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**DENNIS KING AND DEBBIE AUGUST
NAMED AS THE UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY'S ATHLETES OF THE YEAR**

ALBANY, N.Y. -- **Dennis King**, an all-conference cross country and middle distance runner, and **Debbie August**, one of the nation's scoring leaders in lacrosse, have been selected as the University at Albany's 1995-96 Male and Female Athlete of the Year. The athletes were chosen in voting by the head coaches of Albany's 19-sport intercollegiate athletics program.

King, a senior from Schenectady, N.Y. (Notre Dame Bishop Gibbons H.S.), competed in the 1,500-meter finals at the NCAA Division II track & field championships last weekend. He finished 10th in the event, and was the only Albany male athlete to qualify for nationals. King reached the NAAs with a school-record 3:50.49 at the Baldwin-Wallace Invitational in Ohio. His time eclipsed a standard set by Joseph McCullen at the 1991 NCAA Division III meet.

King was the Collegiate Track Conference 1,500 champion, and also captured titles at the '96 Florida State Relays, Albany Invitational and Albany Spring Classic. In addition, he won the CTC indoor 1,000 meters (2:33.30), and finished second in the 1,000 and fourth in the one-mile run at the ECAC championships. His performances helped Albany win both the CTC indoor and outdoor crowns. A captain on the Albany cross country team, King was a second-team all-New England Collegiate Conference selection. He placed 13th at the NECC championships, when he was clocked in 33:51.42 over 8,000 meters. King was also 12th at CTCs, 29th at ECACs and 46th at the NCAA Division II Regionals.

A senior from Rye, N.Y. (Rye H.S.), August ranked among the NCAA Women's Collegiate Lacrosse scoring leaders throughout the season. In the latest national rankings for Division I and II players, she was fifth in both points per game (5.27) and goals per game (4.09). August, who led Albany to an 8-4 record and an ECAC championship appearance in the program's first Division II campaign, broke her own single-season scoring record with 62 points (49 goals, 13 assists). She tallied a career-high seven goals vs. LeMoyne, and recorded four or more goals in nine contests.

August finished her career as the school's all-time leading scorer with 164 points (132 goals, 32 assists), and established the single-season record for goals with 50 as a junior. During her career, the Great Danes produced four winning seasons, two ECAC tournament appearances, and posted a combined 32-17 record.



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FORMATION OF EASTERN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE ANNOUNCED 12-Team Division II Conference Will Debut in 1997

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. --- A dozen Division II institutions from New England and New York have joined together to form the Eastern Football Conference, Bentley College athletic director Bob DeFelice announced today at a press luncheon at American International College. DeFelice will serve as the conference's first commissioner.

Half of the conference members are from Massachusetts: American International, Assumption College, Bentley, UMass-Lowell, Merrimack College and Stonehill College.

They will be joined by the University at Albany, C.W. Post, Pace University, Sacred Heart University, Southern Connecticut State University and the University at Stony Brook.

The 12-team conference will be divided into two divisions, with play beginning with the 1997 season. Each member school will play eight EFC games, five against the other teams in the same division and three versus teams in the other division. The two divisional winners will meet at the conclusion of the regular season in a championship game.

The two divisions will be based upon geographical lines, with the six Massachusetts schools comprising one and the remaining six the other.

Half of the new conference's members (Assumption, Bentley, Merrimack, UMass-Lowell and Sacred Heart) will shift from the Eastern Collegiate Football Conference, which includes both Division II and III schools. Stony Brook has been a member of the Freedom Football Conference while AIC, Albany, C.W. Post, Pace, and Southern Connecticut were competing as independents.

Southern Connecticut was also a member of the old Eastern Football Conference, where it won five league titles from 1965-70. At that time, the EFC consisted of Trenton State, Montclair State, Glassboro State, Bridgeport, Central Connecticut and Southern.

Bentley has been one of the winningest teams in the nation in recent years, compiling a 40-3 record since 1992, including a 30-game winning streak, the longest by a New England school in this century. Stonehill, which ended Bentley's streak in the 1995 season finale, is the defending ECFC champion. C.W. Post was the 1993 ECAC Intercollegiate Football Conference Division II Bowl champion and also faced Bentley in the 1994 Bowl.

AIC featured the 1995 ECAC Division II Player of the Year Rashid Thomas, and UMass-Lowell was a participant in the NCAA Division III playoffs in 1991. UMass-Lowell and Assumption both have new coaches this coming season, and Merrimack will be launching its varsity football program this fall.

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ALBANY JOINS EASTERN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE IN 1997

Springfield, Mass. -- The University at Albany has joined the Eastern Football Conference, a group of 12 Division II-playing football schools from the New England and New York areas, beginning with the 1997 season.

