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Huskies Prep For Season's Stretch Run At Drake Relays, Oregon Invite

On the Track: Washington closes out April with a return to Eugene for an annual Northwest classic, the Oregon Invitational. Small-college and club squads from throughout the region will join Washington, Oregon and a handful of Division-I schools for the two-day meet, which begins with the 10,000-meter races late Friday, and concludes with a full day of competition Saturday. Selected individuals and several relay squads will fly in a different direction this week, joining thousands of the nation's elite college, prep and professional runners for the prestigious Drake Relays in Des Moines, Iowa. Triple jumper **Marcus Kelly** and hurdlers **Kelsey Sheppard** and **Brad Goodrich** will join a contingent of runners who will comprise relays at distances from 800 meters to 6,400 meters at the three day meet. Husky competition at the Drake Relays begins with the hurdles prelims, the women's 4x1600-meter relay, the men's 5,000 meters and a pair of steeplechases on Thursday, and concludes Sunday with the men's 4x400-meter relay final.

Last Week: While a handful of Washington athletes represented the squad at the elite Mt. SAC Relays in California, the majority of the team battled top Northwest foes at the Bronco Invitational. Washington's women's squads swept a four-way dual, defeating Idaho, Idaho State and host Boise State, while the men's squad fell to Idaho State and Boise State in its pair of duals. Sophomore sprinter **Cristian Adams** and javelin throwers **Josh Robinson** and **Rigel Wise** upped the number of Washington's Pac-10 qualifiers to 32 with strong efforts in their primary events. Adams placed second in the 400 meters in 47.65 seconds, the 11th-fastest mark in the Pac-10 this year, while Robinson and Wise cracked the conference leaderboard with throws of 202-7 and 170-0, respectively. Wins by **Todd Arnold** (800m), **Lindsey Egerdahl** (800m, 1500m), **Sandy Erickson** (pole vault), **Jesse Giordano** (110m HH), **LeTasha Moore** (400m), **Heather Reichmann** (javelin), **Searan Salibian** (shot put) and **Kelsey Sheppard** (100m HH, 400m IH) highlighted the Huskies' performance. At Mt. SAC, pole vaulter **Brad Walker** and middle-distance specialist **Courtney Inman** each earned impressive victories over stellar fields, with Walker equaling his lifetime best at 17-8 1/2, and Inman moving into fourth on UW's all-time 1500-meter list with a 4:20.58 mark.

Drake Relays Schedule of Events*

Thursday, April 25

3:30 p.m.** 400m IH Prelims (W)
3:45 p.m. 400m IH Prelims (Men)
4:00 p.m. Steeplechase (Women)
4:20 p.m. Steeplechase (Men)
5:00 p.m. 5000m (Men)
5:20 p.m. 4x1600m Relay (Women)

Friday, April 26

8:30 a.m. 4x200m Relay Prelims (W)
12:40 p.m. Dist. Med. Relay (Women)
12:55 p.m. 4x1600m Relay (Men)
2:57 p.m. 4x800m Relay (Men)
3:35 p.m. 400m IH Finals (Women)
3:43 p.m. 400m IH Finals (Men)
3:50 p.m. 4x200m Relay Final (W)
5:38 p.m. 4x400m Relay Prelim (W)

Saturday, April 27

11:15 a.m. Triple Jump (Men)
11:35 a.m. Spr. Med. Relay (Women)
11:55 a.m. Spr. Medley Relay (Men)
2:20 p.m. Dist. Med. Relay (Men)
2:48 p.m. 1500m (Women)
4:57 p.m. 1500m (Men)
5:44 p.m. 4x400m Relay (Women)
6:00 p.m. 4x400m Relay (Men)

* -- Events with Husky entries only; for a complete listing of events and entries, visit www.drakerelays.org.

