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## UALBANY'S RYAN GAEDJE FINISHES SEVENTH AT USA JUNIOR NATIONALS

Carson, Calif. – University at Albany's **Ryan Gaedje** (Shenendehowa) finished seventh in the men's 3,000-meter steeplechase at the USA Junior National Track & Field Championships on Saturday afternoon at The Home Depot Center. The top eight finishers in each even earn All-America status.

John Martinez, who will be a freshman at North Carolina State University in the fall, won the race in 9:06.60. Martinez, who competed as a scholastic athlete for North Rockland High School in New York, defeated Kevin McDermott (9:14.53) by nearly eight seconds. Earlier this month, McDermott had edged Martinez for the New York State high school championship in this event.

Gaedje, an 18-year-old who recently completed his freshman year as a member of UAlbany's track and cross country teams, posted a season-best time of 9:39.79.

A native of Rexford, N.Y., Gaedje had qualified for nationals with a time of 9:28.70, when he finished fifth at the America East Conference championships in May. He recorded the best time by a scholastic athlete in the state of New York in 2003 and was third at nationals in the 2,000-meter steeplechase.

USA Junior Nationals competitors must be at least 14 years old on the day of competition but not turn age 20 during 2005. UAlbany's **Alyssa Lotmore** (Bishop Maginn) placed eighth in the women's 1,500-meter run at last year's USA junior national meet.

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### USA Junior National Track & Field Championships

#### Men's 3,000-Meter Steeplechase Final

1. John Martinez, 9:06.60; 2. Kevin McDermott, 9:14.53; 3. Kinsey Dinnel, 9:20.16; 4. David Mehlhorn, 9:23.08; 5. Philip Roach, 9:25.26; 6. Jared Swehosky, 9:31.53; 7. Ryan Gaedje, 9:39.79; 8. Shane Young, 9:41.82; 9. Alexander Mason, 9:44.23; 10. Karch Hickman, 9:48.81; 11. Travis Wolfe, 9:52.08; 12. Roel Elizalde, 9:56.84; 13. Dominic Vogl, 10:08.04; 14. Donald Gies, 10:09.37; 15. Alejandro Shepard, 10:24.03.





**2005 USA Junior Outdoor Track & Field Championships**

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Men 3000 Meter Steeplechase Junior

