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Comments: College Lacrosse

Alexander and Kittner Named to USILA Division II All-America Team

University at Albany's Tom Alexander (Guilderland H.S.) and Mike Kittner have been chosen to the U.S. Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association's Division II All-America Team.

Alexander, a junior defenseman from Altamont, N.Y., was a second-team USILA selection, and led an Albany defensive unit which recorded a 9.31 goals against average. The 6-foot-2, 220-pound defender was second on the team in groundballs with 52, and had one assist in 13 starts. Alexander was a first-team Section II all-star as a scholastic senior in 1994.

Kittner, a senior midfielder from Painted Post, N.Y., earned honorable mention All-America recognition. He finished second on the Great Danes in scoring with 20 goals and 20 assists.

Both athletes were members of the 1997 Capital District College Lacrosse League All-Star Team.

Albany posted an 8-5 record, and reached the ECAC Division II championship this season.



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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY NAMES 1996-97 ATHLETES OF THE YEAR Anthony Vitti, Jomo Forrester and Tonya Dodge Are Chosen

ALBANY, N.Y. -- **Tonya Dodge**, an All-America cross country and track athlete, **Anthony Vitti**, an All-America defensive back, and **Jomo Forrester**, a two-sport competitor in soccer and track, have been chosen as the University at Albany's 1996-97 Female and Male Athletes of the Year. The selections were made in voting by the head coaches of Albany's 19-sport intercollegiate athletics program.

Vitti, a senior from Mamaroneck, N.Y. (Mamaroneck H.S.), and Forrester, a senior from Massapequa, N.Y. (Amityville Memorial H.S.), shared the University's top male athlete award. A first-team *Football Gazette* Division II Non-Scholarship All-America selection, Vitti was named as an ECAC North All-Star, and made his second consecutive appearance on the All-ECAC Intercollegiate Football Conference team. In 1996, he tied for second on the Great Danes in tackles with 92, including a team-high 8.5 tackles for a loss, and added one interception, four pass break-ups, three fumbles caused and two sacks. Vitti recorded 10 or more hits in five games, and had a career-high 14 tackles vs. Rensselaer. A 30-game starter in the Albany secondary as a roverback and cornerback, he is fifth on the school's all-time tackles chart with 231. The Great Danes posted their most victories since 1985 with a 7-3 record.

Forrester, a 19-match starter as a midfielder, led the Albany soccer team in scoring with nine goals and six assists. He had two goals against St. Rose, added one goal and two assists against two New England Collegiate Conference opponents, and scored the game-winner in overtime at Sacred Heart. The UA co-captain appeared in 69 career matches, including 53 consecutive starts, and finished his career with 24 goals and 15 assists. A topflight sprinter on the school's track & field team, Forrester was a member of the first-place Collegiate Track Conference outdoor 400- and 1,600-meter relays, and took second in the 200-meter dash. During the indoor season, he ran the second leg on the ECAC champion 880-yard relay, and was fifth in the 55- and 200-meter events.

Dodge, a senior from Granville, N.Y. (Granville Central H.S.), is the first woman in school history to earn All-America recognition in cross country, indoor track and outdoor track. She was sixth in the 1,500 meters and eighth in the 3,000 at last weekend's NCAA Division II Track & Field championships, and also provisionally qualified in the 5,000 and 10,000. Dodge established school records in all four events during the '97 spring season. She captured the Collegiate Track Conference 5,000 championship by shattering a 12-year-old record with a time of 17:35.95, and broke another long-standing mark in winning the Albany Invitational 10,000 in 36:55.94. Dodge registered a school-record 9:39.34 for a 17th-place finish in the 3,000 at Penn Relays, and ran 4:30.93 in the 1,500 at the University of Connecticut.

During the indoor season, Dodge, who owns nine school records, received All-America honors with a fifth-place showing in the NCAA one-mile run (4:54.72). She won the New England Collegiate Conference 3,000 indoor title and ECAC 5,000 crown. Dodge also posted the best finish by an eastern runner at the 1996 NCAA Division II cross country championships, and was 13th overall in 18:35.1. A first-team all-NECC selection for the second consecutive year, she captured four individual titles, including the NECC and CTC championships, and set an East Stroudsburg course record (18:20).



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ALL-STATE GUARD ROBIN RINK COMMITS TO ALBANY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL Great Dane Football Program Announces Class of 2001

ALBANY, N.Y. -- University at Albany has received a signed commitment from **Robin Rink**, a 5'8" guard from Arkport, N.Y. (Arkport Central H.S.) as head women's basketball coach **Mari Warner** announced today. **Liz Tucker**, a 5'10" guard-forward from Plaistow, N.H. made her decision to join the Albany program during the early signing period last November.

Rink was named second-team all-state in Class D by the New York State Sportswriters Association, and was chosen all-Section V and to the sectional all-tournament team. She averaged 24 points and 10 rebounds per game in leading her Arkport Central team to a 16-7 record. Rink, who is her school's career scoring leader with 2,025 points, was chosen as the Steuben County League MVP on two occasions, and has been a first-team all-league selection since eighth grade. A multi-sport scholastic athlete, Rink earned Section V's most valuable player award in soccer as a goalkeeper and as a pitcher in softball.

"I think Robin will fit in nicely," said Warner, whose Albany club went 19-9 in its second Division II campaign and reached the conference tournament championship. "She can handle the basketball, push the ball up the floor, and run as a wing player. She brings a lot of versatility to both guard positions."

Head coach **Bob Ford** also announced that 37 student-athletes have signed enrollment certificates to play football at Albany. The Class of 2001 includes two scholastic stars from Florida, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, and one player from both Massachusetts and Connecticut. The Great Danes, who are set to begin their first season as a member of the newly-formed Eastern Football Conference, report to fall camp on August 16. The season opener is at Central Connecticut State on September 6.

Albany Football's Class of 2001

Name	Position	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown (High School)
Chandler Aden	OL	6-3	250	Jupiter, Fla. (Jupiter Community)
Brian Ayrault	QB	6-2	197	Orchard Park, N.Y. (Orchard Park)
Andy Badach	P	6-3	210	Orchard Park, N.Y. (Orchard Park)
Ryan Brown	QB	6-2	165	Allentown, Pa. (Parkland)
Steve Checksfield	TE	6-2	230	Hurley, N.Y. (Kingston)
Ryan Clair	LB	6-2	220	Fairport, N.Y. (Fairport)
Ryan Davis	DB	6-1	202	Lake Katrine, N.Y. (Kingston)
Ryan Downes	OL	6-2	240	Wantagh, N.Y. (Wantagh)
Michael Ernst	PK/FS	6-0	165	West Seneca, N.Y. (Orchard Park)
Chris Ferriero	DB	5-9	165	Rensselaer, N.Y. (Columbia)
Andy Fitzpatrick	LB	5-7	195	North Merrick, N.Y. (Worcester Academy, Mass.)
Jim Frazee	LB	6-0	195	Cazenovia, N.Y. (Cazenovia)
Jonathan Garrick	WR	6-3	185	Naples, Fla. (Lely)
Rohan Graham	DL	6-2	245	Brooklyn, N.Y. (Lafayette)

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University at Albany Sports 2-2-2-2**Football Class of 2001 (cont.)**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Ht.</i>	<i>Wt.</i>	<i>Hometown (High School)</i>
James Griffin	RB	6-0	175	Deposit, N.Y. (Deposit Central)
Ted Grinage	DL	6-3	230	Laurelton, N.Y. (St. Francis Prep)
Christopher Grupinski	OL	6-2	245	Staten Island, N.Y. (Tottenville)
John Hergenhan	LB	6-0	210	Fairhaven, Mass. (Bishop Stang)
Mike Jorgensen	TE	6-3	230	Cobleskill, N.Y. (Cobleskill-Richmondville)
Peter Kaufman	PK	6-0	180	Hewlett, N.Y. (George W. Hewlett)
Ben Kelcey	RB	5-8	190	Buffalo, N.Y. (West Seneca)
Mike Klusacek	TB	5-9	175	Waterford, N.Y. (Shenendehowa)
Mario Lupia	OL	6-1	250	Staten Island, N.Y. (Tottenville)
Joe Madrak	LB	6-1	195	Marcy, N.Y. (Whitesboro)
Louis Manipole	DB	5-10	180	Syracuse, N.Y. (Westhill)
Fernando Mateo	TB	6-1	210	Irvington, N.Y. (Irvington)
Liam Murphy	WR/P	5-11	155	Yonkers, N.Y. (Fordham Prep)
David Myers	RB	6-2	215	Montgomery, N.Y. (Valley Central)
Jay Pinkert	RB	5-10	190	West Seneca, N.Y. (St. Francis)
Anders Rasmussen	OL	6-2	245	Westport, Conn. (Staples)
Joe Spafford	DB	6-1	185	Northvale, N.J. (Northern Valley-Old Tappan)
Mark Steckel	DB	5-11	160	Macungie, Pa. (Emmaus)
Luis Valdez	TB	5-10	183	Fair Lawn, N.J. (Fair Lawn)
Bob Waite	RB	5-10	190	Chittenango, N.Y. (Chittenango)
John Warner	DB	6-1	175	Utica, N.Y. (Whitesboro)
Vaughn Weathers	RB	5-11	175	Bronx, N.Y. (Mount St. Michael Academy)
Keith Weiss	WR	5-4	145	Mahopac, N.Y. (Mahopac)

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FINAL DAY REPORT -- WILLIAMSON 3RD in 100-HURDLES
and 100-DASH FINALS; DODGE 6TH in 1,500

Edwardsville, Illinois -- University at Albany's Ellakisha Williamson (Albany H.S.) finished third in both the 100-meter hurdles and 100-meter dash, Tonya Dodge (Granville Central H.S.) placed sixth in the 1,500, and Xiomara Davila Diaz recorded a pair of top-six finishes in the 100- and 400-hurdles at the 1997 NCAA Division II Track & Field Championships on the final evening of competition at Southern Illinois University's Olympic Festival Stadium.

