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CHARLIE VOELKER NAMED INTERIM DIRECTOR OF MARKETING, CORPORATE SALES AND TICKET OPERATIONS

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany Director of Athletics Lee McElroy announced today the hiring of Charlie Voelker as interim director of marketing, corporate sales and ticket operations. Voelker replaces Kevin Frattura who accepted a sales and marketing position with the National Basketball Association's Indiana Pacers.

Voelker recently worked with two minor league baseball organizations. He served as director of player personnel for the Berkshire Black Bears in Pittsfield, Mass., and was vice-president and general manager of the Albany-Colonie Diamond Dogs from 1997-2001. In that position, he oversaw all aspects of organizational operations, plus handled marketing and corporate sponsorships. He was named the Northern League General Manager of the Year on two occasions, as the Diamond Dogs nearly doubled their attendance figures and increased sponsorship dollars by 400 percent.

"I am pleased that Charlie is joining the UAlbany athletic department, as he will enhance our overall marketing efforts," McElroy said. "We are beginning to establish a competitive Division I athletics program, both on the field and in the classroom. His expertise with sports organizations will lend itself well to helping create the support and visibility that our student-athletes, coaches and staff deserve."

Voelker, 39, received his B.A. in rhetoric and communication from the University at Albany in 1987. He has an associate's degree in business from Nassau Community College, and has completed the marketing and sales segment of the MBA program at The Sage Colleges.

A native of Garden City, N.Y., Voelker was a color commentator and play-by-play announcer for UAlbany football and basketball commercial radio broadcasts from 1996-2002. He also worked in the Capital Region as an account executive and commercial producer for Time Warner Cable. From 1987-97, Voelker sold local advertising on ESPN, CNN, MTV, USA and other cable stations.

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GARY JONES AND GEIR GUDMUNDSEN AMONG NINE UALBANY PLAYERS ON FOOTBALL GAZETTE PRESEASON NCAA I-AA MID-MAJOR TEAM

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany tailback **Gary Jones** (Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk) and offensive tackle **Geir Gudmundsen** lead a group of nine players who have been chosen to the Football Gazette I-AA Mid-Major Preseason All-America Football Team. Jones and Gudmundsen are first-team selections.

Jones, a 5-foot-10, 220-pound running back, rushed for a school-record 1,509 yards, scored 23 touchdowns and accounted for 1,949 all-purpose yards as a junior. Jones, a Walter Payton Award candidate, established nine school records and two conference marks last year. He was named to the Associated Press Division I-AA All-America team. Gudmundsen, a 6-foot-6, 315-pound left tackle, blocked for an offense that ranked seventh nationally in rushing at 252.3 yards per game, plus led the Northeast Conference in scoring and total offense. Both players were previously named to The Sports Network preseason All-America squad.

Seven UAlbany players were picked to the Football Gazette second team. Right tackle **Mike Laroche** (Queensbury), fullback **Jon George** (Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake), flanker **Matt Crudo** (LaSalle Institute) and center **Brandon Shaw** represent the offense. Defensive end **John Bolt** (Watervliet), defensive tackle **David Parks** and roverbback **Kurt Campbell** helped the Great Danes rank fifth among Division I-AA teams in rushing defense at 92.8 yards per game.

Albany, the defending NEC and ECAC champion, are slated to open preseason camp on August 14. The Great Danes begin their 11-game schedule on Saturday, September 6 against Northeastern, last year's Atlantic-10 Conference co-champion.



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First Team Offense

<u>POS</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>HT</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>YR</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>
QB	David Caudill	6-2	205	SR	Morehead State
RB	Derek Clayton	5-8	175	SR	Saint Peter's
RB	Gary Jones	5-10	215	SR	Albany
WR	Michael Gasperson	6-4	213	JR	San Diego
WR	Barrett Johnson	5-10	175	SR	Davidson
TE	Rupert Rickards	6-2	210	JR	Robert Morris
OL	Avery Fleming	6-1	268	SR	Austin Peay
OL	Geir Gudmundsen	6-6	310	JR	Albany
OL	Joe Isa	6-3	300	SR	Saint Peter's
OL	Jarrold Wachter	6-0	250	SR	Dayton
OL	Justin Willhoite	6-2	279	SR	Dayton
PK	Adam Williams	6-3	206	SR	San Diego
RS	Chad King	5-10	170	SR	Stony Brook

First Team Defense

<u>POS</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>HT</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>YR</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>
DL	Kevin Fales	6-3	250	SR	Iona
DL	Ryan McKenzie	6-0	290	JR	Morehead State
DL	Shawn Poling	6-0	240	JR	Saint Peter's
DL	Philip Polony	6-3	260	SR	Duquesne
LB	Brian Heizman	6-3	232	SR	Dayton
LB	Dan Smacchia	6-1	230	SR	Siena
LB	Craig Unger	6-2	214	JR	Morehead State
LB	Andy Guzinski	6-1	231	SR	San Diego
DB	Chris Blackshear	5-10	180	JR	Central Connecticut State
DB	Charles Byrd	5-11	185	SR	Morehead State
DB	Chad King	5-10	170	SR	Stony Brook
DB	Armar Watson	5-11	190	JR	Duquesne
P	Ryan Horvath	6-1	195	SO	Drake

Second Team Offense

<u>POS</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>HT</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>YR</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>
QB	Eric Rasmussen	6-3	219	SR	San Diego
RB	Jon George	5-11	220	SR	Albany
RB	Michael Hall	5-11	200	SR	Saint Francis
WR	Matt Crudo	5-11	195	JR	Albany
WR	Rob Giancola	6-0	215	JR	Valparaiso
TE	Gerard Doyle	6-0	235	JR	Saint Peter's
OL	David Charles	6-3	295	JR	Stony Brook
OL	Brian Dilworth	6-2	255	SR	Wagner
OL	Mike Laroche	6-4	280	SR	Albany
OL	Brad Larson	6-7	330	SR	Saint Francis
OL	Brandon Shaw	6-0	295	JR	Albany
PK	James Galea	5-10	190	JR	Saint Peter's
RS	Gavin Ng	5-9	158	SR	San Diego

