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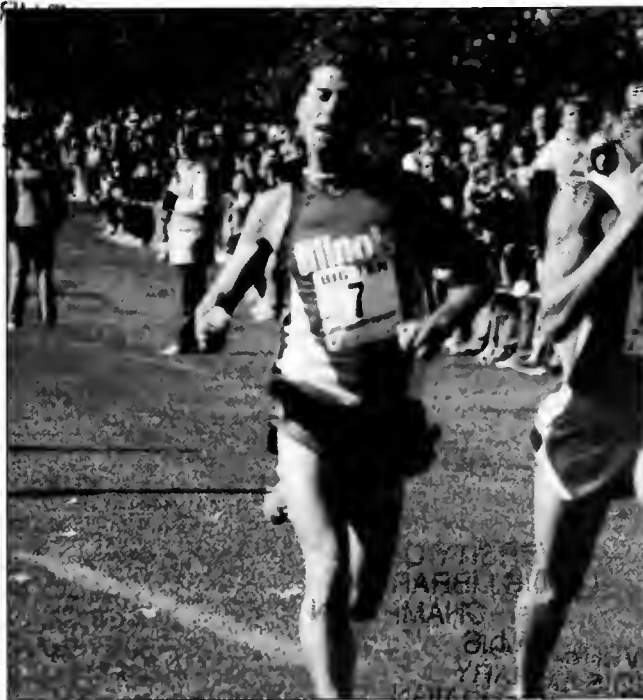
John Kronforst earned First Team All-Big Ten honors in 2001. He was the first Illinois runner to accomplish the feat since 1996.

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John Kronforst led the Illini in each meet last season.



Name	Height	Weight	Class	Elg.	Hometown / High School
Jason Bill	5-11	125	Fr.	Fr.	Buda, Ill./Bureau Valley
Brian Brunick	6-3	155	Fr.	Fr.	Naperville, Ill./Waubonsie Valley
Richard Calvario	5-9	130	So.	So.	Bloomington, Ill./Glenbard East
Kristopher Cunningham	5-11	155	So.	So.	Pekin, Ill./Peoria-Notre Dame
Kyle Emkes	6-0	155	So.	So.	Mahomet, Ill./Mahomet-Seymour
Tim Hobbs	6-3	175	So.	Fr.	Elmhurst, Ill./York
Jon Houseworth	5-10	130	Fr.	Fr.	Carlock, Ill./Eureka
Andy Janssen*	5-9	140	Sr.	Jr.	Naperville, Ill./Central
Paul Jellema	6-0	150	Fr.	Fr.	Lansing, Ill./Illiana Christian
John Kronforst**	5-9	140	Sr.	Sr.	Prospect Heights, Ill./Wheeling
Justin Mitchell**	5-10	140	Sr.	Sr.	Geneva, Ill./Geneva
Adam Palumbo*	5-11	145	Jr.	Jr.	Bensenville, Ill./Elmhurst York
Brent Pfeiffer**	5-7	130	Sr.	Sr.	Naperville, Ill./North
Tim Seiwert**	5-8	130	Jr.	Jr.	Park Ridge, Ill./Maine South
Peter Stasiulis	5-8	140	So.	So.	Elmhurst, Ill./York
Aaron Wahls***	6-0	155	Sr.	Sr.	Pontiac, Ill./Pontiac

Head Coach: Gary Wieneke, 36th Season
Assistant Coaches: Tom Doyle and Erin Tucker
Volunteer Assistant: Chris Saunders

* Denotes the number of varsity letters won

Pronunciation Guide

EmkesM-kess
 KronforstKRAHN-forst
 Palumbopa-LUM-bo
 PfeifferFI-fer
 SeiwertSEE-wert
 StasiulisSTASH-ule-EUS
 WahlsWalls

Seniors

John Kronforst
 Justin Mitchell
 Brent Pfeiffer
 Aaron Wahls

Juniors

Andy Janssen
 Adam Palumbo
 Tim Seiwert

Sophomores

Richard Calvario
 Kristopher Cunningham
 Kyle Emkes
 Peter Stasiulis

Freshmen

Jason Bill
 Brian Brunick
 Tim Hobbs
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The theme surrounding the Illinois cross country program in 2002 is continued improvement. Despite finishing 10th at the conference meet, the Illini showed improvement throughout the season culminating in a seventh-place showing at the NCAA Midwest Regional.

All but two runners from the 2001 season return for Gary Wieneke's 36th season at the helm of the Illinois cross country program including the runner who showed the most improvement last season, First Team All-Big Ten selection John Kronforst.

Prior to last season, Kronforst's best finish was a 13th-place showing at the Pre-Regional Meet in 2000. However in 2001 Kronforst earned three top-10 finishes including seventh at the Big Ten Championships where he became the first Illinois all-conference performer since 1996, while moving into sixth on the all-time 8,000 meter performance chart with a time of 24:13.2.

"Even more critical than John's leadership during competition will be his leadership in working with some of our younger runners as a peer," head coach Gary Wieneke said. "John is a very self-motivated runner and is what you look for as a leader. He had a great season last year and has the mindset to continue improving."

While the No. 1 position for the Illini is in good hands, it's the next four spots that will determine how good Illinois can be this season. One of those runners looks to be senior Aaron Wahls who had a strong finish to his junior campaign and is fully recovered from a foot injury that plagued him during the 2002 outdoor track and field season. Last year, Wahls finished as Illinois' No. 2 runner in the final two meets including a 34th-place finish at the NCAA Midwest Regional. His time of 25:20.9 at the Big Ten Championships also established a personal best for the senior at 8,000 meters.

"Aaron had a great sophomore year and got back to that form at the end of last season," Wieneke said. "He needs to start the season where he finished off last year and continue to improve from there."

Senior Justin Mitchell also returns and will be in contention after he was consistently the team's second scorer during the first half of the 2001 season. Mitchell came though with personal-

best times and finishes as a junior, recording a sixth-place showing at the Purdue Meet of Champions and a career-best 8,000 meter time of 24:45.

Joining Mitchell are returnees Adam Palumbo, Brent Pfeiffer and Tim Seiwert. Palumbo was consistently the third finisher for the Illini last season, while Pfeiffer and Seiwert each set new personal-best times in the 8,000 meters last season.

A relative newcomer, Tim Hobbs is also expected to make an impact for the Illinois cross country team this season after redshirting in 2001. The York High School standout is coming off a successful track season that saw him earn Big Ten Track and Field Athlete of the Week accolades after he led both the 4x800 meter and sprint medley relay teams to wins at the Drake Relays last spring. The Elmhurst, Ill., native was also one of Illinois' top 800m threats during the track season and will look to carry that success over to his first cross country season.

"Tim has had success at every level," Wieneke said. "He learned a lot last season as a redshirt and now I expect him to be ready to contribute. He is coming off a good outdoor track season and I think that will help his confidence"

Wieneke will also look to a pair of incoming freshmen to make early impact as the top-two finishers at the 2002 Illinois Class A State Cross Country Championships will be in Illinois uniforms this fall.

Paul Jellema enters Illinois after

putting together an impressive prep resume that includes a pair of state cross country championships and two-mile track title as a junior. As a senior, Jellema won the state meet by over 15 seconds en route to running a three-mile time of 14:32, the second-fastest time ever recorded at the Class A State Championships.

Jason Bill is another heralded prep recruit entering this season and is a two-time all-state performer in cross country. This season, Bill finished second at the Class A Cross Country State Championships and was the Class A State Champion on the track in the 1,600 meters.

"In my opinion, Paul and Jason are two of the top three high school runners in the state this year regardless of class," Wieneke said. "They have both improved throughout their careers and want to get better. They will be important to this team."

Whether it be an upperclassman or a newcomer, Wieneke knows that his team's success this season will depend on the number of runners able to take that next step in their improvement. The Illini showed they have an established runner who ranks among the best in the Big Ten in Kronforst. If the rest of the team is able to make that same improvement this season, Gary Wieneke could have another surprise for the Big Ten in 2002.



John Kronforst (far right) will look to repeat as a first team All-Big Ten selection this fall.





The dean of Fighting Illini head coaches, Gary Wieneke celebrates his 36th year as the Illinois head cross country coach.

One of the nation's most respected distance coaches, Wieneke guided Illinois to the Big Ten Cross Country Championship in 1984 and has led the Illini to five top-10 finishes at the NCAA Cross Country National Championships. Under his direction, the Illinois cross country team has finished in the Big Ten's upper division 26 times in his 36 years. Last season, Wieneke tutored his eighth runner to First Team All-Big Ten honors as John Kronforst finished seventh at the Big Ten Championships and went on to earn all-Midwest Regional accolades with an eighth-place showing.

Wieneke has also enjoyed immense success at the head of the men's track and field program where he will be entering his 29th season as head coach. During his tenure, the Fighting Illini have won five indoor and six outdoor Big Ten Conference track and field titles and finished runner-up at the 1988 NCAA National Indoor Track and Field Championships, while claiming fourth at the 1995 NCAA indoor meet.

Wieneke's inaugural squad finished in the Big Ten cellar, but only two years later the Fighting Illini captured second place. The Big Ten crown won by the 1984 team was Illinois' first since 1947 and UI's third-ever in cross country.

Recognized as one of the country's top middle distance coaches, Wieneke has guided 13 cross country runners to All-America status, including former world-record holder and two-time world and

NCAA champion Craig Virgin.

"I am very proud to have been a member of the Illinois cross country team and am very proud of its success," Virgin said. "I will always be loyal to Coach Wieneke for giving me tremendous support while I was at the University of Illinois. He is a very sincere, hard-working person. Technically, he's an excellent coach. He knows a lot about training and has meshed that with excellent administrative skills. He has built a very competent track and field staff to complement his abilities as a distance coach."

Wieneke was coach of the United States Junior National Team in 1989 and has served as head coach for the Midwest region team at the United States Olympic Committee National Sports Festival and for the United States team at the 1979 World Cup of Track and Field. He has also been chairman of the USOC middle distance events.

He is a eight-time NCAA District IV Coach of the Year and was named NCAA National Indoor Track and Field Coach of the Year in 1987. He is a three-time Big Ten Outdoor Track Coach of the Year, last winning the honor in 1994.

In 1991, Wieneke was inducted into the Illinois Track and Cross Country Coaches Hall of Fame. He was also a 1992 Drake Relays Hall of Fame inductee, joining former UI coaches Harry Gill and Leo Johnson.

Wieneke came to Illinois from Guilford High School in Rockford, where he was head track and field coach for three seasons. Prior to that, he coached at New Trier High School (Winnetka).

He began his coaching career at Bowling Green State University where he served as a graduate assistant while working toward his master's degree. Following his stint at BGSU, Wieneke returned to his home state to pursue teaching and coaching on a full-time basis.

Wieneke was a four-year letterwin-

ner in both track and cross country at Augustana (Ill.) College, where he set the school record in the 880-yard run in addition to sharing two relay records. He received a bachelor's degree in physical education in 1962.

Prior to enrolling at Augustana, Wieneke served three years in the U.S. Army. He and his wife, Peggy, reside in White Heath.

Wieneke at a Glance

COACHING HONORS

NCAA National Coach of the Year
1987

District IV Coach of the Year
1975, 1977, 1981, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989 and 1997

Big Ten Track Coach of the Year
1988, 1989 and 1994

USOC Middle Distance Chairman
1980

USA Midwest Regional Coach
1979

USA World Cup Head Coach
1979

USA Junior National Team Coach
1989

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Big Ten Cross Country
1984

Big Ten Outdoor Track and Field
1975, 1977, 1987, 1988, 1989 and 1994

Big 10 Indoor Track and Field
1977, 1981, 1987, 1988 and 1989

HALL OF FAME INDUCTIONS
Illinois Track and Cross Country Hall of Fame
1992

Drake Relays Hall of Fame
1991

East Moline High Hall of Fame
1993



Coach Gary Wieneke and six of his 13 cross country All-Americans. From left to right, Craig Virgin, Kerry Dickson, Jeff Jacobs, Coach Wieneke, Mike Durkin, Jim Eicken and Joe Leuchtman

Volunteer Assistant Chris Saunders



Serving as a volunteer assistant for the Illini is Chris Saunders. During his time at Illinois, Saunders earned two letters in track and one in cross country from 1994-96 after transferring from South Dakota. In 1995, he earned All-America honors running the 1,200 meter leg of Illinois' distance medley relay team that set the school record of 9:36.33.