Williamson, a sophomore, set a school record for the second straight day in capturing third place in 13.90 seconds. She had previously run 13.95 in Friday's preliminary round. Abilene Christian's Delloreen Ennis repeated as national champion with a time of 13.69.

Williamson, who was disqualified in 200-meter qualifying on Thursday when she stepped on an inside lane line in the turn, came back 40 minutes later to place third in the 100-dash in 12.08.

Dodge, who also earned All-America honors for the second time at this three-day meet, was timed in 4:32.93, and finished nearly 10 seconds behind champion Malgorzata Biela of Lewis University. Biela was first across the line in 4:22.92. Dodge, a senior from Granville, N.Y., was eighth in Friday's 3,000, and is the school's first woman to become an All-American in outdoor track, indoor track and cross country.

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Albany Track 2-2-2-2

Xiomara Davila Diaz, a junior from Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, took fifth in the 400-intermediate hurdles in 1:00.70, as St. Augustine's Andrea Giscombe won her second straight NCAA title. Davila Diaz, who ran a school-record 1:00.47 in qualifying, also was sixth in 100-hurdles in 14.29.

The Great Danes had four athletes receive All-America recognition in six events with their performances: Tonya Dodge (1,500 and 3,000), Ellakisha Williamson (100-hurdles, 100-dash), Xiomara Davila Diaz (100-hurdles, 400-hurdles) and Janna Johnston (heptathlon).

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NOTE: Albany had 26 points, and was among the top 10 in the women's team standings. Final standings will not be available before tonight's deadline.

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EVENING REPORT -- DODGE 8TH in 3,000 FINAL, WILLIAMSON QUALIFIES

Edwardsville, Illinois -- University at Albany's Tonya Dodge (Granville Central H.S.) finished eighth in the 3,000, and Ellakisha Williamson (Albany H.S.) qualified for both the 100-meter dash and 100-meter hurdles finals at the 1997 NCAA Division II Track & Field Championships on Friday evening at Southern Illinois University's Olympic Festival Stadium.

Dodge, who ran 9:49.19, earned All-America honors for the second straight year in the 3,000, and placed sixth in last year's race. Magdalena Biela from Lewis University, was first across the tape in 9:35.30. Dodge, a senior, will run in the 1,500 championship on Saturday.

Williamson, a sophomore, broke her own school record with a mark of 13.95 seconds in the 100-hurdles, and sprinted 12.02 in the 100-dash to win her heat and post the preliminary round's third-best time. Williamson rebounded from a disappointing Thursday, when she apparently reached the 200 final in 24.30 seconds but was later disqualified for stepping on the turn's inside lane line.

Xiomara Davila Diaz, who had already made the 400-hurdles final field, also qualified for the 100-hurdles championship race in 14.39. Delloreen Ennis of Abilene Christian turned in the qualifying round's best performance in 13.61.

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AFTERNOON REPORT

Edwardsville, Illinois -- University at Albany's Janna Johnston (Shenendehowa H.S.) earned All-America honors by finishing sixth in the women's heptathlon at the 1997 NCAA Division II Track & Field Championships on Friday afternoon.

Johnston, a sophomore from Clifton Park, N.Y., set a school record with 4,834 points, and moved up from eighth place in the final event with a personal-best 2:25.56 in the 800-meter run at Southern Illinois University's Olympic Festival Stadium.

Angelo State's Amy Bippert, who was third in last year's NCAA meet, won the heptathlon title with 5,268 points, while South Dakota's Elena Swan was second with 5,098.

"I knew I had to run my best 800," said Johnston, who went 17-10.25 in the long jump on this second day of competition. "I was aware that I had to run two seconds faster than the two people ahead of me, so I just tried to settle in the first 200 meters, and then wanted to go 36 or 37 seconds in the last 200. I almost made NCAAs last year as a provisional qualifier, so this proves that I belong."

Senior Tonya Dodge (Granville Central H.S.) runs in tonight's women's 3,000 final.

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TRACK & FIELD FINAL REPORT (10 PM EST)

Edwardsville, Illinois -- University at Albany's Xiomara Davila Diaz set a school record in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles as she qualified for Saturday's final on the first day of competition at the 1997 NCAA Division II Track & Field championships. Southern Illinois University's Olympic Festival Stadium is the host site for the three-day national meet.

Davila Diaz, a junior from Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, finished second in her heat during the preliminary round with a time of 1:00.47. She broke an Albany standard set by Mary Ingram (Albany H.S.), who finished third with a with a mark of 1:00.54 in last year's NCAA final.

St. Augustine's Andrea Giscombe, the defending national 400-hurdles champion, posted the best time in qualifying at 58.79.

Albany's 400-meter relay (Tara Bialy, Tameka Hutcherson, Ellakisha Williamson and Davila Diaz) also set a school record in 47.52 seconds, but failed to reach the championship race. Williamson, a sophomore from Albany H.S., was disqualified in the 200-meter preliminaries, but returns tomorrow in the 100-dash and 100-hurdles events.

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TRACK & FIELD REPORT #1

Edwardsville, Illinois -- University at Albany's Janna Johnston (Shenendehowa H.S.) stands in seventh place after the first day of competition in the women's heptathlon at the NCAA Division II Track & Field championships. Southern Illinois University's Olympic Festival Stadium is the host site for the three-day meet.

Johnston, a sophomore, has 2,853 points, and is nearly 100 ahead of her first-day pace, when she set the school record in winning the Collegiate Track Conference championship earlier this month. Johnston sprinted a personal-best 15.18 seconds in the 100-meter hurdles to go with her marks in the high jump (5-4.5), shot put (30-2) and 200 meters (26.25). Angelo State's Amy Bippert, who placed third at the '96 NCAA meet, is the opening-day leader with 3,108 points. The seven-event competition concludes on Friday with the long jump, javelin and 800-meter run.

Ellakisha Williamson, Xiomara Davila Diaz and Albany's 400-meter relay will be involved in preliminary qualifying later this evening. Tonya Dodge, a senior from Granville, N.Y., will not have to qualify in the 1,500 tonight, and moves on to Saturday's final.

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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY ATHLETES AWARDED ECAC MERIT MEDALS Tonya Dodge and Jamie Lent Are Selected

ALBANY, N.Y. -- The University at Albany's **Tonya Dodge** and **Jamie Lent** were chosen to receive Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Merit Medals as Director of Athletics **Dr. Milton E. Richards** announced today. The awards are annually given to the school's top senior female and male students-athletes who have shown excellence in the classroom and as competitive athletes during the current academic year.

Dodge, who is first Albany woman to earn All-America honors in cross country, indoor track and outdoor track, has a 3.30 cumulative grade point average in psychology with a minor in criminal justice. Lent, an infielder on the baseball team, has a 3.36 GPA in social studies with an education minor.

A Granville Central High School graduate, Dodge automatically qualified for the NCAA Division II outdoor track championships this weekend in both the 1,500- and 3,000-meter run, and was a provisional qualifier in the 5,000 and 10,000. She established school records in all four events during the '97 spring season. Dodge captured the Collegiate Track Conference 5,000 championship by shattering a 12-year-old record by 32 seconds with a time of 17:35.95, and broke another long-standing mark in winning the Albany Invitational 10,000 (36:55.94). She automatically qualified for NCAAs with a 17th-place finish in the 3,000 (9:39.34) at Penn Relays, and by running 4:30.93 in the 1,500 in a meet at the University of Connecticut.

