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The Chico State men and women's basketball teams have just tipped off what they hope will be a long and win-filled seasons. On the cover are veterans (left to right:) Isaiah Ellis, Jalen McFerren, Whitney Branham and Madison Wong.

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Sequel could have better ending

By Luke Reid

Since the program's inception in 1914, every Chico State men's basketball team has tasted triumph and tribulation. Every team has bonded, broken, or both. Chico State Office of Graduate Studies thesis editor and advisor Carson Medley was on hand to witness all of it during the Wildcats' 2015-16 season. He joined the team on the road, in practice, in the halftime locker room, and more in order to write Through the Red Door, a book that provides a privileged glimpse into that team's triumphs, tribulations, bonding, and brokenness. It is set to be released in January 2018, and the story of the 2016-17 season is its epilogue.

The 2017-18 Wildcats will play out the sequel this season, and Chico State's fans can't wait for the story to unfold. The Wildcats return four starters and seven letterwinners from last season's team that finished 26-8 and won its second NCAA Championship Tournament West Regional title in four years.

Expectations are high once again. Chico State enters the season ranked as high as No. 5 in the nation and 13th or higher in all five major polls, and the California Collegiate Athletic Association coaches' overwhelming pick to win its fourth CCAA title in the past seven years. The National Basketball Coaches Association has the Wildcats ranked No. 7.

But Clink is clear. He wants to see how this group walks through the red door behind the bleachers in the southwest corner of Acker Gym. It is the door they come through before every home game.

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Season bittersweet for Jalen McFerren

Jalen McFerren

By MITCH COX
Associate Director of Athletics

Jalen McFerren appeared in every Wildcat basketball game as a true freshman and has become a fan favorite ever since. The sweet-shooting point guard has seen his production improve every year, and the post-season honors increase as well. As a sophomore, McFerren earned All-CCAA honorable mention and last year was voted first team All-CCAA after averaging 12.4 points per game, 5.5 rebounds per game, and 2.6 assists per game. He was also one of the top free-throw shooters in the country, connecting on better than 92 percent of his attempts. Wildcat Illustrated sat down with McFerren to discuss his final year at Chico State and his unique pet ambitions.

WI: This is your last year in a Wildcat uniform. How does that feel?

McFerren: It’s a bittersweet feeling. I’m definitely excited for the year, but also knowing it’s my last year is sad because Chico has become a home on and off the court.

WI: What goals do you have as a player for your senior season?

McFerren: I want to win a national championship—obviously, that’s something we haven’t been able to do yet. But more importantly, just enjoy the everyday journey as far as being around the guys, around practice, being around people in the training room. Going to class and talking with classmates about the team. Just the whole experience.

WI: Besides the lofty goal of a national championship, what sort of team goals are there this year?

McFerren: To reach our full potential. I think that’s something we’ve struggled with in the past—playing our best at the right time. Coach Clink emphasizes that all the time. He expects us to give maximum effort every day and to do our best.

WI: A couple of key players from last year’s team that reached the Elite Eight have graduated—Robert Duncan and Michael Bethea. Do you see a circumstance where you will really be missing those two guys?

McFerren: Not necessarily basketball-wise, but the two of them were great chemistry guys, great role models. For me personally, it’s been hard not having them around to talk to everyday. But now it’s time for me and the other seniors to step up and fill that void, and for the younger guys that redshirted to have a role this year. Losing Coach Gabe [Lucas]

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Experience of last year will help

By Rory Miller

Early season injuries, followed by a pair of player defections, topped off with even more injuries, left a talented Chico State women's basketball team's 2016-17 roster decimated and threatened to ruin the season almost as soon as it had begun. For one lengthy stretch, the Wildcats had just eight players healthy enough to suit up.

With young players earning trial-by-fire minutes, and their more experienced teammates stepping up to shoulder a huge part of the load, the Wildcats turned their negatives into positives.
Women’s interim coach was practically raised on golf course

Heather Fegley bleeds the color green after having been fed a steady diet of golf courses throughout her life—and that’s just fine with her.

“I’ve been playing golf as long as I can remember,” Chico State interim women’s golf coach Heather Fegley revealed. Her father, Tom, is a teaching pro and coach so it was only natural to take up the game practically before she could walk.

The Wildcat coach, who was named to the position in September, is a local product who came up through junior golf, golf at Pleasant Valley High, then on to Chico State and the women’s team for four years. She was also the women’s assistant coach for three years.

Fegley excelled as a player. Not only was she a team captain, she had nine top 20 finishes and helped lead the Wildcats to their first NCAA Super Regional in eight years during the 2013-14 season.

Current and future Wildcat teams will be able to enjoy something their coach never had and that is to belong to the CCAA, which has formed a women’s golf conference. With the addition of Cal State Los Angeles to the fold that includes Cal State Monterey Bay, Sonoma State, Cal State San Marcos, Cal State East Bay, and Chico State, there are enough schools to meet the minimum requirement to be a conference sport.

Being in the conference not only means the team will be playing for a championship; it will also enable the players to shoot for many other awards, not the least of which is academic excellence as the CCAA honors its athletes for academic achievement.

“I’m excited about it, and so are the players,” Fegley confirmed.

