WASHINGTON TRACK AND FIELD

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Huskies, Ducks Renew Century-Old Track Rivalry No. 12 Washington, No. 8 Oregon clash with USC, Kansas State at Pepsi Team Invitational.

On the Track: One of the nation's oldest track and field rivalries resumes Saturday when Washington's 12th-ranked men and 24th-ranked women travel south to Eugene, Ore., for the 18th-annual Pepsi Team Invitational. Action begins at 11:40 a.m. and continues throughout the day, with a link to live results and event-by-event recaps posted to www.GoHuskies.com.

Meet Preview: The Huskies and Ducks, who have met 95 times since 1900 (Oregon's records include three meets not reflected in the UW record books), will be joined in their annual scoring meet by Pac-10 rival USC and Kansas State, with the four teams battling for team titles in one of just two non-championship scoring invitationals on the 2007 UW schedule. USC (1st), Oregon (2nd) and Washington (4th) were each among the top-four finishers on the men's side at the Pac-10 Championships in 2006, while the women's competition features NCAA outdoor runner-up USC and top-25 NCAA Championships finishers Washington and Oregon.

Dawgs-Ducks History: Washington's men's team enter Saturday's meet as the defending Pepsi Invitational champions, having broken a five-year Oregon winning streak with a clutch win in last year's final event, the 4x400 meters. That win was the first-ever for Washington at the Pepsi meet, and the team's 33rd all-time in the 95-meet series between the two schools (including duals, triangulars and quadrangulars), which enters its 107th year in 2007. Oregon boasts a seven-year win streak on the women's side and a 24-6 lead all-time in 30 years of women's competition. This season is the ninth-straight in which the two teams have met in Eugene, with Oregon last making the trip to Husky Stadium in 1998 for what was the first of two consecutive sweeps by Washington's men and women. Last year's Pepsi Invitational (the two teams have not met in a two-team dual since 2001) featured wins by the Washington men and Oregon women, with the UW women placing third.

Event Schedule: Following is a schedule of events for Saturday's Pepsi Invitational in Eugene. All times are Pacific and subject to change:

Did You Know?

Washington and Oregon dueled annually from 1900-2002, missing only a handful of years due to World Wars I and II. Since 2003, the Pepsi Invitational has been considered by both schools as the rivalry's annual scoring meet, in lieu of a traditional duel.

2007 Husky Track Schedule

	Indoor	
Date	Meet	Location
Jan. 13	UW Indoor Preview	Seattle
Jan. 19-20	Nat'l Pole Vault Summit	Reno, Nev.
Jan. 26-27	UW Indoor Invitational	Seattle
Feb. 10	The Husky Classic	Seattle
Feb. 11	UW Open Meet	Seattle
Feb. 23-24	MPSF Championships	Seattle
Mar. 3	Last Chance Qualifier	Seattle
Mar. 9-10	NCAA Championships	Fayetteville, Ark.

Outdoor

Date	Meet	Location
Mar. 16	UW Outdoor Preview	Seattle
Mar. 24	ASU Invitational	Tempe, Ariz.
	Springtime Invitational	Auburn, Ala.
Mar. 30-31	Stanford Invitational	Stanford, Calif.
Apr. 7	Pepsi Invitational	Eugene, Ore.
Apr. 11-12	Calif. Invite Multis	Azusa, Calif.
Apr. 13-15	Mt. SAC Relays	Walnut, Calif.
Apr. 14	Brutus Hamilton Invit'l	Berkeley, Calif.
Apr. 20-21	Oregon Invitational	Eugene, Ore.
Apr. 27	UW-WSU Dual	Seattle
May 4	Ken Shannon Invitation	onal Seattle
May 5-6	Pac-10 Multi Events	Stanford, Calif.
May 12-13	Pac-10 Champ's	Stanford, Calif.
May 25-26	NCAA West Regional	Eugene, Ore.
June 6-9	NCAA Champ's	Sacramento, Calif.
June 21-24	USATF Jr./Sr. Nat'ls	Indianapolis, Ind.

Bold font indicates Husky home meet, at either Dempsey Indoor (indoor) or Husky Stadium (outdoor).

Hot off the Presses ...

- Washington's men's team, which placed seventh at the NCĂA Indoor meet, is currently ranked No. 12 outdoors, p2
- Since walking away from the sport for a year, **Ryan Brown** of Renton has won two NCAA titles and become a six-time All-American, p3
- Hurdler Ashley Lodree ranks among the Pac-10's alltime 10 best, and is on her way to becoming the most decorated female athlete in UW history , **p4**
- Roosevelt HS alum Norris Frederick is one of America's most exciting young long jumoers, **p5**
- Freshman pole vaulter Scott Roth has a U.S. record in his sights, and could become the first freshman since Ja'Warren Hooker to win an NCAA title at UW, p6
- Two-time Olympian Aretha (Hill) Thurmond and three-time U.S. champion Brad Walker highlight an elite training corps for UW athletes, p8

Husky Track Quick Facts

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Enrollment:	42,000 (31,474 undergraduate)
Founded:	Nov. 4, 1861
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Director of Athletics:	Todd Turner
Home Facility:	Dempsey Indoor/Husky Stadium
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Conference:	Pacific-10
Head Coach:Gre	eg Metcalf (5th year, 10th overall)
Asst. Coach (Vault/Jumps)	:Pat Licari (10th year)
Asst. Coach (Throws):	Reedus Thurmond (2nd year)
Asst. Coach (Sprints/Hurdles): LaMonte Vaughn, Jr. (3rd year)
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	Kelly Strong (5th year)
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2006 Men's Pac-10 Finish:	4th
2006 Men's NCAA Finish (Outdo	oor/Indoor):22nd (tie)/19th (tie)
Men's NCAA Competitors	Returning/Lost:
Best Men's Conference Fire	nish: 2nd (1976)
Best Men's NCAA Finish: .	2nd (1929, 1930)
2006 Women's Pac-10 Fini	sh: 7th
	Dutdoor/Indoor): 21st (tie)/DNS
NCAA Women's Competitors	Returning/Lost:5/1
	Finish: 4th (1995, '96, '98)
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2007 Trackwire 25 National Collegiate Rankings

