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## **UALBANY'S JAMAR WILSON TOURS WITH ATHLETES IN ACTION IN FRANCE**

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany's Jamar Wilson will take part in an Athletes in Action basketball tour of France, with six exhibition games played against professional French club teams from Aug. 19-24.

Current and former collegiate players are members of the AIA squad coached by St. Louis University assistant Jason Grunkemeyer. A four-day training camp begins on Aug. 10 in preparation for the series of exhibitions with Bordeaux, Challans, Quimpe, Limoges, Angers and Evreux. Mike Sigrids is organizing the AIA France tour.

Wilson, a 6-foot-1 guard, led UAlbany to its first-ever America East Conference championship and NCAA Tournament berth last year. He was named to the Associated Press All-America Team as an honorable mention selection and voted America East Player of the Year. Wilson averaged 17.7 points, 4.9 rebounds and 3.9 assists in 2005-06.

The AIA France squad is one of seven Athletes in Action men's basketball teams competing internationally this summer. Joining Wilson on the roster are current student-athletes Ajay Calvin (Drake), Daven Harmeling (Washington State), McKale Jones (Tennessee Martin), Kevin Lisch (St. Louis), Trent Meacham (Illinois), Anthony Tolliver (Creighton) and Dane Watts (Creighton). Former college players on the roster are: Rob Kampman (Wichita State), Bryan Richardson (West Florida) and Ryan Sears (Creighton).

Athletes in Action is the sports ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ. AIA's outreach range includes ministry to college and professional athletes and coaches globally across a great number of sports. International competing teams partner with in-country staff and other mission organizations to resource Christian ministry around the world.

## **UALBANY PICKED FOURTH IN SPORTS NETWORK'S I-AA MID-MAJOR POLL**

Philadelphia, Pa. – UAlbany has been picked fourth in The Sports Network 2006 Preseason I-AA Mid-Major College Football Poll. The Great Danes, who were unranked at the end of last season, have been tabbed to win this year's Northeast Conference title by several preseason publications.

San Diego, the 2005 Pioneer Football League champion and last year's top mid-major program, was voted the No. 1 team with 12 first-place votes. Dayton and Duquesne were ranked second and third, respectively.

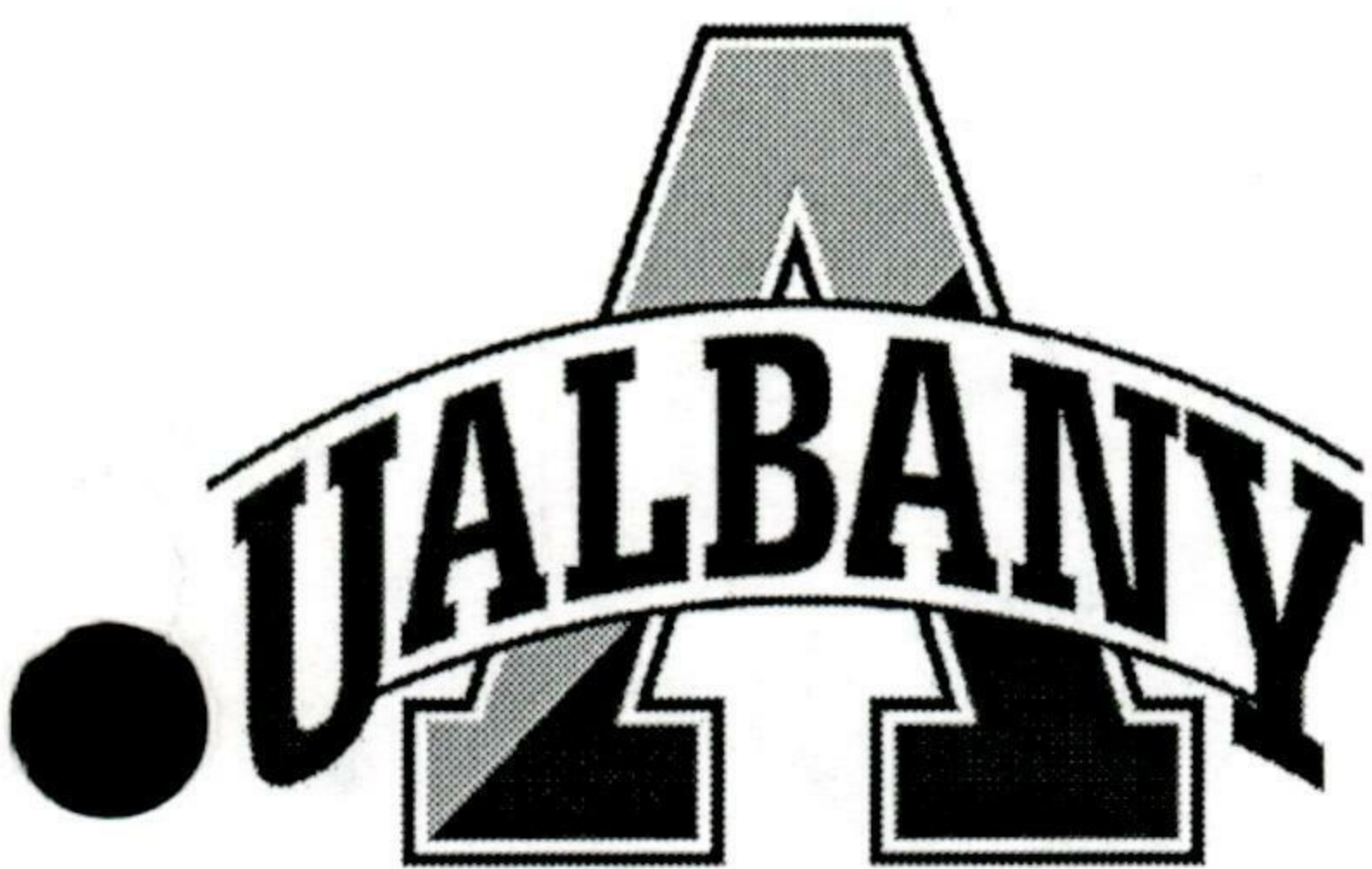
UAlbany posted a 5-6 record last season after winning five of its final six games. The Great Danes begin their 2006 campaign on Saturday, Sept. 2 against Lehigh in Bethlehem, Pa. at 1:00 p.m.

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### **The Sports Network 2006 Preseason I-AA Mid-Major College Football Poll**

1. San Diego, 2. Dayton, 3. Duquesne, 4. Albany, 5. Drake, 6. Central Connecticut State, 7. Monmouth, 8. Morehead State, 9. Marist, 10. Stony Brook.





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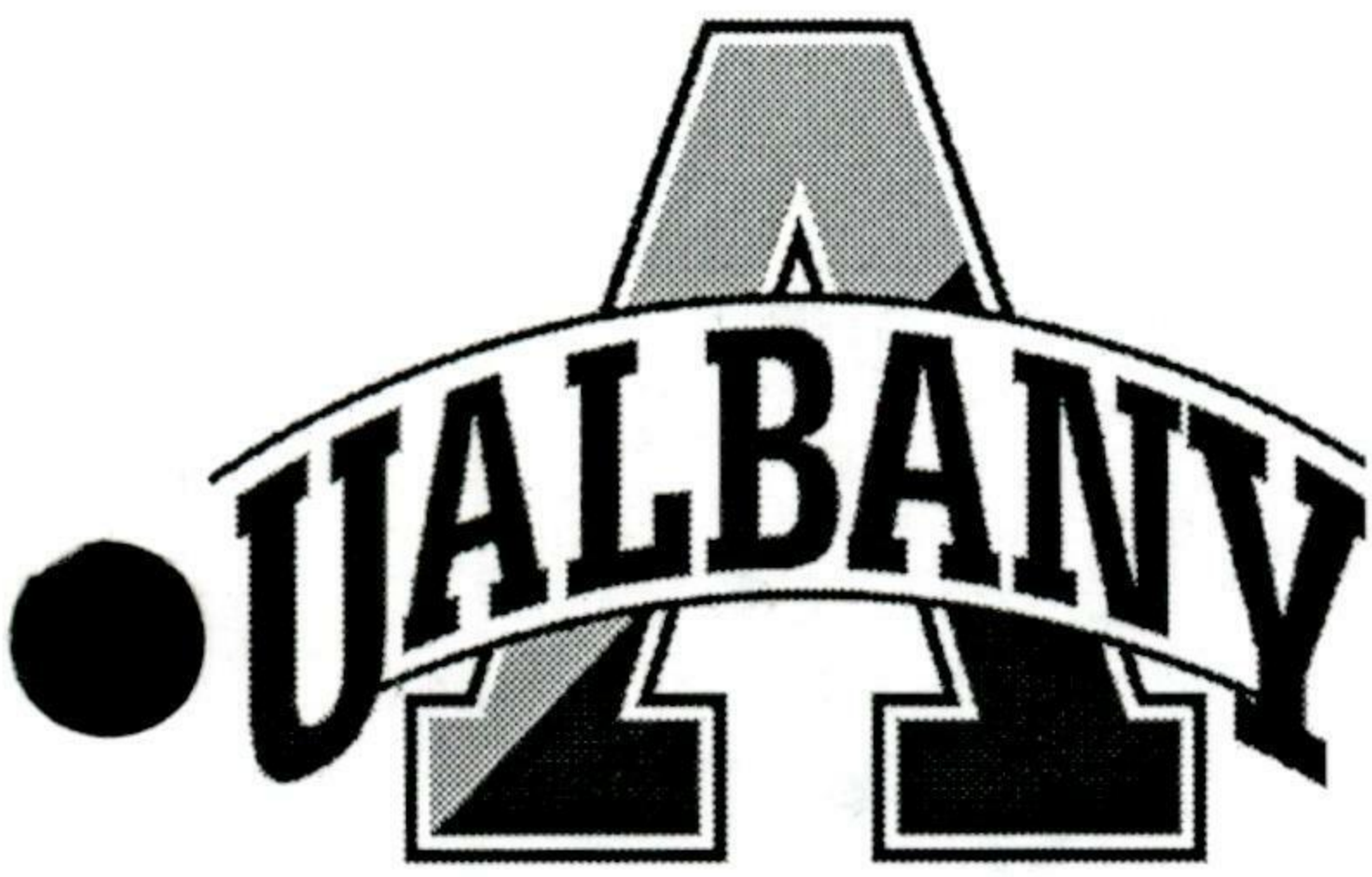
## KIRSTEN ZOELLNER SIGNS TO PLAY PROFESSIONAL BASKETBALL IN GREECE

Albany, N.Y. – Former University at Albany basketball standout Kirsten Zoellner, a 7-foot-1, 280-pound center from Hannover, Germany, has signed to play professionally with Milonas Athens in Greece's A2 League.

Zoellner, the tallest player in school history, averaged 7.5 points and 4.9 rebounds in leading UAlbany to the America East Conference regular-season and tournament championships in 2005-06. Zoellner, who celebrated his 25th birthday on Aug. 2, shot 56 percent from the field and ranked fourth among the conference leaders in blocked shots (39) as a starter in all 32 games. He scored 12 points in the Great Danes' first-ever NCAA Division I Tournament appearance against second-ranked Connecticut.

Zoellner, who transferred from Boston College, was named to the All-America East third team last year. He averaged 6.6 points and 5.2 rebounds in his first season with the UAlbany program in 2004-05.





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## **DREW CHRIST & MIKE MORITA NAMED UALBANY ASSISTANT FOOTBALL COACHES**

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany head football coach Bob Ford announced today the hiring of Drew Christ and Mike Morita as assistant football coaches. Christ served as the University of Rochester's defensive coordinator last season, while Morita was the offensive coordinator and line coach at Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Christ, a former UAlbany graduate assistant in 2001, will coach the defensive backs and recruit in Western Pennsylvania and Ohio. Prior to his appointment at Rochester, Christ spent three seasons on Al Bagnoli's staff at the University of Pennsylvania. The Quakers won two Ivy League championships during that period.

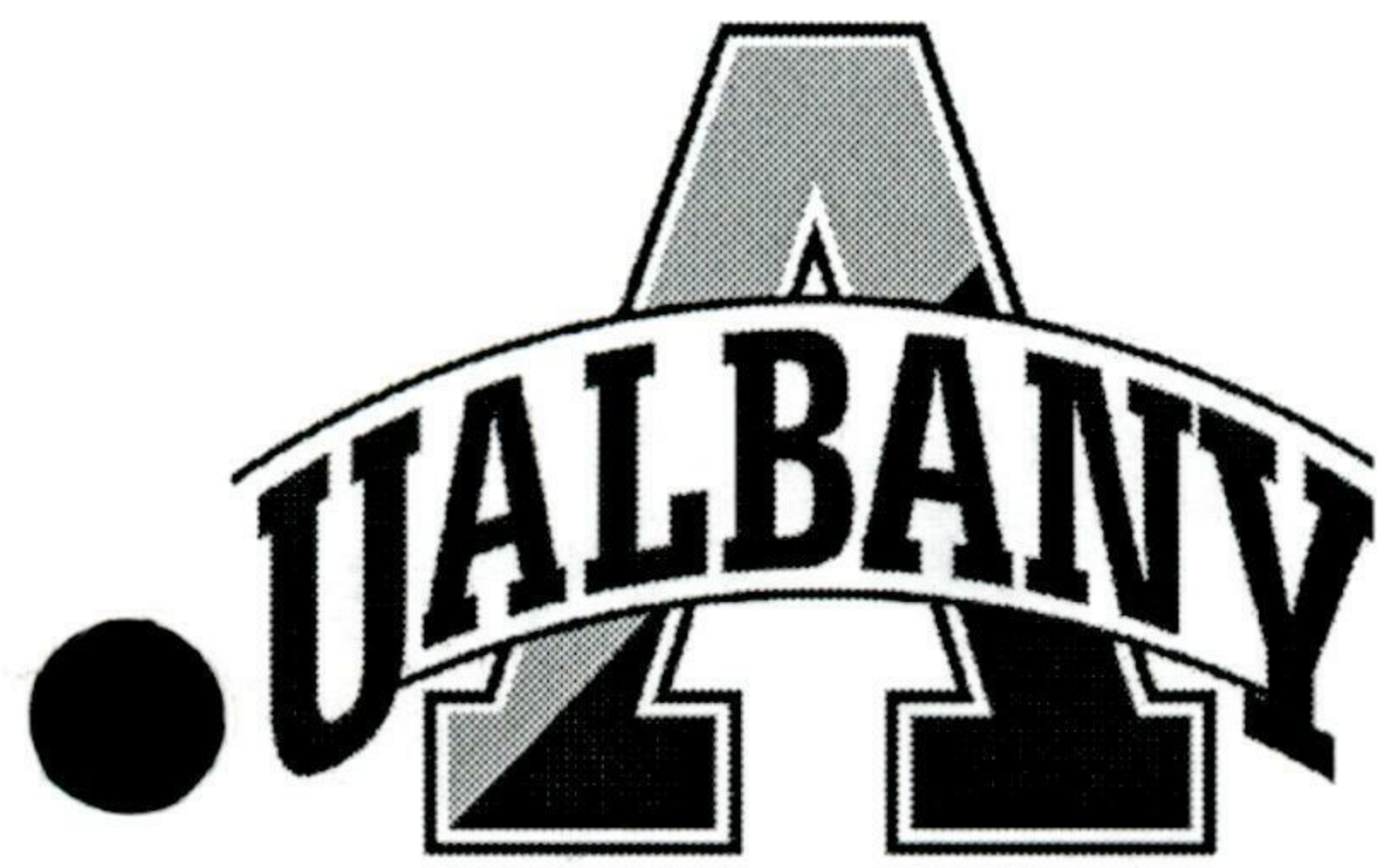
In 1998, Christ began his coaching career at Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania, where he handled the defensive backs and place-kickers. A native of Bay Village, Ohio, Christ was a three-time All-University Athletic Association defensive back and kicker at the University of Chicago. He earned his undergraduate degree in economics.

Morita will coach UAlbany's offensive tackles and tight ends and recruit in Eastern and Central Pennsylvania. During his tenure at Shaw, the program won the 2004 Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) championship and the Pioneer Bowl with a 10-2 record.

From 2000-03, Morita worked with the tight ends at Bucknell University. He also instructed the offensive line and running backs and coached an All-Patriot League tight end. Morita then went on to Santa Barbara City College as offensive line coach for one season. His first coaching position came at Eagle (Idaho) High School as a running backs assistant.

A native of Mill Valley, Calif., Morita was a two-year letterman as a running back at Idaho State University, where he received a B.S. in elementary education in 1998. He earned his M.S. in instructional specialization from Bucknell.





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## UALBANY FOOTBALL BEGINS 2006 PRESEASON PRACTICE ON MONDAY, AUG. 7

Albany, N.Y. – Football preseason practice begins at the University at Albany on Monday, August 7 with an afternoon workout, from 3:30-5:00 p.m. The Great Danes will conduct their preseason sessions on the campus' Dutch Quad intramural fields. UAlbany opens its 2006 schedule against Lehigh on Saturday, Sept. 2 in Bethlehem, Pa. Kickoff is 1:00 p.m. ET.

### 2006 SEASON PREVIEW

The installation of a new offensive scheme coupled with teaching a young group of players contributed to the challenges that faced last year's UAlbany football team. The result of those trials is a squad that has 17 starters returning from a team that won five of its last six games.

As the Great Danes get ready for their eighth season at the Division I-AA level, expectations are high that the program can win its third Northeast Conference championship. The NEC winner will also get to play another game against the Pioneer League champion in the Gridiron Classic.

"We ended on a very positive note last year," offers UAlbany coach Bob Ford, who has a 210-154-1 career record in 37 seasons at the collegiate level. "Our league now has an opportunity to play in a postseason game and that adds to the excitement. All players and coaches want to reach for the golden ring."

UAlbany will again compete against a formidable list of non-conference opponents, including perennial NCAA playoff teams Delaware and Lehigh.

**OFFENSE:** UAlbany's multiple attack improved as the season progressed. "We grew stronger as the year unfolded," Ford says. "You need to be strong down the middle from your center to the tailback position."

