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Joel Hess Earns First Team Verizon Academic All-American Honors

Laramie, Wyo. (June 17, 2003)-- University of Wyoming senior track and field and cross country athlete Joel Hess has been named to the 2003 Verizon Academic All-American team. He has been selected to the First Team in the track and field/cross country category. Hess is one of only 17 athletes to receive First Team honors. It is the first Academic All-American honors for Hess.

A native of Glendale, Wisc., Hess earned a perfect 4.0 cumulative grade point average this year in exercise and sports science. He has received many accolades for his hard work in the classroom during his career at UW. He is a two-time Academic All-Mountain West Conference selection and has twice been honored as a Mountain West Scholar-Athlete.

On the track, Hess has been one of the top distance runners for the Pokes over the last few seasons. This past season, he recorded the best Cowboy time in the 10,000 meter run clocking in at 34:35.76. He also placed seventh in the event at the 2003 Mountain West Conference Track and Field Championships in May.

The College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) selects Verizon Academic All-America teams in 12 programs: football, women's volleyball, men's soccer, women's soccer, men's basketball, women's basketball, baseball, softball, men's track & field/cross country, women's track & field/cross country, men's at-large and women's at-large. A first team, second team and third team are selected in both the University (Division I and I-AA) and College (Division II, III and NAIA) Divisions.

2002-03 VERIZON ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA UNIVERSITY DIVISION MEN'S TRACK AND CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS

FIRST TEAM

<u>Name , School</u>	<u>Cl.</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Major/G.P.A.</u>
Ryan Andrus, VIII, U. of Oregon	Jr.	Orem, Utah	Business/3.98
Blake Boldon, VII, Southwest Missouri State	Sr.	Osceola, Iowa	Math Education/3.98
Jonathan Brims, I, Stony Brook	Sr.	Musselbrook, Australia	Business/4.00
* Daniel Conti, I, Holy Cross	Sr.	Hubbardston, Mass.	Mathematics/3.88
* Adam Davis, VI, Rice University	Jr.	Spring, Tex.	Economics, Kinesiology/4.018
Eric Dudley, VIII, Washington State	Sr.	Bellingham, Wash.	Mechanical Engineering/4.00
** Ryan Gorman, VI, Southwest Texas State	Sr.	New Braunsfels, Tex.	Political Science/4.00
Joel Hess, VII, U. of Wyoming	Sr.	Glendale, Wis.	Exercise & Sport Sciences/4.00
Jon Kelley, VII, UMKC	Sr.	Excelsior Springs, Mo.	Business/4.00
Santiago Lorenzo, VIII, U. of Oregon	Sr.	Buenos Aires, Argentina	Exercise & Movement Sci./3.81
Goran Nava, III, Radford	Jr.	Castella Brianza, Italy	Media Studies/3.90
* Nickie Peters, II, Coppin State College	Sr.	Belmont Village, St. Vincent	Chemistry/3.78
* Brian Rohrer, IV, Univ. of Alabama	Sr.	Vancouver, Wash.	Biology/4.00
** Adam Sutton, I, Providence College	Sr.	Preston, England	Management/3.61
Darrell Tozier, VIII, California-Irvine	Sr.	El Granada, Cal.	English & History/3.82
Brad Walker, VIII, U. of Washington	Sr.	Spokane, Wash.	Business Administration/3.52
* Luke Watson, V, Notre Dame	Gr.	Stillwater, Minn.	Accounting/3.54

*2nd team Academic All-American selection in 2002

**3rd team Academic All-American selection in 2002