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HEAD COACH DIRK KOETTER

After guiding the Sun Devils to two bowl appearances in his four seasons in Tempe, including a thrilling come-from-behind win in the 2004 Vitalis Sun Bowl, Dirk Koetter has returned the Arizona State University football program to the national spotlight.

Anyone who knows Koetter understands that his plans for the future include even bigger and better things for ASU. With expectations as high as ever for 2005 and his blueprints for the program firmly in place, the next steps for Koetter's Sun Devils are to maintain their success, win a coveted Pac-10 Conference title and vault to the next level on the national scene.

Koetter holds a 26-23 record in four years in Tempe and heads into his fifth year with the Sun Devils ranked in the preseason top 25. Acting as his own offensive coordinator, he has firmly established the Sun Devils among the nation's offensive leaders. He likes to put points on the board to the tune of 30.4 points per game over the last four years, while the Sun Devils have been ranked in the top 20 in the nation in passing offense in each of the previous three seasons.

In 2004, the Sun Devils turned in the finest campaign of Koetter's tenure so far, compiling a 9-3 overall record and tying for third in the Pac-10 with a 5-3 mark. In the team's best start since 1996, ASU opened the season with a 5-0 record, including a 44-7 rout of then No. 16/12 Iowa. ASU earned its second bowl appearance in four years with a trip to the 2004 Vitalis Sun Bowl where the Sun Devils came from behind to defeat favored Purdue 27-23. In his first career start, sophomore quarterback Sam Keller directed a game-winning 80-yard touchdown drive with less than two minutes left to win the game. ASU finished the season ranked 19th and 20th in the polls and turned in the team's most victories since 1997.

Quarterback Andrew Walter completed one of the finest careers in



school history, playing his final three years for Koetter. He set nearly every one of ASU's career and single-season records for passing yards, touchdowns, attempts, completions and total offense. Walter also became the Pac-10's career leader for touchdown passes with 85, surpassing the 77 that John Elway threw while at Stanford from 1979-82, and threw for 10,617 career yards which set the school mark and put him at fifth all time in the league. Junior Derek Hagan continued his assault on the ASU's career and single-season receiving records, ranking second in the Pac-10 and seventh in the nation with a school-record 104.0 yards per game, while tight end Zach Miller earned Freshman All-America honors after shattering ASU's freshman receiving records and its overall mark for catches by a tight end.

As a team, ASU led the Pac-10 and ranked fifth in the nation with a school-record 317.3 passing yards per game in 2004. The team's 3,808 passing yards ranked second all time at ASU, while Koetter's Sun Devils have turned in the three top passing efforts in school history (2002-04).

Koetter has his team firmly on the path to success since seeing the Sun Devils finish with a 4-7 overall mark in 2001, his first year in Tempe. After being picked to finish ninth in the 2002 preseason conference polls, ASU exceeded all outside expectations the following year and put the program back on the national stage.

The 2002 season started earlier than ever (Aug. 24) and had the most games in school history (14). The Sun Devils turned in an 8-6 record, finished third in the Pac-10 with a 5-3 league mark and earned a Holiday Bowl berth against Big XII Conference powerhouse Kansas State, then the sixth-ranked team in the country. The overall record was hardly indicative of the amount of success the team had. Of ASU's six losses, four came against teams that were ranked in the nation's top 10. Furthermore, the loss in the Holiday Bowl was against the highest rated team in the land not go to a BCS Bowl Game.

The 2002 Sun Devil squad showed poise and competitiveness that belied their youth, as evidenced by their ability to erase a 21-point deficit at then sixth-ranked Oregon — one of the toughest places to play in the nation — to pull out a 45-42 victory and catapult the Devils into the top 25 for the first time in three years. By the 10th game of the season, ASU had climbed as high as No. 16 in the country, the highest ranking since 1997.

Under Koetter's guidance, ASU vaulted into the country's top 10 in passing with 303.9 yards per game and the country's top 20 in scoring with 32.3 points per contest in 2002. His high-powered offense allowed Walter, then a sophomore, to shatter just about every single-season passing record in school history, while wide receiver Shaun McDonald also set several all-time bests.

In 2003, the Sun Devils weren't as successful as they had hoped with a 5-7 mark, but there were many indications of the success that was to come in 2004. Led by Walter, ASU ranked in the national top 20 in passing offense for the second year in a row and turned in the second-best passing season in school history (behind only the accomplishments of Koetter's team in 2002). Hagan established himself as one of the top receivers in the league, ranking 19th in the country, while a number of young players made strides as well with seven true freshmen seeing action and three rookies named to the *Sporting News* Pac-10 All-Freshman squad.

With Hagan and Miller leading a stable of extremely talented receivers and Keller poised to take over where Walter left off in 2005, there is little doubt that Koetter and his Sun Devils will continue to reach new heights this season and beyond.

Koetter's vision for the program also continues to take shape as he has put a player leadership council and a character-building curriculum in place to build team leaders and help the Sun Devils achieve their goals of excellence on the field, in the classroom and in the community.

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The 2000 football season was hardly normal at Arizona State University. So when Dirk Koetter was named the 21st head football coach in ASU history Dec. 2, some had to be shaking their heads. Or maybe they were nodding along, because in a season where abnormality was commonplace, Koetter seemed to fit the mold.

Who was this guy? The day after athletic director Gene Smith announced the heir to the Sun Devil throne, the media couldn't even agree on the pronunciation of the coach's surname (for the record, it's 'Cutter').

It was nice to learn that in just three seasons at Boise State University, Koetter was a two-time Big West Coach of the Year and two-time conference champion. It was great to find that before BSU, Koetter spent two years as the offensive coordinator at the University of Oregon, guiding the team to a school-record 32 touchdown passes in 1997. Yet the more one learned about Koetter, the more the mystery surrounding the man grew.

A native of Pocatello, Idaho, coming off that three-year stint in Boise, Koetter was traveling from a land where the winters were packed with cold and snow to a climate where f-words like frigid and freezing are absent from the lexicon.



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Months away from his first home game on the lush green grass of Sun Devil Stadium, at Koetter's previous arena his team played on turf that was not only artificial, but blue as an ocean. While the Sun Devils play to a major metropolitan area, Koetter was coming from a town with an environment more intimate than even the Boise population of 350,000 would suggest.

At ASU, Koetter was inheriting a program where Pasadena and the Rose Bowl are always the dream destination. At Boise State, Koetter thrilled legions of fans by earning back-to-back bowl bids to the Humanitarian Bowl, berths that meant staying home for another game on the blue turf of Bronco Stadium.

Perhaps these were unimportant revelations regarding Koetter, but his identity seemed elusive and hard to grasp.

Some tales suggested Koetter was extremely hands-on, a coach who operated as his own offensive coordinator and called every play from the sidelines. But then there was evidence that he preferred the shadows, entrusting his assistants handle the pre-game speeches in all but two occasions: the first game of a season and the last.

While Koetter made it clear that his high-octane offense was reliant upon calculated vertical attacks, he was surprisingly flexible in formation, willing to try almost any scheme he felt put the 11 best athletes on the field.

Even off the field, it was hard to get a reading on ASU's new general. While at Boise State, some – including himself – had called him cocky and distant. Others – including himself – described him as confident and determined.

To those involved with ASU, Koetter's character will be determined by his years in the Valley of the Sun. How his Sun Devils get into the end zone will be as important as how they get into the community. How they compete inside the classroom will be as crucial as how they succeed inside the margins of the field.

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December was just beginning. Yet with the Sun Devils' second consecutive Aloha Bowl appearance only weeks away, so much had already been decided. The opponent was Boston College. The regular season record was 6-5. And the result of ASU's postseason affair would have little to no impact on the season to follow.

ASU was looking for a new head football coach. It was a search that began in mid-November when athletic director Gene Smith announced that Bruce Snyder's nine-year reign in the Valley of the Sun would end in unison with the 2000 season.

It was a search that ended Dec 2, 2000, when Smith named Koetter ASU's 21st head football coach – 23 days before ASU would fall to Boston College in Hawaii, 26 days before Koetter's Boise State Broncos would defeat Texas-El Paso in the Humanitarian Bowl and one day after Koetter's verbal commitment to coach Oklahoma State was announced by nationwide media.

THE KOETTER FILE

Born: February 5, 1959 in Pocatello, Idaho

High School Education: Highland High School, Pocatello, Idaho

College Education: Idaho State, 1981 (BS); Idaho State, 1982 (MA).

College Football: Idaho State, 1978-81

Family: Wife Kim, daughters Kaylee (12) and Kendra (8), sons Derek (11) and Davis (6).