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Men		Women	
1. Florida State	62	1. Arizona State	58
2. USC	40	2. LSU	39
3. Auburn	34	3. South Carolina	36
4. Arizona	33	4. Michigan	31
Wisconsin	32	5. Texas A&M	30
6. Tennessee	29	6. USC	29
7. LSU	27	Georgia	29
8. Oregon	26	8. Auburn	28
9. Arizona State	24	9. UCLA	27
North Carolina	24	10. Tennessee	25
11. Arkansas	23	11. Oregon	23
12. Washington	21	12. Texas	22
13. Louisville	20	13. Cal	21
14. Clemson	19	14. BYU	20
Baylor	19	Texas Tech	20
Texas	19	16. Stanford	18
17. Florida	16	Nebraska	18
UCLA	16	18. Minnesota	16
McNeese State	16	Illinois	16
UTEP	16	20. Washington State	14
Nebraska	16	t24. Washington	11
22. Three tied at	15	* - Rankings released Ap	ر r. 4

Last Time Out: Six Huskies earned regional qualifying marks while two members of the UW track and field family shot into the top-five of the 2007 World Rankings at last weekend's Stanford Invitational. Sophomore Mart Israel, competing for just the second time in a collegiate uniform, went to No. 1 in the NCAA and No. 4 in the world in the discus with a throw of 208-9, four feet beyond the previous NCAA leader. Assistant coach Kelly Strong, meanwhile, clocked a 9:47.68 in the steeplechase to move to seventh on the all-time U.S. women's list, and second in the 2007 world rankings. Sophomore Anita Campbell, meanwhile, shaved a stunning 28 seconds off of her 5,000-meter personal best with a time of 16:00.03 in the event, while defending NCAA champion Amy Lia and two-time All-American Amanda Miller posted top-10 national marks of 4:17.49 and 4:21.48 in the 1,500 meters. Other NCAA qualifiers included regional qualifiers Dani Schuster (4:25.14, 1500m) and Janine Sandell (157-1, Discus), and provisional qualifiers Jeremy Mineau (28:57.02, 10000m).

Rankings Report: Washington's men set yet another team record this week by earning their highest-ever debut ranking in the Trackwire 25, which predicts team scoring at June NCAA Championship meet. The Huskies were ranked 12th in the first outdoor release of the Trackwire poll Tuesday, matching their final indoor ranking from the online magazine, which they exceeded with a tie for seventh at the NCAA Indoor Championships last month. The Huskies' 21 points were roughly a third of the 62 awarded to overwhelming No. 1 Florida State, which boasted a 22-point advantage over No. 2 USC. Washington's women, meanwhile, received 11 points from Trackwire to open the season in a tie for 24th place overall, with reigning NCAA indoor champion Arizona State holding a commanding 58-39 lead over No. 2 LSU in the debut women's rankings. The first outdoor coaches' poll is expected to be released next Wednesday.

Pac-10 Prowess: If the preseason rankings are any indication, Washington will be in for a dogfight at this year's Pac-10 Championship meet. Conference foes accounted for four of the top-10 men's rankings in Trackwire's initial Top-25 in April, including No. 2 USC, No. 4 Arizona, No. 8 Oregon and No. 9 Arizona State, with No. 12 Washington, No. 17 UCLA and No. 22 Washington State also earning top-25 mention. The women's side is just as tough, with NCAA Indoor champion ASU holding a commanding lead at No. 1, and Pac-10 rivals USC (No. 6), UCLA (No. 9), Oregon (No. 11), Cal (No. 13), Stanford (No. 16) and Washington State (No. 20) all joining No. 24 Washington in the top-25. In fact, of the 18 full Pac-10 men's and women's track teams (OSU fields only a women's distance squad), 15 are ranked among the top-25, and seven among the top-10.

Dawg Bites

- Head coach Greg Metcalf and junior Norris Frederick were named the USTFCCCA's West Region Men's Coach of the Year and West Region Men's Field Athlete of the Year in March.
- The UW men's seventh-place finish at the 2007 NCAA Indoor Championships was the team's best-ever indoors, and equaled its third-best NCAA finish overall since 1930.
- Washington's men's team won its second-straight indoor conference title in 2007, marking UW's first successful defense of a conference crown since 1921-22.
- Washington is one of only a handful of NCAA teams to boast two returning NCAA champions. Senior Ryan Brown won the 800m, and junior Amy Lia won the 1500m at the 2006 NCAA Championships, becoming the first pair of UW teammates to win NCAA titles on the same day. Brown also won the NCAA indoor title at 800m in March.
- Washington has boasted at least one Pac-10 champion in seven-straight years, and at least one NCAA champion for five-consecutive seasons. Three Huskies earned Pac-10 titles in 2006, while two brought home NCAA Championship hardware.
- Washington has sent a total of 64 athletes to the NCAA Indoor and Outdoor Championship since 2005, the most prolific stretch in team history. Of those 64, 45 have returned home with All-America honors, also obliterating all previous three-year records.
- Washington's 45 All-Americans since the start of the 2005 season are more than its total from the previous seven years, combined.
- The Huskies boasted at least one NCAA competitor in every event area in 2006 -- sprints, hurdles, middle distance, long distance, relays, horizontal jumps, vertical jumps, pole vault and throws. Of those, 11 return in 2007, including eight All-Americans.

Washington's 2007 NCAA Regional Championships Qualifiers

	Me	n		
Name	Event	Mark	Regional Ranking	National Ranking
Mart Israel	Discus	208-9	1st	1st
Scott Roth	Pole Vault	17-2 3/4	2nd	4th (tie)
Gudaitis/Fredrickson/	4x400m Relay	3:08.39	2nd	11th
Brown/Harcourt	,			
Austin Abbott	800m Run	1:49.31	3rd	8th
McKane Lee	Pole Vault	16-6 3/4	5th (tie)	14th (tie)
Martin Bingisser	Hammer	205-10	8th	15th
Carl Moe	1,500m Run	3:47.50	13th	25th
Mart Israel	Shot Put	56-9 1/4	16th	30th
Daniel Te'o-Nesheim	Shot Put	56-4 1/2	18th (tie)	34th (tie)
Cameron Elisara	Shot Put	55-2	23rd	52nd
Jeremy Mineau	10,000m Run	28:57.02	N/A*	12th

	1	Women		
Name	Event	Mark	Regional Ranking	National Ranking
Amy Lia	1,500m Run	4:17.49	2nd	3rd
Anita Campbell	5,000m Run	16:00.03	2nd	7th
Amanda Miller	1,500m Run	4:21.48	4th	10th
Stevie Marshalek	Pole Vault	13-1 1/2	5th (tie)	7th (tie)
Dani Schuster	800m Run	2:07.39	7th	14th
Amy Lia	800m Run	2:07.48	8th	16th
Dani Schuster	1,500m Run	4:25.14	10th	19th
Kelley DiVesta	Pole Vault	12-9 1/2	10th (tie)	16th (tie)
Sheree Ellis	Shot Put	47-7	12th	52nd
Janine Sandell	Discus	157-1	15th	44th
Kaisa Keranen	Javelin	143-8	19th (tie)	57th (tie)

^{* -} The 10,000m and multi-events will not be contested at the NCAA Regional Meet; athletes in those events qualify directly for the NCAA Championships.

