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Comments: College Sports

(District I Academic All-America)

Bethlehem, Pa. -- Liz Peck and Jen Cordes, members of the University at Albany women's field hockey team, have been selected to the GTE District I College Division Women's Fall/Winter At-Large Academic All-America Team.

Peck, a first-team Division II All-America midfielder, is currently enrolled in Albany's molecular biology doctoral program. She earned her B.S. in biology last spring, and had undergraduate 3.68 grade point average. Peck captained the Great Danes to a school-record 17-2 campaign and the 1997 ECAC Division II championship.

Cordes, a sophomore forward, boasts a 3.96 GPA in the pre-law program, and has a major in sociology with a minor in history.

Both athletes move on to the national ballot, and that team will be announced on April 23.

(Women's Lacrosse)

Albany, N.Y. -- Rafaela Nikas equaled a career-best five goals, including her 19th of the season, as Albany upended American International, 19-5, on Monday at Varsity Field.

The Great Danes, who rebounded from a last-second one-goal loss two days ago, held a 4-2 advantage late in the first half, but then reeled off nine straight over the next 15 minutes of play.

Nikas, a senior midfielder, netted a pair of unassisted goals prior to halftime, before teammate Karen Karpus scored twice in a seven-goal barrage to begin the final period.

Freshman Marguerite Lanuax added two goals and two assists, while goalkeeper Terri Crispo made seven saves in her first start of the year for Albany (3-2).

Jackie Fabi and Jennifer Bissonnette each had two goals for American International (0-1), and sophomore Mary Jo Lavoie turned aside 18 shots in the Yellow Jacket cage.

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Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

-agate-

American International (0-1)	2	3	-	5
Albany (3-2)	5	14	-	19

American International -- Jackie Fabi 2-0, Jennifer Bissonnette 2-0, Judith Swift 1-1, Andrea Alves 0-1; Mary Jo Lavoie 18.

Albany -- Rafaela Nikas 5-0, Marguerite Lanaux 2-2, Karen Karpus 2-0, Dawn DiMicco 1-2, Laura Walls 1-2, Rebecca Kaiser 1-1, Danielle Ballard 1-1, Kristen McCarthy 1-1, Katie Cunningham 1-0, Anne Colonna 1-0, Jess Spadafora 1-0, Stacey Mayer 1-0, Audrey Dafoe 1-0; Saves: Terri Crispo 7.

(Baseball)

Rindge, N.H. -- Freshman Mike Kuebler has been selected as the New England Collegiate Conference Rookie of the Week in baseball (Mar. 23-29). Kuebler, a third baseman from Northport, N.Y., batted .600 (6-10) in four games with a 1.200 slugging percentage, three doubles, one home run, two runs and five RBIs. He is hitting .455 on the season, and homered and doubled in Saturday's conference doubleheader sweep at Bridgeport. Albany is 4-5 overall, and 2-0 in NECC play.

(Softball)

Rindge, N.H. -- Kelly Poynton, a junior right-hander, has been chosen as the New England Collegiate Conference Pitcher of the Week in softball (Mar. 23-29). Poynton fired two complete-game shutouts, a three-hitter vs. Bridgeport and a five-hit blanking against New York Tech. Poynton, of Orchard Park, N.Y., recorded 21 strikeouts in her two starts, and fanned a career-high 15 at Bridgeport. She has a 5-1 record on the season with a 0.70 earned run average. Albany is 10-3, and 2-0 in the conference.

GTE ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA TEAM

S E L E C T E D B Y C O S I D A

March 30, 1998

TO: CoSIDA District I Members
 FROM: Mark Fleming, District Coordinator *Mark Fleming*
 RE: GTE Academic All-America® Fall/Winter Women's At-Large College Division District I Team

1997-98 GTE/CoSIDA ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT I TEAM

First Team — College Division District I

Jessica Allen	Plattsburgh State	Soccer	Jr	Buffalo, NY	3.906/Visual Art
Kim Bouchard	Clarkson	Soccer	Sr	Windham, ME	3.91/Civil Engineering
Jen Cordes	Univ. at Albany	Field Hockey	So	Windsor, NY	3.96/Sociology (Pre-Law)
Stacy Havener	Western Conn. St.	Soccer	Sr	Brookfield, CT	3.92/English
Ellie Hickerson	Amherst	Soccer	Sr	Davenport, IA	3.65/American Studies
Laurie Kurtelawicz	Univ. of Rochester	Cross Country	Jr	Rochester, NY	3.80/Bio-Chemistry
Shannon LeBlanc	UMass-Lowell	Field Hockey	Sr	Amesbury, MA	3.716/Psychology
Pauliina Miettinen	Franklin Pierce	Soccer	Jr	Helsinki, Finland	3.53/Secondary Education/Psychology
Liz Peck	Univ. at Albany	Field Hockey	Gr	Pawling, NY	3.68/Biology/Molecular Biology
Kim Rausch	William Smith	Soccer	Sr	Bolton, MA	3.95/Biology
Lotta Thunberg	N. Hampshire Col.	Soccer	Jr	Mora, Sweden	3.95/International Business

Second Team — College Division District I

Kim-Laura Boyle	Colby-Sawyer	Soccer	Sr	Plainfield, VT	3.72/Biology
Jen Bunce	Bentley	Field Hockey	So	East Dennis, MA	3.57/Business
Deirdre Dunn	MIT	Swimming	Jr	Weston, MA	4.0/5.0/Biology & Chemistry
Ami Ford	William Smith	Field Hockey	So	Whitney Point, NY	3.7/Economics
Catherine Herrold	Mount Holyoke	Swimming	So	York, PA	3.88/Economics
Lindsay Litchfield	Skidmore	Soccer	Sr	Pittsford, NY	3.49/Graphic Design/Studio Art
Cindy Manning	Tufts	Cross Country	So	Valparaiso, IN	3.96/Bio-Psychology
Irene Permut	Amherst	Field Hockey	Jr	Wilmington, DE	3.69/Psychology
Carrie Rose	Plattsburgh State	Soccer	Sr	Waddington, NY	3.929/Hearing & Speech Science
Shannon Youmell	Alfred	Swimming	Sr	Weedsport, NY	3.81/Biology/Environmental Studies

Congratulations to all the student-athletes that were selected and nominated. SIDs of first team members, remember to send a black and white head shot to Steve McLaud, Millsport, Account Executive, GTE Academic All-America® Teams, 750 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT 06901. All SIDs with student-athletes on the district teams should forward all clips generated to Steve McLaud and/or Dick Lipe, Sports Information Director, Bentley College, 175 Forest Street, Waltham, MA 02154-4705.



