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Entering his ninth year as head cross country and track and field coach at South Carolina, Curtis Frye has established a program that is widely regarded as one of the nation's elite.

In 2004, Coach Frye served as an assistant coach for the USA Olympic women's track and field team in Athens, Greece. His responsibilities included working with the sprinters and the relays. Nine

Gamecocks, currently and formerly coached by Frye, were among the Olympians, three of which received gold medals. Among the medalists were USC former athlete Otis Harris (USA), who won a silver in the men's 400m and a gold as part of the 4x400m relay. Former athletes Aleen Bailey (Jamaica) and Tonique Williams-Darling (Bahamas) won gold medals in the 4x100m and 400m, respectively, and volunteer Coach Melissa Morrison earned her second consecutive bronze medal in the 100m hurdles. Adrian Durant (Virgin Islands), Shevon Stoddart (Jamaica) and Lashinda Demus (USA) also represented USC track and field in Athens.

During the 2004 season, USC athletes gathered 27 All-American honors, four NCAA runner-up finishes, a first-team Academic All-American and a second-team Academic All-American. Frye guided his women's team to its ninth consecutive top-10 outdoor finish, a claim that can only be made by two other schools, while his men's team finished in the top-15 indoors. During the 2004 season, the men's team finished a high-water mark 14th indoors while the women's highest finish was outdoors when they finished seventh. Tony Allmond and Lashinda Demus were both runner-ups in the long jump and the 400m hurdles, respectively, at the NCAA Outdoor Championship, as well as Olympic qualifiers at the USA Olympic trials in Sacramento, Calif.

In 2003, he guided his women's team to its eighth consecutive top-10 outdoor finish, while his men's team finished in the top-10 outdoors for the second straight year. During the 2003 indoor season, the Carolina women placed second at the NCAA Championships, finishing in the top-five for the fourth consecutive season. The Gamecock men's team finished fourth, their highest finish since also coming in fourth in 1999. Additionally, Frye's women's team finished atop the United States Track Coaches Association's "Team Power Rankings" for the indoor season, the first "poll title" for USC. Individually, Frye had three women win NCAA individual titles in 2003: Aleen Bailey in both the 100m and 200m outdoors and Lashinda Demus in the 400m indoors.

A pair of USC athletes combined to collect three U.S. Junior Championships (Kenneth Ferguson 110m hurdles and 400m hurdles; Tawana Watkins 400m hurdles) and represented Team USA in the Junior Pan American Games. Additionally, Bailey went on to earn SEC Outdoor Athlete of the Year, while Ferguson was named the conference's Freshman of the Year.

Frye also coached athletes to international success in 2003 at the World Championships in Paris. Allen Johnson

## **CURTIS FRYE - ONE OF THE USA'S BEST COACHES**

- **Named to USA's Olympic Track and Field staff for Athens 2004. Served as a USA Women's Assistant Coach for Sprints and Hurdles. Saw three former athletes win gold medals**
- **Head Coach of an NCAA champion team (2002 Gamecock Women)**
- **Head Coach of two SEC Championship Teams (1999 Women's Outdoor, 2002 Women's Outdoor)**
- **1999, 2002 USTCA Women's Outdoor National Coach of the Year**
- **1999 USTCA Men's National Indoor Coach of the Year**
- **1999, 2002 SEC Women's Coach of the Year**
- **In 2002, coached athletes who won 7 NCAA titles and 4 gold and one silver medal at the World Junior Championships. In addition had 2 named National Athletes of the Year and 1 named Men's National Scholar-Athlete of the Year**
- **2001 Nike Coach of the Year**
- **2001 Goodwill Games U. S. Men's Head Coach**
- **2000 USTCA Women's Region Outdoor Coach of the Year**
- **1999 Assistant Coach for the USA at the World Track and Field Championships**
- **1997 USOC Track and Field Coach of the Year**
- **1980 North Carolina High School Coach of the Year**
- **Founder of Speed Elite, formerly South Carolina Elite, a track and field club for serious athletes with the goal of making the 2000 Sydney Olympics and the 2004 Athens Olympics**
- **Assistant Coach of 18 ACC Championship Teams**
- **Coached 9 Olympic medalists**
- **Coached 25 Olympians**
- **Coached over 50 NCAA Champions**
- **Coached over 300 NCAA All-Americans**

won an unprecedented fourth title in the 110m hurdles while USC alum Terrence Trammell placed second in the event. Former Gamecocks Lisa Barber and Demetria Washington helped Team USA claim the 4x400m relay crown.

Away from the track, Frye collected several honors in 2003. He gained prestigious selection as one of five honorary referees, wearing the "yellow hat" at the Penn Relays. Furthermore, he was bestowed with honorary life membership by the Carolina Alumni Association and was honored by the South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame with a special achievement award in addition to being named to Team USA's 2004 Olympic track and field coaching staff.

Continuing to build a program on the national and international level, Frye saw years of hard work pay off in 2002. The women carried home the national championship trophy from the NCAA Outdoor Championships, South Carolina's first national championship in any sport. This finish made the USC women one of three programs, nationally, to finish in the top-10 for over a seven-year period. The women also carried home the championship trophy from the 2002 SEC Outdoor Championships.

In 2002, the men were in the top-10 indoors and outdoors, finishing sixth in both. The two programs crowned three NCAA individual champions in Lashinda Demus (400m Hurdles, Outdoors) and Otukile Lekote (800m, indoors and outdoors; and also saw its women's 4x400m relay set the collegiate outdoor record with its national title victory. The women's 4x400m indoors relay team, the women's 4x100m outdoors relay team, and the men's 4x400m relay team also won national championships. The two teams combined to collect over 52 All-American honors and put 33 on the SEC Academic Honor Roll, as well.

Frye also earned 2002 National Coach of the Year and SEC Women's Outdoor Coach of the Year honors. In addition, Demetria Washington was named the National Indoor Female Athlete of the Year, while *Track and Field News* tabbed Lashinda Demus as its National Female Athlete of the Year. Otukile Lekote was named National Scholar Athlete of the Year.

### ***The Curtis Frye File***

**Born:** October 20, 1951 in Vass, North Carolina

**High School Education:** Graduated from Union Pine in Cameron, NC in 1970

**College Education:** Bachelor of Science in Physical Education from East Carolina University in 1974

**High School Athletics:** Lettered in track, football and baseball

**College Coaching Career:** 1974-79, assistant coach, East Carolina University; 1984-88, assistant coach, N.C. State; 1988-92, assistant coach, University of Florida; 1992-96, assistant coach, University of North Carolina; 1996-present, head coach, University of South Carolina.

**High School Coaching Career:** 1979-84, Douglas Byrd High School

**Wife:** Wilma

**Children:** Daughters Crystal and Curtrell; Son Curtis



Coach and Mrs. Frye at the 2004 Summer Olympic Games in Athens, Greece.

Frye entered the 2002 season with the best recruiting class the South Carolina women's track and field program has ever seen, including nine stars who made an immediate impact on the success of the team. This class was heralded by *Track & Field News* as the No.1 class in the country. Aleen Bailey, Khalilah Carpenter, Lashinda Demus, Keri Groover, Jenny Lake, Shevon Stoddart, Alexis Joyce, Tiffany Ross and Erica Whipple made up the highly-anticipated recruiting class.

Athletes from Coach Frye's founding organization, Speed Elite, won or placed in the top eight at the 2002 USATF Indoor and Outdoor Championships. Leading the way was Allen Johnson who won both indoor and outdoor hurdles. Other Speed Elite finishes consisted of Terrence Trammell, 60m dash, second in 110mH outdoors and the 60m hurdles indoors; Melissa Morrison, 60mH indoors, sixth in 100mH outdoors; Monique Hennagan, 400m champion; Pap Howard, sixth in 200m; Dawn Ellerbe, second in weight throw indoors and second in hammer outdoors.