Just Dandy, Thank You: Trackwire's national team rankings are compiled by projecting the top-12 finishers in each event at the NCAA Championships, then applying team scoring to those projected places. The 32 projected points for UW's men's and women's track teams, therefore, include seven Huskies currently boasting top-10 national rankings from Trackwire, and four projected for top-five NCAA Championships finishes. Not surprisingly, sophomore Mart Israel, who took a four-foot lead in the national discus rankings with a 208-9 toss last weekend, is ranked No. 1 in the discus, while two-time defending NCAA 800-meter champion Ryan Brown is ranked second at 800 meters — largely because he has yet to run the event outdoors this season. Four-time hurdles All-American Ashley Lodree is ranked fourth in the 100-meter hurdles, and defending NCAA 1,500-meter champion Amy Lia is third in that event. Other Huskies in the preseason rankings include Norris Frederick (No. 6, long jump), Amanda Miller (No. 9, 1,500m), Anita Campbell (No. 10, 5,000m) and Scott Roth (No. 12, pole vault).

Bound for Eugene: Just three weeks into the 2007 outdoor season, and despite having yet to run the majority of its top athletes in their marquee events, Washington already boasts 22 NCAA Regional qualifiers, just eight shy of its total from the entire 2006 campaign. This year's NCAA West Regional, May 25-26 at Oregon, is one of four regionals nationwide at which athletes will seek automatic NCAA Championships berths. Washington crowned two Regional champions in 2007 -- including 400-meter hurdler Shane Charles and the men's 4x400-meter relay team -- and has seen four Huskies win regional titles in the five years the system has been in place. For a complete list of UW's NCAA Regional qualifiers, see the box on pae three of this release.

NCAA Selection Process: Automatic NCAA Championships berths will be granted to the top-five finishers in each individual event, and top-three relays, from each of the four Regionals contested nationwide May 25-26. Athletes qualify for Regionals by meeting pre-determined standards, or by winning their conference title. The NCAA then supplements the Championships field with the highest-ranking competitors (6-7 per individual event and 5-6 per relay) from the national performance lists, provided the athlete competed in their event at a Regional meet and was not among the finishers to earn automatic berths. The lone exceptions are the 10,000 meters and multi-events, in which athletes qualify directly for the NCAA Championships by meeting provisional and automatic standards.

Brown is Back: Just three years ago, Ryan Brown was out of track and field, having walked away from a promising career, stating a desire to focus on school over sports. In the two years since returning to the sport in January 2005, however, Brown has won multiple NCAA, Pac-10, West Regional and MPSF 800-meter titles, and captured a stunning eight All-America accolades. Brown's turnaround began in the 2005 Pac-10 800-meter final, as the Renton native outkicked Pac-10 favorite Jon Rankin of UCLA down the homestretch to win in 1:47.31, then continued two weeks later when Brown outkicked Rankin again to win the 2005 NCAA West Regional. After filling in the intervening 12 months with All-America performances in the 800m (10th, 2005 Outdoors), 4x400m (3rd, 2006 Indoors) and DMR (5th, 2006 Indoors) Brown was back atop the podium at the 2006 NCAA Outdoor Championships, again outkicking the field in the final 100 meters for his first NCAA title, and the first by a Husky men's runner since 1998. Brown's time of 1:46.29 in the NCAA final shattered the school record and was the fastest by a collegian in 2006, and was more than a full second faster than his previous lifetime best. The senior then matched that performance at the 2007 NCAA Indoor meet -- his first experience running an open 800m on a banked track -- coming from behind yet again to capture his second NCAA 800-meter crown, a feat matched by just four other individuals in UW history. Brown also led UW's distance medley relay squad to its third-straight fifth-place finish at the NCAA Indoor meet to raise his career All-America total to eight, second-most in UW history.

NCAA Championships By the Numbers: Senior Ryan Brown's win in the 800 meters was the 32nd all-time by a Washington track and field at the NCAA Championships. Twenty-six UW athletes have combined for those 32 NCAA titles overall -- a total which ranks 20th among NCAA institutions all-time -including at least one in each of the last five seasons. Additionally, the Huskies have placed 299 athletes on the All-America podium, including a stunning 45 since the start of the 2004-05 season alone. At least one Husky has earned All-America honors in each of the last 15 years, and 45 of the last 47 years, including record-breaking totals of 10 each at the 2005 and 2006 NCAA Indoor Championships, and 11 at the 2007 NCAA Indoor Championships. In addition to the single-meet records set indoors in 2005 and 2006, Washington also set single-season records in both years, with Husky athletes combining for 15 All-America honors in 2005 and 19 in 2006. A regular top-five finisher in the 1920s, Washington's men have placed among the top-15 at the NCAA meet 10 times since 1970, including a seventh-place finish at the NCAA Indoor meet in March. The Husky women, meanwhile, boast five top-25 finishes, including a high of 10th in 1988, and a tie for 15th at last year's outdoor championships.

Elite Company: In capturing two All-America honors at the 2006 NCAA Indoor Championships, senior **Ryan Brown** became one of just 10 Huskies ever to earn multiple All-America honors at one meet, a feat he then replicated outdoors in 2006 and indoors in 2007. Sprinter Ja'Warren Hooker, UW's most prolific All-American with 10 career honors, holds the UW meet record with three All-America awards at the 1998 NCAA Indoor Championships, and is the only Husky besides Brown to accomplish the All-America double more than once. Brown's honors, furthermore, helped extend his career total to eight, second-most in UW history behind only Hooker (10). History is also in the making on the women's side, where senior **Ashley Lodree's** five All-America honors are tied for the most-ever by a UW woman with pole vaulter **Kate Soma**, who also captured five All-America honors, from 2002-05. Furthermore, juniors Austin Abbott and Norris Frederick also moved into the history books with their four-career All-America honors, a total surpassed by just five individuals -- including Brown -- in UW history. Both Abbott and Frederick have potentially three NCAA meets to raise their All-America totals, while seniors Brown and Lodree will have one final chance in June to claim UW's career All-America records.

