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# CHRIS BROOKS

Senior | 5-8 | Hometown: Houston, Texas  
 Club: Houston North Gymnastics | High School: Cypress Creek  
 Events: All-Around

**2008 NCAA Championships:** All-American on parallel bars (14.675) and high bar (14.750), finishing fourth on both events in the event finals ... Set a career high (14.850) on high bar in team finals to tie for fourth place ... Also tied for sixth on floor (15.400) in team finals.

**2008:** Finished second on vault with career-best 16.150 at MPSF Championship ... Won parallel bars title (15.350) and finished second on floor (15.450), setting career highs on both events at Penn State ... Finished second on high bar (14.500) and parallel bars and third on floor against Minnesota ... Set season high on rings (14.300) in win at Iowa ... Placed second on high bar (14.450) and parallel bars and third on floor in Iowa win ... Third on parallel bars (14.550) in home win against Nebraska ... Finished third on high bar (14.450) and tied for fourth on parallel bars (14.400) in Michigan win ... Fourth on high bar (14.700) against Nebraska and Air Force ... Won high bar (14.600) and was third on parallel bars (14.300) at the Rocky Mountain Open... MPSF Academic All-Conference Team

**2007 NCAA Championships:** All-American on high bar (9.3) for second straight year ... Tied for seventh on floor (9.6) in the team finals ... Scored a season-high 9.5 to tie for fourth on high bar in team finals

**2007:** Finished third on floor (9.6) at MPSF Championship ... Tied for first on floor (9.5) in win over Iowa ... Runner-up on floor (9.5) against No. 4 Ohio State ... Tied for ninth on floor with a 9.3 at the Pacific Coast Classic ... Second on floor (9.3) against Texas and Washington in first competition after undergoing shoulder surgery... Won the vault (9.15) and floor (9.65) titles against Nebraska and Air Force ... Floor score of 9.65 versus the Falcons and Huskers set a career high ... Scored a career-high 9.3 on p-bars at the Rocky Mountain Open ... Took the RMO floor exercise title with a 9.2...MPSF Academic All-Conference Team

**2006 NCAA Championships:** Set career highs on the pommel horse (8.55) and parallel bars (8.85) during NCAA team prelims ... Tied career high on the high bar, posting a 9.6 during the NCAA team finals ... Received All-America honors on the high bar (9.362).

**2006:** Took high bar title (9.1) at Rocky Mountain Open ... Finished second in the all-around (49.6) against Air Force ... Tied with fellow freshman Russell Czeschin for floor exercise title (9.05) in Air Force win ... Took second straight floor exercise title (9.4) in Michigan win ... Took first on the high bar (9.6) and second on the vault (9.25) in Iowa win ... Won MPSF high bar title with a 9.525.

**Club/High School:** Attended Cypress Creek High School ... Coached by Bill Foster at Houston North Gymnastics ... Spent four years on U.S. Junior National Team (1999-2001, 2003-05) ... Vault finalist at 2004 Winter Cup ... Tied for first in the all-around and won the vault, parallel bars and high bar at 2003 Junior Nationals ... Finished first on the high bar at the 2003 U.S. Championships ... Also finished first on the high bar at the 2002 Junior Nationals and 2000 Junior Nationals ... Four-time scholastic All-American.

**Personal:** Full name is Christopher Brooks ... Goes by Chris ... Born in Houston, Texas ... Son of Larry and Terry Brooks ... Has two older siblings, brother Nick and sister Erica ... Also recruited by Michigan and Nebraska ... Majoring in business.

## CAREER HIGHS

All-Around .....	*
Floor Exercise .....	15.450
Pommel Horse .....	*
Still Rings .....	14.300
Vault .....	16.150
Parallel Bars .....	15.350
High Bar .....	14.850

\* Has not competed in events with new scoring system.  
 Highs on previous scoring system: all-around (49.600) and pommel horse (8.550)

## CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 2008 Team Captain
- Three-time All-American on high bar (2006, 07, 08) and All-American on parallel bars (2008)
- Won four individual event titles in 2007, three on floor and one on vault.





## GARRETT CARR

RS Junior | 5-11 | Hometown: Mandeville, La.

Club: Aces | High School: Fountainbleau

Events: PH, V, PB, HB

**2008:** Tied for sixth on vault (15.200) at Rocky Mountain Open ... Missed remainder of the season with a torn pectoral muscle... awarded medical hardship to preserve years of eligibility.

**2007 NCAA Championships:** Tied for 19th on vault with an 8.9 in the team finals.

**2007:** Scored a career-high 8.5 on p-bars against No. 4 Ohio State ... Seventh on vault at the Pacific Coast Classic, tying his season high with an 8.9 ... Third on h-bar (8.75) and tied for third on vault (8.7) against Texas and Washington ... Finished fifth on h-bar with a career-high 8.85 at Nebraska ... Second on vault (8.4) at Rocky Mountain Open event finals.

**2006:** Finished second on the vault (9.2) in first action as a Sooner in Air Force win ... Finished second on the vault with a career-high 9.3 against Nebraska.

**Club/High School:** Attended Fountainbleau High School ... Coached by Alex Shostak at Aces Gymnastics Club ... Named to 2004 and 2005 Region III Team ... Member of four-time national championships qualifying team ... Two-time national championships all-around finalist ... Scholastic All-American.

**Personal:** Full name is Garrett Andrew Carr ... Born in Mandeville, La. ... Son of Ted and Diane Carr ... Brother of former Sooner gymnast Brian Carr ... Has another older brother, Kevin ... Was recruited by Illinois and Iowa ... Majoring in business.