Fegley knows something about academic excellence, too, as she excelled in the classroom, being named to the Dean’s List twice and representing the Department of Sociology at the Dean’s Cup Academic Competition.

Fegley feels she can use her academic experience as a Division II student-athlete in helping her players.

“I understand how it is to be a Division II student-athlete. It’s not an easy balance being a student and an athlete at the same time,” she said.

Tournaments in fall and spring take up the weekends with travel and Monday and Tuesdays with competition that puts study time at a premium. Fegley said she didn’t consider herself a great student, but got through on top by using her time to best advantage and is passing her experience along to her athletes.

“I stress to them that they should use any spare time.

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WOMEN: Good blend of experience, youth

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as Head Coach Brian Fogel was somehow able to keep the team together to forge a respectable 15-12 record and the program’s first postseason appearance in three years.

"It was definitely a challenging season," Fogel said on the eve of his 10th year at the Wildcats’ helm. "But looking back on it, despite being wiped out by the injury bug, the kids never complained or made excuses. Instead, they really developed as a group, and I think the returning players will be able to use that experience and apply it to this season."

"We needed to establish some depth, and I think we succeeded," he said. "If you break it down by position, I feel we strengthened our post position quite a bit. And I like how many options we have now in the backcourt."

The most important member of the Wildcats’ backcourt corps is senior guard Whitney Branham, who will be once again serve as the centerpiece of the ‘Cats’ attack. Branham, a First Team All-CCAA selection, was on the floor over 31 minutes a game last season, scoring 14.5 points a contest, topping the conference in free throw shooting percentage (.894) and ranked among the CCAA leaders with 63 3-point field goals.

Branham will have plenty of accomplished company on the perimeter. The point guard position will be shared by sophomore Joyce (Pleasant Valley High School), who will be forced to sit out the 2017-18 campaign after suffering a torn ACL two days before fall classes started.

Fogel is just as enthusiastic about what the Wildcats will serve up underneath the bucket this season.

Junior forward Kayla Taylor (7.8 points and 3.8 rebounds a game in 2016-17), an All-CCAA Honorable Mention, will combine with redshirt junior McKena Barker (6.5 points and 6.3 boards a contest) to anchor the Wildcats’ inside game.

Fogel is looking for Barker to be even more central to the team’s success after a broken finger hampered her throughout most of last season.

Jo Paine, who averaged 12 points and 6.3 rebounds a contest before injuries limited her to just 12 games last year, will also figure into the Wildcats’ low-post plans in 2017-18, but thanks to an early-season injury, probably won’t see significant minutes until several games into the season.

A newcomer who could quickly become a fan favorite is freshman forward Hannah Washington. The South Medford High School product brings athleticism and energy to both ends of the floor.

Another big addition to Chico State’s post game is 6’3” sophomore Katie MacKenzie, a Division I transfer from Murray State.

"Because of her height, Katie will present a back-to-the-basket scoring threat that we haven’t had in a long while," Fogel said.

Haley Cremen is hoping to help the ‘Cats before the season’s over. Sidelined for all of 2016-17, Cremen is working hard to get healthy following knee surgery. Fogel hopes to have the 5’11” senior back on the court by late January or early February.

Natalie Valenzuela, however, will have to root on the Wildcats from the sidelines. The 6’1” forward, one of the program’s all-time shot-blockers, is still on the mend since being felled by a knee injury 13 games into the 2016-17 season. Valenzuela will redshirt and then return as an active player next year.

Fogel also made a notable addition to his coaching staff, and it’s a familiar name to Wildcat fans. Mon...
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Cross Country roundup

Wildcat men again dominate West region

MONMOUTH, Oregon—The gloves were on for a while. It was a cool day in Monmouth, Oregon, after all. But the gloves came off during the race, which turned into quite a fight until the Chico State men's cross country team's top five took flight at Ash Creek Preserve.

The Wildcats swung the most and the hardest, defending its NCAA Championship Regional title by easily outpointing California Baptist 55–84 in winning the West for the 13th time in the past 15 seasons and advancing to the NCAA Championship finals for the 19th year in a row.

“We really wanted this, so it feels good,” Chico State Head Coach Gary Towne said. “They fought hard out there. It’s the end of the road for most of these teams, so everybody’s bringing their absolute A-game.”

Ranked No. 4 in the nation entering regional weekend, the Wildcats will compete for the NCAA Division II title on Nov. 18. See Defend/Page 30

Women making 18th straight trip to nationals

MONMOUTH, Oregon—The Chico State women's cross country team went into the NCAA Championship West Regional a bit short-handed. But the Wildcats were not short on heart.

A gutsy performance at the front from Hannah Dorman and astonishing efforts from gritty senior Haley Kroll and greenhorn Haley Boynton helped lift the Wildcats into the NCAA Championship finals for the 18th season in a row with a third-place finish at Ash Creek Preserve in Monmouth, Oregon.

The Wildcats hope to have Karlie Garcia, who missed the regional with an injury, back in the lineup at the National Championship Finals, which will be held Saturday, Nov. 18, at Angel Mounds in Evansville, Indiana.

The Wildcats will be chasing their third straight NCAA Championships podium finish (top four) and sixth all-time.