Second Team Defense

<u>POS</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>HT</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>YR</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>
DL	John Bolt	6-4	245	SR	Albany
DL	Bryan Karp	6-3	255	JR	Stony Brook
DL	David Parks	6-0	265	SR	Albany
DL	Ed Pietrowski	6-2	230	SR	Siena
LB	Harry Carter	6-1	235	SO	Duquesne
LB	Jesse Oriol	6-2	230	SR	Iona
LB	Joe Sentipal	5-11	225	SR	Monmouth
LB	Parker Smith	5-8	180	SR	Butler
DB	Vernard Abrams	6-3	182	JR	LaSalle
DB	Kurt Campbell	6-1	217	JR	San Diego
DB	Frank Meade	5-9	180	JR	Iona
DB	Brian Pawlowski	6-3	205	SR	Sacred Heart
P	Chris Costello	5-7	160	SR	Davidson

Honorable Mention

OFFENSE — **Quarterback:** Niel Loebig, Duquesne, Jr. 6'3, 215; **Wide Receiver:** Yardon Brantley, Duquesne, Sr. 6'1, 180; Shaun Grover, Wagner, Jr. 5'9, 165; **Tight End:** Jimmy Willman, Jacksonville, Sr. 6'4, 240; **Running Back:** Mike Hilliard, Duquesne, Sr. 5'11, 200; Geno Mattioda, Dayton, Sr. 5'11, 210; **Lineman:** Matt Meyer, Jacksonville, Sr. 6'5, 295; **Return Specialist:** Pete Athans, Sacred Heart, Sr. 5'10, 187; Gary Jones, Albany, Sr. 5'10, 215; **DEFENSE** --- **Lineman:** Chris Anderson, Dayton, Sr. 5'11, 265; Eric Dearth, Dayton, Sr. 6'1, 231; **Linebacker:** James Noel, Robert Morris, Jr. 6'0, 215; Michael Short, Dayton, Sr. 6'0, 220; **Defensive Back:** Wesley Morgan, San Diego, Sr. 5'10, 184; **Punter:** David Bateman, Wagner, Jr. 6'2, 180.

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BASKETBALL PLAYER JON IATI TO HAVE SHOULDER SURGERY

Albany, N.Y. – Jon Iati, who will be a freshman on the University at Albany basketball team in the fall, is scheduled to have shoulder surgery on August 6, as head coach Will Brown announced today. Iati, who is on campus taking summer session courses, dislocated his right shoulder during a conditioning drill on July 17.

Iati, a 5-foot-9, 150-pound guard from York, Pa., had an MRI exam last Friday and met with team physician Dr. Shankar Das yesterday. The surgical procedure will repair a labrum tear and will be followed by a three- to four-month rehabilitation. It is expected that Iati would be available for practice in November.

Iati signed with the UAlbany program in November 2002 during the early recruiting period. He averaged 24.4 points per game as a senior, and was named to the Associated Press Class AA all-state team. Iati, who attended York Catholic High School, is the second-leading scorer in YAIAA history.



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Albany's Bove, Stony Brook's Payne Named America East Top Scholar-Athletes

BOSTON- University at Albany senior Emil Bove and Stony Brook University senior Jenny Payne were named the 2002-03 America East Men's and Women's Scholar-Athletes of the Year it was announced today by Chris Monasch, Commissioner of America East. Bove, a co-captain on the America East Champion men's lacrosse team, was also the Men's Scholar-Athlete of the Year last season and is the first repeat selection since the program was instituted in 1996-97.

A committee of athletics administrators and NCAA Faculty Athletics Representatives chose the honorees from the Scholar-Athletes of each of the 21 championship sports offered by America East. Those 21 were selected from the nearly 3,700 student-athletes who competed at America East institutions last year.

Bove, who recently graduated with a perfect 4.0 cumulative grade-point average as a public policy and economics major, was one of 29 men chosen from all the spring sports in NCAA Division I, II and III to receive an NCAA postgraduate scholarship. The Seneca Falls, N.Y. native was also a Verizon Academic All-America choice and was awarded the ECAC Merit Medal as Albany's top senior male student-athlete. He also received the University at Albany's Outstanding Senior Award, the Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence, and the Athletes Leadership Award. A defender, Bove was an all-championship selection after leading the Great Danes to the 2003 America East Championship and the program's first appearance in the NCAA Division I Men's Lacrosse Championship.

Payne, the 2002 America East Cross Country Champion after finishing with the sixth-best time in conference history, recently graduated with a 3.85 grade-point average as a biology major. She earned All-America honors at the NCAA Division I Women's Cross Country Championship after finishing 23rd in that event. The Cary, N.C. native was one of 29 women chosen from all the fall sports in NCAA Division I, II and III to receive an NCAA postgraduate scholarship. She was also a Verizon Academic All-America selection last season and was named Stony Brook University's Female Athlete of the Year in each of the past two years. Like Bove, she was cited for a Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence.