The conference will be split into two six-team divisions. The divisional winners will play for the championship on the Saturday before Thanksgiving each year.

Albany's division includes C.W. Post, Stony Brook, Pace, Southern Connecticut State and Sacred Heart. The other division includes American International, Bentley, Stonehill, Assumption, Massachusetts-Lowell and Merrimack.

--see attached release--

Quotes from today's press conference in Springfield, Mass.

Director of Athletics Dr. Milton E. Richards - "One of our major goals has been conference affiliation. We have achieved that for many our sports with membership in the New England Collegiate Conference. Football now has the opportunity to develop rivalries and play in the post-season. This conference also expands our recruiting base farther into the Northeast corridor."

Head Football Coach Bob Ford - "There are many benefits to playing in a conference. It reduces scheduling headaches and allows us to play schools with common philosophies. The players also have goals to shoot for with the divisional playoff system and conference all-star teams."



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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY SIGNS THREE WOMEN'S SCHOLASTIC HOOP PLAYERS

ALBANY, N.Y. -- The University at Albany has received signed commitments from three women's basketball players as head coach **Mari Warner** announced today. The list includes **Megan Buchanan**, a 5'11" forward-center from Arkport, N.Y. (Hornell H.S.), **Dawn DiMicco**, a 5'5" guard from South Salem, N.Y. (John Jay-Cross River H.S.) and **Marlana Wheelwright**, a 5'10" forward from Roosevelt, N.Y. (Roosevelt H.S.).

The Great Danes awarded scholarships to five players for the 1996-97 academic year. **Mary Harrison**, an all-state forward from Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y. and **Melissa Schoonover**, a 6'1" forward-center from Painted Post, N.Y., committed to the Albany program during the early signing period last November.

"This certainly was the most successful recruiting season in our program's history," said Warner, whose team posted a 13-14 record and reached the New England Collegiate Conference tournament's semi-final round in its first NCAA Division II campaign. "The caliber of players joining our team solidifies the post position for next year. All five athletes will fit well into our system, and should contribute immediately."

Buchanan, an all-Greater Rochester choice by the *Democrat & Chronicle*, averaged 19.0 points and 12.2 rebounds as a senior. A three-time all-Sullivan Trail Conference selection, she was named the most valuable player at the Ronald McDonald Exceptional Seniors all-star game. Buchanan led Hornell High to a 15-7 record and the Section V, Class B semifinals.

DiMicco, a first-team all-state selection, averaged 19.1 points, 7.2 assists and 5.1 steals. She was named the Area Player of the Year by both *Gannett Suburban Newspapers* and the *Patent Trader*, and was a member of the all-Westchester County team. DiMicco, who will also play lacrosse at Albany, led her club to the Class B state basketball title and a 26-1 record. A three-time all-section and all-league guard, she was chosen as the state tournament MVP.

Wheelwright, who averaged 15.2 points and 12.5 rebounds as a senior, was twice picked as an all-Conference IV forward. She was the co-most valuable player at the Nassau County Exceptional Seniors all-star game. Wheelwright, a track & field athlete at Roosevelt High, has earned all-county recognition and a divisional championship in the shot put.



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**UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY SENDS THREE ATHLETES TO
NCAA DIVISION II TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

ALBANY, N.Y. -- **Dennis King, Mary Ingram and Tonya Dodge** will represent the University at Albany at the 1996 NCAA Division II Track & Field Championships, which will be held at the University of California-Riverside on May 23-25. All three athletes are former area scholastic track standouts.

King, a senior from Schenectady, N.Y. (Notre Dame Bishop Gibbons H.S.), ran a school-record 3:50.49 at the Baldwin-Wallace Invitational in Ohio to qualify for the 1,500-meter run. King's time eclipsed a mark set by Joseph McCullen at the 1991 Division III nationals. King won the Collegiate Track Conference (CTC) 1,500 championship in early May, and also captured titles at the Florida State Relays, Albany Invitational and Albany Spring Classic.

Ingram qualified for NAAs in both the women's 100- and 400-meter hurdles. She established a school record in the 400-hurdles, when she won the Albany Invitational in 1:01.41. Ingram, a senior from Albany, N.Y. (Albany H.S.), captured the CTC championship and was second in the Division II race at the Florida State Relays. A '96 NCAA indoor qualifier in the 55-hurdles, Ingram posted a personal-best 14.25 seconds in the outdoor 100-hurdles to make the national field.

Dodge, a junior from Granville, N.Y. (Granville Central H.S.), is making her second consecutive appearance in the NCAA 3,000-meter championship. She qualified for the NCAA Division III event last year, and ran 9:59.10 at Penn Relays in April to set a school record and become one of 12 competitors in the Division II national meet.

