

2008 schedule

INDOOR SCHEDULE

Jan. 19	at UW Preview	Seattle, WA
Feb. 1-2	at UW Invitational	Seattle, WA
Feb. 15-16	at Tyson Invitational	Fayetteville, AR
	at Iowa State Classic	Ames, IA
Feb. 29-Mar. 1	at MPSF Indoor Championships	Seattle, WA
Mar. 7-8	at Iowa State NCAA Last Chance Qualifier	Ames, IA
Mar. 8	at UW NCAA Last Chance Qualifier	Seattle, WA
March 14-15	at NCAA Indoor Championships	Fayetteville, AR

OUTDOOR SCHEDULE

Mar. 8	UCLA Invitational	Drake Stadium
Mar. 14-15	at Cal State Northridge Invitational	Northridge, CA
Mar. 20-21	at Cal State Northridge Multi-Event Invite	Northridge, CA
Mar. 28-29	at Cal/Nevada Championships	Fresno, CA
April 3-5	at Texas Relays	Austin, TX
		Palo Alto, CA
Apr. 4-5	at Stanford Invitational	Drake Stadium
Apr. 10-12	Rafer Johnson/Jackie Joyner-Kersey Invite	Walnut, CA
Apr. 18-20	at Mt. SAC Relays	Eugene, OR
Apr. 19	at Oregon-UCLA Dual Meet	La Jolla, CA
Apr. 25-26	at UC San Diego Triton Invitational	Drake Stadium
May 2-3	UCLA-USC Dual Meet	Tempe, AZ
May 9-10	at Pac-10 Multi-Event Championships	Claremont, CA
	at Claremont Invitational	Modesto, CA
	at Modesto Relays	Tempe, AZ
May 16-17	at Pac-10 Championships	Northridge, CA
May 30-31	at NCAA West Regionals	Des Moines, IA
June 11-14	at NCAA Outdoor Championships	Columbus, OH
June 20-22	at USATF Junior National Championships	Eugene, OR
June 27-July 6	at U.S. Olympic Trials	



2008 Men's Track & Field Team

First Row: Danny Benson, Brandon Smith, Nevin Gutteriez, Jason Ward, Bo Taylor, Dustin DeLeo, Brian Law, Taylor Hobson, Steven Taylor

Second Row: JP Castel, Quentin Powell, Daniel Kirkpatrick, Bobby Talley, Johnny Quinn, Matt Reuter, James Rhoades, Casey DiCesare, Darius Reed

Third Row: Austin Ramos, Elijah Wells, Matthew Hanley, Mark Weber, Greg Garza, Thomas Nagengast, Andreas Drbal, Scott DiCesare, Kevin Craddock, Stan Griffin

Fourth Row: Michael Cybulski, Marlon Patterson, William Tsai, John Caulfield, Henry Hagenbuch, Boldizsar Kocsor, Greg Woepse, Marco Anzures, Scott Crawford, Fawad Khan

Fifth Row: Jun Reichl, Kevin Sullivan, Cory Primm, Spencer Knight, Nick Robinson, Chris Bencomo, Jonathan Clark, Drew Shackleton, Joel Tuosto, Bryson Banks

Sixth Row: Mike Haddan, Laef Barnes, Alex Crabill, Kyle Shackleton, Marc Hausmaninger, Kent Morikawa, Evan Watchempino, Blake Ramos, Zack Miller, Dominique Easterling, Michael Johnson, Jr.

Back Row: Art Venegas, Eric Peterson, Tony Veney, Amanda Schuman, Dan Schiffer, Octavious Gillespie, Anthony Curran

Not Pictured: Mike Powell, Terrence Austin, Ryan Gordon, Dylan Knight, Jake Matthews, Darius Savage, Darius Walker

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2008 NCAA INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING STANDARDS

EVENT	AUTOMATIC	PROVISIONAL
55m	6.14	6.26
60m	6.63	6.74
55m Hurdles	7.17	7.38
60m Hurdles	7.70	7.91
200m	20.83	21.23
400m	46.15	47.25
800m	1:48.20	1:50.50
Mile	3:59.50	4:04.00
3000m	7:54.50	8:05.00
5000m	13:47.00	14:10.00
1600m Relay	3:06.50	3:10.40
Mile Relay	3:07.50	3:11.60
DMR (meters)	9:34.00	9:45.70
DMR (yards)	9:37.50	9:49.20
High Jump	7-4.25 (2.24m)	7-0.25 (2.14m)
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)
Weight Throw	70-6.50 (21.50m)	63-11.75 (19.50m)
Heptathlon	5,650 points	5,300 points

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

**All marks are FAT

2008 NCAA WEST REGION QUALIFYING STANDARDS

EVENT	QUALIFYING MARK
100m	10.55
200m	21.35
400m	47.20
800m	1:50.40
1500m	3:47.80
Mile#	4:06.00
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	186-4 (56.80m)
Javelin	202-1 (61.60m)

