

2008–2009

AMERICAN

Men's Basketball

Bryce
Simon
Senior, Forward

Frane
Markusovic
Senior, Center

Brian
Gilmore
Senior, Forward

Jordan
Nichols
Senior, Forward

Garrison
Carr
Senior, Guard

Frank
Borden
Senior, Guard

Derrick
Mercer
Senior, Guard







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THE NCAA TOURNAMENT



Garrison Carr, Derrick Mason and Jordan Nichols enjoy the Eagles' first berth in the NCAA tournament.

Teams Head to the 'Big Dance'

FIRST ROUND MATCHUPS

Georgetown vs. **George Mason**
7 p.m. ET, ESPN
Georgetown is the 12th seed, George Mason is the 13th seed.

American vs. **Tennessee**
7 p.m. ET, ESPN
American is the 15th seed, Tennessee is the 2nd seed.

Letting the Market Drive Transportation

Bus Officials Criticized for Privatization

By Lester Leggett and Benjamin A. Hsu
Baltimore Post-Examiner Staff Writers

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Regional Toll Plan

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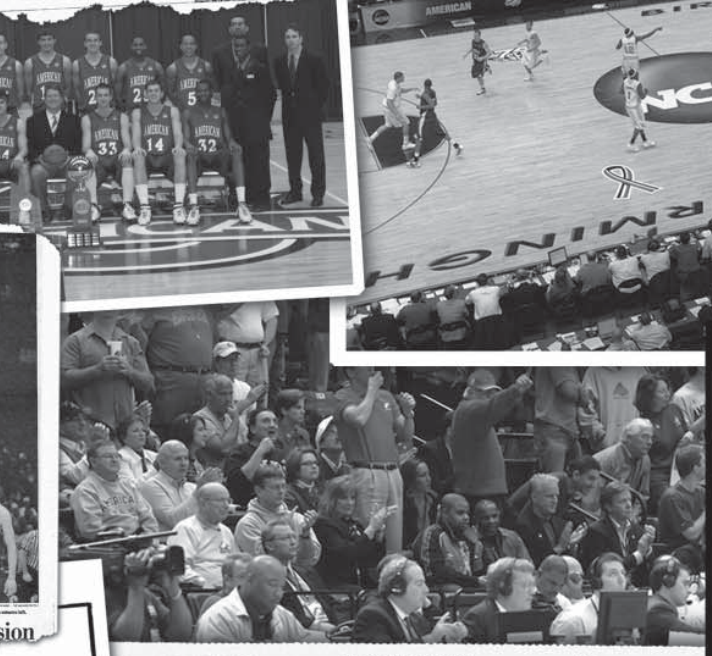


EAST REGION 1ST ROUND

15 AMERICAN EAGLES
(21-11)

2 TENNESSEE VOLUNTEERS
(10-1)

BIRMINGHAM, AL



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The Washington Times

NCAA TOURNAMENT



American holding on to tournament dream

Birmingham

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What to expect Sunday

Have the men's bracket selections tonight play out. College basketball. 6 pages in Sports

For the never-beens,

a rare shot at NCAA glory

They've longed to be in the tournament.

SPORTS

MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2008

Mike Wise

American Seeks Status Among the 'In' Crowd

Good basketball people of Washington, mid-major schools are looking for a small request today.

Please, root for Garrison Carr and his teammates on Friday. It's not just good and right, it's the American thing to do.

For 61 years, often under the very best of coaches, the Eagles of American University have been schools to have never participated in either the men's or women's event.

But today, the morning after top-seeded American put away on Friday in the District League tournament championship game, they are 40 minutes away. One win and all is in.

Defense Helps GMU Return to Title Game

■ **George Mason 51, UNC Wilmington 41**

By STEVEN GOREY
Washington Post Staff Writer

RICHMOND, March 9—In the second half of the Colonial Athletic Association Championship game, the Patriots had missed.

CAA Championship

Who: William & Mary vs. George Mason
When: 7 p.m. ET
Where: Richmond Coliseum

EAGLES



Brian Gilmore
Senior • Forward

2008-09 SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER

Fri.	14	at Oklahoma	7 p.m.
Mon.	17	ST. FRANCIS (Pa.) (1500/820AM)	7:30 p.m.
Wed.	19	at Howard	7 p.m.
Sat.	22	at Jacksonville	7 p.m.
Tue.	25	at Stony Brook	7 p.m.
Sat.	29	at Fairfield	7:30 p.m.

DECEMBER

Mon.	1	MOUNT ST. MARY'S (1500/820 AM) (MASN)	9 p.m.
Sat.	6	at Georgetown (MASN)	1 p.m.
Wed.	17	at George Washington (1050 AM)	7:30 p.m.
Sat.	20	at UMBC (MASN)	7 p.m.
Mon.	22	at Maryland (1500/820 AM) (CSN)	8p.m.
Mon.	29	at Manhattan	7 p.m.

JANUARY

Fri.	2	BROWN (1500/820AM)	7:30 p.m.
Mon.	5	COLUMBIA (1500/820AM)	7:30 p.m.
Sat.	10	LEHIGH* (1050AM)	2 p.m.
Wed.	14	BUCKNELL*	7:30 p.m.
Sat.	17	at Colgate*	2 p.m.
Sat.	24	at Holy Cross* (ESPNU)	2 p.m.
Wed.	28	at Navy*	7 p.m.
Sat.	31	LAFAYETTE* (1050AM)	2 p.m.

