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Huskies Home for Ken Foreman Invite, Final Tuneup Before Pac-10s

On the Track: Washington's nationally-ranked track and field squads close out the 2002 regular season with the annual Ken Foreman Invitational, Friday and Saturday in Seattle. The meet, hosted at Husky Stadium by Seattle Pacific University, features the top collegiate, community college and club athletes from the Northwest. The meet, which this year features dozens of NCAA qualifiers, is named for legendary SPU track coach Ken Foreman, who tutored 27 national champions and 159 All-Americans in 37 years guiding the Falcons. The fun begin Friday with the first four events of the heptathlon, with the majority of competition taking place Saturday. The meet marks the conclusion of the regular season for Washington, which opens postseason action with the Pac-10 Championships, May 18-19 in Pullman, Wash.

Last Week: Washington's field athletes took center stage in tough weather conditions at Washington State's Mooberry Track and Field Complex, leading the Huskies to near-upsets of the Cougars' men's and women's squads in the 88th-annual dual. The 20th-ranked Husky men fell to No. 14 WSU, 103-99, the Cougars' 57th win in the series, which dates back to 1900. Washington's No. 14 women's squad was also nipped in the final events, dropping to 18-8 all-time against the Cougs with a 105-98 defeat. Out of the losses came a myriad of individual successes, none greater than the school records established by juniors **Brad Walker** and **Kameko Gay** in the pole vault and hammer throw, respectively. Walker was named Pac-10 Field Athlete of the Week on Tuesday after clearing 18-feet, one inch to become the Huskies' No. 1 vaulter all-time, breaking the 10-year old record of 18-0 1/2 set by Garth Willard in 1992. Meanwhile, Gay heaved the hammer farther than any Husky to come before, posting a mark of 170-10 that was nearly two feet beyond the previous best. Also scoring points for Washington were a pair of throwers, **Mat Schwinn** and **Heather Reichmann**, who added their names to the NCAA provisional-qualifying list with dynamic heaves in their respective events. Schwinn, a junior, went 181-8 in the discus to close to within five inches of the Huskies all-time top-10, while Reichmann threw the javelin 153-5 to move in the top-10 of the Pac-10 standings.

Ken Foreman Invite Schedule of Events

Friday, May 10

9:00 a.m.	Hept. 100m Hurdles
	Hept. High Jump
	Hept. Shot Put
	Hept. 200m Dash

Saturday, May 11

9:00 a.m.	Javelin (W/M)
	10,000m Run (Men)
10:00 a.m.	Long Jump (M/W)
	Pole Vault (M/W)
10:30 a.m.	Shot Put (W/M)
11:00 a.m.	High Jump (W/M)
	5,000m Run (Women)
After Javelin	Hammer (W/M)
11:30 a.m.	Steeplechase (M/W)
12:15 p.m.	4x100m Relay (W/M)
12:25 p.m.	1500m Run (W/M)
12:50 p.m.	110m Hurdles (Men)
After men	100m Hurdles (Women)
After LJ	Triple Jump (W/M)
1:20 p.m.	400m Dash (W/M)
1:35 p.m.	100m Dash (W/M)
1:55 p.m.	800m Run (W/M)
After Hammer	Discus (W/M)
2:30 p.m.	400m Hurdles (W/M)
2:50 p.m.	200m Dash (W/M)
3:10 p.m.	5,000m Run (Men)
3:35 p.m.	3,000m Run (Women)
3:45 p.m.	4x400m Relay (W/M)
4:00 p.m.	Hept. Long Jump
5:00 p.m.	Hept. Javelin
6:00 p.m.	Hept. 800m Run

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	11:05.04*
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	58.59**%
4x100m Relay	Ogarro/L. Moore/R. Moore/Hawkins	46.75
4x400m Relay	Jensen/Sheppard/L. Moore/Hawkins	3:45.45
High Jump	Brittany Roberts	5-7*
Pole Vault	Kate Soma	13-1 1/2**%
Long Jump	Zee Ogarro	19-1 1/2w/19-0 3/4*
Triple Jump	Brittany Roberts	40-0*
Shot Put	Searan Salibian	46-3 1/4*
Discus	Searan Salibian	137-2
Hammer	Kameko Gay	170-10*
Javelin	Heather Reichmann	153-5**%

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	3:14.73
High Jump	Erik Lanigan	6-8 3/4*
Pole Vault	Brad Walker	18-1**%
Long Jump	Phillippe Cook	22-9 3/4w/22-4 1/2
Triple Jump	Marcus Kelly	49-7w/49-5 1/2*
Shot Put	Jeff Wallis	50-9 1/4
Discus	Mat Schwinn	181-8**%
Hammer	Mat Schwinn	155-2
Javelin	Seth Jens	209-5*

