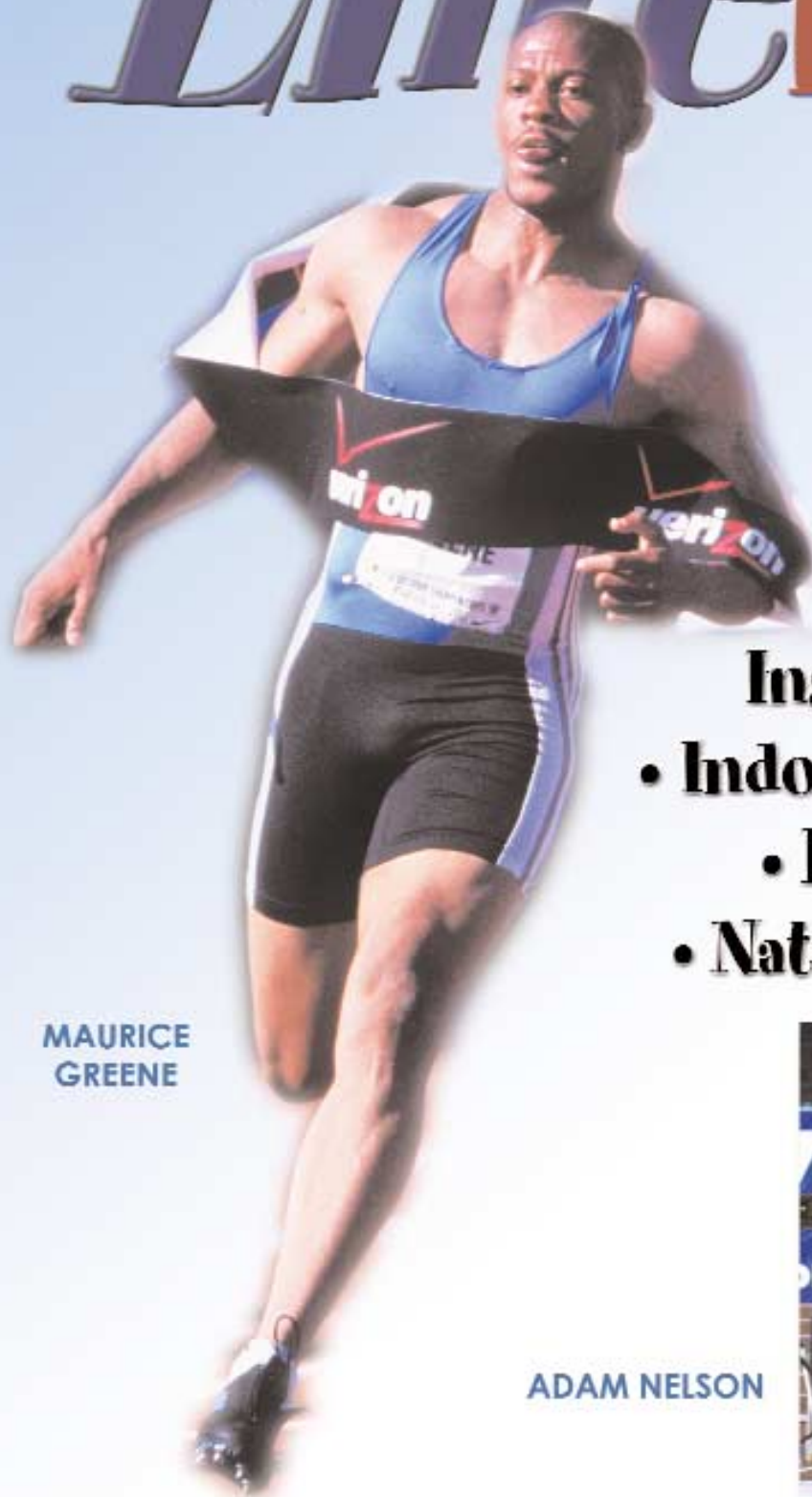


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2003 Indoor Championships

The Reggie Lewis Track & Athletic Center at Roxbury Community College will host the **2003 USA Indoor Track & Field Championships** on Feb. 28 - March 2. The concluding event of USATF's Indoor Golden Spike Tour, the USA Indoor Track & Field Championships is the world's oldest indoor track championship, with the first meet being held in 1888 in New York.



More than 600 of America's top athletes will compete at the 2003 Indoor Championships, with the top two finishers in each event

being selected for the Team USA - the World's #1 Track & Field Team - that will compete at the 2003 World Indoor Championships March 14-16 in Birmingham, England.

Fans around the country will be able to watch you, their favorite athletes, in all four Golden Spike Tour (GST) meets by turning into five national television broadcasts on NBC and ESPN2.

The GST begins February 1 with the adidas Boston Indoor Games at the Reggie Lewis Center in Boston. It continues February 7 at the most historic invitational meet in indoor track and field, the Verizon Millrose Games at New York's Madison Square Garden. On February 15 the Tour moves to the Tyson Foods Invitational in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

The final stop returns the Golden Spike Tour to Boston's Reggie Lewis Center for the 2003 USA Indoor Track & Field Championships.

