

## **2003 Releases**

**January 28, 2004**

Congratulations to UCI track and cross country student-athlete **JENNA KEITH**, who has been awarded a \$1,000 grant for graduate studies by the Southern California Sports Broadcasters.

**December 16, 2003**

### **UCI WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY PLACES 7 ON BIG WEST ACADEMIC ALL-CONFERENCE FALL TEAM**

**IRVINE, Calif.** --- Seven UC Irvine women's cross country student-athletes have been named to the 2003 Big West Conference Academic All-Conference team for fall sports.

To be eligible for the All-Academic team, student-athletes had to maintain a 3.2 cumulative grade-point average, have attained a sophomore standing academically and competed in at least 50 percent of their team's contests.

The Anteater honorees from women's cross country are Janelle Del Soldato, Melinda Fuller, Veronica Herrera, Jenna Keith, Karin Ragudo, Kim Ramirez and Kelli Vanderburg.

**November 19, 2003**

### **SEASON ENDS FOR ANTEATERS AT NCAA WEST REGIONAL**

**WEST REGIONAL RESULTS:** Coach Vince O'Boyle's UC Irvine cross-country teams completed their 2003 season in the NCAA West Regional Championships at Blue Lake Regional Park in Troutdale, Ore., last Saturday.

The Anteater women finished 11th in the 31-team field with 309 points as Stanford captured the title with 45 points. Alicia Craig of the Cardinal won the 6,000-meter race with a time of 20:06. UCI junior Kaleena Yee finished 28th in 21:24, senior Tessa Cendejas was 39th in 21:48 and senior Jenna Keith placed 48th in 22:05. Freshman Chelsey Traylor was 94th (22:47), sophomore Kelli Vanderburg 110th (23:03), junior Janelle Del Soldato 124th (23:12) and junior Kim Ramirez was 129th in 23:20 to complete UCI's seven competitors.

The UCI men's team finished 16th of 26 teams with 451 points as Stanford claimed the championship with 18 points, finishing 1-2-4-5-6. Ian Dobson of the Cardinal was the individual winner with a time of 29:32 over 10,000 meters. UCI sophomores Tom Whelan (31:14) and Ricky Barnes (31:16) finished 60th and 61st, respectively, junior Andrew Garratt was 104th in 32:24 and junior David Santos placed 105th in 32:26. Sophomore Brandon Lucero was 121st (32:55), sophomore John Kluve 128th (33:12) and sophomore Silvestre Uribe finished 130th in 33:20 to round out UCI's seven.

**November 15, 2003**

### **UCI WOMEN FINISH 11TH AT NCAA WEST REGIONAL; MEN 16TH**

**PORTLAND, Ore.** - The UC Irvine women's cross country team finished 11th at the NCAA West Regional Championships and the UCI men's team came in 16th place at Blue Lake Regional Park in Portland, Ore. The top finisher for the Anteater women was Kaleena Yee with a 28th place finish. The men's top finisher was Tom Whelan with a 60th place finish, followed directly by Ricky Barnes in 61st.

**November 10, 2003**

**UC IRVINE AT NCAA WEST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS SATURDAY**

**WEST REGIONAL IN OREGON:** Coach Vince O'Boyle's UC Irvine cross-country teams compete in the NCAA West Regional Championships at Blue Lake Regional Park in Troutdale, Ore., this Saturday (Nov. 15). The men's 10,000-meter race will begin at 11:00 a.m. and the women's 6,000 meters at 12:15 p.m. that day.

**DIRECTIONS TO BLUE LAKE PARK:** From Portland International Airport to Blue Lake Park, proceed east on Airport Way for approximately three miles and turn left on to 122nd Avenue. Turn right on to Marine Drive and proceed east for approximately 10 miles, turn right onto Blue Lake Park Road, the park entrance will be on your right. From Downtown Portland to Blue Lake Park, take Interstate 405 south, Interstate 405 north or cross the Morrison Bridge and follow signs to Interstate 84 east and proceed on Interstate 84 east for approximately 16 miles to exit 14 at NE 207th. Turn left on to NE 207th, then right on Highway 30, left on NE 223rd, left on Blue Lake Road, the entrance to Blue Lake Park will be on your left. There will be a \$4 parking fee charged by the Metro Regional Government at the park.