Saunders graduated from Illinois in 1996 with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. He also earned M.S. from Illinois, in Curriculum and Education. He previously coached the Champaign Central High School girls' track and cross country program for three years, and is currently a fifth grade teacher at Barkstall Elementary school in Champaign.



Tim Hobbs

Fr. • Elmhurst, Ill. • Elmhurst York High School

2002 Track: One of Illinois' top 800m and 1,500m runners as a true freshman ... Won Big Ten Track Athlete of the Week honors after anchoring Illinois' Sprint Medley Relay team to a win at the Drake

Relays ... Also picked up another Drake Relays win as the third leg of the 4x800m relay. **2001:** Redshirted the cross country season. **High School:** Two-time Illinois State Champion in the 800m ... Was a member of the national record setting 4x800m relay team that ran a record time of 7:34.18 ... Was also a member of the 4x800m relay team that set the national record in the indoors, with a time of 7:42 ... Runner up at the 2001 state track and field meet in the 1600m ... Competed in the 2000 state cross country meet ... Also competed in the Golden West Invitational ... Lettered in track and cross country for Elmhurst York High ... Helped York to the state cross country crown his senior year ... Scored in 39th place as a senior ... Two-time all conference selection for Elmhurst York High. **Personal:** Born June 11, 1983 ... Son of Martin and Marjory Hobbs ... Has one brother ... High school coach was Joe Newton.



John Kronforst

Sr. • Prospect Heights, Ill. • Wheeling High School

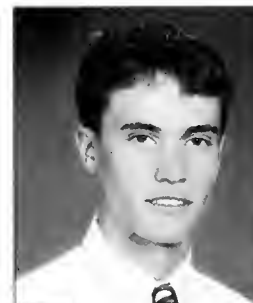
2001: A First-team All-Big Ten selection ... All-NCAA Midwest Regional performer ... Finished seventh at the Big Ten Championships with a time of 24:13.2 on the 8,000m course ... That time by the junior

was a personal best shattering his previous best by 31 seconds ... Was Illinois' top finisher in all-six events ... Had three top-10 finishes on the season including a career-best second-place finish at the season-opening Purdue Meet of

Champions ... Had a personal-best 10,000m performance (31:02.6) at the NCAA Midwest Regional where he finished ninth. **2000:** Did not compete during the cross country season, but finished fourth at the 2001 Big Ten Championships in the 5,000 meters with a personal-best time of 14:37.63. **1999:** Competed in four meets for the Illini ... Ran a personal best 8K time of 25:42.46 at the Pre-Regional meet ... Was Illinois' top finisher at the Pre-NCAA "B Race," placing 31st ... Top-individual finish was 13th at the Pre-Regional Meet. **1998:** Ran in three meets for Illinois as a freshman ... Best race came at the Illinois Invitational, registering a 33rd place finish over 10K. **High School:** Earned four letters in cross country and three in track ... Placed 31st at the Class AA cross country meet as a senior, helping lead Wheeling to a third place finish ... Earned All-State honors in cross country as a junior, placing 21st at state. **Personal:** Born July 13, 1980 ... Parents are Don and Carol Kronforst ... Majoring in biology ... Uncle John Kronforst was a running back for Wake Forest University ... Illinois State Scholar and National Honor Society member.

CAREER-BEST TIMES

8K: 24:13.2, Big Ten Championships, 10/28/01
10K: 31:02.6, NCAA Midwest Regional, 11/10/01



Justin Mitchell

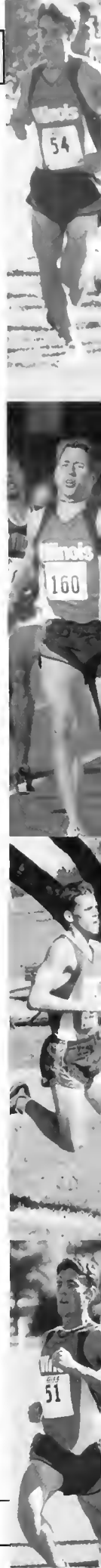
Sr. • Geneva, Ill. • Geneva High School

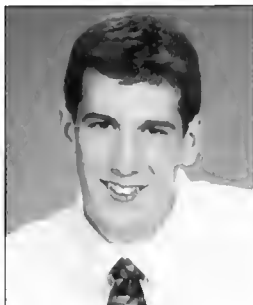
2001: Was the team's second scorer in three of the first-four meets ... Earned a career-best sixth-place finish at the Murray Keating Meet of Champions ... Finished 17th overall at the Illinois Invitational with a career-best 8,000-meter time of

24:45.0 ... Ran a career-best 10,000 meter time of 31:35 at the Arkansas Chile Pepper Invitational. **2000:** Broke his arm midway through the year, which forced him to miss the second half of the season ... Finished 26th at the Murray Keating Meet of Champions (9/9/00), sixth among Illini runners with a time of 27:21.50 ... Helped Illinois to a second-place finish at the Illinois Invitational, running a 25:50.80 to finish 14th. **1999:** Competed in every meet of the season for the Illini ... Ran a personal-best 8K time of 24:50.26 at the Illinois Invitational, placing 13th overall ... Highest individual finish was 8th at the Pre-Regional Meet, finishing fourth for the Illini ... Was Illinois' third scoring runner at both the Big Ten Championships and the NCAA Region V Championships. **1998:** Participated in three meets during the season ... Top finish came at the Illinois Invitational, placing 18th overall. **High School:** Earned 12 letters in high school; four each in cross country, swimming, and track ... Earned all-state honors as a senior in cross country, placing 23rd at the IHSA Class AA meet ... All-conference selection as a junior and senior. **Personal:** Born April 4, 1980 ... Parents are Jerry and Sheila Mitchell ... Majoring in engineering ... Illinois State Scholar.

CAREER-BEST TIMES

8K: 24:45.0, Illinois Invitational, 9/22/01
10K: 31:35.0, Arkansas Chile Pepper Invitational, 10/13/01





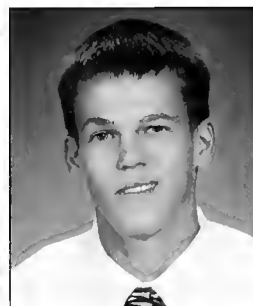
Adam Palumbo

Jr. • Bensonville, Ill. •
Elmhurst York High School

2001: Ran in all six meets for the Illini ... Scored in every meet for Illinois ... Opened the year with a 10th-place finish at the Purdue Meet of Champions ... Had three top-three team finishes ... Ran a personal-best 8,000m time of 25:23.7 at the Big Ten Championships ... Established a personal-best 10K time of 32:05 at the Arkansas Chile Pepper Invitational where he finished third on the team. **2000:** Participated in the first-three events of the season for Illinois, finishing a career-best 11th at the Illinois Invitational ... Ran a personal-best 25:31.88 at the Invite ... Finished fifth among Illini runners at the Murray Keating Meet of Champions with a time of 27:07.50. **High School:** Lettered in track and cross country for Elmhurst York High ... Helped to lead York to the state crown his senior year ... All-state selection as a senior, finishing fifth at the Illinois Class AA State Championship with a time of 14:34 ... Finished 42nd in the state meet as a junior ... Two-time all-conference selection for Elmhurst York High. **Personal:** Born Feb. 23, 1982 ... Son of Bonita Palumbo ... Major is Liberal Arts ... High school coach was Joe Newton.

CAREER-BEST TIMES

8K: 25:23.7, Big Ten Championships, 9/28/01
10K: 32:05, Chile Pepper Invitational, 10/13/01



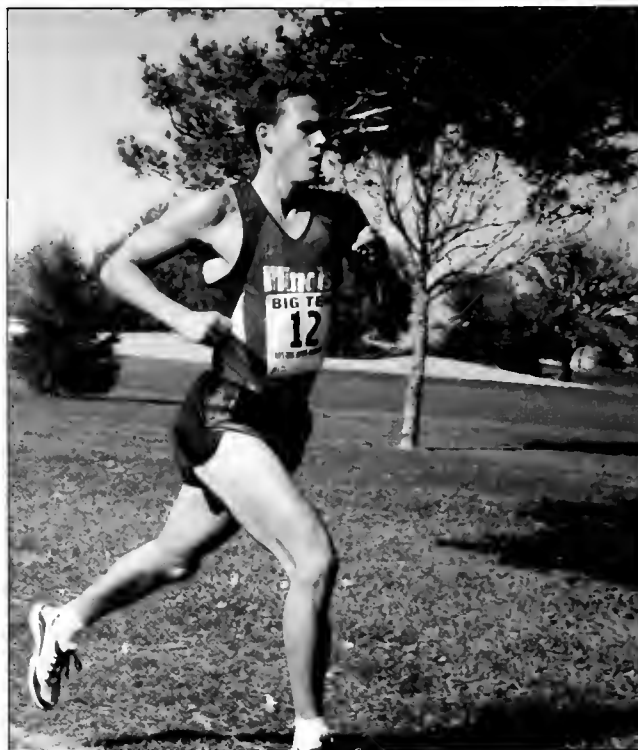
Brent Pfeiffer

Sr. • Naperville, Ill. •
Naperville North High School

2001: Ran in all six meets finishing a season-best 20th at the Purdue Meet of Champions ... Ran a personal-best 8K time of 25:25.6 at the Big Ten Championships ... Had a pair of fifth-place scoring finishes for the Illini. **2000:** Made four starts for the Illini, running a season-best 26:01 at the Big Ten Championship ... Set a personal-best time in the 10K at the NCAA Midwest Regional with a time of 32:16, placing third amongst Illini runners. **1999:** Raced in three meets for the Illini ... Personal-best 8K time of 25:51.50 came at the Pre-Regional meet ... Top overall finish was 16th place at the Pre-Regional. **High School:** Finished 13th at the 1998 State Cross Country Championships in Class AA ... Earned six letters: three each in track and cross country ... Two-time all-conference honors in the DuPage Valley Conference ... Recorded 5th best mile time in the state of Illinois (4:20.5) in 1999. **Personal:** Born Feb. 8, 1981 ... Parents are Lary and Kay Pfeiffer ... Majoring in engineering.

CAREER-BEST TIMES

8K: 25:25.6, Big Ten Championships, 10/28/01
10K: 32:16, NCAA Midwest Regional, 11/20/00



Brent Pfeiffer had three top-three finishes last season.



Tim Seiwert

Jr. • Park Ridge, Ill. •
Maine South High School

2001: Scored for the Illini at the season-opening Purdue Meet of Champions ... Finished 18th overall, the top individual finish of his career and fourth on the team in a time of 25:59.7 ... Ran to a personal-best 8,000m time of 25:54 at the Illinois Invitational where he finished eighth on the team. **2000:** Participated in the first-four events of the season for Illinois, finishing in the top four among Illini runners in three of those meets ... Finished 19th at the Illinois Invitational with a personal-best time of 26:13.11 ... Finished 20th at the Murray Keating Meet of Champions with a time of 26:59.00. **High School:** Named an AAU Cross Country All-American as a senior ... All-state selection as a senior ... Two-time all-region selection ... Lettered in both track and cross country for Maine South High School ... Was a six-time all-conference selection in both track and cross country ... Finished 20th at the 1999 Class AA Illinois State meet in a time of 14:57 ... Three-time team MVP. **Personal:** Born May 15, 1982 ... Parents are Tim and Cathy Seiwert ... Major is general engineering.

CAREER-BEST TIMES

8K: 25:54, Illinois Invitational, 9/22/01
10K: 33:37.20, Memorial Classic, 10/14/00



Aaron Wahls
Sr. • Pontiac, Ill. •
Pontiac High School

2001: Ran in all six meets for the Illini ... Ran his best at the end of the season twice finishing second on the team at both the Big Ten Championship and the NCAA Midwest Regional ... Set a personal-best 8,000m time of 25:20.9 en route to a 53rd-place showing at the Big Ten Championship ... Set another personal-best mark in the 10,000m at the Midwest Regional with a time of 31:45.7, where he finished 34th. ... Opened the season with a career-best 24th-place showing at the Purdue Meet of Champions. **2000:** Had a strong second half to the 2000 season, finishing second among Illini runners at the Big Ten Championship with a time of 25:32 ... Finished second on the team at the 10K NCAA Midwest Regional with a time of 31:48. **1999:** Competed in two meets for the Illini, the Illinois Invitational and Big Ten Championship ... Finished 26th at the Illini Invitational, running 26:36.26. **High School:** Earned seven varsity letters: 4 in cross country and 3 in track ... Placed 27th at IHSA State Cross Country Meet in 1998 ... Three-time IHSA Class AA State Qualifier in both track and cross country ... Member of 4x800m relay team which finished 2nd at the 1999 state track finals ... 1998-99 Male Athlete of the Year at Pontiac High School. **Personal:** Born Sept. 10, 1980 ... Parents are John and Vera Wahls ... Hosted a weekly sports radio program during his senior year of high school ... Enrolled in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

CAREER-BEST TIMES

- 8K:** 25:20.9, Big Ten Championship, 10/22/01
- 10K:** 31:45.7, NCAA Midwest Regional, 11/10/01



Aaron Wahls was Illinois' second scorer at the Big Ten Championships.

