

## **2001 Releases**

**July 6, 2001**

### **KAREEN NILSSON, WOMEN'S TEAM HONORED BY WICCCA**

UC Irvine's Kareen Nilsson (Chino Hills/Ayala HS) has been named an Academic All-American by the Women's Intercollegiate Cross Country Association. To qualify, an individual must have earned a cumulative 3.25 grade-point average and placed in the top 15 of their NCAA region. Nilsson, an English and drama major, has completed her cross-country career, but has one season of track remaining. She won the individual title in the Big West Conference Cross Country Championships last fall and finished 11th at the NCAA West Regional.

Coach Vince O'Boyle's women's squad, the only Big West team honored, also received Academic All-America distinction for the 2000-01 season. To qualify, a team must have achieved a cumulative 3.00 GPA.

**June 18, 2001**

### **JENNY LIOU FINISHES 8TH AT JUNIOR NATIONALS**

RICHMOND, Va.---UC Irvine freshman Jenny Liou (Moscow, ID) finished eighth in the finals of the 1,500 meters in the U.S. Junior National Championships in Richmond, Va., Sunday.

Liou's time was 4:42.29 as Spring Dawson of Auburn won the race in 4:30.27.

**June 7, 2001**

### **NILSSON; TOZIER HONORED AT TEAM BANQUET**

Kareen Nilsson and Darrell Tozier were named the team's Most Outstanding Performers at the annual end-of-the year banquet held at Skosh Monahan's.

### **May 31, 2001 -- KAREEN NILSSON FINISHES 11TH IN 10,000 METERS AT NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS**

EUGENE, Ore. --- UC Irvine junior Kareen Nilsson (Chino Hills/Ayala HS) finished 11th of 21 runners in the 10,000 meters at the NCAA Track & Field Championships in Eugene, Ore., Thursday night.

Nilsson's time was 35:38.85 as Amy Yoder-Begley of Arkansas won the event with a time of 33:59.96. Nilsson was the lone competitor for UCI at the national meet.

Nilsson won the 5,000 meters at the Big West Conference Championships and was the league's individual cross country champion last fall.

**RACK AND FIELD ATHLETES EARN BIG WEST ALL-ACADEMIC HONORS:** Megan Rowe, Anita Sampson, Allyson Kulak, Lisa Massoth, Kareen Nilsson, Cathy Picha, David Kwon, James Onizuka, Santosh Swamidass, Chris Evans, Rob Evans and Chris Jensen were part of 17 UC Irvine student-athletes who earned Big West Conference Spring All-Academic honors.

**May 25, 2001 -- SWAMIDASS SELECTED TO ATTEND NCAA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

Sophomore Santosh Swamidass was selected to participate in the NCAA Foundation Leadership Conference May 28-June, 1 at Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex and the Coronado Springs Resort in Lake Buena Vista, FL..

Student-Athletes are selected to participate by demonstrating the ability and strong desire to be a leader and their potential to benefit significantly from the leadership-development experience. 300 student-athletes will participate.

### **May 23, 2001 -- GUERRERO; LIU QUALIFY FOR JUNIOR NATIONALS**

Freshmen Eddie Guerrero and Jenny Liou have qualified for the USATF Junior Nationals (19 and under) June 16-17 at the Richmond Sports Backer Stadium, Richmond, VA.

Guerrero qualified for the men's 1500m with a time of 3:54.71, while Liou qualified in the women's 800m and 1500m with times of 2:12.73 and 4:34.59 respectively.

### **May 21, 2001 -- KAREEN NILSSON PREPARES FOR NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**NILSSON, TOZIER WIN BIG WEST TITLES:** UC Irvine junior Kareen Nilsson (Chino Hills/Ayala HS) won the 5,000 meters in a time of 16:45.18 at the Big West Conference Championships in Long Beach Saturday. Ant eater junior Darrell Tozier (El Granada/College of San Mateo) captured first place in the 800 meters with a time of 1:51.92.

Nilsson, who has qualified for the NCAA Championships (at Eugene, Ore., May 30-June 2) in the 10,000 meters, won the Big West individual cross-country title last fall. She will compete in the NCAA 10,000 at 7:50 p.m. May 31 after recording an automatic-qualifying time of 33:48.59 at the Mt. SAC Relays April 20. That time is the second-fastest in Ant eater history currently ranks No. 7 in the nation this year.

**AT THE BIG WEST CHAMPIONSHIPS:** The UC Irvine women finished sixth with 55 ½ points and the Ant eater men were seventh with 24 in the Big West Conference Championships at Long Beach State last weekend.

In addition to the titles won by Nilsson and Tozier, here are other top performances by Ant eater athletes:

...Senior Anita Sampson (Rancho Cucamonga HS) finished third in the long jump at 18-5 ¼. She was seventh in the triple jump at 37-10. Sophomore Tynisia Edwards (Santa Ana/Foothill HS) placed fourth in the triple jump at 39-4.

