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Comments: College Basketball - MEN

Albany 77, Yale 69 (OT)

Albany, N.Y. – Senior guard **Todd Cetnar** scored eight of his 23 points in overtime to lift Albany past Yale, 77-69, in the first-ever meeting between the schools on Monday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Cetnar, who netted 21 of his total after halftime, canned a three-point field goal to give his team the lead for good at 64-63. Albany (8-13) ripped off 10 consecutive points in the extra period. Cetnar drilled another 3-pointer for a 71-63 advantage.

Yale (5-12) trailed by as much as 14 points early in the contest, but came back to go ahead, 54-49, with 8:19 remaining in the second half on a shot in the lane by sophomore guard **Onaje Woodbine**.

The Great Danes, who posted their fourth straight win, rallied to regain the lead, 60-59, on a 15-foot shot by **Matthew Haggarty**. Woobine, who scored 17 points, followed with a jumper in transition to put Yale back in front. The second half featured six lead changes and two ties.

Albany's **Will Brand** split a pair of throws to tie the score at 61 apiece with 28.5 seconds left. Brand, who had 18 points and eight rebounds, then misfired from the right baseline off a lob pass on the last play of regulation.

Freshman **Chris Leanza** had a season-high 22 points for the Bulldogs, who had won three of their last four starts. **John Kirkowski** came off the bench to score 10. Albany's **Dave Schloss** finished with 10 points.

James Jones, a former Albany player and assistant coach, returned home as Yale's head coach for the first time.



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KeyCorp Provides Significant Boost to UAlbany Athletics

Providing a significant boost to the University at Albany's new Division I athletics program, KeyCorp has pledged \$250,000 in support for the program. This is the largest gift to date in the history of UAlbany athletics.

The funds will go toward an endowment to support athletic scholarships and to support the University's athletic programs.

UAlbany President Karen R Hitchcock and KeyBank President Robert E. Smyth are to formally announce the gift at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 31 at UAlbany's Recreation and Convocation Center (RACC). In recognition of the gift, the RACC atrium is being named the Key Atrium.

"The University at Albany is delighted to have the dynamic sponsorship of one of the nation's leading financial institutions supporting our Division I sports programs and athletes," said President Hitchcock. "Key continues to exemplify corporate philanthropy in the Capital Region. We are grateful to local Key management and also to Gary Allen, former KeyCorp executive and an Albany alumnus of whom we are very proud, and one who has remained a great friend and benefactor of the University."

KeyCorp has given more than half a million dollars over the past decade to UAlbany in support of athletics and the Center for Environmental Sciences and Technology Management.

"Key has been a friend and business partner with UAlbany for many years, and we have participated together on several successful endeavors, which have benefited the University and the Capital Region economically. Our support for the Center for Environmental Sciences and Technology Management and for the New York Giants Summer Camp are two recent examples of Key's collaboration with the University. The elevation of UAlbany Athletics to Division I will

have a substantial economic impact on this area, and Key is pleased to support this kind of growth for the University and the Capital Region," said KeyBank President Smyth.

"Having a corporate sponsor of this magnitude during the early stages of Division I truly benefits our entire athletics program," said Interim Director of Athletics Gail Cummings-Danson. "We are especially pleased the education of our student-athletes will be furthered."

In recognition of this gift, as well as Key's generous support of the University over the past decade, UAlbany is naming the atrium of the RACC the Key Atrium and Key will be featured as the title sponsor of Albany athletics. Additional benefits to the Capital Region because of Key's support of UAlbany athletics include:

- special sports clinics for underprivileged youth conducted by Great Dane coaches;
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WOMEN

Harvard 68, Albany 57

Cambridge, Mass. -- Laela Sturdy had 17 points and 11 rebounds, and Kelley Bree added 16, as Harvard rallied in the second half for a 68-57 victory over Albany on Saturday evening at Lavietes Pavilion.

Albany (5-14) fought back from a 32-23 halftime deficit with an 18-2 run to open the final period. **Megan Buchanan**, who had 15 of her 26 points in the second half, buried a three-point shot to give her its first lead at 37-34. **Melissa Schoonover's** layup handed the Great Danes a 41-34 advantage with 10:56 to play.

Harvard (10-5) responded with 18 consecutive points to take control. Junior forward **Melissa Johnson**, who had all eight of her points in the decisive run, hit a layup to put the Crimson ahead to stay at 42-41. Johnson, who added nine rebounds, converted a finished off a fastbreak for a 50-41 lead with 5:43 remaining.

Harvard's **Courtney Egelhoff** and **Jenn Monti** added 16 and 10 points, respectively. Freshman **Jess McGinlay** was the only other Albany player in twin figures with a season-high 12.

In addition, Buchanan, a senior forward, became the fifth player in school history to reach the 1,000-point mark. She has 1,003 overall for her career.

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MEN Albany 68, Dartmouth 59

Albany, N.Y. -- Senior guard **Todd Cetnar** scored 19 points, including a key three-point field goal with 1:53 remaining, as Albany won its third straight with a 68-59 victory over Dartmouth on Saturday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Dartmouth (4-13) trailed most of the contest, but rallied to grab a 44-43 lead on a fastbreak layup by **Greg Buth**, who scored a team-high 16 points. Albany (7-13) followed with five straight points to take the lead for good. **Will Brand** and **Dave Schloss** converted consecutive baskets in transition for a 48-44 advantage with 9:04 remaining.

