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EASTERN CHAMPIONSHIPS CONTESTED AT THE UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY

The 6th annual USATF Eastern Track & Field Championships will take place Saturday, July 16, 1994. Last year, the first sub - 4 minute mile in Upstate New York was run in this event. This year's competition will be just as exciting. All Americans, National Champions and several Olympians will be participating and include:

- * Marisa Sutera - 1993 USATF Champion in 2,000m steeplechase.
- * Geoffrey York - University at Albany - Three time NCAA Champion 110m High Hurdles.
- * Adina Valdez - Westchester Track Club - 1992 Olympian in the 800 meters.
- * Richard Jones - Ohio State - Member of NCAA winning 4 x 400m Relay Team in 1993. Big Ten Champion.

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- * Clive Wright - Bronx Express - Former Jamaica Olympian and NCAA Champion in the sprints.
- * Julia Sandiford - Seton Hall - Member of 1994 NCAA winning 4 x 400m Relay Team both indoor & outdoor.
- * Abigail Hunte - Villanova University - 2:04.5 best in Women's 800 meters.
- * Andrew Bloom - Wake Forest University - Graduate of Niskayuna High School. National level athlete in the Shot Put and Discus. Represented the USA in the World Junior Championships.
- * Richard Pulver - Union College - All American in the Shot Put.
- * Brad Deane - University at Albany - Graduate of Troy High School. All American in both the Shot Put and Discus.

More than 250 athletes from Virginia to Maine are slated to participate. Admission is free and open to the public. Event schedule is as follows:

- 2:00 pm - Women's Hammer followed by Men's Hammer
 - Men's Pole Vault
 - Women's Long Jump followed by Men's Long Jump followed by Women's Triple Jump, followed by Men's Triple Jump
 - Men's Javelin followed by Women's Javelin
- 3:00 pm - Women's Shot Put followed by Men's Shot Put
 - High Hurdles - Women/Men - Trials
- 3:20 pm - 100M Dash - Women/Men - Trials
- 3:35 pm - 800M Run - Women/Men Sections - Final
- 3:55 pm - High Hurdles - Women/Men - Final
- 4:00 pm - Women's High Jump followed by Men's High Jump
- 4:05 pm - 100M Dash - Women/Men - Final

4:15 pm - Mile Run - Women/Men Sections - Final

4:30 pm - Women's Discus followed by Men's Discus

4:40 pm - 5,000M Racewalk - Men and Women combined

5:15 pm - 400M Hurdles - Women/Men Sections - Final

5:30 pm - 200M Dash - Women/Men - Sections on Time - Final

5:45 pm - 2,000M Steeplechase - Women

6:00 pm - 3,000M Steeplechase - Men

6:15 pm - Masters mile - Men

6:25 pm - 400M - Women/Men Sections - Final

6:40 pm - 3,000M Run - Women

6:55 pm - 5,000M Run - Men

7:15 pm - 4 x 400 Relay - Masters/Open - Women and Men



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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY ANNOUNCES AGREEMENT WITH WPTR 1540 AM RADIO 50,000-Watt Station Will Broadcast Great Dane Football and Basketball Games

ALBANY, N.Y. -- WPTR Radio (1540 AM), part of the Albany Broadcasting Company, Inc., has obtained the exclusive rights, beginning with the 1994-95 season, to broadcast the University at Albany's entire football and men's basketball schedules plus selected women's basketball games, as Director of Athletics Dr. Milton E. Richards and WPTR General Manager John Kelly jointly announced today.

"Securing the Capital Region's leading sports station in WPTR is a key element in our marketing efforts at Albany," Richards said. "Our relationship with WPTR will benefit our athletic program in several ways. I am particularly pleased our alumni and fans will have an opportunity to listen to our games, and that such fine announcers are associated with the broadcasts. We hope to explore expansion in the future as Albany athletics continues to grow."

"We expect the University at Albany sports program to become a major factor in the Capital Region during the next five years," Kelly said. "We are thrilled to be joining forces with Milt Richards and the Great Danes to provide play-by-play coverage of their football and basketball programs."

WPTR, a 50,000-watt station which is located at 1540 on the AM dial, can be heard as far away as Maine and on Cape Cod in Massachusetts, as well as in its local Capital Region coverage area. Forty percent of WPTR's weekly program schedule is devoted to sports talk or sports play-by-play programming. The station recently added the Sports Fan Radio Network, and carries the ESPN Radio Network, the New York Mets, the New York Jets, and the Albany River Rats.

Leading the WPTR broadcast talent is local sports personality Rodger Wyland, the evening sports anchor at WNYT-TV (NewsChannel 13), and the host of WPTR's Big Board Sports Talk, which is heard Monday through Friday from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Wyland, who will handle the play-by-play duties for Albany football and basketball, will be joined by WPTR and WROW Sports Director Mark Kestecher. A familiar sports voice in the Capital Region, Kestecher will work on football broadcasts, and serve as a play-by-play announcer on selected basketball games.

WPTR's football broadcasts will be enhanced by a color analyst who has a strong association with the local sports scene. Tim Sherwin, who played eight years in the National Football League, and was an all-Metro star at Watervliet (N.Y.) High School, will provide commentary. Sherwin, who also coached professionally with the Albany Firebirds in the Arena Football League, was an all-ECAC tight end at Boston College.

WPTR begins its coverage of University at Albany athletics on Saturday, September 10, when the Great Danes meet Ithaca College at University Field in the football team's season opener. Kickoff is slated for 6:00 p.m.

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RODGER WYLAND PLAY-BY-PLAY ANNOUNCER

Rodger Wyland will handle play-by-play duties for Albany football and basketball on WPTR Radio.

