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## Picture perfect meet

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## Picture perfect meet *What a difference a year makes.*

In 2000, the NCAA Cross Country Championships were held in Ames, Iowa, where the temperature was in the teens and the wind pushed the chill factor below zero.

This year, the meet took place November 26 at the Furman golf course. With sunny, cloudless skies and temperatures in the 60s, Furman track and cross country coach Gene Mullin and meet coordinator Marshall Bettendorf couldn't have ordered a more perfect day for the event, which the university hosted for the second time in five years.

A crowd estimated at over 5,000 was on hand to watch more

than 450 of the nation's finest collegiate distance runners compete, with the men running 10 kilometers and the women six. Colorado's men and Brigham Young's women took home the trophies; Colorado edged Stanford 90-91, and BYU dominated the women's field, beating runner-up North Carolina State by more than 80 points. Individual titles went to Eastern Michigan's Boaz Cheboiywo and Colorado's Tara Chaplin.

University photographer Charlie Register was on hand from start to finish to record the highlights. For more photos, visit <http://www.furman.edu/imagebank/NCAAXc.jpg>.