FEBRUARY

Wed.	4	ARMY* (1050AM)	7:30 p.m.
Sat.	7	at Lehigh* (MASN)	7 p.m.
Wed.	11	at Bucknell*	7 p.m.
Sat.	14	COLGATE* (1050AM) (ESPNU)	1 p.m.
Wed.	18	at Army*	7 p.m.
Sat.	21	HOLY CROSS* (1500/820AM)	2 p.m.
Wed.	25	NAVY* (1050AM) (CBS College)	8 p.m.
Sat.	28	at Lafayette*	1 p.m.

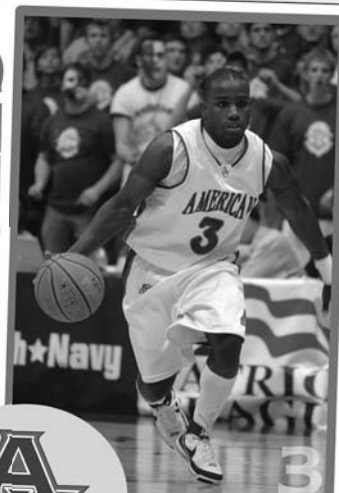
MARCH

Wed.	4	PL Quarterfinals (1050AM)	TBA
Sun.	8	PL Semifinals (1050AM)	TBA
Fri.	13	PL Championship (1050AM) (ESPN2)	4:45 p.m.

BOLD CAPS indicates home game

* indicates Patriot League opponent

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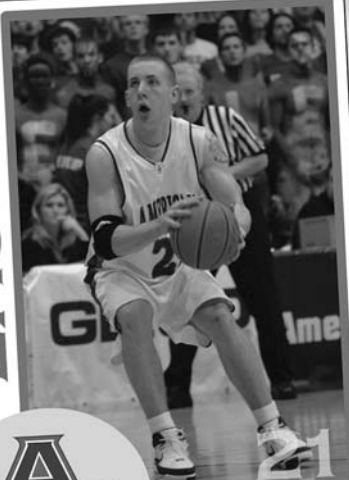
Derrick Mercer
Senior • Guard

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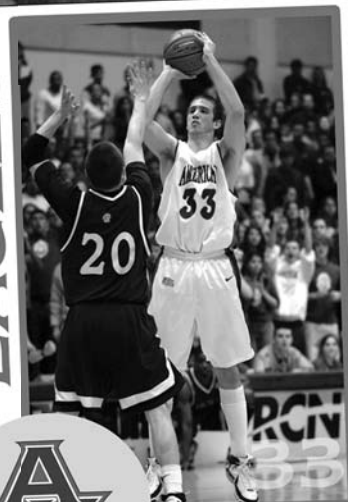
Frane Markusovic
Senior • Center

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Nick Hendra
Sophomore • Guard

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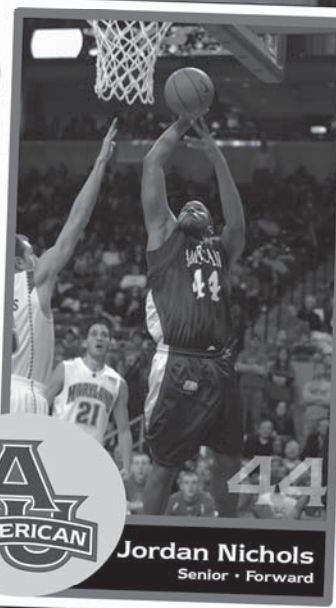
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Steve Luptak
Sophomore • Guard

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Jordan Nichols
Senior • Forward

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2008 Quick Facts

Location	Washington, D.C.
Founded	1893
Enrollment	5,818
Nickname	Eagles
Colors	Red, White & Blue
Affiliation	NCAA Division I
Conference	Patriot League
Home Court (Capacity)	Bender Arena (3,044)
President	Dr. Neil Kerwin
Director of Athletics	Keith Gill

Team Information

Head Coach	Jeff Jones (Ninth Season, Virginia '82)
Record at American / Seasons	125-113 / 8
Overall Record / Seasons	271-217 / 16
Assistants	Kieran Donohue (Ninth Season, Virginia '97)
.....	Jason Williford (Fourth Season, Virginia '95)
.....	Mike Brennan (Second Season, Princeton '94)
Dir. of Basketball Ops	
.....	Eddie Jackson (Third Season, Ohio State '00)
Basketball Office Phone	(202) 885-3010
2007-08 Overall Record	21-12
2007-08 Conference Record / Finish	10-4 / 1st
All-Time Program Record	1016-956 (.515)
Letterwinners Returning / Lost	9/3
Starters Returning / Lost	3/2
Newcomers	5

Athletics Communications

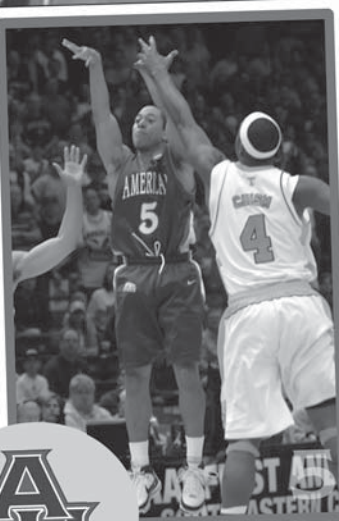
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.....	Andrew Chesebro
.....	April Raynovich
Website	www.AUEagles.com

