

BIOS OF THE CLASS OF 2011

Luther Guinn: Arkadelphia HS and Ouachita Baptist Univ.

Track and football standout

- Known for his sprinter's speed, hurdling and long jumping
- Jr. high - 1968 and 1969 was undefeated in the 440-yard dash 1969 - was district and state winner in the 100-, 220-yard dashes and the long jump and was the high point man
- 1970, 1971 and 1972 - district and state champion in the 440-yard dash
- 1972 - high point man in the state meet and won the 440-yard dash in the Meet of Champs
- Ran track at OBU for three years and never lost a race in the intermediate hurdles while in college A knee injury ended his career in his senior year
- AIC champion for 3 years, 1973, 1974 and 1975, in the intermediate hurdles

Gene Hobbs: ASTC (now UCA) 1953-1957

- Sports Letters:
 - Football 3 years
 - Basketball 3 years
 - Track 4 years
- 2nd team All AIC football
- Ran on 4 AIC track champs 1954-57
 - 880 yard AIC champ 2 times
 - Mile relay champs 2 times
 - Mile medley relay champ 1 time
- School Records:
 - 880 yd run / Mile Relay / Mile Medley Relay
- Coached JV basketball at ASTC 1957
- Co-captain football 1956
- ASTC graduate 1957
- UCA Track and Field Honor Roll
- Cabot head basketball – boys/girls
- Cabot head track coach 4 years – District champs
- South Side, Bee Branch basketball coach – boys/girls
- Bryant head basketball / assistant football 2 years
- Holly Grove – Principal and Athletic Director 25 years
- UCA Lettermen's Club / UCA Alumni Association
- UCA Sports Hall of Fame 2006

Woody Jolley: LR Parkview and Henderson State University

- Served two years as president of the Arkansas Track Coaches Association, 1977 and 1978
- Served two years as president of the Arkansas Track and Field Hall of Fame, 2003-05
- Coach of the AIC District 17 cross country championships, 1961
- Coach of the Year, AIC District 17, 1991
- Coach of the Class AAAA Arkansas High School cross country champions, 1980
- Coach of the Class AAAA Arkansas High School cross country runner-up, 1972, 1973, 1975, 1976
- Coach of the Class AAAA Arkansas High School track and field runner-up, 1981
- Coached 25 Meet of Champs athletes, 1970-81
- Vice-president of the Arkansas Track Coaches Association, 1976 and 1981
- Organized and served as Meet Director for the first two indoor classic meets at Barton Coliseum, 1981 and 1982

Larry Rogers: University of Central Arkansas

- Two-time NAIA All American: 1977 in the mile relay and 1978 in the 880 yard run
- Silver medalist in Mexico City in 1979 in 800 meters (NAIA All-Stars)
- 4-time NAIA national finalist
- Set six school records at UCA: 600, 800, 880, mile relay, distance medley relay and sprint medley relay.
- AIC Indoor 600 champion in 1978
- Lettered four years in track and three years in cross country at UCA
- Ranked in the top best ever times in the AIC in the 1500 m and 800 m
- Voted "Most Dedicated" by his teammates in 1978 and 1979
- Was a Masters National Champion in 1988 – 600, 1000, mile relay, 2-mile relay, with a national record in the Masters 2-mile relay
- Two-time MAIA Area V Coach of the Year, 1983-84
- Seven-time AIC Coach of the Year, 1982-1085 (4 track, 3 cross country)
- Three-time NAIA District 17 Cross Country Coach of the Year – 1982, 1983 and 1984
- Inducted into the Arkansas College (now Lyon College) Hall of Fame for coaching in 2003 where his teams won seven AIC championships
- Had 45 All-Conference track and field athletes at Arkansas College with All-Americans in long jump, heptathlon, 1500 meter and cross country during his 5-year tenure there, as well as Academic All Americans
- Was recognized by the Arkansas College Board of Directors for the "winningest" years in the college's history
- In 2005 coached the first UCA Cross Country team ever to qualify for the NCAA national championship meet
- Coached both athletes who broke his UCA records in the indoor 880 and outdoor 800
- Reportedly still holds the 880 yard record run for Booneville High School and was the 880 state champion in that event in 1975
- Set seven school records at Booneville High school
- Inducted into the UCA Sports Hall of Fame is 2010.

