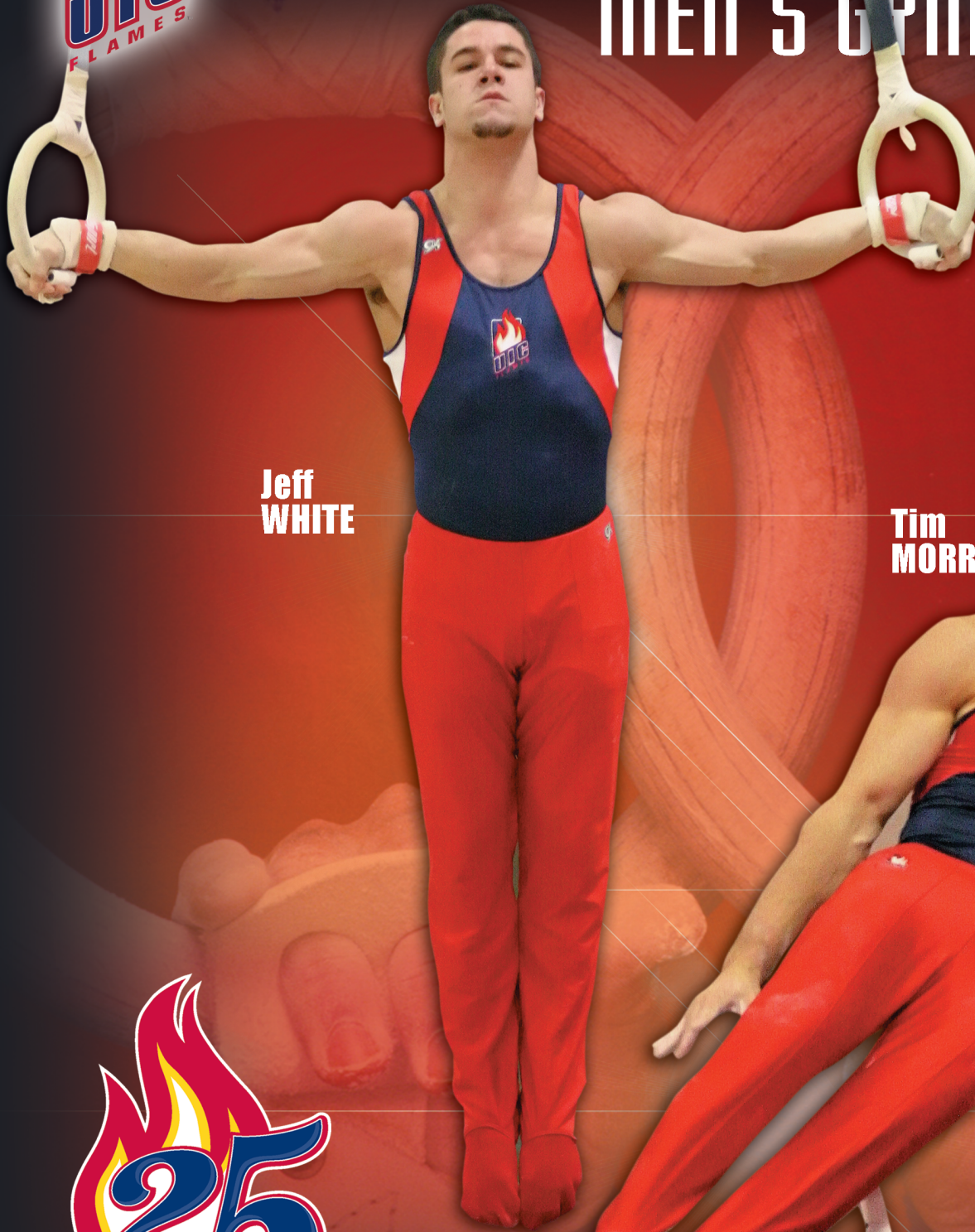




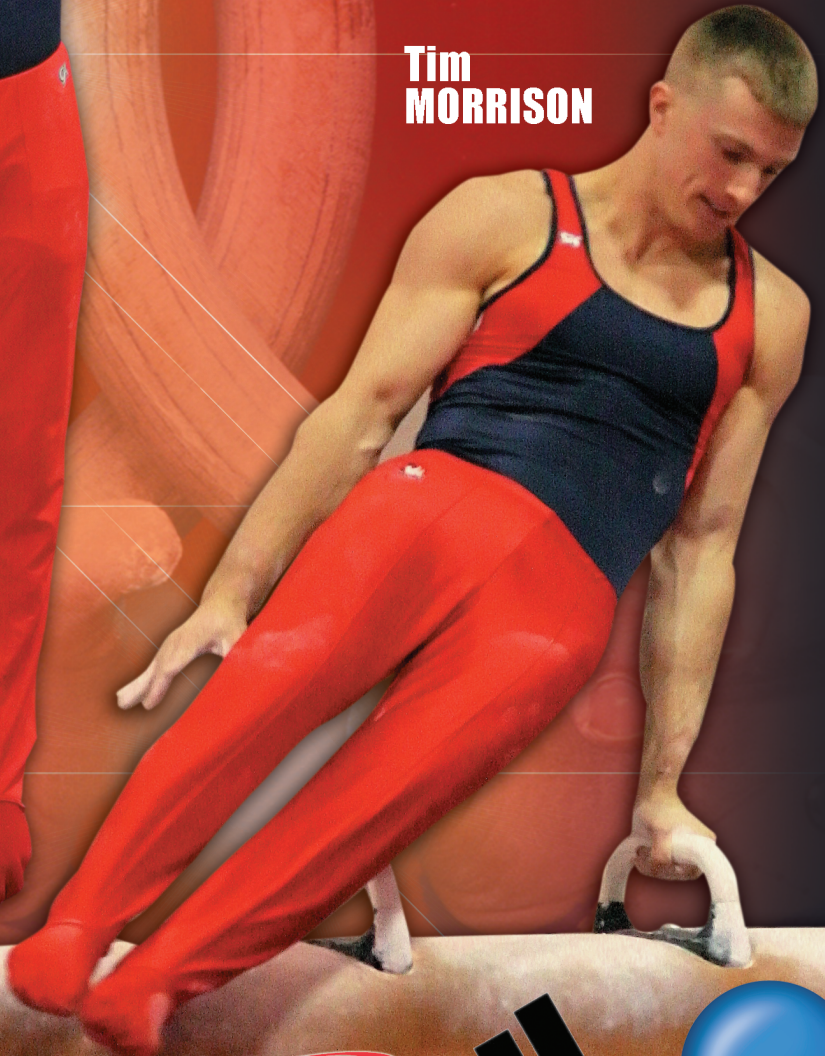
UIC FLAMES

MEN'S GYMNASTICS

2007 MEDIA GUIDE



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MORRISON





Front Row (L-R)

*Andrew Stover, Nikolai Korepanov,
Alex Kadar, Andrew Crowley,
Konrad Grzeszowiak, Scott Durso.*

Middle Row (L-R)

*Zarek Taylor, Brandon Rhame,
Ben Sinor, George Clauser, Kenneth Fron,
Nick Persino, Joseph Ernst, Bill Behnke.*

Back Row (L-R)

*Jeff White, Jeff Bill, Bobby Solomon,
Mark Seske, Tim Morrison, Kevin Baune,
Andy Battad, Anthony May.*