Senior **Brett Hall** (6-4, 225) emerged at quarterback as a junior college transfer. He completed 75 of 152 passes for 739 yards and three touchdowns. **Daniel Bocanegra** (6-1, 195) can play multiple positions on the field and will continue to see time as a receiver and kick returner. Bocanegra, who accounted for 200-plus yards in the season-ending win at Fordham, threw for 445 yards and ran for 136 more during the season. "Brett played with more calm in the second half of the season and was better in the progression of his pass reads," Ford states. "Dan is a jack-of-all-trades who we will feature in all phases of the game."

The Great Danes have four of five starters back on the offensive line. The group paved the way for the offense to average nearly 174 rushing yards against NEC opposition. **Jacob Anderson** (6-6, 300) was a first-team all-conference right tackle, while **Jacob Hobbs** (6-4, 325) was solid in his first year at left tackle. **Sam Pagano** (6-3, 305) earned second-team All-NEC honors at the left guard position. Center **Pierce Brennan** (6-1, 275) has been a two-year starter in the trenches. Sophomore **Raphael Nguti** (6-6, 330) continues to develop and warrants playing time at right tackle.

UAlbany will once again feature a one-two punch at tailback with **Marcus Allen** (5-11, 200) and **Omar Johnson** (6-0, 215). Allen led the team in rushing yards (594) and all-purpose yards (802) and caught 14 passes out of the backfield. Johnson, the team's most improved



player, came on in the second half of the season with 385 rushing yards and 10 touchdowns. Fullback **Dan Beigel** (6-2, 230) has been productive throughout his career. He ran for 173 yards and two scores, plus caught a pair of TD passes.

"Marcus has all the physical tools, great speed, and blocks well," Ford explains. "Omar is a good inside runner who gets the majority of his yardage between the tackles."

The football was spread to a large group of receivers last season. **Irani DeAraujo** (6-2, 200) led that corps with 34 receptions for 368 yards. Flanker **Mike Wall** hauled in 10 passes for 108 yards and one touchdown, plus ran for another score. Meanwhile, **Wayne Carrabus**, who had two touchdown receptions, and **Ross Jatkola** are penciled in at tight end.

**DEFENSE:** The Great Danes have built their defensive unit around an aggressive group of linebackers. In 2005, UAlbany ranked 11th among the I-AA leaders in rushing defense (113.1 ypg) and scoring against (17.6 ppg).

"There's no question that this group performed extremely well," Ford says. "Our philosophy has always been to take the run away and force our opponents to throw the ball."

Preseason All-America **Colin Disch** (6-1, 220) was named the *Football Gazette* mid-major linebacker of the year and the NEC's top defender as a sophomore. He reached the 100-tackle mark for the second straight season with 112. He added 15 tackles for a loss and 4.5 sacks with his quickness and speed. **Dan Barnes** figures to play alongside Disch at inside linebacker. A two-sport athlete, he had 38 tackles last season.

"Colin has great instincts as do all the great ones," Ford comments. "He can come over the top and underneath blocks. He is extremely tough."

**Dave Nicomini** (6-3, 230) and **Trevor DuPont** (6-1, 220) are a pair of athletic outside linebackers. Nicomini, who also works at free safety, was fourth on the team in tackles (55), including 21 unassisted, as a redshirt freshman. DuPont, a junior who made great strides in spring practice, had 31 tackles and broke up three passes.

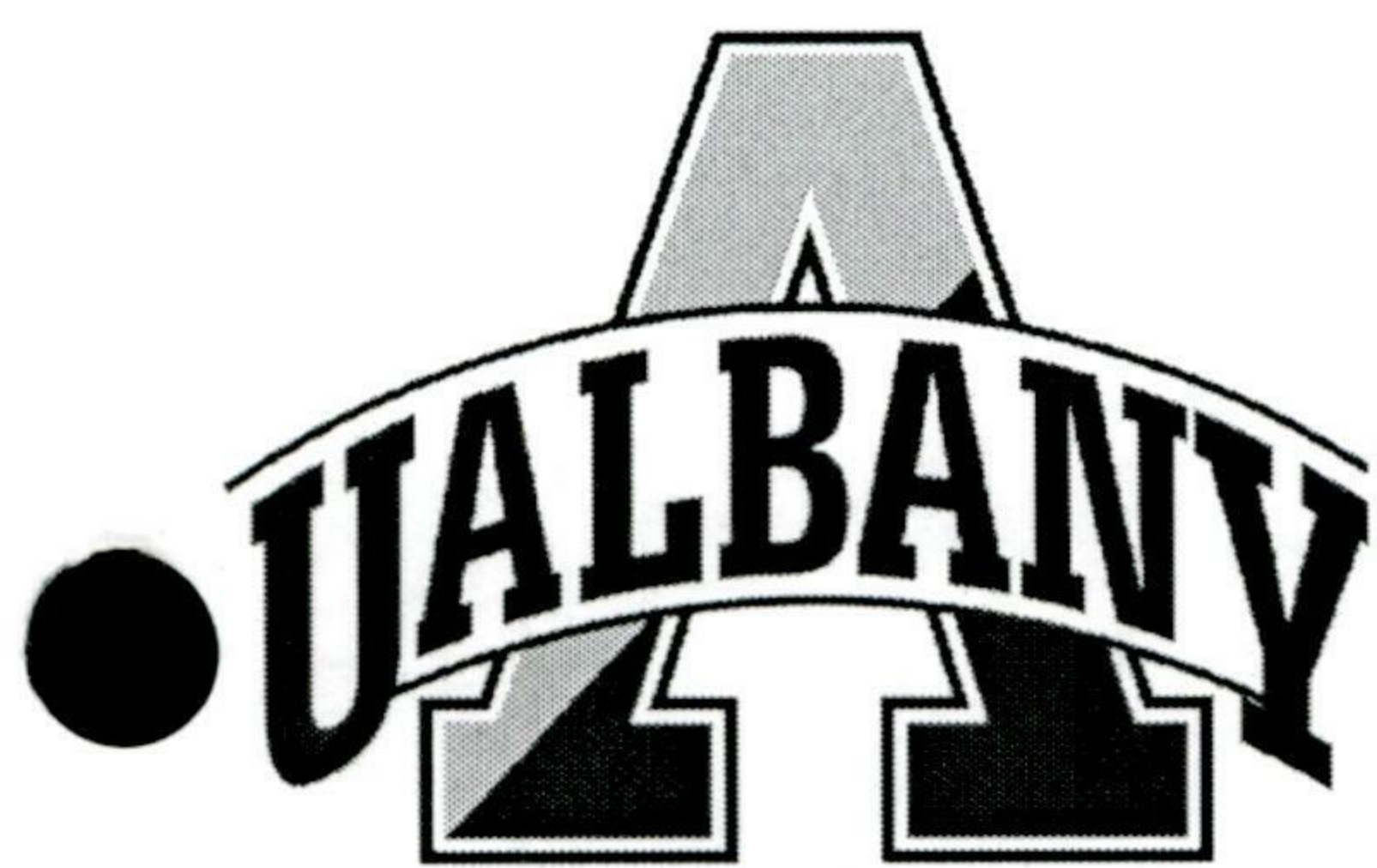
All-Conference standouts **Andre Coleman** (6-4, 290) and **Michael Dungey** (6-2, 275) are the top players on a veteran defensive line. Coleman, a first-team All-NEC end, accounted for 32 tackles, 12 hits for a loss, 4.5 sacks and two pass deflections in a breakout campaign. Dungey, who is very strong and has great legs, added 39 tackles in earning second-team all-league recognition as both a tackle and end.

**Mark Sheehan** (6-2, 255) is expected to start at one of the end positions after playing in all 11 games one year ago. Defensive end **Jon Volpe** (6-1, 260) and tackle **Tom Pandolf** (6-0, 260) contributed 26 and 24 tackles, respectively. Senior **Seamus McLaughlin** (6-2, 260) increases the line's depth and talent.

The UAlbany secondary returns **Ryan Chrobak** and **Eric Neugebauer** as starters. Chrobak is a three-year regular with 33 consecutive starts, 145 tackles, 20 pass break-ups and five interceptions as a collegian. "Ryan has quickness, good technique and is a fierce competitor," Ford says. Neugebauer totaled 45 tackles and picked off two passes as a junior.

**KICKING GAME:** Special teams should be greatly improved. Erie Community College transfer **Jason Fralicker** is the leading candidate to take over the place-kicking duties. He made 8 of 16 field goals and 21 of 28 PATs two years ago. **Chris Lynch** is back to help after scoring 36 points (24-24 PATs, 4-11 FGs) in 2004. He averaged 33.4 yards per punt attempt.





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### UALBANY ANNOUNCES 22 TRACK & FIELD COMMITMENTS FOR 2006-07

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany track and field head coach **Roberto Vives** has announced that 22 student-athletes have committed to the Great Danes' program for the 2006-07 academic year. Five of the newcomers hail from Capital Region high schools.

**John Moore** (Fonda-Fultonville) won the New York State Section II 800-meter run championship, plus finished second in the state in that event. The middle-distance specialist set the Section II 800m record at 1:51.59 in June. **Luke Schoen**, who will compete in throwing events for the Great Danes, was the 2006 New York State pole vault champion. His personal best in the event is 15-feet, 6-inches.

**Brian Lenge** (Colonie) is one of four sprinters joining the men's team next season. Lenge was part of the 2006 state champion 4x400-meter relay, running a 48.7-second split. Colonie High's 4x400 relay set a school record of 3:17, while the Lenge helped the 4x200 relay which was third in the nation. **Lynval Clarke** finished fourth in the Bronx championships in the 400-meter dash in a personal-best 48.80 seconds. Clarke has also posted times of 11.10 and 22.78 in the 100- and 200-meter dashes, respectively. **Jeffrey Barnes** (Albany) captured the 100m dash title at the Schenectady Invitational, crossing the line in 11.20.

**Valete Graham** and **Felipe Reyes** (Christian Brothers Academy) will both add to UAlbany's jumping corps. Graham, whose personal best in the long jump is 22-feet, 8-inches, was a 2006 New York Catholic High School Athletic Association double champion in the long and triple jumps. Reyes, the 2004 New York state championship in the long and triple jumps, returns to the Capital Region after two years at Louisiana State University, which finished second in the overall team standings at the 2006 NCAA outdoor championships.

**Ashley Lewis** and **Taisha Shaw** will add depth in the women's throwing competitions. Lewis has recorded personal bests of 42-feet, 4-inches in the shot put and 120-feet in the discus. Shaw brings a top throw of 38-8 in the discus.

**Stacy Gregory** (Colonie), a transfer from Manhattan College, was the 2005 New York State champion in the 200m dash. She is a member of the 4x400 relay which holds Colonie's school record. The sophomore recorded times of 7.80 and 26.32 in the 60- and 200-meter dashes, respectively in her freshman campaign at Manhattan. **Traequanda Brock**, who will compete in jumps for UAlbany, recorded a 35-foot triple jump to win the event at the 2006 Eddy Games.

"We are excited about this recruiting class," Vives said. "The newcomers will strengthen the areas where we need help after we graduated some tremendous athletes in 2006. They add depth where it was needed and will help keep the teams strong."

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#### 2006-07 University at Albany Women's Track & Field Commitments

Name	Event	Hometown (Previous School)
Tasha Alexander	Mid-Distance	Brooklyn, N.Y. (Queens College)
Esperanza Blanco	Sprints	Brentwood, N.Y. (Brentwood)

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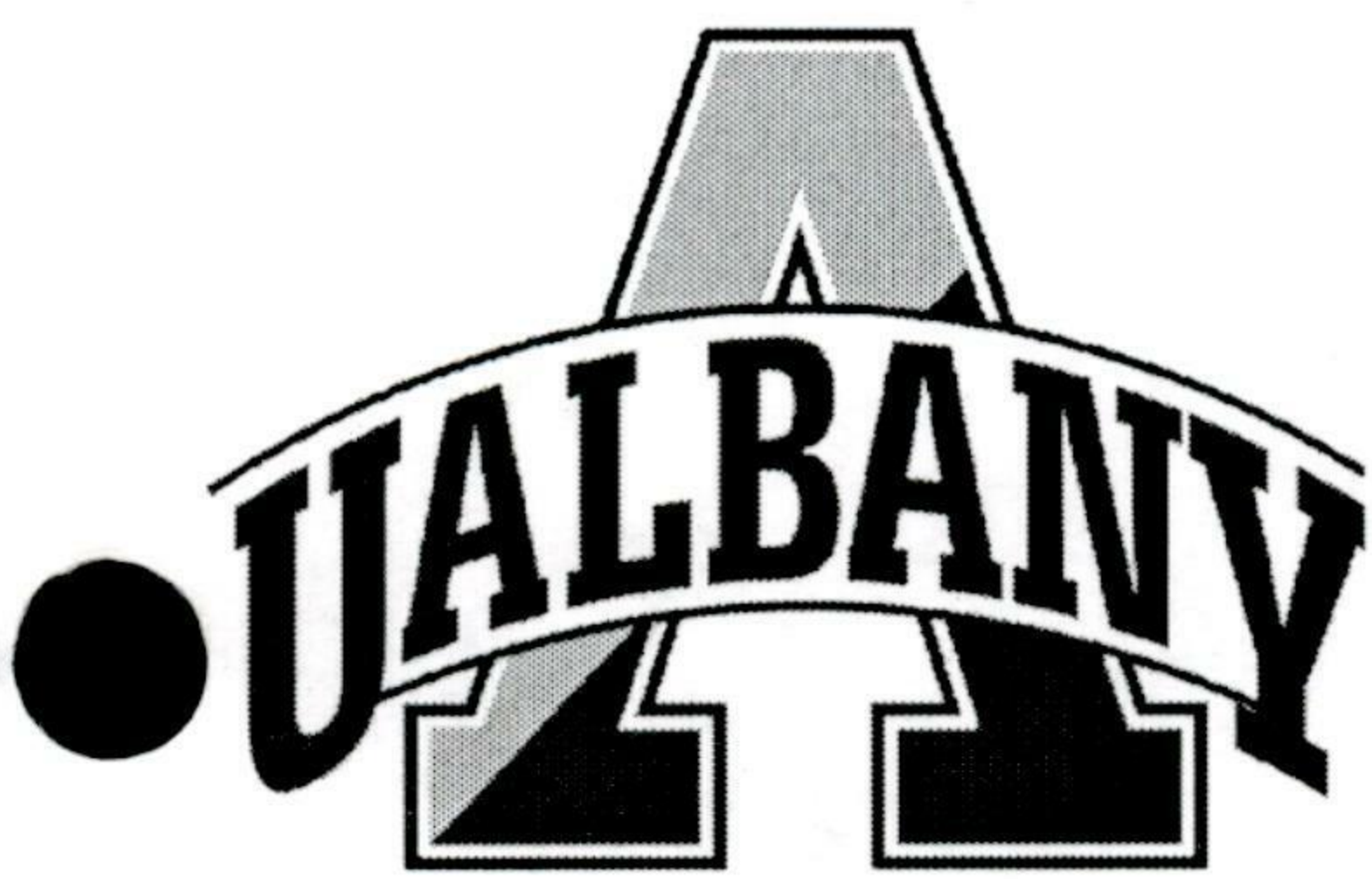


Traequanda Brock	Jumps	Rochester, N.Y. (Edison)
Jenna Clarke	Distance	Sauquoit, N.Y. (Sauquoit Valley Central)
Meghan Crowe	Multi-Event	Wilmington, N.Y. (AuSable Valley Central)
Stacy Gregory	Sprints	Colonie, N.Y. (Manhattan College)
Ashley Lewis	Throws	Riverhead, N.Y. (Riverhead)
Laine Sefick	Distance	Baldwinsville, N.Y. (C. W. Baker)
Taisha Shaw	Throws	Piscataway, N.J. (Piscataway)

**2006-07 University at Albany Men's Track & Field Commitments**

Will Anger	Throws	Oneonta, N.Y. (Oneonta State)
Jeffrey Barnes	Sprints	Albany, N.Y. (Albany)
Lynval Clarke	Sprints	Bronx, N.Y. (Christopher Columbus)
Valete Graham	Jumps	Bronx, N.Y. (Mount St. Michael)
Matt Hertz	Multi-Event/Pole Vault	Syosset, N.Y. (Syosset)
Dong Ning Hu	Jumps	Great Neck, N.Y. (Great Neck)
Nick Lemp	Sprints	St. James, N.Y. (Smithtown West)
Brien Lenge	Sprints	Colonie, N.Y. (Colonie)
John Moore	Mid-Distance	Fultonville, N.Y. (Fonda-Fultonville)
Alan Nimblette	Hurdles	Westbury, N.Y. (Westbury)
Howard Powell	Hurdles	Brooklyn, N.Y. (Boys and Girls)
Felipe Reyes	Jumps/Sprints	Albany, N.Y. (Louisiana State University)
Luke Schoen	Throws	Bohemia, N.Y. (West Islip)





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## **UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY NAMES ELISSA KINARD WOMEN'S TENNIS HEAD COACH**

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany Vice President and Director of Athletics Lee McElroy announced today the hiring of Elissa Kinard as women's tennis head coach. Kinard was previously an assistant coach at Washington State University.