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Comments: College Sports (Baseball, Softball)

(Baseball)

Teaneck, N.J. -- Paul Esposito and Steve Serafin each belted two-run homers in the opener to lead Fairleigh Dickinson to a doubleheader sweep over Albany on Sunday afternoon. The Knights won the first game, 8-3, and the second contest, 6-0.

Esposito's two-run shot highlighted a second inning in which Division I Fairleigh Dickinson scored four times to erase a 2-0 deficit. Sean McLaughlin, a sophomore outfielder, doubled and tripled for the Knights, who improved to 4-8 overall. Catcher Dennis Cirilla went 2-for-3 with a double and one run scored for Albany (4-5). The Great Danes had opened their New England Collegiate Conference schedule with a pair of victories, 14-0 and 12-2, at Bridgeport on Saturday.

In the nightcap, FDU pitchers George Hinchcliff and Diego Granados combined on a three-hit shutout. Jeff Karpell and Robert DeFabbia had back-to-back doubles in a four-run first inning.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Albany 020 001 0 - 3 7 3

Fairleigh Dickinson 040 040 x - 8 8 3

John Hoyt, Ken DeDeo, Jr. (5) and Dennis Cirilla.

Stephen Ehrlich and Keith Fortier.

(Game 2)

Albany 000 000 0 - 0 3 1

Fairleigh Dickinson 420 000 0 - 6 7 1

David Schrepper, Marc McConnell (2), Tony Gregoli (3), Heath Mullen (6) and Rob Ryan.
George Hinchcliff, Diego Granados (5) and Robert DeFabbia.

MORE

Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

(Softball)

Albany, N.Y. -- Kelly Poynton tossed a five-hit shutout in the first game, as Albany split a non-conference doubleheader with New York Tech in the Great Danes' home opener at Albany Field. Albany won the first contest, 2-0, before the Lady Bears came back to take the nightcap, 5-2.

Poynton, a junior right-hander, upped her record to 5-1 with her third shutout of the season. She recorded six strikeouts and four walks, while lowering her earned run average to 0.70 overall.

Amy McGroty (Schalmont H.S.), who went 4-for-5 at the plate with three doubles and three RBIs in the twinbill, lined a two-run double into the left-field gap in the fourth inning.

In the second contest, centerfielder Rachel Gunther had three hits and scored twice, while Kari Berman went 3-for-4 to lead New York Tech (10-11). Gunther put her club ahead for good at 2-1, when she singled and scored to lead off the third.

Albany (10-3) had won 10 straight previous to the second-game loss.

-agate-

(Game 1)

New York Tech	000	000	0	-	0	5	0
Albany	000	200	0	-	2	6	1

Kelly Poynton and Lisa deSousa.

Danielle Riel and Kari Barry.

(Game 2)

New York Tech	101	012	0	-	5	10	1
Albany	010	001	0	-	2	10	2

Amy McGroty and Amy Smith.

Danielle Riel and Kari Barry.

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Comments: College Sports (M. Lacrosse, W. Lacrosse, Softball)

(Men's Lacrosse)

Manchester, N.H. -- Mike McCarthy (Shenendehowa H.S.) had four goals and two assists, and Keith Willa (Shenendehowa) added three goals and three assists to power Albany past New Hampshire College, 17-4, on Saturday in the Penmen's season opener.

Albany (2-1) jumped out to a 6-0 lead in the first quarter behind Willa, a junior attackman who transferred from Division I Hobart College. New Hampshire College (0-1) pulled to within, 8-4, with 3:32 to play in third following a goal by Butch Howie.

McCarthy, a senior, answered with an extra-man goal two minutes later, before the Great Danes opened up a 14-4 advantage early in the final period on back-to-back goals from Tets Wakino.

Sean McConaghy (Columbia H.S.) added two goals and one assist, while three Albany goalkeepers combined on seven saves. Sophomore Chris Devoe turned aside 17 shots for the Penmen.

-agate-

Albany (2-1)	6	1	2	8	-	17
New Hampshire College (0-1)	0	2	2	0	-	4

Albany -- Mike McCarthy 4-2, Keith Willa 3-3, Tets Wakino 3-0, Sean McConaghy 2-1, Tim Benedict 1-1, Eric Marra 1-0, Vinny Saulino 1-0, Mike Shannon 1-0, Rich Angel 1-0, Andrew Poplinger 0-3, John Baumann 0-1, Kris Bremer 0-1, Dan Small 0-1; Saves: Gary Lockwood 4, Mike Shelli 2, Rich Waine 1.

New Hampshire College -- Butch Howie 2-0, Dave Schatzman 1-1, Mike Potter 1-0, Scott Forzaglia 0-1; Saves: Chris Devoe 17.

MORE

Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

(Women's Lacrosse)

Albany, N.Y. -- Cheri Drysdale hit the lower left corner on a fastbreak feed from Kristen Pickersgill with 22 seconds remaining to lift unbeaten Lock Haven to an 8-7 victory over Albany in the Great Danes' home opener at Varsity Field.

Albany (2-2) trailed 7-5 with less than eight minutes to play, but rallied to tie the contest on a pair of unassisted goals by Marguerite Lanaux and Rafaela Nikas. Nikas, a senior midfielder, scored her third goal of the game when she bounced a shot past goalkeeper Cindy Brownell with 5:51 left to draw her team even.

Lock Haven (4-0) leaped to a 3-1 advantage in the opening 19 minutes, behind the play of Pickersgill, who had four goals, including her 20th of the season, and three assists on the day. The Great Danes closed within ~~7-5~~ midway through the second half on Lanaux's free-position shot. Kristen Geissler regained the Lady Eagles' two-goal cushion, when she was set up on the top of the crease by Pickersgill.

Lock Haven's Brownell made 14 saves, while Allisson Pennington and Kim Martini combined to stop seven shots for Albany.

-agate-

Lock Haven (4-0)	5	3	-	8
Albany (2-2)	3	4	-	7

Lock Haven -- Kristen Pickersgill 4-3, Kristen Geissler 2-0, Carleen Childs 1-0, Cheri Drysdale 1-0; Saves: Cindy Brownell 14.

Albany -- Rafaela Nikas 3-0, Marguerite Lanaux 3-0, Dawn DiMicco 1-0; Saves: Allisson Pennington 3, Kim Martini 4.

(Softball)

Bridgeport, Conn. -- Albany pitchers Kelly Poynton and Jessica Hansen each fired shutouts to lead their team to a doubleheader sweep over Bridgeport in the New England Collegiate Conference opener for both teams on Saturday afternoon. The Great Danes won the twinbill, 7-0 and 5-0.