**ANTEATER MEN 3RD, WOMEN 4TH AT BIG WEST MEET:** The UC Irvine men's team finished third and the Anteater women's squad was fourth in the Big West Championships at Fairbanks Memorial Course in San Luis Obispo in their last competition Nov. 1. Junior Kaleena Yee earned all-conference honors with a fifth-place finish.

**November 1, 2003**

**UC IRVINE MEN'S TEAM FINISHES 3RD, WOMEN 4TH AT BIG WEST CHAMPIONSHIPS SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif.** --- The Cal Poly men's cross-country team, on the strength of a 1-2-3 individual finish, won the title of the Big West Conference Championships at Fairbanks Memorial Course in San Luis Obispo Saturday. It was the Mustangs' fourth championship in the past six years.

Host Cal Poly scored 23 points, UC Santa Barbara was second with 79 and UC Irvine totaled 129.

Sean Ricketts of Cal Poly won the individual title with a time of 25:38.2 over 8,000 meters. UCI sophomore Ricky Barnes placed 13th in 26:07.4, sophomore Tom Whelan was 17th (26:20.7), junior Andrew Garratt was 30th in 26:51.5 and junior David Santos finished 31st in 26:54. Rounding out the Anteaters' top seven were sophomore Brandon Lucero in 38th (27:15.7), sophomore John Kluge in 52nd (28:06.2) and sophomore Silvestre Uribe in 63rd (28:52.5).

The UC Santa Barbara women's team captured the top four individual spots in winning the team title with 27 points. Utah State was second with 66, Idaho third with 94 and UC Irvine had 105.

UCSB's Stephanie Rothstein won the race with a time of 22:14.8 over 6,000 meters. UCI junior Kaleena Yee earned all-conference honors with a fifth-place finish of 22:54.2, junior Kim Ramirez was 22nd (23:52.7), senior Tessa Cendejas was 23rd (23:45.0) and freshman Chelsey Traylor finished 27th in 23:57.4. Junior Janelle Del Soldato was 28th (23:59.0), sophomore Kelli Vanderburg was 32nd (24:06.4) and freshman Kim Handel placed 39th in 24:20.3 to complete UCI's top seven.

The Anteaters compete in the NCAA West Regional at Portland, Ore., Nov. 15.

**October 29, 2003**

**BIG WEST CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS MOVED TO SAN LUIS OBISPO SATURDAY**

**LEAGUE MEET IN SAN LUIS OBISPO:** Coach Vince O'Boyle's UC Irvine cross-country teams compete in the 2003 Big West Conference Championships at San Luis Obispo Saturday (Nov. 1). The men's 8,000-meter race begins at 8:30 a.m. and the women's 6,000 meters at 9:30 a.m. on the Fairbanks Memorial Cross-Country Course at Cuesta College.

The meet has been moved to San Luis Obispo due to concerns about air quality at the original site in Riverside as a result of the Southern California wildfires.

**LAST YEAR:** The Anteater women's team finished third and the men's team was sixth in last year's conference meet at UC Riverside. Junior Kaleena Yee is a returning all-league performer for UCI as she placed ninth a year ago.

The UCI women's program has captured the title in 11 of the 20 previous Big West meets conducted, the last coming in 1999. The Anteater men have won nine league titles, the last in 1991, since joining the conference in 1977.

**UCI'S LINEUPS:** Here are the lineups that Coach Vince O'Boyle plans to send to the starting line in San Luis Obispo Saturday:

**WOMEN**

Tessa Cendejas (Sr., 8th in 2001; redshirted last year)  
Kaleena Yee (Jr., 9th in 2002)  
Janelle Del Soldato (Jr., 19th in 2002)  
Jenna Keith (Sr., 31st in 2002)  
Melinda Fuller (Sr., 38th in 2002)  
Kim Ramirez (Jr., 13th in 2001; redshirted last year)  
Kelli Vanderburg (So., 37th in 2001; redshirted last year)  
Kim Handel (Fr.)  
Chelsey Traylor (Fr.)