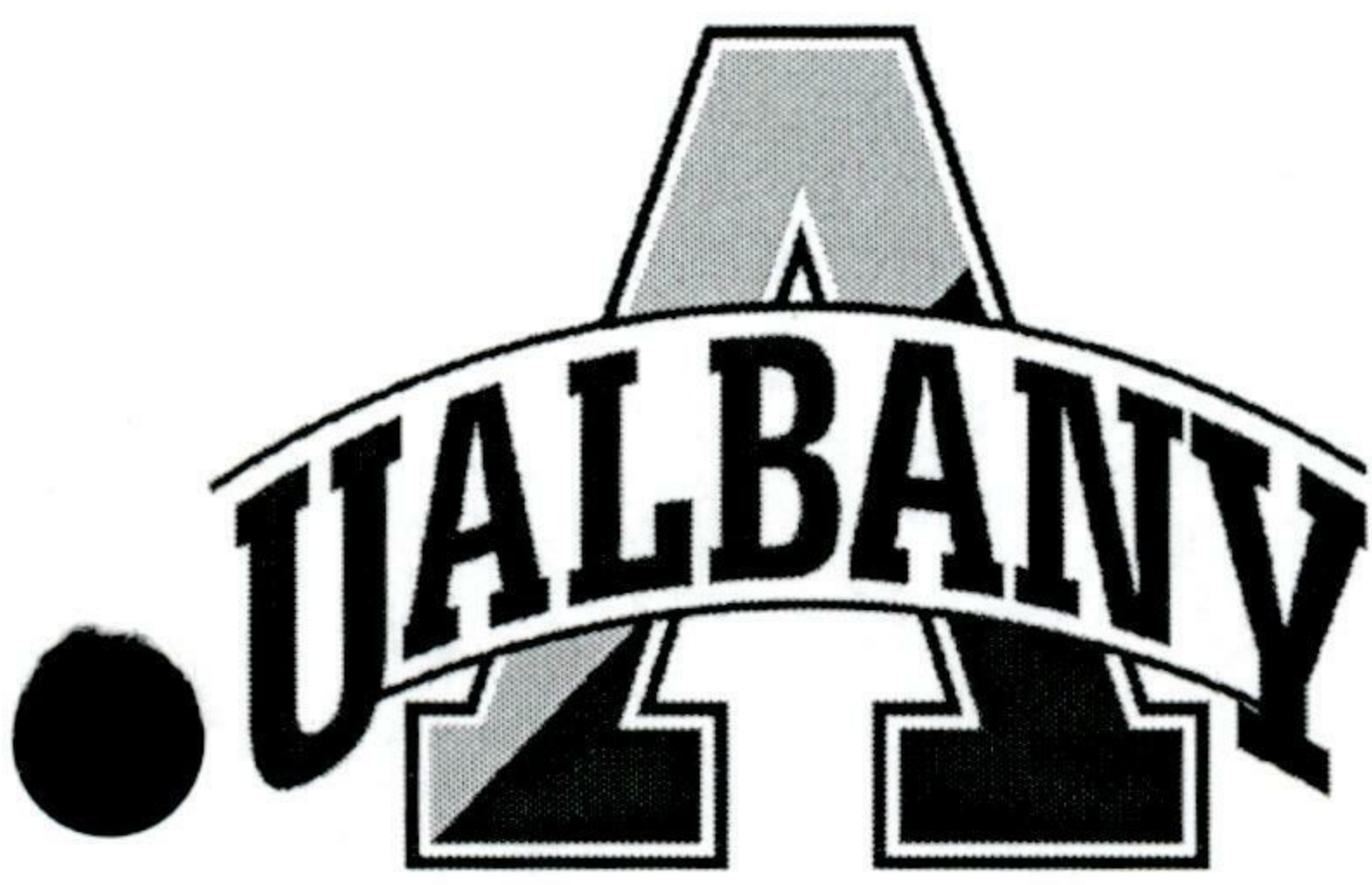
Kinard worked for one year at Washington State, a program that was ranked sixth in the Northwest Region, produced a dual-match victory over Pacific-10 Conference rival Washington and had a student-athlete ranked No. 66 nationally in singles play. Her responsibilities included assisting in all stages of recruiting, organizing travel, monitoring the team's academic program, as well as on-court instruction.

Prior to her arrival on the WSU campus, Kinard served as Colgate University's assistant men's and women's tennis coach. She was also an assistant at American University during the 2004-05 academic year.

Kinard, 24, began her collegiate playing career at the University of Nebraska in the fall of 2000, where she finished as the Big 12 Conference runner-up in singles as a freshman. Following her sophomore campaign, Kinard transferred to Virginia Polytechnic Institute. She was a standout doubles competitor for the Hokies, ranking as high as No. 2 in the East Region and No. 31 nationally by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA).

A native of Charleston, S.C., Kinard earned a B.S. in sociology and a master's degree in health promotions from Virginia Tech. As a scholastic athlete, she was named the South Carolina Player of the Year on four occasions and won four state championship titles from 1996-99.





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## UALBANY MEN, WOMEN VICTORIOUS AT MONMOUTH CROSS COUNTRY MEET

West Long Branch, N.J. – Junior **Ricardo Estremera** took first place in the men's race, while sophomore **Jenna Ortman** was the top finisher among the women as the UAlbany cross country teams won both races in the six-team Monmouth University Cross Country Kick-Off held at Thompson Park on Saturday.

Estremera finished with a time of 19:03.3, 16 seconds faster than his nearest competitor. Other top-ten finishers included senior **Gered Burns** (Guilderland), who finished third, freshman **Jon Moore** in fifth and junior **Joe Choiniere** (Colonie Central) in eighth place. Seven other Great Danes runners finished in the men's top thirty.

Ortman registered a time of 14:48.5, eight seconds ahead of teammate and sister **Jessica Ortman**, who placed second. Junior **Danielle Trimpop** and junior **Jessica Chichester** finished fifth and sixth, respectively, while all eight UAlbany runners finished in the women's top twenty-five.

The two teams return to action next Saturday at the Fordham Invitational, held at Van Cortlandt Park in Bronx, N.Y.

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Monmouth University Cross Country Kick-Off

### MEN

1. **UAlbany 29**, 2. Temple 70, 3. Monmouth 71, 4. Wagner 99, 5. Long Island 134, 6. Drew 235

### INDIVIDUAL

1. **Ricardo Estremera (UAlbany) 19:03.3**, 2. Craig Segal (Monmouth) 19:19.9, 3. **Gered Burns (UAlbany) 19:49.6**, 4. Gerardo Calixto (Long Island) 19:53.3, 5. **Jon Moore (UAlbany) 19:54.3**, 6. Dan Rinehart (Temple) 20:01.3, 7. James Johnston (Wagner) 20:06.8, 8. **Joe Choiniere (UAlbany) 20:10.5**, 9. Randy Hadzor (Monmouth) 20:12.6, 10. Steven McElligott (Long Island) 20:15.5

### WOMEN

1. **UAlbany 30**, 2. Monmouth 52, 3. Wagner 61, 4. Long Island 137, 5. Drew 146, 6. Temple 177

### INDIVIDUAL

1. **Jenna Ortman (UAlbany) 14:48.5**, 2. **Jessica Ortman (UAlbany) 14:56.8**, 3. Chelsea Boska (Drew) 15:34.9, 4. Brecken Drager (Wagner) 15:39.0, 5. **Danielle Trimpop (UAlbany) 15:41.7**, 6. **Jessica Chichester (UAlbany) 15:58.2**, 7. Malia Lyles (Monmouth) 16:00.8, 8. Cailin Lynam (Monmouth) 16:02.5, 9. Joanna Duffey (Temple) 16:07.2, 10. Meaghan Robbins (Wagner) 16:07.8.

## HOLY CROSS BLANKS UALBANY IN NON-CONFERENCE FIELD HOCKEY ACTION

Worcester, Mass. – Senior **Tara Welsh** scored with one second left in the first half to lead Holy Cross to a 2-0 win over UAlbany in non-conference action on Saturday afternoon.

**Susie Whelan** got the scoring started for the Crusaders, slipping the ball past sophomore goalkeeper **Ashley Ross** with 8:05 left in the game. Whelan and **Eli Skovron** assisted on the goal.

Ross played all 70:00 in the cage for the Great Danes, making two saves. **Erin Singleton** stopped three shots for Holy Cross (2-0). **Michelle Simpson**, **Kristin Holder** and **Michele Polizois** each had one shot for UAlbany (2-2).

The Great Danes will be back in action on Wednesday, hosting cross town-rival Siena at Alumni Turf Field at 7 p.m.

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Holy Cross 2, UAlbany 0

UAlbany (2-2)        0        0        0

Holy Cross (2-0)    1        1        2

UAlbany-Scoring: None; Goalkeeper: Ashley Ross (70:00, 2 GA, 2 saves)

Holy Cross-Scoring: Susie Whelan 1-1, Tara Welch 1-0, Katie Rowleson 0-1, Eli Skovren 0-1;

Goalkeeper: Erin Singleton (70:00, 0 GA, 3 saves)

### UALBANY VOLLEYBALL SPLITS TWO MATCHES ON SECOND DAY OF TOURNAMENT

Hempstead, N.Y. – Senior outside hitter **Ashley DeNeal** recorded double-doubles in both matches as UAlbany split on the second day of the Hofstra/Asics Invitational. The Great Danes defeated Seton Hall early in the day, 3-1 (30-26, 30-32, 30-27, 30-28) but fell to the host Pride in the evening match by a score of 3-1 (27-30, 30-15, 30-27, 30-18).

DeNeal, who has notched double-doubles of the kill-dig variety in four of UAlbany's first five matches, paced the Great Danes in their win over Seton Hall with 12 kills and a team-high 21 digs. Junior middle blocker **Ashley Crenshaw** recorded a career-high 22 kills in the match while freshman **Samantha Jacobson** added 15 kills and 18 digs.

**Breanna Leisner** led Seton Hall (1-4) with 18 kills and 22 digs while **Tricia Meyers** and **Allie Matters** added 17 and 14 kills, respectively.

In the championship match of the tournament against Hofstra, DeNeal tallied 13 kills and 11 digs for UAlbany. Jacobson continued to make her presence known for the Great Danes, knocking down a match-high 22 kills. Crenshaw, who was named to the all-tournament team, added 10 kills for UAlbany. Senior outside hitter **Shelby Goldman** also earned all-tournament accolades.

Hofstra (2-4) was paced by **Elizabeth Curley**, who recorded a team-high 19 kills in the match. **Dana Schaefer** added 15 while **Shellane Ogoshi** added a match-high 62 assists.

UAlbany (2-4) will return to action on Friday, September 8 as they take on Maryland in Stony Brook, N.Y. at 3:30 p.m.





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## WOMEN'S SOCCER SUNK BY NIAGARA'S FOUR UNANSWERED GOALS

Albany, N.Y. – Sophomore forward **Stephanie Gartley** and junior forward **Brittany Bisnott** had two goals apiece as visiting Niagara defeated UAlbany, 4-1, in a non-conference women's soccer game on Wednesday afternoon at Varsity Field.

The Great Danes scored the game's first goal when sophomore forward **Diana Barrera** dribbled past a defender and fired one into the net at 33:44 of the first half, assisted by sophomore midfielder **Alex Kitrilakis**. The Purple Eagles responded less than five minutes later, when last season's Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference rookie of the year **Stephanie Gartley** pounded home sophomore defender **Caitlin Long**'s corner kick.

After the two teams went into the break even, Niagara put together a three-goal second half. Gartley scored her second goal of the game at 53:26 in a goal-mouth scramble after a crossing pass. Bisnott then tallied her third goal of the season off of a breakaway at 68:31 of the second half. She scored again with just over four minutes remaining in the match on a shot from the left side, assisted by senior midfielder Emily Montgomery.

Barrera led the Great Danes with three of their eight shots, while Bisnott had five of the Purple Eagles' 13. Niagara goaltender **Sarah Stephens** played 83 of the game's 90 minutes and picked up her second win of the season. UAlbany keeper **Maria Liguori** was tagged with the loss, her first decision of the year.

UAlbany (0-3, 0-1 AE) travels to Delaware State on Friday before returning home to face Manhattan at 1 p.m. on Monday, September 4. Niagara is idle for the next eight days before hosting Central Michigan on Friday, Sept. 8 and Cornell on Sunday, Sept. 10.

## MICHELLE SIMPSON SCORES FOUR GOALS TO LEAD UALBANY PAST COLGATE

Albany, N.Y. – Junior midfielder **Michelle Simpson** scored a career-high four goals to lead UAlbany past Colgate, 8-2, in non-conference action on Wednesday night at Alumni Turf Field.

The Great Danes opened up with two first half goals. Freshman midfielder **Teska Koch** began the scoring with a breakaway goal with 15:57 left in the first half. Simpson followed up the goal with her first just 1:52 later. UAlbany controlled most of the first half possession and went into halftime with the 2-0 advantage.

After the break, the Great Danes came out and put in the next three goals to take a controlling 5-0 lead, with 19:11 remaining in the game. The scoring came from Simpson, sophomore defenseman **Meg Rinier** and another goal by Simpson.

UAlbany cruised from there adding three more goals, scored by freshman forward **Jamie Flagg**, junior forward **Kristen Holder** and a final goal put in by Simpson with 1:28 remaining.

Sophomore goalie **Ashley Ross** made three saves leading UAlbany (2-1) to the victory. Senior goalie **Jacque DeMarco** stopped eight shots in the losing effort for Colgate (0-2).



The Great Danes return to action Saturday, September 2 to take on Holy Cross at noon in Worcester.





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**St. Peter's Hospital Presents Defibrillators to UAlbany  
To Aid Athletes, Fans With Cardiac Arrest  
In Memory of UAlbany President Kermit Hall**

**GUILDERLAND, NY** -- August 28, 2006 – St. Peter's Hospital today (Monday) presented two Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) to the University at Albany for use on campus in memory of UAlbany President Kermit Hall, who died Aug. 13 with a heart condition.

The ceremonies following a golf benefit for St. Peter's Cardiac & Vascular Center at Western Turnpike Golf Course included:

- **Dr. Lee McElroy**, vice president for athletic administration and director of athletics.
- **Michael J. Martinelli**, MD, FACC, FASCI, chief of cardiology at St. Peter's Hospital.
- **Charlie Voelker**, associate athletic director.
- **Kevin Galuski, Jr.**, assistant athletic director and operations director of the New York Giants Training Camp
- **Steve Cameron**, director, St. Peter's Cardiac and Vascular Center

St. Peter's presented the Medtronic LIFEPAK ® 500 defibrillators for use at the UAlbany athletic department to benefit 425 student-athletes on 19 varsity teams (11 women's, 8 men's), staff or fans in the event someone suffers sudden cardiac arrest.

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Sudden cardiac arrest occurs when the heart stops beating suddenly due to a malfunction in its electrical system. The American Heart Association estimates that 250,000 cardiac arrests occur each year, with only five percent of victims surviving. The survival rate drops seven to 10 percent for each minute that passes from the onset of the arrest to treatment with defibrillation.

An AED is a laptop computer-sized device that guides a user with automated voice commands and screen messages. The computer analyzes the person's heart rhythm and determines if a shock is needed. If so, the device will deliver the shock.

The donation is a continuation of St. Peter's public access defibrillation program (PAD), named *Project HeartStart*. Since April 2003, St. Peter's has presented more than two dozen of the units to public safety and educational institutions in the Capital Region.

The presentation comes at the end of the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Peter's Cardiac & Vascular Golf Classic, dedicated to the late **Dominic F. Ferraioli**. This tournament, coupled with the generosity of The Dominic F. Ferraioli Foundation, has raised \$248,501 to benefit cardiac and vascular patients at St. Peter's.

Hall, who became president in 2005, died on Aug. 13 while swimming at Hilton Head, SC. The Beaufort County coroner said an autopsy showed Hall suffered a "cardiac event" but said a more detailed analysis was under way.

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### FIELD HOCKEY DROPS SEASON OPENER TO #18 JAMES MADISON, 3-0

Kent, Ohio – Sophomore forward **Ashley Walls** recorded a goal and an assist to lead 18th-ranked James Madison to a 3-0 victory over the University at Albany in the Great Danes' season opener, held at Kent State's Murphy Mellis Field.

Walls assisted on the Dukes' first goal, passing ahead to freshman forward **Meghan Bain** on a fast break just eight minutes into play. Sophomore midfielder **Lauren Walls** tallied James Madison's second goal four minutes later off a rebound in front of the cage. Ashley Walls added the Dukes' final tally with seven minutes remaining in the second half, with the assist going to senior midfielder **Baillie Versfeld**.

UAlbany (0-1) was led by freshman midfielder **Nicole Savage**, who took two shots on goal for the Great Danes. Sophomore goalkeeper **Ashley Ross** played all 70 minutes in the cage and made five saves.

**Merel Broekhuizen** and **Kelsey Cutchins** split time in goal for James Madison (2-0), combining for three saves.

UAlbany will be back in action on Monday, taking on Kent State at 1 p.m.

### WOMEN'S SOCCER FALLS TO MONMOUTH, 5-1

West Long Branch, N.J. – Freshman forward Andrea Lopez tallied a goal and two assists as Monmouth upended visiting UAlbany 5-1 in the Hawks' season opener.

Monmouth got on the board 11:08 into the first half on junior midfielder **Amy Hoyer's** goal off of a pass from Lopez, and doubled their lead 17 minutes in when sophomore midfielder **Joni DeMoor** put home a rebound, assisted by Lopez and freshman defender **Shannon Rogers**. One minute and 27 seconds later, the Great Danes made it a 2-1 game as freshman midfielder **Sarah Morrell** scored an unassisted goal off of a long chip shot.

At 4:00 of the second half, DeMoor scored her second goal of the game, with the assist going to Shannon Rogers. The Hawks' final two goals came at 61:58, when Lopez scored unassisted on a breakaway, and at 86:19, as senior forward **Tobi Write** put in a rebound after a shot by junior defender **Brittani Heller**.

Sophomore goaltender **Katie Buffa** got the win for Monmouth (1-0), making four saves, while senior goaltender **Ashley Neussle** and freshman goaltender **Maria Liguori** split time in net for UAlbany (0-2), making four and three saves, respectively. Morrell and sophomore forward **Diana Barrera** each had two shots for the Great Danes.

UAlbany returns to action on Wednesday, Aug. 30 for their home opener against Niagara at 3 p.m., while Monmouth plays Seton Hall at New Jersey Tech on Friday.

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## MEN'S SOCCER BLANKED BY SAN DIEGO, 4-0

San Diego, Calif. – Three second-half goals propelled San Diego past UAlbany 4-0 in a non-conference men's soccer game on Sunday afternoon.