Other America East Scholar-Athletes named earlier this month were: Alissa Gibbs (volleyball) and Theresa Masse (women's lacrosse) of Albany; Amy Weissberg (women's tennis) of Binghamton University; Kristin Knesek (softball) and Liam Revel (men's indoor track and field) of Boston University; Chris Holmes (golf), Katharina Lindner (women's soccer), Asaf Lubezky (men's soccer) and Pedja Zdravkovic (men's tennis) of University of Hartford; Kate Abbott (women's swimming and diving), Jacob Jentzer (men's swimming and diving) and Viktoriya Rybalko (women's indoor track and field, women's outdoor track and field) of University of Maine; Dan Hocking (men's cross country) of University of New Hampshire; Brendan Ryan (baseball) of Northeastern University; Jonathan Brims (men's outdoor track and field) of Stony Brook; Grant Anderson (men's basketball), Dawn Cressman (women's basketball) and Alexis Ressler (field hockey) of University of Vermont.

Member institutions of America East Conference for the 2002-03 academic year included Albany, Binghamton, Boston University, Hartford, Maine, New Hampshire, Northeastern, Stony Brook, and Vermont. University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) will join the conference for the 2003-04 academic year.

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GIANTS SCRIMMAGE BARBECUE ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 2 IS SOLD OUT

Albany, N.Y. -- The Giants Scrimmage Day Barbecue, scheduled for Saturday, August 2 at 12 noon, is now sold out as announced today by University at Albany Assistant Director of Advancement Events Christy DeLaMater. Individual Intrasquad Scrimmage tickets (price includes parking) are still available. The Giants scrimmage begins at 2:00 p.m. Reserved seating is \$10.00, and general admission is \$8.00.

The Scrimmage Day Barbecue, priced at \$35.00 per person, includes a reserved seat for the scrimmage and a picnic menu and is held prior to the Intrasquad Scrimmage. This is the second Giants Training Camp event to sell out. All tickets were sold for The Meet the Giants Event, slated for July 30, last Monday.

UAlbany's Athletic Ticket Office, located in the Recreation and Convocation Center, is open July 25-Aug. 2 from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. The ticket office can be contacted by phone, at 518-442-4683. Giants Training Camp parking cards (non-transferable) for all practice sessions are still on sale at \$10.00. The daily parking fee is \$5.00. Dutch Quad Lot is the primary parking facility for the public.

The Giants practice twice on Friday, July 25, the first day of training camp, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. and 3:00-5:00 p.m. The training camp's daily schedule can be accessed through the University's athletic web site, at www.albany.edu/sports/giants.html

Giants Training Camp Ticket Office Schedule

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MEET THE GIANTS EVENT, SLATED FOR JULY 30, IS SOLD OUT

Albany, N.Y. -- Ticket sales for New York Giants training camp events are currently on sale through the University at Albany Athletic Ticket Office. The Intrasquad Scrimmage and Barbecue (August 2) and parking cards for all practice sessions are available. The Meet the Giants Event is sold out.

The Meet the Giants Event is scheduled for Wednesday, July 30 from 5:00-7:30 p.m. at University Gymnasium on campus. Proceeds benefit the Capital District Student Scholarship Fund sponsored by the New York Giants, Albany Times Union and University at Albany.

UAlbany's Athletic Ticket Office, located in the Recreation and Convocation Center, is open July 21-24 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., and July 25-Aug. 2 from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. The ticket office can be contacted by phone, at 518-442-4683.

The Scrimmage Day Barbecue on Saturday, August 2 begins at 12 noon under a tent in the east end zone of University Field. The price is \$35.00 per person, and includes a reserved seat for the scrimmage and a picnic menu. Individual intrasquad scrimmage tickets (price includes parking) are also available. The Giants scrimmage is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Reserved seating is \$10.00, and general admission is \$8.00.

Giants Training Camp parking cards (non-transferable) for all practice sessions are priced at \$10.00. The daily parking fee is \$5.00. Dutch Quad Lot will again be used as the primary parking facility for the public. The training camp's daily schedule can be accessed through the University's athletic web site, at www.albany.edu/sports/giants.html

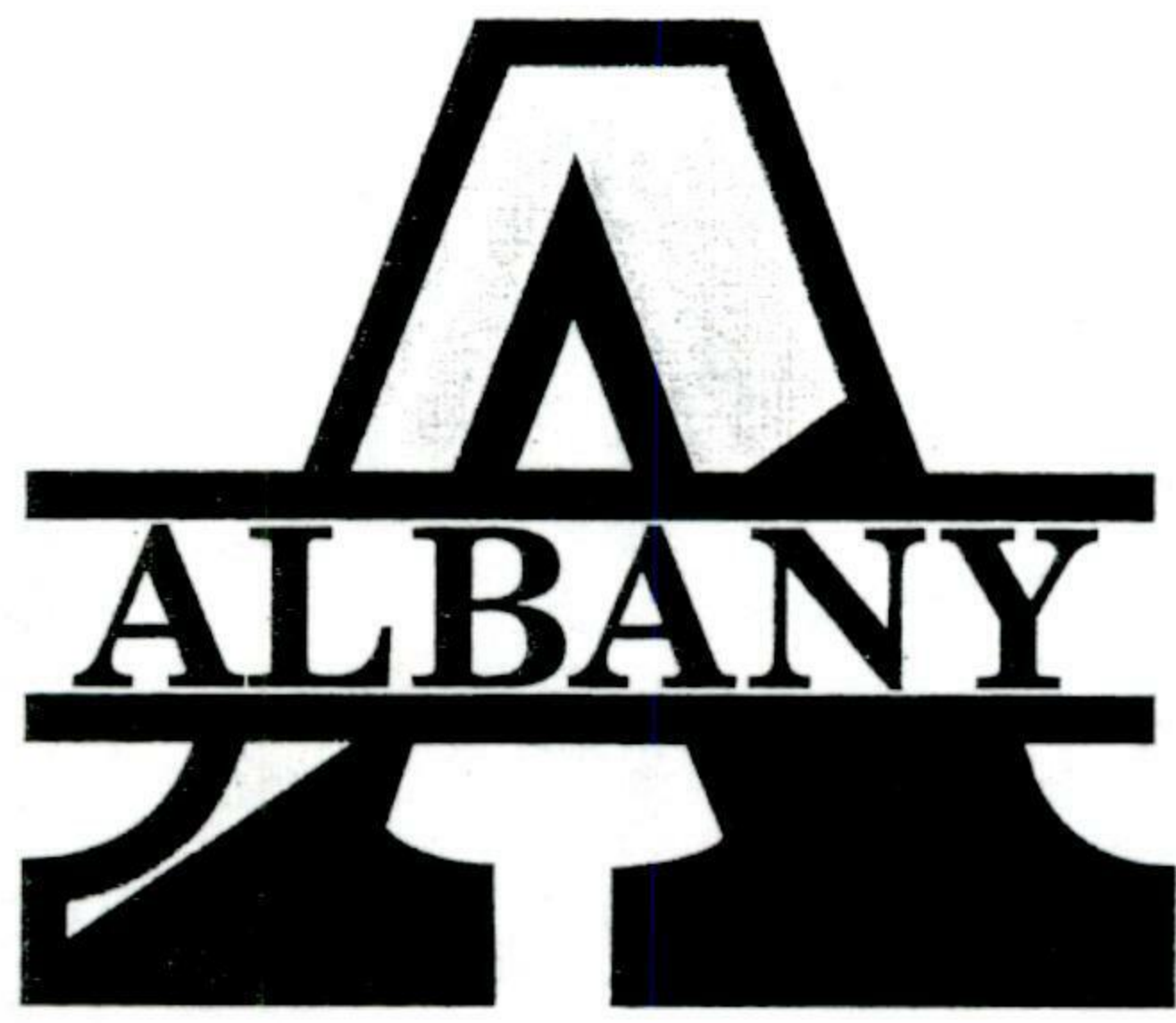
Giants Training Camp Ticket Office Schedule