The `Lo' Down: Senior Ashley Lodree entered rare air at the 2006 NCAA West Regional -- and that's not just a reference to the thin air of BYU's Clarence Robison Track. The Richmond, Calif., native became the first Husky ever to break 13 seconds in the 100-meter hurdles with a wind-aided time of 12.99 seconds (after altitude adjustment) in the regional prelim, then backed it up with a wind-legal 13.04-second, altitude-adjusted time in the final. The latter mark crushed Lodree's own school record of 13.17 set twice in 2005, while the former mark was the 10th-fastest, windaided or otherwise, in Pac-10 Conference history. Already a five-time All-American, including three indoors in the 60m hurdles (10th, 2005; 9th, 2006; 3rd, 2007) and two outdoors in the 100m hurdles (5th, 2005; 7th, 2006), Lodree enters 2007 with a chance to surpass Kate Soma's UW record of five All-America honors, while also seeking UW's first-ever NCAA hurdles title. Lodree boasts top-10 all-time marks in all 11 of the events she has attempted in her UW career, including four school records -- no other woman in UW history has ever ranked on as many of UW's all-time lists, while just one, distance runner Regina Joyce, has held as many UW records. Lodree has already this season broken her own school records in the 60-meter dash (7.34), 200-meter dash (24.22) and 60-meter hurdles (8.01), the latter time coming in a near-victory at the NCAA Indoor Championships, where she finished just .03 seconds behind winner Shantia Moss of Georgia Tech. In addition to her terrific NCAA performance, Lodree just barely missed an unprecedented triple win at the MPSF Indoor Conference Championships, capturing 60-meter dash and hurdles titles, and placing second in the 200 meters.

Mid-Distance Madness: A look at the current NCAA rankings is a testament to Washington's dominance in the middle distance events. **Austin Abbott** (800m), **Amy** Lia (1,500m) and Amanda Miller (1,500m) each rank among the nation's top-10 in their respective events, while Dani Schuster boasts top-20 marks in both the 800m and 1,500m. That the Huskies should be flying high in those events is no surprise, of course -- Washington athletes have won three of the eight NCAA titles awarded in the 800 meters, 1,500 meters and mile since last June, and swept three of four middle-distance titles at the 2007 MPSF Indoor Conference Championships in February. The current national performance lists don't even include two-time NCAA 800-meter champion **Ryan Brown**, who is not expected to debut in his marguee event until the Mt. SAC meet in mid-April. Since 2004, Washington's middle-distance unit -- defined to include those athletes in the 800 meters, 1,500 meters, mile and the three middle-distance legs of the distance medley relay --have combined for three NCAA titles, one outdoor conference title, six indoor conference titles, one regional title and 18 All-America honors. Washington middle-distance runners earned three All-America honors at the 2007 NCAA Indoor meet, including Brown's 800-meter win, Abbott's fourth-place 800meter finish, and a ninth-place finish in the mile for junior **Amanda Miller**.

Monster PR of the Week: While no one would question that Mart Israel's NCAA-leading toss in the discus was a Monster PR, this space is designed to recognize athletes whose improvement would otherwise not make the headlines. With that in mind, it is **Janine Sandell's** 157-foot, 1-inch toss that catches our eye this week. The former prep All-American turned UW volleyball star joined the track team this year after four years away from the sport, and has quickly established herself as one to watch this season. Sandell's mark, which was beyond the regional standard in the event, is the best by a Husky women's discus competitor since 1999, and is the 10th-best by a Pac-10 competitor this year.

2007 Husky Track and Field Statistical Leaders (Indoor & Outdoor)

Woman's

	Women's	
100m Dash	Liz Fuller	14.96
200m Dash	Ashley Lodree	24.22i
400m Dash	Kinyatta Leonhardt	55.99i
800m Run	Dani Schuster	2:07.39
1,500m Run	Amy Lia	4:17.49
5000m Run	Anita Campbell	16:00.03
10000m Run	No competitors	
100m Hurdles	No competitors	
400m Hurdles	No competitors	
3000m Steeple	No competitors	
4x100m Relay	No competitors	
4x400m Relay	Martin/Ankton/	3:47.58i
	Miller/Lodree	0
High Jump	Amiad-Pavlov/Todd	5-7
Pole Vault	Kelley DiVesta	13-3 3/4i
Long Jump	Liz Fuller	18-9
Triple Jump	Daria Amiad-Pavlov	37-2 1/4i
Shot Put	Sheree Ellis	47-7
Discus	Janine Sandell	157-1
Hammer	Shannon Harvey	141-4
Javelin	Kaisa Keranen	143-8
Heptathlon	No competitors	143-0
Ποριαιποπ	No competitors	
	Men's	
100m Dash	Chris Stevens	11.02
200m Dash	Alex Harcourt	21.41i
400m Dash	Alex Harcourt	46.43i
800m Run	Ryan Brown	1:48.40i
1,500m Run	Carl Moe	3:47.50
5000m Run	Jeremy Mineau	14:06.34i
10000m Run	Jeremy Mineau	28:57.02
110m Hurdles	Blake Bidleman	15.04
400m Hurdles	Kyle Still	54.20
3000m Steeple	Brad Liber	9:07.93
4x100m Relay	Frederick/Fredrickson/	41.18
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4x400m Relay	Gudaitis/Fredrickson/	3:08:39
4X400III Helay	Brown/Harcourt	3.00.33
High Jump	Norris Frederick	7-2 1/4i
Pole Vault	Scott Roth	18-1 3/4i
Long Jump	Norris Frederick	25-10i
Triple Jump	Braden Weeks	44-8 3/4i
Shot Put	Mart Israel	56-9 1/4
Discus	Mart Israel	208-9
Hammer	Martin Bingisser	205-10
Javelin	Bobby Noble	159-2
Decathlon	No competitors	

