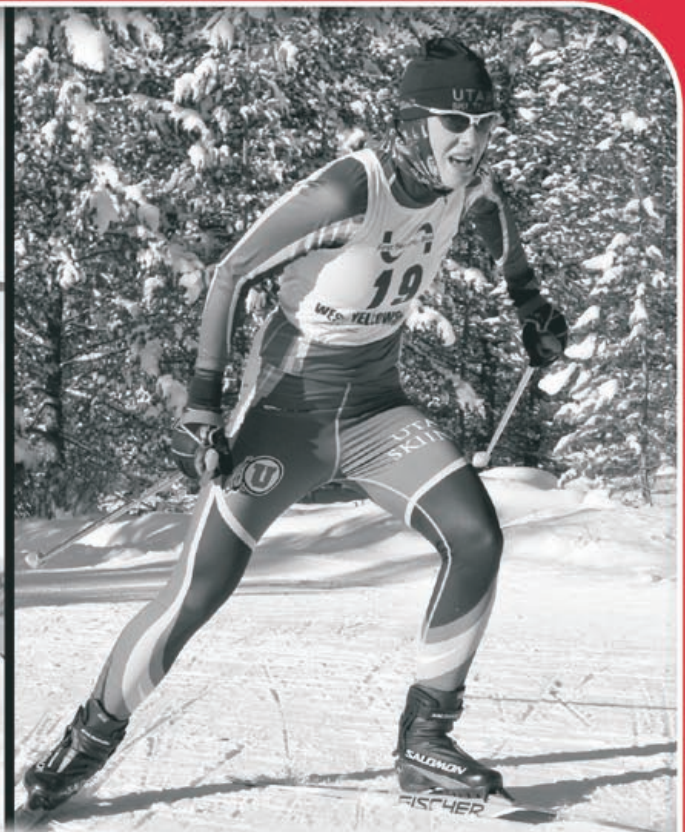
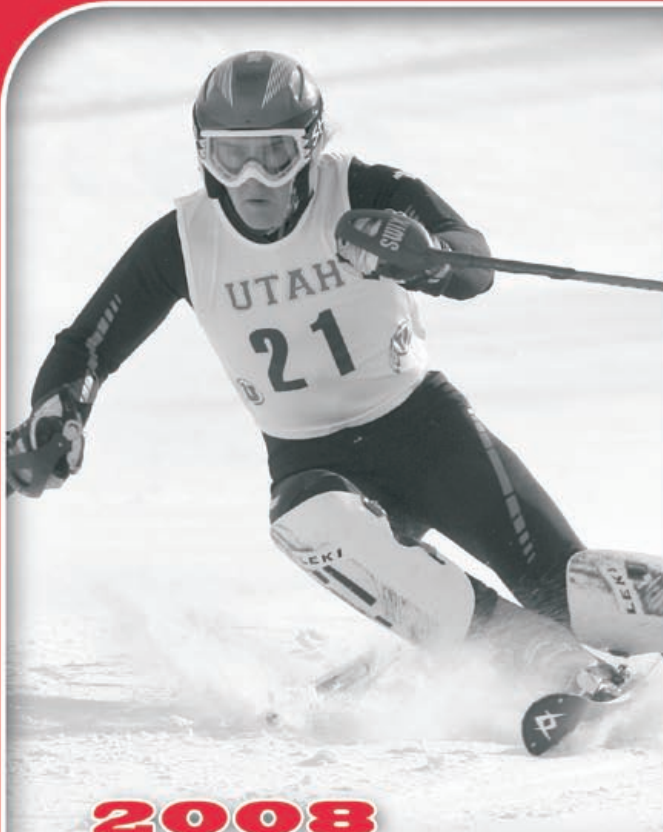
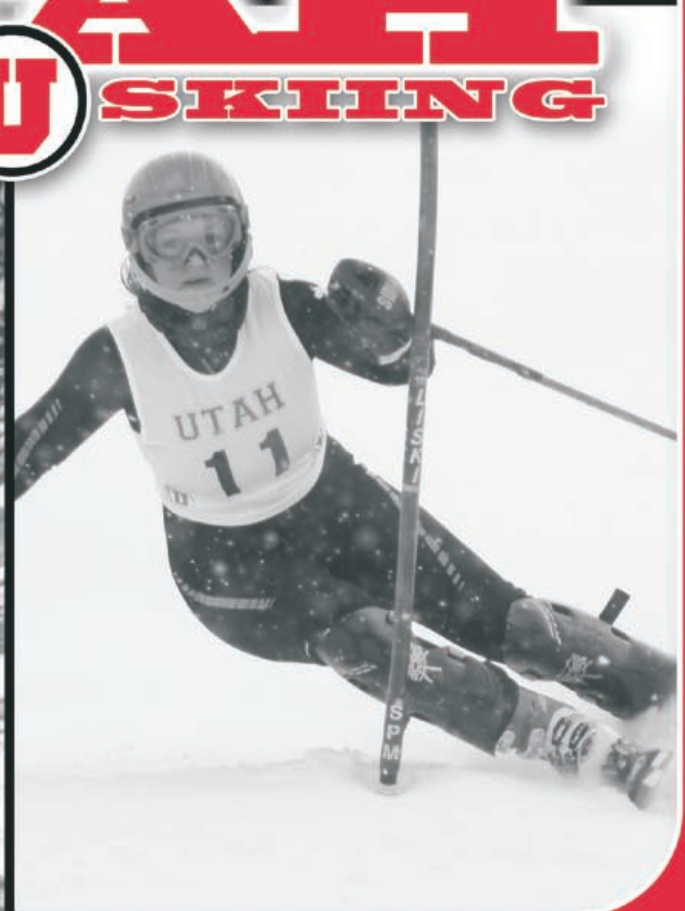


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Men's Alpine

Name	Yr.	Hometown
Sam Beck	Sr.	Hanover, N.H.
Kyle Kung	Jr.	Girdwood, Alaska
Hermann Lager	Fr.	Baerum, Norway
Tague Thorson	So.	Mahtomedi, Minn.
Scott Veenis	Jr.	Massanutten, Va.
Thomas Zumbrunn	Jr.	Meiringen, Switzerland

Women's Alpine

Name	Yr.	Hometown
Mikaela Grassl	Jr.	Sunne, Sweden
Eva Huckova	Fr.	Banska Bystricka, Slovakia
Chelsea Laswell	Jr.	Park City, Utah
Chirine Njeim	Jr.	Beirut, Lebanon
Kim Stephens	Sr.	Park City, Utah
Sofia Smith	Fr.	Issaquah, Wash.

Director	Eli Brown (3rd Season)
Head Alpine Coach	Jaka Korencan
Head Nordic Coach	Wendy Wagner
Assistant Alpine Coach	Peter Shaffer
Assistant Nordic Coach	Kristina Casey

Men's Nordic

Name	Yr.	Hometown
Snorri Einarsson	So.	Tromso, Norway
Ben Fick	So.	St. Croix, Minn.
Fabian Figi	Jr.	Betschwanden, Switzerland
Ian Havlick	Fr.	Boulder, Colo.
Steve Scott	Sr.	St. Paul, Minn.
Casey Simons	Sr.	Park City, Utah
Even Sletten	Jr.	Lillehammer, Norway

Women's Nordic

Name	Yr.	Hometown
Kjersti Boe	Fr.	Trondheim, Norway
Annelies Cook	Jr.	Saranac Lake, N.Y.
Ingvild Flatland	Jr.	Baerum, Norway
Sarah MacCarthy	So.	Steamboat Springs, Colo.
Zoe Roy	Fr.	Bend, Ore.
Sara Schweiger	Jr.	Schwangau, Germany
Madeleine Talkington	Fr.	Weston, Vt.

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Quick Facts

University of Utah Information

Location Salt Lake City, Utah
 Elevation 4,500 ft.
 Founded..... 1850
 Enrollment..... 28,619
 Nickname Utes
 Colors Crimson and White
 Mascot Swoop (Red-Tailed Hawk)
 Facility Park City Mountain Resort (Alpine)
 Soldier Hollow Resort (Nordic)
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Season Outlook

The University of Utah ski team returns a talented squad for the 2008 season. After qualifying an entire team for the NCAA Championships, the Utes did not lose a single skier from their roster. Their impressive fourth-place finish at nationals showed that the team is capable of competing for a championship.