**MEN**

Tom Whelan (So., 20th in 2002)  
Andrew Garratt (Jr., 29th in 2002)  
John Kluve (So., 39th in 2002)  
Ricky Barnes (So., 54th in 2002)  
David Santos (Jr., 65th in 2002)  
Matt Grilli (Fr.)  
Ryan Ketcham (Fr.)  
Brandon Lucero (So.)  
Silvestre Uribe (So.)

**October 24, 2003**

**LIU, URIBE TOP UCI RUNNERS AT TITAN INVITATIONAL**

**BREA** --- Jenny Liou finished 13th with a time of 19:03.0 over 5,000 meters to lead the Anteater women's team at the Titan Invitational Friday at Carbon Canyon Regional Park.

Karin Ragudo placed 32nd (19:45.6), Natalie St. Andre was 40th (19:58.7) and Veronica Herrera finished 52nd (20:51.2). On the men's side, Silvestre Uribe was 22nd in 26:56.9 over 8,000 meters as UCI's only competitor.

**October 20, 2003**

#### **UCI AT TITAN INVITATIONAL FRIDAY**

**ANTEATERS TRAVEL ACROSS COUNTY:** Coach Vince O'Boyle's UC Irvine cross-country teams compete in the Titan Invitational this Friday (Oct. 24) at Carbon Canyon Regional Park in Brea. The women's 5,000-meter race begins at 4:00 p.m. with the men's 8,000 meters scheduled to start at 4:45 p.m.

The UCI women's team won the Cal Poly Invitational last Saturday while the Anteaters finished third in the men's race.

**BIG WEST MEET NEXT:** Following this Friday's meet, the Anteater teams will compete in the Big West Conference Championships at UC Riverside Nov. 1.

**October 18, 2003**

#### **UC IRVINE WOMEN WIN CAL POLY INVITATIONAL; ANTEATER MEN PLACE 3RD**

**SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif.** --- The UC Irvine women's cross-country team won the Cal Poly Invitational at Fairbanks Memorial Cross Country Course in San Luis Obispo Saturday.

UCI, with five runners in the top 14 places, finished with 48 points in the eight-team field. The See Jane Run Track Club was second with 57 points and Cal Poly placed third with 71. Fresno State's Kara June was the individual winner with a time of 17:42.4 over 5,000 meters.

Anteater senior Tessa Cendejas finished third in 17:57.4, Kaleena Yee was seventh (18:16.8), Kim Ramirez placed 11th (18:32.4), Janelle Del Soldato was 13th (18:39.3) and Chelsey Traylor finished 14th in 18:50.0. Jenna Keith placed 18th in 18:55.2 and Kelli Vanderburg was 21st in 19:04.1 to complete UCI's top seven.

The Anteater men's team finished third with 81 points as Stanford (21) and Cal Poly (40) placed 1-2. Robert Smitson, an unattached runner, won the individual title with a time of 25:49.4 over 8,000 meters.

UCI's Ricky Barnes finished 15th in 26:27.3, Tom Whelan was 18th (26:39.5), Andrew Garratt was 26th (27:21.8), David Santos placed 27th (27:23.9) and Brandon Lucero was 31st in 27:44.2. Rounding out the Anteaters' top seven were Ryan Ketcham in 38th place (28:06.0) and John Kluge in 48th (29:10.4).

UCI returns to action in the Cal State Fullerton Invitational Friday.

**October 15, 2003**

#### **UC IRVINE'S TESSA CENDEJAS NAMED BIG WEST CROSS COUNTRY ATHLETE OF WEEK**

**IRVINE, Calif.** --- UC Irvine senior Tessa Cendejas (Chino Hills/Ayala HS) has been selected the Big West Conference female Athlete of the Week for cross country.

Cendejas finished fourth of 199 runners in the Triton Classic at UC San Diego last Saturday with a time of 22:22.7 over 6,000 meters. Her finish helped the Anteaters to a second-place showing in the team competition with 62 points.

UCI competes in the Cal Poly Invitational at San Luis Obispo this Saturday.