Freshman Janna Johnston (Shenendehowa H.S.) missed the NCAA field in the women's heptathlon by just 27 points. Johnston had provisionally qualified last weekend, when she finished ninth in an all-Division I field at the ECAC championships. Her 4,536 points in the seven-event competition broke a school record she had previously set two weeks earlier.

Albany has had four men and one woman win a combined 10 individual NCAA outdoor championships at the Division III level in the track & field program's history.

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Comments: TRACK & FIELD

Fairfax, Va. -- Freshman Janna Johnston (Shenendehowa H.S.) provisionally qualified for next weekend's NCAA Division II track & field championships in the heptathlon with a school-record 4,536 points at the ECAC championships on Saturday at George Mason University.

Johnston's previous best performance was a total of 4,366 points, when she won the Collegiate Track Conference title on May 4. She ran a personal-best 2:27 in the 800 meters, and also went 17-feet, 8-inches in the long jump on the final day of competition.

Xiomara Diaz and Albany's 1,600-meter relay team failed in their attempts to qualify for NCAAs, but did establish school records. Diaz was clocked in 14.68 seconds in the 100-meter hurdles. Mary Ingram (Albany H.S.) ran 56.7 on the relay's second leg, as the team finished in 3:54.67.

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Fairfax, Va. -- University at Albany's Janna Johnston (Shenendehowa H.S.) is in eighth place after the first day of competition in the women's heptathlon at the ECAC track & field championships on Friday at George Mason University.

Johnston, one of two freshmen in the field, scored 2,714 points and is on pace to qualify for the NCAA Division II outdoor championships in Riverside, Calif. on Memorial Day weekend. University of Pittsburgh's Tiecha Smith is in first place after four events with 3,361 points.

Johnston recorded personal-bests in the shot put (30-9.25) and 200-meter dash (26.62) on the four-event first day. Saturday's competition concludes with the long jump, javelin and 800-meter run.



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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY SIGNS MASSACHUSETTS CAGE STANDOUT

ALBANY, N.Y. -- The University at Albany has received a signed commitment to play basketball from **Matthew Haggarty**, a 6'2", 180-pound guard from Wayland, Mass. (Catholic Memorial H.S.) as head coach **Richard Sauers** announced today. Haggarty is the third and final scholastic hoop star to be awarded a scholarship for 1996-97. **Todd Cetnar**, an all-state guard from Amsterdam, N.Y., and 6-foot, 6-inch forward **Kris Zeisler**, of Tabernacle, N.J., made known their intentions to play for the Great Danes last month.

Haggarty, a second-team *Boston Globe* all-scholastic selection, averaged 19.8 points and shot 48 percent from three-point range as a senior. He was named to the Catholic Conference all-star team, and received his team's Outstanding Senior award. Haggarty, who was chosen first-team Academic All-State with a 3.8 cumulative grade point average, presently is a member of the Greater Boston 19-and-under AAU team.

As a junior, Haggarty averaged 10.3 points per game off the bench for head coach Joe Day. Catholic Memorial finished with a 23-3 record, won the South sectional and conference titles, and reached the Class IA state semifinals in the Boston Garden.

"I like Matthew as a two-way player," said Sauers, who has 685 career victories in 40 seasons as Albany's head coach. "He is an excellent offensive player and an outstanding three-point shooter, but more importantly he plays terrific defense. We sorely needed help on defense, and he will improve our ability to guard the other team's perimeter players."

Albany recently completed its first season as an NCAA Division II program, and is a member of the New England Collegiate Conference. In addition to the three incoming freshmen, all eleven letterwinners return to next year's team.

"We had a great recruiting year," Sauers commented. "We were able to find exactly what we needed. The freshman class has quality, and should make an immediate impact as a group."



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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY ATHLETES AWARDED ECAC MERIT MEDALS
Rich Tallarico, Gigi Legendre and Karen Gaudiello Are Selected

ALBANY, N.Y. -- The University at Albany's **Rich Tallarico**, **Gigi Legendre** and **Karen Gaudiello** were awarded Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Merit Medals today as the school's top senior male and female scholar-athletes during the 1995-96 academic year.

Tallarico, a three-year starter on the Albany football team's offensive line, has a 3.93 cumulative grade point average as a pre-med student in biology with an English minor. Legendre, an outside hitter in volleyball, and Gaudiello, who plays second base on the softball team, shared the female scholar-athlete award. Legendre has a 3.41 GPA in psychology with a double minor in English and communication. Gaudiello is majoring in history with a Spanish minor, and has a 3.78 GPA.

