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## **UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY ACCEPTS INVITATION TO JOIN AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE School Will Become Full Member in 2001-02 Academic Year**

ALBANY, N.Y. – The University at Albany has accepted an invitation to become a full member of America East Conference, effective with the 2001-02 academic year, as President Dr. Karen R. Hitchcock announced today. Seventeen of the school's nineteen intercollegiate varsity teams will be immediately eligible for conference championships and NCAA post-season competition.

"We are most pleased the University's search for conference affiliation has reached a successful conclusion," President Hitchcock said. "The America East Conference membership and the University at Albany have similar missions. These institutions have high academic standards, operate their athletic departments with integrity and demonstrated quality, and value the student-athlete as a whole person. We look forward to a long and productive partnership."

America East is in its 13th year of all-sports championship competition with a reputation as a comprehensive conference that is committed to broad-based Division I athletics. America East sponsors 21 conference championships for men and women. Admission to NCAA championships can be earned in baseball, men's and women's basketball, field hockey, men's golf, men's and women's lacrosse, men's and women's soccer, softball, men's and women's tennis, and volleyball. In addition, student-athletes compete as individuals for NCAA events in cross country, swimming and diving, and track and field.

The current America East membership includes, Boston University, University of Delaware, Drexel University, University of Hartford, Hofstra University, University of Maine, University of New Hampshire, Northeastern University, Towson University, and University of Vermont. The University at Stony Brook was also accepted as a conference member today.

"Conference affiliation for our entire athletics program will enhance the institution's Division I growth," said Director of Athletics and Recreation Dr. Lee McElroy, who has spearheaded the University's conference search process since his appointment in July 2000. "With America East Conference membership, the University's goals and aspirations for intercollegiate athletics are now clearly defined. Our student-athletes and coaches will have an opportunity to compete for both conference and NCAA championships. America East will also provide increased visibility for athletics and strengthen our identity with the University's students, alumni, faculty and friends."

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**Comments:** College Sports

**WOMEN – Harvard 68, Albany 55**

Albany, N.Y. – Freshman **Hana Peljto** had 21 points and eight rebounds to lead Harvard past Albany, 68-55, in a non-conference game on Monday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Harvard (5-11) led 32-27 early in the second half, but then tallied eight straight points to take control. Peljto, a 6-foot-2 forward, converted a three-point play when she was fouled on a short drive in the lane to start the run. She later gave her club a 40-27 cushion on a 3-pointer field goal with 12:18 remaining. The Crimson, who canned 22 of 25 free throws, led by double figures the rest of the way.

In the first half, Albany (5-16) leaped to an 11-4 advantage, before Harvard regrouped with 13 of the game's next 17 points. Peljto had five markers in that outburst, before **Jennifer Monti**, who had 10 points, put her team on top for good at 17-15. Meanwhile, Harvard's defense held the Great Danes to a season-low 17 first-half points and forced 13 turnovers in the opening stanza.

"Their post players had a tremendous size advantage, and as a result we got into foul trouble," said Albany coach Mari Warner. "We were taking shots after one pass, and you can't play undisciplined."

**Sarah Johnson**, a 6-foot-4 center, came off the bench to score 13 points for Harvard, who has won four of its last five starts. Sophomore guard **Chris Gray** led Albany with 11 points. **Liz Tucker**, who scored 10, moved into third place on the school's all-time scoring list with 1,097 points.

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### Comments: College Sports

#### (Track & Field)

Boston, Mass. – **Jessica Walton** (Fonda-Fultonville H.S.) led the women's 4x800-meter relay to a school record and **Jamie Rodriguez** (Christian Brothers Academy) qualified for the IC4A championships in the 5,000-meter run to highlight the University at Albany's performances at the 20th annual Terrier Classic. The two-day event was held at the Boston University Armory.

The Great Danes, who were second in the 4x800 behind Duke, shattered an Albany standard by nearly 26 seconds with an ECAC-qualifying time of 9:21.67. The relay of Walton, **Dinnah Decatus**, **Diane Matthews** and **Jessica Burger** (Granville Central) broke a mark set in 1997. Walton ran 2:17.6 in the leadoff leg, while Burger went 2:21.3 as the anchor.

Rodriguez, a junior who was UAlbany's top cross-country runner in the fall, ran a personal-best 14:39.75 to finish 10th overall. His effort was the third-best time in school history.

