

## University at Albany Athletics Year-in-Review 1999-2000

- September 1, 1999 > Elevation of the University at Albany's intercollegiate athletics program to Division I  
Women's soccer loses to Massachusetts, 6-0, in Albany's first contest at Division I level
- September 2, 1999 > **Mike Grever** named *Football Gazette* Preseason Division I-AA non-scholarship Defensive Player of the Year
- September 4, 1999 > Football defeats Central Connecticut State, 35-13. The victory marked the school's first Division I win by one of its varsity teams
- September 6, 1999 > **Mike Grever** named Northeast Conference Defensive Player of the Week, **David Cross** earns NEC's Rookie of the Week
- September 14, 1999 > **Ryan Tumbry** selected *Football Gazette* Defensive Player of the Week
- September 25, 1999 > **Gail Cummings-Danson**, the University at Albany's interim director of athletics, inducted into the Ontario Lacrosse Hall of Fame
- October 2, 1999 > **Rob Clune '81, Jason Graber '94, Frank Villanova '76 and Wendy Williams '86** enshrined into Athletic Hall of Fame
- October 4, 1999 > **Michael Oliva** chosen as NEC's Offensive Player of the Week and **Samson Brown** tabbed Rookie of the Week in football
- October 6, 1999 > **Michael Oliva** selected *Football Gazette* Division I-AA non-scholarship Co-Offensive Player of the Week
- October 11, 1999 > **Mike Grever** picked NEC's Defensive Player of the Week
- October 13, 1999 > **Mike Grever** named *Football Gazette* Defensive Player of the Week
- October 15, 1999 > Women's cross country places fifth at ECAC championships while men's squad earns eighth at IC4A championships  
Men's and women's basketball programs celebrate their move to Division I with the school's inaugural "Midnight Madness"
- October 16, 1999 > **Greg Garrett** became the school's all-time rushing leader (2,684 yards) and all-purpose yardage leader in Albany's 40-0 victory at Massachusetts-Lowell
- October 23, 1999 > Albany football records its 15<sup>th</sup> straight road win with a 55-17 victory at St. Francis, Pa.  
**Lauren Byrne** set a school single-game scoring record with four goals as Albany defeated Davis & Elkins, 5-1, in field hockey
- October 30, 1999 > **Tovah Atwell** scores three goals to lead Albany to its sixth straight win in a 5-0 victory over C.W. Post in the season finale. Field hockey finished with an 11-4 record.
- November 3, 1999 > **Tovah Atwell** selected as ECAC Division I Field Hockey Player of the Week
- November 11, 1999 > Announcement made that the men's soccer program will join the Atlantic Soccer Conference, a new NCAA Division I conference, for the 2000-2001 academic year  
**J.T. Herfurth, Ben Kelcey, Ryan Tumbry, Greg Green and Brian Campe** named to the GTE/CoSIDA District I Academic All-America University Division Football Team
- November 12, 1999 > **Jarvin Skeete** selected to the second-team Independent Men's Soccer All-Star squad



- February 5, 2000 > Albany men's and women's basketball teams earn a sweep over Stony Brook at the third annual Big Purple Growl, Albany's winter homecoming. A crowd of 4,017 attended the event, the largest home basketball crowd since 1994.
- February 9, 2000 > **Jerry Faiola** hired as director of athletic facilities
- February 14, 2000 > **Matthew Haggarty** became the school's career three-point leader with 247 in Albany's 79-60 loss at Rutgers
- February 22, 2000 > **Mike Grever** selected as 1999 *Football Gazette* Division I-AA Non-Scholarship Linebacker of the Year
- February 23, 2000 > **Matthew Haggarty** set a single-season record for three-point field goals made (90) in Albany's 72-61 loss at Bucknell
- February 24, 2000 > **Megan Buchanan** became the school's all-time three-point leader (118) lifting Albany to a 64-63 victory over Bucknell
- February 28, 2000 > **Matthew Haggarty** selected to the GTE/District I Academic All-America Men's Basketball Team
- February 29, 2000 > Women's basketball defeats Navy, 56-50, in their season finale. Albany won seven of its last eight contests to finish 12-15 in the program's inaugural NCAA Division I campaign
- March 2, 2000 > Men's basketball upends Colgate, 86-70, in their season finale. Albany finished the season with an 11-17 record
- March 4, 2000 > **Megan Buchanan** and **Liz Tucker** selected to 1999-2000 All-Independent Team in women's basketball
- March 5, 2000 > **Luis Soto** set a school record in the long jump (23-feet, 11.75-inches) to finish third at the IC4A indoor track and field championships. The third-place effort was the highest finish by a Great Dane athlete in an IC4A meet
- March 6, 2000 > **Ronald Edmundson** eclipsed his own school record in the triple jump (49-feet, 4.50 inches) and placed eighth at the IC4A indoor track and field championships.
- March 7, 2000 > **Todd Cetnar** and **Matthew Haggarty** selected to Division I All-Independent Team in men's basketball
- March 8, 2000 > **Joanna Tomasino** appointed first full-time head women's soccer coach in school history
- March 30, 2000 > **Sarah Maida** chosen Independent Pitcher of the Week in softball
- April 4, 2000 > **Jessica Hansen** tabbed Independent Pitcher of the Week in softball
- April 15, 2000 > **Valerie Terry** selected Independent Player of the Week in softball
- April 19, 2000 > **Maria Ferrucci** tied the school's single-game record with seven goals as Albany upended Manhattan, 20-12, in women's lacrosse
- April 21, 2000 > **Jonathan Garrick** selected ECAC Division I Track Athlete of the Week and **Luis Soto** chosen ECAC's Field Athlete of the Week
- April 28, 2000 > **Jess Spadafora** established the school's single-game scoring record with five goals and five assists leading Albany to a 16-5 victory over St. Bonaventure in women's lacrosse
- April 29, 2000 > **Luis Soto** finished eighth in the college eastern long jump (23-feet, 1.75-inches), and **Andrea Viger** set a school record in the women's 10,000-meter run (36:52.81) at the Penn Relays
- April 30, 2000 > Head baseball coach **Jon Mueller** agrees to terms with the Albany-Colonie Diamond Dogs for the 2000 season
- April 30, 2000 > **Ronald Edmundson** places fifth in college eastern triple jump (47-feet, 7.25-inches) at the Penn Relays
- April 30, 2000 > **Dan Small** scores his 100<sup>th</sup> career goal to lead Albany past Wagner, 24-1, in men's lacrosse



