

2000 Releases

November 30, 2000

11 UC Irvine student-athletes earned Big West Conference Fall All-Academic honors, Big West Conference Commissioner Dennis Farrell announced Thursday.

UCI's honorees are women's soccer player Ariana Downs, women's volleyball players Jacqui Cosgrove and Brooke Witt and **cross country runners Courtney Baird, Melinda Fuller, Allyson Kulak, Lisa Massoth, Kareen Nilsson, Chris Evans, Robert Evans and Chris Jensen.**

Each honoree maintained a 3.2 cumulative grade point average or better and participated in over 50 percent of the team's competition. Student-athletes must also reach sophomore standing.

November 20, 2000

UC Irvine's Kareen Nilsson finished 103rd at the NCAA Cross Country Championships.

November 11, 2000

UC IRVINE'S KAREEN NILSSON FINISHES 11TH AT NCAA WEST REGIONAL

FRESNO, Calif. --- UC Irvine senior Kareen Nilsson finished 11th of 192 runners in the NCAA West Cross-Country Regional at Fresno's Woodward Park Saturday. Nilsson covered the 6,000-meter course in 20:48. Arizona State's Lisa Aguilera won the race in 20:25 and Stanford's Lauren Fleshman was second in 20:33.

Nilsson, with her finish, has a good chance at qualifying for the NCAA Championships in Ames, Iowa, Nov. 20. The top four individuals from each region who are not members of qualifying teams advance to the national meet.

Stanford (58 points) and Arizona State (88 points) gained the top-two automatic berths from the West Region. Thirteen at-large teams from throughout the nation will be selected Monday, with those choices impacting the individual qualifiers.

The Anteater women's team finished ninth of 26 teams in the regional.

Freshman Julie Manson placed 33rd in 21:30, sophomores Courtney Baird (22:12) and Tessa Cendejas (22:14) were 59th and 60th, respectively, freshman Jenna Keith finished 73rd (22:32), senior Allyson Kulak was 76th in 22:36, and junior Kerri Moran placed 110th in 23:13.

UC Irvine did not field a full men's team with four runners competing.

Senior Chris Evans finished 42nd with a time of 32:03 over 10,000 meters, junior Jon Doroski was 52nd in 32:21, sophomore Brian Harrison placed 101st in 34:10 and freshman Eddie Guerrero was 115th in 34:33. Stanford's Jonathon Riley was the individual champion with a time of 30:40 and Oregon's Jason Hartmann was second in 30:42.

Stanford won the men's team title with 58 points and Arizona was second with 62.

October 28, 2000

UC IRVINE'S KAREEN NILSSON WINS CONFERENCE WOMEN'S RACE

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. --- Cal Poly captured both team titles in the Big West Conference Cross Country Championships at Glenn Annie Golf Course in Santa Barbara Saturday. The Mustangs captured the women's championship with 42 points. UC Irvine, the defending champion, placed second with 52 points, Idaho was third with 78 and Utah State fourth with 79.

UCI senior Kareen Nilsson won the individual title with a time of 18:32.3 over 5,000 meters and was named female Athlete of the Year. Cal Poly's Carolyn Jones was second in 18:39.5. Anteater freshman Julie Manson finished fourth in 18:44.1, sophomore Tessa Cendejas was eighth in 19:06.7, sophomore Courtney Baird placed 19th in 19:34.1 and senior Allyson Kulak was 20th in 19:34.5.

Cal Poly successfully defended its men's title with 33 points. UC Santa Barbara and Utah State tied for second with 63 and UC Irvine was fourth with 134. Adam Boothe of Cal Poly won the men's individual title for the second straight year with a time of 25:23.1 over 8,000 meters. Eric Gans of UCSB was second in 25:24.6. UC Irvine junior Jon Doroski finished ninth with a time of 26:03.5 and senior Chris Evans was 13th in 26:19.5. Anteater sophomore Travis Morisoli finished 34th in 27:08.5, sophomore Brian Harrison was 40th in 27:23.9 and junior Jules Castano placed 56th in 27:52.2.

