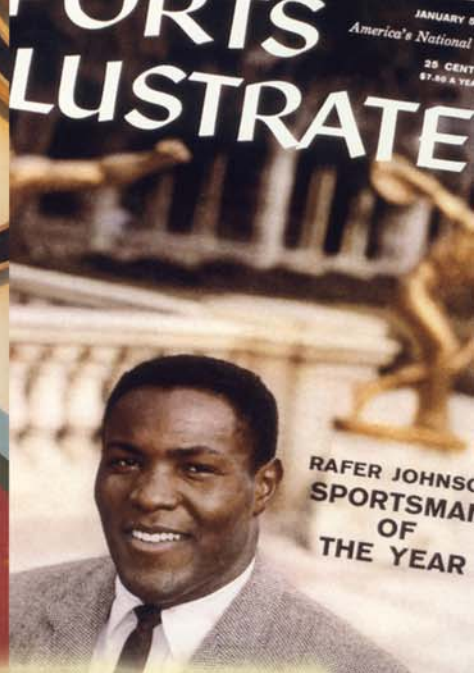
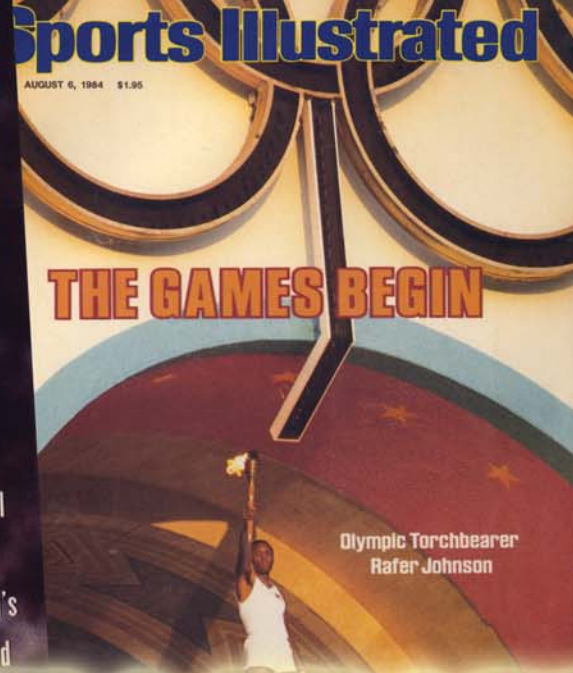
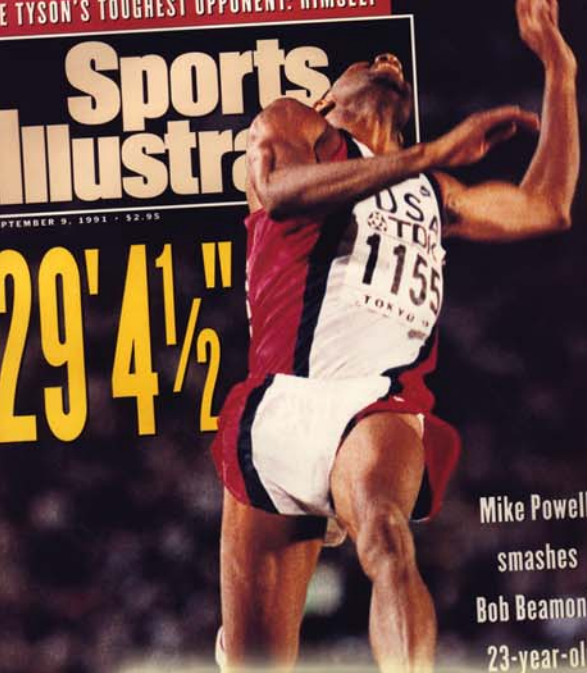
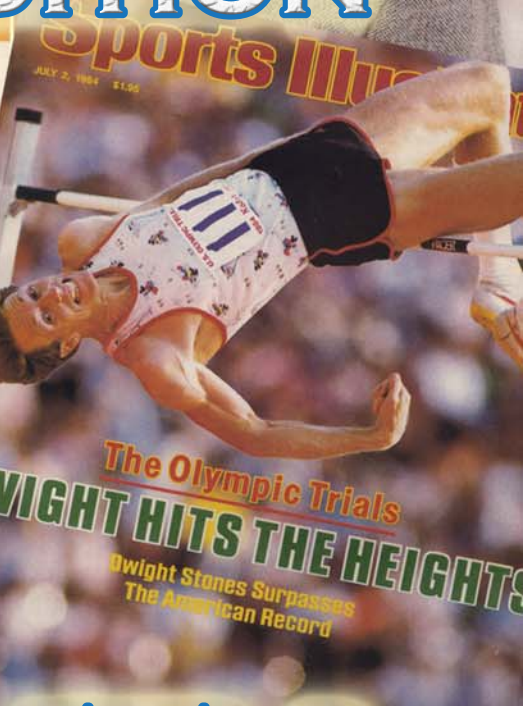
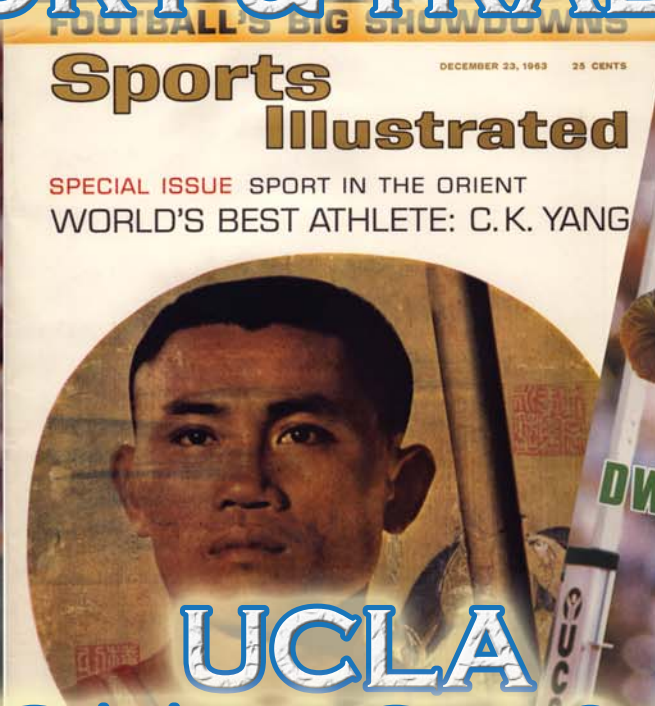
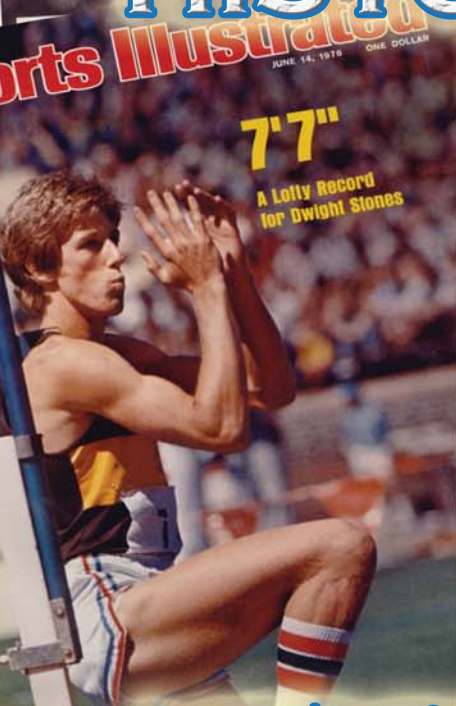
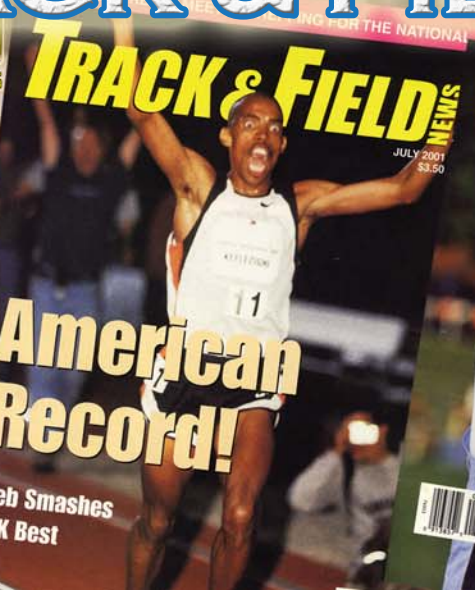
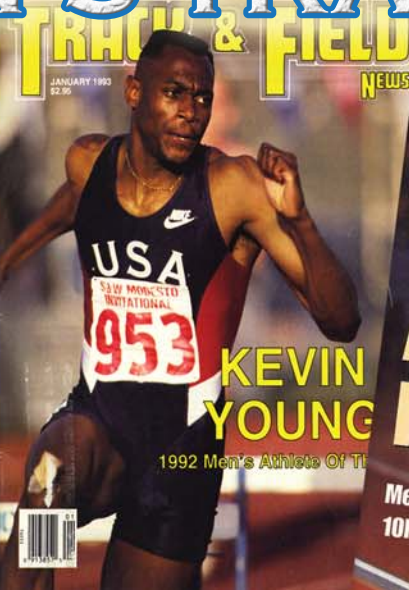
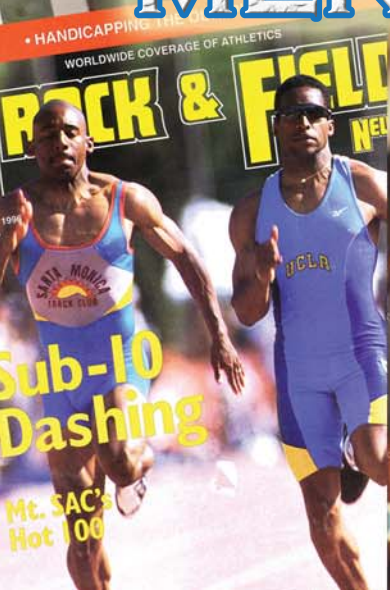