The Big Green, who later trailed by as much as seven points, closed within 59-57 on Buth's three-point shot with 3:07 left. Cetnar, who added eight assists, then canned one his four 3-pointers with the shot clock winding down, and split a pair of free throws to build his team's lead to 63-57.

Albany used the free throw line to hold its cushion in the final minute, and won for the fourth time in its last five starts. Brand finished with 18 points, one off his season-high, and grabbed eight rebounds. **Matthew Haggarty** was the third Great Dane in double figures with 10.

Sophomore guard **Flinder Boyd** had 15 points and nine assists for the Big Green, who suffered their eighth straight loss. **Shaun Gee**, the team's leading-scorer this season with a 19.3 average, was held to 10.

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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY NAMES JOHAN AARNIO MEN'S SOCCER COACH

ALBANY, N.Y. -- University at Albany Interim Director of Athletics Gail Cummings-Danson announced today the hiring of **Johan Aarnio** as head men's soccer coach. Aarnio, who has coached on the collegiate and professional level for nearly 20 years, will move into a position that was recently elevated to full-time status.

Aarnio served as head soccer coach for men and women at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute from 1992-97. He guided the men's program to a pair of NCAA Division III Tournament appearances. His 1996 team posted a 14-3 record and won the Upstate Collegiate Athletic Association championship. As women's head coach, the Redhawks were a combined 32-12-3 over a three-year period, and captured the '96 ECAC Mid-Atlantic title with a 16-1 record.

In the professional ranks, Aarnio was the head coach and director of team operations for the Milwaukee Wave in the National Professional Soccer League (NPSL) from 1990-92. He led Milwaukee to one division crown, and coached in the 1991 NPSL All-Star Game. Aarnio also served as head coach of the NPSL's Montreal Impact in 1997. In addition, he was a part of six professional championships, including four consecutive Major Indoor Soccer League (MISL) titles, as an assistant coach with the San Diego Shockers during the 1980s.

Aarnio, 46, earned a bachelor of science in marketing from San Diego State University, where he was a two-year varsity midfielder for the Aztecs. He received his "A" coaching license from the United States Soccer Federation, and recently worked as a part-time assistant with the Albany men's soccer program.

Aarnio replaces Roy Pfeil who stepped down after nine years as Albany's coach. Pfeil had an 81-61-15 record and led the Great Danes through a transition from the Division III and Division II level to its current Division I status. The soccer program became a varsity sport in 1950.

Albany's 19-sport intercollegiate athletics program for men and women has upgraded to the NCAA Division I level in 1999-2000.



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Comments: College Basketball (WOMEN)

Dartmouth 65, Albany 57

Hanover, N.H. -- Courtney Banghart scored 22 points, as Dartmouth won for the fifth time in its last six games with a 65-57 victory over Albany on Tuesday evening at Leede Arena.

Dartmouth (9-6) broke a 47-47 tie with an 11 of the game's next 15 points. Banghart, who buried 6-of-12 three-point shots, scored five points in that span. She put the Big Green ahead for good with a pair of free throws, and later canned a 3-pointer for a 58-51 lead with 2:40 remaining.

The first half featured 13 lead changes and three ties, as Dartmouth went ahead 32-31 at halftime. Banghart made a long-range jumper for a 41-35 advantage with 15:15 left in the contest. However, Albany (5-13) rallied with an 8-2 run to draw even at 43 apiece. **Jess McGinlay's** three-pointer tied the game.

"Overall, I thought we played a great game," said Albany's **Liz Tucker**, who had 15 points and seven rebounds. "We didn't put things together at the end. They were well-balanced offensively and did a good job of spreading the floor."

Liz Martin had 13 points and nine rebounds for Dartmouth, who had not played in 10 days due to final exams. **Melissa Schoonover** scored a season-high 14 points and added eight rebounds for the Great Danes, who suffered their fourth straight setback.

Albany 108, Southern Vermont 84 - MEN

Albany, N.Y. -- Freshman **Sam Hopes** scored a season-high 19 points to pace five players in double figures, as Albany topped the century mark for the first time in three years with a 108-84 victory over Southern Vermont on Tuesday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Albany (6-13) trailed for a brief time early in the contest, but then later reeled off 11 unanswered points. Hopes canned a three-point field goal, before Karim Ouattara scored in the lane for a 28-14 lead.

The Great Danes, who posted back-to-back victories for the first time this season, later held a 41-30 advantage, but then took firm control with a 10 of the game's next 12 points. Hopes, who had 14 first-half points, and **Joe Vukovic** combined for all of their team's scoring in that stretch. Albany took a 52-35 lead to the locker room, and held as much as a 30-point cushion on several occasions in the final period.

Chris Farruggio had 29 points and 11 rebounds for Southern Vermont (3-11). **Noah Smith** was one of three other Mountaineers in twin figures with 24, including five 3-points field goals.

Albany's **Todd Cetnar** had 18 points and a career-high nine assists. **Will Brand** scored 14, while **Steve Albany** added a season-high 13. The Great Danes, who shot a season-best 61.8 percent from the field, last reached the 100-point mark on Jan. 25, 1997 in a 104-70 win against **New Haven**.

