



AGGIE PRIDE Parents

FOR ALL PARENTS OF STUDENT-ATHLETES PAST AND PRESENT

Mission Statement: "AGGIE PRIDE Parents" is a support group for the parents of UC Davis student-athletes. We exist as a communication link for a parent-student-university partnership. We will encourage parents to become involved, attend our Aggie Pride Parents special events, and urge support of the Aggie Sports Fund or any of our 27 individual sports funds. UC Davis values the parents of our student-athletes and would like to provide a relationship with our parents by offering volunteer opportunities and parent-to-parent communication.

Jeff Hogan: A Rare Find In Intercollegiate Athletics

By Lorie Lindsey



Left: Certified Athletic Trainers Jeff Hogan and Melissa Hughes, Upper Right: Student Trainers Lenna Kapel and Paul Navo Lower Right: Student Trainer Greg Arch

When you sit and talk to Jeff Hogan, head athletic trainer for UC Davis, you feel a sense of calmness and sincerity in his presence. I can see where this would be an asset when it comes to treating an injured student-athlete or just to be around such a competitive environment as intercollegiate athletics. Maybe that is why he has proven to be such a success as the UC Davis Head Athletic Trainer since 1987. Jeff has seen his staff grow from two full time individuals to seven certified athletic trainers and 35 volunteer student trainers.

I asked Jeff if anything has changed since the Div. I transition three years ago. "Our philosophy is still the same, provide the highest care possible." Jeff stated that they have more contact with the student-athletes since the transition due to year-round training. Before the transition to Div. I, they could rely on the student trainers to travel for post season championships, now a certified athletic trainer must be available to the student-athletes. In his athletic training

program, Jeff has assigned five student trainers for each of the seven certified athletic trainers. The training is intense for the student trainers. Besides volunteering 15 hours per week, not including games, each student is required to attend one

evening educational session a week before school starts, a week-long orientation once a year which includes first aid skills, CPR, basic rehabilitation, therapeutic exercise and managing injuries, and every other Friday, a Brown Bag seminar. Mind you, this is all volunteer, unpaid dedication.

As I was leaving the athletic training room, Jeff stepped out to join me as two trainers were getting their cart ready to take to the men's and women's soccer practice. He wanted to make sure that I mention how proud he is of his staff. Of the seven certified trainers, three are UC Davis alumni that trained under him. Jeff acknowledges that there is a cooperative effort to balance work and family within the staff. Presently one of the certified athletic trainers, Jill Radzinski, is with the USA Women's Hockey Team for a short time. He is proud that they selected her and the other athletic trainers support her involvement. You can tell that the success of this program comes from the top.

If you would like to support the athletic training and sports medicine program through a donation, please see page 7 of this newsletter.

About Jeff Hogan

Favorite Musical Artists: Pink Floyd, Eric Clapton, and Led Zeppelin

Favorite Song: Crosby, Stills, Nash, & Young - Suite: Judy Blue Eyes

Favorite Movie: Jeremiah Johnson

Fun Facts: Jeff is a UC Davis Alumnus, class of 1981. Before every football game Jeff plays Led Zeppelin while taping the players.

Most Memorable UC Davis Sports Moment: Watching Mike Moroski "torch" the Santa Clara Broncos in the late 70's. That game put UC Davis on the map for me. Winning the national championship in men's basketball still burns bright in my mind.

3rd Annual Aggie Women's Huddle

The Aggie Women's Huddle is always fun and was nothing short of exciting and energetic during this year's event with nearly 120 women descending upon Aggie Stadium to kick off the 2009 football season. Following a 90-minute reception, attendees had the pleasure of meeting new UC Davis Chancellor Linda Katehi, who was attending her first football event. The evening was capped off by providing the women the opportunity to fully engage

and interact with the 2009 football team. During a very light-hearted, yet fully energetic two hours of running pass patterns, place-kicking, and blocking drills, the women gained significant insight into play-calling strategies, defensive formations, and a better understanding of the game of football. Thank you to Coach Bob Biggs and Defensive Coordinator, Mark Johnson for their willingness to field and answer the women's questions.