Already recognized as one of the nation's top coaches, Frye and the elite athletes he coached in 2001 had an extraordinary year, which earned Frye the prestigious 2001 Nike Coach of the Year Award. Allen Johnson won his third World Championship gold medal in the 110m hurdles, his fourth U. S. Outdoor crown in this event, as Frye sent a total of 11 athletes to the 2001 World Championships.

Adding more coaching honors to his distinguished list, Coach Frye was the men's coach for the United States at the 2001 Goodwill Games. He coached Johnson and Trammell to Championships in their respective events. Johnson won the 110m hurdles, while Trammell won the 60m hurdles at the World Indoor Championships.

The 2000 season was another stellar year for Frye as the women's indoor team finished the season with an unprecedented second-place finish at the NCAA Championships. The outdoor women's team successfully finished second at the SEC meet and also went on to finish sixth at the NCAA Championships.

The men's outdoor team finished the season with an 11th-place showing at the NCAA Championships. Indoors, the

ELD men behind Terrence Trammell's 20 points, finished eighth. The Gamecock men and the Arkansas Razorbacks are the only two teams nationally to finish in the top 10 four straight years at the NCAA Indoor Championships. To conclude the 2000 season, USC standouts Terrence Trammell and Miki Barber were both named National Outdoor Track and Field Athlete of Year for 2000. For his efforts, Frye was named the women's regional coach of the year.

But, Frye wasn't done yet as he accompanied 12 current or former USC athletes and coaches to the Sydney Olympics. His athletes brought home four medals: a gold to volunteer coach Monique Hennagan (USA 4x400m relay); a silver for alum Charmaine Howell (Jamaica 4x400m relay); a silver for Terrence Trammell (USA 110m hurdles) and a bronze for volunteer coach Melissa Morrison (USA 100m hurdles).

In 1999, Frye took the Gamecocks to unprecedented success as the women won the SEC Outdoor Championship. The women were a school-best third at the SEC Indoor Championship. After finishing fourth indoors, the women were seventh at the NCAA Outdoor Championships.

The men finished in the top-six both indoors and outdoors. Bringing home a trophy for their fourth-place finish at the NCAA Indoor Championships, the men finished sixth outdoors. The men finished a school-best second at the SEC Indoor Championships and were sixth outdoors.

The two programs combined to set 35 school records. The Gamecocks won three individual NCAA titles, an NCAA relay title, 14 SEC titles and crowned 29 All-Americans.

USC also featured two Academic All-Americans in Keith Hall and Michelle Fournier. Hall, who went on to Emory Medical School, was a finalist for the SEC's Boyd McWhorter Scholar Athlete, winning a \$5000 postgraduate scholarship. Fournier was granted an NCAA Postgraduate scholarship.

In 1999, Frye was named the Men's Indoor National Coach of the Year and the Women's Outdoor National Coach of the Year. Frye was also named the SEC Women's Outdoor Coach of the Year. It is the first time in the history of the U.S.T.C.A. a coach has won the award indoors (men) and outdoors (women).

"We have outstanding support from Athletics Director Mike McGee, all the way down the line," said Frye. "Our track and field staff includes an academic counselor, a number of highly qualified trainers, a massage therapist, a sports psychologist and a public relations specialist. We have collected a number of titles and awards due to hard work throughout the entire university."

Recognized as one of the top sprint coaches in the country, Frye was an assistant coach for the United States at the 1999 World Track and Field Championships in Seville, Spain. In Spain, Frye assisted in coaching the sprinters and hurdlers. But, equally as impressive was that Frye assisted U.S. race walker Curt Clausen (NYAC) to a fourth-place finish at the World Championships, the highest finish since 1972 for a U.S. race walker.

In 1998, his second year at Carolina, Frye led the Gamecock men's and women's track and field programs to national prominence. Indoors, the Gamecock men were seventh and the women finished 11th at the NCAA

Championships. Outdoors, the two teams flipped places as the women finished seventh and the men 11th at the NCAA Championship. For his efforts he was named the Outdoor U.S.T.C.A. Region Coach of the Year in 1998. Individually, Carolina won four NCAA titles, 13 SEC titles and garnered 23 All-American honors indoors and outdoors.

In his first season at Carolina, 1997, Frye hit the ground running and the fruits of his labors paid off as the women's track and field team finished fourth at the NCAA Indoor Championships and fifth Outdoors. The men also had an impressive track and field season, finishing seventh indoors, with a team that had no seniors. Frye was named both the 1997 USATF and USOC Track and Field Coach of the Year.

Frye, who has coached or overseen over 50 NCAA National Champion student-athletes and over 300 NCAA All-Americans, was hired on July 29, 1996 — the same day his pupil Allen Johnson won the gold medal in the 110m hurdles at the 1996 Summer Olympics — setting the Olympic record.

In a new event in 1998, Johnson was the runner-up in the 200m at the USATF Championships and the runner-up in the 4x100m relay World Cup. Johnson continued his hot streak in 1997, as he won the World Championships again. Johnson was the only male athlete to win two gold medals at the World Championships in Greece as he ran a leg of the gold medal winning 4x400 m relay and won the 110 m hurdles.

Johnson was rewarded for his efforts in December 1997 when he won the Jesse Owens Award. Frye coached both the men's 110m hurdles and the women's 100m hurdles USATF National champions, as Melissa Morrison won her first title. In 1998, Morrison improved her world ranking to No. 3 and obtained a personal best of 12.53 in the 100m hurdles under the third year of Frye's tutelage.

In addition to his work with Morrison and Johnson, Frye has also overseen the development of a new training club in South Carolina, Speed Elite. The club, founded in 1996, was formerly known as South Carolina Elite. Speed Elite includes a number of outstanding former collegiate athletes who are NCAA, SEC, ACC, Southwest Conference, US and World Champions. Since its inception in 1996, the group has crowned eight US champions, two World Champions, a World Championship bronze medalist and saw an American record fall in the women's 4x400m relay indoors. The club shows Frye's commitment to furthering the athletes' career after their college eligibility is finished.

"Having Speed Elite and the kind of athletes that are training here provides us an opportunity for our athletes to see what can happen through hard work and dreams. I look for a number of these athletes to make an impact on their countries' Olympic movements in the years ahead," said Frye. "Sometimes we have to do things for the sport outside of what we do for our own university teams. This is my commitment to giving back to a sport that has given so much to me."

Frye, a master recruiter, again saw the fruits of his labor pay off in 1998 as he signed some of the nation's top talent. That year *Track and Field News* ranked USC's women's class No. 3 in the nation. This class included Char Foster,

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Tacita Bass and SEC champions Demetria Washington, Ellakisha Williamson, Miki and Me'Lisa Barber. That class, which broke 14 school records, propelled USC to the SEC Outdoor title and its fourth top-10 finish in a row at the NCAA Outdoor Championships.

Frye came to the Gamecocks after four years as the Assistant Head Coach at the University of North Carolina, where he headed up the sprints, hurdles and relays. At the 1996 NCAA Outdoor Championships, he helped coach UNC's men to fourth place and the women's team to fifth place — its highest finishes ever. He also saw the men capture the NCAA 4x100m relay title. During Frye's tenure at UNC, he was part of 13 Atlantic Coast Conference championship teams and helped coach 21 NCAA Indoor qualifiers and 24 Outdoor qualifiers in 1996 alone.

Prior to his stint at UNC, Frye coached at the University of Florida from 1988-1992. While with the Gator program, he coached three NCAA individual and one relay champion as the Gators claimed 29 All-America honors. One of Frye's top proteges at Florida, Dennis Mitchell, won the 100m at the U.S. Trials in 1992 and went on to earn a bronze medal at the Summer Olympics. Mitchell, a captain of the 1996 Olympic team, was a member of the 4x100m relay team that won the silver medal for the USA in 1996. In addition to Mitchell, Frye helped coach Earl Diamond, the 1989 NCAA 55m hurdles champion, and Tyrone Kemp, the collegiate record holder in the 400m.