** -- All times CST.

Oregon Invitational Schedule of Events*

Saturday, April 27

Morning Session (Winners Invited to Evening Session)

10:15 a.m.	Shot Put (Women)
	Discus (Men)
10:35 a.m.	110m HH (Men)
10:45 a.m.	100m Dash (Women)
11:15 a.m.	Triple Jump (Women)
11:30 a.m.	Pole Vault Lower Section (Women)
	Pole Vault Lower Section (Men After Women)
	High Jump (Women)
12:15 p.m.	400m IH (Women)
12:20 p.m.	Shot Put (Men)
12:25 p.m.	400m IH (Men)
1:10 p.m.	200m Dash (Women)
1:30 p.m.	5000m Run (Men)
2:10 p.m.	3000m Steeplechase (Women)

Evening Session

3:00 p.m.	Hammer Throw (Women)
3:40 p.m.	Javelin (Men)
4:30 p.m.	High Jump (Men)
	Pole Vault Higher Section (Women)
5:15 p.m.	Long Jump (Women)
5:20 p.m.	Triple Jump (Men)
5:25 p.m.	Pole Vault Higher Section (Men)
5:50 p.m.	110m HH (Men)
6:05 p.m.	Javelin (Women)
6:15 p.m.	100m Dash (Women)
6:40 p.m.	400m IH (Women)
6:47 p.m.	400m IH (Men)
6:55 p.m.	200m Dash (Women)
7:05 p.m.	Mile Run (Men)
7:50 p.m.	5000m Run (Men)

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Huskies Among Nation's Elite: Both Husky squads remained in this week's top-20 of the U.S. Track Coaches Association Dual Meet Power Rankings, which simulate head-to-head competition between the nation's elite collegiate squads. The Husky women held steady at No. 10, with career-best marks in the hammer from **Kameko Gay** and in the javelin from **Heather Reichmann** helping the team increase their point total to 327.68. Washington inched closer to top-ranked UCLA, which held on to No. 1 for the second-consecutive week with 389.34 points. The Husky men, meanwhile, picked up three points despite a pair of dual-meet losses, but fell five spots for the second-consecutive week, settling in at No. 20 with a score of 310.25. Indoor national champion Tennessee remained on top for the 15th-straight week, scoring 373.3 to lead No. 2 UCLA by 16 points.

Leading the Pac: With three more qualifiers this weekend, Washington has already qualified 32 athletes in 22 different events for May's Pac-10 Championship meet at Washington State University in Pullman. Sophomore **Cristian Adams** earned his first-ever Pac-10 mark with a qualifier in the 400m, and was joined on the list of new qualifiers by javelin throwers **Josh Robinson** and **Rigel Wise**. Six Huskies have earned qualifying marks in more than one event. Sophomore **Eric Garner** (800m, 1500m, 5000m) is a three-way qualifier, as is senior **Kelsey Sheppard** (400m, 100m HH, 400m IH) and true freshman **Lisa Gibbs** (1500m, 5000m, 10000m). A pair of women's distance runners have done the double, with junior **Courtney Inman** (800m, 1500m) junior **Kate Bradshaw** (5000m, 10000m) each qualified in multiple events, while the men's team has matched them step-for-step, with senior **Mike Hill** (Steeplechase, 5000m) and junior transfer **Jeremy Park** (1500m, 5000m).

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meeting more than one conference standard. Those seven may be joined at the Pac-10 meet by a talented crop of true freshmen qualifiers including **Lindsey Egerdahl** (1500m), **Andy Fader** (1500m), **Jamie Gibbs** (5000m), **Laura Halvorsen** (steeplechase), **Michael Kiter** (5000m), **James Sims** (triple jump), **Kate Soma** (pole vault) and Wise. First-time qualifiers Adams, Robinson and junior transfer **Sabrina Monro** (1500m), the 2000 Big Sky Conference champion, will also make their Pac-10 debuts. The conference newcomers will be joined by a strong corps of experienced athletes including sophomore **Todd Arnold** (1500m), junior **Sandy Erickson** (pole vault), junior **Kameko Gay** (shot put), sophomore **Brad Goodrich** (400m IH), sophomore **Marc James** (400m IH), sophomore **Seth Jens** (javelin), senior **Marcus Kelly** (triple jump), senior **Zee Ogarro** (long jump), junior **Heather Reichmann** (javelin), senior **Frank Remund** (high jump), sophomore **Brittany Roberts** (triple jump), senior **Searan Salibian** (shot put), junior **Brad Walker** (pole vault) and senior **Susan Werner** (1500m).