AUTOMATIC PROVISIONAL

10,000m#	28:45.00	29:30.00
Decathlon	7,500 points	6,900 points

#Altitude adjustment available

*All times are FAT

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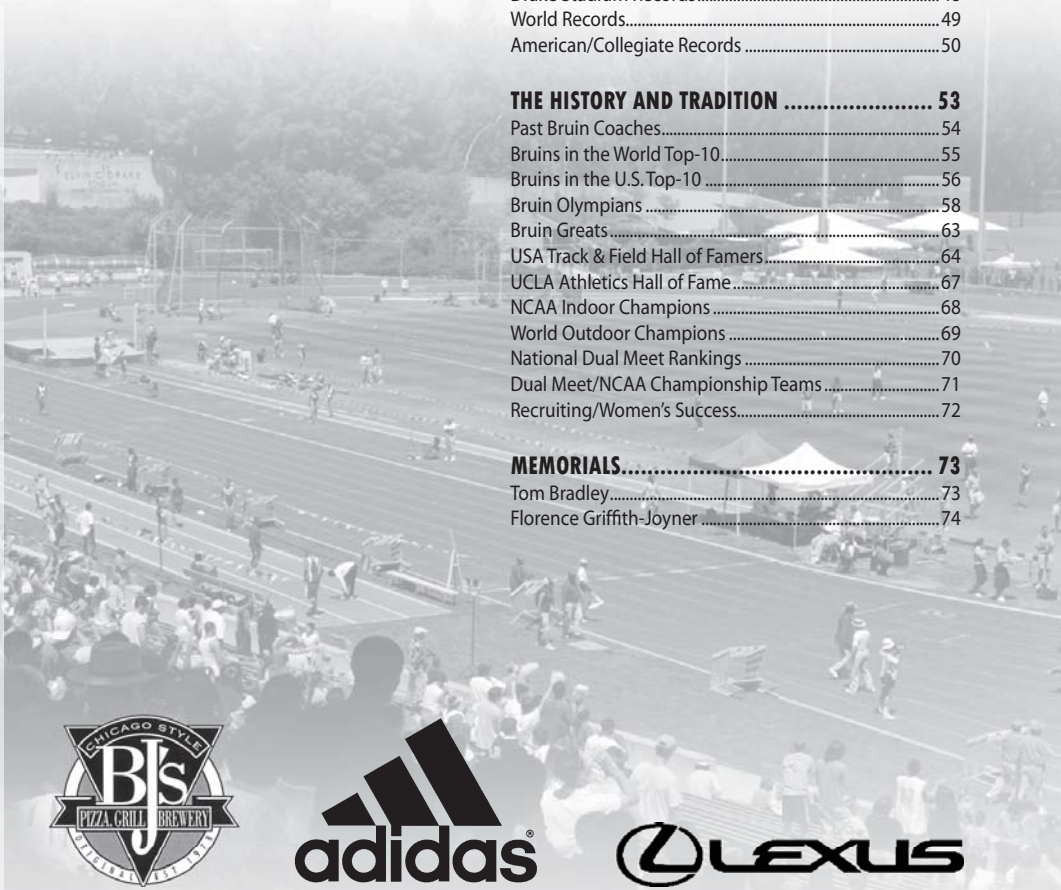
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Location.....	J.D. Morgan Center, 325 Westwood Plaza, Los Angeles, CA, 90095
Athletics Phone.....	(310) 825-8699
Ticket Office.....	(310) UCLA-WIN
Chancellor.....	Gene Block
Faculty Athletic Rep.....	Donald Morrison
Director of Athletics.....	Dan Guerrero
Home Stadium (Capacity).....	Drake Stadium (11,700)
Enrollment.....	37,590
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).....	18-3 dual record, 9th year as head coach/27th as throws coach
Career Record (Years).....	same
Sprints, Hurdles, Relays.....	Tony Veney
Pole Vault Coach.....	Anthony Curran
Jumps Coach.....	Mike Powell
Distance Coach.....	Eric Peterson
Volunteer Decathlon Coach.....	Octavious Gillespie
Athletic Trainers.....	Tandi Hawkey/Laef Morris
2007 Record.....	1-0
2007 Pac-10 Finish.....	4th
2007 West Regional Finish.....	4th
2007 NCAA Outdoor Finish.....	9th
National Championships.....	Eight (1988, '87, '78, '73, '72, '71, '66, '56)
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Cover: All-Americans Austin Ramos, Greg Garza and Kevin Craddock