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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY

DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS & RECREATION

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CALEB STRATTON RECEIVES CAPITAL DISTRICT STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP Shenendehowa High Graduate Will Be Recognized at Giants Media Day on July 24

Albany, N.Y. -- University at Albany Vice President for Student Affairs James P. Doellefeld announced today that Caleb Stratton is the recipient of this year's Capital District Student Scholarship, sponsored by the New York Giants Football, Inc., University at Albany and Albany Times Union Newspaper. Stratton, a native of Round Lake, N.Y., will be recognized as part of a welcome program at Giants Media Day on Thursday, July 24.

The Giants Media Day Program is scheduled for 11:45 a.m. under a tent on the campus' Dutch Quad Field. Giants head coach Jim Fassel, City of Albany Mayor Jerry Jennings and City of Albany Common Council President Dr. Helen Desfosses will be among the dignitaries attending, and are expected to speak at the 12 noon program.

Stratton, who will play for UAlbany's America East Conference championship lacrosse team, was a second-team All-Area selection at Shenendehowa High School. As a defensive midfielder, Stratton scored 14 goals and 18 assists in leading his team to the 2003 Class A state semifinals and a 20-4 record. A two-year captain, he totaled 29 goals and 12 assists as a junior. Stratton plans to study music or fine arts, and plays the drums in the group, "One Night Stand." His parents are Jeff and Jane Stratton, and he has a younger brother, Micah. His father is the pastor at Round Lake United Methodist Church, while his mother is a Saratoga BOCES teacher.

The Capital District Student Scholarship provides Stratton with a monetary award equivalent to the tuition costs of four years at the University at Albany. The eighth annual Meet the Giants Event, scheduled for Wednesday, July 30 at 5:00 p.m. in University Gymnasium, generates funding for this scholarship.

GIANTS CAMP NOTES: UAlbany is the Giants Training Camp site for the eighth consecutive summer ... UAlbany has played host to the second-longest stint of any Giants' training camp behind Pace University (1975-87) ... the first practice sessions will be held on Friday, July 25 and continue through August 22 ... tickets for training camp events go on sale at the UAlbany Athletic Ticket Office in the Recreation and Convocation Center Lobby on Monday, July 21 ... UAlbany's ticket office can be reached, at 518-442-4683 ... the training camp's daily schedule can be accessed through the University's athletic web site, at www.albany.edu/sports/giants.html ... tickets are still available for the Meet the Giants Event (July 30) and Scrimmage Day Barbecue and/or Giants Intrasquad Scrimmage (Aug. 2) ... the daily parking fee is \$5.00, while a parking card for all practice sessions is \$10 ... Dutch Quad Lot is the primary parking facility for the public ...

UAlbany Athletic Ticket Office Hours (RACC Lobby)

