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GIANTS & UALBANY ANNOUNCE 2004 TRAINING CAMP TICKET INFORMATION

By Michael Eisen

East Rutherford, N.J. - The Giants will begin their ninth training camp - and first under new head coach Tom Coughlin - this week at the University at Albany.

The coaches arrive Tuesday, the players must report by Thursday and the first two practices are scheduled for Friday. The Giants are scheduled to hold 33 practices before camp ends on Wednesday, August 25th.

On the days when Coughlin conducts two practices, the morning workout will run from 8:40-10:40, with the afternoon practice running from 3:20-5:20. The schedule is subject to change. For information regarding training camp and practice times, please visit Giants.com.

The practices at the University at Albany are free and open to the public. The charge for parking is \$5 for a one-day parking pass and \$15 for a pass that is good throughout training camp. Parking passes are available in advance at the UAlbany athletic ticket office at the Recreation and Convocation Center (RACC) and at the Dutch Quad Parking lot each day throughout camp.

On Saturday, August 7, the Giants will host the New York Jets for two practice sessions, the first from 9:30-11:20 a.m. and the second from 3:30-5:30 p.m. The cost for those sessions is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children (12 and under). The tickets will go on sale Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the RACC box office. Cash only will be accepted. The box office is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. UAlbany has also set up a ticket information line, at 518-442-4522. No phone orders or reservations will be accepted.

There will be no parking fee on the day of the joint practices with the Jets. Tickets will also be sold on the day of the event. The joint practice sessions will be held rain or shine. A combination of lawn and bleacher seating will be available at both UAlbany's University Field (football stadium) and the Western Avenue practice fields, with bleacher seating on a first come first served basis. No alcohol or coolers will be permitted. Bags are permitted but subject to inspection. No dogs or pets are permitted.

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UALBANY HAS FOUR HONORED AS AMERICA EAST SCHOLAR-ATHLETES

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany's **Andee Lindgren, Jill Friedman, John Eleby** and **Andy Allstadt** have been recognized as America East Conference Scholar-Athletes in their respective sports, as recently announced by Commissioner Chris Monasch. Lindgren (softball), Friedman (women's golf), Eleby (men's lacrosse) and Allstadt (men's cross country) were each named for the first time.

Lindgren capped a spectacular senior campaign, as she was named the America East Player of the Year and UAlbany's 2003-04 Female Athlete of the Year. Lindgren, who has a 3.43 cumulative grade point average in psychology with a minor in criminal justice, posted an 18-4 record as a pitcher and ranked nationally with a 1.04 ERA. She established the school's single-season record with 179 strikeouts. Lindgren, a La Habra, Calif. native who also played first base, was 11th among the NCAA Division I leaders with a .430 batting average to go with 18 doubles and 34 RBI. UAlbany captured the conference's regular-season crown with a 34-18 overall record.

Friedman, a junior from Liverpool, N.Y., finished second at the America East Conference Women's Golf Championship with a 36-hole score of 176 (86-90), in leading the Great Danes to the conference title. She was second on the team with an 82.93 stroke average in 15 rounds played during the 2003-04 season, and tied for 11th at the Northeast Championships. Friedman has a 3.66 GPA in business administration and marketing, and received the 2004 Chancellor's Scholar-Athlete Award.

Eleby posted a 3.43 GPA in criminal justice with a minor in East Asian Studies. A native of Valatie, N.Y., he was a starter as a long-stick midfielder and defender in lacrosse. The Great Danes earned both their second consecutive America East championship and NCAA Tournament berth with a 10-6 record. UAlbany's defense allowed 10.38 goals per game and was ranked among the national leaders in man-down situations.

Allstadt, a junior from Endicott, N.Y., placed fifth at the America East Conference Men's Cross County Championship with a time of 25:10. He earned all-conference recognition for the second straight year. Allstadt had four top-10 finishes in 2003, including his second consecutive fifth-place showing at the IC4A championships. A UAlbany Presidential Scholar, he has a 3.63 GPA in biology.

