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Since its founding in 1855, William Paterson University has grown to become a comprehensive, public, liberal arts institution committed to academic excellence and student success.

Accredited by the Middle States Association of Schools and Colleges, it offers 30 undergraduate and 19 graduate degree programs as well as professional development programs through its five colleges: Arts and Communication, the Christos M. Cotsakos College of Business, Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, and Science and Health.

Nearly 11,000 full- and part-time students from a diversity of backgrounds are enrolled at the University. Occupying a 370-acre, wooded hillside campus, the University is located in the hills of suburban Wayne, New Jersey, within an hour of the ocean, the mountains, the Meadowlands, and New York City.

As a state-supported institution, the University offers students the value of a first-rate education at a fraction of the cost experienced by those at private colleges and universities. It also offers a wide variety of student activities, modern on-campus housing, and the most up-to-date educational facilities.

In addition, the Pioneer athletic programs have produced a proud tradition. William Paterson has 17 athletic teams which compete in NCAA Division III and the New Jersey Athletic Conference intercollegiate sports: Baseball, Men's and Women's Basketball, Men's and Women's Cross Country, Field Hockey, Football, Men's and Women's Soccer, Softball, Men's and Women's Swimming, Men's and Women's Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field, and Women's Volleyball. The baseball team won national championships in 1992 and 1996, men's track and field standout Rob Hargrove took the 2002 NCAA Division III Outdoor Track and Field 200-meter dash title, the men's basketball team claimed three consecutive NJAC titles (2000-02) and played in the 1999 and 2001 Final Fours, and the softball team captured the 2003 New Jersey Athletic Conference championship.





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Pictured on front cover: Co-Captains
Bryant Richardson and Ricky Vesce
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FAST FACTS



UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location	300 Pompton Road, Wayne, NJ, 07470
Founded	1855
Enrollment	10,924
President	Arnold Speert
Executive Vice President and Provost	Chernoh Sesay
Vice President for Administration and Finance	Steve Bolyai
Associate VP/Dean of Student Development	John Martone
Director of Athletics	Sabrina Grant
Associate Director of Athletics/Baseball Coach	Jeff Albies
Associate Director of Athletics	Cindy Cohen
Nickname	Pioneers
Colors	Orange and Black
Affiliation	NCAA Division III, ECAC
Conference	New Jersey Athletic Conference

FOOTBALL FAST FACTS

2002 Record	1-9 (0-6 NJAC)
Home Field	Wightman Field
Head Coach	Larry Arico (fourth season)
Career Record	13-48 (6-24 at WPU)
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Pioneer Hotline	973-720-2547

