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MELVIN SMITH PROMOTED TO WOMEN'S ASSOCIATE HEAD BASKETBALL COACH

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany women's head basketball coach Trina Patterson announced today the promotion of Melvin Smith from assistant to associate head coach. Smith has been a member of Patterson's staff for two seasons since his appointment on September 18, 2002.

The Great Danes reached the America East Conference postseason tournament for the first time in 2003-04. UAlbany finished 13-16 overall, a five-win improvement for the previous year, and tied for fourth in the conference standings with a 9-9 mark. The program was winless in conference play just two years ago.

Smith, 39, previously worked at Western Maryland College as assistant men's basketball coach and recruiting coordinator. He assisted the head coach with practice planning and game strategy, and recruited in the eastern and southern states and the Midwest region.

He was also a men's assistant basketball coach at Florida A&M University from 1998-2000 and Morgan State University from 1995-98. He coached both the men and women at Coppin State College in Maryland for one year. At Morgan State, he was responsible for signing the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference's top recruiting class on two occasions, including an eventual Street & Smith's All-American.

A native of Baltimore, Md., Smith began his career as a head coach in Baltimore's High School Christian League. He became an assistant at Dundalk (Md.) Community College in 1992-93. Smith earned a B.A. in business management from LaSalle University in 1998, and has a M.S. in sports management from Florida A&M.

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UALBANY NAMES CAREY EDWARDS ASSISTANT BASKETBALL COACH

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany head basketball coach Will Brown announced today the hiring of Carey Edwards as an assistant coach. Edwards previously served as the director of basketball operations at the University of Massachusetts.

Edwards, 32, worked at Massachusetts for two years as a member of Steve Lappas' staff. He was responsible for coordinating team travel, organizing team purchases and allotments, scheduling opponents and practice times, handling budgetary items, and organizing the UMass summer camp program.

Prior to his collegiate experience, Edwards was director of player personnel for the Chicago Blaze, a National Women's Basketball League (NWBL) franchise. His primary duties were to assist in the hiring of a head coach, assist in the negotiation of player contracts, organize the draft, and conduct preseason workouts.

A standout college player at Manhattan, Edwards was a two-time All-Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference selection and a career 1,000-point scorer. He served as team captain in his final campaign, when the Jaspers reached the NIT Tournament. As a junior, his squad posted a 23-7 record en route to the MAAC championship and a NCAA berth.

A native of Bristol, Conn., Edwards earned his B.S. in finance from Manhattan in 1993, and has completed some coursework toward a master's degree in education. He was drafted in the third round by the United States Basketball League's New Haven Skyhawks and attended the 1994 rookie camp of the Continental Basketball Association's Connecticut Pride.

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UALBANY'S ALYSSA LOTMORE FINISHES EIGHTH AT JUNIOR NATIONALS

College Station, Texas – University at Albany's **Alyssa Lotmore** (Bishop Maginn) finished eighth in the women's 1,500-meter run at the USA Junior National Track & Field Championships on Sunday evening at Texas A&M University's Frank G. Anderson Track & Field Complex. The top eight finishers in each event earn All-America status.

Jessica Eldridge, who will be a sophomore in the fall at the University of Oklahoma, and was the Big 12 Conference Freshman Performer of the Year, won the race in 4:21.13. Eldridge, a native of Broken Arrow, Okla., hit the tape more than two seconds ahead of Sarah Bowman, a junior at Fauquier High School in Virginia.

Lotmore, a 19-year-old who recently completed her freshman year as a member of UAlbany's track and cross country teams, posted a time of 4:40.00 in a fast-paced 1,500 that was contested in hot and humid conditions.

Lotmore qualified for nationals with a season-best time of 4:35.54 in this event at North Carolina State's Raleigh Relays last March. She finished fourth at the America East Conference outdoor championships.

During the college season, Lotmore set a school record in the 5,000-meter run, plus established another UAlbany standard as a member of the distance medley relay. She also anchored an ECAC-qualifying 4x800-relay squad.

USA Junior Nationals competitors must be at least 14 years old on the day of competition but not turn age 20 during 2004.

