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### **Ehnes, Hanley Earn PacWest First Team Honors**

BILLINGS, MT – Juniors Joey Ehnes and Sara Hanley were named to the Pacific West Conference All-Conference first team on Thursday in voting by the league's coaches. The two become the first Yellowjackets to earn first team honors in the program's four year history. In all, the Yellowjackets had seven players honored. Layne Pavey, Cami Rainey and Christy Wankel were named to the All-Conference second team. Theresa Campbell and Stephanie Cochrun earned honorable mention honors.

Ehnes, a junior pitcher from Great Falls, Mont., was the second-highest vote getter among pitchers and the fourth-highest overall in the conference. She set school single season records with 21 victories and 261 strikeouts while ranking in the PacWest's top 10 in eight statistical categories. She was second for both wins and strikeouts, fourth for ERA (1.90), second for opposing batting average (.211), second for innings pitched (232), first for saves (2), second for appearances (42) and second for games started (33). Western New Mexico's Angela Slaugh was the top pitcher in the voting, earning her third-straight conference Pitcher of the Year award.

Ehnes, who was named the Yellowjackets' Most Valuable Defensive Player by her teammates, also was productive at the plate. She batted .271 and led the Jackets with 30 RBI and 29 runs scored. She ranked in the conference's top 10 for RBI, runs scored, total hits, doubles and home runs. Ehnes was an all-conference second team selection as a freshman and a sophomore.

Hanley, a junior third baseman from Kalispell, Mont., was the Yellowjackets' second leading hitter with a .308 average, ranking her tenth in the PacWest. She led the PacWest in total hits with 53 and also ranked eighth for total bases with 67. Hanley was one of the best fielding third basemen in the league, posting a .904 fielding percentage in 146 chances with 92 assists. She was also named the Yellowjackets' Most Improved Player.

Pavey, a junior catcher from Spokane, Wash., was the PacWest home run champion with eight homers. She batted .307 with 28 RBI and 24 runs scored. She ranked fourth in the conference for RBI and eighth for runs. She also ranked first in the league for total bases (83) and sixth for slugging percentage (.509). Pavey was a second team selection last year as well.

Rainey, a junior shortstop from Terreton, Idaho, led the Yellowjackets with a .315 batting average, ranking her sixth in the conference. She was also eighth for slugging percentage (.479), second for runs

scored (29), second for total hits (52), third for doubles (12), and third for home runs (5). At shortstop, Rainey had a .929 fielding percentage in 211 chances with a team-high 104 assists. Pavey and Rainey were selected as the Yellowjackets' co-Offensive Players of the Year.

Wankel, a sophomore from Great Falls, Mont., batted .262 with 21 runs scored and 16 RBI. She also hit three home runs and six doubles. The Yellowjackets' most dynamic defensive outfielder, Wankel played in both left and right field, posting a .918 fielding percentage in 61 chances.

Cochrun, a junior first baseman from Lake Stevens, Wash., batted .228 with four home runs, 21 runs scored and 20 RBI. She had a .968 fielding percentage in 216 chances while starting all 55 games for the Yellowjackets. Cochrun was a second team selection last year.

Campbell, a junior designated hitter from Great Falls, Mont., earned honorable mention honors despite having an up and down season. She hit four home runs with 23 RBI and 20 runs scored while batting only .187. She was a second team selection last year.

In addition to the seven all-conference selections, MSU-Billings placed five players on the Academic All-Conference team, the most of any school in the league. Pavey, Cochrun and Campbell were named to the team for the second-straight year. Pavey had the second-highest grade point average in the conference. The Sociology (Pre Law) major has a 3.87. Making the academic team for the first time were Wankel and Megan McCrae, a junior from Brandon, Manitoba. To qualify for the Academic All-Conference team, a player must have at least a 3.30 cumulative GPA and be in at least her second year at the same school.

#### **Pacific West Conference Softball First Team**

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Stats (Conference Rank)</u>
Angela Slauch **	WNMU	P	Sr.	Bloomfield, NM	0.49 ERA (2), 34 W (1), 372 K (1)
<b>Joey Ehnes #</b>	<b>MSUB</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Jr.</b>	<b>Great Falls, MT</b>	<b>21 W (2), 261 K (2), 1.90 ERA (4)</b>
Natalie Fujimoto	UHH	C	So.	Aiea, HI	.363 BA (3), .522 Slg% (4), .402 OB% (4)
Brandy Choy Foo ^	HPU	IF	Sr.	Waimanalo, HI	.371 BA (1), .457 OB% (1), 38 R (1)
Holly Garcia *	HPU	IF	Sr.	Ewa Beach, HI	.365 BA (2), .555 Slg% (1), 37 RBI (1)
<b>Sara Hanley</b>	<b>MSUB</b>	<b>IF</b>	<b>Jr.</b>	<b>Kalispell, MT</b>	<b>.308 BA (10), 53 H (1), 67 TB (8)</b>
Kyle Hicok	WNMU	IF	Fr.	Tucson, AZ	26 RBI (5), 14 2B (2), 4 3B (2)
Jamie Reyes **	HPU	OF	Jr.	Palolo Valley, HI	.346 BA (4), 32 RBI (2), .546 Slg% (2)
Danielle Harmon	WNMU	OF	Sr.	Bullhead City, AZ	26 R (4), 45 H (8), .302 BA
Rachel Lacar	HPU	OF	Sr.	Pearl City, HI	25 R (6), 8 2B (9), .273 BA
Jessica Garcia *	WNMU	OF	So.	Silver City, NM	.250 BA, 23 R, 19 RBI
Laura Kimborowicz	UHH	DP	Fr.	Anaheim Hills, CA	.452 Slg% (10), 23 RBI (6), .280 BA
Anuheia Diamond	HPU	C	Jr.	Mililani, HI	.323 BA (5), .459 Slg% (9), 15 RBI