USA Today Coaches Poll voter

KOETTER THROUGH THE YEARS

Spring 1981	Graduate Assistant, Idaho State University
1982	Assistant Coach, Highland High School, Pocatello, Idaho
1983-84	Head Coach, Highland High School, Pocatello, Idaho (19 wins, four losses, one state championship)
1985	Offensive Coordinator, San Francisco State University
1986-88	Offensive Coordinator & Quarterbacks Coach, University of Texas-El Paso ('86 – quarterbacks coach/passing-game coordinator only) (1988 Independence Bowl)
1989-93	Offensive Coordinator & Quarterbacks Coach, University of Missouri
1994-95	Offensive Coordinator & Quarterbacks Coach, Boston College ('94 – quarterbacks coach only) (1994 Aloha Bowl)
1996-97	Offensive Coordinator & Quarterbacks Coach, University of Oregon (1997 Las Vegas Bowl)
1998-00	Head Coach, Boise State University (1999 & 2000 Humanitarian Bowls)
2001-present	Head Coach, Arizona State University (2002 Holiday Bowl & 2004 Sun Bowl)

KOETTER YEAR-BY-YEAR

Year	School	Record	Conf.	Bowl
1998	Boise State	6-5	2-3 (4th)	–
1999	Boise State	10-3	5-1 (1st)	Humanitarian
2000	Boise State	10-2	5-0 (1st)	Humanitarian
2001	Arizona State	4-7	1-7 (9th)	–
2002	Arizona State	8-6	5-3 (3rd)	Holiday
2003	Arizona State	5-7	2-6 (T8th)	–
2004	Arizona State	9-3	5-3 (T3rd)	Sun
Totals	Six Years	52-33	25-23	
		(.612)	(.521)	

PROFESSIONAL QUARTERBACKS COACHED

Name	School	Team (Draft Round)
Andrew Walter	Arizona State	Oakland Raiders (3rd)
Joey Harrington	Oregon	Detroit Lions (1st)
Akili Smith	Oregon	Cincinnati Bengals (1st)
A.J. Feeley	Oregon	Philadelphia Eagles (5th)
Matt Hasselbeck	Boston College	Seattle Seahawks (6th)
Bart Hendricks	Boise State	Edmonton Eskimos (free agent)
Ryan Dinwiddie	Boise State	Chicago Bears (free agent)

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The questions were obvious. How had this happened? How had Koetter shifted from OSU to ASU, seemingly in less than 24 hours?

The answer was automatic. With Smith to his right, his wife to his left and his four children – just being children – scattered about in front of the attentive media that packed the press box at Sun Devil Stadium, Koetter explained it all in eight monosyllabic words: "I am in the job of my dreams."

It's tough to pinpoint quite when those dreams began, but there are certainly road signs along the way.

Growing up the son of a high school football coach in Pocatello, Idaho, Koetter was born into the sport. He has been quoted as saying that he started coaching at age 6, a by-product of an environment where football was the daily topic at the dinner table.

At the age of eight, he was scribbling down offensive plays. By the time he was in college, helping Idaho State to a Division I-AA national championship, he was referred to as "the offensive coordinator on the field."

By 23, he had his first head coaching job, guiding his alma mater Highland High to an 8-3 season in Pocatello. When he was 24, Highland went 11-1 to win the 1984 Idaho state championship.

In 1985, he was coaching in the college ranks as San Francisco State's offensive coordinator. In 1986, he made the leap to the Division I ranks, landing a job as quarterbacks coach and passing-game coordinator at UTEP.

And it was then that a 26-year-old Koetter's dreams took on a whole new light, as he described in his first ASU press conference.

"It was 15 years ago I became a Division I coach for the first time at Texas-El Paso," Koetter explained. "Head coach Bob Stull told me, your recruiting area is Phoenix, Ariz. They put me on a plane. I landed at Sky Harbor after dark and had no idea where I was going.



Head coach Dirk Koetter and his Sun Devils are involved in many community service projects. In each of the last two years, the Sun Devil coaching staff has helped run a Future Kids All-Star Youth Camp, teaching football fundamentals to a group of local kids.

"I stayed at the Fiesta Inn and my first stop the next morning was McClintock High School. Right after I left McClintock High School, I drove up the street a little bit and I saw Sun Devil Stadium and the Arizona State University campus.

"And this is true, 15 years ago I said, someday I'm going to be the head coach at that school. So today is certainly my dream come true. In the end, make no mistake, this is where I want to be, because Arizona State has the ability to win a national championship."

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To properly recognize the magnificence of Boise State football at Koetter's departure, one must understand the state of the program upon his arrival.

Two years removed from BSU's induction into the Division-I ranks, one year after a Bronco Stadium renovation produced 7,400 additional seats and earned the right to host the annual Humanitarian Bowl, the Broncos were

KOETTER YEAR-BY-YEAR RESULTS

1998 (6-5) – Boise State

S 5	W	26-13	Cal State Northridge
S 12	L	21-33	Washington State
S 19	W	42-24	Portland State
S 26	W	31-28	at Utah
O 3	L	28-63	at Louisiana Tech
O 10	L	13-21	North Texas
O 17	W	24-13	Weber State
O 24	W	30-16	Utah State
O 31	L	24-52	at Nevada
N 7	W	55-51	at New Mexico State
N 21	L	35-36	Idaho (OT)

1999 (10-3) – Boise State

S 4	L	7-38	at UCLA
S 11	W	35-27	Southern Utah
S 18	L	19-34	at Hawai'i
S 25	W	20-9	New Mexico
O 2	W	26-20	Utah
O 9	W	41-7	Eastern Washington
O 16	L	10-17	at North Texas
O 23	W	52-17	Nevada
O 30	W	33-27	at Utah State
N 6	W	63-10	Arkansas State
N 13	W	45-26	New Mexico State
N 20	W	45-14	at Idaho
D 30	W	34-31	vs. Louisville*

* Humanitarian Bowl (Boise, Idaho)

2000 (10-2) – Boise State

S 2	W	31-14	at New Mexico
S 9	W	42-17	Northern Iowa
S 16	L	31-38	at Arkansas
S 23	W	47-10	at Central Michigan

O 7	L	35-42	at Washington State
O 14	W	41-23	Eastern Washington
O 21	W	59-0	North Texas
O 28	W	34-31	at New Mexico State
N 4	W	42-14	at Arkansas State
N 11	W	66-38	Utah State
N 18	W	66-24	Idaho
D 28	W	38-23	vs. Texas-El Paso*

* Humanitarian Bowl (Boise, Idaho)

2001 (4-7) – Arizona State

S 8	W	38-7	San Diego State
S 22	L	28-51	at Stanford
S 29	W	53-15	San Jose State
O 6	W	63-27	Louisiana-Lafayette
O 13	L	17-48	at USC
O 20	W	41-24	Oregon State
O 27	L	31-33	#13/11 Washington
N 3	L	24-42	at #8/9 Oregon
N 10	L	16-28	#11/12 Washington State
N 23	L	21-34	Arizona
D 1	L	42-52	at UCLA

2002 (8-6) – Arizona State

A 24	L	10-48	at #10/8 Nebraska
A 31	W	38-2	Eastern Washington
S 7	W	46-13	Central Florida
S 14	W	39-28	at San Diego State
O 5	L	35-38	North Carolina
O 12	W	13-9	Oregon State
O 19	W	45-42	at #6/6 Oregon
O 26	W	27-16	Washington
N 2	L	22-44	at #8/9 Washington State
N 9	L	38-55	California

N 16	L	13-34	at #8/8 USC
N 29	W	34-20	at Arizona
D 27	L	27-34	vs. #6/6 Kansas State*

* Pacific Life Holiday Bowl (San Diego)

2003 (5-7) – Arizona State

S 6	W	34-14	Northern Arizona
S 13	W	26-16	Utah State
S 20	L	2-21	at #18/14 Iowa
S 27	L	17-45	at Oregon State
O 4	L	17-37	#10/10 USC
O 11	W	59-14	Oregon
O 18	W	33-31	at North Carolina
O 25	L	13-20	at UCLA
N 1	L	23-51	California
N 8	L	27-38	at Stanford
N 15	L	19-34	at #8/8 Washington State
N 28	W	28-7	Arizona

2004 (9-3) – Arizona State

S 2	W	41-9	UTEP
S 11	W	30-21	at Northwestern
S 18	W	44-7	#16/12 Iowa
S 25	W	27-14	Oregon State
O 2	W	28-13	at Oregon
O 16	L	7-45	at #1/1 USC
O 23	W	48-42	UCLA
O 30	L	0-27	at #7/8 California
N 6	W	34-31	Stanford
N 13	W	45-28	Washington State
N 26	L	27-34	at Arizona
D 31	W	27-23	vs. Purdue*

* Vitalis Sun Bowl (El Paso, Texas)

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were all staying home to party in the Humanitarian Bowl. Meanwhile, like never before, the Broncos were invading the national football scene at the sport's highest amateur level.

At the end of the regular season, that was BSU ranked No. 1 in scoring offense – not in the Big West, not on the West Coast, but in the nation. That was BSU at No. 2 in total offense and No. 4 in passing offense.

At the helm of Koetter's big-play attack, that was quarterback Bart Hendricks leading the nation in passing efficiency and touchdown passes. Producing 330.27 yards per game, that was Hendricks ranking fourth in total offense.

That was Hendricks, too, leading the Broncos in BSU's second straight Humanitarian Bowl win, toppling Texas El-Paso 38-23. As if demonstrating the versatility of Koetter's offense to ASU fans eagerly watching on ESPN2, Hendricks threw two touchdown passes, ran for one and caught another.

Koetter's career record at BSU wrapped at 26-10, including wins in 20 of his last 25 games. To his incumbent staff, he not only left winning streaks of seven overall and 14 at home (including the two bowl wins) upon which to build. More importantly, he left proof that Boise State could not only compete, it could excel.

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Born Feb. 5, 1959, in Pocatello, Idaho, Dirk Koetter's collegiate coaching career saw six stops before ASU.

Koetter's first stop was at San Francisco State, where he spent 1985 as the offensive coordinator. At Texas-El Paso from 1986-1988, Koetter served his first of four straight stints as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach, later moving on to Missouri (1989-1993), Boston College (1994-1995) and Oregon (1996-1997).

Boise State gave Koetter his first head coaching job (1998-2000), and he returned the favor with three winning seasons, two conference titles, two Humanitarian Bowl wins and two Big West Conference Coach of the Year honors.

Koetter was named the 21st football coach in ASU history on Dec. 2, 2000.

