

## BIOS OF THE CLASS OF 2010

**WAYMOND E. GRIGGS:** Camden HS '54 and Abilene Christian University '59. Attended Camden (AR) HS where he qualified for the state meet three of his high school years. State champion in the 100-yard dash as a sophomore and was second in the state 100 in his junior and senior years. Held the school record in the 100 dash. Four-year letterman in track and field for the Abilene Christian University Wildcats. Member of the relay teams that set three world records and won 16 titles at major collegiate relay meets such as the Texas, Drake and Penn Relays. With Griggs sharing baton duties, the Wildcats posted a remarkable record of 36-4 in the 440-yard and 880-yard relay events during his collegiate career. His individual collegiate best times were 10.4 in the 100 meters, 9.6 for 100 yards and 20.8 for 220 yards. Former Abilene Christian coach Oliver Jackson, a member of the USATF Coaches Association Hall of Fame, usually assigned Griggs to open each relay event because of his quick starting ability with anchor duties going to Bobby Morrow, triple gold medal winner in the 1956 Olympic Games. Jackson said the 5-10, 146 pound Griggs was one of the most consistent and fastest-starting runners he ever coached. Member of the Wildcat teams that won the 1955 NAIA Division I national championship and 1956 Gulf Coast Conference title, later was a successful high school track and field coach at Midland, TX, Kermit, TX, and Permian High School in Odessa, TX. His Permian teams at Odessa (Class 5A) have been district champions 14 years and runner-up another seven years. They were regional runner-up three years, regional winners four years and a state runner-up in 1984 and state champions in 1993. Waymond served for eight years as the men's West Texas selection chairman for the Great Southwest Classic Track and Field Meet, Phoenix, AZ, and also served on the Advisory Board for the Texas High School Coaches Association. He has written for publication on his success as a sprint coach and has been sought out as a clinic speaker in several states.

### World records:

06Apr57	440-yard relay	Texas Relays	Austin	40.2 (JR)
11May57	440-yard relay	West Coast Relays	Fresno	
				39.9 (JR)
31May58	440-yard relay	California Relays	Modesto	39.7 (SR)

### Major relay titles:

1955	Texas Relays	440-yard relay	41.4 (FR)
1956	Texas Relays	440-yard relay	41.5 (SO)
1956	Drake Relays	440-yard relay	40.2 (SO)
1956	Drake Relays	880-yard relay	1:28.4 (SO)
1956	California Relays	440-yard relay	40.2 (SO)
1957	Texas Relays	440-yard relay	40.2 (JR)
1957	Drake Relays	440-yard relay	40.5 (JR)
1957	Drake Relays	880-yard relay	1:24.2 (JR)
1957	West Coast Relays	440-yard relay	39.9 (JR)
1957	West Coast Relays	880-yard relay	1:24.4 (SR)
1958	Texas Relays	440-yard relay	41.0 (SR)
1958	Texas Relays	880-yard relay	1:24.3 (SR)
1958	Penn Relays	440-yard relay	41.3 (SR)
1958	Penn Relays	880-yard relay	1:24.9 (SR)
1958	California Relays	440-yard relay	39.7 (SR)
1958	California Relays	440-yard relay	40.5 (SR)

### Major team titles:

1955 NAIA Division I national track and field champions (FR)  
 1956 Gulf Coast Conference track and field championship (SO)

**JEFF HARTWIG:** Arkansas State University, Pole Vaulter

### Track and Field Accomplishments

Personal Best – 19' 9 1/2 "