In other Terrier Classic action, the Great Danes were third in the men's 4x800 relay. **Noel Campbell**, **Ike Cherry**, **Ed Fotiades** and **Adam Rice** ran a time of 7:52.12. **Naron Stewart** and **John Morris** tied for third in the high jump with a leap of 6-feet, 6 inches. **Ronald Edmundson** was fourth in the triple jump (46-11.50) and **Fred Frese** (Scotia-Glenville) took fifth in the pole vault (13-11.25). **Cherice' Vanderhall** threw 39-4.50 to place sixth in the women's shot put, while **Laura Kearns** (Saratoga Springs) was ninth in the 3,000 (10:46.13).

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### **Comments: College Basketball**

#### **Stony Brook 67, Albany 64**

Albany, N.Y. – **Leon Brisport** had 21 points and 17 rebounds, as Stony Brook held off Albany, 67-64, on Saturday at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Albany (4-17) wiped out a 17-12 deficit midway through the first half with 16 of the game's next 19 points. **Sam Hopes**, who totaled six rebounds and six steals, netted six of his 16 points in that span. **E.J. Gallup**, who also scored 16, put his team on top at 21-19 with a three-point shot, before **Will Brand** sank a pair of free throws for a 28-20 advantage.

Stony Brook (11-9) still trailed 37-30 early in the second half, but then went on a 12-3 spurt to go in front. Brisport, who scored 14 in the final stanza, gave his team the lead for good at 42-41 with a turnaround in the lane.

The Seawolves, who have won five of their last seven contests, pushed out to a nine-point lead on three occasions in the stretch. Brisport, a 6-foot-8 senior, scored in the paint for a 66-57 cushion with 4:05 remaining.

Albany's Brand, who had 19 of his season-high 24 points after halftime, fueled a string of seven consecutive points with a three-pointer. Gallup then hit a driving layup to cut the margin to 66-64.

Freshman guard **David Munir**, who had 12 points, split a pair of free throws with 23.8 seconds to play. Gallup misfired on two 3-point attempts in the waning seconds in an effort to force overtime.

"We knew they would take Gallup off the double, and Will (Brand) was the second option on a step out," said Albany coach Scott Beeten about his team's final possession. "Brisport is just too strong inside. I have to be pleased with our effort against a pretty good team."

Stony Brook's **Jairus McCollum** and **Mike Konopka** had 11 and 10 points, respectively.

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### Comments: College Basketball

#### WOMEN

##### Dartmouth 61, Albany 56

Albany, N.Y. -- **Katie Shelly** scored 19 points, as Dartmouth won its fourth straight with a 61-56 non-conference victory over Albany on Saturday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Dartmouth (5-11) reversed an early 10-3 deficit with a 22-4 run. Shelly, a 6-foot-1 sophomore, and **Katharine Hanks** each had six points in that stretch. **Samantha Burnham** scored in the lane to hand the Big Green a 25-14 advantage with 6:22 left in the period.

The Big Green still led 42-31 early in the second half, before Albany (5-15) slowly worked their way back into the contest. **Chris Gray**, who had a season-high 12 points off the bench, buried a three-point field goal to slice the gap to 52-47.

The Great Danes would later pull within a basket, at 56-54, on freshman **Katherine Hemlock's** three-pointer with 3:14 to play. However, **Samantha Berdinka** answered with a 3-point shot on her team's next possession to keep the lead safe.

"We were not able to hit some shots and started to question what we were doing on offense," said Albany coach **Mari Warner**, whose team was held to 35.8 percent from the field. "We didn't have good ball movement. Our team will have regroup real quick with Harvard here on Monday."

Dartmouth's **Keri Downs** had 14 points, while Hanks added 13 points and eight rebounds. Albany's **Marie Connors** scored a career-high 20 on 7-of-10 shooting, and grabbed nine rebounds.

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**Comments: College Basketball**

### **Dartmouth 72, Albany 58**

Albany, N.Y. – Senior guard **Greg Buth** scored 25 points, as Dartmouth won its third straight with a 72-58 victory over Albany on Wednesday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Dartmouth (5-11) led 14-12 early in the opening period, but then went on a 13-3 run. Buth buried consecutive three-point baskets for a 27-15 advantage with 7:17 remaining.

The Big Green, who upended Albany, 88-76, just four days ago on their home floor, led 31-22 at halftime. **Vedad Osmanovic**, who had 12 of his 17 points in the final stanza, scored nine markers in a 14-3 outburst after the intermission. Osmanovic sank a baseline shot, before hitting a slam dunk after a steal to hand Dartmouth a commanding 45-25 lead.

Albany (4-16) sliced that deficit in a half on two occasions in the final five minutes, but could never get any closer. **Will Brand**, a 6-foot-5 junior, had 18 points and 11 rebounds, and became the 24<sup>th</sup> player in Albany history to reach the 1,000-point mark.