During the indoor season, Dodge earned All-America recognition with a fifth-place showing in the NCAA one-mile run (4:54.72). She also won the New England Collegiate Conference 3,000 title and ECAC 5,000 crown, and set one of her nine school records with a time of 10:11.16 in the 3,000. Dodge also posted the best finish by an eastern runner at the 1996 NCAA Division II cross country championships, and was 13th overall in 18:35.1. A first-team all-NECC selection for the second consecutive year, she won four individual titles, including the NECC and CTC championships, and set an East Stroudsburg course record (18:20).

Dodge, who plans to attend graduate school in psychology, has worked as a tutor for Academic Support Services and the Educational Opportunities Program, and was the '97 Ada Craig Walker Award winner at last weekend's spring commencement.

A native of Beacon, N.Y., Lent has been a three-year starter in the Albany infield at second and third base. He had a .364 batting average and a team-leading 31 RBIs in leading the Great Danes to a school-record 19-17 record in its second season as a Division II program. Lent was among the club's leaders in six offensive categories, including runs (24), total hits (36) and home runs (3), and recorded a .946 fielding percentage in 168 chances.

As a senior, Lent had nine multiple-hit games, including a 6-for-7 effort against Franklin Pierce in which he scored four runs and drove in three. The Albany co-captain appeared in 105 games during his career and finished with a .311 batting average. He added 93 hits, 58 runs scored, 56 RBIs and 12 stolen bases in 299 at bats.

Lent, who has made the dean's list on four occasions, plans to pursue a graduate degree in teacher education, and expects to teach social studies in grades 7 through 12.

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Dawn DiMicco Named to Brine Division II All-America Lacrosse Team

DiMicco, a freshman midfielder, has been selected to the 1997 Brine Division II All-America Team as chosen by the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Association (IWLCA).

DiMicco ranked second nationally among the Division I and II freshman goal scorers, and posted the third highest goal total in school history. She led the Great Danes in scoring with 32 goals and four assists, and shattered the single-season record with 103 groundballs. DiMicco netted a season-high five goals and one assist vs. Vassar, and also scored five times against LeMoyne. She had four goals against three other opponents.

Albany finished with an 8-4 record, and reached the eight-win mark for the fourth consecutive season.

A two-sport athlete, DiMicco averaged 3.9 points and 1.7 rebounds in 25 games off the bench as a guard for the Albany basketball team.

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**UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY NAMES GRADUATE ASSISTANT FOOTBALL COACHES
Declan Walsh, Chad Martinovich and John Vitullo Are Selected**

ALBANY, N.Y. -- **Declan Walsh, Chad Martinovich** and **John Vitullo** have been named as graduate assistant football coaches at the University at Albany as head coach **Bob Ford** announced today. Walsh has responsibilities with the offensive line and tight ends, Martinovich will work with the wide receivers, and Vitullo will coach the outside linebackers on defense.

Walsh, 23, was recently an assistant at King's College in Wilkes, Barre, Pa., where he coached the quarterbacks and fullbacks, and was the junior varsity team's offensive coordinator. A four-year starter as an offensive tackle at Norwich University in Vermont, he was a team captain and second-team all-Freedom Football Conference selection. Walsh, whose brother, Ed, also served as an Albany graduate assistant in the early 1990s, received his B.A. in history with a minor in education. He was the recipient of the University's Boston Alumni Association Scholarship, and achieved the military leadership positions of staff sergeant and first lieutenant. A native of Abington, Mass., Walsh was a student teacher in world history at Northfield (Vt.) Middle School.

Martinovich, 24, coached the outside linebackers at Hamilton College in Clinton, New York the last two years, and was an intern defensive line coach at Division I-AA Bucknell University in 1994. He won three varsity letters as a quarterback from 1991-93 at Hobart College, where he received his undergraduate degree in history. Martinovich, a graduate of Seton Catholic High School in Plattsburgh, N.Y., was the North Country Superbowl MVP as a scholastic senior, and a varsity ice hockey and track athlete.

Vitullo, 24, served as Cornell University's assistant varsity linebackers coach and junior varsity defensive coordinator the last two seasons. At Cornell, he was the first four-year starter in Ivy League history as an inside linebacker. Vitullo, a native of New Hartford, N.Y., earned second-team all-Ivy honors as a senior, and played in the Epson-Ivy Bowl All-Star Game in Osaka, Japan. A two-time captain, he was chosen the '95 Pop Warner Most Valuable Player when he was among the team leaders with 75 tackles. Vitullo, who finished his career with 257 tackles, was the 1991 Tri-Valley League Athlete of the Year in high school as an all-league choice in football and wrestling. He received his B.S. in business management and applied economics.

The Albany coaching staff for 1997 includes: Bob Ford (head coach), Mike Simpson (defensive coordinator), Steve Hladio (offensive line), Frank Derrico (offensive backfield), Rich Turi (defensive backs), Don Mion (defensive line), Nick Fitzgerald (special teams), Declan Walsh (offensive line/tight ends), Chad Martinovich (wide receivers) and John Vitullo (outside linebackers). The Great Danes open their schedule on September 6 at Central Connecticut State.

GTE ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA TEAM

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All-District selections move on to national ballot.
National GTE Academic All-America® team to be announced June 3.

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>GPA/Major</u>
PITCHERS				
Grant Copeland	Skidmore College	Sr.	Portland, CT	3.68/Studio Art
Jan Downes	Amherst College	Sr.	Pound Ridge, NY	3.75/Political Science
INFIELDERS				
Steve Haley	Salve Regina Univ.	Sr.	Foxboro, MA	3.29/Finance
Doug Premo	SUNY Cortland	Sr.	Rome, NY	3.81/Elementary Education
Pat Shea	Brandeis University	Sr.	North Quincy, MA	3.60/Psychology
D.J. Smith	St. Lawrence Univ.	Jr.	Watervliet, NY	3.90/Biology
OUTFIELDERS				
Jon Epstein	Wesleyan University	So.	Wellesley, MA	3.47/Psychology, Mathematics
Pat Noonan	Worcester Poly. Instit.	Jr.	Houlton, ME	3.71/Electrical Engineering
Luke Robustelli	Bryant College	Jr.	Bristol, CT	3.50/Actuarial Science
DESIGNATED HITTER				
Greg Berchelmann	Amherst College	So.	St. Louis, MO	3.32/Computer Science
CATCHER				
Dennis Cirilla	University at Albany	So.	Penfield, NY	3.53/Psychology






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ALBANY SENDS SIX ATHLETES TO NCAA TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS
Area Standouts Tonya Dodge, Ellakisha Williamson and Janna Johnston Qualify

ALBANY, N.Y. -- The University at Albany will be represented by six athletes, including three from area high schools, at the NCAA Division II Track & Field Championships on May 22-24. Albany's NCAA contingent will compete at Olympic Festival Stadium on the campus of Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville, Illinois. The group includes **Tonya Dodge, Ellakisha Williamson, Xiomara Davila Diaz, Janna Johnston, Tara Bialy and Tameka Hutcherson.**

Williamson, a sophomore from Albany, N.Y. (Albany H.S.), has qualified in four events, including the 100-meter hurdles, 100- and 200-dash, and as a member of the 400-meter relay team. She won the Collegiate Track Conference 200 crown, and made the national field with a time of 24.59 seconds at last weekend's Rensselaer All-Divisions Open. Williamson sprinted a school-record 13.99 in the 100-hurdles at Penn Relays and was clocked for 100 meters in 12.00 at North Carolina State's Raleigh Relays. She will run the third leg on UA's 400-meter relay, which set a school record in 47.67 seconds last weekend. Bialy and Hutcherson will handle the first two legs, while Davila Diaz is the anchor.

Dodge, a senior from Granville, N.Y. (Granville Central), is making her third consecutive appearance in the NCAA 3,000-meter run. She was sixth in last year's Division II championship, and ran in the Division III meet as a sophomore. Dodge, who automatically qualified for the 3,000 at Penn Relays in a school-record 9:39.34, will also compete in the 1,500. She reached NCAAs in that event at the University of Connecticut in early April by posting one of her nine school records in 4:30.93. Dodge, who was 13th at this year's NCAA cross country championships, and fifth in the mile run at the national indoor meet, is the only woman in Albany history to earn All-America recognition in outdoor track, indoor track and cross country.

Johnston, a sophomore from Clifton Park, N.Y. (Shenendehowa H.S.), is entered in the women's heptathlon. She scored a school-record 4,682 points to capture the CTC championship, and was ninth at Penn Relays. As a freshman, Johnston, who also won the '97 CTC long jump title, provisionally qualified for NCAAs, but missed the last spot in the heptathlon field by 27 points.

Davila Diaz, a junior from Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, qualified for nationals in both women's hurdle events. She was timed in 1:01.07 at Penn Relays to place 14th overall in the 400-hurdles, and improved her 100-hurdles mark to 14.12 on May 16. In addition, she will anchor the 400-meter relay.