Prior to coaching at UF, he served four years as an assistant coach at N.C. State. While in Raleigh, the Wolfpack won four ACC titles and the 4x100m relay won the 1985 national title. Frye helped lead the Pack to 27 All-America honors, four individual NCAA runner-up finishes and 37 conference champions.

While coaching at Florida and N.C. State, he also served as a coach on the Junior National Team in 1989. He was the Director of the Junior Olympic Nationals in 1988 and was a member of the Olympic Sports Festival coaching staff in 1991.

A native of Vass, N.C., Frye graduated from East Carolina in 1974 with a degree in physical education. Following graduation, he served as an assistant track coach at ECU and also was head coach of the men's soccer team. Frye was also the director of facilities while at ECU. In 1978, he became the head track coach at Douglas Byrd High School in Fayetteville, NC. He coached at Byrd for six years, also assisting with football and basketball where he coached former Carolina football star Brad Edwards and former Clemson star Donnell Woolford. In 1980, he was named the North Carolina State High School Coach of the Year.

Remarkably, Frye, his wife Wilma, daughter Curtrell and son Curtis II, all were born on October 20. The date is also Frye and his wife's wedding anniversary. Their daughter, Crystal, was born on December 26. All three children graduated with honors from Irmo High School and continue to enjoy outstanding careers. Crystal qualified for the ECAC for the first time in her career, throwing a personal best 45' in the shot put. She was a top scorer in the Colonial Conference. She attended Frye's alma mater East Carolina University where she improved to 47' 11 in 2001.

In 1999, Curtrell repeated as the 400m hurdles, triple jump and 100m hurdles state champion and was the runner-up in the long jump. She led her team to two state titles in her three years at Irmo High School. She competed at the University of Virginia as a heptathlete. She was rated one of the top female athletes of the 1990's.

The two-time heavyweight state wrestling champion, CJ had a career record in high school of 120-12. He also won two state discus titles. An all-state defensive tackle, Frye played in the 1998 Shrine Bowl. He wore No. 58 for the Gamecock football team and was a four-year letterwinner. CJ was a member of the football squad that defeated Ohio State in both the 2001 and 2002 Outback Bowls in Tampa, Fla. Currently, CJ serves as a graduate assistant coach for the Gamecocks on Steve Spurrier's staff while working on a master's degree. Crystal, who was recently married, and Curtrell are in Sherman Chiropractic School in Spartanburg, S.C.





Jeff McAuley joins the Gamecock family as one of the newest assistant coaches with the USC track and field program. A respected veteran of track and field coaching, McAuley came to South Carolina from Penn State University. Prior to working with the Penn State women's program the past two years, he was at Cal State Northridge, his alma mater, where he served as an

assistant coach for seven seasons.

While at PSU, McAuley guided the Nittany Lions to their first ever Big Ten Indoor Championship. McAuley coached a number of fine athletes including Consuella Moore, a 2004 Olympian, and Chi-Chi Aduba - one of the top jumpers in the country - a five-time All-American, three-time Big Ten champion and holder of all the Nittany Lion school records.

In 2004, McAuley coached Moore to the Big Ten Indoor 60m and 200m titles, while running the third fastest NCAA time ever at 200m (22.60). Moore was named the Big Ten Athlete of the Year both indoors and outdoors.

Athletes coached by McAuley at Penn State rewrote the school's record books by setting 17 school records and two Big Ten Records in his two years at the school.

From 1996 to 2002, McAuley coached the sprints, hurdles and horizontal jump events for both men and women at Northridge. McAuley guided his athletes to 89 individual conference championships, 42 NCAA national qualifying marks, 43 indoor and outdoor school records and 21 Big Sky Conference records. Some of his more prominent Matador athletes included All-American sprinter Joe Criner, who ran a national best of 20.14 in the 200m in the 1998, nine-time Big Sky champion Brandi Prieto, multi-talented Clinte Motley, the most prolific scoring athlete in Big Sky history, 15-time conference champion sprinter Annetta Wells, All-American hurdler and 800m

runner Races Santin, All-American triple jumper Dee Scott, NCAA hurdler and two-time conference champion Heather Heron, conference champion Lashaunda Fowler and the 2002 USATF National Junior champion at 100m, Rashaad Allen.

His coaching resume includes 1999 national champion heptathlete Shelia Burrell, world class hurdler Dominique Arnold, NCAA triple jump runner-up Brandi Prieto, USATF 400m finalist Andre Ammons, and Avery Anderson, a first-year decathlete who placed sixth at the 2000 US Olympic trials.

Prior to coming to Northridge, McAuley served as a coach both privately and on the prep level. He was head track and field coach at Alemany High School from 1989-91, where his cross country teams were undefeated in dual meets both years. He also was an assistant track and field coach and cross country coach at Alta Loma High School from 1992-1995, where both the track and cross country teams were undefeated in dual meets.

McAuley and his wife, Lolita, the Northridge school record holder in the triple jump, have five children - Mariah (8), Jordan (7), Calah (3), Nehemiah (2) and Keziah (1).



**Pictured (Back, left to right):** McAuley holding Keziah, Mariah and Calah; **(Front, left to right)** Jordan, wife Lolita and Nehemiah.

### ***The Jeff McAuley File:***

**Born:** September 7, 1967

**High School:** Diamond Bar, Diamond Bar, Calif.

**High School Athletics:** Track and Field and basketball

**College Education:** Mt. San Antonio College, Cal-State Northridge

**College Athletics:** Track and Field

**Coaching Career:** Head coach, Alemany High School, 1989-91; assistant coach, Alta Loma High School, 1992-95; assistant coach, Cal State Northridge, 1996-2002; assistant coach, Penn State, 2003-2004, assistant coach, South Carolina, 2004-present.

**Wife:** Lolita

**Children:** Mariah (8), Jordan (7), Calah (3), Nehemiah (2), Keziah (1)



Delethea Quarles is in her eighth year with the USC program and her 16th year as a collegiate coach. Her primary responsibilities include coaching the multi-event performers and the jumps. Quarles also oversees eligibility and is the academic liaison.

Under Quarles' coaching in 2004, Tony Allmond earned NCAA Indoor runner-up in the long jump with a jump of 26'6. Allmond also placed second in the NCAA outdoor championships with a mark of 27'4 in the long jump, a new school record. Quarles also coached Chelsea Hammond to a personal best and new school outdoor record in the long jump with a leap of 21'5" last season at the Clemson Invitational. Hammond also broke a school record in the high jump with a leap of 5'11, another personal best. Rhasida Abdul-Malik set a personal best with a triple jump of 12.95 at the SEC Championships. Kemesha Whitmire earned All-America honors and a personal best in the long jump with a leap of 20'8 at the NCAA Indoor Championship and Fred Townsend earned All-America honors in the heptathlon, also setting a school record.

Townsend and Allmond were named regional indoor and outdoor athletes of the year, respectively. Also in 2004, Quarles was appointed as coach for the 2005 Junior Pan-Am Games.

During the 2003 season, Quarles coached Chelsea Hammond and Tony Allmond to All-American long jump honors at the NCAA Outdoor Championships, while pupils Antoinette Wilks (heptathlon and long jump) and Fred Townsend (decathlon) also qualified for nationals. Townsend earned All-American honors while Allmond set a school record during the NCAA competition and Wilks posted a school record and top national mark earlier in the season. The duo also earned All-American status at the NCAA Indoor Championships.

In addition to her Gamecock responsibilities, Quarles was the USA Heptathlon coach for the USA vs. Dutch National Championship meet held in the Netherlands in July, 2002.

