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WELCOME FROM ATHLETICS DIRECTOR



DAN GUERRERO

It seems like yesterday that our student-athletes, donning cap and gown, were walking across the stage in Pauley Pavilion to receive their UCLA diplomas. I addressed the crowd that had gathered to celebrate this milestone, and our coaches and administrators cheered from the stage as each of these young men and women — all of whom we had watched literally grow up before our eyes — officially took the next step in their lives. And to cap off the night, our MC/Associate Director of Academic and Student Services, Ric Coy, once again told the parable of the mayonnaise jar and two beers (if you don't know it by now, check out the graduation ceremony video on uclabruins.com, you'll love it!).

Graduation marks the unofficial start to summer for the athletics department. Yet as I write you today, summer is nearly in the rear view mirror. Time flies. One day your little daughter is bouncing on your knee, the next day you're walking her down the aisle. One day you're combing your hair, the next day you're wondering where it all went. And one day you're embarking upon a journey with a colleague, the next day she's retiring.

This summer, my colleague of more than two decades, Petrina Long, our Executive Associate Athletic Director/Senior Women's Administrator, officially retired. A revered member of our campus community, her decades-long commitment to the student-athlete won her UCLA's prestigious Administrative Management Group Distinguished Career Award this past July. But to really tell her story right, allow me to start at the beginning.

Having recently been tabbed as UC Irvine's Athletics Director, I was in the process of making one of the most important hires of my career. At the time, Petrina was working back east at Columbia University in the Ivy League. A prestigious job to be sure, I learned through the grapevine, however, that she was actually looking to return home to Southern California. So we set up an interview.

I remember the meeting like it was yesterday. In spite of the fact that it was hot, mid-80s I'd say, Petrina showed up in a blue wool business suit, and she was baking. On top of that, she was quite sick with both the flu and a cold. I'm not sure if it was the heat or her array of maladies, but her complexion floated somewhere between the red of a tomato and the red of a mid-life crisis sports car. By the time the interview was over, she had literally gone through an entire box of Kleenex ... and they were spread out all over the conference table in front of me. Her nose was raw and her eyes were tearing so much that she couldn't even see me.

When the interview was over, we joke now, she said to herself, "There is absolutely no way I'm getting this job." It is one of the few times in her career that Petrina was dead wrong. Petrina was, in fact, exactly who I needed.

The challenge at UC Irvine around that time, with the school recently having dropped sports — most notably baseball, tearing its budget completely apart and watching both donors and student-athletes jump ship left and right, was close to insurmountable. I knew I was going to have to hire someone who could go through the fire with me, and Petrina, battling through that interview, showed me exactly what I needed to see.

The irony, of course, is that after all of these years, we have never really been out of the fire. It comes with the territory. The only way out is quite literally to retire — which, wouldn't you know, Petrina also figured out. In a stroke of further irony, retirement is actually the most un-Petrina-like thing she has ever done.

You see, Petrina likes a good battle. Selfishly, I'd always thought in the back of my mind that after that final battle, we'd ride off into the sunset together. Alas — and Petrina knows this — I still have some hills to climb. As in all lines of work, and collegiate athletics is no different, there's always another hill to climb. I often cite a story from Greek mythology about a man destined his entire life to roll a boulder up the mountain, only to see it roll back before he reaches the top. I tell this to my staff, not to dwell on the disappointment of being unable to reach the summit, but to truly enjoy the beauty of the chase and the journey. Unlike this story of Sisyphus, in real life, the chase really can get you to your destination, be it a national championship, a student graduating or a life touched through the experience of sport.

The journey that Petrina and I have been on together has lasted longer than several of our athletics department co-workers have been alive, and I wouldn't trade it for the world. As a matter of fact, not many of us would, especially the countless student-athletes whose lives have been touched by her relentless advocacy on their behalf.

Greatly admired, her impact on our profession has been profound — a national leader in her field at the conference and NCAA levels, always willing to serve, always willing to make life better for our student-athletes and coaches — she is valued both professionally and personally by so many of her colleagues. She has constantly been sought after as a mentor and has played the role with a generosity of spirit, sincerity, level of expertise and caring unmatched in this profession.

Over the years, I've entrusted a great deal to Petrina, not only because she's bright and talented, but because she values excellence and knows what it looks like. Managing expectations, especially at UCLA, is perhaps the toughest thing we do — not just because our fans' expectations are sky high, but because our own expectations are as well. Petrina, though, has never shied away from the challenge, never shied away from the crisis, never shied away from finding the solution, never shied away from the fire.

But so it goes. It's time for Petrina to step out of the fire. Our loss at UCLA is her wonderful family's gain. Gone are the long hours and tough decisions; the catching connecting flights and consoling a crying student-athlete. They've now been replaced by days on the beach and trips to far-off lands; more time with her lovely daughter, Samantha, who I can still remember running wild around the Bren Center as a little girl, as well as with her husband, Sam, one of the classiest men I have ever met.

While there will indeed be sad days ahead for me without her in the office next door, I know she has counseled the department's "new generation" and left it in extremely capable hands. And although it goes without saying, I'll say it anyways: I would not be where I am in my career today without Petrina Long.

On behalf of my wife, Anne Marie, my two daughters, the entire UCLA Athletics Department and Bruins everywhere who may not have otherwise been aware of your selfless dedication to our program and its student-athletes, thank you, Petrina.

Go Bruins!

Dan Guerrero

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Sept 2	Penn State	8:00 PM
Sept 9	North Carolina	7:00 PM
Sept 11	San Diego	5:00 PM
Sept 18	Long Beach State	6:00 PM
Sept 22	Arizona State	7:00 PM
Oct 6	California	7:00 PM
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MEN'S SOCCER

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (PT)
Aug 26	Maryland *at Stubhub Center*	7:00 PM
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2016 IS THE YEAR OF REDEMPTION FOR **EDDIE VANDERDOES, FABIAN MOREAU**

By Chris Foster



EDDIE VANDERDOES & FABIAN MOREAU RETURN TO ACTIVE STATUS AFTER REHABILITATING FROM INJURIES IN 2015. THEY ARE WELCOMED LEADERS TO THIS YEAR'S BRUINS SQUAD.