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Jennifer Baron, HPU (So., DP, Issaquah, WA); Cassidi Caringi, WNMU (IF, Fr., Phoenix, AZ); Meredith Drahota, WNMU (IF, Fr., Phoenix, AZ); Bethany Harris, WNMU (Sr., IF, Phoenix, AZ); Lisa Jackson, UHH (IF, Jr., Fullerton, CA); **Layne Pavey, MSUB (Jr., C, Spokane, WA); Cami Rainey, MSUB (Jr., IF, Terretton, ID);** B.J. Shimamoto, UHH (Fr., OF, Waipahu, HI); Sarah Steele, UHH (So., P, Fontana, CA); Malia Sullivan, HPU (Sr., P, Sun Valley, CA); **Christy Wankel, MSUB (So., OF, Great Falls, MT);** Chynna Wilcox, BYUH (Jr., IF, Georgetown, ID); Donnell Wittekind, CU (Jr., P, Harrisberg, OR).

**Pacific West Conference Softball Honorable Mention Team**

Natalie Alcala, CU (Fr., IF, Fontana, CA); **Theresa Campbell, MSUB (Jr., DP, Great Falls, MT); Stephanie Cochrun, MSUB (Jr., Ut., Lake Stevens, WA)**; Rachel Delaney, BYUH (Fr., IF, Roseville, CA); Tiffany Devaurs, WNMU (So., C, Merced, CA); Echo Hatch, BYUH (So., P, Aztec, NM); Heidi Garcia, CU (So., C, Wahiawa, HI); Haunani Haasenritter, UHH (Fr., IF, Hilo, HI); Lisa Hansen, BYUH (Sr., P, Eagle, ID); Kelsi Kobashigawa, CU (Sr., IF, Aiea, HI); Teresa Rushton, BYUH (Sr., IF, Taylorsville, UT).

\* All-Conference First Team in 2003

\*\* All-Conference First Team in 2002 and 2003

^ All-Conference First Team in 2002, Second Team in 2003

# All-Conference Second Team in 2002 and 2003

**Pacific West Conference Softball Academic All-Conference Team**

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Major</u>	<u>GPA</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Sarah Steele	UHH	So.	Health & Phys. Education	3.96	Fontana, CA
<b>Layne Pavey *</b>	<b>MSUB</b>	<b>Jr.</b>	<b>Sociology (Pre Law)</b>	<b>3.87</b>	<b>Spokane, WA</b>
Tara Hiramatsu	CU	So.	Criminal Justice	3.73	Mililani, HI
Teresa (Hurst) Ruston	BYUH	Sr.	Exercise & Sport Science	3.68	Taylorsville, UT
Kehaulani Yamaguchi	CU	So.	Undeclared	3.64	Kahaluu, HI
Stephanie Kirkpatrick	WNMU	So.	Psychology	3.62	Artesia, NM
Pua Reis *	CU	Jr.	Psychology	3.61	Waimanalo, HI
<b>Stephanie Cochrun *</b>	<b>MSUB</b>	<b>Jr.</b>	<b>Elementary Education</b>	<b>3.60</b>	<b>Lake Stevens, WA</b>
Echo Hatch	BYUH	So.	Exercise & Sport Science	3.57	Aztec, New Mexico
Tara Martinez *	UHH	Jr.	Health & Phys. Education	3.56	Rancho Cucamonga, CA
<b>Christy Wankel</b>	<b>MSUB</b>	<b>So.</b>	<b>Art Education</b>	<b>3.54</b>	<b>Great Falls, MT</b>
Frances Mbasu	CU	So.	Undeclared	3.50	San Francisco, CA
Mallory Anderson *	HPU	Jr.	Psychology	3.48	Santa Ana, CA
<b>Theresa Campbell *</b>	<b>MSUB</b>	<b>Jr.</b>	<b>Business Management</b>	<b>3.48</b>	<b>Great Falls, MT</b>
Anuhea Diamond *	HPU	Jr.	Communications	3.39	Mililani, HI
<b>Megan McCrae</b>	<b>MSUB</b>	<b>Jr.</b>	<b>Sociology (Pre Law)</b>	<b>3.36</b>	<b>Brandon, Manitoba</b>
Bethany Harris	WNMU	Sr.	Elementary Education	3.34	Phoenix, AZ

\* Academic All-Conference in 2003