

2005 Releases

June 16, 2005

17 FROM TRACK & FIELD NAMED TO BIG WEST ACADEMIC ALL-CONFERENCE SPRING SPORTS TEAM

IRVINE, Calif. --- Seventeen UC Irvine track and field student-athletes have been named to the Big West Academic All-Conference team for spring sports.

A total of 197 student-athletes from 10 member institutions earned the honor for the spring sports of baseball, softball, men's and women's tennis, men's and women's track and field, and men's and women's golf. To be eligible for the All-Academic team, student-athletes have to maintain a 3.2 cumulative grade point average, complete one full academic year at the member institution prior to the season for which the award is being received (at least a sophomore academically) and compete in at least 50 percent of their team's contests.

UCI's recipients are men's track and field athletes Mike Beerer (mechanical engineering), Michael Cao (psychology & social behavior/sociology), Aaron Corbett (psychology), Matt Grilli (psychology), Storm Huie (sociology), Fred Lee (criminology), Curtis Lehmann (psychology) and Jeremy Torres (computer engineering), and women's track and field athletes Lauren Adams (biological sciences), Jennifer Lewis (English & film studies), Kirsten Loftin (criminology), Angela Lotito (political science), Kim Ramirez (psychology & biological sciences), Corica Rodgers (biological sciences), Natalie St. Andre (film studies), Kristen Silverman (political science), and Kelli Vanderburg (psychology & social behavior).

June 3, 2005

INDIVIDUALS HONORED AT AWARDS BANQUET

IRVINE, Calif. --- Individual honors were handed out at the UC Irvine Track and Field program's annual awards banquet at the Bren Events Center Wednesday night.

Jon Wratten received the Performance of the Year Award for his eighth-place finish of 6-11 in the high jump at the NCAA West Regional. That mark ties him for fourth all-time at UCI.

Mike Beerer was named the male Field Athlete of the Year as he won the Big West title in the hammer throw with a mark of 204-11, second-best in Anteater history.

Ricky Barnes and Dayne Comrie shared the male Track Athlete of the Year Award. Barnes had a top time of 3:46.87 in the 1,500 meters, which is sixth-best on UCI's Top 10 list and qualified him for the NCAA West Regional. He placed third in the Big West Conference Championships. Comrie finished second in the 400 meters at the Big West meet and qualified for the regional in the 400-meter hurdles with a top time of 52.43 this season. Comrie's best 400 time was 47.93 this season that ties him for 10th all-time at UCI.

Kim Ramirez was selected as the Female Athlete of the Year as she moved into UCI's Top 10 list this season in the 1,500 meters at fifth (4:23.20) and in the 800 meters at ninth (2:10.13). She qualified for the NCAA West Regional in the 1,500 meters.

May 28, 2005

UC IRVINE'S SEASON COMES TO A CLOSE IN OREGON

EUGENE, Ore. --- UC Irvine's track and field season came to an end Saturday at the NCAA West Regional in Eugene, Ore., as the Anteaters' last two competitors did not qualify for the NCAA Championships in Sacramento in two weeks.

Junior Ricky Barnes just finished out of a top-eight scoring spot as he placed ninth in the 1,500 meters with a time of 3:53.85. UCLA's Jon Rankin won the race in 3:44.07.

Junior Mike Beerer recorded a mark of 190-10 in the hammer throw that did not qualify for the final in that event.

May 27, 2005

Friday update from the NCAA West Regional: UC Irvine junior Jon Wratten tied for eighth place in the high jump with a personal-best mark of 6-11 in the NCAA Track & Field West Regional at Hayward Field in Eugene, Ore., Friday. That mark ties him for fourth all-time at UCI. Anteater freshman Julian Eison did not clear the opening height of 6-9. USC's Jesse Williams won the event with a mark of 7-4 1/2.

Junior Ricky Barnes finished second in his heat of the 1,500 meters with a time of 3:49.33 to advance to Saturday's final at 3:07 p.m. Junior Tom Whelan placed eighth in his heat with a time of 3:53.25 and did not advance.

Senior Kim Ramirez finished eighth in her heat of the 1,500 meters with a time of 4:33.40 and did not advance to Saturday's final.

Sophomore Dayne Comrie placed fourth in his heat of the 400-meter hurdles in 54.00 and did not qualify for the final.

Junior Mike Beerer, who won the Big West title in the hammer throw two weeks ago, competes in that event at 2:40 p.m. Saturday.

May 23, 2005

UCI SENDS SEVEN TO NCAA WEST REGIONAL

SEVEN NCAA REGIONAL QUALIFIERS: Seven UCI competitors travel to Hayward Field in Eugene, Ore., for the NCAA West Regional this Friday and Saturday (May 27-28). The top five finishers in each individual event will advance to the NCAA Championships in Sacramento June 8-11.

MEET SCHEDULE: Listed below is the meet schedule for the Anteater student-athletes (with their regional qualifying marks):

Friday, May 27

12:30 p.m. --- Men's High Jump (final): Julian Eison, freshman (6-10 $\frac{3}{4}$) Jon Wratten, junior (6-10 $\frac{3}{4}$)

4:30 p.m. --- Women's 1,500 meters (prelims): Kim Ramirez, senior (4:23.20) (final at 3:00 p.m. Saturday)

4:45 p.m. --- Men's 1,500 meters (prelims): Ricky Barnes, junior (3:46.87) Tom Whelan, junior (3:47.55) (final at 3:07 p.m. Saturday)

7:20 p.m. --- Men's 400-meter hurdles (prelims): Dayne Comrie, sophomore (52.43) (final at 4:35 p.m. Saturday)

Saturday, May 28

2:40 p.m. --- Men's Hammer Throw (final): Mike Beerer, junior (204-11)

Beerer, the Big West champion, ranks seventh in the hammer throw in the West Region. Wratten and Eison are 12th in the high jump, Comrie is 22nd in the 400 hurdles, and Barnes is 25th and Whelan 31st in the men's 1500. Ramirez ranks 14th in the women's 1500.

WHERE THEY STAND ON UCI'S CAREER TOP-10 LIST (mark and year achieved):

Mike Beerer - No. 2 in men's hammer throw (204-11, 2005)

Kim Ramirez - No. 5 in women's 1,500 meters (4:23.20, 2005)

Jon Wratten - No. 6 in men's high jump (6-10 $\frac{3}{4}$, 2004 & 2005)

Julian Eison - No. 6 in men's high jump (6-10 $\frac{3}{4}$, 2005)

Ricky Barnes - No. 6 in men's 1,500 meters (3:46.87, 2005)

Tom Whelan - No. 7 in men's 1,500 meters (3:46.94, 2004)

Dayne Comrie - No. 7 in men's 400 hurdles (52.38, 2004)

May 17, 2005**39 TRACK & FIELD/CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITORS HONORED AS 2004-05 BIG WEST SCHOLAR-ATHLETES**

IRVINE, Calif. --- Thirty-nine participants from the UCI track and field, and cross-country teams, were among a school-record 182 student-athletes that were honored as 2004-05 Big West Conference Scholar-Athletes at the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics' annual banquet Monday night at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

This year's honorees bring UCI's total to 2,579 conference scholar-athletes since 1983. Requirements for this award include maintaining a 3.0 grade-point average (GPA) over three quarters or a 3.2 GPA over two quarters for freshmen. Student-athletes must also earn letters in their sports. The Scholar-Athlete award was implemented by the Big West Conference to honor those student-athletes that have maintained a high level of scholastic excellence while participating in intercollegiate athletics.

