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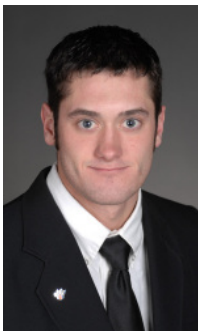
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### COLLEGIATE CONFERENCE SEASON AROUND THE CORNER

**Hello Again.....**The second weekend of February was a relatively quiet one after the barnburner of a week ago. Most collegiate multi-eventers are resting, training, preparing for collegiate conference meetings that start next week. Three conference affairs are schedule for the coming week (Atlantic Conference, All Ohio and Northern Sun). Nine more will take place on the following weekend (Feb.22-24) and another 17 league meets will be conducted Feb 29-March 2. The major noise should come from the Big 12 Conference where 10 qualified for last spring's outdoor championship meeting and half a dozen were over 5300 indoors. SEC, Big 10 and Mountain Pacific league meets are also expected to supply a majority of qualifiers. Half-a-dozen notable athletes have yet to compile a score yet. A year ago there were 81 (!) Div I collegians who scored over 5000 points, providing a very wide base for higher scores in 2008.



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Only seven meets were held nationwide this past weekend with ex Cincy's Ben Haber winning at Cornell (5299) over ex Oregon's Gabe LeMay (5276). Idaho State's Nathan Capps (left) won the Mountain State Games in Pocatello

#### What Does it Take to: Win-Score-Qualify

#### at the NCAA I Indoor Men's Heptathlon



2008 will see the 5<sup>th</sup> NCAA I Men's Indoor heptathlon. Texas' Donovan Kilmartin won three of the first four affairs. The following table may be useful for coaches and athletes; That is, what it takes to win, place (top 8) and qualify for this meet. Normally the NCAA Games Committee is looking for a field of approximately 15 starters. The automatic qualifying standard is set relatively high so that the Committee will dip into the provisional qualifier list to fill the field of 15 or so. All meets have been at the Tyson center on he University of Arkansas campus in Fayetteville.

|      | <u>Win</u> | <u>Top 8</u> | <u>Last qualifier</u> |
|------|------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| 2004 | 6136       | 5501         | 5483                  |
| 2005 | 6004       | 5421         | 5402                  |
| 2006 | 6048       | 5476         | 5412                  |
| 2007 | 5998       | 5511         | 5478                  |

Year by year Standards and Qualifiers

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Standard</u> |          | <u>#s &gt;</u> | <u>total</u>      |
|-------------|-----------------|----------|----------------|-------------------|
|             | <u>A</u>        | <u>B</u> | <u>A-B</u>     | <u>qualifiers</u> |
| 2004        | 5500-5100       |          | 13-1           | 51 > 5100         |
| 2005        | 5650-5200       |          | 4-11           | 25 > 5300         |
| 2006        | 5650-5200       |          | 5-10           |                   |
| 2007        | 5650-5300       |          | 8-7            | 29 > 5300         |
| 2008        | 5650-5300       |          |                |                   |