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Entering her 10th season at the helm of the UCLA women's rowing program in 2010-11, Amy Fuller Kearney has established the Bruins as a national competitor. After having made a successful transition from a club team to a varsity program in 2001-2002, UCLA earned its first-ever team bid to the NCAA Championships in May 2010, securing a 12th place finish at the national event that season.

Additionally, the Bruins sent a varsity eight crew as an at-large selection to the NCAA Championships in three consecutive seasons (2005-07). The eight's highest finish in that three-year span was a 12th place finish in 2006. UCLA's eight finished ninth at the 2010 NCAA Championships, placing higher than any Pac-10 program at the national competition. This season, Fuller Kearney looks to lead the Bruins to the NCAA Championships for the second consecutive year.

Fuller Kearney led the Bruins' varsity and second varsity eights to the Pac-10 Championship Grand Final from 2004 through 2007. In 2010, UCLA's varsity eight finished fourth at the Pac-10 Championships, while the program's varsity four earned a bronze-medal finish at the conference event. That year, the Bruins secured a fifth-place team finish at the Pac-10 Championships. UCLA's second varsity eight won the silver medal in 2005 and 2006 at the Pac-10 Championships.

The past three seasons, Fuller Kearney has guided UCLA to a consistent place in the national rankings. The Bruins secured a ranking as high as No. 11 in the Collegiate Rowing Coaches' Association (CRCA)/US Rowing poll in 2010 and as high as No. 13 in 2008 and 2009.

In 2010, UCLA registered impressive dual-meet victories against Loyola Marymount and San Diego State to open the spring season. UCLA's varsity eight finished third on consecutive days, including in Sunday's Grand Final, at the San Diego Crew Classic, while the team's open eight crew earned two first-place finishes. The Bruins varsity eight defeated Clemson and Notre Dame at the SoCal Challenge, before cruising past Oregon State and San Diego the next week in Dexter Lake, Ore. UCLA's fifth-place team finish at Pac-10 Championships was highlighted by a bronze medal-winning performance from the varsity four. Six Pac-10 teams earned berths to the NCAA Championships, as UCLA secured its first team berth in program history.

At the NCAA Championships, UCLA varsity eight finished third in its first-day elimination heat, allowing the crew to advance to Saturday's semifinal. After a fifth-place finish in the semifinal, the varsity eight closed its season with a third-place finish in the Petite Final. UCLA's second varsity eight and varsity four crews advanced to the Third Final, finishing third and second, respectively. Following the NCAA Championships, UCLA's Alexandra Bolt (first team) and Britta Syverson (second team) secured All-America honors, as announced by the CRCA.

In 2009, the Bruins opened the season with strong dual-meet wins against local opponents Loyola Marymount and San Diego State. UCLA's varsity eight won races on consecutive days against No. 12 Ohio State and No. 13 Clemson, respectively, at the Pac-10 Challenge. The Bruins finished strong at the San Diego Crew Classic, as the first eight raced to a first-place finish the Petite Finst eight won its heat against Minnesota and Tennessee. At the season-culminating Pac-10 Championships, the varsity eight won the Petite Final while the second eight finished in second place.

At season's end, Vanessa Teff secured CRCA All-West Region honors and All-Pac-10 accolades for a school-record fourth consecutive season. In addition, five Bruins were honored as CRCA National Scholar-Athlete selections. Three of those student-athletes were also selected to the Pac-10 All-Academic team.

In 2008, UCLA opened its spring campaign with dominating dual-meet victories over Loyola Marymount and San Diego State. The Bruins' first eight also claimed dual-meet wins over the University of Victoria and the University of Central Florida. The second eight rowed to wins over Saint Mary's College's first eight and the University of Central Florida. Both crews had strong performances at the San Diego Crew Classic. The first eight placed fifth overall in the invitation-only Jessop-Whittier Cup while the second eight finished sixth in the race for the Hungness Trophy. Both eights finished their seasons with wins in the Petite Final at the Pac-10 Championships.