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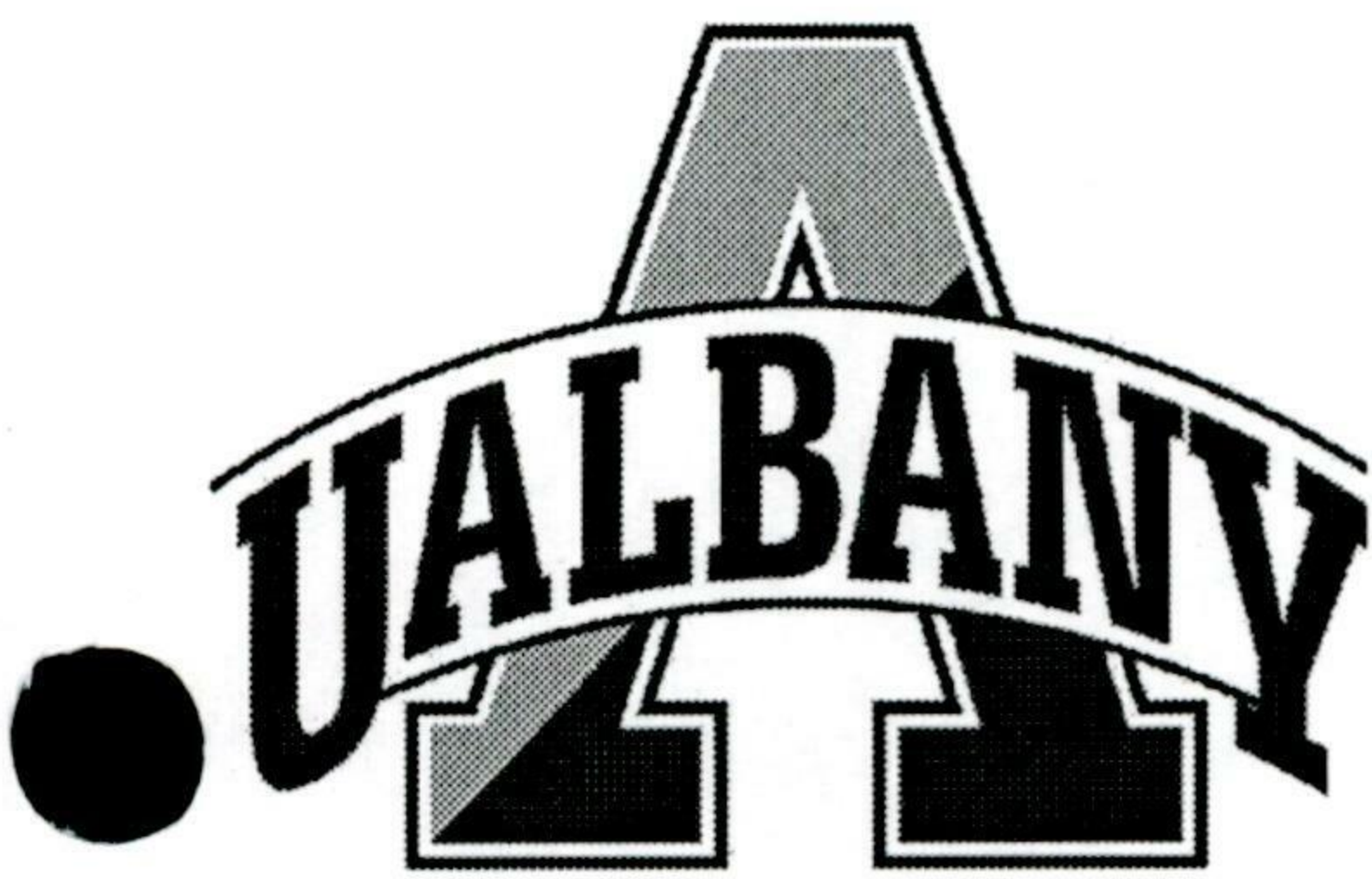
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June 23, 2005

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## UALBANY'S RYAN GAEDJE WILL COMPETE AT JUNIOR TRACK NATIONALS

Carson, Calif. – University at Albany's **Ryan Gaedje** (Shenendehowa) will compete in the 3,000-meter steeplechase at the USA Junior National Track & Field Championships on June 23-26. The four-day meet will be held at The Home Depot Center.

Gaedje, who just completed his freshman year as a member of the school's track and cross country teams, qualified for nationals with a time of 9:28.70, when he finished fifth at the America East Conference championships. He is scheduled to run in Saturday's final at 6:40 p.m. ET. A native of Rexford, N.Y., Gaedje posted the best time by a scholastic athlete in the state of New York in 2003 and was third at nationals in the 2,000-meter steeplechase.

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## UALBANY INFIELDER JOE LAMB SIGNS WITH CANADIAN AMERICAN LEAGUE

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany's **Joe Lamb** recently signed a professional baseball contract with the New Jersey Jackals of the Canadian American Association of Professional Baseball. Lamb joins **Shawn Ryan** and **Steve Checksfield** as former UAlbany players in the CanAm League.

Lamb, an America East All-Conference selection, batted .253 with 12 extra-base hits and 14 RBI this season. Lamb, who started 192 games at shortstop for the Great Danes, finished his career among the school's all-time leaders in hits (206), runs (146), RBI (97) and stolen bases (57).





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## UALBANY PITCHER SHAWN RYAN SIGNS WITH CANADIAN AMERICAN LEAGUE

Quebec City, Quebec – University at Albany's **Shawn Ryan** (Stillwater Central) has signed a one-year contract with the Quebec Les Capitales of the Canadian American Association of Professional Baseball.

Ryan, who is UAlbany's career saves leader with 23, has already made four appearances for Les Capitales, who are in first place in the North Division at 14-3. Ryan has posted a 4.91 earned run average, scattering six hits and two earned runs in 3.2 innings. The 6-foot-1 right-hander has walked two batters and recorded six strikeouts.

"I was really nervous in my first game against New Haven," said Ryan, who earned America East All-Conference Second Team accolades this season. "Then I settled down and pitched pretty well the next time out. This is a great opportunity to play professional baseball. It's what I have been working toward for the last 18 years."

