Three USD Runners Named **Academic All-Summit**

VERMILLION — South Dakota men's cross country runners Jeff Mettler, Mubarik Musa and Brant Haase were named Academic All-Summit League in a release by the league office. The three selections from USD were a league-high for the men's team.

Mettler, the league's most recent Scholar-Athlete of the Year, was named Academic All-League for the third straight year. Mettler recorded a sea-son-best 8k time of 25 minutes, 31.61 seconds while finishing 12th at the Summit League Championships earlier this month. The senior has a 4.0 GPA with a major in kinesiology and sports sci-

Musa, a sophomore, was USD's top finisher and earned all-league honors while placing second in 24:57.41 at the Summit League Championships. He also earned All-Midwest Region honor's after placing 21st in the 10k race in 30:55.80. Musa has a 3.625 GPA as a criminal justice maior.

Haase also earned first-team all-league honors

with a seventh-place finish in 25:14.15 at the league championships. The junior is a 4.0 student as a health science/pre-pharmacy major.

To be eligible for the Academic All-League team, a student-athlete must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.30 (on a 4.0 scale), completed at least one full academic year at the current institution and participated in 50 percent of their team's competitions.

Mriden Commits To USF

SIOUX FALLS - University of Sioux Falls head women's basketball coach Travis Traphagen announced Thursday that Roosevelt High School's Paige Mriden committed to USF on Tuesday and will join the Cougars' program next fall.

We are excited that Paige has decided to join the Cougar basketball family," said coach Traphagen. "She is one of the better shooters in the state of South Dakota and we are glad to her in our pro-

Mriden is a 4-year varsity letter winner, averag-ing 11.4 points per game with a career high of 26 points. After the 2013 season, she was selected to the South Dakota AA All-Tournament team while

Friday, November 22 BASKETBALL, MEN'S USD at

Wyoming (9 p.m., KVHT-FM) SWIMMING & DIVING, COL-LEGE St. Cloud State at USD (4

Pittsburgh at Cleveland, noon

San Francisco at Washington, 7:40

AREA CALENDAR

NCAA Cha

helping the Rough Riders finish 6th at the State Tournament

Mriden has made her mark in Roosevelt High School history as she is currently ranked as the number 17 leader scorer all-time. She also led her team in free throw shooting and three-point shooting with marks of 75% and 36% respectively

MMC Baseball Camps **Coming Up This Winter**

Mount Marty College baseball program will be hosting baseball camps for grades 3 to 12 over the coming months. All camps will take place at Laddie E. Cimpl Arena and the former library gym on the campus of Mount Marty College in Yankton.

The purpose of the Lancer Baseball Camps is to provide fundamental baseball instruction for area youth and to help advance area baseball programs. The camps are designed to enhance skills and provide a unique opportunity for area youth to receive collegiate-level instruction from college baseball coaches.

The Pitching Camp will deliver advanced instruction to provide pitchers the opportunity to

CROSS COUNTRY, COLLEGE

FOOTBALL, COLLEGE USD at

NCAA Championships at Terre Haute, Ind.; NAIA Championships at

North Dakota State (2:30 p.m. KVHT-FM, Midco Sports Network)

VOLLEYBALL, PREP S.D. State Class AA Tourn. at Mitchell; S.D. State Class A Tourn. at Ab-

erdeen (Dakota Valley, Wagner); S.D.

State Class B Tourn. at Huron (Alces

Sunday, November 24 BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S Boise State at USD (2 p.m., KVHT-

operations. Mark Scialabba to director of

player development, Mark Baca to na-tional supervisor, Jeff Zona to special as-

sistant to the general manager and Fred Costello to national crosschecker.