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UCLA MEN'S TRACK & FIELD



2007 UCLA MEN'S TRACK & FIELD SCHEDULE

INDOOR SEASON

DATE	MEET	LOCATION	START TIME
Friday-Saturday, January 19-20	at New Mexico Lobo (Modrall Sperling) Invitational	Albuquerque, NM	9am/5pm
Friday-Saturday, January 26-27	at Washington Invitational	Seattle, WA	3pm/8:30am
Friday-Saturday, February 9-10	at Tyson Invitational	Fayetteville, AR	TBA
Saturday, February 17	at Northern Arizona Elite	Flagstaff, AZ	TBA
Saturday, March 3	at Iowa State Last Chance	Ames, IA	TBA
Friday-Saturday, March 9-10	at NCAA Indoor Championships	Fayetteville, AR	TBA

OUTDOOR SEASON

DATE	MEET	LOCATION	START TIME
Saturday, March 3	UCLA Invitational	Drake Stadium	9am
Wednesday-Saturday, March 14-17	at Northridge Relays	Northridge, CA	9am
Friday-Saturday, March 30-31	at Cal/Nevada Championships	Fresno, CA	TBA
	at Stanford Invitational (distance)	Palo Alto, CA	9am
Thursday-Saturday, April 5-7	at Texas Relays	Austin, TX	TBA
Thursday-Saturday, April 12-14	Rafer Johnson/Jackie Joyner Kersee Invitational	Drake Stadium	9am
Friday-Sunday, April 13-15	at Mt. SAC Relays	Walnut, CA	9am
Friday-Saturday, April 20-21	at UC San Diego Triton Invitational	La Jolla, CA	2pm/10am
Saturday, April 28	at USC (Televised live on FSN PrimeTicket)	Los Angeles, CA	TBA
Friday-Saturday, May 4-5	at Pac-10 Decathlon Championships	Palo Alto, CA	TBA
Saturday-Sunday, May 12-13	at Pac-10 Championships (Televised on FSN/FSN PrimeTicket)	Palo Alto, CA	TBA
Saturday-Sunday, May 26-27	at NCAA West Region Championships	Eugene, OR	TBA
Wednesday-Saturday, June 6-9	at NCAA Outdoor Championships (Televised on CBS)	Sacramento, CA	TBA
Wednesday-Sunday, June 20-24	at USATF Junior/Senior National Championships	Indianapolis, IN	TBA

All times listed are PST

2007 NCAA INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS QUALIFYING STANDARDS

EVENT	AUTOMATIC	PROVISIONAL
55m	6.14	6.26
60m	6.62	6.74
55m Hurdles	7.17	7.38
60m Hurdles	7.70	7.91
200m	20.83	21.23
400m	46.05	47.25
800m	1:47.80	1:49.90
Mile	3:59.00	4:04.00
3000m	7:54.00	8:05.00
5000m	13:48.00	14:10.00
1600m Relay	3:06.50	3:10.40
Mile Relay	3:07.70	3:11.60
Distance Medley Relay (meters)	9:34.00	9:45.70
Distance Medley Relay (yards)	9:37.50	9:49.20
High Jump	7-4.25 (2.24m)	7-1 (2.16m)
Pole Vault	18-0.50 (5.50m)	17-0.75 (5.20m)
Long Jump	25-9.25 (7.85m)	24-7.25 (7.50m)
Triple Jump	52-10 (16.10m)	50-6.25 (15.40m)
Shot Put	63-4 (19.30m)	58-3 (17.75)
35-LB Weight Throw	70-6.50 (21.50m)	63-11.75 (19.50m)
Heptathlon	5,650 points	5,300 points

2007 NCAA WEST REGION QUALIFYING STANDARDS

EVENT	QUALIFYING MARK
100m	10.50
200m	21.19
400m	47.20
800m	1:50.40
1500m	3:47.80
Mile#	4:03.75
3000m Steeplechase#	9:07.00
5000m#	14:12.00
110m Hurdles	14.30
400m Hurdles	52.51
4x100m Relay	40.66
4x400m Relay	3:10.00
High Jump	6-10.75 (2.10m)
Pole Vault	16-6.75 (5.05m)
Long Jump	24-1 (7.34m)
Triple Jump	49-2.50 (15.00m)
Shot Put	55-1.50 (16.80m)
Discus	169-7 (51.70m)
Hammer	182-5 (55.60m)
Javelin	202-1 (61.60m)

AUTOMATIC PROVISIONAL

10,000m#	28:45.00	29:30.00
Decathlon	7,500 points	6,900 points
(10,000m/Decathlon do not have regional standards)		

