

2003

COACHING STAFF



Head Coach
TOM CRAFT



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The changing of the guard at the top of a college football program is one of the most scrutinized processes in all of sports. The experts are numerous and the expectations are downright scary.

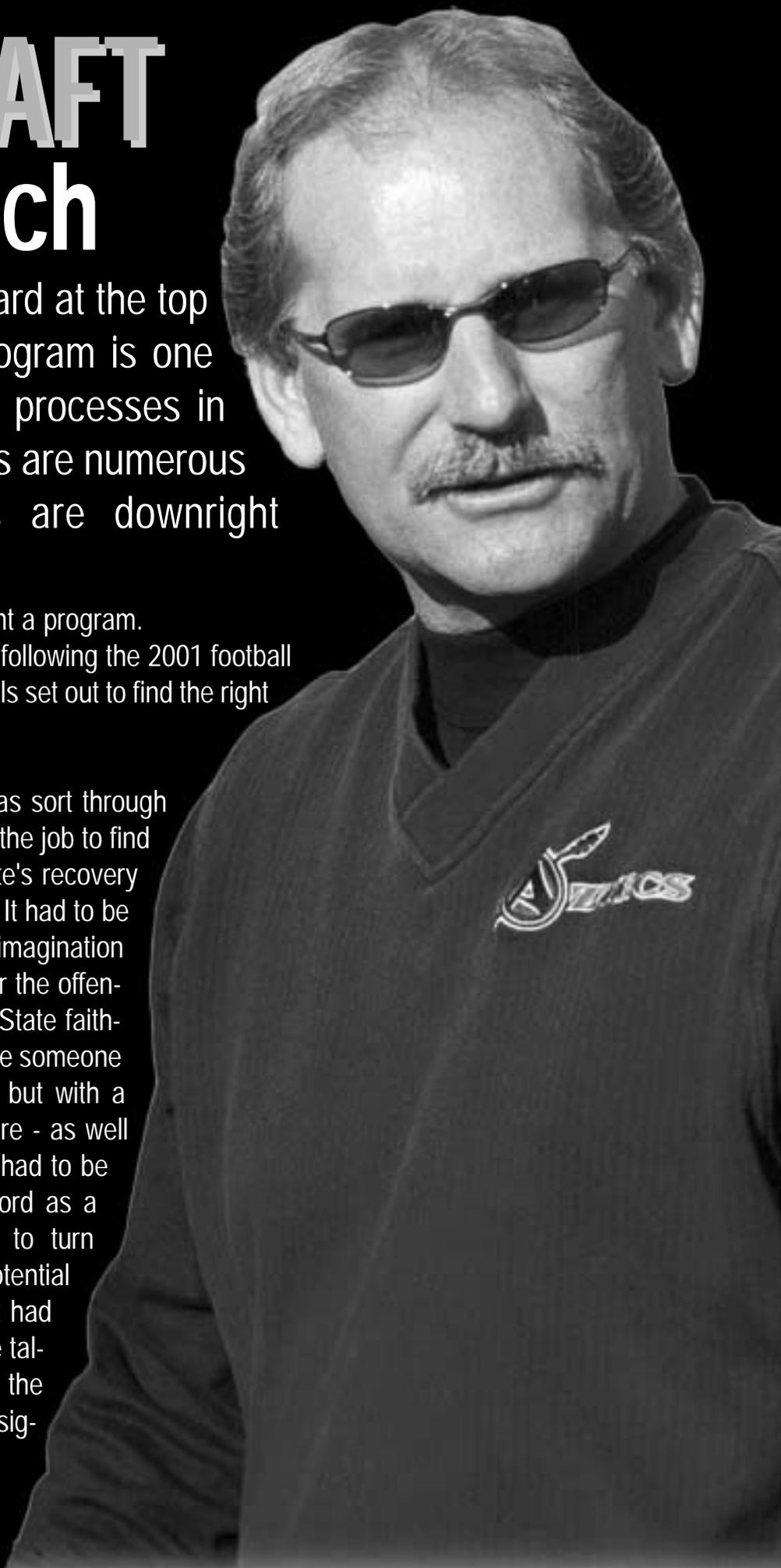
But it is also a chance to re-invent a program.

That opportunity presented itself following the 2001 football season and San Diego State officials set out to find the right man for the job.

It was a simple edict.

All the Aztec brass had to do was sort through the pretenders and contenders for the job to find the person to lead San Diego State's recovery from three straight losing seasons. It had to be someone who could recapture the imagination of the Aztec fans who hungered for the offensive firepower that the San Diego State faithful feel is their birthright. It had to be someone aware of San Diego State's past but with a strong vision of the program's future - as well as the future of college football. It had to be someone with a proven track record as a winner and with the confidence to turn around a program dripping with potential but lacking in recent successes. It had to be someone who could evaluate talent and at the same time take on the sport's heavy hitters for a player's signature.

