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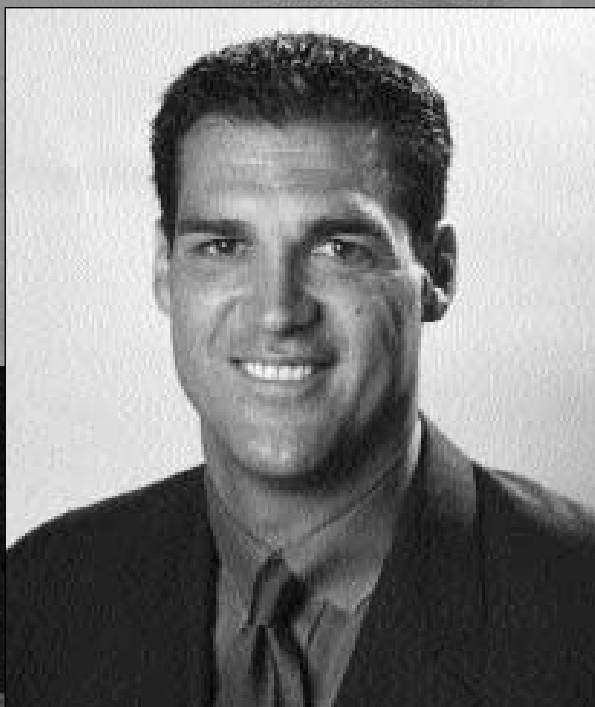


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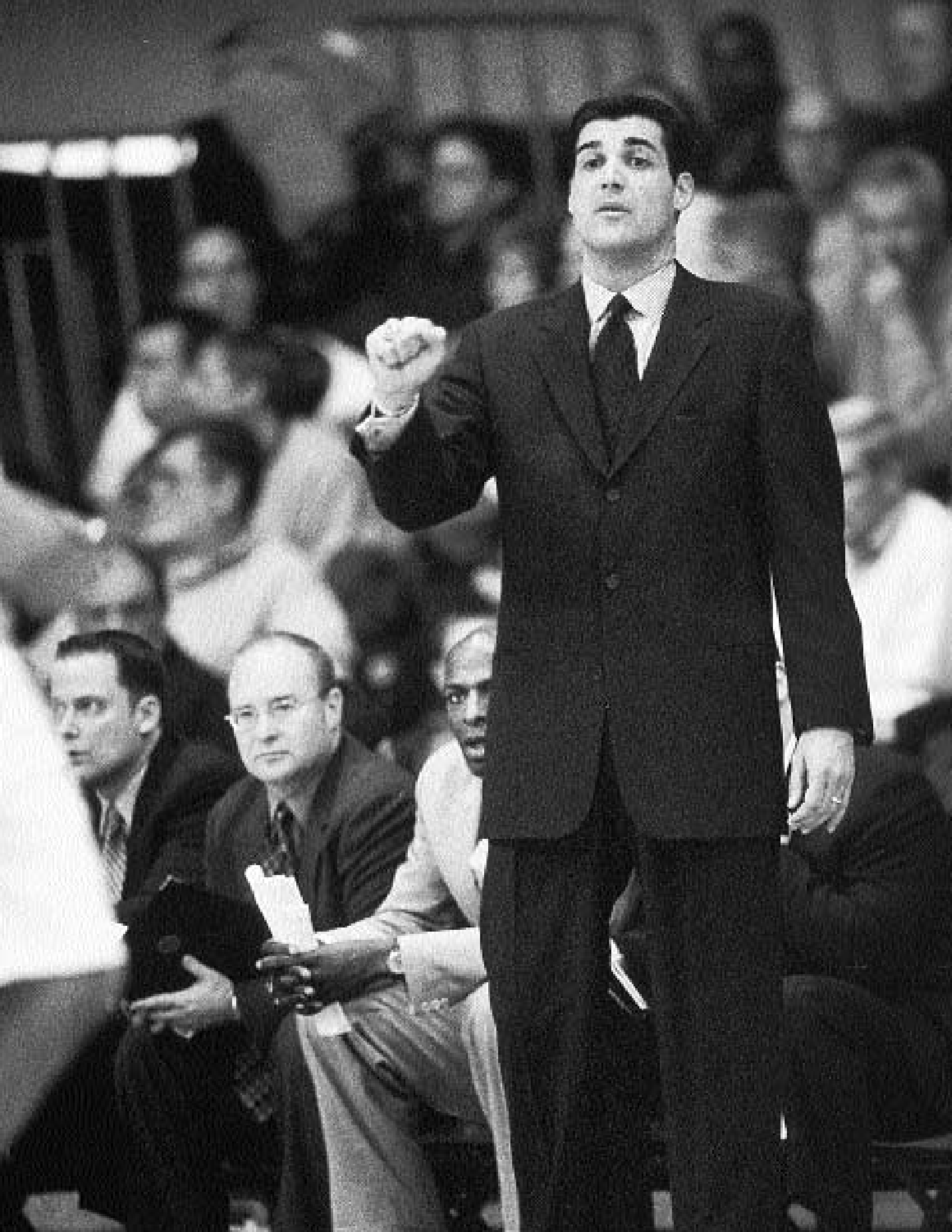
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Head Coach



Jay Wright



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It was the program he followed as a youngster growing up in nearby Churchville, Pa.

Now Jay Wright is the caretaker of the very rich tradition that is Villanova basketball.

On March 27, 2001 Wright was introduced as only the eighth coach, and fifth since 1936, in the 81-year history of Villanova men's basketball.