*All marks based on a banked or Over 200m/220 yards track

**All marks are FAT

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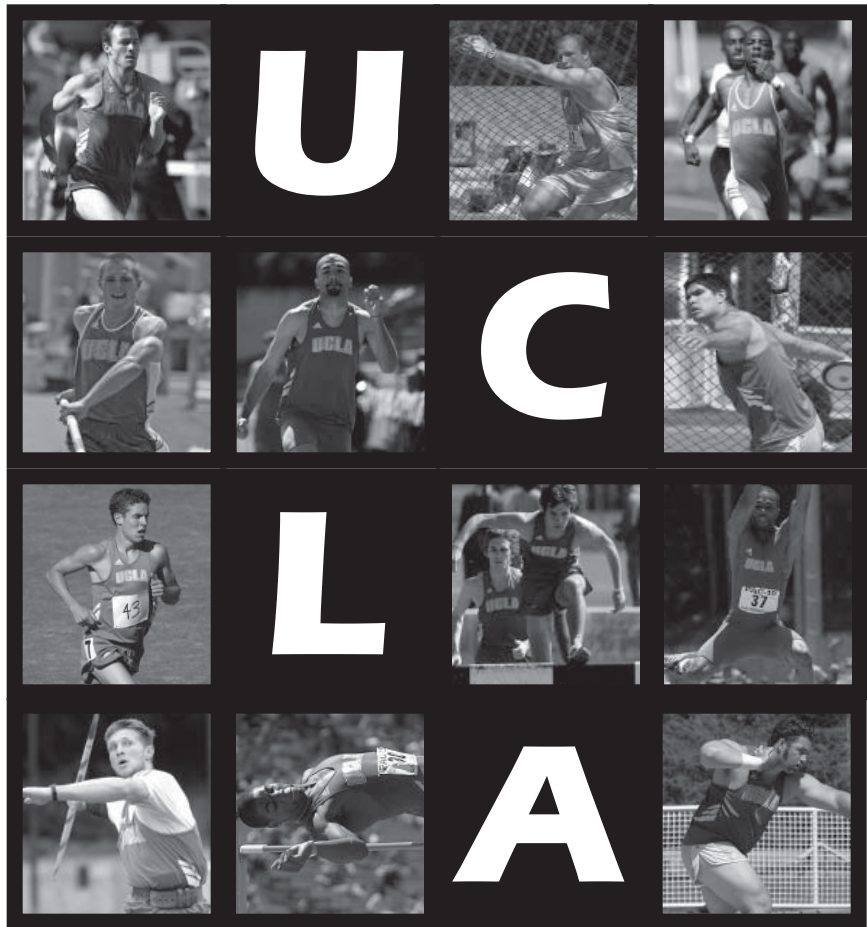
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Acting Chancellor.....	Norman Abrams
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Home Stadium (Capacity)	Drake Stadium (11,700)
Enrollment	36,890
Founded	1919
Colors	Blue and Gold
Nickname	Bruins
Conference.....	Pacific-10 (925) 932-4411
National Affiliation	NCAA Division I
Head Coach (Alma Mater)	Art Venegas
.....	(CS Northridge '74)
Coach's Phone.....	(310) 206-6690
Record at UCLA (Years).....	17-3 dual record,
.....	8th year as head coach/26th as throws coach
Career Record (Years).....	same
Sprints, Hurdles, Relays	Coach Tony Veney
Pole Vault Coach	Anthony Curran
Jumps Coach	Mike Powell
Distance Coach.....	Eric Peterson
Volunteer Decathlon Coach	Octavious Gillespie
Volunteer Distance Coach.....	Scott Abbott
Volunteer Sprints Coach	Zack Spire
Athletic Trainer	Marc Norcross/Tandi Hawkey
2006 Record.....	1-0
2006 Pac-10 Finish	5th
2006 West Regional Finish	6th
2006 NCAA Outdoor Finish.....	22nd (tie)
National Championships	Eight
.....	(1988, '87, '78, '73, '72, '71, '66, '56)
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Name	Event	Ht.	Wt.	Year	Hometown (High School/Previous School)
Marco Anzures	Distance	6-0	154	Fr.	San Diego, CA (St. Augustine HS)
Terrence Austin	Jumps/Hurdles	5-11	175	Fr.	Long Beach, CA (Long Beach Poly HS)
Laef Barnes	Distance	6-1	155	So.	Nine Mile Falls, WA (Mead HS)
Luke Barr	Jumps	6-2	195	So.	Allen, TX (Allen HS)
Christopher Bencomo	Pole Vault	6-0	185	Jr.	Los Gatos, CA (Lynbrook HS/Cabrillo College)
Chris Burbach	Javelin	6-2	215	Jr.	Corbett, OR (Jesuit HS/Orange Coast College)
Jordan Calhoun	Sprints	5-9	155	Fr.	Oceanside, CA (Vista HS)
John Caulfield	Throws	6-0	290	Jr.	Chino Hills, CA (La Salle HS)
Alex Crabill	Distance	5-10	144	Fr.	Tacoma, WA (Charles Wright Academy)
Kevin Craddock	Hurdles	6-4	185	So.	Richmond, CA (James Logan HS)
Scott Crawford	Distance	6-3	155	Fr.	El Dorado Hills, CA (Oak Ridge HS)
Dustin DeLeo	Pole Vault	6-0	165	So.*	Seal Beach, CA (Los Alamitos HS)
Casey DiCesare	Pole Vault/Decathlon	6-2	175	Fr.	Irvington, NY (Irvington HS)
Scott DiCesare	Pole Vault/Decathlon	6-2	183	Fr.	Irvington, NY (Irvington HS)
Tyler Dragon	Throws	6-3	238	Fr.	Fresno, CA (Clovis West HS)
Andreas Drbal	Decathlon	6-1	178	Fr.	Belmont, CA (Bellarmine Prep)
Dominique Easterling	Jumps	6-2	205	Jr.	Madras, CA (Madras HS)
Zack Fowler	Sprints	5-9	155	Fr.	Apple Valley, CA (Granite Hills HS)
Greg Garza	Throws	6-4	240	Jr.	Indio, CA (Indio HS)
Ryan Gordon	Distance	5-10	140	So.	Pacific Palisades, CA (Brentwood School)
Stan Griffin	Sprints	6-0	186	Fr.	East Meadow, NY (Mt. Carmel HS)
Mike Haddan	Distance	5-11	145	Jr.	Irvine, CA (Woodbridge HS)
Henry Hagenbuch	Distance	5-11	155	Sr.	San Francisco, CA (Cate School/Michigan)
Brandon Johnson	Sprints	5-9	150	Sr.	Orange, TX (West Orange Stark HS)
Michael Johnson, Jr.	Jumps	6-1	170	Jr.	Rancho Cucamonga, CA (Rancho Cucamonga HS)
David Klech	Hurdles/Jumps	6-4	170	Fr.	San Ramon, CA (California HS)
Boldizsar Kocsor	Throws	6-0	230	Fr.*	San Diego, CA (University HS)
Mike Landers	Pole Vault	6-1	185	Sr.*	Merced, CA (Golden Valley HS)
Cade Lindahl	Sprints	6-1	175	Fr.	Dana Point, CA (Dana Hills HS)
Jake Matthews	Distance	6-0	150	Fr.	Folsom, CA (Folsom HS)
Zack Miller	Pole Vault	6-1	180	Jr.	San Diego, CA (Rancho Bernardo HS)
Dave Murphy	Pole Vault	5-10	168	Sr.*	Arroyo Grande, CA (Arroyo Grande HS)
Torsten Niegmann	Hurdles	6-4	165	So.	Auburn, CA (Placer HS)
Andrew Ninow	Throws	6-1	240	Sr.	Sacramento, CA (American River College)
Marlon Patterson	Distance	5-10	127	Fr.	Sacramento, CA (Franklin HS)
Alex Pearlstone	Sprints	6-0	170	So.	Sacramento, CA (Sir Francis Drake HS)
Johnny Quinn	Pole Vault	6-3	165	Fr.	Dana Point, CA (St. Margaret's HS)
Austin Ramos	Distance	5-10	125	Jr.	Sacramento, CA (Jesuit HS)
Darius Reed	Hurdles	6-4	197	Fr.	Denver, CO (George Washington HS)
Matthew Reuter	Decathlon	6-1	170	So.	Ontario, CA (Damien HS)
James Rhoades	Sprints	5-10	155	Jr.	Ramona, CA (Ramona HS)
Jason Rider	Throws	6-3	270	Sr.	Murrieta, CA (Murrieta Valley hs)
Joshua Rider	Throws	6-3	270	Sr.	Murrieta, CA (Murrieta Valley HS)
Nick Robinson	Throws	6-4	290	Fr.	Lake Forest, CA (El Toro HS)
Darius Savage	Throws	6-4	315	Fr.	San Diego, CA (Morse HS)
Tracy Session	Hurdles	5-9	150	Sr.	Long Beach, CA (LB Poly HS/Cal Poly SLO/LBCC)
Drew Shackleton	Distance	5-8	135	Jr.	Belmont, CA (Carlmont HS)
Kyle Shackleton	Distance	5-8	128	So.	Belmont, CA (Carlmont HS)
David Shipp	Sprints	6-1	190	Jr.	Canyon Country, CA (Valencia HS)
David Shortenhaus	Pole Vault/Javelin	6-3	200	Sr.	Walnut Creek, CA (Las Lomas HS)
Brandon Smith	Sprints	5-10	170	Fr.	Ventura, CA (Ventura HS)
Kevin Sullivan	Distance	5-8	140	Fr.	Simi Valley, CA (Royal HS)
Bo Taylor	Throws	6-3	245	Fr.	Newport Beach, CA (Newport Harbor HS)
Steven Taylor	Jumps	6-4	185	Fr.	Port Hueneme, CA (Hueneme HS)
William Tsai	Throws	6-4	215	Fr.	Sunnyvale, CA (Homestead HS)
Joel Tuosto	Jumps	6-1	185	Jr.	Greenfield, CA (Greenfield HS)
Elijah Wells	Sprints	5-11	165	So.	Lake View Terrace, CA (Taft HS)
Garland West	Sprints	6-2	180	So.	Cypress, CA (Cypress HS)
Greg Woepse	Pole Vault	6-1	165	Fr.	Tustin, CA (Mater Dei HS)

* Indicates 2006 Redshirt

Head Coach: Art Venegas (8th year as head coach, 26th as throws coach)

Assistant Coaches: Anthony Curran (pole vault), Mike Powell (jumps), Eric Peterson (distance),

Tony Veney (sprints, hurdles, relays), Scott Abbott (volunteer distance), Octavious Gillespie (volunteer decathlon), Zack Spire (volunteer sprints)

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Strength Coach: Jon Fussell

Co-Head Managers: Ryan Wong, Amanda Schumann

PRONOUNCIATION GUIDE

Marco Anzures - Ann-zoo-res
Laef Barnes - Laif
Chris Burbach - Berr-bock
John Caulfield - Call-field
Alex Crabill - Cray-bull

Casey/Scott DiCesare - Dee-seh-Zare
Henry Hagenbuch - Hay-gin-book
Boldizsar Kocsor - Bowl-dih-zore Coke-shore
Torsten Niegmann - Neeg-min
Andrew Ninow - Nih-know

Matthew Reuter - Roy-ter
David Shortenhaus - Shor-ten-house
Joel Tuosto - Two-ose-toe
Greg Woepse - Wope-see

The 2007 team has a great combination of experience and youthful talent, and with the stability of the coaching staff and the No. 1 recruiting class in the country, the Bruins are ready to contend for a Pac-10 title and a top-10 finish at the NCAA Outdoor Championships.

"We feel this is one of the best and most balanced teams since I have been involved in coaching this program," said **Head Coach Art Venegas**.
"The talent levels are as high as our late 1980's NCAA Championships teams."