Ryan finished second in the America East with seven saves this season for the Great Danes. He posted a 2-3 record and 3.93 ERA in 20 appearances as the bullpen's closer. He recorded 40 strikeouts in 34.1 innings and finished his career by fanning 110 batters.





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## **PAT FILIEN AND ERIC EATON NAMED ASSISTANT MEN'S BASKETBALL COACHES**

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany head basketball coach Will Brown announced today the hiring of Pat Filien and Eric Eaton as assistant coaches. Filien was a four-year assistant at Vermont, while Eaton comes to the UAlbany program following a previous assignment at Holy Cross.

Filien had worked on Tom Brennan's UVM staff since July 2001, where he was responsible for recruiting, scouting and skill development. The Catamounts enjoyed unparalleled success during his years with the program. Vermont made three NCAA appearances, captured three America East Conference championships and posted four consecutive 20-plus win campaigns. Filien played a key role in the progress of three-time America East player of the year Taylor Coppenrath.

A native of Queens, N.Y., Filien was a two-year starter at the College of Saint Rose, where he received a B.A. in public communications in 1993. He was named to the All-ECAC-South second-team as a senior, when the Golden Knights posted a 25-6 record and reached the NCAA Division II tournament.

Filien began his college coaching career at Southern Vermont College, where he worked from 1994-96. He then moved to Lock Haven University in Pennsylvania for two years, before a three-year stint at C.W. Post-Long Island in Brookville, N.Y.

Eaton coached at Holy Cross from 2000-04 as a member of Ralph Willard's staff. He assisted in all aspects of the program, including on-court coaching, scouting, recruiting and camp coordination. The Crusaders won three Patriot League championships and reached the NCAA tournament in three consecutive seasons. The 2002-03 squad posted a 26-5 record.

Previous to Holy Cross, Eaton was an assistant coach for one year at Assumption College in Worcester, Mass. He also worked at Anna Maria College from 1997-99 and was a volunteer assistant at UMass-Dartmouth, when that program won 20 games and made an NCAA Division III appearance.

A member of the UMass-Dartmouth Athletic Hall of Fame, Eaton played on three Little East Conference championship teams that reached the NCAAs in the mid-1990s. He averaged 11.7 points per game as a senior, when the Corsairs won the Little East regular-season title and advanced to the ECAC semifinals. He earned his undergraduate degree in business management.





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## UALBANY FOOTBALL RECEIVES COMMITMENTS FROM 33 STUDENT-ATHLETES

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany head football coach Bob Ford announced today that 33 student-athletes have committed to play for the Great Danes in the fall of 2005. The Great Danes, who finished third in the Northeast Conference standings last year, begin their schedule against Atlantic 10 Conference opponent Hofstra on Saturday, Sept. 10.

"We needed to address our running back situation," said Ford, who has 205 career wins at the college level and has guided the UAlbany program to a pair of NEC titles. "Each player has speed with the ability to catch the ball out of the backfield. On defense, we were able to bring in some solid linebackers and several good linemen who could help us immediately. It's a big class in terms of numbers and we met the needs of our program with this group."

The 2005 class is comprised of 17 players from the state of New York, plus 10 from New Jersey, two from Pennsylvania, and one each from North Carolina, Connecticut, Texas and New Hampshire. The breakdown by position includes two quarterbacks, four offensive linemen, three wide receivers, five running backs, one tight end, six linebackers, six defensive linemen, four defensive backs and two kickers.

The Great Danes landed several talented offensive players, especially at the running back position. **Marcus Allen**, a transfer from Valley Forge Military College, was named the Seaboard Conference Offensive Player of the Year. He rushed for a combined 1,777 yards and 15 touchdowns in his two years with the program. **Stephon Cooper** earned New Jersey All-State Group I recognition after rushing for 1,351 yards and 12 TDs last season. Northern New Jersey quarterback **Vinny Esposito** passed for 2,700 yards and 28 touchdowns, and was selected to the Associated Press all-state first team. **Marcus Miles**, an All-Onondaga League tight end in Central New York, caught 26 passes for 352 yards as a senior.

