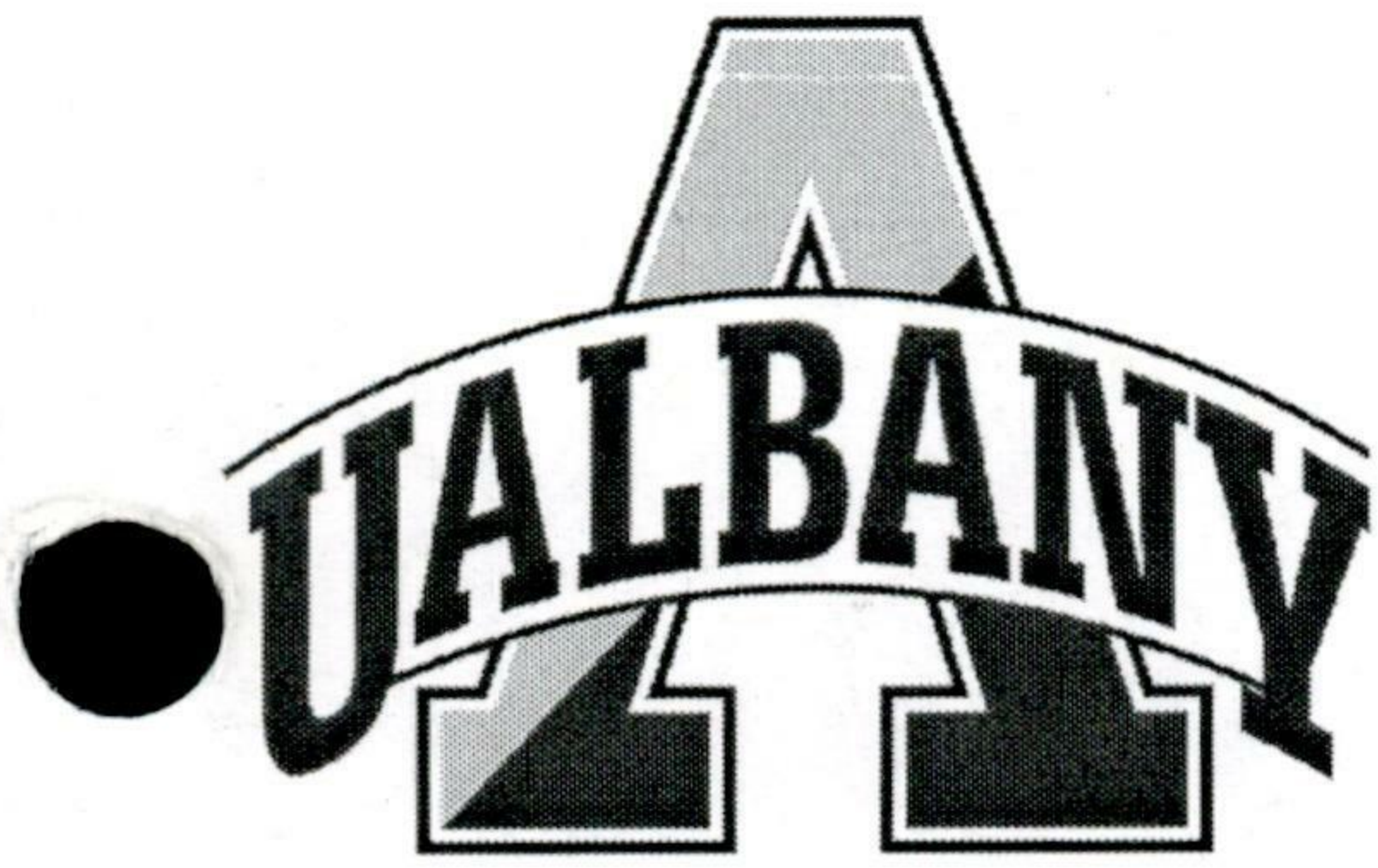


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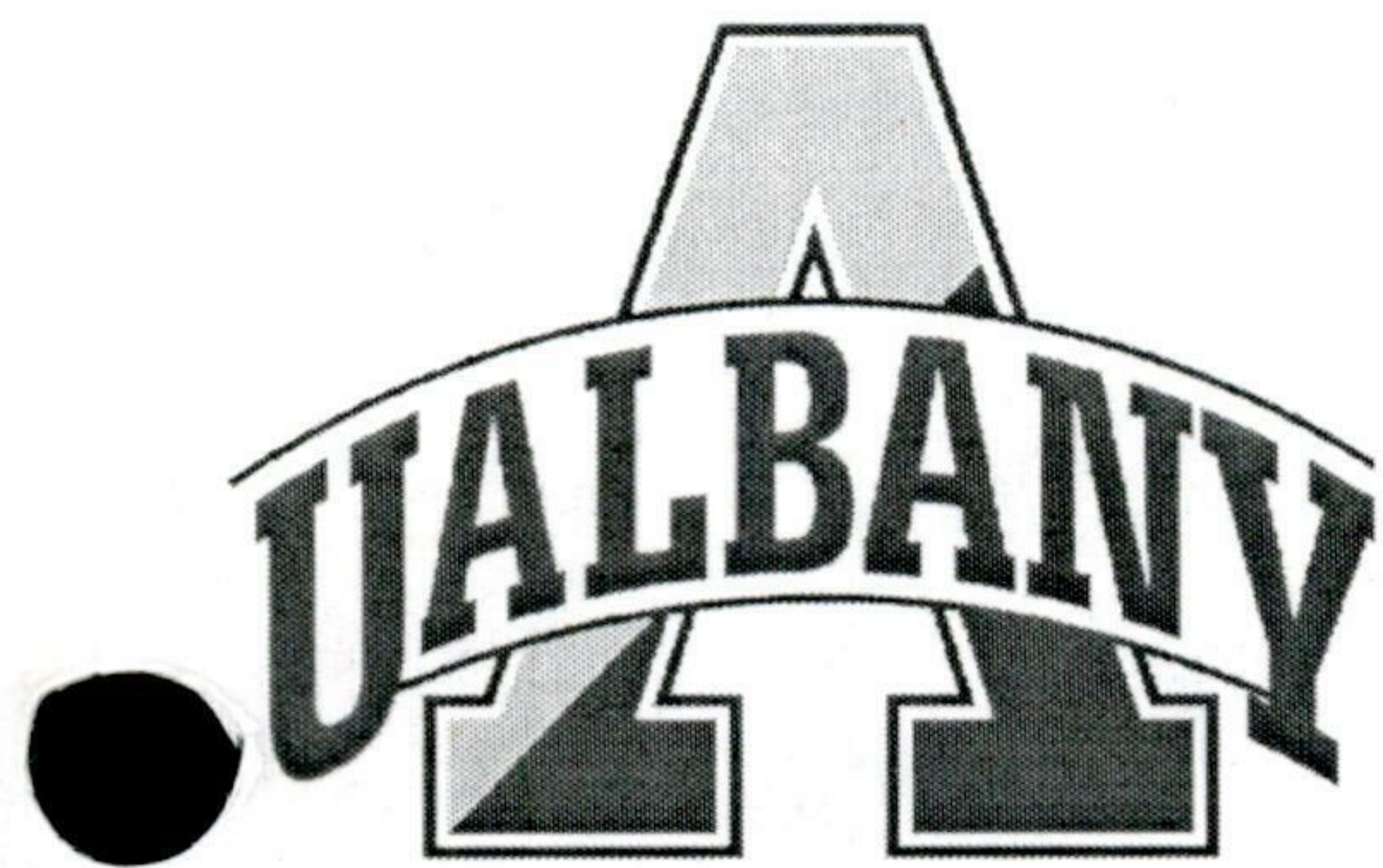
**Albany – Announced men’s basketball forward Al Turley is leaving school.**

**AL TURLEY LEAVES UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY BASKETBALL PROGRAM**

Albany, N.Y. -- University at Albany men’s basketball forward Al Turley is leaving the University at Albany for personal reasons and intends to stay closer to his family, as head coach Will Brown announced today.

Turley, a 6-foot-7 and 285-pound forward/center, was a starter in 11 of 30 games played as a freshman last season. He averaged 2.9 points and 2.3 rebounds and blocked 15 shots. Turley, who was born in New Orleans, was an all-district selection as a scholastic player at Westfield High School in Houston, Texas.

“Al has made a decision that he feels is in his best personal interest,” Brown said. “He has informed me of his intent to pursue a college football career in his home state. As a student-athlete, he had a solid first year on the court and in the classroom. We thank him for his contributions to our program and wish him well.”



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## UALBANY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SET TO TAKE INTERNATIONAL TRIP TO COSTA RICA

Albany, N.Y. – The University at Albany women's basketball team will embark on a four-day international trip to Costa Rica, beginning August 29, as announced today by Director of Athletics and Vice President Lee McElroy. Costa Rica is a republic in South America, bordered by Nicaragua to the north and Panama to the south, with the Caribbean Sea to the east and the Pacific Ocean to the west, with a population of over 4.1 million.

"It is an incredible asset to get experience and practice this early in the year," said UAlbany head coach Trina Patterson. "The trip gives us a chance to mesh our eight returning players with our five newcomers as quickly as possible. We will be able to do some team bonding activities and also evaluate players in a competitive aspect, which will help prepare us for the season."

The Great Danes will depart from New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport, arriving at La Condesa Monte de la Cruz Hotel in Heredia, Costa Rica that afternoon. UAlbany will play the first of two exhibition games against Universidad Nacional de Costa Rica on the evening of Aug. 29. The Great Danes then face the Costa Rican National Team on Saturday before spending a day on the Pacific Coast in Jaco, Costa Rica the following day.