California Baptist, the nation's top-ranked team entering the West Regional, won with 68 points. Fourth-ranked Alaska Anchorage, led by individual winner Carline Kurgat, came in second with 84. Fifth-ranked Chico State finished third with

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Golf coach Heather Fegley’s Top 10 menu items from local eateries

In Wildcat Illustrated’s never ending effort to bring readers closer to our staff, we began a feature called “The Coach’s Top 10” a few years ago.

In the past, we have heard from men’s basketball coach Greg Clink, men’s track and field coach Oliver Hartl, women’s soccer coach Kim Sutton and women’s basketball coach Brian Fogel. Now, the newest member of the Wildcat coaching family, interim women’s golf coach Heather Fegley, tells readers about her “Top Ten Menu Items From Local Eateries.”

After I graduated from college I moved to Pebble Beach, California, where I discovered a restaurant in the Carmel Valley area that had a dish unlike any other. I found myself ordering this same dish every time I ate there (it still happens to this day) without ever trying a different menu item. I didn’t notice this trend until I moved back to Chico, where I order only my favorite menu items from local eateries every single time. To say I am a creature of habit is an understatement. Why stray from what you know? Especially, when it’s great food! Here is a sampling of my recommendations:

The Top 10

10. Beer cheese and pretzels from Sierra Nevada Brewery

These are one of the newer discoveries that have made me question what I was doing ordering anything else before. These pretzels have the perfect amount of softness to crispiness ratio for dipping into that one-of-a-kind beer cheese.

9. #8—club sub from Substation

You literally can’t go wrong with any sandwich from here, but I typically go for a club sub with ham, turkey, and bacon. The experience here is ordering your sandwich “upside down” where all of the cheese, meat, and fixings are layered in the opposite order. Who knew there was a particular order to sandwich making?

8. Cream cheese and berry roll from Country Morning Bakery & Cafe

Truly a one-of-a-kind sticky bun. Homemade mixed berry jam swirled within the fluffy but dense dough topped with a cream cheese frosting. While the bakery is not exactly in the most ideal location, it’s worth going out of the way for.

7. Chicken fiesta supreme salad from La Hacienda

I just come here for the giant crisp flour tortilla and the “secret” house dressing. Let’s be real—it’s mostly just for the dressing.

6. California bad boy roll from Japanese Blossoms

Your average California roll is taken to the next level as it’s topped with tempura tuna, unagi sauce, and billy sauce. Eating sushi and being able to color on your table at the same time isn’t a bad experience in my books.

5. Jiffy burger from Madison Bear Garden

Bacon on a burger is a game-changer, but adding peanut butter into the mix is something out of this world. Like most, I was initially put off by the idea of peanut butter on a cheeseburger but now there is no other burger I will order from here. The burger calls for jack cheese, but I opt for cheddar. Give it a try! You’re missing out if you haven’t.

4. Slice of Hawaiian pizza from Celestino’s

Canadian bacon and pineapple piled high on a slice of pizza that’s bigger than my head . . . I’ll take it!

3. Smoked salmon omelet from Nash’s

A twist on your traditional bagel and cream cheese with lox. An omelet filled with smoked salmon, a cream cheese blend of jack and cheddar cheese, and dill. This is the perfect mix of smokiness and creaminess to kick start your “Sunday Funday.”

2. Pepperoni, black forest ham, and olive calzone from Broadway Heights

These calzone’s are packed full and ready for dipping into their delicious house made marinara sauce. Get a seat by a window and you’re in for a great meal with a great view.

1. Chocolate chip peanut butter square from The Donut Nook

The holy grail of all donuts! A giant square donut (the size of my face) filled with tiny chocolate chips, creamy peanut butter, and topped with chocolate frosting and a drizzle of maple frosting. You’re in for a real treat if you’ve managed to get your hands on one shortly after it’s come out of the oven. I’m too embarrassed to tell you how many times I’ve walked into this place and immediately left because they were sold out of this donut. Now don’t go ordering them all, it’s been awhile since I’ve struck out.

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Team. But that’s all it is right now—potential. We’ve had good practices and I’m excited about the group,” Clink said, “We have to have the right level of aggression and the right mindset. It’s about walking through the red door every day, ready to get better.”

The seven Wildcats who return to the team—seniors Corey Silverstrom, Jalen McFerren, and Isaiah Ellis; juniors Marvin Timothy, Nate Ambrosini, and Keith Datu; and sophomore Justin Briggs—have a lot of experience walking through that portal. But none more than Silverstrom, McFerren, and Ellis. Those three helped power the Wildcats to last season’s regional title. They’ll once again be relied upon to lead the team on the court, and their responsibilities off the court have ratcheted up as well.

“We’re expecting big things from all of them,” Clink said. “They are all great leaders. They all set a great example every day. They say and do the right things.”

Ellis is coming off his second straight First Team All-Conference season and was named the Outstanding Player of the NCAA Tournament West Regional. He averaged 21 points and 10.3 rebounds per game as the Wildcats ran through three higher-seeded teams to reach the Elite Eight.

“He’s the best defender I’ve ever coached at any level,” Clink said. “He can guard any position and play the 3, 4, or 5 offensively. He’s also a gifted offensive player and he’s expanded his shooting range.”

