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America East Adds Quinnipiac for Men's Lacrosse

BOSTON- America East Conference has added Quinnipiac University as an affiliate member in the sport of men's lacrosse, it was announced today by Chris Monasch, Commissioner of America East. Quinnipiac will join the conference for the 2002 season.

The Braves will be joined by America East member institutions University at Albany, Binghamton University, University of Hartford, Stony Brook University, and University of Vermont to form the six-team conference.

"The addition of Quinnipiac University affords America East the opportunity to remain one of a handful of Division I athletics conferences sponsoring men's lacrosse with its champion gaining access to the NCAA Championship," said Monasch.

Last season, America East was one of four conferences to receive automatic qualification to the NCAA Division I Men's Lacrosse Championship. Regular-season and tournament champion Towson University received that bid and advanced to the NCAA semifinals before falling to eventual national champion Princeton, 12-11.

America East has sponsored men's lacrosse since the 1992 season. The conference schedule is a round-robin format of five conference games with a four-team, single-elimination championship. The conference sponsors 21 championship sports overall.

Quinnipiac, which recently completed its third season of Division I men's lacrosse, posted a 14-2 record last year as the regular-season champion (9-0) in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.

Agate-- America East Conference added Quinnipiac University as an affiliate member in men's lacrosse.



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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY ANNOUNCES 2001-02 MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULES

ALBANY, N.Y. – University at Albany Director of Athletics and Recreation Lee McElroy announced today the men's and women's basketball schedules for the 2001-02 season. The Great Danes will play in the America East Conference for the first time following two years as a NCAA Division I Independent. Both the men's and women's programs will be eligible for the conference's post-season tournament and an automatic NCAA Tournament berth.

UAlbany plays a 16-game America East schedule, and begins conference action on December 31 at Vermont. The season wraps up with the America East Tournament on March 2, 3 and 9 in Boston, Mass. The Great Danes battle their first Big Ten Conference opponent when they travel to Ohio State on November 20. The Buckeyes, who earned a 2001 NCAA Tournament bid, finished 20-11 overall. Albany and Siena renew their rivalry on November 27 at Pepsi Arena. The Saints lead the series, 23-17, but the two programs will meet for the first time since 1977.

Big East Conference member Syracuse highlights a 12-game home schedule. The Orangemen, a 2001 NCAA squad with a 25-9 record, face the Great Danes at Pepsi Arena on Sunday, December 2 at 2:00 p.m. The remaining eleven contests are slated for the Recreation and Convocation Center on campus. In addition to the America East teams, Lafayette and Army, of the Patriot League, and Columbia, of the Ivy League, visit the RACC.

Seven letterwinners return from head coach **Scott Beeten's** first Albany team. Sophomore guard **E.J. Gallup** led the club with a 17.4 scoring average, and ranked among the nation's leaders in three-point field goals. **Will Brand**, a 6-foot-5 senior, averaged 14.0 points and 6.9 rebounds.

The UAlbany women's basketball program also prepares for its first venture into America East Conference competition. The Great Danes travel to New Hampshire for their conference opener on January 6, while the America East Tournament is scheduled for March 7, 8 and 9 in Hartford, Conn.

The Great Daves have 13 games at the Recreation and Convocation Center, including the home opener with Cornell on November 21. Albany and Siena will face off for the first time since 1981 on November 27 at Pepsi Arena. The Saints, who made a NCAA Tournament appearance last year, have won four of the previous six meetings.

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BASKETBALL SCHEDULES 2-2-2

UAlbany returns nine letterwinners, including **Jess McGinlay**, who averaged 10.1 points off the bench. **Cara Caffell** (5.5 ppg, 5.1 rpg), **Marie Connors** (5.6 ppg, 5.1 rpg) and **Kathryn Hemlock** (7.4 ppg) are all back from last year's starting lineup. **Mari Warner**, who has 295 career victories, is in her 20th season as head coach.

Both the men's and women's teams will have the same starting times for home games at the RACC. Weeknight contests will begin at 7:00 p.m., while weekend games tip off at 1:00 p.m.

2001-02 Albany Men's Basketball Schedule

November

17 (Sat.), **Lafayette**, 1:00; 20 (Tue.), at Ohio State, TBA; 24 (Sat.), at Quinnipiac, 2:00; 27 (Tue.), at Siena (Pepsi Arena), 8:00.