Here is a list of the 2004-05 Big West Conference Scholar-Athletes from UCI track and field, and cross country:

WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD: Lauren Adams, Jacky Cuevas, Randi Houston, Jennifer Lewis, Kirsten Loftin, Angela Lotito, Amber Nefas, Corica Rodgers, Kristen Silverman and Danielle St. John.

MEN'S TRACK & FIELD: Michael Beerer, Michael Cao, Aaron Corbett, Patrick Grilli, Steven Higa, Storm Huie, Sky Johnston, Fred Lee, Curtis Lehmann, Philip Litwin, Michael Lucero, Aaron McAllister, George Morris, John Peate, Greg Thompson and Jon Wratten.

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY: Kim Handel, Erinn Kim, Candice Proctor, Kim Ramirez, Natalie St. Andre, Kelli Vanderburg and Kaleena Yee.

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY: Ricky Barnes, Dan Driscoll, Andrew Garratt, Matt Grilli, John Kluve and David Santos.

May 16, 2005

SEVEN UCI TRACK & FIELD ATHLETES PREPARE FOR NCAA WEST REGIONAL MAY 27-28

SEVEN NCAA REGIONAL QUALIFIERS: Seven UCI competitors have reached the NCAA Regional qualifying marks in their respective events: Dayne Comrie in the 400-meter hurdles 52.43, Ricky Barnes (3:46.87) and Tom Whelan (3:47.55) in the 1,500 meters, Jon Wratten and Julian Eison in the high jump (6-10 $\frac{3}{4}$), Mike Beerer in the hammer throw (204-11) and Kim Ramirez in the 1,500 meters (4:23.20).

The West Regional is in Eugene, Ore., May 27-28.

UCI MEN 7TH, WOMEN 9TH IN BIG WEST MEET: The Anteater men's team finished seventh (87 points) and women's squad was ninth (16.5 points) in the Big West Conference Championships at Anteater Stadium this past weekend. Team titles went to Cal State Northridge (men) and UC Santa Barbara (women).

Junior Mike Beerer won the conference hammer throw title on the last throw of the competition with a toss of 204-11 to improve on his second-best mark in UCI history. Dayne Comrie placed second in the 400 meters (48.43), Tom Whelan was third in the 800 meters (1:52.24), Ricky Barnes finished third in the 1,500 meters (3:47.15) and Julian Eison was third in the high jump at 6-10 $\frac{3}{4}$. UCI's 4x400-meter relay of Storm Huie, Scott Jarvis, Michael McEachron and Comrie finished second in 3:12.50. Scott Jarvis was fourth in the 400-meter hurdles (53.22), Aaron Corbett finished fifth in the pole vault (15-7), Curtis Lehmann was fifth in the 800 meters (1:53.25), Elias Moreno placed sixth in the 200 meters (21.93), and Kenny Vinh (14.69) and Jarvis (14.79) were sixth and eighth in the 110-meter high hurdles. Huie was seventh in the 400 meters (49.74), Whelan (3:50.92) and Andrew Garratt (3:53.28) were seventh and eighth in the 1,500 meters, John Wratten was seventh in the high jump (6-8 $\frac{3}{4}$), Eric Nyberg was seventh in the javelin throw at 179-2 and Patrick Grogan was eighth in the triple jump (48-2 $\frac{3}{4}$). In the 4x100-meter relay, the UCI team of Corbett, Moreno, Jeremy Torres and Paul Armendariz placed sixth in 41.76. UC Irvine finished 5-6-7-8 in the decathlon as Eric Nyberg led the Anteaters with 6,330 points for fifth place. James Lehigh placed sixth with 6,060, Aaron Lewis was seventh with 5,884 and Trent Richert was eighth with 5,792.

For the Anteater women, Suzanne Purmort finished fifth in the 400-meter hurdles in 62.80, Orlisha Henlon was sixth in the high jump (5-5) and eighth in the 200 meters (25.23), and Kirsten Loftin was seventh in the pole vault (11-5 $\frac{3}{4}$). Candice Proctor placed eighth in the 5,000 meters (17:37.51), Kristen Silverman was eighth in the 100-meter hurdles (15.54) and Kim Harper was eighth in the long jump at 18-4 $\frac{1}{4}$. UCI finished seventh in both relays as Silverman, Henlon, Lauren Adams and Randi Houston clocked 48.06 in the 4x100 and Amber Nefas, Henlon, Purmort and Adams ran 3:49.08 in the 4x400.

May 14, 2005

CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE MEN, UC SANTA BARBARA WOMEN WIN BIG WEST TITLES; UCI'S MIKE BEERER WINS HAMMER THROW

IRVINE, Calif. --- The Cal State Northridge men won their second straight team title and the UC Santa Barbara women their first ever in the Big West Conference Track & Field Championships that concluded at Anteater Stadium Saturday.

The CSUN men finished with 142.5 points, Cal Poly was second with 135 and UC Santa Barbara third with 112.5. The Matadors picked up individual wins Saturday from Anthony Brown in the 110-meter high hurdles (14.05), James Fredrickson in the 400-meter hurdles (52.43), Alex Marbley in the high jump (7-1) and Johnny Wiley in the triple jump (51-5 1/2). Don Strametz from CSUN was named the Big West Coach of the Year.

Track Athlete of the Year was Cal Poly's Ben Bruce, who won the 5,000 meters (14:32.79) Saturday after capturing the steeplechase Friday. Field Athlete of the Year was Idaho's Russ Winger, who won the discus throw (188-9) Saturday and the shot put Friday.

The UCSB women gained the program's first conference title with 179 points, CSUN was second with 156 and Long Beach State third with 138. The Gauchos had wins Saturday from Kylie McCuen in the 200 meters (23.88) and 400 meters (54.52), and Cosette Smith in the 5,000 meters (17:06.32) as UCSB claimed the top four spots in that race. UCSB's Pete Dolan was named Big West Coach of the Year and McCuen was selected as Track Athlete of the Year.

Field Athlete of the Year was Cal Poly's Sharon Day, who won the high jump Friday at 6-2 3/4 to set conference and meet records. Maggie Vessey from Cal Poly set a new conference meet record in the 800 meters Saturday with a time of 2:04.78, breaking the previous record of 2:05.23 set by UNLV's Trena Hull in 1987.

UC Irvine's men finished seventh with 87 points as junior Mike Beerer won the hammer throw on the last toss of the competition with a mark of 204-11, improving on his second-best throw in Anteater history. Dayne Comrie placed second in the 400 meters (48.43), Tom Whelan was third in the 800 meters (1:52.24), Ricky Barnes finished third in the 1,500 meters (3:47.15) and Julian Eison was third in the high jump at 6-10 3/4. UCI's 4x400-meter relay of Storm Huie, Scott Jarvis, Michael McEachron and Comrie finished second in 3:12.50.

The Anteater women's team finished ninth with 16.5 points as Suzanne Purmort finished fifth in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 62.80 and Kirsten Loftin was seventh in the pole vault (11-5 3/4). UCI received eighth-place finishes from Orlisha Henlon in the 200 meters (25.23), Candice Proctor in the 5,000 meters (17:37.51) and Kristen Silverman in the 100-meter hurdles (15.54).

Seven UCI athletes have qualified for the NCAA West Regional at Eugene, Ore., May 27-28.

May 13, 2005

UC SANTA BARBARA WOMEN, CAL POLY LEAD AT BIG WEST CHAMPIONSHIPS

IRVINE, Calif. --- The UC Santa Barbara women's team and the Cal Poly men's squad lead heading into Saturday's finals of the Big West Conference Track & Field Championships at Anteater Stadium.

