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Stangler, Wetering, Prince and Dilling Earn Track and Field Honors

Rachel Stangler of Augustana and Tyler Wetering of South Dakota have been named the North Central Conference Indoor Track Athletes of the Week while LaCheryl Prince of Nebraska-Omaha and Jim Dilling of Minnesota State have been named the North Central Conference Indoor Field Athletes of the Week.

Stangler, a junior from Albany, Minn., won the mile at the Ted Nelson Classic. She set the school record with an NCAA provisional qualifying time of 5:02.33. The previous record was 5:04.99 set by Leah DeVries in 1995.

Wetering, a junior from Sioux Falls, S.D., led the men's Distance Medley Relay that shattered state and school records with a 9:50.23 at the Iowa State Classic. Wetering ran the mile leg of the relay in a 4:06.5 split as this group of USD men's track and field athletes clocked a 9:50.23 which was an automatic qualifying time for the NCAA Division II meet and the best time in DII this season. The USD squad, which finished fourth behind three Division I schools (Northern Iowa, Navy and Minnesota), broke the state record by more than seven seconds (Black Hills State, 9:57.91, 2001). The squad broke USD's school record by over nine seconds as the 2005 USD squad originally set a mark of 9:59.43. The distance medley relay included four student-athletes from South Dakota, who all had personal-bests in their respective legs. The other members were Ben Oberle (:48.7, 400 meters), Josh Jeffery (3:03, 1,200-meters) and Scott Hargens (1:51.4, 800-meters).

Prince, a senior from Omaha, Neb., won the triple jump with a mark of 38-8 1/4 and the long jump with a distance of 17-11 at the Wayne State Wildcat Open. The triple jump mark is a provisional qualifying distance for the NCAA meet.

Dilling, a senior from Fond du Lac, Wis., finished third in the high jump at the Tyson Invitational in Fayetteville, Ark. with a jump of 7-4 1/4. He defeated nine NCAA Division I athletes in the meet in which he participated by invitation.

Others nominated: *Track Male*: Pat Lehmann, Minnesota State; Bart Johnson, Augustana. *Track Female*: Brittany Henderson, Minnesota State; Amy Lindner, South Dakota. *Field Male*: Bryan Prairie, Augustana. *Field Female*: Katelin Rains, Minnesota State.

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2007 Male Indoor Track Honor Roll

Jan. 16 - None
Jan. 23 - Terry Liggins, South Dakota
Jan. 30 - Tyler Wetering, South Dakota
Jesse Merkel, Minnesota State
Feb. 6 - Scott Hargens, South Dakota
Feb. 13 - Tyler Wetering, South Dakota

2007 Male Indoor Field Honor Roll

Jan. 16 - Jim Dilling, Minnesota State
Jan. 23 - Jim Dilling, Minnesota State
Jan. 30 - Jim Dilling, Minnesota State
Feb. 6 - Jim Dilling, Minnesota State
Feb. 13 - Jim Dilling, Minnesota State

2007 Female Indoor Track Honor Roll

Jan. 16 - None
Jan. 23 - Tahnee Tuenge, Nebraska-Omaha
Jan. 30 - Pinar Saka, Nebraska-Omaha
Feb. 6 - LaVerne Monger, Nebraska-Omaha
Feb. 13 - Rachel Stangler, Augustana

2007 Female Indoor Field Honor Roll

Jan. 16 - Amanda Kunkel, St. Cloud State
Katelin Rains, Minnesota State
Jan. 23 - Katelin Rains, Minnesota State
Jan. 30 - Katelin Rains, Minnesota State
Feb. 6 - Katelin Rains, Minnesota State
Feb. 13 - LaCheryl Prince, Nebraska-Omaha