2003 NUMERICAL ROSTER (As of 8/27)

No.	Name	POS	YR	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/HS
	Lukacz Lupinski	DL	FR	5-11	210	North Arlington, NJ/North Arlington
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2	Prince Breeden	RB	SO	6-1	215	Jersey City, NJ/Snyder
3	Kevin Kohan	DB	SO	5-9	195	Hillsdale, NJ/Pascack Valley
4	Qaadir Majeed	LB	SO	6-0	205	Monroe, NJ/Manalapan
5	Darrell Russian	QB	FR	5-11	200	Sparta, NJ/Sparta
6	Airam Moreno	K	FR	5-7	155	Lower Cape May/Loyola Blakefield (MD)
7	David Packard	WR	FR	6-4	190	Howell, NJ/Howell
8	Kenny Allen	WR	FR	6-2	235	Paterson, NJ/Paterson Catholic
9	Travell Toulson	RB	FR	5-8	155	Paterson, NJ/Paterson Catholic
10	Tarrell Toulson	DB	FR	5-8	152	Paterson, NJ/Paterson Catholic
11	Mike Yackanin	WR	SO	5-11	192	Franklin, NJ/Franklin
12	Rob Garczynski	QB	FR	5-11	185	Washington Twp., NJ/Gloucester Catholic
13	John Asbury	LB	SO	5-11	201	Stockholm, NJ/Walkill Valley
14	Mark Rogers	QB	FR	6-1	180	Guttenberg, NJ/North Bergen
15	Bryan Rogers	QB	FR	6-4	200	Arlington, VA/Washington Lee
16	Christian Nazario	DB	FR	5-8	150	Manchester Twp., NJ/Manchester Twp.
18	Robert Larsen	P	FR	5-11	160	Voorhees, NJ/Eastern Regional
19	Mike Dipiero	DB	FR	6-2	180	Hillsdale, NJ/Pascack Valley
20	Hance Youmans	FB	FR	5-10	205	Woodbine, NJ/Millville
21	Tom Larsen	DB	SO	5-8	170	Ramsey, NJ/Ramsey
22	Marlon Rattray	DB	FR	5-10	175	Lakewood, NJ/Lakewood
23	Isaiah Groomes	WR	FR	5-11	170	Hoboken, NJ/Hoboken
24	Justin Leslie	RB	FR	5-11	215	West Milford, NJ/West Milford
25	Sergio Bello	LB	FR	5-11	210	Howell, NJ/Howell
26	Evan Quinn	FB	SR	6-0	230	Glen Rock, NJ/Glen Rock
27	Todd Gorski	DB	FR	5-11	165	Howell, NJ/Freehold Twp.
28	Brian Roman	RB	JR	6-0	195	Parsippany, NJ/Parsippany Hills
30	Seidell Harris III	DB	FR	5-8	185	Holland Twp., NJ/Delaware Valley Reg.
31	Kevon Green	RB	FR	6-0	210	East Brunswick, NJ/Cardinal McCarrick
32	Andy Howell	DB	JR	5-10	180	Schuylkill Haven, PA/Blue Mountain
33	Joe Egan	RB	JR	5-10	200	Stanhope, NJ/Lenape Valley Regional
34	Thomas Murphy	FB	FR	5-8	230	Suffern, NY/Suffern
35	Albert Rowland	DB	FR	5-10	175	Tuckerton, NJ/Pinelands
37	Anthony Sampogna	DB	FR	5-4	165	Verplanck, NY/Hendrick Hudson
38	Dan Wendel	TE	SO	6-3	196	Tinton Falls, NJ/Monmouth
39	Kyle Ust	DB	FR	5-7	155	Millville, NJ/Spotswood
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41	Jeff Lee	RB	SO	5-5	170	Pennsgrove, NJ/Pennsgrove
42	Kyle Miller	DE	SO	6-0	230	Ewing, NJ/Ewing
43	Pat Gallagher	DE	JR	5-11	205	Lodi, NJ/St. Joseph's Regional
44	Joe Rega	FB	FR	5-10	190	Florham Park, NJ/Hanover Park
45	Rogaee Bernabella	RB	FR	6-0	210	Newark, NJ/West Orange
46	Frank Valente	DB	FR	5-9	190	Hasbrouck Heights, NJ/Hasbrouck Hts.
48	Donald White	LB	SO	6-0	236	Paterson, NJ/Eastside
49	Kosmas Themelakis	LB	FR	6-0	200	Branchville, NJ/High Point
50	Craig Aquino	OL	FR	6-2	250	Hackettstown, NJ/Hackettstown
51	Paul Wolford	LB	SR	6-1	225	Sacramento, CA/Rio Americano
52	Mark Zirkel	DL	JR	6-1	225	Toms River, NJ/Toms River East
53	Ed McDonough	OL	SO	6-2	275	North Arlington, NJ/Queen of Peace
54	Jeff Pluta	OL	JR	6-2	290	Toms River, NJ/Toms River East
55	Matt Dumrauf	OL	SO	5-11	285	East Quague, NY/East Quague
56	Feliberto Delgado	LB	JR	5-10	200	Bloomfield, NJ/Bloomfield
57	Anthony LaManna	LB	SR	5-10	205	West Orange, NJ/West Orange
58	Donald Dougherty III	LB	FR	5-9	220	Pompton Lakes, NJ/Pompton Lakes
59	Matt Busacca	LB	JR	5-10	205	Point Pleasant, NJ/Point Pleasant Boro
60	Garrett Carmody	LB	FR	6-1	212	Belford, NJ/Mater Dei
61	Chris Hunt	OL	JR	5-10	235	West Milford, NJ/West Milford
63	Jon Proutz	DB	FR	5-9	175	Montville, NJ/Montville
64	Lawrence Lauer	DL	FR	5-10	202	North Arlington, NJ/North Arlington
65	Vin DiStefano	OL	SO	5-10	240	Bergenfield, NJ/Bergen Catholic
67	Ryan Barnhard	OL	FR	5-11	240	Howell, NJ/Howell
68	Anthony Allocca	DL	JR	6-1	255	Toms River, NJ/Toms River East
70	Nick Adler	OL	FR	6-3	250	Tuckerton, NJ/Comsewogue (NY)
75	Mark Baker	OL	FR	6-6	315	Verona, NJ/Verona
77	Mike George	OL	JR	6-6	315	East Hanover, NJ/Hanover Park
78	Steve Eromenok	OL	SO	6-2	260	Clifton, NJ/Clifton
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85	Marc Lehman	WR	FR	6-2	170	North Arlington, NJ/North Arlington
86	Steve Michalski	TE	FR	6-2	210	Mount Ephraim, Audobon
88	John Skelnick	WR	SO	5-8	160	Parsippany, NJ/Parsippany Hills
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92	Jersen Ludena	DL	FR	5-10	250	Wayne, NJ/Wayne Valley
93	Dan Machin	DL	FR	6-1	215	Hamilton Twp., NJ/Nottingham
94	Chris DiNapoli	DL	FR	6-1	246	Parsippany, NJ/Parsippany
95	Frank Bennett	DL	FR	6-0	235	Hamilton Twp., NJ/Nottingham
96	Gerry Capasso	DL	FR	6-0	230	East Hanover, NJ/Hanover Park
97	Ryan Hebron	DL	FR	5-10	255	Cape May Courthouse, NJ/Middle Twp.
98	Michael Hoban	DL	SR	6-3	270	West Paterson, NJ/Passaic Valley
99	Emil Hyman	DL	SO	6-4	287	Jackson Heights, NY/Harry S. Truman