In the track program's history, four men and one woman have won a combined 10 individual NCAA outdoor championships, and all were at the Division III level. Albany's outdoor national titleholders are: Winsome Foderingham (200 meters, 1986 & 1988; 100-hurdles, 1987); Howard Sellers (800 meters, 1993); Scott Carroll (3,000 steeplechase, 1994); Geoffrey York (110-hurdles, 1991, 1992 & 1995) and Wilfredo Rodriguez (400-hurdles, 1990 & 1991).

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Comments: College Track & Field

Rensselaer, N.Y. -- Sophomore Jayson Vazquez (Amsterdam H.S.) provisionally qualified for the NCAA Division II track & field championships in the 110-meter hurdles, and Ellakisha Williamson (Albany H.S.) helped set a school record in the women's 400-relay at the Rensselaer All-Divisions Open at Harkness Field.

Vazquez sprinted the 110-hurdles in 14.48 seconds to finish third, but more importantly posted a provisional mark for next weekend's NCAA meet in Edwardsville, Illinois. He also was second in the 400-hurdles in 54.35.

Williamson, who was a double-winner in the 100-hurdles and 200-dash, teamed with Tara Bialy, Tameka Hutcherson and Xiomara Davila Diaz to register a school-record and NCAA provisional mark of 47.67 seconds in the 400-meter relay. Williamson also improved her NCAA-qualifying time in the 200 with a personal-best 24.59, and won the 100-hurdles in 14.00.

Davila Diaz, a junior from Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, was second in the hurdles behind Williamson in 14.12, and made the NCAA provisional list in this last-chance meet. In addition, she was first across the line in 400-hurdles in 1:01.93.

Dennis King (Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons) came up short in his attempt for a national qualifying mark in the 800 meters, but did establish his all-time best with a first-place 1:52.90. Freshman Ben Wright (Averill Park) was third in 1:55.01.



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**SCOTT HICKS NAMED AS UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY'S HEAD BASKETBALL COACH
Led Le Moyne College to Two NCAA Division II Tournament Appearances**

ALBANY, N.Y. -- **Scott Hicks**, the head coach at Le Moyne College for the last five years, has been selected as the University at Albany's head men's basketball coach as Director of Athletics **Dr. Milton E. Richards** announced today. Hicks becomes the 11th coach in the Albany program's history, and takes over for **Richard "Doc" Sauers**, who retired last March following 41 seasons at the helm.

"Scott Hicks will be an excellent leader as our program makes the transition to Division I in 1999-2000," Richards said. "He has a proven track record as both a winning coach and someone who values the student-athlete and high quality academics. His coaching experience at all NCAA levels coupled with his commitment and a vision for excellence in athletics and academics will lend itself well as our program moves forward."

Hicks, who compiled an 87-56 record in five seasons at Le Moyne College in Syracuse, has guided the Dolphins to two consecutive NCAA Division II tournament appearances. His .608 winning percentage ranks second among the school's all-time coaches, while his victory total is third in the 48-year history of Le Moyne basketball.

Le Moyne captured the Northeast-10 Conference championship in its first season in the league this past year. Hicks, who was also the College's NCAA compliance officer and director of scheduling, led the program to the New England Collegiate Conference title in 1995-96, and matched a school record for victories with a 24-6 mark. In the previous three seasons, the Dolphins had winning records with 16 or more victories in each campaign.

Hicks, who was hired at age 26 in 1992 as the youngest head coach at any NCAA school, was a graduate assistant coach on Jim Boeheim's staff at Syracuse University prior to his appointment at Le Moyne. The Orangemen posted a two-year record of 48-14, received two NCAA Division I tournament berths, and won the Big East Conference's regular-season crown in 1991 and conference tournament championship in 1992. He also served as an assistant under head coach Tom Murphy at Hamilton College in Clinton, New York from 1988-90, and was the head junior varsity coach in his second year. Hicks later coached the the Central New York open team to a silver medal at the '91 Empire State Games.

A native of Oneida, N.Y., Hicks graduated from Le Moyne in 1988 with an bachelor of science degree in business administration. He was a co-captain on the '87-'88 team, which went 24-6 and reached the NCAA East Regional. Hicks, who earned four varsity letters, and was named to the NCAA all-regional team as a senior, ranks seventh on the school's all-time scoring list with 1,470 points. An all-around player, he is also ninth in rebounding (627), seventh in assists (320) and second in steals (178).

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Albany Basketball Coach 2-2-2-2

Hicks, who was selected the John J. O'Brien S.J. Senior Athlete of the Year in 1988, went on to play professional basketball for the Rheineck Sea Horses in Timaru, New Zealand. He received his M.S. in higher education administration from Syracuse University in 1992.

Hicks, 31, is married to the former Lisa Dooley, a 1988 Le Moyne College graduate, and alumna of Catholic Central High School in Troy, N.Y. They are the parents of a one-year-old son, Jake.

SCOTT HICKS BIOGRAPHY

PERSONAL

Name: Scott William Hicks

Age: 31

Career Record: 87-56 (5 years)

Wife: The former Lisa Dooley of Troy, N.Y.

Married: June 18, 1994

Children: Jake (born May 8, 1996)

EDUCATION

Vernon-Verona-Sherrill High School, Verona, N.Y.

Le Moyne College, B.S. in business administration, 1988

Syracuse University, M.S. in higher education administration, 1992

ATHLETIC

Vernon-Verona-Sherrill High School: Basketball, Tennis.

Le Moyne College: Basketball.

COACHING

1988-89	Hamilton College	Assistant Coach
1989-90	Hamilton College	Assistant Coach
1990-91	Syracuse University	Graduate Assistant
1991-92	Syracuse University	Graduate Assistant
1992-93	Le Moyne College	Head Coach (18-10)
1993-94	Le Moyne College	Head Coach (16-11)
1994-95	Le Moyne College	Head Coach (16-12)
1995-96	Le Moyne College	Head Coach (24-6 - NCAA)
1996-97	Le Moyne College	Head Coach (13-17 - NCAA)



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Dr. Milton E. Richards
will announce the appointment
of the University at Albany's
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**GEORGE VIZVARY CHOSEN AS UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY'S
WOMEN'S SOCCER COACH**

ALBANY, N.Y. -- **George Vizvary**, who coached the men's soccer team at Ulster County Community College for nearly three decades, has been selected as the University at Albany's head women's soccer coach as Director of Athletics Dr. Milton E. Richards announced today.

Vizvary, who had a 378-25-18 career record in 28 seasons as head coach, guided Ulster County Community College in Stone Ridge, N.Y. to two National Junior College Athletic Association championships in 1977 and 1978. His teams made 17 national tournament appearances, and won 18 Mid-Hudson Conference and 17 Region XV championships. Vizvary, whose clubs were ranked in the Top 10 nationally on 18 occasions, coached 43 professional players and 42 NJCAA or National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) All-America athletes.

Vizvary, 61, has also coached and scouted at the professional level. He served as head coach for the United States Interregional Soccer League's (USISL) New York Fever in 1994, and had other stints with the American Soccer League's New York-New Jersey Eagles and the Brooklyn Kosmos of the Hellenic American Soccer League. In addition, he was a scout for the North American Soccer League's Tampa Bay Rowdies, and has directed soccer camps throughout the United States for that organization.

A state coach for the Eastern New York Youth Soccer Association from 1985-90, Vizvary has completed his United States Soccer Federation -- USSF (C, B, A and staff) and FIFA coaching courses. He has taught soccer licensing courses as a southern New York State region staff coach.

Coach Vizvary, who played for the Hungarian National Team, and as a professional for Tatabanya F.C. in his native country, received his undergraduate degree in mechanical engineering from Technical Institute in Győr, Hungary in December 1955. He later worked as a computer designer for the IBM Corporation in Kingston for nine years. Vizvary became the men's soccer coach in 1968 at Ulster County Community College, where he was an associate professor and engineering department chair.



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**UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY NAMES DON MION AND NICK FITZGERALD
AS ASSISTANT FOOTBALL COACHES**

ALBANY, N.Y. -- **Don Mion** and **Nick Fitzgerald** have been selected as assistant football coaches at the University at Albany as head coach **Bob Ford** announced today. Mion, who served as head football coach at Shaker High School in Latham, N.Y. for the last 11 years, will work with the defensive line, while Fitzgerald, who recently has been the defensive coordinator at Watervliet (N.Y.) High School, will handle special teams.

Mion, 44, guided Shaker High School to four Section II playoff appearances, including the 1986 and 1990 seasons when each club posted a 7-2 record. He was an assistant coach at Shaker for six years prior to being named head coach in 1986. In addition, Mion was a University at Albany graduate assistant in the mid-1970s and an assistant coach at both Syracuse and Mohonasen high schools.

