

2007 UC TRACK & FIELD: RAISING THE BAR

Sprints/Hurdles

Cedric Powell and Bob Kandell will return as the Bearcats' top sprinters. They are joined by Justin Conway, Antione Drakeford and Keith Hamilton to form a deep, veteran group that should prove successful in the BIG EAST. Scott Maze and Brandon Wright return to lead the hurdles group, while Dominick Davolio, Isaac Hendricks and Troy Lammers will have an impact before the season is done, as will freshmen Ekundayo Igeleke and Alan Moore.



After struggling throughout the 2006 season, the women's sprint teams will be better prepared for the challenges that await in 2007. Juniors Dominique Davis and Jasmine Smith and sophomores Dennale Speakman and Camron Turner have a year's worth of BIG EAST experience under their belts and all have a shot at scoring in the BIG EAST Championships. Freshman Ashley Arnold is expected to be a consistent contributor. Junior Monica Hundley is primed for a breakout year in the hurdles. Cory Huber and Danielle Erwin are consistent contributors and freshman Sharika Thompson will make a splash.

Middle Distance

The 800 meters is one of the deepest events on the men's team. Junior Alex Ramsey, junior Patrick Starkey and senior Jake Richards each have the talent to score in the BIG EAST Championships. Brad Neuman returns to lead the 1,500 pack.



After losing Jocelyn Gibson to graduation, the women's team has a big void to fill in the 800 and 1,500. UC will rely heavily on transfer Betsy Jacobs.

Distance

The men's distance events will be a strength in 2007 as junior John Dixon returns along with NCAA Regional qualifier Kevin Schwarz (3,000 steeplechase) to lead the way. Bill Keckeis and sophomore twins Randy and Rick King will be steady contributors, while redshirt freshman Solomon Kessio and true freshman Tommy Morgan have the potential to be scorers in the BIG EAST Championships.

The women's team features standouts senior Cristy Doll, junior Nichole Leslie and sophomore Megan Knapp, each of whom have the potential to qualify for the BIG EAST Championships. Juniors Jennifer Hannen and Amy Schoenfeld provide quality depth, while newcomers Lilian Jelimo and Kayla Phelps give the Bearcats a solid group upon which to build.



Jumps

Despite losing NCAA participant Chandler Groves, the long jump again should be a solid event for the Bearcats. Senior Bob Kandell and juniors Tim Poirier and Cameron Widget will give UC a strong corps of leapers. Andrew Smith, who met the NCAA regional mark in the high jump in 2005, returns for his senior season. Joining Smith will be freshmen Anthony Busellato and Brandon Fitch, who each have the ability to score in the BIG EAST Championships. The pole vault will be led by junior Keller Schnier. Freshmen Shane Shockey and Elliot Vocke will be expected to step up and fill the void left by the graduation of BIG EAST qualifiers Dan Albrinck and Chad Beamer.

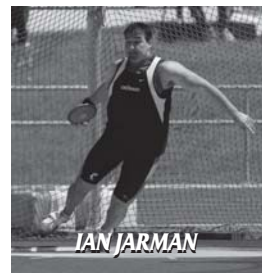


The jumping events should also be a strong suit for the women, as Renee Hein (high jump), Ashley Wilhelm (long jump), Shintara Carpenter (triple jump), Brittany Klima (pole vault) and Tara Meier (pole vault) each return as UC record-holders. Hein, who competed in the NCAA Championships in 2005 and 2006, is joined in the high jump by Klima. Wilhelm and Ije Obiorah will score in the long jump, while Carpenter and Obiorah are expected to solidify the triple jump. Meier and Klima each have the ability to meet NCAA qualifying marks in the pole vault and should place in the BIG EAST Championships.

Throws

Steve Kahle, the 2005 Conference USA shot put champion, returns after missing the 2006 season due to injury. Chad Hanson and Bryan Hardesty will handle the discus duties for the Bearcats and should both score in BIG EAST competition. Justin Salamon and Ryan Flynn also will contribute. Ian Jarman, UC's top hammer thrower, finished seventh in the BIG EAST during his freshman campaign.

Sophomore Lisa Klotz was superb in the indoor season in 2006, ranking 10th in the BIG EAST in the shot put,



before missing the outdoor season due to injury. She returns in 2007 as UC's top thrower. Senior Jenni Schmitmeyer returns to solidify the discus and hammer

events. Freshmen Emily Taylor, the Ohio state runner-up in the shotput, Krystal Barnhill, state shot put champ, and Meagan Williams will contribute as well.

Multi/Relays

The decathlon has traditionally been a dominant event for the Bearcats, as three decathletes have competed in the NCAA Championships in the last three seasons. This season, some youngsters will try to establish themselves as the next in the long line of decathlon stars. Sophomore Caleb Arthur and junior Keller Schnier, son of head coach Bill Schnier, are the top returnees, having finished eighth and 10th, respectively at the BIG EAST Championships. Sophomores Caleb Gaus and Lane Raney are improving and may be factors this season.



Senior Ashley Wilhelm, who provisionally qualified for the NCAA Championships in 2005 in the heptathlon, is the top returnee to the women's team. She is the school record holder in both the pentathlon and heptathlon and will be a force in 2007. Freshman Jasmine Cotten will make an immediate impact in both the pentathlon and heptathlon.

The defending BIG EAST champion 4x100 relay team, led by Bob Kandell, Cedric Powell and Justin Conway has a legitimate chance to qualify for NCAA competition. The 4x400 team, which finished second in the BIG EAST last season, looks for a championship this year. The 4x800 squad, an event featured at the BIG EAST Championships will be another strong point for the Bearcats as Alex Ramsey, Patrick Starkey, Jake Richards and Brad Neuman or Zach Webb will complete the team.

The women's relays will be led by Dominique Davis, Dennale Speakman, and Jasmine Cotten. Ashley Arnold, Danielle Erwin and Wilhelm will also contribute in the relay events.



BILL SCHNIER

HEAD MEN'S COACH DISTANCE

Since Bill Schnier's arrival at the University of Cincinnati, the Bearcat track and field program has progressed into one of the most competitive in the country.

Entering his 27th season at the helm of the Bearcats, Schnier looks to take the team to the top of the BIG EAST. He led the 2006 squad to a fifth-place finish at the BIG EAST Championships in its first year in the conference.

The Conference USA Coach of the Decade for both cross country and track, Schnier has led the men's team to 12 conference titles and did not finish lower than third at a conference championship meet since 1986 until 2006 when the Bearcats joined the BIG EAST.

Since arriving in 1980, Schnier has seen 124 of his athletes earn individual conference championships. He has qualified 15 athletes for the NCAA Championships and mentored five All-Americans. A 13-time conference coach of the year, Schnier was named Ohio Cross Country Coach of the Year in 1995.

UC added women's track in 1996 and in just three years, Schnier led the Bearcats to a best-ever fourth place finish at the C-USA indoor championship in 1999.

He also garnered two third place finishes in cross country in 1998 and 1999. He turned the reigns of the women's program over to longtime assistant Jim Schnur in 2001.

Of Schnier's athletes, 15 have won the prestigious Jimmy Nippert Award, honoring the most outstanding male senior student-athlete. He has also coached three winners of the Helen Norman Smith award, honoring the top female student-athlete.

A 1966 graduate of Capital University in Bexley, Ohio, Schnier played baseball for two years before switching to track and eventually setting the school's half-mile record, which still stands. Schnier earned master's degrees from both Wright State and Indiana University in 1977 before earning his doctorate in human performance from Indiana in 1987. He taught history for seven years while coaching cross country and track and field at Trotwood Madison High in Trotwood, Ohio, before heading back to collegiate coaching, accepting an assistantship at Indiana.

