

2004 Releases

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FIFTEEN UC IRVINE STUDENT-ATHLETES HONORED ON BIG WEST ACADEMIC ALL-CONFERENCE FALL TEAMS

IRVINE, Calif. --- Cross country athletes Kim Handel, Jennifer Lewis, Kim Ramirez, Natalie St. Andre, Kelli Vanderburg, Matt Grilli and Tim Hearst were among the fifteen UC Irvine student-athletes to be named to the 2004 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 UC Irvine honorees included five from women's cross country: Kim Handel, Jennifer Lewis, Kim Ramirez, Natalie St. Andre and Kelli Vanderburg; four from women's soccer: Gina Scachetti, Julie Scheppele, Tara Wldon and Marissa Welliver; three from women's volleyball: Ashlie Hain, Dana Kurzbard and Jennifer Moser; two from men's cross country: Matt Grilli and Tim Hearst and one from men's soccer: Cameron Rossi.

A total of 154 student-athletes from the conference's 10 member institutions received the honor.

November 13, 2004

BOTH UC IRVINE TEAMS FINISH 11th AT NCAA WEST REGIONAL

FRESNO, Calif. --- The UC Irvine men's and women's cross country teams each finished 11th in the NCAA West Regional at Woodward Park in Fresno Saturday.

UCI's men's team scored 299 points in the 21-team field. Stanford (49) and Arizona State (68) finished 1-2 to secure the automatic berths in the NCAA Championships at Terre Haute, Ind., Nov. 22.

Ryan Hall of Stanford was the individual winner with a time of 30:07 over 10,000 meters. UCI junior Ricky Barnes finished 36th of 151 runners in 31:25, junior Tom Whelan was 45th (31:43), senior Andrew Garratt was 56th in 32:02 and redshirt freshman Tim Hearst placed 82nd in 32:45. Senior David Santos placed 96th in 33:14, junior John Kluve was 99th in 33:20 and sophomore Matt Grilli finished 134th in 34:46 to round out UCI's seven competitors.

The Anteater women's team scored 334 points in the 28-team field as Stanford (29) and Arizona State (45) finished first and second to advance to the NCAA meet.

Alicia Craig of Stanford won the 6,000-meter race with a time of 20:03. Senior Kim Ramirez led UCI with a 29th-place finish of 21:30 in the 199-runner field, freshman Marie Nguyen was 48th in 21:52 and sophomore Kim Handel placed 86th in 22:34. Junior Kelli Vanderburg finished 99th in 22:47, freshman Candice Proctor was 101st in 22:52, freshman Elaine Gillespie placed 109th in 22:58 and freshman Erinn Kim was 115th with a time of 23:04 to complete UCI's seven runners.



November 8, 2004

ANTEATERS COMPETE IN NCAA WESTERN REGIONAL SATURDAY

REGIONAL MEET IN FRESNO: The UC Irvine cross country teams will compete in the NCAA Western Regional this Saturday (Nov. 13) at Woodward Park in Fresno. The women's 6,000-meter race begins at 11:00 a.m. with the men's 10,000 meters at noon. The top two teams will qualify as a team to go to the NCAA Championships, which are being held in Terre Haute, Ind., Nov. 22. Those two teams will be joined by the top four individual runners not from those schools in qualifying for the NCAA Championships.

WHELAN ON 'BLUE AND GOLD REPORT': Junior Tom Whelan will be a guest on the "Blue and Gold Report" that will air Tuesday (Nov. 9) on KUCI Radio/88.9 FM at 5:00 p.m. The show will be archived at the Blue and Gold link on the athletics' home page for future listening.

LAST TIME OUT: UC Irvine junior Ricky Barnes and senior Kim Ramirez earned all-conference honors with top-10 finishes in the Big West Conference Cross Country Championships at UC Riverside Oct. 30.

Barnes finished fifth in 24:22.4 over 8,000 meters at the UCR Agricultural Operations Course. UCI finished fourth with 103 points as Cal Poly won its second straight team title with 37 points. Utah State was second with 67 and UC Santa Barbara was third with 73 points. Other Anteater results included Tom Whelan in 17th (24:58.1), Tim Hearst 20th (25:05.7), Andrew Garratt in 28th place (25:20.5), David Santos 37th (25:40.7), John Kluve 45th (25:58.3), Silvestre Uribe 55th (26:24.8), Matt Grilli 59th in 26:28.3 and Russell Bush in 61st place (26:42.1).