...Sophomore Tessa Cendejas (Chino Hills/Ayala HS) finished third in the 800 meters with a time of 2:12.45 and was fifth in the 1,500 meters in 4:33.16. Also in the 800, sophomore Cathy Picha (Fallbrook Union HS) placed sixth in 2:16.08 and freshman Jenna Keith (Bakersfield/Centennial HS) was eighth in 2:17.36. In the 1,500, freshman Jenny Liou (Moscow, Idaho) was seventh in 4:34.59.

...Sophomore Lisa Massoth (Esperanza HS) finished fourth in the 10,000 meters with a time of 37:40.21.

...Sophomore Jessica Stafford (Aptos HS) finished sixth in the heptathlon with 4,148 points.

...Junior Nicole Hansen (Fountain Valley/OCC) placed seventh in the pole vault at 10-7 ¾.

...Freshman Lauren Adams (Mater Dei HS) finished seventh in the 400 meters with a time of 58.01.

...Senior Kathy Held (Santa Ana/Saddleback HS) placed eighth in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 1:04.66.

...Junior Santosh Swamidass (El Modena HS) finished sixth in the high jump at 6-9 ½.

...Junior Travis Morisoli (Redlands HS) placed sixth in the steeplechase with a time of 9:22.76.

...Junior Joseph Rodan (Suva, Fiji/West Valley CC) placed seventh in the long jump at 22-9.

...Senior Chris Evans (Crescenta Valley HS) was eighth in the 10,000 meters in 32:07.66.

### **May 17, 2001 -- STAFFORD FINISHES SIXTH IN BIG WEST HEPTATHLON, MOTOYASU 12TH IN DECATHLON**

UC Irvine's Jessica Stafford finished sixth in the heptathlon with 4,148 points as competition concluded in the Big West Conference Track & Field Championships at Long Beach Thursday. Long Beach State's Nina Grubbs won the event with 4,747 points and Utah State's Katie Farner was second with 4,570.

In the decathlon, UCI's Weston Motoyasu placed 12th with 5,652 points as Idaho's Jerome Richardson won the title with 7,089 points.

### **May 16, 2001 -- ANITA SAMPSON; WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY GARNER SPECIAL AWARDS**

Women's track & field athlete Anita Sampson was honored with the UCI Athletics Leadership Award at the annual Scholar-Athlete Banquet presented by Enterprise Rent-A-Car. The award is given each year to one student-athlete who exemplifies leadership on and off the field of play. Sampson is a member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, currently serving as treasurer.

The women's cross country team won the Faculty Athletic Representative Award for the highest team GPA. It is the ninth time head coach Vince O'Boyle's team has won the award.

### **May 16, 2001 -- CROSS COUNTRY/TRACK & FIELD ATHLETES HONORED AS SCHOLAR-ATHLETES**

14 men and 19 women from the cross country and track teams were honored as UCI/Big West Scholar-Athletes at the annual Scholar-Athlete Banquet, presented by Enterprise Rent-A-Car. Student-Athletes honored were: Michael Arp, Jules Villanueva-Castano, Jon Doroski, Chris Evans, Robert Evans, Edward Guerrero, Chris Jensen, Brandon Bailey, David Kwon, Curtis Lehmann, James Onizuka, John Stein, Santosh Swamidass, Darrell Tozier, Courtney Baird, Janelle Del Soldato, Melinda Fuller, Lisa Gillis, Jenna Keith, Allyson Kulak, Julie Manson, Lisa Massoth, Kareen Nilsson, Pamela Smith, Lauren Adams, Sabrina Gunion, Jennifer Liou, Catherine Picha, Megan Rowe, Anita Sampson, Carmen Schmidt, Chandra Semien and Annmarie Turpin.

### **May 15, 2001 -- ANTEATERS COMPETE AT BIG WEST CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**BIG WEST MEET AT LONG BEACH:** The Anteater teams will compete in the Big West Conference Track & Field Championships at Long Beach State this week. The multi-events are Wednesday and Thursday (May 16-17), with sophomores Jessica Stafford (Aptos HS) in the heptathlon and Weston Motoyasu (North Torrance HS) in the decathlon. Stafford, who leads the Big West this season with a point total of 4,943 at the California Invitational, finished third in this event last year. Motoyasu had to pull out of action with an injury on the second day at the California Invitational in his previous decathlon attempt this season. In Friday's (May 18) overall action, field events begin at 12 noon and running events at 1:00 p.m. On Saturday (May 19), field events start at 1:00 p.m. and the running events begin at 2:00 p.m.