Schnier is married to the former Kathy Henn. The couple has three children: Lorraine (27), Ellen (24) and Keller (22). Keller is a decathlete for the UC track and field team.



SUSAN SEATON

ASSISTANT MEN'S COACH THROWS

Susan Seaton oversees both the men's and women's throwers for the University of Cincinnati program and also serves as the assistant coach for the men's team.

Seaton, who joined the UC staff in 2004-05, has already brought success to the Bearcats. Two of her athletes, Steve Kahle (shot put) and Jo Young (hammer) were crowned Conference USA Outdoor Champions in 2005. The Bearcats also recorded three NCAA Mid-East Regional qualifying marks, one NCAA Championship qualifying mark and four school records.

Seaton previously served six years as assistant coach at the University of Wisconsin. She coached student-athletes to four Big Ten crowns, two All-American honors, four NCAA qualifiers and eight school records.

Prior to her stint at Wisconsin, Seaton served for three years as an assistant coach at Northern Arizona University where she produced three All-Americans, 12 conference champions and five NCAA qualifiers.

Seaton was a standout athlete for the East German junior track and field team and competed in various track and field events for over 15 years. At the prime of her career she was a javelin specialist

MEN'S PROGRAM UNDER SCHNIER

Dual Meet Record: 165-61

Men's Conference Championships: 10
C-USA (3); Great Midwest (7)

Men's Cross Country Championships: 2
C-USA (2)

All-Americans: 5

David Payne	110 Hurdles	2004
Chris Wineberg	Decathlon	2004
David Payne	110 Hurdles	2003
Chad Disbennett	3,000 Steeple	1994
Lewis Johnson	800 meters	1987

NCAA Qualifiers: 17

Chandler Groves	Long Jump	
Ben Haber	Decathlon	2005
Jimmy Mount	Decathlon	2005
David Payne	110 Hurdles	2004
Chris Wineberg	Decathlon	2004
Kenny Wade	200 meters	2004
David Payne	110 Hurdles	2003
Chris Reis	Cross Country	2002
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Chad Disbennett	3,000 Steeple	1996
Mike Albrinck	Pole Vault	1994
Chad Disbennett	3,000 Steeple	1994
Mark Rupe	Cross Country	1993
Lewis Johnson	800 meters	1987
Chris Bean	Long Jump	1986
Rodney Johnson	High Jump	1983

Individual Conference Champions: 126

Indoors:	34
Outdoors:	87
Cross Country	5

and took third place at the 1989 East German Amateur National Championships and finished in second place at the 1986 National Club Championships.

A native of Saalfeld, Germany, Seaton earned her bachelor's of science from the German College of Sports Science in 1991 and a masters of science in exercises science from the University of Leipzig in 1994. Seaton is USATF Level I certified and a recent graduate of the NCAA Women Coaches Academy.

Susan and her husband, Robert, reside in College Hill, Cincinnati, and are parents to son Patrick (21) and Aidan (1).



JIM SCHNUR

HEAD WOMEN'S COACH

MULTI, JUMPS

A member of the Cincinnati coaching staff since 1984, Jim Schnur was named the head women's track and field coach in 2001. He actively coaches the jumping and multi events for both programs while striving to build the women's team into a highly competitive program on the national level.

During the 2005 season, the women's team qualified two athletes for the NCAA Championships for the first time in school history and has sent three women to the NCAA Championships over the last four years. He also trained UC's first women All-American, Mimi Merrill, who placed eighth in the 2001 Indoor NCAA Track and Field Championships in the 20-pound weight throw. Schnur has seen 13 indoor and 15 outdoor school records fall during his tenure as head coach.

Focusing on the multi events, Schnur has built Cincinnati into a dominant force in the decathlon and heptathlon. The Bearcats won six Conference USA decathlon titles in the 10 years of affiliation with the league. He has guided three former walk-on decathletes to the NCAA Championships in the last two years, including All-American Chris Wineberg in 2004.

Schnur graduated from Cincinnati in 1978 with a degree in psychology. He represented UC in seven NCAA Championships in track and field, competing in the 400 meters (five times) and the decathlon (twice). Schnur placed

as high as 13th in the 400 meters and was fifth in the decathlon, setting a school record. After college, Schnur trained for the 1980 and 1984 Olympic decathlon, and was ranked fourth nationally in 1982 by *Track and Field News*. Competing twice on the U.S. National Team against the West Germans and the Russians. In 1992, he was inducted into the UC Athletic Hall of Fame.

Schnur began his career at UC as the sprints and field events coach in 1984. He has personally coached over 90 Conference Champions during his tenure here. He has mentored 10 NCAA Qualifiers and two All-Americans while at UC.

Academic achievement is also stressed under Schnur's watch. Since taking the reigns of the women's program, 57 Bearcats have earned Conference USA Commissioner's Honor Roll accolades, which recognizes those student-athletes who have maintained a cumulative 3.0 grade point average, and over 180 Bearcat (3.0 GPA, quarter) and Topcat (3.5) Scholar honors were awarded in 2005 alone.

Schnur is married to the former Denise Wanner. The couple has four children: Kelly (23), Katie (21), Audrey (18), and Jason (16).

WOMEN'S PROGRAM

UNDER SCHNUR

Dual Meet Record: 14-2

All-American:

Mimi Merrill Weight Throw 2001

NCAA Qualifiers: 5

Renee Hein High Jump 2005, 2006

Jo Young Shot Put 2005

Charlyn Ray 200 Meters 2002

Mimi Merrill Weight Throw 2001

Individual Conference Champions: 6

Indoors: 4

Outdoors: 2



CHRIS WINEBERG

ASSISTANT WOMEN'S COACH

SPRINTS, MULTI

A former All-American decathlete at UC, Chris Wineberg joined the coaching staff in 2006 as assistant women's coach. He specializes in the sprints and multi events and has responsibilities throughout the program including recruiting, team travel and team training.

A two-time Conference USA decathlon champion, Wineberg holds the UC record with a score of 7,584. He finished eighth in the event at the 2004 NCAA Championships, earning the school's first All-American honors in the decathlon. He also holds the UC record in the heptathlon and finished fifth in the event at the U.S. National Championships in 2005 and 2006.

After graduating in 2004 with a bachelor's of science in mechanical engineering, Wineberg was a part-time assistant with the Bearcats while continuing to train and compete on the national level.

A native of South Vienna, Ohio, Wineberg is married to former UC track star Mary Danner. The two were wed in the summer of 2006 and reside in Cincinnati.

SUPPORT STAFF



Brandon Hon

Assistant Coach/Hurdles

A former UC record holder in the 60 meter hurdles, Brandon Hon is in his third season as an assistant coach with his alma mater. Hon has been ranked as high as No. 13 in the world in the 60 hurdles and is a four-time U.S. Indoor Nationals qualifier in the event. He was the Conference USA champion in the 400 hurdles in 2001 and earned a spot in the U.S. Olympic Trials in 2004.



Mary Wineberg

Assistant Coach/Sprints

Mary Wineberg is in her first season as an assistant coach with the Bearcats. The UC record holder in the 400 meter dash, Wineberg continues to compete at the international level. She was a silver medalist in the 400 meters at the Indoor World Championships in Moscow and finished second in the U.S. Indoor Championships in 2006. She was also a bronze medalist in the 4x400 relay at the 2005 Indoor World Championships in England.