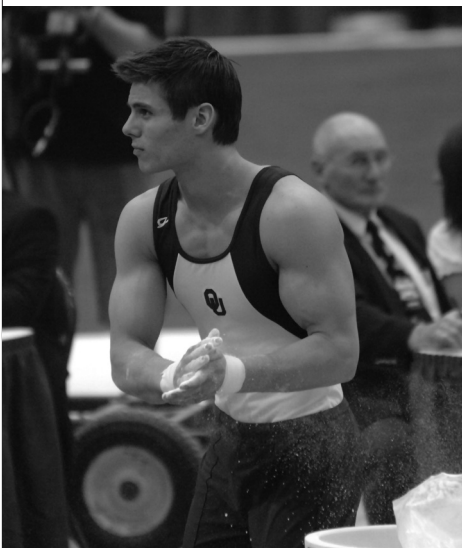
### CAREER HIGHS

Pommel Horse.....	*
Vault .....	15.200
Parallel Bars .....	*
High Bar .....	*

\* Has not competed in events with new scoring system.  
Highs on previous scoring system: pommel horse (8.550), vault (9.300) and high bar (8.850)

### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Brother of former Oklahoma gymnast Brian Carr, who was an All-American for the Sooners.
- Finished second on the vault (9.2) in first action as a Sooner during Air Force win, in 2006.
- One of two current Sooners hailing from Louisiana (Corey English is the other). Carr and English were both coached by Alex Shostak at the club level.





## RUSSELL CZESCHIN

Senior | 6-3 | Hometown: Independence, Mo.

Club: Great American Gymnastic Express | High School: Fort Osage

Events: FX, V

**2008 NCAA Championships:** Earned All-America honors on floor (15.375) for the second straight season ... Tied his career high (15.450) on floor in both the team qualifier and team finals ... Placed third on floor (15.450) and vault (15.950) in team qualifier.

**2008:** Seventh on floor (15.300) at MPSF Championship ... Tied for third on floor (15.350) and was fourth on vault (15.600) at Penn State ... Placed fourth on vault with a career-best 16.050 against Minnesota ... Also finished fourth on floor (15.200) in win over the Golden Gophers ... Tied for fourth on vault (15.750) at the Pacific Coast Classic ... Tied his season high (15.450) and won his second floor title of the season in Iowa win ... Won the floor title with a season-high 15.450 in home win against Nebraska ... Also placed third on vault against the Huskers (15.750) ... Tied for fourth on vault with a 15.650 against Michigan ... Fourth on floor (14.600) and vault (15.600) against Nebraska and Air Force ... Placed second on floor (14.900) and vault (15.500) at the Rocky Mountain Open...MPSF Academic All-Conference Team.

**2007 NCAA Championships:** Earned first career All-America honor with a 9.525 on floor at the event finals ... Tied for second on floor in the team finals, tying his career high with a 9.65 ... Tied for 19th on vault with an 8.9 in the team finals.

**2007:** Runner-up on floor with a career-high 9.65 at MPSF Championship ... Second on vault (9.2) and third on floor (9.4) in win over Iowa ... Fifth on floor (8.45) and vault (8.6) against Texas and Washington ... Won his first event title of the season with a 9.45 on floor at Nebraska ... Also tied for fourth on vault (8.8) against the Huskers ... Fourth on vault (8.95) and fifth on floor (9.4) at No. 1 Michigan ... Took third on floor against Nebraska and Air Force with a 9.5 ... Finished third on vault (8.2) in the event finals at the Rocky Mountain Open...MPSF Academic All-Conference Team.

**2006 NCAA Championships:** Hit a career-high 9.575 on the vault during NCAA team finals ... Finished ninth on the vault (8.475) in the NCAA event finals.

**2006:** Finished third on floor exercise (8.85) at Rocky Mountain Open ... Took vault (9.25) title and tied with classmate Chris Brooks for floor exercise championship (9.05) in Air Force win ... Named Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Gymnast of the Week following Air Force win ... Tied for second on the vault (9.15) and finished third on floor (9.1) versus Michigan ... Took third on the floor (9.2) and vault (9.35) in Ohio State win ... Took vault title with a 9.25 at Pacific Coast Classic ... Tied teammate Reed Pitts for third on the vault (9.25) in win over Nebraska.

**Club/High School:** Attended Fort Osage High School ... Competed for Wally Meierarend at the Great American Gymnastics Express ... Finished third on the vault at 2003 Junior Nationals ... Four-time first team scholastic All-American ... Received the All-Fort Osage award all four years of high school.

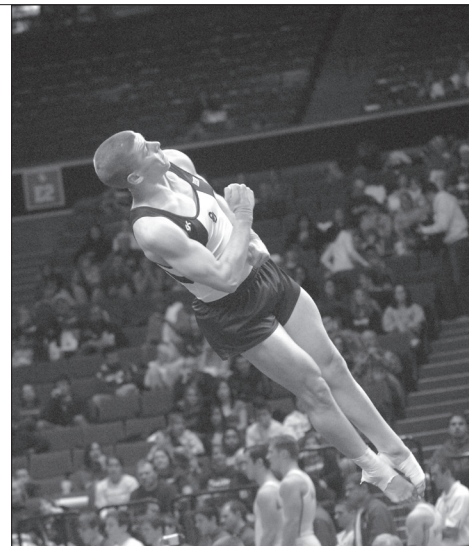
**Personal:** Full name is William Russell Czeschin ... Born in Independence, Mo. ... Son of Bill and Mary Czeschin ... Has two older sisters, Amy and Sarah ... Also recruited by Illinois-Chicago, Illinois, Nebraska and Iowa ... Majoring in health and exercise science.

### CAREER HIGHS

Floor Exercise .....	15.450
Vault .....	16.050

### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Earned 2008 All-America honors on floor (15.375) for the second straight season.
- Tied his career high (15.450) on floor in both the 2008 NCAA team qualifier and Team Finals.
- Earned first career All-America honor with a 9.525 on floor at the 2007 NCAA event finals.





