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BAKER PLACES 15TH IN THE
NATION AT AIAW TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS

MISSOULA--

The University of Montana's Bridgette Baker placed 15th in the 10,000-meter finals last weekend at the AIAW national collegiate championships in Eugene, Ore.

The sophomore track standout from Fernley, Nev., capped her 1980 season by running a career best time of 35:01.2. Baker's mark cut 50 seconds off her Region IX winning time of 35:51.2.

Julie Ann Shea of North Carolina State won the 10,000 in 33:02.32, setting a meet record for the championships. California State-Northridge won the team national championship and Region IX winner University of Oregon placed tenth.

UM coach Dick Koontz said "It was a real pleasure to see Bridgette run with the country's best distance runners. She remained poised throughout the race and the cold, wet day didn't seem to bother her," he said. "Finishing 15th in the nation clearly showed her talent and effort."

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