Individual team members were honored with a series of All-America, All-Region and All-Pac-10 athletic and academic honors. For the third consecutive year, Vanessa Teff earned Pocock All-America honors, CRCA All-West Region accolades and All-Pac-10 honors. Eight Bruins were named All-Pac-10 Academic selections.

Under the guidance of Fuller Kearney in 2007, UCLA's varsity eight crew advanced to the NCAA Championships in Oak Ridge, Tenn., finishing 14th overall. Fuller Kearney guided UCLA to first-place finishes in back-to-back dual meets against Loyola Marymount and San Diego State to open the season. In the fourth weekend of the season, the Bruins performed well at the San Diego Crew Classic, placing its varsity crews fourth and third, respectively, in the grand finals. Midway through the season, UCLA's second varsity raced past USC in the annual dual meet between both crosstown rivals. In the season-culminating Pac-10 Championships, UCLA finished fourth overall.

Fuller Kearney's team earned recognition at season's end, as two senior rowers (Elizabeth Lee and Leach Wachtel) earned CRCA National Scholar-Athlete honors, and two others were named CRCA All-West Region selections (Vanessa Teff and Lynn Hancock). Teff earned first-team Pocock All-America honors in addition to capturing All-Pac-10 team accolades. A capable group both on the water and in the classroom, 10 Bruins gained Pac-10 All-Academic honors.

In 2006, the first eight raced to a 12th-place finish at the NCAA Championships. UCLA began the 2006 spring season earning first-place dual-meet finishes against Loyola Marymount, UC Irvine and Minnesota before posting a sixth-place finish at Pac-10 Championships in May. At the San Diego Crew Classic, UCLA advanced to the Grand Final in all three events and finished fifth in the varsity eight race. The Bruins finished first in all four events at the Miller Cup, and later capped their season with a strong performance at the NCAA Championships.

In the spring of 2005, the Bruins sent an at-large eight to the NCAA Championships, where UCLA finished 15th overall. That spring, UCLA reached the Grand Final in every event at the Pac-



10 Championships. The first eight raced to a top-16 ranking and an at-large invite to the NCAA Championships for the first time in program history. The second eight made history, bringing home a silver medal from the Pac-10 Championships, a first at UCLA since rowing was elevated to NCAA varsity status.

Named UCLA rowing's head coach on July 2, 2001 – the sport's inaugural NCAA season – Fuller Kearney came to Westwood after having served one year as assistant coach for the Stanford women's crew program (2000-01). At Stanford, she guided the Cardinal to its first top-20 national ranking in the program's NCAA history.

Prior to serving as assistant coach at Stanford, Fuller Kearney was an assistant coach at San Diego State for two years (1998-2000). She worked with the Aztecs while training for the 2000 Olympics with the U.S. National Team. Fuller Kearney has also spent time working as an assistant coach at the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga (1996-98) and for the U.S. National Team (1997).

From 1993-96, Fuller Kearney served as a motivational speaker for Champion International, a U.S. Rowing sponsor. She began her coaching career at UC Santa Barbara, her alma mater. From 1990-91, she led the women's novice program. Two years later, from 1992-93, she was the head coach of the women's team.

Fuller Kearney is a three-time Olympian and former World Record holder. Her competitiveness has given her an assortment of national and international experience. In 1993, she earned U.S. Rowing Female Athlete of the Year honors. Two years later, Fuller Kearney was a finalist for the Sullivan Award, presented annually to the nation's top amateur athlete. She spent the fall and winter of 1995 competing with the America's Cup Syndicate, America 3. She was a member of the first ever all-women's team to challenge for the America's Cup.

As a starboard aft grinder, Fuller Kearney used her strength and endurance to earn a starting spot among the world's top female sailors. In the spring and summer, Fuller Kearney again turned her focus to rowing and helped the women's eight to a World Championship in Tampere, Finland.