**October 13, 2003**

#### **UCI AT CAL POLY INVITATIONAL SATURDAY**

**ANTEATERS HEAD TO CENTRAL COAST:** Coach Vince O'Boyle's UC Irvine cross-country teams compete in the Cal Poly Invitational this Saturday (Oct. 18). The meet will be conducted at the Fairbanks Memorial Cross Country Course located across from Cuesta College in San Luis Obispo.

The women's 5,000-meter race begins at 9:00 a.m. with the men's 8,000 meters scheduled to start at 9:30 a.m.

**October 11, 2003**

#### **BOTH UC IRVINE TEAMS FINISH 2ND AT TRITON CLASSIC**

**LA JOLLA** --- Both UC Irvine cross-country teams placed second in the Division I results of the Triton Classic at UC San Diego Saturday.

UCLA won the women's title with 47 points to edge the Anteaters by one point. San Diego State was third with 69 points. USC's Irvna Vashchuk was the individual champion with a time of 21:56.6 over 6,000 meters.

UCI senior Tessa Cendejas finished fourth overall in 22:22.7, Kaleena Yee was 10th in 22:51.3 and Kim Ramirez placed 16th in 23:19.4. Kim Handel was 20th (23:41.0), Janelle Del Soldato 21st (23:44.4), Jenna Keith was 26th (23:52.3) and Chelsey Traylor was 27th (24:00.5) to complete UCI's top seven runners.

UCLA also captured the men's team title with 28 points, UCI was second with 34 and Pepperdine was third with 78. Art Diaz of Orange Coast College was the individual champion with a time of 25:18.4 over the 8,000 meter course.

UCI sophomore Ricky Barnes finished third in 25:32.0, Tom Whelan was 11th in 25:59.4 and Brandon Lucero placed 19th in 26:29.0. John Kluve finished 21st (26:30.7), David Santos was 30th (26:52.6), Andrew Garratt 39th (27:13.4) and Matt Grilli was 65th (27:54.4) to round out the Anteaters' top seven.

The Anteater teams return to action in the Cal Poly Invitational in San Luis Obispo Saturday.

**October 6, 2003**

#### **UCI AT TRITON INVITATIONAL SATURDAY**

**ANTEATERS TRAVEL TO LA JOLLA:** Coach Vince O'Boyle's UC Irvine cross-country teams compete in the Triton Invitational on the campus of UC San Diego this Saturday (Oct. 11). The women's 6,000-meter race begins at 8:30 a.m. with the men's 8,000 meters scheduled to start at 9:30 a.m.

**LAST TIME OUT:** The UC Irvine men's team placed seventh of 22 teams and the Anteater women's squad was ninth in a field of 26 schools at the 30th annual Stanford Cross-Country Invitational Sept. 27.

**September 27, 2003**

### **UCI MEN FINISH 7TH, WOMEN 9TH AT STANFORD INVITATIONAL**

**STANFORD** ---- The UC Irvine men's team placed seventh of 22 teams and the Anteater women's squad was ninth in a field of 26 schools at the 30th annual Stanford Cross-Country Invitational Saturday.

The host Cardinal, ranked No. 1 in the nation, captured the men's title with 18 points on the strength of a 1-2 finish by Ian Dobson (23:46) and Adam Tenforde (23:57) over 8,000 meters at the Stanford University Golf Course. Cal Poly San Luis Obispo was second with 54 points and Chico State was third with 92.

UCI, which scored 218 points, was led by sophomore Ricky Barnes, who finished 28th in 25:00. Tom Whelan was 42nd (25:24), Brandon Lucero placed 60th (25:51) and John Kluge was 71st (26:03). David Santos finished in 73rd place (26:09), Silvestre Uribe was 132nd (27:49) and Matt Grilli was 134th (27:56) to round out the Anteaters' top seven.

UCLA won the women's team title with 37 points, Stanford was second with 56 and Wisconsin third with 88. Alicia Craig of Stanford was the individual winner with a time of 20:25 over 6,000 meters and teammate Teresa McWalters was second in 21:07.