*Add: Governor Pataki quote:*

## New York Giants to Summer at UAlbany Three More Years

The New York Giants and the University at Albany announced today an agreement on a three-year-extension of the Giants' summer training camp at the Albany campus.

"We have said all along how pleased we have been with the facilities and the cooperation we have received from President Hitchcock and her staff here at the University at Albany," said Giants Executive Vice President John Mara. "This extension is a demonstration of just how pleased we are. We look forward to the continuation of what has been a very positive relationship."

"This is a very happy day for the University at Albany and the Capital Region," said University President Karen R. Hitchcock. "The New York Giants have brought increased excitement to the area and greater attention to the University and its outstanding programs. The Giants are wonderful members of the University family now and we look forward to continuing to work with Executive Vice President Mara and Coach Fassel to make this the best summer training camp in the NFL."

President Hitchcock added, "The University is extremely fortunate to have an involved and committed corporate partner in the Times Union to making this summer camp a reality."

"I also want to make note of the tremendous support the Giants Summer Training Camp has received from Governor Pataki, Albany Mayor Jerry Jennings and the region's business, government, and community leaders," she said. "And we cannot ignore the great New York Football Giant fans, who come each year from all parts of the state to experience the Giants' summer home," said the President.

Governor Pataki said he was elated but not surprised by the Giants' decision to continue their association with UAlbany. "In my conversations with [Giant owners] Wellington Mara and Bob Tisch I made it clear that Albany is the best place for the Giants' summer camp because of the great facilities at the University and the warm hospitality of the people of the Capital Region," the Governor commented. "I am sure it was not a tough call to make. This is great news for the City of Albany and the Capital Region."

The original agreement between the Giants and the University was signed in March of 1996. It called for the Giants to use the UAlbany facilities for up to five years, through the summer of 2000. The first four years of the Giant's preseason camp at Albany has drawn an average attendance of 27,000 fans.





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## UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY NAMES ELLEN BRAUN COMPLIANCE COORDINATOR AND LARRY TREEN ASSISTANT FOOTBALL COACH

ALBANY, N.Y. – University at Albany Director of Athletics and Recreation Dr. Lee McElroy announced today the hiring of **Ellen Braun** as compliance coordinator and **Larry Treen** as assistant football coach.

Braun, who served as the school's interim compliance officer during the 1999-2000 academic year, will be responsible for determining and maintaining NCAA eligibility for 19 Division I intercollegiate sports programs, including more than 450 varsity athletes. She will also maintain student-athlete clearinghouse certification, handle processing appeals, waivers and reports, and serve as an athletic department liaison with financial aid and the registrar's office.

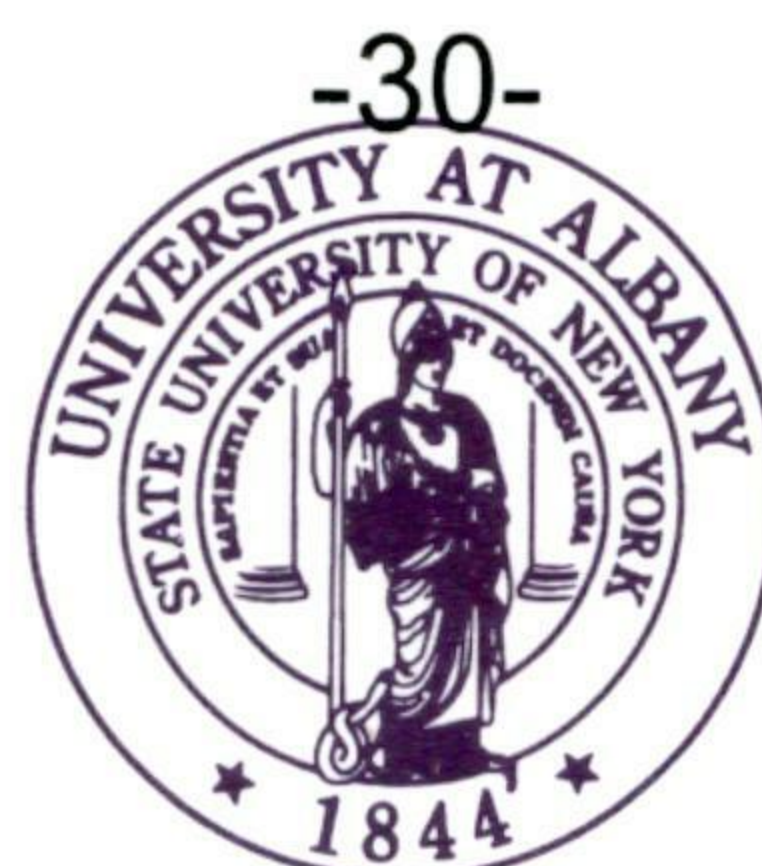
Previously, Braun worked in the University's athletic department as assistant to the academic advisor and assistant women's soccer coach from 1997-99. As an undergraduate, she was an athletic department intern with duties related to NCAA certification, eligibility and regulations.

