

The USC athletic program posted its highest spring semester grade point average record with 13 of its sports teams showing improvement in their GPAs from last year.

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"The way a team plays as a whole determines its success. You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don't play together, the club won't be worth a dime."

- Babe Ruth

Trammell's faster than flying

Trammell, men victorious in two events at NCAA Outdoors



Charlie Wallace
the editor's desk

At the end of last semester, we at *Gamecock Sports* used our last issue as an end-of-the-year award forum for the students.

The staff came up

with categories, and we let the student body, via e-mail, vote for their selections in 16 categories.

Some were controversial, some were humorous, and we did our share of leaping on toes, not to mention creating mild discontent among a few athletes. (We apologize, equestrian team and Courtney Leavitt. We know you work hard.)

But perhaps the biggest injustice that was caused was the winner of the "male athlete of the year" award.

When the final results were tallied (we promise no tampering took place), BJ McKie received the most votes and won the award.

However, upon further review, and after this past weekend's events, I have decided that the obvious winner of this award should be track and field hurdler/sprinter Terrence Trammell.

Now, before everyone starts writing and calling me names, I very well know that BJ eclipsed the 2,000-point career scoring mark this season, passing fellow Columbia native Alex English along the way.

I also am aware that McKie was the one highlight of a dismal season and still played his heart out every second.

At most schools, those credentials could be enough, but USC is different. I am the only one who notices that we do everything different at this school? Anyway, that's another story.)

However, when an athletic specimen such as Terrence Trammell comes along, he cannot be overlooked.

If track were as marquee a sport as it is in some parts of Europe, Trammell could be as famous as the Backstreet Boys, but nowhere near as irritating.

Plus, he's only a sophomore and is assured a few more years of success, unlike the teen idols, and although his following isn't as numerous, he has

Track Roundup

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BOISE, IDAHO - What a weekend for South Carolina's Terrence Trammell.

The sophomore sensation led the USC men's 4x100m relay team to a school and track record to win the 4x100 meter relay at the NCAA Outdoor Championships and the next day took first place in the 110-meter hurdles.

Freshman Mikki Barber was the runner-up in the women's 400 meter, and three-time NCAA champion Brad Snyder was beaten on his last throw by SMU freshman Janus Roberts and had to accept runner-up status.

It was the first collegiate loss for Snyder since the NCAA Indoor Championships in 1997.

The relay, consisting of Clint Crenshaw, Trammell, wide receiver Shah Mays and Jamie Price, ran a 38.92-second time.

For the first time in school history, both the men's and women's programs finished in the top 10 at the same championship.

The men finished with 30 points, while Arkansas won the team national championship yet again, totalling 59

points.

On the women's side, Texas won the national title with 62 points, and Carolina finished seventh with 24 points.

Thirty minutes after running the second leg for the new national champion relay team, Trammell shattered the school record in the 100 meter, running a time of 10.08 seconds to make the finals seated second.

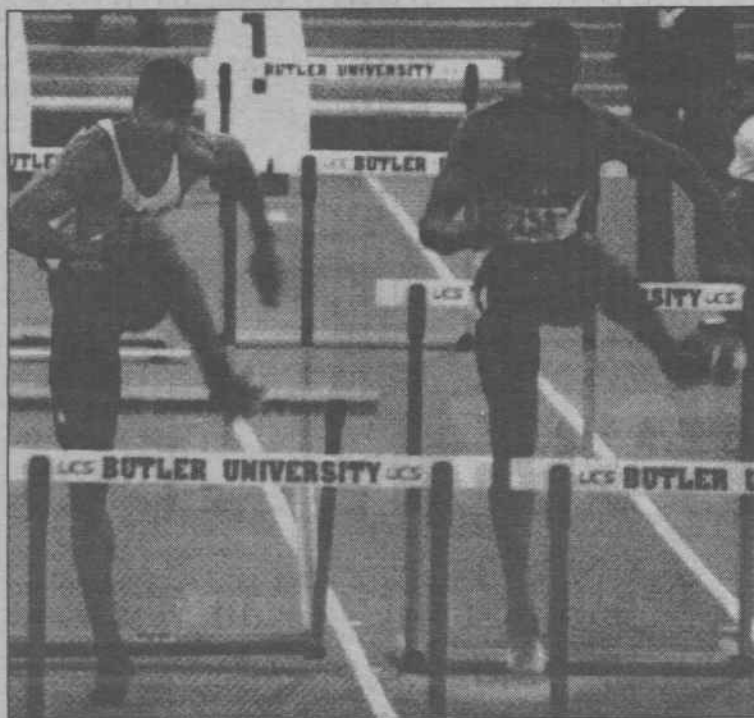
He went on to take an eight-place finish in the final.