A three-year regular on Albany's offensive line, Tallarico made 30 consecutive starts at both left and right guard and played in 38 career games. The Great Danes averaged 364 yards (199.6 rushing, 164.4 passing) in total offense and 21.8 points per game last fall. Tallarico, of Wantagh, N.Y., became just the third Albany football player to be chosen to the GTE College Division Academic All-America first team. He was also selected as the Division II Burger King Scholar-Athlete of the Week in December, and was a national finalist for an NCAA post-graduate scholarship. Tallarico, a Phi Beta Kappa student, recently received the President's Outstanding Senior Award, and has been accepted into medical school. He serves as president of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity and works with Push America, an organization which aids the disabled.

Legendre, who earned the volleyball program's most valuable player award on two occasions, averaged 3.6 kills and 3.9 digs in 20 matches played for the Great Danes in 1995. She led Albany to a 15-12 record and the semifinals of the New England Collegiate Conference tournament. Legendre, a tri-captain, finished among the school's career leaders in several statistical categories, including second in digs (854) and sixth in kills (614). A native of Port Jefferson, N.Y., she intends to pursue a doctorate in clinical psychology, and has worked for the last two years as teacher/counselor with both disabled adults and children.

A two-year starter at second base, Gaudiello batted .223 with 16 runs scored and nine RBIs in all 30 games played. The Albany co-captain led the team with 12 sacrifice hits and had a .926 fielding percentage. Gaudiello, of East Quogue, N.Y., is a Phi Beta Kappa student, and a member of both the Presidential and Golden Key honor societies. She recently was accepted into the Peace Corps, and is awaiting her assignment.

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Comments: COLLEGE SPORTS

Women's Lacrosse: Senior attack Debbie August set a single-season scoring record with 62 points (49 goals, 13 assists). August, who had 60 points as a junior, finished her career with 132 goals and 32 assists.

Jenn O'Donnell (Saratoga Springs H.S.) established a single-season mark for assists with 26. Senior midfielder Lynn Barringer (Shenendehowa H.S.) added 23 goals and five assists to the Albany attack this season.

Marylou Vosburgh, the former Averill Park High School head coach, guided Albany to an 8-4 record and ECAC championship appearance in her first season.

Track & Field: Dennis King (Notre Dame Bishop Gibbons H.S.) provisionally qualified for the NCAA Division II championships in the 1,500-meter run at the Albany Spring Classic on May 11. King ran a personal-best 3:53.20.

Freshman Janna Johnston (Shenendehowa H.S.) narrowly missed a qualifying mark in the long jump, but still posted the second-best leap in school history at 18-8.25. Johnston will compete in the heptathlon at this weekend's ECAC championships in Fairfax, Virginia. She scored a school-record 4,366 points to win the CTC title on May 4, and has provisionally qualified for NCAAs.

Tim McMurray, a freshman from Glens Falls H.S., set a school record (177-10.50) in winning the javelin at the Albany Spring Classic.

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Comments: **WOMEN'S LACROSSE**

Fairfield, Conn. -- Sophomore attack Deirdre Hynes scored five goals and one assist to lead Sacred Heart to a 14-12 victory over Albany in the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Division II championship on Saturday afternoon at Campus Field.

Sacred Heart (10-6) led 7-6 at halftime, and never trailed in the final period behind the play of Hynes, who finished the season with 69 goals and 18 assists. Junior attack Lynette Berger added four goals for the Pioneers.

Albany (8-4), which dropped a 9-8 decision to Sacred Heart on this same field in the season opener for both teams back on March 23, was led by senior attack Debbie August's four goals. August broke her own single-season scoring record with 62 points (49 goals, 13 assists).

Senior midfielder Lynn Barringer (Shenendehowa H.S.) added three goals and one assist for the Great Danes.

Sacred Heart goalkeeper Kim McCullion made nine saves, while Terri Crispo and Pam Foddy combined to stop seven shots in the UA cage.

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ECAC Division II Women's Lacrosse Championship

Sacred Heart 14, Albany 12

Albany	6	6	-	12
Sacred Heart	7	7	-	14

Scoring -- Albany: Debbie August 4-0, Lynn Barringer 3-1, Jenn O'Donnell 2-1, Mandy Morrison 1-2, Angela Soteriou 1-1, Rafaela Nikas 1-0. Sacred Heart: Deirdre Hynes 5-1, Lynette Berger 4-0, Jen Fallon 2-1, Sarah Scarry 1-0, Holly Price 1-0, Tara Fisher 1-0.

Saves -- Albany: Terri Crispo 1, Pam Foddy 6. Sacred Heart: Kim McCullion 9.

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Comments: TRACK & FIELD

Albany, N.Y. -- University at Albany's Dennis King (Notre Dame Bishop Gibbons H.S.) provisionally qualified for the NCAA Division II championships with his victory in the 1,500-meter run at the Albany Spring Track & Field Classic on Friday evening at University Field.