The UCSB women have 61 points, Cal State Northridge is second with 55 and Utah State third with 40. The Gauchos had three winners Friday as Amy Haapanen set conference and meet records in the hammer throw with a mark of 194-10, eclipsing the previous records of Syretta Waller of UC Riverside at 189-9 (conference) and Laura Sauoa of Cal State Northridge at 189-5 (meet). UCSB's Heather Quinn won the discus throw with a mark of 160-5 and Megan Lewis placed first in the 10,000 meters in 36:15.06.

Conference and meet records were also set by Cal Poly's Sharon Day, who went 6-2 3/4 to win the high jump, passing the previous mark of 6-2 set by Tayyiba Haneef of Long Beach State in 2001.

In the men's team race, Cal Poly leads with 60 points, UCSB is second with 50 and Utah State third with 39. Ben Bruce of Cal Poly won the 3,000-meter steeplechase in 8:42.11, setting a new meet record previously held by Frank Bruder of Idaho at 8:44.49 in 1997.

UCI's top performances of the day were posted by Orlisha Henlon, who was sixth (5-5) in the women's high jump, Kim Harper in the women's long jump with an eighth-place finish of 18-4 1/4, Aaron Corbett, who was fifth in the men's pole vault (15-7) and Eric Nyberg, who finished seventh in the men's javelin throw at 179-2.

May 12, 2005

IDAHO'S RICHARDSON, KURRAT WIN BIG WEST DECATHLON, HEPTATHLON TITLES

IRVINE, Calif. --- Idaho seniors Jereme Richardson and Manuela Kurrat won the titles of the Big West Conference decathlon and heptathlon, respectively, at Anteater Stadium Thursday.

Richardson successfully defended his decathlon title with 7,059 points as he held off Cal State Northridge's Justin Johnson, who had a total of 6,928 points. Marcus Luckstead of Idaho finished third with 6,498 and Utah State's Reese Hulbert was fourth with 6,417.

In the five events Thursday, Richardson had marks of 15.10 in the 110-meter high hurdles, 126-4 in the discus throw, 14-7 1/4 in the pole vault, 155-7 in the javelin throw and 4:38.94 in the 1,500 meters.

UC Irvine finished 5-6-7-8 in the decathlon as Eric Nyberg led the Anteaters with 6,330 points for fifth place. James Lehigh placed sixth with 6,060, Aaron Lewis was seventh with 5,884 and Trent Richert was eighth with 5,792.

Kurrat set a conference meet record in winning the heptathlon with 5,614 points, breaking the previous record of 5,387 set by Ami Ice of Long Beach State in 1991. LaShana Verdon from Cal State Northridge was second with 5,100 points while Utah State claimed the next three spots as Carrie Yost was third with 4,885, Lacy Schroeder finished fourth with 4,807 and Dana Barrett was fifth with 4,657.

In Thursday's events, Kurrat had marks of 17-6 1/4 in the long jump, 151-9 in the javelin throw and 2:15.02 in the 800 meters.

In men's team scoring following the decathlon, Idaho leads with 16 points, UCI is second with 10, Cal State Northridge has eight and Utah State five points. Women's scoring following the heptathlon has Utah State in first with 15 points, Idaho second with 10, Cal State Northridge third with nine, Long Beach State with three and UC Santa Barbara with two points.

The full meet begins Friday with field events starting at noon and the first running event at 3:00 p.m.

May 11, 2005

IDAHO'S KURRAT, CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE'S JOHNSON LEAD AFTER DAY ONE OF BIG WEST HEPTATHLON, DECATHLON

IRVINE, Calif. --- Idaho senior Manuela Kurrat leads the heptathlon and Cal State Northridge sophomore Justin Johnson the decathlon after the first day of the Big West Conference Track & Field Championships at Anteater Stadium on the UC Irvine campus.

Kurrat, the nation's leader this season, has 3,280 points after the first four events. Utah State's Carrie Yost (3,159) and Lacy Schroeder (3,043) are second and third, respectively. LaShana Verdon of Cal State Northridge is fourth with 2,956 points and Dana Barrett of Utah State fifth with 2,794. The final three events of the heptathlon will be conducted Thursday beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Johnson, who finished fifth in last year's Big West decathlon, has 3,739 points after the first five events. He reached a NCAA regional-qualifying mark in the high jump at 6-10 3/4 for 896 points. Defending champion Jereme Richardson of Idaho is second at 3,604 and Utah State's Reese Hulbert is third with 3,492.

UCI's Eric Nyberg is fourth with 3,267 and the Anteaters' James Lehigh is fifth with 3,261 points. Aaron Lewis of UCI is seventh with 3,117 and teammate Trent Richert is eighth with 3,085. The decathlon will be completed Thursday with the first event at 11:00 a.m.

May 9, 2005

BIG WEST CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS AT UC IRVINE THIS WEEK

BIG WEST BACK IN TOWN: The 2005 Big West Conference Track & Field Championships will be held at Anteater Stadium Wednesday through Saturday (May 11-14) for the second straight year and third time in the past four years.

Here is the meet schedule for this week:

Wednesday, May 11

12:00 p.m. --- Decathlon begins
12:30 p.m. --- Heptathlon begins

Thursday, May 12

11:00 a.m. --- Decathlon
1:00 p.m. --- Heptathlon

Friday, May 13

12:00 p.m. --- Field events (all finals)
3:00 p.m. --- Track events (all trials except for finals in steeplechase and 10,000 meters)

Saturday, May 14

10:00 a.m. --- Field events (all finals)

3:00 p.m. --- Track events (all finals)

Ticket Prices (949) 824-6202:

Wednesday & Thursday (multi-events): free admission

Friday & Saturday:

One-Day Adult --- \$8

One-Day Student/Youth --- \$4

Two-Day Adult Pass --- \$14

Two-Day Student/Youth Pass --- \$6

Results: Will be posted daily at www.bigwest.org

BIG WEST QUALIFIERS: UCI has qualified in 68 individual events for the Big West Conference Championships at Anteater Stadium May 11-14 (43 men, 25 women).

SEVEN NCAA REGIONAL QUALIFIERS: Seven UCI competitors have reached the NCAA Regional qualifying marks in their respective events: Dayne Comrie in the 400-meter hurdles 52.43, Ricky Barnes (3:46.87) and Tom Whelan (3:47.55) in the 1,500 meters, Jon Wratten and Julian Eison in the high jump (6-10 ³/₄), Mike Beerer in the hammer throw (202-1) and Kim Ramirez in the 1,500 meters (4:23.20).

May 8, 2005

UC IRVINE'S MIKE BEERER PASSES 200 FEET IN HAMMER THROW

IRVINE, Calif. --- UC Irvine junior Mike Beerer won the hammer throw with a mark of 202-1 in the Oxy Invitational Saturday at Occidental College as he improved on his second-best mark in Anteater history.

Andrew Garratt finished third in the 1,500 meters (3:54.80), Kenny Vinh was third in the 110-meter high hurdles (14.89), Aaron Corbett (15-7) and Michael Cao (15-1 ¹/₄) placed third and fourth, respectively, in the pole vault, Ian Connell was fourth in the discus throw (154-0) and Joe Lourenco finished fifth in the long jump at 22-1 ³/₄. The Anteaters' relay teams posted season-best times of 41.57 in the 4x100 (first) and 3:11.82 in the 4x400 for second place.

For the women, senior Kim Ramirez finished sixth in the 800 meters with a time of 2:10.13 as she entered UCI's Top 10 career list at ninth. Kristen Silverman finished fifth in the 100-meter hurdles with a season-best time of 15.05 and Lauren Adams placed sixth in the 400 meters in 59.36.