"We will use indoors as a preparation tool for the outdoor season and expect to see many changes on our all-time lists in 2007. This team is keyed for top notch performances at the end of the outdoor season and is ready to bring back the tradition and excellence of UCLA men's track and field."

SPRINTS - HURDLES - RELAYS

UCLA is poised to return to its glory years of sprinting with a great combination of experience, talent and youth.

This group is led by senior hurdler **Brandon Johnson**, who missed the last two months of the 2006 season after suffering a hamstring injury at the Rafer Johnson/Jackie Joyner-Kersey Invitational. Johnson is the go-to person for this team because of his versatility and drive to win and his ability to compete at a high level. While rehabilitating his injury last season, Johnson became more focused and plans on dominating in his final year with the Bruins while leading a strong contingent of talented hurdlers.

In 2005, Johnson placed fourth in the intermediate hurdles with a lifetime-best run of 48.59, a mark that ranks third all-time in UCLA history and was the seventh-fastest time in the U.S. (professional and collegiately) that season. He has incredible quarter-mile speed and brings talent and experience to not only the hurdles and 400m, but the 4x400m relay.

Joining Johnson to lead the hurdles is 2006 All-American **Kevin Craddock**, the sole freshman finalist at the NCAA Outdoor meet in the high hurdles (8th, 13.76). In just his first season, he moved into the UCLA top-10 with a lifetime-best run of 13.73 at the Pac-10 Championships. Craddock brings international and elite experience to the team, and with one season under his belt at UCLA, is primed for more All-American honors.

The quarter-mile again looks to be a strength of the sprints program as there is plenty of talent to compete in this event. Johnson will see time in the 400m, along with Indoor All-Americans **James Rhoades** (47.96) and **Elijah Wells** (47.16). Freshmen **Cade Lindahl** (47.80) should also make an impact in the quarter-mile in just his first season at UCLA.



Newcomers **David Klech** and **Darius Reed** enter their first season with the Bruins with high expectations after incredible prep careers. Both hurdlers were USA Today All-Americans as Klech was the National Gatorade Boys Track Athlete of the Year and Reed was a finalist at the 2006 World Junior Championships. After ending their high school careers as top-ranked hurdlers, these Bruin freshmen are poised to make noise on the National scene.

The Bruins are young in the 100m and 200m, but will try to avoid using hurdle specialists (Klech & Reed) in those events to avoid injury. There is a solid, young group of quality sprinters that can make noise at the Pac-10 and NCAA level if they stay confident in their abilities. The pool of athletes for the 4x100m relay team is deep, giving the coaching staff multiple options throughout the season.

The 4x400m relay team will be keyed by Johnson, whose early success in 2006 helped propel the indoor team to the No. 3 time in the nation last season, as well as a new school record (3:06.48). Craddock will see more relay duty in 2007 after having been eased into his first year at UCLA last season. Youngsters Klech and Reed will also be integral parts of the relay team. Wells, Rhoades and Lindahl will also add depth to the 1600m relay.

Distance

After a transition year in 2006, the Bruin harriers are ready for a breakout year. With a young, but matured group of returning runners and a great group of recruits, the distance squad is set for high-level performances.

Junior All-American Austin Ramos returns and is fresh and rested after redshirting the 2006 cross country season and will lead the team in the longer distance events – 5000m (14:15.61 outdoor/13:57.55 indoor) and 10,000m (30:02.01). This season, Ramos will undoubtedly compete at an elite NCAA level in either of these distances after having provisionally qualified for the indoor 5000m in 2006.

Junior Mike Haddan will lead the Bruins in the 1500m distance after a promising sophomore campaign last season in which he ran 3:45.86 at the Pac-10 meet. Haddan also has an 800m best of 1:50.76 and is ready to step up and compete at the NCAA level this season. Sophomore Laef Barnes will also help lead the milers, after a solid freshman year in which he lacked strength to perform to his potential. The 2006 cross country season indicates that Barnes is strong and ready to battle for top spots in the Pac-10. With bests of 1:53.28 (800m) and 3:50.41 (1500m) in his freshman season, the sophomore will add depth in the middle distance races in 2007.

The most improved runners over the last year have been twin brothers Drew and Kyle Shackleton, and both give the Bruins a very optimistic outlook in the steeplechase, 5000m and 10,000m races. Drew won the steeplechase at the UCLA/USC dual meet in 2006 and has a best of 9:16.25. He also adds depth in the 5000m with a best of 15:05.30. Kyle, the 2006 Cal/Nevada 5000m champion brings a best of 14:38.90 in that event, as well as a 10,000m best of 32:04.66, and after an impressive cross country season in which he was named the team MVP, is poised for some great performances in the coming track and field seasons. This duo will vie for Pac-10 points, and could possibly make some noise on the National level.



The freshmen class is one of the strongest groups of recruits in Bruin distance history and is led by middle distance standouts Scott Crawford and Marlon Patterson. Both project to contribute as true freshmen in both indoor and outdoor track in 2007 after preps seasons which saw them ranked top-15 in the country. Crawford boasts an 800m best of 1:51.60 and a 1600m best of 4:11.78, while Patterson has run 1:52.09 in the 800m and 4:09.70 in the 1600m. Patterson could also contribute in the longer distances as he has run a 9:15 3200m.

Newcomers Jake Matthews and Alex Crabill will add depth in the longer distances, after solid frosh cross country campaigns look to predict strong outdoor performances in 2007. They also come to Westwood as top-ranked prepsters. Crabill ran the 13th-best 3200m time in the U.S. in 2006 (8:57.42) and has also ran 1:56 in the 800m and 4:15 in the 1600m. Matthews has top times of 9:10.11 in the 3200m and 4:17.8 in the 1600m.

All of these freshmen could see action in the steeplechase, as the coaches will use the indoor and pre-season to decide which ones will try out the 3000m race.

Jumps

The jumps group is one of the most mature areas of the 2007 team as they return one of the best groups of jumpers in over 20 years.

The pole vault is highlighted by All-American Mike Landers, the third-place finisher at the 2006 NCAA Outdoor meet. Landers moved to fifth all-time at UCLA with his 18-0.50 performance at Nationals and will be in the hunt for an NCAA title in 2007. Seniors David Shortenhaus (17-5) and Dave Murphy (17-0.75) add tremendous support to the vault crew as both have jumped over 17-feet during their careers, while adding NCAA Championship experience.

A top group of incoming freshmen will also add depth to the vault group as the Orange County, CA duo of Greg Woepse (16-7) and Johnny Quinn (16-8/Orange County Record), coupled with New York twin brothers Casey (16-5) and Scott DiCesare (15-6) bring incredible talent to this team. Returners Zack Miller and Chris Bencomo also add depth with top jumps of 16-7.25.

The long jump is led by 2006 West Region Champion Joel Tuosto (25-6.75) who is aiming to surpass the 26-foot mark this season. He has adapted to second-year jumps coach Mike Powell's complex system and is poised for a breakout year. Tuosto will also add depth in the high and triple jump this season.



The triple jump is led by what could be the best one-two punch in the nation with Dominique Easterling (52-1.25) and Michael Johnson (51-7.75). Both competed at the NCAA meet last season, and are primed to score at the National level in 2007. The duo will also add depth in the long jump, while Easterling adds depth in the high jump.

In the high jump, sophomore Luke Barr (7-0) will be joined by super frosh David Klech, who brings talent to both the long (24-7.75) and high jump (7-0.75) events.

Newcomers Terrence Austin (HJ, 6-10/LJ, 23-0) and Steven Taylor (TJ, 48-5/LJ, 22-4) will also add depth to the high, long and triple jump crews.

Throws

This group boasts a great combination of maturity and NCAA experience that makes this year's throws group one of the best in Coach Art Venegas' 26 years at UCLA.

Veterans Greg Garza (194-1, 2006 All-American and Pac-10 champion) and Jason Rider (190-8) bring NCAA experience to the discus, and along with regional qualifier John Caulfield (189-0), will lead one of the greatest groups of young discus throwers UCLA has ever recruited in Bo Taylor, Darius Savage, and Nick Robinson.

Taylor was the No. 1 prep discus thrower in the nation in 2006, setting a new California State Meet record with his toss of 213-7. Savage ranked just behind Taylor in the No. 2 spot in the nation with a best of 212-1, and was the California State shot put and discus champion in 2006. He is also a defensive lineman on the



UCLA football team. Robinson threw the No. 8 mark in the nation last season with his best of 197-0. Both Taylor and Robinson competed at the World Junior Championships in Beijing, China during the summer of 2006 and bring international experience to the team.

The shot put is in the able hands of Caulfield, a 63-8 shot putter. His off-season training indicates he is primed for some very big throws this season. Caulfield will lead a young brigade of talent highlighted by Savage, (66-3.25/No. 2 in the nation), Robinson (65-1/No. 7 in the nation), Taylor (63-11.25 (No. 9 in the nation), and Tyler Dragon (61-3/No. 5 in CA), as all boast throws over 61-feet during their prep careers.