Mion received his B.A. in social studies with a minor in education from the University at Albany in 1975, and went on to earn his master's degree in the same discipline. A three-year starter at linebacker for the Great Danes, he recorded 115 tackles as a senior and set a single-game record with 24 against Alfred. Mion played on Coach Ford's first varsity teams. Albany's 1974 team registered the only undefeated season in school history at 9-0.

A graduate of Colonie (N.Y.) Central High School, Mion was also the head wrestling coach at Shaker from 1979-86 and Syracuse High for two years. Mion resides in Clifton Park with his wife, Sharon, and their three daughters, Katie, Sara and Emily.

An assistant coach at Watervliet High School for the past four years, Fitzgerald recently served as defensive coordinator and was responsible for the offensive line. Previously, he coached the junior varsity and freshman teams for three seasons. Watervliet won the 1996 New York State Class C championship, and claimed three league crowns during his tenure.

Fitzgerald, 26, was an offensive guard in the late 1980s at Siena College, where he earned an undergraduate degree in business administration and was a dean's list student in accounting. He earned all-area, all-city and all-league recognition as an scholastic offensive lineman at Watervliet from 1983-87.

Fitzgerald, who is presently working on his master's degree in business administration, has been employed in the professional world as a corporate accountant for Insulating Materials, Inc. and as an assistant manager for accounting and finances at Vector Marketing Corporation. He has also worked as a substitute teacher and teacher's aide in a class for mentally challenged students.

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Comments: College Lacrosse

Southampton, N.Y. -- Junior midfielder Les Spence had three goals and two assists as LIU-Southampton rallied in the second half for a 13-12 victory over Albany in the ECAC Division II championship on Sunday afternoon at Southampton Field.

LIU-Southampton, the tournament's No. 2 seed, trailed 8-7 at halftime, but regrouped with a five-goal third quarter. Freshman Rich Stoia scored two of his three goals in the period, and put his club ahead for good at 11-10 with 2:46 left.

The Colonials, who also won the ECAC title in 1995, pushed out to a 13-10 advantage in the final stanza. But Albany (8-5), which had won seven of its last eight, closed within one goal with 2:29 remaining, when leading-scorer Mike McCarthy (Shenendehowa) found the net with his 34th of the season.

LIU-Southampton (9-4) got 14 saves from senior goalkeeper Mike Vitulli, while attackman Robert Roddini scored three goals.

The Great Danes, who reached the championship with an 11-10 upset of top seed and defending champion Sacred Heart in the semi-final round, was led by freshman Sean McConaghy's (Columbia) three goals. McCarthy added two goals and one assist, and goalkeeper Gary Lockwood stopped 16 shots.

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ECAC Division II Men's Lacrosse Championship

Albany (8-5)	4	4	2	2	-	12
LIU-Southampton (9-4)	2	5	5	1	-	13

Albany -- Scoring: Sean McConaghy 3-0, Mike McCarthy 2-1, Dan Small 2-0, John Baumann 2-0, Mike Kittner 1-2, Peter Fries 1-0, Brian Ryniker 1-0, David DeVito 0-2, Greg Giuliani 0-1, Michael Wood 0-1, Lorne Brown 0-1. Saves: Gary Lockwood 16.

LIU-Southampton -- Scoring: Les Spence 3-2, Rich Stoia 3-0, Robert Roddini 3-0, Bryan Stellwagon 1-2, P.J. Laura 1-1, Tom Dunn 1-0, Mike Snak 1-0. Saves: Mike Vitulli 14.

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Comments: College Softball

Garden City, N.Y. -- Jen Deloro and Chris Montenegro each had two hits as Pace upended Albany, 10-1, in the loser's bracket at the ECAC Division II Mid-Atlantic Tournament. The Great Danes dropped a 2-1 decision to top-seeded Adelphi earlier in the day in the double-elimination championship.

Albany, the tournament's No. 4 seed, finishes its season with a 23-15 record. Pace, the No. 3 seed with a 20-16 mark, moves on in the loser's bracket against Adelphi or Queens on Sunday.

In the opening round, Kate Carnevale's fielding error in the sixth inning allowed infielder Heather Maine to cross the plate with the winning run as Adelphi came from behind.

Amy McGrody (Schalmont HS) gave Albany a 1-0 lead in the first with an RBI single, before the Panthers tied the contest in the fifth on a run-scoring single by Danielle Margarita.

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ECAC Division II Mid-Atlantic Softball Tournament (First Round)

Albany (23-14)	100	000	0	-	1	4	2
Adelphi (27-17)	000	011	x	-	2	6	1

Jessica Hansen and Ellen Braun. Coleen Jamison and Christine Ciminiello.

(Loser's Bracket)

Albany (23-15)	100	000	0	-	1	4	4
Pace (20-16)	003	232	x	-	10	11	1

Kelly Poynton, Amy McGrody (5) and Ellen Braun. Suzanne Gentile and Linda Gehl.

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Comments: Track & Field

Albany, N.Y. -- Sophomore Ellakisha Williamson (Albany H.S.) was a double-winner in the 100-meter dash and 100-hurdles, and Tonya Dodge (Granville Central) ran the second fastest 1,500 in school history at the third annual Albany Spring Track & Field Classic on Friday evening at University Field.

Williamson sprinted the 100-dash in 12.30 seconds, and ran 14.26 in the 100-hurdles. Dodge, a senior who is preparing for the NCAA Division II meet in two weeks, was first in the 1,500 in 4:36.56.

Jayson Vazquez (Amsterdam) easily won the men's 400-hurdles in 53.61 seconds, while freshman Ben Wright (Averill Park) was a winner in the 1,500 in 3:56.20. Harold Valestin took the triple jump in 43-9.25.

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Third Annual Albany Spring Classic

MEN

3,000 Steeplechase - 1. Matt Kocuyba (Keene State), 9:16.88; 2. Bryan Knight (unattached), 9:27.60; 3. Brendan Howell (Albany), 9:32.43.

110-Hurdles - 1. Geoffrey York (unattached), 14.33; 2. Jayson Vasquez (Albany), 14.85; 3. Chris Verkey (Plattsburgh), 15.46.

400 Relay - 1. Buffalo State, 44.21; 2. R.I.T. 45.61.

3,000 Racewalk - 1. William Margelis (U.S. Merchant Marine), 21:48.34.

Long Jump - 1. Brian Hamilton (Binghamton), 6.97 meters or 22-10.5; 2. Walt Sosa (Hamilton), 21-10.5; 3. Scott Jordan (U.S. Merchant Marine), 18-8.75.

1,500 - 1. Ben Wright (Albany), 3:56.20; 2. Ben Hefferon (Marist), 3:56.89; 3. Dan Alperin (Mass.-Lowell), 3:56.97.

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Albany Spring T&F Classic 2-2-2-2

400-Hurdles - 1. Jayson Vazquez (Albany), 53.61; 2. Dan Johnson (Hamilton), 59.81; 3. Thomas McCabe (Sacred Heart), 1:00.95.

Pole Vault - 1. Mike Gordon (Rensselaer), 4.66 meters.

Hammer Throw - 1. Josh Black (Rensselaer), 54.74 meters.

200 - 1. Rob Crane (Mass.-Lowell), 23.04; 2. Mike Suchichi (Mass.-Lowell), 23.03; 3. Rob Sobotick (Holy Cross), 23.12.

400 - 1. Richard Boothe (New Haven), 49.18; 2. Kevin Ross (New Haven), 49.79; 3. Shane Ford (Brockport), 50.07.

800 - 1. Eric Larson (New Haven), 1:53.04; 2. Dennis King (Albany), 1:53.14; 3. Corey Davidson (Plattsburgh), 1:55.08.

High Jump - 1. Sean Kelley (Binghamton), 1.87 meters or 6-1.75; 2. Glenn Van Houten (Plattsburgh), 5-9.75; 3. Raf Mirabella (Plattsburgh), 5-9.75.

100 - 1. Mike Garagiles (R.I.T.), 10.94; 2. Geoffrey York (unattached), 11.10; 3. Christian Bloomer (St. Rose), 11.75.

Discus - 1. Mike Pestillo (Rensselaer), 45.91 meters or 150-7.5; 2. Mark Sutter (Albany), 142-9.5; 3. Kent Nelson (R.I.T.), 127-11.5.

Triple Jump - 1. Harold Valestin (Albany), 13.34 meters or 43-9.25; 2. Bryon Ray (Union), 43-1; 3. Phil Shaw (St. Rose), 35-7.5.

5,000 - 1. Jeremy Burt (Plattsburgh), 15:01.04; 2. Andy Bengston (Keene State), 15:03.44; 3. James DeJoy (unattached), 15:06.94.

1,600 Relay - 1. Colgate, 7:44.14; 2. Albany, 8:16.44; 3. Plattsburgh, 8:40.74.