Ramirez placed sixth in 20:59.1 in the women's 6,000-meter race. UC Santa Barbara won its second consecutive title with 29 points, Idaho was second with 47, Utah State third with 66, Cal Poly fourth with 99 and UCI fifth with 133 points. UCI's other results included Marie Nguyen in 21st place (21:49.1), Candice Proctor in 33rd (22:04.4), Kelli Vanderburg 40th (22:19.8), Kim Handel in 43rd place (22:29.6), Megan Fairley 45th (22:33.1), Elaine Gillespie 47th (22:35.8), Erinn Kim 50th (22:46.7), and Amber Gordon in 64th place (23:16.2).

HEAD COACH VINCE O'BOYLE: Vince O'Boyle is in his 23rd year as head coach of the Anteater teams. He has been named Big West Conference Coach of the Year 18 times in cross country and once in women's track and field. He is assisted by former Anteater standout Karen Nilsson.

October 30, 2004

UCI'S BARNES, RAMIREZ EARN ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS AT BIG WEST MEET; ANTEATER MEN 4TH, WOMEN'S TEAM 5TH

RIVERSIDE, Calif. --- UC Irvine junior Ricky Barnes and senior Kim Ramirez earned all-conference honors with top-10 finishes in the Big West Conference Cross Country Championships at UC Riverside Saturday.

Barnes finished fifth in 24:22.4 over 8,000 meters at the UCR Agricultural Operations Course. Utah State's Trevor Ball (24:08.8) and Clark Bryner (24:16.1) finished 1-2 in the race. Cal Poly's Blake Swier was third in 24:20.5 and UC Santa Barbara's Chris Ashley was fourth in 24:21.6.

UCI finished fourth with 103 points as Cal Poly won its second straight team title with 37 points. Utah State was second with 67 and UC Santa Barbara was third with 73 points.

Other Anteatr results included Tom Whelan in 17th (24:58.1), Tim Hearst 20th (25:05.7), Andrew Garratt in 28th place (25:20.5), David Santos 37th (25:40.7), John Kluve 45th (25:58.3), Silvestre Uribe 55th (26:24.8), Matt Grilli 59th in 26:28.3 and Russell Bush in 61st place (26:42.1).

Ramirez placed sixth in 20:59.1 in the women's 6,000-meter race. UCSB's Lauren Christman and Lindsay Christman finished 1-2 in 20:35.1 and 20:38.6, respectively. The Gauchos won their second consecutive title with 29 points, Idaho was second with 47, Utah State third with 66, Cal Poly fourth with 99 and UCI fifth with 133 points.

UCI's other results included Marie Nguyen in 21st place (21:49.1), Candice Proctor in 33rd (22:04.4), Kelli Vanderburg 40th (22:19.8), Kim Handel in 43rd place (22:29.6), Megan Fairley 45th (22:33.1), Elaine Gillespie 47th (22:35.8), Erinn Kim 50th (22:46.7), and Amber Gordon in 64th place (23:16.2).

Both Anteatr teams will compete in the NCAA West Regional at Fresno's Woodward Park Nov. 13.

October 24, 2004

UC IRVINE COMPETES AT BIG WEST CHAMPIONSHIPS IN RIVERSIDE SATURDAY

IRVINE, Calif. --- UC Riverside is serving as host of the Big West Conference Men's and Women's Cross Country Championships this Saturday (Oct. 30) at the UCR Agricultural Operations Course. Admission to the event is free, however there will be a charge to park either on the UCR campus or at the church adjacent to the course.

The 6,000 meter women's race will begin at 8:00 a.m., followed by the 8,000 meter men's race at 9:00 a.m. An awards presentation follows at 10:00 a.m. The Cal Poly men and UC Santa Barbara women are the defending conference champions. The UCI men's team was third a year ago and the Anteatr women placed fourth in last year's meet.

October 22, 2004

UC IRVINE WOMEN PLACE 2ND, MEN 4TH AT TITAN INVITATIONAL

FULLERTON, Calif. --- With many of the program's top runners resting this weekend in preparation for the Big West Championships Oct. 30, UC Irvine still had strong showings in at the Titan Cross Country Invitational Friday. The meet was held on Cal State Fullerton's campus course as the heavy rain earlier this week forced the move from the original site of Carbon Canyon Regional Park.

The Anteatr women finished second with 75 points Friday as UCLA won the 10-team meet with 52. Brooke Thomas of the Cal Coast Track Club won the 5,000-meter race in 17:15.5.