Sponsors of the 2003 Indoor Golden Spike Tour are Verizon, Nike, Visa and SoBe Sports System.

2003 USA INDOOR TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS INFORMATION

HOTEL INFORMATION: The meet hotel is the Marriott Copley Place in Boston. Call 617-236-5800 and reference in the US Indoor Championships for a special USATF rate. Additional housing will also be available *for athletes only* at the Best Western Longwood. For reservations call 617-731-4700 and ask for "IN HOUSE RESERVATIONS" and reference the Indoor Championships. Complimentary shuttle service between the hotels and the Reggie Lewis center will be provided.

HURRY AND MAKE RESERVATIONS - SPECIAL DISCOUNT RATES EXPIRE FEBRUARY 14, 2003 !!



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2003 Indoor Championships

The **2003 USA Indoor Combined Events Championships** will be held in Chapel Hill, N.C., on the campus of the University of North Carolina March 8-9.

Entry Information: The Preferred Method of Entry is Online. Athletes needing an alternative method of entry may call 317-261-0478 x 337.

The entry process began November 25, 2002 and ends on February 18, 2003 at 5:00 pm ET. Late entries will be accepted until February 24, 2003 at 2:00 pm ET.

A 2003 USATF MEMBERSHIP IS REQUIRED TO ENTER.

Enter online at www.usatf.org (then click on USA Indoor Combined Events Championships)

Hotel Information: The meet hotel is the Best Western University Inn in Chapel Hill. Call 919-932-3000 and ask for the special USA Track & Field rate. Make your reservations immediately as rooms will be sold quickly.

Prize Money: USA Track & Field will pay prize money to the first-through third-place finishers in each championship event. The prize structure is as follows:

- First Place - \$2,500
- Second Place - \$1,500
- Third Place - \$500

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February 2003

The Elite Athlete Programs staff is working feverishly to prepare for a busy 2003 season with the best interest of you, the athlete, in mind. We are currently putting the finishing touches on the **2003 Athlete Handbook**, a new guide, that will be written annually to give elite athletes information on all topics important to you! We will be mailing these handbooks out in February.

This edition of **Elite Beat** is full of important information as you prepare for this season. This issue includes news on the 2003 Indoor Golden Spike Tour, the USA Indoor Championships, the USA Indoor Combined Events Championships, the IAAF World Indoor Championships and the IAAF World Cross Country Championships, all of which will take place in the next six weeks. There is also important Anti-Doping information for all athletes and IAAF news that will affect you on and off the track!

We also look back at the 2002 Annual Meeting, which was a huge success for the more than 100 athletes who attended. It gave us an opportunity to introduce our new staff members and to address many of your issues. Most important at this year's Annual Meeting was the election of new AAC officers and event leaders, the names of whom we have included in this edition. We look forward to continuing our high level of customer service throughout the year.

As always, please do not hesitate to call or email me – or to pull me aside at a meet – to discuss what more USA Track & Field can do to improve the sport and the support of its athletes.

Best Wishes,

Michael Conley
Executive Director of Elite Athlete Programs

INDOOR GST SCHEDULE (TENTATIVE)

EVENT DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	NETWORK	AIR DATE	AIRTIME
Feb. 1, 2003	adidas Boston Indoor Games	Boston, MA	ESPN2	Feb. 1, 2003	6 - 7 PM LIVE
Feb. 7, 2003	Verizon Millrose Games	New York, NY	ESPN2 NBC	Feb. 7, 2003 Feb. 8, 2003	7 - 9PM LIVE 2:30 - 4PM
Feb. 15, 2003	Tyson Invitational	Fayetteville, AR	ESPN2	Feb. 16, 2003	11PM - 12AM
Mar. 1-2, 2003	U.S. Indoor Championships	Boston, MA	ESPN2	March 1, 2003	6-7:30 PM LIVE

2003 National Teams

2003 World Indoor Championships

Competition dates: March 14-16, 2003
Competition site: Birmingham, GBR

Selection competition: 2003 USA Indoor Championship will be held Feb. 28, 2003 – March 2, 2003 at the Reggie Lewis Center in Boston, MA.

SELECTION PROCEDURES:

USA Indoor Championship – The two highest placing finishers in each individual event are eligible to select themselves for the World Championships Team, should they choose to do so. The USA Indoor Championship will be held Feb. 28, 2003 – March 2, 2003 at the Reggie Lewis Center in Boston, MA.



USATF PHOTO

▲ 2001 Indoor Gold Medalist Dawn Burrell

Qualifying Standards for World Championships – To be eligible to compete at the World Championships, athletes must meet a qualifying standard in their individual event, in addition to being one of the top two finishers to select themselves as described above. **See Qualifying Standards in the Elite section of www.usatf.org**

Qualifying standards must be achieved during the period from January 1, 2002 to March 4, 2003 during an official competition organized in conformity with IAAF rules.