2007 UIC MEN'S GYMNASTICS ROSTER

Name	Year	Event	Hometown	High School/Club
Andy Battad	Sr.	PH	Frankfort, Ill.	Lincoln-Way Central
Kevin Baune	So.	AA	Temecula, Calif.	Chaparral/Sea Wind Gymnastics
Bill Behnke	So.	SR	Mount Prospect, Ill.	Prospect
Jeffrey Bill	So.	AA	Wheeling, Ill.	Buffalo Grove/Midwest Academy of Gymnastics
George Clauser	Fr.	AA	Lake Zurich, Ill.	Lake Zurich/Ultime Gymnastics
Andrew Crowley	Fr.	AA	Spring, Texas	Klein/Houston North Gymnastics
Scott Durso	Jr.	SR	Itasca, Ill.	Lake Park
Joe Ernst	Fr.	PH	Stamford, Conn.	Westhill/World Cup Gymnastics
Konrad Grzeszowiak	Fr.	ME	Mount Prospect, Ill.	Prospect
Nikolai Korepanov	Fr.	AA	Tallahassee, Fla.	Lincoln/Gym Force
Anthony May	So.	AA	Cypress, Texas	Cy-Fair/Cypress Academy of Gymnastics
Tim Morrison	Sr.	AA	Lombard, Ill.	Glenbard East/Premier Gymnastics
Nick Persino	So.	AA	Des Plaines, Ill.	Elk Grove/Buffalo Grove Gymnastics
Brandon Rhame	Jr.	AA	Norman, Okla.	Norman North/Bart Conner Gymnastics
Mark Seske	Jr.	PH	Niles, Ill.	Maine South/Elk Grove Gymnastics School
Ben Sinor	Fr.	AA	Roswell, Ga.	Centennial/Georgia Gymnastics Academy
Bobby Solomon	So.	AA	Long Grove, Ill.	Stevenson/Buffalo Grove Gymnastics
Andrew Stover	Fr.	AA	Fullerton, Calif.	Troy/Scats Gymnastics
Zarek Taylor	Jr.	AA	Elk Grove, Calif.	Sheldon
Jeff White	Jr.	AA	Lilburn, Ga.	Parkview/Atlanta School of Gymnastics

Head Coach: "CJ" Johnson

Assistant Coach: Charley Nelson



2007 UIC FLAMES MEN'S GYMNASTICS



QUICK FACTS THE UNIVERSITY

Location Chicago, Ill.
 Founded 1896
 Enrollment 24,541
 Nickname Flames
 Colors Navy Blue and Fire Engine Red
 Affiliation NCAA Division I
 Conference Eastern College Athletic (ECAC)
 President B. Joseph White
 Chancellor Sylvia Manning
 Director of Athletics James W. Schmidt
 Gym/Capacity UIC Physical Education Building/1,100

THE COACHES

Head Coach "CJ" Johnson
 Alma Mater/Year UIC/1972
 Overall Record/Years 245-222/32
 Record at UIC/Years Same
 Assistant Coach Charley Nelson
 Alma Mater/Year UIC/1999
 Office Phone (312) 996-5614

2006 YEAR IN REVIEW

Overall Record 8-15
 Conference Finish 5th
 NCAA Finish 14th
 Letterwinners Returning 9
 Letterwinners Lost 5
 Newcomers 7
 2007 Preseason Rank 11th

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2007 UIC MEN'S GYMNASTICS SCHEDULE

January

13 (Sat.)	WINDY CITY INVITATIONAL	UIC PEB	7:00 p.m.
27 (Sat.)	at Iowa	Iowa City, Iowa	2:00 p.m.

February

3 (Sat.)	at James Madison	Harrisonburg, Va.	1:00 p.m.
10 (Sat.)	MIT*	UIC PEB	7:00 p.m.
24 (Sat.)	at Temple	Philadelphia, Pa.	6:30 p.m.

March

9 (Fri.)	AIR FORCE	UIC PEB	7:00 p.m.
11 (Sun.)	AIR FORCE*	UIC PEB	2:00 p.m.
17 (Sat.)	at Illinois	Champaign, Ill.	2:00 p.m.
24 (Sat.)	MINNESOTA	UIC PEB	7:00 p.m.
31 (Sat.)	at ECAC Championships	Philadelphia, Pa.	2:00 p.m.

April

1 (Sun.)	at ECAC Championships	Philadelphia, Pa.	1:00 p.m.
12 (Thu.)	at NCAA Championships	State College, Pa.	Noon/6:00 p.m.
13 (Fri.)	at NCAA Championships	State College, Pa.	6:00 p.m.
14 (Sat.)	at NCAA Championships	State College, Pa.	6:00 p.m.

* denotes co-ed competition with UIC women's gymnastics team

All times Central

Home events in **BOLD CAPS** and held at the Physical Education Building
 (901 W. Roosevelt Rd.)



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IN-SEASON INTERVIEW POLICY

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**"CJ"
JOHNSON
HEAD
COACH**

Entering his 33rd season at the helm of the UIC men's gymnastics team, "CJ" Johnson continues to add to his legacy as one of the all-time great contributors to the sport.

During Johnson's three-decade

tenure, UIC has cultivated a tradition of excellence. His program has accumulated numerous championships and awards, including a pair of Division II National Championships, an impressive run of four consecutive team appearances in the NCAA Division I Regionals from 1994-97, and, most recently, the school's first-ever Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) championship in 2004. He has developed 26 All-Americans and helped over 70 individuals earn all-around certificates.

Undoubtedly one of the top gymnastics coaches in the country, Johnson has received a slew of awards throughout his career for his outstanding contributions. Among his most recent honors are the ECAC Coach of the Year and the NCAA East Region Coach of the Year awards that he earned in 2004.

In the spring of 2000, Johnson received the prestigious NCAA Honor Coach Award for excellence and giving over 25 years to gymnastics as a contributor, coach and athlete. Johnson also earned one of gymnastics' most prestigious awards for his accomplishments and dedication to gymnastics at the 1990 National Congress in New Orleans, where the United States Gymnastics Federation rewarded him with its Distinguished Service Award, which is second only to the USAG's Coach of the Year Award.

For his leadership and success in the gym, Johnson's 1978 and 1979 Division II National Championship teams brought him two consecutive NCAA Coach of the Year Awards. Since UIC gained Division I status, he has also been named the Midwest Region Coach of the Year on four different occasions, first in 1980 when his team was 10th in the nation, then again in 1988, 1994 and 1995.

On May 10, 2002, Johnson's support of prep gymnastics earned him an induction into the Illinois High School Gymnastics Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

Johnson is a legend not only in the United States; he has also made his name very well-known overseas. In 1978, he was selected by the NCAA to coach the USA All-Star Team that competed in Mexico City. He traveled to Budapest, Hungary, a year later to coach the USA Men's Gymnastics Team at the Hungarian Invitational. Johnson also served as head coach of the East Region Team at the 1987 U.S. Olympic Festival.

Ten years after the Olympic Festival, Johnson was selected

to work with the coaching staff of the Irish National Team as a clinician and lecturer, which resulted in his appointment as head coach of that squad in 1988. In this role, he guided former Flame Barry McDonald to the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta and fellow UIC alum Gareth Robinson to the 1995 World Games in Sabae, Japan.

His international experience doesn't stop there. Johnson's other globetrotting coaching adventures include his appointment as an international clinician to Costa Rica by the United States Olympic Committee and the United States Gymnastics Federation. He also served as the National Gymnastics Coach of Barbados at the British Commonwealth Games in Victoria, British Columbia, where UIC gymnast Sean Grosvenor competed. Most recently Johnson helped prepare current all-around standout Neil Faustino for his second trip to the Southeast Asian Games as part of the Philippine National Team in 2005.

Locally, Johnson shares his gymnastics expertise outside of UIC by acting as a clinician for the Illinois High School Gymnastics Coaches Association. On 10 different occasions, Johnson has served the association at its Winter Clinic as well as at the Fall Retreat in Lake Geneva, Wis. Not only does Johnson make himself available as a coach, he has also judged the IHSA State Gymnastics Series over the past decade and has helped organize some of the biggest prep meets in the state.

"CJ" is an active member of the College Gymnastics Association and served as that organization's president from 1994-96.

Johnson's gymnastics foundation began in the 1960s as a competitor at the club, high school and college levels. A two-year captain for UIC under Bill Roetzheim, Johnson excelled on horizontal bar and vault. After graduating from UIC in 1972, he began his coaching career at Proviso West High School, where he produced three high school All-Americans before heading back to the UIC campus as a coach.