On winning the relay, Trammell said "We felt coming in that we could win. We just had to execute. It still hasn't hit me yet that we won. Maybe it will later this weekend."

"He is one of the special ones. What he can do on the track at his age is amazing," Carolina Head Coach Curtis Frye, said.

In the men's relay, Crenshaw, a high school teammate of Trammell's in Decatur, G.A. handed off to Trammell, who handed off to Mays, who handed off to Price. South Carolina led the entire time.

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Hurdler/sprinter Terrence Trammell (left) brought home two titles at the 1999 NCAA Outdoor Championships last weekend in Boise, Idaho. Trammell placed first in the 110 meter hurdles with a time of 13.45 seconds.

Frye named 1999 NCAA women's coach of the year

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Another first for Curtis Frye brings another first for both the USC and the United States Track and Field Coaches Association (USTCA) as Frye was named the USTCA National Women's Outdoor Coach of the Year Friday at a breakfast.

The award is voted on by the entire USTCA membership.

Frye received the same honor indoors on the men's side and is the first coach in the history of the USTCA to receive the honor indoors and outdoors as a male and female coach. It's also a first-time honor for a Gamecock track and field coach.

Frye received the honor after the Gamecock women won the SEC Championship three weeks ago, winning five individual titles.

The women also finished the year ranked No. 3 in the National Team Power Rankings.

"Indoors, the award for the men was special.



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the university.

"This shows the recruits are accomplished," said Frye, in his third year as the combined coach at South Carolina.

"It's the hard work from the total university that helps us achieve these awards.

"This wasn't totally a surprise because winning the SEC title means something. Everyone in the country has respect for the SEC," he said.

"This award goes to the team, the University of South Carolina and the South Carolina community."

"It's something that was never accomplished at our university. But it's not just an award for me.

"It's an award for our staff, our academic advisor, Mike McGee, Laurie Massa,

Three Duquesne athletes indicted on fraud charges

Sports Roundup

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH - Nine Duquesne University students, including three basketball players, have been charged in a federal indictment with taking part in an elaborate scheme to defraud PNC Bank of nearly \$36,000.

The scheme involved buying bank credit cards and unused personal checks from students, then using them to make \$35,961 in fraudulent withdrawals and money orders between Feb. 22 and April 12, prosecutors said Friday.

Ogunlesi and Hunter, transfer students who had yet to play for Duquesne, are suspended from the university and the basketball team pending the outcome of the case, said the Rev. Sean Hogan, executive vice president for student life.

Disciplinary action against the other students, including reserve basketball player Devone Stephenson, could come after their arraignment scheduled June 15, Hogan said.

Also charged are Duquesne students

Maritza Harvin, 19; Casey Cook, 19; Derek Garrambone, 20; Onyekachi Emeagi, 23; Kenneth Rivera, 18; and Brooke Jordan, 19, all listed as residing in university dormitories.

"We're disappointed," Hogan said. If the allegations are proven, "this is totally contrary to what we expect from the students, and it's totally unacceptable, and we'll take all necessary action."

John Wisniewski, supervisor of the multi-agency Federal Crimes Task Force, said Ogunlesi and Hunter solicited other Duquesne students to sell their PNC Bank Visa Check Cards and personal checks, which the students would later report as stolen.

The personal checks were allegedly used to make phony deposits into the students' accounts.

Unoarumhi then withdrew money from the inflated accounts by using the check cards at automated teller machines, and he and Ogunlesi also purchased money orders using the check cards, authorities said.