Team sign-up: Team sign-up and uniform distribution will take place at the meet headquarters located at the Boston Marriott Copley Place, 110 Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA 02116. Phone: 617-236-5800

The team sign-up and uniform procedures will take place on the fourth floor in Provincetown, Orleans, and Falmouth rooms

2003 World Cross Country Championships

Competition dates: March 29-30, 2003

Competition site: Lausanne-La Broye, Switzerland

Selection competition: 2003 USA Cross Country Championships, February 15-16, 2003 at Buffalo Bayou Park - Houston, TX

Selection procedures: The six highest-placing finishers at 2003 USA Cross Country Championships are eligible to select themselves for the World Championships Team, should they choose to do so.



USATF PHOTO

▲ 2002 World Cross Country Silver Medal USA Team

Team sign-up: Team sign-up will take place outside of the doping control area at the meet headquarters located at the Doubletree Hotel Allen Center, 400 Dallas St., Houston, TX 77002-4277. Phone: 713-759-0202 ▼

2003 National Teams

To All Elite Athletes,

Greetings from the World Indoor Championship Staff! We hope you all enjoyed a wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year. Now that the holidays are behind us, we are sure that you all have returned your focus to training for the busy 2003, which includes the World Indoor Championships, The Pan American Games, and the World Outdoor Championships.

The World Indoor Championships will be held March 14 –16 in Birmingham, England. The two highest place finishers at the 2003 USA Indoor Track & Field Championships will be eligible if the IAAF qualifying standards have been met. If these standards are not met, one person in each event could be selected.

We will need approximately 5 or 6 runners for the 4x400 meter relay team, some of whom may come from events other than the 400, if necessary. We have seen improvements on both the men's and women's side in this event and are looking forward to putting together a gold-medal winning team.

Team sign-up will take place after the finals of each event at the USA Indoor Championships. Travel arrangements and uniform distribution will also be handled during the event. The tentative departure dates for the trip will be March 10 or 11 arriving March 11 or 12.

Transportation from the airport to Birmingham will be provided and will include equipment transportation. The hotel arrangements have yet to be finalized, but possible sites include The Holiday Inn, The Jury's Inn, or the Crowne Plaza.

Once, again, we are looking forward to your participation in this meet and are sure that we can do as well, if not better than in the past. Please let us know if we can be of any assistance to you.

Warm regards,

Your 2003 World Indoor Championships Staff

COACHING STAFFS WORLD INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men's Staff

Head Coach – Stan Huntsman
Head Manager – TBA
Asst. Coach – John Smith
Asst. Coach – Dave Swan
Asst. Coach – Joe Gentry

Women's Staff

Head Coach – Bert Lyle
Head Manager – Martha Watson
Asst. Coach – Errol Anderson
Asst. Coach – John Babington
Asst. Coach – Pam Spencer-Marquez

WORLD CROSS COUNTRY

Senior Men's Team Leader: David Rinker (James Madison University)
Senior Women's Team Leader: Doris Brown Heritage (Seattle Pacific University.)
Junior Men's Team Leader: Scott Christensen (Stillwater HS)
Junior Women's Team Leader: Julie Henner (Georgetown University)

2003 NATIONAL TEAMS PRIZE MONEY

WORLD INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

<u>Individual:</u>	
1st -	\$40,000
2nd -	\$20,000
3rd -	\$10,000
4th -	\$8,000
5th -	\$6,000
6th -	\$4,000

WORLD CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

<u>Individual:</u>		<u>Team:</u>	
1st -	\$30,000	1st -	\$20,000
2nd -	\$15,000	2nd -	\$16,000
3rd -	\$10,000	3rd -	\$12,000
4th -	\$7,000	4th -	\$10,000
5th -	\$5,000	5th -	\$8,000
6th -	\$3,000	6th -	\$4,000

For more information about the World Indoor Championships or World Cross Country Championships, please contact USATF National Teams Manager Michael Cain at 317-261-0478 x323 or michael.cain@usatf.org.

'03 USA Running Circuit

PRIZE MONEY TOPS \$340,000 FOR USA RUNNING CIRCUIT

The USA Running Circuit enters its ninth year in 2003, offering \$340,000 in national championship prize money plus a \$25,000 grand prix purse. The River Bank Run 25K, CVS/pharmacy Downtown 5K and Tufts 10K also have Open prize money available.

The 2003 Circuit features nine events for men and seven events for women. The Mercedes Marathon on February 9 opens the Men's USARC, while the Gate River Run 15K kicks off the Women's USARC (also a Men's event) on March 8. The Mercedes Marathon also will host the 2004 Olympic Trials for the men's marathon.

The first 10 U.S. runners at USARC each race earn points for their performances - 15 for first, 12 for second, 10 for third, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2 and 1, and points at the USA Marathon Championships will be doubled. A final grand prix purse of \$12,500 each for men and women will be awarded for the top point scorers. \$6,000 will go to the top point scorer, with \$4,000 for second and \$2,500 for third.