- 2007 US National Indoor Champion
- 2006 US Rank #4, World Rank #18
- 2006 US Outdoor Championships Bronze Medal
- 2005 US Rank #5, World Rank #23
- 2004 US Rank #4, World Rank #10
- 2003 US National Outdoor Champion
- 2003 US Rank #2, World Rank #8
- 2002 World and American Rank #1
- 2002 US Indoor Record 6.02 m 19'9" (Sindelfingen, Germany, 3-30-02)
- 2002 Set Three American Indoor Records (6.0m, Donyetsk; 6.01m Bad, Oeynhausen)
- 2002 US Outdoor Champion
- 2001 World Ranked #2, US Ranked #1
- 2000 World Ranked #3, US Ranked #2
- 2000 American Record 6.03m, 19'9 1/2", 6-14-00
- 1999 World Rank #2, US Rank #1
- 1999 World Indoor Championships – Silver
- 1999 National Champion Indoor and Outdoor
- 1999 American Indoor Record 19'6 1/2", 3-5-99
- 1998 World Rank #2, US Rank #1
- 1998 Goodwill Games Champion – American Record 19'8 1/2"
- 1998 1<sup>st</sup> American to jump 6 m (19'8 1/4") St. Denis, France, 6-4-98
- 1998 Cleared 19' or higher in 22 meets
- 1998 National Outdoor Champion
- 1997 US Outdoor Nationals, 4<sup>th</sup> Place
- 1997 US Rank #5
- 1996 US Olympic Team Member, 11<sup>th</sup> place, Atlanta Games
- 1996 US Olympic Trials Runner-up (PR 19'0 1/4")
- 1996 US Rank #4
- 1995 US Outdoor Nationals, 7<sup>th</sup> Place
- 1995 US Olympic Festival Runner-up
- 1995 US Rank #7
- 1994 US Nationals, 10<sup>th</sup> Place
- 1994 US Olympic Festival Champion
- 1994 US Rank #9
- 1992 Olympic Trials Finalist, 13<sup>th</sup> place
- 1995-2001 Seven-time Drake Relays Champion

**DAVID F. JOHNSTON:** Elaine High School and UCA (1964-1969)

- Lettered four years in track and field at Elaine High School
- 1964 State champion in high and low hurdles
- Lettered in track and field four years at UCA
- 1969 AIC long jump, triple jump and high hurdles champion
- 1967, 1968 and 1969 national NAIA long jump champion and first team All-American

- 1968 set a new AIC triple jump record of 48'7½"
- Bests include 100m – 10 5; 400m – 49 7; long jump – 25'1"; high jump – 6'7½"; pole vault – 15'6"; and high hurdles – 14.1
- 1969 Awarded the Neil Martin trophy as the outstanding amateur athlete
- Coached high school track and field in California and college track at ASU, SMU, UCA, University of Florida and Arizona State

**JAMES LEMLEY:** Van Buren HS, College of the Ozarks, FS Southside

#### ATHLETIC AWARDS

- 1955 All State Football – Van Buren HS
- 1957 All District Baseball – Van Buren HS
- 1958 2<sup>nd</sup> team all conference football – College of the Ozarks
- 4 year letterman in football – Van Buren HS
- 3 year letterman in baseball – Van Buren HS
- 2 year letterman in basketball - Van Buren HS
- 2 year letterman in track - Van Buren HS

#### COACHING CAREER

- 1961-62 Siloam Springs, AR
- 1962-68 Smackover, AR
- 1968-70 Mountain Grove, MO
- 1970-72 Texarkana, AR
- 1972-73 St. Anne's (Fort Smith, AR)
- 1974-2003 Fort Smith Southside

Total 41 years

#### TRACK & FIELD STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 1981, 1982, 1983, 1985 – Girls – Assistant Coach
- 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995 – Girls – Head Coach
- 1996, 1998 – Girls Indoor – Head Coach

Total 12

#### TRACK AND FIELD CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Won 14 of 15 conference meets 1982-1986

**WILBUR OWEN,** Conway High School and University of Central Arkansas (formerly ASTC). Following his successful senior year at Conway HS Owen was recruited by Coach Raymond Bright, to run track for Arkansas State Teacher's College. At Conway HS he set state records in the 180 yard low hurdles and the 220 yard dash, ran on three state record setting relay teams, won the 100 yard dash and was named the Outstanding Performer as Conway won the 1960 AA State title. As a senior he was awarded the Frank E. Robins Award as the outstanding athlete at Conway High.

Fall 1960, Wilbur, with his older brother Don, played a leading role as ASTC won four successive AIC track championships. Owen took part in three NAIA National Meets where he placed second in the 440 yard intermediate hurdles and ran on the 3<sup>rd</sup> place 440 relay team. As a freshman he won the 220-yard dash and ran on record-setting 440 and 880 yard relays as ASTC won the AIC Championship in 1961. As a sophomore he broke a 33-year old record in the 220 hurdles, placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 100 yard dash, and anchored a record-setting mile relay team as ASTC won the AIC Championship again in 1962.

In his junior year he won the 100, 220, and 440 dashes and ran on the winning 440-yard relay team while winning the High Point Award as ASTC won the AIC title the third straight year.

As a senior, Wilbur won the 100-yard dash in 9.9 seconds, broke his own record in the 220-yard low hurdles and tied the AIC record in the 220-yard dash as ASTC again won the AIC Championship. He won his second AIC High Point Award at this meet.