Conference Contenders: Not only does the list of Pac-10 qualifiers in 2002 have a purple-and-gold tinge, but many of the top names in the current conference standings can be found on the Huskies roster. The Pac-10's individual standings are a testament to the success of many Husky athletes in 2002. Junior **Eric Garner** leads all Pac-10 competitors in the mile and is the conference's top dawg in the 1500m, one of four Huskies littered throughout the conference's top-10 in the event. Garner may be a double-qualifier, but neither of his leads measure up to the eight-second gap between senior **Mike Hill**, the Pac-10's top steeplechaser at 8:46.92, and the second-ranked 8:54.84 mark of Washington State's Jon Welsh. Others in the Pac-10's top-five include **Kate Bradshaw** (4th, 10000m), **Brad Goodrich** (4th, 400m IH), **Courtney Inman** (4th, 1500m, mile), **Kate Soma** (t5th, pole vault) and **Brad Walker** (2nd, pole vault). In all, Husky athletes hold 27 places among the conference's top-10 in an individual event.

2002 Outdoor-Only Team Leaders

Women's		
100m Dash	Shavon Hawkins	12.06
200m Dash	LeTasha Moore	24.72w/24.96
400m Dash	LeTasha Moore	55.89
800m Run	Courtney Inman	2:06.46*%
1500m Run	Courtney Inman	4:20.58*%
Steeplechase	Laura Halvorsen	11:06.67*
5000m Run	Kate Bradshaw	17:03.28*
10000m Run	Kate Bradshaw	34:20.86*%
100m Hurdles	Kelsey Sheppard	13.9h (14.04)*
400m Hurdles	Kelsey Sheppard	58.85*%
4x100m Relay	Ogarro/L. Moore/R. Moore/Hawkins	47.36
4x400m Relay	Jensen/Sheppard/L. Moore/Hawkins	3:45.59
High Jump	Brown/Roberts/Popovskaya	5-3
Pole Vault	Kate Soma	13-1 1/2*%
Long Jump	Zee Ogarro	19-0 3/4*
Triple Jump	Brittany Roberts	40-0*
Shot Put	Searan Salibian	45-9 1/4*
Discus	Searan Salibian	137-2
Hammer	Kameko Gay	167-0
Javelin	Heather Reichmann	149-9*

Men's		
100m Dash	Sean Williams	11.10
200m Dash	Sean Williams	22.00
400m Dash	Cristian Adams	47.65*
800m Run	Eric Garner	1:50.80*
1500m Run	Eric Garner	3:43.40*%
Steeplechase	Mike Hill	8:46.92*%
5000m Run	Eric Garner	14:16.86*
10000m Run	Ben Koss	30:53.43
110m Hurdles	Marc James	14.75
400m Hurdles	Brad Goodrich	51.45*
4x100m Relay	S. Williams/Hennessy/James/Adams	42.50
4x400m Relay	S. Williams/Adams/Goodrich/Tabor	3:15.29
High Jump	Erik Lanigan	6-8 1/4
Pole Vault	Brad Walker	17-8 1/2*%
Long Jump	Phillippe Cook	22-7w
Triple Jump	Marcus Kelly	49-5 1/2*
Shot Put	Jeff Wallis	50-9 1/4
Discus	Mat Schwinn	167-1
Hammer	Mat Schwinn	155-2
Javelin	Seth Jens	203-10*

%/# NCAA provisional/automatic mark; * Pac-10 qualifier

Upcoming Husky Track Events

Apr. 26-27	Drake Relays	Des Moines, IA
Apr. 27	Oregon Invitational	Eugene, OR
May 4	WSU Scoring Meet	Pullman, WA
May 11	PNAC	Seattle
May 11-12	Pac-10 Multi Events	Pullman, WA
May 18-19	Pac-10 Championships	Pullman, WA
May 29-Jun. 1	NCAA Championships	Baton Rouge, LA