UCI's Elaine Gillespie and Amber Gordon finished 11th and 12th, respectively, in 18:27.4 and 18:28.9. Megan Fairley placed 14th (18:29.3), Kaleena Yee was 21st (18:53.3), Melissa Ramos finished 27th (19:06.9), Natalie St. Andre was 32nd (19:19.1) and Lauren Jerd 35th (19:28.9) to complete the Anteaters' top seven.

The Anteater men finished fourth with 125 points as the Cal Coast Track Club won the eight-team meet with 25 points. Gabe Hernandez of the Cal Coast Track Club won the 8,000-meter race in 24:40.7.

UCI's Russell Bush placed 22nd in 26:12.0, Silvestre Uribe was 24th in 26:15.8 and Dan Driscoll was 34th in 26:47.5. Adrian Doty (26:56.6) finished 37th, Brandon Lucero was 42nd (27:16.5), Travis Bruton was 45th (27:26.8) and Brian Brierly was 51st (28:03.4) to round out the Anteaters' first seven finishers.

The Big West Conference Championships are next Saturday at UC Riverside.

October 18, 2004

ANTEATERS PREPARE FOR BIG WEST CHAMPIONSHIPS

BIG WEST MEET NEXT: The top UC Irvine cross-country runners will be idle from competition this week in preparation for the Big West Conference Championships at UC Riverside Oct. 30.

Some members of the Anteater program will compete in the Cal State Fullerton Titan Invitational this Friday (Oct. 22) at Carbon Canyon Regional Park in Brea.

THIS PAST WEEKEND: The UCI women's team won the title at the Cal Poly Invitational in San Luis Obispo last Saturday and the Anteater men's team finished second.

October 16, 2004

UC IRVINE WOMEN WIN TITLE AT CAL POLY INVITATIONAL; ANTEATER MEN FINISH SECOND

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. --- The UC Irvine women's cross country team, with three runners placing in the top 11, captured the title of the VS Athletics/Cal Poly Invitational in San Luis Obispo Saturday.

The Anteaters finished with 50 points, the See Jane Run club team was second with 58 and Cal State Fullerton was third with 75 in the meet held at Fairbanks Memorial Course on the campus of Cuesta College.

UCI senior Kim Ramirez was the first collegiate runner and second overall with a time of 17:54.7 over 5,000 meters. See Jane Run's Erika Aklufi won the race in 17:37.6.

The Anteaters' Marie Nguyen finished seventh (18:33.4), Candice Proctor was 11th (18:43.6) and Erinn Kim placed 15th (18:53.6). Kim Handel finished 18th in 18:57.8, Kaleena Yee was 19th in 18:58.8 and Elaine Gillespie placed 28th in 19:11.3 to complete UCI's top seven.

Host Cal Poly won the men's title with 51 points to edge out UCI (53) and Cal State Fullerton (57). Sean Ricketts, an unattached runner, won the 8,000-meter race in 25:52.7.

UCI junior Ricky Barnes finished fifth in 26:27.6 and teammate Tom Whelan was sixth in 26:28.3. The Anteaters' Andrew Garratt placed 15th (27:01.1), John Kluve was 21st (27:10.3), Tim Heart was 28th (27:29.0), David Santos was 29th (27:31.3) and Matt Grilli finished 48th (28:10.6) to round out UCI's top seven.

The Anteaters compete in the Cal State Fullerton Invitational Friday.

October 11, 2004

ANTEATERS COMPETE AT CAL POLY INVITATIONAL SATURDAY

UCI HEADS TO SLO: The UC Irvine cross-country teams compete in the Cal Poly Invitational at San Luis Obispo Saturday (Oct. 16). The meet will be conducted on the Fairbanks Memorial Course at Cuesta College with the women's 5,000-meter race beginning at 9:00 a.m. and the men's 8,000 meters at 9:30 a.m. The meet is one of seven athletic events as part of Homecoming weekend at Cal Poly.

October 9, 2004

UC IRVINE WOMEN'S TEAM FINISHES 9TH AT TRITON CLASSIC

LA JOLLA, Calif. --- The UC Irvine women's cross country team finished ninth with 207 points in the Triton Classic at UC San Diego Saturday. Oklahoma State won the meet with 40 points, Portland was second with 68 and UCLA third with 81.

Mary Davies of Oklahoma State was the individual winner with a time of 21:21.7 over 6,000 meters. UCI freshman Elaine Gillespie finished 34th in 24:43.5, Natalie St. Andre was 35th in 24:43.6, Melissa Ramos placed 43rd in 25:06.0, Lauren Jerd was 45th in 25:12.8 and Karis Wilson 60th in 26:34.0.