John Nester and RHP Scott Weismann

to Rockland (Can-Am) to complete an

earlier trade. RIVER CITY RASCALS — Exer-

cised 2014 contract options on 2B Brian Aanderud; 3B Alan Ahmady; OF Jake

Atwell and Eric Williams; RHPs Casey

Barnes, Drew Benes, Craig Goodman

Brett Harman, Tommy Mendoza and RHP Justin Sarratt; and 1B Phil Wunder-

lich. Declined the option on UT Stephen

Acquired RHP Andy Noga from Sioux

City (AA) to complete an earlier trade.

Traded RHP Andy Noga and a player to be named to Kansas City (AA) for INF

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association NBA — Fined Houston F/C Dwight

Howard \$25,000 for throwing the ball into

the stands during Wednesday's game. SACRAMENTO KINGS — Assigned

Ray McCallum to Reno (NBADL).

Michael Cooper coach. FOOTBALL

from Buffalo.

Women's National Basketball Asso-

National Football League BALTIMORE RAVENS — Signed David Mims to the practice squad.

DALLAS COWBOYS - Released

CB Micah Pellerin. Signed LB Orie Lemon from Arizona's practice squad. HOUSTON TEXANS — Released

LB D.J. Smith, Released TE Nathan

Overbay from the practice squad. Signed RB Edwin Baker to the practice squad. Claimed CB Justin Rogers off waivers

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Signed WR Marcus Jackson to the prac-

from the practice squad and WR Josh

Arena Football League SAN JOSE SABERCATS — Named

HOCKEY

National Hockey League CALGARY FLAMES — Traded F Tim Jackman to Anaheim for a 2014

sixth-round draft pick. Called up C Blair

Jones from Abbotsford (AHL).

Bellamy to the practice squad.

Omarr Smith assistant head coach.

WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS -

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Frontier League EVANSVILLE OTTERS — Sent C

reach their maximum potential. Middle School Camp will be held on Sunday, Jan. 26 from 1-4 p.m. and the High School Camp will be held on Sunday, Feb. 2 from 1-4 p.m.

The Preseason Hitting League is set up to allow players to work on their swing before the season starts. Players will be able to develop offensive skills through a hitting station format each week. Each station will provide different drills to prepare the players for the upcoming season. League will be held on Tuesday nights: Jan. 28, Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25, and Mar. 4. All Dates are One Comprehensive Camp with Grades 9-12 on Tues-days from 8:30-9:15 p.m., Grades 6-8 on Tuesdays from 7:45-8:30 p.m., and Grades 3-5 on Tuesdays from 7-7:45 p.m.

Please contact Andy Bernatow at abernatow@mtmc.edu or at 605-660-3589 for more inforregister online mation or at www.mmcbaseball.com.

Longtime Dickinson State

Football Coach Retiring FARGO, N.D. (AP) - Hank Biesiot, the long-

it down to 10."

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points.

left.

match.

level heads.

provements, Harrington

pointed, again, to the glass.

"Coach is always saying,

'we've got to win the battle of

the boards," Harrington said.

hasn't been happening, so we

just have to step up and start

tested second half after

Drake held a 1-point 40-39

lead at the break, neither

team led by more than four

In what was a tightly con-

Drake pulled ahead 73-69

with 1:31 left, but the Coyotes

got a Seekamp jumper and two Hemiller foul shots to tie

the game with 37.4 seconds

The Bulldogs' Clark

missed two free throws with

7.2 seconds on the clock, but

the Coyotes missed a shot at

the buzzer out of a timeout.

Clark, a 5-foot-5 junior,

Falls Christian's title run,

the 2012 championship

scored 10 of her game-high 26

something they failed to do in

'We have what it takes

physically. It's been mental

We get a little psyched out,"

back against Pine Ridge in

as far as our strategy," said

"I just told the girls to quit

things went in our favor."

Wagner head coach Amy Tyler.

being hesitant on defense, and

But the tough Winner de-

fense got it going again in the

fourth set, forcing five straight

closer than four points the rest

errors to take control of the

set, 10-5. Wagner did not get

of the set.

Smith said. "We have to keep

Sisseton will try to bounce

"There was no adjustment

against Sioux Falls Christian.