Braun, 25, earned a master's degree in educational administration and policy studies and a B.A. in rhetoric and communication from the University at Albany. She won a combined eight varsity letters as a member of UAlbany's women's soccer and softball teams. A native of Biddeford, Maine, Braun captained the Great Danes to a 1997 ECAC Division II softball tournament berth and a 23-15 record.

Treen will work with the defensive backs as an assistant coach on Bob Ford's football staff in 2000. He coached the inside and outside linebackers the last two years at Norwich University in Vermont. In addition, he handled the Division III program's kick and punt return special teams, defensive scouting reports, and in-season and off-season weight and conditioning program.

Treen, 25, was a captain and two-year letterman as a safety and linebacker at Norwich, where he graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice. He originally went to the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York, and was a member of the Army football team from 1994-96.

A native of Portsmouth, R.I., Treen was a two-time all-state scholastic selection in football as a free safety. He received honorable mention All-America recognition, and set the state's single-season tackles record. In 1993-94, Treen attended USMA Prep School.







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## UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY NAMES SCOTT BEETEN HEAD MEN'S BASKETBALL COACH

ALBANY, N.Y. – Scott Beeten, who has coached at both the collegiate and scholastic levels for nearly 30 years, has been named head men's basketball coach at the University at Albany, as Director of Athletics and Recreation, Dr. Lee McElroy, announced today. Beeten, who previously was the associate head coach at the University of California-Berkeley, becomes the 14<sup>th</sup> head coach in the UAlbany program's history. The Great Danes competed at the NCAA Division I level for the first time last year.

"Scott Beeten embodies the qualities needed to run a successful Division I program, and he will represent our University exceptionally well," McElroy said. "He has tremendous integrity, values the student-athlete, and is committed to the University's high academic standards. Throughout his career, he has been associated with institutions that have academic missions similar to the University at Albany. These schools have also achieved winning traditions. Additionally, his varied experiences as a coach and recruiter provide him with a working knowledge of the national scene."

Beeten has spent the last three years at California-Berkeley as an associate head coach on Ben Braun's staff. The Bears, who compete in the Pacific-10 Conference, produced a pair of National Invitation Tournament (NIT) teams during that stretch. California posted its first postseason title, since winning the 1959 NCAA crown, by capturing the '99 NIT championship. Cal finished with a 22-11 record, and beat three top 10 schools in the same season for the first time with victories over North Carolina, UCLA and Arizona. In 1999-2000, the Bears reached the NIT quarterfinal round, and fashioned an 18-15 overall mark.

Coach Beeten worked at George Washington University from 1990-97 as the top assistant coach under Mike Jarvis, the current St. John's head coach. For seven seasons, Beeten handled all game preparation, recruiting and travel, and served as director of summer camp. The Colonials earned three NCAA tournament berths, including a "Sweet 16" appearance in 1993, and received three NIT tournament bids. George Washington won the Atlantic-10 Conference's Western Division in 1996, and was the '91 conference runner-up.

Previous to his appointment at George Washington, Beeten was both an associate head coach and assistant coach at the University of Pennsylvania for five years during the mid-1980s. The Quakers won the Ivy League title on three occasions in 1984, 1985 and 1987, and played in two NCAA tournaments. During that period, he also was an assistant coach for the gold-medal winning United States squad at the '85 Maccabiah Games.

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## Scott Beeten 2-2-2-2

In 1981-82, Beeten took over as the junior varsity head coach at Richard Stockton College, a NCAA Division III school in New Jersey. He was named the varsity head coach the following year, and led the Ospreys to a 14-10 record in one season with the program.

In addition, Beeten was an assistant for one year at Temple University, where the Owls won an East Coast Conference regular-season title and Big Five championship in 1976-77. He also was a graduate assistant and freshman coach at Lehigh University in 1971.

Beeten, 53, also compiled an outstanding career on the high school level in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. He was the head coach at Mainland Regional in Linwood, New Jersey for four years, and had a combined 82-24 record. His teams captured one NJSIAA state championship and two NJSIAA South Jersey crowns. Beeten received New Jersey Coach of the Year honors in 1981, and was voted Atlantic County's top coach three times. From 1971-76 at East Stroudsburg (Pa.) High School, his squads reached the PIAA state tournament twice, won four Monroe County championships, and produced an 83-39 record.

