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FIVE CROSS COUNTRY ATHLETES EARN BIG WEST ALL-ACADEMIC HONORS

IRVINE, CA --- Jenna Keith, Jenny Liou, Julie Manson, Lisa Massoth and Rob Evans earned Big West Conference Fall All-Academic honors, Big West Conference announced Wednesday.

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.

The Anteaters were among 132 Big West Fall honorees in the sports of men's and women's soccer, men's and women's cross country and women's volleyball.

November 10, 2001

ANTEATER WOMEN FINISH 7th AT NCAA WESTERN REGIONAL

TUCSON, Ariz. --- The UC Irvine women's cross-country team finished seventh of 23 teams in the NCAA Western Regional at Tucson, Ariz., Saturday. Stanford won the competition with 39 points, Arizona was second with 80 and Arizona State third with 83. UC Irvine had the top finish of any Big West Conference team with its seventh-place showing of 224 points.

Tara Chaplin of Arizona was the individual champion with a time of 20:40.1 over 6,000 meters at the Randolph North Golf Course. UC Irvine was led by sophomore Julie Manson, who finished 29th in the 165-runner field with a time of 22:16.6, and junior Tessa Cendejas, who placed 47th in 23:09.3.

Freshman Kaleena Yee was 49th in 23:11.4, junior Lisa Massoth was 51st (23:14.7), junior Amanda Armstrong placed 57th (23:28.3), sophomore Jenna Keith was 62nd (23:36.0), and sophomore Kim Ramirez was 92nd in 24:21.4.

Stanford also won the men's title with 37 points, Portland was second with 91 and Oregon third with 112. UC Irvine did not field a full team. Stanford's Donald Sage (30:43.4) and Grant Robison (30:50.1) finished 1-2 on the 10,000-meter course.

UCI junior Travis Morisoli was 65th in 33:33.9, senior Jon Doroski placed 94th in 34:29.7, and junior Brian Harrison was 99th in 34:57.5.

COACH O'BOYLE: Vince O'Boyle completed his 20th 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 was assisted again by Jerome Anello in cross country. O'Boyle's women's teams at UCI have finished in the conference's top two spots 18 of his 20 seasons, while the men's program has accomplished the same feat 11 times during his tenure.

November 5, 2001

Anteaters Compete at NCAA Western Regional Saturday

OFF TO TUCSON: Eight members of the UC Irvine women's team and three men's runners are scheduled to compete in the NCAA Western Regional Cross Country Championships at Tucson, Ariz., this Saturday (Nov. 10). The men's 10,000-meter race begins at 9:30 a.m. and the women's 6,000 meters at 10:30 a.m. on the Randolph Golf Complex (North Course) in Tucson. The Anteater teams last competed in the Big West Conference Championships at San Luis Obispo Oct. 27, when the UCI women finished second and the men's team seventh. Anteater sophomore Julie Manson (Rancho Bernardo HS) finished seventh in 18:42.4 and junior Tessa Cendejas (Chino Hills/Ayala HS) was eighth in 18:45.1 at the Big West meet.

Here are UCI's entries for the Western Regional, with their Big West results:

WOMEN

7. Julie Manson (So., Rancho Bernardo HS) 18:42.4
8. Tessa Cendejas (Jr., Chino Hills/Ayala HS) 18:45.1
13. Kim Ramirez (So., Carson/U. of California) 18:58.0
14. Amanda Armstrong (Jr., Thousand Oaks HS) 18:59.0
23. Jenna Keith (So., Bakersfield/Centennial HS) 19:19.6
25. Kaleena Yee (Fr., Rancho Bernardo HS) 19:25.1
32. Lisa Massoth (Jr., Esperanza HS) 19:41.0
37. Kelli Vanderburg (Fr., Clovis/Buchanan HS) 19:49.9

The top three performers at the Big West meet for the UCI men's team will compete in Tucson Saturday. Here are their conference meet results:

MEN

30. Travis Morisoli (Jr., Redlands HS) 27:27.5
31. Jon Doroski (Sr., El Cajon/Valhalla HS) 27:28.7
34. Brian Harrison (Jr., Agoura HS) 27:34.1

THE NCAA MEET: The NCAA Championships will be held in Greenville, S.C., Nov. 19. The top two teams from each region, plus 13 additional at-large selections, will advance to the national meet. The first four individuals not on a qualifying team from each regional meet also earn a trip to the nationals, as do two additional at-large qualifiers.