A Second Team All-CCAA selection each of the past two seasons, Silverstrom has dedicated himself to making sure he has his best season yet.

“Corey has done an outstanding job building up his body. He’s dedicated himself to the weight room and it shows,” Clink said. “The strength and power he has this season will give him an added dimension both offensively and defensively.”

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BLEND: Seven veterans will set the pace

2017-18 Wildcat Women's Basketball Roster

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Brian Fogel, head coach
Ali Mollet, assistant coach
Monnie Davidson-Mays, assistant coach

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Nien Davidson-Mays, a First Team All-CCAA selection at Chico State in 2012-13, returns to play a key role in determining the 'Cats' success this season.

"Monnie brings energy every single day," Fogel said. "It's really nice to have somebody who has been in the program, knows who I am and knows what's expected."

With a short two-game non-conference slate before diving into CCAA play, the Wildcats may not settle on a set lineup until several games into the season. Fogel knows, though, that once he determines the right combinations and which players work best together, Chico State will be something special.

"We could really have three of our post players on the court at the same time, if we need to be bigger," he said. "And we can also go small if we wanted to push the tempo. I really like the flexibility our players give us to create different looks on the floor."

The CCAA will once again be one of the most competitive conferences in all of Division II, but Fogel and his Wildcat charges aren't going to worry themselves with what any of the other conference teams are doing.

"For us, it's a week at a time," Fogel said. "We're going to concentrate on getting better, establishing continuity, and growing as a team. Let's reach the standards that we've set for ourselves, and the 'W's' and the 'L's' will take care of themselves."

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McFerren is the team's point guard, and according to Synergy Sports, was the second-deadliest spot-up shooter on Division II last season, knocking down 85 triples.

A First Team All-CCAA selection last season, McFerren has a chance to become the first player in the history of the program with career totals topping 1,000 points, 500 rebounds, and 200 assists.

If there is one major unknown for the Wildcats, it comes in the form of those "young guys." Six of the team's 12 uniformed players are freshmen or sophomores.

A heralded five-man freshman group will make its Chico State debut this season after redshirting last season. Clink is counting on them to grow up fast. They'll make up the majority of the team's reserve corps.

"Isaiah Brooks has shown that he will be a good addition at the point," Clink said. "Matliff Duffy and Spencer LaShells are both very talented post players. Calvin Geraci will have many opportunities at the wing. And Josh Laverne is a dynamic athlete who can play multiple positions."

In between the seniors and freshmen are four Wildcats who have all vastly improved, Junior Nate Ambrosini played in all 34 games last season and will likely latch onto a starting role.

"I look at Nate like a glue guy," Clink said. "He makes everything go. He defends well. He's always in the right spots. He's excellent at making our offense run. He's a very good passer, excellent shooter, and a guy who takes care of the ball."

Junior Marvin Timothy and sophomore Justin Briggs made up a two-headed monster at the center position for the Wildcats last season. Together they averaged 12.3 points, 9.7 rebounds and 2.6 blocks per game.

"Marvin is coming off a really good year and he's really improved since last season," Clink said. "His footwork and ability to score in the post has improved, and he's gotten a lot bigger and stronger."

Briggs broke the school's single-season blocked shots record with 66 last season as a freshman.

"Justin's done a good job coming in bigger and stronger. He's in great shape," Clink said. "He's ultra-talented and we're expecting big things from him."

Datu appears to have taken a big step forward heading into his junior year.

Whatever happens in 2017-18, whether it ends with the hoisting of a National Championship trophy or with tears behind a closed locker room door, Clink is committed to making sure his team's culture transcends any wins or losses.

"One thing that I really enjoy about Carson's book is that he did a phenomenal job of digging into the story and telling what we do on a daily basis in season and out of season. It's not just a basketball story that talks about the wins and losses," Clink said. "It talks about the people and the brotherhood we've built here, the culture we've established... It really reaffirmed our end-all goal—to make sure that the guys in this program graduate and are ready to lead successful lives."

The world is full of "red doors." Clink is committed to making sure the members of the 2017-18 Chico State men's basketball will be as prepared as they can be to walk through every last one they encounter, beginning with the one just a few feet down from the locker room.
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the winner of the Webb Cup, which is awarded to the school with the top decathlon program, regardless of division.

March 17, 2014: Ranked No. 7 in the West Region, men’s basketball captured the regional championship with a memorable rally—coming back from 13 points down with under three minutes to play—to defeat Cal State Stanislaus and move on to the Elite Eight for the first time in program history.


November 20, 2011: Alyx Williams scored 13 minutes into the first half, and the Chico State men’s soccer team held on the rest of the way to hand nationally ranked Abilene Christian only its second loss of the season. The victory earned the Wildcats a trip to the NCAA Division II Final Four.

May 18, 2011: Down two strokes with just one hole to play, Kyle Souza nailed a 20-foot putt to force a playoff and eventually went on to win the NCAA Division II National Championship individual title.

May 29, 2010: Katrina Rodriguez fresh off her CCAA championship vault, won the national individual pole vault title clearing 12 feet-10.75 inches at the NCAA Division II Championships in Charlotte, North Carolina.