**Jason Gagnon**, a 6-foot-1, 305-pound defensive tackle from Manchester, N.H., leads a group of incoming defenders. Gagnon was chosen to the all-state Division I first team three consecutive years. Erie Community College transfer **Ben Bayer** (6-2, 215) totaled 98 tackles, seven sacks and three interceptions last season.

UAlbany also picked up three all-area players from the Capital Region. **Kevin Richards** was a member of the Class AA all-state second team as selected by the New York Sportswriters Association. Richards, a 6-foot-2, 285-pound offensive lineman from Shenendehowa High, also earned *Albany Times Union* first-team All-Area honors. **David McCarty** (LaSalle Institute) rushed for 2,828 yards and 29 touchdowns during his scholastic career, and was a *Troy Record* first-team All-Area selection. **Dave Casale** (Troy) made 76 tackles and eight interceptions as a consensus all-area defensive back.

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## 2005 University at Albany Football Newcomers

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown (High School)
Marcus Allen*	TB	5-11	194	Fayetteville, N.C. (Seventy-First)
Eric Althardt	PK/P	5-7	160	Allegany, N.Y. (Allegany-Limestone)
Ben Amorese	OG	6-3	280	Endwell, N.Y. (Maine-Endwell)
Rudy Armstrong	OLB	6-0	195	Bronx, N.Y. (Byram Hills)
Ben Bayer^	LB	6-2	215	Clarence, N.Y. (Clarence Central)
John Boyd	OT	6-4	280	Orchard Park, N.Y. (Orchard Park)
Mike Burke	DE	6-5	230	Clarks Summit, Pa. (Scranton Prep)
Dave Casale	FS	6-1	175	Troy, N.Y. (Troy)
Stephon Cooper	TB	5-9	185	Metuchen, N.J. (Metuchen)
Anthony Cortina	SE	6-0	205	Hamilton, N.J. (Steinert)
Paul Cynewski	DE	6-3	235	Moorestown, N.J. (Moorestown)
Vinny Esposito	QB	6-1	205	Demarest, N.J. (Northern Valley Regional)
Jason Gagnon	DT	6-1	305	Manchester, N.H. (Manchester Memorial)
Jamel Gray	FB	5-9	225	Yonkers, N.Y. (Mount St. Michael Academy)
Richie Guillod	FL	5-9	180	Closter, N.J. (Northern Valley Demarest)
Jean Juste	CB	5-11	167	Hempstead, N.Y. (Uniondale)
Chris Kenneally	RB	6-0	220	Harrington Park, N.J. (Northern Valley Regional)
Emerson Kinsey	OLB	6-0	193	Syracuse, N.Y. (Henninger)
Nick Krajacic	LB	6-0	220	Farmington, N.Y. (Victor Central)
David Kropilak	QB	6-1	170	Rochelle Park, N.J. (Hackensack)
David McCarty	TB	6-0	172	Gansevoort, N.Y. (LaSalle Institute)
Seamus McLaughlin++	DE	6-2	255	Wethersfield, Conn. (Wethersfield)
Marcus Miles	TE	6-3	215	Watertown, N.Y. (Watertown)
Nicholas Parker	DE	6-3	240	Northport, N.Y. (Northport)
Kevin Richards	C	6-2	285	Clifton Park, N.Y. (Shenendehowa)
Anthony Rogers	CB	6-1	175	Brockport, N.Y. (Brockport)
Tony Sparano	DE	5-11	231	Colleyville, Texas (Grapevine)
Apollo Story+	SE	6-2	198	North Babylon, N.Y. (North Babylon)
Steve Talarico#	OG	6-2	295	Peckville, Pa. (Bishop O'Hara)
Adam Tanalski+	PK	5-9	183	Bellerose Village, N.Y. (St. Francis Prep)
Kevin Wagner	ROV	5-11	195	Howell, N.J. (Freehold Township)
Dave West	OLB	5-10	190	Toms River, N.J. (Toms River North)
Cleon Wilson	CB	6-0	165	Lakewood, N.J. (Lakewood)