December

2 (Sun.), **Syracuse** (Pepsi Arena), 2:00; 5 (Wed.), at Bucknell, 7:30; 8 (Sat.), at Yale, TBA; 11 (Tue.), **Army**, 7:00; 23 (Sun.), at Robert Morris, 1:00; 31 (Mon.), at Vermont*, 1:00.

January

2 (Wed.), at Maine*, TBA; 7 (Mon.), **Binghamton***, 7:00; 13 (Sun.), **Maine***, 1:00; 15 (Tue.), **Columbia**, 7:00; 18 (Fri.), at Dartmouth, 7:30; 20 (Sun.), at New Hampshire*, 1:00; 24 (Thu.), **Boston U.***, 7:00; 26 (Sat.), **Northeastern***, 1:00; 30 (Wed.), **New Hampshire***, 7:00.

February

2 (Sat.), at Stony Brook*, TBA; 5 (Tue.), at Binghamton*, TBA; 8 (Fri.), at Hartford*, 7:00; 10 (Sun.), **Vermont***, 1:00; 12 (Tue.), at Northeastern*, TBA; 16 (Sat.), at Boston U.*, TBA; 22 (Fri.), **Hartford***, 7:00; 24 (Sun.), **Stony Brook***, 1:00.

March

2, 3 & 9, America East Tournament (Boston, Mass.).

2001-02 Albany Women's Basketball Schedule

November

16 (Fri.), at Bucknell, 7:30; 21 (Wed.), **Cornell**, 7:00; 27 (Tue.), at Siena (Pepsi Arena), 6:00; 30 (Fri.), **Delaware State**, 7:00.

December

5 (Wed.), at Army, 5:30; 11 (Tue.), at Yale, TBA; 15 (Sat.), **Colgate**, 1:00; 22 (Sat.), **St. Francis, N.Y.**, 1:00; 28 (Fri.), at Towson, TBA.

January

2 (Wed.), at Lafayette, TBA; 6 (Sun.), at New Hampshire*, 1:00; 9 (Wed.), **Sacred Heart**, 7:00; 12 (Sat.), at Maine*, TBA; 19 (Sat.), **New Hampshire***, 1:00; 24 (Thu.), at Boston U.*, TBA; 26 (Sat.), at Northeastern*, TBA; 31 (Thu.), **Binghamton***, 7:00.

February

3 (Sun.), **Stony Brook***, 1:00; 6 (Wed.), at Binghamton*, TBA; 9 (Sat.), **Vermont***, 1:00; 11 (Mon.), **Hartford***, 7:00; 14 (Thu.), **Maine***, 7:00; 16 (Sat.), **Boston U.***, 1:00; 22 (Fri.), at Hartford*, TBA; 24 (Sun.), at Stony Brook*, 1:00; 28 (Thu.), at Vermont*, TBA.

March

2 (Sun.), **Northeastern***, 1:00; 7, 8 & 9, America East Tournament (Hartford, Conn.).

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BASEBALL ANNOUNCES SIGNINGS FOR 2002 SEASON

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany baseball coach Jon Mueller announced today that eleven student-athletes have signed national letters of intent to play for the Great Danes in the 2001-02 academic year. The Great Danes will begin competition in the America East Conference after playing in the New York State Baseball Conference last season.

“This is a very well-balanced recruiting class in terms of skill level and achievement,” Mueller said. “All of these student-athletes have experienced a great deal of success in both the classroom and on the field. I anticipate many of these players will come in and play right away.”

Jeff Mazzola, Bill Boyer and Joe Lamb guided Gloucester Catholic High School to the 2000 Group A New Jersey state championship and a 33-1 record. The Rams were named as the National Champions of High School Baseball according to *Baseball America*, ESPN and the National High School Baseball Coaches Association (BCA). Mazzola, a 5-foot-11 right-hander, posted a 9-0 record with 98 strikeouts, 27 walks and a 1.24 earned run average in 62 innings as a second-team all-state selection. A middle-infield combination, Boyer batted .323 with eight doubles and 28 RBI, while Lamb hit .370 with four home runs and 25 RBI for the Rams, who finished 26-4 overall last season.

Tony Vallone was chosen the Wasaran League MVP as well as the *Troy Record* and *Glens Falls Post-Star* Player of the Year. He led Greenwich High to the New York State Class C finals and the Wasaran League title. **Shawn Ryan**, a 6-foot right-hander, earned first-team All-Wasaran and *Troy Record* all-area honors in posting a 7-1 record for Stillwater High. Ryan and Vallone were selected first-team all-state by the New York State Sportswriters Association.