Dan Browne and Colleen De Reuck earned the USARC Grand Prix titles in 2002 with 69 and 59 points, respectively. Browne, a Portland, Ore., resident, became the first male to defend the USARC GP crown. Jim Jurcevich finished second among the men, and Meb Keflezighi was third. Libbie Hickman was second for the women, and Jill Gaitenby and Marla Runyan tied for third. The 2002 Circuit highlight was Deena Drossin's 48:12 U.S. 15K record at the Gate River Run last March. ▼

2003 USA Running Circuit Schedule

MEN

1) Mercedes Marathon, Birmingham, AL	\$30,000	February 8
2) Gate River Run 15K, Jacksonville, FL	\$25,000	March 8
3) Papa John's 10 Mile, Louisville, KY	\$13,650	March 29
4) New York Road Runners 8000, New York, NY	\$20,000	April 5
5) Fifth Third River Bank Run 25K, Grand Rapids, MI	\$10,600	May 10
6) UMKC Hospital Hill Half-Marathon, Kansas City, MO	\$10,000	June 7
7) New Haven Labor Day 20K, New Haven, CT	\$17,000	September 1
8) CVS/pharmacy Downtown 5K, Providence, RI	\$15,000	September 7
9) Food World Senior Bowl Charity Run 10K, Mobile, AL	\$25,000	November 1
SubTOTAL	\$166,250	
USARC Grand Prix	\$12,500	
TOTAL	\$178,750	

WOMEN

1) Gate River Run 15K, Jacksonville, FL	\$25,000	March 8
2) Spirit of St. Louis Marathon*, MO	\$50,000	April 5
3) Fifth Third River Bank Run 25K, Grand Rapids, MI	\$10,600	May 10
4) Freihofer's Run for Women 5K, Albany, NY	\$28,600	May 31
5) Garry Bjorklund Half-Marathon, Duluth, MN	\$25,750	June 21
6) New Haven Labor Day 20K, New Haven, CT	\$17,000	September 1
7) Tufts 10K Health Plan for Women, Boston, MA	\$19,100	October 13
SubTOTAL	\$176,050	
USARC Grand Prix	\$12,500	
TOTAL	\$188,550	

USARC points will be doubled at the USA Marathon Championships.

Legends News

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

John Thomas stunned the track world in 1959 with a world indoor best of 7-1.25 while still a 17-year-old freshman at Boston University. During his career, the hall of famer broke the outdoor world record three times, with a best mark of 7-3.75 and won the silver medal at the 1964 Olympic Games and the bronze in 1960. These days, Thomas is the Athletic Director at The Reggie Lewis Track & Athletic Center in Boston, home of the 2003 USA Indoor Championships. When asked about his track and field career, he said, "I went up and I went down. I started in 1952 in high school and went from there. The highlights of my career were making my first national team when I was 15, going to the Olympic Games twice and setting the world record at Millrose indoors and outdoors at the Penn Relays. Since I retired in 1969, I was in sales for 14 years and the last seven I have been at Roxbury Community College. I get offers for a lot of different things but just working with the kids is fun. It's things like this that money can't buy." You can reach John via phone at 508-584-7474.



▲ John Thomas

A former U.S. record holder in the javelin, **Karen Mendyka Huff** started throwing at a very young age because her mother, who came from Europe, was a javelin thrower. "So, I was to be a javelin thrower. I did some high jumping and hurdles but the javelin was what 'stuck' (no pun intended) and I loved it. I started in 1956 in California when I was 14. But I had been throwing all along as a child, because my mother said to."

Karen's mother was Edith Mendyka, who is in the U.S. Masters National Hall of Fame. "She competed in everything. She was a woman ahead of her time," said Mendyka Huff. In 1960, Karen made the Olympic team but fell short of the qualifying standard by 9 inches. She went on to win the 1962 Nationals in the L.A. Coliseum with a record mark, breaking the record that once belonged to Babe Didrikson from the 1932 Olympics. In 1986, Karen began training again and started her masters career, competing in the shot put, discus and javelin. She's gone to the World Masters Championships and continues to win U.S. titles. She lives in Chicago, has three children and three grandchildren. You can email her at karhauff@yahoo.com.

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THE USATF ALUMNI ASSOCIATION IS PLANNING REUNIONS AT THE FOLLOW MEETS IN 2003:

**USA INDOOR TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS,
BOSTON, MA, FEB. 28-MARCH 2**

MT. SAC RELAYS, WALNUT, CA, APRIL 19

PENN RELAYS, PHILADELPHIA, PA, APRIL 26

**USA OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS,
PALO ALTO, CA, JUNE 20-22**

**USATF ANNUAL MEETING,
GREENSBORO, NC, DECEMBER 3-7**

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING AT AN EVENT
IN YOUR AREA, PLEASE CONTACT WILLIE BANKS AT
BANKSHW@HOTMAIL.COM.**

Good News

JONES, MONTGOMERY WIN JESSE OWENS AWARDS

Marion Jones and Tim Montgomery have been named recipients of the 2002 Jesse Owens Awards by USA Track & Field.

Established in 1981, The Jesse Owens Award is USA Track & Field's highest accolade, presented annually to the outstanding U.S. male and female track and field performers. Voters for the award included members of the Track and Field Writers of America and other members of the media.