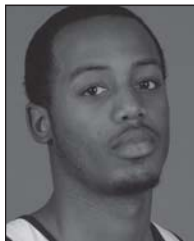
MEN'S TEAM



CALEB ARTHUR

SOPHOMORE • DECATHLON
PANDORA, OHIO
PANDORA-GILBOA HS

2006: UC's top performer in the decathlon...placed eighth at BIG EAST Championships in decathlon (6249)...finished sixth in event at All-Ohio Championships (5672). **Personal:** Born July 13, 1986...son of Kent and Connie Arthur. **Academic Major:** Early childhood education.



JUSTIN CONWAY

JUNIOR • SPRINTS
SANDUSKY, OHIO
PERKINS HS

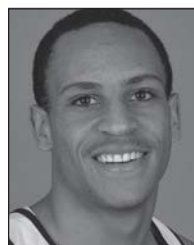
2006: Won the 100 (10.81) and 200 meters (21.68) at the Southern Ohio Cup...led off the BIG EAST Champion 4x100 team...led off all nine 4x100 relays that UC ran in 2006, winning six titles. **2005:** Two-time 200 meter champion (Miami Invitational, Early Bird Relays)...ran top time in 200 meters (21.74) in prelims at Conference USA Championships...finished fifth at All-Ohio Championships with a 10.79 in the 100 meters. **2004:** A third-place finisher in the 200 meters (21.62) at the All-Ohio Championships...also placed seventh in the 100 meters (10.85) at the All-Ohio. **Personal:** Born April 21, 1985...son of Ray and Kaye Conway. **Academic Major:** Fine Arts. **Honors:** Bearcat Scholar (Winter 2006)...Conference USA Commissioner's Honor Roll (2004-05)



JOHN DIXON

JUNIOR • DISTANCE
FAIRFIELD, OHIO
FAIRFIELD HS/OKLAHOMA STATE

2006: Finished second in the 5,000 meters (15:03.18) at the Southern Ohio Cup...was third in the 5,000 at the All-Ohio Championships (15:07.89). **Prior to UC:** Ran cross country and track at Oklahoma State University. **Personal:** Born Sept. 30, 1985...son of Jim and Kellie Dixon...also competes on UC's cross country team. **Academic Major:** Business. **Honors:** Topcat Scholar (Winter 2006)... Bearcat Scholar (Fall 2005).



ANTIONE DRAKEFORD

SOPHOMORE • SPRINTS
COLUMBUS, OHIO
AFRICENTRIC HS

2006: Won a pair of 400 meter titles during freshman campaign...captured Early Bird Relays title in 400 in first collegiate race in a season-best 47.78...also won the 400 (47.80) at the Oliver Nikoloff Invitational...led off 4x400 relay team that finished second at BIG EAST Championships (3:10.15). **Personal:** Born May 15, 1987...son of Pamela Drakeford. **Academic Major:** Mechanical Engineering Technology.



BRANDON FITCH

FRESHMAN • HIGH JUMP
BEAVERCREEK, OHIO
BEAVERCREEK HS

High School: All-district, all-region, all-state and all-american selection as a senior at Beavercreek High School...finished third in state in high jump as a senior...was a ninth-place finisher at the state championships as a junior...holds a personal-best high jump of 6' 9". **Personal:** Born Aug. 16, 1987...son of Robert and Carol Fitch. **Academic Major:** History.

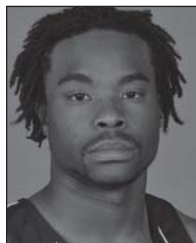


JOHN DIXON



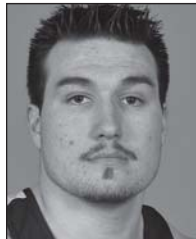
CHAD HANSON
SOPHOMORE • THROWS
ZANESVILLE, OHIO
WEST MUSKINGUM HS

2006: Won a pair of discus titles during freshman season... captured Southern Ohio Cup title with a personal-best 151' 9" throw... also won Early Bird Relays title in first collegiate meet (141' 4")... qualified for BIG EAST Championships, finishing 14th in discus. **Personal:** Born March 22, 1987... son of Jack and Lisa Hanson. **Academic Major:** Industrial Relations.



EKUNDAYO IGELEKE
FRESHMAN • SPRINTS
LAS VEGAS, NEV.
LIBERTY HS

High School: Holds 100 meter dash record at Liberty High School... state champion in 100 meters as sophomore... two-time all-state selection in 100 meters (sophomore, senior)... all-state selection in 200 meters as a junior... part of state-championship 4x100 relay team as a freshman. **Personal:** Born April 21, 1988... son of Michael Igeleke and Lisa Douglas. **Academic Major:** Biology.



IAN JARMAN
SOPHOMORE • THROWS
FELICITY, OHIO
FELICITY-FRANKLIN HS

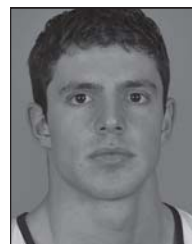
2006: Qualified for BIG EAST competition in the discus and hammer throw... finished seventh in the hammer at the BIG EAST Championships with a personal-best 172' 10" toss... won a pair of hammer titles, capturing the season-opening Early Bird Relays crown (149' 1") as well as the Southern Ohio Championships title (170' 1")... posted a personal-best 141' 6" discus throw at the Southern Ohio Championships, finishing third. **Personal:** Born August 21, 1986... son of Paul and Mary-Ann Jarman. **Academic Major:** Biology.



STEVE KAHLE
SENIOR • THROWS
SPENCERVILLE, OHIO
SPENCERVILLE HS

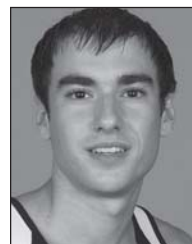
2006: Redshirted due to injury. **2005:** Conference USA champion in shot put (56' 3-3/4")... also finished seventh in hammer throw (160')... regional qualifier in shot... also won Southern Ohio Cup shot title with a 51' 5" heave. **2004:** Placed first in the shot put at the Southern Ohio Cup with a school-record heave of 54' 9-1/2"... a regional qualifier in the shot... earned second place at All-Ohio Championships with a 54' 2" toss. **2003:** Placed third at the Conference USA meet in shot put with a toss of 55' 4-1/4"... was eighth in discus at 144' 4" and 15th

in hammer at 135' 9"... also finished 10th in the javelin with throw of 167' 6"... finished first in shot put at the Cardinal Open with throw of 51' 1". **Personal:** Born Jan. 1, 1984... son of Vickie Kahle-Hood and Terry Lee. **Academic Major:** Education. **Honors:** Bearcat Scholar (Spring 2004).



BOB KANDELL
SENIOR • SPRINTS, JUMPS
HURON, OHIO
MILAN EDISON HS

2006: All-Ohio Champion in the 400 meters (48.64)... leapt a personal-best 24' 1-1/2" in long jump at All-Ohio Championships, finishing second... set a personal best in the 400 with a 47.47 at the Southern Ohio Cup... qualified for NCAA Mid-East Regional Championships in long jump... ran third leg for BIG EAST Champion 4x100 relay team... competed in nine 4x100 relays, helping UC to six wins... also helped 4x400 relay squad to second-place finish at BIG EAST Championships. **2005:** Did not compete due to injury. **2004:** Lept a season-best 23' 11" at All-Ohio Championships to finish fifth in long jump... won long jump at Western Kentucky Challenge (23' 9-3/4"). **2003:** Finished no lower than ninth all season in the long jump... recorded a season-high second place and a new personal record at the All-Ohio with a leap of 24' 3/4", the best on the team... also participated in the 200 meter dash finishing third at the Bearcat Classic in 21.63, setting a personal record. **Personal:** Born Dec. 19, 1983... son of Mary and Glenn Kandell. **Academic Major:** Mechanical engineering. **Honors:** Topcat Scholar (Fall 2005)... Bearcat Scholar (Spring 2005, Fall 2004, Fall 2003)... BIG EAST Academic All-Star (2005-06)... Conference USA Commissioner's Honor Roll (2004-05, 2003-04).