"We have a pretty seasoned group," said Eli Brown, Director of Skiing. "The team knows what NCAA skiing is all about, knows where we race, and everyone has clear goals on what lies ahead. At our first team meeting this year, there was so much excitement in the room. We might be the underdogs still, but everyone wants to win badly and is working hard toward that goal."

Tague Thorson was a top men's alpine performer last year and the team will count on him again this season. Thorson swept the alpine events at the Utah Invitational last season, helping the Utes to their best finish of the year. Thorson also competed in the prestigious World University Games last year in Torino, Italy. The Mahtomedi, Minn., native finished second in the combined standings.

Also expected to be strong in the men's alpine is 2006 giant slalom champion Scott Veenis. He finished fourth in the event last year.

Snorri Einarsson is the team's top returning Nordic competitor. Einarsson captured the team's lone individual NCAA title, winning the 20-km classic at the NCAA Championships in

March. He will be challenged by Even Sletten, who is a returning All-American and has competed well in preseason events.

Former Olympian Chirine Njeim and Mikaela Grassl led the women's alpine contingent in the 2006-07 campaign. The sophomore duo finished in the top-10 in all but the first event of the year, a remarkable accomplishment. Both earned All-America honors last year.

Junior Sara Schweiger led the women's Nordic team with nine top-10 finishes, including a second-place finish at the Montana State Invitational. She has garnered All-America honors the past two years. Junior Sarah MacCarthy has competed well in preseason competitions for the Utes while a solid recruiting class features several skiers who won titles at the junior level and have the ability to be competitive immediately.

"The group is meshing together well," Brown said. "Incoming athletes are working hard side-by-side with our seasoned veterans."

The skiers have worked hard this off-season to improve their fitness. Brown and the other Utah coaches organize workouts that include skiers from both disciplines.

"Skiing is a tough sport," Brown said. "You can actually only practice and compete for a quarter of the year. The rest is preparation.

Dry-land training is a year-round process for Nordic and alpine skiers. We start in the spring by building a strength and endurance base and

athletes build on that in the summer. By the time we come together in the fall, athletes are at a high level of fitness and we build more and more ski specific exercises into the regiment in anticipation of snow."

The Utah coaches have placed a high premium on team chemistry. They want the alpine and Nordic teams to come together as one and support each other. Team bonding will be essential to the Utes' season, Brown said.

"Chemistry and team building are very important for college skiing," Brown said. "Bringing women and men together on one team and bringing Nordic and alpine athletes together on one team is a unique experience in an individual sport like ski racing. We are stronger as a group than as individuals. Everyone pushes each other toward a common goal."

The Utes will work throughout the season to achieve their goal of making a podium finish at the NCAA Championships in March. Brown believes the team has the experience and the talent to make a championship run.

"Our goal is to climb the podium," Brown said. "We believe we are strong contenders for the title, and think about it every day. That is the ultimate prize. Every day is a step toward that goal."

2006 Review

- Utah finished fourth at the NCAA Championships.
- Snorri Einarsson won gold in the NCAA Championship in the men's 20-km classic. He also grabbed the silver in the 10-km freestyle.
- Six Utes earned All-America honors - Nordic skiers Snorri Einarsson, Even Sletten and Sara Schweiger, and Alpine skiers Scott Veenis, Mikaela Grassl and Chirine Njeim.
- The Utes qualified a full contingent of 12 skiers for the NCAA Championships - only one of four teams to do so.
- Utah finished third at the NCAA West Regional.
- Six Utes earned All-RMISA honors, with Tague Thorson and Snorri Einarsson being named to the first-team.
- Seven skiers were named Mountain West Conference Scholar Athletes.



Chirine Njeim (top right) and Mikaela Grassl (bottom right) are both returning Alpine All-Americans for the Utes.



Sara Schweiger has earned All-America honors each of the past two seasons.

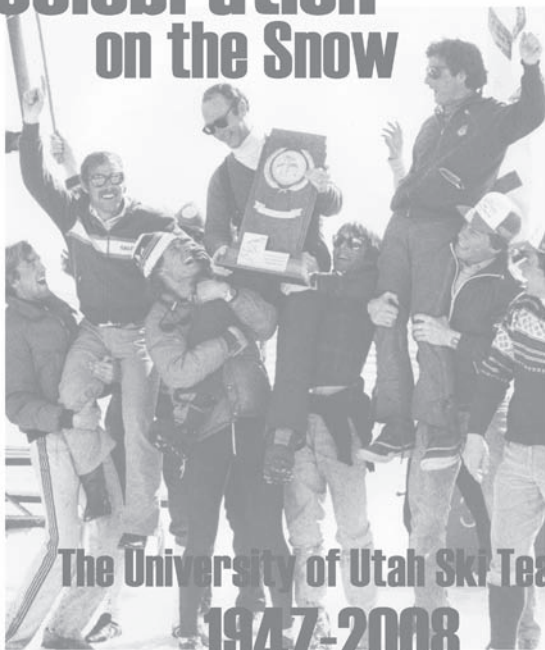


Even Sletten is one of two returning men's Nordic All-Americans.

Utah Records At A Glance

- Utah has 10 NCAA Championships, which ranks third all-time. The Utes also won an AIAW title in 1978, bringing their total to 11.
- Utah's 63 individual national championships ranks third all-time.
- Marvin Melville won three individual titles in 1959 – downhill, slalom and Alpine. The three titles in one year ties for the most in NCAA history.
- Four Utes combined to win five individual titles in 1995, the NCAA record for most individual championships by one school in a season. Harvard Solbakken (10-km freestyle), Heidi Selnes (5-km freestyle and 15-km classical) Thomas Weman (20-km classical), and Christl Hager (giant slalom) all won titles for Utah that season.
- Christl Hager is the only three-time repeat champion in Utah history, which also ties the national record. She won the giant slalom in 1994, 1995 and 1997.

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Eli Brown

Director of Skiing • Third Season

Energetic and enthusiastic, Eli Brown continues to infuse a new attitude to the University of Utah ski team, returning for his third year as director.

“Last year was a good year. We had our ups and downs, good luck and bad luck, like everyone else,” Brown said. “But through it all, we kept our spirits high and kept fighting hard as a team. In the end, it was great to get recognized with the 4th place team trophy. This year we are back again, and with our sights set even higher on the final NCAA podium.”

Brown has continued to further the tradition of the Utah ski program. He mentored one national champion (Snorri Einarsson, mens classic), six All-Americans, six all-conference skiers and eight academic All-Americans.

Brown's Utes were only one of six programs to qualify a full compliment of 12 skiers for the NCAA Championships. It was also the second year in a row the full team has qualified.

Brown grew up as a Nordic ski racer and runner in Minneapolis. His alma mater, South High, won the state cross-country running meet four years in a row. This experience had a lasting affect on Brown.

“Creating a team feeling in individual sports like running, or ski racing is unique and important,” he said. “My experience as a runner on the South team shaped my life.”

Brown went on to become one of the top collegiate racers in the country at Northern Michigan University under coaches Sten Fjeldheim and Trond Nystad. After college skiing, Eli continued racing for a few years as a member of the US Development Team. His top national results included a 3rd, 5th, and 6th at the US National Championships.

In 1999 his coaching career began at Utah as assistant coach to former head coach Kevin Sweeney.

“Kevin taught me what coaching is all about,” Brown said. “Believing in your athletes, working hard for them and holding them accountable.”

From there, he went on to coach skiing, running, and track at Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington. After helping that program make the jump to NCAA competition, Brown moved to coach in northern Maine at the Maine Winter Sports Center. As the elite cross-country ski coach for the MWSC, Brown started one of the first post-collegiate programs in the country.

“Whitman was a challenge, we didn't really have a place to ski, but we made it work anyways,” he said. “Maine was a unique experience, the money and support for the sport of skiing that has been infused into northern Maine is phenomenal.”

In 2003, a job offer from Fischer Ski Company drew in Brown. He moved to New Hampshire and started what would become a two-year job in the ski industry. During his time at Fischer, he helped launch their new professional race team together with Swix.

“My experience at Fischer was amazing,” he said. “I learned a lot about the industry, technology, and service it takes to support athletes at the highest level.”

Since 2005, Eli and his family have enjoyed living in Utah. The Browns live about a mile from campus in the Avenues. Eli lives with his wife Joann and their two young children, Sage, and Leland.

Browns coaching philosophy focuses on preparation.