It had to be Tom Craft.





TOM CRAFT
HEAD COACH
Second Season
San Diego St., 1977



The Tom Craft File

Birthdate:

November 12, 1953

Place of Birth:

Iowa City, Iowa (University of Iowa campus)

High School:

Pacific Grove (Calif.) High School

College:

Bachelor of Arts in Physical Education
 San Diego State, 1977;
 Master of Arts in Physical Education
 Azusa Pacific, 1983

Playing Career:

Was the nation's leading passer (by percentage) at Monterey Peninsula Junior College and was a two-time all-Coast League selection. Played two years at San Diego State and was the starting quarterback on a 10-1 team his senior season.

Coaching Career:

1977-82	Palomar College Assistant Coach
1983-93	Palomar College Head Coach
1994-96	San Diego State Offensive Coordinator
1997-2001	Palomar College Head Coach
2002 - present	San Diego State Head Coach

Family:

Craft and his wife, Kathy (also an SDSU grad), have three children. Lacey plays on the Aztec softball team, Kevin is a senior Valley Center High School and Kyle is in the ninth grade.

A San Diego State graduate, a former Aztec quarterback and a former offensive coordinator on Montezuma Mesa, Craft was introduced as San Diego State's 15th head football coach on Dec. 6, 2001.

In Tom Craft's first season as the Aztec head coach, he led a mini-revival. San Diego State showed the biggest improvement in the country in passing offense. After ranking 89th in that category in 2001, Craft's first offense was fifth nationally with an average of 330 passing yards per game.

The Aztecs also made a monumental jump in total offense, rising from 98th to 29th with virtually the same lineup that had sputtered the year before. Only Purdue, Southern California and Oklahoma State showed more improvement.

But the improvement was more than cosmetic.

The Aztecs finished third in the Mountain West Conference after being picked for last. It was SDSU's first upper-division finish in the new league and SDSU's first winning record in league play since the 1998 Las Vegas Bowl team. The Aztecs picked up their first-ever Mountain West wins over Air Force and Utah, pushed Colorado into the fourth quarter and lost on the last play of the game in Craft's debut game at Fresno State.

The first year of the Craft era ended in February with a recruiting class ranked as one of the school's best ever, as the Mountain West's top class and among the nation's top 40. "Aztecs Make Their Move" heralded *SuperPrep* magazine after the recruiting dust had settled.

There is little doubt that the Aztecs are about to make another move.

Craft is the first San Diego State graduate to lead the football program since Bob Breitbard in 1945 and is one of just 19 coaches in Division I employed by his alma mater. His hiring is a true return to San Diego State's past and his philosophies are sure to pique the interest of the Aztec faithful.

"It is special to go back to your alma mater where you have real affection and genuine emotional ties," Craft said at his packed introductory news conference. "I know what it will take for us to have the kind of program that we all want for San Diego State. We will be successful."

Craft's San Diego State roots were clearly evident during his second spring at the helm of the program. Most workouts were preceded by words of encouragement from past Aztec players and coaches,

including current New York Jets (and former Craft teammate at SDSU) Herman Edwards and former SDSU head coach and defensive coordinator Claude Gilbert. Craft played for Gilbert during his days as a student-athlete on Montezuma Mesa.

Many of the spring workouts ended with Craft

quizzing his squad on Aztec trivia and San Diego State's football heritage. There is little doubt that the 2003 San Diego State football team will have a deeper appreciation for the Red and Black tradition than most of its predecessors.

Craft has a direct link to San Diego State's glory years under Don Coryell. He played at State under Gilbert, who was an assistant under Coryell during the school's blistering 12-year run. Gilbert succeeded the legend when Coryell left for the National Football League. Coryell left behind a stunning record of 104-19-2 and Gilbert followed with a 61-26-2 mark.

As a player, Craft was the starting quarterback and team captain for the Aztecs in 1976 and led San

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Diego State to a 10-1 record while completing 69 percent of his passes. In fact, during Craft's two years on the San Diego State campus, the Aztecs posted a cumulative mark of 18-4.

The success he tasted as a player became a way of life for Craft as a coach. As a coordinator at San Diego State (1994-1996), Craft led the Aztecs to their three best offensive years in the post-Marshall Faulk era. Each of his units averaged more than 30 points per game, including an eye-popping 38.9-point average his final year as coordinator in 1996. During his last two seasons on campus, San Diego State was ranked among the nation's top 10 teams in scoring and total offense.

Under Craft's tutelage, San Diego State has seen some of its greatest individual achievements. Quarterback Billie Blanton, receivers J.R. Tolver and Kassim Osgood, and running back George Jones etched their names in the Aztec record books.