Under Quarles' coaching in 2002, Wilks, the SEC MVP, finished sixth in the long jump and 13th in the triple jump at the NCAA Championships while earning All-American status. In 2001, Wilks led the SEC with a jump of 21'8. During the 2000 season Wilks placed third in the long jump at the USA Indoor Nationals and competed at the U.S. Olympic Trials. She also competed at the Indoor and Outdoor NCAA Championships. Wilks also placed second in the long jump at the 2002 SEC Outdoor Championships.

At the 2002 NCAA Outdoor Championships, Tacita Bass finished third in the heptathlon to earn All-American honors. Bass also won the heptathlon at the SEC Outdoor Championships. Also in 2002, Fred Townsend finished third in the decathlon at the SEC Outdoor Championships.

In 2001, Bass was Texas Relays heptathlon champion, just missing the school record, and qualified for the NCAA Championships with a score of 5632. Bass, an All-American, also qualified for nationals in the 4x400m relay, 400m hurdles and the heptathlon.

Quarles guided Wilks in 2001 to a national leading jump of 21'8. During the 2000 season Wilks placed third in the long jump at the USA Indoor Nationals as a freshman and competed at the U.S. Olympic Trials. She also competed at the Indoor and Outdoor NCAA Championships.

In 2000, Bass competed in the heptathlon, as well as earned All-American honors in the 4x400m relay at the NCAA Championships. All-American Rodena Barr recorded a personal record of 44-2 in the triple jump, and competed at the NCAA Indoor and Outdoor Championships. As a freshman Wilks, who finished third at the SEC Indoor Championships in the long jump, qualified both indoor and outdoors in the same event for the NCAAs. Bass, then a sophomore, qualified for the NCAA Championships in the heptathlon.

At the 1999 SEC Outdoor Championships, heptathlete Erin Narzinski won her second title in three years and got USC off on the right foot en route to winning the SEC Women's title. Bass, competing in her first collegiate heptathlon, was the runner-up at the Penn Relays, scoring a lifetime best 5,192 points. She later ran a leg of the NCAA qualifying 4x400m relay. On the men's side at the SEC Championships, CJ Anderson finished fifth in the decathlon. In the classroom six student-athletes were on the Dean's List in 1998-99 and three on the SEC Academic Honor Roll.

In 1998 Quarles saw Narzinski shatter the school record in the heptathlon with 5,664 points, finishing second at the SEC Championships, fifth at the NCAA Championships and eighth at the USATF Championships. Indoors, Narzinski qualified for the NCAA Championships with a school record leap of 20' 10 and had a personal best in the shot put. Other All-SEC athletes included CJ Anderson and Rodena Barr. Highlights for Anderson included qualifying for the finals of the 55m hurdles finals at the SEC Championships, and outdoors he received USATF Junior All-American honors in the decathlon. Barr's personal best included a school record

**The Delethea Quarles File:**

**Born:** February 2, 1966 in Clifton-Forge, Va.

**High School Education:** Allegheny HS, 1984 College Education: Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology, Liberty, 1989

**High School Athletics:** Four-year letterwinner in track, band and basketball; Four-year state qualifier in track; First female in school history to score over 1,000 points in basketball

**College Track:** Three-year letterwinner at Liberty; Three-time All-American; Penn Relays champ in 1989; Team won six conference titles

**Coaching Career:** Assistant Coach, Liberty University, 1989-97; Assistant Coach, South Carolina, 1997-Present

in the indoor triple jump (40'2) and a sixth place finish at the SEC Outdoor Championships at 44'3.

Prior to coming to South Carolina, Quarles served as an assistant coach at Liberty for eight years. While at Liberty, Quarles saw the men's and women's teams win the Big South Conference titles from 1994-1997. The men were runner-up in 1994 and 1995 in the IC4A Championship, which includes over 100 schools. In 1996, the men won the IC4As, beating seven-time champion George Mason University.

Quarles' male athletes hold 14 of the 21 Big South records, while the women hold nine of the 19 Big South records. The women had 12 IC4A qualifiers at the most recent championship.

Quarles is a native of Clifton-Forge, Va. and was raised in Covington, Va. Quarles is a 1989 graduate of Liberty University. She holds a bachelor's degree in psychology. As a student-athlete at Liberty, Quarles was a three-time All-American. Quarles won the 1989 Penn Relays title in the 100m hurdles. She was also the 1989 Penn Relays runner-up in the heptathlon. Her teams won six conference titles from 1986-88. Coached by Brant Tolsma, she was ranked nationally in the heptathlon and still holds several school records at Liberty.

Quarles graduated from Allegheny High School in 1984. She lettered in basketball and track and field four years. She also lettered in the band four times, playing the trumpet. She was the first female athlete to score over 1,000 points on the basketball team and was the team captain twice. She was named to the Who Who's Among American High School Students, as well. She was voted the school's most valuable athlete twice in track and field and three times in basketball.

Quarles enjoys giving back to the youth and community. A lover of the outdoors, she enjoys the mountains and water-skiing. Her greatest athletic thrill was winning the Penn Relays and her favorite food is seafood. She is the daughter of Rudolph and Dianne Quarles and has three sisters and a brother.



As cross country coach, Stan Rosenthal enters his fourth year at Carolina, looking to continue building upon the success he began in 2001.

Rosenthal also coaches the distance runners during track and field season and was instrumental in coaching the South Carolina's women's team to their ninth consecutive NCAA outdoor top-10 finish in 2004.

In 2003, the women's team tied for second at the NCAA Indoor Championships and third place at the Outdoor Championships. Also in 2003, Rosenthal guided Otukile Lekote to three All-American honors and a top-five ranking throughout the outdoor season. In cross country, Rosenthal coached Jenny Lake to an All-SEC and NCAA All-Region performance.

In 2002, South Carolina's women finished fourth at the NCAA Indoor Championships and won the SEC Outdoors and NCAA Outdoor Championships, giving the Gamecocks their first national title in any sport. He saw his own pupil, Otukile Lekote, win two NCAA titles (800m indoors and outdoors) and run the second leg of USC's NCAA champion 4x400m relay. In cross country, Rosenthal led the cross country team to a seventh-place finish at the 2001 SEC Championships and took the team to compete at the NCAA Southeast Regional.

Prior to coming to USC, Rosenthal was the head women's and men's cross country and track and field coach at UNC Asheville. During his seven-year tenure, the women won four Big South Conference Cross Country Championships. In the three years the women did not win,

### ***The Stan Rosenthal File***

**Born:** Feb. 21, 1952 in Philadelphia, Pa.

**High School Education:** Pennsbury HS, Levittown, Pa.

**College Education:** Bachelor of Arts in History and Elementary Education, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, 1975; Master's in Education, University of Tennessee, 1983

**High School Athletics:** Lettered in track and cross country for two years

**College Track:** Four-year letterwinner; Competed in six-mile race at Nationals in 1973; Member of the two-time qualifying cross country team in 1970 and 1972

**Coaching Career:** Graduate Assistant, Tennessee, 1982-83; Head men's and women's track & field and cross country coach, South Alabama, 1984-87; Assistant Coach for cross country and track & field, Georgia, 1988-89; Cross Country coach, assistant track & field, Long Beach State, 1990-91; Head cross country and track & field coach, UNC Asheville, 1993-2000; Assistant Coach, South Carolina, 2001-Present



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they finished as the runners-up. The men's cross country teams were Big South Conference runners-up in three of his last four years.

Coach Rosenthal's runners have achieved success from the conference level to the world championship level. Two of his freshmen runners earned spots on the USA Junior team and competed in the IAAF World Cross Country Championships, where they placed 40th and 43rd. Two other runners competed in the USA Olympic Trials. Several of his runners have qualified for the NCAA Track and Field Championships, while numerous runners won individual conference championships. During his seven years as a high school coach in Virginia, two runners qualified for the Kinney/Foot Locker National Cross Country Championships. In 2002, Rosenthal coached Otukile Lekote to two NCAA Individual Championships in the 800m run.