A committee of athletics administrators and NCAA Faculty Athletics Representatives chose the honorees from the nearly 3,500 student-athletes who competed at America East institutions during the 2003-04 academic year. Each honoree was a starter or prominent reserve on his or her team and had a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.20.

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Subject: RECENT NEWS RELEASE: Nick Casale Receives Capital District Student Scholarship- Presidential Scholar and La Salle graduate will play football at UAlbany in the fall

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Nick Casale Receives Capital District Student Scholarship *Presidential Scholar and La Salle graduate will play football at UAlbany in the fall*

ALBANY, N.Y. (July 22, 2004) -- James P. Doellefeld, vice president for student affairs, has named Nick Casale as the recipient of the Capital District Student Scholarship, sponsored by New York Giants Football, Inc. and the University at Albany. Casale, a native of Waterford, N.Y. and 2004 graduate of La Salle Institute in Troy, will be recognized as part of a welcome program at Giants Media Day on Wednesday, July 28.

The Giants Media Day Program is scheduled for 11:45 a.m. under a tent on the campus' Dutch Quad Field. Giants head coach Tom Coughlin, University Interim President John R. Ryan and City of Albany Common Council President Helen Desfosses are expected to speak at the program.

Casale, who is a Presidential Scholar and will play football for UAlbany in the fall, was a consensus All-Area offensive center and linebacker at LaSalle. He was named to the Troy Record first team, and was a second-team selection by the Albany Times Union and Daily Gazette. Casale, who made 88 tackles on defense and blocked for one of the area's top rushers, was also a first-team All-Big 10 League selection. His parents are Tony and Mary Anne Casale. Nick has two brothers, Anthony and Marc, and one sister, Gianna. Casale, who plans to study business administration, served as president of his school's National Honor Society.

The Capital District Student Scholarship provides Casale with a monetary award equivalent to the tuition costs of four years at the University at Albany. This year marks the ninth-consecutive summer that UAlbany has hosted the Giants training camp. The first practice sessions will be held on Friday, July 30 and continue through Wednesday, August 25.

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Alum's Donation Sponsors All-Weather Lacrosse Field

ALBANY, N.Y. (July 20, 2004) -- John R. Fallon, Jr., who received both undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University at Albany, is contributing \$250,000 to help finance a new all-weather lacrosse field for the men's and women's teams. A top Partner at LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene and MacRae, LLP in New York City, Fallon (B.A.'77, M.P.A.'81) handles major transactions, acquisitions and financings. Fallon's aim is to further bolster the success of UAlbany's men's lacrosse team, which earned an NCAA tournament berth for the second straight year this past spring.

"The field will have the same synthetic turf as the teams played on for the NCAA championship," noted Fallon, who as an undergraduate played all four years on UAlbany's lacrosse team. "On our current grass field, in the spring, you can't do anything. There's too much water, too much snow, too much residue. But when we have the new all-weather field, the teams can get out there practicing sooner and we could have some of the early season games played here - as opposed to playing on the road.

"This year, the first half of the season was on the road," said Fallon, a graduate of Albany Law School of Union University. "Obviously, the team did well on the road but you have got to think that they'd be playing better if they were here. Plus from a recruiting standpoint it helps to have an all-weather field for practicing and playing. Teams like Johns Hopkins and Syracuse will agree to come here to play us, as opposed to traveling to their fields." The men's 2004 lacrosse team finished 10-6 and lost to eventual NCAA champion Syracuse in the first round of the NCAA tournament, 21-13.

The University is currently developing a master plan for improving athletics facilities over the next five to ten years, and, says Director of Athletics and Recreation Lee McElroy, the all-weather lacrosse field is the first of many projects he envisions to enhance the University's athletics programs. "The implementation of the athletics facilities master plan will enhance institutional pride, tradition and excellence. We are immensely grateful for John's support. We have done well with our existing facilities, but if we are going to compete at the national level, we have got to have better facilities. Private support is vital for accomplishing our goals," said McElroy. When the field is completed, it will be named after Fallon in recognition of his gift.