Johnson and his wife, Jean, have two daughters, Katie and Renee, and reside in LaGrange, Ill.



**CHARLEY NELSON
ASSISTANT
COACH**

Charley Nelson, an acclaimed contributor for the University of Illinois at Chicago men's gymnastics program for over a decade, begins his eighth season as an assistant coach for the Flames.

One year after completing his standout gymnastics career at UIC in 1999, Head Coach "CJ" Johnson brought Nelson back as a student assistant coach. The following season Nelson was hired as a full-time assistant coach.

Nelson enjoyed a stellar tenure as a member of the Flames men's gymnastics team. From 1996-99, the Oak Park, Ill., native became a force on the still rings for Johnson's teams.

Nelson's competitive career was capped off with the two most prestigious awards in the UIC men's gymnastics program. Nelson was named the winner of the Robert Gunnells Memorial Award in 1999, an honor given annually to the senior UIC gymnast who displays exemplary leadership, sportsmanship and goodwill towards the community. Nelson also earned the Edward Jay Saleh Memorial Scholarship, awarded annually to a senior male gymnast who has demonstrated both academic merit and gymnastics excellence.

In 2003 Nelson's outstanding coaching was recognized when he was named the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Assistant Coach of the Year.

Nelson played an even bigger role in 2004, helping UIC smash its previous-best performance in ECAC competition to win the 2004 ECAC/EIGL Cup while assisting Eric Novick to the ECAC all-around title and Neil Faustino to All-America status on vault at the NCAA Championships.

International experience is also on Nelson's resume. Twice he served as a coach for the Philippine National Gymnastics Team that participated in the Southeast Asian Games, guiding the team to an unprecedented haul of individual and team gold medals.

Nelson also takes time to coach the UIC Summer Camp every year.

JOHNSON'S RECORD AT UIC

Season	Record	Pct.	NCAA Appearance
1974-75	14-3	.824	NCAA Div. II Championships
1975-76	14-1	.933	NCAA Div. II Championships
1976-77	8-5	.615	NCAA Div. II Championships
1977-78	13-3	.813	NCAA Div. II Championships
1978-79	5-3	.625	NCAA Div. II Championships
1979-80	5-2	.710	NCAA Div. I Championships
1980-81	5-5	.500	
1981-82	9-5	.643	
1982-83	8-5	.615	
1983-84	12-5	.706	
1984-85	4-11	.267	
1985-86	4-7	.364	
1986-87	3-14	.176	
1987-88	9-8	.529	
1988-89	8-6	.571	
1989-90	13-2	.867	NCAA East Regionals
1990-91	11-7	.611	NCAA East Regionals
1991-92	7-4	.637	
1992-93	14-4	.778	
1993-94	7-2	.778	NCAA East Regionals
1994-95	8-7	.533	NCAA East Regionals
1995-96	7-3	.700	NCAA East Regionals
1996-97	7-4	.637	NCAA East Regionals
1997-98	0-9	.000	
1998-99	7-6	.539	
1999-00	3-9	.250	
2000-01	3-16	.158	
2001-02	2-16	.111	
2002-03	5-13	.278	
2003-04	9-9	.500	NCAA Qualifying Session I
2004-05	12-13	.480	
2005-06	8-15	.348	
Totals	245-222	.525	

**ANDY
BATTAD**
SENIOR
POMMEL HORSE

Frankfort, Ill.
Lincoln-Way
Central H.S.

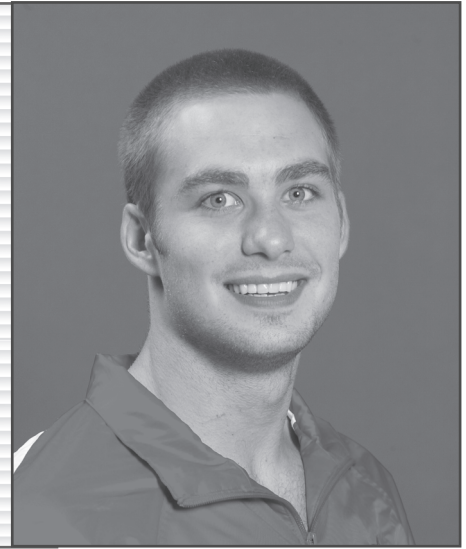
H.S. Coach:
Skip Adamson



**JEFF
BILL**
SOPHOMORE
ALL-AROUND

Wheeling, Ill.
Buffalo Grove H.S.

Club:
Midwest Academy
of Gymnastics
Club Coach:
Kevin Chope



**KEVIN
BAUNE**
SOPHOMORE
ALL-AROUND

Temecula, Calif.
Chaparral H.S.

Club:
Sea Wind Gymnastics
Club Coach:
Karl Abraham



**SCOTT
DURSO**
JUNIOR
STILL RINGS

Itasca, Ill.
Lake Park H.S.

H.S. Coach:
Rick Orna



**BILL
BEHNKE**
SOPHOMORE
STILL RINGS

Mount Prospect, Ill.
Prospect H.S.

H.S. Coach:
Pat Kivland



**KONRAD
GRZESZOWIAK**

REDSHIRT
FRESHMAN
MULTIPLE EVENTS

Mount Prospect, Ill.
Prospect H.S.

H.S. Coach: :
Pat Kivland



**ANTHONY
MAY**

SOPHOMORE
ALL-AROUND

Cypress, Texas
Cy-Fair H.S.

Club:
Cypress Academy
of Gymnastics
Club Coach:
Tom Meadows



**TIM
MORRISON**

SENIOR
ALL-AROUND

Lombard, Ill.
Glenbard East H.S.

Club:
Premier Gymnastics
Club Coach:
Paul Evert



**NICK
PERSINO**

**SOPHOMORE
ALL-AROUND**

Des Plaines, Ill.
Elk Grove H.S.

Club:
Buffalo Grove
Gymnastics
Club Coach:
Mike Bush



**ZAREK
TAYLOR**

**JUNIOR
ALL-AROUND**

Elk Grove, Calif.
Sheldon H.S.

Club:
Technique Gymnastics
Club Coach:
Oleg Ibyadullin



**MARK
SESKE**
**JUNIOR
POMMEL HORSE**

Niles, Ill.
Maine South H.S.

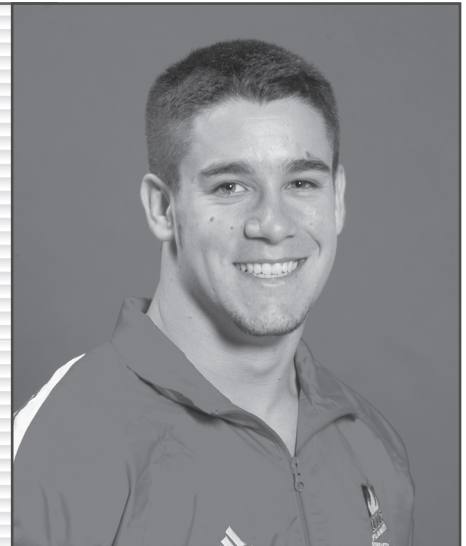
Club:
Elk Grove
Gymnastics School
Club Coaches:
Sean Henderson,
Glen Marks



**JEFF
WHITE**
**JUNIOR
ALL-AROUND**

Lilburn, Ga.
Parkview H.S.

Club Coaches:
Nathan Simmons,
Spencer Slayton



**BOBBY
SOLOMON**

**SOPHOMORE
ALL-AROUND**

Long Grove, Ill.
Stevenson H.S.

Club:
Buffalo Grove
Gymnastics
Club Coach:
Mike Bush



NEWCOMERS

**GEORGE
CLAUSER**

**FRESHMAN
ALL-AROUND**

Lake Zurich, Ill.
Lake Zurich H.S.