Blanton's 169.6 passing rating in 1996 is still the best ever by an Aztec and his career passing efficiency mark of 157.1 is third all-time by an NCAA player who spent all four years at a Division I program, trailing only Heisman Trophy winners Danny Wuerffel of Florida and Ty Detmer of Brigham Young.

J.R. Tolver and Kassim Osgood re-wrote school and NCAA record books in 2002, combining for an NCAA record 236 catches and an NCAA record 3,337 receiving yards. Tolver set the school single-season mark with 128 catches and Osgood has the second best season in Aztec history with 108 grabs.

And if you think the Craft attack is one dimensional, keep in mind that George Jones set the Aztec single-season rushing mark of 1,842 yards in 1995 with Tom Craft as offensive coordi-

nator.

Craft's stint as offensive coordinator ended with a pair of eight-win seasons in 1995 and '96. The 1995 San Diego State team was the first in NCAA history with a 3,000-yard passer, a 1,500-yard rusher and a pair of 1,000-yard receivers (Billy Blanton, George Jones and receivers Will Blackwell and Az Hakim).

As head coach at Palomar College, Craft's stint can only be referred to as an "era". After serving as an assistant coach at the school from 1977 to 1982 and with the school openly questioning its commitment to football, he took over head-coaching duties in 1983. After a pair of 4-6 seasons, the Comets' fortunes began to improve. By the time Craft left the San Marcos school for the Aztec coordinator's job, Palomar was coming off of a three-year stretch of 31-2, had an offense ranked among the nation's top five for five consecutive years and was sporting two national championships.

After three years at San Diego State, Craft returned to Palomar and spent five more seasons at the school, producing another eight-win, 10-win and 11-win season and another national title.

Overall, Craft's stay at Palomar College included a record of 115-56-1. Five of his teams won at least 10 games and he won three national championships and three California community college state championships. He was voted as the state coach of the year five times and was honored as the Mission Conference coach of the year nine times. His squads posted a 9-3 record in bowl games.

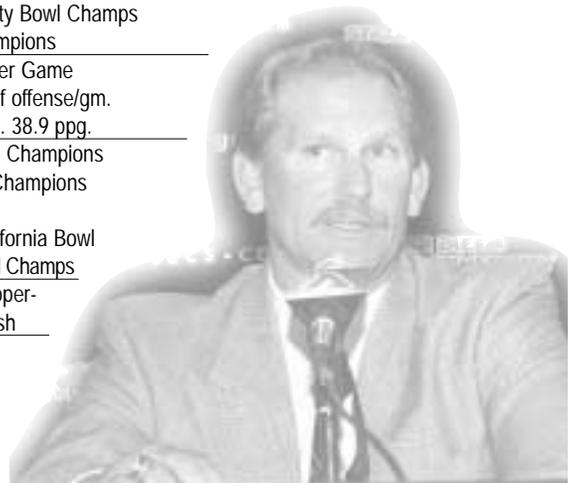
Craft was born in Iowa City, Iowa, on Nov. 12, 1953. He attended Pacific Grove High School, where he was an all-conference selection in football, basketball and baseball. Before arriving at San Diego State, he played football at Monterey Peninsula College, where he led the nation's junior colleges in passing. He was a two-time all-Coast Conference selection at the school.

Craft graduated from San Diego State in 1977 and earned his masters degree from Azusa Pacific in 1983. His wife, Kathy, is also a San Diego State graduate. They have three children. Lacey Jaye plays on the women's softball team at San Diego State. Kevin is a senior quarterback at Valley Center High School while another son, Kyle, will be in the ninth grade this fall.



Tom Craft Year-By-Year Coaching Record

Year	School	Title	Record	Accomplishments
1977	Palomar College	Assistant Coach	7-3	
1978	Palomar College	Assistant Coach	4-6	
1979	Palomar College	Assistant Coach	3-6	
1980	Palomar College	Assistant Coach	1-8	
1981	Palomar College	Assistant Coach	2-8	
1982	Palomar College	Assistant Coach	2-8	
1983	Palomar College	Head Coach	4-6	
1984	Palomar College	Head Coach	4-6	
1985	Palomar College	Head Coach	6-4	
1986	Palomar College	Head Coach	5-5	
1987	Palomar College	Head Coach	5-4-1*	
1988	Palomar College	Head Coach	4-6	
1989	Palomar College	Head Coach	7-4	Mission South Champions
1990	Palomar College	Head Coach	7-4	Mission South Champions
1991	Palomar College	Head Coach	10-1	Co-National Champions
1992	Palomar College	Head Coach	10-1	Orange County Bowl Champs
1993	Palomar College	Head Coach	11-0	National Champions
1994	San Diego State	Offensive Coordinator	4-7	30.2 Points Per Game
1995	San Diego State	Offensive Coordinator	8-4	482.1 yards of offense/gm.
1996	San Diego State	Offensive Coordinator	8-3	Offensive avg. 38.9 ppg.
1997	Palomar College	Head Coach	6-5	No-Fear Bowl Champions
1998	Palomar College	Head Coach	11-1	Co-National Champions
1999	Palomar College	Head Coach	8-3	Shrine Bowl
2000	Palomar College	Head Coach	7-4	Southern California Bowl
2001	Palomar College	Head Coach	10-2	So. Calif. Bowl Champs
2002	San Diego State	Head Coach	4-9	Aztecs' 1st upper-div. MWC finish