October 23, 2000

Anteaters Compete in Big West Championships Saturday

THE CONFERENCE MEET: Both UC Irvine teams compete in the Big West Conference Championships this Saturday (Oct. 28) at Glenn Annie Golf Course in Goleta. The women's 5,000-meter race begins at 9:00 a.m., followed by the men's 8,000 meters at 9:45 a.m.

The UC Irvine women's team is defending conference champion, while the men's squad finished second a year ago. The Anteater women have captured first place in 11 of the previous 17 Big West meets conducted.

COACH O'BOYLE: Vince O'Boyle is in his 19th season as head coach of the Anteater teams. He has been named Big West Conference Coach of the Year 18 times in men's and women's cross country and once in women's track and field. He is assisted again by Ben Cesar and Jerome Anello.

UC IRVINE COMPETITORS: As of Monday (Oct. 23), these are the lineups that coach O'Boyle plans to field for the conference meet, with last year's finish, if applicable:

WOMEN

Courtney Baird (So., San Diego/Helix HS) 2nd in 1999

Kareen Nilsson (Sr., Chino Hills/Ayala HS) 7th in 1999

Allyson Kulak (Sr., Sunny Hills HS) 22nd in 1999

Kerri Moran (Jr., Moorpark HS) 37th in 1999

Melinda Fuller (So., Auburn/Placer HS) 45th in 1999

Tessa Cendejas (So., Chino Hills/Ayala HS) 48th in 1999

Julie Manson (Fr., Rancho Bernardo HS)

MEN

Jon Doroski (Jr., El Cajon/Valhalla HS) 7th in 1999

Chris Evans (Sr., Crescenta Valley HS) 9th in 1999

Travis Morisoli (So., Redlands HS) 25th in 1999

Jules Castano (Jr., Santa Cruz/West Valley CC)

Brian Harrison (So., Agoura HS)

Rob Evans (So., Crescenta Valley HS)

Eddie Guerrero (Fr., La Mirada/Bosco Tech)

REGIONAL NEXT: Following this Saturday's conference meet, the next stop is Fresno and the NCAA Western Regional Nov. 11.

AT FULLERTON LAST FRIDAY: The UCI women's "B" team finished third of six teams with 60 points at the Cal State Fullerton Invitational last Friday. Sophomore Amanda Armstrong (Thousand Oaks HS) finished 10th out of 60 runners with a time of 18:27.3 over 5,000 meters. The Anteater men's team fielded only three runners, with junior Jules Castano (Santa Cruz/West Valley CC) finishing 12th with a time of 25:44.5 over 8,000 meters.

October 14, 2000

UC IRVINE'S NILSSON FINISHES 33RD AT PRE-NATIONAL MEET

AMES, Iowa --- UC Irvine senior Kareen Nilsson finished 33rd of 371 runners in the Pre-National Cross-Country Invitational at Iowa State University Saturday. Nilsson completed the 6,000-meter course with a time of 21:54.7. Anteater freshman Julie Manson was 121st in 22:45.4. Colorado's Kara Wheeler was the individual champion with a time of 20:27.3.

Third-ranked BYU won the women's team title with a score of 117, followed by top-ranked Stanford with 151 and No. 6 Wisconsin with 189. UC Irvine finished 26th with 744 points in the 56-school field.

In the men's competition, third-ranked Colorado was the team champion with 64 points, followed by No. 10 Northern Arizona with 215 and top-ranked Stanford with 255. The UC Irvine men suffered a rough day, finishing last in the 53-team field with a score of 1,445 points.

Colorado's Jorge Torres was the individual champion with a time of 30:31.1 over 10,000 meters. Stanford's Thomas Murley and Jonathan Riley went 2-3 with times of 30:48.8 and 30:49.6, respectively.

UC Irvine's top finisher was junior Jon Doroski, who placed 148th of 360 runners with a time of 32:42.9. The NCAA Championships will be held on the same course in Ames, Iowa, Nov. 20.