Gymnastics Wine-Tasting

The gymnastics team held its spring wine-tasting fundraiser at the beautiful Wilderotter Winery in Plymouth, Calif. Aggie Gymnastics would like to thank all of their donors this past year and look forward to a great 2009–2010 season.



Berryessa Gap Winery Hosts Volleyball Fundraiser

“A Toast to the Aggies,” was the theme for the women’s volleyball fundraiser held on August 15 at the Berryessa Gap Winery in Winters. Head coach Jamie Holmes and assistant coach Addie Hauschild were the Masters of Ceremony with over 70 parents, donors and friends of UC Davis volleyball

in attendance. Director of Athletics Greg Warzecka, and Senior Associate Director of Athletics Cindy Spiro, attended the benefit, which included wine tasting, a raffle, a silent auction and hors d’oeuvres courtesy of the Buckhorn Restaurant. The event kicked off the 2009 volleyball season, as

the Aggies traveled to the Washington State Cougar Challenge on August 28.

It proved to be a successful afternoon for the UC Davis volleyball team and head coach Jamie Holmes thanked all who contributed.



Summer Orientation Reception

New to the UC Davis Summer Freshman Family Orientation was the addition of a reception that was hosted by the UC Davis Parent Programs at the Walter Buehler Alumni Center. As part of the parent programs, Aggie Pride Parents was involved in the reception, which featured a Vintage Aggie wine-tasting social, olive tasting and tabling by various campus organizations.



Field Hockey Inaugural Game & Reception



The UC Davis Field Hockey’s inaugural season was celebrated with an overtime victory against visiting Missouri State, 3-2. On August 31, fans, parents, faculty, and staff were present cheering on the university’s first intercollegiate field hockey game in 27 years. In a well-attended postgame reception in the stadium’s club room, Head Coach Vianney (Via –nay) Campos presented the 2009 women’s field hockey team with the game ball in recognition of the first game of the season.



2008–2009 Milestones & Accomplishments



2009 Cal Aggie Athletics Hall of Fame inductees Troy Larkin, Susan Churchwell, Kameelah Elarms, Cynthia Rail, Matthew Davie and Phil Swimley.

Women's basketball head coach Sandy Simpson earned his 200th career win, all of which has been at UC Davis, with the Aggies' 86-66 victory over Cal State Northridge on January 4... Less than two weeks later, men's basketball mentor Gary Stewart collected his 200th win with UC Davis' 85-74 defeat of Cal State Fullerton on January 15... Most of Stewart's total took place at the helm of his alma mater, La Verne.

A total of 10 Aggie sports were represented in NCAA postseason play... Among the notables were men's soccer, which advanced in the NCAA tournament after its 4-0 home win over Denver on November 22; men's swimming, which sent junior Scott Weltz to a pair of consolation finals (and All-America honorable mention); women's golf, which saw junior Alice Kim place eighth at the national tournament; and men's track & field, for which senior Polly Gnepa advanced to the 110 hurdles semifinals at the NCAA Championships.

On the same night as the Hall of Fame inductions, UC Davis athletics also handed out its annual student-athlete awards... Quincy Amarikwa (men's soccer) captured the Colby E. "Babe" Slater Award as outstanding male athlete of the year, Heidi Kucera (swimming, water polo) won the Hubert Heitman Award as the top female student-athlete, and Dylan Curtis earned the W.P. Lindley Award as the year's outstanding scholar-athlete... Furthermore, men's tennis and women's gymnastics captured the Lysle E. Leach and Marya Welch awards for team GPA.

Two key figures to intercollegiate athletics retired after the 2008-09 year... Perhaps most notable is associate athletics director Bob Bullis, whose service – mostly behind the scenes – spans three decades...

