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Argo Athletics Welcome Two New Head Coaches

Great Falls, MT – The University of Great Falls Athletic Director Gary Ehnes is proud to announce the addition of two new Head Coaches to the Argo coaching Staff. Joey Egan is the new Head Coach for the Lady Argo Softball Team and Chad Colwell is the new Head Coach for Cross Country / Track and Field.

Egan is not new to UGF. She is the former Joey Ehnes and served as the Assistant Softball Coach under her father Gary for 5 years. Joey graduated from Great Falls High then earned her degree at Montana State University-Billings. Joey set several pitching records at MSU-B. Her senior year she won the Female Athlete of the Year Award. She went on to play softball professionally in the Netherlands. Joey won the coveted Sullivan Award as the most outstanding female athlete of the year in the state of Montana.

“We are extremely excited to have Joey running our softball program. “ Ehnes said. “Her deep knowledge of the game will pay huge dividends in player development.” “She has such a gift for passing knowledge along to others. I am excited for the future of Argonaut softball.”

Joey has named an all Great Falls native staff. Jordan Shine, and Jo Bailey will assist this year. Gary Ehnes will also be assisting with coaching.

“I’m thrilled to be on staff as the Head Softball Coach for the University of Great Falls. The softball program has been part of my life for the past 5 years and I’m excited to devote my attention full-time to it.” Egan said. “The program was built on a great foundation and I am excited for the opportunity to continue to build and improve on that.” “I want to thank President McAllister and Athletic Director Gary Ehnes for giving me this opportunity.” Egan added.

Joey begins her role as a Head Coach this Saturday and Sunday at the 2011 Argo Invite at the Multi-Sports Complex.

Chad Colwell enters his first season as Head Cross Country and Track & Field Coach at the University of Great Falls after spending the previous year as an Assistant Coach at the University of Portland. At Portland, Colwell coached the sprints, hurdles, 800m and steeplechase. From 2008 to 2010, Colwell was an Assistant Coach (volunteer) for Cross Country and Track & Field at Duke University working with the sprints, hurdles, relays, and

jumps. Prior to Duke, Colwell was an Assistant Coach at California State Polytechnic University – Pomona in 2007-08. While at Cal Poly Pomona, Coach Colwell assisted in hosting the 2008 NCAA DII Track & Field National Championships, along with coaching the multi-events, jumps and javelin. Originally from Oregon, Coach Colwell began his career at Eastern Oregon University where he coached seven school record holders and five NAIA National Qualifiers. In addition to coaching collegiate athletes, Mr. Colwell also coaches a handful of marathon runners including Ryan Beach who was 5th at the 2008 Portland Marathon. In less than two years, Beach improved his time in the marathon by nearly 30 minutes to a Personal Best of 2:34.46 under Coach Colwell's training. Chad Colwell earned his Master's Degree from Duke University and a Bachelor's Degree from Eastern Oregon University. He is a USATF Level 1 certified coach.

"I'm excited for the opportunity to lead the Argo Cross Country and Track programs!" Colwell said. "Both teams have the ability to be very successful." "President McAllister and Athletic Director Gary Ehnes have a great vision for the University and this athletic department. Their support, along with that of the coaching staff here at UGF, has made for an incredible transition for me to the university."

Chad's first coaching test was the Idaho State University Invitational. Chad's men's team captured 1st place in the triangle meet with an NCAA team as well as a nationally ranked NAIA team. Chad has named Jessica Harper as his assistant coach.