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SEAN FUREY AND GENEVIEVE GRAFF-ERMELING JOIN VS ATHLETICS

LOS ANGELES, CA—Javelin thrower **Sean Furey** and distance runner **Genevieve Graff-Ermeling** are the newest additions to the VS Athletics Track Club.

A 2005 graduate of Dartmouth, Sean placed 3rd at the Division-I NCAA Track & Field Championships in Sacramento with a PR and new school record of **242'2"**. Earlier in the season he won the NCAA East Regional title by more than 13 feet and took first place at the Ivy League/Heptagonal Championship by more than 20 feet to earn 1ST Team All-Ivy League honors. An engineering major, Sean earned both a B.A. and a B.E. degree from Dartmouth's Thayer School of Engineering and graduated with a 3.54 GPA. He was selected as the 2005 "Men's Scholar-Athlete of the Year" by the U.S. Track & Field Coaches Association. Sean now works for the Raytheon Corporation and is moving to one of its California locations to train with VS Javelin Coach, Todd Riech. "I appreciate everything that VS Athletics is doing to create a great post collegiate club environment. I'm really looking forward to working with Todd and getting to the next level," says Sean.

"Sean is the real deal, Todd Riech added. We are both totally committed to Sean earning a sport on the U.S. Olympic Team in 2008."

A graduate of Concordia University in Irvine, **Genevieve Graff-Ermeling** is currently doing research for her M.A. degree in Education. As a high school athlete, she placed 2nd in the 800m and 3rd in the 1600 at the 1989 Colorado State Meet. She went on to attend Concordia University in Irvine where she won NAIA All-America honors in Track & Field and Cross Country. After taking 8-years off from training to work as a missionary in Japan, Genevieve returned to Concordia and won the 2002 NAIA National Championship indoors and outdoors at 5000 meters and was runner-up in the indoor mile and outdoor 1500m. In total, she won NAIA All-America honors 6-times in Track & Field and twice in Cross Country while also playing point guard on the basketball team. In 2004, she qualified for the U.S. Olympic Trials in both the 5000 meters and 1500 meters with PRs of **15:56.30** and **4:17.14**.

"In 2003-04, Genevieve made a meteoric rise to become one of America's most promising 5000 meter runners, say VS distance coach, Skip Stolley. It's been tragic to see her progress halted by injuries the past 2-years. Getting her 100% healthy, and keeping her that way, will be our highest priority. She is a truly exceptional competitor and we are both looking forward to her being on the starting line once again at the U.S. Olympic Trials in Eugene in 2008."

Genevieve will run cross country with the VS Athletics team this fall, as well as several high-profile road races around the country.

Athletes interested in joining
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are invited to contact:

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