October 29, 2001

WOMEN'S TEAM FINISHES 2ND, MEN 7TH AT BIG WEST CHAMPIONSHIPS

BIG WEST RECAP: The UC Irvine women's team finished second at the Big West Conference Cross-Country Championships in San Luis Obispo this past Saturday. Host Cal Poly successfully defended its title with 37 points, UCI scored 65 and UC Santa Barbara 89 in the nine-school field.

UCSB's Katie Appenrodt was the individual champion with a time of 17:47.8 over 5,000 meters at the Cuesta College/Fairbanks Memorial Course. Anteater sophomore Julie Manson (Rancho Bernardo HS) finished seventh in 18:42.4 and junior Tessa Cendejas (Chino Hills/Ayala HS) was eighth in 18:45.1. Here are UCI's complete results for the women's competition:

WOMEN

7. Julie Manson (So., Rancho Bernardo HS) 18:42.4
8. Tessa Cendejas (Jr., Chino Hills/Ayala HS) 18:45.1
13. Kim Ramirez (So., Carson/U. of California) 18:58.0
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34. Jenny Liou (So., Moscow, Idaho) 19:45.1 37.
Kelli Vanderburg (Fr., Clovis/Buchanan HS) 19:49.9

In the men's competition, UC Santa Barbara placed first with 28 points and Utah State was second with 34. UC Irvine finished seventh with 187 points in the nine-team field. UCSB's Eric Gans (25:56.4) and Josh Horton (25:59.2) finished 1-2 over the 8,000-meter course. UCI junior Travis Morisoli (Redlands HS) in 27:27.5 and senior Jon Doroski (El Cajon/Valhalla HS) in 27:28.7 finished 30th and 31st, respectively. Here are the Anteaters' complete results:

MEN

30. Travis Morisoli (Jr., Redlands HS) 27:27.5
31. Jon Doroski (Sr., El Cajon/Valhalla HS) 27:28.7
34. Brian Harrison (Jr., Agoura HS) 27:34.1
50. David Santos (Fr., El Cajon/Valhalla HS) 28:11.3
56. Mike Arp (Sr., Berkeley St. Mary's HS) 28:35.3
57. Thomas Harley (Fr., Burbank HS) 28:36.7
64. Rob Evans (Jr., Crescenta Valley HS) 29:10.9
67. Jeremy Johnson (Fr., Malibu HS) 29:33.4
72. Aaron Jacobsen (Jr., West Valley College) 30:12.1

October 20, 2001

UC IRVINE RESULTS FROM TITAN INVITATIONAL OCT. 20

Carbon Canyon Regional Park - Brea, Calif.

ANTEATER MEN'S RESULTS (8,000 meters)

20. Mike Beadle, 26:53.2
33. Andrew Garratt, 28:16.0
38. Matt Udink, 28:38.4
44. Sean Geraghty, 29:23.9

ANTEATER WOMEN'S RESULTS (5,000 meters)

12. Trisha Harris, 19:35.5
24. Katherine Ziegler, 20:20.6
30. Meghan Chase, 20:43.9

October 16, 2001

UC IRVINE'S TESSA CENDEJAS RECEIVES BIG WEST HONOR

IRVINE, Calif. --- UC Irvine junior cross-country runner Tessa Cendejas (Chino Hills/Ayala HS) has been named Big West Conference co-Athlete of the week in that sport.