### **May 14, 2001 -- NILSSON IMPROVES 5,000 TIME AT STANFORD MEET**

UC Irvine junior Kareen Nilsson ran the 5,000 meters in 16:38.46 at Stanford University's Cardinal Qualifier Sunday night. The time, third-best in Anteater history, is a seven-second improvement in the NCAA provisional-qualifying mark for Nilsson. She finished sixth overall and was the fourth collegian in Sunday's race. Colorado's Kara Grgas-Wheeler won the race with a time of 15:41.78.

### **May 14, 2001 -- HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE OCCIDENTAL INVITATIONAL**

Many Anteater student-athletes improved their marks at the Occidental Invitational Saturday night. Jessica Stafford qualified for the Big West Conference Championships in the 400 meters with a time of 57.64, while personal bests also were recorded by Lauren Adams (58.13) and Janelle Del Soldato (58.24). Jenny Liou improved her best time in the 800 meters to 2:12.73, and Trisha Harris ran 4:46.03 in the 1,500 meters. In the 3,000 meters, Allyson Kulak (10:10.71) and Julie Manson (10:21.10) improved their season-best marks, as did Kathy Held (15.43) in the 100-meter hurdles.

For the Anteater men, Curtis Lehmann lowered his best time in the 400 meters to 49.01, as did Darrell Tozier (1:51.35) in the 800 meters. Eddie Guerrero qualified for the Big West meet in the 1,500 meters with a time of 3:54.71, UCI's leading mark this season. Travis Morisoli lowered his best time in the steeplechase to 9:24.04, while Jimmy Onizuka improved his season-best mark in the long jump to 21-10 3/4.

### **May 9, 2001- SAMPSON; SWAMIDASS NAMED SPORTS SCHOLARS**

Anita Sampson and Santosh Swamidass were named Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholars by *Black Issues in Higher Education*. Student-Athletes must be a minority as well as have a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or higher, reached sophomore standing, be an active member of an intercollegiate athletic team and have demonstrated service to the campus and community.

### **May 8, 2001 -- ANTEATERS COMPETE AT OXY INVITATIONAL SATURDAY; NILSSON WILL RUN 5,000 METERS AT STANFORD MEET SUNDAY**

**THIS WEEK IN UC IRVINE TRACK AND FIELD:** The Anteater teams will compete at the Occidental College Invitational this Saturday (May 12) evening. Following this meet, UCI will compete in the Big West Conference Championships at Long Beach State May 16-19.

**NILSSON TO RUN AT STANFORD SUNDAY:** Junior Kareen Nilsson (Chino Hills/Ayala HS) will attempt to gain an automatic-qualifying time in the 5,000 meters for the NCAA Championships when she competes in the Cardinal Qualifier at Stanford this Sunday (May 13) night at 9:00. She has recorded a provisional-qualifying time of 16:45.04 earlier this season. The automatic-qualifying mark is 16:13.00. She has already qualified for the NCAA meet in the 10,000 meters

with a time of 33:48.59 at the Mt. SAC Relays April 20. The national meet is at Eugene, Ore., May 30-June 2.

**THE STEVE SCOTT INVITATIONAL:** UC Irvine hosted the seventh annual Steve Scott Invitational this past Sunday at Anteater Stadium. Anteater sophomore Tynisia Edwards (Santa Ana/Foothill HS) finished second in the triple jump with a mark of 39-4 ½. Sophomore Tessa Cendejas (Chino Hills/Ayala HS), in the fast heat of the 800 meters, ran 2:10.65, the ninth-fastest time in UCI history. Sophomore Amanda Armstrong (Thousand Oaks HS) and freshman Jenny Liou (Moscow, ID), in the same race, posted career bests of 2:13.81 and 2:15.79, respectively. Sophomore Erin Kupka (Los Gatos/Leigh HS) won her heat of the 1,500 meters with a time of 4:44.77. Kareen Nilsson competed in the other heat of that event and ran 4:35.75, bringing UCI's total to six qualifiers for the Big West Championships in the 1,500.

Senior Chris Evans (Crescenta Valley HS) placed third in the 5,000 meters in 15:36.41, while junior Santosh Swamidass (El Modena HS) placed fourth in the high jump with a mark of 6-6 ¾. Junior Darrell Tozier (El Granada/College of San Mateo) won his heat of the 400 meters with a time of 49.86. Junior Travis Morisoli (Redlands HS) placed second in his heat of the 800 meters with a time of 1:58.76.

#### **May 6, 2001 -- GODINA EXTENDS WORLD-LEADING MARK IN SHOT PUT; SAUER SETS STADIUM RECORD IN POLE VAULT AT STEVE SCOTT INVITATIONAL**

John Godina threw the shot put 70-1 to extend his 2001 world-leading outdoor mark in winning the event in the Steve Scott Invitational at Anteater Stadium Sunday. The mark also set an Anteater Stadium record, breaking the previous record of 69-11 ¾ by Jim Doehring in 1989. Godina also won the discus throw with a mark of 209-2 Sunday.