## COREY ENGLISH

Junior | 5-7 | Hometown: Covington, La.  
 Club: MGA | High School: St. Paul's  
 Events: PH, PB

**2008 NCAA Championships:** Recorded OU's third highest score on pommel horse (14.100) in team finals.

**2008:** Tied for seventh on horse (13.950) at MPSF Championship ... Tied for fourth on pommel horse (14.200) at Penn State ... Finished third on pommel horse (14.300) in win over Minnesota ... Recorded a career-best 14.600 on pommel horse at Pacific Coast Classic ... Claimed first event title of his OU career with a 14.000 on pommel horse at Iowa ... Also scored a season-high 14.500 on parallel bars in win over Hawkeyes ... Tied for third on pommels (13.550) in Michigan win ... Placed third on pommel horse (14.000) against Nebraska and Air Force.

**2007:** Career-high 8.6 on horse in Iowa win ... Third on p-bars (8.75) and fifth on pommel horse (8.05) versus Texas and Washington ... Tied for fifth on p-bars with a career-high 8.75 versus Nebraska and Air Force ... Recorded the team's second highest score on pommel horse (8.25) in his first collegiate competition at the Rocky Mountain Open ... Advanced to the event finals on pommel horse where he tied for fourth place.

**Club/High School:** Attended St. Paul's High School in Covington, La. ... Coached by Alex Shostak at MGA ... Competed at the Junior National Championships in 2006.

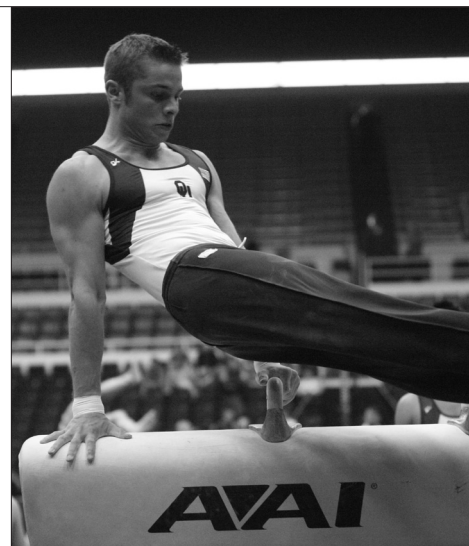
**Personal:** Full name is Corey Michael English ... Born in Covington, La. ... Son of Wayne and Sandra English ... Played football and soccer in high school ... Also recruited by Iowa ... Majoring in buisness.

### CAREER HIGHS

Pommel Horse..... 14.600  
 Parallel Bars ..... 14.500

### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Recorded OU's thirdhighest score on pommel horse (14.100) in 2008 NCAA team finals.
- Claimed first event title of his OU career with a 14.000 on pommel horse at Iowa in 2008.
- One of two current Sooners hailing from Louisiana (Garrett Carr is the other). Carr and English were both coached by Alex Shostak at the club level.





## IAN JACKSON

Junior | 5-6 | Hometown: Harrisburg, Pa.  
 Club: ASAP | High School: Central Dauphin  
 Events: All-Around

**2008 NCAA Championships:** Scored a 14.900 on rings in team finals to help OU clinch the national title.

**2008:** Scored a career-high 15.250 on floor at Penn State ... Finished third on rings with a career-best 15.300 in win over Minnesota ... Tied for fourth on vault (15.750) at Pacific Coast Classic ... Second on rings with a 15.150 in win at Iowa ... Placed 29th on high bar (27.450) and 32nd on pommel horse (24.200) at Winter Cup Challenge ... Won the all-around (85.400) and vault (15.900) titles in home win against Nebraska ... Also earned top-five finishes on pommel horse (13.700), rings (14.400) and high bar (13.900) against the Huskers ... Tied for second on vault with a 15.850 against Michigan.

**2007 NCAA Championships:** Tied for 11th on rings in the team finals with a career-best 9.55 ... Scored a career-high 8.3 on horse in qualifier.

**2007:** Scored a career-best 9.4 on floor at MPSF Championship ... Fourth on floor (9.2) against Iowa ... Also tied for fourth on rings (9.3) and vault (9.0) against the Hawkeyes ... Set career high on rings (9.4) against No. 4 Ohio State ... MPSF Gymnast of the Week for Feb. 19 ... Won all-around (49.55), rings (9.05) and vault (8.85) titles against Texas and Washington ... Runner-up on rings (9.05) and tied for fourth on vault (8.8) at Nebraska ... Second on vault (9.05) and tied for fifth on rings (9.3) at No. 1 Michigan ... Shared the high bar title with teammate Brian Carr (8.75) against Air Force and Nebraska ... Tied for second on rings (8.95) and third on vault (9.0) against Falcons and Huskers ... Recorded OU's second highest score on vault (8.65) at the Rocky Mountain Open ... Finished second on rings and third on high bar in the RMO event finals.

**Club/High School:** Attended Central Dauphin High School in Harrisburg, Pa. ... Coached by Barry Mattern at ASAP ... Finished 13th at the 2004 Junior Nationals ... Took the vault title at the 2002 and 2006 Juniors ... Earned a high score of 9.95 on vault.

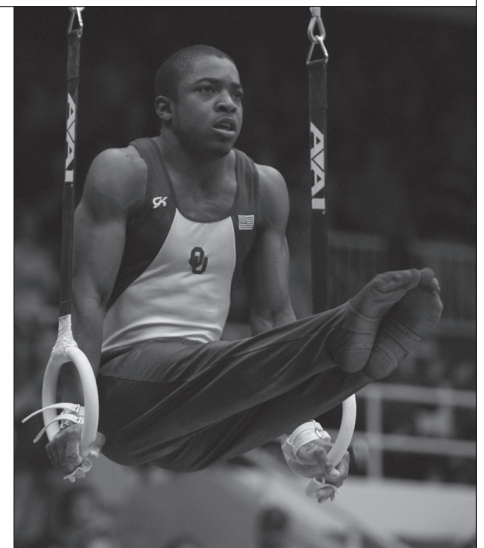
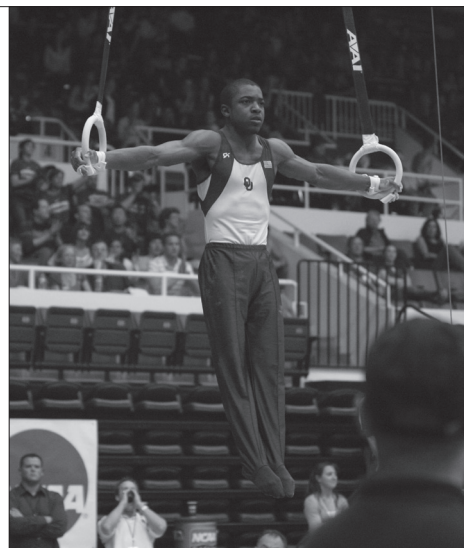
**Personal:** Born in Harrisburg, Pa. ... Son of Derek Jackson and Teresa Sims ... Full name is Ian Christopher Jackson ... Has an older sister, Jessyca, an older brother, Derek, and younger brother, Kyle ... Derek plays lacrosse and runs track at Howard University and Jessyca runs track at Syracuse ... Also recruited by Penn State, Ohio State, Iowa and Illinois ... Major human relations.

