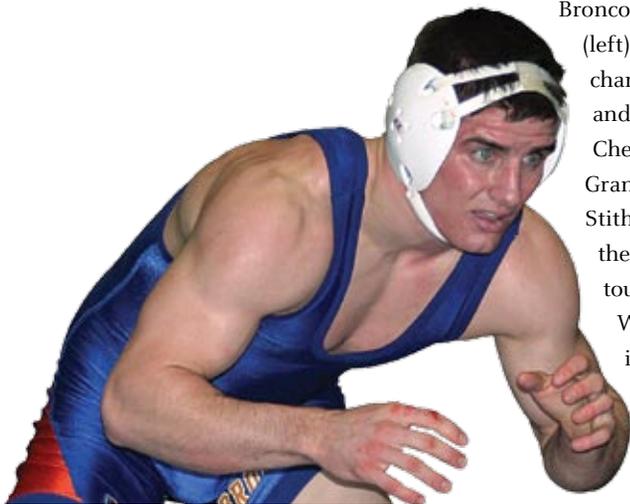


## Bronco wrestler Cherrington wins national crown



Bronco wrestler Ben Cherrington (left) won the NCAA national championship at 157 pounds and finished the season 20-0. Cherrington, a senior from Granby, Colo., defeated Brian Stith of Arizona State, 7-3, in the title match at the national tournament in Oklahoma City. With his title, Cherrington is Boise State's ninth student-athlete to win an individual intercollegiate athletics championship. Kirk White, a current

assistant coach on the Bronco wrestling team, won the 1999 NCAA championship at 165 pounds.

Other national champs were skier Bill Shaw, who captured the 1974 slalom title; Boise Junior College wrestlers Bud Johnson and Bill Pederson, who won championships in 1963 at 190 and 177 pounds, respectively; and track athletes Curt Flisher (1960) national junior college 220-yard low hurdles, Eugene Green (1991) indoor triple jump, Jake Jacoby (1984) outdoor high jump, and Gabriel Wallin (2004 and 2005) in the javelin.

### SPRING SPORTS ROUNDUP

## Bronco student-athletes capture WAC Commissioner's Cup

Boise State captured the 2005-06 Western Athletic Conference Commissioners' Cup — the all-sports award given to the top institution based on overall athletic performance each year. Boise State tallied 96.5 points in the Commissioner's Cup race to second-place Nevada's 93.75 points. Fresno State was third with 89.50.

The Broncos had four first-place team finishes in 2005-06 — football (tied for first with Nevada), indoor and outdoor men's track and field and men's tennis. The Broncos also had second-place finishes in women's tennis and gymnastics.

Led by hammer runner-up Mattias Jons and Keron Francis' third-place finish in the javelin, the Boise State men's team finished tied for 16th place in the 2006 NCAA National Outdoor **TRACK AND FIELD** Championships. Despite setting a school record, Jons came up a few feet short in his quest for a national championship.

A senior from Sweden, Jons finished second in the hammer for the second straight year with a throw of 233-11. He broke his

previous school record of 230-8. Jons' second-place finish also earned him his third NCAA All-America award. His others came at last year's outdoor championships and this past March when he placed sixth in the 35-pound weight throw at the NCAA National Indoor Championships. A senior from Grenada, Francis finished third in the men's javelin with a throw of 237 feet, 6 inches to earn All-America honors in the event for the second time. The team finish by the Bronco men marked the third straight year they have placed in the top 20.

In **GOLF** Graham DeLaet finished his career as arguably the top player in Boise State history, winning the WAC Player of the Year award and qualifying for the NCAA West Regional Men's Championships, where he set a school record for lowest 54-hole total at the regionals. With a scoring average of 71.4 in 12 events his senior year, DeLaet broke his own school record for single-season scoring



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average. He now holds the three lowest single-season averages in school history (71.5 and 72.6). In his four seasons at

Boise State, DeLaet won 10 tournaments, six more than any other Bronco in school history. DeLaet also concludes his career as Boise State's record holder for career top 10 finishes (26), career top 25 finishes (37), top 10 finishes in a season (eight), top 25 finishes in a season (11), lowest three-round score (203), and lowest two-round score (136).

The Bronco men's **TENNIS** team finished the 2005-06 season ranked 27<sup>th</sup> in the nation. The Bronco men won the 2006 Western Athletic Conference title, advanced to the second round of the NCAA tournament and finished with a final record of 21-7. Sophomore Luke Shields finished the season ranked 53rd nationally in singles. In doubles Shields and partner Thomas Schoeck were ranked 20th nationally. The Bronco women took second to No. 20 Fresno State in the WAC Tournament and finished the season 22-4.

Two new head coaches were hired during the spring — Kristin Hill for women's **SWIMMING AND DIVING** and Robin Davis for **VOLLEYBALL**. Hill spent the last six seasons as an assistant coach at nationally ranked Texas A&M. Boise State women's swimming and diving will begin its first season this fall and compete in the WAC. Davis spent the previous five years as an assistant at Notre Dame.