Mary Sauer (Asics) won the pole vault with a stadium-record mark of 14-8 ¼, which ranks fourth in the world outdoors this season. The mark broke the previous Anteater Stadium mark of 14-6 by UCLA's Tracy O'Hara last weekend.

UCI sophomore Tynisia Edwards finished second in the triple jump with a mark of 39-4 ½ behind first-place Brandi Prieto (42-1 ¼). The Anteaters' Erin Kupka won her heat of the 1,500 meters with a time of 4:44.77. Tessa Cendejas, in the fast heat of the 800 meters, ran 2:10.65, the ninth-fastest time in UCI history.

Darrell Tozier of UCI won his heat of the 400 meters with a time of 49.86, while Chris Evans placed third in the 5,000 meters in 15:36.41. Santosh Swamidass placed fourth in the high jump with a mark of 6-6 ¾.

**NILSSON WINS CAL / NEVADA 5,000 METERS:** Junior Kareen Nilsson (Chino Hills/Ayala HS) won the 5,000 meters by 26 seconds over her nearest competitor in the California/Nevada Championships at UC Irvine Sunday. Nilsson's winning time was 16:46.45. She has already qualified for the NCAA Championships in the 10,000 meters with a time of 33:48.59 at the Mt. SAC Relays April 20. Junior Allyson Kulak (Sunny Hills HS) finished seventh in the 5,000 meters (17:55.38) and sophomore Lisa Massoth (Esperanza HS) was eighth (18:07.32) in the Cal/Nevada meet Sunday.

**CAL, SDSU WIN TEAM TITLES:** California won the men's team title with 127 points in the two-day, California/Nevada Championships at Anteater Stadium over the weekend. UCLA was second with 125 1/3 and Cal State Northridge finished third with 107 points. The UCI men finished 20th with two points. San Diego State won the women's competition with 110 points, Cal was second with 83 2/3 and Nevada third with 59. UCI placed 13th with 24 points.

**OTHER TOP ANTEATER PERFORMANCES:** Sophomore Tynisia Edwards (Santa Ana/Foothill HS) finished fourth in the triple jump with a mark of 40-0  $\frac{3}{4}$ ....Sophomore Tessa Cendejas (Chino Hills/Ayala HS) placed fifth in the 1,500 meters with a career-best time of 4:34.93 and freshman Jenny Liou (Moscow HS) was seventh in 4:37.54. Liou had a career-best time of 4:33.42 in the preliminaries....The Anteater men's team scored two points with a seventh-place finish of 42.53 in the 4x100-meter relay (Joseph Rodan, Curtis Lehmann, Brandon Bailey and Joe Lourenco).

#### **April 29, 2001 -- SAN DIEGO STATE WOMEN, CALIFORNIA MEN WIN TEAM TITLES IN CALIFORNIA / NEVADA CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The San Diego State women's team and the California men's squad won the team championships in the California / Nevada Track & Field Championships that concluded Sunday at Anteater Stadium on the UC Irvine campus.

San Diego State finished with 110 points to capture the women's crown. Cal was second with 83  $\frac{2}{3}$  points and Nevada third with 59. UC Irvine finished 13th with 24 points.

The Aztecs' Promise Mose and Cal State L.A.'s Nicole Duncan shared Runner of the Year honors for the meet. Duncan won the 100 meters (11.72) and the 200 meters (23.84), while Mose won the 400 meters (54.40) and finished second in the 200 meters (24.15).

UCLA's Christina Tolson was the women's Field Athlete of the Year after winning the hammer throw with a meet-record mark of 211-10, breaking her own previous record of 204-1 set last year. Tolson also won the shot put with a toss of 56-7  $\frac{1}{4}$ . Tracy O'Hara of UCLA set meet and stadium records in winning the pole vault with a mark of 14-6. The previous meet record was 14-0 by Fresno State's Melissa Price in 1998 and the old Anteater Stadium record was 14-4 by Lesa Kubishta (unattached) in 2000. San Diego State's Rahn Sheffield was named women's Coach of the Year.

UC Irvine junior Kareen Nilsson won the 5,000 meters by 26 seconds over her nearest competitor with a time of 16:46.45. Sophomore Tynisia Edwards placed fourth in the triple jump with a mark of 40-0  $\frac{3}{4}$ .

Cal won the men's team title with 127 points, narrowly defeating runner-up UCLA, which finished with 125  $\frac{1}{3}$  points. Cal State Northridge was third with 107 points. UCI had two points for 20th place.