"We are delighted to welcome Jay and his family back to Villanova," said director of athletics Vince Nicastro. "Jay has a real understanding of the values and culture at Villanova, what the tradition is all about."

In Wright's first season as head coach in 2001-02, the Wildcats were picked to finish sixth in the Big East Conference's East Division yet reached the National Invitation Tournament quarterfinals. Among the Wildcats 19 wins were triumphs over UCLA, Syracuse (2), Notre Dame and Georgetown. In addition, Wright and his staff attracted a consensus top five recruiting class to the Main Line.

This marks Wright's second stint at the university. From 1987-1992 he served as an assistant to former head coach Rollie Massimino before moving on to the University of Nevada-Las Vegas for two more years.

In 1994, Wright landed his first head coaching position. Hofstra hired him to breathe life into a program that had struggled through the late 1980s and early part of the '90s. Piece by piece, Wright transformed the Pride into a potent force in the America East Conference. This period was capped by a three-year run which concluded in 2001 that saw Hofstra post a 72-22 (.766) record and make two NCAA Tournament appearances.

Wright earned America East Coach of the Year honors in both 1999-2000 and 2000-2001. He was also tabbed *Eastern Basketball's* Coach of the Year in 1999-2000.

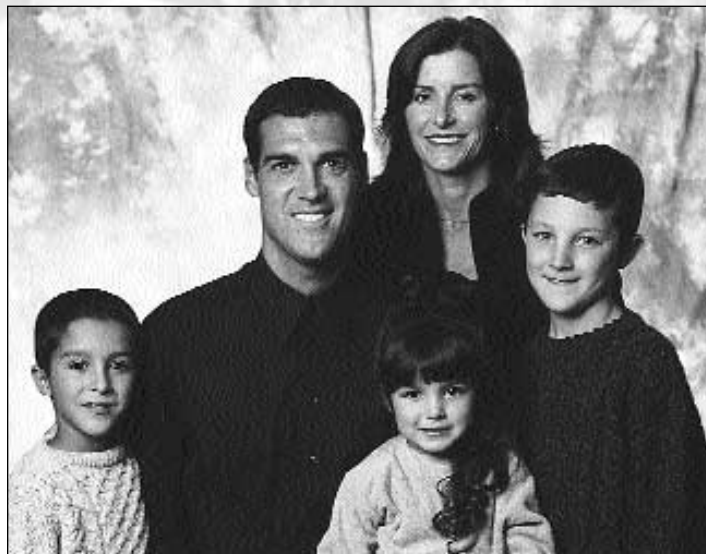
Two of Wright's players have gone on to find success in the National Basketball Association. Guard Craig "Speedy" Claxton was the No. 1 draft choice of the Philadelphia 76ers in the 2000 draft and Norman Richardson played for the Indiana Pacers and Chicago Bulls in 2001.

"If it weren't for him, I might not be here today," said Claxton upon hearing of Wright's move to Villanova. "He taught me how to play the game, to have so much passion for the game. We just had a special relationship. He's great to talk to, a really good friend. They got a great coach."

At Hofstra, Wright's teams improved on an annual basis, culminating in the 26-5 season of 2000-01. In each of Wright's last six seasons on Long Island, the team improved its victory total from the previous year. Under Wright's watch Claxton became only the second sophomore in school history to win America East Player of the Year honors and the Pride captured the first ECAC Holiday Festival in school history in 1998, defeating Georgia Tech and Pennsylvania.

In the summer of 2000 Wright served as an assistant coach under Syracuse's Jim Boeheim for the USA Basketball World Championship for Young Men Qualifying Team. The squad competed at the COPABA World Championship for Young Men Qualifying Tournament in Riberao Preto, Brazil, and won the silver medal. By placing, the USA team gained a berth in the 2001 FIBA World Championship for Young Men.

During the course of his coaching career, Wright has remained connected to the community. He is involved in the Philly Six Coaches vs. Cancer fundraising efforts. In addition, Wright serves as an honorary co-chair of the Tom Crotty Hope Through Hoops Foundation, a chari-



The Wright family (clockwise from left): Collin, Jay, Patty, Taylor and Reilly.

ty that honors the memory of a former Rockville Center, N.Y. neighbor of Wright's who was killed in the Sept. 11 attacks in New York.

Wright spent five years on the Main Line beginning in 1987. He performed a wide-range of assignments for Massimino including scouting, on-court coaching and recruiting. During his time at Villanova the Wildcats made three NCAA Tournament appearances and reached the Elite Eight in 1988.

Wright's coaching career began in 1984 at the University of Rochester. He also served as an aide at Drexel University to head coach Eddie Burke.

A 1983 graduate of Bucknell University with degrees in economics and sociology, Wright was a four-year letterman in basketball. A point guard, he earned both the Benton A. Kribbs Most Valuable Player and the Malcolm E. Musser Leadership Awards as an undergraduate. Following graduation, Wright worked as an administrative assistant with the Philadelphia Stars football team that captured the 1983 United States Football League championship.

The product of Churchville, Pa., attended Council Rock High School in Newtown, Pa., and was twice named to the All-Lower Bucks County and all-area teams. He is married to the former Patricia Reilly (Villanova class of 1983). The couple's first date was to a Villanova basketball game at the Palestra. The Wrights have two sons, Taylor (9), Collin (7), and a daughter, Reilly (3).