A 1981 graduate of Idaho State University with a bachelor's degree in physical education, Koetter was a four-year letterwinner. During his playing career at ISU, Koetter achieved Big Sky Conference and NCAA Region 7 all-academic honors. He earned a master's degree in athletic administration from Idaho State in 1982.

Dirk and his wife, Kim, are parents to two daughters, Kaylee (12) and Kendra (8), and two sons, Derek (11) and Davis (6).

coming off their fourth losing season in six years and their second in a row.

Enter Dirk Koetter as the seventh coach head coach in Boise State history. Welcome, winning season.

Sure, it was only a 6-5 finish, but there was reason to be excited. In his first head coaching job at that level, Koetter had just guided BSU to its first winning season in D-I.

You could see the improvement in the numbers. While the 2-10 team of 1996 averaged a mere 20 points per game, and the 5-6 team of 1997 improved to 25.9, Koetter's offensive wizardry made the Broncos a team that averaged nearly 30 points per game (settling for 29.9) and finished the season ranked 24th in the nation in total offense.

One game over .500 or not, the Broncos were one play away from winning the Big West Championship in a season that had already extended past its scheduled hours. At home against Idaho in the final game of the '98 season, Koetter endured pain that cannot be matched outside a rivalry game as the Vandals faked an extra point try and came up with a two-point conversion to claim the conference crown in overtime, 36-35.

As sour as that moment had been, as much as it may have defined that game or that season, it would serve as a point of motivation in the future. It was Koetter's Alamo, a tragic loss that ultimately led to wins in the future. Over the next two seasons, few teams that played BSU would be able to say that the game came down to one play.

The 1999 season that began at 1-2, including a loss to UCLA, saw the Broncos rally to win nine of their final 10 games and finish at 10-3. Clearly getting stronger with the season, BSU won its last six, not by one play, not by an extra point or a field goal, but by an average of 24.5 points per contest.

Included in that span was a 63-10 trouncing of Arkansas State, a 45-14 slaying of Idaho and a 34-31 Humanitarian Bowl victory over Louisville in front of the Boise faithful.

Twenty-eight years of D-II football had netted only six conference championships for BSU. All it took for one title at the D-I level was four years and two under Koetter. And yet Koetter's third season was without question BSU's finest.

After two winning seasons, including BSU's first D-I bowl appearance and victory, the Broncos' football program certainly bore the signature of their head coach, but for the first time in many years they were also shouldered with expectations.

If that was supposed to be a burden, the Broncos didn't appear to notice. Instead they took to the field in 2000 like a championship act, turning in spectacular performances week after week.

In the second week of the season, BSU defeated its opponent by 25 points. In the fourth week it was 27. In the seventh week 59. In the final two games of the regular season, the Broncos first sent Utah State home at 66-38 and then dismissed Idaho 66-24.

Once again Koetter was named Big West Coach of the Year. Once again, his Broncos were conference champions. Once again they



Q & A WITH DIRK KOETTER

Q: What are some of the values you stress in your program?

A: Through our player leadership group, we have identified preparation, sacrifice, fighting adversity and determination. On a personal note, I would add honesty to that list.

Q: Why did you decide to become a coach?

A: I grew up the son of a high school coach and knew at an early age that was what I wanted to do. I wanted to be like my dad.

Q: Who are your mentors and how have they influenced you?

A: My dad, Dave Kragthorpe, Mike Sheppard, Vic Rowen, Bob Stull, Tom Coughlin, Dan Henning and Mike Bellotti. I have taken things from all of those guys and many others. I have learned that there are lots of different ways to be successful and that nobody has all of the answers.

Q: Leadership is a very important part of sports and life. What are you doing at ASU to build players into leaders on the field and beyond?

A: In our program, we operate a leadership group to help up raise up and develop leaders across all classes and positions. We basically taught out of John Maxwell's book, *The 17 Indisputable Laws of Teamwork*. We have also implemented the "Winning With Character" program which provides character and ethics education to student-athletes. Finally, this past spring we helped every player complete his own personal mission statement.

Q: Your team has had its all-time high grade-point average over the last few semesters. What are some of the things that make ASU a great place for student-athletes to pursue their academic goals?

A: First off, ASU is a great university that supports all students. Second, our entire coaching staff is committed to academic excellence and participates on a daily basis, and our academic staff, headed by Jean Boyd, truly cares about doing things the right way and in the best interests of our student-athletes. Finally, our players have the right attitude about academics.

Q: What have you learned in your first four years on the job at ASU?

A: I think I am always learning and growing every day. In one of his books, John Maxwell says that "unchanged leaders=unchanged organizations." The main thing is that we live in a society of constant change. There are several ways to do things, but if you are consistent and take care of the little things every day, big things will always work out. I also think that I have become more flexible and better at delegating responsibility.

Q: What are some of your strengths and weaknesses as a head coach?

A: Some of my strengths are that I am organized and trusted by my players to do what I say. They know exactly where they stand. I am also committed to academics and the personal development of my players. I also really like being around the players. My biggest weakness is that I am hard on myself. I am definitely my own harshest critic.

Q: Why is it such a thrill to play in Sun Devil Stadium/Frank Kush Field?

A: Every single player feels the rush when they enter the stadium and step on to Frank Kush Field. Great weather, an enthusiastic crowd and the best playing surface on the planet make Sun Devil Stadium special.

Q: What are some of the great things about playing in the Pac-10?

A: The Pac-10 game most closely resembles that of the NFL. It is based on speed and execution. All 10 teams in the Pac-10 are very capable and well-coached.

Q: What do you like to do for fun?

A: I enjoy working out and spending time with my family.



Q: How did you meet your wife, Kim?

A: Kim and I met when I was a high school coach in Pocatello, Idaho. I was attending the weekly Idaho State University football luncheon as a guest speaker, and Kim was there to receive a volleyball player-of-the-week award. We noticed each other, and I asked my buddy, Marvin Lewis (Cincinnati Bengals head coach), who was coaching at Idaho State at the time, to introduce us. Anyway, a short time later, Marv introduced us, and after a few conversations and her standing me up once, we began to date... and the rest is history.

Q: Where did you go on vacation this summer?

A: My family and I went to McCall, Idaho and spent time on Payette Lake, swimming, boating, jet skiing and playing ball games of all sorts. It is really a great family vacation spot.

Q: How are players different from when you started coaching?

A: The players today are bigger, stronger and faster. They are more skilled, and there is less redshirting required. However, I think players today still want to be part of a disciplined program and know that they are cared about as individuals by the coaches.

Q: What are your expectations for your team this fall?

A: I want this team to reach its potential, which I believe is very high. Our goal every year is to win the Pac-10 Conference Championship.

Q: Why should a current high school player consider attending ASU? What qualities, aside from being a great athlete, do you look for in a potential recruit?

A: ASU provides one of the best all-around college experiences possible: big-time athletics, awesome facilities, a wide array of majors to choose from on a campus that is buzzing with activity and constantly growing. We are looking for good citizens who have a strong desire to graduate and the ability to contribute to a Pac-10 Championship team.

ASSISTANT COACHES



Tom Osborne Assistant Head Coach/ Special Teams Coordinator/ Tight Ends & H-Backs

Tom Osborne enters his fifth season at Arizona State as Dirk Koetter's assistant head coach, special teams coordinator and tight ends/H-backs coach.

In 2004, Osborne saw a pair of his student-athletes, tight end Zach Miller and punter Chris MacDonald, earn first-team Freshman All-America honors. As the tight ends coach, he saw Miller emerge as one of the top offensive players in the Pac-10 as well as the nation. The 2004 Pac-10 Freshman of the Year,

Miller earned first-team Freshman All-America honors and second-team All-America accolades for his efforts in his true freshman season. His 56 catches and 552 yards shattered ASU's freshman receiving records, while he set the ASU single-season mark for catches by a tight end (56) and tied the ASU record with six touchdown catches. Miller already ranks seventh on the ASU career charts for receptions by a tight end after just one year.

Miller is not the first tight end to find success under Osborne. In 2002, Mike Pinkard, the team's Most Improved Offensive Player, more than tripled his career receiving total his senior year, making 31 catches for 536 yards and five TDs, the sixth-best single-season effort by an ASU tight end. Pinkard also ranks in the top 10 for career receiving yards by a tight end.

Osborne was named the 2003 Division IA National Special Teams Coordinator of the year by American Football Coaches Monthly Magazine. He has coached six Sun Devils who have earned All-Pac-10 honors while playing on special teams in the past four years. The list includes Jason Shivers who was honored as the Pac-10's special teams player of the year (second-team) in 2003. Osborne has also coached nine players who have set ASU single season or career records on special teams.

Under Osborne's spirited guidance, ASU's special teams have seen marked improvement. In 2004, the Sun Devils ranked first in the Pac-10 and 16th in the nation in kickoff coverage with an average of 17.9 yards per return. ASU ranked third in the Pac-10 in kickoff coverage in both 2002 and 2003.

Osborne's work with the return teams is also paying dividends. ASU's kickoff return unit ranked 22nd in the nation in 2004 with a 22.9 average per return and finished fourth in the Pac-10 in 2003. In 2001, ASU finished ninth in the nation in kickoff returns, averaging 25.0 yards per return. Tom Pace was first in the Pac-10 and fourth in the nation with an average of 31.6 yards per kickoff return, setting the school record. During the past four years, ASU's punt return unit has blocked seven punts and registered the first blocked punt return for a touchdown since 1994 vs. San Diego State in 2002.

ASU ranked 16th in the nation in net punting (38.8 ave) in 2003 and 26th in the nation in 2002 (36.2 ave). The Sun Devils finished second in the Pac-10 and 27th in the nation in 2001 (37.5 yards per punt).