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Frank Borden
Senior • Guard

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Garrison Carr
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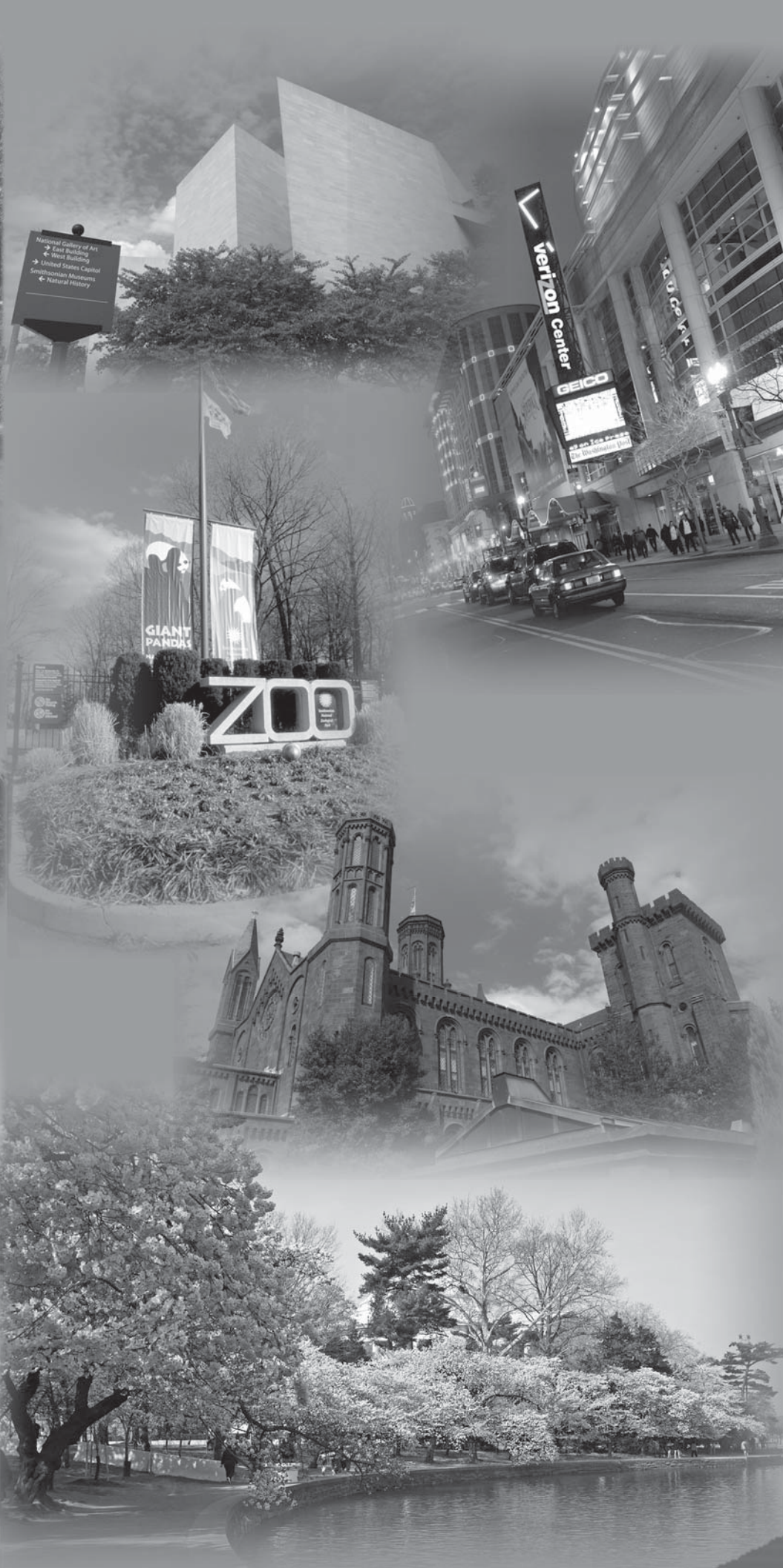


Matthew Wilson
Sophomore • Guard

Washington, D.C.

The National Mall is one of the center points of every visitor's trip to Washington, D.C. This tree-lined area of parkland stretches two and a half miles from the Potomac River to the United States Capitol on Capitol Hill and is adjoined by the White House. At one end of the National Mall, known as West Potomac Park, the Lincoln Memorial faces the Reflecting Pool with exceptional views of Arlington Memorial Bridge, Constitution Gardens, the Tidal Basin and the Washington Monument. Further towards Capitol Hill are a number of museums and galleries, including the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History, the National Air and Space Museum, National Museum of the American Indian, and the Smithsonian Institution building.





Area Attractions

- Adam's Morgan
- Arlington National Cemetery
- Cherry Blossom Festival
- China Town
- Dupont Circle
- Embassy Row
- FDR Memorial
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Ford's Theatre
- International Spy Museum
- Jefferson Memorial
- John F. Kenney Center
- Library of Congress
- Lincoln Memorial
- National Archives
- National Cathedral
- National Gallery of Art
- National Mall
- Nationals Park
- National Zoo
- Newseum
- Pentagon
- Ronald Reagan Building
- Smithsonian Institution
- Supreme Court
- U.S. Capitol
- U.S. Mint
- Union Station
- Verizon Center
- Vietnam Veterans Memorial
- Washington Monument
- White House

Area Pro Teams

- D.C. United
- Washington Capitals
- Washington Nationals
- Washington Redskins
- Washington Wizards
- Washington Mystics
- Baltimore Orioles
- Baltimore Ravens



American University

Situated within the northwest quadrant of Washington, D.C., American University's traditional-style campus has much to offer students in the way of comfort, modern conveniences, and quick, easy access to city life.

Our 84-acre, tree-lined campus, designated as a National Arboretum, is located at the top of Embassy Row in one of the most attractive, safe, and residential areas of our nation's capital.

The center of campus, also referred to as "the quad," is a focal point of student life not only because our academic buildings line its grassy borders, but also because it's a place to meet-and-greet with friends and student groups, catch an impromptu game of ultimate frisbee or take part in an after-class debrief with professors.