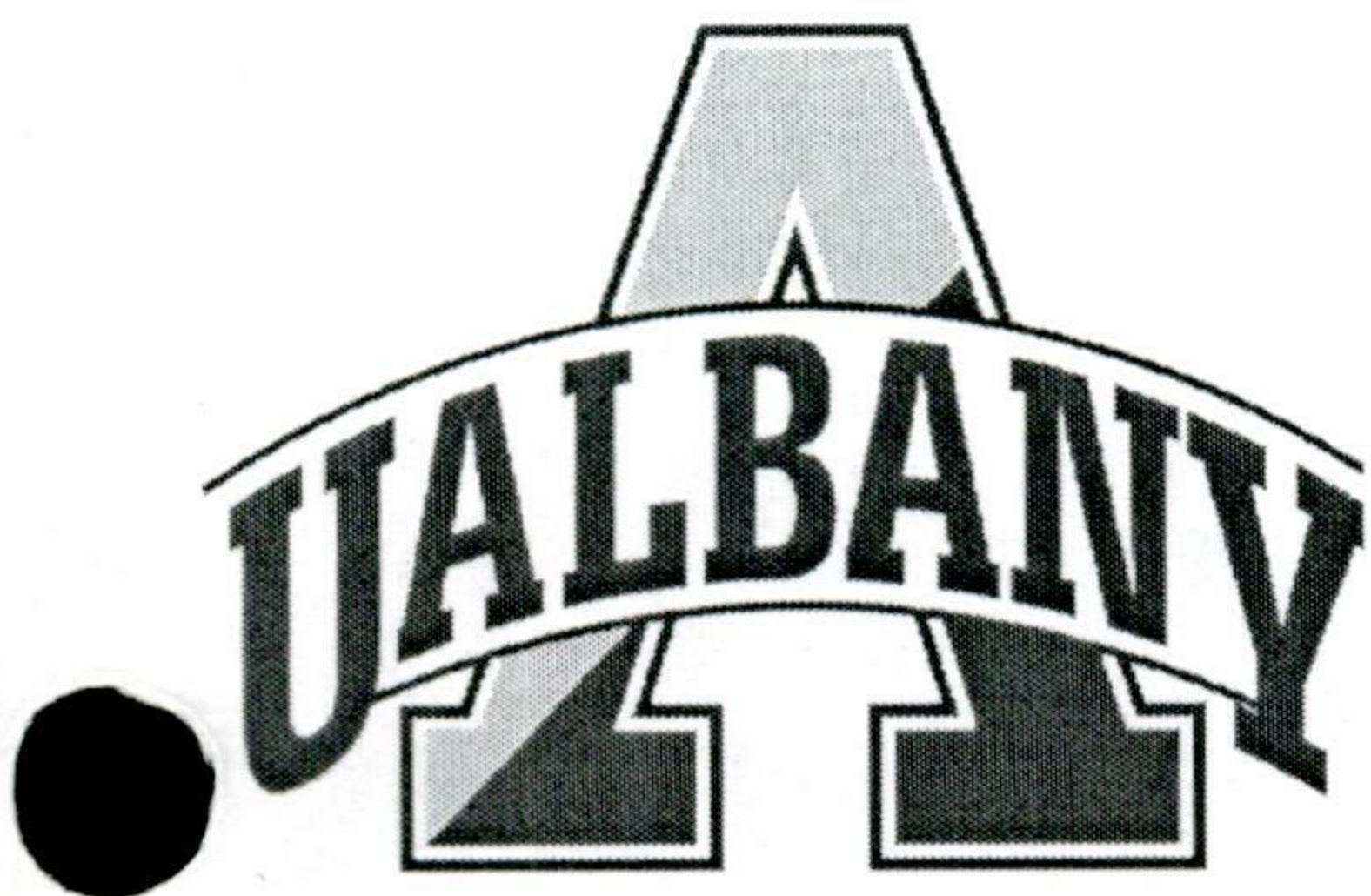
"This trip will give us more time to learn about each other and gel together as a team," said UAlbany junior guard Charity Iromuanya. "We have a chance to play together and see what we have to work on to prepare us for the season."

UAlbany is coming off a season in which the Great Danes posted the most wins in America East Conference play with a 10-6 record and produced the program's second appearance in the conference postseason tournament's semifinal round. UAlbany won just one of its opening 12 games, but rebounded in the second half of the season to finish 13-18 overall. Patterson was voted the 2008 America East Coach of the Year.

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### UAlbany Women's Basketball – Costa Rica Tour Schedule

Friday, Aug. 29	Universidad Nacional de Costa Rica	9:30 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 30	Costa Rican National Team	10:30 p.m.