Poynton, a junior right-hander struck out a career-high 15 batters in the first game, and allowed three hits in improving to 4-1 on the season. In the nightcap, Hansen upped her record to 3-0 overall by allowing two hits, while striking out seven and walking one.

Senior second base Kate Carnevale (Columbia H.S.) went 4-for-8 at the plate in the two games with one triple, three RBIs, four runs scored and three stolen bases. Catcher Lisa deSousa had three doubles and drove in a pair of runs on the afternoon.

Albany, which hosts New York Tech in its home opener on Sunday, has won nine straight in climbing to 9-2 overall, while Bridgeport falls to 0-2.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Albany	003	103	0	-	7	12	0
Bridgeport	000	000	0	-	0	3	4

Kelly Poynton and Lisa deSousa.

Marcia Palmeter and Tracey Scharer.

(Game 2)

Albany	003	010	1	-	5	6	0
Bridgeport	000	000	0	-	0	2	3

Jessica Hansen and Amy Smith.

Valerie Steen and Tracey Scharer.

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Syracuse, N.Y. -- Freshman Katrina Hable scored four goals, all in the first half, and Kristen Langenmayr added three goals and three assists as Syracuse rolled to a 23-4 victory over Albany at the Carrier Dome on Thursday evening.

Syracuse (3-2) leaped to a 4-0 lead in the opening seven minutes, and never looked back. Hable's fourth goal in the first half came off a pass from Kristen Bolster with 19 seconds left, and handed the Orangewomen a commanding 12-2 advantage at the intermission.

Rafaela Nikas had two goals, including her 11th of the season, for Albany (2-1), which won its opening two contests in South Carolina last weekend.

-agate-

Albany (2-1)	2	2	-	4
Syracuse (3-2)	12	11	-	23

Syracuse -- Katrina Hable 4-0, Kristen Langenmayr 3-3, Jenna Szyluk 3-0, Carrie Bolduc 3-0, Phoebe Burns 2-0, Erica Hofmann 2-0, Lauren Brady 1-2, Erin Boyle 1-1, Natalie Miller 1-1, Karen Healy 1-0, Megan Kelly 1-0, Rene VanderBrug 1-0, Stacey Brown 0-1, Kristen Bolster 0-1; Saves: Clothilde Ewing 2.

Albany -- Rafaela Nikas 2-0, Dawn DiMicco 1-0, Karen Karpus 1-0, Danielle Ballard 0-1; Saves: Allisson Pennington 12, Kim Martini 3, Terri Crispo 0.

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Comments: College Sports
(Track & Field)

San Juan, Puerto Rico -- Greg Miller (Albany H.S.) and Jayson Vazquez (Amsterdam H.S.) led the University at Albany to a first-place finish in the men's 4x100 relay at the LAI National Relays. The Great Danes sprinted 41.88 seconds over the Sixto Escobar Stadium surface.

Miller, a freshman, and Vazquez, a junior, ran the first and third legs on a unit whose clocking was nearly five-tenths off the school record (41.39) set in 1995, and the fastest time ever posted in the month of March. Halim Wise anchored the relay, while Steven Kantrowitz was second in the order.

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Comments: College Sports (m. lacrosse, w. lacrosse, baseball, softball)

(Men's Lacrosse)

Gaffney, S.C. -- Iggy Levelev and John Bookhamer each scored four goals to lead Limestone past visiting Albany, 13-6, on Saturday afternoon.

The Saints, who improved to 4-2 overall, took a 3-0 lead into the second quarter, before Albany (1-1) responded with four consecutive goals. Mike McCarthy (Shenendehowa H.S.) netted one of his team-high three goals to draw his club even, before Dan Small gave his club a 4-3 advantage on a pass from Trevor Lisky.

Limestone regained the lead at 5-4 with 3:58 left before halftime on Chris Campbells' goal. The Saints pulled away with a four-goal third quarter, as Levelev scored twice in the period.

Gary Lockwood had 13 saves for the Great Danes, which opened the season two days ago with an 11-3 victory over Merrimack on this same field. Keith Mursch turned aside 13 shots for Limestone.

-agate-

Albany (1-1)	0	4	0	2	-	6
Limestone (4-2)	3	3	4	3	-	13

Albany -- Scoring: Mike McCarthy 3-0, Dan Small 1-1, Carl Gravano 1-0, Tets Wakino 1-0, Trevor Lisky 0-1, John Baumann 0-1; Saves: Gary Lockwood 13.

Limestone -- Scoring: Iggy Levelev 4-0, John Bookhamer 4-0, Chris Campbell 2-2, Matt Collins 2-0, Danny Hart 1-2, Gavin Higgins 0-2; Saves: Keith Mursch 13.

(Women's Lacrosse)

Gaffney, S.C. -- Senior midfielder Rafaela Nikas scored a career-high five goals, including her 50th as a collegian, in leading Albany to a 15-8 victory over Longwood (Va.) College on Saturday at Limestone College Field.

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Nikas tallied four opening-period goals to stake her club to a 6-4 halftime advantage. Longwood (2-3) was still within 8-6 early in the final stanza, when the Great Danes exploded for five consecutive goals. Sophomore Dawn DiMicco, who scored four times on the afternoon, netted two shots in that stretch.

Senior attacker Rebecca Kaiser (Guilderland H.S.) added two goals and one assist, while Albany goalkeepers Allisson Pennington and Kim Martini combined to make 15 saves. Laurie Hogan led the Lancers with four goals, and Rachel Bunn turned side 22 shots in the Longwood cage. Albany (2-0) is ranked eighth nationally in this week's Brine/IWLCA Division II poll.

-agate-

Albany (2-0)	6	9	-	15
Longwood (2-3)	4	4	-	8

Albany -- Scoring: Rafaela Nikas 5-0, Dawn DiMicco 4-0, Rebecca Kaiser 2-1, Laura Walls 2-0, Stacey Mayer 1-1, Karen Karpus 1-0, Anne Colonna 0-1, Jess Spadafora 0-1; Allisson Pennington 11, Kim Martini 4.

Longwood -- Scoring: Laurie Hogan 4-0, Natalie Smith 2-2, Ali Brandenburger 1-1, Melissa Miranda 1-0; Saves: Rachel Bunn 22.

(Softball)

Fort Pierce, Fla. -- Kelly Poynton fired a one-hitter in the nightcap for her third win of the season, as Albany swept a non-conference doubleheader from Concordia (N.Y.) College at the Florida Coast Spring Training Camp on Saturday. Albany (7-2) won the second game, 6-1, and the first, 8-7.

