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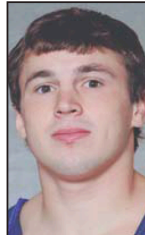
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Alex Andrews



John Putman



Katelin Rains



Marty Wahle

Top athletes honored at Minn. State

MANKATO — The ballots have been cast, the votes have been tabulated, the results are in:

Swimmer Marty Wahle, wrestler John Putman, track-and-field competitor Katelin Rains and women's basketball player Alex Andrews have been named this year's top student athletes at Minnesota State.

The four student-athletes, along with the other Maverick Achievement Award winners, were feted at a banquet Sunday at MSU's Centennial Student Union ballroom.

Seniors Wahle and Putman received of the Male Athletics Medal of Honor and Don Buchanan Award, respectively. Seniors Rains and Andrews received the Female Athletics Medal of Honor and Georgene Brock Award, respectively.

The Athletics Medal of Honor is presented annually to one male and one female student athlete and is based solely on athletic achievement. The Don Buchanan and Georgene Brock awards are presented annually to the male and female student-athletes who best combine academic and athletic achievement.

Wahle earned 16 All-American awards during his career, including six this past season. The team captain owns 10 school records and qualified for the NCAA national championships the last three seasons.

He finished second in both the 100- and 200-yard backstrokes at this year's NCAA championships. He also participated in the Olympic swimming trials last summer.

Putman is an aviation major who carries a cumulative grade point average of 3.65. A two-time wrestling all-american, he finished his senior season with a 23-9 record and placed fourth in the region to qualify for the national tournament.

His 6-1 record in Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference matches helped the Mavericks

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to their 11th conference championship in school history. Putman's GPA helped the Mavericks finish fourth in the nation in the NWCA's Division II academic top 20.

As a senior, Rains helped the Mavericks to their first indoor conference title at the 2008 NSIC indoor championships, where she won both the pole-vault and long-jump events. She won her third

straight national championship in the pole vault event with a height of 13-feet-9 $\frac{1}{4}$ and set an NCAA record her junior season in the pole vault at 14-1 $\frac{3}{4}$.

Rains also finished 13th in the triple jump to help the Mavericks to a 10th-place finish at the NCAA Division II indoor championships. Rains holds school indoor records in pole vault (14-5 $\frac{1}{2}$), long jump (19-4 $\frac{3}{4}$) and triple jump (39-9 $\frac{1}{2}$).

Andrews, who has a 3.43 grade point average as a dietetics and exercise science major, played in every game from the 2005-06 season to the 2008-09 season — 122 consecutive games.

Andrews was named to the NSIC all-conference team this season as well as to the all-Central Region and all-Elite Eight teams as she captained the Mavericks to this year's Division II national championship.