The Toreros took the lead at 3:41 of the first half on an own goal. The score stayed the same until 68:37 of the second half, when senior forward **Ryan Guy** scored off of a crossing pass, with assists credited to freshman midfielder **Ciaran O'Brien** and senior midfielder **Eric Pohl**. San Diego went up 3-0 after freshman midfielder **Mike Barbeito** headed one in off a free kick by Pohl, and junior midfielder **Tannen Wels** scored an unassisted goal 39 seconds later to make it 4-0.

Senior goaltender **Lance Friesz** earned the victory for San Diego (2-0), shutting out UAlbany (0-2) in 77:23 of action, while sophomore **Steward Ceus** and senior **Alex Kuritzky** each allowed two of San Diego's goals. Senior forward **Yan Gbolo** had UAlbany's only shot on goal.

The Great Danes return to action on Friday, Sept. 1 for their home opener against Colgate, while San Diego travels to Brown on Sept. 1 for their first road game of the season.





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## UALBANY VOLLEYBALL CONCLUDES MORTAR BOARD CLASSIC TOURNAMENT

West Lafayette, Ind. – The University at Albany volleyball team concluded its season opening tournament on Saturday with two losses at the Mortar Board Classic hosted by Purdue. The Great Danes fell in their first match of the day to the host Boilermakers 3-0 (31-29, 30-18, 30-19) and then dropped a four-game match to Bradley 3-1 (30-28, 20-30, 30-28, 31-27).

In the first game of the day, the Great Danes were paced by senior outside hitter **Shelby Goldman**, who recorded a match-high 15 kills. Senior libero **Kristin Fiorillo** led a trio of UAlbany players with nine digs, along with senior outside hitter **Ashley DeNeal** and senior setter **Blair Buchanan**, who also managed a match-best 45 assists.

Purdue (3-0) was led by three players in double-digit kills, with **Samantha Mader**, **Stephanie Lynch** and **Danita Merlau** all recording ten kills. **Kelli Miller** paced the Boilermakers defensively with nine digs to go with nine kills.

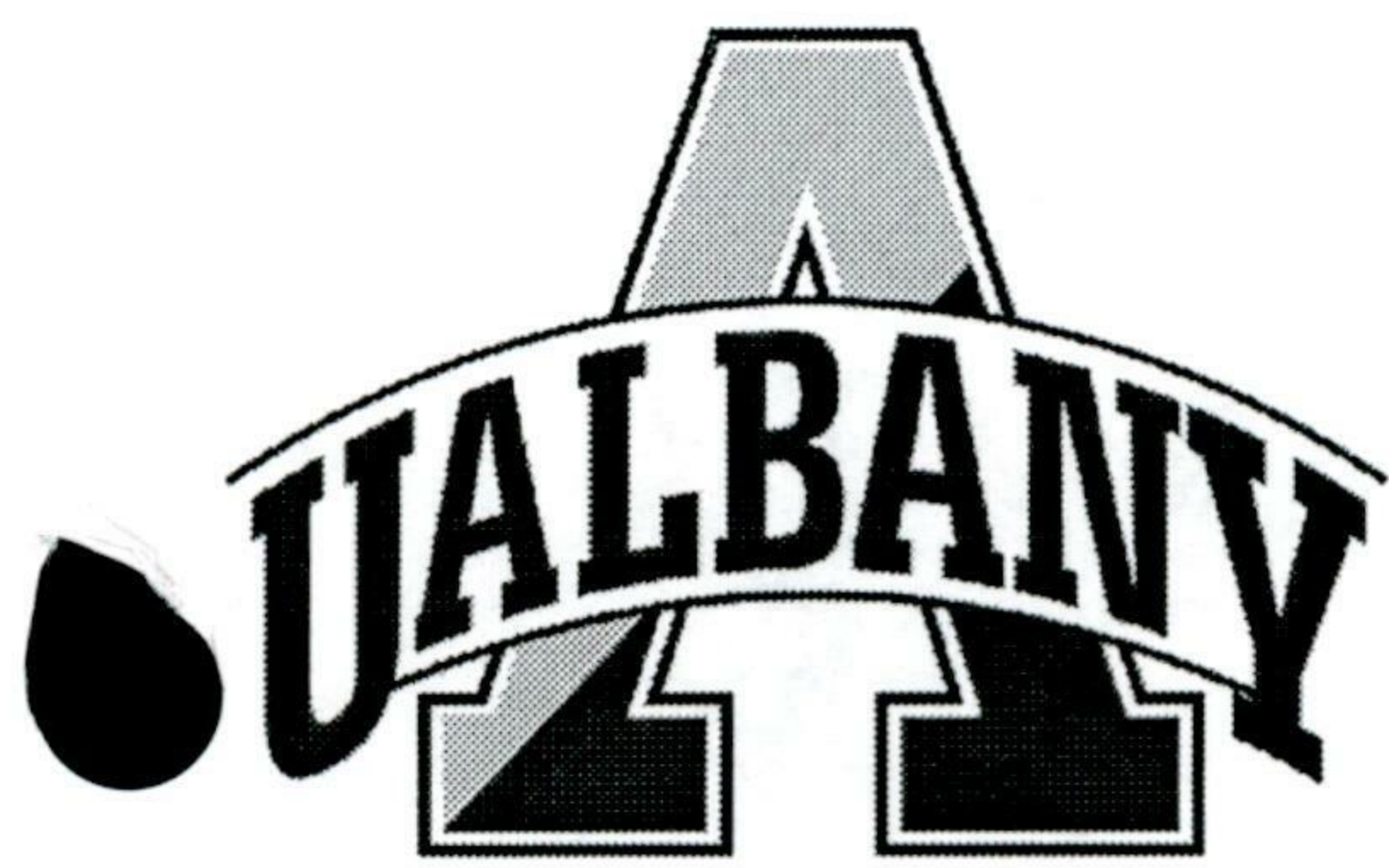
In the concluding match, junior middle blocker **Ashley Crenshaw** set a career-high with a team-high 22 kills. Goldman and DeNeal each recorded double-doubles of the kill-dig variety in the match. Goldman finished with 18 kills and 10 digs while DeNeal added 15 and 11, respectively. Fiorillo also tallied 11 digs for UAlbany (0-3).

Bradley (1-2) was paced by **Amber DeBroux**, who recorded 22 kills for the Braves. **Nikki Pierzchala** added 14 kills and 16 digs while **Kelly Niemeyer** also recorded a double-double with 13 kills and 15 digs. **Jenna Harrison** chipped in with 10 kills for Bradley.

With her stellar performances in all three of the Great Danes' matches, DeNeal was honored by being named to the all-tournament team.

UAlbany will return to action next weekend at the Hofstra/Asics Invitational. The Great Danes will take on Fairfield on Friday, Sept. 1 at 5 p.m. before taking on Seton Hall and the host Pride on Saturday.





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## UALBANY WOMEN'S SOCCER FALLS TO HARTFORD IN SEASON OPENER

Hartford, Conn. -- Hartford forward **Megan Riemer** had two goals and an assist as the Hawks downed visiting UAlbany 3-0 in the season opener for both teams on Friday evening.

The Great Danes fell behind 1-0 twenty minutes into the first half when Riemer, off of a pass from midfielder **Sara Flowers**, deked UAlbany goaltender **Ashley Neussle** to the left and put the ball into the open net.

The score stayed the same until the game's 82nd minute, when Riemer tallied her second goal of the game, assisted by midfielder Laura Guigli. Less than two minutes later, Riemer and **Maja Siosteen** connected with Hartford forward **Kacey Busque**, who scored to make it 3-0.

Midfielder **Uju Ogbuawa** had two of the Great Danes' three shots on the night.

**Liz Cook** was the winning goaltender for the Hawks, while Neussle picked up the loss.

UAlbany (0-1, 0-1 AE) travels to Monmouth on Sunday for a 2 p.m. non-conference match, while Hartford visits La Salle on Sunday at 12:00 p.m.

## AZTECS EDGE UALBANY IN MEN'S SOCCER OPENER

San Diego, Calif. – In the first game of the season for both teams, **Daniel Ortega's** goal in the 71st minute was the difference as host San Diego State defeated UAlbany 3-2 in a non-conference game on Friday night.

A lively first half saw the Aztecs draw first blood 4:04 into the game, as forward **Freddy McDonald** scored on a rebound, assisted by forward **Matt Lemire** and defenseman **Ryan Reott**. The Great Danes responded with a goal on defenseman **Kurt Ruhe Lischke's** header 29:54 in, and took the lead six minutes later as **Gaby Seguin-Gauthier** took a pass from **Tufi Long** and drilled it home from 25 yards out. The advantage would be short-lived, however, as Aztec defenseman **Nick Cardenas** scored five minutes before the end of the half, heading in a crossing pass from midfielder **Kraig Chiles**.

The game stayed tied until 71:50 of the second half, when Ortega put it past UAlbany goaltender **Steward Ceus**, with the assist credited to **Omar Persad**.

Long had two of the Great Danes' six shots on the evening, while Ortega had four of San Diego State's 22.

Goaltender **Tally Hall** picked up the victory for the Aztecs, while Ceus was tagged with the loss, despite making nine saves.

UAlbany (0-1) continues their road trip with a game at San Diego on Sunday at 3 p.m., while San Diego State (1-0) hosts Rutgers on Sunday at 5 p.m.





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### UALBANY VOLLEYBALL DROPS SEASON-OPENER TO NORTHERN IOWA, 3-1

West Lafayette, Ind. – The University at Albany volleyball team dropped the season-opening match of the 2006 season with a 3-1 loss to Northern Iowa Friday afternoon at the Mortar Board Premier Tournament hosted by Purdue. The Great Danes took the first game 30-27, but lost the next three to the Panthers by scores of 30-23, 30-19 and 30-21.

Senior outside hitter **Shelby Goldman** led all players with 22 kills for UAlbany (0-1) while fellow senior hitter **Ashley DeNeal** and junior middle blocker **Ashley Crenshaw** chipped in with 11 kills apiece. Senior libero **Kristin Fiorillo** recorded a match-high 17 digs while DeNeal added 13.

Northern Iowa (1-0) had five players with double-digit kill totals, led by **Laura Rowen** with 15. **Kristin Belzung** added six kills to go along with a match-high 50 assists and 11 digs. Belzung also notched three service aces on the day.

UAlbany will return to action tomorrow on the concluding day of the tournament. The Great Danes will face the host Boilermakers at 10 a.m. and will close with a match against Bradley at 5 p.m.





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## CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS PICKED TO FINISH FOURTH & FIFTH IN AMERICA EAST

Boston, Mass. – The University at Albany women's cross country team was picked to finish fourth in the America East Conference, as voted on by conference head coaches and announced by the league office on Thursday afternoon. The UAlbany men's team was selected to finish fifth in the conference.

The Boston University women were the unanimous selection to win their third straight conference championship. UAlbany received 40 votes in the poll after finishing sixth at the America East meet last season.

The Great Danes return sophomore twins **Jenna** and **Jessica Ortman**, who both were among the first 30 across the line at the 2005 championship. Jenna and senior **Alyssa Lotmore** both received All-East honors after finishing in the top 15 at the ECAC Championship. Other returnees include senior **Natasha Torres**, junior **Danielle Trimpop**, and sophomore **Jessica Chichester**.

On the men's side, New Hampshire received seven first-place votes to sit atop the standings after placing second at the America East Championship in 2005. UAlbany received 36 votes after finishing fifth last year. UMBC, the defending champion, was picked to finished third.

Junor **Ricardo Estremera**, who finished second at the conference meet last year, returns to lead the UAlbany squad. Senior track and field All-American **Gered Burns**, who posted three top-25 races last year, will also help lead the team. Juniors **Ryan Gaedje** and **Chris Jimenez**, along with sophomore **Joe Belokopitsky**, also return.

The UAlbany distance squads open their seasons on Saturday, Sept. 2 when they travel to the Monmouth Kickoff Classic.

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### 2006 America East Women's Cross Country Preseason Coaches Poll

1. Boston University (8), 2. New Hampshire, 3. Stony Brook (1), 4. UAlbany, 5. Binghamton, 6. Vermont, 7. Maine, 8. UMBC, 9. Hartford

( ) – first place votes

### 2006 America East Men's Cross Country Preseason Coaches Poll

1. New Hampshire (7), 2. Maine (1), 3. UMBC (1), 4. Boston University, 5. UAlbany, 6. Stony Brook, 7. Vermont, 8. Binghamton, 9. Hartford

( ) – first place votes

## FOUR UALBANY BASKETBALL PLAYERS TOUR WITH NCAA ALL-STARS IN EUROPE

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany's **Brent Wilson** leads a group of four Great Danes who are traveling in a basketball tour of Holland and Belgium, with six exhibition games schedules from Aug. 24-30. **Jason Siggers**, **Michael Knight** and **Carl Ross** are also members of the NCAA All-Star Team.

UAlbany associate head coach **Eric Eaton** is coaching the squad. The NCAA All-Stars will meet the Dutch National Police and Sportcentrum Vrije Universiteit Lions in Amsterdam, Holland to begin the trip. The Belgium schedule includes Gent Dragons, Leuven, Brussels and Oostende.

Wilson, a 6-foot-8 forward, was named to the All-America East Conference third team last year after averaging 10.4 points and 4.3 rebounds. Siggers, a 6-foot-4 swingman, scored at a 5.0 clip off the bench and made 21-of-51 three-point field goals. Knight and Ross, who each transferred into the program last spring, are expected to make contributions this season in the UAlbany backcourt..





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### Boston University Unanimously Chosen As Preseason Favorite in Women's Cross Country

**BOSTON**—Boston University has been chosen as the unanimous preseason favorite to win the America East Women's Cross Country Championship, according to a vote of the conference's coaches. The Terriers received all eight possible first-place votes (coaches were not permitted to vote for their own team) and 64 points overall. University of New Hampshire followed closely behind with 55 points.

Stony Brook University (44) received one first-place vote and ranked third, followed by University at Albany (40), Binghamton University (39), University of Vermont (36), University of Maine (22), UMBC (16), and University of Hartford (8) rounded out the nine-team poll.

The Terriers, who won the 2005 America East Championship, return a league-best three top-10 finishers from last year's championship team, including Marisa Ryan, who is the top returning individual. Ryan placed second at the championships and finished 14th at the NCAA Northeast Regional. She was also recently honored as America East Scholar-Athlete of the Year. Boston University finished a league-best fourth of 38 teams at the NCAA Northeast Regional.

2006 Preseason Poll		
Rank	Team (1st-place votes)	Points
1.	Boston U. (8)	64
2.	New Hampshire	55
3.	Stony Brook (1)	44
4.	Albany	40
5.	Binghamton	39
6.	Vermont	36
7.	Maine	22
8.	UMBC	16
9.	Hartford	8

New Hampshire, one of the youngest teams last year with just three seniors on the roster, returns four top-25 finishers from last year's championship. The youthful Wildcats will be anchored by Catherine Parker, who finished fifth at the America East Championship last year.

Despite the loss of America East champion Leonora Joy, the Seawolves were slated third among the league's head coaches. The top returner for Stony Brook is Kerry Salzano, who finished 24th at the America East Championship.

Albany, who was sixth last year at the conference championship, returns a solid group of youthful runners including Jenna and Jessica Ottman. The duo finished 17th (Jenna) and 28th (Jessica) as freshmen at the 2005 championship.

Behind top freshman finisher Katie Radzik, who finished third at the conference championship, Binghamton is slated for the fifth spot in the league. The Bearcats were fourth last year, but lost seventh-place finisher Stacy Kramer to graduation.

Senior Cara Moorby and sophomore Trista Baye should be among Vermont's top performers in 2006. The Catamounts, who were picked sixth in the preseason poll, finished fifth last season at the conference championship.

Maine will host the 2006 America East Championship in Orono, Maine on October 28. The Black Bears' Hana Pelletier and Shelby Howe will look to make the best of their home-course advantage.

UMBC added five newcomers to replace a pair of graduating seniors, including Stefanie Thomas. Thomas was the Retrievers, top finisher at the America East Championship placing 20th overall.

Senior Heather Schoonmaker is Hartford's top returner from 2005, as she placed 51st at the conference championship. The youthful Hawks return four freshmen from the 2005 roster.

The 2006 America East Cross Country Championships will be held on October 28 on the campus of the University of Maine in Orono, Maine.

For more information on America East women's cross country, including complete 2005 championship results, log on to [www.AmericaEast.com](http://www.AmericaEast.com).





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### New Hampshire Picked As Preseason Favorite in Men's Cross Country

**BOSTON**—The University of New Hampshire has been chosen as preseason favorite to win the America East Men's Cross Country Championship, according to a vote of the conference's coaches. The Wildcats received seven of eight possible first-place votes (coaches were not permitted to vote for their own team) and 63 points overall. The University of Maine followed closely behind with one first-place vote and 53 points.

UMBC (48 points) had one first-place vote and ranked third, followed closely by Boston University (41), University at Albany (36), Stony Brook University (34), University of Vermont (22), Binghamton University (19), and University of Hartford (8) rounded out the nine-team poll.

The Wildcats earn the top preseason billing after a second-place finish last year at the America East Championship. New Hampshire returns six runners from the top-30 finishers at the conference championship, including Matthew Russell, who finished fifth. UNH lost just one scoring runner from its second-place finish in 2005.

Led by the 2005 America East Cross Country individual champion Kirby Davis, Maine is slated as the second choice to win the conference championship. Overall, the Black Bears have two top-20 runners helping them earn a first-place vote and second-place overall in the poll. Maine will also have the home-course advantage as they host the 2006 America East Championship on October 28 in Orono.

The 2005 America East Champions from UMBC were tabbed as third in the poll. The Retrievers' top runner from a year ago Izudin Mehemedovic graduated leaving UMBC without the league's fourth-best performer. However, UMBC does return three top-20 performers from last year's championship team. Among the top returners are Anthony Kelhower, who was the top freshman finisher a year ago.