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## UALBANY VOLLEYBALL PICKED FIRST IN AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE PRESEASON POLL

Cambridge, Mass. – The University at Albany volleyball team was picked to finish first in the America East Conference preseason poll, as voted by the league's head coaches and announced on Tuesday afternoon. The Great Danes, who have won three of the last four America East championships, received four first-place votes for 33 total points.

UAlbany edged out New Hampshire in the voting, as the Wildcats garnered two first-place votes and 31 points. UMBC earned the final first-place vote to finish third in the poll, followed by Binghamton, Stony Brook, Hartford and Maine.

UAlbany became the first America East program to win a match in the NCAA Tournament, defeating Cleveland State, 3-0, last season. The Great Danes return 2007 conference rookie of the year Amanda Cowdrey and the postseason championship's most outstanding player Brooke Stanley. UAlbany will retain much of its youth from last season, with just two seniors gracing a 13-player roster. The list includes all-conference first-team middle blocker Kamisha Kellam, who was among the league leaders last season in hitting percentage (.327), kills (3.24 kpg) and blocks (1.06 bpg).

The 2008 America East volleyball championship will take place November 21-23 at the top seed's home court. The top four teams from the regular season will participate in the championship and the tournament winner will earn an automatic berth to the NCAA Tournament.

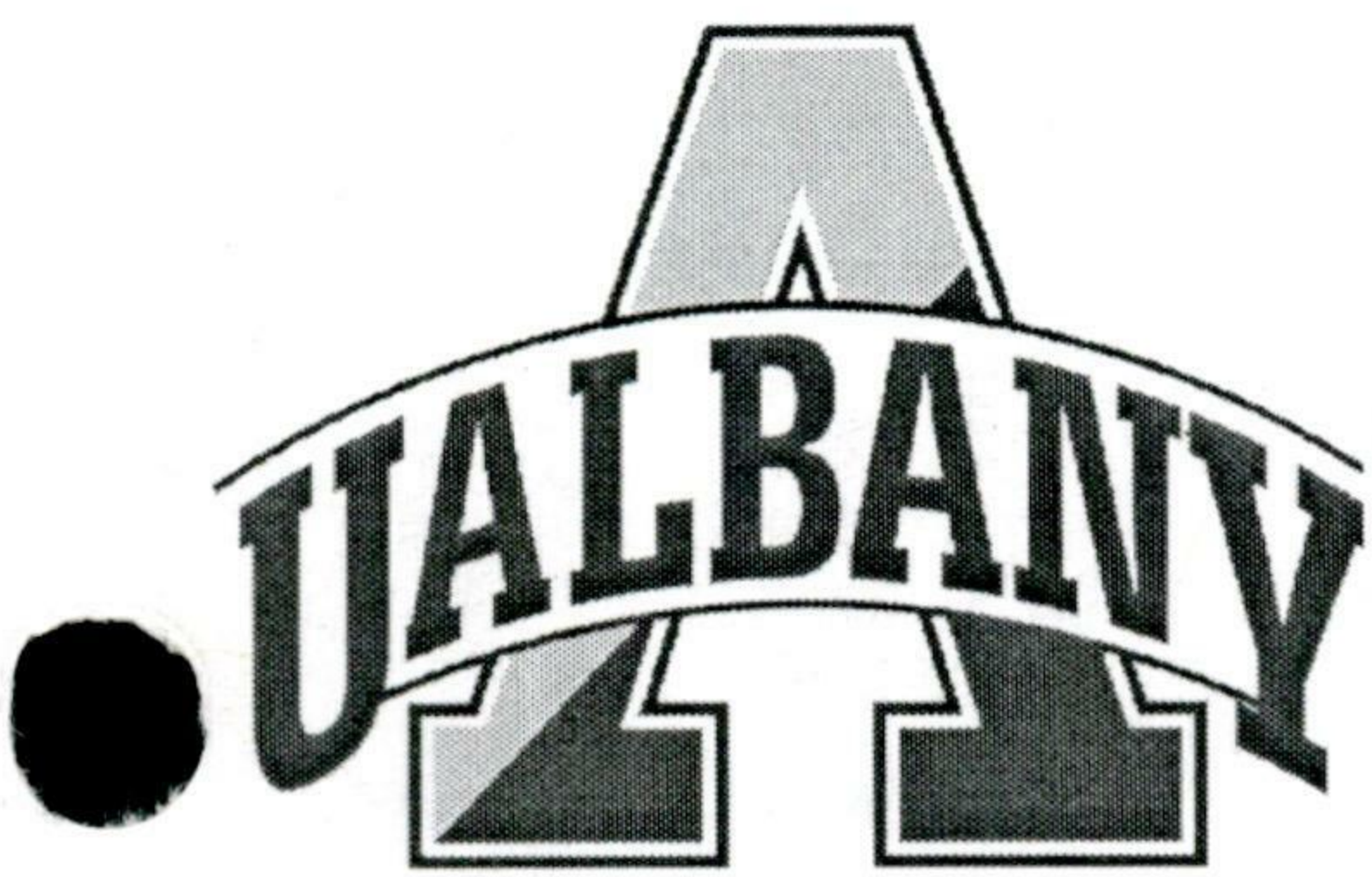
UAlbany starts the 2008 season on August 29 at San Diego State's Aztec Invitational.