Gov. George Pataki appointed Fallon to the University at Albany Council in 1998. Fallon is a member of the Presidential Search Committee charged with recruiting a successor to Karen R. Hitchcock. He is also a member of the board of directors of the University at Albany Foundation, which is UAlbany's philanthropic arm.

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GUDMUNDSEN & SHAW ON SPORTS NETWORK I-AA ALL-AMERICA TEAM

Philadelphia, Pa. – University at Albany's **Geir Gudmundsen** and **Brandon Shaw** have been named to the 2004 Sports Network Preseason I-AA Mid-Major All-America Football Team, as announced on Wednesday afternoon.

Gudmundsen, a 6-foot-6, 315-pound left tackle, and Shaw, a 6-foot, 295-pound center, anchored an offensive line that helped the Great Danes set a Northeast Conference and school single-season rushing record with 3,215 rushing yards last season. UAlbany ranked fourth nationally in rushing at 292.3 yards per game, plus was second in the NEC in total offense (377.1 ypg) and scoring (27.2 ppg).

Gudmundsen, a senior who has made 33 consecutive starts in the trenches, was selected to three I-AA mid-major All-America squads in 2003 and earned first-team All-NEC recognition for the second straight year. Shaw, also a senior, was a Football Gazette honorable mention All-American and second-team all-conference choice for the second consecutive season.

UALBANY WOMEN'S SOCCER ADDS TENTH STUDENT-ATHLETE FOR 2004

Albany, N.Y.– University at Albany second-year head coach Kalekeni Banda announced the signing of **Ahkita Madyun** to a national letter of intent. She is the tenth signee who will join the Great Danes for the upcoming 2004 season as part of Banda's first recruiting class.

Madyun, a 5-foot-3 outside back, will join her PWSI Eclipse club teammate and fellow incoming freshman Uju Ogbuawa on the UAlbany squad. Madyun, who hails from KIMA Public Charter School in Washington, D.C., helped anchor an Eclipse team that won both the 2002 Raleigh Shootout and 2003 WAGS tournament along with achieving a No. 6 national ranking.

2004 UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY WOMEN'S SOCCER NEWCOMERS

Name, Pos., Ht., Hometown (Previous School)

Ashley Augusto, GK, 5-7, Ludlow, Mass. (Wilbraham & Monson Academy)

Rachel Boles, MF, 5-5, Medford, N.J. (Shawnee)

Meghan Garrity, MF/D, 5-4, Smithtown, N.Y. (Smithtown)

Alicia Gibson, MF, 5-4, Belchertown, Mass. (Belchertown)

Adrienne Heady, MF, 5-4, Stony Point, N.Y. (North Rockland)

Jessica Insana, D, 5-4, Warwick, R.I. (Community College of Rhode Island)

Kearsten Leggett, MF, 5-4, Canyon Country, Calif. (Canyon)

Ahkita Madyun, D, 5-3, Washington, D.C. (KIMA Public Charter School)

Uju Ogbuawa, F, 5-6, Fort Washington, Md. (Oxon Hill)

Morgan Warwick, D, 5-4, East Durham, N.Y. (Cairo-Durham)

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UALBANY NAMES CHAD O'DONNELL ASSISTANT MEN'S BASKETBALL COACH

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany head basketball coach Will Brown announced today the hiring of Chad O'Donnell as an assistant coach. O'Donnell recently was the director of basketball operations at the College of Charleston.

O'Donnell, who has worked on the collegiate level since 1993, assisted Charleston coach Tom Herrion in the program's day-to-day operations last year. He was responsible for academic monitoring, directing conditioning and weightlifting, managing recruiting efforts and organizing summer camps. The Cougars finished with a 20-9 record.