The Anteaters scored 258 points as junior Kaleena Yee finished 47th in 22:44. Tessa Cendejas was 52nd in 22:55, Chelsey Traylor placed 57th (23:04) and Kim Ramirez was 62nd (23:11). Jenna Keith was 63rd in 23:12, Kelli Vanderburg placed 70th (23:23) and Janelle Del Soldato was 73rd in 23:25 to complete UCI's top seven.

Both UCI teams return to action at the UC San Diego Invitational Oct. 11.

**September 22, 2003**

### **ANTEATERS COMPETE AT STANFORD INVITATIONAL SATURDAY**

**IRVINE, Calif.** --- Coach Vince O'Boyle's UC Irvine cross-country teams compete in the Stanford University Invitational this Saturday (Sept. 27). The women's 6,000-meter race begins at 4:50 p.m. with the men's 8,000 meters at 5:15 p.m. at the Stanford Golf Course. The UCI teams were idle from competition this past week.

**September 13, 2003**

### **UC IRVINE WOMEN FINISH 4TH, MEN 5TH AT AZTEC INVITATIONAL**

**SAN DIEGO, Calif.** --- The UC Irvine women's cross-country team placed fourth and the Anteater men's team was fifth in the 59th annual Aztec Invitational at Balboa Park in San Diego Saturday.

Northern Arizona, behind individual champion Johanna Nilsson, finished first in the women's competition with 55 points. UCLA was second with 81, Southern Utah had 106 and UCI 131 in the 14-team field. Nilsson covered the 5,000-meter course in 17:58.

UCI senior Tessa Cendejas finished 18th in 19:13, junior Kaleena Yee was 19th (19:15) and senior Jenna Keith placed 30th in 19:29. Sophomore Kelli Vanderburg finished 31st (19:32), junior Kim Ramirez was 33rd (19:37), junior Janelle Del Soldato 34th (19:40) and freshman Chelsey Traylor was 35th in 19:41 to round out the Anteaters' top seven.

Northern Arizona also captured the men's team title with 30 points behind individual champion Travis Laird, who finished with a time of 25:13 over 8,000 meters. UCLA was second with 61 points, Cal State San Marcos finished third with 86, Southern Utah was fourth with 94 and UCI fifth at 124.

Sophomore Tom Whelan led the Anteaters with a 14th-place finish of 26:25, sophomore Ricky Barnes was 19th (26:44), and junior David Santos was 33rd (27:16). Junior Andrew Garratt finished 36th (27:23), freshman Ryan Ketcham was 41st (27:30), sophomore John Kluve placed 43rd (27:33), and sophomore Brandon Lucero was 56th in 28:13 to complete UCI's top seven.

The Anteater teams are idle next week before competing in the Stanford Invitational Sept. 27.

### **September 8, 2003**

#### **ANTEATERS COMPETE AT AZTEC INVITATIONAL SATURDAY**

**ANTEATERS JOURNEY TO SAN DIEGO:** Coach Vince O'Boyle's UC Irvine cross-country teams travel to San Diego for the 59th annual Aztec Invitational Saturday (Sept. 13) at Balboa Park. The women's 5,000-meter race begins at 8:45 a.m. with the men's 8,000 meters beginning at 10:00 a.m.

### **September 6, 2003**

#### **ARIZONA SWEEPS TEAM TITLES AT UC IRVINE INVITATIONAL**

**HUNTINGTON BEACH, Calif.** --- The University of Arizona men's and women's cross-country teams captured the team titles of the UCI/J.L. Design Enterprises Invitational at Central Park in Huntington Beach Saturday.

The Arizona women's team placed five runners in the top 16 spots in scoring 45 points. Southern Utah was second with 60, Cal State Northridge had 85 and UCI totaled 86 in the 11-team field. New Mexico State's Rachel Cuellar was the individual champion with a time of 18:39.2 over 5,000 meters, Angela Talarico of Cal State Northridge was second in 18:45.8 and Arizona's Beth Hoge was third in 18:54.9.

