

Evergreen graduate reaches NCAA final

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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.