'The past couple games it

time coach at Dickinson State who challenged the record for all-time NAIA victories, said Thursday e is stepping down after 38 years

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Biesiot won 258 games and led the Blue awks to 17 conference championships and 15 NAIA playoff appearances. He was inducted into the NAIA Hall of Fame in 2006.

"I am grateful for the opportunity that Dickinson State has given me, to teach and coach at the university," Biesiot said. "The support shown by friends, boosters and fans has made this an exceptional community for me. The relationships are erlasting and heartfelt."

Biesiot, 68, told his players of his decision during a team meeting Wednesday night. Last year, the school's football stadium was re-

med the Henry Biesiot Activities Center.

Biesiot finished with a 258-121-1 record. He and St. Francis (Ind.) coach Kevin Donley were locked in a duel for the most coaching victories in THE NAIA and were tied — along with the retired Frosty Westering - with 256 wins in September 2012. Biesiot won just twice after that, including once in 2013.

SCOREBOARD

p.m

10, 25-15, 25-11

BOWLING

YANKTON BOWL

CLASSIC LEAGUE HIGH TEAM GAME: Plath Chiropractic 894

HIGH TEAM SERIES: Kruse's Pro Shop 2602 HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Chuck

Turner 267, Don Casey 266, Pat King 265, Tyler Novak 257, Mike Kruse 247 HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Chuck Turner 750, Don Casey 737, Tyler Novak 722, Pat King 706, Mike Kruse 702

STANDINGS: Eisenbraun & Associates 41. Rotten Apples 41. Plath Chiro

ales 41, Roteri Apples 41, Plain Child-practic 39, Kruse's Pro Shop 38, Patriot Express 27, Janssen's Garbage Service 26, Barta Electric 25, Coca-Cola 16, Smidt Captain & Crew 11

CROFTON, NEB.

WOMEN'S AMERICAN HIGH TEAM GAME: Lewis and Clark Specialty Hospital 786 HIGH TEAM SERIES: Wiebelhaus

PDR 2117

HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Joan Tammen 190, Connie McPhillips 173, Deb Wiebelhaus 158 HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Joan

Tammen 455, Marlene Boecker 445, Deb

Wiebelhaus 436 D-1 STANDINGS: Wiebelhaus PDR

29-11, Lewis and Clark Specialty Hospi-tal 21-19, Comfy feet.Biz 17.5-22.5 D-2 STANDINGS: Arens Construc-

tion 26.5-13.5, DSM Apts. 16-24 HIGHLIGHTS: Kim Brannon 6-7; Connie McPhillips 2-7; Tonya Lambertz 5-7

VOLLEYBALL

YANKTON PARKS & REC

MEN'S LEAGUE RESULTS: Mead Lumber def. Gang Green 3-0 21-13, 21-9, 21-5; Murdo's def. KPI Crushers 2-1 21-14, 21-16, 16-21; Chico's Bail Bonds def. The Block

Market 2-1 18-21, 21-17, 21-10 STANDINGS: Mead Lumber 3-0, Murdo's 3-0, Gang Green 2-1, Chico's Bail Bonds 1-2, KPI Crushers 0-3, The Block Market 0-3 WOMEN'S JUST FOR FUN LEAGUE

RESULTS: Larry's Heating & Cool-ing def. Lady Ballers 2-1 21-7, 17-21, 21-15; Fryn' Pan def. Dakota Trailer 2-1 9-21, 21-12, 21-10; Budlight Spikeaholics def. Larry's Heating & Cooling 3-0 21-17, 21-11, 21-10

STANDINGS: Budlight Spikeaholics 4-0, Fryn' Pan 2-1, Larry's Heating & Cooling 2-2, Dakota Trailer 1-3, Lady Ballers 0-3

S.D. STATE AA TOURN.