Cendejas finished 15th of 240 runners with a time of 22:09 over 6,000 meters in the Chile Pepper Invitational at Fayetteville, Ark., last Saturday. The Anteater women's team finished fourth of 27 teams in the meet, which was won by 10th-ranked Arkansas.

Cendejas shared this week's honor with UC Santa Barbara's Katie Appenrodt.

October 15, 2001

ANTEATERS AT TITAN INVITATIONAL FRIDAY

LAST MEET BEFORE BIG WEST: Both UC Irvine cross-country teams will compete in the Titan Invitational at Carbon Canyon Regional Park in Brea this Friday (Oct. 19). The women's 5,000-meter race begins at 4:30 p.m. and the men's 8,000-meter competition at 5:00 p.m. Following this week's action, the Anteaters will compete in the Big West Conference Championships at San Luis Obispo Oct. 27.

UC IRVINE WOMEN'S TEAM FINISHES 4TH AT ARKANSAS MEET: The UC Irvine women's cross-country team placed fourth of 27 teams in the 10th annual Chile Pepper Festival in Fayetteville, Ark., Saturday. Host Arkansas, the nation's 10th-ranked team, won the meet with 44 points, Oklahoma State was second with 94, UC Davis was third with 157 and the Anteaters scored 165. May Mortimer of Kansas State won the 6,000-meter competition with a time of 20:56 on the Agri Park Cross-Country Course in Fayetteville. UCI was led by junior Tessa Cendejas (Chino Hills/Ayala HS), who finished 15th in 22:09.

Here are the top seven finishers for UCI:

15. Tessa Cendejas (Jr., Chino Hills/Ayala HS) 22:09
36. Julie Manson (So., Rancho Bernardo HS) 22:28
41. Lisa Massoth (Jr., Esperanza HS) 22:33
44. Kaleena Yee (Rancho Bernardo HS) 22:37
45. Amanda Armstrong (Jr., Thousand Oaks HS) 22:38
97. Jenna Keith (So., Bakersfield/Centennial HS) 23:30
106. Jenny Liou (So., Moscow, ID) 23:38

ANTEATER MEN'S SQUAD PLACES 11TH AT CAL POLY SLO MEET: UC Irvine finished 11th of 15 teams in the Cal Poly Invitational in San Luis Obispo Saturday. The host Cal Poly Mustangs won the meet with 48 points, California was second with 93 and Southern Utah third with 130. UC Irvine scored 230 points. Junior Travis Morisoli (Redlands HS) was the first Anteater runner across as he finished 18th with a time of 27:52.7 over 8,000 meters. The Anteaters' top seven runners:

18. Travis Morisoli (Jr., Redlands HS) 27:52
44. Jon Doroski (Sr., El Cajon/Valhalla HS) 28:27
52. David Santos (Fr., El Cajon/Valhalla HS) 28:36
61. Brian Harrison (Jr., Agoura HS) 28:55
78. Thomas Harley (Fr., Burbank HS) 29:32
84. Mike Arp (Sr., Berkeley St. Mary's HS) 29:46
95. Rob Evans (Jr., Crescenta Valley HS) 30:19

ANTEATER WOMEN 4TH AT STANFORD IN LAST OUTING: The UC Irvine women's team placed fourth of 25 teams at the Stanford University Invitational Sept. 29, finishing behind three teams ranked in the nation's top 13 spots. No. 2 Stanford won the invitational with 24 points, No. 10 Arkansas had 39, No. 4 BYU finished with 88 and UCI was fourth with 141 points. Anteater junior Tessa Cendejas (Chino Hills/Ayala HS) finished 19th overall with a time of 22:12 over 6,000 meters at the Stanford Golf Course. UCI's top seven performers:

Stanford won the 28-team men's race with 36 points, Utah State was second with 53 and UC Santa Barbara third with 73. UCI placed 15th with 438 points. Anteater senior Jon Doroski (El Cajon/Valhalla HS) finished 46th with a time of 26:34 over 8,000 meters.

