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**ALBANY'S WILLIAM VANOS SELECTED TO
GTE ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA DISTRICT I AT-LARGE SECOND TEAM**

ALBANY, N.Y. -- William Vanos, a senior cross country and track athlete at the University at Albany, has been chosen to the 1994 GTE Academic All-America District I At-Large second team, as voted by CoSIDA (College Sports Information Directors of America).

Vanos, who placed second in the 10,000-meter run at last week's NCAA Division III Track & Field Championships, has a 3.43 cumulative grade point average in economics.

A native of Brooklyn, N.Y., he won the 3,000-meter steeplechase at this year's Collegiate Track Conference (CTC) Championships, and was third in the college division, 5,000-meter race at the Penn Relays.

Vanos earned 12 varsity letters as a distance runner at Albany, and captained the Great Danes to a third-place finish at the 1993 NCAA cross country championships. The Dean's List student was 31st at nationals in the individual standings.

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**KRISTEN YOUMANS NAMED WOMEN'S SOCCER COACH
AT THE UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY**

ALBANY, N.Y. -- Kristen Youmans, who has worked as an assistant soccer coach on the collegiate level for the past eight years, has been selected as the head women's soccer coach at the University at Albany, as Director of Athletics Dr. Milton E. Richards announced today.

"As we look to upgrade our women's soccer program, we are very confident in Kristen's ability to lead us in the right direction," Richards said. "Her knowledge of our Albany program and the local soccer community will be a valuable asset in the position."

Youmans, 33, has been an assistant coach for five of the past six seasons at Albany, and also spent three years with the soccer program at Union College. In 1988, she helped coach the Great Danes to a 10-6-2 record and a New York State playoff appearance.

A native of Burnt Hills, N.Y., Youmans was a three-year starter as a midfielder at Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School, and captained the 1978 squad to a sectional tournament berth. She would eventually play on the first varsity intercollegiate women's soccer team at Brockport State, and served as team captain in 1983.

Youmans, who currently works as coordinator of pupil personnel services at Northeast Parent and Child Society, was a 10-year member of the Adirondack women's open soccer team at the Empire State Games. During her career, the region team won five gold, one silver, and three bronze medals. She has been an assistant coach for the last two years with Adirondack, which captured a gold medal in 1992.

The sixth head coach in the Albany program's 15-year history, Youmans received her undergraduate degree in physical education from the State University of New York at Brockport in 1984, and just recently earned a master's degree in education and school counseling from the College of Saint Rose.



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**LOCAL ATHLETES LEAD UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY
TO THIS WEEK'S NCAA DIVISION III TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

ALBANY, N.Y. -- The University at Albany will send 13 athletes, including three from local high schools, to the 1994 NCAA Division III Track & Field Championships, which will be held at North Central College in Naperville, Illinois on May 25-28.

Scott Carroll and **Howard Sellers**, a pair of Albany High School graduates, and **Brad Dean**, of nearby Troy High School, lead the Great Dane contingent at the NCAA's. Carroll will run in the 1,500-meter run and the 3000-meter steeplechase, where he owns the fastest time, 9:02.20, in the nation this season. Sellers, a member of the school-record 4x400-meter relay team, is back to defend his 1993 NCAA title at 800 meters, where he has been clocked in 1:50.65 this spring. Dean, eighth in the discus at nationals in 1992, broke the all-time New York State standard with a toss of 175' 0" in winning the Princeton Invitational on May 15. The Scotia native has four throws over 170 feet during the outdoor season.

Other Albany qualifiers for the NCAA's include **Vincent Hodnett**, who recently set the school standard in the high jump at 6' 11", and is also expected to compete in the 110- and 400-hurdles, **James Nixon**, a pole vaulter and decathlete, **William Vanos**, who specializes in the 5,000 and 10,000 events, **Oscar Almendarez**, a 48-foot-plus triple jumper, and Sellers' teammates in the 4x400 relay (**Zamafa Chickwendu**, **Jomo Forrester**, **Travis Miller**). Miller, a defensive back on the football team, will also compete in 100- and 200-meter dashes, while Chickwendu qualified at 400 meters.

Three Albany women are also headed for nationals. **Tanya Dunkley** will be the third seed in the long jump, after posting a mark of 18' 8" during the '94 schedule. Senior **Bonnie Boyette**, second in the triple jump at the NCAA Indoors, and freshman **Tanya Dodge**, a 3,000-meter runner, also qualified.

