Coach/Recruiting Coordinator
2005-Present

Oregon State -
Assistant Coach
2000-05

California -
Assistant Coach
1998-2000

Santa Monica High School -
Head Coach/Assistant Coach
1994-97





CARLOS KNOX

ASSISTANT COACH • 1ST YEAR AT SDSU/1ST OVERALL • IUPUI, 1998



THE CARLOS KNOX FILE

Hometown:
Dayton, Ohio

Education:
Bachelor's of Arts -
IUPUI, 1998

Playing Experience:
Croatia, Germany, Italy and Venezuela
Professional Leagues
1999-2002

Indiana Pacers
1998-99

IUPUI
1994-98

Coaching Background:
WNBA's Indiana Fever (Assistant Coach)
2010

Club Al Hilal – Saudi Arabia Division I
League (Head Coach)
2009-10

WNBA's Indiana Fever (Volunteer Assistant
Coach/Player Development)
2008-09

CBA's Pittsburgh Xplosion (Head Coach)
2007-08

CBA's Indiana Alley Cats (Head Coach)
2006-07

ABA's Indiana Alley Cats (Assistant Coach)
2005-06

IBL's Dayton Jets (Head Coach)
2004-05

IUPUI (Men's Assistant Coach)
2001-02

Burns on Knox: "Coach Knox is a high-energy person with a wealth of basketball experience both as a player and a coach. He comes highly recommended from WNBA/NBA circles. He is very accomplished in player development and will hit the ground running. Our players are excited and our staff is appreciative that he was able to join us so quickly. He is committed to taking full advantage of the opportunity, and we are confident he will be a huge addition to our team."

Carlos Knox, a former professional basketball player and head coach, is in his first season with the San Diego State women's basketball team.

Knox comes to the Aztecs from the WNBA's Indiana Fever, where he was an assistant under head coach Lin Dunn, helping the team with video editing, practice planning, player development and scouting. He also served a one-year stint with the Fever from 2008-09, as a volunteer assistant coach in player development.

Knox played collegiately at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) from 1994-98, where he was a three-time All-American, two-time NCAA scoring champion and NCAA Division II Player of the Year for the Jaguars. The 6-2 guard finished his career with all of the school's major scoring records, including career points (2,556), single-season points (927), single-game points (51), single-season scoring average (32.0) and career scoring average (30.1). He is one of only two IUPUI student-athletes and the only men's basketball player in school history to have his jersey retired (No. 34) and has already been inducted into the IUPUI Hall of Fame (Class of 2004).

After graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1998, he played professionally with the Indiana Pacers, before moving overseas where he competed in four different countries over a three-year span from 1999-2002.

From there, Knox served as an assistant men's coach at his alma mater during the 2001-02 campaign, helping to recruit George Hill, who went on to become the only player in IUPUI history to be drafted into the NBA.

The Dayton, Ohio, native has been a head men's coach in the



CBA for the Indiana Alley Cats and Pittsburgh Xplosion, a head coach in the IBL for the Dayton Jets and spent 2009-10 as a head coach in the Saudi Arabia League (Division 1), where he led Club Al Hilal to a 20-4 record and a third-place finish in the playoffs.

Knox has also worked with NBA and WNBA players to develop their basketball skills, as well as rehabilitate from injury. His previous clients include Tamika Catchings and Katie Douglas from the Indiana Fever, as well as NBA players Andrew Owens, George Hill, Daquan Cook and Zach Randolph.





JORGE CERNA

ASSISTANT COACH • 3RD YEAR AT SDSU/3RD OVERALL • SAN DIEGO STATE, 2006



THE JORGE CERNA FILE

Hometown:
San Diego, Calif.

Family:
Engaged to Sarah Schuetz

Education:
Bachelor's of Arts -
Social Science
San Diego State, 2006

Master's of Arts -
Kinesiology
San Diego State, 2010

Playing Career:
Christian High School
1998-2001

Coaching Background:

San Diego State -
Assistant Coach
2010-present

Women's Basketball
Director of Player Development
2008-10

Men's Basketball
Student Manager
2005-08

Marian Catholic High -
Girls' Varsity Assistant Coach
2004-05

Boys' Varsity Assistant Coach
2003-04

Boys' Freshmen Coach/Varsity Asst. Coach
2002-03

Burns on Cerna: "Jorge has been an integral part of our program's success the last two seasons. He thoroughly understands our system, our athletes and the goals of our team."