Beeten received a B.A. in history and a master's degree in education from Lehigh University, where he was a three-year starter in both basketball and baseball for the Engineers. The St. Louis Cardinals selected him in the Major League Baseball draft. Beeten and his wife, Anita, have two sons, Todd and Chad. Todd played his collegiate basketball at Eastern Michigan University.

Beeten takes over for Scott Hicks, who resigned on June 6 to accept the head coach position at Loyola College in Maryland. The Great Danes went 11-17 overall in their inaugural Division I campaign in 1999-2000.





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## FOUR UALBANY PLAYERS NAMED TO FOOTBALL GAZETTE'S DIVISION I-AA NON-SCHOLARSHIP PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA TEAM

ALBANY, N.Y. – University at Albany's **J.T. Herfurth** has been chosen to the *Football Gazette* Division I-AA non-scholarship Preseason All-America Football Team. Herfurth, a 6-foot-6, 300-pound offensive tackle, was named to the national first team. UAlbany's **Samson Brown**, **Chris Phillis** and **Jelani Dandles** were honorable mention selections.

Herfurth, a senior captain, has made 20 consecutive starts at left tackle. He blocked for an offense that was ranked 13<sup>th</sup> nationally in scoring at 37.0 points per game and 26<sup>th</sup> in total yards (424.1 per game) in 1999. Herfurth earned *Football Gazette* honorable mention All-America honors and was a second-team All-Northeast Conference choice.

Phillis, a split end and kick returner, averaged 100.2 all-purpose yards as a sophomore. He had 33 receptions for 635 yards and six touchdowns, and his receiving yardage was the sixth highest single-season total in school history. A native of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., Phillis was named to the '99 All-NEC squad in two categories, and was a first-team wide receiver.

A sophomore free safety, Brown is the team's top-returning tackler with 62, including 30 solo hits. He added six pass break-ups and two fumble recoveries in his first season as a regular. Brown, a 6-foot-1, 200-pound defender, was a first-team All-NEC choice one year ago.

Dandles, of Albany, N.Y., made a successful transition from wide receiver to cornerback last year. He started all nine games on defense, and recorded 32 tackles, including 23 solos. The 6-foot, 185-pounder had two interceptions with four pass break-ups.

Brown and Dandles were the lone freshmen on the 1999 all-conference team. The UAlbany duo led a defensive unit that allowed 17.3 points per game, and created a plus-10 turnover differential for the fourth consecutive season.

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### (Field Hockey)

Syracuse, N.Y. – Senior midfielder **Colleen Cech** had two goals and one assist to lead Syracuse past Albany, 3-0, in the season-opening contest for both teams on Wednesday evening at Coyne Field.

**Michelle Marks** scored off a direct corner with 38 seconds remaining in the first half to break a scoreless tie. Cech tallied a pair of goals within a one-minute-and-23-second span midway through the final period to pad the Orangewomen's lead.

Sophomore goalkeeper **Audrey Latsko** recorded her third career shutout with five saves. Albany's **Cathi Burek** turned aside 11 shots. The Great Danes, who begin their 2000 schedule with six consecutive road dates, travel to Monmouth on Saturday, Sept. 2.

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Albany (0-1)	0	0	-	0
Syracuse (1-0)	1	2	-	3

Albany – No Scoring; Goalkeeper: Cathi Burek (60:00, 11 saves, 3 GA).

Syracuse – Colleen Cech 2-1, Michelle Marks 1-0, Cecily Cowburn 0-1, Michelle Aronowicz 0-1; Goalkeeper: Audrey Latsko (60:00, 5 saves, 0 GA).



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#### (Women's Soccer)

West Point, N.Y. – Sophomore striker **Abby Rollman** broke a scoreless deadlock early in the final period to lead Army to a 2-0 victory over Albany in the season-opening match for both teams on Tuesday evening at Clinton Field.

Rollman, an All-Patriot League performer in 1999, flicked a shot into the right corner with three minutes and 14 seconds elapsed in the second half for a 1-0 lead. **Randee Farrell** added an insurance goal, when she scored on a breakaway in the 52<sup>nd</sup> minute.

Army goalkeepers **Marietta Squire** and **Sara Johnson** each played one half to record the shutout, while **Michelle Talviste** and **Erika Van Zandt** combined on 21 saves in the Albany net. The loss spoiled the debut of Great Danes head coach **Joanna Tomasino**, who was hired last March as the first full-time mentor in the UAlbany program's history.