In 2002, Jones became the first U.S. athlete in seven years to complete an undefeated season. She was flawless with 16 wins in the 100 meters, four wins in the 200 meters, and one 400-meter win. Not since Michael Johnson went without a loss in 1995 had an American track athlete gone undefeated. Jones now joins Johnson as the only athletes to win the Jesse Owens Award three times, with Jones winning the honor in 1997 and 1998 as well. (Johnson won in 1994-96.) In 2002, she also earned a share of the IAAF Golden League Jackpot for the third time in her career, winning all seven Golden League meets in the 100 meters, a feat that catapulted her to the IAAF overall Grand Prix title. Jones added wins at the USA Outdoor Championships in the 100m (11.01) and 200m (22.35), as well as the World Cup 100m (10.90).

Montgomery seized the title of World's Fastest Human on September 14 when he ran 9.78 for the 100 meters at the 2002 IAAF Grand Prix Final. The time broke Maurice Greene's previous world record of 9.79 seconds, earned Montgomery \$250,000, and made him the surprise winner of the coveted IAAF overall Grand Prix title. Montgomery's other notable wins on this year's IAAF circuit included Brussels (9.91), Pretoria (9.94), Zurich (9.97), Cape Town (10.03) and Stockholm (10.08). In indoor competition, Montgomery ran 6.48 in Dortmund on Jan. 27, the fastest by an American indoors in 2002.



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IAAF PHOTO

DROSSIN NAMED VISA HUMANITARIAN

Two-time U.S. 10,000-meter champion **Deena Drossin** has been named the 2002 Visa Humanitarian Athlete of the Year. The honor recognizes contributions U.S. track and field athletes have made off the field of competition.

Drossin, who in 2002 set an American record for 10,000 meters and ran a world best for 5,000 meters on the roads, takes every opportunity to spread a message that she lives by: setting goals for yourself and maintaining a healthy, active lifestyle.

In 2002, Drossin spoke at more than 15 high schools and junior colleges in California, several youth clinics and at JP Morgan Chase Corporate Challenge events around the country. With physical education no longer mandatory in many states, Drossin has made it a mission to stress fitness to young people while delivering her impassioned message of goal-setting, which has led her to the heights of athletic achievement.



PHOTORUN

TRAMMELL GETS HIS SHEEPSKIN

Olympic silver medalist 110-meter hurdler **Terrence Trammell** in December received his bachelor's degree in business and retail management from the University of South Carolina.

The 2001 World Indoor champion in the 60m hurdles and 2003 U.S. Indoor champ in the 60m dash, Trammell in August of 2000 announced that he would forego his final year of collegiate eligibility at South Carolina in order to train for world-class track and field. Since that time, Trammell has continued to train under his college coach, Curtis Frye, while taking classes full-time at South Carolina to complete his degree. Trammell was a six-time NCAA champion during his three years of competition at South Carolina.



COURTESY KIMBERLY TRAMMELL

Good News

POLE VAULTER RUSS BULLER JOINS MCNEESE STATE AS COACH

Nationally ranked pole vaulter **Russ Buller** has signed on as an assistant track and field coach at McNeese State University. Buller will work with the school's pole vaulters and jumpers. While at Louisiana State University (LSU), Buller won the 2000 NCAA indoor and outdoor titles, and he holds the LSU men's pole vault records 5.71 meters/18-8.75 indoors and of 5.79 meters/19-0.25 outdoors.



LSU ATHLETICS PHOTO

CLAUSEN, RACE WALKING FEATURED ON FOX SITCOM

The sport of race walking – and several U.S. race walkers – made their prime-time sitcom debuts January 5 in FOX's broadcast of its hit series, "Malcolm in the Middle."

Thanks to the assistance of technical advisor **Curt Clausen**, Team USA's 1999 World Championships bronze medalist in the 50-kilometer race walk, the episode of "Malcolm" had as its main storyline Malcolm's father, Hal, taking up the sport.

Clausen was called in as a technical consultant for the show. He read the script and made suggestions for how to incorporate information on race walking rules and technique into the episode. He taught four key actors in the sitcom how to race walk, and he appeared in the several scenes, as did fellow Team USA walkers Susan Armenta, Philip Dunn and Sean Albert.



PHOTO: IAN

CRAWFORD GETS SPLIT DECISION VS. "BEASTS"

Reigning 200 meter Indoor world champion **Shawn Crawford** appeared in the one-hour television special "Man vs. Beast", which aired on FOX on January 15. Crawford defeated a giraffe and twice lost to a zebra in separate 100-meter races. Nine-time Olympic gold medalist Carl Lewis was on hand to serve as a commentator for the event.



THE SPORTING IMAGE

CONLEY NAMED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Michael Conley has been promoted to Executive Director of Elite Athlete Programs. USATF made the announcement to elite athletes at the 2002 Annual Meeting in Kansas City.

Conley came to USATF in February 1999, and created the organization's Elite Athlete Programs Department, serving as director. In less than three years, he has grown the department to a staff of four and manages a portfolio of programs that puts more than \$9 million a year in the pockets of elite athletes. His responsibilities as Executive Director include overseeing all U.S. National Teams, the USATF Alumni Association, athlete support programs, national championships financial allocations to athletes, and all other issues concerning elite athletes.