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Veterans benefited from the program's first full offseason weight program, while a talented group of newcomers will provide unparalleled depth and competition for playing time. These developments arm head coach Larry Arico with plenty of hope heading into his fourth season at William Paterson.

"We brought in a lot of talent," Arico said. "It is definitely the best overall class we've brought in here. A strong group is coming back, too, a group that dedicated themselves this past offseason. These kids that know what commitment really is. They're good character kids, solid citizens."

Even something old has become new again: William Paterson is going back to its black helmets with orange stripes used years ago. After listening to alumni, Arico found former players associated success with the past headgear. He will count on this year's crop, highlighted below, to return to success.

OFFENSE

Quarterback: William Paterson will start from scratch here, bringing in four talented newcomers with four years of eligibility remaining.

Darrell Russian (5-11, 200), a 26-year-old prospect, possesses a strong arm and can throw on the run. The same qualities can be attributed to lefty **Bryan Rogers** (6-4, 200). Another southpaw, **Rob Garczynski** (5-11, 185), is "heady and fundamentally sound" according to Arico. In addition, **Mark Rogers** (6-1, 180) is an all-around talent. Arico would like to settle on one starter before the season opens Sept. 6, although he is not opposed to using quarterbacks of contrasting styles to give the

Pioneers more firepower.



Mike Yackanin

Running Back: Hopes are that junior **Brian Roman** (6-0, 195) will shake the shackles of injuries that cost him much of 2002 and return to his 2000 form. If he stays healthy, he will be the workhorse at tailback. Freshman **Justin Leslie** (5-10, 220) figures to be Roman's primary backup after a stellar career at West Milford High School. Fellow junior **Joe Egan** (5-10, 200) and senior **Evan Quinn** (6-0, 230), a linebacker last season, will compete to clear running lanes at fullback.

Wide Receivers: Whether it is an opposing scouting report or Arico's appraisal of his attack, it is clear that senior **Bryant Richardson** (6-1, 180) will be the focal point of the Pioneers' aerial onslaught. "We'll try to get him 20 touches a game. We

need to find a way to be creative in getting him the ball," Arico said. Richardson, who caught 18 balls in 2002 to give him 109 career catches, is two short of the program's all-time record. Sophomores **Mike Yackanin** (5-11, 195) and **John Skelnick** (5-8, 160) are also candidates

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for playing time. Among the newcomers, freshman **Kenny Allen** (6-2, 225) enters highly regarded and could end up starting opposite Richardson, while another freshman, **Dave Packard** (6-4, 190), is a solid all-around target and should crack the receiving rotation.

At tight end, sophomore **Dan Wendel** (6-3, 200) enjoyed a strong offseason, while the potential of freshman **Mike Silvestri** (6-1, 225) has Arico excited.

Linemen: Only one starter returns in junior guard **Jeff Pluta** (6-2, 290). In fact, he is the only returnee from last fall. Through recruiting, the program added considerable size and talent to its front line. In addition to Pluta, guard candidates include **Nick Adler** (6-3, 265) and **Mark Baker** (6-6, 315). At center, sophomores **Ed McDonough** (6-2, 275), a St. Peter's College transfer, and **Matt Dumrauf** (5-11, 285) are the starting options. Maryland transfer **Mike George** (6-6, 320) is the favorite to open at left tackle. Possibilities at right tackle include junior **Anthony Allocca** (6-1, 255), a converted defensive lineman.