Rosenthal has served on several USA International coaching staffs. He coached on three USA staffs for the IAAF World Cross Country Championships. He also was a coach at the USA Olympic Festival. In 2001, he was appointed to the NCAA Track and Field Committee. As a member of the Executive Committee for the Women's Cross Country Coaches Association, Rosenthal also served as the Southeast Region Representative. He earned the USA Track and Field Level I and II certification for the endurance events.

Academic success is very important to Rosenthal. His athletes have achieved individually and as a team. Last year Rosenthal's cross country team placed four runners on the SEC Academic Honor Roll and three on the President's List. Three of the women's cross country teams coached by Rosenthal were ranked in the NCAA Division I Top-20, posting a 3.46 GPA. Seven athletes were selected as Conference Scholar-Athletes of the Year. During his coaching career, 90% of the athletes he has recruited and coached have graduated. Many later went on to earn their graduate level degrees. The three most recent pre-med graduates are in medical schools, one at North Carolina, one at East Carolina and one at Virginia Tech. Current senior Jenny Lake earned Academic All-America honors in 2004.

In addition, to his coaching stint at UNC-Asheville, Rosenthal coached at Long Beach State, Georgia, South Alabama and was a graduate assistant coach at Tennessee. He also coached at Albemarle High School in Charlottesville, Va., and Spotsylvania, Va., where he started his coaching career in 1976. Coach Rosenthal earned his master's degree in Education from the University of Tennessee in 1983. His undergraduate degree came from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 1975, where he majored in History and Elementary Education. While at IUP, he was a four-year varsity letter winner. In 1973 he competed in the six-mile at Nationals. He was a member of two national qualifying cross country teams for IUP, in 1970 and 1972.



Mike Sergent enters his eighth year as USC assistant coach with the Gamecock track program. His primary responsibilities are coaching the throwers and coordinating the strength and conditioning program. With four Olympians, five NCAA Champions, 18 All-Americans and 11 SEC Champions, Sergent ranks among the best throws coaches in the nation.

Additionally, Sergent is regarded as one of the nation's best at developing strength programs to increase speed for sprinters.

Under Sergent's leadership in 2004, freshman Precious Akins improved her discus best by 25 feet and made a significant impact at the SEC (4th) and NCAA Eastern Region Championships (2nd). She was the US Junior leader in the discus and had the top throw for a freshman in the NCAA. Brook Antonio improved over 12 feet in the weight throw to score in the SEC Championships and finish the indoor season ranked 19th in the country. India Odum was an SEC scorer for the fourth year in a row and improved her shot put best to 52-3. Bishop, Antonio, and India Odum were all NCAA qualifiers and Katie Desin had a personal best in the javelin throw at the SEC Championships to win a bronze in 2004.

The year 2003 was another great one as Sergent helped guide Nicole Kendrick to a second-place shot put finish at the SEC Indoor Championships and a berth in the NCAA Indoor Championships. During the outdoor season, Adam Bishop (shot put), Tony Antonio (hammer and discus), Scott Alsup (javelin), India Odum (shot put and discus) and Keri Groover (discus) all were NCAA qualifiers. Former Gamecock Dawn Ellerbe reached the World Championships in Paris under Sergent's tutelage.

Under Sergent's leadership in 2002, India Odum placed third at the SEC Championships in the shot put and Mamee Groves was 19th in the weight throw nationally. Freshman Keri Groover threw a personal best at the SEC Championships. On the professional level, Sergent continued working with Dawn Ellerbe. She was the USATF National runner-up in both the weight and hammer throws. She finished her year ranked 12th in the world in the hammer and also ranked eighth nationally in the discus throw.

In 2001, Sergent's throwing corp was led by captain Lynette Keppler. The graduating senior capped her career with the SEC Champion title in the shot put and also was an NCAA qualifier. Alana Robinson, Mamee Groves and India Odum were all NCAA qualifiers and contributed heavily at the SEC level in the discus, weight throw and shot put, respectively. Robinson was SEC runner-up in the discus, Groves missed the 60-foot club in the weight by a quarter of an inch and Odum put the shot over 50 feet and was named the team's Rookie of the Year. On the men's side, Adam Bishop was an SEC scorer in the shot put at both the

indoor and outdoor Championships.

At the elite level, Sergent worked with former Gamecocks Bert Sorin and Dawn Ellerbe, who returned to Columbia after three years as an assistant coach at the University of Wyoming. Sorin improved to 227-2 in the hammer and eighth place at the USA Championships. Ellerbe continued her world domination in the weight throw during the indoor season and repeated as the USA National Champion in both the weight and hammer throws. At the Penn Relays, Ellerbe set a new American record in the hammer throw at 231-8. She competed at the World Championships, Goodwill Games and was a Grand Prix finalist. She completed her year ranked eighth in the world.

In 2000, he saw three former USC athletes make Olympic teams. Michelle Fournier set the Canadian hammer record in making Canada's team; Lisa Misipeka threw the hammer for American Samoa in her second Olympics and Brad Snyder threw the shot put for Canada, also for the second straight Olympics. At the SEC Championships, Sergent's pupil Mamee Groves finished third in the 20lb. weight, Alana Robinson finished third in the discus for the second straight year and Candy Mitchell was the runner-up in the SEC javelin event. In the classroom Loren Thouvenot was awarded the 2000 NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship.

During the 1999 season, Sergent continued to lead the Gamecock throwers to national and international prominence. All told, the program collected four SEC titles, an NCAA title and seven All-America honors. Brad Snyder won the NCAA indoor shot put title and finished as the runner-up outdoors. Snyder won his fifth Canadian National shot put title and finished third in the discus. Michelle Fournier, an Academic All-American and NCAA hammer runner-up, was awarded an NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship and was the runner-up at the Canadian Nationals. Former 11-time All-American Lisa Misipeka added a bronze medal at the 1999 World Championships

### **The Mike Sergent File**

**Born:** September 5, 1969 in Alexandria, Va.

**High School Education:** Brentsville HS, Nokesville, Va.

**College Education:** Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science, Virginia Tech, 1992; Master of Science in Sport Management, Virginia Tech, 1994

**High School Athletics:** Lettered in track & field and football three times; Lettered in wrestling twice; Three-time State Champion in the discus (2) and shot put (1); Still holds district and region discus records; All-District and All-County in football

**College Track:** Lettered in track & field four years at Virginia Tech; All-American in the hammer; Won Metro Conference titles in the discus and hammer in 1992; 1992 U.S. Olympic Trials participant (hammer)

**Coaching Career:** Assistant Coach, Virginia Tech, 1992-97, Assistant Coach, South Carolina, 1997-Present

**Wife:** Karen

**Child:** Kelsey (13)

— the school's first in a major international meet. Other highlights included Ryan Harrison breaking the American collegiate and school records in the weight (73' 6), and Bert Sorin shattering the SEC record to win the weight at 72' 1, breaking four school records.

In 1998, his first year at the helm of the throwing program, Sergent's throwers completed a remarkable season. The USC throwers tallied up four NCAA titles, seven SEC titles, two SEC runner-ups and 10 All-American honors. The group also posted one NCAA record, two SEC records, two Canadian National records and four school records. Brad Snyder and Lisa Misipeka led the way, each winning two NCAA titles. Snyder and Misipeka both finished their seasons undefeated and ranked among the top-10 in the world in the shot put and hammer throw, respectively. Snyder was only the sixth shot putter in NCAA history to win both the indoor and outdoor title in one year, while Misipeka capped off a career with a school-record 11 All-American honors. Seven-time All-American Crystal Brownlee wrapped up an outstanding career at USC, winning the last five of six SEC shot put titles.