Long Beach State's Kashus Perona and UC Davis' Temo Trujillo shared Runner of the Year honors. Perona won the 400 meters in 46.56 and finished second in the 200 meters with a time of 21.48. Trujillo won the 800 meters in 1:48.69. UCLA's 4x400 relay of Denye Versher, Mike Lipscomb, Kyle Erickson and Rodney Diggs set an Anteater stadium record with a time of 3:09.20.

Clinte Motley of Cal State Northridge was named Field Athlete of the Year after winning the triple jump with a mark of 52-2, placing second in the high jump at 7-1  $\frac{1}{2}$  and finishing third in the long jump at 24-9. Cal's Erv Hunt was selected as Coach of the Year.

#### **April 28, 2001 -- CALIFORNIA, UCLA LEAD AFTER FIRST DAY OF CALIFORNIA / NEVADA CHAMPIONSHIPS (complete results available at [www.flashresults.com/flashwest/](http://www.flashresults.com/flashwest/))**

California leads the women's competition with 29  $\frac{2}{3}$  points and UCLA tops the men's field with 51  $\frac{1}{3}$  points after first-day action in the California/Nevada Championships at UC Irvine. The meet will conclude Sunday with finals in 28 events.

Cal's Marielle Schiveter won the meet's first-ever 3,000-meter steeplechase with a time of 10:44.95 and UC Santa Barbara's Cosette Smith captured the 3,000-meter run in 9:56.44. Long Beach State's Tayyiba Haneef won the high jump with a mark of 5-7  $\frac{3}{4}$ .

Scott Moser led a 1-2-3 UCLA finish in the discus throw with a mark of 197-5. Teammates Dan Ames (183-7) and Scott Wiegand (174-6) followed. John Dagata of Cal State Northridge placed first in the hammer throw at 195-9, while Moser finished fifth with a toss of 190-2.

### **April 26, 2001 -- STEIN, KALMAN IMPROVE THROWS' MARKS**

Freshman J.J. Stein and sophomore Andy Kalman each posted career-best marks at the Cal State Fullerton Open Meet Thursday. Stein threw the javelin 171-7, an improvement of over 20 feet, to qualify for the Big West Conference Championships. Kalman threw the hammer 151-6 for an improvement of over four feet. He had previously qualified for the conference meet in that event.

### **April 23, 2001 - CAL / NEVADA MEET AT UCI THIS WEEKEND**

Nearly 800 competitors from over 30 universities will compete in the California/Nevada Track & Field Championships at Anteater Stadium Saturday and Sunday (April 28-29). Saturday's action begins with field events at 9:00 a.m. and the first running event at 11:00 a.m. There will be trials and finals in eight field events Saturday, while the running events will consist mainly of prelims. There are finals in the men's and women's steeplechase, plus the women's 3,000 meters, late Saturday afternoon. Field events begin at 9:00 a.m. Sunday, with the first running event at 1:00 p.m. All of Sunday's events are finals. Ticket prices for this weekend's meet are \$10 for a two-day pass and \$6 for a single-day pass. UCI students with I.D. will be admitted for free. Fresno State captured the men's title and UCLA the women's championship in last year's Cal/Nevada meet at Berkeley.

### **NILSSON QUALIFIES FOR NCAA MEET**

Junior Kareen Nilsson (Chino Hills/Ayala HS) ran the second-fastest time in UCI history in the 10,000 meters at the Mt. SAC Relays last Friday night. Her time of 33:48.59 is an automatic-qualifying mark for the NCAA Championships in Eugene, Ore., May 30-June 2. That time currently ranks eighth in the nation. Nilsson ranks No. 1 in the Big West Conference in the 5,000 meters with a time of 16:45.04, which is the fifth-fastest mark in Anteater history. Her time is currently No. 22 in the nation and is a provisional qualifying mark for the NCAA Championships. Sophomore Lisa Massoth (Esperanza HS) completed 10,000 meters in 37:00.03 last Friday, marking the 12th-fastest time in the Anteater record book.

### **EDWARDS EXTENDS NO. 2 MARK**

Sophomore Tynisia Edwards (Santa Ana/Foothill HS) improved her No. 2 mark in UCI history in the triple jump with a leap of 40-4  $\frac{3}{4}$  at the Mt. SAC Relays Sunday.

### **STAFFORD FINISHES 5TH IN HEPTATHLON**

Sophomore Jessica Stafford (Aptos HS) placed fifth of 27 competitors with 4,943 points in the California Invitational Heptathlon at Azusa Pacific last week. Her total is the fifth-highest mark in Anteater history.

### **800 TRIUMVIRATE**

Three Anteater runners improved their career-best times in the 800 meters at the Pomona-Pitzer Invitational last Friday. Freshman Jenna Keith (Bakersfield/Centennial HS) ran 2:12.94, sophomore Tessa Cendejas (Chino Hills/Ayala HS) 2:13.54, and sophomore Amanda Armstrong (Thousand Oaks HS) finished in 2:14.22.