The 1992 Olympic gold medalist in the triple jump, Conley works directly with the U.S. Olympic Committee and IAAF on funding and other athlete issues, serving as USATF's athletes' advocate.

"The change in Mike's position recognizes the primary importance of elite athletes in the day-to-day operations of USATF," said USATF CEO Craig Masback. "Mike, on behalf of USATF's elite athletes, is present at the creation of every program and action that involves elite athletes, and he is charged with the responsibility of advocating the athletes' point of view on all issues."

HAVE SOME GOOD NEWS TO CONTRIBUTE?

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(317) 261-0478 ext. 335

ENTER THE USA INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS
NOW — WWW.USATF.ORG

Good News

USATF ESTABLISHES FOUNDATION

USA Track & Field announced the launch of the USATF Foundation at the opening general session of the organization's Annual Meeting in Kansas City. The purpose of the Foundation is to enhance lives and communities in the U.S. through track & field, long distance running and race walking.

The USATF Foundation will reach out to the thousands of young people who would like to take part in the sport but lack the opportunity. The Foundation will assist dedicated Olympic hopefuls who could realize their dreams and potential if given the opportunity. The Foundation will also aid older Americans who would find great joy and benefit from participating if exposed to the very inclusive sport of track & field. The Foundation will assist people of all ages and all walks of life and ability levels in finding fitness, enjoyment and accomplishment through track & field.

The leadership of USATF – realizing there was substantial, untapped potential for track & field to make a lasting and meaningful impact on the lives of millions of Americans – joined with elite and masters athletes, track & field enthusiasts and experienced officials to create the USA Track & Field Foundation. The Foundation will provide a means to attract and guide funds to new and innovative track & field programs.

For more information on the USATF Foundation, contact USATF National Headquarters at (317) 261-0500. ▼

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

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Grace Butcher started running in 1949 before girls were allowed to run more than 200 meters, but she eventually became a national champion and women's pioneer at 800 meters. "I did everything - sprints, hurdles, high jump, long jump. Hurdles were the best. Then in 1957, we finally got the 400 and 800 meters added to the program and I became the first U.S. 800 meter champion." In 1959, Butcher won nationals, but her Olympic dream did not materialize the following year. "My big dream to make the 1960 Olympic team didn't happen because I was badly injured just before the Trials,"

said Butcher. "I had a broken foot. But I've never stopped running. In 1977, I started masters track and the biggest thrill of my whole life was the silver medal in the World Games in 1989 in the 800 meters. Just to keep on, keeping on...it's been over 50 years and it'll be forever." Grace was a Professor of English at Kent State University in Ohio for 25 years, and she still teaches one class in creative writing. She also is a published poet, and some of her compositions are track poems. You can email her at grace_butcher@msn.com. ▼

Starstruck

An Elite Athlete & Grassroots Outreach Program

Are you interested in molding the future of the World's #1 Track & Field Team ?

USA Track & Field is encouraging Elite Athletes to make appearances at Junior Olympic Association Championships in your area.

If you would like to take part in this program to encourage young track and field athletes, please email [Melissa Beasley \(Melissa.Beasley@usatf.org\)](mailto:Melissa.Beasley@usatf.org) at the National Headquarters for more information.

Breaking News

USATF WINS VINDICATION ON DOPING MATTERS

On January 10, the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Switzerland ruled that USA Track & Field had done nothing wrong in connection with drug testing cases first identified at the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney. The decision closes the book on a two-year period in which USATF was unfairly and maliciously attacked by IAAF and IOC politicians and in the media, and it provides vindication for USATF.

It also is a victory for innocent U.S. athletes, since it means that USATF will not have to share with the IAAF any confidential information concerning domestic anti-doping matters from the period 1996-2000, in keeping with USATF rules during that time period.

In the CAS proceedings, the IAAF sought information dating from 1996 to 2000 on all domestic U.S. cases where an IOC-accredited laboratory reported an "A" sample positive, but the athlete was not convicted of a doping violation (due to laboratory error, "B" sample not confirming the "A," a finding by an independent medical authority, or acquittal).

While the CAS panel found the IAAF rules in the relevant time period were clear, it also found that it was equally clear that USATF followed a good faith course of action from 1989-2000, letting the IAAF know at all times what our rules were, what our interpretation of their rules was, and why we were following a particular course of action. The CAS panel highlighted the fact that our athletes were aware of the promises of confidentiality we had made to them, relied upon them, and should not have their settled expectations overturned.

In short, USATF reasonably assumed its policies were permitted under IAAF rules and that U.S. athletes had and continue to have a justified expectation of privacy and confidentiality. CAS therefore ruled that information on those cases will remain confidential.