2008 ROSTER

Name	Event	Ht.	Wt.	Year	Hometown (High School/Previous School)
Marco Anzures	Distance	6-0	154	So.	San Diego, CA (St. Augustine HS)
Terrence Austin	Jumps/Hurdles	5-11	175	So.	Long Beach, CA (Long Beach Poly HS)
Bryson Banks	Jumps	6-4	185	Fr.	St. Louis, MO (Mary Institute Country Day School)
Laef Barnes	Distance	6-1	155	Jr.	Nine Mile Falls, WA (Mead HS)
Christopher Bencomo	Pole Vault	6-0	185	Sr.	Los Gatos, CA (Lynbrook HS/Cabrillo College)
Danny Benson	Distance	5-7	130	Fr.	Simi Valley, CA (Royal HS)
JP Castel	Hurdles	6-2	175	Fr.	Reno, NV (Reno HS)
John Caulfield	Throws	6-0	290	Sr.	Chino Hills, CA (La Salle HS)
Jonathan Clark	Jumps	6-2	160	Fr.	Los Angeles, CA (Loyola)
Alex Crabill	Distance	5-10	144	So.	Tacoma, WA (Charles Wright Academy)
Kevin Craddock	Hurdles	6-4	200	Jr.	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	180	Jr.	Seal Beach, CA (Los Alamitos HS)
Michael Cybulski	Distance	5-10	137	Fr.	Simi Valley, CA (Royal HS)
Casey DiCesare	Pole Vault	6-2	175	So.	Irvington, NY (Irvington HS)
Scott DiCesare	Pole Vault	6-2	183	So.	Irvington, NY (Irvington HS)
Andreas Drbal	Javelin	6-1	205	So.	Belmont, CA (Bellarmine Prep)
Dominique Easterling	Jumps	6-2	205	Sr.	Madras, OR (Madras HS)
Greg Garza	Throws	6-4	270	Sr.	Indio, CA (Indio HS)
Ryan Gordon	Distance	5-10	140	So.*	Pacific Palisades, CA (Brentwood School)
Nevin Gutteriez	Sprints	6-1	183	Fr.	Riverside, CA (JW North HS)
Stan Griffin	Sprints	6-0	186	So.	East Meadow, NY (Mt. Carmel HS)
Mike Haddan	Distance	5-11	145	Sr.	Irvine, CA (Woodbridge HS)
Henry Hagenbuch	Distance	5-11	150	Sr.	San Francisco, CA (Cate School/Michigan)
Matt Hanley	Throws	6-4	217	Jr.	Mission Viejo, CA (Thousand Oaks HS/Moorpark College)
Marc Hausmaninger	Distance	6-0	135	Fr.	Lake Forest, CA (El Toro HS)
Taylor Hobson	Jumps	6-3	164	Fr.	Upland, CA (Upland HS)
Michael Johnson, Jr.	Jumps	6-1	170	Sr.	Rancho Cucamonga, CA (Rancho Cucamonga HS)
Fawad Khan	Distance	5-7	120	Fr.	Palos Verdes, CA (Palos Verdes HS)
Daniel Kirkpatrick	High Jump	6-4	170	Fr.	Foothill Ranch, CA (Trabuco Hills HS)
Dylan Knight	Distance	5-8	132	Fr.	Riverside, CA (La Sierra HS)
Spencer Knight	Distance	5-8	135	Fr.	Riverside, CA (La Sierra HS)
Boldizsar Kocsor	Throws	6-0	240	Jr.	San Diego, CA (University HS)
Brian Law	Hurdles	6-1	175	Fr.	Villa Park, CA (Villa Park HS)
Jake Matthews	Distance	6-0	150	So.	Folsom, CA (Folsom HS)
Zack Miller	Pole Vault	6-1	185	Sr.	San Diego, CA (Rancho Bernardo HS)
Kent Morikawa	Distance	5-4	116	Fr.	Torrance, CA (Torrance HS)
Thomas Nagengast	Throws	6-4	230	Fr.	Paso Robles, CA (Paso Robles HS)
Marlon Patterson	Distance	5-10	127	So.	Sacramento, CA (Franklin HS)
Quentin Powell	Sprints	6-0	168	Fr.	Aurora, CO (James Logan HS)
Cory Primm	Distance	5-10	140	Fr.	Thousand Oaks, CA (Westlake HS)
Johnny Quinn	Pole Vault	6-3	165	Fr.*	Dana Point, CA (St. Margaret's HS)
Austin Ramos	Distance	5-10	125	Sr.	Sacramento, CA (Jesuit HS)
Blake Ramos	Distance	5-10	130	Fr.	Sacramento, CA (Jesuit HS)
Darius Reed	Hurdles	6-4	197	So.	Denver, CO (George Washington HS)
Jun Reichl	Distance	5-9	133	Fr.	Simi Valley, CA (Royal HS)
Matthew Reuter	Decathlon	6-1	170	Jr.	Ontario, CA (Damien HS)
James Rhoades	Sprints	5-10	155	Sr.	Ramona, CA (Ramona HS)
Nick Robinson	Throws	6-4	290	So.	Lake Forest, CA (El Toro HS)
Darius Savage	Throws	6-4	315	So.	San Diego, CA (Morse HS)
Drew Shackleton	Distance	5-8	135	Jr.*	Belmont, CA (Carlmont HS)
Kyle Shackleton	Distance	5-8	130	Jr.	Belmont, CA (Carlmont HS)
Brandon Smith	Sprints	5-10	170	So.	Ventura, CA (Ventura HS)
Kevin Sullivan	Distance	5-8	140	So.	Simi Valley, CA (Royal HS)
Bobby Talley	Pole Vault	6-2	185	Jr.	Dana Point, CA (Dana Hills/Saddleback CC)
Bo Taylor	Throws	6-3	255	Fr.*	Newport Beach, CA (Newport Harbor HS)
Steven Taylor	Jumps	6-4	185	So.	Port Hueneme, CA (Hueneme HS)
Joel Tuosto	Jumps	6-1	185	Sr.	Greenfield, CA (Greenfield HS)
Darius Walker	Sprints	5-11	175	Fr.	Hyde Park, MA (Lexington HS)
Jason Ward	Sprints	6-1	185	Fr.	Bakersfield, CA (South HS)
Evan Watchempino	Distance	5-7	132	Fr.	El Dorado Hills, CA (Jesuit HS)
Mark Weber	Throws	6-2	250	Fr.	Oceanside, CA (El Camino HS)
Elijah Wells	Sprints	5-11	165	Jr.	Lake View Terrace, CA (Taft HS)
Greg Woepse	Pole Vault	6-1	165	Fr.*	Tustin, CA (Mater Dei HS)

* Indicates 2007 Redshirt

Head Coach: Art Venegas (9th year as head coach, 27th as throws coach)

Assistant Coaches: Anthony Curran (pole vault), Mike Powell (jumps), Eric Peterson (distance), Tony Veney (sprints, hurdles, relays), Octavious Gillespie (volunteer decathlon)

Trainers: Laef Morris, Tandi Hawkey

Strength Coach: Jon Fussell

Student Team Managers: Jason Yang, Amanda Schuman, Dan Schiffer

Nutritionist: Becci Twombly

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Marco Anzures - Ann-zoo-res

Laef Barnes - Laif

Chris Burbach - Berr-bock

John Caulfield - Call-field

Alex Crabill - Cray-bull

Michael Cybulski - Sih-bull-Skee

Casey/Scott DiCesare - Dee-seh-Zare

Nevin Gutteriez - Neh-vihn Goo-tear-izz

Marc Hausmaninger - House-man-in-ger

Henry Hagenbuch - Hay-gin-book

Fawad Khan - Fuh-wahd Con

Boldizsar Kocsor - Bowl-dih-zore Coke-shore

Kent Morikawa - More-ih-kah-wah

Thomas Nagengast - Nag-in-gast

Jun Reichl - June Rye-shul

Matthew Reuter - Roy-ter

David Shortenhaus - Shor-ten-house

Joel Tuosto - Two-ose-toe

Evan Watchempino - Watch-em-pee-no

Greg Woepse - Wope-see

Over the last few years, Art Venegas has pieced together what he feels is one of the deepest and talented group of athletes during his time at the helm of the track and field program. With an experienced group of underclassmen and two top-10 recruiting classes in the last two years, the 2008 squad is primed to surpass their ninth-place showing at last year's NCAA Outdoor Championships.