Career Record As Palomar College Head Coach: 115-56-1 (16 years)

Career Record As San Diego State Head Coach: 4-9 (one year)

Career Record As A Head Coach: 119-65-1 (17 years)

Career SDSU Coaching Record: 24-23 (four years)

Career Collegiate Coaching Record: 158-118-1 (26 years) * = Includes forfeit victory





JIM HOUSE
**Assistant Head Coach/
 Defensive Line
 Second Season
 Wyoming, 1970**

Jim House is in his second year as San Diego State's assistant head coach and defensive line coach. He arrived at San Diego State after spending 12 seasons at Nevada, including serving as the Wolf Pack's assistant head coach.

House also served on the football staff at San Jose State, Montana State and Wyoming, as well as at the high school level in Wyoming.

During his stay in Reno, Nevada made the transition from the I-AA Big Sky Conference to the Big West and finally to the Western Athletic Conference.

He has worked for an impressive list of head coaches, including Fred Akers, Chris Ault, Pat Dye and Fritz Shurmur at Wyoming, and former Aztec head coach and defensive coordinator Claude Gilbert at San Jose State.

Success has been a theme throughout House's career. During his stay in Laramie (1974-85), the Cowboys won the WAC title and played Oklahoma

in the Fiesta Bowl. He left Wyoming for Montana State, where he served as offensive line coach and assistant head coach.

He spent three years at San Jose State (1987-90) coaching linebackers, special teams and overseeing the strength program. During that time, the Spartans won the Big West Conference and played in the 1987 California Bowl.

In Reno, Nevada's string of successes included six conference championships (Big Sky and Big West) and three bowl appearances. The Wolf Pack made appearances in the I-AA national championship game in 1990 and in the semifinals in 1991.

As A Player: House was a decorated letterman at Wyoming and is considered one of the all-time great Cowboys. He earned four monograms as a

linebacker. He was an honorable mention All-America selection and a preseason All-American by *Playboy* magazine. He earned lineman of the week honors from *Sports Illustrated* and was a two-time all-conference linebacker. He also served as a Cowboy team captain and during his playing days, Wyoming appeared in the Sun Bowl and Sugar Bowl. He finished his collegiate playing career with appearances in the East-West Shrine Game, the Hula Bowl and the Senior Bowl.

Personal: Jim House was born Feb. 9, 1947, in Laramie. He earned a B.S. in physical education at Wyoming in 1970. He has one son, J.D.



THOM KAUMEYER
**Defensive
 Coordinator
 Second Season
 Regents, 1993**

The appointment of San Diego native Thom Kaumeyer to the position of defensive coordinator was one of the first moves made by head coach Tom Craft upon his hiring. With the naming of Kaumeyer, Craft was reunited with one of his former players and assistant coaches.

Kaumeyer, who has installed an aggressive defense on The Mesa, returns to his hometown after spending two seasons as defensive quality-control coach for the Atlanta Falcons. In Atlanta, he assisted in all facets of the defensive game plan and also served as assistant secondary coach.

Prior to coaching in the NFL, Kaumeyer spent three seasons on the football staff at Palomar College, where he served as defensive coordinator and special teams coach.

In 1995 and 1996, he oversaw football operations and served as head coach of Onward Kashiya, LTD, in Tokyo.

In 1994, when Craft left Palomar to serve as offensive coordinator at San Diego State, Kaumeyer assumed the head-coaching duties for the Comets.

As A Player: Kaumeyer earned All-America honors as a safety at Palomar College while playing under Craft. He went on to be named all-Pac 10 at Oregon, where he was also an academic all-league choice and was honored by the citizens of Eugene for his community service.

In 1988, Kaumeyer led the Ducks in tackles with 101. He was taken in the sixth round of the 1989 draft by the Los Angeles Rams and spent time in the NFL as a player with the Rams, Seahawks and Giants.