Since October 2000, the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) has had delegated to it all responsibility for doping controls and related disciplinary proceedings in domestic U.S. cases. Furthermore, IAAF, USADA and USATF rules are now in agreement on disclosure and confidentiality matters. ▼



BEV KEARNEY RECOVERING IN AUSTIN

University of Texas women's track & field coach Beverly Kearney was injured in an automobile accident that killed two women in Florida on December 26. The car was driven by Jamaican Olympian Michelle Freeman, who escaped without serious injury. Freeman's mother and a UT Academic Advisor were killed in the accident. Kearney sustained serious back injuries in the accident and has undergone several successful surgeries to re-align her spine.

The seven-time national coach of the year, Kearney currently coaches Verizon Youth Athlete of the Year Sanya Richards and former USATF junior national champions Raasin McIntosh and Ashlee Williams. In her coaching career, her pupils have accumulated six Olympic medals dating back to the 1992 Games. Those athletes include Nanceen Perry (4x100-meter relay bronze medalist), Carlette Guidry (4x100m relay gold medalist) and Lavonna Martin (100mH silver medalist).

Athletes who wish to contact coach Kearney are asked to do by sending a card or note to her at the following address: Bev Kearney, Track & Field Coach, Texas Athletics, P.O. Box 7399, University of Texas, Austin, Texas 78713-7399. (Please note: Coach Kearney and UT Athletics kindly requests that people refrain from sending flowers or gifts. Cards and notes only, please.)

Anti-Doping News

IAAF UPDATED WHEREABOUTS PROGRAM

The IAAF is currently putting in place the final touches to its new Whereabouts Information System. This will include setting up a new database, which will enable athletes to provide their whereabouts information to the IAAF online. USATF will send athletes a letter when the new system is operational.

Until that time, the IAAF asks that athletes ranked in the Top 20 of all events of the IAAF World Rankings provide their whereabouts information in hard copy directly to the IAAF (rather than to IDTM as in the past). To view the IAAF World Rankings, go to www.iaaf.org/worldrankings/index.html.

USATF can email you the form so that you can complete it online and email it directly to the IAAF at whereabouts@iaaf.org. To receive the email version of this document, please email USATF's Melissa Beasley at Melissa.Beasley@usatf.org and ask that the attachment be sent to you.

Please be aware that if you do not complete the whereabouts forms when requested to do so, or do not keep these forms updated, then you will be in breach of IAAF Rules and can run the risk of incurring 'no shows' which may lead to prosecution of a doping offense.

More importantly, **athletes are only entitled to prize money from IAAF events if they have undergone at least two Out of Competition tests in the 12-month period prior to the competition.** The IAAF World Indoor Championships, World Cross Country Championships and World Outdoor Championships are all soon upon us, and it is important for athletes to provide their whereabouts information so as to avoid the possibility of being denied prize money. ▼

NEW DOMESTIC ANTI-DOPING RULES

Effective January 1, 2003, under USOC Anti-Doping Policies, if you are selected for Out of Competition (OOC) Testing by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency and you do not have your current quarter's Athlete Location Form on file with USADA, you will have a MISSED TEST declared against you.

If you receive three missed tests over an 18-month period, you will be subject to a period of ineligibility under the USOC Anti-Doping Policies and/or any applicable IAAF policies.

If you are not sure if you are in the OOC pool, please contact Melissa Beasley at USATF National Headquarters – 317-261-0478 x335 to check your status!

The next quarter for the OOC pool begins on April 1. **Remember to submit your April – June 2003 athlete location form before March 1.** ▼

ATTENTION ATHLETES

USADA and the IAAF require athletes who use restricted substances (i.e. beta-2 inhalers) to file a medical notification form prior to competition. You can access the form from the USADA web site at http://www.usantidoping.org/files/Restricted_Medical_Form.pdf.

The form needs to be resubmitted on an **annual basis** with USADA. Please fax a copy of your medical notification form to the USATF National Headquarters at 317/261-0481. If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Beasley at 317/261-0478, ext. 335 or via email at melissa.beasley@usatf.org.

IAAF News

NEW FALSE START RULE IN EFFECT AT IAAF EVENTS

As of January 1, the IAAF will now enforce the False Start Rule adopted on August 1, 2001 at the World Championships in Edmonton. The new IAAF rule allows only one false start for the entire field. Any subsequent false starts are automatic disqualifications.

U.S. athletes should be aware that, in response to strong athlete opposition to the IAAF rule change, USA Track & Field did NOT adopt this rule for domestic competition. However, the IAAF rule will apply at IAAF

Grand Prix and permit meets – such as the Millrose Games, Prefontaine Classic, U.S. Open and adidas Oregon Track Classic – that are held in the U.S. **PLEASE BE SURE YOU ARE CLEAR ABOUT WHICH RULES ARE IN EFFECT BEFORE YOU REACH THE STARTING LINE.**

For domestic meets such as the USA Indoor and Outdoor Championships and other non-Grand Prix meets, USATF's current rule is that individuals are disqualified only after their second false start that they, themselves, commit. ▼



CITIES SELECTED FOR FUTURE MEETS

At the IAAF Council meetings in Monte Carlo, November 15-16, 2002, the IAAF announced that Osaka, Japan, will host the 11th IAAF World Championships in Athletics. The proposed dates for the Championships are August 24 – September 2, 2007.