UCI ran season-best times of 47.76 in the 4x100-meter relay for second place and 3:49.52 to win the 4x400.

In action at the Northridge Open Saturday, UCI's Erricka Williams (37-7 ¹/₄) and Adonica Shaw (36-5 ³/₄) finished first and third, respectively, in the triple jump. In men's action, Jon Wratten won the high jump at 6-6 ³/₄ and Patrick Grogan was second in the triple jump (46-1 ¹/₄).

The Big West Conference Championships are Wednesday through Saturday at Anteater Stadium.

May 2, 2005

ANTEATERS COMPETE AT OXY INVITATIONAL SATURDAY

LAST MEET BEFORE BIG WEST: The UC Irvine track and field teams compete in the Oxy Invitational at Occidental College in Eagle Rock this Saturday (May 7). Field events begin at 11:00 a.m. with the first running event at 3:00 p.m. This will be the final tune-up for the Big West Conference Championships at Anteater Stadium next week (May 11-14).

BIG WEST QUALIFIERS: UCI has qualified in 67 individual events for the Big West Conference Championships at Anteater Stadium May 11-14 (43 men's events, 24 women's events).

SEVEN NCAA REGIONAL QUALIFIERS: Seven UCI competitors have reached the NCAA Regional qualifying marks in their respective events: Dayne Comrie in the 400-meter hurdles 52.43, Ricky Barnes (3:46.87) and Tom Whelan (3:47.55) in the 1,500 meters, Jon Wratten and Julian Eison in the high jump (6-10 $\frac{3}{4}$), Mike Beerer in the hammer throw (198-3) and Kim Ramirez in the 1,500 meters (4:23.20). The regional is at Eugene, Ore., May 27-28.

April 30, 2005

3 MORE NCAA REGIONAL QUALIFIERS FOR UC IRVINE AT STEVE SCOTT INVITATIONAL

IRVINE, Calif. --- Three more UC Irvine track and field athletes posted NCAA regional qualifying marks in the Steve Scott Invitational at Anteater Stadium Saturday.

Julian Eison finished second in the high jump at 6-10 $\frac{3}{4}$, tying him for the sixth-best mark in UCI history. Tom Whelan placed third in the 1,500 meters with a time of 3:47.55 as Ricky Barnes, who had qualified for the regional earlier in the season, finished second in the race in 3:47.49. Dayne Comrie finished fourth in the 400-meter hurdles with a regional-qualifying time of 52.43. UCI has a total of seven athletes who have now qualified for the NCAA West Regional at Eugene, Ore., May 27-28.

John Kluve placed second in the 3,000-meter steeplechase (9:11.26), Mike Beerer was third in the hammer throw at 198-3 as he improved on his second-best mark in Anteater history, and Patrick Grogan was fourth in the triple jump (46-11 $\frac{3}{4}$).

For the women, Ashlee Marshall finished second in the long jump at 18-1 $\frac{3}{4}$, Kat Dawkins was fourth (18-0 $\frac{1}{2}$) and Kim Harper fifth (18-0 $\frac{1}{4}$). Orlisha Henlon placed fourth in the high jump at 5-5 and Elaine Gillespie was fifth in the 1,500 meters (4:39.87).

April 25, 2005

ANTEATERS HOST STEVE SCOTT INVITATIONAL SATURDAY

ANNUAL EVENT AT UCI: The UC Irvine track and field teams host the annual Steve Scott Invitational Saturday (April 30) at Anteater Stadium. The invitational is UCI's largest home meet each year by volume with collegiate and international competitors.

Field events begin at 10:00 a.m. with the first running event scheduled for 10:20 a.m.

April 24, 2005

UCI'S KIMBERLY HARPER WINS LONG JUMP AT UC SAN DIEGO

LA JOLLA, Calif. --- UC Irvine senior Kimberly Harper won the long jump title with a mark of 18-8 1/2 at UC San Diego's Triton Invitational Saturday. That mark is No. 9 in Anteater history. She also finished third in the high jump with a mark of 5-5 1/4 at UCSD.

Danielle St. John placed fifth in the high jump (5-5 1/4), Suzanne Purmort was sixth in the 400-meter hurdles (62.90) and Erricka Williams finished sixth in the triple jump (37-4 1/2).

For the Anteater men, junior Ricky Barnes finished second in the 800 meters with a time of 1:51.17, Scott Jarvis was fourth in the 400-meter hurdles (53.90), Julian Eison was fourth in the high jump (6-8 3/4) and Patrick Grogan placed fourth in the triple jump (45-10 1/2).

UCI hosts the Steve Scott Invitational at Anteater Stadium Saturday.

April 20, 2005

ANTEATERS COMPETE AT UCSD TRITON INVITATIONAL SATURDAY

THIS WEEK'S STOP IS LA JOLLA: The UC Irvine track and field teams will compete in the UC San Diego Triton Invitational Saturday (April 23) at La Jolla. Field events begin at 10:00 a.m. with the first running event at 11:00 a.m.

RECAPPING LAST WEEK: UC Irvine senior Kim Ramirez ran the fifth-fastest time in Anteater history in the 1,500 meters at the Mt. SAC Relays Friday night with a mark of 4:23.20. That time was third in her section and she placed 10th overall in the field of 37 runners.

The Anteaters' Ricky Barnes placed 27th in the 1,500 meters with a time of 3:48.00 and Tom Whelan was 35th (3:51.13). John Kluve finished 24th overall in the 3,000-meter steeplechase with a time of 9:21.51 while David Santos was 41st in the 1,500 meters in 3:55.76. Kirsten Loftin finished eighth in the pole vault with a mark of 11-11 3/4 at the Mt. SAC Relays in Saturday.

In Friday results, Suzanne Purmort recorded UC Irvine's top finish at the Pomona-Pitzer Invitational in Claremont. Purmort finished fourth in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 63.35 while Marie Nguyen placed seventh in the 5,000 meters in 17:49.54. Amber Nefas finished 10th in the 400 meters (57.70). On the men's side, Joe Lourenco was fifth in the long jump (22-0 3/4), Scott Jarvis finished fifth in the 400-meter hurdles (53.74), Kenny Vinh was sixth in the 110-meter high hurdles (14.85), Matt Grilli placed eighth in the 3,000-meter steeplechase (9:37.15), and Curtis Lehmann was ninth in the 800 meters (1:54.56).

Freshman Danielle St. John finished second in the high jump with a mark of 5-5 at the Long Beach Invitational Saturday. Kat Dawkins placed third in the long jump (18-10 3/4), the sixth-best mark in UCI history. Erricka Williams was eighth in the triple jump (36-10 1/4). For the Anteater men, Julian Eison finished second in the high jump at 6-8 3/4 while Patrick Grogan was fourth in the triple jump (46-5 1/4) and Michael Cao fourth in the pole vault (14-7 1/4).

BIG WEST QUALIFIERS: UCI has 57 individuals who have qualified for the Big West Conference Championships in May (36 men, 21 women).

NCAA REGIONAL QUALIFIERS: Four UCI competitors have reached the NCAA Regional qualifying marks in their respective events: Ricky Barnes in the 1,500 meters (3:46.87), John Wratten in the high jump (6-10 $\frac{3}{4}$), Mike Beerer in the hammer throw (197-6) and Kim Ramirez in the 1,500 meters (4:23.20).

