USC WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD

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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

'The young women who represent the University of Southern California in Intercollegiate Athletics can be described most accurately as a magnificently special breed of young Americans. While participating in an athletic program that has gained national prominence and leadership in the brief period of its existence, these young women have at the same time received honors and recognition for their scholastic achievement. The rapid rise of the Women's Intercollegiate program is a tribute to dedicated and determined athletes and coaches.

As the University of Southern California Approaches its 100th Anniversary in 1980, with pride in its tradition of leadership in higher education, our goals are to encourage prospective student-athletes to attend the University of Southern California and to provide for them an atmosphere in which athletic and academic opportunity and achievement go hand in hand."

Barbara Hedges Associate Athletic Director

SHERRY CALVERT HEAD TRACK & FIELD COACH

Sherry Calvert, the first woman in the history of the University of Southern California to win an AIAW National Championship, is the women's track and field coach. A USC alum, Sherry is an outstanding athlete who at one time held the national collegiate record for the women's javelin throw. A ten-time AAU All-American she is currently the number two all-time American javelin thrower (207'11").

A two-time Olympian, Coach Calvert made her international debut in 1967 at the Central American Games in Mexico City. Competing there again in 1968, she won three gold medals -- javelin, discus and 440 relay -- and was voted the Outstanding Athlete of the meet by press writers. Sherry went

on to compete in the 1971 and 1975 Pan American games winning the gold medal in 1975. She competed in her first Olympic Games in 1972 in Munich, Germany and in 1973 was named to the Collegiate Hall of Fame. Sherry was twice honored (first while only a junior) as the Outstanding Senior for athletics, scholarship and leadership.

In addition to finishing her doctorate in physical education and continuing her training, Sherry is busy dividing her time between coaching and teaching physical education. Her training efforts were recently rewarded by winning the AAU Nationals in the javelin throw.

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ASSISTANT COACHES

TOM ZOTOVICH:

A recent USC graduate, Tom is in his third year as assistant coach with the women's track & field team, working primarily with the jumpers and throwers. Tom lettered in varsity football, basketball and track (high jumping) at San Gabriel High School. Currently Tom is teaching full-time at Florence Nightengale Junior High School and joins the Trojans for afternoon practice. Tom provides a broad competitive background helpful to the diverse events of track and field in assisting with many coaching responsibilities.

STEVE BLAN:

A graduate of U.C. Santa Barbara majoring in math, Steve is currently a teaching assistant for the USC math department. A varsity cross country and track letterman in high school, he has competed at U.C. Irvine for a year prior to attending U.C.S.B. The first assistant coach specializing in cross country and distance events, Steve is a most welcome addition to the staff.

SEASON'S OUTLOOK

The 1979 USC Women's Track and Field Team should be the strongest ever with such outstanding new members as Kim Robinson, Sandy Crabtree, Linda Cassidy, Rosalind Anderson, Cecile Poppen and Kathy Haynes; plus such returnees as Gail Douglas and Mitzi McMillin.

The Trojans will be much stronger in the sprints.

Sandy Crabtree will run the 100 and 200 meter dashes and sprint relays, as well as participating in the long jump. As the Arizona State Champion in each of these events, she was named the Arizona Woman Athlete of the Year.

"Sandy is an explosive, powerful athlete whose techniques should improve markedly throughout the season as will her marks," Head Coach Sherry Calvert remarked.

Kim Robinson of Los Angeles, the 1977 AAU 200 meter Junior National Champion, will be adding depth in the dashes and sprint relays.

Gail Douglas of Compton, a consistent and precise runner, is the school record holder in the 100 and 200 meter dashes. Coach Calvert is most pleased with Gail's performances. "I am convinced that she runs the all important lead off leg of the 440 relay as well as anyone in the United States," Calvert said proudly.

The 400 meter event is a new strength for the Trojans this year, with California State finalist Linda Cassidy of Torrance and semifinalist Cecile Poppen of Thousand Oaks.

The long jump event claims three impressive Trojans. Sandy Crabtree will be joined by Kathy Haynes, the California State Champion who is currently finishing a fine first season with the Trojans' basketball team, and Mitri McMillin, the school record holder and national finalist from last year's

team. Haynes, from Madera, will be concentrating on her technique and should make her greatest strides in improvement at the end of the season. Mitzi, a senior from Seattle, will be expected to continue her efforts and improvement in this event as well as being a nationally ranked hurdler.