“I believe that the preparation for ski racing that takes place off the snow is of the utmost importance. The crux of our plan is to first get in the best shape possible, then dial in technique, equipment and strategy, etc.

Our main goal is to be as prepared as possible for ski racing - this means a healthy course of an intense physical regimen and systematic preparation. I believe that college skiing here at Utah is a great stepping stone for athletes who look to continue racing at a high level after college.

We have athletes on this team now who have a serious chance to compete on the national and international stages, including the 2010 Olympic games. Through the hard training and lofty NCAA goals, every day is a small step in the direction of creating future champions.

By creating a strong team atmosphere and a solid work ethic focusing on preparation, getting back on top of the podium is surely in reach.”



Jaka Korencan

Head Alpine Coach • Third Season

Jaka Korencan begins his third season as the head alpine coach for the University of Utah ski team.

Korencan has been a part of the team since 2000, when he started as an assistant coach.

In 2004, Korencan earned a bachelor degree in exercise and sport science and in 2007 he completed a masters degree in Sport Psychology.

“Student athletes at the University of Utah are getting extraordinary support from the athletic department and the University itself,” he said. “The University provides student athletes an excellent environment to develop their athleticism as well as gain a great education. This team has a rich tradition of excellence and I am extremely excited, motivated, and honored to work with this team.”



Peter Shaffer

Asst. Alpine Coach • Third Season

Shaffer will enter his third year at the collegiate level after coaching in the intermountain divisions for the last four years.

Prior to Utah, the Aspen, Colo., native headed the J-3 Snowbird ski team from 2004-05 and enjoyed watching the up-and-coming junior skiers dominate the Intermountain Division and the Junior Olympics ranks.

The downhill biking specialist is currently racing semi-pro for Guthrie Bicycles in Salt Lake City. Shaffer is a former member of the Utah ski team who tallied three top-20 finishes in 1999-00, while helping to lead Utah to two fourth-place finishes at the NCAA Championships. Shaffer graduated with a bachelor's degree in exercise and sports science and behavioral science and health, and also received a minor degree in psychology.

“I'm very excited to be part of this very talented team and I look forward to a very fun and successful season at Utah,” says Shaffer.



Wendy Wagner

Head Nordic Coach •
First Season

Wendy Wagner enters her second year coaching with the University of Utah ski team and her first year as the head cross country ski coach. She joined the Skiin' Utes after retiring from international ski racing just two seasons ago.

After competing in both the 2002 Olympics in Salt Lake City and the 2006 Olympics in Torino, Italy, Wagner decided to hang up her skis in order to take her career in a new direction.

"I really want to stay in the sport of skiing and give back to other athletes on their way up," said the Olympic skier. "Coaching is something I have had my eye on for a while. It is perfect here at Utah because I am able to coach as well as satisfy my longtime desire to study meteorology."

Wagner is beginning work on a graduate degree in meteorology with a focus on mountain weather and snow science. As a Park City, Utah, native, she has been on the international racing scene for a while. Starting as a junior racer, Wagner moved up the ranks and became a two-time NCAA All-American, a five-time World Championship team member and a six-year member on the US Ski Team.

All of this culminated with two Olympic berths (2002 and 2006). This will be her first year as a head coach and she is determined and excited to bring her knowledge and experience to Utah.

"I can't say enough about how great it is to be at Utah coaching and developing a team that is so talented and motivated," said Wagner. "It will be a great year and I feel very fortunate to be a part of it."



Kristina Casey

Asst. Nordic Coach •
First Season

Kristina (Joder) Casey is back on campus at the University of Utah, this time as a first-year coach for the Utes cross-country ski team.

Prior to Kristina's graduation from the U., she was an All-American cross-country ski racer for four years. As a fifth-year student, Kristina helped out and trained with the team, competed in the 2002 Olympics and received her Parks, Recreation and Tourism Degree.

Upon graduation, Kristina continued to race in elite cross-country skiing and began coaching competitive junior programs in Idaho and at her high school alma mater, Stratton Mountain School, in Vermont.

After her marriage to Pat Casey, also a Utah Ski Team Alum, Kristina and Pat took over the helm of the Junior Nordic Program in Boise, Idaho, and advanced the program in numbers and race results to new heights.

When Pat moved on to coaching the US Ski Team, Kristina took over the head coach/program director position for the Boise team.

In August of this year, Kristina began her ski coaching duties at the U and says she is psyched to be working with motivated student-athletes.

"The U has the best athletic department, the best skiing, and the best support system. The athletes have everything going for them," she said. "They are fit, smart and fun-loving with a strong work ethic. I am here to help each of them realize their potential and I'll encourage them to fully commit to the unparalleled educational opportunities here at the U."

"I hope my racing and coaching experience will help the group ski their fastest and will help our team have a podium finish at the NCAA Championships. Perhaps the experience the racers have here at the U. will be a step in their development as World Cup and Olympic competitors. It's going to be a great year of ski racing as I reconnect with the college circuit and cheer on our team. Go Utes!"

Athletic Staff



Miles Minson
Volunteer Coach



Sarah Gley
Athletic Trainer



Candice Colton
Assistant Athletic
Trainer



Pete Link
Strength Coach



Rachel Lassiter
Academic Advisor



Dr. Chris Hill
Director of Athletics



Skier Profiles



Sam Beck

Alpine
Senior
Hanover, N.H.

Beyond Utah: Three-year letterman at the University of Vermont ... attended Holderness School where he played soccer, lacrosse and golf ... led ski team to Northeastern Prep School Championships in 2001 and 2002.

Personal: Architecture major ... enjoys mountain biking and fly fishing ... son of Timothy and Wende Beck ... father Timothy skied at Vermont.



Snorri Einarsson

Nordic
Sophomore
Tromso, Norway

2007: National champion in the 20-km classic ... first-team All-RMISA selection ... finished second in the 10-km freestyle at the NCAA Championships ... first in the 15-km classic at the Denver Invitational ... second in the 10-km skate at the Utah Invitational ... fifth in the 15-km classic at the Utah Invitational ... second in the 10-km skate at the Montana State Invitational ... second in the 20-km classic at the Montana State Invitational ... third in the 10-km freestyle at the NCAA West Regional ... 4th in the 15-km classic at the West Regional.

Beyond Utah: Placed fourth in skating and sixth in classic at Norwegian Junior Championships in 2003 ... placed sixth and seventh in 2004 ... two sixth-place finishes in 2005 at Norwegian Junior Championships ... placed fourth at the World Cup qualifier ... member of the Troms Region Ski Team.

Personal: Son of Einar Eythorsson and Gunn Randi Kristensen ... exercise and sports science major ... born February 21, 1986.



Ben Fick

Nordic
Sophomore
St. Croix, Minn.

2007: Finished 8th in the 10-km classic at the Utah Invitational and 8th in the 15-km classic.

Beyond Utah: State champion in 2005 and 2006 for Forest Lake (Minn.) High School ... member of state championship teams for Forest Lake High School in 2005 and 2006 ... a three-time All-American ... four-time all-state honoree.

Personal: Son of John and Teri Fick ... biomedical engineering major ... Eagle Scout ... born January 27, 1988.



Fabian Figi

Nordic
Junior
Betschwanden,
Switzerland

2007: NCAA Nationals qualifier ... second-team All-RMISA selection ... seventh in the 10-km freestyle at the NCAA West Regional ... ninth in the 10-km -km skate at the Montana State Invitational ... fifth in the 20-km classic at the Montana State Invitational ... finished fourth in the 10-km freestyle at the Denver Invitational.

Beyond Utah: Won the bronze medal in the sprint, double pursuit and 10-km classic at the 2004-05 Swiss Championships ... skied to a 15th-place finish in the 30-km CL at the Junior World Championships in '04.

Personal: Son of Urs and Marianne Figi-Marh ... major is economics ... born September 17, 1985.



Ian Havlick

Nordic
Freshman
Boulder, Colo.

Beyond Utah: 2007 Junior National Sprint Champion ... 2006 Scandinavian Cup Team member ... 12-time Junior National All-American ... 11 top-10 finishes at Junior Nationals ... 2005 Relay Champion ... silver medal winner in the 10-km classic.

Personal: Son of Scott and Kristin Havlick ... Father, Scott, attended the U. ... outdoor enthusiast enjoys fly fishing, rock climbing, mountaineering, kayaking and telemark skiing ... Meteorology and Sports Psychology major.