Amazing Amy: Junior Amy Lia pulled off one of the most memorable comefrom-behind wins in recent NCAA Championships history in the 1,500-meter final at the 2006 NCAA Outdoor meet, coming from 25 meters back over the final half-lap to capture her first NCAA title. It's hard to fault the casual observer for ruling out Lia when she was running last with 250 meters to go -- the sophomore from Bothell, Wash., had placed last in the 1,500-meter final a year before, just barely stayed off elimination in the semi-final round. and was the lowest-seeded of any of the 12 finals competitors. But as the racers entered the final turn, Lia suddenly surged forward on the outside, catching and passing the leaders at the 100-meter mark and taking one guick look over her shoulder before sprinting to the finish. Lia's effort was remarkable not only for her win -- the first by a UW women's track athlete at the national meet since Regina Joyce's AIAW 3,000-meter crown in 1981 -- but for her winning time of 4:14.63, a nearly three-second PR and the fastest by any collegiate women's athlete during the 2006 collegiate season. Lest anyone think Lia's performance was a fluke, the junior-to-be backed it up with a ninth-place finish at the USATF Outdoor Championships, and a fifth-place effort as a member of Team USA at the NACAC Under-23 Championships. Lia followed up her outstanding spring with a first-team All-Pac-10 and All-West Region performances in the fall, and made her 1,500-meter debut last weekend in 4:17.93 — second-fastest of her career, and good for third in the national track rankings.

Jumping Out of His Shoes: Junior Norris Frederick, who captured his third-straight indoor All-America honor earlier this month, literally jumped out of his shoes at the 2004 World Junior Championships, tearing apart the footwear which guided him to five state prep titles. Undeterred, the Roosevelt High School senior strapped on borrowed shoes and placed 19th in both the high and long jumps. It takes more than an equipment malfunction to ground Frederick: a Pac-10 champion, four-time All-American and five-time NCAA Championships participant, Frederick in June became the first Husky ever to compete in both the long and high jumps at the same NCAA Championships, a feat he duplicated indoors in March. Those appearances were Frederick's fourth in the long jump (6th, 2005 indoors*; 12th, 2006 indoors*; 22nd, 2006 outdoors; 6th, 2007 indoors*) and third in the high jump (14th, 2005 outdoors; 15th, 2006 outdoors; t10th, 2007 indoors*), and include four All-America honors (indicated with a * above). Frederick has both literally and figuratively raised the bar higher in 2007 -- just three months into his junior campaign, Frederick has already notched lifetime bests of 7-2 1/4 in the high jump and 25-10 in the long jump, the latter breaking former worldrecord holder Phil Shinnick's UW indoor mark of 25-6 1/2 set in 1965. One of just seven Huskies ever to long jump 25 feet -- something he has done 17 times already -- and one of just 12 to high jump seven feet, Frederick is the first ever to do both, and has a realistic shot at two of UW's most hallowed school records -- Rick Noji's 7-6 ½ mark in the high jump from 1990, and Shinnick's seemingly-untouchable world-record mark of 27-4 in the long jump from 1963. Despite battling pneumonia, Frederick managed to successfully defend his MPSF long jump title in February with a jump of 25-2 1/2, and was third in the high jump.

Frederick, Metcalf Honored by USTFCCCA: Fifth-year Washington head coach Greg Metcalf was named West Region Men's Coach of the Year and junior long jumper Norris Frederick was named West Region Men's Field Athlete of the Year in March by the USTFCCCA. Metcalf, whose USTFCCCA honor was the first of his five-year head coaching career, has been instrumental in the revival of Washington track and field since his hiring in 2002. His first four-plus seasons have seen Washington produce six individual NCAA

titles, six individual Pac-10 titles and 55 All-America award winners, including a record-breaking 19 All-Americans in 2006 alone. Washington's men, placed eighth at the 2002 Pac-10 Championships in Metcalf's first year, tied for seventh at the NCAA Indoor Championships earlier this month, and have won back-to-back MPSF Indoor conference crowns. Frederick, meanwhile, earned All-America honors in both the high- and long jumps in March, captured his second-straight MPSF long jump in February, and was the Pac-10 long jump champion a year ago. Frederick is the only Husky ever to long jump 25 feet and high jump seven feet in his career, and boasts season- and career-bests of 25 feet, 10 inches and 7'-2 ½", respectively, that ranked him No. 3 and No. 11 nationally during the 2007 indoor campaign.

Vault Legacy: From Brad Walker to Kate Soma to an NCAA-record five women's vaulters over 13 feet in 2005, there is little doubt that Washington reigns supreme in the world of collegiate -- and in Walker's case, international -- pole vaulting. In just the past four years, Washington pole vaulters current and past have stood atop the podium at the NCAA Championships, the USATF Championships and the IAAF World Championships, combining for two world-championship medals, three USATF titles, three NCAA titles, three Pac-10 titles and 10 All-America honors. Reigning world indoor champion Walker, who has taken on an active role at UW this season as a volunteer assistant coach, holds the world's No. 3 ranking in the pole vault, while both he and Soma rank among the NCAA's all-time top-10 in their respective events.

Roth Sets Bar High: Fans used to watching the world's best pole vaulters wear the purple and gold roared loud and long for freshman vaulter Scott **Roth** during the 2007 indoor campaign. Roth responded with lifetime-best clearance sof 17-6 ½ and 18-1 at the season's first two meets, and an outstanding 18-1 3/4 clearance at the UW Last Chance Qualifier, the latter good for second among collegiate vaulters during the 2007 indoor season. That Roth should succeed right from the start is little surprise. The Granite Bay, Calif., native has led all U.S. prep pole vaulters in each of the past two seasons, and boasted a prep-best clearance of 17-4 that was among the best in U.S. prep history. Already over 18-1 3/4 this season, Roth has a chance to break the age-group record of 18-3 set by Oregon's Tommy Skipper in 2004, and also has the chance to become the first freshman to win an NCAA pole vault title since Skipper captured the NCAA outdoor crown that same year. Should Roth do so, he would add to UW's already-impressive pole vault legacy -- including NCAA champions Brad Walker and Kate Soma, and numerous All-Americans. Roth already has his outdoor season season off to a fast start with a regional-qualifying mark of 17-2 ¾ in his outdoor debut, good for fourth in the nation through the season's first two weeks.