Defending national titleist Wisconsin-LaCrosse is the pre-championship favorite in the men's competition, and will be challenged by Lincoln (Pa.) University and Nebraska Wesleyan. Albany, which placed seventh as a team in 1992, is pinning its hopes on a top-five finish for head coach **Roberto Vives**.



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**BRAD DIXON COMMITS TO THE
UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY BASKETBALL PROGRAM**

ALBANY, N.Y. -- Brad Dixon (John Jay H.S./Fishkill, N.Y.) has signed an enrollment certificate to attend the University at Albany, as announced today by head basketball coach Richard "Doc" Sauers.

Dixon, a 6'6", 215-pound forward, missed his senior season due to a broken tibia in his left leg. As a junior, he averaged 17.1 points and 10.5 rebounds for head coach Steven Ciaccio in leading his team to the Conference I -- League C championship and an 18-2 record. He was named to the 1993 Section I all-tournament team in Class A, and was a first team all-league selection.

"I'm pleased that Brad is coming to Albany," Sauers said. "He is the type of player we need to attract in order for our program to play at a higher level."

Dixon will be one of the first athletes at Albany to play at the NCAA Division II level. The University recently announced it will upgrade its intercollegiate athletics program for men and women from Division III status, and enter the New England Collegiate Conference, beginning with the 1995-96 academic year.

The Great Danes finished with a school-record 25-3 mark last season, and advanced to the Division III NCAA Tournament Atlantic-East regional final.



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**ALBANY'S LEO GARCIA NAMED TO ECAC UPSTATE
NEW YORK ALL-STAR BASEBALL TEAM**

ALBANY, N.Y. -- University at Albany's **Leo Garcia** has been selected to the 1994 Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Upstate New York All-Star Baseball Team, as announced today by the conference office.

Garcia, a senior outfielder from North Tarrytown, N.Y., led the Great Danes with a .423 batting average, and added five home runs and 17 RBI as a 24-game starter. He was the team's leader in eight offensive categories, which include runs scored (21), total hits (30), stolen bases (11), and slugging percentage (.704). In addition, he had four game-winning hits during the season.

Last Tuesday, Garcia played in the New York State College Baseball Association (NYSCBCA) All-Star Game in Yankee Stadium, and recently was voted the New York State Division III Player of the Week award.

Albany finished with a 13-11 record this season, and made its first post-season appearance since 1987 at the ECAC Upstate Region playoffs.

1994 ECAC Upstate New York Division III All-Star Baseball Team

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Position</u>
Brian Rose	Cortland	Senior	Pitcher
Tony Tatro	Hartwick	Junior	Pitcher
Kevin Sprague	Rensselaer	Sophomore	Catcher
Todd Stirling	Hobart	Junior	First Base
Scott Therriault	Rochester	Senior	Second Base
Mike Vogler	Rochester	Senior	Third Base
Mark Duncan	Cortland	Senior	Shortstop
Jeff Geller	Ithaca	Senior	Outfielder
Leo Garcia	Albany	Senior	Outfielder
Steve Strife	Cortland	Junior	Outfielder
Jason Palmer	Utica	Senior	Designated Hitter

Player of the Year: Mark Duncan, Cortland



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GARCIA, HESLIN NAMED NYS UPSTATE ALL-DIVISION ALL-STARS

ALBANY, NY - University at Albany outfielders Leo Garcia and Dan Heslin have been named to the New York State College Baseball Coaches Association Upstate Division I, II, II All-Star Team. Garcia, a Senior from North Tarrytown, was named as a reserve and Heslin, a Sophomore from Wantaugh, was named as an alternate.

The team is made up of collegiate players from New York in NCAA Divisions I, II, and III and will play the Downstate All-Stars in Yankee Stadium on May 17, at 1:00 pm.

Garcia leads Albany with a .426 batting average, five home runs and 17 runs batted in, while Heslin is second on the team in hitting (.381) and, home runs (3) and third in RBIs (11). The Great Danes (13-10, 13-7 ECAC) play Hartwick College today at 3:30 pm in the semi-finals of the Eastern College Athletic Conference Upstate Region Playoffs.

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GARCIA NAMED NYS DIVISION III PLAYER OF THE WEEK

ALBANY, NY - University at Albany senior Leo Garcia has been named New York State Division III Baseball Player of the Week for the week ending May 1. In five games, Garcia batted .600 (9-15) with eight runs scored, seven runs batted in, three stolen bases, two home runs, and a slugging percentage of 1.133. Against Westfield State on April 26, he was 4-for-4, with a triple, 3 RBIs, and 4 runs scored; and cracked two home runs against Rensselaer on May 1.