"We've never had both quality and depth in all event areas," said Venegas. "We were always missing something. This year we have both quality and depth across the board, and if healthy, this team should have a strong showing at Nationals."

This year's squad returns several high end athletes in all event areas highlighted by John Caulfield, Kevin Craddock, Dominique Easterling, Greg Garza, Boldizsar Kocsor, Michael Johnson, Jr., Austin Ramos and Darius Reed. Their experience and athletic prowess will be key factors in the Bruins posting a high conference and national finish.

"There are a lot of potential athletes who can upgrade to this list and really help the team out," noted Venegas. "It's going to come down to how many lifetime-bests we can produce. If we produce them, then this team has a lot of potential at the national and Pac-10 level."

"For the first time in many years, we have kept the same staff from the previous season. There is great cohesion between the staff and athletes and a positive push towards the future of this team and UCLA track and field. We feel that we have brought in a fantastic recruiting class which has been under ranked (No. 10 by Track & Field News) and we are really raising the bar right now. We feel really good about the potential of this team."

Conference and National Picture

In recent years, the Pac-10 conference has shown its strength at the national level. This year, the Bruins will face teams that along with themselves have very high aspirations for 2008. Venegas feels his team will vie for the conference crown with Arizona State, Oregon and USC and post a top six finish at the NCAA meet.

The Bruins will use the indoor season as preparation for outdoors, and will most likely hold out the elite athletes to maintain their health throughout the long competition year. However, UCLA will field a team with the hopes of a strong finish at the MPSF Indoor Championships.

Throws

The throws squad returns one of the most talented group of athletes in recent years highlighted by All-American **Greg Garza**, **John Caulfield** and **Boldizsar Kocsor**. Garza is a two-time Pac-10 champion in the discus and 2006 (7th) and 2007 (4th) All-American in that event. Last year, he threw the No. 1 mark in the country (208-11) and is ready for his final campaign as a Bruin. Caulfield is stronger than ever and will be a dual threat in the shot put (63-8.25) and discus (189-9). He brings national experience in both events and is also looking to cap off his career with All-American honors. Kocsor, a 2006 All-American in the hammer (219-1), missed advancing to the national meet in 2007, but has matured technically and physically and is determined not to miss NCAA's this season.

Joining the trio are three of the top junior throwers in the world from last season – **Nick Robinson**, **Darius Savage** and **Bo Taylor**. Savage ranked third in the world in the junior discus (200-7, 1.75 kg) and won the USATF Junior National Crown. As a freshman last season, Savage posted a mark of 200-5 in the discus, which ranked seventh nationally and sixth all-time in UCLA history. He also had a top shot put mark of 59-3. Robinson ranked fifth in the world with the 6k shot put and was

the 2007 PanAm Junior Games champion. Last year, Robinson adjusted to the implement weight change and posted top marks of 58-8 (61-1.25 indoor) in the shot put and 171-1 in the discus. Taylor redshirted last season, but gained valuable experience in the hammer, shot put and discus, and will be ready to showcase those skills in 2008.

"Due to the graduation of throwers at other schools, we feel that this could be the strongest throws crew in the Pac-10 and one of the strongest in the nation," said Venegas.

Jumps

The jumps squad is almost a mirror image to the throws group as three experienced and talented individuals in **Dominique Easterling**, **Michael Johnson, Jr.** and **Joel Tuosto** return to lead the group.

"These three men have a lot of upside after struggling last season with injuries and other issues," noted Venegas. "This group was not able to project what they did two years ago at the conference, regional and national level and have lots of pent up potential. Their leadership and talent will definitely be a key factor in the team's success."

Joining the trio is one of the most elite groups of jumpers UCLA has brought together in a single year as **Jonathan Clark**, **Taylor Hobson** and **Daniel Kirkpatrick** bring championship level talent to the team. These three are key aspects to the depth of the jumps squad and should definitely compete at a high level.

Clark was a CA state champion in the triple jump and was ranked ninth in the U.S. last season (49-11). He also has a top prep high jump mark of 6-10. Hobson was a state finalist in the high jump and comes to UCLA with top marks of 6-11 in the high and 23-5 in the long jump. Kirkpatrick was the 2007 CA State champion in the high jump and the runner-up at the Nike Outdoor National meet. His prep best of 6-11 ranked 10th in the U.S. last season.

Pole Vault

The vault group boasts several experienced jumpers and many younger vaulters who are primed to also join the 17-foot club. Led by **Chris Bencomo** and **Dustin DeLeo**, this squad will have to step up to replace All-American Mike Landers who graduated in 2007. Bencomo heads into his final season with the top returning mark (17-1), while DeLeo is poised to crack into the 17-foot range this season (16-7.25). Redshirt freshmen **Johnny Quinn** (16-8) and **Greg Woepse** (16-7) used last year to mature physically and technically and will be ready for a breakout season in 2008.