Year-by-Year with Jay Wright

<u>Year</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>Postseason</u>
1994-95	Hofstra University	10-18	None
1995-96	Hofstra University	9-18	None
1996-97	Hofstra University	12-15	None
1997-98	Hofstra University	19-12	None
1998-99	Hofstra University	22-10	NIT
1999-2000	Hofstra University	24-7	NCAA
2000-2001	Hofstra University	26-5	NCAA
2001-2002	Villanova University	19-13	NIT
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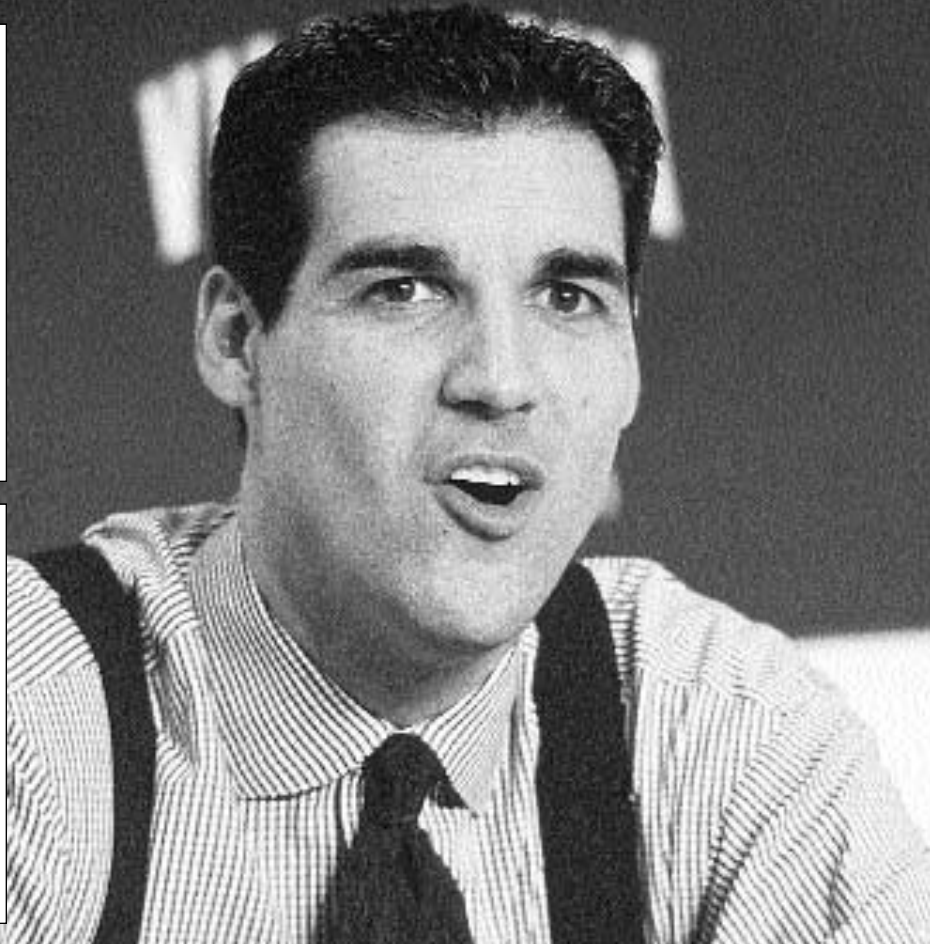
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The Wright Numbers

Lifetime: 141-98 (.590)
Villanova (2001-present): 19-13 (.594)
Hofstra (1994-2001): 122-85 (.589)
Big East Regular Season: 7-9 (.438)
America East Regular Season: 76-48
 (.613)
NCAA Record: 0-2 (.000); two
 appearances
NIT Record: 2-2 (.500); two
 appearances
Big East Tournament: 1-1 (.500)

Jay Wright Personal Information

Date Of Birth: Dec. 24, 1961
Education: Council Rock High School
 (1979); Bucknell University (1983)
Coaching Experience: 1984-86: University of
 Rochester; 1986-87: Drexel University; 1987-
 92: Villanova University; 1992-94: UNLV;
 1994-2001: Hofstra University; 2001-present:
 Villanova University.
Family: Wife, Patricia; Children, Taylor (9),
 Collin (7) and Reilly (3).