LIKE MOREAU, **EDDIE VANDERDOES** IS ON THE WATCH LIST FOR THE NAGURSKI TROPHY, AND HAS ALSO EARNED EARLY CONSIDERATION FOR THE OUTLAND TROPHY, GIVEN TO THE NATION'S BEST INTERIOR LINEMAN. (PHOTO: KATIE MEYERS)

UCLA defensive tackle Eddie Vanderdoes tried to relax on his bed one week into the 2015 season. But the apartment walls were closing in.

Days before, Vanderdoes tore the Anterior Cruciate Ligament (ACL) in his left knee in the opener against Virginia. Now the Bruins were headed off for their second game against UNLV, leaving Vanderdoes behind.

"It was real dark in my room and I didn't have cable so I wasn't going to be able to watch the game," Vanderdoes remembered. "I was so lonely. I went to the airport, bought myself a ticket an hour before the flight and flew home. As I watched the game I kept thinking, 'This is not the lifestyle I want to live.'"

A week later, cornerback Fabian Moreau had a similar epiphany.

Moreau suffered a Lisfranc injury in his left foot and, like Vanderdoes, was done for the season. He flew home to Florida after having surgery to repair two tendons and watched UCLA play Arizona.

"It's hard being away from the team, being on the outskirts and just watching," Moreau said. "I was watching the game with my parents and just realized that I had to stay around the team. It was important to have that connection."

Vanderdoes and Moreau have risen from those depths and are both giving the Bruins a bonus season.

Moreau, a fifth-year senior, would certainly be in the NFL this season and Vanderdoes would have likely declared for the NFL draft after playing his junior season in 2015. Having them back is akin to the Bruins trading for two remarkable talents — only without giving anything up in return.

"It comes down to two words: leadership and experience," UCLA defensive coordinator Tom Bradley said. "I like it when guys like them are in front of me playing rather than standing behind me on the sidelines."

Making that journey from sideline spectator to on-field talents was not a simple task. Vanderdoes and Moreau have behind them a year of pain and recovery, followed by a daily grind that didn't always offer progress.

The two have emerged from that tunnel with purpose.

"I needed to go through this to make me a better man," Vanderdoes said. "This was my first test in manhood. Was I going to rise up or fall down? The whole process was going to show what kind of person I was going to be."

Vanderdoes might as well have "big lug" as a middle name. His 6-foot-3, 305-pound body can cause chaos on the field, yet he also lugs around an easy-going, almost whimsical personality. Last November, he tried to convince a reporter that he'd return in time for the bowl game, saying, "Go ask coach."

Coach Jim Mora, when approached, chuckled and said, "Eddie's crazy."

The Vanderdoes package, personality and all, was sorely missed by the Bruins a year ago.

Late in the second quarter during the season opener, Vanderdoes zeroed in on Virginia quarterback Matt Johns, then pulled up to avoid a roughing the passer penalty. The pop in his knee was so loud that Vanderdoes said Johns asked him, "You good man?"

He wasn't.

"It didn't hurt bad, but it hurt when I put pressure on it," said Vanderdoes, who was named an honorable mention All-Pac-12 selection as a freshman in 2014. "It would snap in real quick, then snap back."

After giving it a go in the third quarter, Vanderdoes got confirmation that something wasn't right when he hoisted his buddy, nose tackle Kenneth Clark, who had just caught a touchdown pass, and subsequently collapsed to the turf in the Rose Bowl end zone.

His season was over.

It was the harbinger for the struggles UCLA's defense went through during the 2015 season. The Bruins entered the fall with a depth chart and finished it with a triage list. They lost linebacker Myles Jack for the season. Linebacker Jayon Brown, linebacker Isaako Savaiinaea, linebacker Deon Hollins and cornerback John Johnson missed games. Many others played through injuries.

"It got to the point where it was, 'Well, who's going to play today?'" Vanderdoes said.

Moreau, a serious, introspective young man with a brash smile, joined the injury list in the third week. He had made the transition from running back/receiver as a freshman in 2012 and took to the new position.



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FABIAN MOREAU IS ON THE 2016 WATCH LIST FOR THE BRONKO NAGURSKI TROPHY, AN ANNUAL AWARD GIVEN TO THE NATION'S BEST DEFENSIVE PLAYER. (PHOTO: KATIE MEYERS)

"I lost all that running back memory. I'm a cornerback and loving it," he said.

Moreau started 25 of 26 games as a sophomore and junior. He earned second-team All-Pac-12 honors as a junior and was honorable mention All-Pac-12 as a sophomore.

His NFL future was on the horizon when he planted his foot and slipped during UCLA's victory over Brigham Young.

"I felt it snap," Moreau said. "I didn't think it was bad. I came back and played on the last drive and realized something was very wrong."

X-rays confirmed the foot injury and Moreau faced surgery.

The Bruins' defense, which had nine returning starters when the season began, was decimated. Bradley, using spit-and-baling-wire, patched together a defense weekly, but the team struggled, particularly against the run.

Vanderdoes and Jack left holes difficult to fill up front. Vanderdoes had eight tackles against Virginia, even though he played only a little more than two quarters. Jack was taken in the second round of the NFL draft by the Jacksonville Jaguars.

Losing Moreau robbed UCLA of a lock-down cornerback, whose 6-0, 200-pound body could smother receivers and challenge running backs in the open field.

"It's very hard when you lose three levels of defense," Bradley said. "The positive thing was we were able to get other players some experience and now we get Eddie and Fabian back."