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Final Round, Nov. 23

Nov. 21-23 at Mitchell First Round, Nov. 21 Aberdeen Central def. Sioux Falls Washington, 25-23, 25-23, 27-25

Houston Huron def. Rapid City Stevens, 25-22, 25-20, 25-22 Jacksonville 22, 25-20, 25-22 Sioux Falls O'Gorman def. Rapid City Central, 25-15, 25-23, 25-14 Sioux Falls Roosevelt def. Water-

Championship: Semifinal winners, 8

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VOLLEYBALL. PREP S.D. S.D. STATE B TOURN. State Class AA Tourn. at Mitchell; S.D. State Class A Tourn. at Ab-erdeen (Dakota Valley, Wagner); S.D. State Class B Tourn. at Huron (Alces-ter-Hurdeo). Nov. 21-23 at Huron Arena First Round, Nov. 21 Alcester-Hudson def. County, 25-16, 25-18, 25-14 def. Harding ter-Hudson) Arlington def. Kimball/White Lake, Saturday, November 23 BASKETBALL, MEN'S Midland Lo, 20- 10, 25-16 Chester def. Lyman, 25-21, 25-18, 25-17 MMC (4 p.m., KYNT-AM) BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S Mid-Warner def. Herreid/Selby Area, 25land at MMC (2 p.m., KYNT-AM)

mifinals, Nov. 22 Warner vs. Alcester-Hudson, 6 p.m. Chester Area vs. Arlington, 7:45 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24 Minnesota at Green Bay, noon

Consolation, Nov. 22 Herreid-Selby Area vs. Harding Jacksonville at Houston, noon San Diego at Kansas City, noon Chicago at St. Louis, noon unty, noon Lyman vs. Kimball-White Lake, 1:45

Final Round, Nov. 23 Tampa Bay at Detroit, noon

Championship: Semifinal winners, 8

Fifth: Consolation winners, 1:45 p.m. Seventh: Consolation losers, noon

. Third: Semifinal losers, 6 p.m

Championship: Semifinal winners, 8

N.Y. Jets at Baltimore, noon Carolina at Miami, noon Tennessee at Oakland, 3:05 p.m. . Third: Semifinal losers, 6 p.m. Fifth: Consolation winners, 1:45 p.m. Seventh: Consolation losers, noon Indianapolis at Arizona, 3:05 p.m. Dallas at N.Y. Giants, 3:25 p.m. Denver at New England, 4:30 p.m. Open: Buffalo, Cincinnati, Philadel

FOOTBALL

NEB. PLAYOFFS Class A Championship, Nov. 26 at Lincoln

wood (11-1), 10:15 a.m.

Heart (12-0), 2:45 p.m.

New England N.Y. Jets

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ursday, Nov. 28 Omaha Westside (11-1) vs. Omaha Omana westerde ... North (11-1), 7:15 p.m. Class B Green Bay at Detroit, 11:30 a.m. Oakland at Dallas, 3:30 p.m. Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 7:30 p.m. Championship, Nov. 25 at Lincoln

York (11-1) vs. Omaha Skutt Catholic (11-1), 7:15 p.m. TRANSACTIONS BASEBALL

Aonday, Nov. 25

American League DETROIT TIGERS — Agreed to

Class C1 Championship, Nov. 26 at Lincoln Cozad (12-0) vs. Ashland Greenms with LHP Phil Coke on a one-year contract

Championship, Nov. 26 at Lincoln Doniphan-Trumbull (12-0) Aquinas Catholic (11-1), 2:45 p.m. HOUSTON ASTROS - Selected the contracts of RHP Asher Woj-ciechowski from Oklahoma City (PCL) and LHP Luis Cruz and OF Domingo Championship, Nov. 25 at Lincoln

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Championship, Nov. 25 at Lincoln Kottaras for assignment Stuart (11-1) vs. Falls City Sacred LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Se-ected the contract of RF Randal Grichuk

from Arkansas (TL) NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE NEW YORK YANKEES — Assigned AMERICAN CONFERENCE