"As both an undergraduate and master's (degree) SDSU graduate, Jorge is 100 percent Aztec. He is bright, talented and extremely hard working. In addition to having a high basketball IQ, Jorge has been a great asset to our student-athletes in the academic area as well."

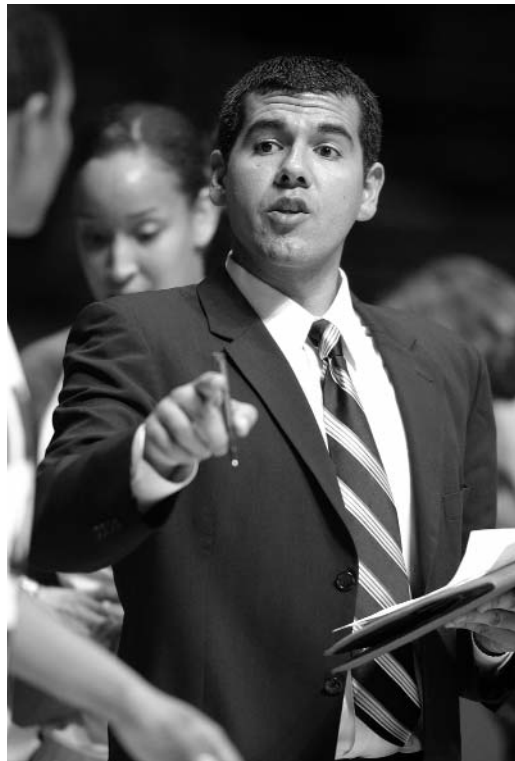
Jorge Cerna, the team's director of player development the past two seasons, begins his first year as an assistant coach with San Diego State in 2010-11.

Cerna has been a part of the Aztec basketball staff that has guided the program to two consecutive NCAA tournament bids, including a spot in the 2010 NCAA Sweet Sixteen. SDSU has also logged back-to-back 20-win campaigns and has claimed both an MWC regular season and conference championship title.

As the team's director of player development, some of his job duties included coordinating film exchange, editing game and practice film, developing team highlight videos and supervising student managers.

Cerna graduated from Christian High School in 2001, where he played four years of varsity basketball. While a student at San Diego State, he coached at Marian Catholic High School from 2002-05, serving as the boys' freshmen team coach as well as an assistant with the boys' and girls' varsity squads.

The San Diego native became a student manager for the Aztec men's basketball team in May 2005, and over the next three seasons helped with practice set-up, game statistics, summer camps and team travel. Cerna supervised other student managers and helped the squad's video coordinator with film exchange and game



scout edits.

Cerna earned his bachelor's degree in social science in December 2006, and recently received his master's of arts degree in kinesiology from SDSU in 2010.

He is engaged to Sarah Schuetz and resides in the Tierrasanta area of San Diego.



TAMMY STEPHENS

DIR. OF BASKETBALL OPERATIONS • 6TH YEAR AT SDSU/10TH OVERALL • CS FULLERTON, 1981



THE TAMMY STEPHENS FILE

Hometown:
San Diego, Calif.

Education:
Bachelor's of Arts -
Sociology
Cal State Fullerton, 1981

Master's of Education -
Counseling
University of San Diego, 1991

College Basketball Background:

San Diego State -
Director of Operations
2005-Present

Stanford -
Director of Operations
2004-05

Ohio State -
Director of Operations
1997-2000

Burns on Stephens: "Tammy has helped us assemble this program brick-by-brick. Her intellect and her versatility in just about every area has been so critical in enabling us to build our program and coach our team. She's expanded her role over the past year in helping to mentor and advise our student-athletes in everything from academics to life skills, which is on top of everything else that she does for our program.

As I look at the poise of our juniors and seniors, a large part of the credit goes to Tammy and her leadership and guidance."

With nine years of experience as a director of basketball operations at the Division I level, Tammy Stephens enters her sixth season with the Aztecs.

At SDSU, Stephens plays a critical role in the Aztec basketball program. She handles all of the off-the-court responsibilities relative to the budget, facilities and travel. She also coordinates community service projects, the season ticket campaign, summer camps, equipment and fundraising.

Stephens works with the Aztec Club as the team's point person for the "Full Court Press" booster club and establishes on-going relationships with Aztec basketball alumnae.