Club:
Ultimate Gymnastics
Club Coach:
Jon Klemens



**NIKOLAI
KOREPANOV**

**FRESHMAN
ALL-AROUND**

Tallahassee, Fla.
Lincoln H.S.

Club:
Gym Force
Club Coach:
Jim Hisey

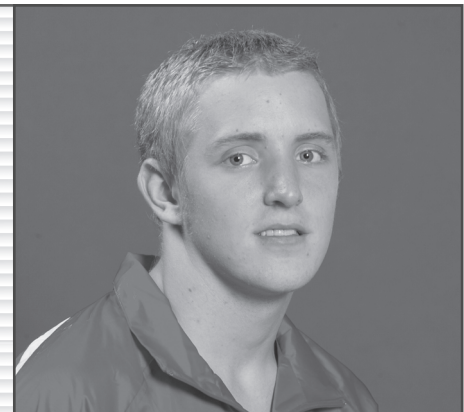


**BRANDON
RHAME**

**JUNIOR
ALL-AROUND**

Norman, Okla.
Norman North H.S./
Oklahoma University

Club:
Bart Conner Gymnastics
Club Coaches:
Shannon Carrion, Ivan Ivankov



**ANDREW
CROWLEY**

**FRESHMAN
ALL-AROUND**

Spring, Texas
Klein H.S.

Club:
Houston North Gymnastics
Club Coach:
Bill Foster, Nick Brooks



**BEN
SINOR**

**FRESHMAN
ALL-AROUND**

Roswell, Ga.
Centennial H.S.

Club:
Georgia Gymnastics Academy
Club Coaches:
Sam Zaretsky, Dave Wise



**JOE
ERNST**

**FRESHMAN
POMMEL HORSE**

Stamford, Conn.
Westhill H.S.

Club:
World Cup Gymnastics



**ANDREW
STOVER**

**FRESHMAN
ALL-AROUND**

Fullerton, Calif.
Troy H.S.

Club:
Scats Gymnastics
Club Coach:
Greg Chalikyan



UIC MEN'S GYMNASTICS HISTORY

NCAA DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS

1974	Third Place
1975	Second Place
1976	Second Place
1977	Third Place
1978	First Place
1979	First Place

NCAA DIVISION II COACH OF THE YEAR

1978	"CJ" Johnson
1979	"CJ" Johnson

NCAA DIVISION I REGION COACH OF THE YEAR

1980	Mideast	"CJ" Johnson
1988	Mideast	"CJ" Johnson
1994	Mideast	"CJ" Johnson
1995	Mideast	"CJ" Johnson
2004	East	"CJ" Johnson

EASTERN COLLEGE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE COACH OF THE YEAR

2004	"CJ" Johnson
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NCAA DIVISION II CHAMPIONS

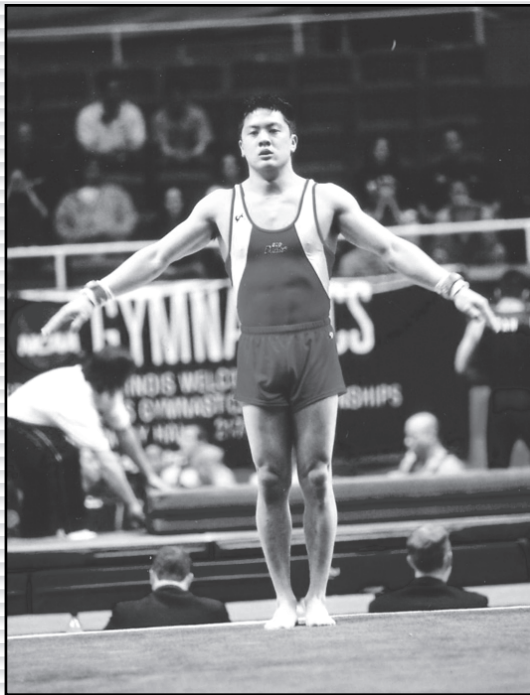
1972	Steven Fox	PH
1973	Roger Wojtkiewicz	PH
1974	Greg Anderson	PH
1975	Greg Anderson	PH
1977	Jeff Kowalczyk	FX
	Paul Zarris	SR
	Bill Roetzheim	PH
1978	Matt Damore	PB
1979	Dan Smith	AA
	George Radice	SR
	Jim Geske	PH
	Bill Cernicky	V

NCAA DIVISION I ALL-AMERICANS

1985	Paul Fishbein	SR
1988	Mike Costa	PH
1989	Mike Costa	PH
1994	Barry McDonald	PB
1996	Shannon Welker	FX
2004	Neil Faustino	V

NCAA DIVISION II ALL-AMERICANS

1970	David Biddinger	SR
	Steven Fox	PH
1971	Bob Ito	FX
	Rick Simmons	FX
	Bruce Boulton	HB, AA
1972	Steve Fox	PH
	Roger Wojtkiewicz	PH
	Robert Mlsek	PB
	Bruce Boulton	V, HB, AA
1973	Roger Wojtkiewicz	PH
	Tom Fogal	FX
	Greg Anderson	SR
	Robert Mlsek	PB
	Bruce Boulton	HB, AA
	Chuck Wanner	SR, PB, AA
1974	Greg Anderson	PH
	Roger Wojtkiewicz	PH
	Chuck Wanner	PH, PB, HB, AA
	Paul Kahovek	HB
1975	Greg Anderson	PH
	David Ogisaka	PH
	Mike Fulks	PH
	Jacques Farny	SR, PB, AA
	Chuck Wanner	PH, PB, AA
1976	Neil Ropski	PH
	Steven Kozub	SR
	Ted Tobias	HB
	Jon Jansky	HB
	Chuck Wanner	V, PB, HB, AA
1977	Matt Damore	AA
	Javier Diaz	PB
	Jeff Kowalczyk	FX
	Paul Zarris	SR
	Bill Roetzheim	PH
	Steve Kosub	SR
	Neil Ropski	PH
	Ted Tobias	HB
	George Radice	SR
1978	Mark Wanner	FX, AA
	George Martenia	FX, PB, HB
	Mike Mitchell	PH
	George Radice	SR
	Paul Zarris	SR
	Dan Smith	SR, AA
	Matt Damore	PB, HB, AA
	John Cherry	PB
	Richard Cromwell	AA
1979	Dan Smith	HB, SR, V, PB, AA
	Richard Cromwell	V, AA
	Mark Wanner	HB, FX, PB, AA
	George Radice	SR
	Jim Geske	PH
	Mike Mitchell	PH
	Bill Cernicky	V
	Mark Gunnells	HB
	John Cherry	PB
	Allen Bekkedal	SR



Neil Faustino



2007 UIC FLAMES MEN'S GYMNASTICS



2006 UIC MEN'S GYMNASTICS TEAM SCORING

Date	Meet	FX	PH	SR	V	PB	HB	TOTAL	Result
Jan. 14	Windy City Invitational	34.550	33.250	34.750	34.850	28.550	31.400	197.350	6th/6 Teams
Jan. 21	Iowa	32.800	33.100	33.150	36.350	30.550	34.850	200.800	L
Jan. 28	at Minnesota	33.700	31.100	34.550	35.400	31.100	30.400	196.250	L
Feb. 4	at JMU Open	33.600	30.250	33.500	34.800	30.450	32.550	195.150	3rd/4 Teams
Feb. 11	Ohio State	35.100	33.000	35.300	35.250	32.150	33.250	204.050	L
Feb. 25	Illinois	32.200	31.850	32.450	35.450	30.950	30.750	193.650	L
Mar. 5	Temple	33.450	32.100	33.250	35.750	31.800	32.300	198.650	L
Mar. 10	at Air Force	34.800	30.500	34.300	35.350	30.700	33.650	199.300	W
Mar. 12	at Air Force	35.250	31.250	34.900	35.825	32.100	34.600	203.925	W
Mar. 19	at JMU Invitational	35.900	31.450	34.900	35.900	32.200	34.500	204.850	1st/3 Teams
Mar. 25	at ECAC Championships	33.750	32.800	34.100	35.100	29.950	33.600	199.300	5th/8 Teams