Wright Vs. All Opponents

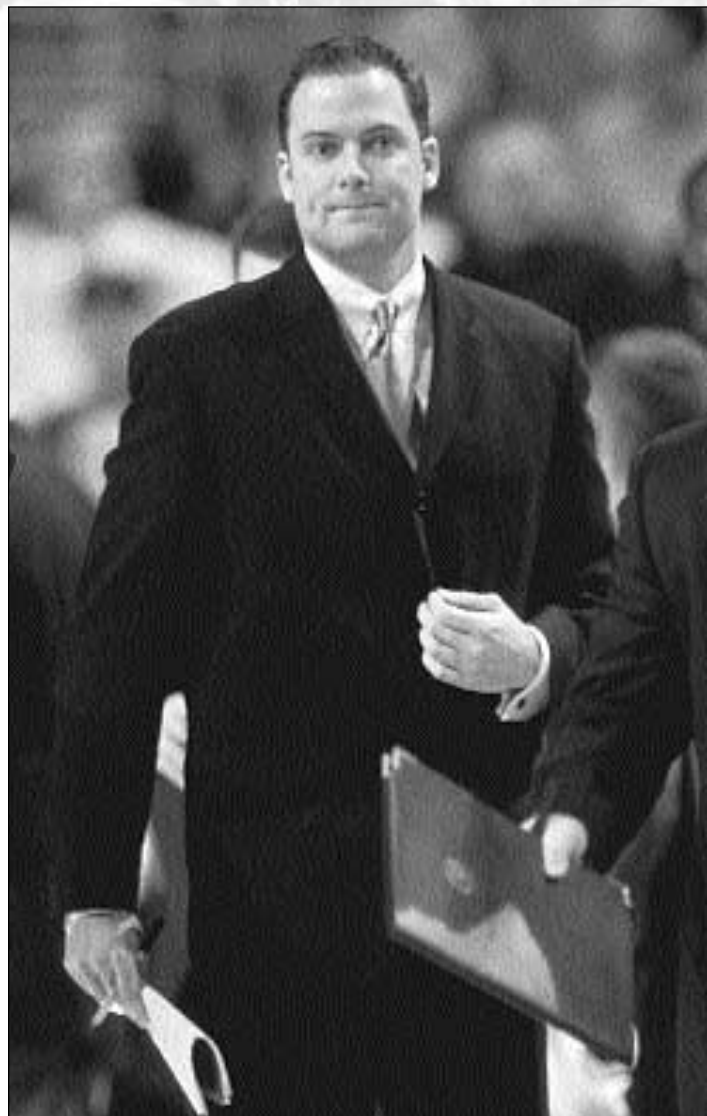
American (PR)1-0	Eastern Washington1-0	Maryland0-1	St. John's2-4
Army2-0	Fairfield0-1	Louisiana Tech1-0	St. Joseph's1-0
Belmont2-0	Florida Atlantic3-0	Miami0-2	Stony Brook7-0
Boston College0-2	Florida International2-0	Missouri Kansas City0-1	Syracuse2-0
Boston University7-7	Fordham3-1	New Hampshire10-4	Temple1-1
Bucknell2-0	Georgetown1-0	New Mexico State0-1	Towson11-1
California0-1	Georgia Tech1-1	Northeastern10-5	UCLA1-1
Colgate2-1	Grambling1-0	Northern Illinois1-0	Vanderbilt0-1
Colorado0-1	Hartford10-4	Notre Dame1-1	Vermont8-8
Colgate2-0	Hawaii-Pacific1-0	Oklahoma State0-1	Villanova0-2
Connecticut0-3	Iona2-2	Pennsylvania1-2	VMI1-0
Cornell1-0	Lafayette1-0	Penn State0-1	Virginia Tech2-0
Dartmouth0-1	La Salle0-1	Pittsburgh0-1	Wichita State1-0
Dayton1-0	Lehigh0-1	Providence1-1	Xavier0-1
Delaware8-10	Louisville0-1	Rutgers2-1	Yale0-1
Delaware State1-0	Maine10-4	Southern Mississippi0-1	Youngstown State2-0
Drexel8-9	Manhattan2-3	Southwest Texas State0-1	

Assistant Coach Brett Gunning



IN FOCUS: BRETT GUNNING

Birthdate: Aug. 3, 1972
Hometown: Broomall, Pa.
Education: B.A. in Communications (1994)
 University of Nevada at Las Vegas
Experience: Student Assistant, Villanova University (1990-92)
 Student Assistant, UNLV (1992-94)
 Assistant Coach, Hofstra University (1994-2001)
 Assistant Coach, Villanova University (2001-present)



Brett Gunning has worked alongside Jay Wright for eight seasons, first at Hofstra University and, since March 2001, at Villanova.

For Gunning the return to Villanova was a homecoming too. A product of Broomall, Pa., Gunning graduated from nearby Malvern Prep in 1990 and spent two years as an undergraduate at Villanova before accompanying former head coach Rollie Massimino to UNLV in 1992.

In his current position Gunning is responsible for a wide range of duties, including individual instruction, on-court teaching, scheduling and monitoring the Wildcats' academic progress.

Prior to his return to VU, Gunning was an integral part of the rebirth Wright orchestrated at Hofstra University for seven seasons. Gunning, 30, assisted with recruiting, individual instruction, scouting, and film analysis. He also was instrumental in the development of players with the Pride, including Craig "Speedy" Claxton, the No. 1 draft

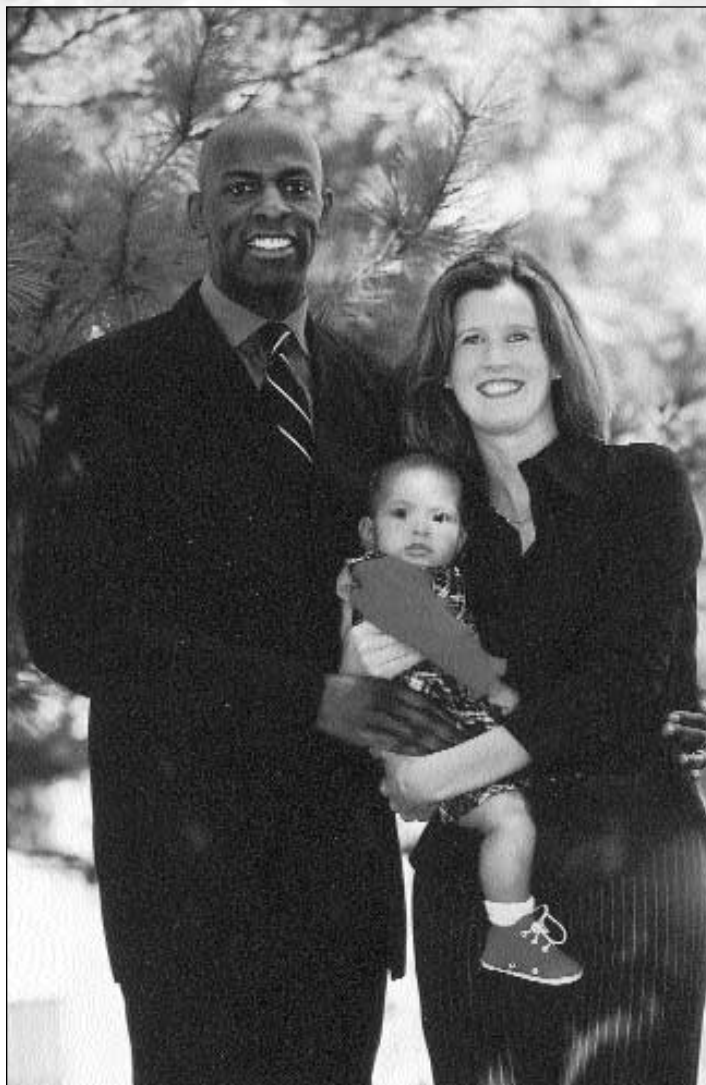
choice of the Philadelphia 76ers in 2000 and Norman Richardson, now with the Chicago Bulls.