Bullis' role in the department centered around its business operations, event management and facilities, all of which reached critical importance during the university's transition to Division I... Jim von Rummelhoff joined the athletics department after more than two decades at Mediaworks (formerly Illustration Services)... He served as a department photographer and videographer during his stay in ICA... In addition, Chancellor Larry Vanderhoef announced in July that he would step down from the highest position on campus, then return to the plant biology faculty after a one-year sabbatical.

Aggie Stadium, the university's multi-use facility, hosted its first night games during the 2008-09 season... The lights went up back in May 2008 in time for Davis Senior High School's commencement ceremonies... The first night football game at Aggie Stadium was a 38-24 win over Portland State on September 13... Women's lacrosse held its first night game at Aggie Stadium with a tough loss to 16th-ranked Stanford on February 25.

The NCAA honored UC Davis men's water polo and women's tennis with public recognition awards for Academic Progress Rate (APR) success, the second consecutive honor for each program... The distinction goes to teams that post multiyear APR scores in the top 10 percent of all teams in their sport.

Continuing its history as a leader in gender-equity issues and Title IX compliance, UC Davis announced the revival of field hockey as its 15th women's varsity sport in July... Former Pacific assistant coach Vianney Campos was later named as head coach for the program, which began play this fall ... Women's field hockey previously existed as an intercollegiate offering until 1982, when it was discontinued in favor of women's soccer... The Aggies will compete as a member of the NorPac Conference.

Five former student-athletes and one coach

were inducted into the Cal Aggie Athletics Hall of Fame on June 6... Alphabetically, the inductees are Susan Churchwell (softball), Matthew Davie (swimming), Kameelah Elarms (track & field), Troy Larkin (football), Cynthia Rail (soccer) and Phil Swimley (baseball coach)... Additionally, Jacalyn Box captured the Special Recognition Award for her volunteer contributions.

Sophomores Chelsea Stelzmilller and Alice Kim qualified for the 64th U.S. Women's Open Championship... Stelzmilller finished in a tie for second and Kim tied for fourth at a section qualifier in Santa Cruz on June 15, earning trips to the U.S. Open, held at Saucon Valley Country Club in Bethlehem, Pa. on July 6-12.

Soccer All-American Quincy Amarikwa was selected by the San Jose Earthquakes as the 32nd pick of the Major League Soccer SuperDraft... Amarikwa is the first Aggie to be chosen in the SuperDraft (Ryan Shaw went to the Los Angeles Galaxy in the 2004 supplemental draft)... He is one of several Aggies to enter the professional ranks during the year... Football players John Faletose and Jonathan Compas each signed free-agent contracts with NFL teams in April... Faletose, a defensive tackle, joined the Buffalo Bills while Compas, an offensive guard, inked with the Oakland Raiders Compas now plays with Tampa Bay... More recently, baseball players Andy Suiter (Los Angeles Dodgers), Ty Kelly (Baltimore Orioles) and Ryan Scoma (San Francisco) each were selected in the MLB First-Year Player Draft in June.



Left to right: Quincy Amarikwa (Colby E. "Babe" Slater Award), Heidi Kucera (Hubert Heitman Award) and Dylan Curtis (W.P. Lindley Award) won the three major student-athlete awards for the year.

Athletics Special Events

Football Banquet

Sunday, January 24, 2010, 4 p.m.
ARC Ballroom

Beauty & the Beast

Wrestling and Gymnastics
Friday, February 5, 2010, 7 p.m.
UC Davis Pavilion

Women's Soccer Wine Tasting

Fundraiser for Women's Soccer
All friend, family, and alumni invited
Saturday, February 20, 2010
VanRuiten Winery, Lodi
Contact MaryClaire Robinson at
mkrobinson@ucdavis.edu