Fuller Kearney earned trips to the Olympics in 1992, 1996, and 2000. In 1992, she brought home a silver medal in the Women's 4-. In 1996 and 2000, she placed in the top 6 in the Women's 8+.

Additionally, Fuller Kearney has competed in eight World Championships, earning one gold medal (1995) and six silver medals. An extension of Fuller Kearney's international experience includes the Goodwill Games, the Lucerne International Regatta, and the Henley Royal Regatta. At the 1994 Goodwill Games, her Women's 8+team captured the bronze. Competing at the Lucerne International Regatta (1991, 1994-96 and 1998), she brought home five medals — three gold, one silver, and one bronze. At the 1998 Henley Royal Regatta, Fuller Kearney added another gold medal.

Fuller Kearney continued her rowing success at the C.R.A.S.H. B Sprints. She was the 2000 and 2001 World Record holder on the rowing ergometer and placed first for open women. On the national level, Fuller Kearney rowed for the U.S. National Team for 11 years (1989, 1991-2000). During this era, she recorded 12 gold medals, two silver and one bronze.

In October 2009, Fuller Kearney was selected for induction to the National Rowing Hall of Fame. She was inducted on March 20, 2010, in Mystic Seaport, Conn. Fuller Kearney was named one of 18 inductees in the 2010 Hall of Fame Class.

As a sophomore at UC Santa Barbara, Fuller Kearney discovered a passion for rowing. She later earned one gold medal and one bronze medal on the collegiate national level. In 1990, she was honored with the school's Associated Students Athlete of the Year Award. In 2006, Fuller Kearney was an inaugural inductee into the UC Santa Barbara Recreational Sports Hall of Farne.

A Westlake Village, Calif., native who prepped at Westlake High School, Fuller Kearney graduated from UC Santa Barbara in 1990 with a bachelor's degree in biology. She earned her masters degree in education from University of Tennessee, Chattanooga in 1998.

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Bill Zack enters his ninth season in 2010-11 as an assistant coach for the UCLA women's rowing team. Working with all components of the rowing program, Zack is primarily responsible for the varsity fours. He also serves as the program's recruiting coordinator, heading efforts related to talent identification and communication with recruits.

Last spring, Zack helped UCLA earn its first-ever team berth to the NCAA Championships. UCLA's four provided one of the Bruins' biggest highlights at the Pac-10 Championships, earning a bronze medal finish to help the program secure a fifth-place team finish. The four finished second in the Third Final at NCAA Championships, after having had a very successful season. Other highlights included defeating Notre Dame at the SoCal Challenge, taking first place at Oregon State and a dual-meet win over San Diego State.

In previous years, Zack has coached the varsity four and novice eight. Highlights include the novice eight winning the Pac-10 Championship in 2003 and a bronze medal in 2007. The four captured a fourth-place finish at the Pac-10 Championships in 2005.

Zack brings a multitude of coaching experience to UCLA. He served six years as the women's head coach at Sacramento State (1996-2002), one year as men's head coach at Old Dominion (1995-1996), one year as the elite lightweight women's coach at the Long Beach Rowing Association (1994-1995), three years as the women's head coach at Long Beach State (1991-1994) and six years coaching at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy (1986-1991). Zack's student-athletes have recieved numerous atheltic and academic accolades. Many have also progressed to the national and international levels, and some have achieved national and world champion status.

Zack has also been very involved with USRowing throughout his coaching career, taking advantage of many international opportunities. Moving up from the U.S. Olympic Festival team manager in 1989, he was assistant team leader for the 1996 Olympic rowing team and has also served as a team leader for the Pan-American Games, World Rowing Championships and the Junior World Rowing Championships. He coached the women's lightweight quad to a sixth-place finish at the 1997 World Rowing Championships.