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EILEEN PFEIFFER NAMED DIRECTOR OF ATHLETIC DEVELOPMENT

ALBANY, N.Y. -- University at Albany Interim Director of Athletics Gail Cummings-Danson announced today the hiring of **Eileen Pfeiffer** as director of athletic development. Pfeiffer will head the advancement initiatives designed to provide operational and capital support for the University's intercollegiate athletics program.

Pfeiffer, who will have additional duties with respect to external affairs and special events planning, was recently the director of planned giving and research at The College of Saint Rose. She implemented the College's charitable gift annuity program, and met its two-year goal in less than one year. Pfeiffer also increased membership in the planned giving recognition society by forty percent.

A native of Albany, N.Y., Pfeiffer has been an associate in the Law Offices of E. David Duncan, where she concentrated in the field of insurance defense. In addition, she was a sole practitioner from 1994-96, and handled trusts and estates law, probate and residential real estate. She also worked as an associate with Dreyer, Boyajian & Tuttle for nearly two years.

Pfeiffer, 39, earned a bachelor of science from Cornell University, where she was a four-year member of the basketball team from 1979-83, and currently ranks 14th on the all-time scoring list. She received her Juris Doctor from Albany Law School of Union University in 1992.

Pfeiffer, who was a two-sport athlete in basketball and volleyball at Albany High School, is on the board of directors for New York State Special Olympics. She holds memberships with the New York State Bar Association, Gift Planning Group of Northeastern New York and National Society of Fund Raising Executives.

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Colgate 67, Albany 64

Albany, N.Y. – **Frances Boone** scored 16 points to lead four players in double figures, as Colgate rallied in the final seven minutes for a 67-64 victory over Albany on Saturday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Colgate (7-10) reversed a 60-51 deficit with 16 of the game's next 17 points. Senior center **Hollie Young**, who had 10 of her 11 points in the final period, hit an 8-foot jumper from left of the lane to draw her team even at 61 apiece.

Colleen McCaffery, who had 15 points, gave the Red Raiders their first lead of the night, when she hit a follow shot in the lane off Boone's missed 3-pointer with 28 seconds remaining. Guard **Alison Hanson** converted four consecutive free throws over the closing moments to ice Colgate's third straight win. Hanson had nine of her 14 points in the second half.

Albany (5-12) raced to a 32-18 lead in the opening period. Freshman guard **Chris Gray** tallied 10 of her season-high 12 points before intermission to key that outburst. The Red Raiders eventually caught up at 42-42 on a driving layup by **Sarah Parks** with 15:12 left in the contest. But the Great Danes, who suffered their third straight setback, later used eight straight points to seemingly regain control.

Albany's **Megan Buchanan** led all scorers with 20 points, including 4-of-7 shooting from three-point range.

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(Track & Field)

Hamilton, N.Y. – **Jamie Rodriguez** (Christian Brothers Academy) and **Jeffrey Brooks** (Guilderland H.S.) won the mile run and 3,000 meters, respectively, to lead Albany to a first-place finish in a men's quadrangular meet on Saturday afternoon at Colgate University's Sanford Field House. The Great Danes were second in the women's competition.

Rodriguez, who ran the mile in 4:21.34, edged out Colgate's **Tim McCusker** by less than one second. Brooks was nearly 12 seconds ahead of teammate **Andy Rickert** (Guilderland) in the 3,000 with a time of 8:51.28.

Other individual winners for Albany were **Luis Soto** (long jump, 22-07.75), **Danny Agosto** (triple jump, 43-10) and **Jonathan Garrick** (55-meter dash, 6.72). The Great Danes were also victorious in the 4x800 relay.

Andrea Viger (Granville Central) won a women's 3,000-meter race for the third consecutive weekend, as she ran 10:22.85 to dominate the field. Freshman Facunda Knight sprinted 26.45 to win the 200-dash. Nicole Herring (Academy of the Holy Names) anchored Albany's winning 4x800 relay, and was second in the mile by 76-hundredths of a second to Colgate's Courtney Daniels. Herring was timed in 5:23.00.

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Albany 51, Stony Brook 47

Stony Brook, N.Y. – **Matthew Haggarty** scored 13 points, including a key three-point field goal in the final two minutes as Albany ended a seven-game road losing streak with a 51-47 victory over Stony Brook on Friday evening at USB Sports Complex.

Albany (5-13) erased a 24-21 halftime deficit with a 14-2 run to begin the final period. The Great Danes, who held their opponent without a field goal during that stretch, used a combined nine points from Will Brand and Steve Albany to push out to a 35-26 advantage.

Stony Brook (5-17) still trailed 44-35, but than scored 10 of the game's next 11 points. Rob Hartman, who had 10 points, converted a layup off his steal to draw his team even at 45 apiece with 2:51 remaining.

Haggarty, who scored in double figures for the 13th time this year, later buried a three-point shot for a 49-45 lead. After Hartman hit two free throws with 42 seconds left, Stony Brook's Steve Pratta crossed half court with a chance to tie the game. However, the ball was tipped away and Albany's Antione Johnson gained the loose ball and went three-quarters of the court to hit a layup with three seconds left.