Sprints/Hurdles/Relays

The Pac-10 Conference has developed into a hotbed for hurdle talent and has become one of the strongest conferences nationally in recent years. The Bruins have two of the most elite in the conference in last year's Pac-10 champion and runner-up, **Kevin Craddock** and **Darius Reed**. Craddock blew past the competition last season (13.48) to win his first conference title and was on pace for a run at the national title before a hamstring injury forced him to miss the regional championships, and thus the NCAA meet. He ranked second nationally last season in the highs and seventh in the 60m hurdles with a school record of 7.73. If healthy this season, Craddock could be a favorite for the NCAA 100m hurdles crown. Reed had an incredible freshman year highlighted by his runner-up finish at Pac-10's and qualification for the NCAA Championships. He was the No. 2 freshman nationally last season (13.81) and with a year under his belt at the college high hurdles, is poised for an even bigger year in 2008.

SEASON OUTLOOK

Newcomer **Nevin Gutteriez** comes to Westwood with great quarter-mile speed (46.79) and will add needed depth and talent to the relay teams. Fellow freshmen **Quentin Powell** (200m-21.55/400m-47.86) and Jason Ward (200m-21.4/400m-47.6) will help bolster the sprint and relay squad. **James Rhoades** (47.94) and **Elijah Wells** (47.16) also return in the 400m and 4x400m relay and bring leadership and NCAA experience to the squad.

Stan Griffin (100m-10.69/200m-21.31) will lead the short sprint group and 4x100m relay team, while midyear transfer **Darius Walker** (10.43) will add depth and talent to the team.

"Nevin is a top line recruit," said Venegas. "With him and the return of Elijah and James, and the addition of Jason and Quentin, our relays will have strength and depth. For the first time in many years, we have a deep pool to choose our 4x100m team from and strength in our 4x400m relay. We are looking for improvement at not only the Pac-10 level, but the national level as well."

Distance

The distance squad has the potential to have the most impact from where they are starting to where they can finish because of how much depth and talent it has. The combination of experience and talented newcomers will help this group develop during the season.

Austin Ramos leads the way as a proven performer in the 5000m (13:51.73) and 10,000m (29:12.84) races. He is a three-time NCAA All-American (2x-Cross Country, outdoor 5000m) and is ready for a suc-

cessful finish to his Bruin career. The distance squad is fortunate to have a veteran group of leaders in **Mike Haddan** (800m, 1:50.56), **Henry Hagenbuch** (8:58.64) and **Laef Barnes** (3:50.70) and the versatility of twin brothers **Kyle** (5000m-14:30.95/10,000m-30:33.16) and **Drew** (steeple-9:16.25) **Shackleton**.

The Bruins also return a good group of sophomores in Alex Crabill (5000m-14:25.57), Jake Matthews (steeple-9:05.60), Marlon Patterson (1500m-3:47.40) and Scott Crawford (800m, 1:51.60).