“I thought we played much better defensively, but we didn’t make any open shots,” said Albany coach **Scott Beeten**, whose bench was shortened with center Joe Vukovic sidelined with a severe ankle sprain. “They (Dartmouth) are a pretty good team. They make plays and hit three-point shots in key situations.”

**Ian McGinnis** had 15 points and 16 rebounds for the Big Green, who held Albany to 33.8-percent shooting. The Great Danes had four players in double figures, including an 11-point, 14-rebound effort by **Alex Barnhill**.

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### **Comments: College Sports**

#### **(Men's Basketball)**

#### **Columbia 78, Albany 66**

New York, N.Y. – **Craig Austin** scored a career-high 35 points to lead Columbia to a 78-66 non-conference win over Albany on Monday evening at Levien Gymnasium.

Columbia (5-11) led 13-11, but then scored 14 of the game's next 18 points to go in front for good. **Michael Merley** tallied six points in that stretch, before Austin buried a baseline jumper in transition for a 27-15 advantage with 6:51 remaining in the period. The Lions, who shot 54.3 percent from the field, including 10 of 17 from three-point range, led 41-29 at halftime.

Albany (4-15) closed within 41-35 on consecutive three-point baskets by freshman **E.J. Gallup**, who had 18 of his 28 points in the final period. Columbia responded with 11 unanswered points to take firm control. Austin nailed back-to-back long-range jumpers to begin that decisive spurt.

"We can't seem to find a stop defensively," said Albany coach **Scott Beeten**, whose team lost for the fifth straight time. "We used more man-to-man tonight and contested shots. But we are very road weary and looked tired on the floor. We just don't have enough players to run in and out of the game."

**Mike McBrien** and **Joe Case** added 16 and 11, respectively, for the Lions. **Will Brand** posted 15 points and eight rebounds for the Great Danes, who are home on Wednesday against Dartmouth.

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### **Comments: College Sports**

#### **(Track & Field)**

West Point, N.Y. – **Tammy Freeman** was a double-winner in the 55- and 200-meter dashes, as Albany won the USMA Invitational at Army's Gillis Field House. The Great Danes edged Lafayette, 119-117, for the women's title. The UAlbany men were second behind the host school.

Freeman, one of four UA women to win an individual event, sprinted 55 meters in 7.34 seconds, and went 26.44 in the 200. **Onieka Randall** (400), **Jessica Burger** (500) and **Nierra Jones** (triple jump) also posted first-place finishes. The Great Danes were also first in the 4x400 relay.

In the men's competition, **Jamie Rodriguez** (Christian Brothers Academy) won the mile run by nearly four seconds with a time of 4:17.29. **Alix Rodriques** was first across the tape in the 200-meter dash (22.70), and took second at 55 meters. **Ronald Edmundson**, the school's record-holder in the triple jump, posted a winning mark of 46-feet, 11-inches. **John Morris** (high jump) and **Aggrey Morris** (400) also claimed individual events.

Army totaled 209 points to lead the men's standings. The Great Danes, who scored 153, are at Boston University's Terrier Classic on Jan. 26-27.



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**Comments: College Sports**  
**(Men's Basketball)**  
**Dartmouth 88, Albany 76**

**Hanover, N.H.—Greg Buth** scored a season-high 33 points and Dartmouth set a school record with 18 three-point field goals en route to an 88-76 non-conference victory over Albany on Saturday evening at Leede Arena.

Dartmouth (4-11) snapped a 25-25 tie late in the first half with eight of the game's next 10 points. Buth, who canned 9-of-13 three-point attempts, hit a long-range jumper to put his team on top for good. The Big Green, who made 50 percent of their field goal attempts, led 37-31 at halftime.

In the second half Buth hit a three-pointer and **Ian McGinnis** sank two foul shots to extend Dartmouth's lead to double figures. Albany (4-14) closed within 59-52 on a three-pointer by **Antione Johnson**, who netted 21 of his career-high 27 points in the final period. However, the Big Green wiped out the threat when Buth buried three consecutive three-point shots for a 71-54 advantage with 8:30 remaining.

"They shot the ball extremely well and we could not cover them," Albany coach **Scott Beeten** said. "We changed defenses and tried to deny Buth the ball. But every time another guy stepped out to hit another three. We tried every defense and every combination."

**Vedad Osmanovic** had 12 points to pace four other Dartmouth players in double figures. Albany's **Will Brand** had 21 points and 13 rebounds, and scored 20 or more for the fourth straight game.

These same two teams will meet again in Albany on Wednesday (Jan. 24).

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### **Comments: College Sports**

#### **Albany 83, Colgate 70**

Hamilton, N.Y. – Freshman guard **Kathryn Hemlock** scored a career-high 21 points and **Jess McGinlay** added 21 off the bench, as Albany ended an eight-game road losing streak with an 83-70 victory over Colgate on Thursday evening at Cotterell Court.