Another favorite spot on campus is the beach volleyball pit located between the athletics fields. The adjacent grassy hillside is also a well known hangout for students on game days.



General Enrollment

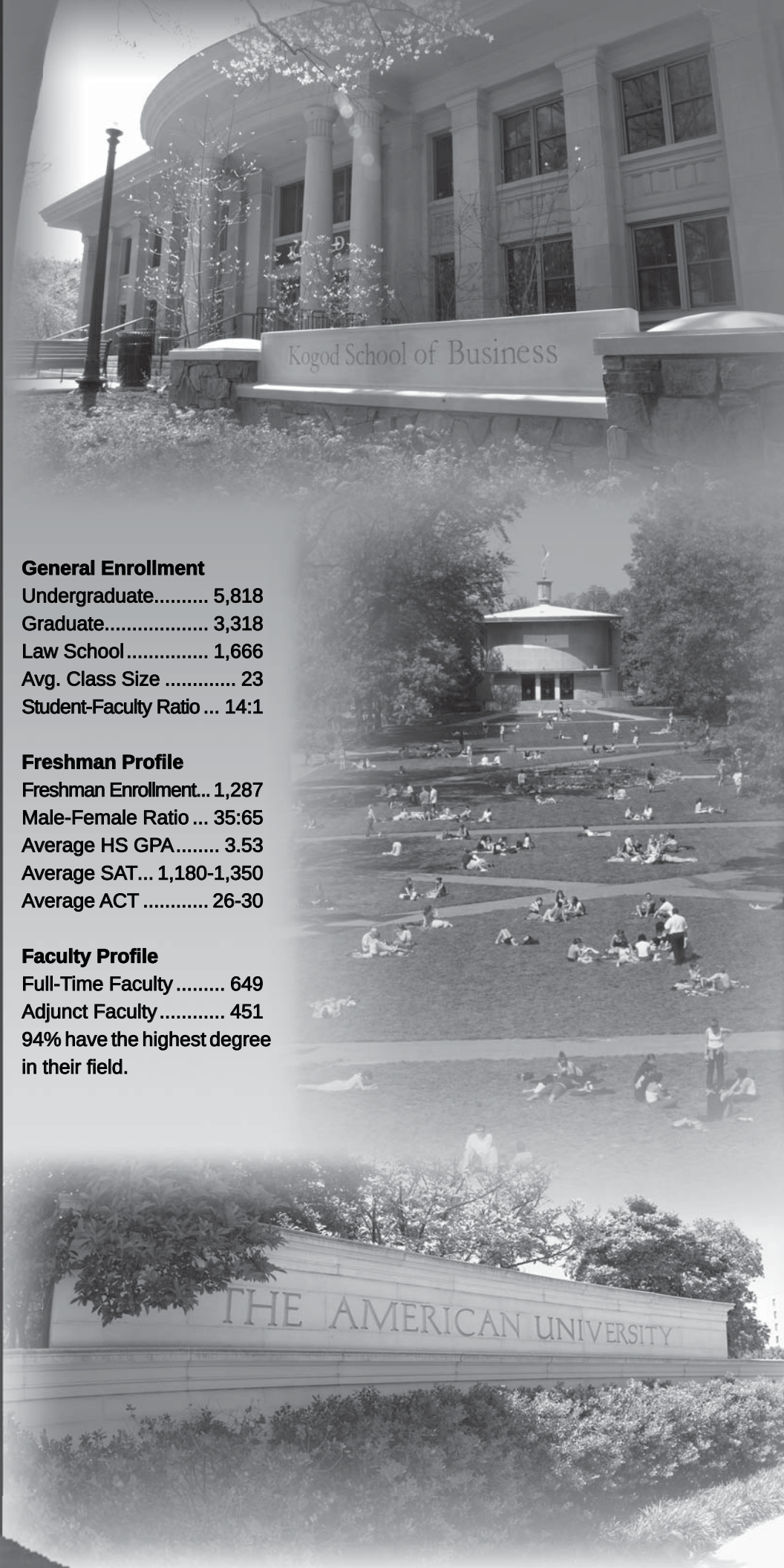
Undergraduate.....	5,818
Graduate.....	3,318
Law School.....	1,666
Avg. Class Size	23
Student-Faculty Ratio ...	14:1