Moreau hobbled around campus in a walking boot after his surgery. It was the start of a long road to recovery. He had displaced two metatarsals in his foot and the recovery time ranged from three-to-five months.

"The rehabilitation process can be very frustrating to an athlete if they do not possess the right mindset," said Sal Alosi, UCLA's strength and conditioning coordinator. "This can be devastating to their mental health as they try to process what has just happened and what the next step should be."

Moreau focused his mindset on the team after his surgery. He was a regular in defensive meetings. He spent hours with coaches and teammates watching film.

Bradley said that Moreau "sat back and looked at the game from a different perspective. He understands the game better. He didn't waste his time off."

That, to Moreau, was therapeutic.

"Mentally, I didn't feel like I was hurt," Moreau said. "I still had something to prove and had to show my teammates I was still with them."

Yet, Moreau was also on a solo journey. He spent time at home in Florida, where his parents, Berg and Guerly, offered support. His girlfriend, Brittany Loomis, was at his elbow throughout.

But the work was on him.

"I'm real big in my faith and relied on God," Moreau said. "Going to church every Sunday, hearing the messages and applying them to my life and my rehab helped me a lot."

Mental and spiritual workouts were important. But sweat was involved, a lot of it.

Vanderdoes was facing a nine-to-12-month recovery period and admitted that, "At first I thought I was going to be fine. I'd work hard and have a great comeback."

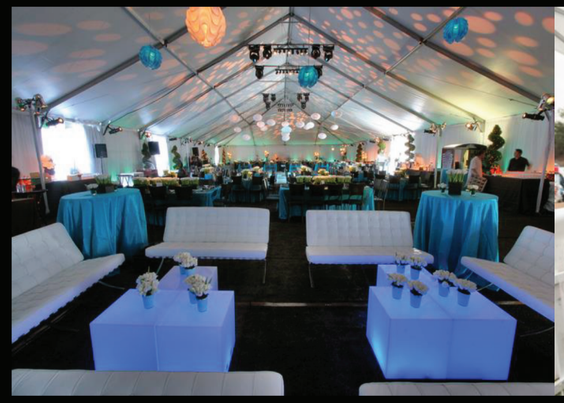
That led to reality. And the reality of rehabilitation is: "It stinks," Vanderdoes said. The public face, Vanderdoes said, portrayed an "I got this" attitude. But inside, he said, "It's not that easy."

That was clear immediately after the surgery when, "You lie there and just look at the ceiling every day," Vanderdoes said.

What helped Vanderdoes was having an advisor in UCLA linebacker Kene Orjioke, who had been through the same ordeal in 2014. Orjioke mapped out a bumpy road but the destination would be worth it.

"He said there were going to be days where I felt like crying and days

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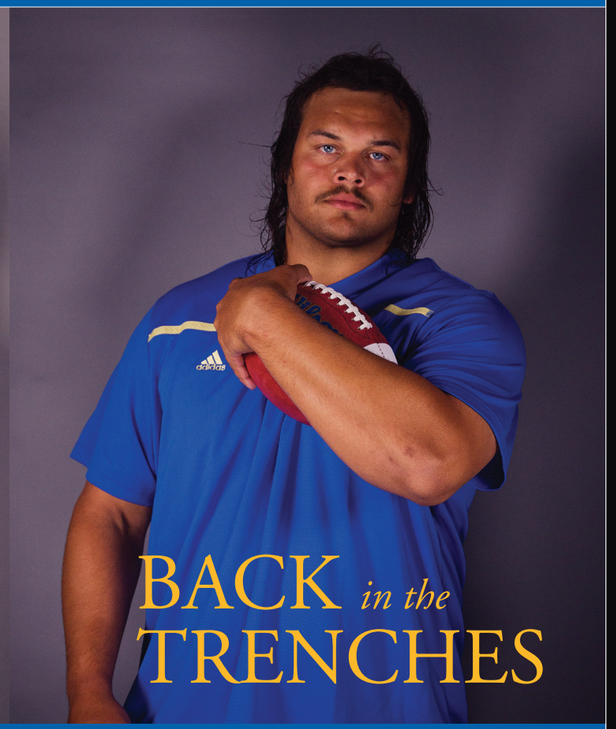
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where I would feel great," Vanderdoes said. "He wanted me to be prepared and to come to him if there was anything I needed."

Mora has seen many athletes battle back from injuries. It's something he says is "the unfortunate part of sports."

From those moments comes a re-dedication.

"What I've seen when football gets taken away is guys come back with a real appreciation for the opportunity they have to play the game," Mora said. "They are more motivated. That was the case with Eddie and Fabian."

When their routine changed from recovery to rehabilitation, Moreau and Vanderdoes dug in. Every day they went through a series of workouts designed to strengthen the injured areas and improve conditioning.

Alosi and UCLA's medical staff created short-term, as well as long-term, objectives to give a sense of progress. It was tedious work.

"The lunges were the worst," Vanderdoes said. "Well, lunges and riding bikes every day.Some days you felt good, you felt on track, you felt ahead of schedule. The next day you're like, 'Dang, am I ever going to come back? Am I ever going to be what I used to be?'"

The key, Moreau said, "Is patience and knowing the smaller improvements will lead to bigger improvements."

The patience paid off.

Moreau was cleared to run in April, a week after spring ball. Another week went by and he was convinced that everything was fine.

"We were running every day and the foot got stronger," Moreau said. "We have some fast guys on this team and after that first week, I was keeping up with them. Everything felt good."

In July, Moreau ran a 4.39 40-yard dash during a workout for NFL scouts. It was the payoff for the many days when things did not feel good.

Vanderdoes was also cleared after spring practice.

"It sounds like a cliché, something everybody says coming back from an ACL injury, but I feel better than before," Vanderdoes said. "This is the strongest I have felt in the weight room."