TOMMY MORGAN
FRESHMAN • DISTANCE
MAINEVILLE, OHIO
KINGS HS

High School: A track and cross country standout at Kings High School... finished third in 3,200 meters at state championships as a senior... two-time league champion in the 3,200 meters... three-time league champion in 4x800 meter relay... holds school record in 3,200 meters... four-year all-conference performer in cross country... two-time all-state selection in cross country. **Personal:** Born Oct. 18, 1987... son of Paul and Mary Morgan. **Academic Major:** Engineering.



CEDRIC POWELL

SENIOR • SPRINTS

CINCINNATI, OHIO

ROGER BACON HS

2006: Finished second in the 200 meters at the BIG EAST Championships...also placed third in 400 meters at BIG EAST Championships...ran second leg of the BIG EAST champion 4x100 relay...ran second leg of school-record 4x100 relay at NCAA Mid-East Regional Championships, helping UC to a fourth-place finish...won 400 meter title at Southern Ohio Cup (47.37). **Prior to UC:** Spent one year each at Barton County Community College and Rend Lake Community College. **Personal:** Born Dec. 29, 1982...son of Yolonda Powell. **Academic Major:** Business Economics.



ALEX RAMSEY

JUNIOR • MID-DISTANCE

CANTON, OHIO

HOOVER HS

2006: Top performer in the 800 meters (1:53.46)...won three 800 meter titles: Southern Ohio Cup (1:53.46), Early Bird Relays (1:55.64) and All-Ohio Championships (1:56.40)...qualified for BIG EAST Championships, posting a 1:55.02 in the prelims. **2005:** Placed fourth at Conference USA Championships with a season-best 1:50.56 in the 800 meters...won the 800 meter title at the Southern Ohio Cup (1:51.98)...second-place finisher at the Miami Invitational (1:51.28) and the All-Ohio Championships (1:51.65). **Personal:** Born April 12, 1986...son of Pam Ramsey. **Academic Major:** Economics. **Honors:** BIG EAST Academic All-Star (2005-06)...Topcat Scholar (Spring 2006)...Bearcat Scholar (Fall 2005)...Conference USA Commissioner's Honors Roll (2004-05).



KEVIN SCHWARZ

SENIOR • DISTANCE

MAINEVILLE, OHIO

MOELLER HS

2006: Finished fifth in 3,000 meter steeplechase at BIG EAST Championships (9:07.90) and qualified for the NCAA Mid-East Regional Championships...placed 15th after running a 9:09.81 at regionals. **2005:** Did not compete. **2004:** Did not participate due to injury. **Personal:** Born Oct. 23, 1983...son of Michael and Maureen Schwarz...also competes on UC's cross country team. **Academic Major:** Entrepreneurship.



KEVIN SCHWARZ



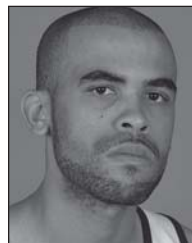
ANDREW SMITH

SENIOR • JUMPS

COSHOCTON, OHIO

COSHOCTON HS

2006: Finished no lower than fourth all season in the high jump...posted season-best jumps of 6' 9" at both the Early Bird Relays, finishing first, and the All-Ohio Championships, finishing second...placed fourth at the BIG EAST Championships with a 6' 8-1/4" high jump. **2005:** Regional qualifier in the high jump...cleared a personal-best 6' 10-3/4" at the All-Ohio Championships, finishing third...placed seventh at the Conference USA Championships with a 6' 4-3/4" clearance. **2004:** Finished no worse than eighth in the high jump all season, including second-place finishes at both the All-Ohio Championships (6' 6-3/4") and the Western Kentucky Challenge (6' 4-3/4"). **Personal:** Born May 7, 1985...son of Bob and Monica Smith. **Academic Major:** Industrial management. **Honors:** CoSIDA Academic All-District (2006)...BIG EAST Academic All-Star (2005-06)...Topcat Scholar (Spring 2006, Winter 2006, Fall 2005, Spring 2005, Winter 2005, Fall 2004, Winter 2004, Fall 2003)...Conference USA Commissioner's Academic Medal (2004-05, 2003-04)...C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll (2004-05, 2003-04).



CAMERON WIDGET

JUNIOR • JUMPS

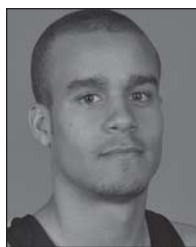
YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

CHANAY HS

2006: Posted a season-best 23' 1-1/4" long jump at the All-Ohio Championships, finishing sixth...fifth-place finisher at both the Southern Ohio Cup (22' 7-1/4") and Oliver Nikoloff Invitational (22' 1-1/2"). **2005:** Finished sixth in the long jump at the Conference USA Championships with a career-best 23' 11-1/2"...won the Miami Invitational long jump title (23' 6")...finished fourth at the competitive Raleigh Relays (23'



3-1/2"). **Personal:** Born Aug. 22, 1984. . . son of Gregory Widget and Rosalyn Goddard. . . won Division I state long jump championship at Chaney High School in 2004. . . majoring in criminal justice.



BRANDON WRIGHT

SENIOR • HURDLES
BOWLING GREEN, OHIO
DUBLIN COFFMAN HS

2006: Finished second in the 110 hurdles at the Early Bird Relays with a personal-best 15.03...qualified for BIG EAST competition in the 400 hurdles...posted a season-best 400 hurdles time of 55.66 at the Sea Ray Relays. **2005:** Finished fifth in the 110 hurdles at the Southern Ohio Cup in a season-best 15.68...posted personal best in 400 hurdles (54.40) at Miami Invitational, finishing fourth...also scored a pair of second-place finishes in 400 hurdles at the National City Invitational (55.32) and the Early Bird Relays (55.72) **Personal:** Born Aug. March 16, 1985. . . son of Mike Wright and Paula Whetsel-Ribeau. . . father played for NFL's Chicago Bears. **Academic Major:** Political Science.

WOMEN'S TEAM



ASHLEY ARNOLD

FRESHMAN • SPRINTS
HUBER HEIGHTS, OHIO
WAYNE HS

High School: Two-time state qualifier in the 400 at Wayne High School. . . two-time league, district and regional 400 meter champion. . . a U.S. Indoor Junior National qualifier in the 400 as a sophomore, junior and senior. **Personal:** Born August 13, 1988. . . daughter of Jack and Cheryl Arnold. **Academic Major:** Undecided.



BOUDINE BOUMA

FRESHMAN • JUMPS, MULTI
PURMEREND, THE NETHERLANDS
DAVINCI COLLEGE

Prior to UC: Set a personal best of 14.83 in the 100 hurdles in 2006 as a member of the NEA Track Club. . . Dutch junior champion in the 60m hurdles as a sophomore. . . finished third in the 200m dash at the 2004 Dutch National Indoor Championships. . . placed second in the heptathlon at the Dutch junior indoor championship as a senior. . . placed second in the heptathlon at the Dutch junior outdoor meet as a junior. . . finished second in 60 meters (2005) and 100 meters (2006) at the Dutch National Championships. **Personal:** Born Nov. 29, 1987. . . daughter of Rene and Bernadette Bouma. **Academic Major:** Marketing.