Morry Sanders: Lake Hamilton HS and Arkansas State University Morry set several meet records in the pole vault as a Lake Hamilton Senior, including the state meet (16'06") and the Meet of Champs (16'07") His highest mark of 16'08" was set at the 1988 Lakeside Ram Relays He held the Meet of Champs record for 21 years until one of his students, Samuel Ewing, who went on to vault 17'01" as a senior, broke it as a junior in 2009 with a jump of 16'07 ¼" In 1988 Morry was named Track & Field News Magazine All-American, Arkansas Democrat Track Athlete of the Year, Arkansas Gazette Track Athlete of the Year, Gatorade Arkansas Track Athlete of the Year and Arkansas Gazette Track Athlete of the Decade At Arkansas State University, he enjoyed All-Conference honors indoors and outdoors all four years before receiving a B S in Exercise Science After spending several years in the fitness industry, Morry was asked to work with a promising young

athlete, Brandie Plyler, in the pole vault during his free time. She went on to set the girl's overall record of 11'10" before graduating and competing for Ole Miss. Inspired by her success, several other athletes sought tutoring from Morry and in 1999 he started a club exclusively for pole vaulters, Arkansas Vault Club. Morry then went on to get his teaching certification and worked his way to head track coach at Caddo Hills before being named to the track coaching staff at his alma mater. As a coach through his club and his school, Morry has developed 76 state champions in the pole vault indoors and out with 17 Meet of Champs winners. He has also developed 2 Indoor National Junior Class record holders with Spencer McCorkel (17'03 1/2" as a Jr. and 17'09" as a Sr) and Andrew Irwin (17'06 1/4"). His athletes have set 29 state meet and overall records along the way. Of the 7 state classifications in Arkansas, his athletes hold the state record in 6 of them on the girl's side and 3 on the boy's side plus Morry himself holds the 5A record. Both Meet of Champions records are also held by his athletes, Stephanie Foreman (13'06 1/4") and Andrew Irwin (17'00"). Several of his athletes have gone on to have successful college careers in track and field.

Kathy Snell Tadlock: Arkansas Activities Association, Associate Executive Director, Track & Field Administrator. Served as AAA administrator for state track and cross country meets 1981-2010.

- Assumed full responsibility as administrator and rules interpreter for Cross Country and Track & Field upon the retirement of Jerry Hall in 1995.
- Conducted track rules meetings around the state until all AAA sports rules meetings went to an online format; continued to format the online rules presentations.
- In 2003 initiated the annual Administrative Track Clinics held just prior to track season to train officials for consistency in the application of NFHS and AAA rules.
- Served a four-year term on the NFHS Track and Field Rules Committee.
- Administered the growth of cross country's increase from four classes to six classes.
- Administered the growth of track & field's increase from five to seven classes.
- Saw participation in cross country grow significantly.
- Worked with AAA's Track & Field Advisory Committee to implement recommendations as approved by the AAA Board of Directors, such as:
 - Increasing the distance of the girls' cross country race from 4000 meters to a standard 5K, the same distance as for boys.
 - Added Girls Pole Vault as a state event
 - Added the Triple Jump as a state event
 - Upgraded the Girls Pentathlon to the Girls Heptathlon
 - Revised the State Order of Events to follow the NFHS Rules Book-
 - Developed qualifying standards for athletes to qualify to the state track meet at certified regular season meets.
 - Changed the format of the Meet of Champs to allow more participation by quality performers.

- Developed and revised annually an Arkansas-specific track test as a further effort to teach consistency in rules application.
- Arkansas Track & Field Hall of Fame:
- Has served on the ATFHF Board of Directors of the since 1996
- Chair of the ATFHF Banquet Committee

Harold Wilson: Track Coach and Official

- Assistant director of the Arkansas high school invitational and state indoor meet for 12 years
- Past president of Arkansas Track Coaches Association
- Head track and field coach at Mountain View, 1975-78, sr. teams were conference runners-up all three years and jr high teams were conference champions all three years
- Jr high track coach at Siloam Springs, teams were conference runner-up and 8th grade team was undefeated
- With Heber Springs schools for 30 years, with 23 years as head track coach
 - 18 senior high conference championships
 - 14 jr. high conference championships
 - 5 state championships
 - 5 state runners-up
 - 24 individual state champions in 35 events
 - Athletes set 11 state records (7 indoor and 4 outdoor)
 - Two athletes were invited to the Golden West Invitational with one emerging as the pole vault champion
 - Heber Springs HS track program recognized by the ATFHF with the Lewis McCollum Gold Star Award, 2005
- AHSCA Track Coach of the Year 1985-86, 1996-97 and 1997-98
- Arkansas Gazette Track Coach of the Year, 1984
- ATFHF Meritorious Service Award recipient, 2004
- Batesville High School, Assistant Principal, continues to work with track program