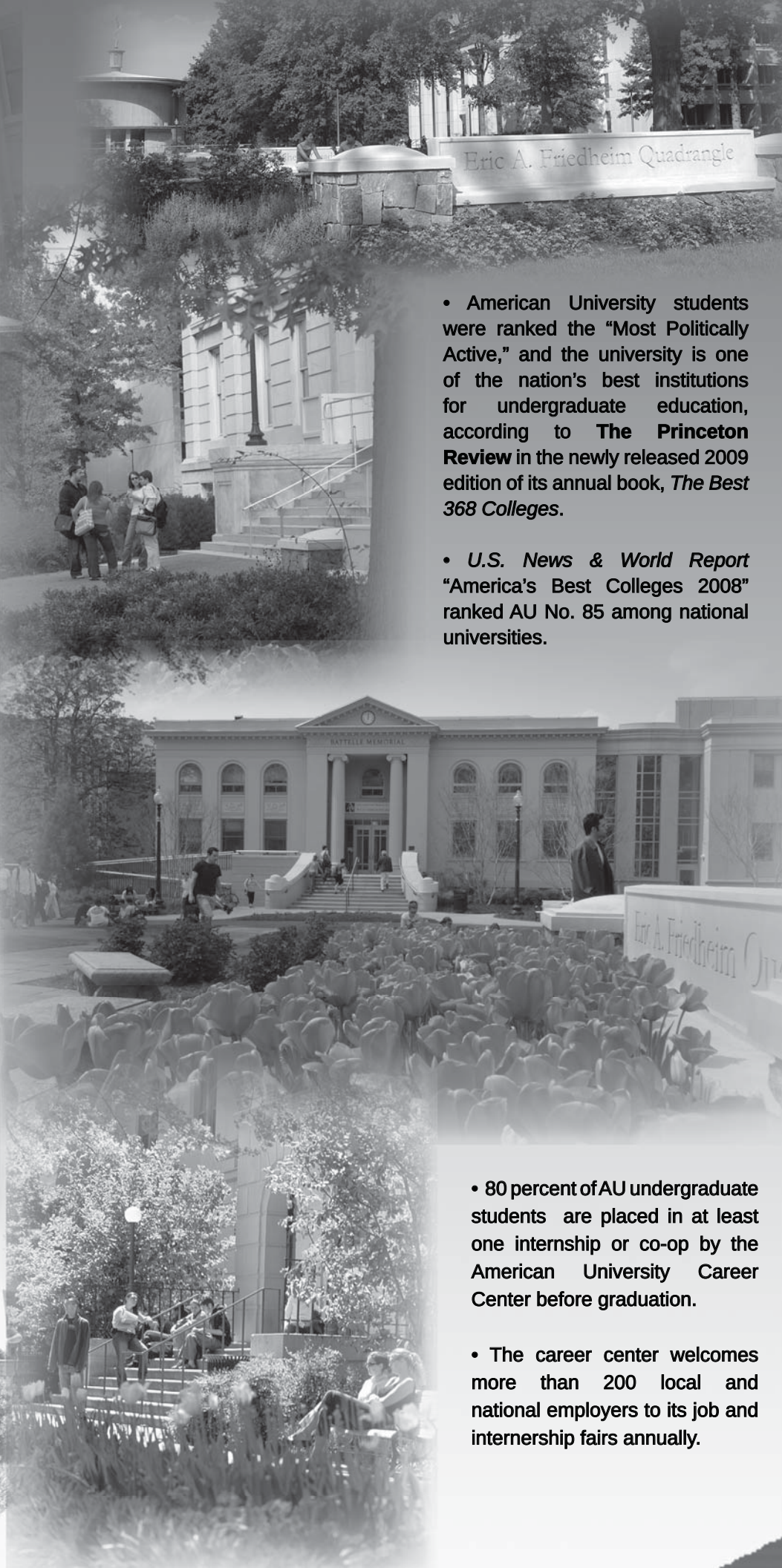
Freshman Profile

Freshman Enrollment...	1,287
Male-Female Ratio ...	35:65
Average HS GPA.....	3.53
Average SAT... 1,180-1,350	
Average ACT	26-30

Faculty Profile

Full-Time Faculty	649
Adjunct Faculty	451
94% have the highest degree in their field.	





Schools & Colleges

- College of Arts & Sciences
- Kogod School of Business
- School of Communication
- School of International Service
- School of Public Affairs
- Washington College of Law

Academic Resources

- University Library
- Law Library
- Computer and Media Labs
- Career Center
- Courses on the Web
- Center for Teaching Excellence
- Learning Resources
- Blackboard
- AU Experts Guide
- Watkins Art Gallery

5 Most Popular Majors

- International Service
- Business Administration
- Justice
- Political Science/Government
- Public Communication

• American University students were ranked the "Most Politically Active," and the university is one of the nation's best institutions for undergraduate education, according to **The Princeton Review** in the newly released 2009 edition of its annual book, *The Best 368 Colleges*.

• *U.S. News & World Report* "America's Best Colleges 2008" ranked AU No. 85 among national universities.

• 80 percent of AU undergraduate students are placed in at least one internship or co-op by the American University Career Center before graduation.

• The career center welcomes more than 200 local and national employers to its job and internship fairs annually.



Distinguished Alumni

David Aldridge, SOC/BA '87

Sports Journalist, Philadelphia Inquirer/TNT

Lonnie Bunch, CAS/BA '74, CAS/MA '76

Founder/exec director, Smithsonian Museum for African American History and Culture

Pat Butler, SOC/MA '96

VP, Washington Post

Robert Byrd, WCL/JD '63

U.S. Senator (D-WV)

Alisyn Camerota, SOC/BA '88

FOX News anchor

Jack Cassell, SOC/BA '77

President-CEO, Visual Aids Electronics Corporation

Chaturon Chaisang, CAS/MA '87

Deputy prime minister, Thailand

Randy Clouser, SPA/BS '80

Chief Marketing Officer, Zurich Financial Services

Gary Cohn, KSB/BSBA '82

President/COO, Goldman Sachs

Loren Danielson, KSB/BSBA '80

Senior VP-Investments, RBC

Andy Dolich, SPA/BA '69

COO, San Francisco 49ers

David Drobis, SOC/MA '65

Chair emeritus, Ketchum

Bob Edwards, SOC/MA '72

Host, XM Radio, National Public Radio

Todd Epsten, SPA/BA '82

Chief Executive Officer, Major Brands

Dean Factor, KSB/BSBA '87

CEO and cofounder, Smashbox Cosmetics/Smashbox Studios

Betsy Fischer, SPA/BA '92, SOC/MA '96

Exec producer, NBC's Meet the Press

Darryl Frank, SOC/MA '91

Cohead, Dreamworks Television

Andy Gershon, KSB/BSBA '86

Exec VP, SonyBMG's Epic Records

Bryan Glazer, SOC/BA '86

Exec VP, Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Joel Glazer, SPA/BA '89