In the summer of 2002, Gunning was an instructor at the 25th anniversary Pete Newell Big Man Camp.

"Brett Gunning is one of the great young assistant coaches in the country," said Jay Wright. "He was a large part of our success at Hofstra and brings enthusiasm and energy to Villanova."

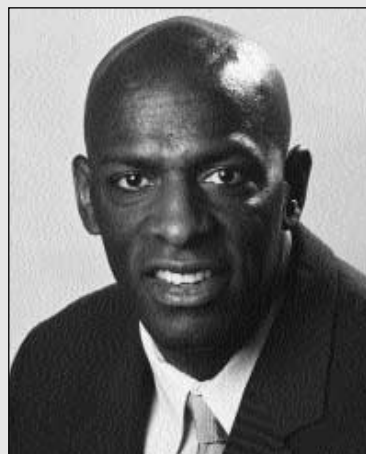
Gunning served as a student-assistant coach for Massimino at Villanova from 1990-92. He then spent two years in the same role at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas, where he earned a bachelor's degree in communications in 1994.

Gunning makes his home in St. David's, Pa.



The Jones family (L-R): Joe, Sidney and Kristin.

Assistant Coach Joe Jones



IN FOCUS: JOE JONES

Birthdate:	Nov. 10, 1965
Hometown:	Ronkonkoma, N.Y.
Education:	B.A. in Communications (1987) Masters in Counseling (1989) State University of New York at Oswego
Experience:	Middle School Coach, Comsewogue High School Head Coach, Comsewogue High School (1991-94) Assistant Coach, Hofstra University (1994-97) Assistant Coach, Villanova University (1997-present)
Playing Career:	Four years, varsity basketball State University of New York at Oswego (1983-87)
Wife:	Kristin
Daughter:	Sidney

The longest-tenured member of the basketball staff is Joe Jones. Jones begins his sixth season at Villanova in 2002-03.

"I am excited to be reunited with Joe, who started out with us at Hofstra," said Wright. "He is a tireless worker and very effective recruiter."

The relationship between Jones and Wright dates to 1990. As a Villanova assistant coach, Wright came to know Jones when the latter brought his middle school team to the Villanova Basketball Camp of head coach Rollie Massimino. When Jones became the head coach at Comsewogue (N.Y.) High School he remained in touch with Wright, who by this time had accompanied Massimino to UNLV.

When Wright was named head coach at Hofstra in 1994, he tabbed Jones as an assistant coach. Jones then helped Wright replenish the talent supply at Hofstra through his long hours on the recruiting trail. In 1994-95, the Pride attracted the No.1 recruiting class in the America East Conference.

In 1997, Jones arrived at Villanova. He has played a major role in attracting the majority of players which currently comprise the Wildcats roster. In 1999, *Eastern Basketball* recognized Jones as one of the top recruiters in the region.

This Long Island, N.Y., product was a four-year letterman and three-time starter at the State University at Oswego before graduation in 1987. He then completed work on his masters.

In his current position Jones is responsible for recruiting, game scouting and on-court teaching. Jones was one of the keys to Villanova landing a top five recruiting class last year.

Jones and his wife, the former Kristin Justvig, are the parents of Sidney, born in April 2002. The family makes its home in Havertown, Pa.

Assistant Coach Fred Hill



IN FOCUS: FRED HILL

Birthdate:	Mar. 26, 1959
Hometown:	Verona, N.J.
Education:	Business Administration degree (1981) Montclair State College
Experience:	Assistant Coach, Montclair State (1981-82) Assistant Coach, Lehigh University (1982-83) Assistant Coach, Rider College (1983-86) Assistant Coach, Marquette University (1986-88) Assistant Coach, University of Maine (1988-91) Assistant Coach, Fairleigh Dickinson Univ. (1991-95) Associate Head Coach, Fairleigh Dickinson U. (1991-95) Assistant Coach, Seton Hall University (1998-2001) Assistant Coach, Villanova University (2001-present)



The 2002-2003 season marks Fred Hill's second campaign at Villanova University but he is no stranger to basketball along the eastern seaboard.

Hill came to the Main Line from Seton Hall University, where he was part of the staff that helped steer the Pirates to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament in 2000 and secure the top recruiting class in the nation that year. He spent three seasons working alongside head coach Tommy Amaker with much of his energy focused on the Hall's recruiting efforts.