2006 UIC INDIVIDUAL SEASON-BEST SCORES

	FX	PH	SR	V	PB	HB	AA
Andy Battad	—	8.050	—	—	—	—	—
Kevin Baune	—	8.150	—	—	8.450	8.600	—
Jeff Bill	8.850	—	—	9.000	7.750	8.650	—
Phil Goss	—	8.800	—	—	7.300	—	—
Alex Kadar	8.800	—	8.700	9.100	8.300	—	—
Andrew Krueger	9.400	—	—	8.800	—	—	—
Anthony May	8.350	8.100	8.200	8.800	8.300	8.600	48.050
Tim Morrison	9.300	8.150	8.500	9.150	8.300	9.150	50.900
Eric Novick	7.600	7.750	8.800	8.150	6.100	7.500	45.750
Nick Persino	8.150	—	8.500	9.000	8.150	8.850	—
Mark Seske	—	8.050	—	—	—	—	—
Bobby Solomon	8.300	7.500	—	9.200	—	8.700	—
Nick Stavros	—	9.550	9.300	—	—	—	—
Zarek Taylor	—	—	—	8.800	6.750	7.500	—
Brad Trompeter	—	—	9.150	9.000	7.950	7.100	—
Jeff White	8.700	—	9.100	8.850	6.400	7.950	—

INDIVIDUAL CAREER-BEST SCORES

	FX	PH	SR	V	PB	HB	AA
Andy Battad	—	8.900	—	—	—	8.250	—
Kevin Baune	—	8.150	—	—	8.450	8.600	—
Jeff Bill	8.850	—	—	9.000	7.750	8.650	—
Alex Kadar	8.800	—	8.700	9.100	8.300	—	—
Anthony May	8.350	8.100	8.200	8.800	8.300	8.600	48.050
Tim Morrison	9.300	8.200	8.500	9.350	8.600	9.150	51.750
Nick Persino	8.150	—	8.500	9.000	8.150	8.850	—
Mark Seske	—	8.050	—	—	—	—	—
Bobby Solomon	8.300	7.500	—	9.200	—	8.700	—
Zarek Taylor	—	—	—	8.800	6.750	7.500	—
Jeff White	8.850	5.250	9.125	8.950	8.000	8.250	—

MEN'S SCHOOL RECORDS

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INDIVIDUAL

Floor Exercise—9.900	Shannon Welker at Michigan Invitational, 3/12/94 at Michigan State, 3/18/94 at National Independent Championships, 3/31/96 at Michigan State, 2/22/97
Pommel Horse—9.900	Erin Willingham at William & Mary, 3/17/99
Still Rings—9.850	Shannon Welker vs. Illinois (3/2/96) Mike D'Antino at William & Mary (3/17/99)
Vault—9.850	Anthony Cirullo vs. Michigan State, 2/26/00 Jody Leibler at Windy City Invitational (1/18/99)
Parallel Bars—9.950	Barry McDonald at National Independent Championships, 3/23/91
Horizontal Bar—9.850	Barry McDonald vs. Michigan/Michigan State, 2/20/94 Shannon Welker at National Independent Championships, 2/23/97
All-Around—57.400	Barry McDonald at Western Michigan, 2/21/93

TEAM

Floor Exercise—48.000	at Michigan Invitational, 3/12/94
Pommel Horse—47.350	vs. Illinois, 3/4/94
Still Rings—48.000	vs. Michigan State, 2/20/94
Vault—47.600	vs. Northern Illinois/Western Michigan, 2/21/81
Parallel Bars—47.800	at Michigan Invitational, 3/13/93
Horizontal Bar—47.600	vs. Michigan State, 2/20/94
Team Score—281.750	vs. Illinois, 3/4/94

MEN'S SCHOOL RECORDS

Under Federation Internationale de Gymnastique Scoring System (Since 2001)

INDIVIDUAL

Floor Exercise—9.450	Anthony Cirullo at Ohio State, 1/19/01
Pommel Horse—9.650	Nick Stavros at ECAC Championships, 3/20/04
Still Rings—9.700	Neil Faustino vs. Temple, 2/29/04 at Air Force w/California, 3/7/04
Vault—9.650	Neil Faustino at Air Force w/California, 3/7/04
Parallel Bars—9.075	Neil Faustino vs. Air Force and Arizona State, 3/20/05
Horizontal Bar—9.250	Ambrose Jackson at Navy w/Temple and William & Mary, 3/17/02
All-Around—54.200	Neil Faustino vs. Temple, 2/29/04

TEAM

Floor Exercise—36.500	vs. Temple, 2/29/04
Pommel Horse—36.450	at Air Force, 3/5/04
Still Rings—36.950	at ECAC Championships, 3/20/04
Vault—36.850	at ECAC Championships, 3/20/04 vs. Illinois, 2/10/02
Parallel Bars—34.975	vs. Air Force and Arizona State, 3/20/05
Horizontal Bar—35.275	at Illinois, 2/14/04
Team Score—213.650	at ECAC Championships, 3/20/04

A GREAT UNIVERSITY IN A GREAT CITY



“By bringing an elite research faculty to an urban mission, UIC forges an identity that aligns it with the other leading universities but makes it different. In the heart of the city, UIC offers extraordinary opportunity to all who seek learning in an intense research environment. It is urban and elite; it is elite but not exclusionary; it joins access with excellence.”

— Sylvia Manning, Chancellor

In the midst of the nation’s third-largest city, you will find a bustling university that truly reflects the area which surrounds it. Located just one mile west of the downtown area, the University of Illinois at Chicago is the largest university in the city with an enrollment of 25,000 students and annual research expenditures of over \$290 million.

Formed in 1982 through the consolidation of the UIC Medical Center and the University of Illinois at Chicago Circle, UIC features a 240-acre campus with over 100 buildings, housing 15 colleges which offer 74 bachelor’s, 77 master’s and 60 doctor degree programs.

UIC is home to one of the nation’s largest medical schools, touting six health science colleges: Applied Health Sciences, Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy and Public Health. UIC has been designated a Research I university and ranks among the top 50 out of more than 650 national universities in federal research funding.

UIC is a place that challenges its students to be their best by providing them with cutting-edge academic programs, award-winning faculty and the finest research and academic facilities.

The campus provides a melting pot of interactions and experiences. A variety of students of varying races and backgrounds call UIC home, giving students the opportunity to expand their horizons amidst a diverse and vibrant atmosphere.

With the city of Chicago as the backyard of it all, its Great Cities Commitment is a hallmark of UIC.

The Great Cities Commitment engages university faculty and staff in numerous programs with community, corporate, government and civic partners to improve the quality of life in Chicago and other metropolitan areas around the world.

At UIC, the world is at your fingertips. This university will challenge you to be your best, but you will find the limits of what you can achieve to be endless with the access to excellence that UIC provides.

UIC QUICK FACTS

TYPE OF INSTITUTION

Comprehensive, public,
Research I university

LOCATION

One mile west of downtown Chicago

DEGREES OFFERED

74 Bachelor’s
77 Master’s
60 Doctoral

AVERAGE CLASS SIZE

31

STUDENT-TO-FACULTY RATIO

13:1

CAMPUS SIZE

100 buildings on 240 acres

UNDERGRADUATE COLLEGES

Applied Health Sciences
Architecture & the Arts
Business Administration
Education
Engineering
Honors
Liberal Arts & Sciences
Nursing
Jane Addams College of Social Work

GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL COLLEGES

Dentistry
Medicine
Pharmacy
Public Health
Urban Planning & Public Affairs
Graduate College

DID YOU KNOW?