Exec VP, Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Steven Goff, SOC/BA '88

Sports Journalist, The Washington Post

Jeff Greenberg, SOC/BA '87

Executive Producer, NBC4 Sports

David Gregory, SIS/BA '92

Chief White House correspondent, NBC News

Jack Haire, CAS/BA '74

Board of Directors, Bahloo

Salman bin Hamad Al-Khalifa, SPA/BA '92

Crown prince of Bahrain

Patricia deStacy Harrison, CAS/BA '68

President/CEO, Corporation for Public Broadcasting

Hubert Humphrey III, SPA/BA '65

Minnesota attorney general (1984-2000), son of U.S. VP Hubert H. Humphrey

Jesse Itzler, SPA/BA '90

Cofounder, Marquis Jet

William I Jacobs, WCL/JD '66

Exec VP, Mastercard International

Avery John, KSB/BSBA '98

Professional soccer player, Miami Football Club

Barry Josephson, SPA/BA '78

Producer (films Enchanted, Ladykillers, Like Mike, and FOX TV's Bones)



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Robert Kogod
KSB/BSBA '62



Cindy Christy-Lagenfeld
KSB/BSBA '88



Barry Levinson
CAS/BA '67
credit: NATAS - NCCB Chapter



Tony Perkins
SOC/BA '81



Willard Scott
CAS/BA '55



Jan Scruggs
SAC/BA '75



Jeffrey Sine
SIS/BA '76

Jackie Judd, SOC/BA '73

Emmy award winning former ABC correspondent

Cornelius Kerwin, SPA/BA '71

President, American University

Robert Kogod, KSB/BSBA '62

Former chair and CEO, Charles E. Smith Realty

Al Koken, SGPA/BA '74

Comcast SportsNet, Host of Capitals Report and Wizards Report, ESPN 980, co-host of The John Thompson Show

Margery Kraus, SPA/BA '67, SPA/MA '71

Founder/CEO, APCO Worldwide

Cindy Christy-Lagenfeld, KSB/BSBA '88

President-Americas, Alcatel-Lucent

Barry Levinson, CAS/BA '67

Film producer/writer/director (Diner, Tin Men, Avalon, Bugsy, Wag the Dog, Liberty Heights, Man of the Year)

Charles Lydecker, SPA/BA '85

Executive Vice President, Brown & Brown, Inc.

James McGovern, CAS/BA '81, SPA/MPA '84

U.S. Representative (D-MA)

Alan Meltzer, SPA/ND '73

Founder and CEO, The Meltzer Group

Nancy Meyers, SOC/BA '70

Film producer/writer/director, What Women Want, Saving Private Ryan

Keith Mitchell, CAS/PhD '81

Prime minister of Grenada

Robert Morton, SOC/BA '75

Emmy award winning writer, Late Night with David Letterman

Mark Murphy, KSB/MPA '83

President, Green Bay Packers

Alice Paul, WCL/LLM '27

American suffragist, original author, Equal Rights Amendment

Tony Perkins, SOC/BA '81

FOX News weather and features reporter

Joan Plaisted, SIS/BA '67, SIS/MA '69

Ambassador, U.S. Mission to the UN

Andy Pollin,

Host, The Sports Reporters

Angie Reese-Hawkins, SOC/BA '79

CEO/president, National Capital YMCA

Kathy Reichs, CAS/BA '70

Author, Bare Bones, Déjà Dead; writer/producer FOX-TV's Bones

Steve Saferin, SOC/BA '70

President, Scientific Game Ventures

Loretta Sanchez, KSB/MPA '84

U.S. representative (D-CA)

Paul Satenstein, KSB/BSBA '83

Executive VP, MCA Records

Willard Scott, CAS/BA '55

Former weather reporter, the Today Show

Jan Scruggs, CAS/BA '75, CAS/MA '76

Founder/president, Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund

Tom Shales, SOC/BA '67

TV critic/reporter, The Washington Post

Judy Sheindlin, SPA/BA '63

Host, Judge Judy

Bud Shuster, CAS/PHD '69

U.S. Representative (R-PA)

Jeffrey Sine, SIS/BA '76

Vice chair, UBS Securities; Broadway producer (Spring Awakening; Chitty Chitty Bang Bang; Frozen; Caroline, or Change; La Bohème; and The Goat, or Who is Sylvia?)

Billy Stone, SOC/BA '86, KSB/MPA '89

Producer/Development, CBS College Sports

Ed Tapscott, WCL/JD '80

Director Player Development/Programs, Washington Wizards

Abbi Tatton, SIS/MA '00

Internet reporter, CNN

Richard Ernest Thompson, CAS/BA '71

Playwright, On Golden Pond

Frances Fragos Townsend, SPA/BA '82

CNN commentator; former assitant to President George W. Bush for Homeland Security

Kermit Washington, SIS/BA '73

Former NBA player, LA Lakers

Bram Weinstein, SOC/BA '95

ESPN News, Anchor

Douglas Wheeler, CAS/MA '64

President emeritus, Washington Performing Arts Society

Warner Wolf, SOC/BA '60

Radio & Television Sports Broadcaster

Clark Woods, SOC/BA '78

President-Domestic Theatrical Distribution, MGM





ESPN's Dave O'Brien and Bob Valvano call the 2008 Patriot League Men's Basketball Championship Game from Bender Arena.



Each television station in Washington, D.C., is located within minutes of the American University campus.



The Eagles have been featured on several prominent websites including being chosen first in ESPN.com's 2008-09 Patriot League Preseason Poll.



Garrison Carr and Derrick Mercer field questions during a press conference following the Patriot League Championship Game.



