

## **Cross country championships to be held at UCSD**

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The University of California, San Diego campus has been selected to host the First Annual All-Cal University of California Cross Country Championships, to be held Saturday (December 2) at 2:30 p.m. Completing a full day of extraordinary distance competition, this meet will follow the Southwest District AAU 10,000 meter championship slated for 10:00 a.m. on the UCSD course.

As part of the new intercampus competition in all sports, every UC campus, with the exception of Berkeley and Irvine, will attend. At the present time, of course, competition from the various campuses is highly unequal. The new university members, San Diego and Santa Cruz, have much less developed programs than the more established schools. San Diego is now finishing their third season; Santa Cruz's participation marks the initiation of their intercollegiate program.

UCLA's team, led by Rick Romero and George Husaruck, should easily dominate the meet, though Santa Barbara and Davis may press them. San Diego's young team, depending heavily on freshmen runners, lacks the strength and depth to push the favorites for the overall championships, but their host advantage on the tough 4.7 mile Triton course may keep some of the individual awards home. Though their top runner, freshman Jay Segal, is just recovering from flu which kept him out of several meets, teammates Jay Gillette and Doug Peckham have steadily improved to fill the gap he left.

UCSD Chancellor John Galbraith will serve as honorary official for the meet, and along with Billy Mills and Bill Gookin of the San Diego Track and Field Association will present the team and individual awards. Mills, serving double duty, is expected to break his own open course record of 27:29 in the morning AAU Championships.