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National League ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS tice squad. SAN DIEGO CHARGERS — Signed WR Tobais Palmer and OT Kenny Wig-gins to the practice squad. WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Named Dave Duncan special assistant to the general manager/pitching consultant. ATLANTA BRAVES — Selected the Placed WR Leonard Hankerson on in-jured reserve. Signed WR Lance Lewis contracts of RHP Luis Vasquez from Gwinnett (IL) and SS Elmer Reyes and LHP Carlos Perez from Lynchburg (Car-

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Coyotes

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In a game moved to the brand-new Pentagon which seats 3,200 people and will serve as the home for the Sioux Falls Skyforce - because of scheduling issues in the DakotaDome, fans got plenty of chances to watch free throws.

The two teams combined to make 45-of-63 shots at the line, keyed by an 8-of-10 effort by Drake in overtime.

Though more fouls are now being whistled because of new rules in college basketball, the Bulldogs were still able to drive through and around the USD defense.

"Defensively, I think we've learned a lot from the first four games," said Seekamp, who finished with 12 points despite going 3-of-17. "With

turnovers, we were at like 21

Valley

From Page 6A ATLANTA DREAM - Named

"Keep it playable and, when the time arrives, terminate it when you have the chance.' Now the Panthers will

look to "terminate" Sioux

Wagner From Page 6A

within five, 20-15, but back-toback big plays by Husher helped the Warriors claim the set

Another quick start had Winner up 9-3, but Wagner ran off seven straight points — including back-to-back aces by

a game, but this game we got points in the overtime period. On the idea of defense im-"The big was, it was pretty

evident they were trying to put the ball in Clark's hands. and she made a couple good shots at the rim," Williams said. "She also got to the free throw line (Clark was 12-of-18), and that's where they won the game."

Though she raved about the experience at the Pentagon, Williams said her team was more than anxious to return home — their true home.

Riding a four-game losing streak, the Coyotes will, well, return home for their traditional DakotaDome home opener Sunday afternoon for a 2 p.m. game with Boise State.

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the 1:45 consolation match.

back tomorrow and get after

it," Grimsrud said. "We'll see

if we can get a win or two up

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Keiser said that the title

berth will come down to "play-

"It all comes back to who

takes care of what they need to

unforced errors," she said. "We

need to serve-receive well, and

serve at them. You can get peo-

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team camp," she said. "We have

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"Hopefully we'll bounce

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Rawlings from (CHL). American Hockey League PEORIA RIVERMEN — Signed D Adam Feniak to a three-game tryout. An-nounced G Chris Carrozzi has left the r as-f OF land from lores team. Added G Kevin McFarland as ergency backup. ECHL GWINNETT GLADIATORS Pro neral er de-neral

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Dickerson — to get the Red Raiders back into the match. But, with Wagner leading 15-14, Winner ran off four straight points - including both of Husher's ace serves in the match - to take control once

again. Wagner turned the tables in the third set, jumping out to an 11-5 lead and stretching to a 19-9 advantage before putting the set out of reach.

Tyler had said before the tournament that Winner's defense would be a factor.

"I knew it would come down to that," she said. "If we could catch them off their toes, we would have fared better, but they were all over the floor."

Winner matched up with Belle Fourche during a team camp earlier this year, but Keiser noted that it isn't a true picture of the Broncs' abilities. 'You never know who's

Wagner will try to do the same as it faces the Cossacks in the noon consolation game. We have to play like we

know how," Tyler said. "Our focus tomorrow is to scrap all over the floor and play ball."

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Summit

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could benefit the Coyotes, Houk said.

'There can be a real positive for that. But it's probably the same thing for them," he said. "They're probably feeling good about having just beaten us.

"We just saw their best effort, and I'm sure they'll try to mimic that.'

And it also allowed the Coyotes to practice against those schemes with the Leathernecks' style fresh in their minds, Kroll said.