DEFENSE

Linemen: Last season, **Ricky Vesce** (5-10, 225) showed an indomitable will in chasing down ball carriers despite his lack of size. For this, the junior will serve as a captain this season while starting again at nose guard. Vesce led the team with 5.0 sacks and three forced fumbles, while finishing second with 83 tackles. Sophomore **Scott Hathaway** (5-11, 240) will likely start at defensive tackle. At defensive end, watch for junior **Mark Zirkel** (6-1, 225) and sophomore **Kyle Miller** (6-0, 230) after both enjoyed strong offseasons in the weight room. Zirkel finished sixth on the team with 54 tackles and added 2.5 sacks last year. Junior **Pat Gallagher** (5-11, 205) is a capable reserve.

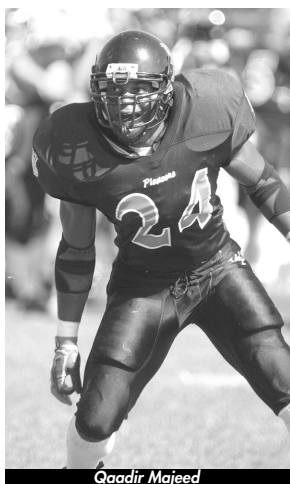


Jeff Pluta



Mark Zirkel

Linebackers: Sophomore outside backer **Qaadir Majeed** (6-0, 205) finished fourth on the team with 63 tackles en route to earning second-team All-NJAC honors last fall. Senior **Anthony LaManna** (5-10, 205) and juniors **Matt Busacca** (5-10, 205) and **Feliberto Delgado** (5-10, 200), a standout in the offseason conditioning program, will battle it out to start on the weakside. Busacca finished third on the team with 69 stops in 2002. Also factoring into the mix is sophomore **John Asbury** (5-11, 201), one of the team's hardest workers. Manning the middle is senior **Paul Wolford** (6-1, 225), a transfer from Division II Humboldt State.



Qaadir Majeed

Defensive Backs: Starting at cornerback, sophomore **Tom Larsen** (5-8, 170), who had 36 tackles and two interceptions, enters his second season as a starter. He will start opposite junior **Andy Howell** (5-10, 180), a converted running back who has the speed and athleticism necessary to make the transition to defense. Freshmen **Albert Rowland** (5-10, 175) and **Kyle Ust** (5-7, 155) will add depth. At safety, sophomore newcomer **Kevin Kohan** (5-9, 195) transferred from Montclair State and is considered a difference-maker by the coaching staff. Freshmen **Frank Valente** (5-9, 190) and **Marlon Rattray** (5-10, 180), one of the **Pioneers'** top recruits, are competing for the other starting spot.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Freshman **Airam Moreno** will take care of the placekicking chores, while fellow freshman **Rob Larsen** is slated to do the punting. As far as bringing back kicks is concerned, look for Allen, also a wide receiver, and Tom Larsen to be the primary returners.



Tom Larsen

SCHEDULE

Beginning with their Sept. 6 opener at Delaware Valley, the **Pioneers** will again play a challenging slate featuring three 2002 playoff teams at home: Salisbury (Sept. 13), SUNY Cortland (Oct. 25) and Rowan (Nov. 7). The schedule also includes annual rivals Western Connecticut (Sept. 27), Kean (Oct. 4), The College of New Jersey (Oct. 10) and Montclair State (Oct. 18). William Paterson will also take two trips to New England to oppose Plymouth State (Sept. 20) and Mount Ida (Nov. 1), the latter the lone new addition to the schedule.

COACHING STAFF



**LARRY
ARICO**
Head Coach

Year: Fourth

Record: 13-48 (6-24 at WPU)

Alma Mater: Lehigh '92

Degree: B.A. in History

In his fourth season, Arico has William Paterson thinking about making a climb in the highly competitive New Jersey Athletic Conference. From his offseason recruiting to an intensive offseason program, the Pioneers have one of their strongest and fastest teams ready to take the field this fall.

Building successful programs in competitive conferences is a common thread among the Aricos.

His wife, Kim Barnes-

Arico, is in Year Two of putting a foundation in place for the St. John's University women's basketball team.



For Larry Arico, he has been building his program to the point where it can begin its ascent up the NJAC standings. A crop of highly touted Division I and junior college transfers, combined with a group of talented freshmen give the Pioneers plenty of talent to surround their returning players. Always one to embrace a challenge, Arico is fired up about this fall.

"On both sides of the ball I feel confident," said the fourth-year coach. "The kids are buying into what we're doing here."

The 10th coach in program history, Arico has already experienced a degree of success with the Pioneers. In his second season, 2001, they went 3-7 including a win over a strong SUNY Cortland program on Homecoming while hanging tough with a number of nationally ranked programs. In addition, they ended the season ranked 20th in Division III in passing yardage per game and set 20 school records.