October 1, 2001

UC IRVINE WOMEN'S TEAM RECEIVES VOTES IN NATIONAL POLL

The UC Irvine women's cross-country team received three votes in this week's FinishLynx/NCAA Division I national poll conducted by the Women's Cross-Country Coaches Association. This week's poll:

1. Colorado
2. Stanford
3. North Carolina State
- 4T. BYU
- 4T. Arizona State
6. Boston College
7. Providence
8. North Carolina
9. Arizona
10. Arkansas
11. Georgetown
12. Colorado State
13. Michigan State
14. Wisconsin
15. Virginia
16. Washington
17. Boston University
18. UCLA
19. Marquette
20. Cornell
- 21T. James Madison
- 21T. Yale
23. Northern Arizona
24. Baylor
25. Villanova

Other teams receiving votes: Columbia 17, Minnesota 15, Dartmouth 8, Missouri 6, Duke 4, **UC IRVINE 3**, Florida State 3, Northwestern 2, Wichita State 2, Notre Dame 1, Weber State 1.

September 29, 2001

UC IRVINE WOMEN FINISH 4TH AT STANFORD INVITATIONAL

STANFORD --- The UC Irvine women's cross-country team finished fourth of 25 teams in the Stanford University Invitational at the Stanford Golf Course Saturday, finishing behind three teams ranked in the nation's top 13 spots. Second-ranked Stanford won the meet with 24 points, No. 13 Arkansas was second with 39, No. 4 BYU third with 88 and UC Irvine had 141.

Andreina Byrd of Arkansas was the individual champion with a time of 20:49 over 6,000 meters. Coach Vince O'Boyle's Anteaters were led by junior Tessa Cendejas, who finished 19th in 22:12. Junior Amanda Armstrong was 25th (22:21), and sophomore Julie Manson placed 27th in 22:22. Sophomore Jenna Keith was 35th (22:37), junior Lisa Massoth finished 40th (22:39), sophomore Kim Ramirez was 55th (22:55) and freshman Kelli Vanderburg placed 60th in 23:03.

In the men's competition, Stanford won the 28-team meet with 36 points, Utah State was second with 53 and UC Santa Barbara third with 73. UC Irvine placed 15th with 438 points. Utah's Teren Jameson won the 8,000-meter race with a time of 24:35.

UC Irvine senior Jon Doroski finished 46th in 26:34, junior Brian Harrison was 96th in 27:39 and junior Travis Morisoli was 102nd in 27:51. Rounding out UCI's top seven runners were freshman Thomas Harley in 108th place (28:02), freshmen Jeremy Johnson in 121st (28:27), senior Mike Arp in 135th (29:00) and junior Rob Evans in 136th place (29:02).

Both Anteater teams are idle from competition next weekend.

September 24, 2001

ANTEATERS AT STANFORD INVITATIONAL SATURDAY

A TRIP NORTH: Both UC Irvine cross-country teams will compete in the Stanford University Invitational this Saturday (Sept. 29) at the Stanford Golf Course. The women's 6,000-meter race begins at 4:50 p.m., with the men's 8,000 meters beginning at 5:15 p.m. Forty-six women's teams and 42 men's squads are entered.

UCI WOMEN MOVE TO 6TH IN REGION: The UC Irvine women's cross-country team has moved up two spots to No. 6 in the latest West Region rankings.

September 22, 2001

UC IRVINE WOMEN CAPTURE TITLE AT UC RIVERSIDE INVITATIONAL

RIVERSIDE --- The UC Irvine women's cross-country team won its second title in as many attempts this season as the Anteaters claimed the championship of the UC Riverside Invitational at the UCR Agricultural Experimentation Fields Saturday.

UCI, which had seven runners in the top 13 spots, won the 25-team meet with 41 points. Cal State Northridge was second with 76 and USC third with 100.