King, a senior, ran a personal-best 3:53.20 to finish ahead of Rochester's Andy Evans (3:53.31) and Jason Hart (3:53.72). Both Rochester runners ran provisional times for the NCAA Division III championships in Naperville, Illinois on May 22-25. The Division II nationals are scheduled for May 23-25 in Riverside, California.

Binghamton's John DeMatteo also qualified for Division III nationals in winning the pole vault with a mark of 15-feet, 4.25-inches.

Meanwhile, Albany's Janna Johnston (Shenendehowa H.S.) narrowly missed qualifying in the women's long jump, but still posted the second-best mark in school history at 18-8.25. Freshman Tim McMurray (Glens Falls H.S.) won the javelin with a school-record throw of 177-10.50.

Other local winners were Rensselaer's Shawn Hanranhan in the hammer throw (171-3) and Union's Nick Conway in the 800-meter run (1:58.07).

The final four events (400 hurdles, 200, 5,000 and 1,600-meter relay) were cancelled when a thunderstorm and lightning hit the area around 8:00 p.m.

NOTE: Geoffrey York, of Troy, N.Y., won both the 110 hurdles (13.95) and 100-meter dash (10.85) at tonight's meet. York was running for the New York Pioneer Club, and edged out Rensselaer's Krishaun Gilmore (Christian Bros. Academy) in the 100. Gilmore was second in 10.93.

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MEN

3,000 Steeplechase - 1. Tim Valocean (Rochester), 9:24.4.
110 Hurdles - 1. Geoffrey York (New York Pioneer Club), 13.95.
100 - 1. Geoffrey York (New York Pioneer Club), 10.85.
Hammer Throw - 1. Shawn Hanrahan (Rensselaer), 52.20 meters.
400-Relay - 1. Rensselaer, 42.5.
Discus - 1. Mark Winker (Binghamton), 45.36 meters or 148-10.
Long Jump - 1. Richard O'Riley (Albany), 6.47 meters or 21-2.75.
Pole Vault - 1. John DeMatteo (Binghamton), 4.68 meters or 15-4.25.
1,500 - 1. Dennis King (Albany), 3:53.20.
Shot Put - 1. Mark Winker (Binghamton), 15.22 meters or 49-11.25.
800 - 1. Nick Conway (Union), 1:58.07.
400 - 1. Tracy Fox (Flower City Track Club), 49.30.
Triple Jump - 1. Andrew Lindsay (Plattsburgh), 11.43 meters or 37-6.
Javelin - 1. Tim McMurray (Albany), 54.21 meters or 177-10.50.

WOMEN

3000 Steeplechase - 1. Marisa Sutera Manson (Westchester Trade Club), 11:18.93.
Hammer Throw - 1. Beth Shope (Geneseo), 48.33 meters.
High Jump - 1. Renee Martin (Albany), 1.42 meters or 4-7.75.
Long Jump - 1. Janna Johnston (Albany), 5.70 meters or 18-8.25.
100 - 1. Tameka Hutcherson (Albany), 13.66.
Discus - 1. Andrea Hink (Brockport), 38.94 meters or 127-9.
1,500 - 1. Christine Sisting (Geneseo), 4:51.00.
800 - 1. Amy Nethaway (Geneseo), 2:19.09.
3,000 - 1. Stacy Barkstrom (Nike Boston), 9:46.57.
Triple Jump - 1. Jen Sponenberg (Cortland), 11.20 meters or 36-9.
400 Hurdles - 1. Carolyn Dailey (Cortland), 1:10.40.

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Albany, N.Y. -- The University at Albany will host the second annual Albany Spring Track & Field Classic at University Field on Friday, May 10. St. Rose, Union and Rensselaer are among at least 10 schools expected to compete in the one-day meet.

The competition begins with the women's hammer throw and 3,000-meter racewalk at 5:00 p.m., and concludes with the men's 1,600-meter relay at 9:15 p.m.

The Albany Spring Classic was designed to give college athletes one last chance at qualifying for nationals. The NCAA Division II championships are scheduled for May 23-25 in Riverside, California, while the Division III nationals are in Naperville, Illinois on May 22-25.

Albany's Dennis King (Notre Dame Bishop Gibbons H.S.) is entered in the 1,500 meters, after running a personal-best 3:54.97 in winning the Collegiate Track Conference title last weekend. Tonya Dodge (Granville Central H.S.) has provisionally qualified for NCAAs, but hopes to better her time in the 3,000. She set a school record at the Penn Relays with a mark of 9:59.10.

Jayson Vazquez (Amsterdam H.S.) will compete in both the 110- and 400-hurdles events. Shenendehowa's Janna Johnston is entered in the women's long jump, while Mary Ingram (Albany H.S.) will run in the 400-intermediate hurdles.

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ALBANY WILL PLAY SACRED HEART IN ECAC DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIP

Centerville, Mass. -- The University at Albany will travel to Sacred Heart for the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Division II Women's Lacrosse Championship on Saturday, May 11. Game time at Campus Field in Fairfield, Connecticut is 12 noon.