SHINTARA CARPENTER

SENIOR • JUMPS
GREENVILLE, S.C.
T.L. HANNA HS

2006: Was sixth in the triple jump (40' 1-1/4") at the BIG EAST Championships. . . broke her own school record in winning the triple jump with a 40' 4-1/4" leap at the Ohio River Challenge. . . also won the event title at the Early Bird Relays with a 37' 10-3/4" jump. . . finished 10th in the long jump (18' 3-3/4") at the BIG EAST Championships. **2005:** Won the triple jump at the Southern Ohio Cup (38' 9-1/2") and the Early Bird Relays (38' 5-1/2")...finished eighth in the triple jump (38' 8-1/4") at Conference USA Outdoor Championships. **2004:** Captured fourth place at the Indiana Invitational with a season-best 37' 8-3/4" triple jump. **2003:** Qualified for NCAA Regionals while setting a UC record in triple jump at 40' 3" ... was third at the conference meet (39' 3") and was fourth at the All-Ohio (38' 1-1/4")... also competed in long jump, placing sixth in the Southern Ohio Cup (18' 9-1/2") and 12th at the All-Ohio (16' 7-1/4")... placed ninth at the Southern Ohio Cup in the 100 hurdles in a time of 14.91. **Personal:** Born Feb. 15, 1984. . . daughter of Stan and Ferries Carpenter. **Academic Major:** Communications. **Honors:** Bearcat Scholar (Winter 2006, Winter 2004, Spring 2003).



SHINTARA CARPENTER



JASMINE COTTEN

FRESHMAN • MULTI
FAYETTEVILLE, W. VA.
FAYETTEVILLE HS

High School: State record holder in 100 meters, 400 meters, and long jump at Fayetteville High School...four-time all-state selection...Coalfield Conference Athlete of the Year as a senior...won state championship in 100 meters, 400 meters and long jump as senior...state champ in 200 meters as junior...state champion in 100, 200 and 400 as a sophomore. **Personal:** Born July 13, 1988...daughter of Richard and Sonya Cotten. **Academic Major:** Psychology.



DOMINIQUE DAVIS

JUNIOR • SPRINTS
CENTERVILLE, OHIO
CENTERVILLE HS

2006: Qualified for the BIG EAST Indoor Championships in the 500 meters, running a 1:17.63 in prelims... finished second in the 400 at the Ohio State Invitational with a season-best 58.84... posted a season-best 56.05 in the 400 at the BIG EAST Outdoor Championship prelims... won the 400 at the Early Bird Relays (58.49) and finished second at the Southern Ohio Cup (57.83). **2005:** Finished sixth at the All-Ohio Indoor Championships with an indoor-best 58.28 in the 400 meters... won the 600 meter crown at the Bowling Green Quadrangular in 1:38.72... ran a personal-best 56.05 in 400 meter prelims at Conference USA Outdoor Championships... won Southern Ohio Cup 400 meter title (57.87)... was a third-place finisher at the All-Ohio Championships, posting a 56.42 in the 400. **Personal:** Born Sept. 29, 1986... daughter of Ken and Marlene Smith. **Academic Major:** Business Marketing. **Honors:** BIG EAST Academic All-Star (2005-06)... Topcat Scholar (Fall 2005, Winter 2005,...) Bearcat Scholar (Winter 2006, Spring 2005, Fall 2004)... C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll (2004-05)... named an Arthur Ashe Sports Scholar for 2005-06 school year.



CRISTY DOLL

SENIOR • DISTANCE
NORTH BEND, OHIO
TAYLOR HS

2006: Ran a personal-best in the 3,000 meters (10:27.41) at the All-Ohio Indoor Championships, finishing eighth... placed fourth at the Bowling Green Quintangular with a 10:37.45... UC's top performer in the 3,000 steeplechase, posting an 11:24.37 to win the event at the Southern Ohio Cup... ran an 11:29.96 to finish 15th at the BIG EAST Outdoor Championships. **2005:** Posted a season-best 10:39.40 in the 3,000 meters at the Fazoli's Open indoors, finishing second... placed ninth at the All-Ohio Indoor Championships with a 10:49.90 in the 3,000... finished fifth in the 3,000 steeplechase at the All-Ohio Outdoor Championships in a personal-best 11:11.94. **2004:** Finished 18th in 3,000 meters at Conference USA Indoor Championships (10:33.50)... placed eighth in the 3,000 meter steeplechase at the All-Ohio Outdoor Championships with a season-best 11:47.13. **Personal:** Born Oct. 21, 1984... daughter of Mike and Karen Doll... also competes on UC's cross country team. **Academic Major:** Dietetics. **Honors:** Bearcat Scholar (Spring 2005, Fall 2004).



DANIELLE ERWIN

SENIOR • HURDLES
COSHOCTON, OHIO
COSHOCTON HS

2006: Ran a season-best 1:01.41 in the 400 meter dash at the Hoosier Relays... ran a leg of the second-place 4x400 relay (3:56.09) at the All-Ohio Indoor Championships... outdoors, set a personal record with a 1:03.75 in the 400 hurdles during the BIG EAST Outdoor Championship prelims... ran a leg of 4x400 relay (3:45.10) that finished sixth at BIG EAST Outdoor

Championships. **2005:** Posted a season-best 1:04.07 in the 400 hurdles at the All-Ohio Outdoor Championships, finishing seventh... won the Early Bird Relays 400 hurdles title in 1:06.05. **2004:** Finished seventh in the 100 hurdles at the Southern Ohio Cup with a personal-best 15.67... ran a season-best 1:06.82 in the 400 hurdles, finishing 15th at the Conference USA Outdoor Championships. **Personal:** Born Sept. 3, 1985... daughter of David and Diane Erwin. **Academic Major:** Health Science. **Honors:** BIG EAST Academic All-Star (2005-06)... Topcat Scholar (Spring 2006, Winter 2006, Fall 2005, Spring 2005, Fall 2004, Spring 2004, Winter 2004, Fall 2003)... Conference USA Commissioner's Academic Medal (2004-05, 2003-04)... C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll (2004-05, 2003-04).



JENNIFER HANNEN

JUNIOR • DISTANCE
BEAVERCREEK, OHIO
BEAVERCREEK HS

2006 Ran a personal-best 18:58.40 in the 5,000 meters, finishing ninth at the All-Ohio Indoor Championships... finished fourth at the All-Ohio Outdoor Championships with a 40:38.63 in the 10,000 meters. **2005:** Ran a season-best 11:27.0 in the 3,000 meters at the Fazoli's Open... seventh in the 5,000 meters (18:53.02) at the Southern Ohio Cup... placed 16th at the Conference USA Outdoor Championships in the 10,000 meters (43:18.31). **Personal:** Born July 26, 1986... daughter of Thomas and Debbie Hannen... also competes on UC's cross country team. **Academic Major:** Mechanical Engineering. **Honors:** BIG EAST Academic All-Star (2005-06)... Topcat Scholar (Spring 2006, Fall 2005, Spring 2005, Winter 2005, Fall 2004)... Conference USA Commissioner's Academic Medal (2004-05)... C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll (2004-05).