Former UCI standout Kareen Nilsson, running unattached, was the individual champion with a time of 17:46.0 over 5,000 meters. UCI sophomore Julie Manson was the fifth intercollegiate runner with a time of 18:42.0, junior Tessa Cendejas was sixth (18:49.0) and freshman Kelli Vanderburg placed ninth in 18:58.0.

Rounding out the Anteaters' top seven were junior Amanda Armstrong in 10th (19:05.0), freshman Kaleena Yee in 11th (19:06.0), sophomore Kim Ramirez in 12th (19:07.0) and sophomore Jenny Liou in 13th place (19:10.0).

In the men's competition, Claremont-Mudd-Scripps was first with 92 points and Cal State San Marcos second with 99. UCI was 12th with 375 points in the 24-team field.

Gray Mavhera, running unattached, won the 8,000-meter race in 25:01.9. UCI junior Brian Harrison was the 59th intercollegiate runner in 27:21.5, junior Rob Evans was 72nd in 27:42.4, freshman Tom Harley 75th in 27:47.6 and freshman Jeremy Johnson was 81st in 27:56.0.

Freshmen David Santos (28:05.9) and Mike Beadle (28:07.1) were 88th and 89th, respectively, while junior Aaron Jacobsen was 100th in 28:31.0.

Both Anteater teams compete in the Stanford University Invitational next Saturday.

September 12, 2001

AZTEC INVITATIONAL CANCELLED

Due to Tuesday's national tragedy, San Diego State has cancelled all of its weekend athletic events, including the Aztec Invitational which UC Irvine was scheduled to compete in Saturday. It is uncertain whether the meet will be rescheduled.

September 11, 2001

CENDEJAS NAMED BIG WEST ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

UCI's Tessa Cendejas was selected the Big West Female Cross Country Athlete of the Week on Tuesday, September 11. The junior from Chino Hills, CA, placed sixth in the UCI/Asics Invitational last Saturday and helped lead the Anteaters to the team title.

September 10, 2001

ANTEATERS AT AZTEC INVITATIONAL

THIS WEEK: Both UC Irvine cross-country teams travel to San Diego this Saturday (Sept. 15) for the 58th annual Aztec Invitational at Balboa Park. The women's 5,000-meter race begins at 8:45 a.m., with the men's 8,000 meters starting at 10:00 a.m.

September 8, 2001

UC IRVINE WOMEN'S TEAM WINS INVITATIONAL TITLE

HUNTINGTON BEACH, Calif. --- UC Irvine had five runners finish in the top 21 scoring spots to claim the women's title in the UCI / Asics Cross Country Invitational at Central Park in Huntington Beach Saturday.

The Anteaters won the 18-team event with 61 points, Arizona State was second with 64 and Northern Arizona placed third with 75.

UCI junior Tessa Cendejas finished sixth with a time of 18:41.5 over 5,000 meters. Junior Amanda Armstrong was 10th in 18:57.0, sophomore Julie Manson placed 11th in 19:00.8, sophomore Kim Ramirez finished 20th in 19:22.2 and sophomore Jenna Keith was 23rd in 19:23.4. Freshman Kaleena Yee (26th in 19:27.0) and junior Lisa Massoth (29th in 19:30.6) rounded out the Anteaters' top seven runners.

Former Anteater standout Kareen Nilsson, running unattached, won the race in 17:58.4 while UCI alum Laura Monson placed eighth in 18:50.2.

Northern Arizona successfully defended its men's title in the invitational with 33 points in the 16-team field. Arizona State was second with 46 and Cal Poly SLO finished third with 58. UCI placed ninth with 240 points.

Juan Reyes of Arizona State won the 8,000-meter race in 25:22.6, with Northern Arizona's Henrik Anstrom (25:31.3) and Travis Laird (25:33.3) finishing second and third, respectively.