Illinois Newcomers

Jason Bill
Fr. • Buda, Ill. •
Bureau Valley High School

High School: Illinois Class A State Champion in the 1,600m as a senior ... Recorded a season-best 1,600m time of 4:14.00 ... Finished fourth in the same race as a junior ... Finished second at the Class A cross country championships as a senior, running a three-mile time of 14:47 to finish just behind future Illini teammate Paul Jellema ... Finished 10th at the state cross country meet as a junior with a time of 15:16 ... Also brings in a personal-best time of 9:16.6 in the 3,200m. **Personal:** Son of Gary and Phyllis Bill ... Born Jan. 11, 1984 ... Brother Randy runs track and cross country at Augustana College ... Majoring in Biology/Pre-Med.

Brian Brunick
Fr. • Naperville, Ill. •
Waubonsie Valley High School

High School: Ran cross country during his junior and senior seasons in high school ... Qualified for the Class AA State Championship each of those seasons ... Named an all-state selection by the ITCCCA ... Won city, conference and regional titles as a senior ... Finished as the sectional runner-up ... Finished 17th at the state cross country meet as a senior with a time of 15:03 ... Has recorded personal best times of 9:41 in the two mile and 4:31 in the mile during his prep track career. **Personal:** Son of Thomas and Deborah Brunick ... Born Sept. 8, 1983 ... Majoring in education.

Jon Houseworth
Fr. • Carlock, Ill. •
Eureka High School

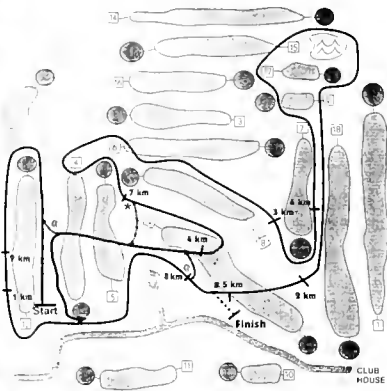
High School: Class A all-state selection in cross country as a senior ... Finished eighth at the state meet, leading his team to the 2001 Class A State Cross Country Championship ... Earned a second-place finish at regionals ... Qualified for the state cross country meet as a junior finishing 19th overall and helping his team to the state title ... Ran a career-best 1,600m time of 4:22.24 en route to qualifying for the IHSA Class A Track and Field Championships ... State champion while running the third leg of the 4x800 meters. **Personal:** Son of Steve and Patty Houseworth ... Born Oct. 4, 1983 .. Major is Pre-Medicine.

Paul Jellema
Fr. • Lansing, Ill. •
Illiana Christian High School

High School: Two-time IHSA Class A Cross Country Champion ... Won the state title as a senior with a time of 14:32, 15 seconds ahead of the rest of the field ... Won the meet as a junior with a three-mile time of 14:39 ... His time of 14:32 as a senior was the second-fastest time ever recorded at the State Championship, while his time of 14:39 is the third-fastest ever recorded ... Finished third in the state cross country meet as a sophomore, running a time of 14:58 ... Is only the 11th runner in Illinois high school history to win a pair of state cross country crowns, joining former Illini great Craig Virgin ... Three time regional champion in cross country ... Won the two-mile title at the IHSA State Track and Field Championships as a junior and finished third in the 1,600m ... **Personal:** Son of Ken and Rose Jellema ... Born July 7, 1984 .. Major is Aeronautical Engineering.



**UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
BLUE GOLF COURSE
MEN'S COURSE: 8,000/10,000 m**



Continue on to loop 2 after first 5 K
* (For 8 K) Switch from loop 3 to last 1 K loop of course
@ (For 10 K) Switch from loop 3 to loop 1 for final 2 K of course

Illinois' cross country course is located on the Blue Golf Course in Savoy.

The University of Illinois Cross Country Course is located on the Blue Golf Course in Savoy. The 5,000-meter course is made up of a series of four loops, one 2,000-meter and three 1,000-meter loops, which interchange at the starting point, making it an excellent spectator course.

For the 8K, the men run one 2,000-meter and three 1,000-meter loops, repeating the three 1,000-meter loops. For the 10K, the four loops are each run twice. The course is relatively flat, providing excellent footing.

The Blue Golf Course, which was opened in 1965, was preceded by the University's connecting Orange Course, which was completed in 1949. In the past, the Illinois cross country team has competed on both the Blue and Orange courses.

Illinois also uses the Dowell Property, a forest preserve near Lake of the Woods State Park in Mahomet, Ill. The course is a 5,000-meter loop of mowed trails. The terrain is rolling to hilly with very few flat areas.

COURSE RECORDS

Savoy Golf Course

8,000m 23:19.9, Alan Webb (Michigan) 10/28/01
10,000m 29:04.4, Craig Virgin (Illinois) 11/22/76

Mahomet Course

8,000m 23:09.3, John Easker (Wisconsin) 9/24/83
10,000m 30:03.4, Mike Patton (Illinois), 10/1/83

ILLINI COURSE RECORDS

Savoy Golf Course

8,000m 24:03, Len Sitko, 9/29/90
10,000m 29:04.4, Craig Virgin, 11/22/76

Mahomet Course

8,000m 23:43*, Ty Wolf, 11/10/84
10,000m 30:03.4, Mike Patton, 10/1/83

*on way to a longer distance

Weight Room



Above: Outstanding facilities such as the strength complex, allows Illinois athletes to compete in peak condition.

University Golf Course



Above: The University of Illinois Golf Course is home to the Illinois Invitational and was the home to the 2001 Big Ten Championship.

Armory Track



The Armory track is home to Fighting Illini indoor track and field meets and serves as a training facility for the cross country program.



A Look Back at 2001

The 2001 season was one of steady improvement for the Illinois runners. In all, 19 different runners competed during the season, with a majority of those runners setting or establishing career-best times in 2001.

As a team, Illinois had some impressive overall finishes. A second-place finish at the Purdue Meet of Champions opened the season as John Kronforst and Justin Mitchell placed one, two for the Illini. A seventh-place showing at the 28-team Arkansas Chile Pepper Invitational highlighted the middle portion of the year as Kronforst finished 27th to pace the Illini once again.

The Illini earned another top-10 team finish at the NCAA Midwest Regional, finishing seventh at the 24 team event, with Kronforst finishing ninth overall in the race.

While the team steadily improved, no one improved as drastically as Kronforst. In addition to leading the team in every race, the Prospect Heights, Ill., native made as big an improvement as anyone in the Big Ten earning First Team All-Big Ten honors after sitting out the 2000 season with a leg injury. The junior sprinted to a seventh-place finish at the conference meet, giving him his second of three top-10 finishes on the year.

In fact, Kronforst wasn't the only junior to improve his times on the year. During the last-two meets of the year, Aaron Wahls was consistently running second to Kronforst giving the Illini a solid one-two finishing punch.

After Kronforst and Wahls, Adam Palumbo may have been the team's most consistent runner scoring in each of the team's six meets, earning three top-three team finishes, including a top-10 finish at the Purdue Meet of Champions.



Adam Palumbo was Illinois' third scorer at the Big Ten meet.

2001 RETURNING INDIVIDUAL MEET RESULTS

RICHARD CALVARIO

Meet (Date)	Finish	Distance	Time
Illinois Invitational (9/22/01)	.63rd	.8K	.26:00

ANDY JANSSEN

Meet (Date)	Finish	Distance	Time
NCAA Midwest Regional (11/10/01)	.47th	.10K	.32:05
Big Ten Championship (10/28/01)	.84th	.8K	.26:33
Chile Pepper Invitational (10/13/01)	.78th	.10K	.32:19
Meet of Champions (9/8/01)	.26th	.8K	.26:26

JOHN KRONFORST

Meet (Date)	Finish	Distance	Time
NCAA Midwest Regional (11/10/01)	.9th	.10K	.31:02
Big Ten Championship (10/28/01)	.7th	.8K	.24:13
Chile Pepper Invitational (10/13/01)	.27th	.10K	.31:15
Roy Griak Invitational (9/29/01)	.44th	.8K	.24:55
Illinois Invitational (9/22/01)	.16th	.8K	.24:44
Meet of Champions (9/8/01)	.2nd	.8K	.25:10

JUSTIN MITCHELL

Meet (Date)	Finish	Distance	Time
NCAA Midwest Regional (11/10/01)	.42nd	.10K	.31:53
Big Ten Championship (10/28/01)	.67th	.8K	.25:55
Chile Pepper Invitational (10/13/01)	.38th	.10K	.31:35
Roy Griak Invitational (9/29/01)	.170th	.8K	.25:49
Illinois Invitational (9/22/01)	.17th	.8K	.24:45
Meet of Champions (9/8/01)	.6th	.8K	.25:26

ADAM PALUMBO

Meet (Date)	Finish	Distance	Time
NCAA Midwest Regional (11/10/01)	.57th	.10K	.32:14
Big Ten Championship (10/28/01)	.57th	.8K	.25:23
Chile Pepper Invitational (10/13/01)	.58th	.10K	.32:05
Roy Griak Invitational (9/29/01)	.179th	.8K	.25:55
Illinois Invitational (9/22/01)	.32nd	.8K	.25:04
Meet of Champions (9/8/01)	.10th	.8K	.25:36

BRENT PFEIFFER

Meet (Date)	Finish	Distance	Time
NCAA Midwest Regional (11/10/01)	.94th	.10K	.33:06
Big Ten Championship (10/28/01)	.58th	.8K	.25:25
Chile Pepper Invitational (10/13/01)	.68th	.10K	.32:32
Roy Griak Invitational (9/29/01)	.196th	.8K	.26:06
Illinois Invitational (9/22/01)	.65th	.8K	.25:44
Meet of Champions (9/8/01)	.20th	.8K	.26:07

TIM SEIWERT

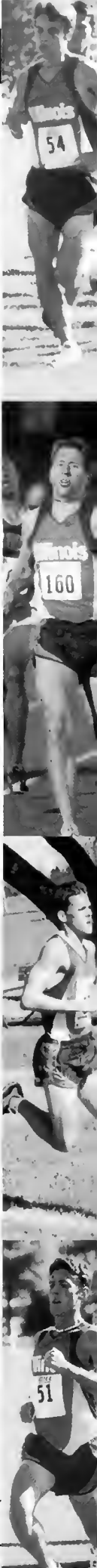
Meet (Date)	Finish	Distance	Time
Big Ten Championship (10/28/01)	.69th	.8K	.26:22
Illinois Invitational (9/22/01)	.71st	.8K	.25:54
Meet of Champions (9/8/01)	.18th	.8K	.25:59

PETER STASIULIS

Meet (Date)	Finish	Distance	Time
Illinois Invitational (9/22/01)	.77th	.8K	.26:52

AARON WAHLS

Meet (Date)	Finish	Distance	Time
NCAA Midwest Regional (11/10/01)	.34th	.10K	.31:45
Big Ten Championship (10/28/01)	.53rd	.8K	.25:20
Chile Pepper Invitational (10/13/01)	.60th	.10K	.32:06
Roy Griak Invitational (9/29/01)	.173rd	.8K	.25:50
Illinois Invitational (9/22/01)	.40th	.8K	.25:17
Meet of Champions (9/8/01)	.24th	.8K	.26:24



Purdue Meet of Champions (8,000 meters)

Purdue University • West Lafayette, Ind. • Sept. 8, 2001

Men's Team Scores (Second of Six Teams)1. Iowa, 26; 2. **Illinois, 55**; 3. Purdue, 62; 4. Western Michigan, 86; 5. SIU-Edwardsville, 153; 6. Danville College, 184.**Illinois Individuals**

2. John Kronforst, 25:10.7; 6. Justin Mitchell, 25:26.5; 10. Adam Palumbo, 25:36.2; 18. Tim Seiwert, 25:59.70; 20. Brent Pfeiffer, 26:07.8; 24. Aaron Wahls, 26:24.1; 29. Nick Gow, 26:36.70; 31. Tim Moran, 26:54.7; 37. Rich Lin, 27:14.10; 38. Kris Cunningham, 27:19.7.