Several of the nation's largest newspapers are headquartered in the D.C. metro area, including *The Washington Post*, and *USA Today*.

In The Spotlight

American University is located in the center of one of the largest media markets in the country, Washington, D.C. From television to radio, AU student-athletes gain exposure on both a local and national level.

Each of the four major television networks (ABC, NBC, CBS and Fox) has an affiliate in D.C. and can often be found on campus. Regional cable networks Comcast SportsNet and MASN also cover the Eagles throughout the year.

National newspapers *The Washington Post* and *Washington Times* serve as AU's hometown papers. *USA Today* is also headquartered just miles away from campus.



Blue Crew

The AU Blue Crew is American University's student cheering section which creates a home court advantage for each of AU's 16 Div. I athletics teams at all home events. Comprised of more than 2,000 undergraduate and graduate students, the Blue Crew is the largest and most spirited student group on campus.



Eagles Spirit

The American University Spirit Program is comprised of a cheerleading and dance team and the AU Pep Band. The Spirit Program performs at all home men's basketball games as well as select women's basketball games and volleyball matches, keeping the energy level inside of Bender Arena high.

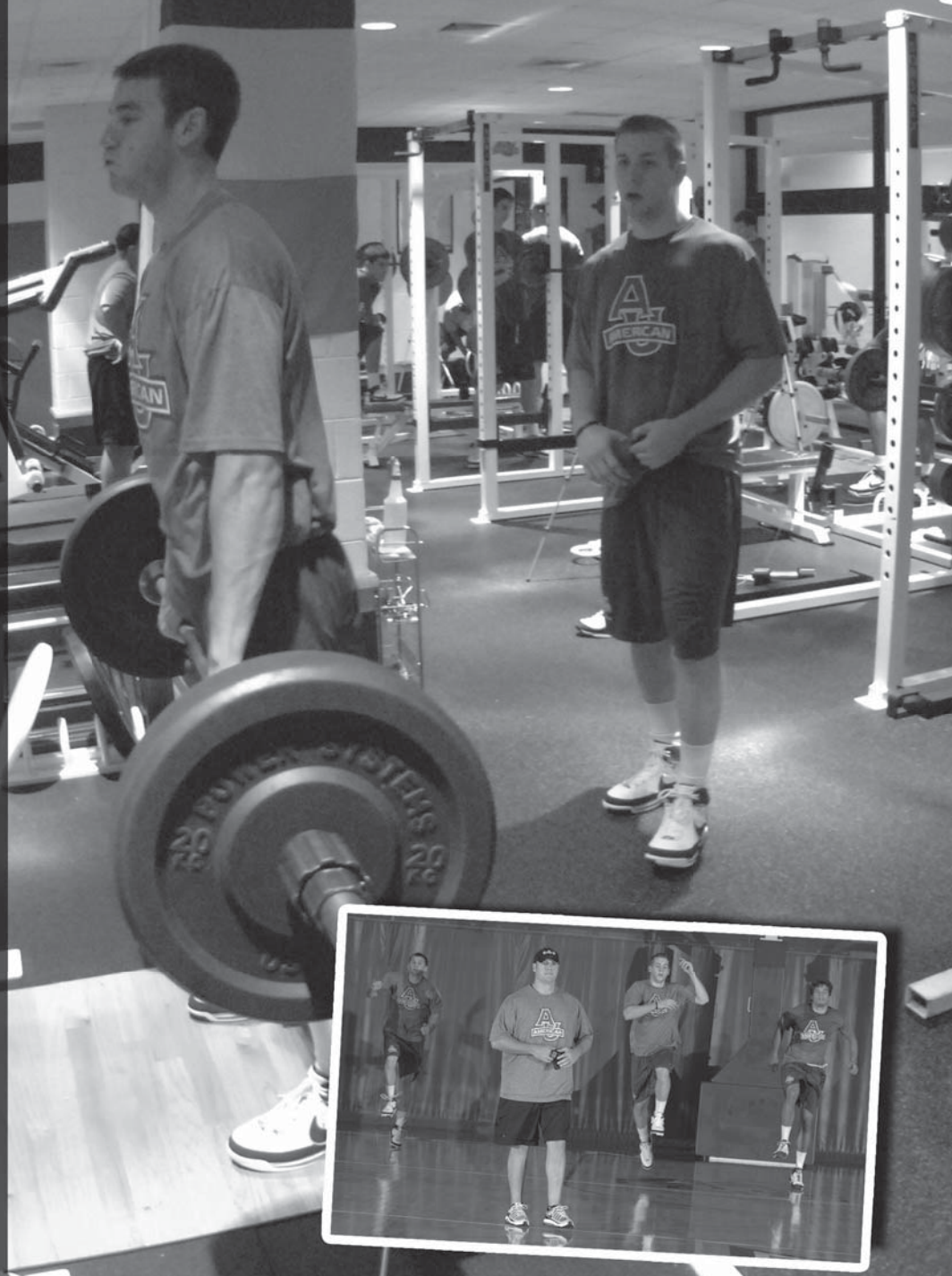
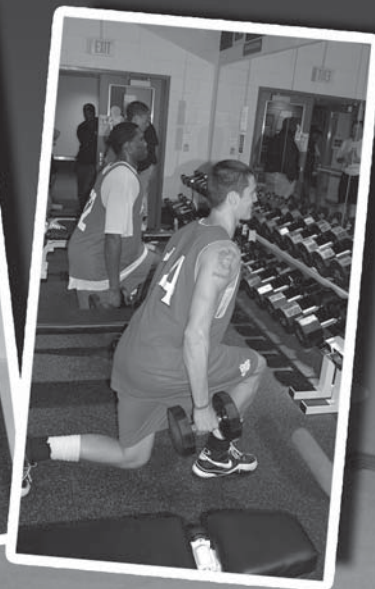


Strength & Conditioning

Jacobs Fitness Center is located on the lower level of Bender Sports Center and houses the varsity weight room and cardiovascular training area. Head strength and conditioning coach Jason Riddell and his assistant Matt York work with each of the 16 varsity teams and make themselves available for individualized workouts for supplemental training.