Personal: Thom Kaumeyer was born March 17, 1967, in La Jolla. He earned a degree in American Studies at Regents University (Albany, N.Y.) after finishing his playing career. He earned an M.A. in education at Azusa Pacific. He is married to the former Kayoko

Yoshioka. She is a former Broadway dancer, who has appeared in "Cats" and "The King and I."





DAMON BALDWIN

Offensive Line Eighth Season San Diego State, 1990

As A Player: Baldwin was a member of SDSU's offensive line from 1985 to 1989 as both a guard and tackle and earned four varsity letters. He was a member of the 1986 WAC championship team that played in the Holiday Bowl. He earned second-team all-WAC honors in 1989 and was an academic all-WAC choice in '88.

Returning for his sixth year as a full-time member of the Aztec coaching staff and his eighth year overall is offensive line coach Damon Baldwin. Baldwin, who first joined the San Diego State coaching staff under Ted Tollner, has produced eight all-conference linemen on The Mesa and a first-team All-American (Mike Malano).

During his tenure as a graduate assistant, he helped develop Kyle Turley and Ephraim Salaam into 1998 rookie starters in the National Football League. More recently, Chester Pitts was a 2002 rookie starter on offensive line for the Houston Texans and former walkon lineman Mike Houghton is now a member of the Buffalo Bills.

Baldwin spent the 1996 and 1997 seasons as a graduate assistant at San Diego State before joining the staff on a full-time basis. He also served as an assistant coach at Rancho Bernardo High School from 1991 to 1995.

In 1990, he was a free agent pick up of the Philadelphia Eagles. Baldwin played for the World Bowl champion London Monarchs in 1991 and spent 1992 as a starter at guard for the New York/New Jersey Knights. He signed as a free agent in 1993 with the Los Angeles Raiders before returning to the London Monarchs for the 1995 and 1996 seasons, starting at center and serving as team captain. In 1995, he was voted as an all-World League center.

Personal: Baldwin was born April 16, 1967, in Concord. He attended Clayton Valley High School and graduated from SDSU in 1990 with a bachelor's degree in physical education and a minor in recreational management. He received his teaching credential in 1994 from Chapman University and is two courses shy of his masters degree in sports psychology. Baldwin and his wife, Kassey, were married in July, 2002.



FRED BLEIL

Secondary/ Special Teams Sixth Season Westmar, 1971

ond in the league in pass defense in '96. Three UNT players earned all-Big West honors.

Prior to North Texas, Bleil was the defensive coordinator at New Mexico from 1992 to '95. In four seasons with the Lobos, Bleil helped improve the defense from one of the worst in the nation to one of the best in the WAC. Bleil also coached defensive backs at Utah State from 1986 to '91

He was head coach at New Mexico Highlands from 1979 to 1982, and in his third season was Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Coach of the Year when he led the Cowboys to the 1981 RMAC title. For his efforts, he was also honored as the AFCA College Division coach of the year. Bleil served as director of athletics at New Mexico Highlands for 1981-82. He also has coaching stints at Texas A&I (1983) and Drake (1984-85).

As A Player: Bleil played his college football at Northern Iowa in 1967.

Personal: Fred Bleil was born Jan. 7, 1949, in Remsen, Iowa, and attended Remsen-Union High School. He earned a bachelor's degree from Westmar College in 1971 and a masters degree from Eastern New Mexico in '72.

Fred Bleil is in his sixth season of coaching the Aztec defensive backs. He will take on special teams duties in 2003. Under his direction, the Aztec secondary has been a big reason San Diego State's defense is annually one of the top units in the Mountain West Conference.

Under Bleil's tutelage, SDSU's Will Demps earned two straight first-team all-conference selections and later went on to become a rookie starter with the Baltimore Ravens. Another former Aztec player, safety Brian Russell (whom Bleil helped convert from quarterback), has gone on to a professional career with the Minnesota Vikings.

Bleil has more than 30 years of collegiate coaching experience. Prior to arriving at San Diego State in the spring of 1998, Bleil spent two seasons as defensive coordinator at North Texas. Under Bleil, UNT finished in the top three in the Big West in scoring defense in both 1996 and '97, and ranked sec-





ANDY BUH
Linebackers
Second Season
Nevada, 1996

Andy Buh, a graduate of Escondido's Orange Glen High School, is in his second year of coaching the Aztec linebackers. He arrived at San Diego State after spending two seasons on the coaching staff at California.

In his first year on Montezuma Mesa Buh helped middle linebacker Kirk Morrison become SDSU's first all-league choice at the position since 1980.

Buh began his coaching career at Orange Glen High School where he spent a year as an assistant coach. He then returned to his alma mater, Nevada, and spent two years as a graduate assistant, working with the Wolf Pack secondary. After a brief stint at St. Mary's College, he joined the Nevada staff on a full-time basis, working with the secondary and special teams while recruiting the San Diego and Las Vegas areas.