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USA Junior National Track & Field Championships

Women's 1,500-Meter Run Final

1. Jessica Eldridge, 4:21.13; 2. Sarah Bowman, 4:23.36; 3. Erin Bedell, 4:26.62; 4. Jennie Haertel, 4:33.59; 5. Mary Liz McCurdy, 4:34.18; 6. Alison Costello, 4:36.83; 7. Carolyn Quebe, 4:39.36; **8. Alyssa Lotmore, 4:40.00**; 9. Sarah Rinker, 4:40.21; 10. Evelyn Wing, 4:40.42; 11. Kasey Kimball, 4:48.21; 12. Krystal Rodriguez, 4:58.01; 13. Annaliese Chapa, DNS.

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UALBANY'S ALYSSA LOTMORE WILL COMPETE AT JUNIOR NATIONALS

College Station, Texas – University at Albany's **Alyssa Lotmore** (Bishop Maginn) will compete in the women's 1,500-meter run at the USA Junior National Track & Field Championships on June 25-27. The three-day meet will be held at Texas A&M University's Frank G. Anderson Track & Field Complex.

Lotmore, who recently completed her freshman year as a member of the school's track and cross country teams, qualified for nationals with a season-best time of 4:35.54 in this event at North Carolina State's Raleigh Relays last March. Lotmore, who finished fourth at the America East Conference championships, is scheduled to run in the preliminary round on Friday at 7:25 p.m. ET. Sunday's final is slated for 6:20 p.m.

During the college season, Lotmore set a school record in the 5,000-meter run, plus established another UAlbany standard as a member of the distance medley relay. She also anchored an ECAC-qualifying 4x800-relay squad. In cross country, Lotmore was sixth at the America East meet and seventh at the ECAC championships.

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2004 ECAC DIVISION I BASEBALL ALL-STARS ANNOUNCED

*William & Mary's Chris Rahl Named Player of the Year;
George Mason's Stacen Gant Named Pitcher of the Year*

CAPE COD, Mass. -- Commissioner of the ECAC Phil Buttafuoco has announced sophomore Chris Rahl of William & Mary as the 2004 ECAC Division I Baseball Player of the Year and junior pitcher Stacen Gant of George Mason as the Pitcher of the Year.

Rahl finished the season with a .389 batting average, 20 homeruns and 70 runs batted in. He earned Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) Player of the Year honors, the first in school history and the first sophomore in league history. He was earlier named a first-team All-American by Sports Weekly Magazine, Collegiate Baseball Newspaper and the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association, and second team by Baseball America. Rahl broke single-season school records in hits (89), total bases (175), stolen bases (42 in 46 attempts), and RBIs (70), and tied single season records in home runs (20), runs scored (73) and triples (8).

Gant, a junior righthander, was a first team CAA select with a 10-1 record on the year, not losing until the final game of the season. He had a 2.72 ERA and struck out 87 batters in 119 innings of work. He held the opposition to a .218 batting average and he pitched three complete games in 16 starts. He led the conference in innings pitched and was third in ERA with a 2.44 mark. He was also ninth in the conference in strikeouts (76), fourth in opposing batting average (.207) and tied for second in games started (14).

2004 ECAC DIVISION I BASEBALL ALL-STARS

Player of the Year

OF Chris Rahl William & Mary So.

Pitcher of the Year

P Stacen Gant George Mason Jr.

First Team

P	Stacen Gant	George Mason	Jr.
P	Shawn Phillips	Delaware State	Sr.
C	Schuyler Williams	Army	Jr.
1B	Chris Looze	George Mason	Jr.
2B	Keith Stegbauer	Central Conn. St.	Sr.
3B	Anthony Granato	Va. Commonwealth	Sr.
SS	Jeff Palumbo	George Mason	Sr.
OF	Chris Rahl	William & Mary	So.
OF	Jeff Frazier	Rutgers	Jr.
OF	Jeff Justice	Le Moyne	Sr.
DH	P.J. Hiser	Pittsburgh	Sr.
UT	Mike Walsh	Hofstra	So.