UCI did not field a full men's team at the meet. Sophomore Matt Grilli finished 10th in 27:33.1 over 8,000 meters, Russell Bush was 11th (27:37.7), Dan Driscoll placed 16th (28:17.9) and Silvestre Uribe was 24th (29:23.3). Ryan Courtright won the race in 26:41.5 to lead San Francisco to the team title.

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

October 4, 2004

ANTEATERS COMPETE AT TRITON CLASSIC SATURDAY

UCI TRAVELS SOUTH: The UC Irvine cross-country teams compete in the Triton Classic on the UC San Diego campus this Saturday (Oct. 9) in La Jolla. The men's 8,000-meter race begins at 8:30 a.m. with the women's 6,000 meters at 9:30 a.m.

October 2, 2004

ANTEATER WOMEN FINISH 2ND AT UC RIVERSIDE INVITATIONAL

RIVERSIDE, Calif. --- The UC Irvine women's team placed second of 19 teams in the open race of the UC Riverside Invitational at the UCR Farm Course Saturday. The club, "See Jane Run," was first with 49 points and UCI scored 82.

Brooke Thomas of the Cal Coast Track Club was the individual winner with a time of 17:21.10 over 5,000 meters. UCI's Elaine Gillespie was 13th in 19:06.20, Natalie St. Andre was 14th in 19:09.00 and Megan Fairley placed 15th in 19:09.90. Lauren Jerd finished 21st in 19:25.40 and Melissa Ramos finished 35th in 19:42.10.

UCI did not field a full men's team but Dan Driscoll placed 91st in 26:50.10 over 8,000 meters. Travis Bruton was 105th (27:04.70) and Brian Brierly was 140th (27:40.00).

October 1, 2004

UC IRVINE WOMEN FINISH 16TH, MEN 20TH AT NOTRE DAME INVITATIONAL

SOUTH BEND, Ind. --- The UC Irvine women's cross country team finished 16th and the Anteater men's squad placed 20th in the Notre Dame Invitational at Burke Memorial Golf Course in South Bend, Ind., Friday afternoon.

Top-ranked Stanford won the women's competition with 34 points, No. 6 Michigan finished second with 84 and fourth-ranked Notre Dame was third with 124 points. Sara Bei of Stanford won the 5,000-meter race with a time of 16:22. The Cardinal had four runners finish in the top 10.

UCI scored 431 points to place 16th in the 24-school meet that featured eight of the nation's top-25 ranked teams. Senior Kim Ramirez finished 45th in 17:44, freshman Marie Nguyen was 92nd in 18:18 and freshman Candice Proctor was 95th in 18:19. Sophomore Kim Handel placed 117th (18:34), junior Kelli Vanderburg was 119th (18:35), and freshmen Amber Gordon (18:48) and Erinn Kim (19:08) finished 141st and 169th, respectively.

Second-ranked Stanford won the men's race with 89 points, Notre Dame was second with 95 and Butler third with 112. UCI finished with 525 points in the 24-team field. Josh Rohatinsky of BYU won the 8,000-meter race with a time of 23:40.

Anteater junior Ricky Barnes finished 63rd in 24:47, junior Tom Whelan was 86th in 25:06 and sophomore Tim Hearst placed 131st in 25:40. Junior John Kluve was 146th (25:58), senior Andrew Garratt was 147th (25:58), senior David Santos finished 169th (26:23) and sophomore Ryan Ketcham placed 189th (27:36).

UCI returns to action in the UC San Diego Invitational Oct. 9.

September 27, 2004

ANTEATERS COMPETE AT NOTRE DAME INVITATIONAL FRIDAY

UCI TRAVELS TO SOUTH BEND: The UC Irvine cross-country teams journey to South Bend, Ind., for the Notre Dame Invitational Friday (Oct. 1). Twenty-three teams are entered in the women's race that begins at 2:15 p.m. (PDT) and 26 schools are scheduled to compete in the men's race that starts at 3:00 p.m. (PDT) on the Burke Memorial Golf Course.

ANTEATER WOMEN FINISH 4TH, MEN PLACE 5TH AT STANFORD INVITATIONAL: The UC Irvine women's team finished fourth of 19 teams and the Anteater men's squad was fifth of 20 teams at the Stanford University Cross Country Invitational Saturday. Stanford won the women's race with 34 points, Cal Poly SLO was second with 84, Chico State third at 98 and UCI scored 113.