10,000 Meter Tandems: Junior **Kate Bradshaw** and true freshman **Lisa Gibbs** are this year continuing a Washington tradition that dates back to the 1996-97 season. Both ran NCAA provisional qualifying marks in the 10,000-meter run at last month's Stanford Invitational, marking the sixth-consecutive year that the Huskies have qualified two women's runners at 10,000 meters. The tradition began when then-sophomore **Deeja Youngquist** was joined by a true freshman, **Anna Aoki**, at the 1997 championship meet. The two teamed at the NCAAs for the next three seasons, with Aoki earning All-American honors with a ninth-place finish in 1998. Youngquist's departure following the 1999 season could have signaled the end of the streak, but then-freshman Bradshaw defeated an experienced field at the Pac-10 meet to better the NCAA's 10,000-meter qualifying mark and keep the streak alive. Last year, Bradshaw and Aoki performed the double again, and in 2002, Bradshaw is joined by true freshman Gibbs.

Garner-ing Acclaim: Already in 2002, sophomore **Eric Garner** has established himself as not only the Huskies' man to beat this season, but one of the school's top distance competitors of all-time. At April's Oregon Dual, Garner lowered his NCAA provisional-qualifying mark in the 1500m, to 3:43.40, the sixth-fastest ever at UW and ninth-best in the nation this year. Just for good measure, Garner also boasts Pac-10 qualifying marks in the 800m and 5000m events, and was named the Pac-10's Track Athlete of the Week on Apr. 15. The Kelso, Wash., native was making waves this season even before his All-American performance in the mile at the NCAA Indoor Championships, where he placed 13th overall. Garner battled injuries through his first year and a half at Washington, running competitively for the first time in February of 2001. Since then, he has steadily improved, culminating with a stunning 3:58.93 mile win at the UW Indoor Qualifier on Mar. 2, the first-ever indoor four-minute mile in Washington state and the third-fastest in the nation in 2002. Garner became just the second Husky to cover a mile in un-

der four minutes, joining Greg Gibson, who ran 3:59.1h in 1974. Garner also holds the school's all-time top mark at 3000m, with an 8:02.56 mark that is a full four seconds ahead of David Bazzi's mark of 8:06.57 in 2001.

Courtney, Queen of the Mile: British Columbia native **Courtney Inman** seems determined each week to top her performance at the previous meet. Inman last week climbed Washington's 1500m record list with a career-best mark of 4:20.58 to earn an impressive victory at the elite Mt. SAC Relays. Inman's mark ranks fourth all-time at Washington, seventh in the nation, and comes just a week after the junior closed to within seven tenths of a second of adding the school's all-time 800m mark to her growing records basket. Inman's time of 2:06.46 in the half-mile at April's Oregon Dual places her second all-time at UW, and 12th in the nation this year, despite having run the event just twice outdoors this season. Inman has made the unexpected the norm in 2002. The junior set the tone for her 2002 season on Mar. 2 at the UW Indoor Qualifier in Dempsey Indoor when she ran 4:45.40 in the mile to become the first Husky woman ever to run a mile in under 4:50. Inman shaved more than five seconds off the previous indoor school record of 4:50.65 set by Margaret Butler in 2000. She also boasted a top 800-meter time indoors, with a mark of 2:11.90 at the Feb. 2 UW Quad Classic that ranks third all-time indoors at UW. As a prep at W.J. Mouat in Abbotsford, B.C., Inman competed on the Canadian Junior Pan Am and Junior World teams. In 1998, she capped her prep career with a run to the semi-finals of the World Junior Track and Field Championships in France, and helped the Huskies' cross-country squad to a best-ever ninth-place NCAA finish. A stress fracture, however, cut short her 1999-2000 season, and kept her out of action until midway through the 2001 season, when she posted a Pac-10 qualifying mark at 800m. Limited by the injury again during the 2001 cross-country season, Inman returned for the postseason, running fifth on the squad in a 14th-place team finish at the NCAAs.