In the 100 meter hurdles, McMillin will have the finest competition in the U.S. against 1978 AAU Outdoor Champion, Deby LePlante, currently attending San Diego State. "This should provide Mitzi the challenge and opportunity to excell in the hurdles at Nationals this year," commented Coach Calvert. McMillin is also an integral part of the 440 relay team and consistently displays the leadership that comes from years of experience in the sport of track and field.

Joining McMillin in the hurdles is former Junior Olympic Champion Rosalind Anderson, a transfer student from Florida State University.

Anderson will be running both the 100 and 400 meter hurdles.

The throwing events are strengthened by the addition of Oregon Prep Athlete of the Year, Anna Maria Lopez of Portland. A two time State Champion in the discus, "Ace" will join the track team after basketball season. It is hoped that Anna Maria will be in top form for the AIAW National Championships. The van Benthem javelin throwing triplets from LaJolla, return for their second season at USC, hopeful of becoming the first threesome to qualify in an event for the Trojans at the National Championships.

The distance events will be stronger in 1979 with Gina Dyer of Lakewood, junior college state finalist in two distance events, and the Trojan cross country runners who have finished their first complete season, culminating with the AIAW Regionals.

"Overall this year's team has better depth and greater quality than any previous team at USC", Calvert said.

USC WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD ROSTER

		YEAR	HOMETOWN
NAME Rosalind Anderson	EVENT 100, 400 M Hurdles, Relays	Sophomore	Frederick, MD.
Linda Cassidy	100, 200, 400 M, Relays	Freshman	Torrance, CA.
		Freshman	Glendale, AZ.
Sandy Crabtree	100, 200, 400 M, Long Jump, Relays		
Barbara Deasey	Discus	Senior	Omaha, NB.
Mary Ann Denzler	Discus	Junior	Riverside, CA.
Gail Douglas	100, 200 M, Relays	Senior	Compton, CA.
Tracey Downer	800, 1500 M	Junior	Pasadena, CA.
Gina Dyer	1500, 3000 M, 2 Mile, Relay	Junior	Lakewood, CA.
Marian Eastern	400 M, 400 M Hurdles, Relays	Sophomore	San Diego, CA.
Kathy Haynes	Long jump, High jump, Relays	Freshman	Madera, CA.
Honour Henry	Shot put, Javelin	Junior	Los Angeles, CA.
Carey Hill	800, 1500 M, 2 Mile, Relay	Junior	Lawndale, CA.
Lynsey Howatt	Discus	Junior	Westchester, CA.
Marley Jung	800, 1500 M, 2 Mile, Relay	Sophomore	Los Angeles, CA.
Julie Lendl	High Jump	Junior	Simi Valley, CA.
Anna Maria Lopez	Shot Put, Discus	Freshman	Portland, OR.
Mitzi McMillin	Long Jump, High Jump, Hurdles, Relays	Senior	Seattle, WA.
Linda Molo	200 M, Relays	Junior	Los Angeles, CA.
Cecile Poppen	400 M, Relays	Freshman	Thousand Oaks, CA.
Kim Robinson	100, 200 M, Relays	Freshman	Los Angeles, CA.
Carolyn Sampson	400 M Hurdles, 400 Relay	Junior	Chicago, IL.
Joyce Simley	Shot Put	Junior	Akron, OH.
Thera Smith	Relays, Sprints	Freshman	Long Beach, CA.
Lisa van Benthem	Javelin	Sophomore	La Jolla, CA.
Lorelei van Benthem	Javelin	Sophomore	
Lynne van Benthem	Javelin	Sophomore	

PLAYER CAPSULES

Rosalind Anderson - Sophomore - Frederick, Maryland

Major: Business

Events: 100 and 400 M Hurdles, Relays

A transfer student from Florida State University and former Junior Olympic Champion in the hurdles, Rosalind will be a pleasant addition after the loss of Patty Van Wolvelaere. A hard worker and fast learner, Rosalind hopes to regain her times from the past to become a figure on the collegiate national scene. Also capable of running the 400 meter hurdles, she will be called upon to do so in dual meet action although she will concentrate on the 100 meter hurdles for most of the season.

Linda Cassidy - Freshman - Torrance, California

Major: Physical Education

Events: 100, 200, 400 M, Relays

Linda is a freshman standout from West Torrance High School. A state finalist in the 440, Linda's powerful stride enables her to keep up with many runners much taller than she. A valuable member for all relay teams because of her ability to run any distance, she will be seen in several different events during the course of the season.

