Evergreen graduate reaches NCAA final

From news service reports

Kate Burton, a graduate of Evergreen High School and Clark College, advanced to the finals of the NCAA Track and Field Championships on Wednesday in the women's hammer.

Burton, a senior at the University of Wyoming, was competing on the first day of the championships at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. Her throw of 201 feet, 5 inches, during qualifying ranked eighth and made her one of 12 competitors to reach Friday's final.

In the men's 400-meter relay, a University of Washington squad that included freshman Ryan Hamilton from Evergreen High School failed to advance. The Huskies finished fifth in their heat in a time of 40.17 seconds.

There were no finals on the opening day of competition on the powder blue track at Drake Stadium, which is hosting the NCAAs for the first time in 38 years. The stadium is high and dry, far from the swollen Iowa rivers and streams that have caused severe flood damage across the state.

Clark College maintains perfect dental record

Donna Wittmayer, who serves as division chair in the dental hygiene department at Clark College, said her colleagues are grinning from ear to ear after 25 dental hygiene students passed the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination (NBDHE), which extends the college's perfect record to 38 years.

"Beginning with the first dental hygiene graduating class in 1970, every student from Clark College has successfully passed the NBDHE on the first attempt," said Clark College president Robert Knight. "Clark College is the only long-standing program in the United States that can attest to this 100 percent pass rate for the NBDHE. That's an amazing accomplishment—one that brings pride to our dental hygiene students and our community."

The NBDHE is administered by The Joint Commission on National Dental Examination of the American Dental Association. The examination is taken by all dental hygiene students from over 265 programs throughout the nation. It is an all-day written, 350-question examination based on the entire curriculum taught in dental hygiene programs. Completion and passing of the NBDHE is required for licensure by each state.