Kyle Kung

Alpine
Junior
Girdwood, Alaska

2007: NCAA Nationals qualifier ... recorded a second-place finish in the slalom at the NCAA West Regional ... finished sixth in the slalom at Montana State Invitational ... recorded a ninth-place finish in the slalom at the New Mexico Invitational.

2006: Redshirted the season due to shoulder injury ... Dean's List recipient.

Beyond Utah: Skied 22nd in the slalom at the 2004 U.S. Nationals ... finished 16th in the giant slalom at the Nor Am in '05 ... competed on the World Junior Championship team in '05 ... placed seventh in the SL at the spring series in Mammoth Mountain Resort ... skied first in the GS and second in the SL at the West Tech Championships in '05 ... notched third in the GS at the South America Cup in '05.

Personal: Son of Peter and Carole Kung ... major is undecided ... born June 30, 1985.



Herman Lager

Alpine
Freshman
Baerum, Norway

Beyond Utah: Two-time Junior National champion ... competes with Bærum Skiklubb ski club.

Personal: Son of Morten and Inger Lager ... Business major.



Steve Scott

Nordic
Senior
St. Paul, Minn.

2007: Raced in five events, including the NCAA West Regional ... 12th in the 10-km skate at the Utah Invitational.

Beyond Utah: Transfer from University of Maine at Fort Kent ... member of the 2003 World Junior Ski Team ... member of the 2006 U23 World Ski Team ... three-time member of Youth National Biathlon Team ... five-time all-state skier in high school ... placed third twice at state championships.

Personal: Son of Douglas and Marion Scott ... participates in the Honors Program at Utah ... mechanical engineering major ... born April 4, 1983.



Casey Simons

Nordic
Senior (RS)
Park City, Utah

2007: Finished 17th in the 10-km freestyle at the NCAA West Regional ... recorded a 13th-place finish in the 20-km classic at the New Mexico Invitational.

2006: Redshirted the season due to injury.

2005: Qualified and competed in the NCAA's as a sophomore ... finished 35th in the 10-km classic and 38th in the 20-km freestyle at the NCAA Championships ... earned an all-conference ranking by the West Regional standings ... skied ninth in the 10-km FS at the New Mexico Invite ... named to the U.S. Junior World Championships team.

2004: Placed 18th in the 10-km FS and 21st in the 15-km CL at the RMISA Regional Championships ... ranked 18th in the FS and 21st in the CL in the Western Regional standings ... competed at the World Junior Nordic Ski Championships ... named United States Junior National Champion.

Beyond Utah: Won the 1-km FS sprint at the 2004 Chevy Truck U.S. Cross Country Junior Olympic Championships ... named to the '04 U.S. Ski Team World Junior Championships team ... finished first in the 15-km skate at the 2003 Junior Nationals ... raced to a first-place finish in the 10-km sprint at the '03 Junior Nationals ... ranked second on the USSA points

list in '03 ... coached by John Callahan from the Park City Nordic ski team.

Personal: Son of Scott and Jennifer Simons ... major is exercise and sports science ... born March 26, 1985.



Even Sletten

Nordic
Junior
Lillehammer,
Norway

2007: NCAA Nationals qualifier ... second-team All-RMISA selection ... 10th in the 10-km freestyle at NCAA's ... eighth in the 10-km freestyle at the NCAA West Regional ... seventh in the 15-km classic at the Denver Invitational ... recorded a fifth-place finish in the 10-km classic at the New Mexico Invitational ... notched a fourth-place finish in the 10-km skate.

Beyond Utah: 2005 World Junior Champion in sprint.

Personal: Son of Svein Sletten and Marit Skjelbostad ... sociology major ... born July 8, 1985.



Tague Thorson

Alpine
Sophomore
Mahtomedi, Minn.

2007: NCAA Nationals qualifier ... first-team All-RMISA selection ... first in the GS at the Utah Invitational ... first in the slalom at the Utah Invitational ... competed in the World University Games, finishing second in the combined standings ... fifth in the GS at the Denver Invitational ... placed third in the GS in the Montana State Invitational.

Beyond Utah: Placed first at FIS U Interkrens ... 2005 Hungarian National Champion in slalom, runner-up in Giant Slalom ... won GS title at the 2007 Australia-New Zealand Cup in 1:02.45 ... all-state alpine skier for Mahtomedi (Minn.) High School.

Personal: Son of David and Betsy Thorson ... undecided major ... born January 9, 1985.



Scott Veenis

Alpine
Junior
Massanutten,
Virginia

2007: NCAA Nationals qualifier ... fourth in the slalom at the NCAA Championships ... posted a sixth-place GS finish at the NCAA Championships ... seventh in the GS at the Denver Invitational ... earned a fifth-place finish in the GS at the New Mexico Invitational.

2006: Won the giant slalom at the NCAA Championships ... earned first-team All-America honors as a freshman ... earned the Alf Engen Sportsmanship Award and David Novelle Outstanding Skier Award ... runner-up finish in the GS at the West Regional Championships ... named RMISA MVP ... earned Academic All-America honors ... won the GS and finished third in the slalom at the Alaska-Anchorage Invite ... named Skier of the Week for the week of Alaska-Anchorage Invite ... earned first-team all-conference honors ... Dean's List recipient.

Beyond Utah: Raced to a 12th-place finish in the GS at the '06 U.S. Alpine National Championships ... skied 11th in the GS and 12th in the SL at the '05 U.S. Nationals ... earned two third-place podium finishes in Europe in '05 ... recipient of the Skier of the Year award from the Park City ski team in '05 ... competed in the Eastern Cup FIS races in 2005.

Personal: Son of Jay and Cindy Veenis ... major is business ... born May 20, 1984.



Thomas Zumbrunn

Alpine
Junior
Meiringen,
Switzerland

Beyond Utah: Attended ETH Zuerich ... placed sixth in the Super G at the 2007 World University Games ... 2003 Swiss Super G Champion ... member of the Swiss Junior National Team 2002-03.

Personal: Son of Hans and Beatrice Zumbrunn ... parents work as ski instructors in Switzerland ... Enjoys floorball, mountain biking, barbecue and adventure ... Exercise and Sport Science major.



Skier Profiles



Kjersti Boe

Nordic
Freshman
Trondheim, Norway

Beyond Utah: Raced at Heimdal VGS.

Personal: Undecided on college major ... enjoys mountain biking, telemark skiing and rock climbing.



Annelies Cook

Nordic
Junior
Saranac Lake, N.Y.

2007: NCAA Nationals qualifier ... fifth in the 5-km freestyle at the Utah Invitational ... 11th in the 10-km classic at the Utah Invitational ... notched an eighth-place finish in the 10-km classic at the Denver Invitational ... placed seventh in the 5-km freestyle at the New Mexico Invitational.

Beyond Utah: Named to the 2005-06 U.S. National Team ... member of the U.S. World Junior Championship team from 2002-2005 ... placed first at the 2003 Junior European Cup ... three-time cross-country All-American (1999, 2003, 2004) ... placed second at 2001 Swedish national championship ... four-time honor roll student in high school.

Personal: Daughter of George Cook and Marijke Ormel ... International Studies major ... born August 1, 1984.



Mikaela Grassl

Alpine
Junior
Sunne, Sweden

2007: NCAA Nationals qualifier ... posted a sixth-place finish in the slalom at the NCAA Championships ... recorded a tenth-place finish in the GS at the NCAA Championships ... seventh in the slalom at the Utah Invitational ... recorded a third-place GS finish at the New Mexico Invitational.

2006: Skied 23rd in the giant slalom and 28th in the slalom at the NCAA Championships ... grabbed seventh in the SL and 15th in the giant slalom at the NCAA West Regional ... earned Academic All-America honors ... raced to a seventh-place mark in the SL at the Western State Invite ... Dean's List recipient.

Beyond Utah: Finished 12th in the super-G at the 2005 Sweden National Championships ... skied fifth in the super-G at the National Junior Championships in '05 ... raced third in the parallel slalom at the National Junior Championships in '04 ... placed third in the slalom at the National Junior Championships in '04 ... garnered fourth-place in the SL at the National Junior Championships in '04 ... notched seventh in the giant slalom at the National Junior Championships in '04 ... rallied to 10th-place in the downhill at the junior championships in '04.