Second Team

P	Nick Hill	Army	Fr.
P	Chris Lambert	Boston College	Jr.
P	Nick Evangelista	Pittsburgh	Sr.
C	Tim D'Aquila	Central Conn. St.	Sr.
1B	Dan Schoonmaker	Albany	Sr.
2B	Nate Stone	Army	Jr.
3B	Jay Balback	Binghamton	Sr.
SS	Bryan Spamer	Pittsburgh	Sr.
OF	Mike Butia	James Madison	Jr.
OF	Scott Rich	Rider	Sr.
OF	Rob Hosgood	Central Conn.St.	Sr.
OF	Jason Delaney	Boston College	Jr.
DH	Derek DeGrazio	Albany	Jr.
UT	Jimmy Board	Marist	Sr.

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UALBANY'S BRANDON HOWLETT FINISHES 21ST AT NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Austin, Texas – University at Albany's **Brandon Howlett** placed 21st in the discus with a throw of 174-feet at the NCAA Division I Track & Field Championships at Mike A. Myers Stadium on Friday, June 11. Southern Methodist's **Hannes Hopley** finished first in the competition with a mark of 203-feet, 5-inches.

Howlett is the first UAlbany male athlete to compete at the Division I Championships. The junior owns the school record in the discus as he threw 184-feet, 0.5-inches earlier this season at the America East Conference Championships.

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NCAA Division I Track & Field Championships

Men's Discus Final

1. Hannes Hopley, Southern Methodist, 203-05; 2. Jason Young, Texas Tech, 197-08; 3. Michael Robertson, Southern Methodist, 195-02; 4. Gaute Myklebust, Memphis, 194-06; 5. Karl Erickson, Minnesota, 192-03; 6. Josh Ralston, Texas A&M, 191-01, 7. Niklas Arrhenius, BYU, 188-02; 8. Sam Johnson, Texas State, 188-00; 9. Sam Segond, Rutgers, 184-11; 10. Ryan McIntyre, Florida, 184-08; 11. Raigo Toompuu, Western Kentucky, 184-06; 12. Lucais MacKay, Georgia, 183-02; 13. Jamal Salahuddin, Iowa State, 182-06; 14. Byron Tate, Texas State, 182-02; 15. Edis Elkasevic, Auburn, 181-06; 16. Dan Ames, UCLA, 179-03; 17. Matt McKinney, Southern Methodist, 178-04; 18. Nate Michael, Navy, 178-03; 19. Brian Robison, Texas, 177-03; 20. Brandon Cook, Louisville, 177-01; **21. Brandon Howlett, Albany, 174-00**; 22. Derek Anderson, Northeastern, 173-00; 23. Bradley Daufeldt, Iowa, 172-05; 24. Joe Vasquez, Fresno State, 171-08; 25. Dan Arrhenius, BYU, 171-04; 26. Steven Boozer, Alabama, 169-03; 27. James Rowell, NC State, 165-00; Adam Kuehl, Arizona, Foul.

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UALBANY'S COVERT SETS SCHOOL RECORD AT NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Austin, Texas – University at Albany's **Teresa Covert** placed 16th in the 100-meter hurdle preliminaries in a school-record time of 13.30 at the NCAA Division I Track & Field Championships at Mike A. Myers Stadium on Thursday, June 10. Nebraska's **Priscilla Lopes** finished first in the prelims with a time of 12.75.

Covert, a senior, participated in the same event at the NCAA Championships last spring. The Susquehanna, Pa. native became the first UAlbany track athlete to qualify for the national championships at the Division I level. Covert has eclipsed her own school marks in the 100-meter hurdles (13.30), 100-meter dash (11.55) and the long jump (19-feet, 5.5-inches) this season.

UAlbany's **Brandon Howlett**, the school's first male athlete to participate at the Division I Championships, will compete in the discus tomorrow at 4:45 p.m. (ET).

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NCAA Division I Track & Field Championships