Albany (5-14) led 67-58 with 6:36 remaining, but Colgate (3-12) tallied seven unanswered points to close within one basket on a jumper by **Colleen McCaffrey**, who had 18 points and 11 rebounds.

The Great Danes responded with an 11-0 run to erase the threat, and took a 78-65 advantage with 2:32 left. McGinlay, who had 12 second-half points helped her team pull away with a three-point play when she was fouled on a follow shot in the lane. Sophomore guard **Chris Gray** followed with a fastbreak layup.

In the opening stanza, Albany pushed out to a 31-14 lead on the strength of 54-percent shooting. Hemlock, who made 9-of-15 from the floor, and added five assists, totaled 11 first-half points.

“Several people contributed and we got into a rhythm early in the game,” said McGinlay, who scored 20-plus points for the third straight contest, and grabbed 10 rebounds. When Colgate cut the score to two points, we told ourselves to pick up the defense. This was the first time this season we had to protect a big lead on the road.”

The Great Danes, who shot 51.6 percent from the field on the night, led 45-30 at halftime. However, Colgate would slice the deficit to two points on three occasions in the final period. **Laura Rohrbacher's** layup got the Red Raiders within 52-50 with 12:21 to play.

Albany's **Liz Tucker** and **Dawn DiMicco** each scored in double figures with 10 points. Colgate's **Sarah Parks** had 15 points, while **Melissa Burke** added 12.

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### SHAN'TEL ALI OUT FOR SEASON WITH KNEE INJURY

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany women's basketball player **Shan'tel Ali** will miss the remainder of the season with a torn anterior cruciate ligament in her left knee as revealed on Wednesday afternoon. The MRI procedure's results were confirmed by Dr. Shankar Das.

Ali, a transfer from Otero Junior College in LaJunta, Colo., suffered the injury in Albany's 60-46 loss to Cornell on Jan. 16. The 6-foot-1 junior forward will have surgery on Monday, Jan. 22. Ali was averaging 3.4 points and 4.4 rebounds in 17 games. The Colorado Springs, Colo., native made six starts this season and totaled a season-high 11 points at Hartford on Dec. 13.

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**Comments: College Sports**

**Cornell 60, Albany 46**

Albany, N.Y. – **Deborah Stevens** scored 13 points to pace four players in double figures, as Cornell posted a 60-46 non-conference victory over Albany on Tuesday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Cornell (8-7) used a 16-2 run to begin the second half to break open a tight contest. **Jennifer Linker**, a 6-foot-1 senior, tallied six of her 11 points in that run, while Stevens added a pair of baskets. **Karen Force** converted back-to-back layups for a 39-22 lead with 13:36 remaining.

Albany (4-14) got as close as 39-31 on a pair of free throws by **Jess McGinlay**, who had 17 of her 23 points in the final period. The Big Red pushed their lead back to double digits, as Linker made a three-point play when she was fouled on a driving bank shot.

The Great Danes, who were coming off a 24-point win over Stony Brook on Saturday, held an early 17-10 advantage. But Cornell, who had dropped five of its previous six contests, used a stingy zone defense to get back into the contest. Stevens gave her team its first lead, at 21-20, when she converted a three-point play after being fouled on a back-door layup.

"I thought we pressed a bit and took some bad shots in the first half," said Albany coach **Mari Warner**, whose team was held to 31.6-percent shooting from the field. "It came down to what we did or didn't do offensively, and we just did not put the ball in the hole."

Cornell's **Tanya Karcic** and **Katie Romey** added 12 and 10 points, respectively. **Liz Tucker** had 12 points, nine rebounds and five assists for the Great Danes.

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Comments: **COLLEGE SPORTS**

### (Men's Basketball)

Corpus Christi, Texas – **Michael Hicks** scored 27 points and Texas A&M-Corpus Christi shot 62 percent from the field en route to a 107-78 victory over Albany on Monday evening at Circle K Court.

Texas A&M-Corpus Christi (9-9) reversed an early 10-9 deficit with seven straight points. **Lee Denmon**, who came off the bench to score 17, put his team ahead for good with 14:40 remaining, and **Armond Wainright**, who had all 13 of his points in the opening period, ended that run with a free throw. The Islanders, who won their third straight, upped their advantage to 35-22 on three consecutive baskets by Hicks.

Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, who connected on 20 of 36 shots in the first half, pushed out to a 54-31 lead on Wainright's three-pointer from the right corner.

"They are not just athletic, they are very talented," Albany coach **Scott Beeten** said. "There has to be a good reason why they beat Texas Tech and took Texas to the wire. We didn't have any answers. We weren't flat, but maybe our legs were weary from the six-day trip."