April 15, 2005

UCI'S KIM RAMIREZ RUNS SCHOOL'S FIFTH-FASTEST TIME IN 1500

WALNUT, Calif. --- UC Irvine senior Kim Ramirez ran the fifth-fastest time in Anteater history in the 1,500 meters at the Mt. SAC Relays Friday night with a mark of 4:23.20.

That time was third in her section and she placed 10th overall in the field of 37 runners. Johanna Nilsson from Northern Arizona won the event with a time of 4:18.60.

The Anteaters' Ricky Barnes placed 27th in the 1,500 meters with a time of 3:48.00 and Tom Whelan was 35th (3:51.13).

John Kluge finished 24th overall in the 3,000-meter steeplechase with a time of 9:21.51 while David Santos was 41st in the 1,500 meters in 3:55.76.

April 14, 2005

ERIC NYBERG FINISHES 7TH IN CALIFORNIA INVITATIONAL DECATHLON

AZUSA, Calif. --- UC Irvine's Eric Nyberg finished seventh with 6,244 points in the California Invitational Decathlon that ended Thursday at Azusa Pacific. Michael Mayes of Adams State was the champion with 6,839 points.

UCI's James Lehigh placed 11th with 6,013 points and Trent Richert was 16th with 5,615 points.

April 14, 2005

UC IRVINE'S KIM RAMIREZ NAMED BIG WEST ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

IRVINE, Calif. --- UC Irvine senior Kim Ramirez has been named the Big West Conference female Track Athlete of the Week following her performance at the Brutus Hamilton Invitational in Berkeley last Saturday.

Ramirez finished second in the 1,500 meters with a time of 4:26.15, the seventh-fastest mark in UCI history. That time qualifies her for the NCAA West Regional Championships in Eugene, Ore., May 27-28.

Ramirez, who shared this week's honor with Cal Poly's Wilimena Cisco, will compete in the 1,500 meters at the Mt. SAC Relays Friday night at 7:10.

April 11, 2005

ANTEATERS FACE BUSY WEEK

SEVERAL VENUES AWAIT ANTEATERS: The UC Irvine track and field teams will have representatives at a number of events this week. The California Invitational Multi-Event meet at Azusa Pacific is Wednesday and Thursday (April 13-14). UCI's Eric Nyberg, James Lehigh and Trent Richert will compete in the decathlon.

Friday, UCI competes in the Pomona-Pitzer Invitational and some Anteater competitors will participate in the Mt. SAC Relays Friday through Sunday. Another contingent will compete in the Long Beach State Invitational Saturday.

April 9, 2005

UCI'S RAMIREZ, BARNES FINISH SECOND AT BRUTUS HAMILTON INVITATIONAL

BERKELEY, Calif. --- UC Irvine's Kim Ramirez and Ricky Barnes earned second-place finishes in the Brutus Hamilton Track & Field Invitational at Edwards Stadium/Goldman Field in Berkeley.

Ramirez, a senior, was runner-up in the 1,500 meters with a time of 4:26.15, the seventh-fastest mark in UCI history. Idaho's Mary Kamau won the event in 4:24.95.

Barnes, a junior, was second in the 5,000 meters with a time of 14:31.65 as Purdue's Kyle Orender placed first in 14:21.35.

UCI's Amber Nefas finished third in the 400 meters (57.68), Candice Proctor was fourth in the 5,000 meters (18:03.31), Suzanne Purmort placed fourth in the 400-meter hurdles (64.01), Danielle St. John was fifth in the high jump (5-5 3/4) and Kirsten Loftin was sixth in the pole vault at 11-5 3/4. The Anteaters gained seventh-place finishes by Randi Houston in the 100 meters (12.83), Erinn Kim in the 5,000 meters (18:12.72), Kelli Vanderburg in the 3,000-meter steeplechase (11:38.47) and Orlisha Henlon in the high jump (5-3 3/4).

In other men's competition, the Anteaters' Tom Whelan was fifth in the mile run (4:09.47) and Jon Wratten finished fifth in the high jump at 6-8 3/4. Seventh-place finishes were picked up Curtis Lehmann in the 800 meters (1:53.32), Dayne Comrie in the 400-meter hurdles (53.21), Aaron Corbett in the pole vault (14-7 1/4) and Mike Beerer in the hammer throw (192-7).

UCI also sent competitors to the Meet of Champions at Azusa Pacific Saturday. Natalie St. Andre placed second in the 3,000-meter steeplechase (12:10.8), Kat Dawkins finished third in the long jump (17-9 3/4), Adonica Shaw was fourth in the triple jump (35-8) and Elaine Gillespie was sixth in the 1,500 meters (4:46.48). For the men, John Peate finished third in the steeplechase (9:52.6), Ian Connell was fourth in the discus throw (145-11), and Sky Johnston placed fourth in the 1,500 meters (4:00.82).

UCI returns to action in the Pomona College Invitational Friday and the Mt. SAC Relays Friday through Sunday. Eric Nyberg, James Lehigh and Trent Richert will compete in the decathlon at the Azusa Pacific Multi-Event meet Wednesday and Thursday.

April 6, 2005

UC IRVINE'S RICKY BARNES, MIKE BEERER NAMED BIG WEST ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

IRVINE, Calif. --- UC Irvine juniors Ricky Barnes (Bakersfield/Garces Memorial HS) and Mike Beerer (La Canada/Crescenta Valley HS) have been selected as the Big West Conference Athletes of the Week in track and field, respectively.

Barnes won the 1,500 meters (3:51.43) and the 3,000 meters (8:19.26) to help lead UCI to the team title of the Big West Challenge Cup at Long Beach State last Saturday. He qualified for the NCAA West Regional in the 1,500 meters earlier this season with a time of 3:46.87, the sixth-fastest mark in Anteater history.

Beerer won the hammer throw with a mark of 197-6, second-best in UCI history, at last Saturday's Big West Challenge Cup. That throw is also a qualifying mark for the NCAA West Regional in Eugene, Ore., May 27-28.

The Anteater men's team has won all three scoring meets it has competed in this season.

April 4, 2005

ANTEATERS TRAVEL TO BERKELEY FOR BRUTUS HAMILTON INVITATIONAL

CAL HOSTS 2-DAY MEET: The UC Irvine track and field teams journey to Berkeley for the Brutus Hamilton Invitational at Edwards Stadium/Goldman Field Friday and Saturday (April 8-9). Field events begin at 10:00 a.m. each day with running events starting at 4:20 p.m. Friday and 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Joining the host Bears and UCI in the field are Air Force, Boise State, Chico State, Colorado State, Humboldt State, Idaho, Iowa State, Purdue, Washington State and Wyoming.

ANTEATER MEN WIN AGAIN: The UC Irvine men's team is now 3 for 3 in scoring meets this season as the Anteaters captured the title of the Big West Challenge Cup at Long Beach State last Saturday. The Anteaters posted a winning total of 185 points to defeat Long Beach State by two points. UC Santa Barbara was third with 154 and Cal State Fullerton fourth with 120 points. Ricky Barnes and Scott Jarvis won two events each for UCI. Barnes finished first in the 1,500 meters (3:51.43) and the 3,000 meters (8:19.26), while Jarvis won the 110-meter high hurdles in 15.18 and the 400-meter hurdles in 53.70. The Anteaters' Mike Beerer won the hammer throw with a mark of 197-6, the second-best throw in UCI history. Dayne Comrie finished first in the 400 meters (47.97), Tom Whelan won the 800 meters (1:51.26) and Jon Wratten captured the high jump with a mark of 6-10 3/4. UCI's 4x400-meter relay of Jarvis, Omar Lopez, Storm Huie and Comrie won in a time of 3:15.90.