\*Valley Forge Military College transfer

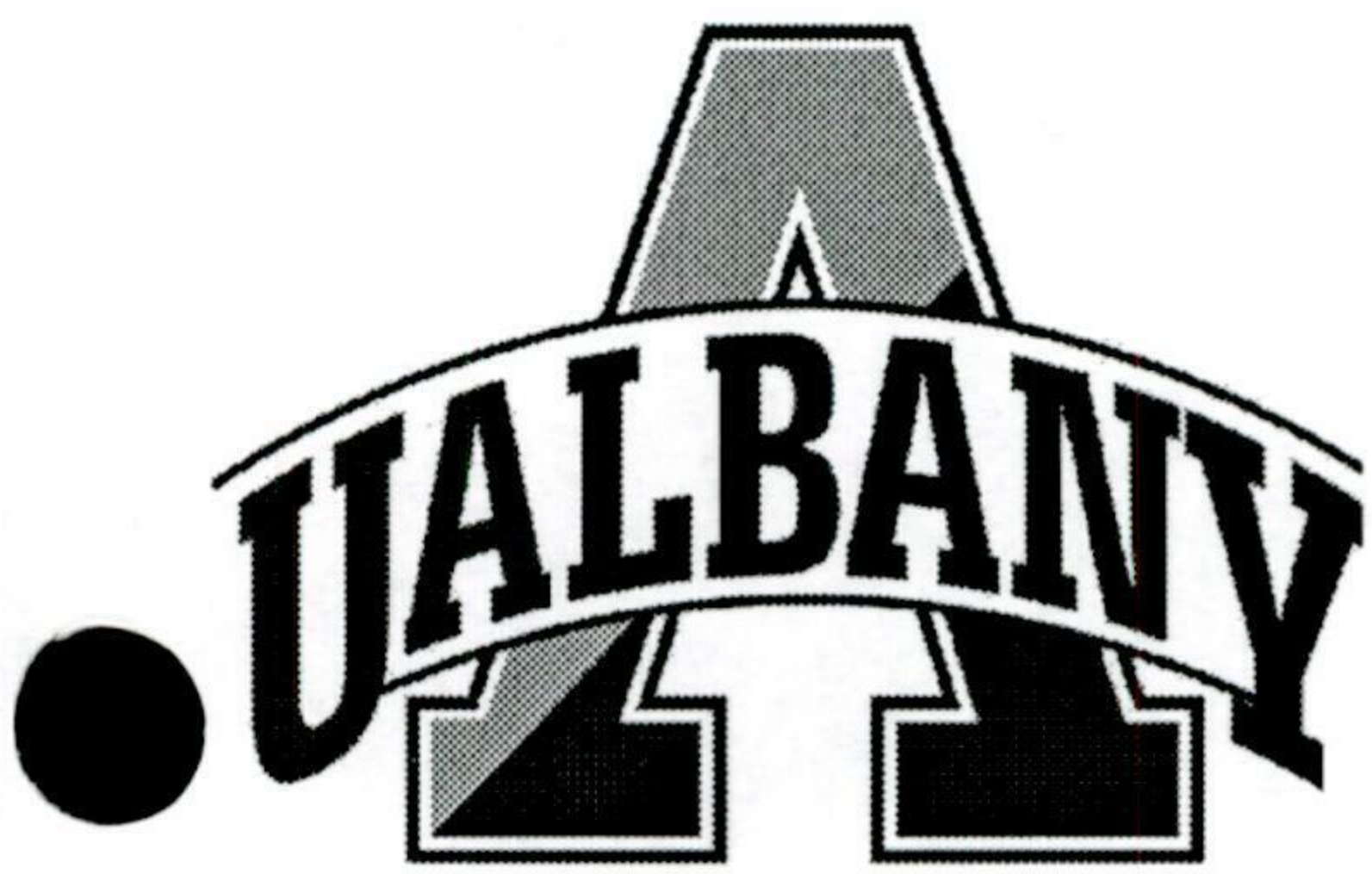
+Nassau Community College transfer

^Erie Community College transfer

++Dean Junior College

#Lackawanna College





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## **UALBANY'S KEVIN RAE WILL PLAY IN NORTH-SOUTH ALL-STAR LACROSSE GAME**