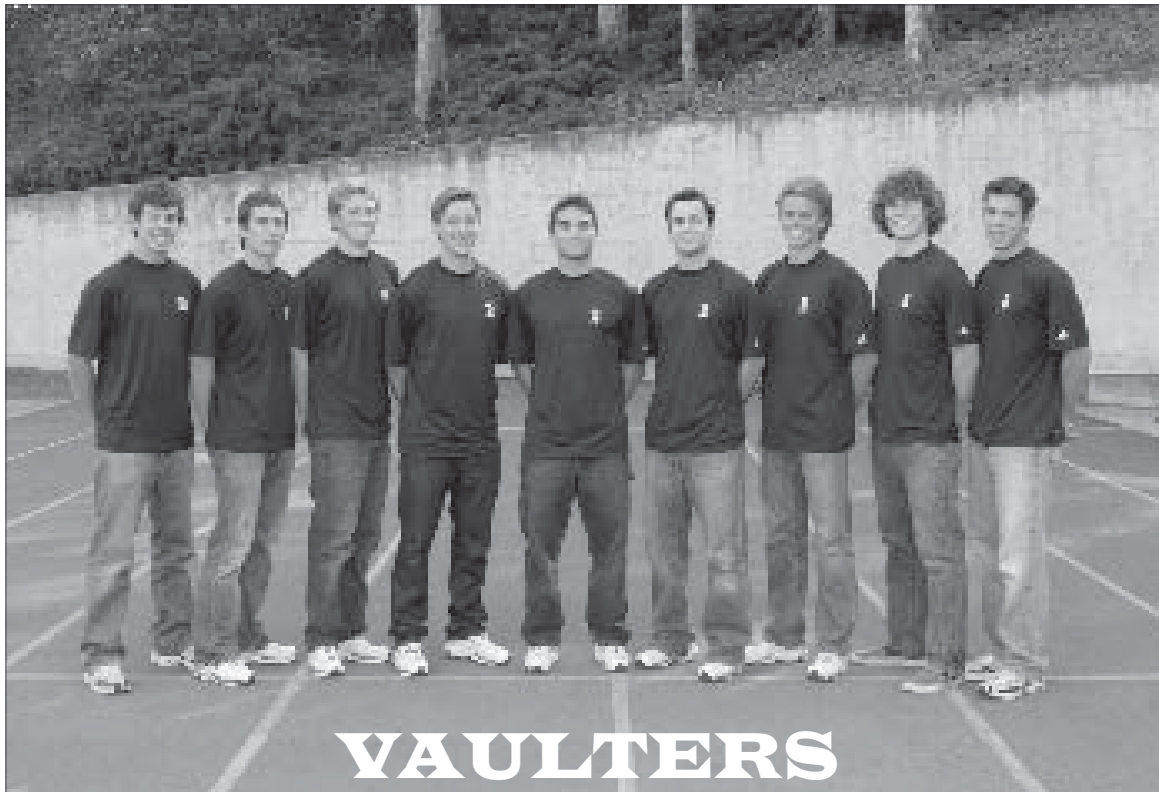
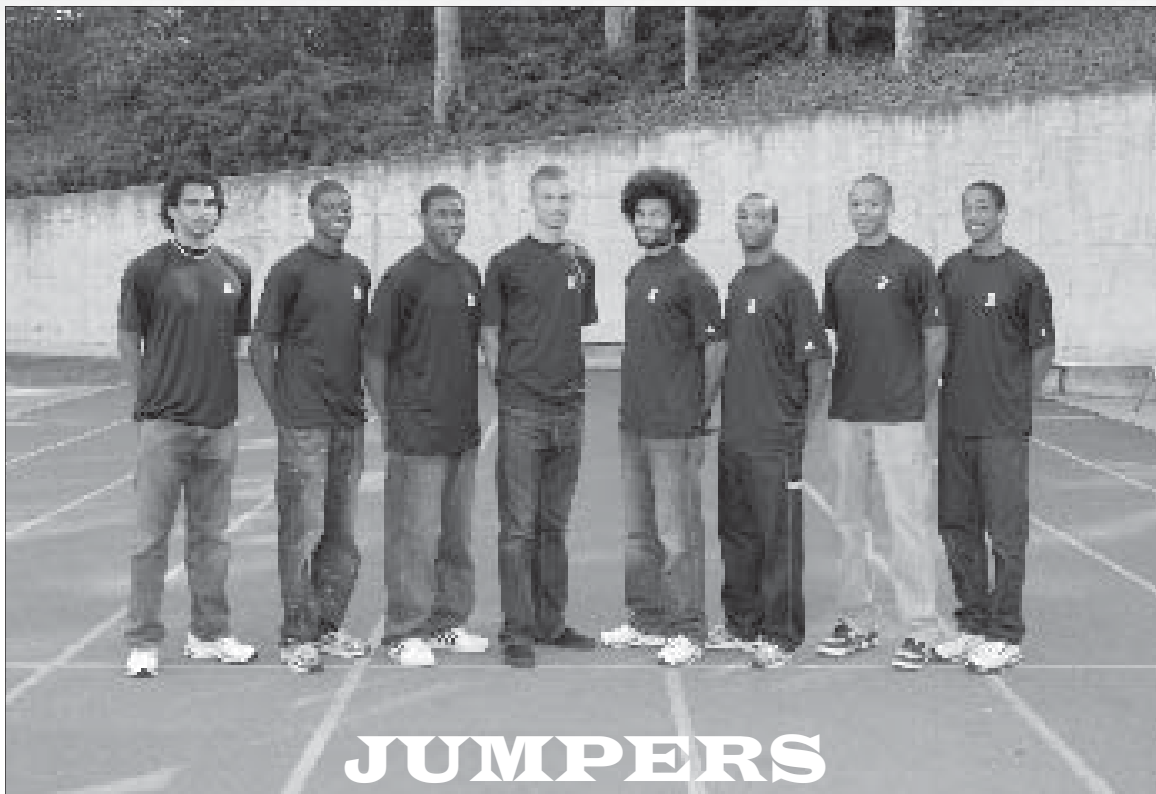
The key performer of a strong freshmen recruiting class is **Cory Primm**, the No. 1 800m runner in the nation last season (1:48.63). Joining Primm as possible key contributors are **Michael Cybulski** (3200m-8:50), **Fawad Khan** (800m-1:55.70/1600m-4:04.90), **Dylan Knight** (800m-1:53.1/mile-4:09.8), **Spencer Knight** (1600m-4:09.58/3200m-9:07.11) and **Kent Morikawa** (mile-4:17/2-mile-9:06).

"We feel that we have one of the finest middle to long distance squads in the country and are looking forward to seeing how they perform this season," said Venegas.

Decathlon

Matt Reuter returns as the sole decathlete for the 2008 season. Last year, he battled through injuries, but posted a lifetime-best 6,291 points at the RJ/JJK Invite. He showed great progress during the fall and should be able to compete for a scoring position at the Pac-10 Championships in 2008.



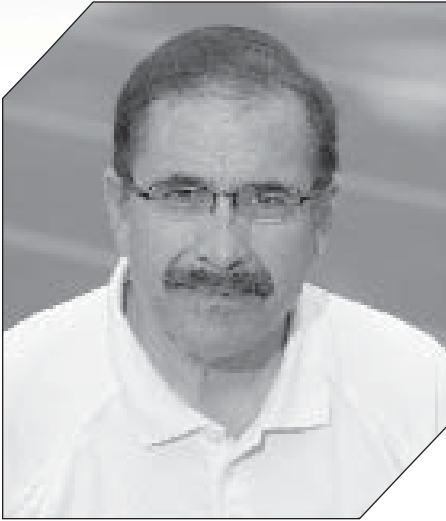


SEASON OUTLOOK



ART VENEGAS

HEAD MEN'S COACH/THROWS COACH
9TH YEAR AS HEAD COACH/27TH YEAR ON STAFF
CS NORTHRIDGE '74



COACHING HIGHLIGHTS

- No. 1 recruiting class in the country for 2005-06 and No. 10 for 2006-07 (*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/Cal-NV 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.

Art Venegas enters his ninth year at the helm of the UCLA men's track and field team, and his 27th 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.

Last season

The Bruins ended the season with a top-10 finish at the NCAA Outdoor Championships (9th), as three Bruins earned All-American honors. Mike Landers (2nd, pole vault), Brandon Johnson (2nd, 400m) and Greg Garza (4th, discus) were point scorers for the Bruins. Austin Ramos also earned All-American honors with his 10th-place finish in the 5000m.

At the NCAA West Region Championships, Brandon Johnson (400mH) captured his third regional crown as five Bruins automatically qualified for Nationals with top-five finishes in their events.