Throughout his track career, Wilbur ran multiple races in each meet. They included the 100, 220, and 440-yard dashes, the 220 low hurdles, and anchoring the 440, 880 yard and mile relays. In a typical meet he could be counted on to add from 12 to 16 points to the team total. He was a dominant force in the development of AIC track during the early 1960's, an unselfish athlete with a "team-first" attitude.

During his four years at ASTC, Wilbur won 12 first place finishes in the AIC Conference Meets. He also placed in 6 events in the NAIA National Meets; was the ASTC Track High Point Winner in all 4 years of his college career and the AIC High Point Winner in 1963 and 1964. In 1964 Owen was the Arkansas nominee for the Sullivan Award as the state's Outstanding AAU Athlete.

Following graduation in 1964, Wilbur taught in high schools in Memphis, TN, and Stuttgart, AR. After two years of teaching he entered graduate school at the University of Arkansas receiving an MS in 1970 and a PhD in 1973. He has been a member of the faculty of UCA since 1973 where he holds the rank of Professor of Biology and is now retired.

#### Highlights

##### 1960

Conway High School – Senior  
AA State Meet

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place 100 yd dash
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place 180 yd hurdles
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place 220 yd dash
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place 440 yd relay
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place 880 yd relay
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Mile relay

State Meet High Point Award  
Meet of Champions

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place 180 yd low hurdles
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place 100 yd dash
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place 440 yd relay

##### 1959

Conway High School – Junior

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place 180 yd hurdles
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place 100 yd dash
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place mile relay

Meet of Champions

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place 180 yd hurdles

#### RODERICK PARKER, D.D.S.: Masters Track and Field Athlete

- 2004 selected the USA Masters Track and Field Athlete of the Year
- At age 85 he set an age-group world record of 34.42 in the 200m at the outdoor championships

- 2004 at the masters indoor meet in Boston set world records for the 85-89 age group in the 200m at 35.74 and 1:25.15 in the 400m and a US record of 9.86 in the 60m
- Has set indoor and outdoor records in the 100, 200 and 400m in all age divisions for 75-79 to 85-89
- Current champion and record holder in all events in which he competes in Arkansas and the national Olympics
- Played on the Stanford University football team and ran high school track at Salinas, CA.
- Started running again after Frank Shorter won the marathon at the 1972 Olympics in Munich, Germany, and became serious about masters competition in 1993 when he won the 60, 200 and 400 at the 75-79 age group at the national indoor masters meet in Columbia, MO

Americans. He has been named AIC Coach of the Year five times. He retired in 2008 after 39 years in education

**MONIKA KLEBE UNGER:** Arkansas State University. Monika Klebe was one of the top athletes ever to attend Arkansas State University. During her collegiate career she was a vital part of ASU's four conference championship teams where she won every event in which she was entered. Her unparalleled performance in the 1988 championship included winning her heat in the 100m hurdles, 400 m, 400m hurdles on the first day and, on the second day, she anchored the winning 4x100m relay team, won the 100m hurdles in 14.15, the 400m in 55.06, the 800m in 2:16.10, the 400m hurdles in 61.73 and, finally, anchored the winning 4x400m relay with a 56.9 split in the overall time of 3:51.44. She is married to Anders Unger and now lives in Sweden.

**DAN VEACH:** Southern State College (SAU) '69, Auburn University '75. Ran high school track at William Tennent in Pennsylvania where he was a member of the team that won the mile relay in their division at the Penn Relays in 1965. He was conference champion the 220 yard dash and was an All State selection. He ran four years at Southern State College (SAU) under Rip Powell and was a four time All-AIC selection and a three time NAIA All American in 1966, 67 and 68. As a sophomore he broke the school record in the 220. He was tri-captain of the Rider team his junior and senior years. Veach completed his B.S.E. degree in the social studies in 1969 and received his Master's Degree in secondary administration from Auburn University in 1975. He began his career in education 1969 as a social studies teacher at Emerson High School where he initiated track and cross country teams in 1972. During the nine years he coached, his teams won five State Championships, three in cross country and two in track and field and were runner-up on three other occasions. After he became the high school principal, 1981 thru 1988, Emerson teams continued to win seven State Track Championships out of the next eight years. Veach became head men's track coach at Southern Arkansas in 1988 and started the women's program in 1990. Over the 20 years at SAU his teams won five conference titles and have been runner-up five other times. In 1992, the men's 4x100 team won the National NAIA title. He has coached 89 All Conference athletes in the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference & Gulf South Conference and 28 NAIA All