Zack also has had extensive involvement coaching in the USRowing Women's Junior National Team system at both the selection camp and development camp levels. He has coached multiple crews to USRowing National Championships and to victories in CanAmMex competitions. He coached the women's junior squad to a 13th-place finish at the 2008 Junior World Rowing Championships.

At Sacramento State, Zack instituted many changes to the program, including the implementation of a strength and conditioning program, increased scholarships, and improvement in the fleet of rowing equipment. He led the Hornets to a bronze medal in the varsity four at the 1997 NCAA Championships, two consecutive Western Intercollegiate Rowing Association (WIRA) titles (2000-01), and a first-place finish in the College Eights event at the Henley Women's Regatta.

Zack compiled a 36-10 dual-meet record and gained 2000 and 2001 WIRA Coach of the Year accolades. He was instrumental in bringing the NCAA regatta to Lake Natoma. Zack also served as marketing and promotions director, and as the school's resident expert in regatta management when Sacramento State hosted the NCAA Women's Rowing Championships in 1997 and 1999.



Aside from his experience as a coach, Zack has also served his sport as an administrator. He has been on the board of directors of the Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association (CRCA) for many years and currently serves as its president. He was also a longtime member of the Board of Directors of the Western Intercollegiate Rowing Association (WIRA) and was president in 2001-02. Zack has been the play-by-play announcer for nine NCAA Championships.

Zack rowed on the collegiate level for the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, where he graduated in 1980. In 1986, he earned his master's degree in business administration from the Yale School of Management. He retired from the Coast Guard in 1996 with the rank of Lieutenant Commander.



Justin Price begins his second season as an assistant coach for the UCLA women's rowing team in 2010-11. Price rowed for the UCLA men's team before graduating in 2006. Prior to arriving at UCLA in the summer of 2009, he spent the three seasons as an assistant coach with the men's rowing program at the University of Notre Dame.

Price's primary responsibilities include identification, development and coaching of all walk-on athletes. Price also coordinates recruiting efforts for the program's non-rowing athletes. Off the water duties include the management and maintenance of equipment and gear.

In 2010, Price helped lead the novice crew to multiple victories. After opening the spring season with convincing dual-meet wins over local foes Loyola Marymount and San Diego State, the novice eight earned a second-place finish in the Grand Final of the San Diego Crew Classic. The novice eight defeated Notre Dame in the afternoon portion of the SoCal Challenge and bested crosstown rival USC in the annual dual-meet showdown.

Price served as the freshman/novice coach for the men's rowing program at Notre Dame from 2005-2008, working primarily with walk-on athletes. He helped lead the Notre Dame novice crews to their best finishes in program history.

During the 2007-08 season at Notre Dame, Price coached two national championship novice crews as his student-athletes won both the novice eight and novice lightweight four at the America Collegiate Rowing Association's (ACRA) National Championship Regatta. Price's crews finished third overall in the team points competition at the 2008 ACRA Regatta.

Price led Notre Dame to similar success in 2008-09. That year, he recruited the largest group of freshman/novice athletes in team history and coached three novice eights. Price's novice rowers showcased their depth at the 2009 ACRA Regatta, leading the Fighting Irish to a second place finish in the overall team points competition. The novice lightweight four won the event for the second consecutive year, the first novice eight finished in third place and the second novice eight finished record.

Price spent four years (2003-06) rowing in UCLA's men's program. As a Bruin oarsman, he stroked the novice eight as a freshman and rowed in the varsity eight his final three seasons. In 2006, Price earned the bronze medal rowing in the men's varsity four at the Pac-10 Championships. He received the Coach's Award for his performance and leadership in 2004-05. In addition, Price was a three-time Pac-10 All-Academic Team selection — first team (2005, 2006) and honorable mention (2004).

Price graduated from UCLA in 2006 with a bachelor's degree in political science. He earned his law degree (J.D.) from the University of Notre Dame in 2009 and passed the bar examination in California that year.