Prior to that stint, Hill served seven years with head coach Tom Green at Fairleigh Dickinson University. During his final three seasons in Teaneck, Hill was elevated to the role of Associate Head Coach. In Hill's final season at the school the Knights were 23-7 and captured the Northeast Conference title.

"I have known Fred as a colleague and friend for many years," said Jay Wright. "I have always respected his teaching abilities. He adds Big East experience and enthusiasm to a dynamic staff."

A New Jersey native, Hill is a 1977 graduate of Verona High School, where he was a two-time captain of the basketball team. Hill then went on to

Montclair State College where he was All-Conference as a senior on a squad that reached the NCAA Division III Tournament. Hill spent one year as an assistant coach at his alma mater (1981-82) before moving on to Lehigh (1982-83), Rider (1983-86), Marquette (1986-88) and Maine (1988-91).

Hill is the only member of the staff who coached against Jay Wright the player. In Hill's first season in coaching at Lehigh, his squad faced a Bucknell Bison unit led by senior point guard Wright. The two spent more time together when Wright joined the staff of Eddie Burke at Drexel in 1986 while Hill was on the staff at Rider. Over the years they kept in contact and came together last spring when Hill was added to the Villanova staff.

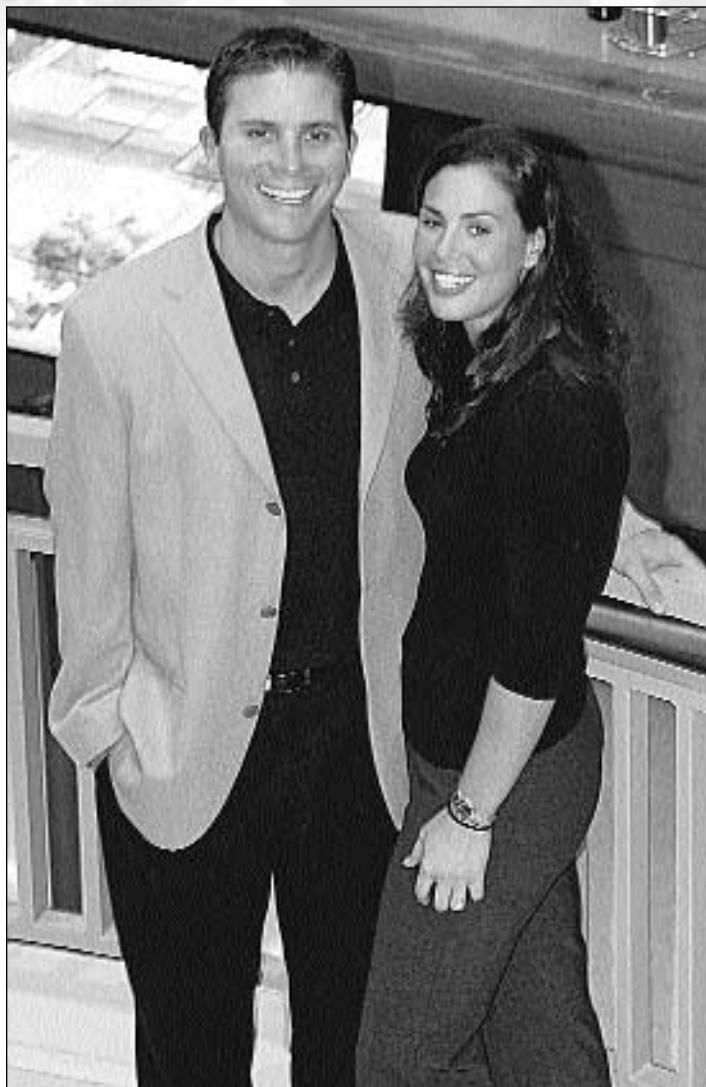
On the present staff Hill is heavily involved in recruiting, game scouting and on-court teaching. He was instrumental in attracting the elite recruiting class of 2006 to the Main Line that will make its debut at Villanova this season.

Sports run in the 43-year old Hill's blood: his father, Fred Sr., is the head baseball coach at Rutgers while his uncle Brian is a former NBA head coach.

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Billy and Alicia Lange.

With a successful collegiate head coaching stint already on his resume, 30-year-old Billy Lange returns for his second season as Coordinator of Basketball Operations.

Lange deals with a variety of tasks as a member of the basketball staff. He serves as the basketball office liaison to the strength and conditioning department, handles video editing and serves as one of the directors of the Villanova Basketball camps. In addition, he assists the Villanova Media Relations Staff with the "Talking Villanova Basketball" radio show and "Inside Villanova Basketball" television program.

Lange steered the United States Merchant Marine Academy to a 39-19 (.672) record from 1999-2001. The Academy claimed two Skyline Conference crowns and a berth in the 2001 NCAA Division III Sweet 16. For his work he was tabbed the New York Metropolitan Basketball Writers Division III Coach of the Year.

Lange is also no stranger to the area. He is a graduate of Bishop Eustace

Billy Lange

Coordinator of Basketball Operations
Assistant Strength & Conditioning Coach



IN FOCUS: BILLY LANGE

Birthdate: Feb. 11, 1972
Hometown: Haddon Heights, N.J.
Education: Bachelor of Arts, 1994
Rowan University
Experience: Head Coach, Bishop Eustace Prep (1995-96)
Assistant Coach, Philadelphia University (1996-98)
Assistant Coach, La Salle University (1998-99)
Head Coach
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (1999-2001)
Coordinator of Basketball Operations
Villanova University (2001-present)
Wife: Alicia

(N.J.) High School and Rowan College (1994). In 1995, he began his coaching career by steering Bishop Eustace to a 20-6 record and led his team to a state championship. Following that, Lange spent two seasons as an assistant coach at Philadelphia Textile and another year as an aide to Speedy Morris at La Salle University.