Super-competitive sophomore All-American Boldizsar Kocsor returns to lead the hammer group after one of the finest frosh campaigns in UCLA history in which he won the Pac-10 title, set a freshmen record on numerous occasions and moved to No. 2 all-time at UCLA with a best of 219-1. Senior Andrew Ninow, (195-1) who redshirted the 2006 season, is back and matching Kocsor throw for throw in practice during the fall and is ready for a great end to his UCLA career.

Taylor, who only began throwing the hammer in the fall, has the potential for a breakout year after impressive fall practices. He has picked up the technique fast and could surpass the 200-foot mark this season.

David Shortenhaus (204-0) is joined by javelin specialist Chris Burbach, a JC transfer in the spear event. Burbach, who has a best of 204-1, was phenomenal in fall training and is poised to make an immediate impact for the Bruins in 2007. Garza (188-3) and Rider (191-3) will also add depth to the javelin group.

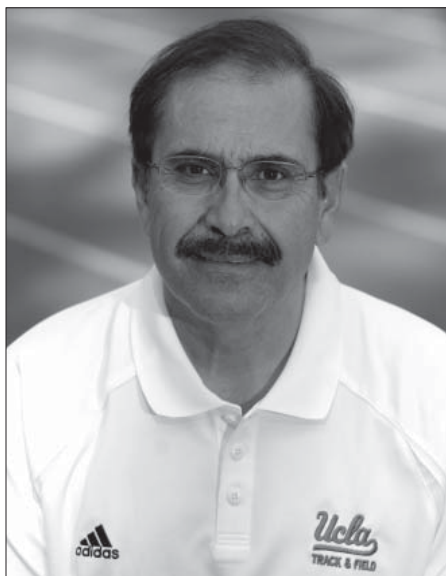
Multi's

Under new coach Octavius Gillespie, UCLA has recruited two of the finest prospects in the U.S. in twin brothers Casey (6,420 points) and Scott DiCesare (6,220 points). The twins join veteran Matt Reuter (6,271 points), who has had exceptional fall workouts. This group is expected to be a very strong contingent at the Pac-10 Decathlon Championships in May. Pole vaulters David Shortenhaus and Dave Murphy could potentially be available to compete if needed in the multi-events.



ART VENEGAS

**HEAD MEN'S COACH/THROWS COACH
8TH YEAR AS HEAD COACH/26TH YEAR ON STAFF
NORTHRIDGE '74**



Career Highlights

- No. 1 recruiting class in the country for 2005-06 (*T&F News*)
- 2005 Mondo West Region Men's Outdoor Coach of the Year
- Back-to-back West Region Championships ('03,'04)
- 2004 Pac-10 Champions
- 2003 Mondo West Region Indoor and Outdoor Coach of the Year
- 2003 Pan American Games U.S. Assistant Coach
- 2002 MPSF Indoor/CalNV Outdoor Coach of the Year
- 33 NCAA M/W Individual Titles in the Throws
- Since 1990, UCLA Throwers have won 58 Pac-10 M/W Titles
- Premier Collegiate Throws Coach in the U.S.



Bruin great John Godina

Art Venegas enters his eighth year at the helm of the UCLA men's track and field team, and his 26th as a member of the Bruin staff. Venegas has been regarded as one of the premier collegiate throwing coaches in the nation (his throwers have won a combined 33 NCAA titles), and is world-renowned for his coaching expertise with elite world championship athletes. Venegas scored the biggest coup of his coaching career in 2005-06 when he signed the No. 1 recruiting class in the nation (according to *Track & Field News*).

Last season

The Bruins ended the season 22nd at the NCAA Outdoor Championships, as several Bruins earned All-American honors. Mike Landers (3rd, pole vault), Craig Everhart (7th, 400m), Kevin Craddock (8th, 110mH) and Greg Garza (7th, Disc) were point scorers for the Bruins while Boldizsar Kocsor earned All-American honors with a 13th-place finish in the hammer.

At the NCAA West Region Championships, Joel Tuosto captured the only individual title for the Bruins, winning the long jump competition, as UCLA finished sixth overall in the team standings. In all, eight Bruins automatically qualified for the NCAA Championships, while five received at-large bids.

The Pac-10 meet saw the Bruins finish fifth overall as two throwers captured individual titles - Greg Garza (discus) and Boldizsar Kocsor (hammer).

In indoor competition, the 4x400m relay team of Craig Everhart, James Rhoades, Elijah Wells and Brandon Johnson earned All-American honors with a seventh-place finish at the NCAA Indoor Championships. The foursome also set a new indoor school record in that event (3:06.48).

At the MPSF Championships, UCLA finished third overall, as they relinquished the team crown for the first time in five years. Brandon Johnson was the sole individual event champion, winning the 400m title.

As Head Coach

Under Venegas, UCLA athletes have earned 42 All-American honors (23 outdoor, 17 indoor), captured 18 individual Pac-10 titles and one team Pac-10 title (2003), two West Region Championship titles (2003, 2004), 12 individual West Region Champions and four consecutive MPSF Indoor titles (2002-05).

All-Americans during Venegas tenure include - Dan Ames (10), Ben Aragon (1), Juaune Armon (3), Kevin Craddock (1), Erik Emilsson (1), Kyle Erickson (1), Craig Everhart (2), Greg Garza (1), Boldizsar Kocsor (1), Brandon Johnson (1), Yoo Kim (2), Mike Landers (1), Pat Luke (1), Scott Moser (5-time) Martell Munguia (1), Jon Rankin (1), Jess Strutz (2), Scott Wiegand (1) and Jonathan Williams (1).

West Region Individual Champions:

Dan Ames (5), Juaune Armon (1), Kyle Erickson (1), Craig Everhart (1), Brandon Johnson (2), Jon Rankin (1) and Joel Tuosto (1).

Pac-10 Individual Champions:

Greg Garza (1), Boldizsar Kocsor (1), Dan Ames (5), Ben Aragon (1), Juaune Armon (2), Michael Granville (1), Brandon Johnson (2), Yoo Kim (1), Scott Moser (2), Jon Rankin (1) and Scott Wiegand (1).

Bruin Male Throwers

Since Venegas' inception as the men's throws coach at UCLA, the Bruins have thrived in winning 11 individual National Championships, 71 All-American honors and 29 Pac-10 Champions. Venegas has coached some of the greatest throwers in American collegiate history including Bruin greats John Godina, Scott Moser, Dan Ames, John Brenner and Jonathan Ogden.

NCAA Individual Champions include - Eric Bergreen (1), John Brenner (2), John Godina (5), Greg Johnson (1), Jonathan Ogden (1), and Erik Smith (1)

All-American throwers under Venegas include - Greg Garza (1), Boldizsar Kocsor (1), Dan Ames (10), Joe Bailey (3), Jim Banisch (2), Eric Bergreen (3), Brian Bluetreich (5), John Brenner (2), Dave Dumble (1), John Frazier (2), Greg Garza (1), John Godina (6), Travis Haynes (2), Josh Johnson (2), Scott Moser (4), Greg Hodel (1), John Knight (3), Jonathan Ogden (4), Mark Parlin (6), Erik Smith (2), Luke Sullivan (2), Pete Thompson (1), Wade Tift (2), Scott Wiegand (1) and Dave Wilson (3).

Pac-10 Throws Champions include - Dan Ames (5), Jim Banisch (2), Eric Bergreen (1), Brian Bluetreich (2), John Brenner (2), Greg Garza (1), John Godina (6), Greg Johnson (1), Josh Johnson (1), Boldizsar Kocsor (1), Scott Moser (2), Mark Parlin (1), Erik Smith (1), Wade Tift (1), Scott Wiegand (1) and David Wilson (1).

Bruin Women Throwers

In the summer of 2005, Venegas turned over the reins of the women's throws program to protegee Seilala Sua (the most decorated woman thrower in NCAA history) to focus on the men's team. While coaching the women throwers, Venegas' athletes posted 100 NCAA All-American performances, 22 NCAA individual champions, three West Region Champions and 31 Pac-10 titlists.

Throwers at the Pac-10 Championships

Venegas has guided Bruin men and women to conference titles in all four throws events. Since 1990, UCLA men and women throwers have won a total of 56 individual conference titles, including nine of the last 15 men's shot put crowns. Bruin women have won 14 of the 16 shot put championships, 12 of the last 15 women's discus titles and six of the last eight women's hammer crowns.

Throwers at NCAA's

In the shot put, UCLA men's throwers have scored at the NCAA Indoor or Outdoor Championships every year from 1983-1999 and from 2001-2004, and 2006. The Bruin women shot putters have scored in the top-four at all but two NCAA meets.