Endowment Donor Appreciation Dinner

Sunday, March 7, 2010, 5 p.m.
ARC Ballroom

Men's Basketball Banquet

Sunday, April 18, 2010 5 p.m.
Bruce Edwards Room, Aggie Stadium

Women's Basketball Banquet

Sunday, April 24, 2010 1 p.m.
Bruce Edwards Room, Aggie Stadium

Aggie Auction

Saturday, May 1, 2010
Contact Ashley Silva at 530.752.2699

Check for current special event information
at ica.ucdavis.edu/specialevents



Gunrock Rides Again

Our UC Davis Athletics logo features "Gunrock," the legendary UC Davis mascot (circa 1930). Ervin Hoskie, a Navajo Indian from Jones Ranch, New Mexico, has immortalized the mustang with his creation. Sue Williams, our own legendary former cross country coach, worked closely with Hoskie on the unique design of this beautiful pin. Its one-of-a-kind appearance boasts of sterling silver with inlaid lapis lazuli and shell to represent our school colors. The White Buffalo, a Native American art and jewelry store in Truckee, Calif., collaborated with the artist to provide these pieces for sale through UC Davis Athletics Development.

Contact Sharon Lynch at 530.757.3146 to place your order. Each mustang costs \$55 plus shipping if necessary.

Look for the next addition of the Aggie Pride Parent Newsletter at
athletics.ucdavis.edu/aggieprideparents

2009–2010 Basketball Home Schedule

Men's Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
11/4/09	Cal State East Bay	7 p.m.
11/18/09	UC Santa Cruz	8 p.m.
11/24/09	North Dakota State	7 p.m.
12/2/09	Sacramento State	7 p.m.
12/5/09	Seattle	1 p.m.
12/30/09	Whittier	7:30 p.m.
1/2/09	Cal State Fullerton*	7 p.m.
1/4/09	Cal State Northridge*	7 p.m.
1/14./10	UC Irvine*	7 p.m.
2/4/10	Cal Poly*	7 p.m.
2/6/10	UC Santa Barbara	7 p.m.
2/10/10	Pacific*	7 p.m.
2/25/10	Long Beach State*	7 p.m.
2/25/10	UC Riverside*	1 p.m.
*Big West Conference Game		

Women's Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
11/5/09	Humboldt State	7 p.m.
11/17/09	San Francisco	7 p.m.
11/22/09	Stanford	2 p.m.
11/27/09	Creighton	7 p.m.
12/5/09	Denver	4:45 p.m.
12/13/09	Sacramento State	2 p.m.
12/29/09	Kansas State	7 p.m.
1/7/10	UC Santa Barbara*	7 p.m.
1/9/10	Cal Poly*	7 p.m.
1/23/10	Pacific*	7 p.m.
1/28/10	UC Riverside*	7 p.m.
2/13/10	UC Irvine*	7 p.m.
2/18/10	Long Beach State*	7 p.m.
3/4/10	Cal State Northridge*	7 p.m.
3/6/10	Cal State Fullerton*	7 p.m.

For complete basketball schedule and other UC Davis Sports' schedules visit www.ucdavisaggies.com

New Endowment For Softball



If the dictionary had a definition for “Aggie fan”, Brian Thompson’s picture would certainly be front and center.

Whether he’s handing out “Aggie Parent” buttons or rooting on

our outstanding student-athletes, Brian has been a fixture at many UC Davis games for nearly 30 years.

And he’s just as likely to be seen away from the UC Davis campus as he is on it. Last year, Brian traveled to every road football game and has been to several away games for softball, women’s basketball and others, especially in the postseason.

His commitment to the Aggies was surpassed only by his commitment to his late wife, Audrey, who passed away in 2008 after 50 years of marriage. Like Brian, Audrey was an ardent supporter of the Aggies. He’s honoring her with an endowed scholarship to benefit UC Davis student-athletes.