Garcia, a right fielder from North Tarrytown, NY, leads the Great Danes with a .426 batting average, 5 home runs, 17 runs batted in, and 20 runs scored. He also leads the team in hits, stolen bases, on-base percentage, slugging percentage, and game-winning hits.

The Great Danes (13-10, 13-7 ECAC) will play Hartwick College this Friday at 3:30 pm in the semi-finals of the Eastern College Athletic Conference Upstate Region Playoffs.

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**GREAT DANES MAKE ECAC BASEBALL PLAYOFFS;
FIRST POST-SEASON BID IN SEVEN YEARS**

ALBANY, NY - The University at Albany Great Dane baseball team (13-10 overall, 13-7 ECAC) has been selected as the third seed in the four-team Eastern College Athletic Conference Upstate Region Playoffs. It is the first time since 1987, when Albany won the SUNY Athletic Conference Championship in their last year in the conference, that the Danes have earned a post-season bid. They had narrowly a post-season bid the past two seasons.

Albany will play the second seeded Hartwick College Warriors (23-11, 17-7 ECAC) in Oneonta, New York on Friday, May 13, at 3:30 p.m. The other first-round game will also be Friday afternoon between the first seed, Hobart College (27-9, 16-6 ECAC), and Brockport State (16-13, 15-7 ECAC), the fourth seed. The winners will meet at the home field of the highest remaining seed on Saturday at 2:00 p.m., with a scheduled rain date on Sunday.

"Every year we've approached baseball without the same resources as the best competitors in the region," said Albany head coach Ed Zaloom. "We don't have a fall program, and I spend a lot of time coaching (football). We've worked very hard to keep up with the other competitors, and it just feels great to finally be rewarded for our hard work after finishing one team away the last two years. Our kids are extremely happy, but it doesn't mean anything, yet. We still have to prepare for the first game and try to bring home the trophy."

Albany opened its ECAC season with a doubleheader sweep of Hartwick, 1-0 and 4-3. Senior standout Leo Garcia (.426, 5 HR, 17 RBI) was the star with the game-winning hits in both contests; a home run for the only scoring in the opener, and an RBI single in the bottom of the seventh inning in the nightcap. Bill Jarvela (4-4, 4.78 ERA) and Roger Walters (3-2, 5.17 ERA) each pitched complete games, allowing just five and four hits, respectively.

SEMIFINALS - Friday, May 13

#4 Brockport St. (17-9) at #1 Hobart College (27-9) - 4:00 p.m.

#3 University at Albany (13-10) at #2 Hartwick College (23-11) - 3:30 p.m.

FINAL - Saturday, May 14

Winners meet at 2:00 p.m. at site of higher seed.



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**DANES PERFECT HOME RECORD IS GONE;
PLAY-OFF HOPES MAY BE, TOO**

ALBANY, NY - The North Adams State Mohawks (11-17) swept a double-header from the University at Albany Great Danes (13-10, 13-7 ECAC) 10-1 and 7-3, virtually eliminating any playoff hopes for the hosts. A sweep by the Danes most likely would have landed them a spot in the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Upstate New York Championships, but their 13-7 ECAC record will probably not stand up against the competition when the selection committee chooses the four participants this weekend. Albany also lost its chance at a perfect record at home, finishing 10-2 at University Field.

Albany got on top in the opener when Dan Heslin led off the first inning with a hit, extending his hitting streak to 13 games, and scored on a single by second baseman Rich Apiscopa. But that was the only high-lite for the Danes as North Adams plated five runners in the fourth and three more in the fifth, putting the game out of reach. Joe Gaurino and Joe Ebert both went three for four for the winners. Ebert drove in four runs, while Bill Robertson allowed just six hits in posting the complete-game victory.

Albany took a 3-2 lead into the sixth inning of the night cap following a three-run third inning, which was capped with an RBI single by Leo Garcia. But the Mohawks managed three runs in the sixth chasing starter Keith Walsh and two more in the seventh off of reliever Kevin Mahone, to put the game out of reach. Seven different Great Danes got base hits, but they could not string them together as Scott Shepherd got the victory with relief from Jim White. Gaurino went one for three with three RBI and Fred Lahaie went three for four, scoring two runs for the winners.



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ALBANY, NY - Junior Peter White scored his third goal of the game with one second left, as the University at Albany rallied with two goals in the final 24 seconds to defeat Hamilton College, 11-10. Albany, which won for the third straight time, improves to 7-5, while Hamilton ends the season at 3-8.