In each of Osborne's four seasons in Tempe, he has had a punter earn All-Pac-10 or All-America honors. Chris MacDonald earned first-team Freshman All-America honors in 2004 after ranking third in the Pac-10 and 15th in the nation with a 43.1-yard punting average. Tim Parker was a two-time All-Pac-10 honoree (second team in 2002 and honorable mention in 2003). He finished first in the Pac-10 and 16th in the nation in punting with a 42.7 average in 2002 and ranked 20th in the nation in 2003 (43.4 ave). Nick Murphy was a second-team All-Pac-10 selection after averaging 41.1 yards per punt in 2001.

Placekicker Jesse Ainsworth was named to the honorable-mention All-Pac-10 squad after ranking second in the Pac-10 and 13th in the nation with 1.50 field goals per game and connecting on a perfect 40-of-40 extra-point attempts. In 2002, placekicker Mike Barth earned honorable-mention all-league honors after ranking ninth in the country with 1.64 field goals per game. He also finished third in the league and tied for 25th in the nation in scoring (8.43 ppg). Ainsworth, MacDonald and long snapper Jason Burke also earned Pac-10 All-Academic recognition in 2004 with Ainsworth and Burke both also being named to the Academic All-District VII squad.

Prior to coming to ASU, Osborne spent the previous six years at the University of Oregon serving in



an integral role in the Ducks' success as their special teams coordinator, tight ends coach and recruiter. Oregon produced six straight winning seasons and played in five bowl games. In 2000, Oregon finished as Pac-10 Co-Champions, turned in a 10-2 record and ranked seventh in the nation after defeating Texas in the Holiday Bowl. Osborne coached the top two all-time tight ends in Oregon school history (Josh Wilcox-103 receptions and Blake Spence-92). Over his six years, Oregon's tight end averaged 51 catches for 718 yards and seven touchdowns per year, with Wilcox, Spence and Jed Weaver each earning All-America and All-Pac-10 recognition. In addition, Justin Peelle was named honorable-mention All-Pac-10 in 2000.

The personable Osborne also transformed Oregon's special teams into arguably the best in the Pac-10, if not the country. The Duck special teams units accounted for 10 touchdowns and 22 blocked kicks during his tenure, while Oregon's kickoff coverage unit ranked either No. 1 or 2 in the Pac-10 in kickoff coverage in each of his six seasons. In 2000, Oregon finished first in the Pac-10 in kickoff coverage, kickoff returns and net punting. The punt coverage unit led the nation that year, allowing only 85 return yards all season. In 1999, Oregon led the league in kickoff coverage and kickoff returns, was second in net punting and third in punt returns.

Under Osborne's supervision, Oregon's explosive kickoff return team was among the Pac-10's top three in kickoff returns five out of the six seasons and was ranked in the top 25 in the nation five out of the six years (including fourth in the country in 1999, eighth in 1997 and 14th in 2000). Oregon finished in the top three in the Pac-10 and the top 25 in the country in net punting four times (fifth in the nation in 1998, 14th in 2000).

Prior to joining the Oregon staff, he coached running backs and tight ends while serving as recruiting coordinator at Boise State for two seasons (1993-94). Boise State played in the 1994 Division I-AA national championship game. Osborne coached tailback K.C. Adams who set the school record for all-purpose yards. Adams was a second-team All-American while finishing ranked seventh in the nation in 1994. Del Graven set the Boise State all-time record for receptions by a tight end in a single season in 1993 with 55 catches.

During Osborne's seven years as the running backs coach at Portland State, the Vikings played in the NCAA Division II national playoffs five times, advancing to the national championship game twice (1987 and 1988).

In a coaching career, which has met with success wherever Osborne has gone, the 23-year coaching veteran has coached 14 All-Americans, 12 first-team all-conference standouts, and 10 second-team all-league honorees. A 1983 graduate of Washington State, he played wide receiver for the Cougars (1979-80) and served as a student coach (1981-82) and graduate assistant coach (1983-85).

THE OSBORNE FILE

Born: September 27, 1960 in Tacoma, Wash.

High School Education: Mark Morris High School, Longview, Wash., 1979

College Education: Washington State, 1983; Washington State, 1984

College Football: Washington State, 1979-80.

Coaching Career: Washington State, 1983-85; Portland State, 1986-92; Boise State, 1993-94; Oregon 1995-2000; Arizona State, 2001-present.

Recruiting Area: Southern California: Orange County, Inland Empire.

Family: Wife, Monica Osborne, son, Tyler (11) and daughter, Ashley (9).

NFL PLAYERS COACHED

Name	School	Team
Mike Pinkard, TE	Arizona State	Kansas City Chiefs
Nick Murphy, P	Arizona State	Minnesota Vikings
George Wrihster, TE	Oregon	Jacksonville Jaguars
Justin Peelle, TE	Oregon	San Diego Chargers
Enyi Nwamuo, TE	Oregon	Indianapolis Colts
Jed Weaver, TE	Oregon	Denver Broncos
Blake Spencer, TE	Oregon	New York Jets
Aaron Jelks, TE	Oregon	Philadelphia Eagles
Josh Wilcox, TE	Oregon	New Orleans Saints
Del Graven, TE	Boise State	Denver Broncos
Curtis Delgado, RB	Portland State	San Diego Chargers



ASSISTANT COACHES



Mark Carrier Cornerbacks

Mark Carrier enters his second year as the cornerbacks coach at Arizona State. A two-time All-American at USC and 11-year NFL veteran (1990-00), Carrier brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Sun Devil program.

In his first year at ASU, Carrier led a talented corp that included senior Chris McKenzie, junior Josh Golden, and freshman Chad Green after losing his top cornerback, R.J. Oliver, to a season-ending foot injury. McKenzie finished tied for first on the team with seven pass breakups and collected an interception and 42 tackles on the year. Golden was also impressive, pulling in two interceptions and tying for fifth on the team for tackles with 49 last year.

Carrier began his standout NFL career playing for the Chicago Bears (1990-96). He was taken by the Bears as the sixth overall pick in the 1990 NFL Draft and won Rookie-of-the-Year honors after leading the NFL with 10 interceptions -- the highest single-season mark in the 1990s. A three-time Pro Bowl selection with the Bears (1990, 1991, 1993), Carrier played in 108 straight games to begin his NFL career.

Carrier then played for the Detroit Lions (1997-99). After signing with the Lions in June of 1997, Carrier tallied 296 tackles in three seasons for Detroit, including a career-high 14 against the Redskins on Nov. 9, 1997. He finished his NFL playing career with the Washington Redskins in 2000. Carrier recorded at least 100 tackles in five seasons.

Carrier turned in a stellar collegiate career at the University of Southern



California. In 1989, as a junior, he became USC's first winner of the Jim Thorpe Award, presented to the nation's best defensive back. A two-time first team All-American (unanimous in 1989), Carrier had seven interceptions in 1989 (tied for 10th in the nation). He also added 107 tackles, three fumble recoveries and 10 pass deflections for the Trojans that year. A three-year starter with 13 career interceptions (tied for sixth all-time at USC), Carrier was a Thorpe semifinalist in 1988.

Carrier graduated from USC in 1993 with a degree in communications.

After his NFL career, Carrier worked as a sports commentator with various radio and television organizations, including WGN in Chicago and locally on ESPN's XTRA-910.

Prior to his appointment at Arizona State, Carrier was the secondary coach at Brophy Prep in Phoenix in 2003.

Carrier and his wife, Andrea, have two children: Mac (9) and Lexi (7).



THE CARRIER FILE

Born: April 28, 1968 in Lake Charles, La.
High School Education: Long Beach (Calif.) Poly High School, 1986.
College Education: Southern California, 1993.
College Football: Southern California, 1987-89.
Coaching Career: Brophy Prep, 2003; Arizona State, 2004-present.
Recruiting Area: Los Angeles, Southern California, Illinois (Chicago).
Family: Wife, Andrea; son, Mac (9), and daughter, Lexi (7).

NFL PLAYERS COACHED

Name	School	Team
Chris McKenzie	Arizona State	Houston Texans

ASSISTANT COACHES



Dan Fidler Safeties

Dan Fidler enters his fifth year at Arizona State as safeties coach. A 1981 graduate of ASU, Fidler spent four seasons at Boise State as the team's defensive back and safeties coach before coming to Arizona State.

Fidler has coached safeties to All-Pac-10 honors in each of the last three seasons. Last year, Riccardo Stewart earned first-team all-conference accolades after recording 48 solo tackles, the second-highest mark on the team, and four pass breakups in just nine games. Under Fidler's tutelage, senior Emmanuel Franklin also recorded a career- and team-high four interceptions and tied for the team best with seven PBUs last season.

In the two years previous to that, Fidler coached both Jason Shivers and Stewart to All-Pac-10 honors with the duo earning second-team accolades in 2003 and honorable mention in 2002.

In 2003, Shivers, who was drafted by the St. Louis Rams in the fifth round of the NFL Draft, led the team in tackles for the third straight year. He became the first Sun Devil in school history to pace the team in the category in three seasons. Shivers finished second in the Pac-10 with 9.5 tackles per game last season, while Stewart was second on the team and ended up seventh in the conference at 7.6 tackles per game.

Stewart was the third-leading tackler on the 2002 squad with 83 stops, while Shivers tied for the most tackles in the Pac-10 and ranked fifth in the league with 8.6 tackles per game. In Fidler's first year at ASU, Shivers was named a 2001 Sporting News Freshman All-American and was the first freshman in school history to lead the team in tackles.