Women's 100-Meter Hurdle Preliminaries

1. Priscilla Lopes, Nebraska, 12.75; 2. Nichole Denby, Texas, 12.82; 3. Sheena Johnson, UCLA, 12.85; 4. Ashlee Williams, Texas, 12.90; 5. Raasin McIntosh, Texas, 12.86; 6. Dawn Harper, UCLA, 12.91; 7. RaNysha LeBlanc, LSU, 12.92; 8. Brittany Littlejohn, LSU, 12.94; 9. Lolo Jones, LSU, 12.96; 10. Ebony Foster, NC State, 12.99; 11. Molly Logan, Ohio State, 13.11; 12. Beau Walker, Alabama, 13.14; 13. Sani Roseby, UCLA, 13.25; 14. Kellie Wells, Hampton, 13.25; 15. Virginia Powell, Southern California, 13.26; **16. Teresa Covert, Albany, 13.30**; 17. Kasia Williams, Arkansas, 13.33; 18. Sharifa Jones, Arizona, 13.35; 19. Alicia Cave, Houston, 13.39; 20t. Heather Heron, San Diego State, 13.41; 20t. Ronnette Alexander, South Carolina, 13.41; 22. Funmi Jimoh, Rice, 13.42; 23. LaTasha Pharr, Alabama, 13.47; 24. Jessica Czaikowski, West Virginia, 13.49; 25. Makeatha Cooper, TCU, 13.59; 26. Rebecca Williams, Iowa State, 13.60; 27. Amy Menlove, BYU, 13.89; Andrea Bliss, Florida, DNF.

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UALBANY'S ADAM KROFT SELECTED IN MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL DRAFT

Albany, N.Y. - University at Albany's **Adam Kroft** (Shenendehowa) was chosen in the 30th round of the Major League Baseball Draft by the San Diego Padres on Tuesday afternoon. Kroft, a senior right-handed pitcher, was the draft's 882nd overall pick and the 29th selection by the Padres.

"I am feeling both excitement and relief," said Kroft, who led UAlbany to a school-record 37-14 campaign. "I've dreamed about something like this since little league. Coming to UAlbany and playing college baseball has helped me learn how to play the game and also how to compete."

Kroft, the fourth UAlbany player to be drafted in the program's history, holds the school's career records for strikeouts (197), appearances (45) and innings pitched (247.2). In 2004, Kroft posted an 8-3 record with a 4.08 ERA in 12 starts on the mound, and established a single-season mark with 86.0 innings pitched. He capped his career by allowing four hits and recording 11 strikeouts in an 8-1 victory over Northeastern at the America East Conference Tournament. The eight victories tied teammate Steve Emmerthal for the most-ever by a Great Dane hurler.

Mike Grasso (Bishop Maginn) was drafted in the 11th round of the 2002 Major League Baseball Draft by the Atlanta Braves, while Steve Checksfield was selected in the 26th round of the 2001 draft by the Houston Astros. Terry Kenny, a native of Albany, N.Y., and a graduate of Bishop McCloskey High School, went in the ninth round of the 1974 draft to the San Francisco Giants.

UAlbany Major League Baseball Draft Choices

2004: Adam Kroft (San Diego Padres), 30th round
2002: Mike Grasso (Atlanta Braves), 11th round
2001: Steve Checksfield (Houston Astros), 26th round
1974: Terry Kenny (San Francisco Giants), 9th round

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UALBANY VOLLEYBALL ADDS TWO TO THEIR ROSTER FOR 2004 SEASON

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany volleyball coach Kelly Sheffield announced today that two student-athletes have committed to play for the Great Danes in the 2004-05 academic year. The Great Danes finished with a 24-10 record last season, marking the most single-season wins at the Division I level, and advanced to the America East Conference postseason tournament for a second consecutive year.

Sheffield, who is in his fourth year at the helm, adds a transfer from St. Louis University and a high school standout to his veteran roster.

Ashley Hunter, a 6-foot-1 outside hitter from Moreno Valley, Calif., spent her first two years at St. Louis as a starter for the Billikins. Last year, Hunter was third on the team in kills per game (2.42) and digs per game (2.74), despite playing with a foot injury that limited her playing time. During her freshman season she ranked second on the team with 125 kills against Conference USA opponents.

"Ashley can have an immediate impact on our program," Sheffield stated. "She hits with tremendous power and gives us much needed size at the net. I like her backrow skills and she has a chance of being one of our better passers and defenders back there."

Ashley Crenshaw, a 5-foot-11 middle blocker from Birmingham, Ala., was an All-Metro honorable mention selection during her senior season. She led Hoover High School to a 34-21 overall record and No. 5 state ranking. Crenshaw was also a member of the Birmingham Volleyball Club which was ranked fifth in Alabama and placed 15th at the Tampa (Fla.) National Qualifier. She was named the most improved player in 2001 and 2003, plus earned the Captains Award as a senior.