Poynton, a junior right-hander, allowed just a fifth-inning single and an unearned run in the sixth in improving to 3-1 overall. Erin Craig and Kara Faraone belted back-to-back triples to start a four-run fourth frame. Kate Carnevale (Columbia) had three hits, while Amy McGroty (Schalmont) was 2-for-4 with two runs scored and one RBI.

In the opener, Anne Bink (Colonie Central) lined a two-run double to key a third inning in which the Great Danes scored five times. Concordia (0-2) closed within 8-7 in the sixth on Jane Weis' RBI single. Albany reliever Jessica Hansen preserved the UA victory by forcing a groundout with the tying run aboard in the seventh.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Concordia, N.Y.	400	003	0	-	7	10	3
Albany	215	000	x	-	8	8	3

Fontaine, Wessler (3) and Weis. Faraone, Hansen (1) and deSousa.

(Game 2)

Albany	040	011	0	-	6	13	3
Concordia, N.Y.	000	001	0	-	1	1	1

(Baseball)

Virginia Beach, Va. -- Chris Robilotti (Colonie Central) singled, doubled, and drove in two runs as Albany rallied for a 6-5 victory over Springfield College. The Great Danes, who are 2-3 overall, also lost to Tufts, 5-3, and Virginia Wesleyan, 7-4, on Saturday.

Robilotti and Jeff Rossiter, who was 2-for-3 at the plate, sparked Albany's come-from-behind triumph. Freshman hurler David Schrepper picked up the victory in relief.

Tufts pitcher Brian Symmons gained the decision on the mound, and helped himself at the plate by scoring twice and driving in two runs. Albany had closed within 4-3 after Tony Gregoli (LaSalle Institute) hit a solo homer in the fourth and Heath Mullen (Greenwich Central) slapped a two-run single in the sixth.

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Albany Sports 3-3-3-3

Mike Apple had three RBIs for Virginia Wesleyan, while Dave Leed collected two hits and drove in one run. Steve Checksfield went 2-for-4 with one RBI for the Great Danes.

-agate-

Albany	000	102	0	-	3	8	0
Tufts	200	111	x	-	5	7	0

Puccia, Hagin (6) and Cirilla.

Symmons, Grassi (7) and Wing.

(Game 2)

Albany	000	010	3	-	4	5	4
Virginia Wesleyan	110	203	x	-	7	8	1

Zacharczyk, Schrepper (6) and Ryan.

Kahn, Smith (7) and Jones.

(Game 3)

Springfield	001	300	1	-	5	7	0
Albany	000	210	3	-	6	10	1

Lipinsky, Jordan (4) and Dyjak.

Tower, Schrepper (4) and Cirilla.

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(Baseball)

Virginia Beach, Va. -- Norm Sweet's two-run single in the sixth inning proved to be the game-winner as Massachusetts College rallied for a 6-4 non-conference victory over Albany on Friday at Cox High School Field.

Albany (1-1) tied the contest at three apiece in the second, when Michael Oliva drove in two with a base-hit and Rob Ryan (Shenendehowa) added an RBI single. Tony Gregoli (LaSalle Institute) gave the Great Danes a 4-3 lead in third with a sacrifice fly.

Massachusetts College (2-4) regrouped with a three-run sixth to go back in front. Chip Manuel and Jose Toledano each had two hits and one RBI to pace the Mohawk attack.

-agate-

Massachusetts College	030	003	0	-	6	7	2
Albany	031	000	0	-	4	6	3

Mullin, White (6) and Diaz.

DeDeo, McConnell (4), Hoyt (5), Mullen (7) and Cirilla.

(Track & Field)

San Juan, P.R. -- Luis Soto and Samantha Cohen posted school records in the men's long jump and women's 3,000-meter racewalk to highlight Albany's performance at the Carolina Invitational. Nine athletes won individual titles, while three Great Dane relay teams were first across the line at Municipal Stadium.

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Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

(track-cont.) Soto leaped 24-feet, 2-inches to break a mark previously held by Anthony Davenport, who went 23-11.75 in 1995. Cohen shattered her own racewalk record by nearly 14 seconds, and covered the course in 14:09.64.

Halim Wise won the 400-dash in 48.54, and anchored the winning 4x100 and 4x400 relays. Xiomara Davila Diaz was a triple-winner in the 100-hurdles (14.34), 400-hurdles (1:03.14) and triple jump (35-7), and ran the third leg on first-place women's 4x100 relay.

Janna Johnston (Shenendehowa) took first in both the long jump and high jump. Her mark of 18-6.5 in the long jump was just 2.5 inches off the late Kimberly Toone's school standard. Other Albany winners include Andre Viger (Granville Central) in the 3,000, Jayson Vazquez (Amsterdam) in the 400-hurdles, Ronald Edmundson in the triple jump, and Brendan Howell in the men's 3,000.

(Softball)

Fort Pierce, Fla. -- Junior infielder Nancy Nicsevic (Columbia H.S.) doubled and tripled, and scored a pair of runs to lead Albany to a 3-1 victory over Missouri Baptist College on Friday at the Florida Coast Spring Training Camp.

Albany pitcher Kelly Poynton allowed just two hits on the mound, while striking out 10 and walking five in improving her record to 2-1.

Nicsevic led off the third with a double, and later scored on a passed ball to give the Great Danes a 2-1 lead. Amy McGroty (Schalmont) drove in an insurance run with a two-out single in the fifth. Albany (5-2) plays a doubleheader against Concordia (N.Y.) on Saturday.

-agate-

Albany	101	010	0	-	3	10	1
Missouri Baptist	100	000	0	-	1	2	0
Poynton and deSousa.		Viehmman and Shepard.					

(Women's Lacrosse)

Gaffney, S.C. -- Dawn DiMicco and Rafaela Nikas each scored four goals to power Albany past Limestone College, 11-7, in the Great Danes' season-opener. Both teams are ranked in this week's Brine/IWLCA Division II national poll.

Limestone (2-3) leaped to a 3-1 lead in the opening eleven minutes, as senior attacker Tricia Davidson tallied three of her game-high five goals in that outburst. Albany, an 8-4 club in 1997, rallied to take a 5-4 halftime advantage on an unassisted goal by DiMicco with 4:15 left in the period.

The Great Danes extended their margin to 7-4 early in the second half. DiMicco, a first-team All-America selection as a freshman, rifled a shot in the upper corner, before Jess Spadafora connected on feed from Laura Walls.