Shepparding Records Her Way: Senior **Kelsey Sheppard**, a graduate of Lake Washington High School in Kirkland, has kept Husky track researchers busy this season. Sheppard added the indoor 400m run and 60m hurdles marks to her list of accomplishments, which includes top-10 marks in the 100m- and 400m-hurdles, the 400m dash, and both the indoor and outdoor 4x400m relays. At March's Cal Invitational, Sheppard routed a strong field with in the 400m hurdles with a win in 58.85 seconds, among the top-20 marks in the nation this season. The senior is one of just five women in Husky track history to complete the 400m hurdles in under 59 seconds, boasting a career-best of 58.29 that ranks fourth all-time at UW. In addition to her success in the low hurdles, Sheppard is also qualified for the Pac-10 Championships in the 100m hurdles, with a hand-timed mark of 13.9 seconds that places her among the conference's top-10, and moves her up to fifth all-time at Washington. Sheppard's success has not been limited to the outdoor oval, either, having posted a Pac-10 qualifying mark of 55.11 seconds in the 400m run in Idaho on Feb. 16, the fastest indoor 400 in school history. Sheppard has experienced nearly every level of success in her four years at Washington. She placed 20th in the intermediate hurdles at the NCAAs in her only previous trip, following a terrific 2000 season in which she placed in the top-15 at the Pac-10 Championships in both hurdles events, including a fourth-place mark in the 400m IH. A seven-time Pac-10 qualifier, Sheppard has posted at least one conference mark in each year of her Husky career.

Pole Results: Washington's vaulters have dominated the Huskies' stat sheets in 2002. Freshman **Kate Soma**, an NCAA provisional qualifier with a best mark of 13-1 1/2, has been unstoppable, shattering the school's outdoor and indoor school records. The Portland, Ore., native delighted a large contingent of family and friends at Eugene's Washington-Oregon Dual by becoming the first Husky ever to clear 13 feet in the pole vault. Soma's vault of 13-1 1/2 was two inches beyond the previous school record of 12-11 1/2 set by junior **Sandy Erickson** in 2000. Such early success by a true

freshman usually causes surprise, but Soma had already run the expectations of Husky fans through the Dempsey Indoor roof, having bettered Washington's all-time indoor pole vault record by nearly a foot with a vault of 12-11 1/2 at the UW Invitational in February. Soma shattered the previous record of 12-0 3/4 set by **MerryJane Bendico** in 2001, and established herself as the competitive leader of a stellar group of vaulters, including 2002 Pac-10 qualifier Erickson. Missing all season, however, has been the presence of 2001 indoor All-American **Brad Walker**, who discovered following his terrific 2001 season that he had been competing with a broken foot. Walker returned to limited competition during the 2002 indoor season, appearing unattached at several of Washington's home meets. On Mar. 23, Walker made his 2002 Husky debut, vaulting 16-8 3/4 at the California Invitational to best the Pac-10 qualifying standard, but his performance was just a tune-up for what was to come. The following week, Walker sent notice to any who doubted his ability to recover from the injury, vaulting a personal-best 17-8 1/2 at the Stanford Invite to shatter the NCAA's provisional-qualifying standard and move into sixth-place all-time on the UW's pole vault top 10. Walker's mark currently ranks him in a tie for seventh in the nation, alongside Michigan State's Paul Terek.

As Easy As One, Two, Three: Not many women in Washington track history can boast the same accomplishment as that achieved by sophomore **Brittany Roberts** at the season-opening Salzman Invitational in Tacoma, Wash. Roberts, a graduate of Bullard High School in Fresno, Calif, joined an exclusive club with a leap of 40 feet, zero inches in the triple jump. Only four other Husky women — Tara Davis (1995), Michelle Reid (1997), Angie Tasker (1989) and Suzanne Silvis (1994) — have ever cleared 40 feet in the triple jump, with Davis' leap of 41-7 3/4 setting the standard. Perhaps more remarkable is that Roberts added more than a foot to her previous career-best of 38-7, set during a run to the Pac-10 Championships in 2001, an event for which she is currently qualified eighth in the conference this year.