Best in NCAA History: Washington's pole vaulters haven't just been good the past 10 years -- they've been record-good. During the 2005 season, Washington's women's vaulters broke three NCAA records, including most women's vaulters at a single NCAA Championships (4), most women's vaulters to compete at NCAAs in one year, indoors and out (5), and most women's vaulters over 13 feet in one season (5). In fact, whereas prior to 2005, no team had ever sent more than three women's vaulters to the NCAA meet, Washington sent four each to the NCAA Indoor and Outdoor Championships, with three earning All-America honors and senior Kate Soma bringing home the 2005 NCAA outdoor title. Washington should remain a vaulting force in 2007, as two of the five return, including two-time NCAA qualifier **Stevie Marshalek** and three-time NCAA qualifier **Kelley DiVesta**. Those two will attempt to have their photos placed alongside former teammates Soma, Carly Dockendorf and Ashley Wildhaber on the Huskies' All-American wall.

Long-Range Talents: Those who only follow UW track and field outdoors may not have heard of sophomores **Jeremy Mineau** or **Anita Campbell** entering the spring of 2006, but they certainly have now. Making his outdoor debut in March 2006 before a hometown crowd at Stanford, Menlo Park, Calif., native Mineau obliterated UW's freshman record in the 10,000 meters and climbed to second on UW's all-time list. Mineau's time of 28:49.69 -- second in 2006 by a collegiate freshman — was just the third sub-29 minute 10K in UW history, and was just 15 seconds shy of the school record. Mineau hasn't stopped there, making NCAA Championships appearances in both track (21st, 10000m) and cross country (53rd, leading UW to 12th), and earning first-team All-Pac-10 and All-West Region honors in the fall. Campbell, likewise, entered last spring as a household name to fans of UW's cross country and indoor track and field squads -- the Vancouver, B.C., native has earned top-100 finishes at the NCAA Cross Country Championships in each of her first two years, and set a UW freshman record indoors with a 16:33.27 posting in a second-place effort at the 2006 MPSF Championships -- but was an unknown quantity to UW's outdoor fans before the NCAA Regional meet, where her surprising third-place finish placed the freshman in the NCAA Championships field. Campbell's subsequent 21st-place finish -- in a UW freshman-record 16:29.91, no less -- sent notice that she, and Mineau, will be strong contenders for Washington through at least the 2009 campaign. Both have their 2007 seasons off to fast starts, with Mineau having repeated his sub-29 effort with a nearly-identical 28:57.02 at Stanford last weekend, and Campbell shaving a stunning 29 seconds off of her outdoor 5K personal best with a 16:00.03 posting at Stanford — UW's fourth-fastest ever and the No. 7 mark in the nation this year.

Relay Rewards: There's never been a better time to run on a UW relay than right now. Washington's win in the 4x400 meters at the 2006 NCAA West Regional was the first in the postseason by a UW relay since 1975, and clinched the team's third-straight NCAA Championships bid. Only one other relay in UW can match that feat -- the Huskies' current distance medley relay squad, which has earned three-straight top-five NCAA Indoor Championships finishes. Three Husky foursomes earned All-America honors in 2006 -- the first time in UW history that has happened -- including a third-place finish for Washington's 4x400-meter relay indoors that was the best-ever for a UW relay indoors, and the best by a UW 4x400-meter squad, indoors or out, since winning the 1975 NCAA outdoor title. Prior to the arrival of assistant coach LaMonte Vaughn, Jr., who took over UW's sprint/relay program in 2005, Washington had failed to qualify a relay for the NCAA Championships since 1998 -- in the two-plus years since Vaughn's hire, seven of the Huskies' 10 relays have qualified for the NCAA Championships, while five have earned All-America honors -- a feat accomplished by just three UW relays in the previous 30 years. Washington had multiple relays at both the 2005 NCAA Outdoor and 2006 NCAA Indoor meets -- something that had not occurred even once previously in 85 years of NCAA competition -- and has put three of its four relays atop the UW record books, with the fourth (the 4x100-meter relay) clocking UW's second-fastest time ever, and the fastest by a UW sprint relay in 22 years.

Strong Claims U.S. Steeple Record: Washington's athletes weren't the only ones making waves at the UW Outdoor Preview meet in March. Assistant coach **Kelly Strong** stole the show with a winning time of 6:25.98 in the 2,000-meter steeplechase, breaking the American record of 6:29.2 set by Ann Gaffigan in 2005. The former ASU All-American, who has coached distance runners at Washington since 2002, already ranks among America's finest steeplers at the more commonlyrun 3,000-meter distance, where her best of 9:48.90 is the seventh-best ever by an American woman. Strong, who competes professionally for Asics, continues to train under Washington head coach **Greg Metcalf** in preparation for a run at the 2008 Olympics in Beijing, where the women's steeplechase will be contested as a medal event for the first time.

2007 Updates to UW's All-Time Top-10 **Outdoor Lists**

Men's 10,000	Motors	
SR: 28:34.54	David Bazzi	2001
28:49.69	Jeremy Mineau	2006
28:58.34h	Curt Corvin	1986
29:13.04h 29:22.47	Jim Reinke Kevin Peters	1987 2006
29:22.47 29:22.54h	Bill Stolp	1979
29:27.14h	Steve Surface	1977
29:27.84h	Bill McClement	1978
29:38.71	Mark Mandi	2005
29:49.51	Mike Sayenko	2007
Men's 4x400-	Meter Relay	
SR: 3:03.85	S. Williams/Charles/Brown/Jackson	2005
3:04.14ch 3:04.22	Tinner/Belur/Franco/Hicks Boase/Charles/Brown/Jackson	1975 2006
3:04.73	Bryant/McKay/Merritt/Ellison	1990
3:05.21	Hooker/Prior/Anabel/Dawson	1998
3:06.41	Adams/McCary/S. Williams/Jackson	2004
3:06.53 3:07.08	Strub/McKay/Merritt/Ellison	1991 2006
3:08.37	Boase/Charles/McCary/Jackson Boase/Charles/S. Williams/Jackson	2005
3:08.39	Gudaitis/Fredrickson/Brown/Harcourt	2007
Men's Discus		
SR: 214-7	Borys Chambul	1976
210-3	Adam Setliff	1993
208-9	Mart Israel	2007
Women's 800	Meters	
SR: 2:05.73	Sarah Bolender	1987
2:05.97	Courtney Inman	2003
2:06.51	Dana Arnim	1980
2:06.75 2:06.80	Mary Dong Sandra Gregg	1987 1981
2:07.39	Dani Schuster	2007
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Brains And Brawn: In just three years, senior Martin Bingisser has already captured an indoor conference title, earned an All-America honor and posted UW's best marks in a decade in the hammer and weight throws -- but it's his accomplishments outside the cage that truly set him apart. A three-time third-place hammer finisher at the Pac-10 Championships and the 2006 MPSF Conference champion in the weight throw, Bingisser earned his bachelor's degree in philosophy in June 2005 after just three years of college, and is currently in his second year in the UW School of Law. The Interlake High School graduate, who is using his final year of eligibility in 2007 while pursuing his J.D., has been on a tear since transferring from Cal State Northridge in the fall of 2004, culminating with a 64-foot, 8 3/4-inch toss to win the hammer at the 2006 MPSF Indoor meet -- just the second weight throw competition of his collegiate career. Bingisser's weight success, which includes a career-best throw of 64-11 1/4 earlier in 2007, UW's best in 22 years -- echoes his success in the hammer throw, where the Bellevue native placed 12th at the 2006 NCAA Championships, ranks fourth in UW history with a best of 212-9, and is already qualified for regional competition in 2007. In addition to his academic and athletic prowess, Bingisser is among the country's leading hammer scholars -- his website, HammerCenter.com, provides the nation's most comprehensive coverage of the hammer at the prep and college level, plus videos and other instruction tools.