Albany, who finished fifth at the conference last year, is slated for the fifth spot again in 2006. The Great Danes return Richardo Estremera, who finished second at the conference championship.

Shaun Krawitz will once again look to lead Stony Brook at the conference championship as junior finished third last fall at the America East Championship. Krawitz will need some help as he was the team's lone top-30 finisher from 2005.

Vermont will look to the team's 2005 MVP Brad Allen to anchor this year's squad. Allen finished 21st at the conference championship last season.

Binghamton, who finished eighth last year on its home course at the America East Championship, returns three runners from the top 50 including senior Jeff Herbert, who was 38th at the conference championship.

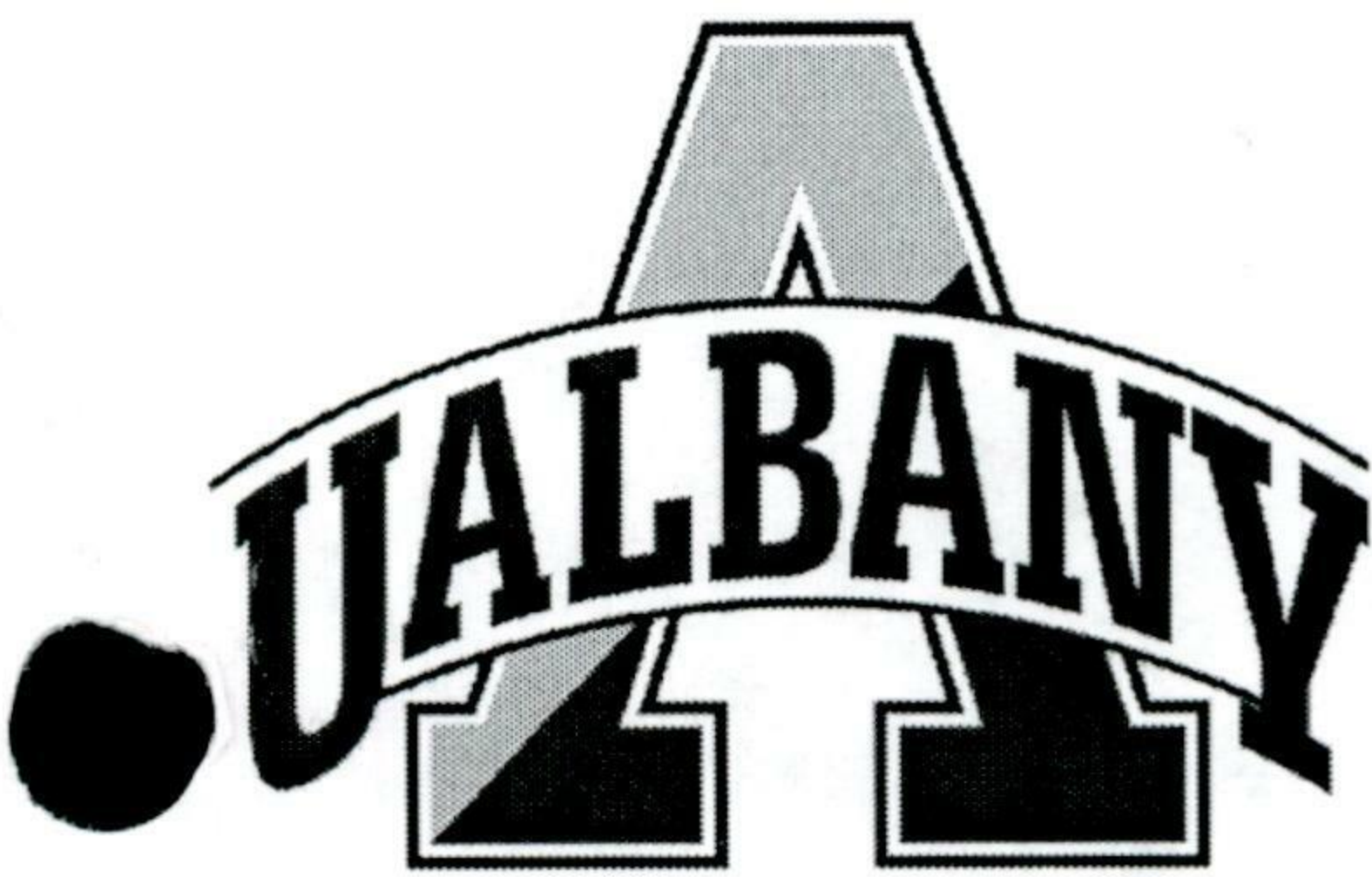
Hartford's junior Dennis Roche led the Hawks all season long capped off by a team-best 50th-place finish at the conference championship. He finished the men's 8,000 meter course in a time of 28:14.3. Roche will be looked upon to guide the Hawks in 2006.

The 2006 America East Cross Country Championships will be held on October 28 on the campus of the University of Maine in Orono, Maine.

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9.	Hartford	8





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## UALBANY FIELD HOCKEY PICKED TO FINISH THIRD IN PRESEASON POLL

Boston, Mass. – The University at Albany field hockey team was selected to finish in a tie for third place in the America East Conference, as voted on by conference head coaches and announced by the league office on Wednesday afternoon. Defending conference champion Boston University was the unanimous preseason favorite to earn its second consecutive America East title.

The Great Danes (9-9, AE 3-2), who recently received votes for the first time in the STX/NFHCA national preseason poll, made their first trip to the conference tournament last season. Head Coach **Phil Sykes** returns eight starters from last year's squad, including all-conference second-team selections **Kristen Holder** and **Arlette Westdorp**. Westdorp also finished fifth in the nation with 0.78 assists per game.

UAlbany, which features a difficult schedule including games against four 2005 NCAA participants, open their schedule on Aug. 27 against No. 18 James Madison.

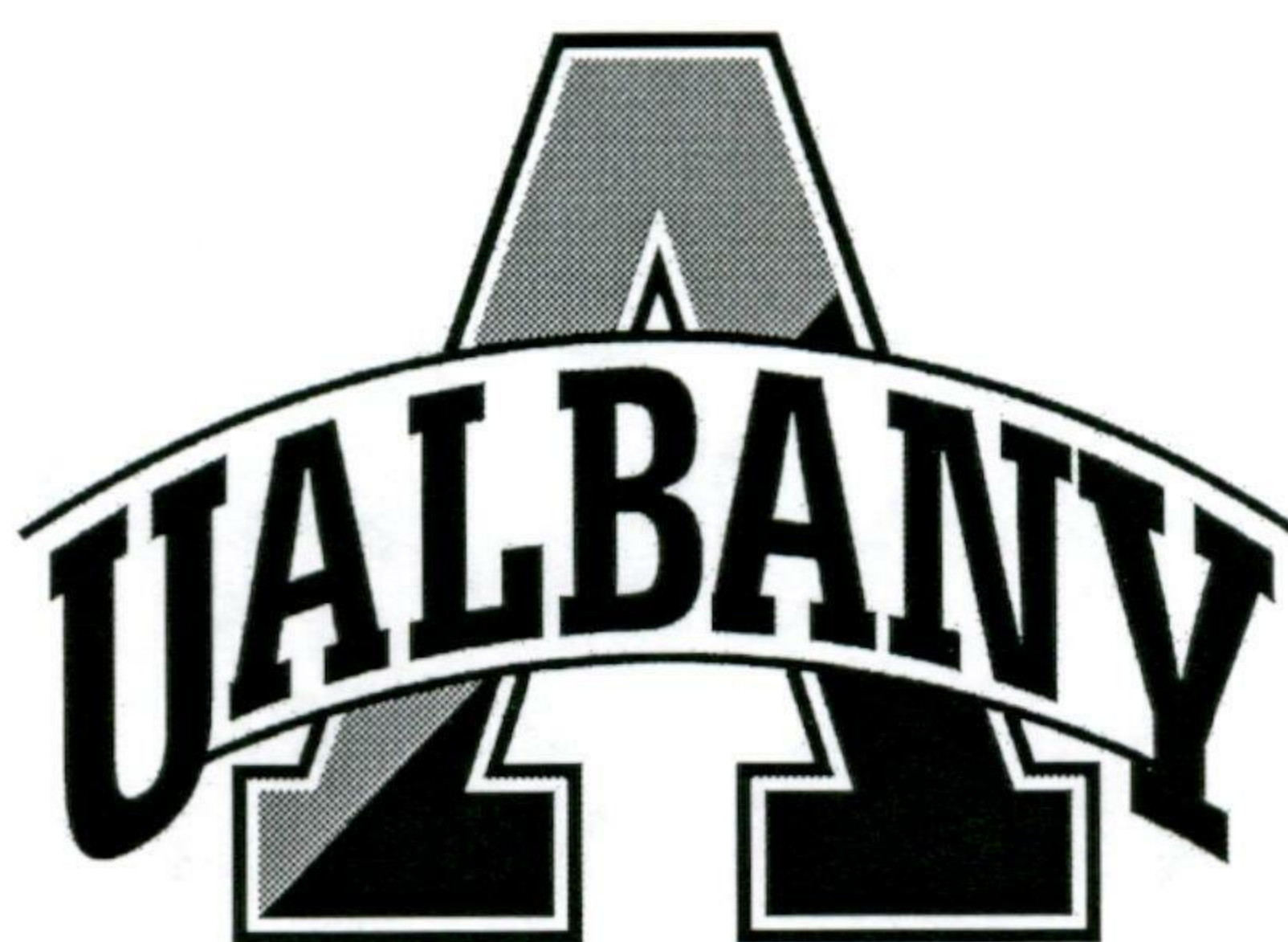
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### 2006 America East Field Hockey Preseason Coaches Poll

1. Boston University 25 (5), 2. Maine 18 (1), T3. UAlbany 15, T3. New Hampshire 15, 5. Vermont 12, 6. UMBC 5

first place votes in parentheses





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## **UALBANY MEN'S BASKETBALL WILL PARTICIPATE IN BRACKETBUSTERS ON FEB. 16-17**

Albany, N.Y. -- University at Albany Vice President and Director of Athletics Lee McElroy announced today that the men's basketball program has been invited to play in the *BracketBusters* series on Feb. 16-17, 2007. The Great Danes, who are participating for the second consecutive year, are among 102 teams representing 16 conferences in the event. UAlbany, the defending America East Conference champion, is joined in the field by conference-member Maine.

"We are looking forward to once again participating in this prestigious event," said UAlbany coach Will Brown, whose team dropped a thrilling 70-67 decision at Virginia Commonwealth in last year's *BracketBusters*. "Our team enjoyed playing at VCU on ESPNU last season. It was a great experience for our program. This event also provides us with an opportunity to start a home-and-home series against a quality opponent."

In its fifth year, *BracketBusters* is an ESPN television property that provides potential NCAA Tournament-caliber teams the the opportunity to meet in a two-day, 51-game event. The format involves "wild-card" pairings for the pool of participating teams, with half of the *BracketBusters* teams pre-designated as "home" and the remaining half as "road" teams. The actual pairings will take place three weeks in advance of the event, and those match-ups are determined on the basis of regular-season play.

A total of 13 games will be televised, including six games on ESPN2, five games on ESPNU - ESPN's collegiate network, and two games on ESPN 360 - ESPN's broadband network. The remaining 38 games will not be televised by the ESPN family of networks.

The evaluation and pairings of teams for the ESPN television package will be made by the staff of ESPN, in consultation with the commissioners of participating conferences. Pairings decisions will be announced on Monday, Jan. 28. The selection of ESPN networks and start times will then be made known on Monday, Feb. 5. The remaining games that will not be televised will be announced on Wednesday, Jan. 31.

"Having been fortunate enough to receive nationally televised games for the past two *BracketBusters* series, we are extremely excited once again to have two teams chosen to the *BracketBusters* pool," said America East Commissioner Patrick Nero. "Albany and Maine are expected to be two of our top programs for the upcoming season, so we couldn't be happier to have them included in this tremendous event. The chance to gain national exposure through ESPN's various networks is a great opportunity for not only Albany and Maine, but also America East."

UAlbany will be one of the America East preseason favorites after making the program's first NCAA Division I appearance in 2005-06. Eight letterwinners, including three starters, return from last year's 21-11 squad. Jamar Wilson, the conference player of the year and an Associated Press All-American, averaged 17.7 points, 4.9 rebounds and 3.9 assists as a junior. Brent Wilson, a third-team All-America East forward, added 10.4 points and 4.3 rebounds. Brian Lillis, a 6-foot-5 junior, contributed 4.4 points, 4.2 rebounds and 2.1 assists in 24 starts at point guard.

Another important component for *BracketBusters* participants is future scheduling. Each team that participates in the event agrees to enter into a home-and-home series with its to-be-named opponent. The return game is made in November or December of the following season. The contest allows for completion of the two-game series contract and is not part of the *BracketBusters* event in that second year.





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### Albany, Maine Picked for Fifth-Annual BracketBusters Pool

**BOSTON** — The University at Albany and University of Maine men's basketball teams have been selected to the pool of teams to participate in the fifth-annual *BracketBusters* series, which will be televised on ESPN2, ESPNU and ESPN 360 on Friday-Saturday, February 16-17.

In all, a total of 102 teams will compete in the 51-game, two-day event. Thirteen of the 51 match-ups pitting potential NCAA Tournament hopefuls against each other will be televised nationally, highlighted by a total of six games on ESPN2. An additional five games will be aired on ESPNU -- ESPN's 24-hour collegiate sports network which launched on March 4, 2005 -- and two on ESPN360 -- ESPN's customized broadband service.

"Having been fortunate enough to receive nationally televised games for the past two *BracketBusters* series, we are extremely excited once again to have two teams chosen to the *BracketBusters* pool," said America East Commissioner Patrick Nero. "Albany and Maine are expected to be two of our top programs for the upcoming season, so we couldn't be happier to have them included in this tremendous event. The chance to gain national exposure through ESPN's various networks is a great opportunity for not only Albany and Maine, but also America East"

In last season's *BracketBusters* series, Albany traveled to Virginia Commonwealth where the Great Danes lost a highly contested battle, 70-67, live on ESPNU before a raucous crowd of 6,684. In 2005, Vermont was chosen to participate in the field as the Catamounts traveled to Reno, Nev. to take on the Western Athletic Conference's Nevada live on ESPN2 where UVM was defeated 74-64.

The match-ups for the *BracketBusters* series will be determined by ESPN in conjunction with the conferences approximately three weeks prior to the event (Sunday, January 28, 2007). As part of the agreement, home teams will play a "return" game at the home facility of their *BracketBusters* series opponent in November or December of the following season. Both Albany and Maine have been tabbed "road" teams for the 2007 event, which will result in a home game versus their selected opponent during the 2007-08 season.

From the last five NCAA Tournaments, a total of six Sweet Sixteen squads, a regional finalist and a Final Four participant are included in the pool of teams in the 2007 *BracketBusters* series. George Mason reached the national semifinals of the 2006 NCAA Tournament, Kent State advanced to an Elite Eight game in the 2002 NCAA Tournament, while Southern Illinois (2002), Butler (2003), Nevada (2004), UW-Milwaukee (2005), Bradley (2006) and Wichita State (2006) have made Sweet Sixteen appearances. In all, the 2007 *BracketBusters* pool boasts a total of 70 team appearances in the last five NCAA Tournaments.

In an effort to provide a greater opportunity for NCAA Tournament-caliber teams, the event has expanded its pool of teams (18 in 2003, 46 in 2004, 64 in 2005, 100 in 2006) each year to produce a better cross section of squads for the basketball bonanza.





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## UALBANY MEN'S SOCCER RANKED SIXTH IN PRESEASON COACHES' POLL

Boston, Mass. – The University at Albany men's soccer team has been chosen to finish sixth in the America East Conference in a preseason poll of the conference's head coaches.

Vermont received two first-place votes to earn top ranking, while Boston University was chosen second, despite receiving four first-place votes. Defending A-East tournament champion Stony Brook was third, followed by Binghamton and UMBC.

A young Great Danes squad finished 3-4-1 last season in the conference and 6-9-4 overall, defeating Vermont in the first round of the post-season tournament before falling to eventual champion Stony Brook in the semifinals.

Head coach Johan Aarnio's squad returns two all-conference players, forward Yan Gbolo and midfielder Stephan Hall, who was chosen to the *ESPN The Magazine* First Team Academic All-America Team. The two led the team with five goals apiece.

The Great Danes open the season with games at San Diego State on Friday, Aug. 25 and at San Diego on Sunday, Aug. 27, before returning for their home opener on Friday, Sept. 1 against Colgate at 4 p.m.

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2006 America East Conference Preseason Coaches' Poll

1. Vermont (2), 2. Boston U. (4), 3. Stony Brook (3), 4. Binghamton, 5. UMBC, 6. Albany, 7. New Hampshire, 8. Hartford, 9. Maine. (First-place votes in parentheses)

## GREAT DANES WOMEN PICKED NINTH IN A-EAST PRESEASON SOCCER POLL

Boston, Mass. – The University at Albany women's soccer team was chosen to finish ninth in the America East Conference in a preseason poll of the conference's head coaches.

Defending conference champion Boston University was selected to finish first in the league, receiving six of nine first-place votes. Maine, with two, and Binghamton, with one, were awarded the other first-place votes.

The Great Danes finished 1-18 overall and 0-8 in the A-East last season, but hope to get on the right track this year with new head coach Mary-Frances Monroe, a four-time college All-American at UCLA and Connecticut. The team returns forward Uju Ogbuawa and midfielder Jamie Dougherty, who tied for the team lead in goal-scoring last season with three apiece.