Buh then joined Tom Holmoe's staff at Cal, where he helped coach linebackers for two years.

As A Player: Buh was a linebacker and tight end at Orange Glen. He then spent two years as a linebacker at Palomar College, where he played for Tom Craft. During his two-year stay under Craft, the Comets were 20-2 and won a national championship. Buh ended his community college stint with All-America honors.

From Palomar, Buh spent two years earning varsity letters as a linebacker at Nevada, where he played under Chris Ault.

Personal: Buh earned his bachelor's degree in physical education from Nevada in 1996.



WALTER GASKINS
Running Backs
Second Season
Montana, 1973

Wally Gaskins is entering his second year as the San Diego State running backs coach after spending four seasons as assistant head coach and running backs coach at San Jose State.

Gaskins' coaching stops have included Rutgers, Cal State Northridge, Montana, Whitworth College and two stints at San Jose State.

He began his coaching career at his alma mater, the University of Montana. He served as a graduate assistant for the Grizzlies and coached running backs as well as the freshman team. He became a full-time staff member in 1973 when he coached the running backs and special teams. He continued to accumulate more duties in 1976 when he added the defensive line, recruiting and the off-season weight program to his responsibilities.

Gaskins left Missoula for Whitworth College in 1977, where he served as defensive coordinator. In 1978, he joined the staff at Northridge

for one season before beginning his first stay at San Jose State. From 1979 to 1996, Gaskins coached the Spartan running backs and served as director of football operations.

After one year at Rutgers, Gaskins returned to San Jose and served as assistant head coach of the Spartans before leaving for San Diego State.

Montana in 1973. He earned a masters of teaching in physical education and counseling at Whitworth College.

As A Player: Gaskins was a junior college All-America running back at Columbia Basin College and played on nationally-ranked teams at Montana.

Personal: Gaskins is a graduate of Lewis and Clark High School in Spokane. After attending Columbia Basin College in Pasco, Wash., he put his education on hold and spent one year in Vietnam in the United States Army. He returned to the United States in 1970 and completed work on his bachelor's degree in education at





MATT IRVIN
Tight Ends
Second Season
Oregon State, 1992

California for a year.
 The Oregon State graduate spent the 2001 season as the offensive line coach at Diablo Valley.

As A Player: Irvin was a two-year starter at Oregon State as a guard. By the end of his career in Corvallis, he held the OSU record for the bench press.



Matt Irvin is in his second year as the team's tight ends coach.
 Irvin has 10 years of experience coaching in the offensive line. He began his career at Diablo Valley in 1990 as an offensive line coach before entering private business for two years. He then returned to Diablo Valley College in 1993 for another stint with the offensive line. He spent 1994 and 1995 coaching the offensive and defensive lines at his alma mater, Northgate High School in Walnut Creek, Calif.
 In 1996, Irvin returned to Diablo Valley for one year before joining the staff at UNLV as graduate assistant in the offensive line. He then moved on to Fresno State for one season as an assistant offensive-line coach.
 In 1999, he relocated to Division I-AA Cal Poly as an offensive line coach for a season before becoming an assistant in the offensive line at Southern

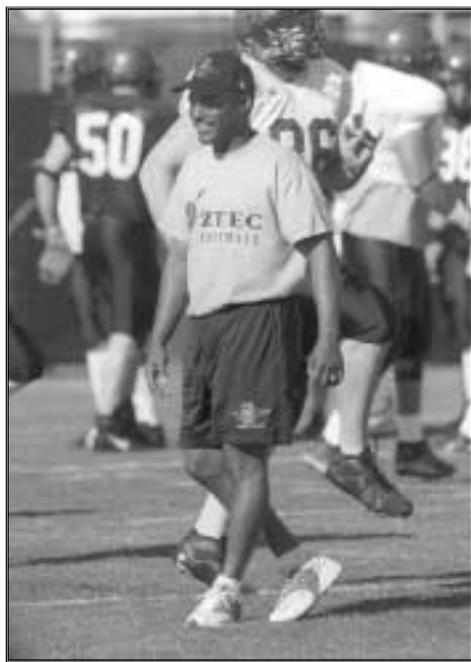
Personal: Irvin was born July 20, 1968. He attended Northgate High School and was a member of the school's football, track and wrestling teams. He earned his degree in speech communication from Oregon State in 1992 and completed a masters of education at UNLV in 2001. Irvin and his wife, Bea, were married in July of 2002.



RAY PETERSON
Wide Receivers
Second Season
San Diego State, 1996

San Diego Chargers before concentrating his efforts on his teaching career.