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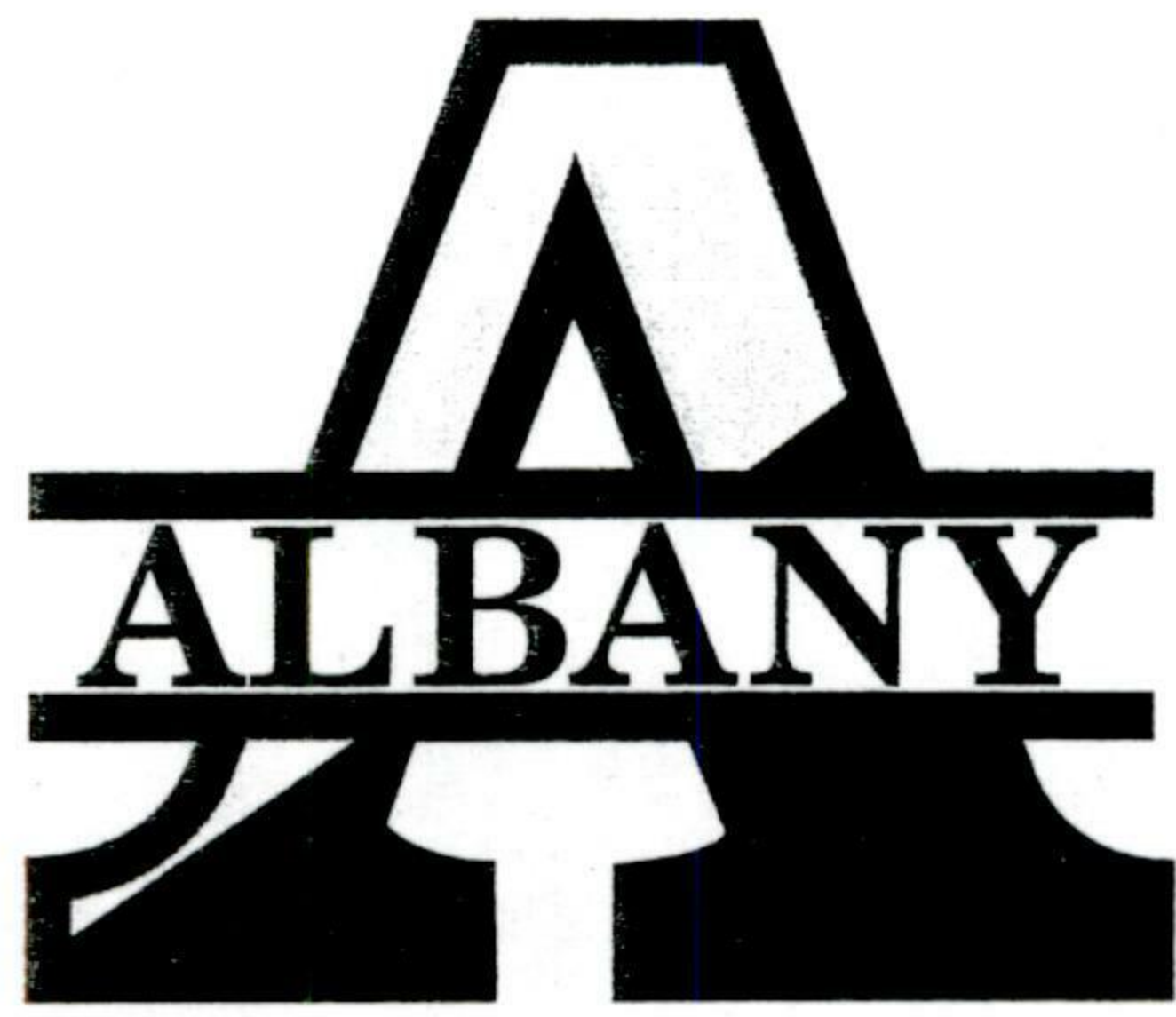
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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY ANNOUNCES 2003-04 WOMEN'S LACROSSE COMMITMENTS

ALBANY, N.Y. – University at Albany women's lacrosse coach Dennis Short announced today that 12 student-athletes have made commitments to play for the Great Danes in 2003-04. The UAlbany program recently completed its second year as a member of the America East Conference.

"This group has the potential to be a program-changing class and make an immediate impact," said Short, who is heading into his third season as head coach. "We added to our team speed and quickness. Our midfield should be much stronger, and we have two excellent goalkeepers that are good athletes in the cage."

Kim Reny, who plays attack and midfielder, earned high school All-America honors by U.S. Lacrosse. Reny was twice named to the *Boston Globe* and *Boston Herald* all-scholastic teams, and is a three-time Northeastern Conference all-star. She scored 203 career goals, including 57 as a senior.

Sarah Spillett and **Kate Fontana** were each named to the *Syracuse Post Standard* All-Central New York first team. Spillett, an All-Onondaga League Division A-1 attacker, finished her career with 216 points (99 goals, 117 assists). She had 44 goals, 59 assists and 53 draw controls as a senior. Fontana, a midfielder, racked up 62 goals and 18 assists en route to earning All-Onondaga League Division A-2 honors in 2003. She totaled 230 goals and 83 assists as a scholastic player.

Krissy Rajczak (Scotia-Glenville) was the second-leading scorer in Section II with 82 goals and 28 assists for 110 points as a senior. Rajczak, the school's all-time goal scorer with 281, set a single-season mark with 87 goals when she led her team to the 2002 state semifinals. Rajczak was named to the Capital District Women's Lacrosse League All-Star team on four occasions. **Caitlin Navor**, a midfielder from Rochester, N.Y., was a two-time All-Monroe County selection.

Sarah Mack and **Jen Daly** will battle for Albany's starting goalkeeper position as freshmen. Mack was a two-time All-Onondaga League Division B-1 choice and played in the Exceptional Senior All-Star Game. Daly received first-team All-PAC-10 honors as a senior, when she posted a .600 save percentage. A four-year starter, Daly was the 2001 Keystone State Games MVP.

2003 University at Albany Women's Lacrosse Newcomers

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown (High School)
Jen Bindrim	Def.	5-5	Huntington Station, N.Y. (Huntington)
Jen Daly	Glk.	5-7	Stowe, Pa. (Pottsgrove)
Tricia Davanzo	Att.	5-3	North Babylon, N.Y. (St. Anthony's)
Kate Fontana	Mid.	5-6	East Syracuse, N.Y. (East Syracuse-Minoa)
Amanda Garris	Def.	5-3	Mahopac, N.Y. (Rye Country Day School)
Sarah Mack	Glk.	5-6	Cortland, N.Y. (Cortland)
Katie Malone	Def.	5-6	Cortlandt Manor, N.Y. (Walter Panas)
Colleen McGuinness	Att.	5-4	East Meadow, N.Y. (East Meadow)
Caitlin Navor	Mid.	5-6	Rochester, N.Y. (Brighton)
Krissy Rajczak	Att.	5-4	Scotia, N.Y. (Scotia-Glenville)
Kim Reny	AM	5-5	Marblehead, Mass. (Marblehead)
Sarah Spillett	Att.	5-11	Liverpool, N.Y. (Liverpool)



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STACY JOHNSON SIGNS TO PLAY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL IN 2003-04

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany women's basketball announced today that **Stacy Johnson** has signed an enrollment certificate to play for the Great Danes in 2003-04.