"It wasn't pretty, but we gutted it out," Albany coach Scott Hicks said. "We played their personnel well and did not have many defensive breakdowns. In the second half, we were able to get good shots, but more importantly we ran down loose balls and made plays."

Pablo Porras had 12 points for the Seawolves, who had won the last three meetings in this series. Johnson was the only other Albany player in double figures with 10. The Great Danes held Stony Brook to 30.6 percent shooting, and the lowest point total by an opponent since January 16, 1999.

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Comments: College Basketball – MEN

Delaware State 53, Albany 50

Dover, Del. – Freshman forward **Andre Matthews** scored 17 points and hit the go-ahead basket with 2:01 remaining, as Delaware State won for the first time this season and posted a 53-50 victory over Albany on Wednesday evening at Memorial Hall.

Albany (4-13) took a 47-45 lead on a three-point field goal by **Steve Albany**. Delaware State (1-14) rallied with seven straight points. Matthews, who added eight rebounds, hit two free throws to tie the score, and then hit a bank shot in the lane to put his team ahead. **Stefan Malliet** gave the Hornets a 52-47 advantage, when he split a pair of free throws with 50 seconds to play.

Albany's **Matthew Haggarty**, who scored a season-high 23, buried one of his seven three-pointers to close the gap to a single basket. After Malliet made the second of two foul shots with nine seconds remaining, **Todd Cetnar's** three-point attempt from the top of the key was partially blocked.

"Rebounding was the difference in the game. They hurt us on the offensive boards," said Albany coach **Scott Hicks**, whose team was out-rebounded 46-29. "We had our opportunities, but we just didn't shoot the ball. Guys who normally make shots did not tonight."

The Hornets, who ended a 15-game losing streak, which dated back to last year's season finale, held Albany to 33 percent shooting. The Great Danes were able to build a 44-39 lead with 7:31 left, but that advantage evaporated over the next two minutes. Matthews tip-in put Delaware State ahead 45-44 in a seesaw second half.

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Boston U. 68, Albany 55

Boston, Mass. – **Alison Dixon** scored 12 of her 20 points in the first half to pace four players in double figures, and Boston University halted a four-game losing skid with a 68-55 victory over Albany on Tuesday evening at Case Gymnasium.

Boston U. (5-10) scored 14 unanswered points early in the opening period to take a 17-3 lead. Freshman guard **Alison Argentieri**, who totaled 14 points and seven rebounds, and Dixon did all of their team's scoring in that run.

The Terriers, who won for the first time in the month of January, held the visitors to 26-percent shooting, including 2-of-16 from three-point range in the first half, and took a 36-26 advantage to the locker room.

Albany (5-11) closed to within 38-34 with 17:27 remaining in the contest on a jumper by **Dawn DiMicco**, who had 10 points. However, Boston U. responded with eight consecutive markers to push its lead back to double digits. Dixon, a 6-foot-2 junior, hit a layup and a jumper in that stretch, before **Rachel Werner's** basket handed her club a 46-34 lead.

"We had way too many unforced turnovers, and the first eight minutes really hurt us," DiMicco said. "For some reason we were going 150 miles per hour against their zone defense, and we didn't need to be. In the second half, we were getting good looks, but the shots were not falling. It was all too much to overcome."

Lauren O'Brien (Averill Park H.S.) came off the bench to score in twin figures for the second straight game with a team-high 11 for the Great Danes, who suffered their seventh road loss this season.

Boston U's **Dia Dufault** had 16 points and eight rebounds, while **Anne Nelson** added 12 points.

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Comments: College Basketball - MEN

Albany 90, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 78

Albany, N.Y. – Todd Cetnar scored 25 points to pace five players in double figures, as Albany snapped a five-game losing streak with a 90-78 victory over Texas A&M-Corpus Christi on Monday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Texas A&M-Corpus Christi (6-11) led 41-40 late in the first half, but the Great Danes scored the final five points of the period to take the lead for good. Matthew Haggarty, who had 18 points, buried a three-point field goal, before Antione Johnson canned a 19-foot jumper for a 45-41 halftime advantage.

Albany (4-12) still led 56-50 with 13:59 remaining, but then took control with a 13-5 run over the next five minutes. Johnson, who had 10 points, nailed a three-point shot to begin that stretch, and Haggarty finished it off with another long-range jumper for a 69-55 advantage.

The Islanders, who suffered their eighth consecutive road loss, drew within 72-64 behind the play of Michael Hicks, who totaled 15 points and 12 rebounds. But Cetnar, who added six assists and four steals, hit a 3-pointer and two free throws to push his team's lead back to double digits.

Albany's Dave Schloss, a 6-foot-11 sophomore, made his first start of the season, and responded with a season-high 12 points, including 10 in the second half, and a career-best 15 rebounds. Forward Will Brand also had 10 points for the Great Danes, who recorded their highest single-game point total since last February.

Damian Kirkaldy had 11 points and 11 rebounds off the bench for Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, which like Albany is competing at the Division I level for the first time.

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Tucker Named Division I Women's Basketball Independent POW

Stony Brook, N.Y. – University at Albany's Liz Tucker was selected today as the Division I Women's Basketball Independent Player of the Week (Jan. 10-16). It is the second time this season Tucker has won the award.