Junior Kaleena Yee led the host Anteaters with a sixth-place time of 19:15.1, senior Tessa Cendejas was 17th in 19:40.8 and senior Jenna Keith finished 19th in 19:43.9. Junior Janelle Del Soldato was 21st (19:48.6), senior Melinda Fuller placed 23rd (19:52.8), junior Kim Ramirez was 25th (19:57.1) and freshman Chelsey Traylor was 27th in 20:03.8 to round out UCI's top seven.

Arizona's men's team, with five runners in the top 16 places, won the team title with 47 points. UC San Diego was second with 82, Cal Poly Pomona finished third with 95, Southern Utah was fourth with 103 and UCI had 107 for fifth place in the 11-team field. Obed Muntana of Central

Arizona finished first with a time of 24:57.1 over 8,000 meters, Kyle Goklish of Arizona was second in 25:07.3 and Southern Utah's Cody Moat was third in 25:08.4.

Sophomore Tom Whelan was the top UCI runner with a time of 25:47.1 for 11th place, sophomore Ricky Barnes was 15th (26:06.9) and sophomore Silvestre Uribe placed 22nd in 26:27.2. Sophomore John Kluve finished 28th (26:32.1), freshman Ryan Ketcham was 32nd (26:38.5), sophomore Brandon Lucero placed 34th (26:42.8) and junior David Santos finished 41st in 26:50.4 to complete the Anteaters' top seven.

Both UCI cross-country teams compete at the Aztec Invitational in San Diego Saturday (Sept. 13).

### **September 2, 2003**

#### **ANTEATERS HOST UCI/J.L. DESIGN ENTERPRISES INVITATIONAL SATURDAY**

**ANTEATERS OPEN WITH OWN INVITE:** Coach Vince O'Boyle's UC Irvine cross-country teams open the 2003 schedule hosting the UCI/J.L. Design Enterprises Invitational at Central Park in Huntington Beach Saturday (Sept. 6). The women's 5,000-meter race begins at 9:00 a.m. with the men's 8,000 meters slated to start at 9:45 a.m. UCI won the men's and women's titles of last year's invitational. This year's field includes past team champions Arizona and Southern Utah.

**IN THE BIG WEST LAST YEAR:** The UC Irvine women's team finished third in the 2002 Big West Conference Championships while the men's squad placed sixth.

For the Anteater women, senior Tessa Cendejas (Chino Hills/Ayala HS) returns after redshirting last year. She finished eighth in the 2001 conference meet. Junior Kaleena Yee (San Diego/Rancho Bernardo HS) is back after earning all-conference honors last season with a ninth-place showing in the league meet. Other returnees from last year's Big West meet include senior Julie Manson (San Diego/Rancho Bernardo HS), who was 13th at year ago, junior Janelle Del Soldato (Crescenta Valley HS), who finished 19th, senior Veronica Herrera (Wilmington/El Camino College), who was 25th, and senior Jenna Keith (Bakersfield/Centennial HS), who finished 31st. O'Boyle is also looking for leadership from junior Kim Ramirez (Carson/Univ. of California) and sophomore Kelli Vanderburg (Clovis/Buchanan HS) who both return from last year's team.

"We have a good mix of veterans who are in good shape and a group of new athletes who are really talented," O'Boyle said as he enters his 22nd season at UCI. Freshmen that impressed him at Mammoth training camp include Kim Handel (Santa Rosa/Montgomery HS), Jennifer Lewis (Felton/San Lorenzo Valley HS) and Jessie Ooms (San Diego/University City HS).

On the men's side, sophomore Tom Whelan (Redlands East Valley HS) leads the veterans after finishing 20th at last year's Big West meet. Junior Andrew Garratt (San Diego/University City HS) was 29th in last season's league championship, sophomore John Kluve (Stockton/Lincoln HS) was 39th and sophomore Ricky Barnes (Bakersfield/Garces Memorial HS) placed 54th.

"Even though these guys are still fairly young, they remained in great shape from track season in the spring and that impressed me," O'Boyle said. "These guys, along with sophomore Brandon Lucero (Camarillo HS), are the core group that has made great strides for us. I am looking for freshmen Tim Hearst (Simi Valley/Royal HS) and Ryan Ketcham (Thousand Oaks HS) to follow the mold set by our returnees."