Personal: Daughter of Helmut and Maria Grassl ... plans on majoring in architecture ... born August 5, 1985.



Ingvild Flatland

Nordic
Junior
Baerum, Norway

2007: Raced in five events, including the NCAA West Regional.

Beyond Utah: Placed second in 2003 Norwegian Cup in biathlon.

Personal: Daughter of Halvor Flatland and Reidun Aafedt Flatland ... exercise and sports science major ... born December 19, 1984.



Eva Huckova

Alpine
Freshman
Banska Bystricka,
Slovakia

Beyond Utah: Member of the Slovakian National Ski Team from 2002-07 ... 27th-place GS finish at the Torino Winter Olympics ... second-place finish at the 2006 Slovakian National Ski Championships ... took third at the 2005 Slovakian Nationals.

Personal: Daughter of Petr Hucko and Jana Huckova ... Business major.



Chelsea Laswell

Alpine
Junior
Park City, Utah

2007: Finished 19th in the slalom at the NCAA West Regional ... 18th in the GS at the New Mexico Invitational.

2006: Qualified as an alternate for the NCAA Championships as a freshman ... raced to 12th in the giant slalom at the West Regional ... earned Academic All-America honors ... honor roll student.

Beyond Utah: Skied 12th in the SL at the 2005 U.S. Nationals ... recipient of the Most Improved Athlete award on the Park City ski team in '04 ... placed 13th in the GS at the U.S. Nationals in '04 ... finished second overall in the GS at the Intermountain Cup in '03 ... honor roll student.

Personal: Daughter of Robert and Carole Laswell ... major is undecided ... born August 15, 1986.



Sarah MacCarthy

Nordic
Sophomore
Steamboat Springs,
Colo.

2007: NCAA Nationals qualifier ... notched a sixth-place finish in the 5-km freestyle at the NCAA West Regional ... ninth in the 5-km classic at the Utah Invitational ... placed sixth in the 10-km classic ... led all Utes in the 5-km classic at the New Mexico Invitational, recording a fifth-place finish.

Beyond Utah: Placed third in sprint, seventh in 5-km skate and eighth in 10-km classic at 2006 Junior National Championships ... three-time letterwinner in cross-country and skiing in high school ... two-time state champion at Steamboat Springs (Colo.) High School in 5-km classic.

Personal: Undecided major ... born October 7, 1987.



Chirine Njeim

Alpine
Junior
Beirut, Lebanon

2007: NCAA Nationals qualifier ... named to All-RMISA second team ... sixth in the GS at the NCAA Championships ... ninth in the slalom at the Utah Invitational ... fifth in the GS at the Utah Invitational ... fifth in the GS at the Montana State Invitational ... sixth in the GS at the New Mexico Invitational.

Beyond Utah: Represented Lebanon in 2006 Olympic Winter Games in Torino, Italy ... placed third at U.S. Junior Nationals.

Personal: Daughter of Raymond and Najah Njeim ... undecided on major ... born October 4, 1984

the 10-km freestyle at the Utah Invitational ... fifth in the 15-km classic at the Montana State Invitational.

2006: Skied to a 10th-place finish in the 5-km classical at the NCAA Championships ... earned second-team All-America honors ... 16th in the 5-km CL and 18th in the 10-km freestyle at the NCAA West Regional ... earned Academic All-America honors ... skied to a third-place podium finish in the 10-km CL at the Alaska-Anchorage Invite ... placed sixth in the 5-km CL and 10th in the 10-km FS at the Montana State Invite ... honor roll student.

Beyond Utah: Won the sprint relay and pursuit race at the 2001 Junior German Championships ... skated to a third-place finish in the 5-km classical at the O.P.A. Spiele in '01 ... finished fourth in the 5-km classical at the Alpen Cup Furtwangen in '02 ... rallied to fourth in the sprint relay at the German Youth Championships in '02.

Personal: Daughter of Andreas and Edith Schweiger ... major is PRT Leisure Service Management ... born December 28, 1985.

2005: Qualified for the NCAA's as a freshman ... raced to an 18th-place finish in the slalom at the RMISA Regional Championships ... earned Academic All-America honors ... ranked eighth in the giant slalom and 12th in the SL in the West Regional standings ... skied to a runner-up finish in the GS and seventh in the SL at the Denver Invite ... notched seventh in the SL and ninth in the GS at the Utah Invite ... honor roll student.

Beyond Utah: Skied to 14th in the SL and 15th in the GS at the U.S. National Championships in '02 ... placed ninth in the super-G and 14th in the GS at the Nor-Am Cup in '02 ... finished ninth in the GS at the Nor-Am Cup in '01 ... skied to 19 top-three FIS finishes, including four FIS wins from 2001-03 ... four-year honor roll student ... awarded with the Park City ski team hardest worker award from 1998-02 ... lettered in soccer and softball in high school.

Personal: Daughter of Harry and Joanne Stephens ... major is exercise and sports science, minoring in nutrition and business ... born February 27, 1983.



Zoe Roy

Nordic
Freshman
Bend, Ore.

Beyond Utah: Spent a year and a half in Austria training and ski racing before enrolling ... 2007 Steiermark Champion ... four-time state champion at Summit High School in Bend, Ore. ... four-year letterwinner ... team captain ... ran track and cross country.

Personal: Daughter of Rob and Muffy Roy ... Honor Society member in high school ... enjoys snowboarding, crocheting, juggling and baking.



Sofia Smith

Alpine
Freshman
Issaquah, Wash.

Beyond Utah: Member of the PNSA Alpine team ... skied for the Crystal Mtn. Alpine Club ... named club skier of the year in 2005 and 2007.

Personal: Daughter of Rick and Debra Smith ... Has a younger brother, Derek, 16 ... Political science major who would like to one day work in Washington D.C. ... enjoys shopping, watching football and reading.



Madeleine Talkington

Nordic
Freshman
Weson, Vt.

Beyond Utah: All-American at Junior Olympics 2004-07 ... named Most Improved in 2004 and MVP in 2007 ... four-year letterwinner at Stratton Mtn. School ... team soccer captain at Stratton Mtn.

Personal: Daughter of John and Nancy Talkington ... high school valedictorian and high honor roll member ... siblings Nora, 21, and Dale, 15 ... mother Nancy played tennis and hockey for the University of Vermont.



Sara Schweiger

Nordic
Junior
Schwangau,
Germany

2007: NCAA Nationals qualifier ... named to All-RMISA second team ... fifth in the 5-km skate at the NCAA Championships ... raced to a fourth-place 5-km freestyle finish at the NCAA West Regional ... fourth in the 10-km freestyle at the Denver Invitational ... second in the 5-km classic at the Utah Invitational ... seventh in



Kim Stephens

Alpine
Senior
Park City, Utah

2007: NCAA Nationals qualifier ... placed second in the slalom at the NCAA West Regional ... finished 19th in the GS at the Utah Invitational.

2006: Raced to 21st in both the slalom and giant slalom at the NCAA Championships ... garnered 19th in the GS and 21st in the SL at the NCAA West Regionals ... honor roll student.



Record Book

National Finishes

Year	Combined
2007	4th
2006	8th
2005	3rd
2004	2nd
2003	1st
2002	3rd
2001	4th
2000	4th
1999	4th
1998	2nd
1997	1st
1996	1st
1995	2nd
1994	2nd
1993	1st
1992	3rd
1991	3rd
1990	2nd
1989	2nd
1988	1st
1987	1st
1986	1st
1985	2nd
1984	1st
1983	1st

	Men	Women
1982	3rd	3rd
1981	1st	4th
1980	2nd	4th
1979	2nd	2nd
1978	5th	1st
1977	5th	2nd
1976	5th	2nd
1975	6th	-
1974	12th	-
1972	16th	-
1971	8th	-
1967	4th	-
1966	5th	-
1965	2nd	-
1959	4th	-
1957	6th	-
1956	7th	-
1955	7th	-
1954	6th	-

* The NCAA began sponsoring a combined championship in 1983 following the discontinuation of the AIAW.

Near Right: Scott Veenis won the national championship in the giant slalom in 2006.

Far Right: Snorri Einarsson celebrates as he crosses the line first in the 20-km classic in 2007.