While at Bishop Eustace High School one of Lange's more frequent visitors was Jay Wright. Wright recruited several of Lange's athletes after taking charge of the Hofstra program. The two remained in touch and grew closer in proximity during the past two seasons while both worked on Long Island.

"Billy has proven himself as an effective teacher, recruiter and program builder at the Merchant Marine Academy," stated Jay Wright. "He is a fiery, committed young coach who I am proud to have on our staff."

The resident of Conshohocken, Pa., is a second generation coach. His father, Bill Lange Sr., was the longtime head coach at Bishop Eustace High School.

Lange and the former Alicia DiMarco were married in September 2002.

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Jimmy Haggerty
Graduate Manager

A 1992 Villanova graduate, Jimmy Haggerty is set to begin his second season as a part of the Wildcats basketball staff.

Haggerty assists the basketball staff in a number of ways. He handles team travel arrangements, monitors team study halls and assists with Villanova Basketball camps and clinics.

Prior to returning to the Main Line Haggerty served eight years as a coach at Scranton Preparatory School in his hometown of Scranton, Pa. The last four of those years he served as head coach. Scranton Prep posted a 61-41 record in Haggerty's stint as head coach, capped by a 23-7 campaign in

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2000-01 that included a PIAA District II championship.

Haggerty visited with Wright following Wright's appointment and came on board soon thereafter. The two first met during Haggerty's undergraduate days on the Main Line.

In his current capacity, Haggerty monitors study hall sessions, assists in travel planning and helps to coordinate Coach Wright's speaking engagement schedule.

Haggerty, 32, makes his home in Villanova, Pa.

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Mary Anne Gabuzda
Basketball Secretary



The tie that binds generations of Villanova basketball figures is Men's Basketball Secretary Mary Anne Gabuzda.

Gabuzda joined the basketball office in 1980. She has been on board for all of the important events since, including the 1985 NCAA championship.

A resident of Glenolden, Pa., Gabuzda oversees many of the internal administrative details of the basketball office. Many of the school's basket-

ball alumni remain in contact with the school as a result of her efforts.

In 2000 Villanova saluted Gabuzda for her 20 years of service during a dinner recognizing those who have served the university with distinction over the course of a lengthy period of time.

Student Managers



Enrico Lunardi



Steve Geria



Mike Quercia



Mark McClintick



Kevin Murphy



Christina Vuocolo

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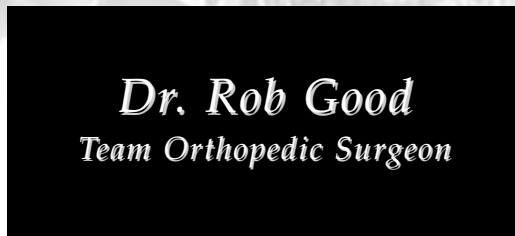
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Dr. Frank Furman
Team Physician

Serving as Villanova's team physician is Dr. Frank Furman. Furman is a partner in the Devon Family Practice and has been associated with Bryn Mawr Hospital for 19 years.



Dr. Rob Good
Team Orthopedic Surgeon

The 2002-03 campaign marks Dr. Rob Good's 22nd season working with Villanova student-athletes. Good serves as chief of orthopaedics at Bryn Mawr Hospital and also is a clinical assistant professor of orthopaedics at Thomas Jefferson Hospital and past president of the Philadelphia Orthopaedic Society.



Mick Keelan
*Director of Facilities
and Operations*

Mick Keelan serves as Villanova's Director of Facilities and works closely with the men's basketball program on a variety of projects, including the recent locker room renovations. Prior to his arrival at Villanova in 1999, Keelan was a member of the athletic facilities staff at Pennsylvania and Fordham University.



Rev. Bernard Lazor
Team Chaplain

Since 1976 Rev. Bernard Lazor has served Villanova University as team chaplain for both Men's Basketball and the Wildcat Football program.

Lazor, a Villanova graduate, is an associate professor of religious studies at Villanova in addition to his basketball and football duties.



Mike Maerten
Equipment Manager

One of Villanova's newest faces is Equipment Manager Mike Maerten. Maerten comes to Villanova after spending the previous six years at St. John's University. A former Red Storm pitcher, Maerten served as the Director of Equipment Operations and pitching coach for the baseball team. Maerten makes his home in South New Jersey.



Jeff Pierce
Associate Trainer

Jeff Pierce begins his 15th season with the men's basketball program in 2002-03. Pierce earned a Bachelor of Science and Master's degree in Education from West Chester University.

Jeff and his wife Rhonda are the parents of two children, Kelly and Lindsey, and reside in Phoenixville, Pa.



Dan Regan
Academic Advisor

In 1978 Dan Regan began serving Villanova as an academic advisor and he continues to do so today. A graduate of the University of Toronto, he received his master's degree from Villanova and his doctorate from Fordham University.

Dan, a professor of philosophy, is the father of four children and makes his home in Wayne, Pa.



Mike Sheridan
Director of Media Relations

Now in his fifth season working with the men's basketball team, Mike Sheridan was named Villanova's Director of Media Relations in June. Prior to that he served as Director of Publications.