Johnson, a 5-foot-8 guard from Chicago, Ill., averaged 13 points, two steals and nearly two assists a game for Olive Harvey College in Chicago. Johnson, who will have two years of eligibility remaining, averaged 18 points, three steals and six rebounds her freshman year in addition to being named to the New Mexico Junior Basketball Classic all-tournament team.

"Stacy Johnson will be an offensive power for us next season," stated Patterson, who is getting ready for her second year at the helm. "She is a phenomenal scorer who has a passion for the game. Stacy brings great leadership and experience with her from her two years spent at a junior college."

Johnson was an all-sectional and all-city performer at Von-Steuben High School in Chicago, where she averaged 22 points a game as a senior. She was named her team's most valuable player and invited to play in the Northwest All-Star game.

UAlbany has added four players to the roster since last fall. **Tanya James**, a 5-foot-7 guard from Toronto, Ontario signed during the spring, while **Lyndsay Clark**, a 6-foot-2 forward/center from Dixfield, Maine, and **Nicole Scipione**, a 5-foot-11 guard from State College, Pa., committed in the fall.



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McElroy Named President of America East Executive Committee, Scarano Added as Member At-Large

BOSTON— Dr. Lee A. McElroy, Jr., Director of Athletics and Recreation at the University at Albany, has been named president of the America East Conference Executive Committee for the 2003-04 academic year. McElroy, who served as Vice President during 2002-03, replaces Gary Strickler, Athletic Director at Boston University, whose term as president ended at the conclusion of the conference's annual meeting in Burlington, Vt. July 1-3. The executive committee also announced that Martin Scarano, Director of Athletics at University of New Hampshire, has been chosen as the member at large to the committee.

The five-member executive committee also includes Dr. Joel Thirer, Director of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Athletics at Binghamton University and Vice President of the committee, Strickler, as past president, and Dr. Richard Hall, the NCAA Faculty Athletics Representative at Albany.

The America East Executive Committee has the supervision and responsibility of all affairs of the conference not handled by the full board of directors and oversees most business operations, including the annual audit. It also serves as an advisory board to the commissioner.

McElroy, as president, will be the Executive Officer of America East. He will preside over all conference meetings and have the authority, upon formal action by the board of directors, to execute any and all legal instruments given on behalf of the conference. He has the power to call meetings of the board of directors and will make a full and complete report of the work of the conference and the actions of the board of directors at the annual meeting of the conference.

McElroy, who has more than 30 years of experience in athletic and educational administrations, began his fourth year as Albany's Director of Athletics and Recreation on July 6. He was previously the Director of Athletics at American University for four years. McElroy has gained national prominence for his roles with numerous professional organizations and NCAA Committees. He is currently serving a three-year term on the Division I Management Council as one of four at-large representatives from Division I-AA or I-AAA. The 49-member council adopts operating bylaws and rules to govern Division I and develops and manages the Division I budget.

"I am excited about this opportunity to serve as the President of America East," said McElroy. "With the recent conference championship expansion and the addition of UMBC to the membership it is an exciting time for the conference. The future of America East, plus the many challenges we face on the field and in the classroom will continue to be discussed. I know the administrators, coaches and student-athletes at all 10 America East schools will be up to the task ahead."

Thirer, who has served at Binghamton since 1989, will perform the duties of president in the absence of McElroy or in the event of his inability or refusal to act. Thirer also holds an adjunct appointment as a professor in the Psychology Department at Binghamton.

Scarano, who was elected by a vote of the 2002-03 executive committee, begins his fourth year as Director of Athletics at New Hampshire on July 17. He previously was Director of Athletics at Colorado College from 1996-2000.

Strickler has served as Athletic Director at Boston University since 1989 and began his tenure at Boston University in the School of Management in 1969.

Hall, a Distinguished Service Professor in Albany's Sociology Department, is in the second year of a two-year term as the Faculty Athletics Representative to the committee.

America East will consist of 10 institutions in 2003-04: Albany, Binghamton, Boston University, University of Hartford, University of Maine, University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC); New Hampshire, Northeastern University, Stony Brook University and University of Vermont. Quinnipiac University is an associate member in men's lacrosse.

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EMIL BOVE, THERESA MASSE & ALISSA GIBBS HONORED AS AMERICA EAST SCHOLAR-ATHLETES FOR THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany's **Emil Bove**, **Theresa Masse** and **Alissa Gibbs** have been recognized as America East Conference Scholar-Athletes in their respective sports, as announced today by Commissioner Chris Monasch. Bove (men's lacrosse), Masse (women's lacrosse) and Gibbs (volleyball) were each named for the second consecutive year.

Bove was recently awarded a NCAA postgraduate scholarship and named to the Verizon Academic All-America Men's At-Large national first team, as selected by CoSIDA (College Sports Information Directors of America). A Phi Beta Kappa student, Bove was awarded an ECAC Merit Medal as the school's top senior male student-athlete with a 4.00 cumulative grade point average in public policy and economics. Bove, as a senior defenseman, led the Great Danes to the 2003 America East Conference men's lacrosse championship and the program's first-ever NCAA tournament appearance. He led a defensive unit that allowed 9.75 goals per game, and was a member of the America East all-tournament team.