Prior to his arrival at ASU, Fidler joined the Boise State Broncos as the outside linebackers coach, but when Koetter took over in 1998, Fidler changed to safeties and defensive backs coach.

Fidler helped Boise State improve in every Big West Conference team defensive category in each of his four seasons. His 2000 squad was second in the Big West in passing efficiency defense, allowing 118 yards/game. Sophomore defensive back Quintin Mikell lead the Big West in total tackles (118) and was named Big West Defensive Player of the Year, while senior strong safety Shaunard Harris led the conference in sacks with seven.

Prior to Boise State, Fidler was the associate head coach at Villanova (1987-96)



and graduate assistant (defensive backs) at Penn State (1985-86) under Joe Paterno where the Nittany Lions won the 1987 National Championship. Fidler was also defensive coordinator at St. Cloud State (Minn.) from 1983-84 and a graduate assistant at Oklahoma State under Jimmy Johnson in 1982.

Fidler began his coaching career here in the Valley as the offensive line coach at Mesa Community College in 1981. Fidler was a four-year starter in college as an offensive guard, earning All-American honors at Mesa Community College. He also earned All-East accolades at the University of Pittsburgh.

Fidler has been involved in eight bowl games, two as a player and six as a coach. He played in the 1978 Tangerine Bowl and the 1979 Fiesta Bowl and coached in the 1985 Orange Bowl, 1986 Fiesta Bowl, the 1999 and 2000 Humanitarian Bowls, the 2002 Holiday Bowl and, most recently, the 2004 Sun Bowl.

After obtaining his degree at Arizona State, he later earned his master's degree from St. Cloud State.

He and his wife, Kim, have a daughter, Kaycie (4), and a son, Dane (1).

THE FIDLER FILE

Born: July 1, 1958 in Harrisburg, Pa.

High School Education: Scottsdale High School, Scottsdale, Ariz.

College Education: Arizona State University, 1981; St. Cloud State 1984.

College Football: Mesa Community College, 1976-77;
University of Pittsburgh, 1978-79

Coaching Career: Mesa Community College, 1981; Oklahoma State, 1982; St. Cloud State, 1983-84; Penn State, 1985-86; Villanova University, 1987-96; Boise State, 1997-2000; Arizona State 2000-present.

Recruiting Area: Ventura County, San Fernando Valley, San Gabriel Valley, Southern Arizona, Colorado and Utah.

Family: Wife, Kim, daughter, Kaycie (4), and son, Dane (1).

NFL PLAYERS COACHED

Name	School	Team
Jason Shivers	Arizona State	St. Louis Rams
Shaunard Harts	Boise State	Kansas City Chiefs
Quintin Mikell	Boise State	Philadelphia Eagles
Leaf Palmer	St. Cloud State	New England Patriots
Mike Lambrecht	St. Cloud State	Miami Dolphins

ASSISTANT COACHES



Mark Helfrich Quarterbacks/Passing- Game Coordinator

Mark Helfrich enters his fifth year as quarterbacks coach for the Sun Devils and his third season as passing-game coordinator. Before coming to ASU, he spent three seasons with Dirk Koetter at Boise State as quarterbacks coach.

Under the watchful eye of Helfrich, Arizona State led the Pac-10 and ranked fifth in the nation in passing offense last year, averaging a school-record 317.3

yards per game. In each of the last three seasons, ASU has turned in the top three passing efforts in school history and ranked in the top 20 in the nation in passing each year. Coached by Helfrich for all three years as ASU's starter, quarterback Andrew Walter again recorded a record-breaking year in 2004 and was selected in the third round of the NFL draft by the Oakland Raiders. A second-team All-Pac-10 selection and a nominee for both the Johnny Unitas and Davey O'Brien Awards, Walter finished his Sun Devil career as ASU's career recordholder in nearly every passing category, including yards, completions, attempts, touchdowns, interception percentage, and total offense.

In 2004, Walter set school records for both career (85) and single-season touchdowns (30) in addition to shattering the previous Pac-10 record for career touchdown passes, set by John Elway at Stanford (77). The only player in ASU history to tally 3,000 passing yards in a season, Walter did it for a third time in 2004 with a season total of 3,150 yards. With Walter injured for the season finale against Purdue in the Sun Bowl, Helfrich coached sophomore Sam Keller to MVP honors in his stead. Finishing with 370 yards and three touchdowns on 25-of-45 passing, Keller directed the ASU offense to a fourth-quarter comeback in his first career start. Responsible for the entire passing game, Helfrich also saw freshman Zach Miller and junior Derek Hagan set school receiving marks in 2004.

In 2003, the passing unit ranked third in the Pac-10 and 20th in the nation at 274.2 yards per game. An honorable-mention All-Pac-10 selection, Walter continued his assault on the ASU record books, becoming the first quarterback in school history to turn in back-to-back 3,000-yard seasons. He also vastly improved his touchdown-to-interception ratio, breaking the school record for interception percentage (just 10 picks in 421 attempts) last year.

In 2002, ASU's passing game finished as one of the most prolific offensive units in school history, demolishing ASU and Pac-10 records along the way. The Sun Devil record for passing yards in a season was utterly destroyed by Helfrich's quarterbacks, as they totaled 4,254 yards to better the previous mark by over 1,000 yards. New ASU team passing bests were set in passing attempts (558), completions (306), completions per game (21.9) and yards per game (303.9). The Sun Devils' passing offense ranked third in the Pac-10 and ninth nationally, while the scoring offense (32.29) finished fourth in the league and 20th in the country.

Helfrich's main weapon, Andrew Walter, did not start until the fifth game of the sea-



son, yet still managed to ink his name in the record books in numerous season categories. Walter overtook past Sun Devil greats in categories including passing attempts (483), completions (274), yards per attempt (8.03), and passing yards (3,877). Against then No. 6 Oregon on Oct. 19, Walter set new ASU and Pac-10 marks for passing yards in a game when he totaled 536 yards to break the marks that had stood since 1989. Walter finished ranked 19th in the nation in passing efficiency (137.10), 18th in total offense (261.50) and 23rd in passing (19.57).

In 2001, Helfrich's first season in Tempe, the Sun Devils finished second in the Pac-10 in passing offense with an average of 259.3 yards per game, which was the second-best season passing average in school history. The team also threw for 24 touchdowns, which was just five short of the school record.

Helfrich first teamed with Koetter in 1997 at the University of Oregon, where he was an offensive graduate assistant when Koetter was the offensive coordinator of the Ducks. Since 1998, Helfrich has worked with the quarterbacks at Boise State, including Bart Hendricks, the nation's top quarterback in passing efficiency (170.63) and TDs (38).

In 2000, Helfrich guided the Broncos to the country's fourth-best passing offense (321.5 yards/game) and tops in the Big West. He was vital in the development of Hendricks, the 1999 and 2000 Big West Player of the Year.

Helfrich was a four-year starter at quarterback for Southern Oregon University, earning NAIA honorable-mention All-America accolades in 1993. He was also an Academic All-American while at Southern Oregon, earning his degree in biology in 1996.

He and his wife, Megan, were married in July of 2003.

THE HELFRICH FILE

Born: October 28, 1973 in Medford, Ore.

High School Education: Marshfield High School, Coos Bay, Oregon.

College Education: Southern Oregon University, 1996.

College Football: Southern Oregon University, 1992-95.

Coaching Career: Southern Oregon University, 1996; Vienna Vikings (American Football Club in Austria), 1997; University of Oregon, 1997; Boise State, 1998-2000; Arizona State, 2000-present.

Recruiting Area: California Bay Area, San Diego, Northern Arizona, Northern Nevada

Family: Wife, Megan.

PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS COACHED

Name	School	Team
Andrew Walter	Arizona State	Oakland Raiders
Bart Hendricks	Boise State	Edmonton Eskimos
Ryan Dinwiddie	Boise State	Chicago Bears





Darryl Jackson Wide Receivers

Darryl Jackson enters his fifth year as Arizona State's wide receivers. Prior to coming to Tempe, he spent four seasons as the wide receivers coach at Boise State under Dirk Koetter.

Jackson's work has gone a long way in developing some of the top receiving seasons in ASU history. In 2004, Jackson saw two of his student-athletes awarded

All-Pac-10 honors. A Biletnikoff semifinalist, junior Derek Hagan earned second-team All-Pac-10 accolades in addition to second-team All-America honors, while junior Terry Richardson was an honorable-mention all-league selection.

Passing up a sure spot in the draft, Hagan returns to ASU for his final season in 2005 and is a virtual lock to leave Tempe as the recordholder in nearly every receiving category. The owner of the nation's second-longest active streak of games with a reception (29), he ranked second in the Pac-10 and seventh in the nation with a school-record 104.0 receiving yards per game. Already his 14 100-yard receiving games are the most in school history, while he stands just eight receptions, 265 yards and six touchdowns away from setting school career records.

In addition to Hagan, several of Jackson's other receivers turned in successful seasons in 2004. Richardson was second on the team and ninth in the league with 56.6 yards per game. He hauled 45 receptions for 679 yards and six touchdowns. Sophomore Rudy Burgess, who split time between the wide receiver position and tailback, also hauled in five touchdowns on the season.

In 2003, Hagan and senior Skyler Fulton both earned honorable-mention All-Pac-10 honors and etched their names in the Sun Devil record books. Hagan finished 19th in the country with 89.7 receiving yards per game, and with 66 catches for 1,076 yards, ended up second and fifth on the ASU single-season receiving charts, respectively. Fulton, who was named the team's Most Valuable Offensive Player, caught 10 touch-



down passes, which ranks sixth on the ASU single-season charts, while Hagan had nine, which is eighth on that list. A first-team Academic All-Pac-10 selection and Academic All-District honoree, Fulton signed a free agent contract with the Indianapolis Colts.