### **LEHMANN, MORISOLI LOWER TIMES**

Freshman Curtis Lehmann (Sonora HS) lowered his best time in the 400 meters to 49.17 at the Pomona-Pitzer Invitational Friday. Junior Travis Morisoli (Redlands HS) improved his time in the 3,000-meter steeplechase to 9:27.81 at Mt. SAC Friday night.

### **April 20, 2001 - NILSSON RUNS 2ND-FASTEST 10,000 METERS IN UCI HISTORY**

UC Irvine junior Kareen Nilsson completed the 10,000 meters in 33:48.59 at the Mt. SAC Relays Friday night, marking the second-fastest time in Anteater history and the nation's eighth-best mark this season. Beth McGrann holds the UCI record of 33:07.1 set in 1989.

Nilsson's time is an automatic-qualifying mark for the NCAA Championships in Eugene, Ore., May 30-June 2. Anteater sophomore Lisa Massoth ran the 10,000 at Mt. SAC in 37:00.3, the 10th-fastest time in UCI history.

Also at Mt. SAC Friday, junior Travis Morisoli completed the 3,000-meter steeplechase in a season-best 9:27.81. Allyson Kulak also notched a season-best time of 17:48.23 in the 5,000 meters.

There were other strong performances at the Pomona-Pitzer Invitational Friday, including in the 800 meters, where Jenna Keith (2:12.94), Tessa Cendejas (2:13.54) and Amanda Armstrong (2:14.22) each posted career bests. In the 200 meters, Lauren Adams (26.68) and Chandra Semien (26.94) ran season-best times. Curtis Lehmann improved his best mark in the 400 meters to 49.17, as did Eddie Guerrero (9:56.54) in the steeplechase. Jimmy Onizuka also claimed a season-best mark in the triple jump at 45-4 ¼.

### **April 20, 2001 - STAFFORD FINISHES 5TH IN CALIFORNIA INVITATIONAL HEPTATHLON**

UC Irvine sophomore Jessica Stafford finished fifth of 27 competitors with 4,943 points in the California Invitational Heptathlon that concluded at Azusa Pacific University Friday. Stafford scored 821 points in the final event, the 800 meters, with the fourth-best time of 2:20.22.

Eli Somerfeldt of Missouri won the competition with 5,223 points and Purdue's Angela Anoliefoh was second with 5,107.

UCI's Joseph Rodan and Weston Motosayu each had to withdraw from the decathlon on Friday with injuries.

### **April 19, 2001 - STAFFORD, RODAN IN 6TH AFTER 1ST DAY OF MULTI-EVENT MEET**

UC Irvine's Jessica Stafford is sixth after the first day of competition in the California Invitational Heptathlon at Azusa Pacific University. Stafford has 2,992 points following the first four events, including 855 in the high jump where she cleared 5-7. Oklahoma's Sande Swabe leads with 3,239 points.

The Anteaters' Joseph Rodan is sixth in the decathlon with 3,526 points, including 845 in the 100 meters as he clocked an 11.07. UCI's Weston Motoyasu is in 19th place with 3,189 points. Justin Conkling of Oklahoma leads the field with 3,823 points.

The competition concludes Friday.

### **April 18, 2001 - KAREEN NILSSON SELECTED 3RD TEAM ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA**

IRVINE, Calif. --- UC Irvine cross country and track competitor Kareen Nilsson (Chino Hills/Ayala HS) has been selected to the 2000-01 Verizon Fall/Winter At-Large Academic All-America third team as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

In order to be eligible for Academic All-America honors, a student-athlete must have at least a 3.20 cumulative grade-point average, must be a starter or important reserve, and be in at least their second season of competition at their current school.

Nilsson is a double major in English and drama. She has earned Dean's List Honor Roll distinction 10 times at UCI. Nilsson was the Big West Conference cross-country champion this past fall and is a provisional qualifier in the 5,000 meters for this season's NCAA Track & Field Championships. She has completed her cross-country career at UCI, but has one season of eligibility remaining in track after this year.

### **April 16, 2001 - Busy Weekend Awaits Anteaters**

**THIS WEEK:** There is no shortage of meets for the UC Irvine men's and women's track/field teams this weekend as the Anteaters rested this past week in preparation for the active schedule ahead.

Three UCI representatives are scheduled to participate in the Azusa Pacific Multi-Events meet Thursday and Friday (April 19-20). Junior Joseph Rodan (Suva, Fiji/West Valley CC) and sophomore Weston Motoyasu (North Torrance HS) will compete in the decathlon, while sophomore Jessica Stafford (Aptos HS) will compete in the heptathlon. Stafford finished third in the heptathlon at the Big West Conference Championships last spring.

A large contingent of Anteater student-athletes will compete in the Pomona-Pitzer Invitational Friday (April 20). The first running event is at 8:30 a.m. and field events begin at 9:00 a.m.