November 21, 2009: Tori Tyler, Kara Lubieniecki, and Allia Gray each earned All-America honors in leading the Chico State women’s cross-country team to a sixth-place finish at the NCAA National Championships.

April 12, 2008: Scott Bauhs, the most decorated distance runner in Chico State history, becomes the only Wildcat in history to break the four-minute mile with a time of 3:59.81 and went on to set NCAA Division II American records in the 5,000 and 10,000 meters. He won an NCAA championship in the 10,000 meters in 2007 and the 5,000 in 2008. He was also the Division II cross country champion later in 2008 leading the ‘Cats to a third-place finish. Named All-American eight times and is a two-time CCAA Male Athlete of the Year. Now running professionally, he is the youngest American to break the four-minute mile barrier and the 28-minute 10,000 meter run.

November 4, 2007: Women’s soccer knocked off Cal State LA on penalty kicks in the CCAA Championship Tournament final to win its first CCAA crown.

November 9, 2006: The Wildcat volleyball team returned to the NCAA championship tournament for the first time in 14 years and knocked off heavily favored and previously undefeated Seattle Pacific University in the opening round of the West Region Championships.

March 22, 2006: Chico State women’s basketball rallies from a 10-point halftime deficit to defeat Henderson State to advance to the NCAA Final Four.

May, 2004: J.J. Jakovac captured his second NCAA Division II individual national men’s golf championship. Jakovac won his first national title as a sophomore in 2002 and two years later became the only Division II golfer to ever win more than one individual national championship. His team was second in the nation.

November 9, 2003: Future Major League Soccer Most Valuable Player Chris Wondolowski scored a goal and an assist as the Wildcats defeated UC San Diego to capture their first CCAA men’s soccer championship. They later advanced to the NCAA championship game against Lynn University.

October, 2002: All-American Chris Eggers led the way as the Wildcats capture their first CCAA Cross-Country title, beginning a streak of 16 championships in a row—the longest streak of any sport in the history of the CCAA.

May 12, 2002: The Chico State softball team drops the first game at the NCAA West Region championship tournament before coming out of the loser’s bracket to post five straight wins and advance to the NCAA College World Series, where they eventually reached the tournament semifinals.

May 29, 1999: The Chico State baseball team claimed its second NCAA national championship and its first as a member of the CCAA, with an 11-5 victory over Kennesaw State.
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Women's soccer team arrives at destination

The Chico State women's soccer team started the season with the belief that if they did all the little things right, they would eventually arrive at their desired destination—the NCAA Championship Tournament.

That belief, and the actions behind it, paid off. The Wildcats earned their first NCAA Championship Tournament berth since 2011.

Unfortunately for the Wildcats, things don't always play out that way in any given game of soccer. It often takes a break or two. And the breaks did not go Chico State's way in a 3-0 loss to 16th-ranked Concordia-Portland in the opening round of the NCAA Championship Tournament at Triton Stadium on the campus of UC San Diego.

The Wildcats, who had an eight-match unbeaten streak snapped Friday, finish the season with a record of 11-6-2.

En route to the NCAA West Region, a lot of good things happened to the Wildcats.

The CCAA's coaches recognized Pooja Patel, Erin Woods, Abbie Jones and Jordan Doukakis for their play this season by choosing them for the All-CCAA team. Patel earned First Team All-CCAA, and Woods, Jones and Doukakis honorable mention. Patel has been one of the most productive players in the history of the program and collects her third All-CCAA honor. The 2015 CCAA Offensive Player of the Year and First Team All-Conference selection, and 2014 CCAA honorable mention selection, has racked up career totals of 16 goals, 22 assists, totaling 54 points. She enters the NCAA Tournament tied for second in the program's history in assist and tied for eighth in points.

The senior from Livermore High School leads the Wildcats with six assists this season, which is also tied for tops in the CCAA. She has also scored three goals, including the match winner against San Francisco State. Woods, the CCAA's 2015 Newcomer of the Year and honorable mention All-Conference selection, has made a strikingly successful transition to striker. The junior from Harbor High School in Santa Cruz leads the Wildcats with eight goals and has also dished out five assists. She's been especially hot of late, scoring in three straight matches and assisting on two more strikes heading into the NCAAs.

“We laid everything we wanted to accomplish and we accomplished a lot of it. Behind the line is about much more than just soccer. It's about being good people, making good friendships, building good characteristics that you can take with you in life. I think that's exactly what we did,” concluded Patel.
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Student-athlete group promotes worthwhile projects

It's been a busy fall semester for the Chico State Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, better known as SAAC.

Things got underway early, as SAAC helped promote September as Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month by purchasing gold shoelaces for all fall sport student-athletes for the annual Lace Up 4 Pediatric Cancer program established by the Go4the-Goal foundation. SAAC members also sold Wildcat fans additional shoelaces and collected donations for the organization that assists local families with travel and medical expenses. In all, SAAC contributed approximately $1,000 and plenty of publicity to this worthy cause.

Later in September, SAAC members ventured into Big Chico Creek and pulled several bags of trash from the beautiful creek that runs through campus.

"The creek is part of what makes this campus so memorable, but unfortunately, it's also an area that doesn't always get the attention it deserves. SAAC is always determined to do what it can to maintain the beauty of the creek," said Associate Director of Athletics and SAAC Advisor Mitch Cox.