In 2004-05, Stephens was a part of coach Tara VanDerveer's staff at Stanford, helping the Cardinal to a No. 1 national ranking, a 32-3 record and a trip to the NCAA Elite Eight. She coordinated the team's practice facilities and worked with the booster club in its fundraising efforts. She also was the primary contact for summer camps and was responsible for the Cardinal's game scheduling for the 2005-06 campaign.

Stephens was the director of basketball operations at Ohio State from 1997-2000. In that position, she managed the day-to-day operations of the Buckeye program, which included overseeing the budget, hiring and supervising the office staff and coordinating team travel. She also was in charge of summer camps and was the community relations liaison.



Before leaving for Ohio State, Stephens was an assistant women's tennis coach at the University of San Diego from 1993-97. She graduated in 1981 from Cal State Fullerton with a bachelor's degree in sociology and has a master's of education in counseling from USD.





AZTEC BASKETBALL STAFF



MIKE BYNUM
Director of Player Development
First Season at SDSU/
First Overall
San Diego State, 2009

Burns on Bynum: "Mike has an excellent basketball pedigree and our director of player development position plays an integral part in preparing both our coaches and our team on a daily basis. His outstanding academic record at SDSU, as well as the valuable experience he gained while in coach (Steve) Fisher's program, has made Mike a big asset to our team."

Mike Bynum, a former student manager with the Aztec men's basketball squad and assistant varsity coach at Scripps Ranch High, is in his first year as the Aztecs' director of player development

Bynum's job duties include coordinating film exchange, editing game and practice film, developing team highlight videos and supervising student managers. He also assists director of basketball operations Tammy Stephens in the planning and setting up of all women's basketball events.

Bynum spent last year as an assistant varsity coach with the boys' team at Scripps Ranch High School under head coach Brian Keiser. He was in charge of the Falcons' video editing, helped scout future opponents and on the court, worked with the squad's defense. Scripps Ranch went 16-11 overall and won two tournaments during the 2009-10 campaign.

Bynum became a student manager for the Aztec men's basketball team in September 2004, and over the next five seasons helped with practice set-up, game statistics, summer camps and team travel. Bynum supervised other student managers and assisted the squad's video coordinator with opponent scout edits. SDSU boasted a 103-61 record during his five-year stint, recording four-straight, 20-win seasons and claiming the 2005-06 Mountain West Conference regular season and tournament championships.

In the summer of 2009, Bynum was a counselor at both LeBron James King's Academy and the Steve Fisher Basketball Camp, where he supervised basketball players of various age groups, provided skill instruction and helped conduct drills.

Originally from Toronto, Bynum lived in San Francisco, Washington D.C. and Dallas before moving to San Diego where he attended Scripps Ranch High School, graduating in 2004. He earned his bachelor's degree in communications from San Diego State in May 2009 and was a member of the Lambda Pi Eta Honor Society.

His father, Rod Bynum, is the head assistant men's basketball coach at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario.



JON FRANCIS
Head Strength &
Conditioning Coach
Seventh Season at SDSU
Appalachian State, 1993

Jon Francis is in his seventh year at San Diego State as the director of strength and conditioning after spending the previous three years as head strength and conditioning coach at the University of Idaho.

Before arriving in Idaho, Francis was the assistant strength and conditioning coach at Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C. He worked with the university's football, basketball, baseball, wrestling, volleyball and men's soccer programs. He also served as a graduate assistant at Appalachian State.

Francis is a 1993 graduate of Appalachian State and completed his master's of arts in sport management at the school in 2001. He is a member of the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association and is Strength and Conditioning Coach Certified (SCCC). He is also a member of the National Strength and Conditioning Association and has earned certification from USA Weightlifting.

Francis resides in Vista with his wife and daughter.



DANIELLE ARRINGTON
Student Manager
First Season



MICHAEL ESPINOZA
Student Manager
First Season



ASHLEY TABAJUNDA
Student Manager
First Season

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Hometown:
 Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Education:
 Bachelor's of Arts -
 Communications
 San Diego State, 2009

Basketball Background:

San Diego State -
 Women's Basketball
 Dir. of Player Development
 2010-present

Men's Basketball
 Student Manager
 2004-09

Scripps Ranch High -
 Boys' Varsity
 Assistant Coach
 2009-10



AZTEC BASKETBALL STAFF



WILLIE JUDD
Academic Advisor
Fifth Season at SDSU
Iowa State, 2002

Willie Judd is in his fifth year as the academic advisor for the Aztec women's basketball team. Judd also is the department's CHAMPS/Life Skills Coordinator, as well as a co-advisor for the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

Judd provides academic guidance and life skill development to the Aztec women's basketball team. He addresses all academic needs for the players, including scheduling course work and coordinating tutoring, study hours and mentor meetings. He also teaches a freshman success class for SDSU student-athletes, in which players learn everything from time management, communication and study skills.

