

# 2001 MIAC Outdoor Track & Field Awards

## Women

**Kelly Faris** of St. Thomas was selected **Women's MIAC Outdoor Track and Field Most Outstanding Athlete** for her performance at the outdoor championship May 11-12. Faris pulled off a tough distance triple by finishing second in the 10000 meter (37:23.92) on Friday and coming back Saturday as the 5000 (17:48.25) and 3000 (10:37.74) champion. Faris has already automatically qualified for the NCAA championships in the 5000 and 10000 at Millikin University in Decatur, Illinois, May 24-26.

Gustavus' **Stacy Horner's** effort in the 400 was selected as the **Women's MIAC Outdoor Track and Field Most Outstanding Performance**. Her time of 56.56 is an automatic qualifying time for the NCAA championship.

Also receiving top votes for Most Outstanding Athlete were Heidi Brenden of Concordia for her double champion victories in the 800 and 1500 and St. Thomas sprinter Jill Ylonen who won the 100 and 200 and ran on the Tommies champion 4x100 relay and second place 4x400 relay. Carleton's Carrie Stuart and Gustavus' Jackie Luehmann also received top votes for Most Outstanding Performance in the heptathlon and shot put respectively.

## Men

Gustavus sprinter **Jerry Washington** was selected **Men's MIAC Outdoor Track and Field Most Outstanding Athlete** for his double champion performance in the 100 and 200. He is currently ranked fifth in the 100 and seventh in the 200 in the NCAA standings for the national championship.

Selected as **Co-Most Outstanding Performance** were Macalester's **Eric Klinker's** effort in the 100 hurdle preliminaries (14.36, meet record, NCAA automatic) and St. Olaf's **Mark Bresnan's** 800 effort (1:51.87, NCAA provisional).

Also receiving top votes for Most Outstanding Athlete were Hamline's Tom Kreger who was a double champion in the 5000 and 10000 and Gustavus' Luke Speltz who was the shot put and discus champion and second in the hammer. Jon Berg's NCAA automatic performance in the decathlon was also noted with top votes for Most Outstanding Performance.

## MIAC TRACK & FIELD COACH OF THE YEAR

**Joe Sweeney** of St. Thomas and **Tom Thorkelson** of Gustavus were selected **Co-MIAC Women's Track & Field Coaches of the Year**. Sweeney's Tommies swept both the indoor and outdoor championships this season and have posted 13 NCAA qualifying performances to date. Thorkelson's Gusties improved from eighth and fifth place finishes during the 2000 indoor and outdoor championships to third place in both championships this year with a combined point improvement of 143 points.

**Bill Thornton** of St. Olaf was selected as the **MIAC Men's Track & Field Coach of the Year**. The Oles improved from third and fourth place finishes at the 2000 indoor and outdoor championships to second place finishes at both meets this year and a combined points improvement of 80.5.