Personal: A native of New Orleans, Peterson was born in the Crescent City on Dec. 17, 1973. He earned his bachelor's degree in mathematics from San



Former Aztec receiver Ray Peterson is in his first year as the Aztec receiving coach after spending a year as a graduate assistant on the football staff. He joined the San Diego State staff on a full-time basis in April of 2003.
 Peterson is San Diego State's career leader in punt return yardage. He returned to SDSU after working for six years as a middle school math teacher in San Diego.

Diego State in 1996 and is pursuing a master of arts in education. Peterson and his wife, Misty, have three sons, Darien (11), Ray III (8) and Brandon (2), and a newborn daughter, Sylena. The family resides in San Diego.

As A Player: A four-year starter at San Diego State from 1992-95, Peterson was a multiple all-WAC performer while an Aztec. Among SDSU's leading receivers each season, Peterson still holds the Aztec career record for punt return yardage (1,201 yards), the sixth-best single-season mark in that category (330 yards in 1996) and the second-longest punt return in school history (91 yards). Following graduation, he spent two preseason camps with the



BRIAN STARK

**Quarterbacks
Fourth Season
Colorado, 1997**

Before assuming his current duties at State, Stark oversaw SDSU's recruiting efforts, including the 2002 class that was ranked second in the Mountain West Conference. He was also responsible for all administrative functions of the Aztec program, including training camp and travel.

Personal: Stark was born Sept. 18, 1973, in Colorado. He earned a degree in history/secondary education from Colorado in 1997. He has worked with four bowl teams, including two Holiday Bowls, the Cotton Bowl and the Aloha Bowl.

In his fourth year at San Diego State and his second as quarterbacks coach is Brian Stark. He originally joined the Aztec staff as director of football operations under Ted Tollner, but assumed quarterback duties under Tom Craft.

In his first year on the staff, Stark helped Aztec signal callers Adam Hall and Lon Sheriff combine to set a school record with 4,302 passing yards.

Stark arrived at San Diego State after spending a year as offensive program coordinator at the University of Washington. He also assisted with the Huskies' recruiting efforts in 1999.

Prior to Seattle, Stark was involved on the offensive side of the ball at Colorado, where he worked as a student assistant from 1994 to 1999. Stark was involved in coaching the running backs at both universities.

He began his coaching career by serving as offensive coordinator at Brighton High in Colorado.



David Powroznik

**Director of Football Operations
Second Season
USC, 1989**

Personal: Powroznik was born Feb. 22, 1965, in Oceanside. He earned a bachelor's degree in physical education from USC in 1989. He and his wife, Tori, have two sons. Tanner is 11 and Riley is 9.

Dave Powroznik serves as San Diego State's director of football operations. Along with overseeing numerous administrative duties, Powroznik coordinates SDSU's recruiting efforts and travel. Under his direction, the Aztec 2003 recruiting class was ranked 38th nationally by *SuperPrep* magazine and tops in the Mountain West Conference.

Powroznik joins the San Diego State staff after running his own business, where he was involved in the promotion and operation of clinics, camps, special events and bowl games.

He served as head coach of the Onward Oaks football team in the Japan X League on two different occasions. During his stints in Tokyo, his squads won four Pearl Bowls and made three appearances in the Tokyo Super Bowl, including one championship.

As A Player: Powroznik was a heavily-decorated prep quarterback at San Dieguito High School in Encinitas, where he was an all-CIF pick and a teammate of SDSU defensive coordinator Thom Kaumeyer. He also earned all-state honors at Lake Stevens, Wash., before relocating to California. Powroznik played collegiately at USC from 1984-89.



Steve Irvin

**Graduate Assistant
Second Season
UNLV, 1999**

Steve Irvin is in his second season as a graduate assistant coach at San Diego State, where he helps with the Aztec defense. Prior to coming to SDSU, Irvin served as the defensive coordinator (2001) and linebacker coach (1999-2001) at the College of the Desert in Palm Desert, Calif.

As A Player: A 1994 graduate of El Dorado High School in Las Vegas, Nev., Irvin began his collegiate playing career at the College of the Desert from 1994-95, earning all-conference honors as an outside linebacker. He then competed for one season at Quincy University (NCAA Div. II) in Quincy, Ill., before returning to his hometown of Las Vegas, lettering one year at UNLV.

Personal: Irvin was born June 8, 1976, in Frankfurt, Germany. He is a 1999 graduate of UNLV with a bachelor's degree in kinesiology.



Aztec Athletic Training



Gary Johnson

Head Athletic Trainer
11th Season
Colorado, 1997

Gary Johnson enters his 11th season as the head athletic trainer at San Diego State. He was named to the post on June 10, 1993, and oversees the administration of SDSU's sports medicine operation with primary athletic training responsibilities for the football team.

Johnson came to SDSU after six years on the Purdue sports medicine staff. He spent three years working directly with both football and men's basketball. He was assistant chief of physical therapy at the Purdue Hospital from the fall of 1987 until '89.