Jason Riddell
Head Strength &
Conditioning Coach



Athletic Training

Five full-time athletic trainers are on staff to provide daily treatment and application of therapeutic modalities to the student-athletes and are led by head athletic trainer, Sean Dash. The athletic training staff is also available to provide evaluation, information on injury prevention and to administer rehabilitation, if necessary. AU also has two doctors, an orthopedic surgeon and general practitioner on staff.



Sean Dash
Head Athletic Trainer



Academic Support

The academic support program for student-athletes, a collaboration between the Academic Support Center and the Department of Athletics, assists student-athletes in successfully attaining academic goals and creating a balance between academics and athletics. The program serves to promote responsibility and initiative while encouraging student-athletes to take advantage of the rich resources offered at American University.

Academic counselors work with student-athletes on skills needed for success in the classroom, and provide information about educational options, university and NCAA requirements, as well as policies and procedures. The program focuses on the development of the total person through individual meetings, study hall and tutoring, and life skills workshops. AU's academic support program coordinates with faculty, advisors, and coaches to support each student-athlete.



2007-08 Academic Highlights

160: Student-athletes were named to the Patriot League Academic Honor Roll.

136: Student-athletes made Dean's List in either the fall or spring semester.

13: Student-athletes earned a 4.0 grade point average in either the fall or spring semesters.

4: Student-athletes were named Academic All-Americans and four others were named Academic All-District.

2: Student-athletes were named the Patriot League Student-Athlete of the Year in their respective sport.

Champions of the Classroom:

The wrestling team earned the highest team GPA (3.335) in all of Div. I wrestling during the 2007-08 academic year. The field hockey team ranked second among D-I teams with a fall semester GPA of 3.51.



Marueen Breslin, Coordinator of Academic Support, tutors a student-athlete in the Bender Library.

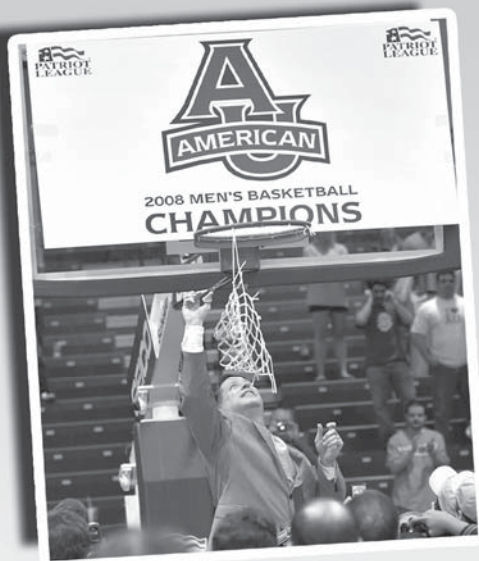
AU Highlights in the Patriot League

2001 – American University joins the Patriot League, becoming the eighth member of the 23 sport conference.

AU wins its first of seven-consecutive Patriot League Volleyball Championships.

2002 – AU men's cross country wins its first of six-consecutive Patriot League Championships and places six athletes on the All-Patriot League First Team.

AU women's soccer wins its first PL Championship and places four athletes on the All-PL Teams.



2003 – Karla Kucerkova is named the CoSIDA Academic Volleyball Player of the Year for the second straight year, PL Volleyball Scholar-Athlete of the Year for the third-consecutive year and PL Player of the Year for the third straight year.

2004 – AU men's soccer wins its second PL Championship and captures three PL major awards.

Women's lacrosse's Tara Michael is named the PL Scholar-Athlete of the Year and AU places seven athletes on the All-PL Teams.

2005 – AU field hockey's Javiera Villagra (1st Team), Maureen Daniel (2nd Team), and Camila Infante (2nd Team) earn All-America status and Daniel is named the PL's Scholar-Athlete of the Year.



2006 – Track star Keira Carlstrom earns her fourth overall All-America honor and first in outdoor track and field and is named an Academic All-American.

Swimmer Meghan Thiel is named the PL Scholar-Athlete of the Year and PL Championships Swimmer of the Meet for the second-consecutive year.

2007 – Women's soccer's Krystn Hodge is named the PL Scholar-Athlete of the Year and AU picks up four of five PL major awards.

2008 – AU makes its first appearance in the NCAA Div. I Men's Basketball Tournament after winning its first Patriot League Championship.



PL Commissioner Carolyn Schlie Femovich presents Garrison Carr with the 2008 PL MVP award.



In its second decade of combining academic and athletic excellence, the Patriot League sponsors 23 sports – 11 for men and 12 for women. Conference members include American, Army, Bucknell, Colgate, Holy Cross, Lafayette, Lehigh and Navy as full members, and Fordham and Georgetown as associate members in football. These institutions are among the oldest and most prestigious in the nation and their alumni have, and continue to play leadership roles in shaping our country.

Since 1998, the Patriot League has ranked first each year among all Division I conferences awarding athletic aid in the NCAA Graduation Success Rate report. In addition, the Patriot League finished as one of the nation's leaders in the NCAA Academic Progress Report (APR) among all Division I conferences awarding athletic aid.