Patrick Hastings, a Dean College transfer, was named a NJCAA Division II Region XXI All-New England second-team selection. The 6-foot-5 right-hander previously attended Kingston High and secured 1999 *Daily Freeman* Player of the Year accolades. **Dan Schoonmaker**, a transfer from Ulster County Community College, tallied Mid-Hudson

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ALBANY SPORTS 2-2-2-2

Conference first-team honors this spring and led Roundout Valley High to the 1999 Section IX Class B championship. **Chase Muratore** was an All-Nassau County all-star while playing catcher at Valley Stream South High.

Albany also inked three other out-of-state student-athletes – **Roman Dubiel**, **Pat Delaney** and **Craig Farley**. Dubiel, a 6-foot-8 right-hander from Longueuil, Quebec, helped his South Shore region squad win the silver medal at the Canadian National Tournament three years ago. Delaney hit .344 for Hayfield Secondary in Alexandria, Va., and was named All-Patriot District second team. Farley, a native of Middleboro, Mass., posted the third-highest batting average in the Patriot League (.431) playing for his hometown high school.

2001 University at Albany Baseball Signings

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>High School/Hometown</u>
Bill Boyer	2B	5-8	180	Gloucester Catholic/Deptford, N.J.
Roman Dubiel	RHP	6-8	210	College Francais/Longueuil, Quebec
Pat Delaney	INF	5-11	185	Hayfield Secondary/Fairfax, Va.
Craig Farley	OF	5-8	140	Middleboro/Middleboro, Mass.
Patrick Hastings#	RHP	6-5	230	Kingston/Kingston, N.Y.
Joe Lamb	SS	6-1	180	Gloucester Catholic/Deptford, N.J.
Jeff Mazzola	RHP	5-11	175	Gloucester Catholic/Sewell, N.J.
Chase Muratore	C	6-0	185	Valley Stream South/Valley Stream, N.Y.
Shawn Ryan	RHP	6-0	200	Stillwater Central/Stillwater, N.Y.
Dan Schoonmaker^	INF	6-0	175	Roundout Valley/High Falls, N.Y.
Tony Vallone	OF	6-0	165	Greenwich Central/Greenwich, N.Y.

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DAVID PITANIELLO RECEIVES CAPITAL DISTRICT STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP Watervliet Native Will Be Recognized at Giants Media Day on Thursday

ALBANY, N.Y. – University at Albany Vice President for Student Affairs James P. Doellefeld announced today that David Pitaniello will receive this year's Capital District Student Scholarship, which is sponsored by New York Giants Football, Inc., the University at Albany, and the Albany Times Union Newspaper. Pitaniello, a native of Watervliet, N.Y., will be recognized as part of a welcome program at Giants Media Day on Thursday, July 26.

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 Albany Common Council President Dr. Helen Desfosses will be among the dignitaries attending, and are expected to speak during the 12 noon program.

A graduate of LaSalle Institute, Pitaniello played quarterback and defensive back on the football team. He led the Cadets to the state Class A semifinals, a Section II championship, and an 11-1 record in 2000. Pitaniello was named second-team all-area by the *Albany Times Union*, and also earned all-area honors by the *Troy Record*. In addition, he competed in the high jump, long jump and pentathlon as a member of the track & field squad, and won two Big Ten League titles. Pitaniello, who hopes to be an orthopedic surgeon, plans to study pre-medicine at UAlbany. He resides with his parents, David and Debbie, and has two brothers, Dominic and Dennis, and one sister, Denise.

The Capital District Student Scholarship Fund provides Pitaniello with a monetary award equivalent to the tuition costs of four years at the University at Albany. The annual Meet the Giants Fan Party, slated for Wednesday, August 1 at 5:00 p.m. in University Gym, generates funding for this scholarship.