Cal Poly won the men's race with 43 points, Stanford and Chico State tied for second with 79, UC Santa Barbara was fourth at 111 and UCI fifth at 159. Peter Meindl of the host Cardinal won the 8,000-meter race in 23:52. Anteater junior Ricky Barnes finished seventh in 24:15, Tom Whelan was 28th in 25:09 and Tim Hearst 39th in 25:29. Andrew Garratt placed 42nd (25:32), David Santos was 43rd (25:32), Ryan Ketcham finished 61st (25:55) and John Kluve 63rd (25:57) to round out UCI's first seven.

HEAD COACH VINCE O'BOYLE: Vince O'Boyle is in his 23rd year as head coach of the Anteater teams. He has been named Big West Conference Coach of the Year 18 times in cross country and once in women's track and field. He is assisted by former Anteater runner Kareen Nilsson.

September 25, 2004

UC IRVINE WOMEN FINISH 4TH, MEN PLACE 5TH AT STANFORD INVITATIONAL

STANFORD --- The UC Irvine women's team finished fourth of 19 teams and the Anteater men's squad was fifth of 20 teams at the Stanford University Cross Country Invitational Saturday.

Stanford won the women's race with 34 points, Cal Poly SLO was second with 84, Chico State third at 98 and UCI scored 113. Stanford's Anita Siraki won the 6,000-meter race with a time of 21:14 at the Stanford Golf Course.

Senior Kim Ramirez led the Anteaters with a fifth-place finish of 22:07, Marie Nguyen was 11th in 22:30 and Candice Proctor was 23rd in 22:55. Kim Handel finished 33rd (23:07), Erinn Kim was 41st (23:21), Kelli Vanderburg placed 43rd (23:22) and Amber Gordon was 53rd (23:37) to round out UCI's top seven runners.

Cal Poly won the men's race with 43 points, Stanford and Chico State tied for second with 79, UC Santa Barbara was fourth at 111 and UCI fifth at 159. Peter Meindl of the host Cardinal won the 8,000-meter race in 23:52.

Anteater junior Ricky Barnes finished eighth in 24:15, Tom Whelan was 37th in 25:09 and Tim Hearst 49th in 25:29. Andrew Garratt placed 52nd (25:32), David Santos was 53rd (25:32), Ryan Ketcham finished 75th (25:55) and John Kluve 77th (25:57) to round out UCI's first seven.

Both Anteater teams compete at the Notre Dame Invitational in South Bend Friday.

September 20, 2004

ANTEATERS AT STANFORD INVITATIONAL SATURDAY

UCI COMPETES AT STANFORD: The UC Irvine cross-country teams, after training at Mammoth for the past week, return to competition in the Stanford University Invitational Saturday (Sept. 25) on the Stanford Golf Course. The women's 6,000-meter race begins at 5:15 p.m. with the men's 8,000 meters at 5:45 p.m.

September 11, 2004

ANTEATER WOMEN 2ND, MEN 4TH AT UC IRVINE INVITATIONAL

HUNTINGTON BEACH, Calif. --- The UC Irvine women's cross country team finished second and the Anteater men's squad placed fourth in the UCI/JL Design Enterprises Invitational at Central Park in Huntington Beach Saturday.

UC San Diego won the 14-team women's competition with 74 points, UCI was second with 86 and Azusa Pacific third with 108. Brianna Carstensen of Azusa Pacific was the individual champion with a time of 18:16.0 over 5,000 meters.

UCI senior Kim Ramirez placed sixth in 19:03.5, freshman Marie Nguyen was 11th in 19:20.3 and junior Kelli Vanderburg was 19th in 19:37.5. Freshmen Erinn Kim (19:42.1) and Candice Proctor (19:55.0) were 21st and 29th, respectively. Sophomore Kim Handel finished 42nd in 20:13.3 and senior Natalie St. Andre was 48th in 20:19.0 to complete the Anteaters' top seven.

The Cal Coast Track Club won the men's title with 57 points, UC San Diego was second with 68, Southern Utah finished third with 72 and UCI was fourth with 88 points in the 12-team field. Long Beach State's Jim Grabow won the individual title with a time of 25:21.2 over 8,000 meters, followed by UCI junior Ricky Barnes in 25:35.8.

Anteater junior Tom Whelan finished ninth in 26:00.5, senior David Santos was 17th in 26:22.2 and sophomore Tim Hearst was 26th in 26:43.2. Freshman Adrian Doty was 34th (27:00.3), junior Silvestre Uribe placed 38th (27:06.1) and sophomore Ryan Ketcham was 43rd (27:10.8) to round out UCI's top seven runners.