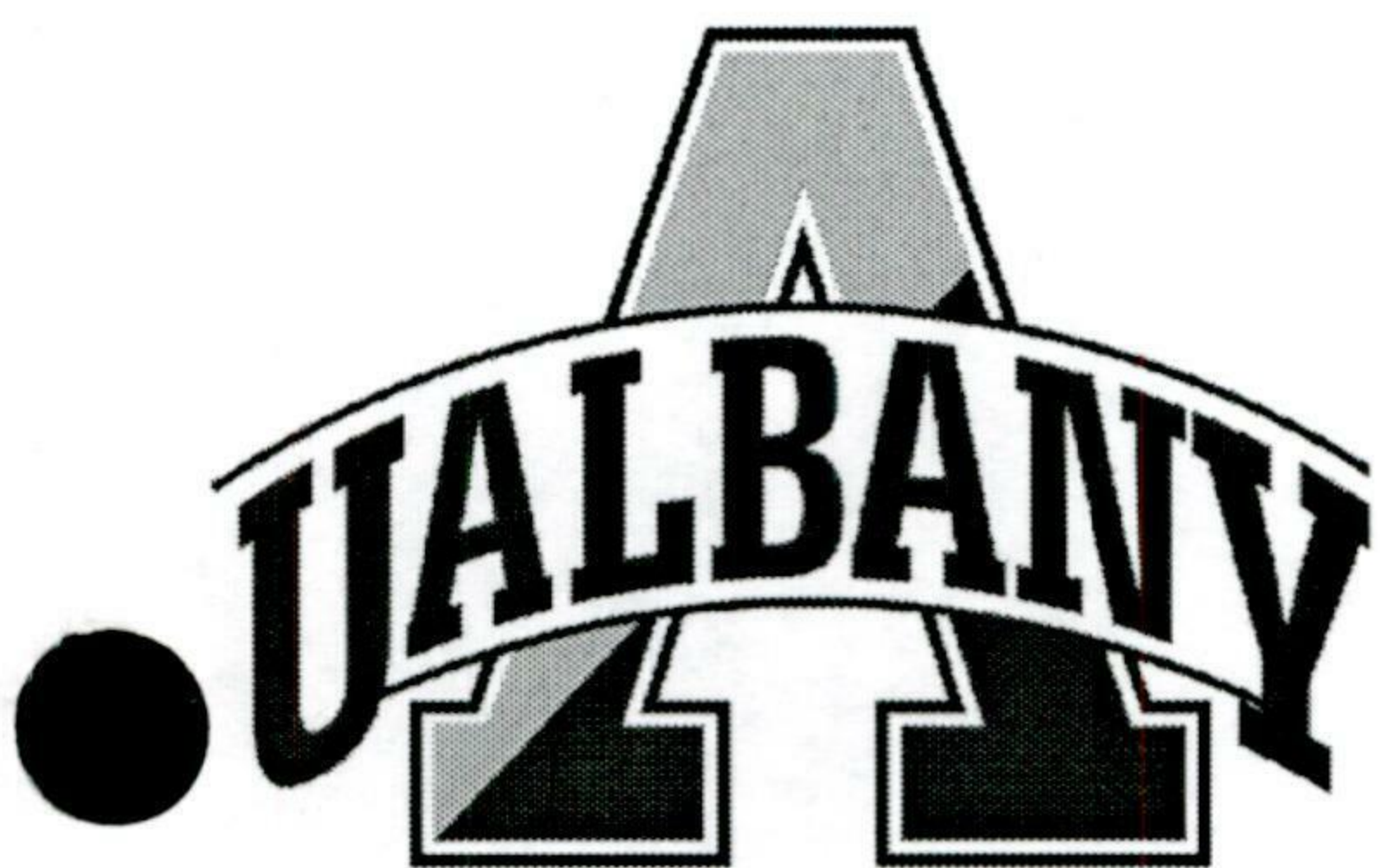
Cortland, N.Y. – University at Albany's Kevin Rae has been selected to play in the 64th Annual North-South All-Star Game that features the nation's finest senior collegiate lacrosse players. The Division I all-star contest will be held at SUNY Cortland Stadium Complex on Saturday, June 11 at 3:00 p.m.