RENEE HEIN

SENIOR • JUMPS, THROWS
CINCINNATI, OHIO
MOTHER OF MERCY HS

2006: Competed in the NCAA Outdoor Championships in the high jump for the second straight year, the first UC female track and field athlete to appear twice in the NCAA Championships... won a pair of indoor high jump titles, capturing the Ohio State Invitational (5' 8-1/2") and the Bowling Green Quintangular (5' 7") crowns... placed second at the All-Ohio Indoor Championships with a 5' 7" clearance... finished sixth at the BIG EAST Indoor Championships (5' 7")... finished second at the BIG EAST Outdoor Championships with a 5' 8-3/4" high jump... bettered that mark with a 5' 9-1/2" jump to finish ninth at the NCAA Mid-East Regional Championships... matched personal best with 5' 10-3/4" high jump at Southern Ohio Cup, winning the event... also won the Early Bird Relays title with a 5' 8-3/4" clearance... **2005:** Conference USA indoor high jump champion, setting a school record with a 5' 9-1/4" clearance... won high jump title at five of six indoor meets in which she competed... competed at NCAA Outdoor Championships after placing sixth in high jump (5' 9-1/4") at Mid-East Regional Championships... cleared a personal-best 5' 10-3/4" at the Raleigh Relays, finishing second... placed second at the C-USA Championships (5' 8-3/4")... also placed seventh at C-USA meet with a school-record 130' 6" javelin toss. **2004:** Won Otterbein Invitational high jump (5' 6")... outdoors, won the Miami Invitational and the Southern Ohio Cup high jump titles, leaping 5' 8" and 5' 10", respectively. **Personal:** Born Jan. 6, 1985... daughter of Michael and Marilyn Hein. **Academic Major:** Fine Arts and Photography.

**MONICA HUNDLEY****JUNIOR • HURDLES****FAIRFIELD, OHIO****FAIRFIELD HS**

2006: Qualified for the BIG EAST Indoor Championships in the 60 hurdles and the long jump...ran a personal-best 8.86 in the 60 hurdles in the BIG EAST prelims...finished 19th in the long jump with a 16' 11-1/2" leap...won a pair of 100 hurdles events outdoors: the Southern Ohio Cup (14.53) and the Early Bird Relays (15.14)...qualified for the BIG EAST Outdoor Championships in the 100 hurdles, running a 14.62 in prelims. **2005:** Finished seventh at the All-Ohio Outdoor Championships in the 100 hurdles with a 14.89...ran a season-best 14.84 and took second place in 100 hurdles at Southern Ohio Cup. **Personal:** Born July 30, 1985...daughter of Vickie Willsey and Gary Hundley. **Academic Major:** Marketing. **Honors:** BIG EAST Academic All-Star (2005-06)...Topcat Scholar (...Bearcat Scholar (Winter 2006, Fall 2005, Spring 2005)...C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll (2004-05).

**JAMMIE JACKSON****SENIOR • SPRINTS****CINCINNATI, OHIO****WINTON WOODS HS**

2006: Ran a leg on the eighth-place 4x400 relay team at the BIG EAST Indoor Championships...finished second at the Early Bird Relays in the 400 meters (58.89)...ran a leg on the 4x400 relay team that won the Early Bird Relays (4:02.64) and finished second at the Oliver Nikoloff Invitational (3:50.71). **2005:** Competed in just four meets, all during the outdoor season, due to injury...won the Early Bird Relays 400 meter title with a 58.44...posted a season-best 57.89 in the 400 meter prelims at the Conference USA Championships. **2004:** Finished eighth in the 200 meters at the All-Ohio Indoor Championships (25.81)...placed third at the Southern Ohio Cup, running a season-best 56.53 in the 400 meters. **2003:** Competed during the indoor season...posted the fastest times on the team in 200 meters (25.40) and 400 meters (57.39). **Personal:** Born Nov. 27, 1983...daughter of Nathaniel and Brenda King. **Academic Major:** English. **Honors:** Bearcat Scholar (Fall 2003).

**BETSY JACOBS****SOPHOMORE • MID-DISTANCE****CINCINNATI, OHIO****CINCINNATI COUNTRY DAY/KENT STATE**

Prior to UC: Attended Kent State University and was a member of the Mid-American Conference Champion women's soccer team. **High School:** State qualifier in the mile at Cincinnati Country Day...set league record in mile as a senior...third-place finisher in mile at regional championships...Academic All-Ohio selection as a senior. **Personal:** Born May 23, 1986...daughter of Jeffrey and Bernadette Jacobs. **Academic Major:** Fashion Design.

**BRITTANY KLIMA****BRITTANY KLIMA****JUNIOR • POLE VAULT****OTTOVILLE, OHIO****OTTOVILLE HS**

2006: Set indoor school pole vault record with a 12' 6-1/4" clearance to win the Ohio State Invitational title...placed fifth at BIG EAST Indoor Championships with a 12' 3-1/2" vault...won the Bowling Green Quintangular pole vault crown and finished second at the All-Ohio Indoor Championships with identical 11' 11-3/4" clearances...tied outdoor school pole vault record with 12' 5-1/2" at the Sea Ray Relays, finishing sixth...matched that mark at the BIG EAST Outdoor Championships to finish third...qualified for NCAA Mid-East Regional Championships...won Oliver Nikoloff Invitational pole vault title (11' 11-3/4"). **2005:** Finished ninth at Conference USA Indoor Championships with an 11' 5-3/4" pole vault...finished second at the Fazoli's Open with a season-best 5' 5" high jump...set outdoor school pole vault record, clearing 11' 11-3/4" at the Miami Invitational to finish third...was fourth at the All-Ohio Outdoor Championships with an 11' 9-3/4" vault...placed fifth at C-USA Outdoor Championships, (11' 5-3/4")...posted a season-best high jump of 5' 3-3/4" at All-Ohio Outdoor Championships, finishing eighth. **Personal:** Born Dec. 4, 1985...daughter of Bob and Saundra Klima. **Academic Major:** Advanced Medical Imaging Technology. **Honors:** BIG EAST Academic All-Star (2005-06)...Topcat Scholar (Spring 2006, Fall 2005, Spring 2005, Winter 2005, Fall 2004)...Bearcat Scholar (Winter 2006)...Conference USA Commissioner's Academic Medal (2004-05)...Conference USA Commissioner's Honor Roll (2004-05).

**LISA KLOTZ****SOPHOMORE • THROWS****CINCINNATI, OHIO****COLERAIN HS**

2006: Competed during the indoor season only, due to an injury prior to outdoor season...UC's top performer in the shot put and weight throw...posted a personal-best 45' 3" shot put at the Hoosier Relays...finished 15th at the BIG EAST Indoor Championships with a 41' 5-3/4" put...had personal-best 46' 11-3/4" weight throw at the Hoosier Relays. **Personal:** Born March 18, 1987...daughter of UC graduates Dennis and Carol Klotz. **Academic Major:** Education.



MEGAN KNAPP

SOPHOMORE • DISTANCE
SHELBY, OHIO
SHELBY HS

2006: UC's top performer in the 3,000 meters...posted a personal-best 10:14.18 at the Hoosier Relays, finishing seventh...also finished seventh at the All-Ohio Indoor Championships with a 10:27.35...qualified for the BIG EAST Outdoor Championships in the 5,000 meters, finishing 11th in a personal-best 17:40.85...finished second twice (18:11.58 at Southern Ohio Cup, 18:15.11 at the All-Ohio Outdoor Championships)...posted a pair of third-place finishes as well, finishing in 7:46.80 at the Early Bird Relays and 18:14.98 at the Oliver Nikoloff Invitational. **Personal:** Born Aug. 2, 1987...daughter of Larry and DeeDee Knapp...also competes on UC's cross country team. **Academic Major:** Dietetics. **Honors:** BIG EAST Academic All-Star (2005-06)...Topcat Scholar (Winter 2006)...Bearcat Scholar (Fall 2005).