The Pac-10 meet saw the Bruins finish fourth overall as UCLA had four event winners during the meet - Kevin Craddock (110mH), Greg Garza (discus), Brandon Johnson (400mH) and Michael Johnson (triple jump).

In indoor competition, the Bruins had several provisional qualifiers for Nationals, but shot putter John Caulfield was the lone participant at the NCAA meet for UCLA.

At the MPSF Championships, the Bruins fielded a team of five athletes with Mike Landers (pole vault) and Darius Reed (60m hurdles) winning conference crowns.

As Head Coach

Under Venegas, UCLA athletes have earned 46 All-American honors (27 outdoor, 17 indoor), captured

22 individual Pac-10 titles and one team Pac-10 title (2003), two West Region Championship team titles (2003, 2004), 14 individual West Region titles and four consecutive MPSF Indoor team crowns (2002-05).

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

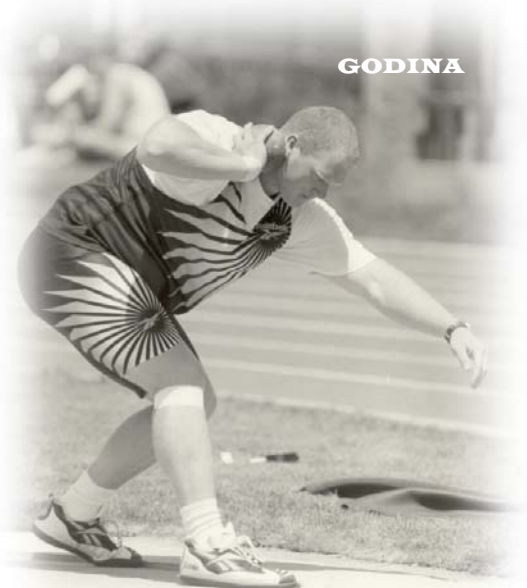
Pac-10 Individual Champions:

Kevin Craddock (1), Greg Garza (2), Boldizsar Kocsor (1), Dan Ames (5), Ben Aragon (1), Juaune Armon (2), Michael Granville (1), Brandon Johnson (3), Michael Johnson, Jr. (1), 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, 72 All-American honors and 30 Pac-10 throwing titles. 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 (2), Boldizsar Kocsor (1), Dan Ames (10), Joe Bailey (3), Jim Banich (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 Banich (2), Eric Bergreen (1), Brian Bluetreich (2), John Brenner (2), Greg Garza (2), 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).

HEAD COACH

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. Today, Jessica Cosby is at the helm of the women's throws program. 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

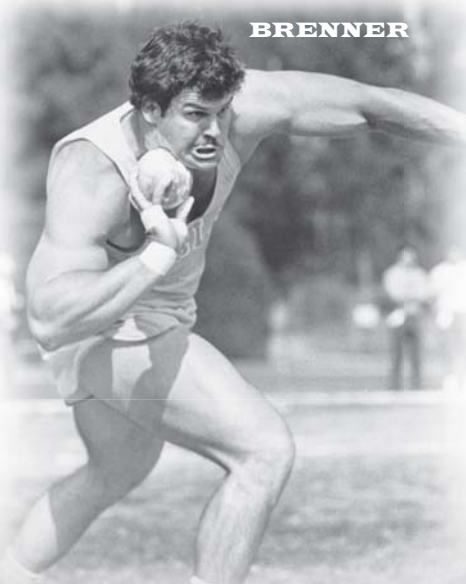
Venegas has guided Bruin men and women to conference titles in all four throws events. Since 1990, UCLA men and women throwers have won a total of 57 individual conference titles, including nine of the last 16 men's shot put crowns. Bruin women have won 14 of the 17 shot put championships, 12 of the last 16 women's discus titles and six of the last nine 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 2006-2007. The Bruin women shot putters have scored in the top-four at all but three 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 Oklahoma (UNC prior), 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 formerly at Long Beach State, Lara Saye (2002 discus All-American) formerly 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, 56, and his wife, the former Marlene Estrada, have two children, Jessica and Yvette and one grandchild, Lisette.

ANTHONY CURRAN

POLE VAULT COACH

25TH YEAR

UCLA '82



COACHING HIGHLIGHTS

- 2006 NCAA West Region Women's Jumps Coach of the Year
- Coached Scott Slover (1994-98), a five-time UCLA All-American
- Coached Korean National Record Holder, Olympian and three-time All-American Yoo Kim (18-4.50, 2004)
- Coached National Champions Tracy O'Hara and Chelsea Johnson (NCAA record holder, 15-1)
- Coaches All-American Mike Landers
- Curran has coached 17 Bruins (six men, 10 women) on UCLA's all-time vault lists.
- Coached 10 athletes to multiple All-American honors
- As a Bruin, his 18-2.50 (1982) is No. 4 in school history

Former UCLA pole vault standout Anthony Curran enters his 25th 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 Mike Landers highlighted the Bruin men with his NCAA runner-up finish at Nationals. Ingrid Kantola highlighted the Bruin women with her fourth-place finish at NCAA Indoor and 8th-place showing at NCAA Outdoor.

Six men and four women also competed at the Regional meet including Chris Bencomo, Dustin DeLeo, Zack Miller, Mike Landers, David Murphy, David Shortenhaus, Ingrid Kantola, Megan Jamerson, Jackie Nguyen and Lindsay Regan.