Illinois Invitational (8,000 meters)

University of Illinois • Savoy, Ill. • Sept. 22, 2001

Men's Team Scores (Sixth of 14 Teams)1. Navy, 87; 2. Loyola Chicago, 92; 3. Iowa, 99; 4. Butler, 102; 5. Cincinnati, 105; 6. **Illinois, 155**; 7. Northern Iowa, 157; 8. Wichita State, 185; 9. Illinois State, 211; 10. Southern Illinois, 251; 11. Valparaiso, 297; 12. Illinois-Chicago, 341; 13. Bradley, 393; 14. Wisconsin-Green Bay, 419.**Illinois Individuals**

16. John Kronforst, 24:44; 17. Justin Mitchell, 24:45; 32. Adam Palumbo, 25:04; 40. Aaron Wahls, 25:17; 50. Rich Lin, 25:32; 54. Tim Moran, 25:36; 65. Brent Pfeiffer, 25:44; 71. Tim Seiwert, 25:54; 75. Richard Calvario, 26:00; 79. Kyle Emkes, 26:15; 91. Caleb Grinter, 26:38; 97. Nick Gow, 26:50; 100. Jason Van Swol, 26:52; 101. Peter Stasiulis, 26:52; 103. Kris Cunningham, 26:53; 106. Jim Sherwood, 27:02; 110. Bob Pligge, 27:20; 120. Ryan Pfeiffer, 27:49.

Roy Griak Invitational (8,000 meters)

University of Minnesota • St. Paul, Minn. • Sept. 29, 2001

Men's Team Scores (26th of 36 Teams)1. Wisconsin, 129; 2. Portland, 167; 3. Providence, 189; 4. Colorado State, 192; 5. Duke, 212; 6. Wake Forest, 250; 7. Michigan, 258; 8. Arizona State, 267; 9. Michigan State, 278; 10. B Y U, 304; 11. Oregon, 326; 12. Nebraska, 334; 13. Georgetown, 353; T14. William and Mary, 366; T14 Air Force, 366; 16. Arizona, 373; 17. Minnesota, 415; 18. Cal Poly, 439; 19. Washington, 466; 20. Indiana, 452; 21. Washington State, 464; 22. Virginia, 466; 23. Penn State, 478; 24. Iowa, 598; 25. Columbia, 722; 26. **Illinois, 728**; 27. Army, 777; 28. Marquette, 782; 29. Missouri, 801; 30. UCLA, 806; 31. Iowa State, 899; 32. Georgia Tech, 933; 33. UMKC, 956; 34. James Madison, 962; 35. Youngstown State, 1089; 36. Toledo, 1179.**Illinois Individuals**

44. John Kronforst, 24:55.4; 162. Tim Moran, 25:46.0; 170. Justin Mitchell, 25:49.7; 173. Aaron Wahls, 25:50.7; 179. Adam Palumbo, 25:54.4; 196. Brent Pfeiffer, 26:06.4; 226. Rich Lin, 26:44.5.

Chile Pepper Invitational (8,000 meters)

University of Arkansas • Fayetteville, Ark. • Oct. 13, 2001

Men's Team Scores (Seventh of 28 Teams)1. Arkansas, 45; 2. Portland, 97; 3. Abilene Christian, 101; 4. Oklahoma State, 112; 5. Kansas, 209; 6. UC Davis, 216; 7. **Illinois, 251**; 8. UTEP, 256; 9. Harding, 263; 10. Tulsa, 335; 11. LSU, 349; 12. Oklahoma, 357; 13. Southwest Missouri State, 375; 14. Iowa State, 380; 15. UMKC, 387; 16. Wichita State, 389; 17. Kansas State, 466; 18. Memphis, 486; 19. Oral Roberts, 547; 20. Louisiana Tech, 601; 21. UAH, 606; 22. Colorado Christian, 612; 23. TCU, 615; 24. New Mexico State, 656; 25. Central Florida, 660; 26. Louisiana-Monroe, 718; 26. Hastings College, 718; 28. Baker University, 804**Illinois Individuals**

27. John Kronforst, 31:15; 38. Justin Mitchell, 31:35; 58. Adam Palumbo, 32:05; 60. Aaron Wahls, 32:06; 68. Brent Pfeiffer, 32:32; 78. Andy Janssen, 32:19; 89. Rich Lin, 32:54.

NCAA Midwest Regional (10,000 meters)

Southern Illinois University • Carbondale, Ill. • Nov. 10, 2001

Men's Team Scores (Seventh of 24 Teams)1. Minnesota, 78; 2. Oklahoma State, 88; 3. Nebraska, 94; 4. Iowa, 122; 5. Loyola-Chicago, 151; 6. Illinois State, 170; 7. **Illinois, 185**; 8. Eastern Illinois, 199; 9. Kansas, 226; 10. Iowa State, 346; 11. Drake, 361; 12. SMSU, 366; 13. UMKC, 373; 14. Oklahoma, 385; 15. Southern Illinois, 398; 16. Kansas State, 416; 17. De Paul, 421; 18. Missouri, 426; 19. Tulsa, 439; 20. Illinois-Chicago, 526; 21. Western Illinois, 588; 22. St. Louis, 629; 23. Creighton, 661; 24. Bradley, 744.**Top-20 Individuals**1. Shadrack Kimeli, Kansas State, 30:37.3; 2. Terrance McComb, Minnesota, 30:40.5; 3. Balazs Csillag, Northern Iowa, 30:44.9; 4. Rob Briet, Illinois State, 30:45.2; 5. Jason Bialka, Eastern Illinois, 30:45.7; 6. James Bowler, Nebraska 30:48.5; 7. Jason Woolhouse, Oklahoma State, 30:50.2, 8. Mike Mwangong, Iowa State 30:51.3; 9. **John Kronforst, Illinois, 31:02.6**; 10. Ian Gray, Nebraska, 30:03.8; 11. Robert Wade, Loyola-Chicago, 31:05.0; 12. Ben Lake, Oklahoma State, 31:06.1; 13. Andrew Carlson, Minnesota, 31:11.1; 14. Derek Tate, Oklahoma State, 31:14.8; 15. Donnie Franzen, Loyola-Chicago, 31:15.3; 16. Joseph Welter, Iowa, 31:21.2; 17. Chris Birchall, De Paul, 31:22.9, 18. Erik Grumstrup, Minnesota 31:23.5; 19. Nick Nordheim, Iowa, 31:23.9; 20. Mike Kamm, Nebraska, 31:24.1.**Illinois Individuals**

9. John Kronforst, 31:02.6; 34. Aaron Wahls, 31:45.7; 42. Justin Mitchell, 31:53.9; 47. Andy Janssen, 32:05.8; 54. Adam Palumbo, 32:14.2; 81. Tim Moran, 32:50.1; 94. Brent Pfeiffer, 33:06.2.



Justin Mitchell was Illinois' second scorer on three occasions last fall.

The Big Ten Championship (8,000 meters)

University of Illinois • Savoy, Ill. • Oct. 28, 2001

Men's Team Scores (10th of 10 Teams)

1. Wisconsin, 28; 2. Michigan, 71; 3. Michigan State, 94; 4. Indiana, 115; 5. Ohio State, 126; 6. Penn State, 131; 7. Minnesota, 174; 8. Iowa, 184; 9. Purdue, 199; 10. ILLINOIS, 231.

Top-20 Individuals

1. Alan Webb, Michigan, 23:19.9; 2. Matt Tegenkamp, Wisconsin, 23:23.2; 3. Josh Spiker, Wisconsin, 23:49.8; 4. Isaiah Festa, Wisconsin, 23:50.9; 5. Mike Wisniewski, Michigan, 24:03.2; 6. Nick Winkel, Wisconsin, 24:11.5; 7. John Kronforst, Illinois, 24:13.2; 8. J.J. O'Rielly, Ohio State, 24:13.6; 9. Chris Toloff, Michigan State, 24:15.4; 10. Geoff Fleming, Purdue, 24:16.3; 11. Ben Evans, Michigan State, 24:18.8; 12. Andrew Marsh, Michigan State, 24:19.7; 13. Drew Hohensee, Wisconsin, 24:21.1; 14. Steve Walsh, Penn State, 24:22.4; 15. Chris Powers, Indiana, 24:23.2; 16. Mark Pilja, Michigan, 24:26.3; 17. Thomas Greenless, Michigan, 24:28.9; 18. Andrew Carlson, Minnesota, 24:29.5; 19. John McGrorey, Penn State, 24:30.8; 20. Derrick Bulter, Ohio State, 24:32.7.

Illinois Individuals

7. John Kronforst, 24:13.2; 53. Aaron Wahls, 25:20.9; 56. Tim Moran, 25:23.3; 57. Adam Palumbo, 25:23.7; 58. Brent Pfeiffer, 25:25.6; 67. Justin Mitchell, 25:55.3; 69. Tim Seiwert, 26:22.6.

Men's All-Big Ten First Team:

Alan Webb (Michigan, 23:19.9)
 Matt Tegenkamp (Wisconsin, 23:23.2)
 Josh Spiker (Wisconsin, 23:49.8)
 Isaiah Festa (Wisconsin, 23:50.9)
 Mike Wisniewski (Michigan, 24:03.2)
 Nick Winkel (Wisconsin, 24:11.5)
 John Kronforst (Illinois, 24:13.2)

The Big Ten Conference

Established 107 years ago, the Big Ten Conference is one of organized sports most successful associations. On Jan. 11, 1895, seven presidents from Midwest universities met at the Palmer House in Chicago and established principles for which the Intercollegiate Conference of Faculty Representatives, more popularly known as the Big Ten Conference, would be founded. In 1995-96, the conference recognized its Centennial with a year-long celebration.

The charter members of the "Intercollegiate Conference of Faculty Representatives," or "Western Conference," or "Big Ten Conference" were: the University of Chicago, the University of Illinois, the University of Michigan, the University of Minnesota, Northwestern University, Purdue University and the University of Wisconsin. Indiana University and the State University of Iowa were admitted in 1899. Ohio State joined in 1912. Chicago withdrew in 1946 and Michigan State was added in 1949. After a 40-year period of constancy in membership, Penn State joined the conference in 1992-93.

The first "official" sponsored championship was in outdoor track; it was held by the University of Chicago in 1906. Since then, there have been many different athletic events popularized on Big Ten campuses. Some, like football and basketball became extremely popular, while others, like boxing, fell by the wayside.

The Big Ten named its first individual cross country champion in 1908 and recognized its first team champion in 1910. Exclusive conference championship meets began in 1926 and have been held annually since 1938. Fourteen Big Ten teams have won NCAA team titles, and Big Ten athletes have won eight NCAA individual titles, including Illinois' Craig Virgin in 1975.