Nikas, a senior midfielder, scored three times in the final eight minutes to hold Albany's lead in the stretch, while goalkeeper Allisson Pennington had 15 saves. Cindy Watkins stopped 16 shots for Limestone.

-agate-

Albany (1-0)	5	6	-	11
Limestone (2-3)	4	3	-	7

Albany -- Scoring: Dawn DiMicco 4-0, Rafaela Nikas 4-0, Jess Spadafora 2-1, Rebecca Kaiser 1-2, Laura Walls 0-1, Danielle Ballard 0-1; Saves: Allisson Pennington 15. Limestone -- Scoring: Tricia Davidson 5-0, Kathy Martens 1-0, Dawn Smith 1-0, Megan Crouse 0-1, Samantha Kennedy 0-1; Saves: Cindy Watkins 16.

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Comments: College Sports

(Men's Lacrosse)

Gaffney, S.C. -- Sophomore attackman Dan Small scored three times, and John Baumann added two goals and two assists to lead Albany to an 11-3 season-opening victory over Merrimack on Thursday afternoon at Limestone College.

Carl Gravano, who had two goals and one assist, and Baumann each found the net twice in the first half to stake Albany to a 4-1 halftime advantage.

Senior Mike McCarthy (Shenendehowa H.S.), a preseason honorable mention All-America attackman, and Small each added a pair of goals in the third quarter when the Great Danes broke the contest wide open.

Gary Lockwood had 17 saves for Albany, which was ranked eighth in the preseason Division II national coaches poll.

Ryan Polley, a junior midfielder, had one goal and one assist for Merrimack (1-1). Freshman Gary Ford turned aside 20 shots in the Warrior cage.

-agate

Albany 11, Merrimack 3

Merrimack (1-1)	0	1	1	1	-	3
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Albany (1-0)	2	2	4	3	-	11
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Merrimack - Scoring: Ryan Polley 1-1, Ryan Savage 1-0, Jaime Farrell 1-0;
Saves: Gary Ford 20.

Albany - Scoring: Dan Small 3-0, John Baumann 2-2, Carl Gravano 2-1, Mike McCarthy 2-0, Andrew Poplinger 1-1, Tets Wakino 1-0, Brian Ryniker 0-2, Keith Willa 0-1; Saves: Gary Lockwood 17, Rich Waine 2, Mike Shelli 1, Mike Arnone 1.

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Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

(Baseball)

Virginia Beach, Va. -- Albany's scheduled game with Springfield College was postponed due to rain. The Great Danes face Massachusetts College on Thursday.

(Softball)

Fort Pierce, Fla. -- Albany's non-conference doubleheader with Missouri Baptist College was washed out by rain. The Great Danes meet Ripon College on Thursday at the Florida Coast Spring Training Camp.

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Comments: College Sports

(Football)

Waco, Texas -- University at Albany's Bob Ford has been elected third vice-president of the American Football Coaches Association. Ford, the 1997 GTE Region I and Eastern Football Conference Coach of the Year, has a 157-121-1 record in 29 years as a varsity coach.

The 1998 AFCA officers include president Roy Kidd of Eastern Kentucky University, first vice-president Rocky Rees of Shippensburg University and second vice-president Bobby Bowden of Florida State University.

Ford has 148 career victories in 25 seasons as Albany's head coach, and led the Great Danes to an EFC championship last fall.

(Baseball)

Virginia Beach, Va. -- Senior outfielder Heath Mullen (Greenwich Central H.S.) doubled twice and drove in two runs to lead Albany past Endicott College, 11-4, in the Great Danes' season opener on Wednesday afternoon at Virginia Wesleyan College.

Mullen lined a two-run double into the left field gap to highlight a third inning in which Albany plated seven runners. Steve Checksfield and Michael Oliva each belted triples in the frame. Freshman Mike Negron went 2-for-4 at the plate in his club's 12-hit attack.

Jay Forsys had two RBIs with a single and a sacrifice fly for Endicott (0-2), a Division III school in Massachusetts. The Great Danes face Springfield College on Thursday.

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Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

-baseball agate-

Albany 117 020 0 - 11 12 3

Endicott 103 000 0 - 4 4 2

**Trufant, Hoyt (5), Mullen (7) and Cirilla, Ryan (5), Lizza (7).
Smith, Rogers (3), Shimoeda (6) and Koziol.**

(Softball)

Fort Pierce, Fla. -- Kate Carnevale (Columbia H.S.) and Erin Craig each had RBI singles in a four-run eighth inning as Albany rallied for a 10-6 victory over Knox College in the nightcap to complete a non-conference doubleheader sweep. The Great Danes won the first game, 6-3, at the Florida Coast Spring Training Camp on Wednesday.

Knox (1-3), a Division III school in Illinois, scored two unearned runs in the seventh to send the second contest to extra innings. Carnevale, a senior infielder who had two hits with three runs scored, broke the 6-6 tie with an RBI single. Lisa deSousa, a freshman catcher, drove in her second run of the game with a groundout, before Craig delivered another run with a single.

In the opener, Cari Crockett hit a two-run homer in the fourth, and deSousa added a solo blast in the third. Nancy Nicsevic (Columbia) collected two hits with one run scored.

Albany (4-2) plays a twinbill with Missouri Baptist College on Thursday.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Knox 000 111 0 - 3 8 2

Albany 111 201 x - 6 8 0

Montbrind and Krause.

Hansen and deSousa, Faraone (4).

(Game 2)

Albany 301 020 04 - 10 9 3

Knox 001 003 20 - 6 10 11

McGroty and deSousa.

Landsdown, Montbrind (8) and Krause.

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Comments: College Sports

(Men's Basketball)

Louisville, Ky. -- University at Albany's Andre Duncan has been named to the 1997-98 Daktronics NCAA Division II All-America Team in men's basketball. Duncan, a 6-foot-6 forward, was voted to the third team by the nation's sports information directors.

He is the fourth Albany player to earn All-America honors in the basketball program's history. Dick Crossett (1964-65), Rich Margison (1968-69) and Jason Graber (1993-94) were honorable-mention selections at the College Division and Division III levels.

"All-America recognition is a tremendous accomplishment for Andre," said Albany coach Scott Hicks, whose team posted a 19-8 record in his first season. "He was recruited as a Division III player and became the MVP in a full-scholarship Division II conference. Good things happen to those who work hard."

Duncan, a senior from Monticello, N.Y., was picked in February as the New England Collegiate Conference Player of the Year, and led the conference in scoring (19.3 ppg), rebounding (8.6 pg) and blocked shots (2.1 pg). Earlier this month, Duncan was chosen first-team All-Northeast Region, All-ECAC-North, and to the NABC All-District squad.