NICHOLE LESLIE

JUNIOR • DISTANCE
HURON, OHIO
PERKINS HS

2006: Did not compete during indoor season due to injury...finished second in the 3,000 steeplechase at the Oliver Nikoloff Invitational with a personal-best 11:33.19...finished third in the event at the Southern Ohio Cup (11:50.89) and fifth at the All-Ohio Outdoor Championships (11:45.31). **2005:** Ran a season-best 5:26.44 in the mile at the Bowling Green Quadrangular, finishing sixth...shaved over 20 seconds off previous best 3,000 steeplechase time, posting an 11:41.88 to finish 11th at Conference USA Outdoor Championships...was a third-place finisher in the event at the Southern Ohio Cup (12:02.25). **Personal:** Born July 23, 1985...daughter of Paul and Debbie Leslie...also competes on UC's cross country team. **Academic Major:** Health Sciences. **Honors:** BIG EAST Academic All-Star (2005-06)...Topcat Scholar (Spring 2006, Fall 2005, Winter 2005, Fall 2004)...Bearcat Scholar (Winter 2006, Spring 2005)...Conference USA Commissioner's Academic Medal (2004-05)...C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll (2004-05).



TARA MEIER

SENIOR • POLE VAULT
CINCINNATI, OHIO
COLERAIN HS

2006: Tied a personal best at the All-Ohio Indoor Championships with an 11' 11-3/4" clearance, placing third...finished seventh at the BIG EAST Indoor Championships with an 11' 9-3/4" vault...tied school outdoor record with a 12' 5-1/2" vault at All-Ohio Outdoor Championships...qualified for NCAA Mid-East Regionals, finishing 18th with a 12' 0" clearance...finished eighth at BIG EAST Outdoor Championships with 11' 11-3/4" vault. **2005:** Set indoor school record in pole vault (11' 11-3/4") at Conference USA Championships to finish fifth...won the pole vault crown at the Hoosier Classic (11' 5-3/4")...missed outdoor season due to injury. **2004:** Recorded a team-best indoor pole vault of 10' 11-3/4" at the C-USA Championships, good for ninth place...outdoors, finished third at the Southern Ohio Cup with a season-best 11' 0" vault. **Personal:** Born Feb. 8, 1985...daughter of Roy and Sue Meier. **Academic Major:** Communications. **Honors:** BIG EAST Academic All-Star (2005-06)...Topcat Scholar (Spring 2006, Winter 2006, Fall 2005, Spring 2005, Winter 2005, Fall 2004, Spring 2004, Winter 2004, Fall 2003)...C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll (2004-05, 2003-04).



IJE OBIORAH

JUNIOR • JUMPS
TOPEKA, KAN.
WASHBURN RURAL HS

2006: Won the long jump at the Ohio State Invitational with a personal-best 18' 6-1/2"...also set a personal-best with a 36' 2-3/4" triple jump at the Ohio State Invitational...set outdoor personal record with 18' 10-3/4" long jump at BIG EAST Championships, finishing seventh...won the Early Bird Relays long jump title with a 17' 5-1/4" jump...finished fourth at All-Ohio Outdoor Championships with an 18' 2-1/4" leap...finished third in triple jump at All-Ohio Outdoor Championships with a personal-best 36' 7-3/4". **2005:** Posted a season-best 18' 3" long jump at the All-Ohio Indoor Championships, good for fifth place...finished fourth at the Scarlet & Gray Invitational with a season-best 35' 10-3/4" triple jump...was a ninth-place finisher in the triple jump at the All-Ohio Championships (35' 8")...finished fifth in the long jump at the All-Ohio Outdoor Championships (17' 9-1/2")...posted a season-best 18' 2-1/4" long jump at the Oliver Nikoloff Invitational, placing third...triple jumped a personal-best 35' 10-3/4" to finish fifth at the Early Bird Relays. **Personal:** Born Jan. 30, 1986...daughter of Nneka Obiorah. **Academic Major:** Business. **Honors:** Topcat Scholar (Fall 2004)...Bearcat Scholar (Winter 2006)...Conference USA Commissioner's Honor Roll (2004-05).



TARA MEIER

**DENALE SPEAKMAN**

SOPHOMORE • SPRINTS
CHILLICOTHE, OHIO
UNION-SCIOTO HS

2006: Had best indoor meet at Hoosier Relays, setting personal bests in the 200 (25.92) and 400 meters (58.59) . . . led off 4x400 relay at BIG EAST Indoor Championships, finishing eighth in a season-best 3:51.20 . . . ran in both 4x100 (47.42) and 4x400 relays (3:45.10) at BIG EAST Outdoor Championships, placing sixth in each. **Personal:** Born April 12, 1987 . . . daughter of Blaine Speakman and Dianna Hay. **Academic Major:** Business Marketing. **Honors:** Bearcat Scholar (Winter 2006, Fall 2005).

**EMILY TAYLOR**

FRESHMAN • THROWS
BELLAIRE, OHIO
BELLAIRE HS

High School: Four-time league champion in the shot put at Bellaire High School . . . two-time conference champ in discus . . . runner-up in shot put at state championships as a senior . . . holds school records in shot put and discus . . . four-year all-district performer. **Personal:** Born Jan. 25, 1988 . . . daughter of Donald and Kathleen Taylor . . . cousin Ben Taylor is a linebacker with the Green Bay Packers. **Academic Major:** Secondary Education.

**SHARIKA THOMPSON**

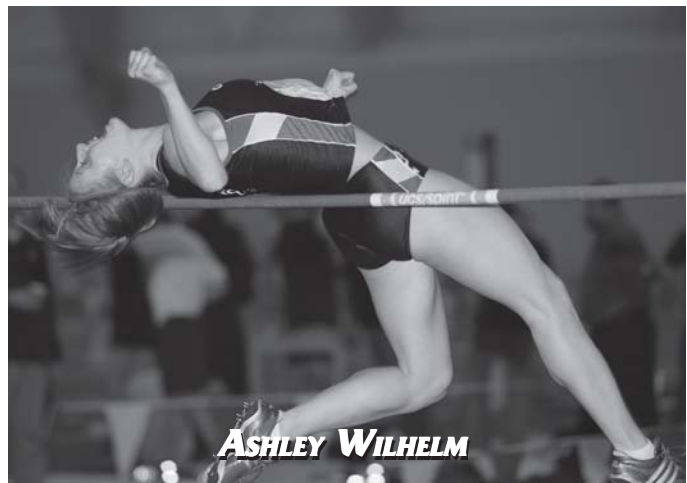
FRESHMAN • HURDLES
LA MESA, CALIF.
HELIx HS

High School: Two-time state qualifier in 100 and 300 hurdles at Helix High School . . . three-time league champion in 100 and 300 hurdles . . . 2006 sectional runner-up in 100 hurdles and champion in 300 hurdles as a senior . . . sectional champion in 100 and 300 hurdles as a junior . . . also earned three letters in basketball. **Personal:** Born July 22, 1988 . . . daughter of Derrick and Sharon Thompson. **Academic Major:** Pre-Nursing.