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The Gary Wieneke Era



1970 Team finish in the nation

Six NCAA Top-10 Finishes, 19 All-A

of Illinois Cross Country



1984 Big Ten Champions

Americans, Four Big Ten Champions

Big Ten Championship Results (Since 1930)

Year	Big 10 (Pts.) Champion	Illinois (Pts.) Finish	Top Illini (Finish, Time)
1930	Indiana (51)	Third (67)	W.C. Gould (8th, 27:21)
1931	Indiana (38)	Fourth (91)	R. Woolsey (11th, N/A)
1932	Indiana (42)	Second (68)	R. Woolsey (1st, 21:03)
1933	Illinois (N/A)	First (N/A)	N/A
1940	Indiana (31)	Fifth	Park Brown (11th, 23:07.0)
1941	Purdue (33)	Fourth (78)	C. Dunn (4th, 20:52)
1942	Indiana (34)	Second (69)	C. Dunn (3rd, 21:54)
1944	Wisconsin (38)	Fifth (99)	P. Steinberg (10th, 22:26)
1945	Wisconsin (43)	Fourth (83)	V. Twomey (1st, 21:28.9)
1946	Wisc./Ind. (48)	Third (65)	J. Twomey (3rd, 21:12)
1947	Illinois (47)	First (47)	J. Twomey (2nd, 20:49)
1948	Wisconsin (44)	Second (66)	V. Twomey (2nd, 20:40)
1949	Wisconsin (49)	Second (55)	V. Twomey (7th, 21:26)
1950	Wisconsin (56)	Sixth (137)	George Lynch (6th, 20:33)
1954	Michigan (55)	Fourth (81)	V. Sheuring (5th, 20:40)
1955	Michigan St. (36)	Second (57)	Karl Jonsson (3rd, 19:50)
1956	Michigan St. (21)	Second (88)	Karl Jonsson (3rd, 20:53)
1957	Michigan St. (43)	Third (83)	Karl Jonsson (6th, 21:50)
1958	Michigan St. (43)	Fourth (77)	Jim Bowers (4th, 20:46)
1959	Michigan St. (56)	N/A	Jim Bowers (6th, 20:40)
1960	Michigan St. (30)	Seventh (137)	Ken Brown (4th, 19:47)
1961	Michigan St. (51)	N/A	Jim McElwee (14th, 20:48)
1962	Michigan St. (39)	Fourth (104)	Allen Carius (1st, 19:45.2)
1963	Michigan St. (39)	Fifth (106)	Allen Carius (1st, 19:39.4)
1965	Northwestern (40)	Seventh (154)	Dennis Krause (24th, 21:29)
1966	Iowa (41)	Eighth (200)	John Lamoreux (17th, 19:58)
1967	Indiana (56)	Tenth (251)	John Lamoreux (38th, 26:11)
1968	Michigan St. (70)	Sixth (120)	Ken Howse (9th, 25:33)
1969	Minnesota (40)	Second (73)	Ken Howse (4th, 26:11)
1970	Michigan St. (42)	Fourth (82)	Rick Gross (3rd, 24:49)
1971	Michigan St. (74)	Fifth (109)	Rick Gross (2nd, 30:01)
1972	Indiana (39)	Eighth (204)	Mike Durkin (28th, 32:15)
1973	Indiana (49)	Fourth (100)	Craig Virgin (1st, 28:30.8)
1974	Michigan (42)	Third (75)	Craig Virgin (1st, 30:11.0)
1975	Michigan (41)	Fourth (78)	Craig Virgin (1st, 23:04.5)
1976	Michigan (67)	Second (78)	Craig Virgin (1st, 23:16.7)
1977	Wisconsin (52)	T-Second (75)	Harold Winship (9th, 25:00)
1978	Wisconsin (24)	Fifth (109)	Jim Eicken (7th, 24:44)
1979	Wisconsin (56)	Fourth (98)	Walter Duffy (11th, 24:09)
1980	Indiana (44)	Third (70)	Kerry Dickson (3rd, 24:23)
1981	Wisconsin (27)	Second (60)	Kerry Dickson (2nd, 24:07.4)
1982	Wisconsin (29)	Fourth (114)	Greg Domanty (11th, 25:06)
1983	Wisconsin (19)	Fourth (88)	Jeff Jacobs (6th, 23:57)
1984	Illinois (58)	First (58)	Ty Wolf (3rd, 30:25)
1985	Wisconsin (26)	Fifth (139)	Paul Kivela (10th, 25:31)
1986	Wisconsin (48)	Second (70)	Dave Halle (6th, 24:26)
1987	Wisconsin (41)	Second (73)	Dave Halle (3rd, 24:46)
1988	Wisconsin (30)	Fourth (129)	Andy Homoly (18th, 25:04)
1989	Wisconsin (40)	Second (82)	Len Sitko (4th, 24:33)
1990	Wisconsin (53)	Fourth (91)	Len Sitko (2nd, 24:41.7)
1991	Wisconsin (25)	Fifth (143)	Andy Homoly (16th, 25:38.4)
1992	Wisconsin (31)	Fourth (140)	Bill West (17th, 25:02)
1993	Michigan (50)	Eighth (201)	Dan Nolan (35th, 25:46.02)
1994	Wisconsin (42)	Fourth (101)	Eric Henson (9th, 25:05.1)
1995	Wisconsin (37)	Fourth (127)	Marko Koers (9th, 25:14.2)
1996	Wisconsin (55)	Fourth (106)	Barry Pearman (6th, 25:10.6)
1997	Michigan (29)	Ninth (217)	Rob Winfield (32nd, 25:32)
1998	Michigan (50)	Eighth (192)	Scott McClellan (22nd, 25:30)
1999	Wisconsin (38)	Eighth (187)	Mike Lucchesi (27th, 26:26.3)
2000	Wisconsin (45)	Tenth (239)	Ryan Eason, (36th, 25:20)
2001	Wisconsin (28)	Tenth (231)	John Kronforst, (7th, 24:13.2)

Illinois at the Big Ten Championship Top-10 Individual Finishes

Runner	Place	Time	Year
*Craig Virgin	1st	23:16.7	1976
*Craig Virgin	1st	23:04.5	1975
*Craig Virgin	1st	30:11.0	1974
*Craig Virgin	1st	28:30.8	1973
Allen Carius	1st	19:39.4	1963
Allen Carius	1st	19:45.2	1962
Vic Twomey	1st	21:28.9	1945
R. Woolsey	1st	21:03	1932
Len Sitko	2nd	24:41.7	1990
Kerry Dickson	2nd	24:07.4	1981
Rick Gross	2nd	30:01	1971
V. Twomey	2nd	20:40	1948
J. Twomey	2nd	20:49	1947
David Halle	3rd	24:26	1987
Ty Wolf	3rd	30:25	1984
Kerry Dickson	3rd	24:23	1980
Mike Durkin	3rd	28:53	1973
Rick Gross	3rd	24:49	1970
Karl Jonsson	3rd	20:53	1956
Karl Jonsson	3rd	19:50	1955
J. Twomey	3rd	21:12	1946
C. Dunn	3rd	21:54	1942
Len Sitko	4th	24:33	1989
Ken Howse	4th	26:11	1969
Ken Brown	4th	19:47	1960
Jim Bowers	4th	20:46	1958
C. Dunn	4th	20:52	1941
Jason Zieren	5th	25:11.2	1996
V. Sheuring	5th	20:40	1954
Barry Pearman	6th	25:10.6	1996
Dave Halle	6th	24:26	1986
Jeff Jacobs	6th	23:57	1983
Jim Bowers	6th	20:40	1959
Karl Jonsson	6th	21:50	1957
George Lynch	6th	20:33	1950
John Kronforst	7th	24:13.2	2001
Jim Eicken	7th	24:44	1978
V. Twomey	7th	21:26	1949
W.C. Gould	8th	27:21	1930
Marko Koers	9th	25:14.2	1995
Eric Henson	9th	25:05.1	1994
Harold Winship	9th	25:00	1977
Ken Howse	9th	25:33	1968
P. Steinberg	10th	22:26	1944

*First four-time champion in Big Ten history

All-Big Ten Performers (Since 1984)

Runner	Place	Time	Year
John Kronforst	7th	24:13.2	2001
Barry Pearman	5th	25:10.6	1996
Jason Zieren	6th	25:11.2	1996
Len Sitko	2nd	24:41.7	1990
Len Sitko	4th	24:33	1989
David Halle	3rd	24:46	1987
David Halle	6th	24:26	1986
Ty Wolf	3rd	30:25	1984



R. Woolsey



Paul Kivela



Dave Halle



Eric Henson



P. Steinberg

History of Illinois Cross Country

The University of Illinois has had a strong and successful program ever since the early 1900s. The impressive performers and teams, however, have seemed to overflow during Gary Wieneke's tenure.

Twenty-six of Wieneke's teams have finished in the upper division of the Big Ten. Several great runners have made significant contributions throughout these successful years. Most recently, Len Sitko owned the spotlight. Sitko finished second in the 1990 Big Ten meet and went on to earn All-America honors with a 22nd-place finish at the NCAA meet.

In the 1980s, UI won one Big Ten crown and finished second on four other occasions. The premier runners of the decade were All-Americans Kerry Dickson, Jeff Jacobs, Greg Domantay, Ty Wolf and Joe Leuchtmann.

The '70s were dominated by great individual performances. In 1971, Rick Gross finished second in the Big Ten and ninth in the nation. Jim Eicken earned All-America honors in 1978, and Mike Durkin finished third in the conference and 18th in the nation in 1973.

Craig Virgin was synonymous with success in the early 1970s. He was the first runner in Big Ten history to become a four-time cross country champion, winning the crown from 1973-76. Virgin also won the 1975 NCAA championship and went on to win the cross country world championship in 1980 and '81.

Each year, most of these former athletes, along with dozens of other Illinois cross country alumni (and their families) from all decades, return to Champaign-Urbana one weekend during the fall to keep the Fighting Illini tradition alive. The returnees annually challenge the current team to an exhibition meet.

NCAA Regional Results

Year	Regional (Pts) Champion	Illinois (Pts) Finish	Top Illini (Finish, Time)
1973	E. Michigan (81)	Ninth (223)	Craig Virgin (3rd, 29:22)
1974	E. Michigan (33)	Sixth (176)	Craig Virgin (1st, 28:42.8)
1975	Wisconsin (58)	Fourth (94)	Craig Virgin (1st, 23:05.5)
1976	Illinois (47)	First (47)	Craig Virgin (1st, 29:04.4)
1977	Wisconsin (85)	Third (97)	Jim Eicken (6th, 31:40)
1978	Wisconsin (46)	Sixth (187)	Jim Eicken (5th, 30:32.8)
1979	Indiana (84)	Eighth (190)	Walter Duffy (16th, 32:51)
1980	Indiana (57)	Third (80)	Pete Fitch (11th, 30:31)
1981	Wisconsin (60)	Third (129)	Walter Duffy (8th, 30:34)
1982	Wisconsin (32)	Eighth (236)	Greg Domantay (5th, 30:03.9)
1983	Wisconsin (36)	Fourth (147)	Kerry Dickson (13th, 30:48)
1984	Wisconsin (57)	Second (100)	Ty Wolf (6th, 29:55.0)
1985	Wisconsin (35)	Eighth (218)	David Halle (6th, 31:58.1)
1986	Wisconsin (59)	Second (91)	J. Leuchtmann (10th, 30:09.6)
1987	Wisconsin (66)	Fifth (134)	David Halle (12th, 30:44)
1988	Wisconsin (64)	Eighth (129)	Len Sitko (35th, 32:34.2)
1989	C. Michigan (80)	Eighth (242)	Neal Gassmann (30th, 32:12.7)
1990	Notre Dame (70)	Fourth (131)	Len Sitko (4th, 31:01.9)
1991	Wisconsin (61)	Sixth (185)	Andy Homoly (18th, 31:46)
1992	Wisconsin (52)	Sixth (222)	Jason West (17th, 32:42.1)
1993	Notre Dame (55)	12th (339)	Dan Mazur (48th, 33:55.9)
1994	Wisconsin (33)	Fourth (114)	Eric Henson (17th, 25:05.1)
1995	Wisconsin (52)	Fifth (228)	Marko Koers (7th, 31:27)
1996	Notre Dame (60)	Sixth (188)	Barry Pearman (3rd, 30:39)
1997	Oklahoma St. (86)	10th (269)	Scott McClennan (14th, 33:15)
1998	Oklahoma St. (42)	Fifth (221)	Scott McClennan (22nd, 31:47)
1999	Minnesota (56)	Fourth (155)	Scott McClennan (14th, 31:17)
2000	Oklahoma St. (68)	10th (284)	Mike Lucchesi, (31st, 31:21)
2001	Minnesota (78)	7th (185)	John Kronforst, (9th, 31:02)

Dual Meet Record vs. Opponents

Opponent	Meets	W	L	T	Pct.
Arizona	1	0	1	0	.000
Bradley	5	5	0	0	1.000
Butler	2	1	0	1	.750
Carthage	1	1	0	0	1.000
C. Michigan	1	1	0	0	1.000
Chicago	5	4	1	0	.800
Chicago T.C.	8	3	5	0	.375
Creighton	1	1	0	0	1.000
DePaul	4	3	1	0	.750
Drake	5	5	0	0	1.000
Eastern Illinois	8	8	0	0	1.000
Evansville	2	2	0	0	1.000
Illinois-Chicago	1	1	0	0	1.000
Illinois State	5	5	0	0	1.000
Illinois Wes.	2	2	0	0	1.000
Indiana	27	10	17	1	.375
Iowa	25	13	11	1	.525
MacMurray	2	1	1	0	.500
Marquette	2	2	0	0	1.000
Miami (Ohio)	15	6	8	1	.405
Michigan	9	5	4	0	.556
Minnesota	5	2	3	0	.400
Missouri	12	8	4	0	.667
N.E. Illinois	2	2	0	0	1.000
N.E. Missouri St.	1	1	0	0	1.000
N. Illinois	1	0	1	0	.000
Northwestern	5	4	1	0	.800
Notre Dame*	5	3	2	0	.600
Ohio State*	10	4	6	0	.400
Ohio Wes.	1	1	0	0	1.000
Olivet Naz.	1	1	0	0	1.000
Purdue	15	8	6	1	.533
St. Louis	1	1	0	0	1.000
Southern Cal.	1	1	0	0	1.000
S. Illinois	27	19	8	0	.704
W. Illinois	1	1	0	0	1.000
Wisconsin	18	5	13	0	.277
Wisconsin-GB	1	1	0	0	1.000
Milwaukee	2	2	0	0	1.000
Wisconsin-Park.	1	1	0	0	1.000
Totals	241	144	93	14	.611

• Illinois versus Big Ten schools: 55-62-13 (.458)

• Illinois versus in-state schools: 58-16-0 (.784)

*In 1945, Illinois competed against these schools but no final results are available; no records from 1951-1953 exist.