**Shaun Hemsley** had 16 points and 13 rebounds for the Islanders, who heated up to 70 percent shooting in the final half. **Alex Barnhill** tallied a season-high 19 points, including 17 in the final stanza for Albany. Freshman guard **E.J. Gallup** and **Will Brand** scored 19 and 18, respectively.

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### (Men's Basketball)

#### Texas-Pan American 84, Albany 69

Edinburg, Texas – **Brian Merriweather** had 19 of his 24 points in the second half and Texas-Pan American shot 70 percent from the field in the final period for a 84-69 victory over Albany on Saturday evening at UTPA Fieldhouse.

Texas-Pan American (7-10) broke a 49-49 tie midway through final stanza with 14 consecutive points. **Mire Chatman** tallied 11 of his 23 points during that stretch. The 6-foot-2 junior college transfer broke the tie on a slam dunk off a lob pass, and followed with a three-point field goal. The Broncs, who made 21 of 30 shots after halftime, completed that outburst when Chatman hit a jumper for a 63-49 advantage with 8:05 remaining.

Texas-Pan American jumped out to an early 15-8 lead midway through the opening period. Albany (4-12) would regroup, and went on a 14-2 run to grab a 34-24 advantage. Freshman **E.J. Gallup** had 10 of his 16 points in that span. Merriweather and Chatman both hit three-pointers in the final 50 seconds to close the gap to 34-30 at halftime.

"We played a perfect first half, except for the turnovers," Albany coach **Scott Beeten** said. "We did a good job with changing defenses, but they started to find the holes in the second half. They have more weapons and a much deeper bench than we do. They just had too many playmakers."

**John Braxton** and **Kyle Sanders** had 14 and 10 points, respectively, for the Broncs, who have won eight of their last nine home games dating back to last season. **Will Brand** led the Great Danes with 21 points and seven rebounds, while **Alex Barnhill** posted season-highs with 13 points and nine rebounds.

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### (Women's Basketball) Albany 83, Stony Brook 59

Albany, N.Y. – Sophomore guard **Jess McGinlay** scored 18 of her career-high 29 points in the first half, as Albany cruised to an 83-59 victory over Stony Brook at Saturday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center. The Seawolves have never won at the RACC in seven tries and erased their three-game winning streak.

Albany (4-13) jumped out to an 11-0 lead over the opening five minutes and would never trail in the ballgame. **Dawn DiMicco**, who tallied a season-high 16 points, recorded five markers during the outburst. Stony Brook (10-7) clawed into the deficit and made the score 18-13 on a **Sherry Jordan** three-point field goal with 9:48 remaining in the stanza. Jordan finished with 23 points and six rebounds.

The Great Danes, who shot a season-high 56.1 percent from the field, posted an 18-6 spurt over the final five minutes of the half and took a 43-23 advantage into the intermission. McGinlay recorded 14 of her 18 first-half points during that stretch, including two three-pointers in the final minute. She converted 11 of 14 shots on the game, while knocking down a career-high five three-point field goals.

"We played a full 40 minutes," said Albany coach **Mari Warner**, whose club has won 11 of its last 12 in the series against its archrival. "This team came out strong and maintained its intensity throughout the contest. Everyone played their role perfectly."

"I don't think I could have shot the ball any better than I did tonight," said McGinlay. "This is a great win and confidence booster for the team."

The Seawolves, who shot 52 percent in the second half, were only able to come within 14 points on two occasions. Albany committed a season-best 11 turnovers. **Liz Tucker** was the third Great Dane in double figures with 12 points, eight rebounds and eight assists. **Jill George** scored 14 points and grabbed seven rebounds for Stony Brook.

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## **ECAC Division I Men's Track and Field Performers of the Week**

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### **ECAC DIVISION I MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD PERFORMERS OF THE WEEK**

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#### **TRACK ATHLETE**

*Noel Powell, Bucknell University*

Powell, a freshman sprinter from Tamaqua, Pennsylvania placed second in the 200 meters and sixth in the 55 meter dash at a quadrangular meet held at Bucknell. Powell's time of 22.20 in the 200 meters places him second on the Bison's all-time list and qualifies him for the IC4A Championships.

#### **FIELD ATHLETE**

*John Morris, University at Albany*

Morris, a senior high jumper from Dix Hills, New York, won his event in a dual meet against Syracuse. Morris's jump of 6' 10.75" broke a 14-year old school record and qualified him for the IC4A Championships.