Collegiate Record

Four athletes coached by Venegas, have broken collegiate records in the shot put and discus. Valeyta Althouse, Jon Brenner, Dawn Dumble and John Godina have each held a collegiate record. Althouse set a shot put record of 61-10.25 in 1995. The mark stands as the top mark by an American-born collegian. Brenner set a collegiate shot put record of 71-11 in 1984, followed by an American record of 73-10 in 1987. Dumble set a NCAA Indoor record of 58-10.75 in the shot put in 1995. And, Godina set the NCAA meet and collegiate record of 72-2.25 in the shot put in 1995.

Elite Athletes

Venegas has coached some of the finest athletes in the professional ranks while at UCLA. Most recently, he coached one of the all-time greatest male throwers in U.S. history, John Godina, from his college years until 2004, as well as Seilala Sua, who retired from competition in 2006. Today, Venegas coaches Jessica Cosby, the 2006 USATF Senior National hammer champion and six-time NCAA All-American at UCLA.

For 10 years, Venegas was the throwing and weight training coach for Jackie Joyner-Kersey, who was named the Greatest Female Athlete of the 20th Century by *Sports Illustrated for Women* in January 2001 and in 2004, was inducted into the U.S. Track and Field Hall of Fame. He has also planned the strength training routines for many of the world's top sprinters, including former Bruin

greats Ato Bolden, Gail Devers, Steve Lewis, Mike Marsh and Kevin Young, along with USC standout Quincy Watts.

From Athlete to Coach

Venegas' influence on his athletes goes beyond the field of competition. Several throwers have gone into the collegiate coaching ranks. Among them are Don Babbitt at Georgia, Brian Blutreich (1989-90 Pac-10 discus champion) at North Carolina, Dawn Dumble (four-time NCAA Champion) and then her brother Dave Dumble (1996-97 discus All-American) at Arizona State, John Frazier (1985-86 outdoor shot put All-American) at Arizona and now Tennessee, Greg Hodel at Long Beach State, Lara Saye (2002 discus All-American) at UNLV, Seilala Sua at UCLA (7-time NCAA Champion) and now Cal State Northridge and Cari Soong (8-time All-American) at Oregon (volunteer).

Lecture Circuit

Venegas has been a keynote speaker on numerous occasions.

In October 2002, he spoke at the NATFCA Congress, held in San Juan, Puerto Rico. That September, he was invited to be a featured speaker for the Pan Am Coaches in San Antonio, TX.

In October 1998, Venegas was named one of the 100 most influential Hispanics in the U.S. by *Hispanic Business Magazine*. In 1996, he lectured for one week at Crystal Palace in London on the rotational shot put. In October 1993, Venegas lectured at the North American and Caribbean IAAF Clinic in Nassau, Bahamas. In October 1992, he was a key speaker at the IAAF strength symposium in Salinas, Puerto Rico.

In December 1990, Venegas was invited to lecture at the level three coaches program for the Caribbean and North American region in Puerto Rico. In October of that year, he was invited to speak at the TAC Throws Summit in Indianapolis.

In November 1988, Venegas spoke at the 11th World Congress of the International Track and Field Coaches Association in Barcelona, Spain. He also worked with the Spanish National Throws squad in Madrid, Spain in 1988. In January 1987, Venegas was a featured speaker on the throws at the IAAF European Coaching Congress. In November 1987, he coordinated a weeklong camp for British throwers in London as a guest of the IAAF.

Since his arrival in Westwood in 1981, Venegas has coached his Bruin throwers to 33 NCAA individual titles (men-11: seven outdoors, four indoors; women-22: 15 outdoors, seven indoors), a level that no other university approaches.

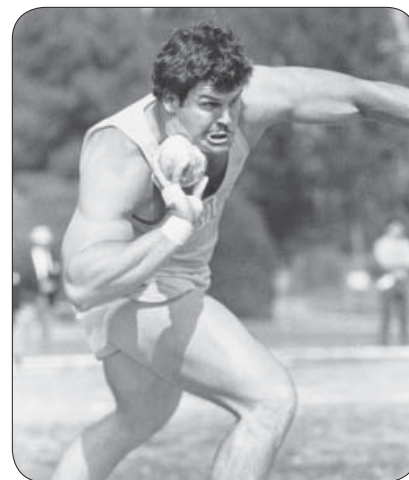
Prior to coming to UCLA, Venegas coached at Long Beach State (1980-81) and at his alma mater, Cal State Northridge (1976-79). At Long Beach State, Venegas coached Bill Green, hammer thrower and former U.S. record-holder (255-0),

who placed fifth at the 1984 Olympics. Venegas also coached 1984 Olympic Trials shot put finalist Mike Smith (64-10).

A shot put and discus performer at St. Genevieve High School in Panorama City, Venegas became a standout at Cal State Northridge following his 1970 high school graduation. At Northridge, he was a four-year letterman in the hammer throw and earned Division II All-America honors in 1974. Born in Tepic, Mexico, Venegas, 55, and his wife, the former Marlene Estrada, have two children, Jessica and Yvette and one grandchild, Lisette.



10-time All-American Dan Ames



Former Collegiate & American Record Holder Jon Brenner

ANTHONY CURRAN

**POLE VAULT COACH
24TH YEAR
UCLA '82**



Career Highlights

- 2006 NCAA West Region Women's Jumps Coach of the Year
- Coached Korean National Record Holder, Olympian and three-time All-American Yoo Kim (18-4.50, 2004)
- Coaches All-American Mike Landers
- Coached 10 athletes to multiple All-American honors
- Coached Scott Slover (1994-98), a five-time UCLA All-American
- Coached National Champions Tracy O'Hara and Chelsea Johnson (NCAA record holder, 15-1)
- Curran has coached 13 Bruins (six men, seven women) on UCLA's All-time vault lists.
- As a Bruin, his 18-2.50 (1982) is No. 4 in school history

Former UCLA pole vault standout Anthony Curran enters his 24th year at his alma mater as the men's and women's vault coach. Curran has become one of the premier vault coaches in the nation as he continues to produce All-American after All-American at UCLA. He has coached multiple Olympians, National Record Holders, and NCAA and Pac-10 Champions during his tenure at UCLA, a feat that has made UCLA a pole vaulting powerhouse. Curran also earned top honors in 2006 after being named the NCAA West Region Women's Jumps Coach of the Year.

Last season was another successful one for Curran and the vaulters, as two earned All-American honors - Mike Landers and Chelsea Johnson. Landers improved by nearly a foot throughout the season, finishing second at the Pac-10 meet and third at Nationals, while Johnson won the Pac-10 and West Region titles, and finished second at NCAA Outdoor. Johnson won the NCAA Indoor title in 2006, and set a Pac-10 and NCAA record with a vault of 15-1. David Shortenhaus also was an NCAA qualifier, and competed at the Outdoor Championships.

Several vaulters also competed at the Regional meet including Chris Bencomo, Zack Miller, Mike Landers, David Shortenhaus, Chelsea Johnson, Elizabeth Woepse and Jackie Nguyen.

Six male athletes have earned All-American honors under Curran's tutelage - Mike Landers ('06-outdoor); Yoo Kim ('04-outdoor, '03-outdoor); Pat Luke ('03-outdoor); Brian McLaughlin ('00-indoor); Scott Slover ('98-indoor/outdoor, '97-indoor, '96-indoor/outdoor); and John Sommers ('94-indoor), while four women have earned the honor - Chelsea Johnson ('06-indoor/outdoor, '04-indoor/outdoor); Jackie Nguyen ('04-outdoor); Tracy O'Hara ('02-'99-both indoor and outdoor all four years at UCLA); and Erica Hornig ('98-indoor),

O'Hara won three NCAA titles - 2002 and 2000 Outdoor and 2000 Indoor. Johnson was the 2006 Indoor champion and 2004 Outdoor champion, and set the NCAA Collegiate Pole Vault Record (15-1) in 2006.

His athletes have won six Pac-10 titles, two on the men's side and four on the women's side, while 13 men and women have secured spots on UCLA's all-time top-10 vault list with him as their coach.

In recent years, Curran has coached five Olympians - Yoo Kim (South Korea), Canadians Dana Ellis and Stephanie McCann, and American Mel Mueller. Ellis is the current Canadian National Record Holder (14-7.25) and both her and Ellis were Canadian National Champions. Kim set a Korean National Record in 2004 with a mark of 18-4.50, a height which also ranks third all-time

at UCLA.

Curran, 47, was a four-year letterman from 1978-82. During his senior season, he won the Pac-10 title with an 18-2.50 vault, No. 4 in Bruin history. In '82, Curran also placed fourth in the NCAA. As a junior, he was second in the conference (18-0.50) and also placed second in the NCAA, his best collegiate finish. In 1981, he ranked sixth in the U.S. As a sophomore in 1980, he jumped 17-8.50 to again place second in the Pac-10 and was third at the NCAA Championship. During his freshman season, Curran placed second (17-3) at the conference level and fourth at the NCAA. Still active as a vaulter into the '90s, Curran cleared 18-8.50 (personal-best) in 1992 and that summer competed in the U.S. Olympic trials.