Marko Koers



Dan Mazur



Neal Gassmann



Andy Homoly



John Kronforst



ILLINOIS ALL-AMERICANS

Illinois at the NCAA Regionals

TOP 10 REGIONAL FINISHES

Runner	Place	Time	Year
Craig Virgin	1st	29:04.4	1976
Craig Virgin	1st	23:05.5	1975
Craig Virgin	1st	28:42.8	1974
Barry Pearman	3rd	30:39	1996
Craig Virgin	3rd	29:22	1973
Len Sitko	4th	31:01.9	1990
Mike Durkin	4th	29:27	1973
Greg Domantay	5th	30:03.9	1982
Jim Eicken	5th	30:23.8	1978
David Halle	6th	31:58.1	1985
Ty Wolf	6th	29:55.0	1984
Jim Eicken	6th	31:40	1977
Dave Walters	6th	31:52	1976
Jason Zieren	7th	30:52	1996
Marko Koers	7th	31:27	1995
Mike Patton	8th	30:18.1	1984
Wally Duffy	8th	30:34	1981
John Kronforst	9th	31:02.6	2001

*Contested since 1972; Prior to 1997, Illinois competed in NCAA District IV, in 1997, Illinois moved to NCAA District V, which has since been renamed Region V.

NCAA Championship

ILLINOIS ALL-AMERICANS

Name	Finish	Time	Year
James Bowers	6th*	21:26	1959
Ken Brown	4th*	19:47	1960
Allen Carius	1st*	19:45.2	1962
Allen Carius	1st*	19:39.4	1963
Ken Howse	37th	26:11	1969
Rick Gross	9th	30:01	1971
Mike Durkin	18th	29:06.2	1973
Craig Virgin	10th	28:47.8	1973
Craig Virgin	12th	30:15.8	1974
Craig Virgin	1st	30:15.8	1975
Craig Virgin	3rd	28:23.4	1976
Dave Walters	43rd	28:26.5	1977
Jim Eicken	27th	30:04.4	1978
Pete Ffitch	52nd	30:21.5	1981
Kerry Dickson	30th	30:40.5	1981
Greg Domantay	41st	31:12.3	1982
Kerry Dickson	37th	30:46.4	1983
Mike Patton	44th	30:55.5	1983
Jeff Jacobs	46th	30:21.6	1983
Ty Wolf	25th	30:21.6	1984
Joe Leuchtman	20th	31:26.8	1986
Jeff Jacobs	40th	31:50	1986
Len Sitko	22nd	29:58	1990

*Prior to 1964, All-America status was determined by finish at conference championship meets. Since then, to earn All-America status, a runner must be among the top 25 American finishers at the NCAA Championships.



James Bowers



Allen Carius



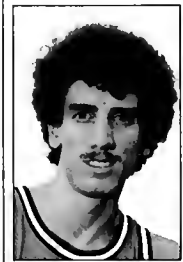
Rick Gross



Ken Brown



Mike Durkin



Greg Domantay



Craig Virgin



David Walters



Jim Eicken



Pete Ffitch



Kerry Dickson



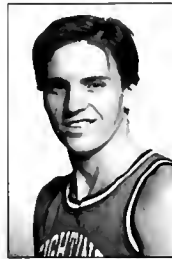
Mike Patton



Jeff Jacobs



Ty Wolf



J. Leuchtman



Len Sitko

Academic All-Big Ten

2001: John Kronforst, Rich Lin, Justin Mitchell, Tim Seiwert, Aaron Wahls

2000: Ryan Eason, Caleb Grinter, Dan Horyn, Andrew Kurtz, Justin Mitchell, Aaron Wahls

1999: Ryan Eason, Caleb Grinter, Dan Horyn, John Kronforst, Scott McClennan, Justin Mitchell

1998: Chas Berckman, Ryan Eason, Dan Horyn, Scott McClennan

1997: Matt Hanley, Scott McClennan, Rob Winfield, Matt Yesko, Jason Zieren

1996: Brett Siglin, Rob Winfield, Jason Zieren

1995: Eric Henson, Marko Koers, Jason Zieren

1994: Joe Alexander, Eric Henson, Mike Smadris

1993: Eric Henson, Paul Talbot, Mike Uchanski

1992: David Eckburg, Dan Mazur, Paul Talbot, Prosper Wang

1991: Marc Dickison, David Eckburg, Andy Homoly, Mark Scheirer

1990: Jim DeBeers, Andy Homoly, Mark Scheirer

1989: Andy Homoly, Mark Scheirer

1987: David Halle, John Jacobson

1986: Paul Kivela

Top 10 Illinois Times by Distance

8,000 Meters

Name	Time	Date	Meet
1. Ty Wolf	23:43.0*	11/10/84	NCAA District IV Meet
2. Jeff Jacobs	23:44.0	9/24/83	SIU/Wisconsin
3. Kerry Dickson	23:59.0*	10/01/83	Illinois Invitational
Mike Patton	23:59.0*	10/01/83	Illinois Invitational
5. Wally Duffy	24:09.0	11/03/79	Big Ten Championships
6. John Kronforst	24:13.2	10/28/01	Big Ten Championships
7. Pete Ffitch	24:17.8	11/07/81	Big Ten Championships
8. Jon Schmidt	24:24.0	11/03/79	Big Ten Championships
9. Len Sitko	24:26.9	10/06/89	Notre Dame Invitational
10. Dave Painter	24:27.0	11/03/79	Big Ten Championships

*on way to a longer distance

10,000 Meters

Name	Time	Date	Meet
1. Craig Virgin	28:26.6	11/22/76	NCAA Championships
2. Dave Walters	29:44.0	11/13/76	NCAA District IV Meet
3. Jim Eicken	29:48.0	11/22/76	NCAA Championships
4. Mark Avery	29:51.0	11/22/76	NCAA Championships
5. Ty Wolf	29:55.0	11/10/84	NCAA District IV Meet
6. Len Sitko	29:58.0	11/19/90	NCAA Championships
7. Greg Domantay	30:03.9	11/13/82	NCAA District IV Meet
Mike Patton	30:03.9	10/01/83	Illinois Invitational
9. Kerry Dickson	30:04.5	11/23/81	NCAA Championships
10. Jeff Jacobs	30:06.0	10/01/83	Illinois Invitational

Year-by Year Records

Year	Big Ten	Region	NCAA	Record
Coach: Harry Gill				
1912	7th	---	---	0-0
1913	2nd	---	---	1-1
1915	5th	---	---	0-0
1919	7th	---	---	0-1
1920	2nd	---	---	1-0
1921	1st	---	---	1-1
1922	3rd	---	---	1-0
1923	2nd	---	---	1-0
1924	5th	---	---	0-0-1
1925	3rd	---	---	0-1
1926	4th	---	---	0-1
1927	2nd	---	---	2-0
1928	7th	---	---	0-2
1929	9th	---	---	0-1
1930	3rd	---	---	1-0
1931	4th	---	---	0-0
Coach: C.D. Werner				
1932	2nd	---	---	0-0
Coach: Don Seaton				
1933	1st	---	---	4-0
1934	---	---	---	1-2-1
1935	---	---	---	4-0
1936	---	---	---	0-5
Coach: Harry Gill				
1937	---	---	---	1-2
Coach: Harry Gill and Leo Johnson				
1938	5th	---	---	1-2

Coach: Harold Osborn

1940	---	---	---	1-1
1941	4th	---	10th	2-2
1942	2nd	---	5th	0-3
1944	5th	---	---	0-1
Coach: Leo Johnson				
1945	4th	---	---	0-1
1946	3rd	---	---	0-0
1947	1st	---	---	2-0
1948	2nd	---	---	2-0-1
1949	2nd	---	8th	1-2
1950	6th	---	---	0-2

Coach: Ed Berneauer

1954	4th	---	---	1-1
1955	2nd	---	---	1-1
1956	2nd	---	4th	3-1
1957	3rd	---	---	3-1

Coach: Leo Johnson

1958	4th	---	---	0-2
1959	6th	---	---	1-0
1960	7th	---	---	0-2

Coach: Ed Berneauer

1961	8th	---	---	0-2
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Coach: Phil Coleman

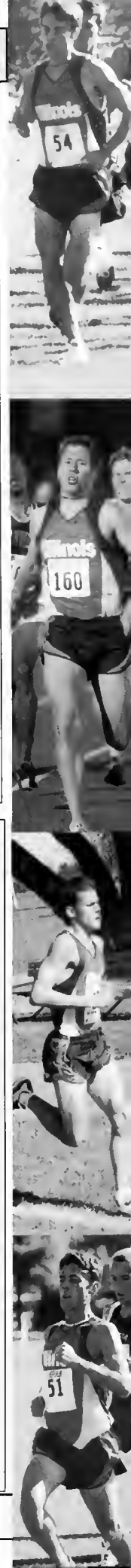
1962	4th	---	---	2-2
1963	5th	---	---	4-1

Coach: Robert Wright

1965	7th	---	---	0-4
1966	8th	---	---	3-4

COACH: GARY WIENEKE

1967	10th	---	---	4-7
1968	6th	---	---	4-5
1969	2nd	---	5th	9-1
1970	4th	---	25th	6-1-1
1971	5th	---	---	3-3
1972	8th	---	---	5-5
1973	4th	9th	---	4-1-1
1974	3rd	6th	---	6-3
1975	4th	4th	10th	5-1
1976	2nd	1st	5th	3-1
1977	2nd-T	3rd	22nd	5-0
1978	5th	6th	---	4-1
1979	4th	8th	---	2-3
1980	3rd	3rd	21st	1-0
1981	2nd	3rd	10th	1-0
1982	4th	8th	---	1-1
1983	4th	4th	9th	0-2
1984	1st	2nd	14th	1-0
1985	5th	8th	---	1-0
1986	2nd	2nd	7th	1-0
1987	2nd	5th	---	0-0
1988	4th	8th	---	0-0
1989	2nd	8th	---	0-0
1990	4th	4th	---	0-0
1991	5th	6th	---	1-0
1992	4th	6th	---	13-0
1993	8th	12th	---	0-2
1994	4th	4th	---	1-1
1995	4th	5th	---	18-0
1996	4th	6th	---	1-0
1997	9th	10th	---	3-0
1998	8th	5th	---	0-0
1999	8th	4th	---	0-0
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2001	10th	7th	---	0-0





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1915-16,
1919-31,
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C.D. Werner (1)1932
Don Seaton (4)1933-36
Leo T. Johnson and Harry L.
Gill (1)1938
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1958-60
Ed Berneauer (4) 1954-57, 1961
Phil Coleman (3)1962-64
Robert Wright (2)1965-66
Gary Wieneke (36) 1967-Present

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Students and scholars find the University an ideal place to conduct inter- and multidisciplinary research. The most visible example of the University's commitment to such study is the Beckman Institute for Advanced Science and Technology, where eighteen research groups from sixteen University departments work within and across three broadly defined themes: biological intelligence, human-computer intelligent interaction, and molecular and electronic nanostructures.

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

Academic resources on campus are among the finest in the world. The University Library is the largest public university collection in the world, housing 22 million items in the main library and in the more than 40 departmental libraries and units. The library's computerized cataloging system was the first in the world to serve as the primary access to a large academic library. More than one million users worldwide access the online catalog each week.