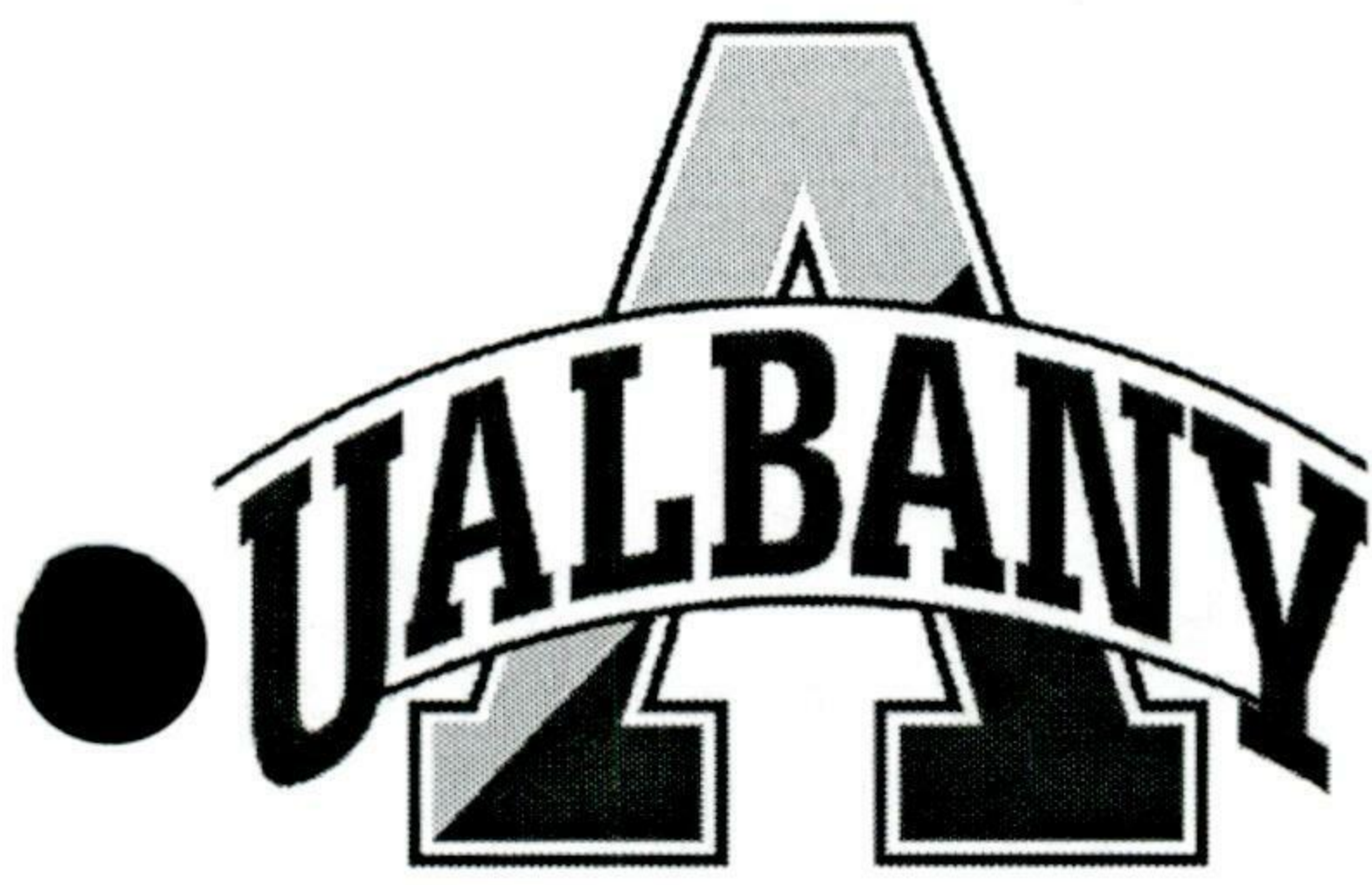
UAlbany's first game is Friday, Aug. 25 at America East opponent Hartford, with their home opener on Wednesday, Aug. 30 versus Niagara at 3 p.m.

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2006 America East Conference Preseason Coaches' Poll

1. Boston U. (6), 2. Maine (2), 3. Binghamton (1), 4. New Hampshire, 5. Vermont, 6. Hartford, 7. UMBC, 8. Stony Brook, 9. Albany. (First-place votes in parentheses.)





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## **UALBANY VOLLEYBALL TOPS AMERICA EAST PRESEASON COACHES' POLL**

Boston, Mass. – The University at Albany is the preseason favorite to win the America East Conference Volleyball Championship for the second straight season. The Great Danes received five first-place votes and 35 points overall in a poll of the league's head coaches.

Defending A-East tournament champion Binghamton (32 points) garnered two first-place votes to finish second in the poll, followed by Stony Brook (21 points). UMBC and New Hampshire were tied for fourth with 18 points while Maine (17 points) and Hartford (six points) rounded out the voting.

UAlbany won its second consecutive regular-season title last season after posting an 11-1 conference record and going 28-4 overall. The Great Danes, who were upset by Stony Brook in the America East semifinals, recorded the most wins in the program's Division I history and the highest winning percentage in conference annals.

UAlbany and head coach Kelly Sheffield return three all-conference players, including two-time defending America East Player and Setter of the Year Blair Buchanan. America East Defensive Specialist of the Year Ashley DeNeal and first-team all-conference hitter Shelby Goldman also return for the Great Danes.

Buchanan, who also earned AVCA First Team All-Region accolades, finished her third season as the school's all-time leader in assists with 3,643 after recording a conference-best 12.19 assists per game as a junior.

DeNeal, who was ranked 33rd nationally in dig average, led the team and the conference with 5.19 per game (566 total) and was also named to the America East All-Academic First Team.

Goldman, who also earned all-academic first team accolades, finished second in the conference in kills with 3.95 per game. Goldman enters the season fifth on UAlbany's all-time kills chart with 1,147 and is eighth in career kills per game with 3.52.

The team will open the season at the Mortar Board Premier Tournament hosted by Purdue University. UAlbany will also play in tournaments hosted by Hofstra, Stony Brook and Yale early in the season. The Great Danes will host the UAlbany Tournament on September 15-16, playing host to Middle Tennessee, Temple and Syracuse.

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2006 Preseason Coaches Poll

1. Albany (5), 2. Binghamton (2), 3. Stony Brook, T4. UMBC, T4. New Hampshire, 6. Maine, 7. Hartford. (First place votes in parentheses)

## **UALBANY FIELD HOCKEY RECEIVES VOTES IN STX/NFHCA NATIONAL POLL**

Glen Allen, Va. – The University at Albany received votes in the STX/NFHCA Division I Preseason Coaches Poll. UAlbany was recognized in the STX/NFHCA preseason national poll for the first time in the program's Division I history. Defending national champion Maryland, which faces UAlbany on Oct. 15, received 35-first place votes to earn the top spot in the rankings.

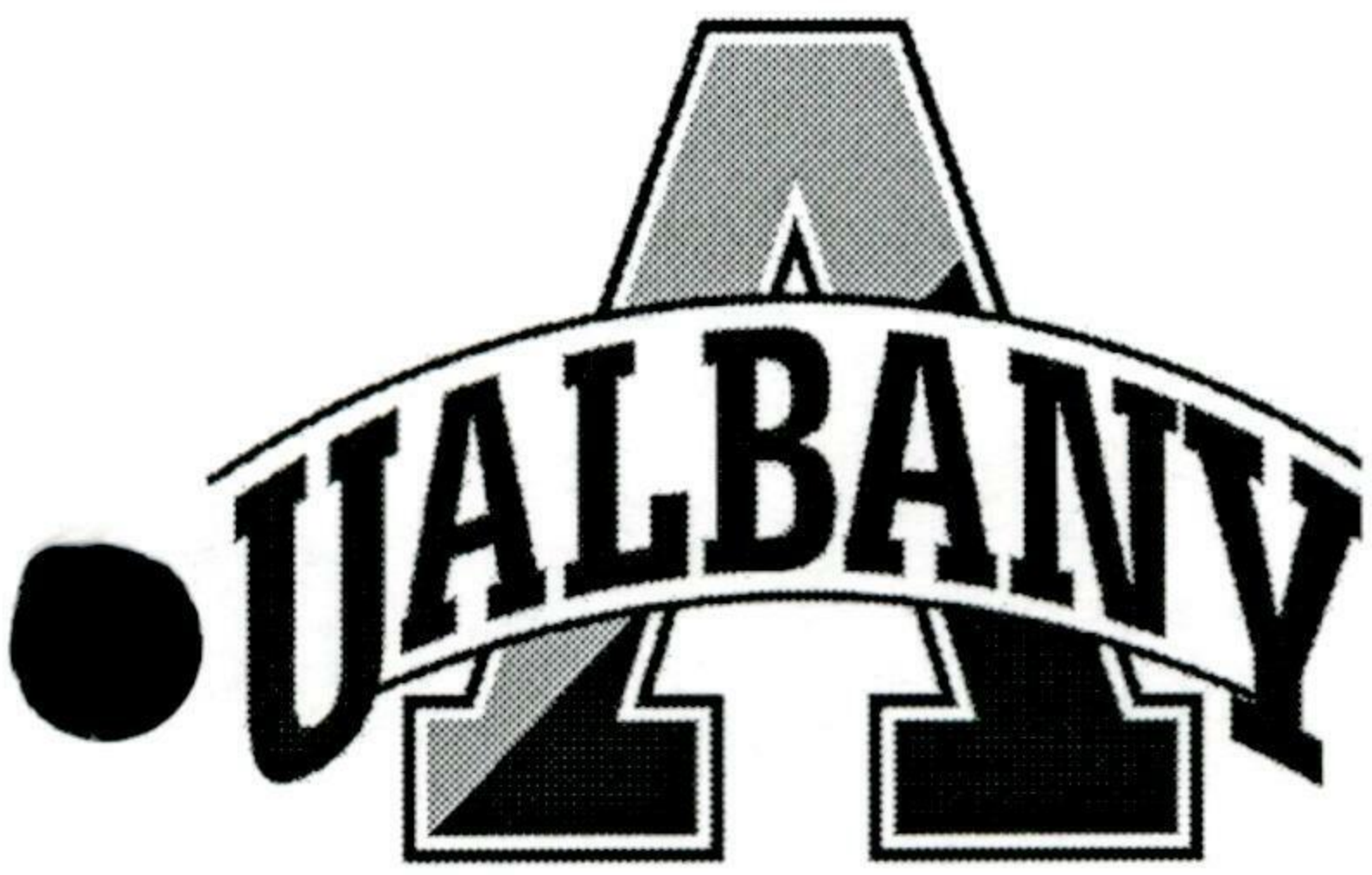


UAlbany, which made its first appearance in the America East Conference tournament since joining the league in 2001, is looking to build on its most successful year since 2000.

The team will be led by **Kristen Holder** and **Arlette Westdorp**, who each garnered America East all-conference second team accolades last year. Westdorp also finished fifth in the nation with 0.78 assists per game.

The Great Danes, who take on five opponents currently ranked in the top-20, open their schedule on Aug. 27 against No. 18 James Madison.





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## **BILL BANAGAN & JOHN BOLT NAMED UALBANY ASSISTANT FOOTBALL COACHES**

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany head football coach Bob Ford announced today the hiring of Bill Banagan and John Bolt as assistant coaches. Banagan and Bolt, both former UAlbany football players, will work with the defensive line and wide receivers, respectively.

Banagan returns to the UAlbany staff after coaching on the high school level. He previously served as the program's tight ends coach from 1999-2002. In his last season, the Great Danes captured the Northeast Conference and ECAC championships. Banagan will recruit in both Central and Western New York.

Banagan, 45, coached for nine years at Bishop Maginn High School in Albany prior to his first stint as a member of Bob Ford's staff. He tutored the offensive line, receivers and tight ends and was the program's offensive coordinator. In 2003, Banagan served in the same capacity at Shaker High School.

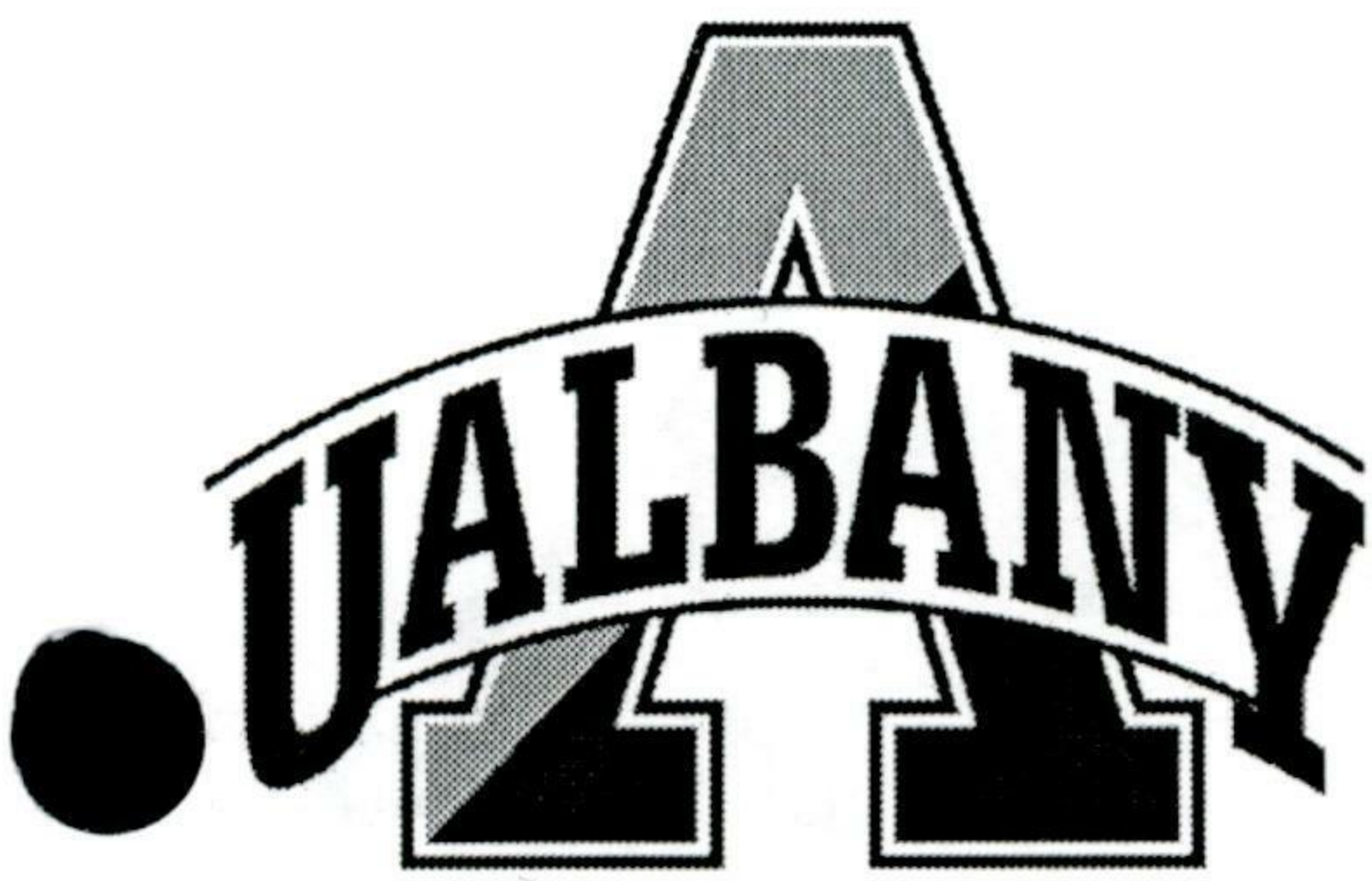
A Capital Region native, Banagan lettered twice for the Great Danes in 1982 and 1983. He earned his undergraduate degree in economics with a minor in business administration.

Bolt, 24, joins the UAlbany coaching staff after working at both Hudson Valley Community College and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute from 2004-06. He worked with Hudson Valley C.C.'s defensive line last year.

A three-year starter at defensive end for the Great Danes, Bolt played on a pair of Northeast Conference championship teams in 2002 and 2003. He totaled 83 tackles, 14.5 sacks and five pass deflections during his career. As a sophomore, Bolt was named to the *Football Gazette* I-AA Mid-Major All-America squad and All-NEC second team.

A native of Watervliet, N.Y., Bolt received his B.A. in psychology with a minor in education in May 2004. He was a first-team all-state defensive end and a consensus all-area selection.





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## **WAYNE BRIDGEMAN NAMED ASSISTANT ATHLETICS DIRECTOR FOR COMPLIANCE**

Albany, N.Y. – Vice President and Director of Athletics Lee McElroy announced today the hiring of Wayne Bridgeman as assistant athletics director for compliance. Bridgeman previously served as director of athletic compliance and eligibility at New Mexico State University for two years.

At New Mexico State, Bridgeman was responsible for all compliance issues that ranged from NCAA and conference interpretations to the Academic Progress Rate (APR). He handled 16 sports, 45 coaches and 420 student-athletes while reporting to the school's board of regents.