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### Comments: College Basketball

#### Maryland-Eastern Shore 102, Albany 96 (3OT)

Albany, N.Y. – **Andre' Newson** scored seven of his 27 points in the third overtime to lead Maryland-Eastern Shore to a 102-96 victory over Albany on Tuesday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

**Kevin Darby**, who had 17 points and 11 rebounds, buried a three-point field goal at the start of the third extra period to put his team ahead for a good at 92-89. Newson, who scored 19 after halftime, and pulled down 12 rebounds on the night, later scored on a follow shot in the lane for a 96-90 advantage.

Albany (4-11) rallied from an 11-point deficit in the second half to force the first overtime. Freshman **E.J. Gallup**, who tallied a season-high 29 points, converted three free throws after being fouled on a 3-point attempt for a 78-76 lead. **Tim Smith**, a 6-foot-3 junior who had 15 points and 16 rebounds, sank a pair of foul shots with 24.3 seconds left in regulation.

In the second overtime, Albany's **Will Brand**, who scored a season-high 23 and added nine rebounds, split a pair of free throws with 33.5 seconds to draw his club even at 89 apiece.

"I didn't think we deserved to win," said Albany coach Scott Beeten, whose team was out-rebounded, 53-36. "They are very athletic and make plays. However, we did not have the energy or enthusiasm on defense. When the game was tight at the end, we turned the ball over in critical situations."

**Joshua Hickman** had 16 of his 21 points in the opening period, as Maryland-Eastern Shore (3-7) led 50-46 at halftime. **Sanyika Street** was the fifth Hawk in double figures with 17.

**Sam Hopes** had 17 points for the Great Danes, who last played in a triple-overtime affair on Jan. 31, 1995 against Oneonta State.

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### **Comments: College Sports**

#### **(Women's Basketball)**

Albany, N.Y. – **Diana Caramanico** set both a school and arena single-game record with 42 points, as Pennsylvania won its fifth straight with a 64-51 non-conference victory over Albany on Monday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Albany (3-13) led 16-15 with 8:40 remaining in the first half, before the Quakers regrouped with 13 of the game's next 16 points. Caramanico, a 6-foot-2 senior who had 24 first-half points, netted 10 consecutive markers, including a pair of follow shots in the lane, in that run. **Tara Twomey's** free throw gave Pennsylvania (6-5) a 28-19 advantage with 4:36 left in the period.

The Quakers, who led 33-27 at halftime, took firm control with seven unanswered points to begin the final stanza. Caramanico, who connected on 15 of 27 from the field and 11 of 15 from the foul line, had five points in that outburst.

Caramanico, who added 12 rebounds and seven steals to her offensive output, later established the Penn scoring mark when she nailed a three-point field goal for a 58-45 lead with 4:16 remaining. She co-held the old mark with Kristen Brendel, who had 41 points against Bucknell in January 1991.

"We doubled her, we faced her, but she still got on the offensive boards," said Albany coach **Mari Warner** about Caramanico, who also broke the RACC record of 33 points set by Massachusetts-Lowell's Diane DiRoma in 1996. "We just got hammered on the boards; that's the key right there."

Sophomore **Jess McGinlay** was the only Albany player in double figures with 10 points off the bench.

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### **Comments: College Sports**

#### **(Track & Field)**

Syracuse, N.Y. -- **John Morris** and **Sarah Best** (Granville Central) established school records in the men's high jump and women's pole vault, respectively, to highlight Albany's performance in an indoor track meet at Syracuse University's Manley Field House.

Morris eclipsed a 14-year-old mark in the high jump with a leap of 6-feet, 10.75-inches. His effort shattered a standard set by 1986 NCAA champion David Walker (6-10.25).

Albany defeated Syracuse, 133-120, in the men's competition, and had five other individual winners. **Alix Rodrigues** (55-meter dash), **Jonathan Garrick** (long jump), **Fred Frese** (pole vault), **Jamie Rodriguez** (mile run) and **Charles Young** (55-meter high hurdles) each took top honors. Frese, of Scotia-Glenville H.S., went 13-11.75 in the pole vault, while Rodriguez (Christian Brothers Academy) was clocked in 4:18.35 in the mile.

Best, a sophomore, went 9-feet, 2.25-inches in the pole vault, as the Albany women were edged by Syracuse, 92-91. Freshman **Jessica Walton** (Fonda-Fultonville) won the 800-meter run in 2:20.21, while **Laura Kearns** (Saratoga Springs) was first in the 3,000 with a time of 10:52.19.

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### (Men's Basketball)

#### Albany 69, Elon 68

Elon College, N.C. – Sophomore **Sam Hopes** hit a 16-foot jumper with 1.7 seconds remaining, as Albany snapped a seven-game road losing streak with a 69-68 victory over Elon on Saturday evening at Koury Center.