On the last Friday of September, several SAAC members joined children at Parkview Elementary School for their annual "Laps for Learning"

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INTERVIEW: There may be a jellyfish in McFerren's future

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Gabrielle was also huge, so we have a lot of new faces that have to step up this year. But it only makes us grow as individuals and as a team.

**WI:** What's the best thing about game day?

**McFerren:** Shoot-around is always fun. On the days we have class before a game, going to class and talking about the game. Seeing the people in the crowd while we're doing warm-ups. Having our family show up, that's cool.

**WI:** So is the build-up to the game sometimes more exciting than the game itself?

**McFerren:** Sometimes. It depends who we're playing and the situation. I mean, all games are important, but the game is more than the game—it's the whole journey.

**WI:** Being a point guard, do you prefer making a big shot or making a great pass?

**McFerren:** Definitely a great pass. Seeing other people succeed is definitely a good feeling for me and makes me feel like I've done my job.

**WI:** But you're not afraid to take the big shot, obviously. You're still responsible for one of the more memorable shots in recent history when you drained a half-court shot at the buzzer to beat San Marcos a couple years ago. Is that something you think about occasionally?

**McFerren:** It was something I never expected. I'm just very grateful that I was able to make a shot like that. It's interesting because that was my sophomore year and last year, they beat us on a buzzer-beater, and this year, I believe is Senior Night when we play them. So I'm hoping there's another buzzer-beater that goes our way coming up.

**WI:** You're a business marketing major. What's the plan for after graduation?

**McFerren:** I went to the career fair in September and made my way around the room and made some nice connections. I've interviewed with some companies, but I'm not sure exactly what direction I want to go.

**WI:** Are you going to try and see if there's more basketball in your future after this season like several of your former teammates did?

**McFerren:** Definitely, I'll see how this year goes and then pursue that if it looks like there's a possibility.

**WI:** What do you wish you could do that you can't do?

**McFerren:** I used to be able to play all day and then just go home and get a good sleep and wake up rejuvenated. I didn't have to worry about icing down and being sore. Doesn't happen anymore, I'm getting old!

**WI:** What's your favorite place to eat in Chico?

**McFerren:** There's a ton of great places to eat in Chico. I'd say right now, it's probably Tea Bar.

**WI:** Give me you Super Bowl pick and your pick to win the NBA championship.

**McFerren:** Super Bowl pick, I'm a Raiders fan. That was my pick before the season and I don't want to say who I think is going to win it because that would be going against the Raider nation. And the NBA—Warriors. Cavs and Warriors for the fourth year in a row.

**WI:** Do you have any pets?

**McFerren:** I have a Yorkie at home. He's a lot to deal with so I'm kind of glad he's there and I'm here. But I really want a jellyfish.

**WI:** Excuse me? Why?

**McFerren:** Because who do you know that has a jellyfish? I think it would be cool. They're easy to take care of. They don't do much, but look cool.
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Damion Lewis, Newcomer of the Year
Jeremiah Eguije and Freshman of the Year
Eruvey Arceta were among the eight Chico State athletes honored by the California Collegiate Athletic Association's coaches on the 2017 California Collegiate Athletic Association Men's Soccer All-Conference Team this season. And they will all be back next season. The future is bright for the Wildcats.

The past is a bit hard for the Wildcats to swallow.

Needing a win in their conference finale to claim the CCAA title, the Wildcats allowed an overtime goal at eventual CCAA Tournament title winner Cal State LA and dropped from the top of the conference table into fourth.

The Wildcats hosted Cal State LA three days later in the opening round of the CCAA Tournament. It resulted in a heartbreaking 4-3 loss that ended their season. Chico State led 3-1 midway through

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SAAC: Helping community

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d fundraiser. SAAC members led the youngsters in some pre-
event stretching and warmups, and then encouraged them
along as they ran their respective courses. Willie the Wildcat
joined in the fun as well, competing with the Parkview Panther
in a dance-off before making his way around to each of the
courses to jog along with the children.

For the second consecutive year, SAAC put together a
team in October to participate in the Walk to End Alzheimer’s
in Chico’s Bidwell Park. Approximately 50 Wildcat student-ath-
etes showed their support by participating and the #Wildcat-
Family team raised $540 to support research that will hopefully
one day cure this horrible disease.

The lessons SAAC teaches about giving back to the com-
Community are lifelong. Without fanfare, and without being
prompted, Andrew Gambino, who was a member of the
men’s track and field team and a SAAC member for four
years, continues to show his generosity in many ways—most
recently by sending over 100 canned and boxed food items
to SAAC to donate to the Hungry Wildcat Food Pantry on
Campus. The Pantry provides nutritious food, CalFresh food
program assistance, and referral services for students expe-
riencing food insecurity.

SAAC has a lot more planned for the rest of the school
year. This dedicated group of student-athletes sincerely ap-
preciates all the support the community gives the Wildcats
and hopes their efforts help provide a way of saying “Thank
You!”

SHORT: Wildcats finish 10-6-2

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g against average (.475),
 saves percentage (.893)
and shutouts (8) during the
run of CCAA play. Egujie, a
First-Team All-CCAA selection
at forward, and Arceta, a
Second Team selection in the
midfield, paced the offense
in goals and assists, respect-
ively.

