

CENTRAL MISSOURI SENDS 11 ATHLETES TO NCAA OUTDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

WARRENSBURG, MO (May 15, 2002) -- Central Missouri State will send seven men and four women to the NCAA Division II Outdoor Track and Field Championships May 23-25 at Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas. The Mules are hoping to continue their string of individual national champions. They have produced at least one individual champion each of the last six years.

Senior **Duane Brisbon** would appear to have the best chance for a national title. He has qualified in the triple jump and the long jump. His 52-11 effort in the triple jump is the top mark in Division II. His long jump of 24-9 is fifth-best. He was runner-up in the triple jump at this year's Division II Indoor Championships and placed third at last year's outdoor meet. Senior **Aaron Crossley** has qualified in the decathlon, where his point total of 7,083 points ranks second in Division II. Crossley was fourth in the decathlon last year. Sophomore **Dustin Boswell** also qualified in the decathlon with 6,948 points, fourth-best in Division II, and in the 110-meter hurdles. Also qualifying for the Mules are sophomore **Leif Kennedy** in the 800-meters, junior **Mike Knutson** in the 1,500-meters, sophomore **Ivan Varbanov** in the high jump and triple jump, and senior **Tom Woodward** in the hammer. Kennedy placed fifth in the 800-meters and Varbanov placed fifth in high jump at this year's Division II Indoor Championships.

The Jennies' representatives to the national meet are **Rachel Harvey** and **Melissa Short** in the 800-meters, **Jane Rudkin** in the 3,000-meter steeplechase, and **Carrie Riedel** in the 5,000-meters and 10,000-meters. Harvey placed sixth in the 800-meters at this year's Division II Indoor Championships.

The Mules placed fourth in last year's NCAA meet, scoring 42 points. The Jennies did not score in last year's meet.

Pronunciations: Duane Brisbon (BRIZZ-bon)
Leif (LAFE) Kennedy
Mike Knutson (Kuh-NOOT-son)
Ivan Varbanov (E-VON Var-BAN-ahv)
Carrie Riedel (REE-dull)