Masse, who has a 3.69 GPA in psychology, was voted to the Academic All-District I Women's At-Large second team. She earned first-team All-America East honors as a women's lacrosse defender, and ranked among the conference leaders in ground balls at 2.94 per game. She plans to pursue a master's degree in elementary education.

A two-time Verizon District I all-academic selection, Gibbs posted a 3.55 GPA in computer science. She was chosen first-team All-America East Conference as an outside hitter in volleyball for the second straight year. Gibbs finished her career second in kills (1,376) and fourth in digs (992) on the school's all-time lists. She shared the University's top senior female student-athlete award with Masse.

A committee of athletics administrators and NCAA Faculty Athletics Representatives chose the honorees from the nearly 3,700 student-athletes who competed at America East institutions during the 2002-03 academic year. Each honoree was a starter or prominent reserve on his or her team and has a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.20.

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UALBANY PLACES 126 ATHLETES ON AMERICA EAST ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL

Boston, Mass. -- America East Conference Commissioner Chris Monasch announced today that 126 athletes from the University at Albany have been named to the 2003 America East Winter/Spring Academic Honor Roll for earning grade-point averages of 3.0 or higher. UAlbany also had 53 of those student-athletes selected to the Commissioner's Honor Roll for attaining a 3.5 GPA or better during the winter and spring semesters.

Emil Bove, a two-time Verizon Academic All-American, leads a group of 15 men's lacrosse players honored by the America East. Bove has a 4.00 GPA in a dual major of public policy and economics, and was recently awarded a NCAA postgraduate scholarship. Women's track and field placed 21 athletes on the honor roll. **Jennifer Aubin** (Saratoga Springs), **Sarah Best** (Granville Central), **Jillian Sherman** (Academy of the Holy Names) and **Nicole Susser** (Colonie Central) were among the local athletes in that group.

Men's track and field placed 17 on the honor roll, including **Jesse Bennett**, the America East Outdoor Track and Field Championship's Most Outstanding Performer. Second-team All-America East selections **Danielle Hutcheson** and **Jess McGinlay** were two of nine UAlbany women's basketball players to make the list. Women's lacrosse placed 10 on the honor roll including local athletes **Andrea Esposito** (Saratoga Springs) and **Erin Pemrick** (Saratoga Springs). Baseball (5), softball (5), women's tennis (4) and men's basketball (2) also had players selected.

In all, 1,179 student-athletes from the sports of men's and women's basketball, men's and women's swimming and diving, men's and women's indoor track and field, men's and women's tennis, golf, men's and women's lacrosse, men's and women's outdoor track and field, baseball, and softball were honored by the conference. Member institutions of America East Conference for 2002-03 included University at Albany, Binghamton University, Boston University, University of Hartford, University of Maine, University of New Hampshire, Northeastern University, Stony Brook University and University of Vermont. Quinnipiac University was an associate member in the sport of men's lacrosse.

2003 America East Conference Winter/Spring Academic Honor Roll

Baseball

Michael Burke*, Roman Dubiel*, Steve Emmerthal, Craig Farley, Ryan Sullivan.

Men's Basketball

Brian Barnes, Janis Pipikis.

Women's Basketball

Becky Ayers, Chris Gray, Kathryn Hemlock, Danielle Hutcheson, Nicole Johnson, Maree Jones, Jess McGinlay, Jen Schumacher*, Sarah Sweetland*.

Men's Lacrosse

Emil Bove*, Lee Busino, Randy Donaldson, John Eleby*, Matthew Fiasconaro, Robert Gabriel, Peter Giattino, Chris Gill, Bakary Jannah, Patrick McSweeney, Chris Preble, Kevin Rae, Bret Roslow, Luke Smith*, James Stankard.

Women's Lacrosse

Alexis DiDomenico, Andrea Esposito*, Maria Ferrucci, Ashley Heilmann*, Colleen Maresca*, Theresa Masse*, Michelle Michalenko*, Erin Pemrick*, Kristen Seubert, Candy Tobar.

Softball

Danielle Buyea*, Julie Gannon, Stacy Gitlin*, Jessica Kostenblatt, Liz Wieboldt*.

Women's Tennis

Krista Babiarz*, Lisa Fund, Reeba Miller*, Violeta Petjevic*

Men's Indoor Track and Field

Andrew Allstadt*, Teiko Aryee*, Jesse Bennett, Tim Best, Isaiah Cherry, Dan DiRenzo*, Kamar Elliott, Brandon Howlett, Jon Jones, Justin Marino*, William Nugent*, Tim O'Riley, Sam Pecoraro, Chris Pierson, Anthony Robibero*, Wagner Samaniego*, Richard Villanueva.

Women's Indoor Track and Field

Jennifer Aubin, Sarah Best*, Jennifer Boscho*, Maureen Brown, Tequrria Cox, Dinnah Decatus*, Erin Goddard*, Rebecca Haberning*, April Hanley*, Casy Holman, Meghan Howell, Theresa Juva*, Ricshara Knight, Diane Matthews*, Trista Neinast, Kristen O'Brien*, Nicole Pafundi, Jillian Sherman, Karrie Spagnola, Nicole Susser*, Rebecca Vanoy.

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UALBANY'S EMIL BOVE RECEIVES NCAA POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

Indianapolis, Ind. – University at Albany's **Emil Bove**, a co-captain on this year's men's lacrosse team, has been awarded a NCAA postgraduate scholarship. Bove, who received his undergraduate degree in May with a 4.00 cumulative grade point average in a dual major of public policy and economics, was one of 29 men who participated in a spring sport at NCAA Division I, II and III levels to receive a scholarship of \$6,900.

To qualify for a NCAA postgraduate scholarship, a student-athlete must have an overall GPA of 3.200 (on a 4.000 scale) or its equivalent and must have performed with distinction as a member of a varsity team in the sport in which the student-athlete was nominated. The student-athlete must have behaved both on and off the field, in a manner that has brought credit to the student-athlete, institution and intercollegiate athletics.

