



# UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS

# ATHLETICS

# SHOCK WAVES

## MESSAGE FROM THE AD

Dear Lettermen and Members,

School has ended, graduation day is complete, but UCA Athletics continues to compete. Track and Field has just completed the year this past weekend and baseball will play its last games this weekend at home.

This will be your final opportunity to see our baseball facility as it currently exists. We will immediately undergo a major renovation to our grandstand and fan areas.

The covered seating will provide a great setting for baseball in future years. Also, our Track and Soccer complex is coming along nicely. It appears that all the dirt work is complete and the grass and track surface can begin soon.

Summer is busy for the Athletics program as we prepare for our fall sports. We are busy selling tickets, memberships, sponsorships, and making promotional plans for next year. We anticipate having a great 2008-09 year. You can read more about the hire of our new softball coach in this newsletter. He is a coach I am very familiar with and I am confident he can lead our program to much success in many ways.

See you soon.

Go Bears and Sugar Bears!!  
Brad  
bteague@uca.edu



WICHITA, Kan. — Two ranked teams, two upsets for the University of Central Arkansas Bears.

The Bears beat their second Top 10 opponent of the season in as many attempts on May 6, knocking off the No. 10 Wichita State Shockers 10-9 at Eck Stadium. Junior reliever Matt Humphrey worked out of tight spots in the eighth and ninth innings as the Bears won for the fifth time in six games. Humphrey also got the victory in UCA's 4-3 upset of No. 8 Ole Miss back in March. The UA-

### Final Home Games:

vs. NW St.

Thu 5/15 6:30 p.m.

Fri. 5/16 6:30 p.m.

Sat. 5/17 1 p.m.

Fort Smith transfer struck out four and coaxed a bases-loaded, ground-ball out to end it Tuesday.

The Bears, who put up 19 hits and scored 18 runs in the game before with McNeese State, picked up where they left off against perennial power WSU (36-12). UCA hit a season-high five home runs — one short of the school record — in the first four innings, two by senior center fielder Scott Cline, to take a surprising 10-4 lead.

Cline was joined by senior right fielder Chris Houk, junior third baseman Graham

Martin and sophomore

## IN WICHITA

shortstop

Bobby Pritchett in the home run parade against three different WSU pitchers. Martin hit his first of the season, Pritchett his second and Houk his eighth, which ties him for the team lead with Payton Seelinger.

Houk is also one away from tying the school career record of 23 home runs.

Despite scoring first, the Bears still trailed 4-1 after an inning as WSU's Dusty Coleman had a three-run double to offset a sacrifice fly by UCA's Kent Taylor in the top of the inning.

But the Bears responded by sending 11 batters to the plate in the second inning and scoring seven runs on five hits, including a two-run home run by Cline, a solo home run by Pritchett

and a three-run shot by Houk. Martin drilled his first homer of the season in the third for a 9-4 lead and Cline hit the first pitch of the fifth inning from junior Matt Smith over the left-field fence.

The Shockers, now 27-4 at home this season, got a sacrifice fly in the fifth inning and then cut the deficit to 10-8 with 4 runs in the eighth inning, thanks to some shaky pitching from the Bears' bullpen. UCA contributed two bases-loaded walks and added a hit batsman and a wild pitch in the inning.

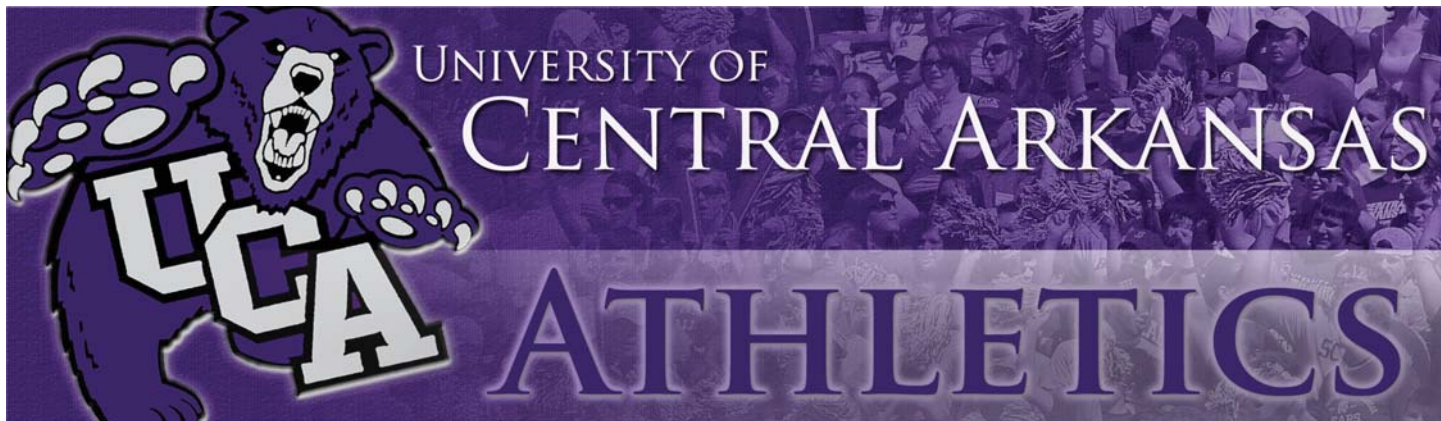
Humphrey, who walked in one of those runs, eventually struck out the side to stop that rally. He got in trouble again in the ninth when the first two batters reached and Cody Lassley hit an RBI double down the left-field line. But he got Ryan Jones on an infield pop up and, after intentionally walking Andy Dirks, got Coleman to hit a ground ball to Yerby, who forced Dirks at second to end it.