Elon (5-10) built a 47-33 lead with 15:57 remaining behind the play of **Drew Kusterman**, who scored a career-high 21 points on seven three-point field goals. Albany (4-10) responded with 17 of the game's next 20 points to draw even at 50 apiece. **Will Brand** tallied eight of his 13 points in that span, and **Antione Johnson's** fast-break lay-up tied the contest.

Kusterman, who came off the bench, hit back-to-back three-pointers to push his team's lead back to 57-51. The Phoenix still led 61-57 with 4:13 to play, when **Brendon Rowell**, who had 21 points, converted a driving shot in the lane.

The Great Danes, who shot 56.5% in the second half, came back with a 10-2 run to post a 67-63 advantage with 2:08 left. Freshman guard **E.J. Gallup**, who had a team-high 21 points, canned a pair of three-pointers in that run.

Rowell led an Elon comeback by scoring his club's final nine points. The 6-foot-3 junior made a pair of free throws for a 68-67 lead with 20 seconds left.

"We ran that last play for E.J. (Gallup)," Albany coach **Scott Beeten** said. "They played on the top side of the hand off and he found Hopes free on the back side. Will (Brand) ignited us in the second half and put this team on his back. It was a helluva effort on the road."

Brand had 11 of his 13 points in the final period. Johnson and Hopes added 14 and 13 points, respectively.

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### (Women's Basketball) Albany 60, Lafayette 59

Albany, N.Y. – Sophomore guard **Jess McGinlay** came off the bench to score 16 points and nailed the game-winning three-pointer with 6.8 seconds remaining as Albany upended Lafayette, 60-59, on Saturday evening at the Recreation & Convocation Center. The loss snapped a five-game losing streak for the Great Danes.

Albany (3-12) rallied from a 10-point halftime deficit as they used a 15-3 run midway through the second half to take its first lead of the game, 51-50, at the 6:02 mark on a McGinlay free throw. McGinlay had six points during the spurt. With the score tied at 57 with 2:05 left, **Jennifer Bayer**, who finished with 21 points and seven rebounds, made a lay-up and was fouled with 27.1 seconds. Bayer missed the three-point attempt and Albany dribbled the ball up the floor and held for its last shot. McGinlay hit a three-pointer from the top-right side off a **Chris Gray** pass. **Christel Rocha** attempted a three at the buzzer, but the shot fell short. The Great Danes held the Leopards to 19 second-half points.

"Our girls kept hanging in there and played the way we are capable of playing in the second half," said Albany coach **Mari Warner**. "It wasn't a designed play," said Warner of McGinlay's winning shot. "We let our play develop and the ball just ended up in her hands. Jess has been playing well of late and she made a great shot."

Lafayette (4-9) jumped out to an 11-4 lead in the first four minutes of the opening stanza on a lay-up by **Colleen Fitzpatrick**. Albany responded with nine of the game's next 11 points to tie the score at 13 on **Dawn DiMicco's** jumper. The Leopards, who shot 70.8 percent in the period, used a 13-4 spurt to advance the score to 26-17 with 6:15 left. Lafayette led 40-30 at the intermission.

**Liz Tucker** had 13 points, while **Cara Caffell** tied a season-high with 10 points for Albany. The Great Danes out-rebounded the Leopards, 29-23, and shot a season-best 51.2 percent from the field.

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## **ALEX BARNHILL WILL BE BACK IN UNIFORM THIS SATURDAY**

ALBANY, N.Y. – University at Albany men's basketball player **Alex Barnhill** will be back in uniform when the Great Danes travel to Elon College in North Carolina for their next game on Saturday, January 6.

Barnhill, a sophomore from Schenectady, N.Y., was held out of Wednesday's game against Liberty as University and athletic officials checked into an ambiguity with regard to Barnhill's student-athlete record.

Barnhill has since completed a fall semester class requirement as mandated by University regulations, and received a posted grade that will maintain his eligibility.

"We thank everyone involved for their patience and cooperation in this matter," UAlbany Director of Athletics Dr. Lee McElroy said. "Alex Barnhill has fulfilled his responsibility as a University at Albany student, and now he may continue his athletic career as a member of the basketball team."

Barnhill, a 6-foot-4 guard/forward, averaged 7.5 points and 5.5 rebounds in two games last weekend at Utah State's Gossner Foods Classic. Barnhill became eligible for competition following the completion of the 2000 fall semester after transferring from Canisius College last winter.

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### WOMEN

#### Richmond 87, Albany 77

Richmond, Va. – Junior forward **Tasha Swaby** came off the bench to score 15 of her career-high 21 points in the first half, as Richmond upended Albany, 87-77, on Wednesday evening at the Robins Center.