The San Diego native came to SDSU after two years at Santa Barbara City College, where he was an athletic academic counselor and coached the defensive line for the Vaquero football team.

Judd is a former student-athlete himself, playing football for two seasons at Iowa State, where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in sociology in 2002. After completing his eligibility, he spent a year at ISU as a graduate assistant in football operations.

He returned to the West Coast to pursue his master's degree in education counseling (2004), while working as an academic advisor at National University.

Judd's wife, Kate, is a former UC Santa Barbara women's basketball player and earned a master's degree from SDSU in rehabilitation counseling. His parents are both San Diego State alums, and his sister, Katie, played volleyball at Portland State.



STACY STRUBLE
Athletic Trainer
First Season at SDSU
Ball State, 1993

Stacy Struble is in her first year as an athletic trainer at San Diego State. Struble works directly with the Aztec women's basketball program.

As the team's head athletic trainer, her primary responsibility is the overall healthcare of the student-athletes. Whether it's the flu or an ankle sprain, the Aztecs see her for all ailments. Struble works with state-of-the-art equipment, including a SWIM-Ex Unit and Biodex machine to rehabilitate injuries and return the student-athletes to the court better than before. She also coordinates nutrition services for the team to improve performance.

Before coming to SDSU, Struble spent three and a half years at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista, Calif. From 2006-10, she was a staff athletic trainer working with world-class athletes in a variety of different sports, including rowing, canoe/kayak, archery, track and field, BMX cycling, field hockey, triathlon, bobsled, skiing, snowboarding and speed-skating. She traveled with Team USA to the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver and was a volunteer athletic trainer at the 1996 Atlanta and 2000 Sydney Paralympic Games.

Struble has worked with the AVP Pro Beach Volleyball Tour, at an outpatient physical therapy clinic and with high school athletic squads.

The Elkhart, Ind., native earned a bachelor's degree in athletic training from Ball State in 1993, and returned for her master's degree in sport management in 2006. Struble is a certified athletic trainer and member of the National Athletic Trainers' Association.



TARA MORRISON
Administrative Assistant
Fourth Season at SDSU
Adams State, 2001

Tara Morrison enters her fourth year at San Diego State and her third as the team's administrative assistant. In her position, Morrison handles the daily operations and administrative duties of the women's basketball office, including helping the staff to organize team travel, daily schedules and the budget. She also works closely with the members of the "Full Court Press Club" booster group by organizing and running the club's events.

In 2007-08, the Arvada, Colo., native served as the team's head manager after six years as a Division I assistant coach.

Morrison was an assistant women's basketball coach at Binghamton University in Binghamton, N.Y. from 2005-07. Her responsibilities included coaching the Bearcats' forwards and post players, while also helping with the team's recruiting, academics, scouting and summer camps. Binghamton finished in the top four of the America East Conference in each of her two seasons and twice made semifinal appearances at the league championships.

Before moving to New York, Morrison was an assistant from 2001-05 at the University of Maine under head coach Sharon Versyp. The Black Bears were 86-34 overall during her four-year stay, including a 58-10 mark in conference play. Maine claimed three straight America East regular season titles from 2003-05, and advanced to the postseason on three occasions, including a trip to the NCAA tournament in 2004.

Her duties with the Black Bears involved coaching the forward and post players, including two-time America East Conference Player of the Year Heather Ernest. Morrison also coordinated team travel and film exchange and helped with film editing, scouting, recruiting, summer camps and academics.

A 2001 graduate of Adams State College in Alamosa, Colo., she was a three-year basketball letterwinner at forward for the Grizzlies, after playing one season at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. Morrison, who has a bachelor's degree in exercise physiology with a minor in coaching, was the head coach of the Mile Hi Magic Girl's Basketball Club in Denver, Colo., during the summer from 1999-2001.

Morrison is a certified personal trainer and resides in San Diego.

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