In the women's competition, UC Santa Barbara won the team title with 202 points, Long Beach State was second with 189, Cal State Fullerton third with 135 and UCI fourth with 94. UCI senior Kim Ramirez won the 800 meters with a lifetime best time of 2:11.74 and she finished second in the 1,500 meters (4:32.28). Suzanne Purmort placed second in the 400-meter hurdles (62.95) and Kirsten Loftin was second in the pole vault at 11-11 3/4. Orlisha Henlon picked up a pair of third-place finishes in the 100 meters (12.16) and the 200 meters (24.92).

ANOTHER IMPRESSIVE DAY: UCI had a total of 29 career or seasonal-best marks at Long Beach Saturday (11 women, 18 men).

BIG WEST QUALIFIERS: UCI has 53 individuals who have qualified for the Big West Conference Championships in May (35 men, 18 women).

NCAA REGIONAL QUALIFIERS: Three UCI men have reached the NCAA Regional qualifying marks in their respective events: Ricky Barnes in the 1,500 meters (3:46.87), John Wratten in the high jump (6-10 $\frac{3}{4}$) and Mike Beerer in the hammer throw (197-6).

COMRIE ON 'BLUE & GOLD REPORT': UCI sophomore Dayne Comrie will be one of the featured guests on this week's "Blue and Gold Report" on KUCI/88.9 FM.

The "Blue and Gold Report" airs Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. on KUCI and can be accessed on the web via the Blue and Gold Report link in the lower right corner of UCI's home athletics page (www.athletics.uci.edu). The show is archived at that site for later listening.

April 2, 2005

**UC IRVINE MEN WIN TITLE OF BIG WEST CHALLENGE CUP;
BARNES, JARVIS DOUBLE WINNERS**

LONG BEACH, Calif. --- The UC Irvine men's track and field team successfully defended its title in the Big West Challenge Cup as the Anteaters posted a winning total of 185 points to defeat host Long Beach State by two points. UC Santa Barbara was third with 154 and Cal State Fullerton fourth with 120 points.

Ricky Barnes and Scott Jarvis won two events each for UCI. Barnes finished first in the 1,500 meters (3:51.43) and the 3,000 meters (8:19.26), while Jarvis won the 110-meter high hurdles in 15.18 and the 400-meter hurdles in 53.70.

The Anteaters' Mike Beerer won the hammer throw with a mark of 197-6, the second-best throw in UCI history. Dayne Comrie finished first in the 400 meters (47.97), Tom Whelan won the 800 meters (1:51.26) and Jon Wratten captured the high jump with a mark of 6-10 $\frac{3}{4}$. UCI's 4x400-meter relay of Jarvis, Omar Lopez, Storm Huie and Comrie won in a time of 3:15.90.

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UCI senior Kim Ramirez won the 800 meters with a lifetime best time of 2:11.74 and she finished second in the 1,500 meters (4:32.28). Suzanne Purmort placed second in the 400-meter hurdles (62.95) and Kirsten Loftin was second in the pole vault at 11-11 $\frac{3}{4}$. Orlisha Henlon picked up a pair of third-place finishes in the 100 meters (12.16) and the 200 meters (24.92).

Both Anteater squads compete in Brutus Hamilton Invitational at Berkeley Friday and Saturday.

March 28, 2005

ANTEATERS COMPETE AT BIG WEST CHALLENGE CUP SATURDAY; UCI POSTS 78 CAREER OR SEASON BESTS IN COLLEGIATE CLASSIC

BIG WEST CHALLENGE CUP AT LONG BEACH: The UC Irvine track and field teams compete in the Big West Challenge Cup Saturday (April 2) at Long Beach State's Jack Rose Track. The first field event is at 9:45 a.m. with the initial running event at 12 noon.

The field consists of UCI, Long Beach State, Cal State Fullerton and UC Santa Barbara. UCI's men's team won the meet title for the first time in 12 years last season while the Anteater women's squad was third a year ago.

AN IMPRESSIVE DAY: UCI had a total of 78 career or season-best marks recorded at last Saturday's Spring Break Collegiate Classic (51 men, 27 women's). The Anteater men won the team title and UCI women's squad placed second.

BIG WEST QUALIFIERS: UCI has 45 individuals who have qualified for the Big West Conference Championships in May (30 men, 15 women).

NCAA REGIONAL QUALIFIERS: Three UCI men have reached the NCAA Regional qualifying marks in their respective events: Ricky Barnes in the 1,500 meters (3:46.87), Jon Wratten in the high jump (6-10 ³/₄) and Mike Beerer in the hammer throw (193-10).

March 26, 2005

UC IRVINE MEN, CORNELL WOMEN WIN TEAM TITLES AT COLLEGIATE CLASSIC

IRVINE, Calif. --- The UC Irvine men and the Cornell women captured the team titles of the Spring Break Collegiate Classic in track and field at Anteater Stadium Saturday.

The UCI men's squad scored 257 points, Cornell was second with 228, Miami (Ohio) had 223, Cal Poly Pomona 136 and UC Riverside 99.

UCI sealed the victory with a win in the 4x400-meter relay as Scott Jarvis, Omar Lopez, Storm Huie and Dayne Comrie finished with a time of 3:14.72. The Anteaters' Kenny Vinh and Jarvis finished 1-2 in the 110-meter hurdles with times of 14.90 and 15.05, respectively. UCI's Comrie won the 400-meter hurdles in 53.17 and Jarvis was second in 53.66. Huie placed first in the 400 meters with a time of 48.80 while Ricky Barnes finished second in the 1,500 meters with a NCAA Regional qualifying time of 3:46.87. Elias Moreno placed second in the 100 meters with a time of 11.02.

The Anteaters' Jon Wratten won the high jump with a regional-qualifying mark of 6-10 ³/₄ and Joe Lourenco finished first in the long jump at 23-0 ¹/₂. Mike Beerer was second in the hammer throw at 193-10 and Eric Nyberg was runner-up in the javelin throw with a mark of 185-0.

The Cornell women's team won all 11 track events in compiling 242 points. UCI was second with 142, UC Riverside finished third with 108 and Cal Poly Pomona was fourth with 65 points.

UCI's Kirsten Loftin won the pole vault at 11-5 ³/₄ while Erricka Williams was second in the triple jump at 38-4 and third in the long jump with a mark of 17-3 ¹/₄.

On the track, the Anteaters' Orlisha Henlon finished second in the 100 meters (12.45), Kim Ramirez placed second in the 1,500 meters (4:28.70) and Megan Fairley was runner-up in the 5,000 meters (18:14.95).

UCI competes in the Big West Challenge Cup at Long Beach State Saturday.

March 21, 2005

ANTEATERS HOST COLLEGIATE CLASSIC SATURDAY

The UC Irvine track and field teams host the Collegiate Classic at Anteater Stadium Saturday (March 26). Joining UCI will be Cornell, UC Riverside, Cal Poly Pomona and the men's team from Miami (OH). Field events begin at 9:00 a.m. with the first running event at 12 noon.

March 19, 2005

UCI'S COMRIE, WRATTEN WIN EVENTS AT CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE

NORTHRIDGE, Calif. --- UC Irvine's Dayne Comrie and Jon Wratten claimed victories at the Northridge Track & Field Invitational Saturday.

Comrie placed first in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 52.91 while teammate Scott Jarvis finished fourth in 53.91. Wratten won the high jump with a mark of 6-8 and Patrick Grogan placed fifth in the triple jump at 43-9 1/4. The Anteaters' 4x1600-meter relay of Tom Whelan, David Santos, Andrew Garratt and Ricky Barnes was victorious with a time of 17:06.18.