Richmond (7-5) extended to a 58-34 lead early in the second half on **Elise Ryder's** three-point field goal. Albany (2-12) used a 14-6 run midway through the period to cut the margin to 75-63 with 5:37 remaining. **Dawn DiMicco** tallied seven of her season-high 15 points during that stretch. However, the Great Danes never could get the deficit under double digits.

In the first half, the Spiders jumped out to a 16-10 lead on a pair of free throws by **Krystn Gull** with 12:12 remaining. Albany responded with an 11-4 spurt to grab a 21-20 advantage. **Jess McGinlay's** jumper put her team in front. She finished with 19 points and established career-highs in rebounds (9) and assists (8).

Richmond then exploded with 27 of the game's next 34 points over the final seven-plus minutes of the period. Swaby, a 6-foot junior who had 10 rebounds, scored eight markers in that run.

"Overall, I was pleased with our offensive output and shooting percentage," Albany coach **Mari Warner** said. "We picked up our defensive intensity in the second half. Richmond's rebounding advantage helped determine the outcome."

**Liz Tucker** added 15 points for the Great Danes, who shot a season-best 50.8 percent from the field. Ryder led three other Richmond players in double figures with 14 points.

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### MEN

#### Liberty 70, Albany 59

Albany, N.Y. – Junior guard **Chris Caldwell** scored 27 points to lead Liberty to a 70-59 non-conference victory over Albany on Wednesday evening at the Recreation and Convocation Center.

Liberty (7-4) opened the second half with 15 of the game's next 21 points to build a 45-30 lead with 14:36 remaining. **Maurice Watkins**, who converted 10 of 13 free throws, had six of his 16 points in that outburst.

Albany (3-10) later used 11 consecutive points to get back into the contest. **Sam Hopes**, who had 12 of his 18 points in the final period, canned a three-point field goal to draw his team even at 54 apiece with 5:17 left.

The Flames, who posted their second road win of the season, then pulled away with seven straight points. **Nathan Day**, the third Liberty player in double figures with 12, made a three-point shot from left of the key to put his team on top for good. Caldwell, who made 10 of 17 field goals, then followed with a drive on the right baseline. Liberty sank 9 of 11 foul shot in the final minute to seal the outcome.

"We ran out of gas," Albany coach Scott Beeten said. "We just didn't have enough bodies. Liberty is a good team with excellent guards, but our kids were tired."

Freshman **E.J. Gallup** had 22 points for the Great Danes, who played short-handed as three starters went the entire 40 minutes.





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## ALEX BARNHILL WILL NOT PLAY THIS EVENING AGAINST LIBERTY

ALBANY, N.Y. – University at Albany's **Alex Barnhill** will not dress tonight against Liberty due to University regulations. Albany's University and athletic officials are checking into an ambiguity with regard to Barnhill's student-athlete record.

"We hope to have this matter resolved in a short period," UAlbany Director of Athletics Dr. Lee McElroy said. "At this time, the best thing for Alex Barnhill is not to play in tonight's game so that his eligibility is not harmed in any way."

Barnhill, a sophomore from Schenectady, N.Y., averaged 7.5 points and 5.5 rebounds in two games last weekend at Utah State's Gossner Foods Classic. Barnhill became eligible for competition following the completion of the 2000 fall semester after transferring from Canisius College last winter.



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### **J.T. HERFURTH NAMED FOOTBALL GAZETTE LINEMAN OF THE YEAR**

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany's **J.T. Herfurth** has been named the 2000 Football Gazette NCAA Division I-AA Mid-Major Offensive Lineman of the Year. Herfurth, a senior offensive tackle, was selected to the publication's Mid-Major I-AA All-America first team.

Herfurth, a 6-foot-6, 300-pound lineman, earned Associated Press and AFCA first-team recognition in December, and will play in the Hula Bowl on January 20 in Maui, Hawaii.

Sophomore **Josh Bazan** was voted Football Gazette's Mid-Major Linebacker of the Year. Bazan, who also received first-team All-America honors, led the Great Danes in tackles (109), hits for a loss (18), sacks (6.0), fumbles forced (4) and fumbles recovered (8).

Split end **Chris Phillis** (Saratoga Springs H.S.) and **Rafael Cruz**, a 6-foot-4, 305-pound offensive guard, were chosen to the second team. Phillis hauled in 49 passes for 856 yards and eight touchdowns, and led the team in all-purpose yardage at 103.9 per game.

Junior tailback **Brian Manigault**, who rushed for a school-record 1,041 yards and 15 touchdowns, offensive guard **Alex Argulewicz**, defensive tackle **Jason Martin** and free safety **Samson Brown** were picked in the honorable mention category.