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Argo Men to Race at XC Nationals

Shane Donaldson and Rigo Jimenez will represent the University of Great Falls at the NAIA National Cross Country Championships in Vancouver, Wash. on November 19th. The Argo men wrapped up their season with a strong 2nd place finish behind Lewis-Clark State College who are ranked 7th in the NAIA National Coaches Poll. The Argo men finished with their highest end-of-season ranking in school history at 26th in the national poll, and were only 13 votes short of cracking the top 25 National Coaches Rankings.

Donaldson, a senior and education major from Thompson Falls, Mont, finished in 5th place at the Frontier Conference Meet earning an individual qualifier to the national race. His teammate Jimenez, a senior studying health and physical education, followed only a second behind in 6th place also earning an individual qualifier. "The men and the women had great performances at the Frontier Conference Meet." Head coach Chad Colwell said. And Shane and Rigo put our men in contention to compete with LCSC (Lewis-Clark State College) and were rewarded by qualifying to compete at The Nationals. The two Argo harriers will travel to Fort Vancouver Historic Site for the NAIA National Cross Country Championship Meet.

The Lady Argos finished fourth in the conference, using solid race finishes to edge out Westminster (Utah) and Dickenson State. "The women battled extremely well considering many of our ladies have been dealing with injuries over the last two weeks." Colwell added. In addition to the physical accolades the Argos attained, Riley Frazier and Brandi Eloff earned NAIA Champions of Character Awards at the Conference Meet.