Tucker, a junior co-captain from Plaistow, N.H., averaged 16.5 points, 7.5 rebounds, 6.0 assists and 3.0 steals in two games last week. She scored 16 of her 22 points in the second half to lead Albany to a 72-61 victory over Stony Brook at the USB Sports Complex on Jan. 11. In the final seven-and-a-half minutes, Tucker scored 13 of Albany's last 20 points, including seven straight free throws. The 5-foot-10 guard/forward finished the game 12-of-15 from the free throw line and added five rebounds, five assists and three steals. On Saturday, Tucker totaled 11 points, 10 rebounds, seven assists and three steals in Albany's 75-72 overtime loss at Lehigh. It was Tucker's seventh career double-double.

Albany is one of six Division I women's basketball independents this season including Belmont, Centenary, Stony Brook, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi and Texas-Pan American.

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College Sports

(Women's Basketball)

Lehigh 75, Albany 72 (OT)

Bethlehem, Pa. – **Anne Tierney** had 15 points and 17 rebounds, and scored the go-ahead basket in overtime to lift Lehigh past Albany, 75-72, on Saturday evening at Stabler Center.

Tierney's jumper in the extra period gave the Mountain Hawks a 68-66 lead, and her club eventually pushed to a 74-69 advantage. **Dawn DiMicco** canned a three-point field goal to the close the Great Danes within a basket with 2.9 seconds left. However, Lehigh's **Gina Zang** split a pair of free throws, and Albany's final inbounds play was intercepted at halfcourt.

Albany (5-10) forced overtime behind the efforts of senior forward **Megan Buchanan**, who scored 31 points, and set a UA single-game record with seven 3-pointers. Buchanan's long-range jumper tied the contest at 62 apiece with 1:35 remaining. Tierney missed a 17-footer from the top of the key on her team's last possession, before Albany's **Liz Tucker** hit the side of the rim with a mid-court shot at the buzzer. Tucker finished with 11 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists.

"We made too many mental mistakes in the overtime, so this is very disappointing," said Buchanan, whose team established a school record with 12 three-pointers, but shot just 6-of-15 from the free throw line. "The whole game was about momentum, but if we had made our free throws it would never have gotten to overtime."

Lehigh (8-8) built a 38-31 lead early in the second half on a basket by **Sarah Hessel**, who scored a team-high 20. The Great Danes, who had a three-game win streak stopped, rallied with a 15-4 run. **Lauren O'Brien** (Averill Park H.S.) had seven of her career-high 13 points in that stretch.

The Mountain Hawks would later go back in front with seven unanswered points, and took a 60-56 advantage on Tierney's three-point shot. **Danielle Baldwin** was the third Lehigh player in double figures with 16 points. Buchanan scored 30-plus for the first time since December 2, and moved to sixth on the school's all-time scoring list.

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CUMMINGS-DANSON WILL ENTER TEMPLE'S ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Philadelphia, Pa. – University at Albany's Interim Director of Athletics **Gail Cummings-Danson** will be inducted into Temple University's Athletic Hall of Fame as announced today by the school's department of athletics. The Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will take place on Tuesday, January 25, and the inductees will be recognized at halftime of the Temple-Xavier basketball game.

Cummings-Danson was an All-America attack on Temple's 1988 Division I national championship lacrosse team. She earned All-America honors three straight years, and was MVP of the '88 national championship and North-South All-Star Game.

A native of Huntsville, Ontario, Cummings-Danson was a member of the 1993 World Championship squad, and recently became the first woman to be enshrined into the Ontario Lacrosse Hall of Fame. She has competed in four World Championships, and played for the USA and Canadian national teams.

Cummings-Danson, who was also a member of Temple's field hockey team, was selected as a GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-American and was a NCAA Top Six finalist.

The other Temple Athletic Hall of Fame inductees are: **Tim Perry**, the 1988 Atlantic-10 player of the year in basketball, **Jeff Manto**, who played for seven Major League Baseball teams in the 1990s, **Donna Kennedy** (basketball), **Pete Lorenc** (baseball, soccer), and **Paul Palmer** (football).

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Maryland-Eastern Shore 55, Albany 52

Albany, N.Y. – **Kevin Wallace** scored 20 points, and Maryland-Eastern Shore held off a late rally for a 55-52 non-conference victory over Albany on Wednesday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center. The Hawks, who also posted a 59-52 victory over Albany on Nov. 23, snapped a six-game losing streak.

Maryland-Eastern Shore (4-10) led 36-32 early in the second half, but used a 9-2 run to build a double-figure cushion. Wallace, a 6-foot-6 senior, scored eight points in that stretch, and hit a 14-foot jumper for a 45-34 advantage with 9:19 remaining.

The Hawks pushed out to a commanding 52-37 lead with 4:05 left, before Albany (3-12) made a dramatic comeback attempt. **Todd Cetnar** scored nine of his 11 points in a 15-2 run, and buried a running one-hander in the lane to close the gap to 54-52 with 30 seconds to play.

Adrian Pryce, who had 10 points, split a pair of free throws for the Hawks, before Cetnar's three-pointer hit off the front rim with eight seconds remaining.