- ❖ An estimated one in 10 Chicagoans with a college degree is a UIC alumnus.
- ❖ Approximately one in six Illinois doctors is a graduate of the UIC College of Medicine, the nation’s largest medical school.
- ❖ One in three Illinois pharmacists is a graduate of our College of Pharmacy.
- ❖ More than one third of the state’s dentists are graduates of UIC’s College of Dentistry.
- ❖ UIC’s College of Education is the primary supplier of new teachers for the Chicago Public School System.



Jessie Jaworowicz (left) earned the prestigious Avery Brundage Scholarship last year, while Mark Seske (right, with Faculty Athletic Representative Dr. Eric Gislason) was named the 2005–06 UIC Male Student-Athlete of the Year.

UIC is home to the world’s most powerful magnet for imaging the human body. The 9.4-Tesla magnet—which has a magnetic field approximately 100,000 times stronger than Earth’s—is used in a human scanning machine to study individual molecules as they support life.

Two faculty members in the College of Architecture and the Arts have won MacArthur Fellowships, also known as “genius grants.”

UIC’s Electronic Visualization Laboratory has created a virtual reality tool called PARIS®—the Personal Augmented Reality Immersive System—that allows collaborating researchers anywhere to jointly move and feel a virtual object in real time.

ACADEMIC RESOURCES

While the challenges to students at the University of Illinois at Chicago are often great, the campus provides vast resources to help students find the solutions to any roadblocks they may encounter to facilitate success both in and out of the classroom.

UIC STUDENTS AND FACULTY AS ONE

UIC students and faculty work together with a low student-to-teacher ratio, allowing for more opportunity between professors and their students, building early relationships that foster academic success.

The university continues to attract top national scholars to its strong faculty. UIC’s faculty have been recognized with many prestigious awards including the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Fellowship, Fulbright Distinguished Professorship, Guggenheim Foundation grant, National Science Foundation’s CAREER grant, Jonas Salk Lifetime Achievement Award, Society of Women Engineers’ Achievement Award and the United States Capitol Historical Society’s Freedom Award.

UIC students win major national competitive awards, including a Rhodes Scholarship, Gates-Cambridge Scholarships, Goldwater Scholarships, Fulbright Fellowships and Harry S. Truman Scholarships, among others.

UIC is a member of three Regional Centers of Excellence designated in September 2003 by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as part of the federal government’s response to 9/11. The RCEs research new diagnostics, therapeutics and vaccines for potential bioterrorist agents and emerging infectious diseases.

UIC PROVIDES ACCESS TO EXCELLENCE

UIC offers its students many academic outlets to get help outside of the classroom, whether it is instruction from a tutor or counselor, or a mountain of research materials that can be found in any of the school’s libraries. UIC helps its students reach their goals.

Richard J. Daley Library & Library of Health Sciences

These two mainstays of the UIC library system house more than 1.8 million volumes. UIC also has separate libraries for mathematics, architecture, art and science.

Counseling Center

This center offers career counseling and testing for UIC students who are having trouble deciding which direction to set their careers.

Writing Center

This office provides guidance to students who need help with their writing assignments.

African-American Academic Network

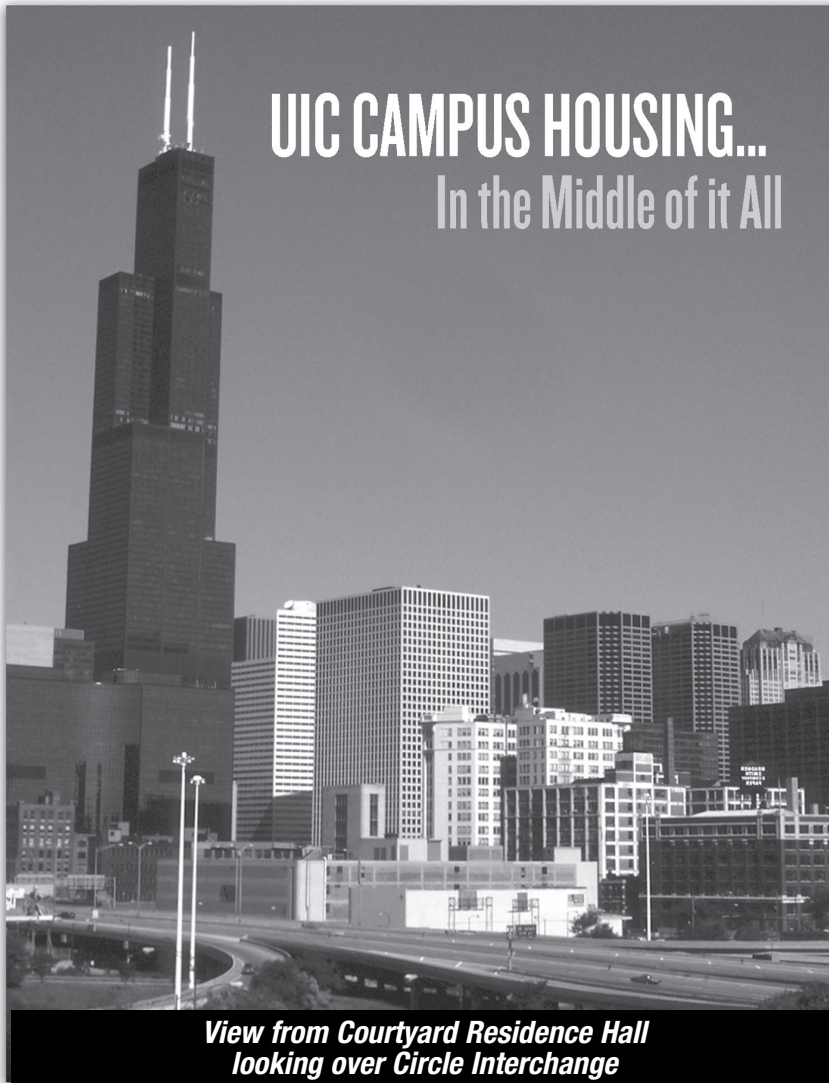
With counseling workshops and tutoring, this network offers academic, social and motivational help to African-American students.

Latin American Recruitment & Education Services (LARES)

This recruitment and retention program primarily serves Latino students with counseling workshops and tutoring.

Native American Support Program

The program works with American Indian students through academic counseling and by helping to identify scholarship and financial aid opportunities.



View from Courtyard Residence Hall looking over Circle Interchange

With nine residence halls scattered throughout the entire UIC campus, and several more in the development stage, campus housing is a university entity on the rise.

Housing nearly 3,000 students, the residences available are situated on some of the finest real estate in Chicago.

Minutes from downtown, the lake and the museum campus, the dormitories at UIC are a refreshing concept from the traditional high-rise facilities developed at many institutions.

Marie Robinson Hall, a component of the South Campus expansion, is the jewel of campus housing. It houses 320 students who inhabit spacious, apartment-style dorms, equipped with full kitchens and private bathrooms.



Thomas Beckham Hall, the second of two student apartment buildings on the South Campus, opened in August 2003. It is the larger companion building to Marie Robinson Hall, built in the same style but housing a total of 450 mostly undergraduate students; all students have individual bedrooms in attractive apartments with living rooms, kitchens and bathrooms. This residence hall also has extensive lounge and study rooms as well as amenity spaces such as a computer lab, TV room and laundry room. There is a Faculty Member in Residence as well as a member of the residence life professional staff.

Across the east campus at the corner of Harrison and Halsted Streets is the Courtyard Residence Hall, along with Commons West, North and South. Built in 1988, these four halls—which are all-encompassing—house nearly 1,300 students. The Courtyard houses students in clusters, typically three doubles and two single rooms sharing a common bathroom, while the remainder of the halls offer a variety of living options.

Every hall has a variety of lounges, meeting rooms, laundry facilities and spots for social and recreational activities. The convenient link to the campus unions allows for easy access to the dining halls, bookstore and more.



