

MSU athletes honored

Maverick athletes are recognized for their academic performance, athletic ability and performance and leadership on campus and in the community.

MANKATO — Minnesota State University's Amanda Frame and Bob Jeske have been named North Central Conference Honor Athletes for 2004-2005.

The nominations were made based upon their academic performance, athletic ability, and performance and leadership on campus and community activities. These two athletes are now eligible for the Stan Marshall Award. The recipient of the award will be announced at the NCC Honor Awards Dinner on May 23.

Frame is a three-time NCC pole vault champion, four-time All-American, owns a 3.57 grade point average, and has appeared on the Dean's List three times.

Jeske is a three-year starter in football at center, holds a 3.91 GPA, and was selected to the All-NCC Academic team.

Mavericks recognized

A handful of MSU men and women's student athletes were recently recognized at the Maverick Achievement Awards banquet.

For the men, hockey player Steven Johns was named Senior Male Student-Athlete of the Year and basketball player Jamel Staten earned the Senior Medal of Honor.

Johns earned the award for being the "most well-rounded" student athlete. Johns was an assistant captain on the Maverick hockey team, was named Western Collegiate Hockey Association Student-Athlete of the Year and earned the team's Don Brose Leadership Award.

Staten's Senior Medal of Honor is solely based on athletic success. He received All-North Central Conference and All-Region honors both years, led the NCC in scoring and rebounding and scored 1,000 career points in two years at MSU.

On the women's side, basketball player Kelli Freeman earned the Georgene Brock Award for MSU's most outstanding senior female student athlete of the year. Track standout Amanda Frame earned the Women's Athletics Medal of Honor for the top senior female athlete.

Freeman was named to the Academic All-District First Team and Academic All-America Second Team with a 4.0 GPA in biology and chemistry.

Frame is a two-time NCAA Division II national champion in the pole vault. She is also a four-time All-American and a three-time NCC champion.

Walking for dollars

The Maverick Walk for Women's Scholarships held at Minnesota State's Bud Myers Field House on April 16 was a success both financial and in numbers of participants.

Ann Walker, director of the Walk, said there were 700 people signed up for the new event but more than 850 people participated by the time it was completed.

First-year financial goals of the program were originally set at \$40,000 . The Walk actually raised \$92,662 including corporate and "Walker" dollars.

Funds raised through the Walk go toward MSU's female student athletes.

Lueur to Tulsa

MSU assistant volleyball coach Tammy Lueur has resigned from her position to join the staff at NCAA Division I University of Tulsa.

Lueur will rejoin her former coach, Matt Sonnichsen, at her alma mater, where she earned four letters as a volleyball player from 1999 to 2002.

"My experience at Minnesota State was a very enjoyable one and I am grateful for the wonderful learning opportunity it provided me in my career as a coach," Lueur said.

Lueur helped guide the Mavericks to a 10-17 overall record last season.