"We know what our weaknesses are and their strengths are, we can just use that to advantage," she said. 'We have the tapes that are still new, and we've worked on some new things.

One such alteration, Houk said, was a blocking scheme that involves sophomore middle Kelsey Biltoft sliding over to the right side to defend that side of the net. In today's (Friday) other

first-round match, No. 4 Fort Wayne plays No. 5 North Dakota State. Top-ranked IUPUI and No. 2 Denver got first-round byes - Denver plays the winner between USD and Western Illinois.

If the Coyotes are to advance to Sunday's championship match, they will have played three matches in three days.

And that actually might play into their hands — USD fared well in non-conference tournaments. The Coyotes won eight of their first 11

matches at tournaments at Missouri, Washington State and Montana State.

The winner of Sunday afternoon's 1 p.m. championship match earns the league's automatic bid to the NCĂA Tournament.

Still, even having qualified for the tournament a year after narrowly missing out, the Coyotes aren't content with just showing up, Houk said. He recalled his days as an assistant at Wisconsin-Milwaukee, when his team one year won the league regular season title but lost in the tournament final.

"I hope there's zero satisfaction that we made it,' Houk said. "Getting in is great, but it's only one step."

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Huskers

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bles and an interception.

Pelini and his assistants are at a loss to explain the problem.

"Believe me, if there is such a thing that says if we would do this, we would hang onto the ball, we would have done it three years ago," Beck said. "I don't know if there is one. You preach it, coach it and practice it and put emphasis on it as much as you can.'

Nebraska fumbled on its third play from scrimmage against Michigan State when Terrell Newby couldn't hold onto a high pitch from

Tommy Armstrong Jr. Armstrong was intercepted on the next possession, and he later fumbled at his own 22 and own 3. The other turnover came when Jordan Westerkamp fumbled on a punt return.

"I don't remember the last time we fumbled a snap in practice because we hadn't got that exchange," Pelini said. "For the fumbled pitch on the option, we do the option every day. I don't remember the last time I saw a ball on the ground for an option.'

The Huskers made ball security a point of emphasis in the spring and in preseason practices, and they won or were even in the turnover battle in their first five games. They are minus-13 in their last five.

Even though Armstrong has thrown seven interceptions in his six starts, fumbles have been a greater concern.

Nebraska has lost 13 fumbles this season, ranking 119th nationally, after fumbling 22 times to rank 124th last season. Since 2008, according to STATS, Nebraska has fumbled 190 times and lost 91. Only Georgia Tech has dropped the ball more (193), and only Army has lost more (100).

The Huskers have 29 more turnovers than takeaways under Pelini. Just 14 teams have a worse ratio.

They're young kids that make some mistakes," Pelini said. "You just have to keep coaching them and stay the course on it.'

Smelker

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Lauren Shomaker from Hastings. Dordt — last weekend's conference champion — was the only league team that qualified.

A year ago at the national meet in Vancouver, Wash., the GPAC had one runner finish in the top 30. By comparison, Smelker's 5K time of 18:12.16 at the GPAC meet would have ranked her 10th at nationals last year.

If she has a good day, she'll be higher than 30th, obviously," Fischer said. "It just

day. Dating back a month, Smelker has won all three of

depends how she feels that

her meets, a string of success that Fischer said as much to do with her mental strength as her physical strength.

The big difference between simply qualifying for nationals with low expectations and qualifying with All-American aspirations is easy to understand, Smelker said.

"I've been thinking about that all week, I sometimes wish I could just go there and enjoy the whole thing, but I really want to do great," she said.

And not just for myself, but for Mount Marty. It's a huge accomplishment to be at that level.'

No matter what happens today, Smelker's cross country career, in effect, is not over with Mount Marty. Though she will be out of eligibility, she plans to join the staff as an assistant coach next year, which will enable her to still run with her teammates.

"I still have one more year with nursing, but coach and I talked about a way I can still help out," Smelker said. "I don't want to be done running with these girls."

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