"We didn't play very well at all," said Albany coach Steve O'Shea, "We'll have to play much better on Friday to beat Hartwick."

The Great Danes will travel to Hartwick College (5-5) this Friday at 6:00 pm to face the Warriors in the semi-finals of the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Men's Lacrosse Championships.

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HESLIN LEADING ALBANY TO SUCCESSFUL SEASON

ALBANY, NY - University at Albany sophomore outfielder Dan Heslin (Wantagh, NY / Wantagh High School) has come on in recent weeks to help the Great Danes win 10 of their last 12 games, and a give them strong chance for the team's first post-season baseball bid in seven years. Albany is now 13-8 overall, and 13-5 in Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) play with two regular season games remaining. The ECAC Upstate New York Playoff bids are due this weekend.

In 17, games Heslin has become the Danes second-leading hitter with a sizzling .411 batting average in the lead-off position. He has a 12-game hitting streak, entering Wednesday's double-header with North Adams State College. Heslin's other stats include 11 RBI, 3 HR, 14 runs, a .467 on-base percentage, and three game-winning hits, all good for second on the team. He also holds a share of the team lead with nine stolen bases.

"Dan is unquestionably our most improved player from last year to this year," said head coach Ed Zaloom. "He's been tremendously valuable as far as making things happen." Heslin has been nominated for the ECAC Upstate New York All-Star Team.

Heslin, a business major in Albany's number-one ranked public business school, is a 1992 graduate of Wantagh High School where he was named All-Conference in 1991 and 1992.

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GARCIA GUIDING DANES INTO POST-SEASON CONTENTION

ALBANY, NY - University at Albany senior rightfielder Leo Garcia (North Tarrytown, NY / Sleepy Hollow High School) is currently leading the Great Dane baseball team towards what would be the school's first post-season baseball bid in seven years. The Great Danes are currently 13-8 overall, and 13-5 in Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) play. Bids for the ECAC Upstate New York playoffs are due this weekend.

Garcia is the team leader in nearly every offensive category. His statistics include a .435 batting average, 5 HR, 16 RBI, 9 SB, a .758 slugging percentage, a .500 on-base percentage and four game-winning hits, all team highs with two regular-season games remaining. Twice this season he has hit twohome runs in a game game, and is the only regular starter yet to commit an error in the field.

"Leo is unquestionably the M.V.P. this year," said head coach Ed Zaloom. "He's been the direct deciding factor in four or five games. You like to see a kid like him be successful because he works so darn hard." Garcia has been nominated for ECAC Upstate New York Player of the Year, as well as Division III All-America honors. "He's one of the best players in Division III," added Zaloom.

Garcia is a spanish major at the University at Albany. He is a 1990 graduate of Sleepy Hollow High School where he was named All-Section and All-League.



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**BRIAN DePASQUALE NAMED ASSISTANT ATHLETICS DIRECTOR
FOR MEDIA RELATIONS AT ALBANY**

ALBANY, N.Y. -- Brian DePasquale, assistant sports information director at Colgate University for the last six years, has been selected as Assistant Athletics Director for Media Relations at the University at Albany, as announced today by Director of Athletics Dr. Milton Richards. DePasquale will be responsible for the publicity and promotion of Albany's 21 Division III intercollegiate men's and women's athletic programs.

DePasquale, 34, brings 10 years of Division I sports information experience to the position. He was recently assistant sports information director at Colgate, where he publicized the Red Raiders' 23-sport program. He handled men's and women's basketball, produced radio coverage for football, ice hockey, and basketball, acted as media coordinator for the 1992 NCAA Division I Men's Golf East Regional, and was an editor for the Colgate Athletic Newsletter. From 1985 to 1988, DePasquale served as sports information director at Drexel University in Philadelphia. Previous to that appointment, he was information director for two years at the East Coast Conference.

A native of Canton, Ohio, DePasquale has also been active in sports media relations for other organizations. He was a member of the U.S. Olympic Committee's media services staff at the 1992 Winter Olympics in Albertville, France, and as a press officer at three U.S. Olympic Festivals. In addition, he has worked as a staff assistant at NCAA Division I championships in men's basketball and men's lacrosse, and for United States Golf Association events, which include the 1993 U.S. Open and 1992 U.S. Junior Amateur.

DePasquale, a member of CoSIDA (College Sports Information Directors of America), presently serves as District I University Division Coordinator for the GTE Academic All-America program. He earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from Ohio State University in 1981, and received a master of arts in sports administration from that same school in December, 1982.