October 2, 2000

Anteaters Prepare for Pre-National Invitational at Iowa State

UC IRVINE IDLE THIS WEEK: The UC Irvine men's and women's cross-country teams will be idle from competition this week in preparation for the ISU Memorial Classic, also known as the Pre-National Invitational, in Ames, Iowa, Oct. 14. The NCAA Championships will be held in Ames Nov. 20.

COACH O'BOYLE: Vince O'Boyle is in his 19th season as head coach of the Anteater teams. He has been named Big West Conference Coach of the Year 18 times in men's and women's cross country and once in women's track and field. He is assisted again by Ben Cesar and Jerome Anello.

UCI WOMEN FINISH 7TH, MEN 10TH AT STANFORD INVITATIONAL: The UC Irvine women's team, ranked 20th in the nation last week, placed seventh with 186 points in the 27th annual Stanford Invitational last Saturday. Top-ranked Stanford won the meet with 61 points, 17th-ranked Washington was second with 91, No. 3 Kansas State finished third with 97, second-ranked Wisconsin was fourth with 106, 13th-ranked Arkansas placed fifth with 108 and unranked UCLA was sixth with 183. Anteater senior Kareen Nilsson (Chino Hills/Ayala HS) finished 10th with a time of 17:46 over 5,000 meters at the Stanford Golf Course. UCI's top seven runners:

10. Kareen Nilsson (Sr., Chino Hills/Ayala HS) 17:46

35. Julie Manson (Fr., Rancho Bernardo HS) 18:39

42. Allyson Kulak (Sr., Sunny Hills HS) 18:47

50. Courtney Baird (So., San Diego/Helix HS) 19:02

54. Kerri Moran (Jr., Moorpark HS) 19:04

82. Tessa Cendejas (So., Chino Hills/Ayala HS) 19:27

87. Melinda Fuller (So., Auburn/Placer HS) 19:32

In the men's competition, UCI was 10th with 297 points. Top-ranked Stanford was first with 28. Anteater senior Chris Evans (Crescenta Valley HS) finished 36th with a time of 26:19 over 8,000 meters at the Stanford Golf Course. Results for all seven UCI runners:

36. Chris Evans (Sr., Crescenta Valley HS) 26:19

40. Jon Doroski (Jr., El Cajon/Valhalla HS) 26:27

54. Travis Morisoli (So., Redlands HS) 26:42

89. Eddie Guerrero (Fr., La Mirada/Bosco Tech) 27:40

93. Brian Harrison (So., Agoura HS) 27:51

99. Mike Arp (Jr., Berkeley St. Mary's HS) 28:01

127. Rob Evans (Crescenta Valley HS) 29:11

September 25, 2000

ANTEATERS AT STANFORD INVITATIONAL SATURDAY

UC IRVINE JOURNEYS NORTH: The UC Irvine men's and women's cross-country teams compete in the 27th annual Stanford University Invitational Saturday (Sept. 30). The women's 5,000-meter race is scheduled for 4:15 p.m. and the men's 8,000 meters is slated to begin at 5:20 p.m. at the Stanford Golf Course.

COACH O'BOYLE: Vince O'Boyle is in his 19th season as head coach of the Anteater teams. He has been named Big West Conference Coach of the Year 18 times in men's and women's cross country and once in women's track and field. He is assisted again by Ben Cesar and Jerome Anello.

UCI WOMEN RANKED 20TH IN NATION: The UC Irvine women's team is ranked No. 20, up two spots from last week, in the national coaches' poll. The top three teams in the nation will be competing at Stanford Saturday---No. 1 Stanford, No. 2 Wisconsin and No. 3 Kansas State---along with No. 5 BYU, No. 13 Arkansas and No. 17 Washington. The Stanford men's team is ranked second nationally.