In women's action, UCI's 4x1600-meter relay of Marie Nguyen, Laura Olvera, Elaine Gillespie and Melissa Ramos finished second with a time of 21:00.32. Orlisha Henlon placed second in the high jump at 5-3 3/4, Amber Nefas was third in the 400 meters (57.63), and Erricka Williams and Ashlee Marshell finished fourth and fifth in the long jump with marks of 16-1 1/2 and 16-1, respectively.

UCI hosts the Collegiate Classic at Anteater Stadium Saturday with Cornell, Cal Poly Pomona and the men's team from Miami of Ohio. Field events begin at 9:00 a.m. with the first running event at 12 noon.

March 17, 2005

UCI'S ERIC NYBERG WINS DECATHLON AT NORTHRIDGE MULTI-EVENT MEET

NORTHRIDGE, Calif. --- UC Irvine sophomore Eric Nyberg captured the title of the decathlon with a lifetime best total of 6,410 points at the Northridge Multi-Event Meet Thursday.

Fritz Nugent of Redlands was second with 6,336 points, UCI's James Lehigh finished third with 6,081 and Trent Richert placed sixth with 5,739 points. The Anteaters' Aaron Lewis was forced to withdraw with an injury.

Nyberg placed first among the competitors with personal-best marks of 109-9 in the discus throw, 14-9 1/2 in the pole vault and 181-3 in the javelin throw.

UCI's Decathlon Results at Northridge Multi-Event Meet (Thursday, March 17):

Eric Nyberg --- 6,410 points --- 1st Place

110-Meter High Hurdles --- 16.42 (686 points)
Discus Throw --- 33.45 meters, 109-9 (533 points)
Pole Vault --- 4.51 meters, 14-9 1/2 (763 points)
Javelin Throw --- 55.25 meters, 181-3 (667 points)
1500 Meters --- 4:58.37 (569 points)

James Lehigh - 6,081 points --- 3rd Place

110-Meter High Hurdles --- 16.37 (692 points)
Discus Throw --- 32.46 meters, 106-6 (513 points)
Pole Vault --- 3.71 meters, 12-2 (538 points)
Javelin Throw --- 46.49 meters, 152-6 (537 points)
1500 Meters --- 5:05.63 (522 points)

Trent Richert --- 5,739 points --- 6th Place

110-Meter High Hurdles --- 17.73 (550 points)
Discus Throw --- 31.97 meters, 104-11 (503 points)
Pole Vault --- 3.71 meters, 12-2 (538 points)
Javelin Throw --- 46.98 meters, 154-2 (544 points)
1500 Meters --- 5:13.34 (485 points)

March 16, 2005

UCI'S LEHIGH, NYBERG ARE SECOND, THIRD AT NORTHRIDGE MULTI-EVENT MEET

NORTHRIDGE, Calif. --- UC Irvine's James Lehigh and Eric Nyberg are in second and third place, respectively, after the first five events of the decathlon at the Northridge Multi-Event Meet Wednesday. The final five events will be contested Thursday.

Fritz Nugent of Redlands is in first with 3,555 points, Lehigh has 3,279 and Nyberg has 3,192. The Anteaters' Trent Richert is in fifth place with 3,119 points and Aaron Lewis is in ninth place with 2,988.

Lehigh had the best mark in the field in the high jump at 1.93 meters (6-4) for 740 points. Nyberg topped the field in the long jump at 6.55 meters (21-6) for 709 points and Lewis was first in the shot put at 12.11 meters (39-8 3/4) for 613 points.

UCI's Decathlon Results at Northridge Multi-Event Meet (Wednesday, March 16):

James Lehigh - 3,279 points --- 2nd Place

100 Meters --- 11.94 (663 points)
Long Jump --- 6.41 meters (677 points)
Shot Put --- 11.16 meters (556 points)
High Jump --- 1.93 meters (740 points)
400 Meters --- 53.92 (643 points)

Eric Nyberg --- 3,192 points --- 3rd Place

100 Meters --- 11.76 (699 points)
Long Jump --- 6.55 meters (709 points)
Shot Put --- 10.49 meters (515 points)
High Jump --- 1.84 meters (661 points)
400 Meters --- 54.77 (608 points)

Trent Richert --- 3,119 points --- 5th Place

100 Meters --- 11.95 (661 points)
Long Jump --- 6.07 meters (602 points)
Shot Put --- 10.65 meters (525 points)
High Jump --- 1.78 meters (610 points)
400 Meters --- 52.08 (721 points)

Aaron Lewis --- 2,988 points --- 9th Place

100 Meters --- 11.80 (691 points)
Long Jump --- 6.24 meters (639 points)
Shot Put --- 12.11 meters (613 points)
High Jump --- 1.84 meters (661 points)
400 Meters --- 60.87 (384 points)

March 15, 2005

ANTEATERS COMPETE AT NORTHRIDGE THIS WEEK

ARRAY OF EVENTS IN NORTHRIDGE: The UC Irvine track and field teams travel to Cal State Northridge this week for the Spring Break Open.

UCI's Aaron Lewis, James Lehigh, Eric Nyberg and Trent Richert are slated to compete in the decathlon at the Multi-Event portion of the meet Wednesday and Thursday. The UCI men's and women's teams will compete in the Northridge Relays Saturday.

WHELAN FINISHES 2ND AT FULLERTON: UC Irvine's Tom Whelan finished second with a time of 1:52.97 in the 800 meters at the Ben Brown Invitational at the Cal State Fullerton Sports Complex Saturday. Anteater teammate Davis Santos placed fourth in the race with a time of 1:54.83. Matt Grilli finished sixth in the 3,000-meter steeplechase in 9:44.26 while Ricky Barnes finished seventh in the 5,000 meters with a time of 14:37.98.

In women's competition, UCI's Marie Nguyen finished fifth in the 5,000 meters in 17:17.80 while Melissa Ramos and Elaine Gillespie placed seventh and eighth in the 1,500 meters with times of 4:48.19 and 4:51.16, respectively.

COLLEGIATE CLASSIC AT UCI MARCH 26: UCI hosts the Collegiate Classic at Anteater Stadium March 26. Joining the host Anteaters will be Cornell, Cal Poly Pomona, Utah Valley State and the men's team from Miami (OH).

March 12, 2005

UCI'S WHELAN FINISHES 2ND IN 800 AT BEN BROWN INVITATIONAL

FULLERTON, Calif. --- UC Irvine's Tom Whelan finished second with a time of 1:52.97 in the 800 meters at the Ben Brown Invitational at the Cal State Fullerton Sports Complex Saturday.

Anteater teammate Davis Santos placed fourth in the race with a time of 1:54.83. Matt Grilli finished sixth in the 3,000-meter steeplechase in 9:44.26 while Ricky Barnes finished seventh in the 5,000 meters with a time of 14:37.98.

In women's competition, UCI's Marie Nguyen finished fifth in the 5,000 meters in 17:17.80 while Melissa Ramos and Elaine Gillespie placed seventh and eighth in the 1,500 meters with times of 4:48.19 and 4:51.16, respectively.

March 8, 2005

UCI COMPETES AT BEN BROWN INVITATIONAL THIS WEEK

FULLERTON THIS WEEKEND: The UC Irvine track and field teams compete in the Ben Brown Invitational at the Cal State Fullerton Sports Complex this weekend. The men's and women's hammer throw will be conducted Friday (March 11) at 10:30 a.m. Field events begin at 10:00 a.m. Saturday with the first running event slated for 11:00 a.m.