One More Hill to Climb: Bellevue's **Mike Hill** is making quite a splash — literally — in his senior season. The Huskies' star steeplechaser managed to avoid the perils of the pond at last month's Stanford Invitational to post the nation's third-fastest time in 2002 with an NCAA provisional-qualifying mark of 8 minutes, 46.92 seconds. The mark was the eighth-fastest all-time at Washington, places Hill atop the Pac-10 standings, and moved him to within three seconds of the NCAA's automatic-qualifying standard. A week prior, in his first steeplechase since a 14th-place finish at the 2001 Pac-10 Championships, Hill shaved eight seconds off of his personal best with a mark of 8:53.16 in and set himself up for a season-long run at his first NCAA Championships appearance. A distance specialist, Hill was one of Washington's most consistent competitors during the 2001 cross-country season, and has managed to avoid serious injury throughout his Husky career, priming the senior for what could be his most impressive track season to date. Already in 2002, Hill boasts Pac-10 qualifying marks in the steeplechase and 5000 meters, having notched a time of 14:13.89 at the UW Indoor Qualifier that ranks as the second-fastest indoor 5000-meter mark in school history. Hill's best Pac-10 finish came during the 2001 season, when he placed eighth in the steeple in 9:09.78.

An Honor Overdue: In compiling Washington's all-time indoor top-10 marks this season, it appears that a school record set in the season-opening UW Open Indoor Track and Field meet was overlooked. Washington senior **LeTasha Moore** blazed to victory in the 60-meter dash in 7.60 seconds, faster than any female Husky runner to come before. The mark is just one of five indoor top-10 times run by the Everett, Wash., native this season, who ranks ninth all-time in the 200m at 25.32, and sixth at 400m with a personal-best 56.13-second mark. A five-time top-10 finisher at the Washington state high school meet while prepping at Cascade High School, Moore redshirted her freshman season before leading the school's sprint relay squads to top-five placings at the 2000 Pac-10 Championships.

Indoor Season Recap: The 2002 indoor track season was a roller-coaster ride for Washington's coaches, athletes and fans. The Huskies christened their new indoor track and field home, Dempsey Indoor, with six collegiate meets, including a series of thrilling duals between the women's squads of Washington and the University of Oregon. The new track surface at Dempsey Indoor proved to be one of the nation's fastest, with a total of six indoor school records established on the home track, including an exciting 3:58.93 mile time by sophomore All-American **Eric Garner** at the Indoor Qualifier, one of four four-minute miles run at the meet. Senior **LeTasha Moore** set a school record in the 60m dash at Dempsey Indoor's debut in January, and was soon joined atop the record list by senior **Kelsey Sheppard**, who set the 60m hurdles mark with an 8.73-second mark. Freshman pole vaulter **Kate Soma** broke the school's indoor record in just her second collegiate meet, and then extended that mark by nearly six inches more later in the season. Perhaps the facility's best treats were saved for last, with no fewer than 45 athletes establishing NCAA qualifying marks at the UW Indoor Qualifier in March, including indoor school records by Garner (mile), **Courtney Inman** (mile) and **Sabrina Monro** (3,000m).

USA's Top Dawg: As a reflection of the high esteem in which he is held by track and field coaches and administrators around the country, Husky head coach Orin Richburg was elected to head the U.S. National Team at the 2001 World Track and Field Championships, the most prestigious honor for a track-and-field coach in a non-Olympic year. Richburg capitalized on the opportunity, directing the U.S. to a meet-high 19 medals, including nine golds. In his 17th year at UW, Richburg is responsible for molding the Husky track squad into one of the nation's elite dual-meet teams, as evidenced by both teams' top-10 finishes in the 2001 U.S. Track Coaches' Association Dual Meet Power Rankings. Richburg was an All-American sprinter at Kent State, and has mentored four Olympic athletes in his 17-year tenure at Washington.