ANTEATER B TEAMS RUN AT UCSB: UC Irvine sent primarily its "B" teams to a meet at UC Santa Barbara last Saturday. The women competed in a dual with the Gauchos, who prevailed 24-33. Anteater freshman Jenna Keith (Bakersfield/Centennial HS) finished second with a time of 18:39 over 5,000 meters at the Campus Lagoon course. The results for UCI's five runners:

2. Jenna Keith (Fr., Bakersfield/Centennial HS) 18:39
4. Amanda Armstrong (So., Thousand Oaks HS) 19:15
6. Lisa Massoth (So., Yorba Linda/Esperanza HS) 19:23
10. Pam Smith (Fr., Yorba Linda/Esperanza HS) 20:00
11. Trisha Harris (So., Long Beach/St. Joseph HS) 20:27

In the men's competition, UCSB was first with 32 points, the Gaucho Alumni second with 33 and UCI placed third with 60. UCI sophomore Brian Harrison (Agoura HS) finished seventh with a time of 27:10 over 8,000 meters. Results for all seven UCI runners:

8. Eddie Guerrero (Fr., La Mirada/Bosco Tech HS) 27:14
7. Brian Harrison (So., Agoura HS) 27:10
13. Rob Evans (So., Crescenta Valley HS) 28:14
15. Chris Jensen (Jr., Thousand Oaks HS) 28:41
17. Andy Hassan (So., Mission Viejo HS) 29:23
18. Humberto Hernandez (So., Whittier/St. Paul HS) 29:42

19. Brian Moncrief (So., Thousand Oaks HS) 30:08

September 23, 2000

UC IRVINE CROSS COUNTRY AT UCSB INVITATIONAL

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. --- UC Santa Barbara claimed wins in the men's and women's races in a meet at the Campus Lagoon course in Santa Barbara Saturday. In a dual, the UCSB women's team defeated UC Irvine 24-33. The Gauchos' Jaclyn Shaughnessy won the 5,000-meter race in 18:37. UC Irvine, which competed primarily with its "B" team runners, was led by freshman Jenna Keith's second-place finish of 18:39. UCSB's Ali Pearson was third in 19:03 and the Anteaters' Amanda Armstrong was fourth in 19:15.

In the men's competition, UCSB was first with 32 points, the Gauchos' Alumni team was second with 33 and UCI, again mainly with "B" team runners, was third with 60. Jeff Jacobs of the UCSB Alumni was first with a time of 26:01 over 8,000 meters. UCSB's Noah Lidman was second in 26:08. UCI's Brian Harrison and Eddie Guerrero finished seventh and eighth in 27:10 and 27:14, respectively.

September 18, 2000

ANTEATERS AT UCSB INVITATIONAL SATURDAY

UC IRVINE IN SANTA BARBARA SATURDAY: The UC Irvine men's and women's cross country teams compete in the UC Santa Barbara Invitational Saturday (Sept. 23). The women's 5,000-meter race begins at 11:00 a.m. and the men's 8,000 meters at 11:45 a.m. on the UCSB Lagoon Course.

COACH O'BOYLE: Vince O'Boyle is in his 19th season as head coach of the Anteater teams. He has been named Big West Conference Coach of the Year 18 times in men's and women's cross country and once in women's track and field. He is assisted again by Ben Cesar and Jerome Anello.

UCI WOMEN MOVE TO 22ND IN NATION: The UC Irvine women's team climbed three spots to No. 22 in the national coaches' poll this week.

ANTEATER WOMEN 2ND AT AZTEC MEET: The UC Irvine women's team finished second in the 57th annual Aztec Invitational at San Diego's Balboa Park last Saturday. Texas A&M, ranked No. 20, won the meet with 39 points, UCI followed with 59 and UCLA placed third with 73. Anteater senior Kareen Nilsson (Chino Hills/Ayala HS) finished fourth over 5,000 meters with a time of 17:58 and freshman Julie Manson (San Diego/Rancho Bernardo HS) placed sixth in 18:16. The top seven runners for UC Irvine:

4. Kareen Nilsson (Sr., Chino Hills/Ayala HS) 17:58
6. Julie Manson (Fr., Rancho Bernardo HS) 18:16
20. Courtney Baird (So., San Diego/Helix HS) 18:50
21. Melinda Fuller (So., Auburn/Placer HS) 18:52
22. Lisa Massoth (So., Yorba Linda/Esperanza HS) 18:57

32. Jenna Keith (Fr., Bakersfield/Centennial HS) 19:09

33. Allyson Kulak (Sr., Sunny Hills HS) 19:10

UCI's men's team placed fifth with 187 points as the Cal Coast Track Club finished first with 50 points. Chico State was second with 84, UCLA third with 99 and No. 16 Southern Utah fourth with 122. Anteater junior Jon Doroski (El Cajon/Valhalla HS) placed 13th in 26:25 over 8,000 meters and sophomore Travis Morisoli (Redlands HS) was 23rd in 26:58. The top seven runners for the Anteater men's team last Saturday:

13. Jon Doroski (Jr., El Cajon/Valhalla HS) 26:25

23. Travis Morisoli (So., Redlands HS) 26:58

25. Chris Evans (Sr., Crescenta Valley HS) 27:02

70. Mike Arp (Jr., Berkeley St. Mary's HS) 28:08

72. Eddie Guerrero (Fr., La Mirada/Bosco Tech HS) 28:10

90. Brian Harrison (So., Agoura HS) 28:42

104. Rob Evans (So., Crescenta Valley HS) 29:16

September 16, 2000

UC IRVINE WOMEN'S TEAM PLACES 2ND AT AZTEC INVITATIONAL; ANTEATER MEN FINISH 5TH

SAN DIEGO, Calif. --- UC Irvine's women's cross country team, led by senior Kareen Nilsson's fourth-place finish, placed second in the Aztec Invitational at Balboa Park in San Diego Saturday.

The 25th-ranked Anteaters scored 59 points as No. 23 Texas A&M captured the team title with 39. UCLA finished third with 73 points.

Alisa Rodgers, running unattached, won the 5,000-meter race in 17:45. UCLA's Christina Bowen was second in 17:53, Melissa Madeson of Sacramento State was third (17:57) and UCI's Kareen Nilsson placed fourth in 17:58.

Anteater freshman Julie Manson finished sixth in 18:16, sophomore Courtney Baird was 20th in 18:50, sophomore Melinda Fuller placed 21st in 18:52 and sophomore Lisa Massoth finished 22nd in 18:57.

The Cal Coast Track Club won the men's championship with 50 points, Chico State was second with 84 and UCLA finished third with 99 points. Sixteenth-ranked Southern Utah was fourth with 122 and UC Irvine placed fifth with 187 points. Scott Lenefeld, an unattached runner, won the men's 8,000-meter race in 25:21. UC Irvine junior Jon Doroski placed 13th in 26:25 and sophomore Travis Morisoli was 23rd in 26:58.

Anteater senior Chris Evans finished 25th in 27:02, junior Mike Arp was 70th in 28:08 and freshman Eddie Guerrero placed 72nd in 28:10.

September 9, 2000

ANTEATER WOMEN'S TEAM CAPTURES TITLE OF UC IRVINE / ASICS INVITATIONAL

IRVINE, Calif. --- UC Irvine's women's team, which placed five runners in the top 20 spots, won the title of the UC Irvine / Asics Cross Country Invitational at Central Park in Huntington Beach Saturday. Senior Kareen Nilsson placed second in 18:35.80 over 5,000 meters and freshman Julie Manson was third (18:47.80) as the 25th-ranked Anteaters finished with 50 points. Arizona State's Briana Torres was the individual champion with a time of 18:30.20. UCI sophomore Courtney Baird finished 13th in 19:15.10, senior Allyson Kulak was 15th in 19:19.40 and sophomore Tessa Cendejas placed 20th with a time of 19:30.60. Cal Poly (SLO) finished second in the team competition with 72 points, 13th-ranked Northern Arizona was third with 77, 10th-ranked Arizona State placed fourth with 86 and New Mexico State was fifth with 161.