Sacred Heart (9-6) is the top seed, and defeated the Great Danes at home in the season opener for both teams on March 23. The Pioneers won a 9-8 decision as Deirdre Hynes scored on a breakaway with 15 seconds remaining.

Albany posted an 8-3 record in its first season at the NCAA Division II level. The Great Danes are no strangers to ECAC tournament play, and were invited to Division III Mid-Atlantic Regional in 1995.

Junior attack Debbie August leads a potent Albany offense with 45 goals and 13 assists, and is the school's all-time scorer with 160 points (128 goals, 32 assists). Jenn O'Donnell (Saratoga Springs H.S.) has seven goals and a single-season record 25 assists, while senior midfielder Lynn Barringer (Shenendehowa H.S.) has contributed 22 goals and five assists this season.

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SACRED HEART TO HOST UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY FOR ECAC DIVISION II WOMEN'S LACROSSE CHAMPIONSHIP

CENTERVILLE, Mass. — After posting a 9-6 record this season, Sacred Heart University has earned the top seed and will host the University at Albany for the Eastern College Athletic Conference Division II Women's Lacrosse Championship next Sunday, May 11 at 1:00 pm.

The two-team tournament will feature a pair of New England Collegiate Conference rivals who met earlier this season, with the Pioneers taking a 9-8 decision from the Great Danes. Albany, playing its first year in Division II after moving up from the Division III ranks, posted an 8-3 record this year.

The ECAC Division II Women's Championship returns this spring after a two-year hiatus. Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania won the last championship held in 1993.

1996 ECAC DIVISION II WOMEN'S LACROSSE TOURNAMENT

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Comments: COLLEGE SPORTS

Men's Lacrosse: Senior attack Mike Angel scored in the final minutes of two victories last week, as Albany recorded its sixth consecutive winning campaign and won its first Capital Cup since 1992. Angel, who led the Great Danes in scoring with 25 goals and 17 assists, scored with 2:09 left in a 14-13 win over Rensselaer last Wednesday, and tallied the game-winner in a 12-11 triumph over Scranton with 42 seconds remaining on Saturday. Albany finished with a 7-6 record, but was at 2-4 overall in mid-April. Mike McCarthy, of Clifton Park, was second on the team with 24 goals.

Women's Tennis: Freshman Mary Wood, of Schenectady High, reached the Flight I singles finals at the Metropolitan Collegiate Tennis Conference championships at the National Tennis Center in Flushing, New York. Wood finished with a 9-6 singles record over the fall-spring season, and was 11-5 in doubles.

Track & Field: Tonya Dodge, a junior from Granville Central High, provisionally qualified for her second event at the NCAA Division II championships on Memorial Day weekend. Dodge ran 4:38.82 to finish second in the 1,500-meter run at the Collegiate Track Conference championships. She had already posted a provisional time in the 3,000. Shenendehowa's Janna Johnston also recorded a provisional mark in the heptathlon with 4,366 points to win the CTC title. Dennis King (Notre Dame Bishop Gibbons) ran a personal-best 3:54.97 to capture the men's 1,500 crown. The NCAA provisional qualifying time in that event is 3:52.50.
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Women's Golf: The Albany program played two dual matches this spring in its inaugural season. Head coach Jeff Gunning (Town of Colonie G.C. pro) has a more ambitious schedule planned in the fall with several invitationals. Last Saturday, Jody Maxwell (Hudson Falls H.S.) shot 60-55--115 in a dual match with Wagner, and was second to medalist Christina Rosentseel (52-49--101).

Women's Lacrosse: Albany is expected to receive an ECAC Division II Tournament bid later today. The Great Danes finished with an 8-3 record. Senior attack Debbie August ended the regular season with 45 goals and 13 assists.

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Comments: TRACK & FIELD -- WOMEN'S LACROSSE -- WOMEN'S GOLF
(Track & Field)

New Haven, Conn. -- Albany's men captured their seventh straight Collegiate Track Conference outdoor championship on Saturday evening at the campus of Southern Connecticut State University. The Great Dane women finished second, 13 points behind champion S.C.S.U.

Sophomore Jason Vasquez, an Amsterdam High School product, had a hand in winning four events for the Great Danes. Vasquez took the crown in the individual high hurdles and the intermediate hurdles, as well as running a leg on both the 4x100 and 4x400 relay-winning teams. The 4x100 team consisted of Vasquez, Steven Kantrowitz, Jomo Forrester, and Halim Wise, and the 4x400 squad was Corey Hudson, Jason Gurwitz, Vasquez and Forrester. Forrester, a junior, won the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.17, while senior Dennis King (Bishop Gibbons H.S.) ran a personal-best 3:54.97 to capture the 1500-meter event title.