In 2002, junior Shaun McDonald, a Biletnikoff Award finalist, had arguably the best season of any receiver in ASU history, finishing with 1,405 yards receiving on 87 catches, both Sun Devil records. His average of 100.4 receiving yards per game (3rd in the Pac-10) equaled his own school record from 2001. McDonald, who was drafted by the St. Louis Rams, also had three games with 10 or more receptions and totaled more than 200 receiving yards in a game twice. Jackson saw McDonald haul in four receiving touchdowns vs. San Diego State to tie the Pac-10 record.

In addition, Hagan, who was named to the 2002 Sporting News Pac-10 All-Freshman team, set an ASU freshman receiving record with 32 catches, breaking the old mark set by College Football Hall of Famer John Jefferson.

In 2003, Jackson also served as an intern and coach with the Detroit Lions as part of the National Football League's Minority Internship Program, while in 1999, he served in the same capacity with the Philadelphia Eagles.

In Jackson's first year in Tempe, McDonald led the Pac-10, finished 10th in the nation and originally set the all-time school record of receiving yards per game. Jackson coached McDonald to back-to-back 1,000-yard seasons after McDonald notched 358 yards in his freshman year.

Jackson joined Koetter's staff in 1998 after then Boise State head coach Houston Nutt left for Arkansas. Jackson kept his title when joining Koetter's staff and has paid dividends ever since. The 2000 team featured five players averaging over 16.5 yards/catch, while the team finished with over 3,500 total passing yards.

During the 1999 season, the Broncos finished second in the conference in passing offense, averaging better than 250 yards per game. Before coming to Boise State, Jackson was an assistant coach at Indiana State University from 1995-97. A 1992 graduate of the University of San Diego, Jackson was a four-year starter in the defensive backfield. He was named the team's Defensive Player of the Year as a senior.

Jackson earned his degree in diversified liberal arts with an emphasis in education and later earned his master's degree, also from San Diego, in education in 1994.

THE JACKSON FILE

Born: December 1, 1968 in Harbor City, Calif.

High School Education: Junipero Serra High School, Los Angeles, Calif., 1987.

College Education: University of San Diego, 1992; University of San Diego, 1994.

College Football: University of San Diego, 1987-90.

Coaching Career: University of San Diego, 1991-94; University of the Redlands, 1994-95; Indiana State University, 1995-97; Boise State, 1997-2000; Arizona State, 2000-present.

Recruiting Area: Los Angeles, Calif.

Family: Single

PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS COACHED

Name	School	Team
Ryan Dennard	Arizona State	Arizona Rattlers
Skyler Fulton	Arizona State	Indianapolis Colts
Shaun McDonald	Arizona State	St. Louis Rams
Justin Taplin	Arizona State	Arizona Rattlers
Jeb Putzier	Boise State	Denver Broncos

ASSISTANT COACHES



Bill Miller Defensive Coordinator/ Linebackers

A 27-year college coaching veteran, former University of Florida associate head coach Bill Miller is in his first season as ASU's defensive coordinator. He will also coach the Sun Devil linebackers.

Miller has been a defensive coordinator for 17 of his 27 years as a collegiate coach. He served as the associate head coach at Florida in 2004 and was the Gators' linebackers coach in 2003 and 2004. Prior to

his stint in Gainesville, Miller served as Nick Saban's defensive coordinator at Michigan State from 1999-02 and defensive coordinator for Butch Davis at Miami from 1995-98. From 1989 to 1994, Miller was the defensive coordinator and linebackers coach at Oklahoma State. Miller also made stops at Minnesota (1986-88, defensive backs), Nevada (1983-85, defensive coordinator/secondary) and Drake (1981-82, secondary). He has been a part of five teams that have won conference championships (1981 Missouri Valley, '83 and '85 Big Sky and '95 and '96 Big East titles).

In his first season at Florida, Miller coached freshman Channing Crowder, who led the Southeastern Conference and all freshmen nationally in tackles per game. Miller was nominated for the Frank Broyles Award, which is given annually to the nation's top assistant football coach. Under Miller's guidance, Crowder and teammate Earl Everett were named to the SEC All-Freshman Team, while Crowder was named the *Sporting News*' SEC Defensive Freshman of the Year. Miller coached the SEC's leading freshmen tacklers in each of his two seasons as defensive coordinator at Florida (Crowder in 2003 and Brandon Siler in 2004) with each player earning Freshmen All-America honors. In 2004, Florida's top three linebackers were freshmen or sophomores.

In 2001, Miller's defensive squad at Michigan State paced the Big Ten Conference and ranked 14th in the nation in pass defense at 176.1 yards per game. Miller's 2000 defensive squad led the Big Ten in total defense for the second consecutive year and ranked 22nd nationally (318.3 yards per game). The Spartans also led the league in pass defense (164.1 ypg, seventh in the NCAA) and pass efficiency defense (22nd nationally) that season.

In 1999, Michigan State led the Big Ten and finished fifth nationally in rushing defense, allowing only 77 yards per game, and finished 12th in the nation in total defense (299 ypg). The team also tied for 22nd in the nation in scoring defense at just 19.2 points per game. The Spartans finished the 1999 season ranked No. 7 in the final Associated Press poll and tied the school with 10 wins, including a victory over Florida in the Citrus Bowl.

In 1997, Miller's defensive unit at the University of Miami led the Big East in pass defense, allowing only 177.3 yards per game, while in 1998, the team ranked second in the league in rushing defense, permitting 135.6 yards per contest. Miller's defense helped lead the Hurricanes to back-to-back Big East co-championships in 1995 and 1996. The Miami defense also contributed to victories at the 1996 Carquest Bowl over Virginia and the 1998 Micron PC Bowl over North Carolina State.

Miller served as an assistant coach under Jimmy Johnson at Oklahoma State from 1979-80 while Dave Wannstedt, Pat Jones, Keith Armstrong and Tony Wise were also assistants on the same staff. In 1986 at Minnesota, the Golden Gophers' defense helped upset top-ranked Michigan 20-17 and earned a trip to the Liberty Bowl. As defensive coordinator at the



University of Nevada, Miller helped guide the Wolf Pack to the Big Sky Conference title in 1983. The 1983 and 1985 Nevada teams advanced to the Division I-AA national semifinals. Miller's 1983 and 1985 squads led the Big Sky and ranked third in the nation in total defense as well as led the country in turnover margin. In his first year at Drake, Miller's secondary contributed to a 10-1 record and a share of the 1981 Missouri Valley Conference title.

A native of Hutchinson, Kan., Miller began his coaching career at his alma mater, the University of Texas-Arlington, in 1978 as a graduate assistant. He moved onto Oklahoma State in 1979-80 as a graduate assistant.

THE MILLER FILE

Born: June 18, 1956 in Hutchinson, Kan.

High School Education: Hutchinson (Kan.) High School, 1974.

College Education: University of Texas-Arlington, 1978.

College Football: Hutchinson (Kan.) Junior College, 1974-75; Texas-Arlington, 1976-77.

Coaching Career: Texas Arlington, 1978; Oklahoma State, 1979-80; Drake, 1981-82; Nevada-Reno, 1983-85; Minnesota, 1986-88; Oklahoma State, 1989-94; Miami (Fla.), 1995-98; Michigan State, 1999-02; Florida, 2003-04; Arizona State, 2004-present.

Recruiting Area: Southeast Florida, Texas and Kansas junior colleges.

Family: Wife, Lisa (Swanson) Miller, and sons, Cole (14) and Jackson (11).

NFL PLAYERS COACHED

Name	School	Team
Channing Crowder, LB	Florida	Miami Dolphins
Mathias Askew	Michigan State	Cincinnati Bengals
Renaldo Hill, CB	Michigan State	Arizona Cardinals
Aric Morris, S	Michigan State	Tennessee Titans
Julian Peterson, LB	Michigan State	San Francisco 49ers
Josh Shaw, DT	Michigan State	San Francisco 49ers
Robaire Smith, DE	Michigan State	Tennessee Titans
Josh Thornhill, LB	Michigan State	Detroit Lions
T.J. Turner, LB	Michigan State	New England Patriots
Dimitrius Underwood, DE	Michigan State	Minnesota Vikings
Kenny Holmes, DE	Miami (Fla.)	Tennessee Titans
Carlos Jones, CB	Miami (Fla.)	Seattle Seahawks
Kenard Lang, DE	Miami (Fla.)	Washington Redskins
Ray Lewis, LB	Miami (Fla.)	Baltimore Ravens
Tremain Mack, S	Miami (Fla.)	Cincinnati Bengals
Dan Morgan, LB	Miami (Fla.)	Carolina Panthers
Twan Russell, LB	Miami (Fla.)	Washington Redskins
Duane Starks, CB	Miami (Fla.)	Baltimore Ravens
Nate Webster, LB	Miami (Fla.)	Tampa Bay Buccaneers
Marcus Wimberly, DB	Miami (Fla.)	Atlanta Falcons
Patrick Hunter, CB	Nevada	Seattle Seahawks
Henry Rolling, LB	Nevada	San Diego Chargers
Keith Burns, LB	Oklahoma State	Denver Broncos
Jason Gildon, DE	Oklahoma State	Pittsburgh Steelers
Linc Harden, LB	Oklahoma State	Dallas Cowboys
Jevon Langford, DE	Oklahoma State	Cincinnati Bengals

ASSISTANT COACHES



Ted Monachino Defensive Line

Ted Monachino enters his fifth year as the Sun Devils defensive line coach. He came to ASU after serving in that same capacity in 2000 under Koetter at Boise State.