WOMEN

100-Hurdles - 1. Ellakisha Williamson (Albany), 14.26; 2. Xiomara Davila Diaz (Albany), 14.57; 3. Reili Ciiva (St. Lawrence), 15.43.

High Jump - 1. Shannon Cotten (Brockport), 4-10; (tie) 2. Marybeth Burbank (Bentley), Reili Ciiva (St. Lawrence), Natalia Brown (Stony Brook), 4-6.

Long Jump - 1. April Van Slyke (Plattsburgh), 4.02 meters or 13-2.25.

400 Relay - 1. Albany 48.64, 2. Brockport 51.64.

3,000 - Chandra Beach (Keene State), 10:25.84; 2. Andrea Viger (Albany), 10:46.14; Carrie DeMirgian (Sacred Heart), 10:58.74.

400-Hurdles - 1. Betsy Cunningham (Colgate), 1:03.00; 2. Maria Valentini (Albany), 1:05.29; 3. Lynn Lambright (Buffalo), 1:05.81.

Shot Put - 1. Natalia Brown (Stony Brook), 11.88 meters or 38-11.75; 2. Karey Shay (Brockport), 34-0.75; 3. Stacy Goodeau (Plattsburgh), 32-5.75.

200 - 1. Tamirah Haywood (Buffalo), 29.19; 2. Jill Weigold (Bentley), 29.32; 3. Kristine Davies (Buffalo), 29.69.

100 - 1. Ellakisha Williamson (Albany), 12.30; 2. Xiomara Davila Diaz (Albany), 12.48; 3. Tara Bialy (Albany), 12.97.

400 - 1. Karen Lamora (St. Lawrence), 57.33; 2. Tamirah Haywood (Buffalo), 1:05.17.

800 - 1. Heather Farrand (Mass.-Lowell), 2:18.72; 2. Patty Diver (Brockport), 2:23.76; 3. Theresa Flood (Sacred Heart), 2:24.42.

1,500 - 1. Tonya Dodge (Albany), 4:36.56; 2. Deb Danehy (St. Lawrence), 4:45.38; 3. Kim Farrand (Mass.-Lowell), 4:59.87.

Discus - 1. Natalie Brown (Stony Brook), 36.67 meters or 120-3.5; 2. Beth Shope (Geneseo), 112-8; 3. Karen Shay (Brockport), 100-7.

Hammer - 1. Beth Shope (Geneseo), 53.34 meters or 175-0; 2. Christine Ianello (Binghamton), 144-9; 3. Jen Watkins (unattached), 140-6.

5,000 - 1. Karen Barbera (Keene State), 18:53.74; 2. Patti Murray (Binghamton), 18:57.74; 3. Stephanie Smith (Sacred Heart), 19:49.94.

1,600 Relay - 1. St. Lawrence, 3:59.24.

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Comments: Men's Lacrosse

Fairfield, Conn. -- Junior attackman Brian Ryniker had two goals and one assist as Albany held off top-seed Sacred Heart for an 11-10 upset victory in the ECAC Division II championship's semi-final round on Friday afternoon at Campus Field.

Albany, the tournament's No. 4 seed, travels to LIU-Southampton, the second seed, on Sunday at 12 noon for the championship. LIU-Southampton was a 16-5 winner over Bentley in today's other semifinal.

Ryniker had one goal and one assist in the third quarter, as the Great Danes built an 11-6 advantage. Sacred Heart (8-4), ranked fourth in the latest USILA Division II national poll, rallied with a four-goal final period. Senior Jason Colapinto scored twice in that stretch, including the contest's final goal with 8:30 remaining.

Albany (8-4), which reached the eight-win mark for the first time since 1993, and has won seven of its last eight, used a stall offense to run out most of the the final three minutes on Sacred Heart's astroturf surface. Mike McCarthy (Shenendehowa) had two goals, including his 32nd of the season, for the Great Danes, while freshman Sean McConaghy (Columbia) and Dan Small also found the net twice. Junior goalkeeper Gary Lockwood made 20 saves.

Kenny Martin and Chuck Chiodo each tallied two goals for the Pioneers, and goalkeeper Art DeGaetano turned back nine shots.

Albany (8-4)	5	2	4	0	-	11
Sacred Heart (8-4)	4	1	1	4	-	10

Albany -- Scoring: Brian Ryniker 2-1, Mike McCarthy 2-0, Sean McConaghy 2-0, Dan Small 2-0, David DeVito 1-2, John Baumann 1-1, Tim Benedict 1-0, Mike Kittner 0-2, Greg Giuliani 0-1. Saves: Gary Lockwood 20.

Sacred Heart -- Scoring: Chuck Chiodo 2-0, Jason Colapinto 2-0, Kenny Martin 2-0, T.J. Howard 1-1, Mark Letizia 1-0, Raymond Gogarty 1-0, Chris Spaterella 1-0, Brad Wilson 0-1, Michael Mazzeo 0-1. Saves: Art DeGaetano 9.

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Comments: College Baseball

Albany, N.Y. -- Freshman reliever John Hoyt struck out Jeremy Krol with two runners on base in the ninth inning to lead Albany to a 6-5 non-conference victory over American International on Wednesday evening at Heritage Park. The Great Danes set a single-season record with their 19th win.

American International (11-28) took a 2-0 lead on a pair of solo home runs by Tim Shepardson and Josh Kelly. The Great Danes responded with a five-run fifth inning. Josh Finn's RBI single gave his club the lead, before freshman outfielder Michael Oliva lined a two-run double into the left-field gap.

After Krol slugged a two-run homer over the right field fence in the sixth, Albany's Jamie Lent gave his team a 6-4 advantage with his second RBI single of the game.

Jon Jurus' sacrifice fly closed the gap to 6-5 in the ninth, before Hoyt struck out Krol on a one-two pitch with runners on the corners. Mark Zacharczyk picked up his second victory in relief of starter Scott Tower. Albany finishes the '97 season with a 19-17 record.

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Albany	000	050	10x	-	6	8	1

Randy Driscoll and Mike Anton.

Scott Tower, Mark Zacharczyk (4), John Hoyt (7) and Steve Lizza.



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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY TEAMS AWARDED BERTHS IN ECAC TOURNAMENTS
Local Stars Help Men's Lacrosse and Softball Earn No. 4 Seeds

ALBANY, N.Y. -- University at Albany's men's lacrosse and women's softball teams have each been selected to play in the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC) Division II championship tournaments. The Great Danes are seeded fourth in both ECAC post-season events.

Albany (7-4) travels to the top seed Sacred Heart (8-3) in the ECAC men's lacrosse semi-final round on Friday, May 9 at 2:00 p.m., while No.3 Bentley is at LIU-Southampton, the second seed. The winners will meet at the highest remaining seed's home field on Sunday, May 11 at 12 noon.

The Great Danes are making their first post-season appearance since the 1994 ECAC Division III tournament. Junior attackman **Mike McCarthy** (Shenendehowa H.S.) leads Albany in scoring with 30 goals and seven assists, while senior midfielder **Mike Kittner** has 35 points (19 goals, 16 assists). Freshman **Sean McConaghy** (Columbia) is fourth on the team with 15 goals and seven assists. The Dane defense is led by junior defenseman **Tom Alexander** (Guilderland), who is first in groundballs with 42, and goalkeeper **Gary Lockwood**, ranked fifth nationally with a 9.55 goals against average.

1997 ECAC Division II Men's Lacrosse Championship

(Friday, May 9)

#4 Albany (7-4) at #1 Sacred Heart (8-3), 2:00 p.m.

#3 Bentley (10-6) at #2 LIU-Southampton (7-6), 4:00 p.m.

(Sunday, May 11)

Championship @ Highest Remaining Seed

At the ECAC Division II Mid-Atlantic Softball tournament, Albany (23-13) is seeded fourth, and faces the host school and top seed Adelphi (26-17) in the opening round on Saturday, May 10 at 10:00 a.m. Queens, the No. 2 seed, meets No. 3 Pace in the other first-round contest. The double-elimination tournament continues through Sunday.

Albany, which has tied a single-season record for victories, is back in the postseason for the first time since the 1995 New York State Division III tournament. Sophomore shortstop **Jackie Knapp** (Schenectady H.S.), who is hitting .364 with five home runs and a team-leading 37 RBIs, is among several local standouts on the team. Junior second base **Kate Carnevale** (Columbia) is first in runs scored (42) and stolen bases (24), and has a .358 batting average. **Amy McGroty** (Schalmont) is the top hitter among the regulars with a .367 average. The junior right-hander is 5-2 on the mound with a 1.60 earned run average.

1997 ECAC Division II Mid-Atlantic Softball Tournament (@Garden City, N.Y.)

(Saturday, May 10)

#4 Albany (23-13) vs. #1 Adelphi (26-17), 10:00 a.m.

#3 Pace (19-15) vs. #2 Queens (25-16), 12:00 noon

Loser's Bracket Game, 2:00 p.m.