Sam Hopes had 11 points off the bench for the Great Danes, who dropped their fifth straight. **Will Brand** was third Albany player in double figures with 10. Maryland-Eastern Shore's **Demetric Reese**, who was averaging 19.2 points coming into the contest, was held to six on 2-of-11 shooting.

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Comments: Women's College Basketball

Albany 72, Stony Brook 61

Stony Brook, N.Y. – **Liz Tucker** scored 16 of her 22 points in the second half to lead Albany to a 72-61 victory over Stony Brook on Tuesday evening at the USB Sports Complex. The Great Danes won their third straight, and posted a road win for the first time since the season opener in November.

Albany (5-9) led 50-48 in the final period, but then took control with eight of the game's next nine points. Tucker, a 5-foot-10 junior who scored 20-plus for the third straight time, netted five points in that decisive run. Her fallaway jumper from left of the lane as the shot clock expired gave the Great Danes a 58-49 lead with exactly five minutes remaining. Albany held its lead at foul line, and made 33 of 43 attempts on the night.

Stony Brook (10-5) fell behind, 24-11, in the opening period, and was held without a field goal for nearly 12 minutes. The Seawolves, who had won eight of their previous nine starts, eventually trailed 29-22 at halftime.

However, freshman **Julie Szabo**, the eighth-leading scorer in Division I, heated up in the final stanza with 26 of her career-high 36 points. Szabo, who converted 16-of-21 from the foul line, made two free throws to draw her team even at 46 apiece.

"Defensively, Szabo got her points, but we able to keep everyone else in check," said Tucker, who added five rebounds, five assists and three steals. "We moved the ball on offense, and our guards will able to penetrate into the interior."

"Our team showed mental toughness and composure throughout the game," said Albany coach **Mari Warner**, whose squad held Stony Brook to 33-percent shooting. "We made defensive changes during the game with pressure and traps, and the players were able to make the proper adjustments."

Albany's **Dawn DiMicco** scored 11 points, her highest total since Nov. 19, while **Megan Buchanan** added 10.



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University at Albany's Bob Ford Named 2000 AFCA President

ANAHEIM, CALIF. — Bob Ford, head football coach at the University at Albany (N.Y.), will lead the American Football Coaches Association in 2000 as president of the organization.

Ford, who moves up from first vice-president of the Association, succeeds outgoing president Rocky Rees of Shippensburg University. Ford was elected president by members attending the Association's 2000 convention this week in Anaheim.

"I got in this business because people had a hand on me and pushed me in the right direction. The great thing about the American Football Coaches Association is that it is not devoted to the large names in Division I, but devoted to all coaches at every level," Ford said. "The fact that someone could come up from the Division III level and become president of the AFCA is a great honor and I accept it with tremendous humility."

The AFCA, founded in 1922 by Amos Alonzo Stagg, John Heisman and others, has more than 8,000 members from all levels of the profession. According to its constitution, the AFCA was formed, in part, to "maintain the highest possible standards in football and the coaching profession," and to "provide a forum for the discussion and study of all matters pertaining to football and coaching."

In addition to Ford, 2000 AFCA officers include first vice-president Joe Taylor, Hampton University; second vice-president Glen Mason, University of Minnesota and third vice-president Dick Tressel, Hamline University.

Also serving on the Board in 2000: Dick Tomey, University of Arizona; Phil Fulmer, University of Tennessee; Gary Blackney, Bowling Green State University; Ken Hatfield, Rice University; Paul Pasqualoni, Syracuse University; Larry Smith, University of Missouri; Scot Dapp, Moravian College; Jim Caldwell, Wake Forest University; Mel Tjeerdsma, Northwest Missouri State University; Ron Randleman, Sam Houston State University; Ken Sparks, Carson-Newman College and Ken Rucker, University of North Carolina, ex officio member and chairman of the Assistant Coaches Committee. Sparks and Rucker are newly-elected members of the Board this year. AFCA Executive Director Grant Teaff serves as secretary-treasurer of the organization.

Ford is the first coach from Albany to serve as president of the AFCA. He was first elected to the Board of Trustees in 1994.

He completed his 27th season as head coach at Albany in 1999, leading the Great Danes to a 7-2 record in the school's first year of play in NCAA Division I-AA. Ford has posted a record of 165-102 (.618) at Albany. Overall, he has a career record of 174-124-1 (.584) in 31 seasons as a head coach at Albany and St. Lawrence (1965-68).

For more information on the AFCA and its programs log on to the AFCA's website at www.afca.com.

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Comments: College Basketball (WOMEN)

Albany 74, Daemen 72

Albany, N.Y. -- Liz Tucker scored 21 points and made a 10-foot jumper in the lane with 4.2 seconds remaining to lift Albany past Daemen, 74-72, on Sunday afternoon at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Albany (4-9) led 70-59 with just under three minutes remaining, but the Lady Warriors rallied with 13 of the game's next 15 points. **Monica Mihalics** netted 10 of her 18 points in that run, and **Hollie Speroni** buried a three-point field goal to tied the contest at 72 apiece with 15 seconds left.

After an Albany time-out, guard **Dawn DiMicco** found an open Tucker in the lane, and the junior forward spun to her left to hit the game-winning shot. Mihalics missed badly on a three-point attempt at the buzzer.