The Anteater teams will train in Mammoth next week before returning to competition at the Stanford Invitational Sept. 25.

September 6, 2004

ANTEATERS HOST UCI / JL DESIGN ENTERPRISES INVITATIONAL SATURDAY (ENTRIES: [Men](#) [Women](#))

SEASON BEGINS IN HUNTINGTON BEACH: Coach Vince O'Boyle's UC Irvine cross-country teams open the 2004 schedule hosting the UCI/JL Design Enterprises Invitational at Central Park in Huntington Beach Saturday (Sept. 11). The women's 5,000-meter race begins at 9:00 a.m. with the men's five-mile competition at 9:45 a.m. Approximately 15 teams are expected to compete in each race.

O'Boyle is in his 23rd year as head coach of the Anteater teams. He has been named Big West Conference Coach of the Year 18 times in cross country and once in women's track and field.

The UCI men's team finished third in last year's Big West Conference meet and the women's team was fourth. Kaleena Yee, a senior at UCI this fall, finished fifth in last season's conference meet to earn All-Big West honors.

COACH O'BOYLE SAYS: "I feel that this men's team could have a very good year with everyone back from last season's team that finished third in the conference. Tom Whelan had an outstanding track season and he has been training at Mammoth all summer. Ricky Barnes is also back after running lifetime bests in the 800 and 1,500 meters last track season. Andrew Garratt, who ran No. 3 for us a year ago, also ran a lifetime best in the 1,500 meters during track season and he had a good summer.

"Our women's team is going to be young, but they could be strong by the end of the year. Coming back from last year and who could be racing No. 1 for us is Kim Ramirez, who ran lifetime-best times in the 800 and 1,500 meters in track. Kaleena Yee also returns after earning all-conference honors a year ago and Kelli Vanderburg is back and she has been in our top five the past two years.

"The freshmen that could make the top seven include Erinn Kim (Milpitas HS), who was a state finalist in the 1,600 and 3,200 meters in track, and her teammate Marie Nguyen, who placed fifth in both cross country and state track meets. Candice Proctor is from Esperanza High and she was first team All-Orange County in cross country. Megan Fairley from Martin Luther King High in Riverside placed fifth in the 3,200 meters at the CIF track championships and also was an outstanding cross country runner.

"Elaine Gillespie comes from West Hills High School in Santee, where she was All-CIF in cross country and track. Amber Gordon from Flagstaff High School competed on four state-championship cross country teams and three in track and field. She was the Arizona state champion at 800 meters three times in track."

September 3, 2004

UCI MEN'S, WOMEN'S TEAMS PICKED TO FINISH FOURTH IN BIG WEST PRE-SEASON POLL

IRVINE, Calif. --- The UC Irvine men's and women's cross country teams have each been picked to place fourth in the Big West Conference coaches' pre-season poll.

Cal Poly was the unanimous pick to win the men's title while UC Santa Barbara was chosen to win the women's championship. The Anteaters open the season hosting the UCI/JL Design Enterprises Invitational at Central Park in Huntington Beach Sept. 11.

BIG WEST CONFERENCE COACHES' PRE-SEASON POLLS

MEN'S POLL

1. Cal Poly (9)	81
2. UC Santa Barbara	67
3. Utah State	64
4. UC Irvine	46
5. UC Riverside	38
Idaho	38
7. Cal State Fullerton	35
8. Long Beach State	24
9. Cal State Northridge	12

WOMEN'S POLL

1. UC Santa Barbara (9)	99
2. Idaho (1)	83
3. Cal Poly	77
4. UC Irvine	72
5. Utah State	67
6. Long Beach State	41
7. Cal State Northridge	39
8. Cal State Fullerton	34
9. UC Riverside	28
10. Pacific	10

() *First-Place Votes*

ANTEATERS HOST UCI INVITATIONAL SEPT. 11

IRVINE, Calif. --- The UC Irvine cross country teams open their 2004 schedule hosting the UCI/JL Design Enterprises Invitational at Central Park in Huntington Beach Sept. 11. The women's 5,000-meter race begins at 9:00 a.m. with the men's five-mile competition at 9:45 a.m.

UCI's men's team finished third and the women's squad was fourth in the Big West Conference Championships last season. Kaleena Yee earned all-conference honors with a fifth-place finish in the league meet.