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## Huffman, Hinshaw Top Athletes; Sauvageau, Totten Win Academic Awards

ELLENSBURG - Stephanie Huffman of Seattle Pacific and Mike Hinshaw of Western Oregon have been selected the 2001-02 Great Northwest Athletic Conference Female and Male Athletes-of-the-Year, while Nichole Sauvageau of Seattle University and Erik Totten of Western Washington have been named the GNAC Female and Male Scholar Athlete-of-the-Year award winners, respectively.

The awards were voted on by the athletic directors at the 10 Great Northwest Athletic Conference schools.

Huffman, a senior from Brush Prairie, Wash., scored 14 points for the Falcons in the NCAA national track-and-field meet, placing second in the javelin (149-9) and third in the heptathlon (5,389 points). She also led the SPU women to the GNAC track-and-field crown winning titles in the long jump (18-1), javelin (148-4) and heptathlon (4,867) and finishing second in the triple jump (36-7) and high jump (5-4 ½) and fifth in the 100 hurdles (15.59).

Hinshaw (Jr., Scappoose, OR) was a three-sport all-star for the Wolves. In football, he earned all-conference honors as a wide receiver, catching 44 passes for 717 yards and eight touchdowns. He also led the Wolves in scoring with 48 points.

In indoor track-and-field, Hinshaw won All-American honors in the 60 meters. In outdoor track-and-field, he won conference titles in the 100 meters (10.76), 200 meters (21.82), 4x100 (42.14) and 4x400 (3:20.20) in winning Outstanding Male Performer honors at the GNAC meet. He also competed in the NCAA Division II national meet in the 200, setting a GNAC record with a time of 21.11. He also earned second team Verizon Academic All-American honors.

Sauvageau, a junior from Liberty High School in Renton, led the Redhawks to a share of the inaugural GNAC women's soccer title last fall and was selected the league's Player-of-the-Year. A three-time NAIA All-American, she tied for the league lead in goals with 10 and ranked second in game-winning goals with four.

She also posted the top grade point average (3.92) on the GNAC Academic women's soccer all-conference team. Sauvageau, who is an accounting major, has been named to the Dean's List every quarter during her three years at the university.

Totten, a senior from Maple Valley (Tahoma), earned Verizon Academic All-American football honors each of the past two seasons and was a three-time conference academic all-star for the Vikings. Totten, who is a business and economics major, was named to the Dean's List five times during his academic career.

He also earned All-American honors on the football field. He was named to the Associated Press and d2football.com second team All-American squad and was a third team Football Gazette All-American last fall when he had a team-leading 53 tackles at strong safety. Totten, who has signed a free agent contract with the Pittsburgh Steelers, finished his career as the school career leader in punt returns (104), punt return yards (1,242), kickoff returns (60) and kickoff return yards (1,347).

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### GNAC Athletes-of-the-Year

**Mike Hinshaw, Western Oregon (Football, Indoor T&F, Outdoor T&F, Jr., PE/Health):** Wide receiver in football. Sprinter in track-and-field. . .Earned all-conference honors in football. Had 44 receptions for 717 yards and eight touchdowns. Led team in scoring with 48 points. . .Two-time Indoor Track & Field All-American (in 55 meters last year and 60 meters this spring). Holds all of WOU indoor school records in sprints. . .Won 100 and 200 meter titles and anchored winning 4x100 and 4x400 relay teams to lead Wolves to GNAC track-and-field title this spring. Was voted meet's Outstanding Male Performer. Set school and GNAC record in 200 meters (21.11) at NCAA National Outdoor meet. Also had GNAC season-best mark of 10.76 in 100 meters. Earned All-American honors at 2001 NCAA National Outdoor meet. Three-time conference champion in 100 meters. . .Also earned GNAC academic all-star honors in football and track-and-field. Was also named to Verizon District VIII Academic team and second team Verizon Academic All-American team.

**Stephanie Huffman, Seattle Pacific (Track & Field, Sr., Art):** NCAA Division II All-American in javelin (2<sup>nd</sup> at national meet) and heptathlon (3<sup>rd</sup> at national meet). Won conference titles in long jump, javelin and heptathlon and placed second in triple jump and high jump. Also placed fifth in 100 hurdles. Voted Outstanding Female Athlete at conference meet. Scored 5,389 points in heptathlon at national meet, the fourth highest score in school history. Had third best long jump in school history (19-8) during heptathlon. Shared SPU Athlete-of-the-Year Award (winning it for the third time) and was voted team MVP. Led SPU to GNAC team title and 19<sup>th</sup> place finish in national meet. . .Earned all-region and all-conference academic honors. Winner of the McCrath Scholar-Athlete Award for having highest GPA of any SPU graduating four-year letter-winner.

### GNAC Scholar Athletes-of-the-Year

**Erik Totten, Western Washington (Football, Business/Economics, Sr., 3.66 GPA):** Earned Verizon Academic All-American honors each of past two seasons (first team in junior season, second team senior season). Twice named Verizon District VIII Academic all-star. Three-time conference academic all-star (CFA in sophomore and junior seasons; GNAC senior season). Five different times named to WWU Dean's List. . .Played strong safety in football. Finished career as school career record holder in punt returns (104), punt return yards (1,242), kickoff returns (60) and kickoff return yards (1,347). Led team in tackles senior season with 53. Also credited with seven passes defended and three interceptions. Completed career by participating in Cactus Bowl Senior All-Star game and signing free agent contract with Pittsburgh Steelers. . .Named to numerous conference, regional and All-American all-star teams. All-American honors senior season included Associated Press Small-College (2<sup>nd</sup> team), d2football.com (2<sup>nd</sup> team) and Football Gazette (3<sup>rd</sup> team). All-American honors junior season included AFCA (1<sup>st</sup> team), d2football.com (1<sup>st</sup> team), Associated Press Small-College (2<sup>nd</sup> team), Daktronics (2<sup>nd</sup> team) and Football Gazette (3<sup>rd</sup> team). Also was named to CFA all-conference team in junior season and GNAC all-conference team senior year, Little All-Northwest team (junior and senior seasons) and to d2football.com regional team senior season and Daktronics West Regional team junior season.

**Nichole Sauvageau, Seattle University (Women's Soccer, Jr., Accounting, 3.92 GPA):** Has been on Dean's List every quarter during three years at university. . .Anderson Award Winner (Most Outstanding Student in Accounting Department). . .NAEF Scholarship recipient (scholarship award to a Seattle University junior for academic excellence). . .Member of Beta Alpha Psi (service fraternity in accounting department). . .NAIA Academic All-American. . .GNAC Academic All-Star (had top GPA on team). . .Was 2000-01 Seattle University Student/Athletic of the Year. . .Alber's School of Business Outstanding Sophomore award winner. . .Campus Ministry Mexico Mission Trek team leader. . .Has played midfield and forward positions for Redhawk soccer team. . .Three-time first team all-conference. PacWest Player-of-the-Year in sophomore year and GNAC Player-of-the-Year junior season. . .Two-time team captain. . .Seattle University Female Athlete-of-the-Year. . .Three-time NAIA All-American. . .Three-time NAIA All-Region first team. . .GNAC Player-of-the-Week (10/23/01). . .Tied for sixth in points (22), tied for first in goals (10) and tied for second in game-winning goals (4) during 2001 season. Led team to second straight conference title and to NAIA regional final.