He ended his career ranked fifth among the Great Danes' all-time scorers with 1,453 points, and finished first in blocked shots (184) and ninth in rebounding (696).

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Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

(Softball)

Fort Pierce, Fla. -- Albany pitchers Kara Faraone and Kelly Poynton picked up their first victories of the season as the Great Danes blanked Husson College, 1-0 and 8-0, in a non-conference doubleheader on Tuesday at the Florida Coast Spring Training Camp.

Faraone, a sophomore hurler, allowed three singles, while striking out four and walking six through five innings in the opener. Reliever Jessica Hansen earned a save with two no-hit innings. Nancy Nicsevic (Columbia H.S.) doubled and scored in third, and came home on catcher Lisa deSousa's two-out double over the left fielder's head.

In the second contest, Poynton fired a three-hitter to even her record at 1-1 on the season. The right-hander recorded six strikeouts and three walks. deSousa, who went 3-for-4 with three RBIs, slugged a two-run homer in the fourth. Anne Bink (Colonie Central H.S.) added two hits and one RBI.

Albany (2-2) faces Knox College in a twinbill on Wednesday, while Husson, an NAIA school in Maine, falls to 2-4.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Albany	001	000	0	-	1	6	0
Husson	000	000	0	-	0	3	1

Kara Faraone, Jessica Hansen (6) and Lisa deSousa.
Kelly Dow and Amy Coppola.

(Game 2)

Husson	000	00	-	0	3	3
Albany	021	23	-	8	13	0

(game halted by 8-run rule)

Sami Hibbgard and Angie Brawn.
Kelly Poynton and Lisa deSousa.

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Comments: College Sports

(Men's Lacrosse)

University at Albany's Tom Alexander (Guilderland H.S.) has been chosen to the *College Lacrosse USA* Division II preseason All-America first-team as a defenseman. The 6-foot-2, 220-pound senior led an Albany defense which allowed 9.31 goals per game last season. He earned second-team USILA All-America honors, and was a Capital District College Lacrosse League All-Star.

Mike McCarthy (Shenendehowa) and Gary Lockwood were preseason honorable mention selections. McCarthy, a senior attackman, led the Great Danes in scoring with 34 goals and eight assists, while Lockwood ranked fifth among the nation's top goalkeepers in goals against average (9.90).

Albany was ranked eighth in the preseason Division II national poll by *Face-Off Magazine*, and opens its schedule on Thursday (Mar. 19) against Merrimack in Gaffney, South Carolina.

(Women's Lacrosse)

Sophomore Dawn DiMicco has been named to the *College Lacrosse USA* preseason women's Division II All-America squad. DiMicco, who was a 1997 Brine/IWLCA first-team All-American, set the school's single-season freshman scoring record last year with 32 goals and four assists.

Albany is rated ninth in the preseason Division II IWLCA national poll, and begins its schedule on Friday (Mar. 20) at Limestone College in South Carolina. The Lady Saints are ranked seventh nationally.

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Comments: College Softball

Fort Pierce, Fla. -- Chris Hanrahan fired a three-hit shutout in the opener to lead St. Peter's to a non-conference doubleheader sweep over Albany on Sunday at the Florida Coast Spring Training Camp. The Peahens won the first game, 8-0, and the nightcap, 8-5.

Hanrahan allowed three singles, while striking out five and walking three. St. Peter's (13-2) got off to a 2-0 lead in the first inning on back-to-back doubles by Tina Johnson and Maria Anderson.

In the second contest, Albany's Nancy Nicesvic (Columbia H.S.), who tripled and singled, and scored twice, and Kate Carnevale (Columbia), who went 2-for-4 with two RBIs, helped their team close within 6-5 after six innings. However, St. Peter's, a 32-win club last season, padded its lead with RBI singles by Jane Stievers and Carrie Jones in the seventh.

The Great Danes, who were opening their 1998 schedule, meet Husson College in a twinbill on Tuesday.

-agate-

(Game 1)

Albany 000 000 - 0 3 0

St. Peter's 200 006 - 8 7 0

(game halted by 8-run rule)

McGroty and deSousa. Hanrahan and Johnson.

(Game 2)

St. Peter's 103 020 2 - 8 9 1

Albany 100 031 0 - 5 10 1

Anderson and Grieser. Poynton and deSousa.

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Comments: Track & Field

University at Albany's Halim Wise finished seventh in the 400-meter dash at the 77th IC4A Indoor Track & Field Championships at Cornell University's Barton Hall. The Great Danes were represented by six athletes and two relays in a meet which annually gathers the East's top Division I competitors.

Wise, a senior from Mt. Vernon, N.Y., broke his own school record with a time of 48.68 seconds. He had set the previous UA standard at the Syracuse Invitational in early February.

Luis Soto, a two-event winner at this year's New England Collegiate Conference championships, placed ninth in the long jump with a mark of 23-feet, 3.5-inches. Freshman Ronald Edmundson was 12th in the triple jump (47-6.50).

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Comments: College Basketball

(Men's Basketball)

ECAC Division II Tournament

Championship -- Merrimack 80, St. Michael's 75

Albany, N.Y. -- Barry Spears had 19 points and eight rebounds to earn most valuable player honors as Merrimack upset St. Michael's, 80-75, in the ECAC Division II championship on Saturday evening at the University at Albany's Recreation and Convocation Center.

Merrimack, seeded fourth, also knocked off Albany, the No. 1 seed, in the semi-final round, and finished the season with a 16-13 record.

The Warriors trailed 68-66 with 5:55 remaining, but then reeled off eight unanswered points to go ahead for good. Spears, a 6-foot-3 junior, hit a driving bank shot and a fastbreak layup in that stretch.

Shawn Brown, who had 10 points, seven rebounds and five assists, and was an all-tournament choice, and Spears each canned a pair of free throws in the last 18 seconds to hold the lead.

Geoff Card led St. Michael's (16-13) with 21 points, while Mark Pater and Jay Wandtke added 17 and 16, respectively.

All-Tournament

MVP - Barry Spears, Merrimack

Andre Duncan, Albany; Shawn Brown, Merrimack; Geoff Card, St. Michael's;
Jay Wandtke, St. Michael's; Omar Kasi, Molloy

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(Women's Basketball)

ECAC Division II Tournament -- Semifinals

Adelphi 71, Albany 67

LIU-Southampton 73, West Chester 62

Garden City, N.Y. -- Sophomore guard Megan Moran scored 10 of her 16 points in the second half as Adelphi rallied for a 71-67 victory over Albany in the semi-final round of the 1998 ECAC Division II Tournament on Saturday afternoon at Woodruff Hall. Adelphi, the tourney's top seed, meets LIU-Southampton, a 73-62 winner over West Chester (Pa.), in Sunday's championship.