Wyland is a sports anchor/sports reporter for WNYT-TV (NewsChannel 13) on the 11:00 p.m. news program, and hosts Big Board Sports, a half-hour show that airs Sunday evenings at 11:25 p.m.

Also the host of Big Board Sports Talk, Monday through Friday at 6:30-8:00 p.m., on WPTR, Wyland joined Channel 13 in August 1986 as a weekend sports anchor and reporter.

A recipient of the Iris Award for a half-hour special on triathlete John Gracey, Wyland was the sports director at WTAJ-TV in Altoona, Pennsylvania prior to his present appointment.

A native of Altoona, Wyland graduated from Penn State University with a bachelor's degree in journalism and broadcasting in 1984. As an undergraduate, he served as WPSX-TV's play-by-play announcer at Penn State basketball games.

MARC KESTECHER ANNOUNCER

Marc Kestecher, the sports director at both WPTR Talk (1540 AM) Radio and All-News WROW Radio (590 AM), will work on Albany football broadcasts and as a play-by-play announcer for selected basketball games.

A Capital Region native, Kestecher has become a familiar voice to the area's radio sports audience. Since 1990, he has called all the play-by-play action for the Albany Firebirds in the Arena Football League.

From 1989-92, Kestecher was the top talent on Albany Patroon broadcasts in the Continental Basketball Association. He has also done play-by-play for the Albany-Colonie Yankees, Capital District Islanders, and Empire State Stallions.

The 26-year-old Kestecher is a graduate of Syracuse University.

TIM SHERWIN FOOTBALL ANALYST

Tim Sherwin, who played eight years in the National Football League, and was an all-star tight end at Boston College, will work with Rodger Wyland as a color analyst in football.

A native of Watervliet, N.Y., Sherwin played for the Baltimore Colts, the Indianapolis Colts, and the New Yorks Giants during his professional career. He was a team captain for Baltimore, and also served as a United Way spokesperson.

Sherwin developed into a first team all-ECAC tight end at Boston College, and had 78 career receptions for 1,075 yards during his four seasons with the Eagles. He received the Gold Helmet Award by the New England Sportswriters, and the Scanlon Award as one of BC's top student-athletes.

Currently a loan officer for Fleet Mortgage Company, where he has twice earned the Presidents Club award for excellence, Sherwin was an all-Metro and all-city player for head coach Joe King at Watervliet High School in 1977.

UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY 1994 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

September		
10	(Sat.)	ITHACA 6:00
17	(Sat.)	at St. Lawrence 1:30
24	(Sat.)	at Brockport 1:30
October		
1	(Sat.)	ALFRED 6:00
8	(Sat.)	UNION 6:00
15	(Sat.)	CORTLAND 1:00
22	(Sat.)	at Norwich 1:30
29	(Sat.)	SALISBURY STATE 1:00
November		
5	(Sat.)	SPRINGFIELD 6:00
11	(Fri.)	at William Paterson 7:30



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**GAIL CUMMINGS-DANSON ELEVATED TO ASSOCIATE ATHLETICS DIRECTOR AND
PAM BLACK NAMED WOMEN'S SOFTBALL COACH AT THE UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY**

ALBANY, N.Y. -- **Gail Cummings-Danson** has been elevated to associate athletics director and **Pam Black** has been selected as head women's softball coach, as Director of Athletics Dr. Milton E. Richards announced today.

"I am pleased that we have a person in Gail Cummings-Danson who has the expertise to manage our internal operations as we make the transition to Division II," Richards said. "Ms. Black has a strong coaching background which will lend itself well to the position as we get closer to competition in the New England Collegiate Conference."

Cummings-Danson, who has served as Albany's assistant athletics director since her appointment last January 1, takes on additional duties as chair of physical education. She will continue in her roles as head women's lacrosse coach, senior women's administrator, and NCAA compliance officer.

An assistant athletics director at Temple University in Philadelphia for three years prior joining the Albany staff, Cummings-Danson served as chair of the Atlantic 10 Conference field hockey committee. She also was as an assistant to the athletic director and head women's lacrosse coach at Connecticut College.

Cummings-Danson, 27, was a three-time All-America lacrosse athlete at Temple University, and led the Owls to a national title in 1988. A starting attack on the 1993 World Champion USA Lacrosse Team, she graduated cum laude from Temple with a bachelor's degree in health and physical education, and went on to earn a master's degree in education.

A GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-America and a NCAA Top Six finalist, Cummings-Danson, of Huntsville, Canada, is also completing work towards a doctorate in education/athletic administration from Temple.

Black, 33, becomes the fourth head coach in the Albany softball program's 18-year history. She has been both a softball and basketball coach at Taconic Hills (N.Y.) High School for the past seven years. As head coach, she led the softball program to the 1994 Patroon Conference championship, and six Section II tournament appearances. Black, a mathematics teacher in the Taconic Hills school district, has also coached junior varsity boys' soccer and modified girls' soccer for junior high students.

A graduate of Fort Plain (N.Y.) High School, Black played for four seasons in the early 1980's as a goalkeeper at SUNY-Plattsburgh. She led her teams to three New York State AIAW Tournament berths, and had a 0.70 goals against average for her career.

Black, who competed for several years as a member of the Adirondack women's open soccer team at the Empire State Games, received her undergraduate degree in education from the State University of New York at Plattsburgh in 1984, and five years later earned a master of arts in liberal studies.

In addition, she has been an assistant soccer coach at Plattsburgh and SUNY-Oswego, and worked at the Green Mountain College and Plattsburgh soccer camps.