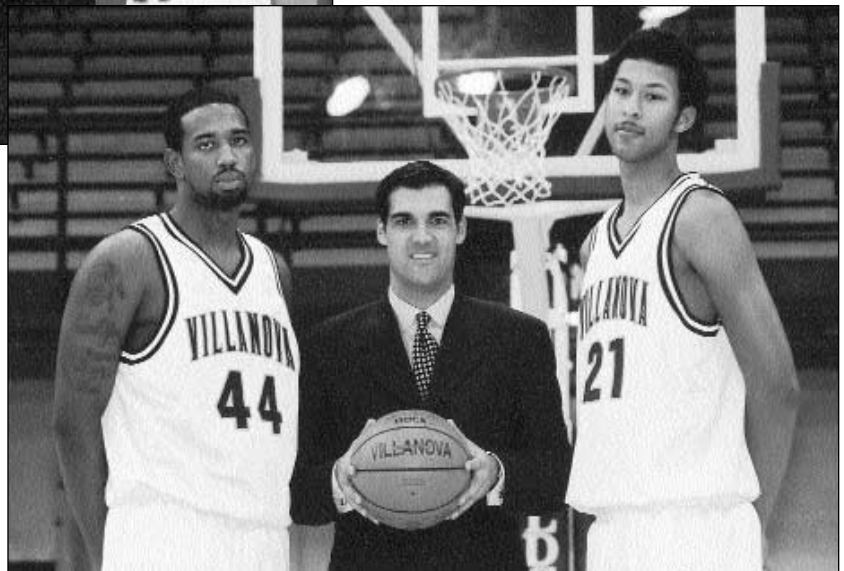
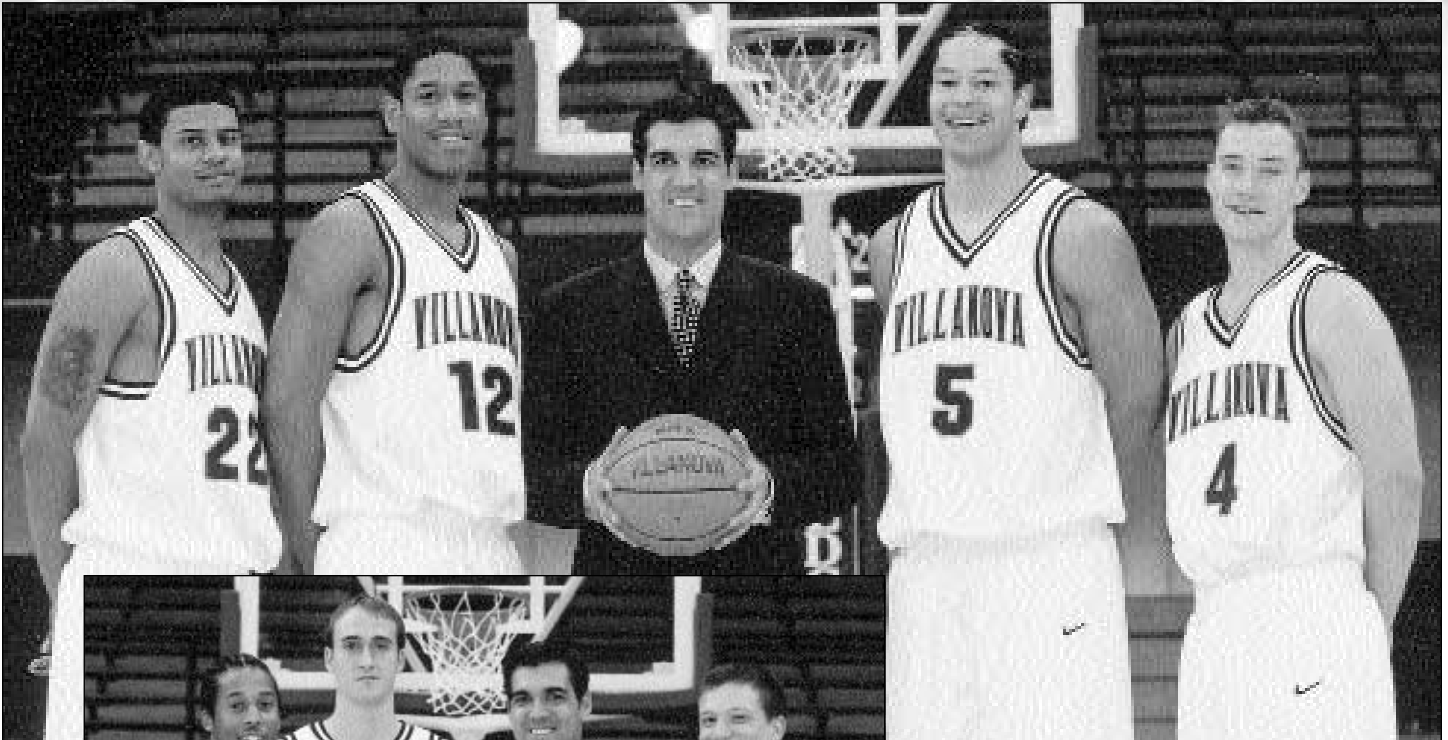
A native of Monsey, N.Y., Sheridan came to the Main Line in 1998 after serving 14 years as Managing Editor of *Basketball Times* and *Eastern Basketball*. He makes his home in Havertown, Pa.



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B a s k e t b a l l F a m i l y



Coach Jay Wright poses with members of the Villanova senior class (top), junior class (middle) and sophomore class (bottom).