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### 2008 America East Conference Volleyball Preseason Poll

1. UAlbany (4) 33, 2. New Hampshire (2) 31, 3. UMBC (1) 29, 4. Binghamton 21, 5. Stony Brook 16, 6. Hartford 9, 7. Maine 8.

first-place votes in parenthesis ( )



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**WOMEN'S SOCCER CHOSEN SEVENTH IN AMERICA EAST PRESEASON COACHES' POLL**

Albany, N.Y. – The University at Albany women's soccer team was chosen to finish seventh in the 2008 America East Conference preseason poll, according to a vote of the league's head coaches as announced on Monday, Aug. 18. The Great Danes, who posted their best winning percentage last year since joining the Division I ranks, received 23 points in the poll and kick off their season on Friday, Aug. 22 at Syracuse.

Boston University was unanimously picked to win the conference championship. The Terriers received eight first-place votes and 64 points. New Hampshire was picked to finish second with one first-place vote and 52 points. Stony Brook checked in at third with 46 points, followed by Maine, Hartford, Binghamton, UAlbany, Vermont and UMBC. The Great Danes were only three points behind Binghamton for sixth.

After posting its two winningest seasons at the Division I level in 2006 and 2007, UAlbany should be primed to make greater strides this fall in the program's tenth season of competition on the NCAA's highest stage. The squad returns eight letterwinners, including four starters from last year.

UAlbany's offensive attack begins with Teresa Boring, who was named the America East rookie of the year last season after accumulating nine goals and two assists for 20 points. Forwards Diana Barrera and Ashley Tirabassi, as well as midfielder Jaclyn Rosada, should also bolster the offense. Furthermore, a 10-member freshman class which hails from across the country and Canada should step in right away and help the program continue to grow.

The top six teams in the conference will advance to the America East Championship. All of the games in the conference's postseason tournament will be played at the higher seed, with the winner receiving an automatic bid to the NCAAs.

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**2008 America East Women's Soccer Preseason Poll**

1. Boston University (8)	64
2. New Hampshire (1)	52
3. Stony Brook	46
4. Maine	45
5. Hartford	40
6. Binghamton	26
<b>7. UAlbany</b>	<b>23</b>
8. Vermont	19
9. UMBC	9

( ) – first-place votes



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**UALBANY PICKED TO DEFEND NORTHEAST CONFERENCE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP  
The Great Danes Place Six Players on Preseason All-NEC Squad**

Somerset, N.J. – According to a preseason poll of Northeast Conference head coaches, the University at Albany has been chosen to defend its conference football championship in 2008. The Great Danes, who became the fifth team in NEC history to go undefeated in league play en route to last year's title, received five first-place votes. Monmouth placed second in the voting with two first-place votes, while Central Connecticut State was third with one vote to finish first in the standings.

This year's NEC champion will host the winner of the Pioneer Football League in the third annual Gridiron Classic, an exempted postseason football game that takes place on Saturday, Dec. 6. The Northeast Conference receives an automatic NCAA Division I FCS playoff berth, beginning in 2010. In addition, Duquesne joins the conference as its eighth football-playing member this season.

"Our school and program are respected and that's a major reason why we were voted to win the conference," said UAlbany's Bob Ford, who leads all active FCS head coaches with 225 career victories. "Our offensive line has a strong nucleus returning and we have a great tailback. The defense is solid with some key players back from last year. But I tell the squad every day that we have arrived at a point where you can lose on any weekend in this conference."

The Great Danes, who won the NEC crown for the third time since joining the league in 1999, finished with an 8-4 overall record. Coach Ford has 46 letterwinners, including 11 starters, back from last year's championship team. UAlbany has produced seven or more wins six times as an Division I FCS program.

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**2008 Northeast Conference Preseason Coaches Football Poll**

1. UAlbany (5), 2. Monmouth (2), 3. Central Connecticut State (1), 4. Wagner, 5. Duquesne, 6. Robert Morris, 7. Sacred Heart, 8. St. Francis, Pa. ( ) – first-place votes

Somerset, N.J. – The Northeast Conference announced today its 2008 preseason all-conference football team. UAlbany had six players voted to the squad by the conference's head coaches. Nineteen of the 25 student-athletes on the preseason all-star unit earned NEC postseason honors last year.

