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Sauvageau Repeats As Scholar-Athlete Winner; Schwoerer Wins Male Award

SPOKANE, Wash. – Nichole Sauvageau of Seattle University has been selected the **Great Northwest Athletic Conference Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year** award winner for the second consecutive year.

Tobias Schwoerer of Alaska Anchorage won the men's award. The awards are voted on by the athletic directors at the 10 Great Northwest Athletic Conference schools.

Sauvageau, who was a four-time conference and region all-star selection, scored five goals and had six assists in leading the Redhawks' women's soccer team to a 11-7-1 record last fall, including 7-4-1 in the conference. She finished her four-year career with a GNAC record 110 points, including 45 goals and 20 assists.

Sauvageau was also a three-time academic all-conference selection during her career and earned Verizon Academic All-American honors this past fall.

An accounting major, she has compiled a cumulative 3.9 grade point average and has won numerous academic honors during her collegiate career. A member of the Dean's List during every quarter, she graduated from Seattle University this spring suma cum laude (highest honors).

Schwoerer, who is a junior from Lenzkirch, Germany, helped lead the Seawolves to the GNAC cross country team championship last fall, earning all-conference honors by finishing seventh in the conference meet. He also earned all-region honors with a 13th place finish.

He also competed in skiing, earning the fourth and fifth All-American honors of his career, finishing third in both the 20K freestyle and 10K classical at the NCAA championships.

Schwoerer, who is the only athlete to win back-to-back UAA Athlete of the Year awards in the 19-year history of the award, is an economics major and has compiled a 3.90 cumulative GPA.

He was the winner of UAA's Dean's Cup which is given to the student-athlete with the highest cumulative GPA. He was also a 2003 Verizon Academic All-District at-large selection.

Schwoerer outpointed Seattle Pacific track and cross country runner Nathanael Castle (Sr., Gooding, ID) for the men's award. Western Oregon track-and-field athlete Holly Conrad (Sr., Lyons, OR) finished second behind Sauvageau in the women's balloting.