Rae, a first-team All-America East Conference goalkeeper, ranked 17th nationally with a .576 save percentage to go with a 10.18 goals against average. He earned his third consecutive America East championship MVP award with eight of his 14 saves in the opening quarter against Stony Brook in leading his team to its third consecutive title.

Rae finished his career as UAlbany's all-time saves leader with 835. He made double-figure saves 48 times as a collegian, including 17 against Virginia in this year's NCAA Tournament. He had a career-high 24 saves against nationally-ranked Massachusetts in March.

A native of Yorktown Heights, N.Y., Rae led the Great Danes to three consecutive 10-win campaigns and three straight NCAA berths. UAlbany was ranked No. 13 in the final regular-season USILA national poll.





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## ANDY ALLSTADT NAMED TO COSIDA ACADEMIC DISTRICT I TRACK TEAM

Fairfield, Conn. – University at Albany's **Andy Allstadt** has been named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District I Men's Track and Cross Country Team as announced on Friday, June 3 by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

Allstadt, a Presidential Scholar, received an ECAC Merit Medal and a Chancellor's Scholar-Athlete Award in 2005. A senior, Allstadt has a 3.64 grade point average in biology and has been accepted into the school's graduate program.

Allstadt earned All-America East Conference recognition for the third consecutive year with a seventh-place finish at the conference cross country championships. He placed in the top 10 for the second straight year at the IC4A championships by capturing seventh with a time of 25:46 over the Van Cortlandt Park course.

An accomplished track athlete, Allstadt was the 2005 America East outdoor champion in the 10,000-meters and third in the 5,000, as UAlbany won its second championship in the last three years. Allstadt placed fifth in the 5,000-meter run and sixth in the 3,000 at the 2005 America East Indoor Championships.



# **ESPN THE MAGAZINE ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® TEAM**

## **SELECTED BY COSIDA**

FROM: Gene Gumbs, District Coordinator

RE: Track/Cross Country University Division District I Team

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### **2004-05 ESPN The Magazine District I Track/Cross Country Academic All-America Team**

#### **Selected by CoSIDA**

**(Please Observe Release Date of June 3!)**

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Yr.</b>	<b>Hometown</b>	<b>GPA</b>	<b>Major</b>
Andy Allstadt	University at Albany	SR	Endicott, NY	3.64	Biology
Dan Boyajian	Colgate University	SO	Clifton Park, NY	3.78	Environmental Geography
Matthew Clark	University of Massachusetts	SR	Worcester, MA	3.727	Journalism
Patrick Dantzer	Yale University	JR	Gross Pointe, MI	3.72	Biology
Sean Furey	Dartmouth College	SR	Methuen, MA	3.67	Engineering Sciences
Aaron Hill	Northeastern University	JR	Ben Wheeler, TX	3.969	Electrical Engineering
Jonathan Koronen	University of Massachusetts	SR	Gardner, MA	3.941	Communications
Lucas Meyer	Yale University	SR	Ridgefield, CT	3.38	Comparative Literature
Casey Moriarty	Yale University	SR	Seattle, WA	3.46	History
Adam Sansiveri	Cornell University	SR	Pine City, NY	3.45	Communications
Paul Strozier	U.S. Military Academy	SR	Irvine, CA	3.828	System Engineering





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**UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY AWARDED AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE COMMISSIONER'S CUP**  
(SEE ATTACHED RELEASE)

**UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY ANNOUNCES 2004-05 MALE & FEMALE ATHLETES OF THE YEAR**

Albany, N.Y. – Luke Daquino, an All-America lacrosse attackman, and Blair Buchanan, a volleyball setter who also earned All-American recognition, have been chosen as the University at Albany's 2004-05 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 program.

Daquino, a senior from Farmingville, N.Y., was chosen to the 2005 STX-USILA All-America squad as an honorable mention selection. He made his third consecutive appearance on the All-America East Conference first team. Daquino ranked third in assists (2.31 pg) and fifth in scoring (4.38 ppg) among the NCAA Division I leaders. He totaled 33 goals and 37 assists for 70 points, the sixth highest single-season total in UAlbany history. Daquino, who was named to the America East all-tournament team for the fourth straight year, tallied five or more points against nine opponents.