Six male athletes have earned All-American honors under Curran's tutelage - Mike Landers ('06/'07-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 five women have earned the honor - Chelsea Johnson ('06-indoor/outdoor, '04-indoor/outdoor); Ingrid Kantola ('07 indoor and outdoor); Jackie Nguyen ('04-outdoor); Tracy O'Hara ('02-'99-both indoor and outdoor all four years at UCLA); and Erica Hoernig ('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 17 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 six Olympians - Okkert Brits (South Africa), 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, 48, was a four-year letterman and All-American 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 (11), Tate (8) and Marlow (6), and Shaylee (1).



ASSISTANT COACH



ERIC PETERSON

DISTANCE COACH

8TH YEAR/15TH YEAR ON STAFF

OREGON '90

COACHING HIGHLIGHTS

- Coached the 2006 Bruin men's cross country team to their first NCAA appearance in 21 years and highest Pac-10 finish (4th) in 10 years
- Coached All-Americans Jon Rankin, Austin Ramos and Erik Emilsson
- 2005 NCAA Indoor Runner-up in the DMR
- Jon Rankin - 2005 Pac-10 1500m Champion, school record holder in the 1500m (3:35.26) and mile (3:55.63)
- 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 15th 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 eight seasons, as well as the women, for the last 14. Prior to his being named head coach, he served as an assistant to then Bruin cross country head coach Bob Larsen.

The distance squads have thrived under Peterson's guise as the men's cross country team has started to make noise on the conference, regional and national scene. In 2006, Peterson led the men's team to their first invitation to the NCAA Championships as an at-large team in 21 years, and in 2007, saw the men post their highest team finish at the Pac-10 meet in 10 years (4th, the highest finish with Peterson as coach).

In all, Peterson has guided his athletes to over 40 All-American honors. On the men's side, five Bruin men have earned multiple All-American honors. Austin Ramos has tallied two in cross country and one in outdoor track. Ben Aragon, Martell Munguia and Jon Rankin earned honors on the 2005 NCAA Indoor runner-up distance medley relay team. Munguia also added individual honors in the 800m along with Erik Emilsson in the steeplechase.

On the women's side, 10 women have earned All-American distinction, with six posting multiple honors. Karon Hecox-Candaele won the 1994 NCAA Outdoor 3000m crown and was a five-time All-American. He also coached her to an eighth-place finish in the 1500m final at the U.S. Olympic Trials in 2000. Beth Bartholomew was a two-time honoree. Lena Nilsson won three NCAA titles and tallied seven All-American finishes during her career. Ysanne Williams was a six-time All-American. Tiffany Burgess won an NCAA title on the winning NCAA Indoor distance medley relay team in 2002 and was a three-time All-American. Ashley Caldwell, a 2007 graduate, ended her career with

five All-American accolades, while Melissa McBain, Valerie Flores, Jessica Marr and Allie Bohannon each earned one honor.

Bohannon has developed into one of the top milers in the country over the last few years as she went from hardly running for UCLA to finishing second at the NCAA Indoor Championships. She has also made great strides in cross country, earning All-Pac-10 and All-West Region honors with Peterson as her coach.

He has also coached several Pac-10 champions including Ben Aragon (800m) and Jon Rankin (1500m). Rankin was also the West Region 1500m champion in 2005 and became the 261st man in U.S. history to run a sub four-minute mile. Both Aragon and Rankin hold school records. Lena Nilsson won four Pac-10 titles during her career, while Ysanne Williams was a member of a Pac-10 champion 4x400m relay team. Nilsson was the only woman in Pac-10 history to double in the 800m and 1500m twice at the conference meet. She was also a two-time Pac-10 Female Athlete of the Year for her accomplishments.

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' Oliveira, 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

3RD YEAR

UCLA '90



COACHING HIGHLIGHTS

- West Region Women's Jumps Coach of the Year in 2007
- Coached 2007 NCAA Indoor and Outdoor Champion Rhonda Watkins (long jump)
- In just two years as a coach at UCLA, seven athletes competed at the NCAA Outdoor Championships, with two 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 third season with UCLA as the jumps coach.

Last season, Powell showed why he has quickly become one of the top jumps coaches in the country as Rhonda Watkins won the NCAA Indoor and Outdoor long jump crowns and Michael Johnson, Jr. won the Pac-10 triple jump title. At the West Region meet, Powell had six women and one man competing as Watkins, Keneisha Creary and Renee Williams advanced to the NCAA Outdoor Championships. For his success, Powell was honored as the West Region Women's Jumps Coach of the Year in 2007.

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

Dominique Easterling and Michael Johnson, Jr. 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 crown. 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 Championship 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 1994, 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 (12), Carlie (4) and Macie (3).



ASSISTANT COACH



TONY VENEY

SPRINTS/HURDLES/RELAYS COACH

5TH YEAR

UCLA '76

COACHING 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

Tony Veney enters his fifth 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 four short years. During his short time at UCLA, Veney has seen multiple athletes earn All-American honors at the indoor and outdoor NCAA championships. A solid recruiter, Veney has worked hard to bring in the top student-athletes to UCLA.

In 2007, the sprinters were incredibly successful and was highlighted by Brandon Johnson's NCAA runner-up finish at the Outdoor meet. Johnson also won his third Pac-10 and West Region titles during the season. Kevin Craddock won his first Pac-10 high hurdle crown as he ran one of the top-five times in the country. Darius Reed also showed his potential after finishing

second at the Pac-10 meet and competing at the NCAA outdoor meet in just his first season of college track.

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

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

VOLUNTEER COACH/MANAGERS



OCTAVIOUS GILLESPIE

VOLUNTEER DECATHLON COACH
2ND YEAR
UCLA '03

Gillespie enters his second season as the multi-event coach after having competed for UCLA in the decathlon and javelin in 2002. Last season, he led a young decathlon squad to solid finishes during the year.

While competing for UCLA, Gillespie notched the No. 10 javelin mark all-time at UCLA (209-11) and had a top 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.



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