### CAREER HIGHS

All-Around .....	85.400
Floor.....	15.250
Pommel .....	13.700
Still Rings.....	15.300
Vault .....	15.900
Parallel Bars .....	13.100
High Bar .....	13.900

### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Scored a 14.900 on rings in 2008 NCAA team finals to help OU clinch the national title.
- MPSF Gymnast of the Week for Feb. 19, 2007.
- Won the all-around (85.400) and vault (15.900) titles in home win against Nebraska in 2007.





# JASON LAUGHTON

Senior | 5-6 | Hometown: Northridge, Calif.  
 Club: SCATS Gymnastics | High School: Sunland Christian School  
 Events: PH, SR, PB, HB

**2008 NCAA Championships:** Earned first career All-America honor with a 14.375 on pommel horse in the event finals ... Recorded the Sooners' highest pommel score in the team finals (14.300), tying for ninth place.

**2008:** Runner-up on pommel horse with a career-high 14.450 at MPSF Championship ... Fourth on high bar (14.150) in win at Iowa ... Tied for first on pommel horse with a 14.350 in home win against Nebraska ... Also placed second on h-bar (14.450) and set a season high on p-bars (14.450) against the Huskers ... Shared high bar title (15.000) and was second on pommel horse (14.250) against Nebraska and Air Force ... Second on high bar (13.850) and fourth on pommel horse (13.500) at the Rocky Mountain Open.

**2007 NCAA Championships:** Scored a career-high 9.35 on rings in the team finals.

**2007:** Scored career bests on p-bars (9.2) and h-bar (9.45) in Iowa win, finishing second on both events ... Runner-up on h-bar against No. 4 Ohio State ... Set a career high on rings (9.25) at the Pacific Coast Classic ... Earned top 10 finishes on all three of his events at the PCC ... Won the pommel horse title with a career-high 9.0 against Washington and Texas ... Second on h-bar (8.9) against UW and UT ... Tied for third on pommel horse against Nebraska and Air Force ... Tied for third on rings (8.4) at Rocky Mountain Open event finals.

**2006:** Finished third on high bar (8.65) in Air Force win ... Tied teammate Jonathan Horton for third on the parallel bars (8.6) versus Iowa.

**Club/High School:** Attended Sunland Christian School in Sunland, Calif. ... Member of SCATS Gymnastics club where he trained under Grigor Chalikyian ... Also trained under Albert Avchian ... Finished sixth at the 2004 U.S. Championships ... Named scholastic All-American in 2004 and 2005.

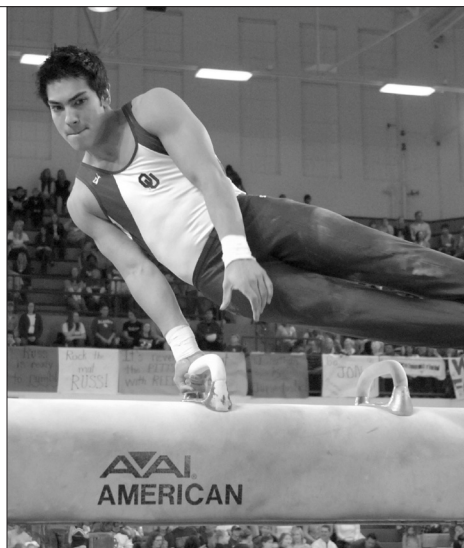
**Personal:** Full name is Jason Michael Laughton ... Born June 17, 1987, in Northridge, Calif. ... Son of Robert and Sheila Laughton ... Has two younger sisters, Jessica and Melissa ... Also recruited by Michigan, Illinois, Illinois-Chicago and Minnesota ... Majoring in business.

## CAREER HIGHS

Pommel Horse.....	14.450
Still Rings.....	14.150
Parallel Bars.....	14.450
High Bar.....	15.000

## CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Earned first career All-America honor in 2008 with a . 14.375 on pommel horse in the Event Finals.
- Runner-up on pommel horse with a career-high 14.450 at 2008 MPSF Championship.
- Scored a career-high 9.35 on rings in the 2007 NCAA Championship team finals.





## STEVEN LEGENDRE

Sophomore | 5-6 | Hometown: Port Jefferson, N. Y.  
 Club: World Olympic Gymnastics | High School: Spring Creek Academy  
 Events: All-Around

**2008 NCAA Championships:** First freshman in OU history to win two NCAA event titles, earning national crowns with career bests on floor (16.100) and vault (16.400) ... Also set career highs on rings (14.300) and high bar (14.900) during the competition ... The fourth gymnast in program history to claim multiple national titles in one season ... Earned All-America honors on floor (16.100), vault (16.400) and high bar (14.650) ... Finished first on floor on all three days of NCAA competition (15.950, 16.000, 16.100).