Daquino led the Great Danes to the America East championship and the program's third consecutive NCAA tournament berth. UAlbany tied a school record with a 10-6 mark, and was ranked No. 13 nationally in the final regular-season USILA poll. Daquino, the first UAlbany player to score 50-plus points in four straight seasons, finished his career as the program's all-time scorer with 234 points (103 goals, 131 assists). He shattered a record that had stood since 1992.

Buchanan, a sophomore from Muncie, Ind., was named to the American Volleyball Coaches Association's All-America team in the honorable mention category. An AVCA All-Northeast Region selection, Buchanan was voted the 2004 America East Conference Player and Setter of the Year. She is the first player in conference history to receive both awards. Buchanan led UAlbany to its first-ever America East championship with a 27-7 record. The Great Danes became the first women's program in school history to earn an NCAA Division I tournament berth.

Buchanan, a first-team all-conference choice, averaged a league-leading 12.59 assists per game, plus set the school's single-season record with 1,448 assists. She had 50 or more assists against nine opponents, including a UAlbany single-game record 71 vs. Stony Brook. Buchanan, who was a member of the America East all-tournament squad when her team posted a thrilling five-game victory over Maine in the championship final, also averaged 1.28 kills and 2.31 digs to go with a .331 hitting percentage.

**University at Albany Athletes of the Year**  
(since 1999-2000 as a Division I program)

- 2004-05: *Male:* Luke Daquino (Lacrosse); *Female:* Blair Buchanan (Volleyball)
- 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)





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## Albany Wins Commissioner's Cup

**BOSTON-** The University at Albany has been awarded the 2004-05 Stuart P. Haskell, Jr. Commissioner's Cup it was announced today by Julie Ruppert, Interim Commissioner of America East. It is the first such award for the Great Danes, who recently completed their fourth season in the conference. The Commissioner's Cup annually recognizes the strongest athletic program in America East as determined by a scoring system which rewards a school for success both during the regular season and at championship competition in the conference's 22 sports.

Albany totaled 380 points to unseat Boston University, which had 368 points and had won each of the last three Commissioner's Cups. Binghamton University (357) was third, followed by University of Maine (332), Northeastern University (316), University of New Hampshire (308), Stony Brook University (266), University of Vermont (242), UMBC (236) and University of Hartford (151).

Albany's point total was bolstered by championships in volleyball, men's lacrosse, men's outdoor track and field, and softball. In addition, the Great Danes were runners-up in men's indoor track and field, and women's golf. The men's soccer, volleyball, men's lacrosse and softball teams either won or shared the regular-season titles.

"The Commissioner's Cup represents the hard work, dedication and tireless efforts of UAlbany's student-athletes, coaches, administrative staff and campus leadership," said Dr. Lee McElroy, Director of Athletics at Albany. "This teamwork approach has allowed us to build a comprehensive athletic program for men and women that strives for excellence with the goal of performing at a consistent level."

Boston University also won four championships as the women's cross country, men's soccer, women's tennis and women's lacrosse teams each earned titles. Binghamton was victorious in women's soccer, men's tennis and men's golf. Maine saw it's men's cross country and baseball teams earn championships.

Other institutions to win sports championships included Northeastern (field hockey, women's indoor track and field, men's indoor track and field, and women's outdoor track and field), New Hampshire (women's swimming and diving), Vermont (men's basketball), UMBC (men's swimming and diving) and Hartford (women's basketball, women's golf).

The Stuart P. Haskell, Jr. Commissioner's Cup is named in honor of the first commissioner of America East. Haskell served as commissioner of the conference from 1987 until his retirement in 1997.

The scoring system for the Stuart P. Haskell, Jr. Commissioner's Cup is as follows: In sports where regular-season round robin competition is conducted, the first-place institution in the final standings receives four points times the total number of teams involved in conference play. The second-place institution receives four less points; third place receives eight less points, and so on. Additionally, the America East (tournament) champion receives two points times the total number of teams participating in the championship. The second-place institution receives two less points; third place receives four less points and so on down to the last-place institution which receives two points.

In sports where regular-season round robin competition is not conducted (cross country, golf, tennis, track and field, swimming and diving), the first place institution at the America East championship receives two points times the total number of teams participating in the championship. The second place institution receives two less points; third place gets four less points and so on down to the last place team which receives two points.