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# Records fall as women's track grab second

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The year of broken records continued last weekend as the women's track team finished second in the Southwest Track and Field Invitational at Irvine.

The mile relay team highlighted the meet with a time of 3:48.2, which not only set a school record, but is good enough for a qualifying berth in the national championships. The relay team of Chris Smallwood, Maureen Abare, Peggy Callahan and Janice

Pope combined in what Coach Fred LaPlante said was an outstanding race.

"It was exciting to watch," LaPlante said. "We really wanted to beat Las Vegas because they were the only team to beat our relay team this year."

Smallwood broke a school record on her own in the 800 meter run. She ran a 2:12.1 and finished third beating Callahan's old mark of 2:13.9.

The Aztecs finished second in a field of 14. Their 95½ points

placed them behind defending national champion Cal State Northridge.

"It was really good for us to finish second," LaPlante said. "We beat some very fine teams."

On a team marked with consistency, the javelin throwers have been the most consistent athletes and their performances didn't falter last weekend.

The javelin throwers swept their event as Donna Dietrich led the way with a throw of 161-4. Monica Stoltenburg edged Linn Duntun by a half inch with a throw of 149-3, for second place.

The final record breaking performance was turned in by freshman Valinda Hoagland, who according to her coach, has been improving every week.

Her time of 18:20.2 earned her fourth place honors in the 5,000 meter run.

The mainstay of the Aztec squad continued to be U.S. record

LaPlante won the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 13.43. On the following day, she went to UCLA and competed in the Pepsi Invitational.

The invitational showcased some of the finest runners on the U.S. and the Cuban national teams.

LaPlante blew out the field with a 13.15 which beat her nearest competitor by seven yards.

While LaPlante's performances

have become common place, the showing of Jane Spencer was an unexpected surprise, according to her coach. Her time of 4:58.1 secured her a third place spot in the 1,500 meter run.

A comeback is needed for the whole team if they are to capture the Western Collegiate Athletic Association Championship this weekend. This was their last tuneup for the deciding match of the season.