Monachino's defensive line has experienced enormous success in each of his four years at ASU. In 2004, the defensive line combined to collect 15.5 sacks and sophomores Jordan Hill and Kyle Caldwell led the team with seven each. Senior

Jimmy Verdon earned honors as the team's Most Valuable Defensive Lineman for the second straight year with 8.5 tackles for a loss. Verdon was a second-team All-Pac-10 selection and was taken by the New Orleans Saints in the seventh round of the NFL Draft. Monachino also oversaw the development of Ishmael Thrower, who finished his senior season ranked third on the team with 10.5 tackles for a loss.

In 2003, Verdon was named the team's Most Valuable Defensive Lineman, Caldwell was named to the Sporting News Pac-10 All-Freshman Team (as a true freshman), and Thrower led the team with 4.5 sacks.

In 2002, the Sun Devil defense recorded 123 tackles for loss, including 53 sacks, and held opponents to just over 30 percent on third-down conversions. Monachino's 2002 defensive front also featured one of the most dominant players in college football. Defensive end Terrell Suggs shattered the ASU, Pac-10 and NCAA single season records for sacks (24) and tackles for loss (31.5) on his way to becoming the most decorated player in school history. Under Monachino's guidance, Suggs made a phenomenal leap from very successful back-to-back 10-sack seasons to his staggering total of 24.0 in 2002. Suggs became the second unanimous All-America selection in school history in addition to a near sweep of the national awards including the Bronko Nagurski Award (best defensive player in the nation), the Rotary Lombardi Award (top interior lineman in the nation), the Ted Hendricks Defensive End of the Year Award and the Pac-10's Morris Trophy (Pac-10's top offensive and defensive lineman, voted on by the players).



In 2001, first-team All-Pac-10 and third-team All-America selection Suggs finished second in the Pac-10 in sacks and third in tackles for loss.

In 2000, Monachino's line at Boise State led the Big West in total defense (367 yards/game), rushing defense (139 yards/game) and most sacks (31). Three of the top five conference leaders in sacks came from Boise State, including defensive ends Jeff Copp and Zach Weber.

Prior to Boise State, Monachino was the outside linebackers coach for Southwest Missouri State (1999) and the defensive line coach at James Madison University (1998).

Monachino is a 1990 graduate of the University of Missouri, where he was a three-year letterwinner in football, receiving Academic All-Big Eight honors in 1989. It was at Missouri where Monachino was first introduced to Koetter, who was serving as an assistant coach during Monachino's senior season as a player.

Monachino and his wife, Amy, have a daughter, Mikalee (12), and two sons, Samuel (5) and Michael (1).

THE MONACHINO FILE

Born: October 15, 1966 in Council Bluffs, Iowa

High School Education: South Harrison High School, Bethany, Missouri, 1985.

College Education: University of Missouri, 1990.

College Football: University of Missouri, 1985-89.

Coaching Career: Hannibal High School (Mo.), 1990, 1994-95; Pacific High School (Mo.), 1991-93; Texas Christian University, 1996-98; James Madison University, 1998-99, Southwest Missouri State, 1999-2000; Boise State, 2000; Arizona State, 2000-present.

Recruiting Area: Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex, East Texas, West Texas, Kansas junior colleges

Family: Monachino and his wife, Amy, have a daughter, Mikalee (12), and two sons, Samuel (5) and Michael (1).

NFL PLAYERS COACHED

Name	School	Team
Terrell Suggs	Arizona State	Baltimore Ravens
Jimmy Verdon	Arizona State	New Orleans Saints

ASSISTANT COACHES



Brent Myers Offensive Line/ Running-Game Coordinator

Brent Myers enters his second year as Arizona State's offensive line coach and running-game coordinator. A 23-year veteran of the college coaching ranks, Myers came to ASU after one season as the assistant head coach and offensive line coach at the University of Utah.

In his first season at ASU, Myers coached a successful offensive line, which recorded the fifth-best passing offense in the nation. He saw two players earn All-Pac-10 honors and one selected in the NFL draft. Behind Myers' offensive line, ASU ranked 16th in the nation for total offensive yards per game at 435.4. Honorable-mention All-Pac-10 selection center Drew Hodgdon was selected in the fifth round of the NFL draft by the Houston Texans. Myers also saw lineman Grayling Love excel on the line, earning both first-team All-Pac-10 and Pac-10 All-Academic honors, one of only two players in the league to be selected to the first team of both. Splitting time at right guard and left tackle, Love led an offensive line that led the Pac-10 and ranked fifth in the nation in passing offense (317.3 ypg) and finished third in the league in overall offense.

In 2003, the Utes went 6-1 in league play and won the Mountain West Conference championship, the school's first outright conference title since 1957. Utah posted a 10-2 record, defeated Southern Mississippi in the Liberty Bowl and finished 21st in the national polls. Prior to leaving for ASU, Myers was named as the offensive line coach at Washington in January.

No stranger to the Pac-10, Myers spent three seasons as the offensive line coach at Washington (2000-02). In 2000, Myers turned four returning starters into one of the nation's best blocking units that led the Huskies to the Pac-10 title and a victory over Purdue in the 2001 Rose Bowl. Elliot Silvers and Chad Ward were All-Pac-10 selections and were taken in the NFL Draft that year, while a third, Wes Call, signed a free agent contract. Ward also won the Morris Trophy, given to the Pac-10's top lineman, and was a second-team All-American. In 2001, he coached All-Pac-10 and regional Academic All-America selection Kyle Benn, while in 2002, Myers' unit's pass-blocking abilities helped quarterback Cody Pickett to set a single-season passing record with 4,458 yards.

Myers rejoined Dirk Koetter's staff after working as the offensive coordinator and offensive line coach for two seasons (1998-99) at Boise State. In 1999, BSU led the Big West in offense with 33 points per game and averaged more than 414 yards per game in total offense while posting a 10-3 record. Myers joined the Boise State staff in 1998 and was promoted to offensive coordinator before the start of the 1999 season. He helped lead the Broncos to the 1999 Big West Conference championship and a victory over Louisville in the Humanitarian Bowl.

Myers also coached at Eastern Washington (1982-83, 1985-91), Southern Illinois (1984) and Northern Arizona (1992-97). At NAU, he worked with linebackers for one year before moving to the offensive line. He was named associate head coach in 1994 and offensive coordinator in 1996. That year, the Lumberjacks led the nation in total offense and scoring and became the first Division I team to have a 3,000-yard passer (Travis Brown) and a 2,000-yard rusher (Archie Ammerson) in the same season. For his efforts, Myers was named the national Division I-AA Offensive Coordinator of the Year in 1996.



A Seattle native, Myers earned his bachelor of arts in education degree from Eastern Washington in 1982. He received a master's of science degree from EWU in 1986, and coached at his alma mater from 1985 to 1991 in a variety of positions including tight ends, offensive line, linebackers and defensive line.

As a player, Myers was a Division II honorable mention All-American at Eastern Washington in 1981. He attended Columbia Basin Junior College from 1978-79 and helped his team to the 1978 national championship as the starting center on the offensive line.

Myers and his wife, Susan, have a daughter, Morgan (8).

THE MYERS FILE

Born: May 25, 1960 in Seattle, Wash.

High School Education: Shoreline High School (Seattle, Wash), 1978.

College Education: B.A. Eastern Washington 1982;

M.S. Eastern Washington 1986.

College Football: Columbia Basin JC, 1978-79; Eastern Washington, 1980-81.

Coaching Career: Eastern Washington, 1982-83; Southern Illinois, 1984;

Eastern Washington, 1985-91; Northern Arizona, 1992-97; Boise State, 1998-99;

Washington, 2000-02; Utah, 2003; Arizona State, 2004-present.

Recruiting Area: Washington, Hawaii, Central California

Family: Wife, Susan, and daughter, Morgan (8).

NFL PLAYERS COACHED

Name	School	Team
Drew Hodgdon	Arizona State	Houston Texans
Chris Kemoeatu	Utah	Pittsburgh Steelers
Khalif Barnes	Washington	Jacksonville Jaguars
Elliot Silvers	Washington	Houston Texans
Chad Ward	Washington	San Diego Chargers
Wes Call	Washington	San Francisco 49ers
Kyle Benn	Washington	Tennessee Titans
Nick Newton	Washington	Baltimore Ravens
Jeremy Menkins	Boise State	Detroit Lions
Dan Finn	Northern Arizona	Denver Broncos
Matt Elliott	Northern Arizona	Oakland Raiders
Mark Gehring	Eastern Washington	San Francisco 49ers
Kevin Sargent	Eastern Washington	Cincinnati Bengals
Jeff Mikell	Eastern Washington	Los Angeles Rams
Eric Riley	Eastern Washington	Green Bay Packers
Ed Simmons	Eastern Washington	Washington Redskins

ASSISTANT COACHES



Tom Nordquist Running Backs/ Recruiting Coordinator

Tom Nordquist enters his fifth season at Arizona State as the running backs coach.

In 2004, Nordquist was faced with a challenge as injuries left the Sun Devils' running back corps depleted. Despite the setbacks, Nordquist converted wide receiver Rudy Burgess and linebacker Antone Saulsberry to the tailback position to fill the team's

need. Under his tutelage, Burgess racked up 404 yards with a 5.2 yards per carry average. He turned in a stellar 186-yard performance against Stanford and came up big against Purdue in the Sun Bowl.