A video posted by Alosi in July proved that, as Vanderdoes did a 418-pound hang clean lift.

"Eddie and Fabian were diligent throughout all of that," Mora said. "I can't remember getting a less-than-stellar report on these guys."

The payoff is on the field.

UCLA returned seven defensive players who started at least eight games last season. Moreau and Vanderdoes bring the number to nine and increase the talent level significantly.

Vanderdoes is on the watch list for the Outland Trophy, given to the player voted as the nation's best interior lineman, and the Nagurski Trophy, given to the player judged to be the nation's best defensively.

"He is a lot of beef in the middle," Mora said. But Vanderdoes is more than an incredible bulk to the team. His nimbleness has been on display when used on offense in goal line situations. He has not only been used as a ball carrier, but has caught passes and — as a former baseball player — thrown passes.

"He brings all kinds of skill sets to the team," Mora said.

Moreau is on the Nagurski Trophy watch list.

"He has those long arms and athletic arrogance," Mora said. "The hardest part about playing cornerback is looking back and making plays down field. Fabian works hard at finishing plays."

A year after having football taken away, Moreau and Vanderdoes both say they have come home. Those fall Saturdays can't come soon enough.

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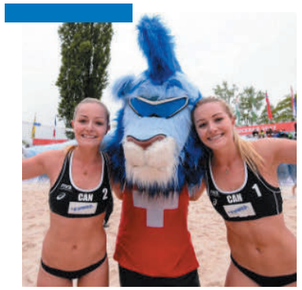
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FOR FORMER WALK-ON **ANNIE ALVARADO,** LOSING IS NOT AN OPTION.

By Michael Ventre

Annie Alvarado's assessment of her athletic career is represented in one utterance:

"I think I came out of the womb a competitor."

The most noteworthy aspect of that comment is that she isn't all that much larger today than when she emerged into the world ready to kick butt in the maternity ward. Pity those other newborns.

Her family nickname is "Atom Bomb." That's because when she was a youngster she had a tendency to explode.

"I just always liked to be good at everything I did," she said. "If I wasn't really good I could get angry. Really angry."

It was enough of an issue that she talked to a professional.

"I definitely learned to deal with it and control my emotions," she confessed. "I actually talked to a sports psychologist to help with the mental side. The difference between high school and college is 100 percent mental. The speed of play is different. But after that it's all the mental side. That's what I tell players coming in, be prepared for the mental battle."

Alvarado continues to wreak havoc on the children of her generation, mostly on the soccer field. When she came to UCLA she was all of 5-foot-4 and 90 pounds, yet she assailed the competition like some "Game of Thrones" beast. And UCLA was happy to have her.

Alvarado arrived in Westwood as a tiny unrecruited walk-on. Now she stands 5-7 and is about to start her second year as co-captain of the UCLA women's soccer team.

Being a relative pipsqueak sometimes has the effect of producing giants.

"The size thing I think led me into different areas to be better than all the others," she said. "I worked harder so my size wouldn't be a disadvantage. I think I've always been competitive — literally in every aspect of my life."

The road to get where she is now is paved blue and gold, although she didn't recognize that initially.

Alvarado's grandfather was a football player for the Bruins. Her sister was on the Spirit Squad. Her mom and dad went to UCLA. She attended lots of UCLA football games growing up.

She was born a Bruin, yet for a brief period at Corona del Mar High School, when she was deciding on colleges, she seriously pondered the existence of other schools in the universe besides UCLA.

"When I was being recruited," explained Alvarado, who led her high school team to a No. 1 national ranking for several weeks in 2012, "I tried to convince myself to maybe do something different and try my own path. But when it came down to making a decision, I didn't want to go to any other school. UCLA is not only the best place in the world, but it's also my favorite school."

A lot of people told her that she wouldn't make it at UCLA because she was too small. Those people probably didn't know her very well.

As a freshman in 2013, she helped UCLA win its first national title in women's soccer. She didn't exactly lead the way, but she helped, which is saying something for a determined and fit, yet undersized, midfielder. As



(Photo: Don Liebig)

a freshman, she averaged 22 minutes in the 20 games she played and was chosen as one of the 10 players to take penalty kicks in the NCAA semifinal, although the Bruins won before her turn came up.

"After my freshman year we were returning nearly all of our starters except one," she recalled. "I knew that one person played the position I played. I went into a meeting with the coaches and said, 'Look, I want that spot. I will work hard this summer and I want that spot.' They told me to work on my defensive positioning."

Instead, she worked at everything. That's what she does.

"I came into my sophomore year extremely fit, which is a tribute to the athletic performance team here," she explained. "They enabled me to reach a whole new level. It all helped a lot with my confidence. It helps to play with such great players. Every single day you're being pushed by the best players in the country."

Alvarado earned the vacant starting spot she coveted and went on to start 23 of 24 games that year, her only non-start coming on senior day to make way for a senior to start instead.

The highlight of that season for Alvarado was a huge goal she scored late in the game to beat Stanford, 2-1 — her first career goal. She also had an assist on the game-tying goal in that contest.

When much of that group left after Alvarado's sophomore year, the dynamic changed on the team. She was suddenly one of the leaders. In her junior year, she made the leap to captain and finished third on the UCLA team in scoring.

"I knew there was a huge vacuum when they left," she said. "I learned, and I listened. When they left, I used my own way and made sure the team didn't have a fall-off in leadership. Definitely one of the most difficult things to do as a player is to lead. But I also didn't want to force leadership."

She didn't need to force it. It became obvious from her work habits, from the way she dedicated herself to everything she did.



This year she is again a co-captain and is helping to lead the Bruins toward what they hope is a special season. That requires commitment.

"We have workouts every morning at 7," she said. "I have class all day. We'll always play a pickup game on the intramural field. I'm just getting ready for the preseason, which starts soon."