Prior to coaching at Carolina, Sergent served as an assistant coach at Virginia Tech for five years. Tech became a dominant throws power in the Metro and Atlantic-10 Conferences. During his five years at Virginia Tech, Sergent coached five NCAA qualifiers, one ECAC Champion, 12 conference champions (seven Metro, five Atlantic 10) and seven school record holders. He assisted in one Metro Conference and four Atlantic 10 Conference Championship teams from 1993 to 1997.

Sergent is a USATF Level I and Level II certified coach in the throwing events and is working on his Level III certification.

A native of Alexandria, Va., Sergent is a 1992 graduate of Virginia Tech. He holds a bachelor's degree in exercise physiology and also has a master's degree from Virginia Tech in sports management. As a student-athlete at Tech, Sergent was a 1992 All-American and U.S. Olympic Trials qualifier in the hammer. He set several school records in the weight events during his career as a Hokie, including the hammer throw (64.04m, 210'1) and 35 lb. weight throw (19.25m, 63' 2).

An all-conference selection in the shot, discus and hammer during each of his four years as a Hokie, Sergent won Metro Conference championships in the hammer and discus. In 1990, Sergent was ranked by USATF among the top 15 nationally in the weight throw. He was also ranked in the hammer throw by *Track and Field News* three consecutive years.

Sergent graduated from Brentsville District High School in 1987 in Nokesville, Va. The two-time high school state discus champion also won the state title in the shot put. He was named to the Who Who's Among American High School Students. Sergent married the former Karen McLaughlin on November 3, 2001 in Columbia. Sergent and his wife Karen have a daughter, Kelsey (14), from Karen's previous marriage. Karen is a USC graduate of the College of Nursing and works in the medical field.



Rusty Shealy enters his first year as the pole vault coach with USC's track and field program. It is his eighth year coaching pole vaulters. His primary responsibility is focused on developing vaulters.

Under Shealy's guidance, Spencer Stephens finished second in the 2004 NCAA Eastern Regional, qualifying for NCAA Championships, and had a season best vault of

17' 8.5". Stephens also finished 10<sup>th</sup> at 2003 NCAA Indoors with a season best of 17' 9.75". Shealy also coached Chase Shealy to a No. 1-ranked USA Junior vaulter, No. 7 World Junior, and No. 1 ranked junior college vaulter, with a season best of 17' 7".

In 2004, Mitch Greeley vaulted 16' 9 for the No. 2 high school vault nationally. Greeley was also a member of the 2003 World Youth Championship, Team USA. This was his second vaulter in as many years to make the World Youth team. USC vaulter Trey Bell was on the 2001 World Youth Championship Team USA.

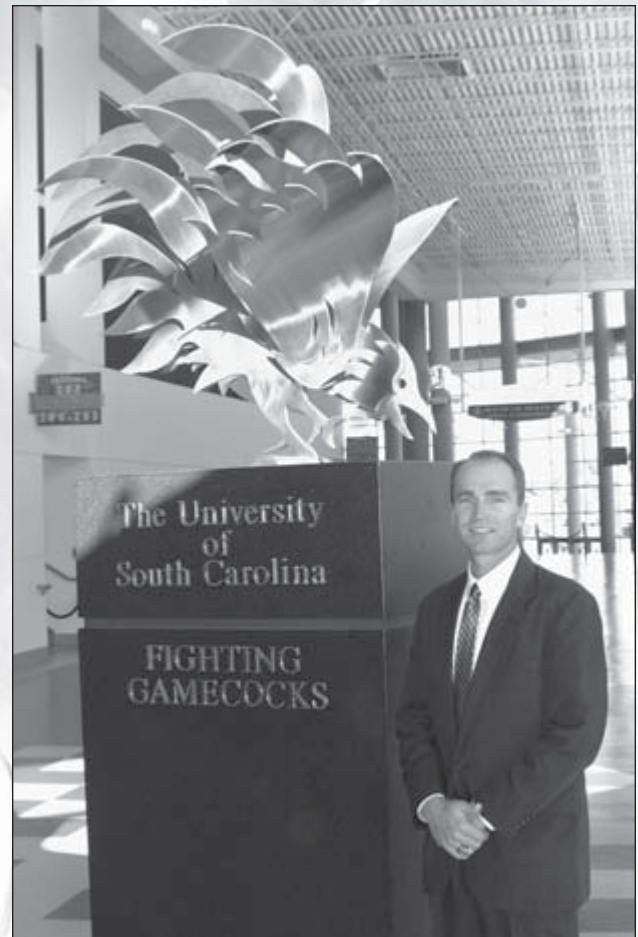
Prior to USC (1998-2004), Coach Shealy had great success as the pole vault coach at Brookland Cayce High School in Cayce, S.C., and director of Carolina Extreme Pole Vault. In seven years, 43 athletes qualified for the USATF National Junior Olympic Championships. Awards included four National Champions, three silver medalists and three bronze medalists, with 14 All-Americans and 18 top-10 finishes.

In 2003, Shealy coached the USA Junior National second-place finisher and World Junior Team USA Pan American Junior Championships qualifier at 17' 0.75. Shealy also coached the adidas Outdoor Championships pole vault champion with a national meet record vault of 17' 0.25" and the Nike Indoor Championships second-place finisher at 17' 0.75, which tied the national meet record at the time.

Over seven years, Shealy coached 27 South Carolina

High School League State Champion pole vaulters, including numerous boys and girls state and school record holders with a girls best of 12' 8" and a boys best of 17' 1". Coach Shealy has also coached the only three South Carolina high school vaulters to clear 15' as sophomores. Two achieved the rarity of jumping their age, which only a few people worldwide do each year. One vaulted 15' as a fifteen year old, and the other 15' at 15 years, 16' at 16, and then 17' at seventeen years of age.

Shealy and his wife Midgett have four children: Chase (19), Conrad (16), Caitlyn (12) and Colton (9).



### ***The Rusty Shealy File***

**Born:** July 6, 1960; Columbia, S.C.

**High School:** Brookland-Cayce High School, Cayce, S.C.

**High School Athletics:** Lettered in track and played soccer

**College Education:** University of South Carolina, 1980-81

**College Athletics:** Track and field

**Coaching Career:** Volunteer coach at Brookland-Cayce High School, 1998-2004; Director/Head Coach of Carolina Extreme; 1998-present, South Carolina assistant coach, 2004-present

**Wife:** Midgett

**Children:** Chase, Conrad, Caitlyn, Colton



**Nicole Anderson  
Athletic Trainer**

Nicole Anderson joined the Gamecocks training staff this year and has been actively working with track and field since her arrival. The California native grew up in Latimer, Iowa, and attended school at Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, earning a bachelor's degree in athletic training and psychology in 2004. While at Coe College, Anderson worked with the football, men's basketball and men's and women's swimming/diving teams. During her senior year she completed an internship with NFL-Europe. Upon graduation, Anderson received her athletic training certification and became a member of the National Athletic Trainer's Association. Currently, Anderson resides in Columbia, S.C. and is pursuing a masters degree in physical education with an emphasis in athletic training at USC.



**Aaron Aviani  
Massage Therapist**

Aaron Aviani is in his sixth year working with the Gamecock student-athletes. The native of San Mateo, Calif., runs his own professional massage clinic, Top Performance Therapy, in Columbia, S.C.

Aviani attended the National Holistic Institute from 1996-98 where he received his massage therapy training. He is certified in massage therapy and as an athletic trainer.

In 1995, Aviani received an associate degree in Liberal Arts from Canada College in Redwood City, Calif. He also earned a bachelor of science in physical education at the University of South Carolina in 2000. While at USC he earned a NASPE scholarship.

Aviani is single and resides in Columbia, S.C.