**ASHLEY WILHELM**

SENIOR • MULTI
ST. LEON, IND.
EAST CENTRAL HS

2006: Twice broke her own school record in the pentathlon . . . set the mark in winning the pentathlon title at the Indiana Open (3733) . . . improved the record with a 3788 at the BIG EAST Indoor Championships, finishing second . . . set school record in 60 meter hurdles with 8.74 during pentathlon at BIG EAST Championships . . . placed fourth in the long jump (18' 7") at the BIG EAST Indoor Championships . . . also finished ninth in the pole vault (11' 9-3/4") and 17th in the high jump (5' 1") . . . reshifted outdoor season. **2005:** Set school records in both the pentathlon and heptathlon . . . finished fourth in the pentathlon at the Conference USA Indoor Championships, posting a 3,567 . . . won the event at the Akron Open with a 3,552 . . . finished second at C-USA Outdoor Championships with a school-record 5,223, provisionally qualifying for the NCAA Championships . . . was All-Ohio outdoor heptathlon champion with a 5,137 . . . won long jump titles at both the Oliver Nikoloff Invitational (18' 11-3/4") and the Early Bird Relays (18' 7-3/4"). **2004:** Finished fifth in the pentathlon at the C-USA Indoor Championships . . . was a second-place finisher in the heptathlon at the outdoor championships . . . notched squad's top marks in the triple jump (36' 9-1/2"), long jump (19' 5-1/2"), and heptathlon (4,982). **2003:** Set UC record in outdoor long jump at the Bearcat Classic finishing first with a leap of 19' 9-1/2" . . . posted NCAA Regional qualifying mark of 19' 6-3/4" at the prestigious Penn Relays, finishing 10th . . . was sixth at the C-USA meet (18' 6") and the All-Ohio (18' 3") . . . was All-Ohio Champion in heptathlon with 4,927 points . . . finished third at C-USA with 4,924 points . . . placed 12th in the conference in high jump, clearing 5' 3" . . . earned first place finish in the 100 meters in 12.50 . . . also contributed in hurdles and javelin. **Personal:** Born Feb. 17, 1984 . . . daughter of Ron and Cheryl Wilhelm. **Academic Major:** Secondary Education. **Honors:** BIG EAST Academic All-Star (2005-06) . . . Topcat Scholar (Spring 2006, Winter 2006, Fall 2006, Spring 2005, Winter 2005, Spring 2004, Winter 2004, Fall 2003, Spring 2003) . . . Conference USA Commissioner's Academic Medal (2004-05) . . . C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll (2004-05, 2003-04, 2002-03).

**ASHLEY WILHELM**



BEARCATS COMPETITIVE IN FIRST BIG EAST CAMPAIGN

The 2006 Cincinnati track and field teams made the transition to the BIG EAST Conference in 2006 and immediately proved that they belong. The men's squad proved it belonged with a fifth-place finish at the BIG EAST Championships, while the women's team learned first-hand that the new conference is one of the best and deepest in the nation.

BIG EAST CHAMPS

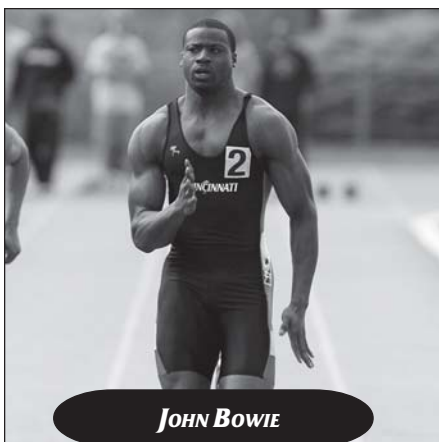
John Bowie won UC's first-ever individual BIG EAST Championship, capturing the 100 meter title in just his fourth race of the season. A cornerback on the UC football team, Bowie also had a hand in the Bearcats' other conference crown. He ran the anchor leg for the 4x100 relay squad, teaming with Justin Conway, Cedric Powell and Bob Kandell for the title.

ACADEMIC HONORS POUR IN

Junior high jumper Andrew Smith and senior distance runner Karen Berling were named to the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Academic All-District second team in 2006.

Berling also was named the UC BIG EAST/Aeropostale Scholar-Athlete of the Year and awarded a \$2,000 postgraduate scholarship.

Senior middle distance runner Jake Richards was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest and largest academic honors society.



JOHN BOWIE

2006 BIG EAST CHAMPIONSHIPS

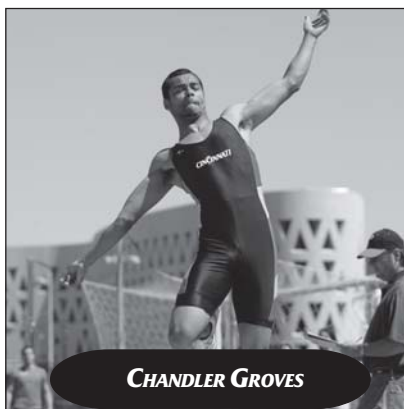
The men's team finished fifth in its first BIG EAST Championships. The women's team finished 14th at the Indoor Championships and 13th outdoors. John Bowie won the 100 meter dash crown and helped the 4x100 relay team to a title. Ashley Wilhelm finished second in the indoor pentathlon and Renee Hein was second in the outdoor high jump. Sixteen student-athletes earned All-BIG EAST Honors, including five first-team mentions.

HEIN OF THE TIMES

Junior Renee Hein placed second in the high jump at the BIG EAST Outdoor Championships and qualified for the regional meet for the third time in her career. The school record-holder in the indoor high jump, Hein is second in UC history in the outdoor jump. She competed in the NCAA Championships for the second straight season.

PAIR REPRESENTS UC AT NAAs

Chandler Groves and Renee Hein competed at the NCAA Championships in Sacramento, Calif. in 2006. Groves automatically qualified in the long jump after finishing fifth at the Mid-East Regional Championships. Hein made her second straight NCAA appearance as an at-large selection in the high jump. She finished 19th in the country and second at the BIG EAST Championships.



CHANDLER GROVES

School Records Set in 2006

Indoor

- Brittany Klima, Pole Vault 12' 6-1/4"
- Ashley Wilhelm, Pentathlon 3,788

Outdoor

- Brittany Klima, Pole Vault 12' 5-1/2"
- Tara Meier, Pole Vault 12' 5-1/2"
- Shintara Carpenter, Triple Jump 40' 4-1/4"
- Men's 4x100 40.08
(Conway, Powell, Kandell, Bowie)

ALL-BIG EAST HONORS

Men

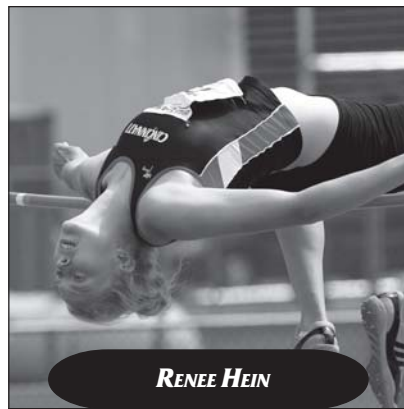
- Jerod Batt 4x400 relay
- John Bowie 100*, 200, 4x100 relay*
- Justin Conway 4x100 relay*
- Antione Drakeford 4x400 relay
- Chandler Groves Long Jump
- Lonnie Irving 4x400 relay
- Bob Kandell 4x100 relay*, 4x400 relay
- Cedric Powell 200, 400, 4x100 relay*

Women

- Ashley Wilhelm (Indoor) Pentathlon
- Renee Hein High Jump
- Brittany Klima Pole Vault

4 x DOMINATION

UC's men's 4x100 relay team proved to be tough to beat in 2006. The team of Justin Conway, Cedric Powell, Bob Kandell and John Bowie set a school record with a 40.08 at the Mid-East Regional Championships. The Bearcats won six 4x100 titles during the season and finished outside of the top spot just twice.



RENEE HEIN