Her attitude toward her team's chances remains the same every year, no matter how many returning veterans there are on the roster: "Every team is championship caliber, because if you're not, what are you playing for? Last year I thought we were championship caliber; we just didn't have the outcome. This year will be a huge learning experience; we've already learned how to do and how not to do certain things. With that behind us, we can only move forward."

She said the Bruins have an "awesome" freshman class this season. "It will be fun to teach and mold them into our culture," Alvarado said. "I expect great things from UCLA Soccer, as I always do."

If she seems like a hard-driving, goal-oriented workaholic, that is accurate. But she's also wise. She knows that sometimes the intensity needs to be dialed down, and that rest is a four-letter word, albeit the good kind.

"One of my faults is pushing too hard," she admitted with a laugh. "You have to learn balance. They emphasize recovery here because if not then you won't be able to perform at a peak level. That's hard for me because I'm used to going hard, hard, hard. I'll take rest when they give it to us. But balance, I've gotten better at it."

When she isn't playing soccer, Alvarado is applying her competitive nature in the classroom. She attained a 4.0 grade-point average in the winter quarter at UCLA, and over a 3.5 last fall.

"I am a political science major," she said. "I'm not entirely sure what I want to do. I took a class in sports management last summer, which was interesting. That led me to an internship with the Lakers; I was a broadcast intern for them. If I can't play sports, I might go into sports in some other area, on the business side or the legal side.

ONCE TOLD SHE WAS TOO SMALL TO PLAY AT UCLA, **ANNIE ALVARADO** NOW PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE BRUINS' QUEST FOR A NATIONAL TITLE IN 2016. (PHOTO: PERCY ANDERSON)

"I finally figured out a balance between soccer and school," she added, chuckling, "and then I threw in an internship. My life was a bit scrambled, but it was all a great experience."

When the native of Newport Beach isn't dashing across the green pitches of Westwood, she's usually running around on the sand chasing a volleyball. "I love beach volleyball," she said. "If I'm not playing soccer, then 100 percent you can find me at the beach."

Chances are you won't find her sitting in a lounge chair in the sand, reading a book. There's nothing competitive about that.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER VS. NORTH CAROLINA — SEPT. 9

National powers collide at Drake Stadium as the 2013 NCAA Champion UCLA women's soccer team hosts perennial power and 21-time NCAA Champion North Carolina. The Bruins return a strong senior class led by team co-captains Annie Alvarado, Darian Jenkins, Gabbi Miranda and Courtney Proctor. Also returning are former U.S. Youth National Team players Amber Munerlyn and Lauren Kaskie. The UCLA-UNC encounter culminates a three-match swing against NCAA Champions for the Bruins, who are also scheduled to host showdowns against Florida (Aug. 28) and Penn State (Sept. 2).

Time: 7 p.m. / Tickets: $8 General Admission ($5 Youth).

FOOTBALL VS. STANFORD — SEPT. 24

In what is predicted to be one of the biggest Pac-12 games of the 2016 football season, UCLA opens up conference play with league rival Stanford at the Rose Bowl on Sept. 24. A recent Pac-12 media poll picked the Bruins and Cardinal to win the Pac-12 South and North Divisions, respectively. UCLA and Stanford boast two of the nation's most high-profile players in Bruin quarterback Josh Rosen, the 2015 *The Sporing News* National Freshman of the Year, and Cardinal running back Christian McCaffrey, who finished second in last year's Heisman Trophy race.

Time: TBA / Tickets: 310-UCLA-Win or uclabruins.com/tickets.





WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL VS. STANFORD — OCT. 21

The UCLA-Stanford rivalry is renewed on Oct. 21 with a conference showdown at Pauley Pavilion. The Bruins, who have reached the NCAA Regional Semifinals two straight seasons, return a talented senior class that features All-Americans Jordan Anderson, Claire Felix and Taylor Formico. UCLA will look to snap a seven-match losing streak to the Cardinal after falling in five sets in Westwood last season.

Time: 7 p.m. / Tickets: $8 General Admission ($5 Youth).

MEN'S SOCCER VS. STANFORD — OCT. 23

The four-time national champion UCLA men's soccer team squares off with the defending national champion Stanford Cardinal on Oct. 23 at Drake Stadium. The Bruins bring back a potent attacking core from last season that includes four 20-plus point scorers, headlined by player of the year candidates Jose Hernandez and Abu Danladi. On the back end, the Bruins retain team captain center back Michael Amick and left back Chase Gasper. The match will prove to be a pivotal late-season test that will likely help determine the winner of the conference crown.

Time: 5 p.m. / Tickets: $8 General Admission ($5 Youth).





MPSF MEN'S WATER POLO CHAMPIONSHIPS — NOV. 18-20

The two-time defending NCAA Champion UCLA men's water polo team will host the annual Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF) Championships from Nov. 18-20 at the Spieker Aquatics Center. UCLA will be joined in the event by traditional powers USC, Cal and Stanford. Penn State Behrend, which recently joined the conference, will also be competing in the tournament. The Bruins are the defending MPSF Champions, winning the event at USC in 2015 en route to a perfect 30-0 record.

Time: TBA / Tickets: 310-UCLA-Win.

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UNDERSIZED BY WATER POLO STANDARDS, **GARRETT DANNER** IS THE NATION'S BEST GOALKEEPER



GARRETT DANNER TOOK HOME THE PETER J. CUTINO AWARD AS THE NATION'S BEST COLLEGIATE WATER POLO PLAYER IN 2015. (PHOTOS: DON LIEBIG)

By Michael Ventre

Usually a goalie in water polo stands anywhere between 6-feet-10 and 7-feet tall, in his bare feet. Sometimes they're even taller, like eight or nine feet, or even more. At least it seems that way.

