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Junior College Teammates Sign With UGF XC/Track & Field

Great Falls, MT – University of Great Falls head cross-country/track and field coach **Jim Brewer** has announced the signings of **Shane Weldon** and **Brandi Eloff** to NAIA/Frontier Conference Letters of Intent today. Both Weldon and Eloff will join the UGF cross-country/track and field program after competing for Clark College in Vancouver, WA the past two years.

Weldon, a middle distance runner, will have two years of eligibility remaining when joining the program this coming fall. While running for the Penguins of Clark College, Weldon earned Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges (NWAACC) All-American honors for the 10,000 meters in track and field. He also finished 12th overall at the NWAACC Cross-Country Championships in 2008 and was a 1st Team All-State selection in cross-country during his high school days in his native Vancouver, WA.

In addition to his running abilities, Weldon has maintained a 3.6 grade point average at Clark and was named to the Vice President's Honor List. He is the son of Doug and Shelley Roemer and he plans on majoring in business administration at UGF.

"Shane is going to bring some great maturity and depth to our men's distance program," Brewer said. "He was a team leader for Clark College and he is very focused and ready to keep dropping his times. We're really looking forward to having him here at UGF."

"My goal is to help the cross-country team get better and improve my 5,000 meter and 10,000 times during track," Weldon said. "I am also looking forward to being able to work closely with the faculty and staff at a small school like UGF."

Like her male counterpart, Eloff has specialized in distance events for the Penguins and will bring that experience with her to UGF. She recently finished as the runner-up in the 5,000 meter run at the Southern Regionals, following her 4th place finish at the Southern Regionals for cross-country in the fall of 2009. She was also selected as Clark College's Athlete of the Month for September 2009 and was a one-time pick as NWAACC Athlete of the Week.

Academically, Eloff sports a 3.87 grade point average and was also named to the Vice President's Honor List at Clark. She is the daughter of Travis and Stephanie Eloff and she will join the pre-physical therapy major here at UGF.

"I'm looking forward to building up more quality mileage and running to my potential at UGF," Eloff said. "I am also excited to earn my pre-physical therapy degree and prepare for my graduate studies."

"Brandi will bring experience and an excellent work ethic to our relatively young women's team," Brewer commented. "She loves to run, logging many 60-mile weeks for Clark College. She is not only a talented runner, but an excellent student as well. We're very pleased to welcome her to our team."

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