Albany (14-13), the fourth seed, shot 64 percent from the field in the opening period to grab a 38-33 halftime advantage. Sophomore Megan Buchanan netted 11 of her team-high 16 points in the stanza.

Adelphi (18-11) responded with an 8-2 run to start the second half. Molly McHugh, who had all 12 of her points after the intermission, and added seven assists, canned a jumper for a 41-40 lead.

The Great Danes went back in front at 47-44 with 11:26 remaining on consecutive baskets by Buchanan and Marlana Wheelwright. But Adelphi tallied 12 of the game's next 16 points to go ahead for good. McHugh's free throw snapped a 49-all tie, before Lauren Pellegrino (12 points) hit a short jumper for a 56-51 advantage with 6:35 left.

Kelly Paolino (Schalmont H.S.) had 10 points and five assists for the Great Danes, while freshman Liz Tucker was the third Albany player in double figures with 10.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Friday, March 6, 1998

---BOX SCORE ATTACHED---

ECAC MEN'S DIVISION II TOURNAMENT

(Semifinals)

Merrimack 92, Albany 82

St. Michael's 69, Molloy 67

Albany, N.Y. -- Matt Gibson scored 24 points to pace five players in double figures as Merrimack upended Albany, 92-82, in the semi-final round of the 1998 ECAC Division II Tournament at the Recreation and Convocation Center. The Great Danes, who were the tourney's top seed, finish with a 19-8 record. St. Michael's, the No. 2 seed, held off Molloy, 69-67, in Friday's first contest.

Merrimack (15-13) snapped a 25-25 deadlock in the first half with 11 consecutive points, and never trailed the rest of the way. Gibson, who canned 10 of 16 field goals, hit a jump hook to start the run. Matt Van Leeuwen (11 points) ended the stretch with a three-pointer.

The Warriors still held an 11-point cushion at 55-44 midway through the final period. But Albany rallied behind the play of Andre Duncan, who recorded his 12th double-double this season with 28 points and 12 rebounds. The 6-foot-6 senior's follow shot sliced the Merrimack lead to 65-62 with 6:34 remaining.

However, the Great Danes never got any closer, as the visitors responded with seven of the game's next eight points. Shawn Brown (13 points, 6 assists) hit a layup after a steal for a 72-63 cushion.

Albany's Todd Cetnar (Amsterdam H.S.) matched a season-high with 19 points, while senior Darrin Jahnel (Schalmont) finished his career with 12. Tom McGoldrick, a 6'5" senior, added 11 points and 11 rebounds.

In the first semifinal, Jay Wandtke had 21 points as St. Michael's squeaked by Molloy. The Purple Knights, who are 16-12 overall, will meet Merrimack in Saturday's championship.

Molloy (13-14) battled back from an 18-point halftime deficit to close within 59-57 with 5:30 remaining. Later, Geoff Card hit a driving one-hander and John Gonzalez (13 points) buried a three-pointer to push St. Michael's advantage to 68-61.

Omar Kasi, who had 16 points and five assists, helped Molloy make one more stab at the lead, when he hit two free throws and a drive from the top of the key to get his club within 69-67 with 11 seconds left. Card missed two free throws for St. Michael's, before the Lions' Reginald Dorsey failed to connect on 16-foot jumper as time expired.

Molloy's Frank Wassenbergh had 15 points and 12 rebounds, and was one of four players who scored in double digits.

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ANDRE DUNCAN NAMED TO TWO ALL-STAR BASKETBALL SQUADS

University at Albany's Andre Duncan was named to two regional men's basketball all-star teams on Wednesday. Duncan, a 6-foot-6 senior, was chosen to the Daktronics NCAA Division II Northeast Region First Team, and voted first-team All-ECAC-North by the region's head coaches and sports information directors.

Duncan, the 1998 New England Collegiate Conference Player of the Year, ranks third among the conference leaders in scoring at 18.9 points per game, and is first in rebounding (8.5 pg) and blocked shots (2.1 pg). The UA forward has scored 20-plus on 12 occasions this season, and posted 11 double-doubles in points and rebounds.

He ranks fifth among Albany's all-time scorers with 1,425 points, and is first in blocks (182) and ninth in rebounding (684).

A native of Monticello, N.Y., Duncan leads Albany (19-7) into this week's ECAC Division II Tournament. The Great Danes, as the top seed, host Merrimack at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 6 in the semi-final round. St. Michael's and Molloy battle at 5:30 in the other semifinal at the Recreation and Convocation Center. The first-day winners meet in Saturday's championship. Tip-off is 7:30.



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DAKTRONICS NCAA DIVISION II
NORTHEAST ALL-REGION TEAM

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YOUTH SERVED ON MEN'S BASKETBALL
NORTHEAST ALL-REGION TEAM

ERIE, PA -- While many regions showcased seniority, the Daktronics NCAA Division II Northeast All-Region First Team featured just two seniors. The rest of the squad was comprised of two juniors and a sophomore. The five first team members are now candidates for the Daktronics NCAA Division II Men's Basketball All-America Teams. Those teams will be announced March 17.

Voting was conducted among Sports Information Directors in the Northeast Region. The 1997-98 Daktronics Men's Basketball All-America Teams will be announced in conjunction with the 1998 NCAA Division II Elite Eight in Louisville, Kentucky on March 18-21.

The five first team members of each region are placed on the national ballot, with all Division II Sports Information Directors selecting a first, second and third team All-America units.

Here are the members of the 1997-98 Daktronics Men's Basketball Northeast All-Region Team:

1997-98 Daktronics Division II Northeast All-Region
First Team

SHAUN FEIN, Stonehill College

Guard, Sophomore, Barnstable, MA (20.1 ppg. - 4.6 apg.)

ANDRE DUNCAN, University at Albany

Forward, Senior, Monticello, NY (18.9 ppg. - 8.5 rpg.)

JOHN TOMSICH, LeMoyne College

Center, Junior, Mansfield, OH (19.4 ppg. - 9.7 rpg.)

JERRITT LEWIS, Southern Connecticut State

Guard, Senior, Copiague, NY (19.0 ppg. - 4.1 rpg.)

BOBBY FISICARO, Philadelphia Textile

Guard, Junior, Sewell, NJ (19.6 ppg. - 2.6 rpg.)

