SOUTHWESTERN LOSES REVERED TRACK COACH/ASSISTANT A.D. TO CUYAMACA COLLEGE

SPORTS

“Somewhere on my body I’ll still have on Jaguar colors.”

TONIE CAMPBELL
DEAN OF ATHLETICS, KINESIOLOGY, AND HEALTH SCIENCES AT CUYAMACA COLLEGE

“Keepin’ track of what’s most important”

BY EMILY INGCO

September 26, 1988 XXIV Olympiad. Seoul, South Korea.

Heart pounding, Anthony “Tony” Campbell wiggled his feet tightly into the blocks for the 110-meter hurdle race in front of 70,000 cheering people.

“On your mark!”

Campbell tensed and stretched in red, white and blue tights.

“Set!”

Dropping his head low, Campbell raised his hips and stared ahead.

Inhale. BANG!

Snaps drifted from the starter’s pistol and Campbell was already meters down the vermilion polyurethane. Just 13.38 seconds later, Campbell blazed across the finish line, bullets of sweat streaking across his taut face.

13.38. Bronze. Made the podium!

Three-time Olympian Campbell, the kid from Banning High School in Wilmington, California, had a medal. His life would never be the same.

“Track was not even teenage Tony’s favorite sport.”

“I was always a baseball and football player growing up,” he said. “When I got to high school I wanted to take one year off from baseball and football.”

Campbell’s father said okay as long as he played another sport to stay active during the spring.

“My friends were all going out for track and field,” he said. “I didn’t even know what that was.”

Campbell was drawn to the hurdling group, specifically the low hurdles. Banning’s hurdles captain had other plans for the young Campbell.

“He showed me really really hard,” Campbell said. “A hurdle was right in my way. I was going to crash into it, but instead I jumped over it. Lo and behold it was a high hurdle.”

“I was at love at first flight for Campbell who was a high hurdler from that day forward. He became a state champion during the spring.

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Tony Campbell made three Olympic teams, then spent decades helping other athletes reach their goals. He took special pleasure coaching Paralympians and disabled athletes.

“I admire all the things he has done as an author, Olympian and philanthropist. He’s someone I’ve admired for years. I love him like a brother.”

JENNIFER HARPER
SC Athletics Director

COACH HELPS VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE FLIP THE SCRIPT

“Whenever I had a decathlon meet, we would always take his car or rent a van and it would be just us, hanging out and talking a lot. He knows so much, so to me he was a really great coach, a really great mentor. He was a really nice, supportive guy.”

JOSH GODFREY, USC Santa Barbara decathlete

BY ALICIA RIVERO

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FIGHTING FOR INNER PEACE — Alliance BJJ Eastlake teaches children but also women who suffer violence.

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Officials in San Diego city and protesters fenced off by San Diego police voiced opposition across the street. Morones said most elected officials in San Diego city and county indicated to many things they oppose the Wilson statue, but claim to be powerless to remove it because it is private property on private land. That is irrelevant, Morones said. “It is not public property, but thousands of people still see it every day,” he said. “If it were a confederate flag or a swastika it would be taken down. Symbols of hate have no place in this city or country.”

Morones said he is disappointed in San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria, an out member of the LGBTQ community, for not moving to have the statue removed. “We talked to Todd Gloria before he was mayor,” Morones said. “He said he would support us. Same with (San Diego Council Member) Steve Whitburn. As soon as they were elected to office they backed away and did not keep their promises.”

Darwin Fishman, co-founder of the Racial Justice Coalition of San Diego, agreed. He said this is a relatively rare effort by Latino activists to have a statue removed. Most of the recent successful removals have been by African-American activists, he said. “I think it is a healthy movement in society to critically examine all statues, monuments and plaques that honor people, that is why it is safe to say that in the case of Wilson’s statue for 15 years. Victory seemed at hand in 2020 when the owner of the stadium temporarily removed it, but it was short lived. He said he is optimistic that the statue will be finally removed once and for all.”

“Dr. (Martin Luther) King said the arc of the moral universe is long but it will bend towards justice,” Morones said. “We will continue to oppose this symbol of hate in the middle of our beautiful city. Pete Wilson, like Robert E. Lee and Christopher Columbus, represents a racist past that we will not allow to remain.”

“We need to work together to make it happen,” he said. “We do not know how to do it, some schools do not know how to do it, but it was done. So we are short time away from it.”

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