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UCI fifth in race All-Sports Trophy; baseball honored

UC Irvine finished fifth in the race for the Division I-AAA Athletic Directors Assn. All-Sports Trophy in 2007-08.

The Anteaters (218 points), who won the trophy in 2006-07, finished behind first-place Denver (434.25), Pepperdine (298), Oral Roberts (283.75) and Boston University (263.50).

The trophy is awarded annually to the top-ranked Division I-AAA institution in the United States Sports Academy Directors' Cup Standings. There are 94 Division I-AAA (non-football) schools in the nation.

UCI earned NCAA postseason points in baseball, men's and women's golf, and men's and women's swimming.

Also, for the first time this year, the Division I-AAA ADA handed out individual sport trophies to the I-AAA institution that had the highest finish in an NCAA Championship.

Taking home the individual hardware in baseball was UC Irvine, Cal State Fullerton and Wichita State.

UCI was the second-highest Big West Conference institution in the final 2007-08 U.S. Sports Academy Directors' Cup standings for all Division I schools. Cal Poly San Luis Obispo (253.50) was the top-ranked Big West school at 80th overall, followed by No. 90 UCI (218), No. 94 UC Santa Barbara (199), No. 95 UC Davis (193), No. 96 Long Beach State (192), No. 111 Cal State Fullerton (168.50) and No. 165 Cal State Northridge (75.50).

Stanford was first overall with 1,461 points.

— *From staff reports*

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