Brian attended UC Berkeley during the “war years”, 1946 through 1948, and became involved with the Aggies when his daughter, Pam and son, Tip, attended UC Davis in the 1980’s. Pam invited her parents to Picnic Day, and they have been involved ever since. Audrey and Brian joined the Cal Aggie Marching Band in 1985 when UC Davis traveled to Romania and Austria. Their dedication to the university is unprecedented. Besides being a supporter of UC Athletics, Audrey and Brian have been members of the Chancellor’s Club for more than 20 years.

Speaking to Brian, you feel his compassion for his wife Audrey and his total commitment to UC Davis Athletics. He has a story for every event in his life and there are many. Brian expressed his desire to help support student-athletes in today’s challenging environment by endowing a scholarship fund. He is fulfilling his commitment to all future student-athletes at UC Davis.

For more information on endowments please contact Sharon Lynch at 530.757.3146.

Former Aggie Joins Coaching Staff

UC Davis alum, Brandon Laird, named men’s basketball assistant coach



Brandon Laird has been hired as an assistant coach for the UC Davis men’s basketball program. The former Aggie spent the past three years as head coach at Menlo College

following the previous three years as an assistant with the Oaks. As a graduate of UC Davis, he was a member of the Aggies’ 1998 NCAA Championship team.

Laird’s time as head coach at Menlo included leading the team to 18 wins in 2007-08, which was the most since 1990. Along the way, the Oaks posted a 13-3 conference record and finished with a No. 29 national ranking. The team’s berth in the NAIA Tournament that year was just the third for the school. Menlo was also awarded the Buffalo Funds Five Star “Champions of Character” Award while Laird was head coach.

Prior to taking over the top spot, Laird spent the previous three seasons as an assistant at Menlo under then-head coach and current Aggie assistant Kevin Nosek. His first collegiate coaching experience took place at UC Davis where Laird served on the staff during the 2002-03 season. He spent the prior year as an assistant at El Camino High School in Sacramento. “I am delighted with Brandon’s decision to return to UC Davis,” said head coach Gary Stewart. “He is an accomplished coach who possesses all of the necessary attributes needed to help continue to move our program forward. His head coaching experience affords us the opportunity to add an outstanding teacher to our staff who is well versed in all aspects of coaching at the intercollegiate level.”

Laird played a total of 85 games in his four year Aggie career. He graduated in 2001 before earning a masters in 2003 from the United States Sports Academy.

UC Davis Student-Athletes Facts

In spring 2009 three men’s teams (cross country, tennis, water polo) and seven women’s teams (basketball, cross country, golf, gymnastics, rowing, tennis, water polo) posted a 3.00+ team GPA.

In spring 2009 47% of our student-athletes (men and women combined) earned a 3.00+ quarterly GPA.

Four of our student-athletes won the 2009 Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholars Award (based on academic achievement, athletic achievement, community service, and leadership): Lauren Dobashi (golf), Lindsay Kiyama (water polo), Nicholas Lopez (tennis), and Avreetta Singh (volleyball).

In the past 13 years, we have produced 88 national award winners for a total of \$195,500 in postgraduate scholarships. (Some of the national awards carry no monetary stipend.) These awards are all based on academic achievement, athletic achievement, community service, and leadership.

Our student-athletes were enrolled in 79 different undergraduate majors and one graduate program (master’s degree in exercise science) in spring 2009.

We had our first NCAA Division I Postgraduate Scholarship winner in spring 2009 (Randi Schuler, tennis). Randi received the \$7,500 scholarship to use when she begins medical school in fall 2010.

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Aggie Parents make a Difference

GIFT INFORMATION

When Aggie Pride Parents support UC Davis Athletics through a TeamAGGIE donation, their contribution will be directed to the Aggie Sports Fund or may be directed to a specific sport. The Aggie Sports Fund and all the specific sports funds need support for facility renovations, specialized equipment, technology upgrades, grants-in-aid and sports enhancements. If you care to donate, please check the box(es) below.

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