Curran, whose brother Tim was a Bruin vaulter in 1975-76, graduated from Crespi HS in Encino in 1978. During his senior prep season, he was the State champion (17-0.50, a CA State record at the time), and his 17-4.25 was a national prep record. As a junior, he vaulted 16-4, as a sophomore 15-9 and as a freshman in 1975, his best was 14-8.50.

Curran started his own track club, "No Limit Sport" in 1985. In 1989, he founded the Beach Pole Vault Association.

He coached five elite women vaulters - 2000 Olympian Mel Mueller (15-1.75), No. 3 in the U. S.; Mary Sauer, ranked No. 10 in the World (15-3i), Canadian National Champion and Canadian National Record Holder Dana Ellis (14-8, 6th at the Athens Olympics), former Canadian National Champion Stephanie McCann (14-7.25, 10th at the Athens Olympics), Alexa Harz, fifth at the 2000 U. S. Olympic Trials (13-9.25) and O'Hara, who placed fifth at the U.S. Olympic Trials in 2004 (Personal-best 15-0 in 2005).

Curran began his own production company in 1995 and has produced seven surf movies sold worldwide. He also began the Curran Surf Camps in 1998, which he runs during the summer, in addition to holding two UCLA pole vault and track camps. In 2003, Curran, an avid musician, produced his first music CD. He wrote, arranged and performed all 13 songs.

Curran married Lisa Carlson in 1994, and they have four children - Sara (10), Tate (7) and Marlow (5), and Shaylee (8 months).



Curran as an athlete at UCLA

ERIC PETERSON

**DISTANCE COACH
7TH YEAR/14TH YEAR ON STAFF
OREGON '90**



Career Highlights

- Coached the 2006 Bruin men's cross country team to their first NCAA appearance in 21 years.
- Coached All-Americans Jon Rankin, Austin Ramos and Erik Emilsson
- 2005 NCAA Indoor Runner-up in the DMR
- Ben Aragon-2004 Pac-10 800m Champion; School record holder in the indoor mile (4:00.38).
- 2001-04 and 1998-99 UCLA Women CC Teams qualified for NCAA Championships
- Lena Nilsson - 2003 NCAA Indoor 800m and 2002 NCAA Outdoor 1500m Champion, 2002-03 Pac-10 Women's T & F Athlete of the Year
- 2002 NCAA Indoor Distance Medley Relay Champions (school record 10:58.19)
- Karen Hecox-1994 NCAA 3000m Champ/1993-94 Pac-10 CC Champ
- All-American runner at Oregon & Two-time Olympic Trials qualifier

Eric Peterson enters his 14th year on staff at UCLA and seventh season as coach for the Bruin distance squads. Peterson has also served as the head cross country coach for the men the past seven season, as well as the women, for the last 13. Prior to his being named head coach, Peterson served as an assistant to then Bruin cross country head coach Bob Larsen.

Peterson has had much success with the UCLA harriers, especially in recent years. Last season, 800m runner Martell Munguia advanced to the NCAA Outdoor Championships semifinal race to highlight the 2006 season.

In 2006 cross country, Peterson and his men's team made history as the squad was given an at-large bid to the NCAA Championships after their sixth-place finish at the West Region Championships. Prior to 2006, the men's team had not advanced to Nationals since 1985, a 21-year gap.

Distance runners have thrived under Peterson's tutelage, most notably, Jon Rankin, who had a breakout season in 2005. Rankin won the 2005 Pac-10 and West Region titles and became the 261st man in U.S. history to run a sub-four minute mile. His emergence into the national scene in 2005 and 2006 are thanks in part to Peterson's guise.

Austin Ramos, a senior in 2007 and Erik Emilsson, who graduated in 2006, are also noteworthy student-athletes of Peterson as both earned All-American honors in 2005 (Emilsson in outdoor track and Ramos in cross country). Another recent protege' of Peterson is Ben Aragon, the 2004 Pac-10 800m champion and school record-holder in the indoor mile (4:00.38).

His coaching also helped the Bruin men's distance medley relay team to a second-place finish at the NCAA Indoor Championships in 2005.

Aside from the men's success, Peterson has also coached some of the top women's cross country runners in Bruin history. Karen Hecox-Candaele was a two-time Pac-10 champion (1993, '94), Region champ (1993) and runner-up (1994), as well as a two-time All-American (1993-10th, 1994-ninth). In track, she won the NCAA Outdoor 3000m title in 1994. In 1998, she was a member of the USA World Cross Country bronze medal team in Morocco (4000m). Peterson coached Hecox-Candaele to the 1500m final at the 2000 U.S. Olympic Trials, where she placed eighth.

Other top Bruin women cross country performers coached by Peterson include Beth Bartholomew, Katherine Kechris and Christina Bowen. Bartholomew was the runner-up to Hecox-Candaele at the 1993 Region VIII Championships and earned All-America honors that year, placing 16th at the NCAA Championships. Kechris placed 12th at the 1997 NCAA Outdoor Championships in the 3000m and was an All-Region VIII cross country performer in 1998. During the 1999 outdoor track season, Bowen, a junior, and true freshman Williams qualified for the NCAA Championships in the 3000m and 800m, respectively. That season, Williams earned Outdoor All-America honors running on the Bruins' 4x400m relay that placed third in a then-school record 3:29.41. During the summer of 1999, Williams also won the 800m at the USA and Pan American Junior meets.

Before coming to Westwood, Peterson served one season (1992-93) as Oregon's graduate assistant strength and conditioning coach and two years (1990-92) as assistant track and field and cross country coach at Rancho Bernardo High School in San Diego.

Peterson has trained and coached with some of the top distance coaches in the world, including Mike Manley (1972 U.S. Olympian in the steeplechase), former Oregon head coach Bill Dellinger (three-time Olympian in the 5000m), Luiz de' Olivera, who tutored Joaquim Cruz to the 1984 Olympic 800m gold medal and Larsen, who coached the U. S. men's distance corps at the 2004 Olympic Games.

A former University of Oregon distance runner, Peterson was a member of the Ducks' 1989 Pac-10 Championship cross country team that placed second at the NCAA Championship. He earned All-America honors in 1988 and was a two-time Olympic Trials qualifier in the 1500m (1988, 1992). His personal best times were 1:49.78 (800m) and 3:41.03 (1500m).

As a prepster at North Eugene (OR) High School, Peterson was the 1985 Oregon State high school 800m champion and earned prep All-America honors in the 1500m and mile.

MIKE POWELL

**JUMPS COACH
2ND YEAR
UCLA '90**



Career Highlights

- In just his first year as a coach at UCLA, six athletes competed at the NCAA Outdoor Championships, with one earning All-America honors
- 2005 Inductee into the USATF Hall of Fame
- World Record Holder in the Long Jump (29-4.50)
- Two-time World Champion
- Two-time Olympic Silver Medalist
- Six-time U.S. Champion



Mike Powell, the world record-holder in the long jump, and a former Bruin, enters his second season with UCLA as the jumps coach.

Powell's first year at UCLA saw much success for the jump squad as several athletes qualified and competed at the NCAA Championships and won West Region and Pac-10 titles.

Dominique Easterling and Michael Johnson competed at NCAA's in the triple, while Joel Tuosto, the 2006 West Region Champion, competed in the long jump.

Powell also had much success on the women's team, coaching Renee Williams to All-American honors in the long jump, while Rhonda Watkins competed in both the long and high and Caroline Sommers competed in the high jump at Nationals. Watkins won the West Region high and long jump titles, as well as the Pac-10 high jump title. Watkins also won the World Junior Long Jump title in Beijing, China in the Summer of 2006.

Prior to UCLA, Powell served as the sprints and jumps coach for Cal State Fullerton from 2000-2004 and managed his own business, High Performance Training (coaching individual athletes and teams in various sports on how to improve speed and explosion). While at CSUF, Powell tutored Brandon Campbell, a two-time NCAA Championships competitor in the long (25-10) and high jump (7-4.50). He also coached the men's 4x100m team to a spot in the 2003 NCAA Championships.

In 2003, Powell coached Anju George to a bronze medal in the long jump at the 2003 World Championships, where she became the first Indian athlete to win a medal at any international competition. From 2003-04, Powell also served as a speed, agility and quickness consultant for the

LA Dodgers.

Since 2004, Powell has also been a corporate spokesperson and motivational speaker. Today, he is also involved in the humanitarian efforts of Olympic Aid, an organization made up of Olympic Athletes who have devoted their time and efforts to helping children around the world.