Cal Poly's Adam Boothe was the men's individual champion with a time of 25:52.60 over 8,000 meters. Fifteenth-ranked Northern Arizona, which placed four runners in the top eight spots, won the men's team title with 42 points, followed by Cal Poly with 46. Arizona State, ranked 11th nationally, finished third with 63 points and No. 16 Southern Utah was fourth with 88. UC Irvine placed fifth with 155 points. Senior Chris Evans finished 22nd with a time of 26:55.70, junior Jon Doroski was 25th in 27:05.70, sophomore Travis Morisoli placed 41st in 27:55.50, junior Mike Arp was 47th in 28:19.90 and junior Jules Castano was 51st with a time of 28:40.00.

September 4, 2000

ANTEATERS HOST UC IRVINE/ASICS INVITATIONAL SATURDAY

UCI OPENS SEASON SATURDAY: Coach Vince O'Boyle's Anteater cross country teams open the 2000 season Saturday (Sept. 9) hosting the UC Irvine/Asics Invitational at Central Park in Huntington Beach. The women's 5,000-meter race begins at 9:00 a.m., with the men's five-mile race scheduled for a 9:45 a.m. start.

COACH O'BOYLE: Vince O'Boyle is in his 19th season as head coach of the Anteater teams. He has been named Big West Conference Coach of the Year 18 times in men's and women's cross country and once in women's track and field. He is assisted again by Ben Cesar and Jerome Anello.

ANTEATER WOMEN RANKED: The UC Irvine women's team, defending Big West Conference champion, is ranked 25th nationally in the coaches' preseason poll. This is the first time UCI has been ranked since a 26th-place spot in 1995.

COMPETING TEAMS: Schools expected to join the host Anteaters Saturday include, on the women's side, 10th-ranked Arizona State, 13th-ranked Northern Arizona, Southern Utah, Cal State Fullerton, Long Beach State, USC, UC Santa Barbara, Cal Poly SLO, San Diego State, UNLV and New Mexico State. The men's entries are scheduled to include 11th-ranked Arizona State, 15th-ranked Northern Arizona, No. 16 Southern Utah, Cal State Fullerton, Long Beach State, UC Santa Barbara, Cal Poly SLO and New Mexico State.

THE ANTEATER RUNNERS: UC Irvine's women's team returns six of its top seven runners from last year's Big West championship squad. The list includes sophomore Courtney Baird (San Diego/Helix HS), who was second at the '99 league meet, senior Kareen Nilsson (Chino Hills/Ayala HS), seventh in 1999, senior Allyson Kulak (Sunny Hills HS), who was 22nd, junior Kerri Moran (Moorpark HS), 37th last year, sophomore Melinda Fuller (Auburn/Placer HS), who was 45th, and sophomore Tessa Cendejas (Chino Hills/Ayala HS), who placed 48th at the '99 Big West meet. Baird advanced to the NCAA Championships in Bloomington, Ind., where she placed

148th. O'Boyle's highly-regarded recruiting class features freshman Abby Miller (Henderson, Nev./Green Valley HS), who was four-time Nevada state champion and female recipient of the 1999 Wendy's High School Heisman Award. Another freshman who impressed O'Boyle at the recent Mammoth running camp was Julie Manson from Rancho Bernardo High. She was seventh in the California state meet last year and won the San Diego Section championship. Three of the top five runners return for the men's squad that finished second in the '99 Big West meet, the program's highest finish since 1991. Junior Jon Doroski (El Cajon/Valhalla HS) placed seventh in last year's conference championships and competed at the NCAA Championships, finishing 201st. Doroski was UCI's first male runner at the national meet since 1987. Senior Chris Evans (Crescenta Valley HS) placed ninth at the Big West Championships last fall and sophomore Travis Morisoli (Redlands HS) was 25th. Two JC transfers also impressed O'Boyle at the Mammoth camp: junior Jules Castano (West Valley College) and junior Juan Garcia (Mt. SAC).