Commons North



Commons South



Courtyard Residence Hall



Commons West



Thomas Beckham Hall



Marie Robinson Hall



CHICAGO-- The Windy City

As a University of Illinois at Chicago student, you will find there is no better place to begin your education than in the nation's third-largest city. Whether you are looking to get ahead professionally with numerous internship and networking opportunities with any of the city's major corporations, or mixing in socially with an endless list of things to do and see, Chicago is the place to be.

The city offers 40 museums, 15 miles of bathing beaches, 11 professional sports franchises, over 6,000 restaurants tucked into its 77 different neighborhoods and a nightlife that will keep you

going until daylight. So whatever your pleasure-work or play—it is all easily found in UIC's backyard.

Chicago helps the university go beyond its campus perimeters and extend into everything this great city has to offer, making UIC an unbeatable choice in an unbeatable city.



Picasso Sculpture at the Daley Center

SIGHTS TO SEE — PLACES TO GO

Museums

- The Field Museum
- The Museum of Science & Industry
- Shedd Aquarium
- Adler Planetarium
- Art Institute of Chicago

Skyscrapers

- Sears Tower – 1,450 ft.
- AON Building – 1,136 ft.
- John Hancock Building – 1,127 ft.

Professional Sports Franchises

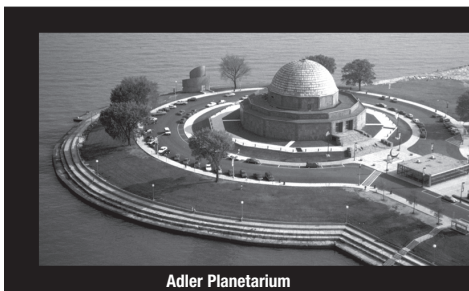
- Chicago Bears (NFL)
- Chicago Bulls (NBA)
- Chicago Cubs (MLB)
- Chicago White Sox (MLB)
- Chicago Rush (AFL)
- Chicago Blackhawks (NHL)
- Chicago Fire (MLS)
- Chicago Wolves (AHL)
- Chicago Storm (MISL)
- Chicago Bandits (NPF)
- Chicago Sky (WNBA)

Must-See Spots

- Millennium Park
- Cloud Gate sculpture
- Buckingham Fountain
- Grant Park
- Little Italy
- Chinatown
- Greektown
- Michigan Avenue & the Magnificent Mile
- State Street
- Wrigley Field
- Navy Pier
- National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame
- U.S. Cellular Field
- Soldier Field
- United Center

Must-Attend Events

- Taste of Chicago
- Blues Fest
- Venetian Night
- Air & Water Show
- St. Patrick's Day Parade
- Thanksgiving Day Parade
- Disney Lights Festival
- Chicago Marathon
- Chicago Jazz Festival



Adler Planetarium



Millennium Park



Buckingham Fountain



The FLAMES Athletic Center

Christened on June 10, 1999, the Flames Athletic Center is the crown jewel in the University of Illinois at Chicago's effort to bring its 18 Division I men's and women's programs to national prominence.

The \$9.25-million, 50,000-square-foot venue is a state-of-the-art practice facility and features two NCAA regulation-sized basketball courts; a two-story comprehensive weight training and cardio-fitness center; an in-house sports medicine facility; locker rooms for UIC student-athletes, with two just for men's and women's basketball; and offices for the basketball, baseball and athletic administration staff.

Several individuals provided leadership to the center through their generous gifts, and each was recognized with selected facilities in the new center being named in their honor. Among those are Pat and Peggy Colvin, whose funding established The Colvin Communication and Administration Center; Arnold J. Hartoch, who helped fund the Arnold J. Hartoch Baseball Suite; William and Cathy Merchantz, whose gift funded the Lambert Basketball Center; and Sidney L. Port, whose contributions set up the Port Hall of Excellence.





THE PORT Academic Center

Time management is very important for a student-athlete. At the University of Illinois at Chicago, we recognize the unique demands of pursuing an academic degree and competing at the NCAA Division I level. Therefore, we offer the student-athlete a full-scale academic support program. At the heart of this program is the Port Academic Center.



The Port Academic Center is a great support service provided by the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics to help a student-athlete excel in the classroom and attain a bachelor's or other advanced degree. Services available within the center include advising, tutoring, scheduling assistance, eligibility monitoring, scholarship support and optional accommodations for individual and group study.

The Port Academic Center is conveniently located on the lower level of the Physical Education Building. The 5,000-square-foot facility serves as headquarters for the academic support staff and features a larger public area for individual study, three smaller rooms for tutoring or group study, personal computer workstations linked to laser jet printers, a conference room, a reception area and private offices for counseling sessions.



The Port Academic Center, with all of its resources, helps UIC meet the challenge of tightened NCAA academic requirements, providing a "home base" for the academic life of its student-athletes.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who is my college advisor?

Students are provided with a list of advisors and their phone numbers to assist them in easily finding their advisor.

What is the academic reputation of UIC in the job world?

Academically, it is a Big Ten degree and on par with any of the top schools.

How will my major help me get a job?

Current information is provided to students on this matter. Students are then referred to the career placement office, which will answer any questions they might have regarding a particular career.

What do I do if I have a question about eligibility?

A one-on-one conference is initiated to go over questions regarding changing major, course selection and any other academic problems a student might have regarding effects on their eligibility.



PORT ACADEMIC CENTER SERVICES

Individual Study

The spacious and comfortable main study area is monitored from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Fridays. Students can focus on their schoolwork without the usual distractions of home or dorm life. Computers are available for students to use in the main study area.

Tutoring

Tutoring is available to student-athletes in nearly every subject area. The athletic department has an exceptionally qualified staff of tutors. Sessions are scheduled during convenient hours for the student and the tutor, and are held in the Center's small study rooms.

Study Groups

Students who wish to study together can reserve the small study rooms by checking with the receptionist outside the main study area.

Advising

Each student-athlete is required to meet with an academic advisor once each semester. In addition, advisors are available year-round to assist students with specific questions. Athletic department advisors give special attention to NCAA degree and eligibility requirements when assisting student-athletes.

Scheduling Assistance

Center advisors have established relationships with faculty in many colleges and can intervene on the student's behalf when scheduling problems arise.

Scholarship Support

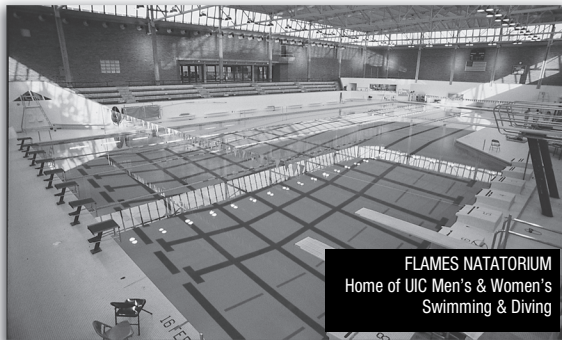
A \$1,000 scholarship is awarded each year to a student-athlete who has utilized the Center to significantly improve academic performance over the past year. Funding for this award is provided by the Port Endowment for Academic Excellence.

THE FIELD OF DREAMS

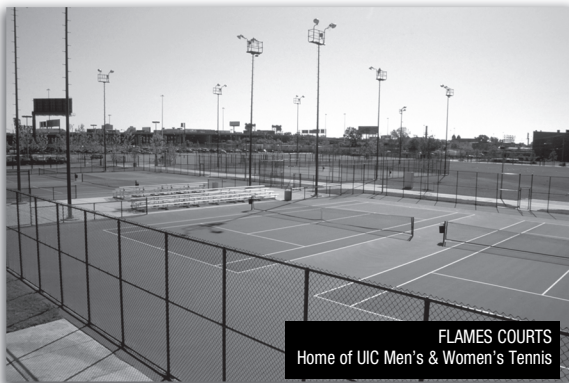
Nowhere is the University of Illinois at Chicago's commitment to athletic excellence more apparent than at the facilities that house the 18 men's and women's programs.