The goalie in water polo traditionally is the "How's the air up there?" guy. The sport figured somewhere along its evolution that a tall goalie is an effective goalie, one who stands so imposingly in front of the goal mouth that the only way to get the ball past the giant is to lure him away with promises of fair maidens and unlimited mutton.

So you can understand Garrett Danner's dilemma. The goalie for the UCLA men's water polo team stands a mere 6-foot-1. If you walk around on campus and you're 6-foot-1, you can hold your own in the height department with the rest of the student body. But when you're the best goalie in NCAA collegiate water polo and your hope is to make an Olympic team ... that's a tall order.

Danner was not in Rio representing his country this summer and many believe it was due to his height.

"We know that's the case," UCLA men's water polo coach Adam Wright said. "I was told by the national team coach (Dejan Udovicic of Serbia) that although Garrett is the best goalie in the country, in his philosophy of the game he only likes long and tall goalies. That's why Garrett was not there. It's a shame, because he is the best in the country. In reality, everybody knows that."

What makes that scenario seem even more insane is the fact that back in June, Danner was handed the 2015 Cutino Award, which goes to the most outstanding male and female water polo players in the U.S. college ranks, as voted on by Division I coaches. Danner became only the second Bruin to win the award; UCLA's Sean Kern won it twice, in 1998 and 1999.

"For me that's a great honor to have that," Danner said. "Being the goalie, it tells more about the character of our team and the defense that my teammates' play. The last three seasons we've had the lowest goals-against average in the nation.

"As a goalie you can only do so much," he added. "My teammates do a lot to help cut down on high percentage shots. They make me look good. It's a great award to win, not just for me for the whole team. It's great to win it for UCLA water polo."

In a way, it helps soothe the sting of being a victim of height-ism. "I would have loved to play in the 2016 Olympics in Rio," Danner said. "I was never really given an answer."

Although he never got an answer, that didn't stop him from making a statement.

In 2015, Danner made 278 saves, a single-season UCLA record, as the Bruins marched to a 25-0 regular season. UCLA won the national championship, its second in a row.

It should be noted that Danner is not your average 6-foot-1 undersized



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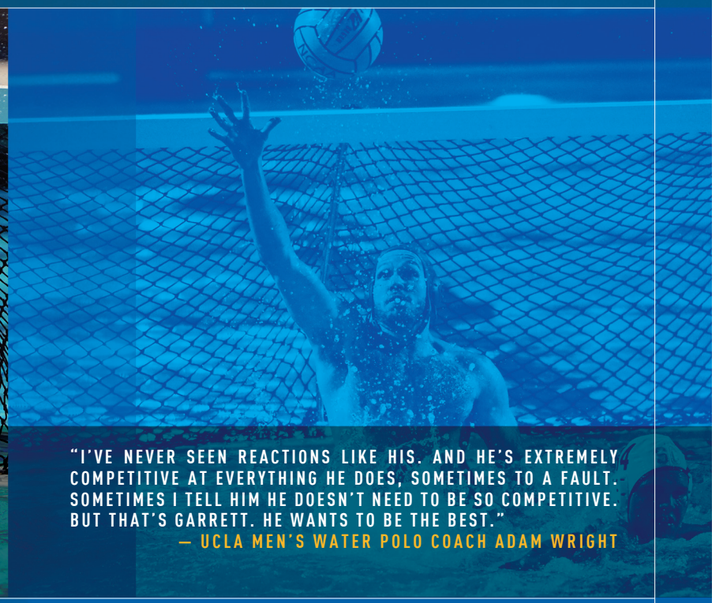
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— UCLA MEN'S WATER POLO COACH ADAM WRIGHT

water polo goalie. What he lacks in altitude he makes up for in aggressiveness. He has a nasty (for the opposition) habit of coming out of goal, challenging shots and forcing the action, as opposed to sitting back and letting shots come to him.

"It's just the way I play," he said matter-of-factly. "I can't use my height like other goalies to block shots. But I can come out two or three meters relatively quickly. If I can add that to my game, it helps our overall defense."

Of course, there's always a risk. "Oh yeah, I get burned every once in while," he said. "But I've done it for a while. Teams do catch on. Teams that play against me for a while do a better job of keeping me in the cage. I do get scored on every once in a while when I'm cheating and coming out of the cage. But I wouldn't say it's enough to stop me from doing it."

Wright is completely supportive of Danner's daring style of play, because he believes his goalie knows exactly what he's doing.

"He is taking risks, but they are calculated risks," the coach said. "He knows how well he can react and how far he can travel before he knows if he's outside his range. His anticipation and his ability to take risks make him special. He comes out of the goal more than any goalie I've ever seen. It goes back to his ability — whatever you want to call it — it's a freak-of-nature situation.

"He is able to recover because he is so quick. It's a different style than pretty much any other goalie. He's not a 6-8 goalie, but he makes up for it with great speed and strength and reaction. It's highly unusual, but we're fortunate to have him."

His coach said that Danner has an advantage over the competition: He happens to be one of those really annoying people who is good at everything.

"There have been some people I've played with who are just athletes," Wright explained. "We have a golf tournament. He picks up a golf club and he's good. Anything he does he's excellent at. Soccer he's good. You name it. He's a freak.

"In our world, a lot of times aquatic sports athletes are not so great on land," Wright continued. "I've never seen reactions like his. And he's extremely competitive at everything he does, sometimes to a fault. Sometimes I tell him he doesn't need to be so competitive. But that's Garrett. He wants to be the best."

A native of Coto de Caza, Danner was a three-time All-American at El Toro High School. El Toro was CIF champions with Danner in goal in his sophomore year of 2009. At UCLA, he was an honorable mention All-American his freshman year of 2013 (after redshirting one season), then was a first-team All-American the following two seasons.

Danner's senior season is coming up in the fall, and the dream would be to cap the career with a third-straight title. Wright is optimistic but realistic.