"Athletically, Ashley is as talented as anyone in the conference," Sheffield commented. "She jumps 5 to 6 inches higher than anyone we've got. Ashley has the potential to be a very good player for us someday, along with the possibility of being a dominating frontcourt player sometime in the future."



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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY ANNOUNCES 2003-2004 ATHLETES OF THE YEAR Gary Jones and Andee Lindgren Receive Male and Female Awards

ALBANY, N.Y. – Gary Jones, an All-America football running back, and Andee Lindgren, an all-region and all-conference softball pitcher, have been chosen as the University at Albany's 2003-04 Male and Female Athletes of the Year, as Director of Athletics and Recreation Lee McElroy announced today. The athletes were selected in voting by the head coaches of UAlbany's 19-sport intercollegiate athletics program.

Jones, a senior tailback from Ravena, N.Y., was named to the 2003 Associated Press Division I-AA All-America squad as a third-team selection. He made his second straight appearance on the Associated Press team, and also earned the same recognition from *The Sports Network* and *Football Gazette*. Jones was also chosen the Northeast Conference Offensive Player of the Year for the second consecutive year, as he finished second among the NEC's all-time scorers with 252 points and third in career rushing yards (3,033).

Jones, who led the Great Danes to a share of their second conference championship and a 7-4 record, broke his own single-season rushing record with 1,524 yards and scored a league-leading 19 touchdowns. He ranked sixth among the NCAA Division I-AA rushing leaders at 138.6 yards per game, plus was fifth nationally in scoring (10.4 points/game) and 16th in all-purpose yardage (153.6 ypg). Jones ran for 100 or more yards against eight opponents, including a career-high 242 against Stony Brook on Oct. 25. The UAlbany standout established or tied 12 school records, and is the all-time leader in rushing yards, touchdowns scored (42), rushing touchdowns (40) and all-purpose yards (3,639).

Lindgren, a senior from La Habra, Calif., was chosen as the 2004 America East Conference Player of the Year. She posted an 18-4 record on the mound, and ranked 28th nationally with a 1.04 earned run average. Lindgren set the school's single-season record with 179 strikeouts and led the conference in K's at 8.08 per seven innings. A first-team all-conference player for the second straight year, she led the league and is 11th among the NCAA Division I leaders with a .430 batting average. Lindgren, who also played first base, set a UAlbany record with 18 doubles and owns the second-best mark in school history with 34 RBI.

Lindgren, a second-team All-Northeast Region selection for the second consecutive year, helped UAlbany capture the America East regular-season title and the No. 1 seed for this spring's postseason tournament. The Great Danes tied the single-season standard for victories with a 34-18 record. Lindgren finished her career as a pitcher with a 38-10 won-loss mark with 40 complete games, 13 shutouts, 350 strikeouts and a 1.11 ERA. She batted .368, third on the all-time list, with 102 total hits, 54 RBI and a school-record 25 doubles.

University at Albany Athletes of the Year

2003-04: *Male*: Gary Jones (Football), *Female*: Andee Lindgren (Softball)
2002-03: *Male*: Gary Jones (Football), *Female*: Teresa Covert (Track & Field)
2001-02: *Male*: Chris Phillis (Football), *Female*: Amy Di Micco (Field Hockey)
2000-01: *Male*: Michael Oliva (Baseball), *Female*: Dawn Di Micco (Basketball/Lacrosse)
1999-00: *Male*: Todd Cetnar (Basketball), *Female*: Megan Buchanan (Basketball)
1998-99: *Male*: Steve Checksfield (Baseball/Football),
Female: Kelly Poynton (Softball) & Xiomara Davila Diaz (Track & Field)
1997-98: *Male*: Joe Savino (Football), *Female*: Rafaela Nikas (Lacrosse/Volleyball)
1996-97: *Male*: Jomo Forrester (Soccer/Track) & Anthony Vitti (Football),
Female: Tonya Dodge (Cross Country/Track)
1995-96: *Male*: Dennis King (Cross Country/Track), *Female*: Debbie August (Lacrosse)
1994-95: *Male*: Jeffrey York (Track & Field), *Female*: Melinda Cook-Carpenter (Softball)
1993-94: *Male*: Jason Graber (Basketball), *Female*: Lynda Nealis (Basketball)