Two-Sport Studs: Washington's current roster includes four athletes currently on scholarship in other sports, including football players Chris Stevens. Daniel Te'o-Nesheim, and Cameron Elisara, and volleyball star **Janine Sandell**. The latter three have all achieved regional qualifying standards already, including a throw of 157-1 in the discus by Sandell that is UW's best this century. A Pac-10 Championships participant a year ago and a key member of the Huskies' defensive line last fall, Te'o-Nesheim is off to a terrific start this season with a best of 56-4 ½, while two-time state champion Elisara, who ranked 10th in the nation among U.S. preps in 2006, is also over the regional standard with a best of 55-2. In addition to those competing officially for UW, a number of other Husky football players were regulars in the Dempsey Indoor fields this season -- tight end Johnie Kirton competed unattached in throwing events at each of UW's first three meets, while defensive backs Desmond Davis and Matt Mosley, linebackers Stevens and Dan Howell, and wide receivers Quintin Daniels, Cody Ellis and D'Andre Goodwin all competed unattached in the sprints.

2007 Indoor Season Redux: Washington continued to raise its national profile during the 2007 indoor season, with the Huskies' men's team capturing its second-straight conference championship and placing seventh at the NCAA Indoor meet, and a record-breaking total of 11 Huskies bringing home indoor All-America honors, including an NCAA title at 800 meters for senior Ryan Brown. Brown's win was one of four top-five finishes for UW athletes at the NCAA meet, including a third-place hurdles effort for senior **Ashley Lodree**, a fourth-place 800-meter finish for junior **Austin** Abbott, and a fifth-place finish in the distance medley relay for Abbott, Brown, and juniors James Fredrickson and Carl Moe. In addition to their NCAA exploits, Washington's teams and athletes also excelled at the MPSF Indoor Championships, capturing seven individual titles -- including four men's crowns and three women's crowns -- and winning their secondconsecutive conference men's team championship. In all, Husky athletes combined to win one NCAA title, seven conference individual titles and one conference team title, while earning 11 All-America honors and breaking six school records.

History in the Making?: With a near-record number of NCAA qualifiers, and perhaps the most experienced NCAA Championships contingent in UW history, it's no surprise that Washington reached a number of historical milestones at the 2007 NCAA Indoor meet. Senior Ryan Brown successfully defended his NCAA outdoor title at 800 meters, becoming just the fifth Husky to win multiple NCAA titles, and the first do so exclusively in track events since 1930. Brown also led UW's distance medley relay to fifth to up his career All-America total to eight, second-most in UW history and just two shy of Ja'Warren Hooker's once-untouchable UW career record of 10 All-America honors. Senior **Ashley Lodree**, meanwhile, captured her fifth-career All-America honor with a third-place hurdles finish, tying the UW women's career record of five All-America honors set by pole vaulter Kate Soma (2002-05). Juniors Austin Abbott and Norris Frederick, meanwhile, each earned their fourth-career All-America honors to move into a tie for sixth all-time in that category, while freshman pole vaulter Scott Roth became UW's first freshman All-American since 2005. Washington also set numerous milestones as a team, with the 11 All-America honors ranking No. 1 all-time for UW at a single NCAA Championship meet, and the men's team's seventh-place finish its best-ever indoors, and equaling its third-best NCAA finish overall since 1930. Furthermore, Brown's win extended a streak of five-straight seasons with at least one NCAA champion, and also preserved a streak that has seen at least one UW male competitor earn a top-10 NCAA Championships finish in each of the past 47 years.

Ridiculous Records: Washington's athletes have certainly kept the team's indoor record-keepers busy in 2007, combining for 50 marks among the Huskies' all-time top-10 indoors, including five school records -- three by hurdler **Ashley Lodree**. Washington's highly-acclaimed indoor facility, Dempsey Indoor, has certainly had an effect on the Huskies' indoor list -- UW's all-time top-10 indoor lists for men and women include 336 marks, 154 of which (46%) have been achieved since the start of the 2002 season, UW's first in the facility. For a complete look at UW's Indoor Top-10 Marks, click the "History" link at GoHuskies.com.

Former Huskies Return: Two new faces on the Husky squad will be familiar to all who follow Washington track and field -- former Huskies Will Conwell and Brad Walker return to Montlake in 2007 as volunteer assistant coaches, Conwell working with UW's discus throwers, and Walker with the Husky pole vaulters. Both bring impressive pedigrees to the UW staff: 2006 graduate Conwell was a four-time top-five finisher and ranks among the Huskies' all-time best in the discus and weight throw. Walker, meanwhile, has won three USATF titles and two world championship medals, and elevated himself to No. 1 in the IAAF World Rankings in the pole vault since graduating in 2004 as a two-time NCAA champion and Pac-10 record holder. Not even Walker, however, can match the accolades of Big W Club Director Aretha (Hill) Thurmond, who trains at her alma mater alongside husband and UW throwing coach **Reedus Thurmond**. A four-time All-American during her time at Washington from 1995-98, the former **Aretha Hill** boasts three U.S. discus titles, is a two-time U.S. Olympian, and ranks third in U.S. history -- and second in NCAA history -- in the event.