Johnson, Palmer, Justin
Bethke, Ryan Caro, and
Coby Cueva captured All-
CCAA Honorable Mention.

Lewis, a junior from Miami,
Florida, is the program’s first
CCAA Defensive Player of
the Year. His eight shutouts
this season

Egujie, who hail from Be-
nin, Nigeria, and transferred
to Chico State from Arizona
Western Community College,
is the fourth Wildcat to be
Newcomer of the Year.
35 Chico State athletes win D2 academic honors

CLEVELAND – Even though the 2017-18 school year has just started, Chico State Athletics continues to rack up academic accolades dating back to last spring, as the Wildcats were among 183 institutions honored by the Division II Athletics Directors Association (D2 ADA) receiving the 2016-17 D2 ADA Academic Achievement Award. Chico State athletes accounted for 35 of the record 10,644 awards handed out nationwide in the program designed to recognize the academic accomplishments of student-athletes at the Division II level.

The 35 honorees continue Chico State’s longstanding tradition of student-athletes consistently succeeding in the classroom. Wildcat athletes have collected a minimum of 25 D2 ADA Academic Achievement Awards in every academic year since 2007-08.

“As an Officer for the D2 ADA Board, I have been pleased to see the increase in the number of student-athletes recognized for their academic achievements,” said D2 ADA President Scott Wiegandt, director of athletics at Bellarmine University. “This program is a point of pride for our current D2 ADA member institutions and a great way to recognize the achievements of their student athletes. On behalf of the D2 ADA we celebrate these academic accolades and are proud of your accomplishments.”

Of the 35 Chico State recipients, 17 are repeat winners of the D2 ADA Academic Achievement Award, with six Wildcats—Kate Brown, Lindsey Dias and Emily Shlepey of women’s soccer, Aryana Carvalho-Mires of women’s track & field, Justin Woo of men’s track & field, and baseball’s Clayton Gelland—receiving the honor for the third consecutive year.

To earn a D2 ADA Academic Achievement Award, a student-athlete must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher, attended a minimum of two years (four semesters) of college level work, and have been an active member of an intercollegiate team during his/her last academic year. Chico State student-athletes winning D2ADA Academic Achievement Awards for the 2016-17 academic year include:

**Baseball**
- Josh Falco, Clayton Gelland, Jimbo Perretti, Trevor Steinman and Tyler Stoffel

**Men’s Cross Country/T&F**
- Caton Avilla, Chad Baur, Kelly McConnell, Bret McNamee and Justin Woo

**Men’s Golf**
- Henning Hogmoen

**Men’s Soccer**
- Sasha Peranteau and Christian Roman

**Softball**
- Megan Bowley

**Women’s Basketball**
- McKena Barker and Whitney Branham

**Women’s Cross Country/T&F**
- Aryana Carvalho-Mires, Eric Davis, Megan Farrell, Julie Finn, Karlie Garcia, McCall Habermehl, Grace Hepworth, Haley Kroll, Kayla Lawson, Elyssa Schall, Lauren Schnelli, Emily Topleski and Jenna Vee Turner

**Women’s Soccer**
- Katie Brown, Lindsey Dias, Jamie Ikeda, Caitlin Keenan and Emily Shlepey

**Volleyball**
- Anna Baytosh

COACH: Active in community

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and that time between classes, to study even though they don’t feel it’s necessary,” she said, “That’s how I got through school.”

Fegley is finding out that being a head coach is a lot more involved than she thought while being an assistant.

“When I was an assistant, practically all I had to do was show up to practices. I didn’t realize there was so much more to the job behind the scenes,” she admitted.

She does everything from scheduling, setting up practices at different courses, ordering equipment, budgeting, booking travel and meals, to dealing with the administration and the NCAA.

“Yeah, there’s that important matter of recruiting which is another new experience. When I got here, I was overwhelmed by the number of emails I get by women wanting to play this coming year or next,” she said.

As part of the recruiting process, it is not uncommon for players to send videos and while Fegley could probably sit in her office and accept players off their emails, that’s not her style.

“I want to see more than their swing on video. I want to see them play... I want to see their athleticism, and I want to see how they chip and putt.” stated the coach who has already gotten out to see some local tournaments.

As a person who has grown up in the community, she has an affinity for area players. While she wants the best possible players for her program, and will go anywhere to get them, she also has an eye out for area athletes.

“I know how easy it is for a player from an area like this (non-metropolitan) to go under the radar,” she said, “There are a lot of good players who might be a diamond in the rough with a little coaching.”

Ultimately, in terms of recruiting and players, she would like to expand the Wildcat roster to 10. The number currently stands at eight.

“I like bigger rosters because it makes for better competition. I like to have players compete for the right to play in an upcoming tournament because it makes them work harder,” Fegley stated.

Fegley’s current group of players are working very hard on their short games. Most players like to see their tee shots soar 200 yards or more, but they don’t realize that two-foot putts count just the same on the scorecard.

“I’m driving my players crazy trying to get them to work harder on their short games and they get annoyed but I have the statistics to show why,” she said.

