



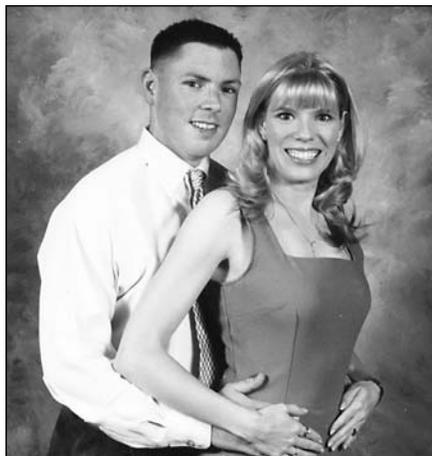
# Football Staff

## Keith Allen

**Co-Special Teams  
Coordinator/Safeties Coach/  
Co-Recruiting Coordinator**

**K**eith Allen joined the San Jose State University football coaching staff in June 2002 as the special teams coordinator. Now in his third season with the Spartans, he also will coach the safeties and add the duties of co-recruiting coordinator in 2004.

Allen's special teams have ranked in the top half of the Western Athletic Conference in net punting, punt and kickoff returns and field goals made. In each of the last two seasons, San Jose State has ranked in the top-12 nationally in kickoff returns. Charles Pauley was the national leader in kickoff return average in 2002. The Spartan punt return units have averaged better than 10 yards per return since his arrival.



*Keith & Melissa Allen*



**“Coach Allen is smart. He’s a good teacher. He explains every position thoroughly. He’s a ‘mad scientist.’ He gives us a lot of good stuff.” – Trestin George, San José State kickoff returner**

A native of Tulsa, Okla., he traces his desire to coach football back to the fifth grade. Perhaps his grandfather, L.B. Smith, who took him to Dallas Cowboys home games had something to do with his present occupation.

While completing an undergraduate degree program in civil engineering at the University of Oklahoma, Allen began pursuing his goal to coach by working as an undergraduate assistant with the Sooner football team in 1996. He was retained as a graduate assistant for the 1997 season.

**A**fter the 1998 season at Northeast Louisiana University, Allen moved to Texas Christian University for two seasons serving as

### They played for Coach Allen

**Charles Pauley, 2002 NCAA Division I-A kickoff return champion**  
San Jose Sabercats (ARENA)  
**Marcus Helfman, long snapper**  
Scottish Claymores (NFL Europe)  
**Jamall Broussard, punt returner**  
Cincinnati Bengals free agent  
**Pat Dennis, CB**  
Houston Texans

the director of recruiting and assistant director of football operations. He spent the 2000 and 2001 seasons at Quincy University before returning to the Division I level.

“For me, becoming a Spartan was an easy choice. Coach Hill, our staff, and our players make it a great place to work and live. We have a ‘true family’ environment here, with over 100 people who care for each other, and that makes everyday fun and enjoyable,” says Allen.



### Football Coaching & Administrative Experience

- 2004 San José State University co-special teams coordinator / safeties coach / co-recruiting coordinator
- 2003 San José State University special teams coordinator / defensive ends coach
- 2002 San José State University special teams coordinator
- 2000-01 Quincy University defensive coordinator / special teams coordinator / defensive backs coach / recruiting coordinator
- 1998-2000 Texas Christian University director of recruiting / assistant director of football operations
- 1998 Northeast Louisiana University graduate assistant
- 1997 University of Oklahoma graduate assistant
- 1996 University of Oklahoma undergraduate assistant

### Published Works

- “Spartan Special Teams: Own a Third of the Game,”  
*AFCA Coaches’ Manual*, Summer 2004
- “Quincy University’s Attacking 4-2-5 Defense,”  
*AFCA Coaches’ Manual*, Summer 2002

### Education

- B.S. (civil engineering) – University of Oklahoma, 1997
- M.L.A. (liberal arts) – Texas Christian University, 2000

### Family Information

- Born on July 12, 1974 in Tulsa, Okla.
- Wife – Melissa, a high school science teacher.