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

Huskies Hold Steady in Top 25: For the 11th-consecutive week, both of Washington's track and field squads are ranked in the top-25 of the U.S. Track Coaches Association Dual Meet Power Rankings, which simulate head-to-head competition between the nation's elite collegiate squads. Behind strong performances in the field events at last week's dual with Washington State, the Husky women increased their score by six points, to 334.22, but fell three spots to 17th. UCLA, which has won the past five Pac-10 Championships, and 12 of the last 15, remained a strong No. 1 with 408.11 points, nearly 40 points ahead of No. 2 North Carolina. The Husky men also upped their weekly score, gaining four points while falling four spots to 24th. The Huskies' 314.9 points trail No. 1 Tennessee, who earned 374.49 in this week's rankings. Both teams remained unranked in this week's Trackwire 25, which predicts team scoring at the 2002 NCAA Championships.

Captains Fantastic: Eight Husky athletes, including two underclassmen, were selected team captains for 2002 by a vote of their teammates. On the men's side, seniors **Mike Hill**, **Marcus Kelly**, **Frank Remund** and **Josh Robinson** were bestowed the honor, each of the first time. Hill, a four-year letterwinner in cross-country and track, is currently the Pac-10's No. 2 steeplechaser, while Kelly placed third in the triple jump at last year's conference meet. Remund was a top-10 finisher in the high jump at the 2001 Pac-10 meet, while Robinson boasts a Pac-10 qualifying mark in the javelin. On the women's team, seniors **Zee Ogarro** and **Searan Salibian** were chosen as captains, along with juniors **Kate Bradshaw** and **Le Tesha Moore**. Ogarro has accomplished the rare feat of leading the UW in the long jump both indoors and out for four consecutive years, and has bettered the Pac-10 quali-

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flying standard in the event this season. Salibian has been one of Washington's most consistent performers, competing in the shot put at the Pac-10 championships in each of the last three seasons. Bradshaw won the 10,000 meters at the conference meet in 2000, while Moore holds Washington indoor school record in the 60-meter dash, and has led Washington's relay squads to top-five Pac-10 finishes in two of her three years at UW.

Leading the Pac: With the Pac-10 Championships looming in one week, Washington added three qualifiers at last week's Washington State Dual, with two other Huskies earning their second qualifying marks of the year. Sophomore **Erik Lanigan** (high jump), a Division-II All-American at Central Washington last season, achieved his first-ever Pac-10 qualifying mark, while juniors **Mat Schwinn** (discus) and **Megan Priestersbach** (javelin) assured return trips to the conference meet. Meanwhile, sophomore **Brittany Roberts** added a high jump qualifier to her triple-jump mark set earlier this year, while shot-putter **Kameko Gay** doubled-up with a qualifier in the hammer throw. Washington has qualified 38 athletes in 25 different events for this year's Pac-10 Championships, occurring May 18-19 in Pullman. Each school is limited to 24 athletes per team at the conference meet, but can enter at least one competitor in each event for which it has no qualifier. With 19 qualifiers on the men's side, including a remarkable seven qualifiers at 5,000 meters, expect to see some names not on this list join the squad at the conference meet. Likewise, some qualifiers listed here may not compete due to injury or depth in a specific event. At last week's Oregon Invitational, sophomore hurdler **Jesse Giordano** became the third Husky to

meet the conference standard in the 400-meter hurdles, while senior **Jason Fayant** and junior **Ben Koss** each added their names to the roll of qualifiers at 5,000 meters. Counting Roberts and Gay, eight 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) 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 **Rigel Wise** (javelin). First-time qualifiers **Cristian Adams** (400m), Lanigan, **Josh Robinson** (javelin) 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), 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), senior **Searan Salibian** (shot put), Schwinn, Priestersbach, junior **Brad Walker** (pole vault) and senior **Susan Werner** (1500m).

Upcoming Husky Track Events

May 11	Ken Foreman Invite	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

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20 Years of Spear Success: From Fred Luke, to Duncan Atwood, to Darryl Roberson, Washington has a long-standing tradition of excellence in the javelin. This year's crop is no exception, with no fewer than four Husky spear specialists exceeding the Pac-10 standard. Junior **Heather Reichmann** is among the conference's top-10 in the event with an NCAA provisional-qualifying throw of 153-5, and **Megan Priestersbach** is a conference qualifier for the third straight year. Meanwhile, sophomore **Seth Jens** has continued to build upon his terrific freshman season with a Pac-10 qualifying mark of 209-5, 10th in the conference this season. Jens is joined by senior **Josh Robinson** and true freshman **Rigel Wise** on the Pac-10's qualifying list. Last year, Priestersbach teamed with Reichmann to give the Huskies a terrific 1-2 punch at the Pac-10 Championships, with Priestersbach placing third and Reichmann seventh. Priestersbach went on to finish 18th at the NCAA Championships, re-establishing the Huskies' long-standing javelin tradition. Since 1982, when women's track and field joined the NCAA, the Huskies have sent at least one competitor in the javelin to all but two NCAA Championships, a span of 20 years. The list includes four Pac-10 Champions (Helen Uusitalo -- 1987, Roberson -- 1988-89, Troy Burkholder -- 1996), one NCAA champion (Uusitalo -- 1986) and a U.S. Olympian (Atwood -- 1984). In all, three different Huskies have thrown the javelin for the U.S. at the Olympic Games and three more have earned NCAA titles.