Prior to Charleston, O'Donnell served in the same capacity for one season at Robert Morris University after spending two years in the private sector. He was also an assistant coach at the University of New Hampshire in 1999-2000, and worked for a three-year period at the College of the Holy Cross, a Patriot League school member. At Holy Cross, he directed all national recruiting efforts for the Crusaders and coached the junior varsity squad.

O'Donnell, 32, began his college coaching career as an assistant at Worcester State College in Massachusetts. From 1993-95, he handled the Division III program's recruiting, scouting and practice preparation, plus was the junior varsity head coach. He went on to coach at Bryant College in Rhode Island the following year.

A native of Mendon, Mass., O'Donnell received his B.S. in physical education from Springfield College in 1994.

UALBANY HAS 96 ON AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany has placed 96 student-athletes on the America East Conference Winter-Spring Academic Honor Roll for earning grade point averages of 3.0 or higher. The athletes were members of teams in the 16 championship sports which America East offered in the winter and spring seasons, including men's and women's basketball, men's and women's swimming and diving, men's and women's indoor track, men's and women's tennis, men's and women's golf, men's and women's lacrosse, men's and women's outdoor track and field, softball and baseball.

UALbany also had 39 student-athletes on the Commissioner's Honor Roll who posted a 3.50 GPA or above during the 2004 spring semester. America East Softball Player of the Year Andee Lindgren, plus Ashley Heilmann and Jen Daly, members of the women's lacrosse team, each earned a 4.0 GPA during the spring.

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America East Conference Winter-Spring Academic Honor Roll

Baseball: Rhett Bradbury, Derek DeGrazio, Roman Dubiel, Steve Emmerthal, Craig Farley, Jeff Reynolds, Mark Suchowiecki.

Men's Basketball: Courtney Johnson, Todd Martin.

Women's Basketball: Nicole Johnson, Teryn O'Bannon, Jen Schumacher, Sarah Sweetland.

Women's Golf: Lauren Bruce, Stacy Ferrone, Jill Friedman, Anne Lyons, Diane Onofry and Diane Wasileski.

Men's Lacrosse: Alan Beach, Greg Beach, Eric Dunne, Chris Gill, Matt Hamme, Robert Longert, Rick Malan, Patrick McSweeney, Matt Roberts, Brendan Russell, Marc Smith, Jim Stankard.

Women's Lacrosse: Jen Daly, Kate Fontana, Ashley Heilmann, Courtney Hill, Domenica LoRe, Colleen McGuinness, Michelle Michalenko, Krissy Rajczak, Sarah Spillet.

Softball: Brittany Burnham, Danielle Buyea, Megan Childs, Katrina Dunning, Julie Gannon, Laura Gremillion, Andee Lindgren, Ali Meacham, Kelly Ogden, Leanne Tillman, Liz Wieboldt.

Women's Tennis: Lisa Fund, Courtney Michels, Kerry Levis, Kyle Steller.

Men's Track & Field: Andy Allstadt, Teiko Aryee, Noel Campbell, Bryant Cherry-Woode, Dan DiRenzo, Shahpour Fuse, Brandon Howlett, Joe Pienta, Chris Pierson, Anthony Robibero, Paul Roche, Wagner Samaniego, Naron Stewart, Rich Villanueva, Andres Vives, Dustin Wilson.

Women's Track & Field: Heather Angel, Jennifer Aubin, Maureen Brown, Jenny Boshco, Natasha Bermudez, Sarah Charles, Patty Diedrich, Eliana Durko, April Hanley, Meghan Howell, Theresa Juva, Ricshara Knight, Alyssa Lotmore, Diane Matthews, Kristen O'Brien, Jessica Oehlke, Nicole Pafundi, Jennifer Russell, Karrie Spagnola, Nicole Susser, Georgina Torchon, Natasha Torres, Rebecca Vannoy, Alison Wiederhold.