**2008:** Claimed MPSF floor exercise title with a 15.800 ... Also set personal best with a 15.150 on p-bars and tied for third on vault (16.100) at MPSF Championship ... Finished sixth floor exercise title (15.800) at Penn State ... Also tied for first on vault (16.050) in win against the Nittany Lions ... Claimed floor exercise crown with a personal- and program-record 15.800 in win over Minnesota ... Also finished second on vault (16.300) and was fourth on p-bars with a career-high 15.100 against the Golden Gophers ... Took floor title (15.650) at Pacific Coast Classic ... Also placed second on vault (16.050) at PCC ... Won vault title (16.100) and was second on floor (15.350) in win at Iowa ... Placed third on floor (30.750) and 13th on vault (31.300) and earned top-25 finishes on p-bars (28.150) and high bar (27.200) at Winter Cup Challenge ... Led vault standings after season-high 16.400 in Winter Cup prelims ... Tied for third on floor (14.750) in home win against Nebraska ... MPSF Gymnast of the Week for Jan. 28 ... Claimed third straight all-around (85.850) and floor exercise (15.250) titles in Michigan win ... All-around (87.650) and floor exercise (15.450) champion against Nebraska and Air Force ... Placed third on parallel bars (14.600) and high bar (14.900) and fourth on pommel horse (13.700) against the Huskers and Falcons ... MPSF Gymnast of the Week for Jan. 15 ... Won the all-around (84.950) and floor exercise (15.400) in his first collegiate competition at the Rocky Mountain Open ... Also placed second on parallel bars (14.350), third on vault (15.400), and fifth on high bar (13.050) at the RMO ... Competed in the 2008 VISA Championships, finishing third on floor ... Competed in first U.S. Senior National Team competition at the Toyota Cup in Toyota City, Japan ... Won a bronze medal on vault.

**Club/High School:** Attended Spring Creek Academy in Plano, Texas, and Port Jefferson HS in Port Jefferson, N.Y. ... Also competed on the wrestling team at Port Jefferson ... Coached by Yuri Kartsev at World Olympic Gymnastics Academy ... Finished second on vault and seventh on floor in the senior division at the 2007 Visa U.S. Championships ... Took first on vault and second on parallel bars in the junior division and was third on vault in the senior division at the 2006 Visa Championships ... Finished eighth in the all-around at the 2005 Junior National Championships.

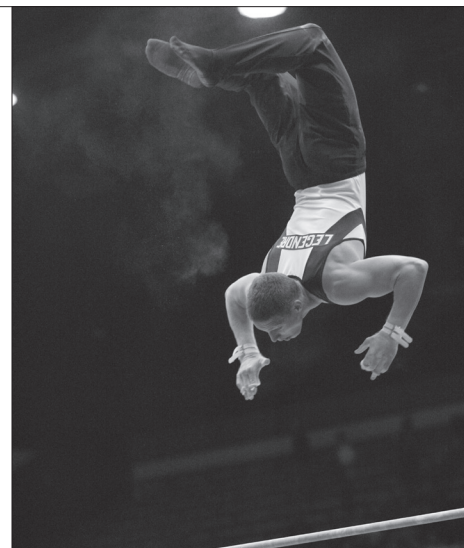
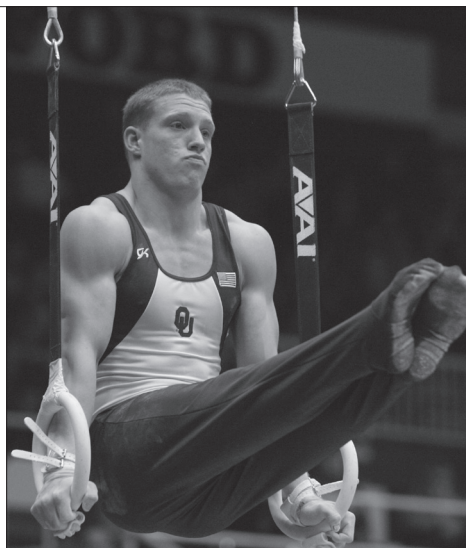
**Personal:** Full name is Steven Michael Legendre ... Born in Port Jefferson, N.Y. ... Son of Raymond and Lisa Legendre ... Also recruited by Minnesota, Illinois and Ohio State ... Sister, Jessica, is a senior on the OU softball team ... Majoring in mechanical engineering.

### CAREER HIGHS

All-Around .....	87.650
Floor Exercise .....	16.100
Pommel Horse.....	13.700
Still Rings.....	14.300
Vault .....	16.400
Parallel Bars .....	15.150
High Bar .....	14.900

### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Competed in first U.S. Senior National Team competition at the Toyota Cup in Toyota City, Japan .. Won a bronze medal on vault.
- Was the first freshman in OU history to win two NCAA event titles in 2008, earning national crowns with careerbests on floor (16.100) and vault (16.400). Legendre is the fourth Sooner to win multiple titles in one season.
- Claimed MPSF floor exercise title with a 15.800.





## KYLE MCNAMARA

Senior | 5-7 | Hometown: Littleton, Colo.  
 Club: 5280 Gymnastics | High School: Heritage  
 Events: All-Around

**2008 NCAA Championships:** Shattered his previous career high with a 14.650 on high bar in team finals.

**2008:** Set season highs on rings (14.850) and parallel bars (15.100) at MPSF Championship ... Fourth on parallel bars (14.800) and tied for fifth on vault (15.450) at Penn State ... Finished third on vault with a season-high 15.900 at Pacific Coast Classic... Placed second in the all-around with a season-best 84.900 in home win against Nebraska ... Tied for fourth on vault with a 15.650 in Michigan win ... Placed second on parallel bars (14.650) and was the all-around runner-up (83.750) against Nebraska and Air Force ... Won the vault (15.550) and parallel bars (14.750) at the Rocky Mountain Open ... Also placed third on pommel horse (13.600) and was runner-up in the all-around (84.150) at the RMO.