UCI is expected to have a strong showing at the Mt. SAC Relays in Walnut Friday through Sunday (April 20-22). Junior Kareen Nilsson (Chino Hills/Ayala HS), the Big West Conference leader in the 5,000 meters, is entered in the 10,000 meters at Mt. SAC Friday night.

**IN THE BIG WEST RANKINGS:** Here is how some of UCI's top performers stand in the Big West Conference rankings this season:

...Junior Kareen Nilsson (Chino Hills/Ayala HS) ranks No. 1 in the 5,000 meters with a time of 16:45.04, which is the fifth-fastest mark in Anteater history. Her time is currently No. 22 in the nation and is a provisional qualifying mark for the NCAA Championships in Eugene, Ore., May 30-June 2....Sophomore Jessica Stafford (Aptos HS) ranks second in the conference in the high jump at 5-7....Sophomore Tynisia Edwards (Santa Ana/Foothill HS) ranks second in the triple jump (39-7 ¼) and fifth in the long jump (18-4 ½)....Freshman Jenna Keith (Bakersfield/Centennial HS) ranks fourth in the 800 meters at 2:13.87....Senior Anita Sampson (Rancho Cucamonga HS) is fourth in the long jump (18-6 ½) and fifth in the triple jump (38-6)....Freshman Pam Smith (Esperanza HS) is fourth in the steeplechase with a time of 11:37.39....Junior Joseph Rodan (Suva, Fiji/West Valley CC) ranks No. 1 in the Big West in the 110-meter high hurdles with a time of 14.51 and is fifth in the long jump with a mark of 23-5 ½....Junior Darrell Tozier (El Granada), a transfer from College of San Mateo, ranks third in the

800 meters with a time of 1:52.67....Junior Travis Morisoli (Redlands HS) ranks fifth in the 3,000-meter steeplechase with a time of 9:29.03.

### **April 7, 2001 - BIG WEST CHALLENGE CUP SUMMARY**

The UC Irvine men's and women's track/field teams competed in the Big West Challenge Cup at the Cal State Fullerton Sports Complex Saturday (April 7). Junior Kareen Nilsson won the 3,000 meters with a time of 9:48.39, sophomore Jessica Stafford tied for first in the high jump (4-11) and was second in the 400 meters (58.34), and sophomore Tynisia Edwards placed second in the triple jump at 38-2. The Anteater women's 4x400 relay of Jessica Stafford, Tessa Cendejas, Amanda Armstrong and Lauren Adams was victorious with a time of 3:57.38.

In men's competition, junior Darrell Tozier won the 800 meters in 1:54.57, followed by senior Robert Frichtel in 1:55.65. Junior Joseph Rodan captured first in the 110-meter high hurdles (14.65) and sophomore Andy Kalman won the hammer throw (136-6).

UC Santa Barbara won the women's team competition and Cal State Fullerton the men's, while UCI placed fourth in both. Next on the schedule is the Azusa Meet of Champions Friday and Saturday (April 13-14).

### **March 31, 2001 - NILSSON, TOZIER WIN RACES AT UCLA QUAD**

In a four-way meet at UCLA Saturday (March 31), UC Irvine junior Kareen Nilsson won the 3,000 meters with a time of 9:51.70, followed by teammate Lisa Massoth at 10:13.80. Sophomore Tynisia Edwards placed second in the triple jump with a mark of 38-6 and Pam Smith was second in the steeplechase at 11:43.67.

UCLA won the women's competition with 252 points, UCI was second with 140.5, Azusa Pacific placed third with 105 and Cal State Los Angeles was fourth with 83.5.

For the Anteater men, junior Darrell Tozier captured first place in the 800 meters with a time of 1:53.43. Junior Santosh Swamidass finished second in the high jump with a season-best mark of 6-8 3/4 and Travis Morisoli was second in the steeplechase with a time of 9:29.03, also a season-best showing.

UCLA won the men's meet with 256 points, followed by Azusa Pacific (138), UCI (122) and Cal State Los Angeles (57).

Both Anteater teams compete in the Big West Challenge Cup at Cal State Fullerton Saturday (April 7).

### **KAREEN NILSSON NAMED TO ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA DISTRICT VIII TEAM**

UC Irvine's Kareen Nilsson (Chino Hills/Ayala HS) has been selected to the 2001 Verizon Fall/Winter At-Large Academic First Team for District VIII as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

In order to be eligible for Academic All-America honors, a student-athlete must have at least a 3.20 cumulative grade-point average, must be a starter or important reserve, and be in at least their second season of competition at their current school.

Nilsson is a double major in English and drama. She was the Big West Conference cross country champion this past fall and is a provisional qualifier in the 5,000 meters for this season's NCAA Track & Field Championships.