GIANTS CAMP NOTES: The New York Giants training camp schedule can be accessed through the University's athletic web site (www.albany.edu/sports.html) ... the Giants will take the practice field for the first time on Friday, July 27 at 9:00 a.m. ... all interviews involving Giants coaches and players should be requested through Pat Hanlon and the Giants public relations staff ... the public relations office is located in Indian Quad residence hall on campus ... tickets for Giants Training Camp special events can be purchased through the University's Athletic Ticket Office ... UAlbany's ticket office phone is 518-442-3919 ... the Giants Intrasquad Scrimmage is Saturday, August 4 at 2:00 p.m. ... training camp daily parking (Dutch Quad Lot) is \$5.00, while an all-session parking card can be purchased for \$10.00 ... admission to all practice sessions is free.

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UALBANY SELECTS DON OSTROM DIRECTOR OF ATHLETIC DEVELOPMENT AND MATT McCULLOUGH ASSISTANT MEDIA RELATIONS DIRECTOR

ALBANY, N.Y. – University at Albany Director of Athletics and Recreation Lee McElroy announced today the hiring of Don Ostrom as director of athletic development and Matt McCullough as assistant media relations director.

Ostrom, the former executive director of the Glens Falls (N.Y.) Civic Center, will head the advancement initiatives designed to provide operational and capital support for the University's intercollegiate athletics program. He will also have duties with respect to external affairs and special events planning.

Ostrom, a native of Ithaca, N.Y., recently served as vice president in charge of team operations for Hartford Sports, a division of Madison Square Garden. He was responsible for business operations of the Hartford Wolf Pack, the American Hockey League affiliate of the New York Rangers and the Arena Football League's New England Seawolves. He managed a multi-million dollar annual budget for a division that included marketing, media relations, sponsorship sales and ticketing.

From 1994-99, Ostrom handled daily operations at the Glens Falls Civic Center, an arena owned by the City of Glens Falls and managed by Olympia Entertainment, Inc. For two years, he also served as director of business operations for the Adirondack Red Wings, a 20-year member of the American Hockey League that was owned and operated by the NHL's Detroit Red Wings. Ostrom, 39, earned a B.S. in journalism from Ohio University, and has completed coursework towards a master's degree.

McCullough joins UAlbany's media relations staff as an assistant director. He worked in the office as an intern during the 2000-01 academic year. McCullough will have chief responsibilities in the areas of web site design and maintenance and publications, but will also assist in the publicity and promotion of the school's 19-sport Division I program for men and women.

McCullough, 23, received his undergraduate degree from the University of North Carolina, where he had a dual major of journalism & mass communication and communication studies. He was a production assistant for the Tar Heel Sports Network in 1999-2000, and assisted with engineering and production of game-day live radio broadcasts and daily shows. A native of Scotia, N.Y., McCullough has also worked as a computer lab attendant with regard to software support.

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KELLY SHEFFIELD NAMED UALBANY WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL HEAD COACH

ALBANY, N.Y. – University at Albany Director of Athletics and Recreation Lee McElroy announced today the hiring of **Kelly Sheffield** as head women's volleyball coach. Sheffield, who has been an assistant coach in the Atlantic Coast Conference for the last three years, moves into a position that has been elevated to full-time status for the first time. UAlbany begins competition in the America East Conference in 2001-02.

Sheffield was previously the top assistant at Clemson University, where he handled the team's ball control, defense and middle hitters. He also served as scouting and recruiting coordinator. From 1998-2000, Sheffield was an assistant coach at the University of Virginia. He was responsible for scouting and game plans, assisted with recruiting and practice, and directed team travel.

During his two-year stay at Virginia, the program earned its first two appearances in the NCAA Tournament. In 1998, the Cavaliers finished with a 26-8 record, the second-highest victory total in the program's history. He coached five all-conference players, including four all-district selections, and two athletes who received All-ACC Tournament recognition. In his final year, Virginia's recruiting class was ranked sixth nationally by *Volleyball Magazine*.

Sheffield, 30, served as an assistant at the University of Houston in 1997. The Cougars captured their seventh consecutive NCAA berth and won the Conference USA Tournament. In addition, he has extensive experience coaching junior volleyball teams. Sheffield was the head coach of the Houston Juniors from 1997-98 and Munciana (Ind.) Volleyball Club from 1989-97.

A native of Muncie, Ind., Sheffield began his coaching career at Muncie Burriss High School, where he was a varsity assistant for a squad that won two state championships and a national championship. He also assisted in the development of the New Castle High School program, as the team achieved a top-10 state ranking in the 1990s.

Sheffield earned his bachelor's degree in general studies from Ball State University. For the last two years he has worked as an evaluator and court coach for USA Volleyball Junior National Team Tryouts.