"We have our work cut out," Wright said. "We lost Danny McClintick and Anthony Daboub, two huge pieces of the program. They were able to help us achieve the best winning percentage in UCLA water polo history. What they provided in leadership along with Garrett was something special."

But Danner is back, and the Bruins are always a team to be reckoned with, no matter the roster upheaval. "We have a good core group that's been a part of something really special," Wright said. "We understand how we operate as a program, how we interact with people outside the program, how we operate in a school setting, all those things that create a great culture.

"Where we sit with other teams is not as deep as a Cal or a USC, player by player," he added. "But I really believe if we continue to grow, and with our tactical way of playing, we'll put ourselves in a position to be successful."

If nothing else, they'll have a relatively undersized goalie with oversized achievements who has one more year left to prove to the world that he's the best.

"In water polo, there's really no career," said Danner, who is finishing his degree in political science and international relations and hopes to eventually earn an MBA. "I can't spend the next four years of my life playing in Europe and hoping to play on the 2020 team and hoping to make the team with the same coach of this Olympic team."

With one more season at UCLA, Danner hopes to go out with a bang, hopefully leading the Bruins to yet another title. But win or lose, he will relish the less hectic lifestyle that will come in his post-UCLA career.

"With the water polo schedule, I haven't had much time to hang out with friends and see my family," he added. "I'm also looking forward to traveling."

In other words, he plans on living as big as he plays.

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Bruins in the NFL

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Player, Pos.	at UCLA	NFL Team
Akeem Ayers, LB	2007-10	LA Rams
Anthony Barr, LB	2010-13	Minnesota Vikings
Caleb Benenoch, OT	2013-15	Tampa Bay Buccaneers
Jake Brendel, C	2011-15	Dallas Cowboys
Malcolm Bunche, OL	2014	Philadelphia Eagles
Kenny Clark, DT	2013-15	Green Bay Packers
Thomas Duarte, TE	2013-15	Miami Dolphins
Shaq Evans, WR	2011-13	Jacksonville Jaguars
Ka'imi Fairbairn, K	2012-15	Houston Texans
Kai Forbath, PK	2007-10	New Orleans Saints
Devin Fuller, WR	2012-15	Atlanta Falcons
Cory Harkey, TE	2008-11	LA Rams
Michael Harris, OL	2008-11	Minnesota Vikings
Brett Hundley, QB	2011-14	Green Bay Packers
Myles Jack, LB	2013-15	Jacksonville Jaguars
Datone Jones, DL	2008-12	Green Bay Packers
Eric Kendricks, LB	2010-14	Minnesota Vikings
Marcedes Lewis, TE	2002-05	Jacksonville Jaguars
Jeff Locke, P	2008-12	Minnesota Vikings
Cassius Marsh, DL	2010-13	Seattle Seahawks
Kevin McDermott, LS	2008-12	Minnesota Vikings
Rahim Moore, S	2008-10	Cleveland Browns
Owa Odighizuwa, DE	2010-14	New York Giants
Logan Paulsen, TE	2005-09	Washington Redskins
Jordan Payton, WR	2012-15	Cleveland Browns
Paul Perkins, RB	2012-15	New York Giants
Sheldon Price, CB	2009-12	Baltimore Ravens
Alex Redmond, OL	2013-15	Cincinnati Bengals
Matthew Slater, WR/KR	2003-07	New England Patriots
Xavier Su'a-filo, OG	2009, 12-13	Houston Texans
Alterraun Verner, CB	2006-08	Tampa Bay Buccaneers
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Growing up in East LA, Sherrill and his friends used to crash the kids' gate at the Coliseum to watch UCLA Football games. At the time, he was watching the team that consisted of Jackie Robinson, Woody Strode and Kenny Washington. These men, the only starting black players in the Pacific Coast (now Pac-12) Conference, were role models to young Sherrill, so by age 11 he had already decided that he was going to attend UCLA.

Sherrill's influence on UCLA has been far-reaching. Rafer Johnson once told him that he was undecided when he made his recruiting trip to UCLA, but after noticing Sherrill's picture on the wall of past student body presidents, and saw that they had elected a black student body president, that became the decisive factor in his decision to attend UCLA.

A season ticket holder for both Bruin football and men's basketball since he graduated, Sherrill learned early on from his mother about the graciousness of giving back. He was President of the UCLA Alumni Association in 1988-90, and served as a Regent of the University of California. This was during his tenure as a Superior Court Judge, which he retired from in 2000. He supports UCLA, and the Wooden Athletic Fund in particular, in large part because of these role models that shaped him so early in life, and for the great program UCLA Athletics is and always was.

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(FROM LEFT) MICHAEL, CARRIE, ABBY, AND JOHN MAPES.

By Emily Lerner
Director of Communications, UCLA Athletics Development

They both grew up enjoying UCLA sports; he, mostly basketball, and she, mostly football. But they both grew up loving UCLA. More surprisingly, they both grew up in Ventura, California, a town just 32 square miles big, with a population then of under 60,000. But had it not been for UCLA, they probably would never have met.

John and Carrie Mapes both began their undergraduate careers at UCLA in late 1986. John, an avid sports fan, grew up watching Coach Wooden's championship teams.

"I was enamored with all of UCLA's basketball championships. We were such winners," said John. "I remember watching Coach Wooden and especially Marques Johnson and just loving how he played."

Carrie grew up more of a football fan, and for very good reasons.

"My aunt and uncle both went to UCLA," said Carrie. "My uncle is Jim Colletto, who played football and coached [at UCLA] too, and my aunt was a cheerleader. I would go to his games when he was coaching and had my loyalties, so UCLA was a part of my life since I was little."

It is true that things in one's life can turn on a dime, and this could not be more true than when it came to the story of John and Carrie almost not meeting at all. When it was time for Carrie to start looking at colleges, she decided she wanted to go to UCLA, but a guidance counselor at her high school was a bit less than enthusiastic about her choice.