**2007 NCAA Championships:** Scored a career-high 9.3 on rings in the team finals.

**2007:** Recorded career bests on p-bars (9.0) and h-bar (9.5) in Iowa win ... Took the high bar title against the Hawkeyes ... Second on vault (8.8) against the Buckeyes ... Tied for fifth on vault (8.95) at the Pacific Coast Classic ... Claimed event titles on p-bars and h-bar against Texas and Washington ... Tied for fourth on vault (8.8) and finished fourth on p-bars against the Huskers ... Second on vault (9.05) versus Nebraska and Air Force ... Won the RMO vault title with an 8.65.

**2006:** Finished second on the still rings (8.7) in win over Air Force.

**Club/High School:** Attended Heritage High School in Littleton, Colo. ... Coached by Vladimir Artemov at 5280 Gymnastics Club ... Competed at the Junior National Championships in 2005 and 2003 ... Was the 2003-2005 Colorado State Champion in the all-around.

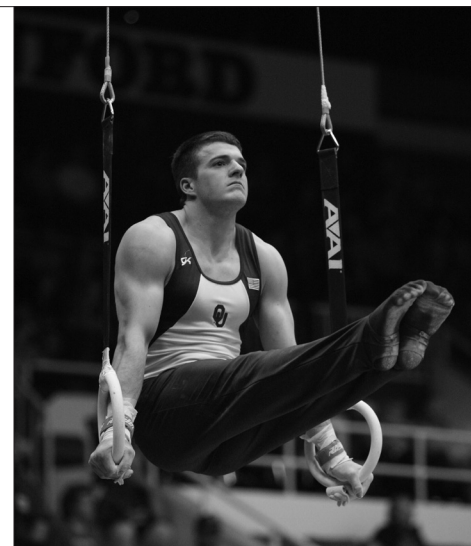
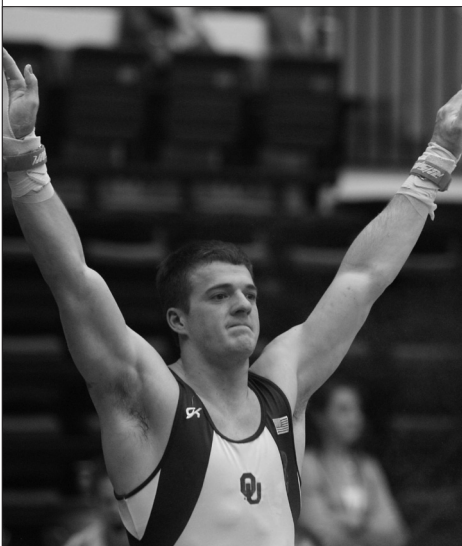
**Personal:** Full name is Kyle Robert McNamara ... Born in Littleton, Colo. ... Son of Robert and Jeanne McNamara ... Has an older sister, Michelle, and two younger siblings, sister Kelly and brother Chase ... Grandfather played football at the University of Wisconsin ... Also recruited by Penn State, Minnesota and Iowa ... Majoring in business finance.

### CAREER HIGHS

All-Around .....	84.900
Floor.....	14.200
Pommel .....	13.600
Still Rings.....	14.850
Vault .....	15.900
Parallel Bars .....	15.100
High Bar .....	14.650

### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Shattered his previous career high with a 14.650 on high bar in 2008 NCAA Championship team finals.
- Set season highs on rings (14.850) and p-bars (15.100) at 2008 MPSF Championship.
- Took the high bar title against the Iowa Hawkeyes in 2007.





## JACOB MESSINA

Senior | 5-6 | Hometown: Matthews, N. C.  
 Club: G & J Speedway | High School: East Mecklenburg  
 Events: All-Around

**2008 NCAA Championships:** Earned his second highest scores of the season on pommel horse (14.150) and rings (15.300) in team finals.

**2008:** Recorded personal-best 15.000 on p-bars and tied career high on rings (15.350) at MPSF Championship ... Also tied for fourth on horse (14.100) at MPSF Championship ... Set career high on high bar (14.600) at Penn State ... Tied for second on p-bars, tied for third on h-bar and tied for fourth on pommel horse (14.200) in win against the Nittany Lions ... Finished fourth on pommel horse (14.000) and tied for fourth on rings (15.100) in win over Minnesota ... Recorded a season-high 15.350 on rings at Pacific Coast Classic ... Third on rings (15.000) and fourth on p-bars (14.750) in win at Iowa ... Earned top-20 finishes on rings (29.450), pommel horse (27.400) and high bar (27.400) at the Winter Cup Challenge ... Placed third on pommel horse (14.200), rings (14.900) and high bar (14.300) in home win against Nebraska ... Placed third on rings (14.950) in Michigan win ... Second on rings (14.450) and fourth on p-bars (14.550) against Nebraska and Air Force ... Placed second on pommel horse (13.800) and tied for fourth on rings (14.800) at the Rocky Mountain Open...MPSF Academic All-Conference Team.

**2007:** Won the all-around title (51.0) at the Rocky Mountain Open ... Also won the still rings (9.1) and finished second on pommel horse (8.5) and high bar (8.7) at RMO event finals ... Awarded a medical redshirt after tearing his ACL on high bar dismount at RMO...MPSF Academic All-Conference Team.

**2006 NCAA Championships:** Posted a career-high 9.475 on the high bar in NCAA team prelims.

**2006:** Finished third on the still rings (8.7) at Rocky Mountain Open ... Took second on the high bar (9.25) against Iowa ... Finished second on the parallel bars (8.85) and third on the still rings (9.25) and high bar (9.1) against Nebraska ... Finished second on the high bar with a career-high 9.35 against Stanford and Nebraska ... Took second on the high bar (9.45) behind teammate Chris Brooks at the MPSF Championships...MPSF Academic All-Conference Team.

**2005 NCAA Championships:** Set career high on the vault (9.275) during NCAA team prelims ... Set career high on the floor exercise (9.525) in the NCAA team finals ... Finished seventh (9.287) on the floor exercise in NCAA event finals.