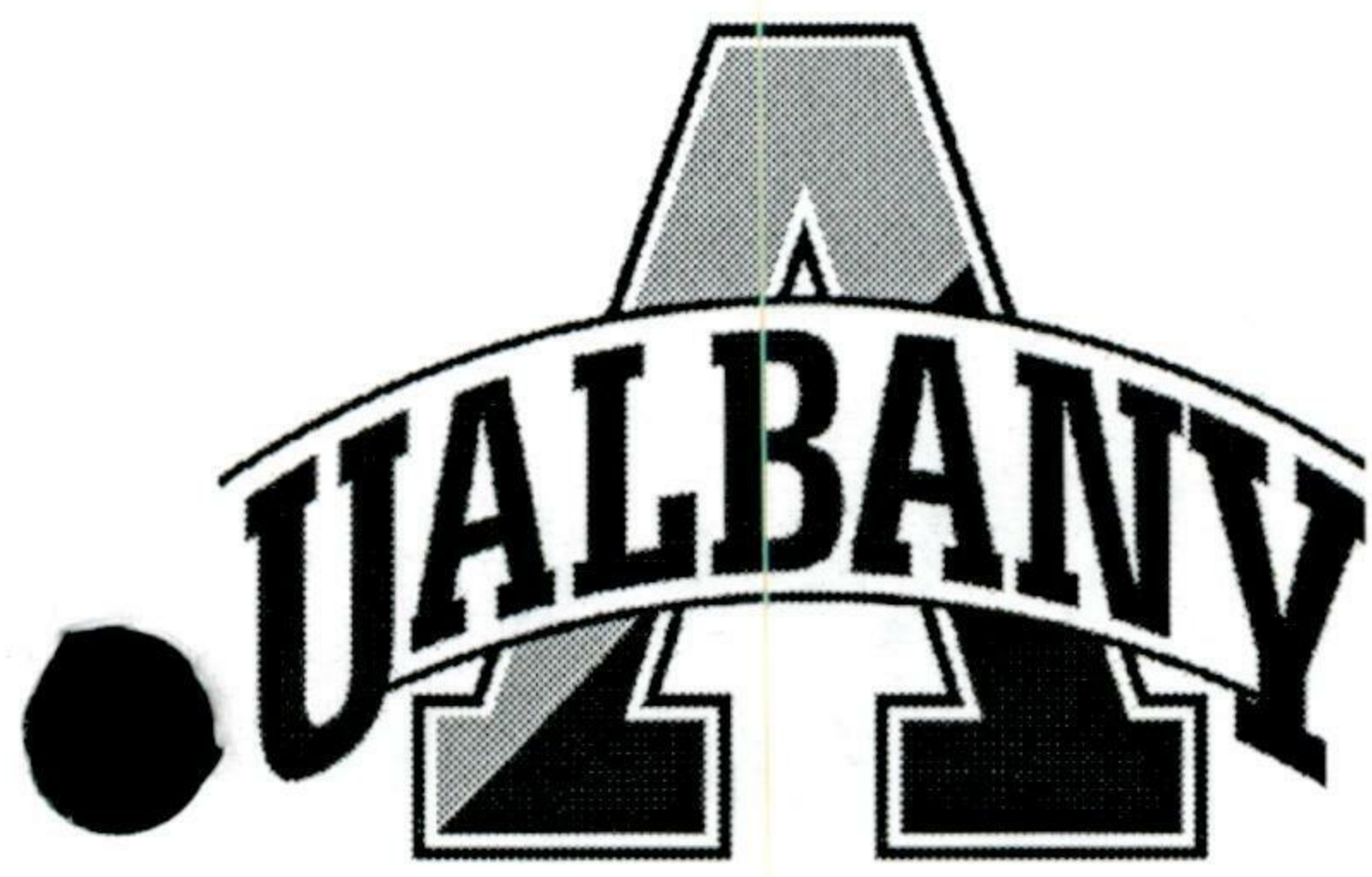
Bridgeman worked at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi as director of compliance from 1999-2004. He managed eligibility, recruiting, financial aid, EADA and Title IX issues, plus oversaw the school's transition as a NCAA provisional Division I member to active Division I status. During his tenure, he developed and implemented oversight programs for monitoring and administering athletic scholarship, book and financial aid, and other areas of student-athlete life.

From 1994-99, Bridgeman was on the athletic staff at Sonoma State University in California. He served as compliance coordinator for three years and created and implemented the first office of athletic compliance in the institution's history. In addition, he served as men's assistant basketball coach, installed the Champs Life Skills program and coordinated the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC).

Bridgeman began his career as a high school basketball coach on the varsity and junior varsity levels before taking an assistant coaching position at California State University-Hayward in 1993. He played as a collegian at the University of Colorado for two seasons from 1971-73.

A native of Ravenswood, W.Va., Bridgeman earned his B.S. in business administration and marketing from San Diego State University. He received a juris doctor from John F. Kennedy School of Law in Berkeley, Calif. in 1985 and has legal experience in the Alameda County Superior Court and Fremont Municipal Court systems.





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## UALBANY & CENTRAL CONN. FAVORED TO WIN NORTHEAST CONFERENCE TITLE

Somerset, N.J. – According to a preseason poll of Northeast Conference head coaches, UAlbany and Central Connecticut State are the favorites to win the 2006 NEC Football Championship. The Great Danes, who tied for third place in last year's standings, received four first-place votes. Central Connecticut State earned two first-place votes after capturing back-to-back conference crowns in 2004 and 2005.

This year's NEC champion will meet the winner of the Pioneer Football League in the inaugural Gridiron Classic, an exempted postseason football game that takes place on Saturday, Nov. 18. The two-year agreement calls for the NEC champion to serve as host in 2006. The PFL winner will host the 2007 event.

"I am elated that the coaches think that much of our team," said UAlbany coach Bob Ford, who has a 210-154-1 career record in 37 seasons at the collegiate level. "However, the most important poll is the one at the end of the season. This is a very balanced league."

Preseason All-America Colin Disch (6-1, 220) was named the *Football Gazette* mid-major linebacker of the year and the NEC's top defender as a sophomore. He is one of 17 starters returning for the Great Danes, who won five of their last six games to finish 5-6 overall in 2005. Disch joined defensive linemen Andre Coleman (6-4, 290) and Michael Dungey (6-2, 275) on the preseason all-conference squad. Offensive linemen Jacob Anderson (6-6, 300) and Sam Pagano (6-3, 305) were also on the All-NEC unit.

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### 2006 Northeast Conference Preseason Coaches Poll

T1. UAlbany (4), T1. Central Connecticut State (2), 3. Stony Brook, 4. Monmouth (1), 5. St. Francis, Pa. (1), 6. Wagner, T7. Robert Morris, T7. Sacred Heart.

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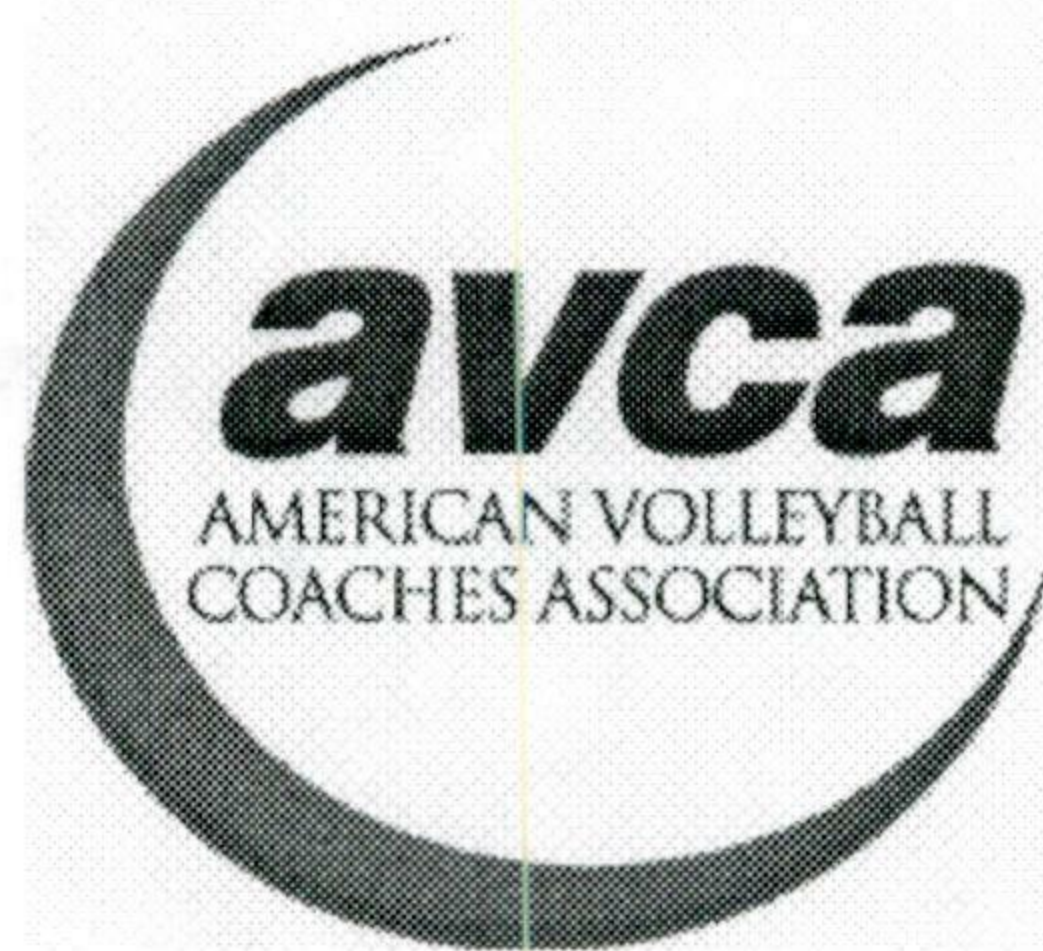
## UALBANY VOLLEYBALL RECEIVES VOTES IN AVCA NATIONAL COACHES POLL

Lexington, Ky. – The University at Albany received votes in the American Volleyball Coaches Association Division I Preseason Coaches Poll. UAlbany was recognized in the AVCA preseason national poll for the first time in the program's Division I history. Perennial powerhouse Nebraska received 14-first place votes to earn the top spot in the rankings.

UAlbany, which won the America East Conference regular-season title for the second consecutive year last season with a 28-4 record, is looking to make a return to the NCAA Tournament. The team will be led by seniors Blair Buchanan and Ashley DeNeal, who swept the major conference awards last season. Buchanan was named the conference's player and setter of the year for the second straight time, while DeNeal, a libero, earned defensive player of the year honors.

The Great Danes open their schedule on Aug. 25-26 in Purdue University's Mortar Board Premier tournament in West Lafayette, Ind.





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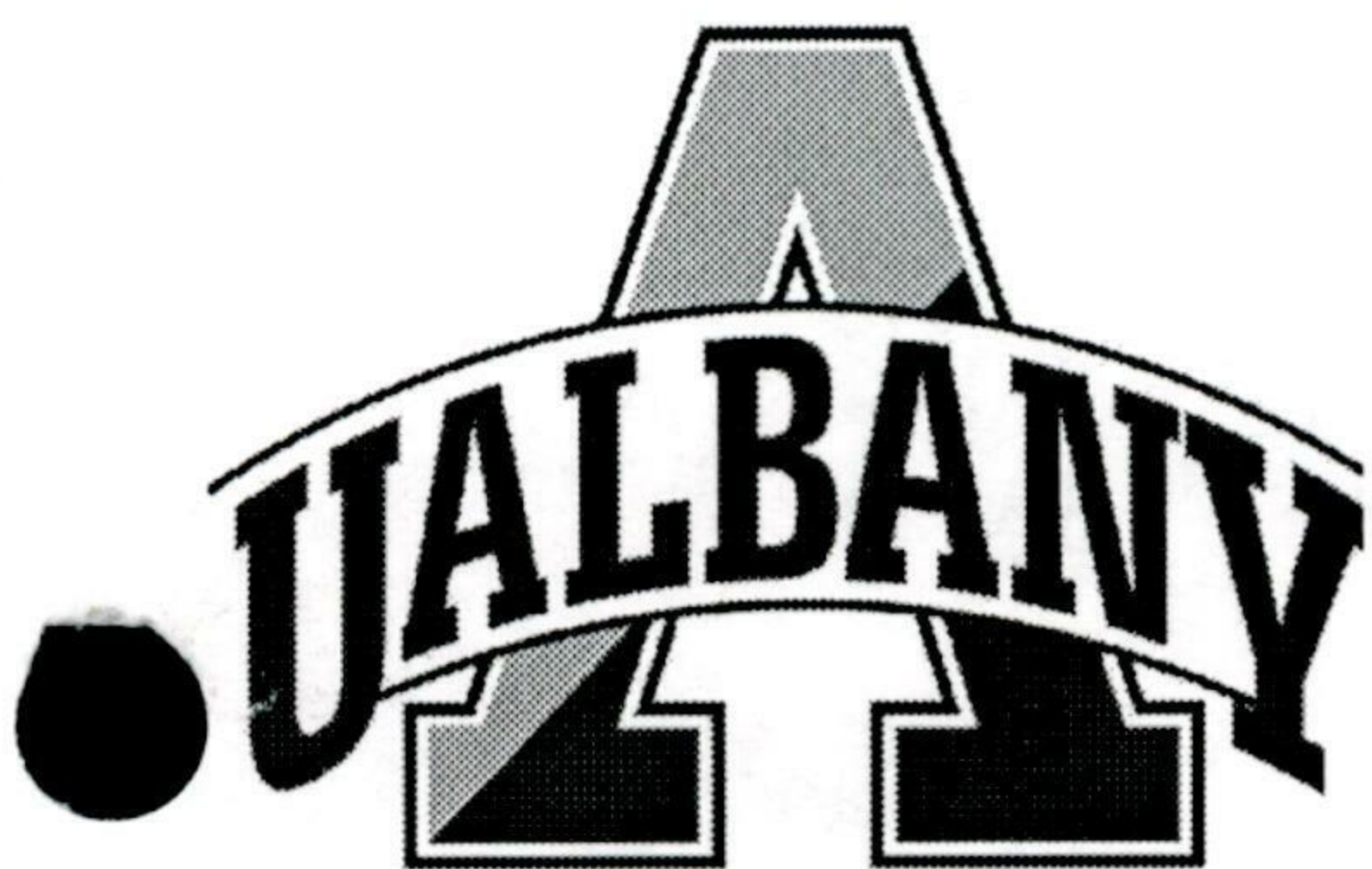
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## CSTV/AVCA Division I Top 25 Coaches Poll 2006 PRESEASON POLL: August 8, 2006

Rank	School (First-Place Votes)	Total Points	2005 Record	2005 Final Rank
1	Nebraska (14)	1431	33-2	2
2	Penn State (17)	1407	31-3	5
3	Washington (16)	1357	32-1	1
4	Stanford (13)	1287	26-6	13
5	Florida	1181	33-3	3
6	Santa Clara	1115	27-5	4
7	Hawai'i	1067	27-7	9
8	Texas	1066	24-5	16
9	Wisconsin	896	26-7	10
10	UCLA	837	20-11	15
11	Tennessee	779	25-9	6
12	Louisville	751	31-3	11
13	Missouri	732	25-5	8
14	Southern California	642	17-11	19
15	Ohio	593	33-3	14
16	Purdue	545	25-9	17
17	California	528	19-11	20
18	Arizona	491	25-6	7
19	Pepperdine	484	19-12	18
20	San Diego	413	23-6	22
21	Notre Dame	411	30-4	12
22	Minnesota	393	25-8	21
23	Ohio State	346	22-9	23
24	Utah	202	23-9	T-25
25	Kansas State	162	21-11	24

**Others Receiving Votes:** Brigham Young 74; Long Beach State 64; Colorado 35; UC-Santa Barbara 33; LSU 32; New Mexico State 25; Duke 22; Loyola Marymount 18; Northwestern 14; Texas A&M 11; Maryland 7; Marshall 6; Saint Mary's (CA) 6; Wichita State 6; Northern Iowa 5; San Francisco 5; Colorado State 4; Virginia 3; Albany 2; Sacramento State 2; Cincinnati 2; Dayton 2; Georgia Tech 2; Western Kentucky 2; College of Charleston 1; South Carolina 1.





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## UALBANY PLACES FIVE ON PRESEASON ALL-NORTHEAST CONFERENCE TEAM

Somerset, N.J. – The Northeast Conference announced its 2006 preseason all-conference football team this afternoon and UAlbany had five players voted to the squad by the league's head coaches.

**Colin Disch**, the 2005 NEC Defensive Player of the Year and mid-major All-American, leads a group of three Great Dane defenders chosen. Disch has established himself as an elite inside linebacker in just two seasons. He made 112 tackles as a sophomore, including 11.5 hits for a loss and 4.5 sacks. **Andre Coleman**, a first-team All-NEC defensive end, and **Michael Dungey**, a second-team defensive tackle, helped UAlbany rank 11th nationally in scoring defense at 17.6 points per game last year. Coleman (6-4, 290) totaled 32 tackles with 4.5 sacks and two pass deflections. Dungey (6-2, 275) had 39 tackles and 3.0 sacks.

Offensive tackle **Jacob Anderson** (6-6, 300) and offensive guard **Sam Pagano** (6-3, 305) are members of the All-NEC line. Anderson, a senior who earned first-team all-conference recognition last year, blocked for a unit that improved as the season progressed. UAlbany averaged 280.0 total yards, including 173.7 on the ground, against league opponents. Pagano (Colonie Central H.S.) was a 2005 second-team All-NEC choice.

The Great Danes, who are in the midst of two-a-day preseason practices, open their schedule on Saturday, Sept. 2 against Lehigh.





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### Albany's Allstadt, Boston University's Ryan Named America East Scholar-Athletes of the Year

University at Albany's Andy Allstadt (track & field) and Boston University's Marisa Ryan (cross country/track & field) have been named the 2005-06 America East Men's and Women's Scholar-Athletes of the Year, respectively.

Allstadt, a post graduate student with a 3.94 grade-point average in biodiversity, conservation & policy, captured the individual crown in the 3,000- and 5,000-meter runs at the America East Indoor Track & Field Championship. For his efforts, Allstadt was honored at the indoor championship as the 2006 America East Track Performer of the Year and the Coaches' Award recipient. During the conference's outdoor championship, Allstadt took home top honors in the 10,000-meter run for the third time. He was recently tabbed the UAlbany Presidential Scholar-Athlete Award winner and was a 2006 CoSIDA First-Team All-District Academic All-America selection. A three-time America East Track & Field Scholar Athlete of the Year, Allstadt won the 3,000-meter run at Yale's Lidlifter Invitational and finished first in the 5,000-meter run at the Great Dane Classic.

A senior with a 3.77 grade-point average, Ryan is enrolled in Boston University's extremely competitive accelerated medical program, through which she will complete her bachelor's degree and medical degree in seven years by overlapping the two programs. She finished second at the America East Cross Country Championship last fall and last winter she finished first in the 3000-meter run at the America East Indoor Track & Field Championship in conference record-setting time. In addition, the Farmington, Conn. native was an ESPN the Magazine Academic All District Team selection in the spring and also has earned the Commissioner's Honor Roll in every semester of enrollment.