Second Team

GARY BROWN, Dowling College

GAREE BRYANT, C.W. Post

JERMAINE HENDERSON, College of Saint Rose

ORLANDO RANSON, New Hampshire College

DAMON REED, College of Saint Rose

selected by the sports information directors of NCAA Division II member institutions

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STONEHILL COLLEGE'S SHAUN FEIN NAMED ECAC/AMERISUITES DIVISION II NORTH PLAYER OF THE YEAR *Casey Carney of Assumption College Tabbed Rookie of the Year*

CENTERVILLE, Mass. - Sophomore guard Shaun Fein of Stonehill College has been named the 1997-98 Eastern College Athletic Conference/AmeriSuites Division II North Player of the Year. In addition, Casey Carney of Assumption College was voted the ECAC/AmeriSuites Division II North Rookie of the Year. The ECAC Division II North All-Star team and major awards were selected by the region's 20 head coaches and sports information directors.

Fein has led Stonehill College to a 21-6 record and its first NCAA Division II Tournament appearance since 1989. The Northeast-10 Conference Player of the Year, he enters this weekend's Northeast Regional averaging a team-high 20.1 points and 5.2 assists per game. A two-time Northeast-10 Player of the Week selection, he recorded a pair of 45-point performances during the year and set the school record for three-pointers in a game (9) during a loss to Bentley College. He ranks among the Northeast-10 leaders in both three-point field goals per game (3.2) and three-point field goal percentage (.410). The Centerville, Mass. native becomes the first men's basketball player from Stonehill to be named ECAC Division II North Player of the Year.

Carney played in 30 of 31 games for Assumption, which claimed its first Northeast-10 Conference Tournament title since 1992. The Greyhounds will be making their first NCAA Division II Tournament appearance since 1992 and bring a 22-9 record into this weekend's Northeast Regional. The Northeast-10 Freshman of the Year and six-time conference Freshman of the Week, Carney drilled a team-high 61 three-pointers and ranked third on the team in scoring (13.7 ppg). Carney is a native of Seekonk, Mass.

1997-98 ECAC/AMERISUITES DIVISION II NORTH MEN'S BASKETBALL ALL-STARS

FIRST TEAM

Front Court

Dave Donnelly	Jr	Stonehill College	Lakeville, Mass.
Andre Duncan	Sr	University at Albany	Monticello, N.Y.
John Tomsich	Jr	Le Moyne College	Mansfield, Ohio

Backcourt

Shaun Fein	So	Stonehill College	Centerville, Mass.
Jeritt Lewis	Sr	Southern Connecticut State	Copiapac, N.Y.

SECOND TEAM

Front Court

T.J. Butler	Sr	Franklin Pierce College	Rochester, N.H.
Drew Cooper	Jr	Assumption College	Louisville, Ky.
Geoff Card	Sr	Saint Michael's College	Princeton, N.J.

Backcourt

Orlando Ranson	Jr	New Hampshire College	Baltimore, Md.
Jamic Baker	Jr	Bentley College	Rye, N.H.

Player of the Year:	Shaun Fein	So	Stonehill College	Centerville, Mass.
Rookie of the Year:	Casey Carney	Fr	Assumption College	Seekonk, Mass.

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ALBANY MEN & WOMEN EARN ECAC DIVISION II TOURNAMENT BERTHS

Centerville, Mass. -- After posting a 19-7 regular-season record, the University at Albany has been awarded the top seed and will host the 1998 Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Division II men's basketball tournament on March 6-7. Albany's women's team also received an ECAC tournament bid, and will travel to Adelphi on Saturday.

Albany's Recreation and Convocation Center will be the site for the four-team men's tournament. In the semifinals on Friday, March 6th, St. Michael's (15-12) battles Molloy (13-13) at 5:30 p.m., while Albany meets Merrimack (14-13) at 7:30. The semi-final winners will tangle in the championship at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 7. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students. The University's ticket office is open from 10:00 a.m to 4:00 p.m. during the week.

The Great Danes are led by Andre Duncan, the New England Collegiate Conference Player of the Year. Duncan is averaging 18.9 points and 8.5 rebounds per game. Albany's post-season action will air on WROW Radio (590 AM), beginning with the pre-game show 15 minutes prior to tip-off. Albany's last post-season appearance was at the 1995 NCAA Division III tournament.

ECAC Division II Men's Basketball Tournament

(All Games at Albany's Recreation and Convocation Center)

Friday, March 6

#2 St. Michael's (15-12) vs. #3 Molloy (13-13), 5:30 p.m.

#1 Albany (19-7) vs. #4 Merrimack (14-13), 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 7

Championship, 7:30 p.m.

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Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

Albany (14-12) will be the fourth seed in the ECAC Division II women's tournament. Adelphi (17-11) is the top seed, and will host the Great Danes in a semi-final contest on Saturday, March 7 at 4:00 p.m. The Panthers' Woodruff Hall will serve as the site for this two-day tourney.

West Chester (15-13), the No. 2 seed, meets LIU-Southampton (15-12) in the other semifinal. The winners advance in the bracket to the championship on Sunday, March 8 at 2:00 p.m.

Kelly Paolino (Schalmont H.S.) leads the Great Danes to their first post-season appearance since the 1995 New York State (NYSWCAA) Division III tournament. The second-team all-NECC guard is averaging 12.2 points, 4.0 assists and 3.2 steals.

ECAC Division II Women's Basketball Tournament

(All Games at Adelphi University, Garden City, N.Y.)

Saturday, March 7

#2 West Chester (15-13) vs. #3 LIU-Southampton (15-12), 2:00 p.m.

#1 Adelphi (17-11) vs. #4 Albany (14-12), 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 8

Championship, 2:00 p.m.

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Comments: USA Indoor Track & Field Championships

Atlanta, Ga. -- University at Albany's Samantha Cohen placed fifth in the women's 3,000-meter racewalk at the USA Indoor Track & Field championships.

Cohen, a junior from Croton, N.Y., walked 14:15.10 over the Georgia Dome surface. She finished behind champion Michelle Rohl, who won her third indoor title since 1995 with a time of 12:40.38.

Ellakisha Williamson, a three-event winner at the New England Collegiate Conference championships on Feb. 21, failed in her attempt to reach the 60-meter high hurdles final. Williamson, a Albany High School graduate, did set a school record of 8.47 seconds in the preliminary round.

Former Albany All-American Geoffrey York (Troy H.S.) missed the men's 60-hurdles final by two-tenths of a second. York, competing for the New York Pioneer Club, was clocked in 7.80.

In addition, 1996 Olympian Shana Williams, previously an Albany assistant track coach, was second in the women's long jump with a mark of 22-feet, 3.50-inches.