**Alan Duncan  
Athletic Trainer**

Alan Duncan is in his first year working with the Gamecocks track and field program. Duncan, born and raised in Greenock, Scotland, moved to the United States in 1991. He graduated from King George High School in King George, Va., and attended James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va. While at James Madison, Duncan worked with football, men's soccer and field hockey and graduated in 2002 with a bachelor's degree in health sciences with a concentration in athletic training.

Prior to joining the USC staff, Duncan worked as an athletic trainer in Maryland for two years with a premier development soccer team named the Chesapeake Dragons, and also worked as a high school athletic trainer for River Hill High School in Clarksville.



**William Gill  
Academic Advisor**

William Gill enters his third year in the C.A.R.E.S. Center (Carolina Academic Resources and Enrichment Services), where he helps plan academic programs for graduation, class schedules and overall empowering student-athletes to further develop their intellectual, social and cultural skills.

Gill's responsibilities include working with track and field and football. He coordinates all tutoring, including hiring and training, supervision and evaluation of the tutoring staff. He is also an active member in the National Association of Athletic Academic Advisors.

Prior to working at USC, Gill worked on the athletic advising staffs at Arizona State University and Purdue University. His work experience also includes counseling and supervising juveniles in the Virginia State Juvenile Justice Department.

In 1994, Gill received a bachelor's degree in leadership studies from the University of Richmond. While at Richmond, he played football for three years before becoming a student coach due to injuries. Gill also received a masters degree in counseling/college student development from Hampton University in 1997.

Gill and his wife, Leona, reside in Columbia.



**Annette Hass  
Administrative Assistant**

Annette Hass is in her ninth year at USC as the administrative assistant with the South Carolina track and field program. Her primary responsibilities include all clerical work, administrative meet management and assisting with home meets.

Hass has worked in the USC athletics department for 29 years. A dedicated employee, she began working at the University in 1975.

Born and raised in Columbia, S.C., Hass graduated from Brookland-Cayce High School.

Hass has two sons: Keith and Kevin. Both are married, and she has three grandsons (Devin, Brandon and Kristofer) and one one granddaughter (Miranda).



**Noelle Orr  
Sports Information**

Noelle Orr is in her first year at the University of South Carolina and serves as the sports information contact for track and field, equestrian and women's tennis. Orr is also responsible for press credentials for USC football.

Prior to coming to USC, Orr worked as an assistant sports information director at Charleston Southern University after completing an internship in the sports information department at The Citadel Military College in Charleston, S.C.

Orr graduated from the South Carolina Honors College at USC in 2000 with a bachelor's degree in journalism and mass communications with a concentration in news editorial and a cognate in Sport Administration. Orr worked as a reporter for the *Post and Courier Newspaper* in Charleston for two years before completing her masters degree in Sport Management from Georgia Southern University in 2003.

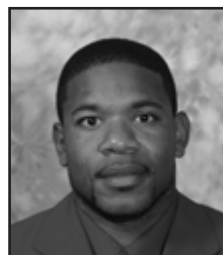
Orr is a native of Charleston, S.C., and resides in Columbia.



**Raylene Ross  
Administrative Aide**

Raylene Ross joins the South Carolina staff as an administrative aide from Northwest Missouri State where she served as a graduate assistant from 2003-2004.

Prior to her stint at Northwest Missouri State, Ross worked as an assistant cross country coach and track and field coach at Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania from 2000-2001, where she received a bachelor's degree in sociology and anthropology in 2000. Following Swarthmore, Ross earned a master's degree in psychology with a concentration in athletic counseling, while working as an assistant coach of track and field at Westfield State College in Westfield, Mass. from 2002-2003. Currently, Ross is pursuing a PhD in physical education with a concentration in sports psychology, motor development and maturation in children.



**Cornell Young  
Team Manager**

Cornell Young is in his third year as a team manager for the Gamecocks track and field program. The Shreveport, La. native calls Ladson, S.C. his home while attending school at the University of South Carolina.

While working as a team manager, Young continues to compete in the 110m and 400m hurdles.



**Dr. Andrew SORENSEN**  
*University President*

As one of the nation's oldest state-supported institutions of higher education, the University of South Carolina is in its third century of service to the people and state of South Carolina.

The 2001 bicentennial celebration of the university's charter in 1801 marked a new era in the life of the university. Today, USC President Dr. Andrew A. Sorensen has set a goal of having USC become one of the nation's top 50 public universities.

#### **Scholarships and Research Productivity**

USC's freshman class continues to grow in academic excellence. In 2003 - 2004, USC captured a record number of awards in national competitions. USC students were awarded more than 50 scholarships, fellowships and honorable mentions in the prestigious Fulbright, Truman, Goldwater, National Science Foundation, National Security Education Program, Rhodes and Rotary International Scholarship programs. Since 1994, when the USC Office of Fellowships and Scholar Programs was established, USC students have won approximately 250 national awards totaling more than \$6.2 million for advanced academic study.

The University also is attracting top research grants. A \$2.5 million grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to researchers in USC's College of Science and Mathematics, added to a \$1 million grant received earlier from NASA, will enable scientists to use satellite data to look for environmental trouble spots in the United States. Together, these grants will allow USC researchers to search for potential problem areas worldwide where climate change most likely will affect coastal communities. Their work will involve cutting-edge remote sensing, modeling and physiological approaches.

#### **Selected Program Rankings**

- USC's programs for first-year students were cited in the 2004 "America's Best Colleges Guide," as being a national model. The guide, published by *U.S. News & World Report*, listed USC and 32 other colleges under the heading, "First-Year Experiences," and under the broad category, "Programs to Look For."
- USC's international business degree for undergraduates is ranked No. 1 in *U.S. News & World Report*, 2004 Best Colleges Guide. The graduate

international business program is ranked No. 2 in the country, also in *U.S. News & World Report*, Best Graduate Schools issue, 2004.

- USC libraries rank in the top 50 for overall size of collections among more than 3,000 college and university libraries in the United States and Canada, according to the Association of Research Libraries' report.

#### **Dr. Andrew A. Sorensen**

Andrew A. Sorensen came to USC after serving as president of the University of Alabama (1996-2002) and provost and vice president for academic affairs at the University of Florida (1990-1996).

Dr. Sorensen also has been executive director of the AIDS Institute at the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions and director of the School of Public Health at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. He was a faculty member at Lincoln University, the University of Rochester, and Cornell University.

He also has been a visiting faculty member at the Harvard University School of Medicine and at the University of Cambridge School of Medicine.

Author or editor of seven books and more than 100 articles, he is professor of epidemiology and biostatistics in USC's Arnold School of Public Health.

Dr. Sorensen has focused his work on health policy, health services research, and epidemiology. He holds a bachelor's degree in ethics and master's and doctoral degrees in medical sociology from Yale University. He also earned a B.A. in history from the University of Illinois and a master of public health degree from the University of Michigan.

Currently, he is vice president to the Executive Committee of the Southeastern Conference and is the immediate-past president of the Southern University Conference, past chair of the Southern Universities Research Association Council of Presidents, and a trustee of the Universities Research Association. He was a member of the Public Health Task Force on AIDS for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Education Advisory Committee for President Bush's Transition Team during 2000-2001. He was appointed in 2001 to U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Tommy Thompson's Advisory Council on Public Health Preparedness.

#### **Donna Sorensen**

Donna Ingemie Sorensen holds a baccalaureate degree in chemistry from Wheaton College and master's degrees in nutrition from Cornell University and in chemistry from Wesleyan University. She was recently appointed by S.C. Department of Education Superintendent Inez Tenenbaum to serve on the S.C. Department of Education Task Force on Nutrition and Health in Our Youth, a new effort that will examine

the problem of childhood obesity. She also is a board member of the Girl Scout Council of the Congaree Area and a board member of the S.C. Arts Foundation. She currently serves as vice chair of the national Board of Directors for the American Social Health Association.