Winner's Bracket Game, 4:00 p.m.

(Sunday, May 11)

Loser's Bracket Game, 11:00 a.m.

Championship Bracket Game, 1:00 p.m.

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Comments: College Sports (Baseball)

Albany, N.Y. -- Sophomore outfielder Chris Jones walked with the bases loaded in the eighth inning of the nightcap to lead Albany to a New England Collegiate Conference double-header sweep over Bridgeport on Monday at Varsity Field. The Great Danes won the second game, 6-5 in extra innings, and also took the opener, 9-3.

Albany (18-17, NECC 8-10) trailed 5-4 heading into the second contest's seventh inning, but Jones scored on a throwing error to draw his team even. Chris Robilotti (Colonie H.S.) came across with the winning run in Albany's next at bat, when Jones worked a walk with the bases jammed. Sophomore Marcus Hartel improved his pitching record to 4-1, as he recorded four strikeouts and three walks in the complete-game effort.

In the first game, Heath Mullen (Greenwich Central) went 2-for-5 with a triple and two runs scored, while freshman Michael Oliva lined a two-run double in the fifth. Bridgeport falls to 6-24-1 overall and 2-13-1 in the conference.

The Great Danes end their 1997 schedule against American International at Heritage Park on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

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(Game 1)

Bridgeport	100	002	000	-	3	4	5
Albany	200	340	00x	-	9	10	1

Cedric Pratt, Wayne Britto (5) and Warren Miedreich.
Jason Trufant and Dennis Cirilla, Ty Ebert.

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(Game 2)

Bridgeport	000	030	20	-	5	7	1
Albany	020	110	11	-	6	7	1

(one out when winning run scored)

Bob LaPolla, Wayne Britto (8) and Warren Miedreich.

Marcus Hartel and Steve Lizza.

(Softball)

Lowell, Mass. -- University at Albany's Kate Carnevale (Columbia H.S.) has been selected as the New England Collegiate Conference Player of the Week (April 28-May 4) in softball. Freshman Erin Craig was chosen as the NECC Rookie of the Week for the second time this season.

Carnevale, a junior second base, hit .636 (7-for-11) in three games to go with six runs, two RBIs and four stolen bases. She is hitting .358 on the season, and is first on the team in runs (42) and stolen bases (24).

Craig, who plays third base, batted .727 (8-for-11) with five runs, six RBIs, three doubles and one home run in last week's action. She has upped her batting average to a team-leading .370.



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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY ANNOUNCES INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS MOVE
School's 19 Varsity Teams Will Compete at Division I Level in 1999-2000

ALBANY, N.Y. -- The University at Albany plans to upgrade its intercollegiate athletics program for men and women to National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I status, effective in the 1999-2000 academic year, as President Karen R. Hitchcock announced today.

A recommendation to move to Division I was endorsed by the University Senate on April 7 in a 30-10 vote and recently accepted by President Hitchcock in consultation with the University Council and the Chancellor of the State University of New York. A formal proposal to reclassify the school's NCAA membership from Division II had been sent to the floor by the University Senate's Educational Policy Council. The University has until June 1 to make known its intentions in a declaration to the NCAA.

"I have instructed Dr. Milt Richards, our Director of Athletics, to immediately notify the NCAA of our intention to upgrade the intercollegiate athletics program to the Division I level," Hitchcock said. "We have strong academic support for our student-athletes, outstanding coaches and excellent athletic administrators. I am confident that the transition from Division II to Division I will be successful."

Vice President for Student Affairs James P. Doellefeld added, "Athletic competition at the Division I level will enrich campus life, advance our connection with the Capital-Saratoga Region, and provide another rallying point for the University's students, alumni, faculty and friends.

"We will move this upgrade process forward while maintaining the school's academic standards, and continuing both a commitment to gender equity and support for recreational and intramural activities," Doellefeld said. "In addition, the University will not go beyond the current state funding allocated to this campus for Division II athletics in making this move to Division I."

The University's athletics program will immediately bring all of its policies and programs into compliance with NCAA Division I regulations. Albany sponsors eight men's teams, including football (Division I-AA), baseball, basketball, cross country, indoor track, lacrosse, outdoor track and soccer. The eleven women's teams are basketball, cross country, field hockey, golf, indoor track, lacrosse, outdoor track, soccer, softball, tennis and volleyball.

During the mandatory two-year transition period, Albany's eight men's and eleven women's varsity sports are ineligible for NCAA championship competition but may compete in ECAC post-season events. The men's and women's basketball teams will not participate in the New England Collegiate Conference tournament for the next two years as the conference champion receives an automatic berth in the NCAA Division II tournament field.

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Albany Moves to Division I 2-2-2-2

Albany, which competed at the college division level prior to the NCAA's restructuring in 1972, has an athletic history which dates back to the late 1890s when the first known intercollegiate teams arrived on campus. The athletic program moved from Division III to Division II in the 1995-96 academic year.

There are currently 19 Division I athletics programs in New York State. This list includes Syracuse, Buffalo, Army, St. John's, Colgate, Cornell, Columbia, St. Bonaventure, Fordham, Siena, Niagara, Canisius, Marist, Iona, Long Island, Manhattan, Hofstra, Wagner and St. Francis (NY).

The University at Albany was founded in 1844 as the state's first school for the training of teachers and the oldest chartered public institution of higher education in New York, and has evolved into one of the top research universities in the nation. Approximately 16,000 students are enrolled in eight degree-granting schools and colleges offering 220 academic programs from the bachelor's degree through the doctorate. *Money Magazine* has ranked Albany among the 25 "Best College Buys" in the nation for seven consecutive years.

Key Events in the University's Move to Division I

- July 1, 1993 -** Dr. Milton E. Richards is appointed Director of Athletics after Dr. William Moore retires from the position.
- May 16, 1994 -** The University announces its decision to move to Division II for the 1995-96 academic year, and becomes a member of the New England Collegiate Conference.
- January 22, 1997 -** The Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Board (IAAB), chaired by Dr. Richard Hall, recommends that the University upgrade its athletics program to Division I. The IAAB is acting on a proposal sent by Dr. Richards.
- February 19 -** University students vote 1,437-156 in a non-binding referendum to raise the mandatory student athletic fee (MAF) \$15 per year over a three-year period to support an upgrade to Division I. The MAF would increase to \$128 per year by 1999-2000.
- March 14 -** The University Senate's Educational Policy Council unanimously agrees to bring a bill to the senate floor recommending approval of the move to Division I, beginning in 1999-2000.
- April 7 -** The University Senate, a group made up of faculty, staff and students, votes 30-10 to move Albany's athletics program to Division I status.
- May 5 -** President Karen R. Hitchcock announces the University's athletic program will compete at the NCAA Division I level in the 1999-2000 academic year.
- June 1 -** The University must declare its intentions to the NCAA by this date in order to compete at the Division I level in 1999-2000.



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Date: Monday, May 5, 1997
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Subject: President Karen R. Hitchcock will make an announcement regarding the future of the University at Albany's intercollegiate athletics program for men and women.

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Comments: College Sports (Track & Field)

Upper Montclair, N.J. -- Sophomore Janna Johnston (Shenendehowa) was a double-winner in the heptathlon and long jump, and Dennis King (Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons) and Jayson Vasquez (Amsterdam) scored victories in the 1,500 and 100-meter hurdles, respectively, as Albany captured both the men's and women's Collegiate Track Conference championships.

Johnston, who set a new high jump standard (5-5) on the first day of the heptathlon, established an Albany record in the seven-event competition for the second straight week with 4,682 points. She also was first in the long jump with a leap of 18-4. The Great Danes, who won their second CTC title in the last three years, totaled 147 points, while Southern Connecticut State was second with 115.

Tonya Dodge (Granville Central) continues to rewrite the school's record books, and broke a 12-year-old mark in winning at 5,000 meters. Her NCAA provisional time of 17:35.90 eclipsed Karen Kurthy DeFeo's previous effort by more than 32 seconds. Other CTC women's champions include Ellakisha Williamson (200), Xiomara Davila Diaz (100-hurdles), Samantha Cohen (3,000 racewalk), and the 400- and 1,600-meter relays.

Albany garnered its eighth consecutive men's CTC team title with 190 points to easily outdistance the 14-team field. King ran 3:57.1 to win the 1,500, while Vasquez sprinted a personal-best 14.72 in the 100-hurdles.