Reichmann for Three?: Whether streaking for a layin in the paint, or gliding down the javelin runway, junior **Heather Reichmann** hasn't had much time to rest recently as she bids for her third-career top-10 conference finish. A standout track and basketball star at Seattle's King's High School, Reichmann came to Washington in 1998 on a basketball scholarship, but with a desire to continue to excel at both of her favorite sports. In the four years since, the business major has done just that, having helped Washington's basketball squad to a Pac-10 title and NCAA Elite Eight berth in 2001, and placed among the top-seven javelin finishers

in the Pac-10 Championships twice. This year has perhaps been Reichmann's most successful. Unable to join the track squad until Apr. 27 due to basketball commitments, Reichmann debuted with a career-best and Pac-10 qualifying mark at the Oregon Dual. She then followed up her impressive performance with career-bests at two of the next three meets, including an NCAA provisional-qualifying mark of 153-5 in a victory at last week's dual meet with Washington State. The mark ranks Reichmann eighth in the Pac-10 Conference entering next week's Championships. Reichmann, who has completed her basketball eligibility, redshirted the 2000 track and field season with a shoulder injury, and plans to return for her senior season next spring.

Hammer Time: At last week's dual meet with Washington State, junior **Kameko Gay** proved that "u can't touch" *this* Husky athlete when it comes to the hammer throw. Gay's mark of 170-10 was nearly two feet beyond the school record of 169-1 established by Rebecca Morrison during the 1998 season. With the record-setting heave, Gay also bettered her own career-best mark by nearly four feet, a terrific accomplishment for a thrower who has shown steady improvement throughout her Husky career. A graduate of St. Mary's Academy in Portland, Ore., Gay was twice a top-10 state discus competitor, and competed in the shot put and discus at the 1998 Junior Olympics. Gay signed with Arizona during her senior season, and spent two up-and-down years heaving the hammer for the Wildcats. After missing all of her freshman season due to illness, Gay finally made her collegiate debut in 2000 and earned a Pac-10 qualifying mark with a career-best throw of 163-2, sixth-best in Arizona history. Feeling the need for change, however, Gay opted to transfer to Washington, where she again earned Pac-10 qualifying marks, both in the shot put and hammer throw, in 2001. This season, Gay upped her career bests with conference qualifiers in both events, culminating with the dramatic record throw at WSU's Mooberry Track and Field Complex on Saturday.

What Goes Up ...: Junior **Mat Schwinn** knows the laws of gravity — he just tries to forestall the inevitable for as long as possible. At last week's dual meet with Washington State, Schwinn befuddled Sir Isaac Newton with a heave of 181-8 in the discus, placing the Castle Rock (Wash.) High School graduate on the list of athletes provisionally qualified for the 2002 NCAA Championships in Baton Rouge, La. Schwinn's throw, the Pac-10's sixth-best this season, is all the more impressive considering that the junior and two-time conference qualifier had never before thrown longer than 167-8, and did not even boast a Pac-10 qualifying mark in the event before last Saturday. Schwinn placed 12th in the discus at the conference championships in 2001, after missing the 2000 season due to injury. Schwinn earned back-to-back state discus titles in 1997 and 1998, and was the sixth-place finisher in the event at the 1994 Junior Olympics. As a freshman at Washington in 1999, Schwinn ranked second only to All-American Ben Lindsey in all three standing throws, providing Husky fans with a glimpse of the success he is now reaping. Schwinn's 2002 discus mark is among the top-30 in the nation this year, and is just five inches shy of Washington's all-time top-10.

Record-Setting Vaulters: 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 is usually cause for 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. Last week, at the annual UW-WSU dual meet, it was 2001 indoor All-American **Brad Walker's** turn to grace the record books. Walker became just the second Husky ever to clear 18 feet in the pole vault with a leap of 18-1, half an inch better than the 10-year-old school record of 18-0 1/2 set by Garth Willard in 1992. Walker took over first place in the Pac-10 Conference with the vault, a feat recognized by the conference office with its Pac-10 Field Athlete of the Week honor, which was bestowed upon the Husky junior for the first time in his career. Now ranked third in the nation, Walker enters this month's NCAA Championship meet with a chance to improve upon his 12th-place finish at last year's outdoor nationals. An indoor All-American in 2001, Walker required surgery during the offseason to repair a stress fracture in his foot suffered sometime during the season. 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, and cleared a then career-best 17-8 1/2 at the Stanford Invite one week later. A 1999 graduate of Spokane's University High School, Walker earned regional and district titles in 1999 before placing second at the state championships.