In 2003, Nordquist's young running backs continued to make strides. Fullback Mike Karney earned honorable-mention All-Pac-10 honors for the second time in his career and was drafted in the fifth round of the NFL Draft by the New Orleans Saints.

In 2002, three different running backs saw regular action, including two redshirt freshmen. Nordquist drew consistent production from all three while the backfield battled injuries throughout the season. The progress of the unit was evident as junior Mike Williams was named the game's most valuable player after turning in 40 carries for 162 yards and four touchdowns against Arizona.

His 2002 squad featured a pair of players who were named to *The Sporting News* Pac-10 All-Freshman Team. Additionally, Mike Williams earned first-team Academic All-Pac-10 honors for the second straight year.

In 2001, ASU finished fourth in the Pac-10 in rushing, averaging 167.1 yards per game, while senior Delvon Flowers, who averaged 94.6 yards per game, became the 18th Sun Devil in school history to tally 1,000 rushing yards in a season (1,041). Karney also earned honorable-mention All-Pac-10 honors in 2001 under Nordquist's tutelage.

Prior to coming to ASU, Nordquist coached the tailbacks at Boise State for three seasons. The 2000 Boise State Broncos gained over 1,900 yards, good for second in



the Big West Conference. In addition, Boise State's rushing offense averaged nearly 175 yards per game, good for 30th in the country.

Under Nordquist's direction, sophomore Brock Forsey gained 914 yards, scored 16 touchdowns, while also finishing sixth in the country in all-purpose yards.

Before arriving at Boise State, Nordquist spent four seasons as an assistant coach at UNLV. At UNLV, he coached the tackles, tight ends, wide receivers and running backs.

Nordquist played his collegiate football at Oregon State, where he was a two-year starter at center. He transferred to OSU from Arizona Western College, where he was a junior college All-American in 1989.

He is a 1993 graduate of Oregon State University with a bachelor's degree in speech communications. Nordquist and his wife, Melissa, are the parents of a son, Jacob (5), and a daughter, Ellie (2).



THE NORDQUIST FILE

Born: July 2, 1970 in Bloomington, Minn.

High School Education: Santa Rita High School, Tucson, Ariz.

College Education: Oregon State University, 1993.

College Football: Arizona Western College, 1988-89; Oregon State University, 1990-91.

Coaching Career: Oregon State, 1992-93; University of Nevada-Reno, 1993; UNLV, 1993-98; Boise State, 1998-2000; Arizona State, 2000-present.

Recruiting Area: Arizona, New Mexico, Las Vegas.

Family: Nordquist and his wife, Melissa are the parents of a son, Jacob (5), and a daughter, Ellie (2).

NFL PLAYERS COACHED

Name	School	Team
Brock Forsey	Boise State	Chicago Bears
Mike Karney	Arizona State	New Orleans Saints

SUPPORT STAFF



Joe Kenn Sports Performance

Joe Kenn enters his fifth season at Arizona State and third as the director of ASU's Sports Performance program. He spent his first two years as ASU's football strength and conditioning coach. A member of the National Strength and Conditioning Association and American Football Coaches Association, Kenn came to ASU from the University of Utah where he served as the director of strength and conditioning from April

1999 to December 2000.

Prior to Utah, Kenn was the head strength and conditioning coach at Boise State from 1994-99. In all, Kenn was at Boise State for nine years (1991-99). Kenn's first coaching assignment came as an assistant football coach and strength coach at Pine Crest Preparatory

THE KENN FILE

Born: October 13, 1966 in Far Rockaway, N.Y.

High School Education: Lawrence High School, Cedurhurst, New York, 1984.

College Education: Wake Forest University, 1988; Boise State, 1993

College Football: Wake Forest University, 1984-1988

Coaching Career: Pine Crest Preparatory School, 1989-90; Wake Forest University, 1991; Boise State, 1991-99; University of Utah, 1999-2000; Arizona State, 2000-present.

Family: Kenn and his wife, Angela, have two sons, Joseph IV (12) and Peter (8).

School in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. (1989-1990). He then became the assistant strength and conditioning coach at Wake Forest University in 1991.

Kenn was named the College Strength and Conditioning Professional of the Year in 2002. He has been a finalist for the award four times. He also has garnered conference recognition in 1998 Big West Conference and 2000 Mountain West Conference.

Kenn earned his bachelor of science degree in health and sports science from Wake Forest in 1988 and his strength and conditioning specialist certification in 1990. Kenn then earned his master of arts degree in curriculum and instruction from Boise State in 1993.

As a football player at Wake Forest, Kenn was named a NSCA All-American Strength and Conditioning Athlete award winner as well as Wake Forest's Weightlifter of the Year and the Bill George Award as Linemen of the Year.



Tom Kleinlein Assistant Athletics Director for Football Operations

Tom Kleinlein is in his first year as the assistant athletics director for football operations at Arizona State. He came to ASU after spending three years as a member of the football staff at Rutgers University. He served as the director of football operations for two years for the Scarlet Knights before being promoted to assistant director of

athletics in January of 2004.

Kleinlein's duties include assisting head coach Dirk Koetter with public and community relations, team travel and coordination of the Sun Devil football camps. In addition, he assists with all day-to-day operations of the football program.

Prior to Rutgers, Kleinlein spent four years as a member of the football staff at Wake Forest University, including serving as Assistant Director of Football Operations in 2002. Kleinlein joined the Demon Deacon staff in 1998 as an academic counselor. In addition to his academic oversight role, Kleinlein also served as the program's liaison with high school coaches and NFL scouts, while aiding with recruiting.

A four-year letterwinner and starter at Wake Forest on the offensive line (left tackle), Kleinlein was a member of the Deacons' 1992 team that posted an 8-4 record, including a 39-35 win over Oregon State in the Independence Bowl. A history major, Kleinlein taught and coached on the high school level following graduation before returning to the college game.

Originally from Inwood, N.Y., Kleinlein attended Lawrence High School, where he earned all-state honors. He attended the same high school as ASU sports performance coach Joe Kenn and was Kenn's teammate at Wake Forest.

He and his wife, Tara, have two sons, Austin (6) and Mason (3).

THE KLEINLEIN FILE

Born: April 28, 1970 in Inwood, N.Y.

High School Education: Lawrence High School, Inwood, N.Y.

College Education: Wake Forest University, 1992

College Football: Wake Forest University, 1988-92

Coaching Career: Greensboro (N.C.) High School, 1992-98.

Administrative Career: Wake Forest 1998-02; Rutgers 2003-05; Arizona State 2005-present.

Family: Wife, Tara, and sons, Austin (6) and Mason (3).



SUPPORT STAFF



The 2005 Sun Devil office staff (L to R): Karen Schultz, Lora Borup and Victoria Gaytan.



The Sun Devil Football Family



Craig Juntunen

Craig Juntunen Director of Player Development

Director of Player Development Craig Juntunen enters his third year at Arizona State. In his role, Juntunen assists head coach Dirk Koetter in all areas of the program and has been instrumental in the development of ASU's Foundation of Success program. His many projects including working on ASU's leadership training for football student-athletes, developing a peak performance seminar and providing strategic input to optimize the operational elements of the program such

as nutrition, flexibility and mental conditioning. He also assists with team meetings and helps with on-campus recruiting on game days.

Juntunen retired six years ago after spending seven years as the president and CEO of Juntunen, Inc., a multimillion dollar, multidimensional human resource firm headquartered in San Francisco.

Juntunen earned his bachelor's degree in political science at the University of Idaho in 1978. After graduation, he spent two seasons as the backup quarterback for the Calgary Stampeders and Winnipeg Blue Bombers of the Canadian Football League. He was inducted into the Idaho Athletic Hall of Fame in 2000.

He founded the Juntunen Foundation in 1998 in Colorado, a family foundation that provides assistance to children in need throughout the community, and

Scott Huff

Graduate Assistant

Scott Huff enters his second season as a graduate assistant at Arizona State University. He assists the offensive staff with computer breakdown, game plan, scouting reports and scout team organization. Huff also aids Assistant Coach Brent Myers with the offensive line.



Scott Huff

A four-year starter at Boise State University and an all-conference player, Huff was named the team captain his senior year. Huff played under Dirk Koetter for three seasons (1998-00) before graduating from Boise State with a bachelor's degree in business administration in 2002.

Huff was a 1998 graduate of Horizon High School in Scottsdale, Ariz., where he lettered in football (three times) and baseball (twice). While at Horizon, Huff earned All-Arizona accolades in football his senior year as a center and all-conference honors as a defensive tackle. He was also an all-conference selection in baseball.

Huff is currently pursuing a master's degree in higher and post-secondary education at Arizona State.

Robby Snelling

Graduate Assistant

Robby Snelling begins his second season as a graduate assistant at Arizona State. Snelling assists the defensive staff with computer breakdown, game plan, scouting reports and scout team organization.



Robby Snelling

Snelling played tight end for two seasons under Dirk Koetter at Boise State. Following his career at Boise State, Snelling was invited to the NFL's Tennessee Titans training camp in 2001 and played for the NFL Europe's Barcelona Dragons in 2002.

Prior to Boise State, Snelling played at Butte Junior College in Oroville, Calif., and returned as the tight ends/receivers coach there in the fall of 2003.

Snelling was a 1996 graduate of Burney High School in Burney, Calif., where he lettered in football, basketball and baseball. He earned all-conference accolades in football his senior year as a quarterback and was a three-time all-conference selection in baseball.

Snelling graduated from Boise State with a bachelor's degree in physical education (Teaching K-12) in 2001 and is currently pursuing a master's degree in higher and post-secondary education at Arizona State.