THE ARTS

A major center for the arts, the campus attracts dozens of nationally and internationally renowned artists each year to its widely acclaimed Krannert Center for the Performing Arts. Designed by alumnus Max Abramovitz, an architect of New York City's Lincoln Center, the

facility has four indoor theaters and an outdoor amphitheater. Together, they host more than 350 performances each year. The University also supports two major museums: the Krannert Art Museum and Kinkead Pavilion, second only to the Art Institute of Chicago among Illinois public art museums; and the Spurlock Museum, a museum of world history and culture, scheduled to open in 2002.

Other major facilities include the multipurpose Assembly Hall (16,500 seats), which hosts concerts, convocations, theater, and sporting events; Memorial Stadium (70,000 seats), site of Big Ten Conference football games; and the Intramural-Physical Education Building, one of the largest recreational facilities of its kind on a university campus.

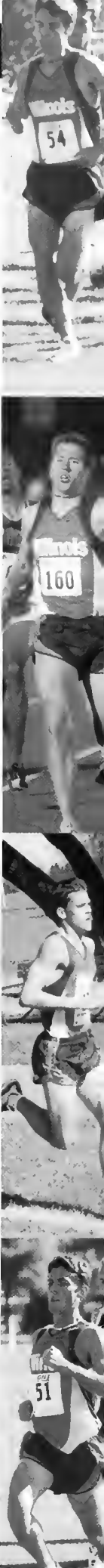
OUR GRADUATES SUCCEED

Freshman retention and overall graduation rates are well above the national averages. Typically, approximately 90 percent of freshmen return for their sophomore year. The graduation rate for students who enter the university on a full-time basis is approximately 80 percent. The national average for four-year schools is approximately 50 percent. Each year, more than 400 graduates are accepted to law school. Medical school admissions are also impressive with more than 200 students admitted each year.

Located in east central Illinois in the twin cities of Urbana and Champaign (combined population 100,000), the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is the state's flagship public university.



Foellinger Auditorium anchors the south end of the Quad in the center of campus.





HOUSING

All freshmen attending the University of Illinois are required to live in certified university housing. Options include any one of the university's 21 residence halls, one of a number of privately-owned residence halls near campus or any one of Illinois' 53 fraternities or 29 sororities. University residence halls offer any number of amenities, including dining halls, study areas, fitness centers and cable and computer network connections in each room. Fighting Illini freshman baseball players traditionally choose to reside in one of six residence halls that are clustered across the street from Memorial Stadium and a short walk from both the Quad and Illinois Field.

CAMPUS RECREATION

Illinois' Division of Campus Recreation (DCR) offers one of the best university recreation programs in the country. Nearly 8,000 students and staff members per semester participate in 30 individual and team intramural activities, including flag football, basketball, tennis, broomball and volleyball. IMPE, the DCR's cornerstone facility, houses indoor basketball, tennis, racquetball, cardiovascular equipment and classes, swimming and weight training. In-line skating and sand volleyball courts are maintained in season and Illinois students also have access to the campus ice arena and two 18-hole golf courses.

One of DCR's newest additions is the Campus Recreation Outdoor

Center (C-ROC). At C-ROC, students can check out skis, camping gear and bikes, among other adventure equipment. DCR also offers weekend and longer rafting, hiking and skiing trips out of C-ROC.

CULTURE AND ENTERTAINMENT

In addition to hosting the men's and women's basketball teams in action, the Assembly Hall has hosted concerts, circuses, ice shows and Broadway musicals. Beautifully restored Foellinger Auditorium on the Quad also is home to concerts and films. The Krannert Center for the Performing Arts holds four theaters for plays, dance and concerts.

There are approximately 850 student organizations at Illinois to meet the individual needs and desires of each student. Quad Day, held during the first week of school, offers a chance for students to sample the various activities available to them.

If your interests include activities such as movies, bowling or golf, the Champaign-Urbana area can accommodate you. There are several movie theaters, including a 16-screen theater about five minutes from campus.

The Champaign-Urbana community, with its population of 110,000 offers a large number and variety of restaurants. From tradition steakhouses to Italian, Japanese and any other variety of food, the area offers something for everyone. The C-U area also houses plenty of shopping opportunities, including the newly renovated MarketPlace Mall.

DID YOU KNOW . . .

ILLINOIS OWNS THE LARGEST PUBLIC UNIVERSITY LIBRARY:

The University of Illinois library has the largest public university collection in the world.

ILLINOIS ENGINEERS ENJOY NATION'S LARGEST LIBRARY:

Grainger Engineering Library and Information Center is the largest library in the country and one of the world's most technologically advanced information management and retrieval centers.

ILLINOIS GRADUATES FIND JOBS:

More than 90% of seniors seeking employment obtain positions within eight months of graduation from the University of Illinois.

ILLINOIS GRADUATES MOVE ON TO MEDICAL AND LAW SCHOOL:

Each year, more than 200 University of Illinois graduates are accepted to medical school and more than 400 are accepted to law school.

1 ACCOUNTING SCHOOL IN THE NATION:

The University of Illinois undergraduate accounting program was ranked No. 1 in the nation in a 2000 U.S. News and World Report survey of college accounting professors and department heads.

1 ADVERTISING SCHOOL IN THE NATION:

The University of Illinois undergraduate advertising program was selected No. 1 in the nation in a recent poll of advertising educators, who ranked the nation's 84 advertising programs.

ACCOUNTING PROGRAM THE BEST:

The University of Illinois' accounting program has been ranked No. 1 in the nation for the past 17 years.

MONEY MAGAZINE SALUTES ILLINOIS:

In its 1999 guide to higher education, Money magazine lists the University of Illinois as one of the nation's best college buys.

U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT TABS ILLINI BUSINESS SCHOOL AMONG NATION'S TOP 5:

According to rankings in the U.S. News & World report, the University of Illinois College of Commerce and Business Administration is ranked No. 5 in undergraduate business education.

DOW JONES NEWSPAPER FUND LAUDS ILLINOIS JOURNALISM:

The Dow Jones Newspaper Fund lists the University of Illinois among an elite group of universities, known as the "journalism ivys."

ILLINOIS AMONG NATION'S TOP THREE PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES:

The University of Illinois is consistently ranked alongside Ohio State and Wisconsin as one of the nation's top three overall education programs.



The Illinois Student Union is located on the north end of the Quad.

The Division of Intercollegiate Athletics (DIA) was chartered in 1892 as a not-for-profit corporation of the State of Illinois. It was charged with overseeing and conducting the University's intercollegiate athletic programs and associated support services, and operated as a separate entity.

After the state legislature voted in June 1989 to bring UI athletics within the University proper, the DIA assumed the functions and responsibilities of the Athletic Association. The Division of Intercollegiate Athletics began operations officially July 1, 1989, and now, more than a century after University of Illinois athletics began, the mission is still to achieve excellence both in the classroom and in sport competition.

The director of athletics is the division's chief executive officer, and reports directly to the chancellor of the Urbana-Champaign campus. The chancellor has final authority regarding the athletic program in all areas except for budget and major appointments. Those decisions rest with the University of Illinois Board of Trustees.



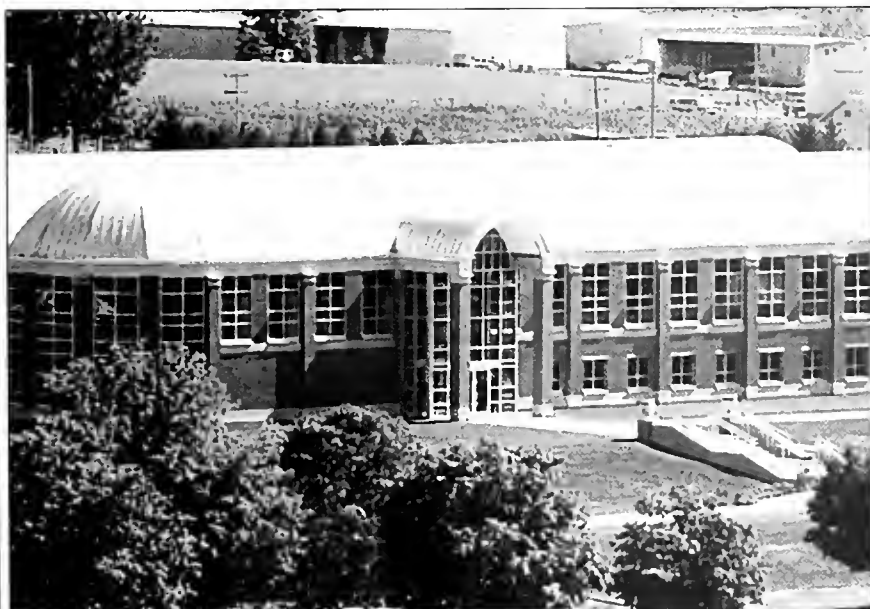
The Assembly Hall is the home of Illinois basketball.

The Athletic Board serves the DIA in an advisory capacity. It is composed of 18 members, (nine faculty, five alumni, three students and one trustee); and the three non-voting (ex-officio) members from the University administration. The faculty and student members are nominated by the Urbana-Champaign Senate and selected by the chancellor.

The Division of Intercollegiate Athletics does not receive state tax dollars and over the years has been able to fully fund the NCAA maximum allowable number of athletic scholarships for student-athletes in

each of its sports programs, as well as to hire excellent coaches and maintain and upgrade its facilities, staying on par with the best major collegiate programs across the nation.

This has been accomplished through revenues derived from four major sources: gate receipts from football and men's basketball; television and radio rights fees for those two sports; corporate sponsorships and donations to the I FUND. The I FUND contributions provide the maximum allowable number of scholarships in the 19 men's and women's sports at an average annual cost of approximately \$10,000 for in-state student-athletes and about \$15,000 for those from outside Illinois.



The Bielfeldt Athletic Administration Building opened in 1996.



• Illinois athletic teams took three Big Ten titles during the 2001-02 campaign. The football team earned its first outright championship since 1984, while the men's basketball team repeated as regular-season co-champions. The men's tennis team won an unprecedented sixth-straight regular season Big Ten title.

• The Illini also boasted four Big Ten Coaches of the Year, two Big Ten Freshmen of the Year and a Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year.

• Cross Country's John Kronforst finished seventh at the Big Ten Championships to earn All-Big Ten honors and took eighth at regionals, earning All-NCAA Midwest Region accolades.

• Baseball's Andy Dickinson tied the Illinois career wins record with 30. He was also the second pitcher to win 10 games in two different seasons, and the first to do it consecutively. His 107 strikeouts were one short of a single season record.

• The back-to-back Big Ten titles were the first for the men's basketball team in 50 years. The team accomplished the feat by winning 26 games, the third-most in school history.

• Women's basketball player Iveta Marcauskaite ranked fifth in the nation with a shooting percentage of .623 from the field. The mark led the Big Ten and set an Illinois single season record.

• The football team finished the year 10-2, their first 10-win season since 1989. They also earned their first berth in the Bowl Championship Series.

• The men's golf team took fourth place at the NCAA Central Regional to advance to the NCAA Championships for the first time since 1999.

• The women's golf team recorded four of the five lowest rounds in school history, advancing to the NCAA central regional for the first time.

• The men's gymnastics team finished the regular season with a record of 17-2. They went on to finish ninth at the NCAA Championships as freshman Peter Shostchuk (pommel horse) and senior J.G. Ketchen (still rings) earned All-America honors.

• Ashley Williams of the women's gymnastics team earned Big Ten Freshman of the Year honors as well as being named the Fighting Illini Female Newcomer of the Year. Williams and teammate Jana Gallagher advanced to the NCAA South Central Regional as all-arounders.

• Soccer senior Colleen Joyce earned All-Big Ten honors while freshmen Leisha Alcia and Tara Hurless were named to the All-Tournament team for their outstanding performances in the Big Ten Tournament.

• Softball had the best combined first two seasons in Big Ten history and advanced to the Big Ten Tournament for the second straight year. They also finished the 2002 season fifth in the nation with a fielding percentage of .973.

• Senior Jessica Aveyard took second in the 200 backstroke at the Big Ten Championships as well as earning All-

America honors in the event for the third straight year.

• Head Coach Craig Tiley's men's tennis team earned its first ever No. 1 national ranking.

• Women's tennis sophomore Jennifer McGaffigan was nationally ranked throughout the season, becoming the highest ranked Illinois player since the mid-'90s. She advanced to the NCAA singles championships.

• Anthony Moorman broke the men's track school records in both the 60 and 200 meter dashes.