District VIII includes schools from Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington and British Columbia. The District VIII winners advance to the Verizon All-American national ballot. The national Verizon Academic All-American team will be announced April 19.

### **March 24, 2001 - CORNELL WINS BOTH TEAM TITLES IN SPRING BREAK INVITATIONAL**

Irvine, Calif. -- Cornell University won the men's and women's team titles in the Spring Break Track & Field Invitational at Anteater Stadium in Irvine Saturday.

The Big Red men's team finished with 290 points and Utah State finished second with 272 in the six-team field. UC Irvine was fifth with 177 ½.

Anteater junior Joseph Rodan won the 110-meter high hurdles with a time of 14.51, the 10th-fastest time in Anteater history. UCI junior Santosh Swamidass placed second in the high jump with a season-best mark of 6-8. The Anteaters won the 4x100-meter relay with a time of 42.43. Utah State's Anthony Stewart won the 100 meters in 10.73 and the 200 meters in 21.49. The Aggies' James Parker won the shot put (57-7 ¾) and the discus (171-1).

Cornell captured the women's team title with 312 points and Minnesota was second with 291 ½. UCI was fourth with 219 points. Anteater junior Kareen Nilsson won the 5,000 meters with a time of 16:45.04, the fifth-fastest time in UC Irvine history and an improvement in her provisional qualifying time for the NCAA Championships. UCI senior Anita Sampson won the long jump at 18-6 ½ and sophomore Jessica Stafford finished first in the high jump at 5-4. Sophomore Tynisia Edwards was second in the triple jump at 39-1 ¼. Danielle Kot of Utah State won the 200 meters in 24.21 and the 400 meters in 55.27.

Both Anteater teams compete in a four-way meet at UCLA Saturday (March 31).

### **March 17, 2001 -- UC IRVINE'S TYNISIA EDWARDS WINS TRIPLE JUMP AT CAL POLY SLO MEET**

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. --- UC Irvine sophomore Tynisia Edwards (Santa Ana/Foothill HS) won the triple jump with a mark of 39 feet, four inches, in an eight-team, non-scoring meet at San Luis Obispo Saturday. This was Edwards' fifth victory in that event in the season's first five meets for the Anteaters.

She finished eighth in the long jump at 18-4 1/4 as senior teammate Anita Sampson placed fifth at 18-6 1/2. Sophomore Jessica Stafford finished second in the high jump at 5-7 and junior Kareen Nilsson placed second in the 5,000 meters with a time of 16:45.62. Nilsson's time is the fifth-fastest in UCI history and is a provisional qualifying time for the NCAA Championships.

Sophomore Tessa Cendejas finished third in the 1,500 meters at 4:38.86 and sophomore Amanda Armstrong placed fourth in 4:40.42.

For the Anteater men, junior Joseph Rodan (Suva, Fiji), a transfer from West Valley College, placed second in the 110-meter high hurdles with a time of 14.67 and was third in the long jump with a mark of 23-5 ½.

Sophomore Mike Nguyen (Westminster HS) finished third in the triple jump at 46-0, followed by freshman Joe Lourenco (Fountain Valley HS) in fourth at 45-5 3/4. Freshman Curtis Lehmann (Sonora HS) finished fourth in the 400 meters with a time of 49.49 and junior Darrell Tozier was fourth in the 800 meters in 1:53.11.

Both UCI teams host the Spring Break Invitational Saturday (March 24) at Anteater Stadium.

**March 10, 2001** -- In the SDSU Open at San Diego, UCI junior Kareen Nilsson won the 3,000 meters in 9:45.47 and Lisa Massoth was second in 10:24.90, sophomore Tessa Cendejas won the 800 meters in 2:14.78, freshman Jenny Liou took first in the 1,500 meters in 4:45.29 with teammate Jenna Keith in second at 4:45.63, sophomore Jessica Stafford won the high jump at 5-3 3/4 and the javelin at 126-4, and sophomore Tynisia Edwards won the triple jump with a mark of 38-11. Earlier this season, Edwards recorded a mark of 39-7 1/4 at the All-Cal Cup at UCI. That mark ranks No. 2 all-time at UCI.

For the men last Saturday, junior Brandon Bailey won the 100 meters in 11.23, freshman Joe Lourenco captured the 200 meters in 22.97, junior Travis Morisoli won the steeplechase in 9:37.33, junior Santosh Swamidass won the high jump at 6-6 3/4, and junior Jimmy Onizuka placed first in the triple jump at 43-8 1/2.

UCI returns home to host the Spring Break Invitational March 24 at Anteater Stadium.

[January 20, 2001](#) --- Tozier and Turpin Compete in LA Invitational Indoor Meet

Darrell Tozier finished second to Johnny Gray in the 600 yard run and Annemarie Turpin finished in a tie for second in the high jump.