2007 Updates to UW's All-Time Indoor Track and Field Top-10 Lists **All-Time** School **All-Time** School UW Rank Mark **UW Rank** <u>Name</u> Event Record <u>Name</u> Event Mark Record Ryan Brown 800m Run 1:48.40 1st Same Ashley Lodree 60m Hurdles 8.01 Same 25-10 Norris Frederick Long Jump 1st Same 60m Dash 7.34 Ashley Lodree 1st Same Alex Harcourt 400m Dash 46.43 1st Same Ashley Lodree 200m Dash 24.22 Same 1st Austin Abbott 800m Run 1:49.00 2nd 1:48.51 16:28.19 Anita Campbell 5.000m Run 2nd 16:22.13 Martin Bingisser Weight Throw 67-0 2nd 71-5 1/2 Amanda Miller Mile 4:41.36 2nd 4:40.24 7-2 1/4 Norris Frederick High Jump 2nd 7-5 Dani Schuster 4:43.33 4:40.24 Mile 3rd Heptathlon 4,874 5,126 Corey Fredericks 2nd Miller/Leonhardt/ **DMR** 11:24.45 3rd 11:23.12 18-1 3/4 19-0 1/4 Scott Roth Pole Vault 2nd Schuster/Lia Abbott/Fredrickson/ DMR 9:35.89 3rd 9:35.35 2:09.99 2:06.76 800m Run 4th Dani Schuster Brown/Moe Schuster/Leonhardt/ DMR 11:25.67 4th 11:23.12 James Fredrickson 60m Hurdles 8 03 4th 7.82c Harrison/Miller 1:50.19 1:48.51 Brian Govier 800m Run 4th Kelley DiVesta Pole Vault 13-3 3/4 5th 14-3 1/2 McKane Lee Pole Vault 17-93/4 4th 19-0 1/4 2:10.17 Kira Harrison 800m Run 5th 2:06.76 Mile Run 4:01.33 3:58.93 Carl Moe 4th Syreeta Martin 200m Dash 25.12 5th 24.22 Bobby Noble Heptathlon 4,437 4th 5,126 Kinyatta Leonhardt 400m Dash 55.99 6th 55.11 Gudaitis/Still/ 3:09.08 5th 3:07.03 4x400m 47-5 1/4 52-7 1/2 Sheree Ellis Shot Put 7th Brown/Fredrickson Martin/Ankton/ 4x400m 3:47.58 7th 3:44.00 200m Dash 21.41 5th 20.56 Alex Harcourt Miller/Lodree Mile Run 4:05.29 7th 3:58.93 Jon Harding 46-7 1/2 9th 52-7 1/2 Whitney Hooks Shot Put Abbott/Still/ DMR 9:43.40 7th 9:35.35 Weight Throw 55-2 Govier/Spady Whitney Hooks 46-6 9th 12-3 1/2 14-3 1/2 Zack Midles Weight Throw 58-5 1/4 7th 71-5 1/2 Andrea Peterson Pole Vault 9th Mike Sayenko 5,000m Run 14:14.73 8th 13:54.03 14:17.04 13:54.03 Kelly Spady 5,000m Run 9th 20.56 7:54.13 James Fredrickson 200m Dash 21.79 10th 8:07.69 Kelly Spady 3000m Run 10th Daniel Te'o-Nesheim 56-5 1/4 65-5 1/4 Shot Put 10th

Head Coach Greg Metcalf: Former Husky All-American Greg Metcalf is in his fifth year as Washington's head coach of track and field and cross country, and his 10th year overall on the UW staff. Metcalf earned West Region Indoor Men's Coach of the Year honors in 2007 after leading **Rvan Brown** to his second-straight NCAA 800-meter title, and guiding the Washington men to a second-straight indoor conference title and a seventh-place tie at the NCAA Indoor meet, the latter an all-time program best. Metcalf can only hope that 2007 continues on the same track as his banner 2006 campaign, when middle distance runners Brown and Amy Lia won NCAA titles, and UW men combined for three individual conference crowns and the Huskies' first-ever indoor team title. In his first four-plus seasons at the helm, Metcalf has led the UW women to four top-25 finishes at the NCAA Championships, and guided the Husky men to three top-25 efforts, including the aforementioned seventh-place finish indoors in March. Individually, 19 UW distance runners have earned NCAA berths, with three earning NCAA titles and 11 grabbing All-America accolades, a list which does not include the team's three-time All-America distance medley relays (2005-07). In addition, Metcalf has led the Huskies' women's cross country team to the NCAA meet eight of his first 10 years at the helm, and guided the UW men to a 12th-place NCAA cross country finish in 2006. In nine years atop Washington's distance program, Metcalf has coached three NCAA champions, six Pac-10 champions, 22 All-Americans, 13 school-record setters and 78 NCAA Championships competitors. A 1993 UW graduate, Metcalf was a two-time All-American in the steeple, and ran in the 1996 U.S. Olympic Trials.

Star-Studded Staff: Washington's assistant coaching staff in 2007 is in no way short on accolades. Tenth-year vaults/jumps coach Pat Licari has coached 12 All-Americans, including NCAA champions Brad Walker and **Kate Soma**. Third-year sprints/hurdles coach **LaMonte Vaughn**, **Jr**., meanwhile, has had a banner first two years, mentoring Ashley Lodree to four All-America honors and guiding five of UW's six relays to NCAA berths, including four All-American relays. Second-year throws coach Reedus **Thurmond** mentored two conference champions and three NCAA qualifiers in his first year, including a pair of All-America performers, while fifth-year distance coach **Kelly Strong** was a five-time All-American and three-time Pac-10 champion at ASU, and is the American record-holder in the 2,000meter steeplechase. The newcomer to the group is first-year men's distance coach **Jimmy Bean**, an All-Midwest Region performer at Division-III Greenville (III.) University and a highly-touted coach and recruiter. Ironically, the most accomplished members of the Husky coaching staff are two of the team's volunteer assistants -- former Huskies Aretha (Hill) Thurmond and **Brad Walker.** The two are each among the premier athletes in the world, combining for six U.S. titles and two Olympic appearances, and each ranking among America's all-time top-four in their respective events.