**2005:** Finished fourth (9.15) on pommel horse against Ohio State ... Finished third on the floor (9.3) in win over Minnesota ... Finished third behind two fellow Sooners on the pommel horse (9.15) versus Nebraska on Feb. 20 ... Finished third (52.875) in the all-around in Feb. 20 win over Nebraska ... Finished fourth on the vault (9.25) in win over Nebraska on Feb. 13.

**Club/High School:** Trained at G & J Speedway Gymnastics ... Coached by Jie Ding ... Member of the Junior National Team in 2001 ... North Carolina State Champion 2000-2004 ... Four-time regional team member ... Named North Carolina's men's gymnastics Athlete of the Year in 2004 ... National academic honoree (2001-2004) ... Attended East Mecklenburg High School.

**Personal:** Born in Yonkers, N.Y. ... Son of Barbara and Sal Messina...Also recruited by Illinois and Iowa ... Majoring in environmental science.

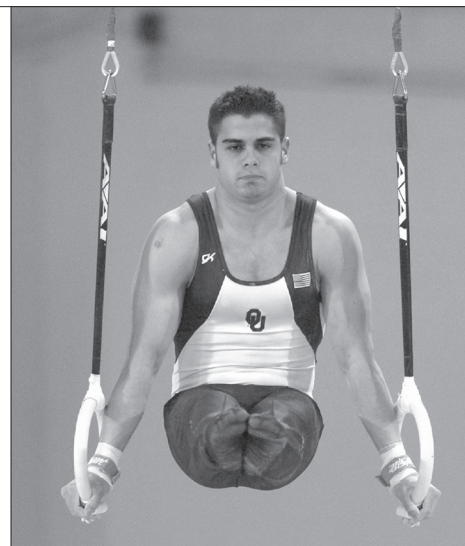
### CAREER HIGHS

All-Around .....	*
Floor Exercise .....	*
Pommel Horse.....	14.200
Still Rings.....	15.350
Vault .....	*
Parallel Bars .....	15.000
High Bar .....	14.600

\* Has not competed in events with new scoring system.  
 Previous scoring system: all-around (52.875), floor exercise (9.525) and vault (9.275)

### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 2008 Team Captain
- Earned his second-highest scores of the 2008 season on pommel horse (14.150) and rings (15.300) in NCAA Championship team finals.
- Posted career best 15.000 on p-bars and tied career high on rings (15.350) at 2008 MPSF Championship.





## REED PITTS

Senior | 5-9 | Hometown: Allen, Texas  
 Club: Eagle's Wings Athletics | High School: Allen  
 Events: FX, V

**2008 NCAA Championships:** Regained All-America status on floor (15.275) just one year after twice tearing his Achilles tendon ... Set a career high on floor (15.400) in team finals.

**2008:** Recorded career-high 15.350 on floor at MPSF Championship ... Set personal best on vault (15.950) in win over Minnesota ... Tied for third on floor (14.750) in home win against Nebraska ... Tied for fourth on floor (14.150) at the season-opening Rocky Mountain Open.....MPSF Academic All-Conference Team.

**2007:** Redshirted after tearing his Achilles tendon twice.

**2006 NCAA Championships:** Hit a career-high 9.475 on the vault during NCAA event finals ... Named All-American on the floor exercise, after finishing fourth with a 9.412, and vault with a third-place 9.475.

**2006:** Tied for third with teammate James Myers on the floor exercise (8.9) in win over Air Force ... Tied classmate Russell Czeschin for third on the floor exercise (9.1) in win over Michigan ... Took the floor exercise title and tied the NCAA season-high score with a 9.7 at the Pacific Coast Classic ... Won second straight floor exercise title (9.2) and finished third on the vault (9.25) against Nebraska ... Took third on the floor (9.45) at the MPSF Championships.

**Club/High School:** Attended Allen High School ... Finished in the top 10 percent of his graduating class ... Competed at Eagle's Wings Athletics under coach Bret Stout ... Member of the U.S. Junior National Power Tumbling Team.

**Personal:** Born in Allen, Texas ... Son of Brandon and Linda Pitts ... Has an older brother, Brett, and a younger brother, Clark ... Majoring in health and exercise science.

### CAREER HIGHS

Floor Exercise ..... 15.400  
 Vault ..... 15.950

### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Regained All-America status on floor (15.275) at the 2008 NCAA Championships just one year after twice tearing his Achilles tendon.
- Recorded career-high 15.350 on floor at MPSF Championship in 2008.
- Was named All-American on the floor exercise, after finishing fourth with a 9.412, and vault with a third-place 9.475 in 2006.





## C. J. GRIMES

RS Sophomore | 5-5 | Hometown: Ulysses, Kan.  
Club: Littlestar Gymnastics | High School: Ulysses  
Events: SR

**2008:** Did not compete due to injury.

**Club/High School:** Trained at Littlestar Gymnastics ... Coached by his mother, Lynn Grimes ... Attended Ulysses High School ... Also played high school baseball.

**Personal:** Full name is Clayton James Grimes ... Born in Ulysses, Kan. ... Son of James and Lynn Grimes ... Has an older sister, Stacy, and two younger brothers, Jared and Tanner ... Majoring in Health and Exercise Science.

### CAREER HIGHS

Still Rings ..... \*

\* Did not compete due to injury.





## BOBBY SHORTLE

Sophomore | 5-2 | Hometown: Brunswick, Ohio  
 Club: Gym World | High School: Brunswick  
 Events: FX, V, HB

**2008 NCAA Championships:** Recorded his second highest vault score of the season (15.900) in team finals to tie for 12th place.

**2008:** Tied for fifth on vault (15.450) at Penn State ... Second on vault with a season-high 16.000 in win at Iowa ... Placed second on floor (15.300) and vault (15.850) in home win against Nebraska ... Tied for second on vault (15.850) in Michigan win ... Won the vault title (15.900) and was second on floor (15.400) against Nebraska and Air Force ... Tied for fourth on floor (14.150) and was fifth on vault (15.250) in his first collegiate competition at the Rocky Mountain Open.