David McCarty, who was named to the Sports Network FCS All-America team, ran for 1,503 yards, the third-highest single-season total in program history. The junior tailback ranked 10th among the nation's rushing leaders at 125.3 yards per game. McCarty, who also totaled 1,634 all-purpose yards, gained 100 or more yards on the ground in eight games. He was a second-team All-NEC selection in 2007.

Raphael Nguti, a 6-foot-7, 330-pound right tackle, and Kevin Richards, a 6-foot-2, 270-pound center, were also voted to the league's preseason team. Nguti, a first-team All-NEC lineman, has made 33 career appearances and may have an opportunity to play at the next level with his size. Richards anchored a line that helped the offense average 208.6 rushing yards and 362.5 total yards per game.

Defensive tackle Tom Pandolf was one of five UAlbany players who were named to last season's all-conference first team. He accounted for 37 tackles, three sacks and 6.5 hits for a loss. Justin Brancaccio, a junior inside linebacker, was second on the UAlbany defense in tackles with 63 and added two forced fumbles and one fumble recovery. Dave West, a senior safety, made 60 tackles, including 44 unassisted, and had five pass break-ups and two interceptions. West earned second-team All-NEC recognition last season.

**Media Luncheon:** UAlbany will hold its annual football media luncheon on Tuesday, August 19 at 11:45 a.m. in the SEFCU Hall of Fame Room. A barbecue-style lunch will be served. The Great Danes begin their 2008 schedule on Aug. 30 at Massachusetts.

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### Giants to Conduct Training Camp at UAlbany for 14th Consecutive Summer in '09

By Michael Eisen

ALBANY, N.Y. - It's official - the Giants will hold training camp at the University at Albany in 2009.

The team today announced that it has picked up the option on its contract and will train here for the 14th consecutive summer next year. The Giants have trained at UAlbany since 1996.

"We look forward to continuing our relationship with the University at Albany and the city of Albany," said Giants president John Mara. "UAlbany is our summer home, and that's not just because of the great resources and facilities we are provided, but it is mostly because the administration and staff have made us feel welcome and have always gone out of their way to accommodate our needs."

The school has always been a popular camp venue for Giants fans, but particularly this year. The Giants have been drawing fans here at a record pace. Through 13 practices days, the camp attendance is 33,540. That puts them ahead of the pace in 2004, when the camp attendance record of 45,040 was set. After 13 practice days that year, the count was 30,110.

"The Giants have been part of the University at Albany family since 1996," said UAlbany Interim President George Philip. "We're pleased that they will be back for the 2009 summer training camp."

The Giants' 14th training camp at UAlbany will be the longest at any location in the franchise history. The Giants spent thirteen summers at Pace University in Pleasantville, N.Y. from 1975-87. The Giants, who have also trained in the states of Vermont, Connecticut, New Jersey, Wisconsin and Oregon, previously worked out at Fairleigh Dickinson University (1988-95) in Madison, New Jersey prior to their arrival on the UAlbany campus.