Men's National Champions

10-Kilometer Freestyle		
1995	Havard Solbakken	27:24.5
1999	Rune Kollerud	27:19.6
2004	Henning Dybendel	21:27.9
10-Kilometer Classical		
1989	Hans Sjulstad	30:03.8
1990	Luke Bodensteiner	29:31.20
1993	Luke Bodensteiner	31:41.10
1994	Havard Solbakken	30:39.2
20-Kilometer Classical		
1995	Thomas Weman	52:39.2
2004	Henning Dybendal	53:11.9
2007	Snorri Einarsson	55:06.0
Slalom		
1959	Marvin Melville	1:59.0
1962	Jim Gaddis	1:26.7
1979	Per Nicolaysen	1:23.61
1981	Scott Hoffman	1:26.80
1985	Jeff Durtschi	1:41.92
1993	Mark Bonnell	1:32.56
1994	L.-Francois Gagnon	1:36.23
2001	Jernej Bukovec	1:24.50
Giant Slalom		
1996	Andrew Hare,	1:41.49
2003	Ben Thornhill	1:59.78
2004	Ben Thornhill	1:52.24
2006	Scott Veenis	2:12.19

Alpine		
1959	Marvin Melville	1:40.0
1960	Jim Gaddis	1:39.0
1962	Jim Gaddis	3:29.7
Nordic		
1965	Matz Jenssen	7:31.65
1966	Frithjof Prydz	7:09.4
1967	Matz Jenssen	7:10.5
Cross Country		
1979	Svein Arne Osen	52:40.51
1981	Bernt Lund	49:48.6
1984	John Aalberg	44:57.9
1985	John Aalberg	49:49.8
1986	H.-Martin Sjulstad	41:55.7
1987	Asmund Drivenes	36:17.6
Cross Country Relay		
1984	Utah	1:29:17.1
1986	Utah	1:35:15.8
1987	Utah	1:15:56.0
Downhill		
1959	Marvin Melville	1:28.8
Jumping		
1964	Frithjof Prydz	214.5
1966	Frithjof Prydz	225.3
1967	Bjorn Loken	213.5
1976	Kip Sundgaard	215.9
1977	Ron Steele	228.1
Skimeister		
1967	Matz Jenssen	365.2

Women's National Champions

5-Kilometer Freestyle		
1995	Heidi Selnes	15:51.8
2003	Katrin Smigun	13:29.7
15-Kilometer Classical		
1992	Kristin Vestgren	48:53.4
1995	Heidi Selnes	45:32.4
2003	Katrin Smigun	46:30.7
Slalom		
1984	Bente Dahlum	1:31.99
1990	Anke Friedrich	1:25.04
1992	Katja Lesjak	1:35.12
2001	Petra Svet	1:28.76
2003	Lina Johansson	1:35.03
Giant Slalom		
1983	Kathy Kreiner	1:51.79
1984	Bente Dahlum	2:32.57
1987	Vibeke Hoff	2:13.18
1989	Anke Friedrich	1:19.98
1990	Anke Friedrich	1:54.36
1993	Karianne Eriksen	1:53.48
1994	Christl Hager	2:07.06
1995	Christl Hager	2:08.36
1997	Christl Hager	2:14.39



Men's All-Americans



Year	Name	Event	Year	Name	Event	Year	Name	Event
1957	Spence Eccles	A	1981	Bjorn Gefle	A		Hans Martin Sjulstad	N
	Marv Melville	S		Mark Halvorson	A		Erik Baumann	N
1959	Bill Spencer	N		Scott Hoffman	A	1989	Justin Wadsworth	N
	Marv Melville	S		Albert Innamorati	A		Hans Martin Sjulstad	N
1960	Bob Irvine	N		Bernt Lund	N		Erik Baumann	N
	Jim Gaddis	A		Trygve Mikkelsen	N		Thomas Lium	N
1961	Alan Engen	S	1982	Bjorn Gefle	A	1990	Henrik Smith-Meyer	A
	Jim Gaddis	A		Albert Innamorati	A		Luke Bodensteiner	N
1962	Jim Gaddis	A		Bernt Lund	N		Thomas Lium	N
1964	Fritjof Prydz	N		Trygve Mikkelsen	N		Brent Nixon	A
1965	Fritjof Prydz	N	1983	Harald Gefle	A	1991	Oyvind Ragnhildstveit	A
	Matz Jensen	N		Dave Roth	A		Per Kaare Langlo	A
	Pete Karns	S		Bernt Lund	N		John Ethen	A
1966	Fritjof Prydz	N		Knut Engebretsen	N		Loic Lemoine	A
	Dave Engen	S		Trygve Mikkelsen	N		Luke Bodensteiner	N
	Bjorn Loken	N		Bjorn Gefle	A		Ole Evensen	N
	Pete Karns	S		Scott Hutcheson	A		John Farra	N
1967	Matz Jensen	N	1984	John Aalberg	N	1992	Nicolas Robichon	A
	Bjorn Loken	N		Knut Engebretsen	N		Peter Klofutar	N
1969	Ralph Wakley	N		Bernt Lund	N	1993	Mark Bonnell	A
1971	Frederik Bjornstad	N		Knut Aronsen	A		John Ethen	A
	Tom McGhie	A		Harald Gefle	A		Per Johansson	A
1973	Tom McGhie	A		Dave Roth	A		Nicolas Robichon	A
1974	Dag Bjorkheim	N	1985	John Aalberg	N		Luke Bodensteiner	N
1975	Ron Steele	N		Knut Engebretsen	N		Marcus Nash	N
	Jean Peter Ostbye	A		Lars Goran Dahl	N	1994	Mark Bonnell	A
1976	Jan Bjorkheim	N		Jeff Durtschi	A		Louis Francois Gagnon	A
	Kip Sungaard	J		Rolf Bjorne	A		Einar Johansen	A
	Ron Steele	J	1986	Knut Aronsen	A		Andy Hare	A
1977	Ron Steele	J		Erik Baumann	N		Sten Grahn	N
	Jan Bjorkheim	N		Jeff Durtschi	A		Havard Solbakken	N
1978	Jan Bjorkheim	N		Asmund Drivenes	N	1995	Mike Elvidge	A
	Steve Bounous	A		Igor Podboj	A		Per Johansson	A
	John Higgins	A		Henrik Smith-Meyer	A		Andy Hare	A
1979	Jan Bjorkheim	N		Hans Martin Sjulstad	N		Havard Solbakken	N
	Olav Hansson	J	1987	Henrik Smith-Meyer	A		Asle Slettemoen	N
	Steve Bounous	A		Ben Akers	A		Torry Kraftson	N
	Per Chr. Nicolaisen	A		Asmund Drivenes	N		Thomas Weman	N
	Svein Arve Olsen	N		Erik Baumann	N	1996	Andy Hare	A
1980	Per Chr. Nicolaisen	A		Hans Martin Sjulstad	N		Alain-F Britt-Cote	A
	Jostein Masdal	A		Igor Podboj	A		Tor Arne Haugen	N
	John Higgins	A	1988	Brent Nixon	A		Asle Slettemoen	N
	Bjorn Gefle	A		Igor Podboj	A		Kurt Wulff	N
	Olav Hansson	J		Henrik Smith-Meyer	A	1997	Alain Franck Britt-Cote	A
	Henning Rudd	N		Gordon Perry	A		Ryan Forsyth	A
							Marcus Leunig	A
							Rune Kollerud	N
							Frode Kollerud	N
							Kurt Wulff	N
						1998	Patrick Casey	N
							Ryan Forsyth	A
							Frode Kollerud	N
							Rune Kollerud	N
						1999	Scott Woodland	A
							Markus Leunig	A
							Frode Kollerud	N
							Rune Kollerud	N
						2000	Jernej Bukovec	A
							Scott Woodland	A
							Rob Whitney	N
							Petter Svendsen	N
						2001	Jed Schuetze	A
							Torin Koos	N
							Pat Casey	N
							Petter Svendsen	N
							Jernej Bukovec	A
							Scott Woodland	A
						2002	Jernej Bukovec	A
							Josh Whitham	A
							Pierre Olsson	A
							Torin Koos	N
							Ryan Quinn	N
							Petter Svendsen	N
						2003	Jernej Bukovec	A
							Pierre Olsson	A
							Ben Thornhill	A
							Ryan Quinn	N
						2004	Henning Dybendal	N
							Ben Thornhill	A
						2005	Magnus Carlsson	N
							Daniel Sonntag	N
							Mark Heinrich-Wallace	A
							Ben Thornhill	A
						2006	Scott Veenis	A
						2007	Scott Veenis	A
							Snorri Einarsson	N
							Even Sletten	N

A: Alpine S: Skimeister
N: Nordic J: Jumping



Tague Thorson won the giant slalom title at the 2007 Australia-New Zealand Cup. He is a returning NCAA qualifier.