Sandy Crabtree - Freshman - Glendale, Arizona

Major: Physical Therapy

Events: 100, 200, 400 M, Relays, Long Jump

The Arizona Woman Athlete of the Year and 8th place finisher of the 1978 AAU Senior Nationals in the long jump, Sandy is recognized as one of the top high school graduates of 1978. Also an outstanding sprinter with the 4th fastest 100 yard time nationally in 1978, Sandy adds to the Trojans sprint corp and relay squads, likely to finish high in the national standings.

Barb Deasey - Senior - Omaha, Nebraska

Major: Business - Marketing

Event: Discus

Although a senior, Barb is a new member of the USC Track and Field Team. A discus thrower in high school, she left the sport to concentrate on her studies at college and recently decided to return to track. Once she re-establishes her confidence suing her past experience, her performances should improve throughout the year.

Mary Ann Denzler - Junior - Riverside, California

Major: Physical Education

Event: Discus

Inexperienced in track but a former member of the sailing team, the discus is what Mary Ann will be sailing for USC. A strong athlete who works hard and learns quickly, she is expected to be one of the most improved athletes by the end of this season.

Cecile Poppen - Freshman - Thousand Oaks, California

Major: Physical Education

A freshman quarter miler with outstanding potential, Cecile was a member of the state finalist Mile Relay team from Thousand Oaks High School. While working to solidify her running technique and strength, Cecile is already one of the most improved Trojans after fall training.

Kim Robinson - Freshman - Los Angeles, California

Major: Undeclared

Events: 100, 200 M, Relays

A junior college transfer student from West Los Angeles College, Kim is one of America's greatest potentials as a sprinter. Kim was the 1977 AAU 200 meter Junior National Champion. Recovering from a severe leg muscle pull of last year, by the end of the season Kim's times should be among the best in the country.

Carolyn Sampson - Junior - Chicago, Illinois

Major: Undeclared

Events: A junior college transfer from Los Angeles City College, Carolyn is a 400 meter hurdler who fills that event gap for the Trojans. Inexperienced but willing to work, Carolyn also adds depth to the Trojan mile relay team.

Joyce Simley - Junior - Akron, Ohio

Major: Biology Event: Shot put

A second year trackster concentrating on the shot put, time should provide the necessary experience and confidence needed for improvement in her performances.

Thera Smith - Freshman - Long Beach, California

Major: Undeclared Events: Sprints, relays

A high school All-American basketball player and now a guard for the Trojans without track experience, Thera's speed on the basketball court will be used to help add depth to the Trojan relays and eventually the sprint corp.

Lisa van Benthem - Sophomore - La Jolla, California

Major: Business Event: Javelin

The school record holder in the javelin and one of the few freshmen finalists at last year's AIAW nationals, Lisa should repeat as a performer at collegiate nationals and up the school record toward her personal

Lorelei van Benthem - Sophomore - La Jolla, California

Major: Undeclared Event: Javelin

A "lefty" naturally, Lorelei throws the javelin right handed and is expected to better her 1978 marks and personal best. Hardworking, although occassionally impatient, her technique is already much improved in practice as are her distances.

Lynn van Benthem - Sophomore - La Jolla, California

Major: Physical Education

Event: Javelin

The smallest of the javelin throwing triplets, Lynne's much stronger this season and is more consistent and improved techniques. Looking to improve her 133' performance of last year to reach national qualifying standards, Lynne throws left handed.

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USC FACTS

Founded	,1880
Enrollment	.12,500
Colors	.Cardinal & Gold
Nickname	.Trojans
Fight Song	.Fight On
Mascot	.Traveler II
Conference	.WCAA on
Region	.Eight
National Organization	.AIAW tics for Women

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The 1978 track and field season began with the recognition of an increased participation by women in athletics.

The greatest addition to the USC team last year was junior college transfer Gail Douglas. Gail was an outstanding asset her first season with great consistency and precision in the 400 M relay and sprint events.

The Trojans finished third overall in their WCAA conference after third and second place finishes in the two conference meets. At the Southern California Championship meet, USC finished sixth out of 13 very competitive rivals. From this meet, two USC athletes were selected to compete in the 100 meter hurdles at the Pepsi-Cola Invitational. At this meet, Patty Van Wolvelaere set a new American record of 13.21 although placing second to Lorna Boothe of Great Britain. Mitzi McMillin ran her lifetime best of 13.69.