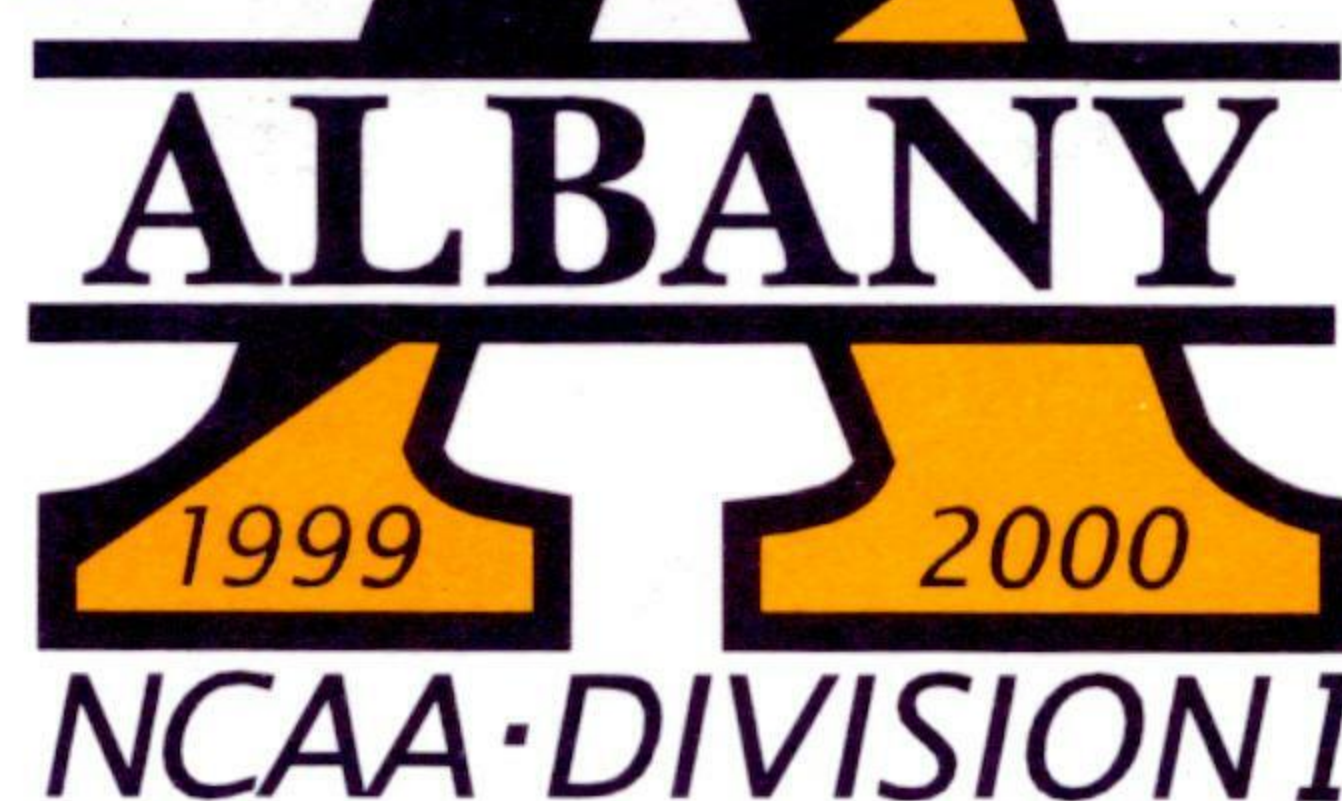
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Albany (0-1)	0	0	-	0
Army (1-0)	0	2	-	2

Albany – No Scoring; Saves: Michelle Talviste (87:33, 18 saves, 2 GA), Erika Van Zandt (9:27, 3 saves, 0 GA).

Army – Abby Rollman 1-0, Randee Farrell 1-0, Jen Hughes 0-1, Emily Nay 0-1; Saves: Marietta Squire (45:00, 0 saves, 0 GA), Sara Johnson (45:00, 3 saves, 0 GA).





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## UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY NAMES MIKE GATLEY AND CARLTON OWENS ASSISTANT MEN'S BASKETBALL COACHES

ALBANY, N.Y. – Mike Gatley and Carlton Owens have been named as assistant men's basketball coaches at the University at Albany, as head coach Scott Beeten announced today. Gatley has coached on the professional, college and high school levels since 1985, while Owens has been a college assistant at the University of Texas and St. Peter's College.

Gatley has coached professionally with four different organizations over the last five years. He led the American Basketball Association's Trenton Flames to the 1997 league championship and a 21-2 record, and was also with the Atlantic City Seagulls and New Jersey Shorecats, of the United States Basketball League and the Eastern Basketball Association's Mercer Marauders.

Gatley was the head coach at Kean College in New Jersey from 1992-95, where he led the program to a 50-19 overall record and the '95 ECAC Metro New York/New Jersey Division III championship. Previous to that appointment, Gatley was an assistant coach at the College of New Jersey for three years. The Lions went 49-28 during that period, and earned a NCAA Tournament berth in 1990. In addition, he was an assistant at Elizabethtown (Pa.) College for one year.

In the 1980s, Gatley coached on the New Jersey high school scene. He was an associate coach at Bishop Eustace High and an assistant at Atlantic City High. The two programs combined for a 56-8 record during his three seasons. He has also served as director of Sharp Shooters Basketball Camp since 1992.

Gatley, 38, was a co-captain and three-year lettermen at Franklin & Marshall College, where he received an undergraduate degree in history. He earned a master's degree in school counseling from the College of New Jersey.

Owens, the Atlantic 10 Conference's top scorer in 1988, was an assistant coach at St. Peter's College last year. He handled recruiting, scouting and individual skills practice. For three years in the mid-1990s, Owens was an assistant on Tom Penders' staff at the University of Texas. The Longhorns reached the NCAA Tournament twice, and went 18-12 with a national regional semifinal appearance in 1996-97. Texas posted a 21-10 record and advanced to the NCAA's second round the previous season.