• The women's track team finished 13th at the NCAA Indoor Championships behind a 60-meter hurdles national title by Perdita Felicien in an NCAA record time of 7.90 seconds. Felicien also took the national title in the outdoor event leading the Illini to a tie for 10th at the NCAA Outdoor Championships.

• Volleyball's Shadia Haddad was named the first recipient of the Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year Award. The Illini tied for fourth in the Big Ten, returned to the national rankings, and hosted first and second round NCAA Tournament action.

• Matt Lackey finished second in the nation in his weight class to lead the Illini to a 10th place finish at the NCAA Championships. Griff Powell and John Lockhart joined Lackey as All-Americans.

2001-02 ILLINOIS ATHLETICS IN REVIEW

Sport	Overall	Pct.	Home	Away	Neutral	Big Ten	Big Ten Reg	Big Ten Trn	Hi Nat. Rank	Final Rank	All Big Ten	All Amer.	Post Season	Top 25 Wins
Football	10-2	.833	6-0	4-1	0-1	6-1	1st	NA	7th	12th	8	2	B	3
Soccer	12-8-1	.571	4-5	6-2-1	2-1	6-3-1	3th	2nd	18th	24th	1	0	Y	2
M Cross Country	NA	----	----	----	----	----	NA	10th	----	----	1	--	Y	NA
W Cross Country	NA	----	----	----	----	----	NA	7th	----	----	0	0	Y	NA
Volleyball	21-9	.700	11-4	7-5	3-0	13-7	T4th	NA	20th	20th	2	0	Y	2
Men's Basketball	26-9	.743	13-1	5-5	8-3	11-5	T1st	S	2nd	11th	3	1	Y	3
Women's Basketball	15-14	.517	9-4	4-9	2-1	7-9	8th	Y	----	----	4	0	Y	1
Swimming & Diving	4-6-1	.364	1-0	2-2	1-4-1	0-4-1	NA	8th	RV	RV	0	2	I	0
Men's Gymnastics	17-2	.895	3-0	5-1	9-2	5-2	NA	5th	2nd	9th	1	2	Y	13
Women's Gymnastics	6-16	.273	3-1	0-7	3-8	1-4	NA	6th	----	----	1	0	I	0
M Indoor Track	NA	----	----	----	----	----	NA	NA	----	----	NA	0	I	NA
W Indoor Track	NA	----	----	----	----	----	NA	3rd	8th	13th	5	3	I	NA
Wrestling	12-4	.750	4-1	4-3	4-0	5-3	NA	5th	10th	10th	1	3	I	3
Baseball	32-19	.627	15-7	11-12	6-0	14-15	T6th	NA	RV	RV	6	2	N	0
Softball	34-24	.586	13-4	7-9	14-11	10-9	T5th	4th	----	----	3	--	Y	2
Men's Golf	NA	----	----	----	----	----	NA	2nd	36th	----	2	--	Y	NA
Women's Golf	NA	----	----	----	----	----	NA	5th	----	----	0	--	Y	NA
Men's Tennis	26-5	.839	9-1	6-2	11-2	10-0	1st	1st	1st	3rd	3	2	E	10
Women's Tennis	11-12	.478	10-0	1-11	0-0	6-4	T4th	Y	29th	----	1	0	I	0
M Outdoor Track	NA	----	----	----	----	----	NA	10th	----	----	--	0	N	NA
W Outdoor Track	NA	----	----	----	----	----	NA	3rd	11th	T10th	2	2	I	NA

Key: Q=Quarterfinals S=Semifinal E=Elite Eight I=Individuals B=BCS



DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS
Ron Guenther
(Illinois '67)
11th Year

In 11 years as Director of Athletics at the University of Illinois, Ron Guenther has returned his alma mater to the national elite in competing for championships in 19 intercollegiate sports with outstanding coaches, staff and facilities, including a Top-25 finish in the Sears Cup competition. He was named the 2001 NACDA/Continental Airlines Central Region Athletic Director of the Year.

The MVP of the 1966 Illinois football squad, Guenther continues to move the Illini athletic program on a breakneck pace toward a position of competing at a championship level in all programs.

In the last six years, Guenther, 56, has overseen a series of dramatic changes that have local, regional and national media, alumni and fans marveling at his abilities to add sport programs in women's soccer and softball, recruit top-level coaches, plan for and build championship facilities with more than \$50 million in capital donations and create a model program producing outstanding student-athletes. In the last five years, Guenther has established Illinois as a rising power among NCAA institutions by:

- Bringing the Chicago Bears to central Illinois for a one-season stint at Memorial Stadium. With a partnership formed in the fall of 2001, the Bears agreed to play one full season, 10 games, in Champaign while Soldier Field undergoes construction. With that partnership came funds to refurbish the Irwin football complex, including new locker and meeting rooms as well as a training room and upgrade to the coaches offices.
- Hiring and extending the contracts of championship-level coaches such as Head Track and Field and Cross Country Coach Gary Wieneke, who has helped the Illinois track and field and cross country programs to excel on both the NCAA and international level. Gary Wieneke's men's squad won the 1994 Big Ten Championship and placed second on three different occasions. Distance runner Marko Koers won three NCAA titles in 1993 and '96 and under Wieneke Illinois has boasted 145 All-Americans. Last season, Wieneke coached John Kronforst to first team All-Big Ten honors in cross country.
- Signing an exclusive \$7.5 million agreement with Nike as one of only 13 Nike institutions in the United States.
- Christening new facilities like the Ubben Basketball Practice Facility, Irwin Indoor Football Facility and the Biefeldt Athletic Administration Building.
- Overseeing the construction and opening of the \$2.1 million Irwin Academic Center, providing 600 student-athletes with a state-of-the-art, convenient academic center to reach their full potential as students.

Under Guenther's leadership, Illinois has steadily improved its performance on the field and in the classroom. Off the field, Illinois student-athletes have continued to benefit from outstanding academic service programs, matching the overall campus grade point average and producing nearly 100 Academic All-Big Ten award winners annually in all sports. Guenther also has spearheaded a revolution for funding for championship-level programs and facilities as the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics has opened necessary additional revenue streams totaling more than \$3 million through working partnerships with corporate sponsors and management of the Illini Sports Radio Network.

Guenther's aggressive plan to make the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics a valuable and enthusiastic partner in the overall education, research and service mission of the University has begun to pay dividends in the 21st century.

Now in his fourth decade with the University of Illinois, Guenther was the Most Valuable Player on the 1966 Illinois football squad under Head Coach Pete Elliott. Guenther was a second-team All-Big Ten selection at offensive guard, also earning first-team Academic All-Big Ten honors and recognition as the University's outstanding senior in physical education. Guenther earned his bachelor of science degree in physical education from Illinois in 1967 and an M.S. in administration in 1968 before embarking on a successful career in coaching, athletic administration and business.

Guenther was named the 17th Director of Athletics in 1992 after serving for two years with the University of Illinois Foundation as Director of Major Gifts and for three years as a partner with The Barofsky Association, a Chicago-area investments and marketing firm.

From June of 1988 to March of 1989, Guenther served as Interim Director of Athletics for External Operations, administering the development program, public relations, promotions, tickets, merchandise and summer camps.

Guenther spent the previous three years within the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics as associate athletic director for development, coordinating the "Campaign for Excellence in Athletics." That campaign began the first major facelift of athletic facilities in nearly 60 years on campus and provided the impetus for the eventual construction of Illinois Field for baseball, the UI Outdoor Track and Field and Soccer Stadium, the Atkins Tennis Center and the Irwin Football Complex, housing coaches offices, locker rooms, sports medicine, strength and conditioning facilities and meeting rooms for Illinois football.

One of the nation's top athletic fund raisers, Guenther has been instrumental in soliciting gift commitments totaling more than \$50 million toward capital improvements at Illinois during the last 15 years.

Firmly committed to delivering the Illinois message across the state and Midwest, Guenther served from 1983 to 1985 as assistant athletic director for Chicago operations, renewing a commitment that continues today to reach out to the thousands of Chicago-area alumni, donors and fans. During his tenure in Chicago, Guenther created the annual statewide caravan for promotion and public relations and saw a tripling in the number of donors to Illinois athletics.

Guenther spent eight years at North Central College in Naperville, Ill., including a stint from 1975-79 as director of admissions and also as an associate head football coach. From 1979-83, he served as the vice president of development and public affairs at North Central, helping to design and implement a \$15 million Capital Campaign. As associate head football coach, Guenther helped the Cardinals amass a 23-12-2 record, including the school's first winning season in 15 years.

Before moving to North Central College, Guenther was offensive line coach at Boston College from 1971-74, helping to develop nine National Football League players. From 1968-71, Guenther was a teacher and coached football, wrestling and track and field for the Evanston Township and Glenbard High School systems in suburban Chicago.

Born Oct. 3, 1945, Guenther is a native of Elmhurst, Ill., and a graduate of York High School. He lettered at Illinois in 1965 and 1966, helping Illinois to a 24-14-1 record in his four seasons. Guenther earned MVP honors on a squad that produced five All-Americans in 1966.





PRESIDENT
Dr. James J. Stukel
 (Purdue '59)

President James Stukel assumed his duties as the 16th president of the University of Illinois in 1995.

For four years prior to coming to Champaign, Stukel served as chancellor and chief executive officer of the University of Illinois at Chicago. Stukel is known for his efforts to improve elementary and secondary education, health care and economic development in Chicago.

Stukel has been a part of the University of Illinois family since enrolling in graduate school 35 years ago. Stukel spent 23 years on the Urbana-Champaign campus as an administrator, engineering professor and researcher. He then moved to UIC, spending one year as vice chancellor for research and five years as executive vice chancellor and vice chancellor for administrative affairs before assuming the chancellor position in Chicago.

Stukel was born March 30, 1937, in Joliet, Ill., and attended Joliet public schools. He earned his B.S. degree in mechanical engineering from Purdue University in 1959 and spent two years as a research engineer for the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company. In 1961, Stukel enrolled in graduate school at Illinois, earning his M.S. in mechanical engineering in 1963 and his Ph.D. in mechanical engineering in 1968.

He became assistant professor of environmental engineering and mechanical engineering at Illinois in 1968, associate professor in 1971 and full professor in 1975.

Stukel and his wife, the former M. Joan Helpling, have four children and one grandchild.



CHANCELLOR
Dr. Nancy Cantor
 (Sarah Lawrence '74)

Dr. Cantor held a number of academic leadership positions prior to becoming the chief executive officer at Illinois. Most recently, she held the position of Provost and Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs at the University of Michigan. Previous to that, she was Dean of the Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies and Vice Provost for Academic Affairs at Michigan and Chair of the Department of Psychology at Princeton University.

Dr. Cantor is a psychologist specializing in the fields of Personality and Social Psychology, and Personality and Cognition. She has co-authored or edited three books, and is the author or co-author of more than 30 book chapters and nearly 50 articles.

Dr. Cantor is a fellow of the American Psychological Society, the American Psychological Association and the Society for Personality and Social Psychology. She has received many awards and honors, including the Distinguished Scientific Award for an Early Career Contribution to Psychology from the American Psychological Association, and the Woman of Achievement Award of the Anti-Defamation League. She was recently elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences, and serves as vice chair of the Board of Directors of the American Association for Higher Education.

Dr. Cantor is well known to higher education nationally. She has been actively involved with the National Science Foundation through her service on its various advisory boards and study sections. She served as a member of the National Research Council Committee on National Needs in Biomedical and Behavioral Science Research and as vice chair of the NRC Committee on Women in Science and Engineering.

Dr. Cantor is married to Dr. Steven Brechin, an environmental sociologist; they have two children, Maddy and Archie.

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- Sept. 7 Great American Legends Invite
West Lafayette, Ind. 11:15 a.m.
- Sept. 14 Pre-Midwest Regional
Normal, Ill. 9:30 a.m.
- Sept. 28 Roy Griak Invite
Minneapolis, Minn. 11 a.m.
- Oct. 5 **ILLINOIS INVITE** 10 a.m.
- Oct. 19 Pre-NCAA Meet
Terre Haute, Ind. 11:45 a.m.
- Nov. 3 Big Ten Championships
West Lafayette, Ind. 10:45 a.m.
- Nov. 16 NCAA Midwest Regionals
Normal, Ill. 10 a.m.
- Nov. 25 NCAA Championships
Terre Haute, Ind. 11 a.m.

- All home meets in BLUE CAPS and held at UI Blue Golf Course.
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