The AIAW National Championship meet was held at the University of

Temmessee at Knoxville. Six USC athletes qualified to represent the University

and together scored the greatest point total ever accomplished at a national

meet - 17 - and their national high finish of 12th.

Patty Van Wolvelaere led the Trojans earning her second consecutive National Champion Title in the 100 meter hurdles clocking 13.14. The 440 relay team of Patty, Gail Douglas, Mitzi McMillin and Rosetta Birt finished fifth with a school record of 45.78. Gail Douglas placed fourth in the 100 meter dash and set a school record in the 100 and 200 meter dashes. In addition to running on the 440 relay team, Mitzi McMillin earned a sixth in the 100 meter hurdles and ninth in the long jump event. Freshman Lisa van Benthem finished 11th after gaining the eighth spot going into the finals of the javelin throw.

The 1978 USC women's track and field team broke eight school records, five of which were broken more than once.

100 Meters 200 Meters 400 Meters 800 Meters 1500 Meters 3000 Meters 5000 Meters 10,000 Meters 440 Yd. Relay 880 M. Relay Mile Relay	AIAW STAND Hand 11.81 24.1 55.1 2:11.0 4:30.0 9:56.0 17.26.0 36:50.0 47.0 1:44.5	DARDS Electric 12.04 24.34 55.34 2:11.2 4:30.2 9:56.2 17.26.2 36:50.2 47.24 1:44.7 3:49.4	USC TRACK RECORDS Hand Electric 11.5 11.74 Gail Douglas 4/29/78 24.1 24.34 Gail Douglas 4/29/78 56.04 Rosetta Birt 4/15/78 2:15.0 Diane Byington 11/77 4:43.0 Diane Byington 5/29/77 10:44.4 Diane Byington 3/26/77 18:31.1 Diane Byington 4/1/77 New Event 45.79 - Douglas, McMillin, Birt, Van Wolvelaere 5/27/78 1:47.5 Birt, Knight, Hunter, Biller 1975 4:05.8 San Agustam, Hunter, Van Puyvelde, Biller	11.5 Gail Douglas 24.1 Gail Douglas 56.04 Rosetta Birt 2:15.0 Diane Byington 4:50.8 Diane Byington Not run in 1978 Not run in 1978 New Event 45.79 - Douglas, McMillin, Birt, Van Wolvelaere 1:50.36 - Van Wolvelaere, Birt, McMillin, Biller 4:22.0 Biller, Jung, Van Puyvelde, Byington
2 Mile Relay	9:10.0	9:10.2	9:43.8 Hill, Berger, Van Puyvelde, Biller 3/26/77	Not Run in 1978 13.14 Patty Van Wolvelaere
100 M. Hurdles	14.1	14.34	13.14 Patty Van Wolvelaere 5/26/78 American Record	
400 M. Hurdles	62.0 19'2''	62.14	64.7 Dalal Ahmad 19'8 3/4" Mitzi McMillin 5/5/78	67.5 Donna Van Puyvelde 19'8 3/4" Mitzi McMillin
High Jump	5'9"		5'7 3/4" Mitzi McMillin	5'7" Julie Lendl
Shot Put	45'0''		4/3/77 39'9 3/4" Julie Morgan 3/18/77	33'2 ½" Joyce Simley
Discus	144'0"		150'1" Vivian Turner 3/12/76	103'9" Carey Hill
Javelin	144'0"		144'1" Lisa Van Benthem 4/1/78	144'1" Lisa Van Benthem

USC ALL-AMERICANS

TRACK & FIELD:

Sherry Calvert - 1969-70 & 1971-72 Patty Van Wolvelaere - 1976-77 & 1977-78

TENNIS:

Diane Desfor - 1973-74, 1974-75, 1975-76 & 1976-77 Barbara Hallquist - 1975-76, 1976-77, & 1977-78 Gretchen Galt - 1976-77 Sheila McInerney - 1976-77 & 1977-78 Lea Antonoplis 1977-78 Stacy Margolin - 1077-78

VOLLEYBALL:

Debbie Landreth - 1976-77 & 1977-78

Debbie Green - 1976-77 & 1977-78

Paula Dittmer - 1976-77 & 1978-79

Terry Place - 1976-77 & 1977-78

Sue Woodstra - 1977-78

Lynn Luedke - 1977-78

Star Clark - 1977-78

Cathy Stukel - 1978-79

GYMNASTICS:

Susan Archer - 1976-77 Lynn Govin - 1976-77

SWIMMING:

Linda Stimpson - 1974-75 Teresa McDonald - 1974-75 Cathie Yaussey - 1974-75 Denise Pearson - 1974-75 Heather Greenwood - 1975-76 Perucha Zoraya Yusharyaha - 1975-76 Cindy Schilling - 1975-76 & 1976-77 Kim Peters - 1975-76 & 1976-77 Laurie Edwards - 1975-76, 1976-77, & 1977-78 Sue Gove - 1976-77 & 1977-78 Val Seyfert - 1976-77 & 1977-78 Laurie Siering - 1976-77 & 1977-78 Miriam Smith - 1976-77 & 1977-78 Lisa Hilger - 1977-78 Sue Hinderaker - 1977-78 Debbie Rudd - 1977-78

USC NATIONAL TITLES

INDIVIDUAL:

TRACK & FIELD:

Sherry Calvert - 1970 - Javelin - 1972 - Javelin

Patty Van Wolvelaere - 1977 - 100 Meter Hurdles

- 1978 - 100 Meter Hurdles

SWIMMING:

Linda Stimpson - 1975 - 50 Yard Backstroke

- 1975 - 100 Yard Backstroke

Kim Peters - 1976 - 500 Yard Freestyle

400 Yd. Freestyle Relay - 1976 - Heather Greenwood, Kim Peters, Laurie Edwards, Cindy Schilling

Miriam Smith - 1977 - 100 Yard Backstroke

200 Yd. Freestyle Relay - 1977 - Val Seyfert, Laurie Edwards,

Susan Gove, Cindy Schilling

Sue Hinderaker - 1978 - 50 Yard Freestyle Debbie Rudd - 1978 - 200 Yard Breaststroke

TENNIS:

Diane Desfor - 1975 - Amateur Clay Court Doubles

- 1976 - Amateur Grass Court Singles

Gretchen Galt - 1976 - 21 & under Doubles

Barbara Hallquist - 1976 - Collegiate Singles

- Grass Court Doubles

- 21 & under Singles

- 1977 - Amateur Indoor Singles

- Collegiate Singles

- Amateur Clay Court Doubles

- 1978 - Amateur Indoor Doubles

Sheila McInerney - 1977 - Amateur Clay Court Singles

- Amateur Clay Court Doubles

- Amateur Clay Court Mixed Doubles

- 1978 - Amateur Indoor Doubles

Stacy Margolin - 1978 - Collegiate Singles

- Amateur Hardcourt Singles

- 21 & under Singles

TEAM:

VOLLEYBALL: ALAW - 1976

- 1977

TENNIS: ALAW - 1977

USTA - 1977

- 1978

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1979 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD SCHEDULE

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Feb. 2	Fri.	Times Indoor Invitational	L.A. Forum	
Feb. 11	Sun.	AAU All Comers Meet	Santa Barbara, CA.	1:00 PM
Feb. 23	Fri.	CSU Long Beach	Long Beach, CA.	11:00 AM
Mar. 10	Sat.	San Diego Invitational	San Diego, CA.	10:00 AM
Mar. 17	Sat.	Arizona State University -Combined with USC Men-	Tempe, Arizona	11:00 AM
Mar. 31	Sat.	U. of Redlands Invitational	Redlands, CA.	12:00 PM
Apr. 6	Fri.	Stanford	Palo Alto, CA.	3:30 PM
Arp. 8	Sun.	California Invitational	Berkeley, CA.	10:00 AM
Apr. 14	Sat.	U.C.L.A. Invitational	UCIA - Drake Stadium	10:00 AM
Apr. 20-22	FriSun.	Mt. S.A.C. Relays	Walnut, CA.	ALL DAY
Apr. 27	Fri.	WCAA Conference Meet	UCLA - Drake Stadium	11:00 AM
May 5	Sat.	Southern Calif. Championships	Irvine, CA.	11:00 AM
May 6	Sun.	Pepsi Invitational	UCLA - Drake Stadium	9:00 AM
May 11	Fri.	WCAA Conference Meet	San Diego, CA.	11:00 AM
May 13	Sun.	AAU District Championships	UCLA - Drake Stadium	9:00 AM
May 23-26	WedSat.	AIAW National Championships	East Lansing, Michigan	ALL DAY
June 15-17	FriSun.	AAU National Championships	Walnut, CA.	ALL DAY

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