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. 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 under 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 won the 800-meter and 1500-meter races in dual-meet competition against Washington State. The week prior, she ran the anchor legs of Washington's distance medley and sprint medley relays at the Drake Relays, which placed first and second, respectively, the latter losing by just .02 of a second. In April, she climbed to fourth on 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. The junior also boasts an 800m best of 2:06.46 from the Oregon Dual that is within seven tenths of a second of the school record. The mark is second all-time at UW, and 18th in the nation this year. 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 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 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.

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 second in the Pac-10 standings, and moved him to within three seconds of the NCAA's automatic-qualifying standard. Two weeks ago, however, Hill posted what be an even more lasting accomplishment, overcoming difficult weather and a talented field to win the steeple at the Drake Relays, the most impressive win of his career. For his efforts at Drake, Hill was named the Pac-10 Conference's Track Athlete of the Week, one of three Huskies to earn the weekly honor this season. Having already shaved 15 seconds off of his steeplechase PR, Hill seems poised to make his NCAA Championships debut. 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.

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 March'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.

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 last week dual meet with Washington State, Sheppard was nipped at the line in the 400m hurdles by WSU's Randi Smith, but posted a mark of 58.59 seconds that is the sixth-fastest in school history, and well under the NCAA provisional standard. 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.

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. 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 ninth this season.

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 27th in the nation this year.
- Ran the 10,000m in 34:41.03 at the 2000 Pac-10 meet 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 14th-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 20th 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.
- Was named Pac-10 Track Athlete of the Week on Apr. 16.
- 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.

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 34th 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 15th 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, and shave 15 seconds off of his PR entering the season.
- Currently leads the 2002 Pac-10 steeplechase standings by a remarkable eight seconds.
- Earned the most impressive win of his career at the 2002 Drake Relays on Apr. 25, overcoming a powerful wind and a strong field to finish first in 8:54.38.
- Was named Pac-10 Track Athlete of the Week on May 3 for his efforts at Drake.
- 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 17th 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 18th 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.
- Anchored UW's winning sprint medley and runner-up distance medley relays at the 2002 Drake Relays..

Heather Reichmann Javelin Junior, Seattle, Wash. (King's HS)

- Career-best javelin mark of 153-5 currently ranks 33rd in the nation this year.
- Added two feet to her previous best with a throw of 153-5 at the Washington State dual to move up to eighth in the Pac-10 standings.
- Owns a pair of top-10 conference finishes, with a third-place finish in 1999 and a **seventh in 2001**.
- Did not compete in 2000 due to a shoulder injury suffered during the 1999-2000 Husky basketball season.
- A four-year letterwinner for Washington's women's basketball squad, served as team captain in 2002.
- Led Husky basketball team to a Pac-10 championship and NCAA Elite Eight berth in 2001.

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

- Provisional-qualifying time of 58.59 in the 400-meter hurdles currently ranks 23rd 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).

Mat Schwinn Discus Junior, Castle Rock, Wash. (Castle Rock)

- Provisional-qualifying mark of 181-8 is currently ranked 28th in the nation.
- Add 14 feet to his previous career-best with a throw of 181-8 at the May 4 dual meet in Pullman Washington State.
- Ranks seventh in the conference in the discus entering next week's Pac-10 Championships.
- Redshirted the 2000 season with an injury, but returned in 2001 to post a 12th-place finish in the discus at the Pac-10 Championships, posting a mark of 159-6.
- Earned back-to-back state discus titles in 1997 and 1998.
- The sixth-place finisher in the discus at the 1994 Junior Olympics, and third-place finisher at the 1996 Junior Olympics trials.

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

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 14th in the nation in 2002.
- Bested teammate Sandy Erickson's previous school record vault of 12-11 1/2, set during the 2000 season.
- Currently ranks sixth in the conference entering next week's Pac-10 Championship meet.
- 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 18-1 is the third-best in the nation in 2002.
- Became Washington's all-time pole vault leader with an NCAA provisional-qualifying mark of 18-1 at the May 4 dual meet with Washington State in Pullman.
- Career-best vault of 18-1 broke the 10-year-old record of 18-0 1/2 set by Garth Willard in 1992.
- Was named Pac-10 Field Athlete of the Week on May 7 for his record-setting accomplishment.
- Leads all Pac-10 competitors in the pole vault entering next week's conference championships.
- Had offseason surgery to repair a stress fracture in his 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.