

For those of you who were fortunate enough to hear Brooks Johnson's talk on Sunday night, March 30, at SMVTI, and for those who missed the talk, the following blurb will be of interest.



BROOKS JOHNSON Director of Track

Brooks Johnson, now in his eighth season as Director of Track and Field at Stanford, continues to add to his already impressive list of credentials.

Johnson, the first black head coach in Stanford athletic history, was the U.S. women's track coach for the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

The 52-year old Johnson has already logged time as the 1976 U.S. Olympic sprint coach, so the international circuit is nothing out of the ordinary for him.

Early in 1983, Johnson was named 1982's Coach of the Year by *Runner's World Magazine*. He has led the Stanford women's cross country team to four con-

secutive conference championships and has been named the conference's Coach of the Year each season (1982-85). Johnson also guided his men's cross country team to its first-ever Pac-10 Championship last season and was accorded Pac-10 Coach of the Year honors as well.

Formerly the track and field coach at Santa Fe Community College in Gainesville, Florida, Johnson has been highly regarded for his national and international coaching background. Besides his assistantship at the Montreal Olympic Games, he served as head coach of the U.S. National Teams on several occasions.

Johnson's expertise in coaching women has been demonstrated for the past five years at Stanford. In that time span, the women's cross country team has placed third in the nation in 1981 and second in 1982, '83 and '84 while winning four straight conference titles. In 1983, the Cardinal missed winning the national championship by a scant three points.

Under his tutelage, numerous All-Americans and several NCAA champions have been produced. Seventeen of his athletes have become Olympic team members and he has produced many world record holders in his long coaching career.

Johnson twice coached the U.S. National Indoor team which toured Germany and Russia in 1969 and hosted the U.S.S.R. in 1973. He was named head coach of the U.S. Pan American team in 1971 and directed the Americans when they visited Europe and Africa in 1973. He also piloted the U.S. Women's National team in both 1969 and 1973.

A 1956 graduate of Tufts University in Medford, Massachusetts, Johnson was captain and All-American on the track team. While at Tufts, he was the NCAA record holder for the indoor 60-yard dash.

He gained international recognition for the first time in 1960 when he established the indoor world record for the 60-yard dash. Johnson later represented the U.S. National team on a tour of Europe and Africa in 1961. He was also a member of the 1963 U.S. Pan American team that won a gold medal in the 440-yard dash.

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