Junior Travis Morisoli led the UCI men with a 21st-place finish of 26:50.4, while senior Jon Doroski was 40th in 27:23.7. Junior Brian Harrison finished 52nd (27:50.4), freshman David Santos was 63rd (28:10.9), freshman Thomas Harley placed 82nd (28:43.3), senior Mike Arp was 83rd (28:46.3) and junior Rob Evans finished 87th in 28:53.2 to complete the Anteaters' top seven performers.

Both UCI teams will travel to San Diego for the Aztec Invitational next Saturday (Sept. 15).

September 6, 2001

GWEN WENTLAND NAMED ASSISTANT TRACK & FIELD COACH AT UC IRVINE

IRVINE, Calif. --- Gwen Wentland, a former national high jump champion, has been named assistant coach for men's and women's track and field at UC Irvine, announced by Anteater head coach Vince O'Boyle.

Wentland, a three-time NCAA All-American while attending Kansas State University, captured the high jump title with a mark of 6-5 at the 1995 United States Indoor National Championships. She still holds the world record in the pentathlon high jump with a mark of 6-4 ¼ and the American record in the heptathlon high jump at 6-4.

She competed in four NCAA Championships with Kansas State and won three conference high-jump titles for the Wildcats. Wentland holds KSU records in the indoor high jump (6-5), outdoor high jump (6-4 ¼), heptathlon (5,063 points) and pentathlon (4,115 points). She was named KSU's Athlete of the Year in 1995.

September 4, 2001

Anteaters Host UCI / Asics Invitational Saturday at Central Park

1ST MEET OF YEAR: Both UC Irvine cross-country teams, after training for a week at Mammoth, host the UCI/Asics Invitational this Saturday (Sept. 8) at Central Park in Huntington Beach. The women's 5,000-meter race begins at 9:00 a.m., followed by the men's five-mile competition at 9:45 a.m. (directions to Central Park are at bottom of release).

Teams scheduled to join the host Anteaters include the men's and women's squads from Arizona State, Northern Arizona, Southern Utah, UC Riverside, Cal Poly (SLO), Cal State Northridge, Concordia University, Vanguard University, Cal State San Marcos, Golden West College, The Master's College, Cal State Los Angeles, UC San Diego and the UCLA "B" teams. Four schools will field women's teams --- USC, San Diego State, UNLV and New Mexico State, while Fresno State will field just a men's squad.. The UCI women won the title at last year's invitational and Northern Arizona captured the men's crown.

ANTEATER WOMEN 8TH IN REGION: The UC Irvine women's team is ranked No. 8 in the West Region pre-season poll. Arizona State is third and Cal Poly (SLO) is sixth.

COACH O'BOYLE: Vince O'Boyle is in his 20th 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.

WOMEN'S PREVIEW: UC Irvine returns five of its top seven runners from last year's team that finished second in the Big West Conference Championships. Sophomore Julie Manson (San Diego/Rancho Bernardo HS) placed fourth in the conference meet last season, junior Tessa Cendejas (Chino Hills/Ayala HS) placed eighth, junior Courtney Baird (San Diego/Helix HS) was 19th, sophomore Jenna Keith (Bakersfield/Centennial HS) finished 34th and junior Lisa Massoth (Yorba Linda/Esperanza HS) placed 35th. Redshirt freshman Jenny Liou (Moscow, ID) also looks to be a contributor after a strong track season. Freshmen who could make an impact, according to O'Boyle, are Kelli Vanderburg (Clovis/Buchanan HS) and Kaleena Yee (San Diego/Rancho Bernardo HS).

MEN'S PREVIEW: UC Irvine placed fourth in the Big West Conference Championships last season. Senior Jon Doroski (El Cajon/Valhalla HS) finished ninth in the 2000 conference meet, junior Travis Morisoli (Redlands HS) was 34th, junior Brian Harrison (Agoura HS) placed 40th, and junior Rob Evans (Crescenta Valley HS) finished 62nd. O'Boyle lists top newcomers who might make an impact as freshmen Mike Beadle (Capistrano Valley HS), Tom Harley (Burbank HS) and David Santos (El Cajon/Valhalla HS).