Sarah MacCarthy has competed well in pre-season competitions for the Utes.



Women's All-Americans



Year	Name	Event									
1975	Toril Forland	A		Sonja Stotz	A		Heidi Standteiner	A	Kristin Tjelle	N	
1978	Hillary Forest	A	1987	Katrina Terzian	A		Karianne Eriksen	A	Hailey Wappett	N	
	Lyndall Heyer	A		Vibeke Hoff	A		Sylvie Seigneur	A	Marianne Winge	A	
1980	Nina Bloch Hansen	N		Sonja Stotz	A		Kristin Vestgren	N	1999	Sabrina Lawrence	A
	Tone Planke	N		Cristina Brichetti	A		Erica Alexander	N		Tina Kavcic	A
1981	Tone Planke	N	1988	Kim Csizmazia	N	1993	Karianne Eriksen	A	2000	Sabrina Lawrence	A
	Runa Skyttersaeter	N		Kjersti Nilsen	A		Petra Pirc	A		Kristina Joder	N
	Anna Dorte Carlson	A		Sonja Stotz	A		Heidi Standteiner	A	2001	Petra Svet	A
1982	Bente Dahlum	A		Sondra Van Ert	A		Kristin Vestgren	N	2002	April Mancuso	A
	Tone Jahren	N		Anne Kari Aas	N		Anne Sofie Broers	N		Petra Svet	A
1983	Bente Dahlum	A		Maria Yregard	N	1994	Christl Hager	A		Annik Boulva	A
	Kathy Kreiner	A		Simone Brake	N		Edith Rozsa	A		Janna Kettunen	N
	Jill Robins	A	1989	Anne Kari Aas	N		Heidi Standteiner	A	2003	Rowena Bright	A
	Anne Dorte Carlson	A		Kris Ryan	N		Eva Sagerstedt	N		Lina Johansson	A
1984	Bente Dahlum	A		Kim Csizmazia	N	1995	Christl Hager	A		Petra Svet	A
	Kathy Kreiner	A		Simone Brake	N		Benedicte Johansen	A		Katrin Smigun	N
	Andrea Trepp	A		Anke Friedrich	A		Heidi Selnes	N		Sara Svendsen	N
	Jill Robins	A		Heidi Dahlgren	A		Ingvil Snofugl	N	2004	Jenny Hansson	N
	Tone Jahren	N		Katja Lesjak	A		Ulrika Svenstedt	N		Barbro Hatlevik	N
	Hanne Mette Eriksen	N	1990	Kjersti Nilsen	A	1996	Christl Hager	A		Rowena Hyldayl	A
	Marit Lind	N		Anke Friedrich	A		Tina Kavcic	A		April Mancuso	A
1985	Lynne LaCasse	A		Katja Lesjak	A		Heather Munroe	A	2005	Sandra Gredig	N
	Katrina Terzian	A		Heidi Dahlgren	A		Heidi Selnes	N		April Mancuso	A
	Jill Robins	A		Gillian Frost	A	1997	Ingvil Snofugl	N	2006	Sara Schweiger	N
	Kari Syrdalen	N		Anne Kari Aas	N		Christl Hager	A	2007	Mikaela Grassi	A
	Tone Jahren	N		Kim Csizmazia	N		Tina Kavcic	A		Sara Schweiger	A
	Maria Yregard	N		Kris Ryan	N		Marianne Winge	A		Chirine Njeim	N
1986	Kim Csizmazia	N	1991	Karianne Eriksen	A		Stine Hellerud	N			
	Anne Grevy	A		Venke Hatleberg	N		Hailey Wappett	N			
	Jill Robins	A		Anne Kari Aas	N	1998	Alicia Howard	A			
			1992	Katja Lesjak	A		Sabrina Lawrence	A			

A: Alpine
N: Nordic

Ute Olympians

United States

Torin Koos	2002, '06
Kristina Joder	2002
John Aalberg	1992, '94
Luke Bodensteiner	1994
Corey Engen	1948
Jon Steven Engen	1988
John Farra	1992
Dev Jennings	1948
Peter Karns	1972 ('76 coach)
Terry Kern	1976
Laura McCabe	1994, '98
Margo Walter McDonald	1964
Marvin Melville	1956, '60
	1964 (Asst. Coach)
Dick Mitchell	1952, '56
Dick Movitz	1948
Jim Murphy	1952
Marcus Nash	1994, '98
Jack Reddish	1948
Darrell "Pinky" Robinson	1952
Jeane Saulbert	1964
William Allen Spencer	1964, '68
	1972 (Team Leader)
	1984 (Team Leader)
Ron Steele	1972
Kip G. Sundgaard	1976
Sandra VanErt	1998
Justin Wadsworth	1994, '98
Ralph Wakley	1968
Anne Jeanette Winn	1948

International Olympians

Chirine Njeim	Lebanon
Eva Huckova	Slovakia
Rowena Bright	Australia
Toril Forland	Norway
Kathy Kreiner	Canada
Fritjof Prydz	Norway



Top Right: The 1981 team won Utah's first NCAA Championship since 1944.

Lower Right: The Utes won their 10th NCAA title in 2003.



The University of Utah, a hub for higher education from the Rockies to the Sierras, boasts an academic reputation that is rivaled only by its breathtaking location. To the east rise the 11,500 foot, snow-capped peaks of the Wasatch Mountains. To the west, the Great Salt Lake shimmers beneath the Oquirrh Mountains. The 1,500-acre campus, nestled in the foothills of the Wasatch Mountains, is a beautiful collage of native and exotic trees, fountains, flowering malls and pedestrian walkways.

Founded in 1850, the U. has established itself as an international center for scientific, medical and engineering research. Scientists from the University of Utah have identified more genes with diseases than anywhere else in the world.

The University of Utah is one of only 88 universities in the United States classified by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching as a Research I university—defined by its full range of undergraduate programs, commitment to graduate education and the high priority given to research. It is ranked 28th nationally out of 127 major public research universities according to the Lombardi Program for Measuring University Performance.

The University offers 77 undergraduate majors, 80 minors and certificates, and 95 graduate majors. Academic opportunities at the U. include schools of law, medicine, architecture, pharmacy, business and engineering, among others.

Utah draws its 28,000-plus student population from all 50 states and more than 100 foreign countries.

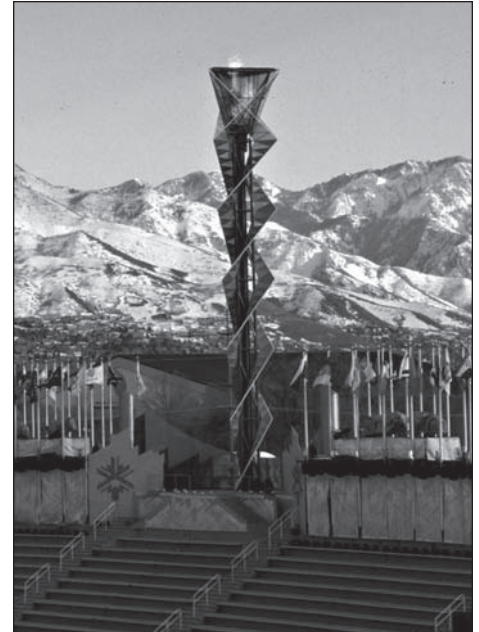
Research Park, which is located on 320 acres adjacent to the campus, features the Huntsman Cancer Institute, the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, the Eccles Institute of Human Genetics and the Moran Eye Center. The Huntsman Cancer Institute houses the largest genetic database in the world and is the only National Cancer Institute in the Intermountain West. Gene targeting was developed at the Eccles Institute. The Moran Eye Center is considered one of the top eye centers in the world.

The U. is also noted for technology transfer and its Center for High Performance Computing serves as a link to major aerospace industries, high-tech manufacturers and research companies. It manages one of the three most successful technology parks in the U.S., with more than 40 high-tech companies created by University faculty. The U. has had a presence on the Internet since 1970, when it became the Internet's fourth node.