Powell set the world record in the long jump (29-4.50) at the 1991 IAAF World Outdoor Championships in Tokyo, and handed Carl Lewis his first loss in 10 years. During his heralded long jump career, Powell was a two-time World Champion (1993/1991), two-time Olympic Silver Medalist (1992/1988) and six-time U. S. Champion (1990/1992-96). He was the world's dominant long jumper in 1993 and '94, winning 34 competitions in a row. In 1991 he was given the AAU's James E. Sullivan Memorial Award as the nation's top amateur athlete.

In November of 2005, the USATF announced the 2005 class of Hall of Fame Inductees, and Powell was honored as one of them for his illustrious career.

Powell began his collegiate season at UC Irvine and transferred to UCLA in 1984. In his last year at UC Irvine (1984), Powell finished second at the U. S. Outdoor Championships and placed sixth at the Olympic Trials. During Powell's UCLA redshirt year of 1985, he was ranked No. 10 in the world and placed third at the U. S. Outdoor Championships. During his senior year at UCLA, Powell was ranked No. 1, but was injured at the Pac-10 Championships and could not compete at NCAA's. In 1990, Powell earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from UCLA.

Powell resides in Rancho Cucamonga with his wife Casie. He has three daughters, Micha (11),



TONY VENEY

SPRINTS/HURDLES/RELAYS COACH 4TH YEAR UCLA '76

Tony Veney enters his fourth season as the Bruin men's sprints, hurdles and relays coach. Prior to joining the UCLA staff, Veney was head coach at Portland State from 2001-2003.

Veney has steadily become one of the premier hurdle coaches in the country in just three short years. During his short time at UCLA, Veney has seen multiple athletes earn All-American honors at the indoor and outdoor championships. A solid recruiter, Veney has worked hard to bring in the top student-athletes to UCLA.

Last season, Veney coached Craig Everhart (400m) and Kevin Craddock (110mH) to All-American honors at the outdoor meet, as Craddock was the sole freshman in the high hurdles final. In indoor track, Veney coached the men's 4x400m relay team to All-American honors and a new school record.

Everhart, Craddock, Jonathan Williams, Brandon Johnson, James Rhoades and Elijah Wells have all earned All-American honors while under the tutelage of Veney. His hurdlers and sprinters have won two West Region and two Pac-10 titles.

While at Portland State (2001-2003), Veney led the Viking women to their highest ever finish (sixth place) at the Big Sky Indoor Championships after five consecutive ninth-place finishes. He also coached the first ever women's indoor individual champions (two), women's indoor All-conference selections (three) and men's individual champion and All-conference selection. Veney coached the Vikings' first Div. I indoor provisional qualifiers (women's triple jump/high jump). During his tenure at Portland State, the Vikings had 28 All-Big Sky Academic award winners.

Prior to coaching at Portland State, Veney was an assistant men's track coach and recruiting coordinator at the University of Oregon from 1998-2001. While with the Ducks, he worked with 2001 NCAA decathlon champion Lorenzo Santiago and 10 All-Pac-10 performers. With Veney's assistance, the Ducks also improved from a 65th place finish at the 1999 NCAA Outdoor Championships to ninth in 2001. The Oregon recruiting classes also steadily improved under Veney's guidance from 20th in 1999 and 10th in 2000 to No. 1 in 2001.

In 1996, Veney assumed his first second coaching position as the head women's track and field coach and men's and women's cross country coach at Cal State Los Angeles. While there, Veney coached the CSLA women to a 2nd place finish

at the 1998 CCAA track championships and a fifth-place finish at the 1998 NCAA Div. II Indoor Championships.

Veney began his coaching career in 1977. From 1977-79, he was the head women's (his first as head) and men's assistant coach at Occidental College in Eagle Rock, CA. In 1983, he became an assistant track and field and cross country coach at Cal State Northridge. During his 11 years at Northridge, Veney coached the sprints, hurdles, jumps and relays, as well as programmed fall conditioning for 37 men and women. In addition to coaching over 25 NCAA Div. I and II All-Americans, he served as the Assistant Athletic Director in charge of athletic admissions.

Veney has been involved with USA Track and Field since 1987. He has been the Elite Junior Film Coordinator from 1987 to 2000 and Elite Senior Film Coordinator and Junior Elite Sprint/Hurdle Camp Clinician from 1988 to 2000. From 1987-1999, he was the Regional Sprint Coordinator. In 1999, he assumed the position of Women's Sprint Development Chair. A USATF Level I, II and III Clinician and certified USATF Master of Coaching, Veney has produced two sprint and hurdles training videos, has written two sprint and hurdles training manuals and recently published a sprint/hurdle book called *Conditioning for Track & Field*, published by Human Kinetics.

In 2001, Veney was the head women's coach for Team USA at the Goodwill Games in Brisbane, Australia. In 1990, he was the Olympic Festival Sprint Coach. Veney was the sprints coach at two Pan American Games, the 1991 Junior Pan Am Games in Kingston, Jamaica, and the 1995 Senior Pan Am Games in Mar Del Plata, Argentina.

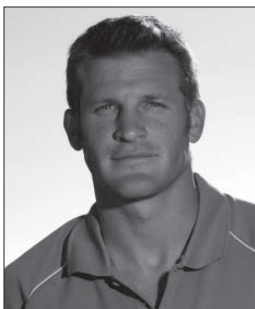
As an athlete, Veney was an integral member of two Bruin Pac-8 and NCAA Championship teams, as well as the four-time *Track & Field News* National Dual Meet Champion teams (1972-75). He is the former UCLA 800m school record holder (1:47.8, now No. 7 in school history).

Veney graduated from UCLA in 1976 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history. While at UCLA, he was a Chancellors Marshall and is currently pursuing a Master's Degree in Secondary Administration from Cal State Dominguez Hills.

Born and raised in Southern California, Veney is married to Cloetta Gail Veney. The couple has two sons, Ara and Ahjon.

Career Highlights

- Coached All-Americans Jonathan Williams, Kevin Craddock, Brandon Johnson, Craig Everhart, Elijah Wells and James Rhoades
- Indoor 4x400m relay team set a school record in 2006 (3:06.48)
- DMR team earned All-American honors at the 2005 NCAA Indoor
- Former Bruin 800m record holder (1:47.8, now No. 7)
- Member of two UCLA NCAA and Pac-8 Championship teams
- Coached Portland State's first ever indoor individual champions (two women, one man) and All-conference selections (three women, one man)
- Coached Oregon's Lorenzo Santiago, the 2001 NCAA decathlon champion



SCOTT ABBOTT

VOLUNTEER DISTANCE COACH
2ND YEAR
UCLA '01

Abbott enters his second season as a volunteer assistant coach for the Bruins after previously coaching at Jesuit High School in Sacramento, CA.

While at Jesuit, Abbott coached the team to the 2002 State Cross Country Championship. He also served as coach at Bend High School in Bend, OR

where his team also won a state title in 2001. Abbott also served on the United State Olympic Committee Coaching Division in 1999.

While at UCLA, Abbott served as a team captain for the 1999 and 2000 seasons, and was a three-time Pac-10 All-Academic team member and two-time UCLA Track Student-Athlete of the Year. Abbott prepped at Jesuit HS where he led his team to three California State Team championships, and was named All-State and All-West in 1995.



OCTAVIOUS GILLESPIE

VOLUNTEER DECATHLON COACH
1ST YEAR
UCLA '03

Gillespie enters his first season as the multi-event coach after having competed for UCLA in the decathlon and javelin in 2002.

While competing for UCLA, Gillespie notched the No. 10 javelin mark all-time at UCLA (209-11) and had a best decathlon score of 6,765 points.

His lifetime-bests post-collegiately in the javelin and decathlon are 216-1 and 7,448 points.

Since finishing his eligibility, Gillespie has competed for Guatemala, his native country, where he holds national records in the javelin and decathlon.



DR. TOMMY RHEE

MASSAGE THERAPIST
2ND YEAR

Dr. Tommy Rhee enters his second season with the Bruins as the massage therapist for the team. Rhee recently earned a Doctoral Degree from the Cleveland Chiropractic College and is a certified practitioner for *Active Release Technique* (ART®).

He is presently the Official Provider to New Japan

Pro-Wrestling and has worked on a wide variety of clients including Olympians, Ironman triathletes, Special Olympians, body builders, AVP Pro Beach Volleyball players, NFL athletes and professional tennis players. In addition to the men's track and field team, Rhee attends to the UCLA women's soccer team.

Prior to receiving his Doctorate Degree of Chiropractic, Rhee served in the U.S. Navy as an aircrew member in an S-3 Jet.



ZACK SPIRE

VOLUNTEER SPRINTS COACH
1ST YEAR

Spire enters his first season with the Bruins as a volunteer coach after having spent the past three years as a student manager for the men's track and field team. Spire will assist Coach Tony Veney, working with the sprint, hurdles and relay athletes.

Spire also coaches tennis at Harvard Westlake High School. He graduated from UCLA in 2006 with a degree in Psychology.



JASON WONG

STUDENT MANAGER
1ST YEAR