Allstadt and Ryan were chosen from the 22 America East Scholar-Athletes named in July. Those 22 recipients were chosen from the nearly 3,500 student-athletes at America East institutions, including more than 1,800 student-athletes with grade-point averages 3.0 or higher in 2005-06.

Other scholar-athletes included: Kirby Davis (Maine men's cross country), Marisa Ryan (Boston University women's cross country), Merrie-Beth Maynard (Vermont field hockey), Stephan Hall (Albany men's soccer), Debbie Newman (New Hampshire women's soccer), Ashlee Reed (Albany volleyball), Brendon Hitchcock (Binghamton baseball), Martin Klimes (Vermont men's basketball), Jessica Smith (Stony Brook women's basketball), Jeff Wolniewicz (Binghamton men's golf), Juliana Carrillo (Hartford women's golf), Kevin McKeown (Binghamton men's lacrosse), MARRISA Trachtenberg (Stony Brook women's lacrosse), Brittany Cheney (Maine softball), Brian Koizim (Binghamton men's swimming & diving), Lidija Breznikar (Boston U. women's swimming & diving), Tal Meir (Stony Brook men's tennis), Lya Kushnirovich (Binghamton women's tennis), Adam Grossman (UMBC men's outdoor track & field) and Alyssa Lotmore (Albany women's outdoor track & field).

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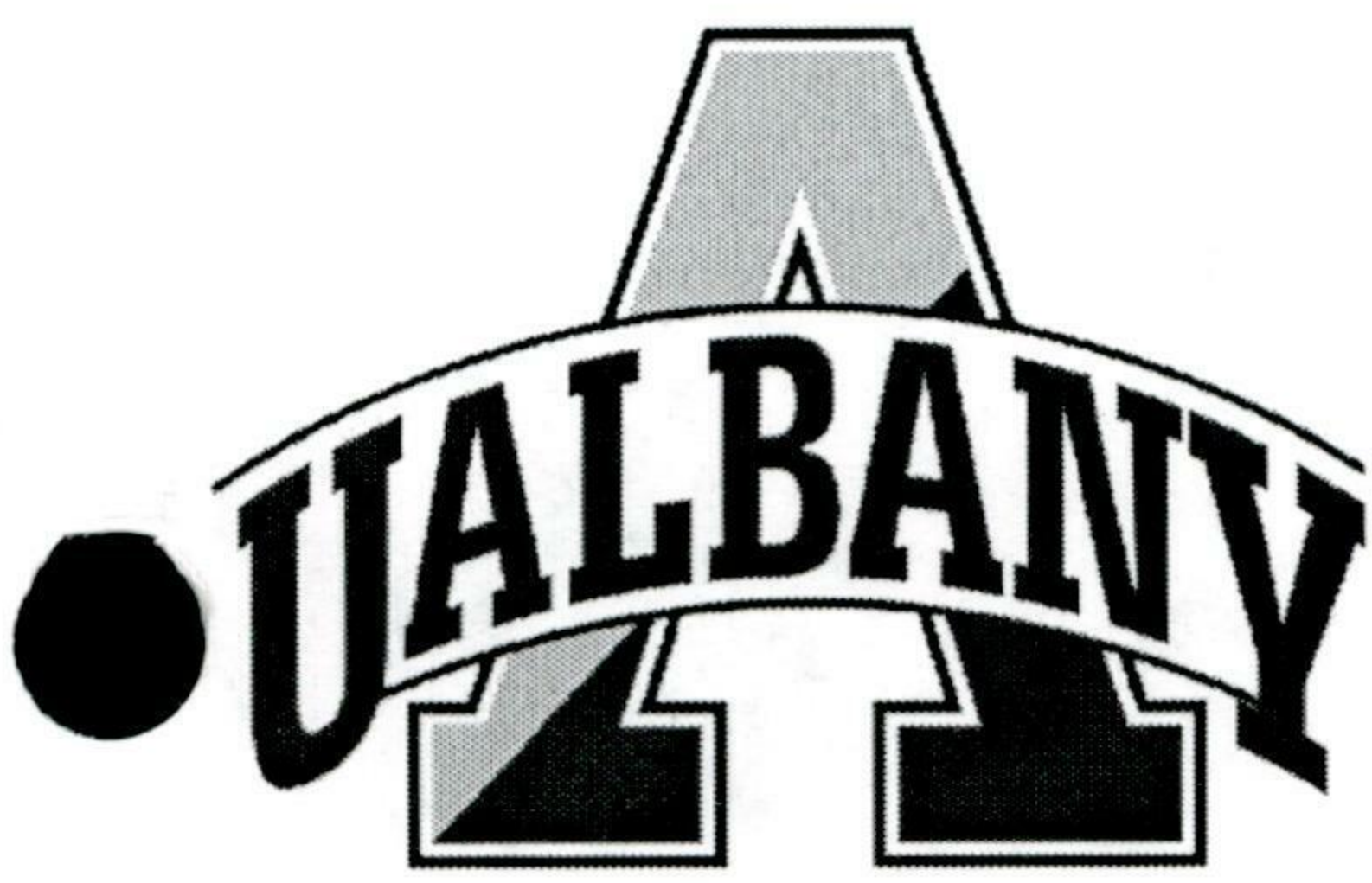
#### America East Men's Scholar Athlete of the Year Winners

2006	Andy Allstadt, Albany (track & field)
2005	Aaron Izaryk, Maine (baseball)
2004	Jacob Jentzer, Maine (swimming & diving)
2003	Emil Bove, Albany (lacrosse)
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2001	Chris Shaver, Vermont (soccer)
2000	Brian McGillen, Delaware (swimming & diving)
1999	Dave Geesaman, Delaware (cross country/track & field)
1998	Ramin Kazemi, Towson (tennis)
1997	Bjorn Hansen, Northeastern (soccer)
1996	Michael Polsky, Hofstra (tennis)

#### America East Women's Scholar Athlete of the Year Winners

2006	Marisa Ryan, Boston University (cross country/track & field)
2005	Amy Cochran, Vermont (soccer)
2004	Lana Khvalina, UMBC (tennis)
2003	Jenny Payne, Stony Brook (cross country)
2002	Amy DeCamp, New Hampshire (cross country)
2001	Lori Swanson, Drexel (softball)
2000	Karalyn Church, Vermont (basketball)
1999	Orsi Farkas, New Hampshire (basketball)
1998	Denise Leckenby, New Hampshire (swimming & diving)
1997	Jennifer Falk, Drexel (volleyball)
1996	Jen Ruggerio, Northeastern (field hockey)





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## **UALBANY'S JOE GREENE TO COMPETE AT IAAF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS**

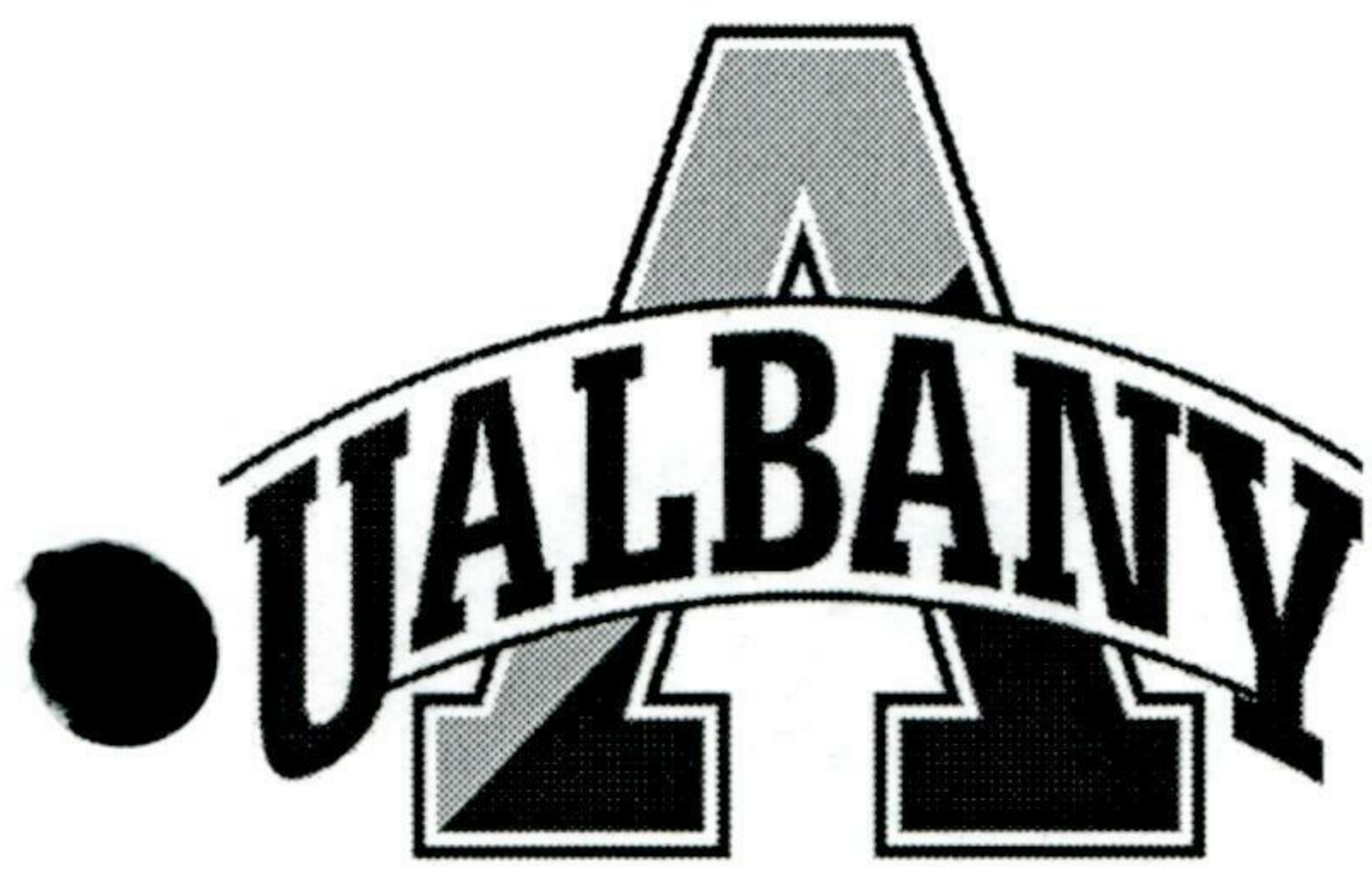
Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany track and field athlete **Joe Greene** will compete at the IAAF World Junior Championships at the Beijing Chaoyang Sports Fitness and Leisure Park in Beijing, China, beginning Wednesday, August 16. Greene is one of two junior athletes to represent the United States in the 400-meter hurdles competition.

Greene, who became UAlbany's first Division I outdoor track All-American at the NCAA Championships last May, placed second overall at the USA Track & Field Junior Championships two months ago. Joining Greene is **Chris Carter**, an All-American from Brigham Young University.

Greene, the America East Conference Most Outstanding Track Performer and rookie of the year for the outdoor season, was an America East double champion in the 400-hurdles and 400-dash. The Rochester, N.Y. native also toppled a 16-year old school record and established the new UAlbany 400-hurdles standard at 50.52 seconds.

The first round of men's 400m hurdles competition takes place on Wednesday at 10:25 a.m.





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**BRIANNA LaBRECQUE SELECTED ASSISTANT MEDIA RELATIONS DIRECTOR  
David Peterson and Hoffman Wolff Named Media Relations Assistants**

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany Vice President and Director of Athletics Lee McElroy announced today the hiring of Brianna LaBrecque as assistant media relations director. David Peterson and Hoffman Wolff will also serve as media relations assistants.

LaBrecque, who will be UAlbany's main media relations contact for women's basketball and volleyball, previously worked as the College of Saint Rose for one year as assistant sports information director. In her role with the NCAA Division II program, she wrote press releases, handled media requests and maintained the athletic department's Web site. She also worked the NCAA Northeast Regional championships for women's basketball and women's volleyball.

A native of Jay, Maine, LaBrecque served as a UAlbany athletic media relations intern in the 2004-05 academic year and worked in Lafayette College's athletic communications office prior to that appointment. In addition, she served as the director of corporate communications for The Star Group, a company based in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

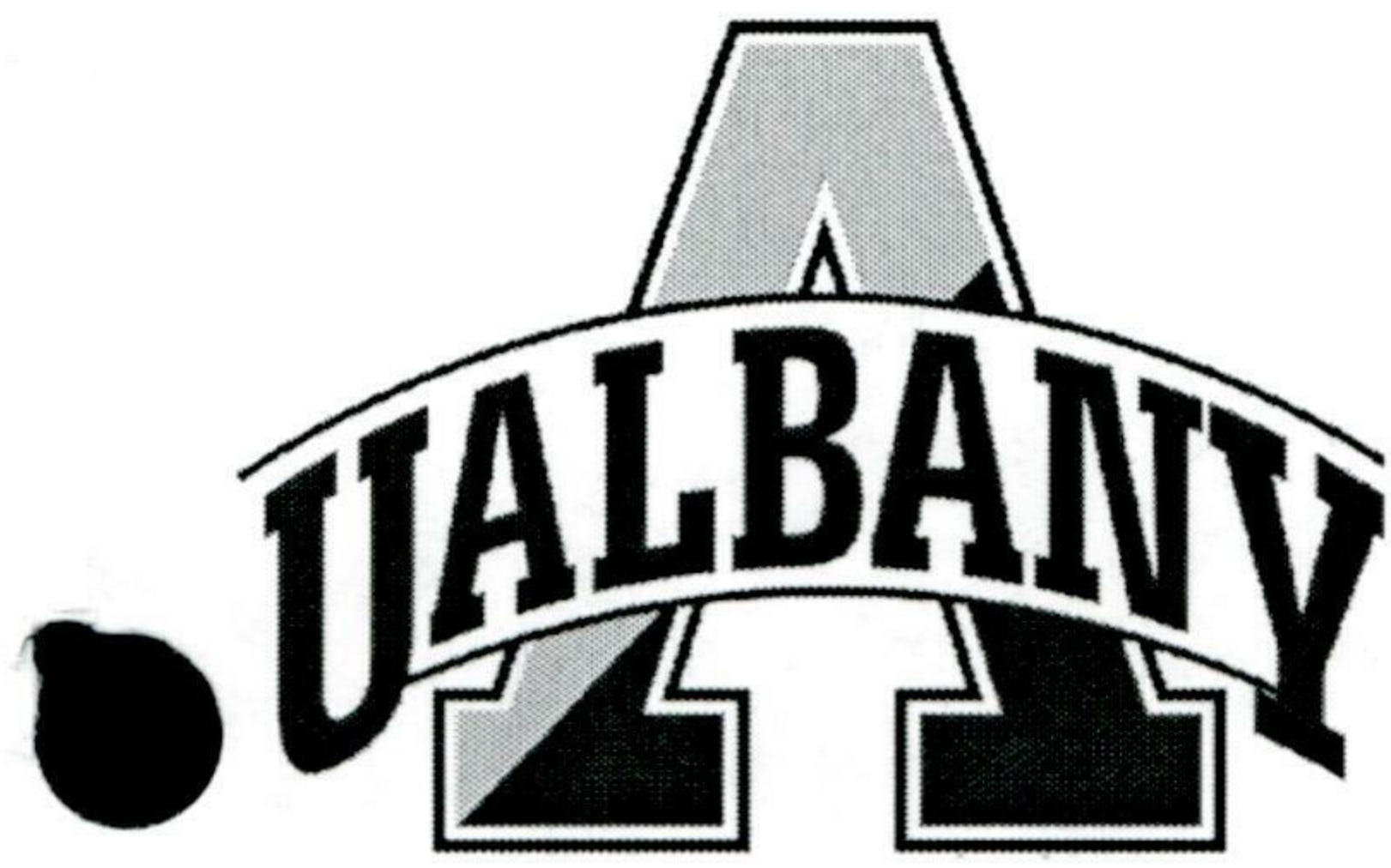
LaBrecque earned her B.A. in communications from Quinnipiac University in 2003.

She is a member of the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

Peterson recently served a six-month internship in Binghamton University's sports information office where he was responsible for producing media guides for baseball, softball and women's lacrosse and helped with game-day operations. From 2003-05, he worked in the SUNY-Cortland sports information department as a statistician for the sports of soccer, ice hockey, softball, lacrosse and field hockey. He graduated last spring from Cortland with a B.S. in sport management.

Wolff worked in two positions last year as media relations assistant for the Old Dominion Athletic Conference and sports information intern for Roanoke College. His position with the conference included work with the NCAA Division III football and women's volleyball championships. He assisted with soccer, basketball and field hockey at Roanoke, where he earned his undergraduate degree in French last May. Wolff has also worked in several capacities for minor league baseball organizations. He handled media relations for the Can-Am League and Central League during the summer of 2005.





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## **GARETT BARON NAMED UALBANY ASSISTANT BASEBALL COACH**

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany head baseball coach Jon Mueller announced today that Garrett Baron has been promoted assistant coach on a full-time basis. Baron had served as a part-time assistant for the past three seasons and worked primarily with the team's infielders.

A graduate of Ithaca College, Baron served as a graduate assistant coach at his alma mater in 2003. He has also coached in various summer leagues and led the Saratoga Phillies to their first-ever New York Collegiate Baseball League title in 2006. His squad won 12 of its final 13 games, including all six playoff contests. In 2005, Baron coached the Spartansburg (S.C.) Stingers of the Coastal Plains League to their first playoff appearance.

A native of East Greenbush, N.Y., Baron graduated from Columbia High School in 1997, where he was a three-sport letterwinner and an all-state second baseman. Upon graduation, Baron attended Columbia-Greene Community College in Hudson, N.Y., where he was selected as an all-conference player in consecutive years. Baron then transferred to Ithaca, where he helped lead the Bombers to back-to-back Empire 8 championships and consecutive NCAA Regional Finals, starting at both third and first base. In 57 career games, Baron batted .321 with 30 RBI.

Baron earned a bachelor's degree in health and exercise science and a master's degree from Ithaca in sport and exercise science.