The Championships will be in the 50,000-seat Nagai Stadium, which annually hosts an IAAF Grand Prix event and was the venue for three matches of the 2002 FIFA World Cup.

The IAAF also announced that New Delhi, India will host the 2004 World Half Marathon Championships. Edmonton, Alberta, Canada would host the event in 2005. ▼

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Prize money will not be distributed until a Direct Payment License (DPL) form is on file with USATF and all drug-testing results have become final.

Athletes with remaining collegiate eligibility are not eligible to receive prize money. In these cases, for the Indoor Championships only, the next highest placing finisher in that event will be awarded the prize money

Tentative Time Schedule – subject to change

Sat., Mar. 8	Men's Heptathlon Day 1	2:00 pm
Sun., Mar. 9	Women's Pentathlon	Noon
	Men's Heptathlon Day 2	2:00 pm

Go to www.usatf.org/events/2003 for complete entry details.

START TIME SET FOR OLYMPIC MARATHON

The IAAF and 2004 Olympic organizers have reached a compromise on the start time for the marathons in Athens.

Representatives from the IAAF first recommended running the two Olympic marathons at 7 p.m. to avoid the worst of Athens heat, but later said that 7 a.m. would be acceptable. The Athens Organizers rejected the 7 p.m. starts, arguing poor early evening light and technical problems would hinder TV coverage.

The marathons are scheduled for August 28-29, the last two days of the Games. Organizers said that an evening marathon on the final day would clash with the Games' Closing Ceremony.

IAAF spokesman Nick Davies called this a difficult situation. Davies said the IAAF Council, examining the effects of heat and humidity, said from "a health point of view, from the athletes point of view, the evening is better. But the early morning is also acceptable. Both options are OK from a health point of view."

The IAAF rejected a request from Athens organizers that the marathons start at 5:30 p.m. A 9 a.m. start was also rejected. ▼

2002 Annual Meeting Recap

Kansas City was the site of yet another great USATF Annual Meeting in December. This year we had a record number of athletes in attendance and received positive feedback from all who attended.

The Athletes Advisory Committee meetings were well attended and the athletes voted in a new group of officers and event leaders. The 2003 AAC officers will be Sandra Farmer-Patrick - Chair, Antonio Pettigrew - Vice Chair, Jon Drummond - Treasurer, and Erica Wheeler - Secretary. The new event leaders are listed on the following page, along with their contact information.

Representatives from USADA also came and spoke to AAC members about general policies and procedures of drug testing. The World Championships and the 2004 Olympic staffs were introduced at the AAC meetings and met with athletes to discuss these upcoming events.

The First Annual Post-Collegiate Special Assistance Fund (PCSAF) Rookie Camp was a success as many of the participants expressed gratitude for the information and training they received. During the orientation session, the "rookies" were able to ask questions of a panel of seasoned veterans, such as Chryste Gaines and Maurice Greene. The group also attended a Peak Performers career training session and a Speaking Specialist workshop in which they learned how to interact with the media. The Speaking Specialists also conducted a workshop with the 2004 Olympic Games staff in Kansas City.

The 2003 USATF Annual Meetings will be in Greensboro, North Carolina, December 3-7. We hope to see you all there! ▼



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▲ Mo Greene (right) poses with the new USATF mascot during a press conference at the 2002 Annual Meeting in Kansas City, Mo.

2003 Indoor Championships from inside front cover

PRIZE MONEY: The top three place finishers will receive prize money. Prize money funds will be paid from USA Track & Field directly to the athletes as soon as USADA anti-doping results have been received. Athletes with remaining NCAA eligibility may not receive prize money. Athletes must be citizens of the U.S. and eligible to represent the U.S. in international competition. USOC income cap rules apply.

Prize money is as follows: **1st Place – \$2,500; 2nd Place - \$1,500; 3rd Place - \$500**

Tickets for the US Indoor Championships are available online at www.usatf.org. You may also purchase tickets by calling the Reggie Lewis Center at 617-541-2451.

ATHLETE SUPPORT CREDENTIALS: Each qualified, declared athlete will receive one athlete support credential for support personnel to receive entry into the athlete warm-up area, sports medicine area, athlete seating section in the stadium and the athlete shuttle bus that will operate from the meet hotel and the stadium. Each athlete may purchase one additional credential for \$30 for personal coaches and/or medical personnel of the athlete.

Enter online today at www.usatf.org/events/2003/USAIndoorTFChampionships/entry/

Update your USATF membership first at

<https://www.usatf.org/membership/application/>

Go to <http://www.usatf.org/events/2003/USAIndoorTFChampionships/athleteInfo/> for complete information on the 2003 USA Indoor Championships

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Feb. 28-March 2, 2003
Boston, Mass.

USA Indoor Combined
Event Championships
March 8-9, 2003
Chapel Hill, N.C.

IAAF World Indoor
Championships
March 14-16, 2003
Birmingham,
Great Britain

IAAF World
Cross Country
Championships
March 29-30, 2003,
Lausanne, Switzerland

IAAF World Outdoor
Championships
August 23-31, 2003
Paris, France



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