A native of Seneca Falls, N.Y., Bove was recently named to the Verizon Academic All-America Men's At-Large national first team, as selected by CoSIDA (College Sports Information Directors of America). A Phi Beta Kappa student, Bove was awarded an ECAC Merit Medal as the school's top senior male student-athlete in the 2002-03 academic year. He also received the University's Outstanding Senior Award, Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence and Athletes Leadership Award.

Bove, as a senior defenseman, led the Great Danes to the 2003 America East Conference championship and the program's first-ever NCAA tournament appearance. Bove, who was third on team with 45 ground balls and led a defensive unit that allowed 9.75 goals per game, was a member of the America East all-tournament team. Albany tied a school record for single-season victories at 10-6 overall.

2002-03 Spring Sports Men NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship Awardees(29)

<u>Student-Athlete</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Div</u>	<u>Major</u>	<u>Sport</u>
Bennett, Ross	Baylor University	I	Biology	Baseball
Bird, Dylan	Emory University	III	Neuroscience; Behavioral Biology; French	Tennis
Bove, Emil	University at Albany	I	Public Policy; Economics	Lacrosse
Burley, Samuel	University of Pennsylvania	I	Environmental Studies	Outdoor Track/Field
Cameron, James	Furman University	I	Health and Exercise Science	Tennis
Condiotty, Rob	University of Redlands	III	Business Administration	Tennis
Connor, Douglas	University of Wisconsin, La Crosse	III	Biology; Biomedical Sciences and Biochemistry	Outdoor Track/Field
Conti, Daniel	College of the Holy Cross	I	Mathematics	Outdoor Track/Field
Dudley, Eric	Washington State University	I	Mechanical Engineering	Outdoor Track/Field
Dunne, Christopher	Florida Southern College	II	Chemistry; Biology	Tennis
Foster, Kyle	Emory University	III	Chemistry; Computer Science	Baseball
Gorman, Ryan	Southwest Texas State University	I	Political Science	Outdoor Track/Field
Hallett, Brian	Kent State University	I	Industrial Technology	Outdoor Track/Field
Hartman, Alexander	University of Mississippi	I	Managerial Finance	Tennis
Hite, Richard	Emory University	III	Biology; Mathematics	Outdoor Track/Field
Jezeq, Jiri	Oklahoma State University	I	Computer Science; German	Tennis
Kenney, Sean	Assumption College	II	Economic Theory	Tennis
Kofmehl, Scott	Juniata College	III	International Political Economy	Volleyball

Lawson, Corey	Saint Louis University	I	Communication	Baseball
Lee, Gregory	University of California, Davis	II	Computer Science	Tennis
Lorenzo, Santiago	University of Oregon	I	Exercise Movement Science	Outdoor Track/Field
Martin, David	Stanford University	I	American Studies	Tennis
Mastison, Joshua	Indiana State University	I	Political Science	Outdoor Track/Field
Mitchell, Christopher	University of Oklahoma	I	Zoology	Tennis
Ng, Vincent	Ohio State University	I	Biology	Tennis
Owens, Royce	McMurry University	III	Finance and Marketing	Baseball
Phifer, Josh	U.S. Air Force Academy	I	Operations Research	Baseball
Thompson-Williamson, Frederick	Appalachian State University	I	Health Promotions	Outdoor Track/Field
Wanner, Brent	Wake Forest University	I	Mathematical Economics	Golf

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JONES, LAROCHE & GUDMUNDSEN ON SPORTS NETWORK PRESEASON TEAM

Philadelphia, Pa. – University at Albany tailback **Gary Jones** (Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk) and offensive tackles **Geir Gudmundsen** and **Mike Laroche** (Queensbury) have been named to The Sports Network Division I-AA Mid-Major Preseason All-America Football Team.

Jones, a 5-foot-10, 215-pound running back, rushed for a school-record 1,509 yards, scored 23 touchdowns and accounted for 1,949 all-purpose yards as a junior. Jones, who established nine school single-season marks and two conference records as the Northeast Conference offensive player of the year, was chosen to the Associated Press, Sports Network and Football Gazette All-America teams. He is expected to begin this season on the Walter Payton Award "Watch List." The Payton Award recognizes the most outstanding college football player on the Division I-AA level.

Gudmundsen, a 6-foot-6, 310-pound left tackle, and Laroche, a 6-foot-4, 270-pound right tackle, blocked for an offensive unit that ranked seventh nationally in rushing at 252.3 yards per game. The Great Danes led the NEC in total offense (371.4 yards/game) and scoring (29.8 points/game). Gudmundsen and Laroche were both selected to the 2002 Football Gazette All-America squad and All-NEC first team.

Albany, the defending NEC and ECAC champion, opens its schedule on Saturday, September 6 at Northeastern.

KEVIN FRATTURA RESIGNS AS UALBANY'S SALES & MARKETING DIRECTOR

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany Director of Athletics Lee McElroy announced today the resignation of **Kevin Frattura** as director of corporate sales, marketing and ticket operations. Frattura has accepted a similar position with the National Basketball Association's Indiana Pacers.

Frattura served in his position with the UAlbany athletic department since the fall of 2001. During his tenure, corporate partners expanded by 300 percent, plus he spearheaded the department's visual identity plan and coordinated marketing efforts with regard to the renewal of the Albany-Siena basketball series. Frattura, 28, also managed New York Giants summer training camp activities and ticketed events at the Recreation and Convocation Center. He was previously a corporate sales manager for Palace Sports and Entertainment in Florida, and assisted in the creation of marketing materials for the National Hockey League's Tampa Bay Lightning and Arena Football League's Tampa Bay Storm.