Washington's 2002 NCAA Track and Field Championships Qualifiers

Kate Bradshaw 10,000 meters Junior, Issaquah, Wash. (Issaquah)

- Ran a provisional-qualifying mark of 34:20.86 in the 10,000m at Mt. SAC, a mark which ranks 17th in the nation this year.
- Ran the 10,000m in 34:41.03 at the 2000 Pac-10 Championships to win the conference title as a true freshman.
- Missed much of the 2002 indoor season with an IT band injury in her foot, but returned to post a Pac-10 qualifying mark of 16:57.56 in the 5,000m at the Feb. 16 McDonald's II meet in Idaho.
- A three-time NCAA qualifier at 10,000m, placed 17th in 2001 in her lone appearance at the national meet.
- Was one of 25 athletes invited to compete at the 2000 U.S. Cross Country Winter Nationals, where she placed sixth overall to earn a spot on the U.S. team that competed at the World Junior Cross Country Championships in Portugal.

Eric Garner 1500 meters Sophomore, Kelso, Wash.. (Kelso)

- Earned All-American honors with a 13th-place finish in the mile run at the NCAA Indoor Championships.
- Boasts a provisional-qualifying mark of 3:43.40 in the 1500m that ranks 10th in the nation in 2002.
- Ran his provisional-qualifying 3:43.40 in the 1500m at the Oregon Dual on Apr. 13, the sixth-best 1500m ever at UW.
- Also boasts Pac-10 qualifying marks at 800 meters (1:50.80) and 5000 meters (14:16.86).
- Ran the mile in 3:58.93 at the UW Indoor Qualifier at Dempsey Indoor, becoming the first athlete ever to run a four-minute mile in Washington state.
- Qualifying time of 3:58.93 in the mile broke a 28-year old school record of 3:59.1h set by Greg Gibson in San Diego in 1974. Gibson is the only Husky besides Garner ever to accomplish the four-minute mile.
- Set an indoor school record in the 3000m with an 8:02.56 at the UW Invitational on Sat., Feb. 9, besting the previous record by more than four seconds.
- Placed 13th in the steeplechase at the 2001 Pac-10 Championships in 9:09.39.

Lisa Gibbs 10,000 meters Freshman, Arvada, Colo. (Arvada West)

- Boasts a provisional-qualifying mark of 34:34.79 in the 10,000m that ranks 22nd in the nation in 2002.
- Ran 34:34.79 at the Stanford Invitational on Mar. 30 in first-ever 10,000m race, the sixth-best mark ever by a Husky woman in the event.
- Was unstoppable indoors, posting the school's second-fastest indoor 5,000m mark with a 16:45.58 finish at the UW Indoor Qualifier on Mar. 2.
- Led all Husky cross-country runners with a sixth-place finish at the Pac-10 Championships, the eighth-best placing ever for a Husky at the conference meet.
- As a prep, won the 3200m against a national field at the 2001 Simplot Indoor Games in Pocatello, Idaho.

Mike Hill Steeplechase Senior, Bellevue, Wash. (Bellevue)

- Boasts a provisional-qualifying mark of 8:46.92 in the 3000m steeplechase that currently ranks fourth in the nation.
- Posted a mark of 8:46.92 in the steeplechase at the Mar. 30 Stanford Invitational to climb to eighth-place all-time at the University of Washington.
- Shaved eight seconds off of his previous season's PR with an 8:53.16 win in the steeplechase at the at the California Invitational on Mar. 23 in just his second race outdoors — and seventh overall — in 2002.
- Ran the second-fastest indoor 5000m time in school history with a mark of 14:13.89 at the UW Qualifier on Mar. 2, besting the NCAA's indoor provisional and Pac-10 outdoor qualifying standards.
- Was among the leaders in the steeplechase at the 2001 Pac-10 Championship meet before injuring his knee after striking a barrier.
- Placed eighth in the steeplechase at the 2000 Pac-10 meet, in 9:09.78.