"The first option was for Megan (Buchanan)," said Tucker, who added nine rebounds and four assists. "They switched defensively, and Dawn found me in the high post. I just turned away from the double-team, and made the shot."

Daemen (9-7) led most the opening period, and took a 30-29 lead to the locker room. **Sherry Laettner**, a 6-foot-1 senior, had 14 of her 23 points in the first half, and would finish with 10 rebounds.

The Great Danes began the final stanza with 12 consecutive points to go ahead. **Megan Buchanan**, who had 16 points and eight rebounds, made a layup and canned a pair of free throws for a 41-30 advantage.

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Melissa Schoonover added a season-high 13 points for Albany, who posted back-to-back wins for the first time since November in its inaugural Division I season.

"Give Daemen credit," Albany coach Mari Warner said. "We made some mistakes on penetration, and they hit some shots down the stretch. In the second half, I was pleased with our enthusiasm. We did what we had to do, and fought through any adversity."

(Track & Field)

New York, N.Y. -- University at Albany's **Andrea Viger** (Granville Central H.S.) ran a personal-best 10:21.04 to win the women's 3,000-meter run at the Yancey Relays which were held at the New York City Armory.

Viger's twin sister, **Erica Viger**, was third in the same event with a time of 10:57.9, while teammate **Liz Hamilton** finished fourth.

Freshman **Robby Harrison** (Shaker H.S.) was second in the men's long jump with a mark of 22-feet, 8-inches. **Ronald Edmundson** (21'11") placed fourth. **Dinnah Decatus** took third in the women's 800 meters, and was clocked in 2:22.59.

Troy native **Geoffrey York**, an Albany assistant coach, qualified for U.S. Nationals in March by winning the 60-meter hurdles in 7.90 seconds.

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Lehigh 75, Albany 74

Bethlehem, Pa. – Junior forward **Sah-U-Ra Brown** hit a slam dunk with six seconds remaining to lift Lehigh to a 75-74 victory over Albany on Saturday afternoon at the Stabler Center.

Albany (3-11) had a chance to win the contest, but **Joe Vukovic** missed on a 12-footer from left of the lane at the buzzer. Lehigh (4-9) trailed 67-60 late in the contest, but rallied for a 73-72 advantage on **Ed Lacayo's** free throw with 41.4 seconds left. The Great Danes, who shot 71 percent in the final period, would later regain the lead on a backdoor layup by **Todd Cetnar** with 16 seconds to play.

"It is disappointing, because we played our best basketball in the second half," Albany coach **Scott Hicks** said. "We were 17 rebounds in the hole at halftime which is unforgivable, but we dug ourselves out. It was a tale of two halves, but it all came down to the final minute."

Lehigh, which snapped a five-game losing streak, led 41-31 at the intermission. Albany rallied early in the second half and took its first lead at 51-50 on a basket by **Will Brand**, who finished with 13 points. The Great Danes would later build the lead to 61-52, when **Antione Johnson** canned a three-point field goal.

Matthew Haggarty tied a season-high with 18 points, while Cetnar also added 18, including 12 in the final stanza. Lehigh's **Jared Hess**, a 6-foot-5 senior, netted 17 of his game-high 28 points after halftime.

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Albany 62, Brown 51

Albany, N.Y. – Junior forward **Liz Tucker** scored 21 points and grabbed nine rebounds to lead Albany to a 62-51 victory over Brown Friday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center. The win snapped Albany's nine-game losing streak.

Albany (3-9) went on a 9-0 run to take a 21-13 lead on a **Cara Caffell** basket with 6:27 left in the first half. Tucker had five of her 21 points during that stretch. The Great Danes led 25-20 at halftime, which was only the second time this season they held a lead at the intermission.

Albany took a 43-32 lead with 12:28 remaining on a Tucker basket. Brown responded with 10-0 run to cut the lead to one. However, Albany regrouped a posted nine unanswered points over the next four minutes to increase the score to 52-42 with 4:42 left. **Melissa Schoonover** made four free throws during the run. The Great Danes shot 49 percent from the field in the second stanza.

Rachael MacDonald had 13 points and 19 rebounds for Brown (5-8), while **Barbara Maloni** added 15 in the loss. Caffell had eight points and a career-high 11 rebounds for Albany. Tucker went 7-of-8 from the foul line.

"We have given a lot of heart in these last three games as we will not be demoralized," said Albany coach **Mari Warner**. "If we play the way we are capable, we will get wins. We haven't thought about the streaks. We just take it game by game."

The Albany defense forced a season-high 30 Brown turnovers and outrebounded the Bears, 46-42.

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LOCAL SCHOLASTIC BASKETBALL STANDOUT ALEX BARNHILL TRANSFERS TO UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY PROGRAM

ALBANY, N.Y. -- University at Albany head men's basketball coach **Scott Hicks** announced today that former area high school star **Alex Barnhill** has transferred into the program. Barnhill, who originally attended Canisius College, will be eligible to play at the completion of the 2000 fall semester.