"I had a high school guidance counselor who kept telling me I would never get into that school (UCLA)," said Carrie. "So when I applied to other UC schools, I left UCLA off my list. After I had put the application into the outgoing mail, my mom told me this was ridiculous and to go get the envelope. I retrieved it from the mailbox, checked off the additional school — UCLA — enclosed the additional check, and off it went. And I got in."

John and Carrie breathe a collective sigh of relief after reliving this story.

"I'm glad you checked the box," said John.

"So am I," said Carrie. "It changed my life."

Now that they were both attending UCLA, John and Carrie finally met at one of John's fraternity parties.

"I didn't go to all [of my fraternity parties] but I'm glad I went to this one," said John. "When I saw Carrie I couldn't take my eyes off her."

John was a walk-on to the UCLA men's tennis team in his freshman year. As a high school tennis player, particularly one living near Ojai, home of the Ojai Valley Tennis Tournament, he had heard of [then] UCLA men's tennis head coach Glenn Bassett.

"If you played tennis where I lived, you knew who Coach Bassett was," said John. "Just like Coach Wooden was UCLA basketball, Coach Bassett was UCLA tennis. [Now head coach] Billy Martin was my assistant coach.

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JOHN, ABBY, CARRIE, AND MICHAEL MAPES.

They're both Hall of Famers, so I was very fortunate to have these great coaches to learn from."

John and Carrie both graduated from UCLA in 1990, and Carrie stayed on one more year to earn her Masters in Education from UCLA. John worked at Salomon Brothers, then joined Aurora Capital Group in 1992, but left to attend Harvard's Graduate School of Business Administration. While John was in business school, Carrie wrote children's curriculum guide books.

"Someone had to support us while I was in school," said John.

But while living in Boston, it became clear how much both of them missed the West Coast.

"There was one year when we were watching the Rose Bowl game on TV," said Carrie. "It was January, so with the time difference it was dark and cold where we were and there was [Coach] Terry Donahue, all tan, wearing his short sleeved UCLA polo shirt and his Oakley sunglasses."

"The camera panned the Rose Bowl and all the students were bathing in the sun," John added. "We just knew then that as soon as I was done with school, we were going back [to California.]"

So the Mapes returned to Los Angeles, and soon became Wooden Athletic Fund donors in the early 2000s, incrementally upgrading their membership three levels so that they are now at the highest level support group, John R. Wooden Benefactors. John rejoined Aurora Capital, and is now Managing Partner and Chairman of the company's Investment Committee. Carrie continued teaching for the next ten years, until their son, Michael, was born. Now 19, Michael is joining his parents as a next-generation Bruin, while their daughter, Abby, is 17 and just starting her junior year of high school.

"Michael got into UCLA and is a walk-on on the football team," said John. "We're very proud of him, and very excited about him being a student-athlete at UCLA."

"We pretty much indoctrinated our kids with UCLA when they were growing up," said Carrie. "They have both been life-long UCLA fans. So it was no surprise that Michael would choose to go to UCLA."

John's having been a student-athlete at UCLA was a large factor in the Mapes' decision to endow scholarships for the Athletics Department in 2013. While they gave a large Leadership Gift to the Pauley Pavilion Renovation Project Campaign, they remain most proud of their decision to endow scholarships for three different sports; one for football, one for men's basketball, and two for men's tennis.

"The [reason for endowing a] tennis scholarship is obvious with everything John got out of being a tennis student-athlete," said Carrie. "But football and basketball have given a lot to our family. For me, growing up and going to football games and to the Rose Bowl with my uncle playing and coaching there was wonderful. And now our family goes to basketball games together. When the kids were young, it was such a sweet way to do something as a family — there was complete joy for the wins, and our kids saw the student-athletes as role models. Now that they are older we continue to enjoy the games together and they have their own places in the community of fans."

"One of the things that motivates us to [endow] scholarships is that first, the student-athletes are going to get a great education," said John. "Second, we know student-athletes receive great leadership opportunities in terms of how to make their UCLA team and others around them better. These are valuable experiences to have in life and before embarking on a career no matter your field. For me and Carrie, we enjoy engaging with the student-athletes at the annual dinners or other gatherings where we can be helpful as friends or mentors."

The annual dinners John is referring to are the annual scholarship donor dinners, where those donors who have endowed a scholarship to a sport are invited to have dinner with that team where they can meet and get to know their student-athlete for the season.

"The student-athletes we have met have enriched our lives in ways that we didn't imagine or expect," said John. "The bottom line is it's really fun to keep in touch with them even after they've graduated. If you're really invested in the scholarship program, there's a bit of a community that starts to develop afterwards that can be not only really helpful to the student-athletes in their careers, but also enriching to us and our kids, too.

"The older I get, the more I realize how important all these connections are. We directed our [gifts] to a cross-section of student-athletes in Athletics, since there are so many great parts of this campus. Since I was blessed to be a student-athlete here, I want others to have all those good things that I received as a result of that experience."

The Mapes also find ways to give back in other ways. John serves on the Board of the UCLA Foundation, which promotes philanthropy for UCLA, and provides management and oversight for the UCLA endowment and assets. He also serves on the Finance Committee which provides oversight specifically in this area for the Board.

John is also serving on the Athletics Centennial Campaign Committee, which is part of the University's Centennial Campaign that is charged with raising $4.2 billion and is slated to end in June 2019, 100 years after the founding of UCLA.

"This is another way I can add value and give back to a school that has been so great to me and my family," said John. "I was also asked to be on the Athletics Hall of Fame Committee, which is really fun. It is a total privilege to be on this committee. There are Hall of Fames and then there are iconic Hall of Fames. UCLA definitely falls into that latter category!"



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