For the women, freshman Janna Johnston (Shenendehowa H.S.) won the heptathlon title with an NCAA Division II provisional qualifying total of 4366 points. Tonya Dodge (Granville Central H.S.) placed second in the 1500-meters, also posting provisional NCAA qualifying numbers of 4:38.82. Jenny Hein ran a school-record 9:34.48 time in the 2000-meter steeplechase to finish third.

-agate-

Men's Team Scores

1. Albany 180, 2. R.I.T. 82, 3. Allentown 68, 4. Hunter 51, 5. William Patterson 39, 6. St. Rose 38, 7. Southern Connecticut State 36, 8. C.C.N.Y. 35, 9. Medgar Evers 34, U.S.M.M.A. 29, 10. St. Peter's 28, 11. Pace 14, 12. New York U. 11, 13. (tie) C.W. Post/Stony Brook 10, 15. (tie) Siena/Sacred Heart 7.

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Women's Team Scores

1. Southern Connecticut State 147, 2. Albany 134, 3. Sacred Heart 70, 4. St. Rose 68, 5. (tie) Queens/Stony Brook 39, 7. New York U. 32, 8. C.C.N.Y. 30, 9. Allentown 26, 10. St. Peter's 24, 11. William Patterson 21, 12. Hunter 19, 13. C.W. Post 14, 14. Medgar Evers 6, 15. (tie) Siena/U.S.M.M.A. 1.

(Women's Lacrosse)

Buffalo, N.Y. -- Mandy Morrison, Debbie August and Rafaela Nikas each netted four goals apiece, as Albany routed Division I Niagara, 21-5, on Sunday afternoon at Niagara Field.

Saratoga native Jenn O'Donnell collected a season-high six assists to help the Great Danes (8-3) to victory in the program's first-ever matchup with an NCAA Division I opponent. Albany, which has won eight of its last nine, scored its 160th goal of the season to establish a new school record. UA bettered the mark of 153 goals set in 1995.

-agate-

Albany	8	13	-	21
Niagara	3	2	-	5

Scoring -- Albany: Morrison 4-1, August 4-0, Nikas 4-0, Payton 2-1, Barringer 2-0, O'Donnell 1-6, Karen Karpus 1-1, Heather Young 1-0, Preece 1-0, Cervera 1-0. Niagara: O'Conner 3-0, Ryan 2-0.

Saves -- Albany: Crispo 2, Foddy 1. Niagara: Printup 24.

Records: Albany (8-3), Niagara (0-11).

(Women's Golf)

Staten Island, N.Y. --

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at South Shore Golf Course

Wagner 538, Albany 564

Medalist: Christina Rosenstein (Wagner), 101; 2. Jody Maxwell (Albany) 115; 3. Jenny Frazier (Wagner) 125; 4. Jennifer Suk 130; 5. Cathy Linen (Wagner) 132; 6. Jennifer Cannella (Albany) 139; 7. (tie) Amy Hilton (Albany, Vanessa Gonzous (Wagner), Chris Watson (Wagner) 180.

Record: Albany (0-2).

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Comments: MEN'S LACROSSE

Albany, N.Y. -- Senior attack Mike Angel, playing in the final game of his collegiate career, scored his second game-winner in as many outings with 42 seconds remaining to lift Albany past Scranton, 12-11, on Saturday afternoon at Varsity Field.

Scranton rallied from an 8-3 deficit to take an 11-10 lead on Thomas Burke's goal with 4:45 left in the fourth quarter. UA's Mike McCarthy (Clifton Park, N.Y.) knotted the score with his fourth goal of the game at the 2:43 mark. Angel, who added two goals and one assist, then scored off a scramble in front, as the Great Danes (7-6) clinched their sixth straight winning season.

Angel, who finished the season as UA's leading scorer with 25 goals and 17 assists, also scored the decisive goal in Albany's 14-13 victory over Rensselaer in the Capital Cup championship game on Wednesday.

Senior attacks Michael Keryc and Brenden O'Brien led the Royals (8-3) with three goals apiece, while goaltender Tim Riordan made 13 saves.

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Scranton	2	0	5	4	-	11
Albany	5	2	2	3	-	12

Scoring -- Scranton: Keryc 3-2, O'Brien 3-0, Kokoszka 2-1, Lloyd 1-0, Beck 1-0, Burke 1-0, Dowd 0-1, Shiels 0-1. Albany: McCarthy 4-0, Angel 2-1, Alberici 2-0, Rynicker 2-0, Kittner 1-2, Polletta 1-0, DeVito 0-2, Updike 0-1.

Saves -- Scranton: Riordan 13. Albany: Montera 10.

Records: Scranton (8-3), Albany (7-6).