A native of Brooklyn, N.Y., Owens was a two-time first-team All-Atlantic 10 point guard at the University of Rhode Island, where he earned a B.S. in human development and family studies. He led the Rams to the NCAA regional semifinals, an Atlantic 10 championship and a 28-7 record in 1988, when he was chosen the New England Player of the Year. Owens, the second-leading scorer and career assists leader in URI history, was inducted into the school's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1998. Owens, 35, played professionally with the Continental Basketball Association's Pensacola Tornadoes.





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### Rashee Durant Will Play Basketball for Great Danes in 2000-2001

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany head basketball coach Scott Beeten announced today that Rashee Durant has signed an enrollment certificate to play men's basketball in 2000-2001. Durant, a 6-foot, 180-pound point guard from Wilmington, N.C., was a scholastic player at Blue Ridge School in St. George, Virginia.

Durant averaged 8.0 points, 5.0 assists, 5.0 rebounds and 3.5 ~~assists~~ <sup>STEALS</sup> as a senior, when he was chosen to the Virginia Independent Schools (VIS) Division I all-state team and rated as one of North Carolina's top-50 players by FoxSports.com. He led Blue Ridge to the VIS Division I state championship, as he scored 12 points and made the winning free throws with 16 seconds left in the state title game. The Barons, who finished with a 21-5 record, also captured the Virginia Prep League crown.

Durant was selected to the All-Virginia Prep League squad three consecutive years, and is the school's all-time leader in assists and steals and fourth on the career scoring list. A four-year starter, he averaged 17.0 points per game from his two-guard position as a sophomore before moving to point guard for the final two seasons. His teammate, Tom Timmermans, will be a freshman center at Notre Dame this year.

"Rashee fits the profile we are trying to attract," Albany coach Scott Beeten said. "He is a great person and student, and is extremely dedicated to becoming a good player. We were fortunate that he was still available. He is grateful to be at Albany, and hungry to be on a winning team."

Albany has added four newcomers to the roster since January. **E.J. Gallup**, a 6'4" guard from Gloversville, N.Y., and **Kiki Picard**, a 6-foot guard from Kissimmee, Fla., are also in the freshman class. **Alex Barnhill**, a 6'4" forward, transferred from Canisius, and will be eligible to play at the completion of the 2000 fall semester.



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### **UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY ANNOUNCES 2000 FOOTBALL CAPTAINS**

Albany, N.Y. – **J.T. Herfurth, Ben Kelcey, Jason Martin and Chris Phillis** have been selected as the University at Albany's 2000 football captains, as head coach Bob Ford announced today.

Herfurth, a 6-foot-6, 300-pound senior, was chosen to the preseason All-Northeast Conference squad, and was a *Football Gazette* honorable mention All-American last year. From his left tackle position, he blocked for an offense that averaged 37.0 points and more than 420 total yards per game in 1999.

Kelcey, a three-year letterman, is the team's top returning rusher and the '99 special teams MVP. The senior running back rushed for 278 yards and two touchdowns, and caught 10 passes for 124 more and two scores. In addition, he had 10 tackles and one blocked punt.

A senior defensive tackle, Martin (6-1, 285) made 26 tackles, including 14 solo hits, in his first season with the Albany program. He also recorded three sacks and five tackles for losses.

Phillis (Saratoga Springs H.S.) is the first junior since 1995 to be voted as a UAlbany captain. A first-team All-NEC split end last fall, Phillis (6-1, 196) hauled in 33 passes for 635 yards and six TDs, and averaged 100.2 all-purpose yards per game. Like Herfurth, he was named to the preseason all-conference unit.

The Great Danes open their 11-game schedule on Saturday, September 9 at Atlantic 10 Conference foe Northeastern.

**MEDIA DAY:** The University at Albany's Football Media Day is scheduled for Thursday, August 31 at 11:30 a.m. The event will take place in the Recreation and Convocation Center's Hall of Fame Room. A barbecue-style lunch will be served, including chicken, hamburgers and hot dogs. Please contact Brian DePasquale, at 442-3072, for specific player requests. An intrasquad scrimmage will be held on Friday, September 1 (University Field, 7:00 p.m.).





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**UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY NAMES KEVIN GALUSKI EQUIPMENT MANAGER,  
KEVIN VAN DERZEE ASSISTANT FOOTBALL COACH, AND  
ADAM CLINTON AND BERNIE WATT ASSISTANT MEN'S SOCCER COACHES**

ALBANY, N.Y. – Kevin Galuski, former equipment manager with the Arena Football League's Albany Firebirds, has been named head equipment manager at the University at Albany, as Director of Athletics and Recreation Dr. Lee McElroy announced today. UAlbany also hired Kevin Van Derzee as assistant football coach and Adam Clinton and Bernie Watt as assistant men's soccer coaches.

Galuski was previously the head equipment manager for one season with the Arena League's Carolina Cobras, after working for the Albany Firebirds from 1995-99. In his duties with both organizations, he handled the supervision and maintenance of equipment and athletic gear along with game responsibilities. In addition, Galuski worked in college athletics as a graduate assistant in the sports information offices of Siena College and The College of Saint Rose.