Halim Wise took the 400 in 49.01, and anchored the winning 400- and 1,600-meter relays. Ben Wright (Averill Park) and Rob Naughtner (Guilderland) helped the 3,200-meter relay to a first-place finish in 8:00.7. Matt Perry (5,000 racewalk) and Tom Marshall (shot put) also won individual events. ***more***

Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

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Collegiate Track Conference Championships

(Women)

1. Albany 147, 2. Southern Connecticut State 115, 3. Sacred Heart 71, 4. Stockton State 48, 5. Allentown 47, 6. New York U. 42, 7. Stony Brook 32, 8. Queens 24, 9. Montclair State 23, 10. Jersey City State 22, 11. C.W. Post 19, 12. William Paterson 18, 13. New Haven 12, 14. St. Rose and Cortland 8, 16. Medgar Evers 2.

(Men)

1. Albany 190, 2. Stockton State 84, 3. Allentown 59, 4. U.S. Merchant Marine 52, 5. St. Rose 44, 6. New York U. 40, 7. New Haven 36, 8. Montclair State 31, 9. Sacred Heart 29, 10. Rochester Institute of Technology 27, 11. Stony Brook 21, 12. Hunter 15, 13. Medgar Evers 6, 14. C.W. Post 2.

(Baseball)

Oneonta, N.Y. -- Freshman Jon Jacobsen had three hits and drove in three runs in leading Albany to an 11-4 victory over Salem State (Mass.) in the third-place game of the 12th annual Hall of Fame Tournament. Hartwick, the host school, upended the Great Danes, 12-4, in Sunday morning's opening round.

Bill Jarvela improved to 4-3 on the mound with his fourth complete-game of the season. The senior right-hander struck out six, and allowed three earned runs. Third baseman Chris Robilotti (Colonie H.S.) went 3-for-4 with two runs scored, while sophomore Pat Pickett (Shenendehowa) doubled twice in three at bats, and had two RBIs.

In the first round, Hartwick's Eric Hoffman had three hits, including two doubles, plus scored three runs and knocked in two to lead his club's 14-hit attack. Albany (16-17) plays a conference double-header at home against Bridgeport on Monday at 2:00 p.m.

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12th annual Hall of Fame Tournament

(First Round)

Albany	001	012	0	-	4	11	1
Hartwick	016	401	x	-	12	14	0

Scott Tower, Mark Zacharczyk (3), Jonathan Davis (4) and Dennis Cirilla, Steve Lizza (6). Mike LaRose, Keith Stuart (6) and Brian Conley.

(Third Place)

Albany	211	100	6	-	11	20	1
Salem State	022	000	0	-	4	8	1

Bill Jarvela and Dennis Cirilla.

Kevin Downey, Mike Sciarappa (7), Kevin Sweeney (7) and Billy Morelli.

(Football)

Albany, N.Y. -- The Great Danes will end spring football practice with a controlled scrimmage on the Western Avenue fields at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, May 5. Last Saturday's original date was postponed due to poor field conditions.

Head coach Bob Ford, who is preparing his team for its first season in the Eastern Football Conference, has guided the UA program through 15 spring workout sessions. Albany has 38 letterwinners, including 15 starters, returning from last year's 7-3 club, and opens its 1997 schedule at Central Connecticut State on September 6.

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Comments: College Sports (Men's Lacrosse)

Albany, N.Y. -- Junior attackman Mike McCarthy (Shenendehowa) had three goals and one assist, as Albany kept its ECAC playoff hopes alive with a 12-6 victory over West Chester in the rain and wind on Saturday afternoon at Varsity Field.

The Great Danes, who finish the regular season with a 7-4 record, await Monday's selection of the four-team ECAC Division II tournament field.

Albany led 4-2 early in the third period, but then pulled away with three of the game's next four goals. Freshman Dan Small netted his third goal of the day after defenseman Tom Alexander (Guilderland) forced a turnover at midfield for a 7-3 advantage with 4:20 left in the period.

Goalkeeper Gary Lockwood made 22 saves, one off his season-high, in the Albany cage, and helped limit the Golden Rams to 1-for-9 in extra-man opportunities. Freshman Sean McConaghy (Columbia) added one goal and two assists for the Great Danes.

Senior Scott Lange had three goals, including his 44th of the season, for West Chester (7-7). Freshman goalkeeper Michael Sheridan stopped 13 shots.

West Chester (7-7)	0	1	3	2	-	6
Albany (7-4)	2	2	4	4	-	12

West Chester -- Scoring: Scott Lange 3-0, Matthew Domenick 2-0, Brett Thomas 1-0, Kevin Samborski 0-3, Jonathan Stearns 0-1. Saves: Michael Sheridan 13.

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Albany Sports 2-2-2-2

Albany -- Scoring: Mike McCarthy 3-1, Dan Small 3-0, Mike Kittner 2-0, Sean McConaghy 1-2, John Baumann 1-1, Matt Polletta 1-1, Michael Wood 1-0, Peter Fries 0-1, Gavin Henry 0-1, David DeVito 0-1. Saves: Gary Lockwood 22, Brian Ranaudo 3.

(Baseball)

Cooperstown, N.Y. -- The 12th annual Cooperstown Hall of Fame Tournament, hosted by Hartwick College, was postponed until Sunday due to rain.

Albany (15-16) plays Hartwick (13-17) in a first-round contest at 10:00 a.m., while other bracket features Salisbury State (Md.) against Salem State (Mass.). The winners will meet for the championship on Doubleday Field at 2:30 in the afternoon. The consolation is scheduled for Damaschke Field in Oneonta.

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Comments: College Sports

(Women's Lacrosse)

Albany, N.Y. -- Juniors Rebecca Kaiser (Guilderland H.S.) and Rafaela Nikas each had three goals and one assist as Albany routed Quinnipiac, 15-1, on Thursday afternoon at Varsity Field in the Great Danes' regular-season finale.

Albany (8-4) reached the eight-win mark for the fourth consecutive season, and awaits a possible ECAC Division II tournament bid on Monday.

Sophomore attack Karen Karpus added three goals for the Great Danes, while goalkeepers Allisson Pennington and Kim Martini combined to make seven saves.

Allyson Moore scored the lone goal for Quinnipiac (3-4), and goalkeeper Kate LaBreck turned aside 18 shots in the cage.

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Quinnipiac (3-4)	0	1	-	1
Albany (8-4)	4	11	-	15

Quinnipiac -- Scoring: Allyson Moore 1-0. Saves: Kate LaBreck 18.

Albany -- Scoring: Rafaela Nikas 3-1, Rebecca Kaiser 3-1, Karen Karpus 3-0, Laura Walls 2-0, Dawn DiMicco 1-0, Stacey Mayer 1-0, Jess Spadafora 1-0, Lauren Pouchak 1-0, Kristin McCarthy 0-1. Saves: Allisson Pennington 7, Kim Martini 0.



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Albany Sweeps Franklin Pierce

Great Danes Edge FPC, 2-1, Then Explode For 18-3 Rout

RINDGE, NH (Apr. 30, 1997) – Freshman Erin Craig went 4-for-8 with three runs batted in and a pair of home runs while sophomore Jackie Knapp also went 4-for-8 with five RBI, a home run and a triple to lead the University of Albany softball team in a 2-1, 18-3 sweep over Franklin Pierce Wednesday in a New England Collegiate Conference (NECC) doubleheader.

In the opener, Craig belted a home run in the fifth inning to give the Great Danes a 2-1 victory. Knapp went 1-for-3 with a triple and scored the Danes' first run on a passed ball in the first inning. Sophomore Kelly Poynton won the battle in the pitching war, striking out 10 and yielding just three hits and three walks.

Junior pitcher Kara Hofsaes also impressed in the opener, yielding four hits and no walks. Offensively, sophomore Marisa Giannone (1-for-3) led the Ravens with an RBI double. She drove in senior Katie Kunkel in the third inning for the Ravens' sole run.

In the second game, the Danes took advantage of seven errors by the Ravens as junior Kate Carnevale hit 5-for-6, totaling three runs and one RBI. Knapp continued on a torrid pace, going 3-for-5 with four RBI, a home run and a triple. Craig (2-for-5) roped her second home run of the day in addition to three runs scored and two RBI. Freshman pitcher Jessica Hansen allowed five hits and struck out four.

For the Ravens, freshman Therese Canestri went 2-for-3 with an RBI and a double.

Albany improves to 7-9 in the NECC and 22-13 overall. Franklin Pierce, which was awarded two wins earlier this week following a forfeit by Stony Brook, closes its season with a 5-13 clip in the NECC, and 6-22 overall.

Game 1		R	H	E
Albany	100 010 0	2	4	1
Franklin Pierce	001 000 0	1	3	0

Batteries-UA: Kelly Poynton (W) and Ellen Braun; **FPC:** Kara Hofsaes (L, 1-12) and Jen McGillin.

Game 2		R	H	E
Albany	250 65	18	14	2
Franklin Pierce	100 11	3	7	7

Batteries-UA: Jessica Hansen (W) and Ellen Braun; **FPC:** Kara Hofsaes (L, 1-13), Therese Canestri and Jen McGillin and Rachael Rivard.

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