FLAMES FIELD
Home of UIC Softball



FLAMES NATATORIUM
Home of UIC Men's & Women's
Swimming & Diving



FLAMES COURTS
Home of UIC Men's & Women's Tennis



FLAMES ATHLETIC CENTER
Home of UIC Women's Volleyball

UIC FLAMES ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

Men's Sports

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Gymnastics
- Soccer
- Swimming & Diving
- Indoor & Outdoor Track & Field
- Tennis

Women's Sports

- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Gymnastics
- Softball
- Swimming & Diving
- Indoor & Outdoor Track & Field
- Tennis
- Volleyball

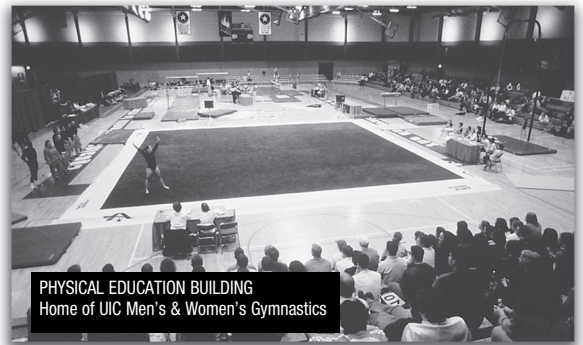
League Affiliation

- Horizon League

Horizon League Institutions

- Butler
- Cleveland State
- Detroit
- UIC
- Loyola
- Valparaiso*
- UW-Green Bay
- UW-Milwaukee
- Wright State
- Youngstown State

*Beginning 2007-08



PHYSICAL EDUCATION BUILDING
Home of UIC Men's & Women's Gymnastics



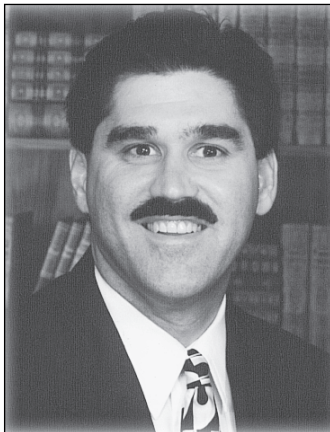
UIC PAVILION
Home of UIC Men's and Women's Basketball



LES MILLER FIELD
Home of UIC Baseball



FLAMES FIELD
Home of UIC Soccer



**DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS
JAMES W. SCHMIDT**

The University of Illinois at Chicago Department of Intercollegiate Athletics has seen unprecedented growth and reached new heights both on the playing field and in the classroom under the leadership of Jim Schmidt.

Named UIC's fourth director of athletics on January 24, 1997, Schmidt quickly put together a department that could compete on a championship level, not only within the Horizon League, but on regional and national levels as well.

In Schmidt's first nine years, the Flames have captured more league titles than in the prior 15 years of NCAA Division I competition combined. UIC garnered its first James J. McCafferty Trophy in 2000, the award honoring the most successful all-around athletic program in the Horizon League each season.

Schmidt has also watched 32 of his teams represent UIC in NCAA postseason competition during his tenure. Among those NCAA tournament appearances were first-ever bids for men's basketball, men's soccer, women's tennis and baseball.

New history has been made each season under Schmidt, with the past year being no different. Highlighting the 2005-06 season were many memorable moments:

- UIC men's basketball coach Jimmy Collins guided his squad to a fifth straight winning season, marking the best five-year stretch in school history, which included two NCAA Tournament appearances (2002, 2004), a trip to the NIT (2003) and two Horizon League titles (2002, 2004).
- The UIC women's basketball team continued its growth under head coach Lisa Ryckbosch, making the program's first-ever appearance in the Horizon League Tournament title game.
- The women's tennis team continued to dominate the Horizon League, capturing its 10th consecutive league

title and making its eighth straight NCAA Tournament appearance. The men's tennis team found itself on the brink of a title, taking runner-up honors in the Horizon League for the second straight season.

- The women's gymnastics team also advanced to post-season competition in 2005-06, earning a spot in the NCAA Regional Championships for the third time in the last four years.
- The UIC men's soccer team, under the direction of first-year head coach John Trask, enjoyed college soccer's sixth best turnaround, finishing with a 10-5-2 overall record in 2005, including a pair of victories over nationally ranked programs.
- Both the UIC baseball and softball teams captured Horizon League regular-season titles. It was the fifth consecutive league title for baseball, which continues its rise as one of the region's top programs. The softball team won its third straight Horizon League crown.
- The UIC men's cross country team earned its first-ever regional ranking last season while the Flames men's and women's track & field squad sent three individuals and one relay team to the NCAA Regional Championships.

"At UIC, we are committed to excellence, both academically and athletically," Schmidt said. "We will create an atmosphere that will assist each student in attaining lifelong experiences that will help them be successful."

In keeping with that commitment, UIC has continued to enhance the academic performance of its student-athletes under Schmidt. Last season, UIC student-athletes achieved an overall grade point average of 2.79, with 125 reaching a 3.0 GPA or higher and 20 garnering a perfect 4.0 GPA. NCAA graduation reports list UIC Athletics' graduation rates at 85% for all athletes who exhaust their eligibility.

Under Schmidt's direction in 1994, UIC Athletics instituted a Life Skills program designed to enhance the total student-athlete, with activities designed to improve personal, social and career development. Team builders, community service projects and leadership opportunities through the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) were also implemented.

Schmidt has also played a key role in the local and national exposure of UIC Athletics. He renegotiated the first 50,000-watt ESPN Radio exclusive contract that has made AM-1000 the home of UIC Flames basketball for eight consecutive seasons.

He also helped expand radio coverage of UIC by reporters on WGN, WBBM, ESPN, WGCI, WSCR and WCKG, and increased television exposure on ESPN, Comcast SportsNet Chicago and other local and national outlets.

With a strong desire to win conference titles and earn regular appearances in NCAA postseason action, Schmidt has brought numerous conference championships to the UIC campus to aid in the task. For the first time ever, the Flames hosted the league's men's basketball championship in 1999 and 2000. UIC has also hosted conference tournaments in softball, baseball, soccer, cross country, gymnastics, women's basketball, and swimming and diving, while the school also welcomed the NCAA softball regional championships to its field in 1999 and the NCAA softball super regional championships in 2005.

Flames administrative long-term plans are aggressive as well. In addition to major projects such as the first phase of the "Campaign for Athletics" that was implemented and the Flames Athletic Center fundraising campaign that was completed under Schmidt, UIC's overall strategic plan outlines detailed improvements for scholarship funding; renovations to facilities, including the aquatics center; and improvements to indoor competition/practice facilities for baseball, softball, track, tennis and volleyball. Construction of the stadium portion of the baseball and softball complexes and renovations to the soccer field are also high on the capital program's list of improvements.

While serving as associate athletic director, Schmidt helped develop a broad-based athletic program headed by strong men's and women's basketball programs and rapidly improving, nationally competitive Olympic sports teams. He also saw UIC's student-athletes gain national recognition for top academic achievements while the teams and coaches earned regional and national exposure through conference championships and NCAA postseason competition.

Schmidt assisted during the many historical decisions that took place over the last several years, including changes in conference affiliation leading up to UIC's current membership in the Horizon League. Schmidt recently finished up a term as chair of the league's men's basketball committee. He had previously served as the chair of the television and finance committees. Schmidt has also served on the championships/facilities committee, equity committee and executive council.

Schmidt began his collegiate athletics career in the fall of 1980, serving one year as the pitching coach at Western Illinois University while earning his master's degree in sports administration.

Arriving at UIC in 1982, Schmidt served as a pitching coach on the Flames' baseball staff before being named an assistant to the athletic director in charge of marketing/promotions and daily operations. From 1983-86, Schmidt handled all sports information duties as an assistant athletic director and assumed the title of associate athletic director in 1987.

A 1979 graduate of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, Schmidt and his wife, Mary, reside in Naperville, Ill., with their two children, Billy and Eva.