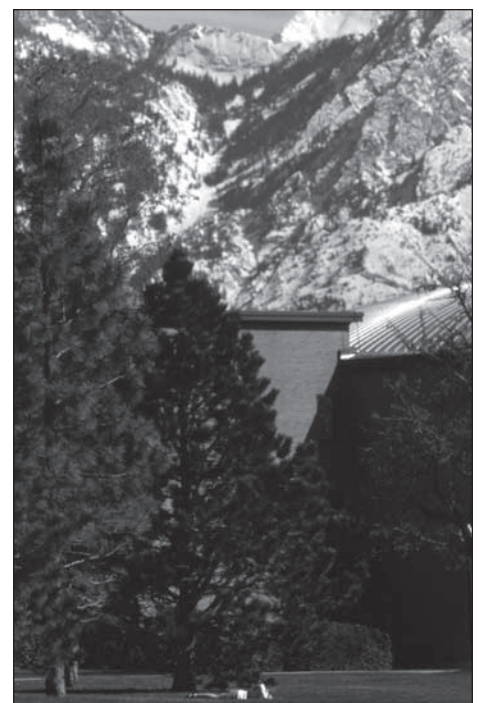
The U.'s location in the largest city in the Intermountain West also provides a metropolitan charm. The 36th-largest metro area in the nation (population 1,333,914), Salt Lake is home to professional symphony, ballet, modern dance, opera and theater companies, as well as five professional sports teams.

The University of Utah

- Founded in 1850
- Research I university
- 172 degrees (undergraduate/graduate)
- Enrollment of 28,619
- Campus is located on 1,500 acres
- Medical and Law Schools
- Nation's first American Indian Social Work program



Utah competes at many of the same venues used in the 2002 Winter Olympics.





Athlete Development

The Utah ski team has a variety of resources available to them, from state-of-the-art training facilities to a top-notch staff. The athletes weight train in the 7,500 square foot Dee Glen Smith Center. The elite training facility has 16 full racks with Olympic platforms, a large dumbbell training area complete with 12 0-90 degree incline walk-up benches, and a large cardiovascular area complete with treadmills, cross trainers, stair steppers and spin bikes. The strength and conditioning program concentrates on strength training, speed development, flexibility, mental toughness, conditioning, injury prevention and motivation. Under the direction of Doug Elisaia, the director of strength and conditioning, the skiing teams work with strength and conditioning graduate assistant Pete Link.

To care for the athlete's injuries, the Utah athletics program maintains a partnership with a veteran sports medicine team supervised by Dr. Bob Burks, director of the University of Utah Sports Medicine Center at Red Butte Clinic. The sports medicine staff is headed by head trainer Bill Bean and associate trainer Deb Willardson, while the ski team works with Sarah Gley and Candice Colton on a daily basis.

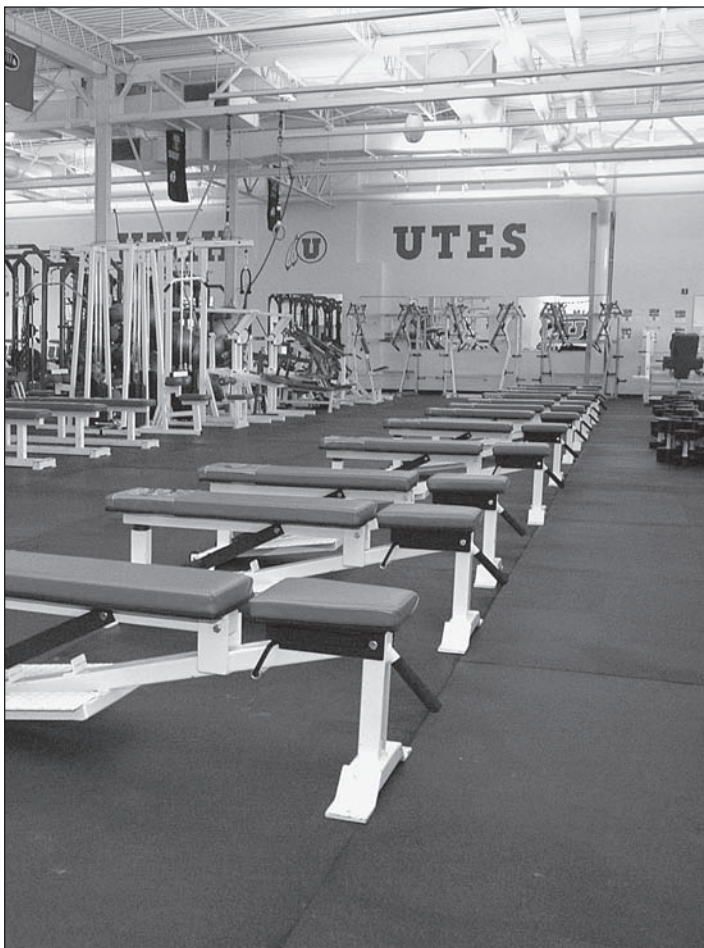
Other resources available to Utah skiers to care for their physical well being include a sports psychologist and nutritionist.



Skiers run up 'Agony Hill.'



Skiers also train in Utah's indoor practice facility.





As an academic institution, the University of Utah enjoys a richly deserved reputation for excellence in education. The Utah athletics department works to ensure that each of its student-athletes takes advantage of the academic opportunities offered. With three full-time athletic academic advisors, the U. provides specialized academic counseling for its student-athletes.

The U. employs four full-time academic advisers for its student-athletes. The department is under the direction of director of athletic-academic services JoAnn Hulbert-Eagan, winner of 2002 Perlman Award for Excellence in Student Counseling. The ski teams are advised by Rachel Lassiter.

The Ute academic team monitors the studies of each student-athlete to ensure he or she is making progress toward a degree. The academic advisers also dispense their knowledge of departmental and University requirements, and assist with course registration and the exploration and selection of majors.

Best GPA

The women's ski team has had the best overall grade point average of any athletics team at Utah the past two seasons.

Programs

Study Table

Available to all student-athletes, regardless of year or GPA.

Tutorial Program

Individual tutors, drop-in tutoring, and exam reviews.

Life Skills Center

Provides student-athletes avenues for personal development, community service and leadership resources. Offers student-athletes information on possible career choices through the Strong Interest Inventory given to all freshmen in the Life Skills class.

Internships

The "Partnering with U." program offers career mentoring, shadowing and internship opportunities with area businesses.

Fifth-Year Senior Program

Provides financial assistance to student-athletes whose eligibility has expired before they have finished their degrees.

Summer School

Financial aid for summer school is available to Ute student-athletes who meet the criteria.

Priority Registration

U. student-athletes are given priority registration, which allows them to schedule classes around practices and training.

Academics at Utah

Research

The U. is classified as a Research I university and is an international center for medical and engineering research. Research Park, which is located on 320 acres adjacent to the campus, encompasses the Huntsman Cancer Institute, the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, the Eccles Institute of Human Genetics and the Moran Eye Center.

Grants

One of the leading universities in the nation in federal research grants, the U. received \$301 million in grants and contracts in 2005-06. The School of Medicine received over \$85.5 million in research grants and awards for the development of new technologies, treatments and cures in 2005-06.

A Great Place to Learn

The Princeton Review ranked the University of Utah No. 1 for learning environment in 2005 (based on a survey of students).

Programs

The University offers 77 majors, 70 minors and certificates, and 95 graduate majors. Its colleges include a college of law, medicine and architecture.

Computer Services

The Burbidge Athletics Academic Center features the latest in computer technology and a lab with 25 computers. Laptop computers are also available for team travel. The U., which was one of the first schools to go up on the Internet, offers free electronic mail accounts to all students.



The Burbidge Center is central to Utah's classrooms and athletic venues.



The center features a large computer lab, academic advising offices, group and one-on-one tutoring rooms and houses the Life Skills/Career Resource Center.

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Jan. 5-6, 2008	Colorado Invitational	Steamboat Springs, Colo.
Jan. 11-14, 2008	Utah Invitational	Park City, Utah
Jan. 19-20	Colorado Invitational	Snow Mountain Ranch, Colo.
Feb. 1-2, 2008	Western State Invitational	Crested Butte, Mont.
Feb. 8, 2008	New Mexico Invitational	Taos, N.M.
Feb. 22-23, 2008	NCAA West Regional	Bridger Bowl/Bohart Ranch, Mont.
March 5-7, 2008	NCAA Championships	Bridger Bowl/Bohart Ranch, Mont.

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