**Club/High School:** Trained at Gym World ... Coached by Chris Tollen ... Attended Brunswick High School ... Five-time Junior Olympic National qualifier ... Advanced to J.O. floor exercise finals twice and was a vault semifinalist.

**Personal:** Born in Brunswick, Ohio ... Son of Jim and Betsy Shortle ... Has an older sister, Megan ... Also recruited by Michigan ... Major undecided.

### CAREER HIGHS

Floor Exercise .....	15.400
Vault .....	16.000
High Bar .....	12.700

### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Recorded his second highest vault score of the season (15.900) in team finals at the 2008 NCAA Championships.
- Won the vault title (15.900) and was second on floor (15.400) against Nebraska and Air Force in 2008.
- Recorded nine top-five finishes in 2008.





**CHAD CRUMLEY**

Freshman | 5-11 | Hometown: Long Grove, Ill.  
 Club: Buffalo Grove Gymnastics Center | High School: Stevenson  
 Events: PH, HB

**Club/High School:** Trained at Buffalo Grove Gymnastics Center ... Coached by Kelly Crumley and Don Osborn ... 2007 National Champions (Buffalo Grove Gymnastics Center)... Six-time Junior Olympic National qualifier... Scholastics All-American

**Personal:** Full name is Chad Thomas Crumley... Born in Long Grove, Ill. ... Son of Kelly and Teri Crumley... Has younger sister, Taylor ... Also recruited by Michigan, UC Berkeley, Illinois, and Minnesota ... Major undecided.



**DAVID FINNING**

Freshman | 5-4 | Hometown: Claremore, Okla.  
 Club: Cypress Academy | High School: Cypress Falls  
 Events: All-Around

**Club/High School:** Attended Cypress Falls High School in Houston, Texas ... Coached by former OU Gymnasts Tom Meadows at Cypress Academy of Gymnastics ... Finished 27th at 2008 Junior Olympic Nationals ... Won Bart Conner Spirit Award.

**Personal:** Full name is David Joseph Finning ... Born in Claremore, Okla. ... Son of Scott and Deborah Finning ... Has two siblings, brother Edley and sister Jessica ... Also recruited by Air Force and Army ... Majoring in health and exercise science.



## BEN MAYER

Freshman | 5-10 | Hometown: Houston, Texas  
 Club: Cypress Academy | High School: Home School  
 Events: PH, PB

**Club/High School:** Trained at Cypress Academy ... Coached by former OU gymnast Tom Meadows and Colby Vanleave at Cypress Academy ... National qualifier ... Four-time regional team member ... Third on high bar at 2008 Junior Nationals ... 2006 and 2008 state high bar champion.

**Personal:** Full name Benjamin Allen Mayer ... Born in Houston, Texas ... Son of Kurt and Gillian Mayer ... Has two older siblings, brother Ian and sister Jamie ... Also recruited by Navy ... Majoring in health and exercise science.



## TROY NITZKY

Freshman | 5-6 | Hometown: Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Club: Temple Boys Gymnastics | High School: William Tennent  
 Events: All-Around

**Club/High School:** Attended William Tennent High School ... Third in all-around at Maccabiah Games... Junior Olympic National qualifier each of the last four years.

**Personal:** Full name is Troy Ryan Nitzky ... Born in Philadelphia, Pa. ... Son of Karen Nitzky... Has three older siblings, brother Derek, and sisters Liz and Stacey... Also recruited by Penn State, Iowa, and Illinois ... Majoring in Business.



## PATRICK PISCITELLI

Freshman | 5-11 | Hometown: Charlotte, N. C.  
 Club: G & J Speedway | High School: Charlotte Catholic  
 Events: SR, PB, FX, V, HB

**Club/High School:** Attended Charlotte Catholic High School ... 12-time state champion in all-around ... Three-time regional champion in all-around ... 2008 North Carolina athlete of the year ... North Carolina senior award in 2008 ... Received North Carolina Region Eight Ten-0 Award in 2008.

**Personal:** Full name is Patrick Anthony Piscitelli ... Born in Charlotte, N.C. ... Son of Phil and Susan Piscitelli ... Has three older siblings, brothers Jon and Matt, and sister Emily... Also recruited by Penn State, Iowa, and Michigan ... Major undecided.

## TEAM POLL: TOP VOTE GETTERS (VOTES)

When they're not busy winning NCAA and conference championships or racking up All-America honors like they're going out of style, the guys on the OU men's gymnastics squad are a pretty interesting bunch. Ever wonder who's got the best dance moves, who you wouldn't want to challenge to a game of pickup basketball, or who you definitely don't want to ride shotgun with?

Nobody knows the guys on the team better than the guys on the team, so the Sooners took a poll to reveal some fun facts you may not have known about your favorite OU gymnasts.

Team members responded to some "best" or most "likely" questions and were not allowed to vote for themselves in any category. Many of the responses were to be expected, while others might just surprise you.

Either way, the poll gives Sooner fans a better picture of what the guys are like, both on and off the competition floor.

**Best Dressed:** Pitts (10)

**Smartest in the Classroom:** Czeschin (10)

**Biggest Comedian:** Laughton (12)

**Best Singer:** Laughton (10)

**Best Dancer:** Mayer (5)

**Best with the Ladies:** Mayer (7)

**Likely to be a Millionaire:** McNamara (5)

**Hardest Worker:** Grimes, Legendre, McNamara, Piscitelli (3)

**Best Athlete (besides gymnastics):** Garrett (12)

**Cheapest:** Finning (7)

**Biggest Eater:** Brooks (5)

**Loudest:** Brooks (14)

**Funniest:** Laughton (8)

**Biggest Trash Talker:** Brooks (10)

**Most Manners:** Piscitelli (6)

**Best Impersonator:** Laughton (12)

**First to get Married:** Laughton (7)

**Most Respected:** McNamara, Messina (3)