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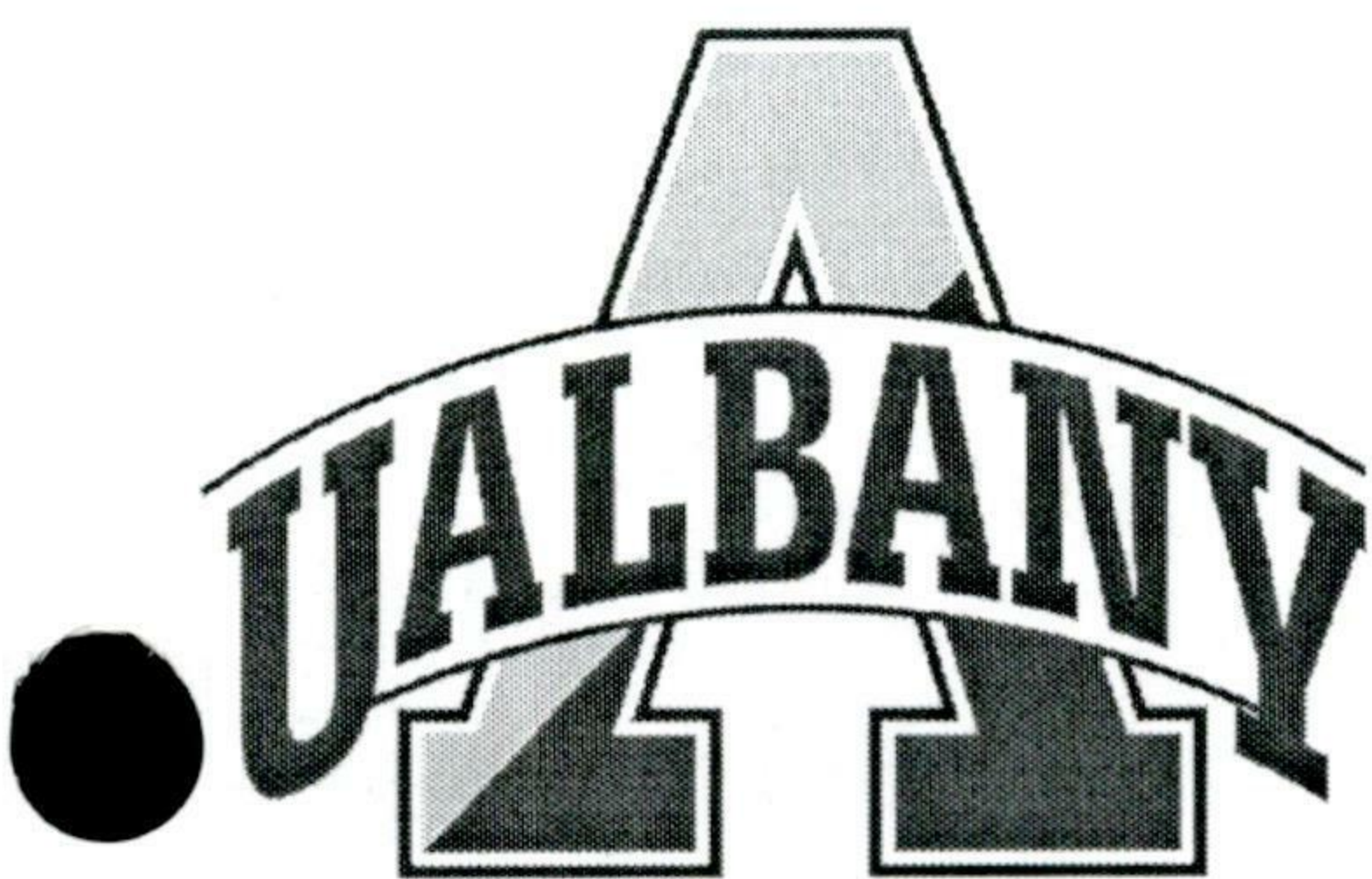
## UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY WOMEN'S SOCCER COACH EARNS WPSL HONORS

Albany, N.Y. -- University at Albany head women's soccer coach Mary-Frances Monroe was recently named the Women's Premier Soccer League East Player of the Year as a member of the New England Mutiny. She was also one of just four midfielders to earn All-WPSL first-team laurels.

Monroe just completed her fourth season as a member of the Mutiny, which is currently one of 51 clubs competing in the WPSL. In 12 matches played, Monroe's 16 goals and 11 assists for 43 points were league highs. The Mutiny went on to win the WPSL Eastern Conference Championship and earned an appearance in the national semifinals for the fifth time in the past six years.

During the team's three-game playoff run, Monroe had a hand in five of the club's six goals. After netting one goal and assisting on two others in a 4-2 win over the Long Island Fury in the WPSL Eastern Conference semifinal, she set up the golden goal to help the Mutiny defeat the SoccerPlus CT Reds, 1-0, to win the WPSL Eastern Conference crown. Monroe also scored the Mutiny's goal in a 2-1 loss to the Arizona Rush in the semifinal round.

The WPSL is now a 51-team national women's soccer league with five conferences and is considered one of the top women's soccer leagues in the world. Its mission is to provide the highest level of women's soccer while simultaneously providing affordable, quality family entertainment and positive role models for youth. Monroe is beginning her third season as the UAlbany coach.



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## UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY FOOTBALL BEGINS 2008 PRESEASON PRACTICE ON MONDAY, AUG. 4

Albany, N.Y. – The University at Albany football program begins preseason camp on Monday, August 4 with an afternoon practice, from 2:30-4:30 p.m. The Great Danes will conduct their preseason practices on the UAlbany campus' Dutch Quad intramural fields. UAlbany opens its 36th varsity campaign against Massachusetts on Saturday, August 30 in Amherst, Mass. Kickoff is 6:00 p.m. ET.

### 2008 SEASON PREVIEW

UAlbany won its third Northeast Conference title in 2007 by becoming the fifth team in league history to go undefeated in conference play. The Great Danes will have to work even harder to repeat with a challenging non-league schedule and the addition of Duquesne as an NEC member.

"We have greater team depth and a stable of quality athletes," offers head coach **Bob Ford**, who enters his 40th season at the collegiate level with a 225-162-1 career record. "But at the same time, we have more question marks than we've had in recent times heading into fall camp."

Ford has 47 letterwinners, including 11 starters, returning from a squad that finished with an 8-4 record. The Great Danes have produced seven or more wins six times as a FCS program.

"We will be a decent football team on defense," Ford says. "The linebackers and defensive backs are solid. (Dave) Nicomini's injury hurts us greatly. We lost some excellent players on the defensive line."

Ford continues, "Our running attack is pretty good behind a scrappy group of offensive linemen. We need more productivity in the passing game and consistent play from our receivers."