Washington's 2002 NCAA Track and Field Championships Qualifiers, Cont.

Courtney Inman 800m, 1500m Junior, Abbotsford, B.C. (W.J. Mouat)

- Boasts a provisional-qualifying mark of 4:20.58 in the 1500m that ranks seventh in the nation in 2002.
- Earned an impressive win in the 1500m at the Apr. 20 Mt. SAC Relays, finishing in 4:20.58 to move up to No. 5 all-time at Washington.
- Is Washington's lone double-qualifier, with a mark of 2:06.46 in the 800m that is 12th in the nation this season.
- Covered the 800m run at the Apr. 13 Oregon Dual in 2:06.46, the second-fastest half-mile ever at Washington and just seven tenths shy of Sarah Bolender's all-time school record of 2:05.73.
- Placed 14th in the mile run at the NCAA Indoor Championships in 4:46.83, nearly matching her school record of a week before.
- Shaved five seconds off the school's indoor mile record with a time of 4:45.40 at the UW Indoor Qualifier at Dempsey Indoor, nearly 10 seconds better than her previous best.
- Was a semi-finalist at the 1998 World Junior Track and Field Championships in France.

Kelsey Sheppard 400m Hurdles Senior, Kirkland, Wash. (Lk. Washington)

- Provisional-qualifying time of 58.85 in the 400-meter hurdles currently ranks 19th in the nation in 2002.
- One of just five Husky women all-time to complete the 400-meter hurdles in under 59 seconds, with a career-best mark of 58.29 that ranks fourth all-time at Washington.
- Is currently qualified for the Pac-10 Championships in three events, including the 400m run, the 100m high hurdles and the 400m intermediate hurdles.
- Notched a pair of indoor school records during the 2002 winter season, running the 400 meters in 55.11 seconds (a Pac-10 qualifier) and the 60m hurdles in 8.73 seconds.
- In addition to her set of indoor school records, owns all-time top-10 marks outdoors in the 400m, 100m hurdles and 400m hurdles, and indoors in the 4x400m relay.
- Placed 20th in the 400-meter hurdles at the 2000 NCAA Championship meet.
- A seven-time Pac-10 qualifier, with bests of fourth in the 400m IH and 13th in the 100m HH (2000).

Kate Soma Pole Vault Freshman, Portland, Ore. (Grant HS)

- Became Washington's all-time outdoor pole vault record holder with a provisional-qualifying vault of 13-1 1/2 at the Apr. 13 Oregon Dual that is tied for 11th in the nation in 2002.
- Bested teammate Sandy Erickson's previous school record vault of 12-11 1/2, set during the 2000 season.
- Only a true freshman, shattered Washington's indoor pole vault record by nearly a foot with a vault of 12-11 1/2 at the Feb. 9 UW Invitational at Dempsey Indoor.
- Provisional-qualifying indoor mark obliterated the old record of 12-0 3/4 set in 2000 by MerryJane Bendico, and ranked 24th in the nation during the 2002 indoor season.
- Won the pole vault at the 2001 Junior Olympics in Eugene, Ore.

Brad Walker Pole Vault Junior, Spokane, Wash. (University)

- Provisional-qualifying vault of 17-8 1/2 is currently tied for seventh in the nation.
- In just second outdoor collegiate competition of 2002, vaulted a personal-best 17-8 1/2 at the Mar. 30 Stanford Invitational to move up to sixth all-time at Washington.
- Had offseason surgery to repair a broken foot suffered sometime during the 2001 season.
- Despite the break, posted top-10 all-time Husky marks in the pole vault both indoors and outdoors, and placed among the NCAA's top-12 competitors at each event.
- Tied for 12th at the NCAA Outdoor Track Championships in Eugene, Ore. with a vault of 16-10 3/4.
- Earned Indoor All-American honors by placing seventh with a personal-best vault of 17-11 3/4 at the 2001 NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships, three inches better than his previous best.
- Indoor vault PR shattered the school record of 17-10 held for 22 years by Steve Cravetz.
- Was the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation champion in the event in 2001.