A native of Waterford, N.Y., Galuski received a B.S. in sports management from Colby-Sawyer College in New Hampshire, and is currently pursuing a master's degree in educational psychology from St. Rose. He is a member of the Athletic Equipment Managers Association. Galuski, 27, was a three-sport athlete in soccer, basketball and baseball at Waterford High School.

Van Derzee, 23, will work on Bob Ford's football staff as a defensive line assistant. He served as an administrative assistant, video coordinator and junior varsity defensive coordinator at the State University of New York at Cortland for the last four years. Van Derzee earned a B.S. in sports management from Cortland last May. He was a two-year offensive and defensive lineman at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School, where his father, Gary, has been the head football coach since 1984.

Clinton, 37, has coached on the local collegiate level as head coach at both Hudson Valley Community College and Adirondack Community College, and as an assistant at Skidmore College and Union College. He also was the head coach of the USISL's Capital District Alleycats in 1998. He received an undergraduate degree in industrial technology from Keene State College, where he was a two-year letterman and captain in 1985. Clinton, a Shenendehowa High School graduate, was an all-region player at Hudson Valley Community College in the early 1980s.

Watt, 39, will coach the Albany goalkeepers as a member of Johan Aarnio's staff. He previously coached locally at Union College and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and has worked with New York State Olympic Development Men's and Women's Program since 1997. A native of Kinderhook, N.Y., Watt received a B.S. in physical education from Springfield College, and has a M.S. in education from UAlbany. Watt played on the professional level as a goalkeeper with four organizations, including the National Professional Soccer League's New York Kick in 1990-91.







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## UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY NAMES SCOTT MARR HEAD MEN'S LACROSSE COACH

ALBANY, N.Y. – Scott Marr, who previously was an assistant coach at the University of Maryland, has been named head men's lacrosse coach at the University at Albany, as Director of Athletics and Recreation Dr. Lee McElroy announced today. Marr, the tenth head coach in the UAlbany program's history, takes over a position that was recently upgraded to full-time status.

Marr served on Dick Edell's Maryland staff for six years as both assistant coach and offensive coordinator. Maryland made five NCAA Tournament appearances during that period, and was the Division I national runner-up in 1995, 1997 and 1998. The Terps shattered the school's single-season scoring record with 236 goals, when the program captured the '98 Atlantic Coast Conference regular-season and tournament titles. Maryland's attack has averaged 12.5 goals under Marr's direction from 1995-2000, while All-Americans Matt Hahn and Andrew Whipple became two of the most storied scorers in school history.

Marr, 32, began his coaching career as the University of Delaware's offensive coordinator, where he worked with the school's all-time scorer Anthony DiMarzo. From 1992-94, the Blue Hens captured three consecutive North Atlantic Conference championships, and earned a top-20 national ranking in each season. Marr was also an assistant on the United States team that won the 1999 World Cup.

A collegiate player at Johns Hopkins University, Marr was an attackman on the 1987 national championship squad and the '89 national runner-up team. The Blue Jays garnered four straight NCAA berths during his career. He received an undergraduate degree in social and behavioral sciences in 1991.

A native of Yorktown, N.Y., Marr was a high school All-American who twice led his teams to the state's semifinal round. He and his wife, Traci, a special education teacher, have two children, Kyle and Jordyn.

In its inaugural NCAA Division I campaign, Albany posted its tenth consecutive winning season with a 6-5 record, including victories over Providence and Boston College.

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## Sports Information Fax Cover Sheet

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### **Comments: College Football**

#### **GREAT DANES OPEN PRESEASON FOOTBALL CAMP ON MONDAY**

Albany, N.Y. – Football preseason practice begins at the University at Albany on Monday, August 21. The Great Danes, who compete at the NCAA Division I-AA level, and play in the Northeast Conference, will conduct two practices on the opening day from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. and 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Head coach **Bob Ford** welcomes back 32 lettermen, including four starters on both offense and defense. “We have a fairly decent nucleus returning considering the losses to graduation,” says Ford, who has a 165-102 record in 27 varsity seasons as Albany’s coach. “Some of our personnel will need to play at a higher level if we are going to win the conference championship. Early on, we need to establish the make-up of the defense, and develop depth at all positions.”

Albany posted a 7-2 record in its inaugural Division I-AA campaign and finished second in the NEC standings. The Great Danes, who were picked second in the conference’s 2000 preseason poll, were ranked nationally in scoring offense (37.0 ppg) and total yards (424.1/game) last season. The UAlbany defense forced 26 miscues by the opposition, which for the fourth straight year led to a plus-10 or better team turnover differential.

Preseason All-NEC selections **Chris Phillis** (Saratoga Springs) and **J.T. Herfurth** are the top returnees on offense. Phillis caught 33 passes for 635 yards and six touchdowns as a sophomore, while Herfurth, a senior, is a 6-foot-6, 290-pound left tackle. **Marcus Rotondi** (Shenendehowa) and **Ryan Roeder** came out of spring practice in a virtual tie for the starting quarterback position.