A product of West Allis, Wis., he earned a bachelor's degree in physical therapy from Wisconsin in 1985 and his master's in athletic training from Indiana in 1987. Johnson also served as a graduate assistant trainer at Indiana.

He is certified by the National Athletic Trainers Association, is a licensed physical therapist in California and a member of the California Athletic Trainers Association and the Far West Trainers Association. He has served on various subcommittees of the NATA athletic trainers' committee.

Johnson and his wife, Kirista, have two sons, Matthew (4) and Kevin (1).



Mark Haines
Assistant Athletic Trainer



Carolyn Peters
Assistant Athletic Trainer



Sara Williamson
Assistant Athletic Trainer

Graduate Assistant Trainer

Nick Gomez

Student Trainers

Ryan Bucher,
Maddy Harkins,
Megan Mahoney,
David McClaskey,
Beth Mickelson,
Dave Pilgrim,
Tom Rostami,
Armin Shaverdian,
Ben Wells

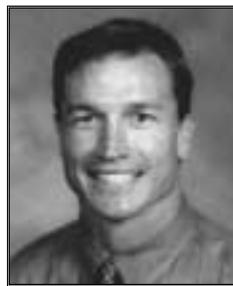
Aztec Team Physicians



Dr. Christopher Behr

Dr. Christopher Behr enters his fifth season as team orthopedic surgeon for San Diego State. A graduate of Cornell and Cornell University Medical College, Behr completed his orthopedic residency and sports medicine/shoulder fellowship at the renowned Hospital for Special Surgery in New York, N.Y., where he worked closely with the New York Giants. Dr. Behr is a board certified physician and a partner in the San Diego

Orthopedic Associates Medical Group.



Dr. Alan Richberg

Dr. Alan Richberg enters his sixth year as a member of the SDSU athletic medicine staff. An All-American wrestler at Fresno State, Richberg is a graduate of the Loma Linda University School of Medicine. He trained in family practice at the UCLA Santa Monica Family Practice Residency and completed his training in the San Diego Sports Medicine Fellowship Program. He currently serves as a family physician at the San Diego Sports Medicine and Family Health Center, the head physician at Patrick Henry High School and Grossmont College, and a U.S. Olympic Team physician at the Arco Olympic Training Center.



Dr. Greg Gastaldo

Dr. Greg Gastaldo is in his seventh year as the Director of Athletic Medicine at SDSU and splits his time between Student Health Services and the medical offices in the Aztec Athletics Training Room. Prior to coming to SDSU, Gastaldo served five years as the director of athletic medicine at Princeton. A graduate of Long Beach State, Gastaldo received his medical degree from the UCLA School of Medicine. He is board certified in internal medicine and holds a Certificate of Added Qualification in Sports Medicine.

Medicine.



Dr. Peter Wile

Dr. Peter B. Wile begins his 18th season with the SDSU athletic medicine staff. Since the beginning of 1993, he has served as the team's head orthopedic surgeon. Dr. Wile received his undergraduate degree from Southern California in 1972. He graduated from Michigan, where he received his MD in 1976. He completed an orthopedic surgery residency at Yale and a Fellowship in hip and knee surgery in Rummelsburg, West Germany, in 1981. Dr. Wile is a partner in the San Diego Orthopedics Associates Medical group, which is located in the Hillcrest area of San Diego. The practice has an emphasis and subspecialization in sports medicine and arthroscopic surgery.



Aztec Strength & Conditioning

David Ohton



**Director of
Strength & Conditioning
18th Season
Arizona State, 1984**

David Ohton is in his 18th season as San Diego State's strength and conditioning coach, working with the Aztec football team as well as 17 other varsity sports.

Ohton came to SDSU after serving as a graduate assistant in strength and conditioning at Arizona State in 1984 and '85.

As a collegiate player, he was a center and outside linebacker for the Sun Devils during the 1981 and '82 seasons, and played for ASU in the 1983 Fiesta Bowl vs. Oklahoma.

Ohton earned his bachelor's in physical education and psychology from Arizona State in 1984. Following graduation, he played for the USFL's Arizona Wranglers for one season before returning to ASU.

A member of the American Drug Free Powerlifting Association, he has published articles on weight training and sprint techniques for the football player in the *National Strength and Conditioning Association Journal* and *Bigger and Faster Magazine*.

Ohton also published an article entitled "Kinesiological Look at the Long Snap" for that organization.

Ohton and his wife, Amy, reside in San Diego.

Aztec Football Support Staff



Courtney Bale
Strength & Conditioning



Dennis Brown
Equipment



Deanna Gonzales
Administrative Assistant



*David Ohton oversees the
15,000-square foot
Aztec weight room*