Mrs. Sorensen has focused her volunteer efforts in working with children and young adults, AIDS outreach, Easter Seals, Success by Six, and the Girl Scouts.

The Sorensens have two sons, Aaron and Ben, and a grandson, Art.



**Russ PATE**  
*NCAA Faculty Representative*

In 2002, the University of South Carolina named Dr. Russ Pate as its faculty athletics representative to the Southeastern Conference and the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

Pate, a professor and former chairman of the department of exercise science at the Arnold School of Public Health, is the school's associate dean for research. Internationally recognized for his research on the link between physical activity and health, Pate is a former president of the American College of Sports Medicine.

His duties will include advising USC President Andrew Sorensen on matters related to the athletics program and working with Dr. Sorensen to determine the university's position on NCAA legislation. Pate also will review the eligibility, admission and progress of all student-athletes. He will assist in evaluating compliance with NCAA regulations, attend SEC and NCAA meetings, serve as the university's voting delegate at the NCAA's annual meetings and participate in the organization's certification program.

Pate's research has been supported by the National Institutes of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the American Heart Association and the U.S. Olympic Committee.

Pate replaces Dr. Susie H. VanHuss, who continues in her role as executive director of USC Foundations and distinguished professor emeritus in the Moore School of Business.



**Dr. Mike  
MCGEE**  
*Athletics  
Director*

Under the capable and strong leadership of Mike McGee, the University of South Carolina athletics department has steadily continued its climb toward the elite in collegiate athletics. During his tenure at Carolina, McGee has helped put together a program that is committed to excellence, with the goals of winning championships, graduating its student-athletes and having a positive impact in the community.

The Gamecock program has emerged as one of the most competitive across the board in the nation, with strong finishes in the NACDA Director's Cup all-sports rankings and consistent top 20 status with the majority of its athletic teams. Two of the past three years has seen Carolina post top 20 finishes in the Director's Cup, with a school-best 11th-place showing in 2002 and a final ranking of #18 in 2003. Among the highlights over the past three years include:

- Three straight appearances in the College World Series by the Gamecock baseball team, with finishes of 2nd, 6th, and 3rd in the nation to its credit
- The women's track team won the school's first-ever national team championship, claiming the 2002 NCAA Outdoor crown
- A record 17 teams competed in post-season competition in 2001-02, with 16 teams qualifying in 2002-03 and 15 teams advancing in 2003-04
- USC has won four SEC championships – baseball (2), women's golf, women's outdoor track
- Opened its new 18,000-seat Colonial Center in grand style, with the facility serving as home to Gamecock basketball and class A entertainment never before seen in the Midlands area
- The football team captured the 2002 Outback Bowl championship and finished 13th in the final national rankings. The Gamecocks also put together consecutive top 10 ranked recruiting classes – a first in the program's history
- The men's basketball team was one of the surprise teams in the SEC this past season and won 23 games while advancing to the NCAA Tournament
- The women's basketball team advanced to the NCAA Elite Eight in 2002 and posted back-to-back top 20 national finishes
- Continued the upward trend in academic performance, with the department establishing an all-time best semester grade point average of 2.936 for the spring semester, 2004
- Seen its fund-raising have record-breaking years, with more than \$11.9 million raised through the Gamecock Club this past year, the most in the program's history

- Had the athletics department successfully certified by the NCAA

McGee assumed his duties with South Carolina on Jan. 1, 1993, having brought with him a wealth of administrative experience, national respect among his colleagues and peers and strong leadership skills. Since arriving at Carolina, McGee has made a multitude of positive moves in enhancing the total Gamecock program. Under his direction, the USC program has successfully moved from the Metro Conference (now Conference USA) to the nation's most competitive all-sports conference—the SEC.

McGee has taken steps to improve the department's sports programs by upgrading facilities and making staff additions across the board. Under his watch, the department continues to be a leader in addressing the gender equity issue in a proactive manner, as two women's sports have been added since his arrival. In addition, USC is a leader for hiring female head coaches, as the Gamecocks feature six female head coaches, tops in the SEC.

McGee has been a leader in facilities improvements and additions since coming to South Carolina. With the completion of the new arena, he has overseen more than \$110 million in facilities improvements

The new \$65 million Colonial Center, which opened in November, 2002, has drawn rave reviews, and is recognized as one of the premier sports and entertainment facilities in the Southeast. Recently completed is a \$3 million remodeling of the south end zone at Williams-Brice Stadium, including a new weight room, meeting and recruiting room.

Under his leadership, fan support at Carolina has never been better. Over the last six-year aggregate period, USC's home football attendance ranks among the Top 10 in the country, with a per game average of better than 80,000. The overall athletics budget has also increased significantly during McGee's tenure. The athletics department generates more than \$52 in annual revenues, reflecting a \$34 million increase since McGee came to Carolina.

The academic progress of the athletics department has continued its steady climb under McGee's watch. USC's graduation rate for its student-athletes consistently has ranked as high as second in the SEC, while the football graduation rate in 2003, as calculated by the American Football Coaches Association, is at an all-time high of 76 percent.

McGee has served on numerous NCAA and conference committees. During the last two years of his tenure at Southern California, he represented the Pac-10 Conference on the NCAA Council and served on the Special NCAA Committee to Review Financial Conditions in Intercollegiate Athletics. He currently serves on the NCAA Management Council and is a member of the Division 1 Incentives and Disincentives Working Group. He also served on the SEC Task Force Committee on Compliance and Enforcement. McGee was previously a member of the NCAA Division I Working Group to Study Basketball

Issues. For four years he served as chair of the NCAA Recruiting Sub-Committee. Together with the athletic departments and business schools of the University of North Carolina and University of Notre Dame, he founded the Sports Management Institute to train future college and professional sports administrators. SMI's partner schools now include South Carolina, Southern Cal, North Carolina, Texas and Michigan.

In 2002, McGee received the Order of the Palmetto by the Governor, which is the highest honor a civilian can receive in the State of South Carolina.

McGee and his wife, Ginger, have four children and 13 grandchildren. Kathy, her husband, Tom, and their children, Lauren, Kyle and Luke; Michael Jr., his wife, Amy, and their children, Alex, Michael III and Samantha; Matthew, his wife, Chantal, and their daughters, Maddison, Abby Grace, Rebekah and Eden; and Jerry, his wife, Alana, and their sons, Graham, Emmett, and Charlie. Four members of the McGee family — Michael Jr., Matthew, Chantal and Tom — are current or former U.S. Air Force pilots.



**Val  
SHELEY**  
*Senior Associate  
Athletics Director/  
Senior Women's  
Administrator*

Val Sheley, who has experience as an athletics director and in several other administrative areas, including compliance, academics, and student-athlete development, is in her first year as Senior Associate Athletics Director/Senior Women's Administrator at the University of South Carolina. Sheley fills the position previously held by Laurie Massa, who was at USC for nine years before taking the Athletics Director's post at John Carroll University in May, 2004.

Sheley returns to USC for the second time during her college athletics career, having served as an Associate Athletics Director/NCAA Compliance Officer at the school from 1995-2000. She left Carolina to become Athletics Director at Presbyterian College, where she oversaw that school's athletics program for three years. In 2003, Sheley served as the interim Associate Athletics Director for Academic Support and Career Development at the University of Maryland.

Sheley began her work in athletics administration in 1988, where she served as the Assistant AD/Senior Women's Administrator at UNC Asheville. From there she went to the NCAA Office in Overland Park, Kan., working as a legislative assistant for the national organization.

Sheley has a bachelor's degree from Murray State University, where she excelled as a track athlete. She has a master's degree from the University of Houston.

Sheley was a 1984 Olympic qualifier for Great Britain's track and field team. Her husband, Mike, is a former track All-American and NCAA relay champion at South Carolina.

Sheley is also a graduate of the Sports Management Institute.