ANTEATER MEN WIN ALL-CAL CUP: Junior Ricky Barnes won the 1,500 meters and 5,000 meters to lead the UC Irvine men's track and field team to the title of the All-Cal Challenge Cup at Anteater Stadium Saturday. Barnes won the 1,500 in 3:54.34 and the 5,000 in 14:35.21. Other UCI winners were Elias Moreno in the 100 meters (11.03), Dayne Comrie in the 400 meters (47.93), Kenny Vinh in the 110-meter high hurdles (14.84) and Jon Wratten in the high jump (6-8 3/4). Comrie's 400 time of 47.93 ties him with Haile Clay for the 10th-fastest time in Anteater history. Second-place finishers for UCI included Scott Jarvis in the 400-meter hurdles (54.49), John Kluve in the 3,000-meter steeplechase (9:36.86), Julian Eison in the high jump (6-8 3/4), Aaron Corbett in the pole vault (15-1) and Patrick Grogan in the triple jump (45-9 3/4).

The Anteaters finished with 259 points, UC Santa Barbara was second with 237 1/2, UC Davis third with 189, UC San Diego fourth with 177 and UC Riverside was fifth with 99 1/2.

In the women's competition, UCI senior Kim Ramirez won the 1,500 meters with a time of 4:31.06 and finished second in the 800 meters (2:15.07). Kirsten Loftin won the pole vault with a mark of 12-0. Other second-place finishers for the Anteaters included Orlisha Henlon in the 100 meters (12.30), Suzanne Purmort in the 400-meter hurdles (64.64), Kelli Vanderburg in the 3,000-meter steeplechase (11:45.39) and Danielle St. John in the high jump (5-7). UC Santa Barbara won the women's team title with 263 points, UC San Diego was second with 216 1/2, UCI placed third with 163 1/2, UC Davis was fourth with 156 points and UC Riverside fifth with 116.

March 5, 2005

BARNES LEADS UC IRVINE MEN TO ALL-CAL CHALLENGE CUP TITLE

IRVINE, Calif. --- Junior Ricky Barnes won the 1,500 meters and 5,000 meters to lead the UC Irvine men's track and field team to the title of the All-Cal Challenge Cup at Anteater Stadium Saturday.

Barnes won the 1,500 in 3:54.34 and the 5,000 in 14:35.21. Other UCI winners were Elias Moreno in the 100 meters (11.03), Dayne Comrie in the 400 meters (47.93), Kenny Vinh in the 110-meter high hurdles (14.84) and Jon Wratten in the high jump (6-8 3/4).

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UCI competes in the Ben Brown Invitational at Cal State Fullerton Saturday.

February 28, 2005

BEERER RECORDS THIRD-BEST HAMMER MARK

CLAREMONT, Calif. --- UCI's Michael Beerer recorded the third-best mark in Anteater hammer throw history with a toss of 190-3 to finish third in the Rossi Relays at Claremont College Saturday.

Beer, who improved his best mark by over six feet, placed fourth in the shot put at 46-0. Jon Wratten finished third in the high jump at 6-8, Patrick Grogran (46-0) and Fred Lee (45-0 1/2) went 3-4 in the triple jump, Ian Connell was fourth in the discus throw (152-1), Eric Nyberg was fourth in the pole vault at 14-5 1/4, Kenny Vinh was fifth in the 110-meter hurdles (14.94) and Mike Navarro placed fifth in the long jump at 22-1 3/4. On the track, Ricky Barnes finished second in the 3,000 meters in 8:32.58 and Andrew Garratt was fifth in 8:52.05.

For the women, Marie Nguyen finished second in the 3,000 meters (10:18.26) and Erinn Kim was fourth (10:26.20).

The UCI track and field teams host the All-Cal Cup this Saturday (March 5) at Anteater Stadium. Field events begin at 10:00 a.m. with the first running event slated for 12 noon.

February 22, 2005

WOMEN'S INDOOR TEAM IN SEATTLE; OUTDOOR SQUADS HEAD TO CLAREMONT

MPSF MEET IN SEATTLE: The UC Irvine women's indoor track and field team travels to Seattle, Wash., this weekend for the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Championships. Action begins at 11:30 a.m. Friday and runs through Saturday at the University of Washington's Dempsey Indoor Stadium. The Anteaters finished 11th in last year's MPSF meet and sophomore Orlisha Henlon placed sixth in the high jump at 5-5 3/4. Associate head coach Ben Cesar will take 13 student-athletes to this weekend's meet.

OUTDOORS IN CLAREMONT: The UC Irvine track and field teams look to open their 2005 outdoor schedule in the 9th annual Rossi Relays at Claremont College this Saturday. Last Saturday's Pomona-Pitzer meet was cancelled due to inclement weather.

February 19, 2005

POMONA-PITZER MEET WASHED OUT

IRVINE, Calif. --- Due to Saturday's inclement weather in Southern California, the Pomona-Pitzer All-Comers Meet was cancelled. The Anteater outdoor teams are scheduled to compete in next Saturday's Rossi Relays at Claremont College while the women's indoor team will compete in the MPSF Championships at Seattle.

February 16, 2005

OUTDOOR SEASON BEGINS SATURDAY

IRVINE, Calif. --- The UC Irvine track and field teams open the 2005 schedule this Saturday (Feb. 19) in the Pomona-Pitzer All-Comers Meet, which is scheduled to start at 10:00 a.m. Following Saturday's meet, UCI competes in the 9th Annual Rossi Relays at Claremont College Feb. 26. The Anteaters host the All-Cal Cup March 5.

The Anteater women's indoor team will compete next in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Championships in Seattle, Wash., Feb. 25-26.

LAUREN COLLINS SIGNS WITH UC IRVINE TRACK & FIELD PROGRAM

IRVINE, Calif. --- Lauren Collins, a standout at Santa Margarita High School, signed a national letter of intent with the UC Irvine track and field program in the early signing period, according to Anteater head coach Vince O'Boyle.

Collins, who has a personal-best time of 14.41 in the 100-meter hurdles, is three-time Serra League champion in that event. She has also been Orange County and CIF Division II champion the past two years and was a state qualifier last season. Collins, with a personal-best mark of 5-6 ½ in the high jump, is a two-time league champion in that event, was runner-up in CIF Division II last year and is a two-time state qualifier.

"Ben Cesar (associate head coach) did a great job in recruiting Lauren," O'Boyle said. "She will be an outstanding addition to our program next year and it is always exciting to sign a local student-athlete with such credentials."

"Lauren is a great addition to our program and University," said Cesar. "She has proven throughout her high school career that she is one of the premier multi-event athletes in the state and that will allow us to transition her to the heptathlon at the collegiate level. I look forward to coaching her over the next four years."

Collins is also looking forward to joining the UCI program in the fall. "I had a lot of fun during my visit and really feel that I will fit in well with the team," she said. "I enjoy the coaches and one of my goals is to compete in the heptathlon."

November 17, 2004

UCI THROWS' COACH LORNA GRIFFIN SELECTED FOR SEATTLE PACIFIC'S HALL OF FAME

SEATTLE, Wash. --- UC Irvine throws' coach Lorna Griffin has been selected as one of five inductees into Seattle Pacific University's Falcon Legends Hall of Fame. The honorees will be inducted during a luncheon at the campus Feb. 4.

Griffin set SPU's discus record (180-3) in 1978 and finished second among Division I athletes in that event in 1977 and third in the shot put the following year. SPU was seventh and 11th, respectively, in the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW) National Championships each of those seasons. Griffin went on to earn a berth on the 1980 U.S. Olympic team in both events and in the discus in 1984.