Free safety **Samson Brown** and cornerback **Jelani Dandles** (Bishop Maginn) were the lone freshmen to be chosen to last year’s All-NEC team. Brown, a first-team selection, is the top-returning tackler with 62. Dandles totaled 32 tackles, four pass break-ups and two interceptions.

**(See Attached Preseason Fact Sheet)**



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## 2000 PRESEASON FOOTBALL FACT SHEET

### SPRING SCHEDULE

Saturday, Aug. 19 - Newcomers Report  
 Sunday, Aug. 20 - Veterans Report  
 Monday, Aug. 21 - First Practice Sessions  
 Saturday, Sept. 9 - Season Opener @ Northeastern

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Albany, N.Y. 12222  
 Founded: 1844  
 Enrollment: 11,000 (undergraduate)  
 Nickname: Great Danes  
 Colors: Purple, Gold  
 Affiliation: NCAA Division I-AA  
 Conference: Northeast Conference  
 Home Field: University Field (10,000)  
 President: Dr. Karen R. Hitchcock  
 Vice President for Student Affairs:  
     James P. Doellefeld  
 Director of Athletics: Lee McElroy  
 Associate Director: Gail Cummings-Danson  
 Assistant Director: Dennis Elkin  
 Facilities Director: Jerry Faiola  
 Athletic Trainer: Jack Koelmel

### FOOTBALL STAFF

Head Coach: Bob Ford (Springfield '59)  
 Overall Record: 174-124-1 (31 years)  
 Albany Record: 165-102-0 (27 years)  
 Football Office Phone: (518)442-3052

### ASSISTANT COACHES

Mike Simpson (East Stroudsburg '78) -  
     defensive coordinator  
 Steve Hladio (Shippensburg '91) - offensive line  
 Rich Turi (William Paterson '58) - defensive backs  
 Frank Derrico (Bridgeport '70) - offensive backs  
 Don Mion (Albany '75) - defensive line  
 Wade Boxleitner (Blackburn '97) - outside linebackers  
 Bill Banagan (Albany '83) - tight ends  
 Sean Padden (Catholic '97) - receivers  
 Larry Treen (Norwich '98) - defensive assistant  
 Kevin Van Derzee (Cortland '00) - defensive assistant

### TEAM INFORMATION

1999 Record: 7-2  
 Northeast Conference Record: 6-1 (second)  
 Lettermen Returning/Lost: 32/29  
 Off. Starters Returning/Lost: 4/7  
 Def. Starters Returning/Lost: 4/7  
 Basic Offense: Multiple I  
 Basic Defense: 4-3-4

### TOP RETURNEES:

Bryan Bagstad (PK, So., 5-9, 175, Clifton Park, N.Y.)  
 Samson Brown (FS, So., 6-1, 200, Bronx, N.Y.)  
 Rafael Cruz (OG, Sr., 6-4, 300, Tarrytown, N.Y.)  
 Jelani Dandles (CB, So., 6-0, 185, Albany, N.Y.)  
 Ryan Downes (OT, Jr., 6-3, 285, Wantagh, N.Y.)  
 Andrew Fitzpatrick (ROV, Sr., 5-11, 205, Merrick, N.Y.)  
 J.T. Herfurth (OT, Sr., 6-6, 290, East Northport, N.Y.)  
 Davon Jones (DE, Sr., 6-2, 243, Albany, N.Y.)  
 Ben Kelcey (FB, Sr., 5-8, 195, Buffalo, N.Y.)  
 Jason Martin (DT, Sr., 6-1, 275, North Syracuse, N.Y.)  
 Ryan MacLean (OLB/RB, So., 5-11, 195, Colden, N.Y.)  
 Chris Phillis (SE, Jr., 6-1, 192, Saratoga Springs, N.Y.)

### AWARD WINNERS (Returnees):

First-Team All-NEC: Chris Phillis, Samson Brown.  
 Second-Team All-NEC: J.T. Herfurth, Jelani Dandles.

### 2000 ALBANY SCHEDULE

September			
9	(Sat.)	at Northeastern	12:30
16	(Sat.)	at Rowan	1:30
23	(Sat.)	WAGNER*	6:00
30	(Sat.)	at Stony Brook*	12:30
October			
7	(Sat.)	ST. FRANCIS, PA.* (HOF)	1:00
13	(Fri.)	at St. John's	7:30
21	(Sat.)	at Sacred Heart*	1:00
28	(Sat.)	CENTRAL CONN. STATE* (HC)	1:00
November			
4	(Sat.)	MONMOUTH*	1:00
11	(Sat.)	at Robert Morris*	1:30
18	(Sat.)	at Hofstra	12:00

\*Northeast Conference Opponent  
 (HOF) - Hall of Fame Day (HC) - Homecoming/Family Weekend

### 1999 RESULTS

Sept.	4	at Central Conn. State*	35-13, W
Sept.	11	at Monmouth*	24-16, W
Sept.	18	Rowan	38-37, L
Oct.	2	Stony Brook*	44-21, W
Oct.	9	at Wagner*	37-21, W
Oct.	16	at Massachusetts-Lowell	40-0, W
Oct.	23	at St. Francis, Pa*	55-17, W
Oct.	30	Robert Morris*	30-20, L
Nov.	6	Sacred Heart*	41-0, W

\*Northeast Conference Opponent

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