The Wildcats have finished in the bottom three in tournaments 20 strokes out of first place. She has shown players statistics that demonstrate if they each get a few more well-placed chips or a few more putts to drop they could easily have made up the 20 strokes and won the tournament.

Fegley is hoping that someday the “interim” tag is dropped from her title, but right now she’s too busy with trying to make the current and future Wildcats teams better to worry about it.

She’s also involved with golf on a local basis, helping her father with Chico Area Junior Golf, a program they recently co-founded. In the past, some of the local golf courses had their own programs, but this a program open to the entire community.

“We found that younger kids were no longer playing golf and we wanted to help them get involved again,” she said. “The program is available to all levels of youth through age 18 and for those who can’t afford it, scholarships are available.”

Fegley has also been involved as a volunteer for the Butte County Special Olympics Golf Program for nearly 10 years.

“The athletes are dealing with a lot of things I never experience, but to see them get so much joy out of simple things like hitting a drive straight lets me share their joy and is very rewarding,” she said.
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Volleyball team its keeps winning tradition alive

The Chico State volleyball team has kept the program's winning tradition alive with another successful season in 2017. The Wildcats posted a solid 15-13 record and a third place finish in the California Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) North Division standings. As a result, Head Coach Cody Hein's 'Cats will make their second postseason appearance in as many years when the team travels to the Bay Area to take part in the CCAA Championship Tournament November 14-16 in San Francisco.

The Wildcats stamped their ticket to the postseason with a strong finish, winning seven of its final 10 matches to earn the North Division's No. 3 seed in the conference tournament. Chico State hit a midseason bump in the road, falling to 8-10 after dropping six of eight from September 30-October 7, but took advantage of a long home stand in mid-October to string together five straight wins and catapult the 'Cats back into contention.

The highlight of the winning streak was a dramatic five-set victory over Cal State Monterey Bay October 14 at Acker Gym, when the Wildcats came back from a two-sets-to-one deficit to beat the visiting Otters five games.

Four Wildcat seniors—outside hitter Olivia Mediano, setter McKenna Carroll, middle hitter Anna Baytosh and libero/defensive specialist Tristen Thompson—wrapped up their Chico State careers in impressive style. Mediano, who became just the second Wildcat player in history to rack up 1,000 career kills and 1,000 career digs, finishes her four-year career at Chico State ranked fourth all-time in kills, second in attack attempts and seventh in digs.

As satisfied as the Wildcats are with the team's accomplishments in 2017, the program is primed for even more success in the years to come. Ten letterwinners are expected back next season, and thanks to an aggressive recruiting effort by Hein, seven very talented newcomers—one junior college transfer and six prep standouts—should combine to produce a formidable foundation for winning big in 2018 and beyond.
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They have never finished higher than third. But another strong effort from the entire team, like they had Saturday and at the California Collegiate Athletic Association Championships, could have the Wildcats vying for their first team national title.

Kyle Medina finished second in Saturday’s 10-kilometer race. Connor Fisher finished eighth, Jack Johnson 10th, Teddy Kassa 17th and Eddie King 18th to cap Chico State’s scoring.

Arturo Arevalo finished 24th to give the Wildcats six All-West Region performances (top 25). Caton Avilla also ran well, finishing 30th.

California Baptist entered the race ranked No. 6 in the nation. Host Western Oregon (ranked 13th) won a tiebreaker over 22nd-ranked Simon Fraser to grab the third automatic qualifying spot for the NCAA Championship finals.

Medina ran at the front of the pack for much of the race and became the second Wildcat to earn three top-five regional finishes. He finished fifth in 2014 and second last season.

Isaac Chavez did it four times from 2010-13.

The top five Wildcats ran with the lead pack at the midway point. Medina, Fisher and Johnson were still among the leaders as the lead pack dwindled to 13.

Fisher, who did not finish last year’s regional, posted arguably his best postseason performance to date.

“He was with the lead pack for most of the race, and even when he fell behind the leaders, he hung it up,” Towne said. “He’s ready for NCAAs.”

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105 points to nab the final automatic qualifying spot for the NCAA Championships.

“That’s as good a regional field as we’ve ever seen. So many good teams, including the No. 1 team in the nation, and great depth,” Wildcats Head Coach Gary Towne said. “Our goal was to grab that third spot given the firepower ahead of us. I knew on a given day we might be able to beat California Baptist or [Alaska] Anchorage without Karle, but the main thing was to grab a National Championship AQ.”

Gonzalez, who finished sixth at last season’s regional championships and 50th at the National Championships, was ruled out of the regional just days prior. So Boynton was told she would be making the trip at the last minute.

The Wildcats knew they might need some surprising efforts to qualify. And Boynton provided one of them. The redshirt freshman finished 30th overall and fourth among the Wildcats. Sophomore Kayden Carpenter finished 35th to wrap up the Wildcats’ scoring.

“Haley [Boynton] really took advantage of the opportunity,” Towne said. “She wouldn’t have been in that race had Karle not gotten hurt. But given the opportunity, she went out and ran her best race of the season.”

Dorman delivered the necessary low stick for the Wildcats, coming in fourth. Kurgat will likely be the favorite to win the National Championship two weeks.

Nora Pizzella placed 40th, and true freshman Alexandria Tucker 52nd in the 209-woman field.
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