The Great Danes will open with four consecutive Colonial Athletic Conference opponents, including national runner-up Delaware and NCAA quarterfinalist Massachusetts in preparation for the NEC schedule.

**OFFENSE:** Tailback **David McCarty** leads an offensive unit that ranked 20th nationally in rushing at nearly 209 yards per game. McCarty, who was named to the Sports Network All-America squad, ran for 1,503 yards, the third-highest single-season total in team history. McCarty grinded out eight 100-yard efforts, including a career-best 247 yards in a championship-clinching win against Central Connecticut State. **Justin Gannon** and **Colin Simmons**, a pair of juniors, rushed for 250-plus yards last season.

"David (McCarty) has great balance and a competitive spirit," Ford states. "He probably has added nearly 20 pounds and has increased strength."

Quarterback **Vinny Esposito**, like McCarty, made the most of his first season as a starter. He recorded the second-best single-season passing total in school annals with 1,810 yards. He threw 12 scoring passes and accounted for 1,946 yards in total offense. **Frank Blasinsky**, who saw time behind center the last two years, is second on the depth chart.

"Vinny is an accurate thrower who puts the ball in the right position," Ford explains. "He's relaxed and confident and his teammates believe in him."

The Great Danes can build around two all-conference offensive linemen, but will have to replace both guards.

**Raphael Nguti** (6-6, 330) earned first-team All-NEC recognition at right tackle. Nguti's tremendous size will provide him an opportunity to continue his career following graduation. Center **Kevin Richards** (6-2, 270) was named to the all-league second team. **Nik Schultz** (6-2, 285) should start at left guard after playing in 25 games as a collegian, while **Jon Leible** (6-5, 305) will work at right guard.

UAlbany's starting receivers were seniors, but the rotation allowed for several players to be involved. **Daniel Bocanegra**, a converted quarterback, hauled in 26 passes for 316 yards. Bocanegra has also been the team's primary punt returner. **Tim Bush** had 17 receptions for 225 yards and two TDs. In addition, the Great Danes have two improving tight ends in **Dan Archer** (7 catches) and **Marcus Miles** (10 catches) who have the ability to both block and become factors in the passing attack.

**DEFENSE:** The Great Danes featured a talented senior class last year on the defensive line. The unit helped the defense rank 17th among the NCAA scoring leaders. In fact, all three starters were members of the all-conference first or second teams.

The good news centers around defensive tackle **Tom Pandolf** (6-0, 260), a first-team All-NEC standout. Pandolf had his most productive campaign with 37 tackles and 3.0 sacks. Sophomore **Trevor Anderson** (6-2, 265) also emerged as the season progressed and finished with 28 tackles, including seven for a loss.

"Tom (Pandolf) has good quickness combined with an intuitive sense for the game," Ford states. "He has the ability to stay on his feet and understands his role."

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## UAlbany Football 2-2-2

**Mike Kelly** (6-2, 245) and **Tony Sparano** (5-11, 253), who had 10 tackles apiece, are the projected starters at the defensive end positions. **Eddie Delaney** (6-5, 210) showed promise as a scout team member.

At inside linebacker, UAlbany's all-time tackles leader Colin Disch is now a professional in Germany. **Justin Brancaccio** (6-0, 220) moved into the starting lineup and tied for second on the team with 63 tackles, including 6.5 for losses, last season. "Justin has been a bright light," Ford offers. "He is big, strong and fast, and has continued to mature into the position."

**Mark Peretore**, a fifth-year senior, has also been a starter during his career. He has made 45-plus tackles in each of the last two seasons. **Chris Simpson** (14 tackles) will also see playing time in his junior year.

**Emerson Kinsey** (6-1, 215) worked at one of the outside linebacker spots, where he totaled 29 tackles, 3.5 sacks and two fumble recoveries. He has the skills to become an all-conference performer. **Dave Nicomini** (6-3, 230) can float between the linebacker and safety positions. He was second on the squad with 63 tackles last season. Nicomini's status will be determined later following knee surgery. **Rich Duff** (22 tackles) and **Raymond Dorcely** will be ready pending his availability.

UAlbany's secondary returns intact. **Dave Casale** had 56 tackles and two interceptions in his first year at free safety. Cornerbacks **L.B. McCloskey** (38 tackles, 3 INTs) and **Jean Juste** (34 tackles, 4 PBUs) were sound in their expanded roles. **Dave West** and cornerback **Ross Bertrand** were greatly improved. West, a second-team All-NEC safety, had 60 tackles, five pass deflections and two interceptions. Bertrand totaled 31 tackles and three PBUs as a true freshman.

**KICKING GAME:** Punter **Chris Lynch** set the program's single-season record by averaging 40.5 yards last year. Lynch, who handled placements as freshman, and **Herb Glass** are candidates for the place-kicking duties.