Barnhill, a 6-foot-4, 220-pound forward, appeared in 25 games during the 1998-99 season for Canisius, a member of the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference. He spent the previous year at Bridgton Academy in Maine, where he led the program to a 20-11 record and an appearance in the New England Prep School Tournament for the first time in seven years. Barnhill averaged 19.0 points and 7.0 rebounds, and was an All-New England Class A Prep selection.

A native of Schenectady, N.Y., Barnhill was a fifth-team Class A all-state choice and a first-team All-Area pick by the *Albany Times Union* and *Daily Gazette*. As a senior, he averaged 15.0 points and 11.0 rebounds at Schenectady High School. Barnhill played at Gloversville (N.Y.) High School as a junior, and contributed 13.0 points and 8.9 rebounds per game.

Albany's 19-sport intercollegiate athletics program for men and women has upgraded to the NCAA Division I level in 1999-2000.



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(Men's Basketball)

Harvard 78, Albany 60

Cambridge, Mass. – **Tim Coleman** had 17 points and 12 rebounds to lead Harvard to a 78-60 victory over Albany on Wednesday evening at Lavietes Pavilion.

Harvard (6-7) raced to an 18-5 lead in the opening eight minutes. Coleman, a 6-foot-8 junior, scored 10 in that stretch, including six straight points at the end. The Crimson would eventually hold a 33-25 halftime advantage.

In the second half, **Sam Winter**, who had 13 points, buried a three-point field goal for a 45-31 lead. Albany (3-10) ripped off nine straight points and closed within 45-40 on a slam dunk by **Will Brand**, who had 11 points. Freshman **Brady Merchant** canned a 3-pointer and hit a jumper in the lane to push his team's lead back to double digits and the Crimson were never threatened again.

"They outplayed us in every area," Albany coach **Scott Hicks** said. "They did all the little things that good teams need to do to win games. It was a frustrating night for us. We played well for 15 minutes, but not for the other 25."

Matthew Haggarty had 18 points for the Great Danes, who suffered their third straight defeat. **Damian Long** was the third Harvard player in double figures with 16.

Albany Sports 2-2-2 (1-5-00)

(Women's Basketball)

Holy Cross 66, Albany 50

Worcester, Mass. – **Monika Rothemich** scored 12 points and grabbed 13 rebounds to lead Holy Cross to a 66-50 win against Albany on Wednesday evening at the Hart Center.

Holy Cross (9-4) used a 17-0 run to take a commanding 38-8 lead with 5:20 left in the opening half. Nine different Crusader players scored to that point in the contest. Rothemich had ten points in the first half as Holy Cross held a 42-16 lead at the break.

Albany (2-9), who shot 18 percent from the floor in the first half, improved its play in the second period outscoring the Crusaders 34-24 and shooting 43 percent. **Megan Buchanan** scored 20 points for the Great Danes, including 16 in the second.

Jeanette Paukert and Elisa Zawadzkas each scored 10 points for Holy Cross, who handed Albany its ninth straight loss.

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Comments: Men's College Basketball

Wagner 71, Albany 66

Staten Island, N.Y. – **Chris Jackson** scored a career-high 20 points and hit a key three-point field goal down the stretch to lead Wagner to a 71-66 victory over Albany on Monday evening at Spiro Sports Center.

Wagner (5-3) scored seven straight points to take a 59-48 lead with 12:33 remaining. Albany (3-9) later closed within 63-59 on a pair of free throws by center **Dave Schloss**. However, Jackson, who had 11 second-half points, buried a three-pointer with the shot clock winding down and then hit a bank shot in the lane to push his team's lead back to nine.

"We played extremely hard," Albany coach **Scott Hicks** said. "I can live with that. We did a good job against their pressure and did a great job defensively in the second half. Unfortunately we didn't get to the foul line, and we gave up some offensive rebounds."

The Great Danes, who shot 51 percent from the field, raced to a 22-15 lead in the opening ten minutes. But, Wagner responded with a 15-3 run to go ahead for good. Freshman **Dedrick Dye** scored 11 of his 15 points, and canned three 3-point shots in that stretch.

Will Brand led Albany with 18 points and eight rebounds. Matthew Haggarty and Todd Cetnar scored 16 and 14, respectively. Jermaine Hall had 12 points and eight rebounds for the Seahawks.

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Richmond 79, Albany 63

Albany, N.Y. -- Lizz Greene scored 19 of her 21 points in the first half to lead Richmond to its third straight win with a 79-63 victory over Albany on Sunday afternoon at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

The Spiders, who led 32-26 late in the first half, ripped off 13 unanswered points to take control. **Candice Edwards** and Greene buried back-to-back three-point field goals to begin that run. Greene, a 5-foot-10 sophomore who scored 20-plus for the third consecutive game, later converted a fastbreak layup for a commanding 45-26 lead.

Richmond (5-6) used full-court pressure to force 28 Albany turnovers, and push its advantage to as much as 66-39 in the second half. Edwards, the team's top scorer this year, finished with 16 points and eight rebounds. Guard **Michele Koclanes** added 17 points and nine assists.

Megan Buchanan had 19 points, and was the lone Albany player in double figures. **Liz Tucker** contributed nine points, 11 rebounds and eight assists. The Great Danes, who are competing at the NCAA Division I level for the first time, dropped their eighth in-a-row, and are 2-8 this season.