Freshman righthander Reece Cross, the first of seven UCA pitchers, went four innings, allowing 4 hits and 4 runs and striking out 4. Justin Kemp allowed 6 earned runs to take the loss. Josh Huffman went 3 for 5 for the Bears, while Cline was 2 for 5 and Pritchett 2 for 3.



JUNIOR MATT HUMPHREY PICKED UP THE SAVE IN UCA'S WIN OVER THE SHOCKERS





### Delta's Kuhn to take over UCA softball program

UCA has tabbed one of the most successful coaches in Mississippi, Delta State's David Kuhn, to head its softball program. Kuhn, 39, comes to UCA after a 10-year stint at DSU, where he compiled an impressive career record of 368-222. He was named the Gulf South Conference West Division Coach of the Year in 2005 and 2006 and led the Lady Statesmen to the NCAA South Regional in 2002 when they posted a 42-17 overall record.

"Our committee of campus staff, student athletes and administrators did an outstanding job with this coaching search," said UCA AD Brad Teague, who worked with Kuhn at Delta State. "They conducted a very high-quality search and David Kuhn came out as the top choice. The things that impressed the committee were his experience and the type of program he runs. Those were both very attractive. His teams have an extremely high graduation rate. He recruits good, quality student-athletes that are winners on

the field and in the classroom," Teague said. "I've always thought highly of the University of Central Arkansas," said Kuhn, a Greenville, Miss., native. "It's an institution with great academics and great athletics." Kuhn, the winningest coach in the history of DSU softball, earned his bachelor's degree in social science education from Delta State in 1994 and his master's in education in 1998.

"We expect in the next two to three years to be competing for the conference championship," said Teague. "Certainly by the spring of 2011, when we are eligible, we expect to be in the conference tournament and playing for a title."

Kuhn said that is his plan as well.

"I think all the tools are there to have a successful softball program," Kuhn said. "I think the sky is the limit at UCA. There is a great administrative staff, a great support staff. I'm excited about what we can do there."

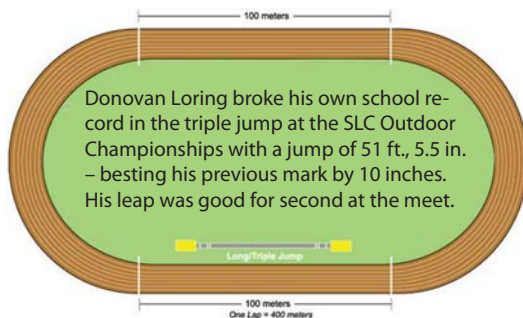
### Bears to continue careers in Canada

Former UCA football stars Aaron Fairouz (left) and Tristan Jackson (right) will continue their playing careers in the Canadian Football League. Fairouz, an All-American wide receiver who finished his UCA career in 2006, has joined the Winnipeg Blue Bombers and Jackson, a cornerback and all-american punt returner, has reached an agreement with a CFL team – though official announcement awaits the contract to be registered with the league.

"I'm extremely pleased for both of these young men," UCA head coach Clint Conque said.



"We are quite confident that both will do very well in the CFL and represent UCA with a lot of class. The pro game in Canada sets up nice for both players with the expanded field. Both of these guys have a tremendous opportunity to showcase their skills and athleticism."



The women's 4x400m relay team of Mallory Tate, Mary Douglas, Deyonna Stewart and Daliesha Taylor also broke the school record with a time of 3:55.82, beating the old mark by three seconds.

### DID YOU KNOW?

In the past month, UCA second baseman Josh Huffman has raised his batting average 114 points, going from .237 to .351, going on a 15-game hitting streak and recording nine multi-hit games in the team's last 10. His hitting streak is the longest of the season for any Bear and is tied for 9th-longest in program history.

### UCA GOLFERS HONORED

UCA's Nicole Forshner was named SLC Women's Golfer of the Year after finishing in a 2nd-place tie at the SLC championships and recording six top-10 finishes this season. Scotty Campbell was named the league's Newcomer of the Year and was named to the men's All-SLC First Team. Campbell had the league's second-best stroke average (73.00) and had five top-10 finishes. Sophomore Rebecca Sorensen and freshman Gideon Pienaar were named, respectively, to the women's and men's second teams.

#### SLC Women's Golfer of the Year



**Nicole Forshner**  
Junior  
Banff, Alberta  
Canada

#### 1st Team All-SLC SLC Newcomer of the Year



**Scotty Campbell**  
Senior  
Conway, Arkansas

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