Note: Albany's scheduled baseball and softball doubleheaders with Massachusetts-Lowell were rained out. No make-up date has been set.

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Comments: BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL

(Baseball)

Albany, N.Y. -- Albany won a 9-0 forfeit decision over New Paltz after the Hawk's coaching staff was ejected for arguing with the umpires in the top of the sixth inning on Thursday afternoon at Varsity Field. New Paltz led, 6-5, when the game was halted.

New Paltz's Chris Pluchino belted a solo homer over the left field fence to provide the Hawks with a 6-5 lead in the sixth inning. Before the game could continue, the plate umpire ejected Hawk head coach Jerry Hawkins for arguing, and awarded Albany the forfeit victory because both opposing coaches had been thrown out. New Paltz assistant coach Jim Ferraro had been ejected in the fourth inning. Hawk catcher Edel Paulsen was also ejected for contesting a called third strike in the fifth.

The Hawks grabbed a 5-2 lead in the third on Matt Meddaugh's three-run homer. Albany rallied to knot the score at 5-5 in the fifth, when Josh Finn smacked an RBI double into right field and later scored on a throwing error.

The victory snaps Albany's nine-game losing streak.

NCAA rules state that because it was an official game, the statistics are recorded, but pitchers are not awarded decisions because Albany was not leading at the time of forfeit.

-agate-

New Paltz	014	001	-	6
Albany	102	20x	-	5

(game forfeited by New Paltz in the top of the sixth with two out)

Pinto, Bjork (4) and Paulsen, Houlahan (5). Walsh, Yoo (3) and Marro.

Records: New Paltz (4-15), Albany (13-20-1).

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(Softball)

Albany, N.Y. -- Junior catcher Ellen Braun collected four hits, four RBIs and smacked two triples as Albany swept a non-conference doubleheader from Russell Sage on Thursday afternoon at Albany Field. UA took the opener 3-1, and the nightcap 10-5, to snap a five-game losing streak.

In game one, sophomore righthander Amy McGrody (Schalmont H.S.) tossed a complete game, and Janine Menard lined an RBI triple and scored during Albany's three-run third inning.

In the second game, freshman Julie Tighe picked up the victory on the mound, and went 3-for-4 at the plate with four RBIs and two runs scored to lead the Great Danes (13-17).

Sophomore catcher Amy Bizaro (Lansingburgh H.S) had four singles while sophomore shortstop Taryn Redmond (Bishop Gibbons H.S.) tallied three hits and an RBI in the twinbill for the Gators (1-22).

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(Game 1)

Russell Sage	000	001	0	-	1	6	2
Albany	030	000	x	-	3	6	1

Weeden and Bizaro. McGrody and Braun.

(Game 2)

Russell Sage	100	211	0	-	5	10	5
Albany	001	540	x	-	10	15	5

Weeden and Bizaro. Tighe and Braun.

Records: Russell Sage (1-22), Albany (13-17).



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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY ANNOUNCES 1996 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

ALBANY, N.Y. -- The University at Albany has released its 1996 football schedule as Director of Athletics Dr. Milton E. Richards announced today. The Great Danes will begin their second season as both an NCAA Division II program and a member of the ECAC Intercollegiate Football Conference with two early September home games against Central Connecticut State and Mercyhurst.

Albany opens for the second straight year with a Division I-AA opponent in Central Connecticut State on Saturday, September 7 at University Field. Kickoff is 6:00 p.m. The Great Danes meet Mercyhurst for the first time the following Saturday on September 14. The remaining home schedule includes Union (Homecoming, October 12), Gannon (October 26) and Trenton State (November 9) on Hall of Fame Day.

The Great Danes' five road opponents are Rensselaer, Stony Brook, Pace, St. Lawrence, and King's (Pa.) College.

Albany posted a 3-7 record in 1995, and will conclude its first ever spring football practice on Saturday, May 4 at 10:00 a.m. The Great Danes are finishing up a two-week spring schedule, which include 10 non-contact sessions. Fall camp begins on Saturday, August 17, when freshmen and transfers are expected to report.

1996 ALBANY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

September

7	(Sat.)	Central Connecticut State (I-AA)	6:00
14	(Sat.)	Mercyhurst (II)	6:00
21	(Sat.)	at St. Lawrence (III)	2:00
28	(Sat.)	at Rensselaer (III)	1:30

October

12	(Sat.)	Union (III)*	1:00
19	(Sat.)	at Stony Brook (II)	1:00
26	(Sat.)	Gannon (II)	6:00

November

2	(Sat.)	at Pace (II)	1:00
9	(Sat.)	Trenton State (III)+	1:00
16	(Sat.)	at King's, Pa. (III)	1:00

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*Homecoming/Parents' Weekend

+Hall of Fame Day