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## Beck Vaults to Nationals/Thompson-Murray captures honor

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The Chargers finished the 2010 campaign with some great performances at the final two meets of the season.

At the Orange and Purple Classic hosted by Clemson University, Luke Beck had a breakthrough day in the Pole Vault. Coming into the meet, Beck had a personal best jump this season of 16' 0.75", which had him ranked 15th nationally. Beck cleared 16' 2.75" on the first attempt, which was good enough for a school record and a ticket to nationals, but he wasn't done just yet. The bar moved up to 16' 6.75" and he cleared it on his first attempt. That clearance has Beck ranked 7th out of the 16 vaulters making the trip to Charlotte, NC for the NCAA Division II Track & Field National Championship. The Pole Vault will be contested this Saturday, May 29th at 5:45 PM EST.

Also at Clemson, Richard Wilson broke his own school record in the 100m with a time of 10.63, which placed him 2nd. Jaion Rayford ran a time of 48.71 in the 400m, which tied his school record in the event. Timothy McCulloch set a personal best time in the 200m with a time of 22.19, placing 9th. Andrew Cole just missed on his bid for a new school record in the High Jump, but did clear just below his best with a jump of 6' 6.75"

Kimaya Johnson finished her freshman season in the 100m Hurdles with a bang as she dropped her time from 15.16 to 14.66 at Clemson, placing 4th. Latrice Johnson looked as though she had qualified for nationals in the 100m, as she finished 6th in a season best time of 11.95. Unfortunately, the wind reading of 4.2 meters per second during her race was above the legal limit for qualifying purposes.

At the Georgia Tech Invitational, Rayford took another shot at the 400m and came away with a nice improvement to his school record, finishing in 48.25. Rayford was just short of the provisional national qualifying time of 48.00.

UAH track and field assistant coach Soyini Thompson-Murray was named South Region Women's Assistant Coach of

the Year for the fourth straight year. In her seventh year at UAH, she helped guide the squad to the South Region Challenge title.