Prior to coaching William Paterson, Arico helped reverse FDU Florham's fortunes, taking an 0-10 team his first year and turning it into a 5-6 squad that qualified for the 1999 ECAC East Region championship game. He served as the Devils' head coach from 1997-99 after being the offensive coordinator there from 1993-97.

Arico was an All-Patriot League tailback at Lehigh who set school records for consecutive 100-yard rushing games (six) and rushing touchdowns in a game (four) while running for over 1,500 yards in his four-year career.

A native of Mount Arlington who starred at Pope John XXIII High School, Arico currently resides in Glen Rock with his wife, Kim, and their 2-year-old son, Trevor.



**JERRY
FLORA**
Assistant Coach/Offensive Coordinator

Year: Second
Alma Mater: Iona '92
Degree: B.A. in Management

Promoted in the offseason to offensive coordinator, Flora will call the plays in addition to working with the team's wide receivers. A creative mind and a diligent recruiter, he was instrumental in luring a large group of talented newcomers this season that will give the program competition all across the depth chart. He also is the team's strength and conditioning coach, having helped the returning Pioneers make sizable gains in the weight room this past offseason.

Flora came to William Paterson prior to the 2002 season after sandwiching two stints at his *alma mater*, Iona (1992-96, 1998-2001), around a season coaching the offensive line at FDU Madison, where Arico was also an assistant coach. At Iona, he coached the wide receivers and special teams while also coordinating alumni relations. Before his coaching days, he was a three-year starter at offensive tackle and started at tight end his senior year. In 2002, he received his Master's in school administration from Iona.

In addition to coaching, Flora also runs JF Camps LLC for boys in grades K-8 in Westchester County, NY. He resides in White Plains, NY, with his wife, Diane.



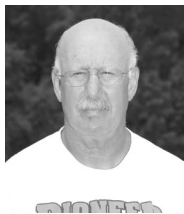
**DAVE
PINTO**
Assistant Coach/Offensive Line

Undergraduate
Year: Second
Major: Exercise and Movement Science

A promising young coach, Pinto will again tutor the offensive line. In 2002, he helped returning starter Jeff Pluta develop into one of the leaders of this season's line while also getting youngsters such as tackle Steve Eromenok ready to contribute this year.

Pinto himself is only two seasons removed from a terrific four-year career that saw him earn All-NJAC first-team honors in 2001 as the Pioneers' offense set 20 school records and was ranked 20th in Division III in passing offense per game (281.9 ypg). He plans to graduate in the spring of 2004 with a B.S. in exercise and movement science.

COACHING STAFF



HARVEY SILBERBUSH

Defensive Coordinator/Defensive Backs

Year: First

Alma Mater: NYU '69

Degree: B.A. in Education

With five decades of coaching across the New York border to his credit, Silberbush joins the Pioneers' staff. A colleague of Flora's from their days at Iona in the 1990s, where Silberbush was the defensive coordinator twice (1979-83 and 1992-97), he will oversee the defense and also handle the defensive backs. The venerable coach started his career in 1969 as the assistant coach at James Monroe High School (1969-70) and also ran several high school programs. He was also the defensive coordinator at Division II Pace in 1998. A retired New York City teacher who graduated from NYU with a B.A. in education ('69) and a Master's in Special Education ('80) from the NYC College of New Rochelle. He calls Hartsdale, NY, home.



JIM SHARPLES

Assistant Coach/Linebackers

Year: Second

Alma Mater: William Paterson '98

Degree: B.A. in History

Sharples earned a promotion during the offseason, being elevated from a general defensive assistant coach to mentoring the linebackers. Prior to coaching with the Pioneers, he coached at Ferris High School in Jersey City from 1996-2001. Sharples played offensive tackle for the Pioneers (1985-86). He graduated from the University with a B.A. in history in 1998 and is currently pursuing his Master's in special education. A special education teacher in the Jersey City Public Schools system, he resides in Hasbrouck Heights with his wife, Dana Lopes-Sharples, an administrator at Rider University.



STEVE BROWN

Assistant Coach/Defensive Line

Year: 16th

Alma Mater: William Paterson '74

Degree: B.S. in Sociology

One of the greatest to ever put on pads at William Paterson, Brown is a fine teacher of defensive line play. Last season, he helped juniors Ricky Vesce and Mark Zirkel become cornerstones of the Pioneers' defense.

A star defensive lineman from 1972-73, Brown recorded a school-record 56 sacks, which eventually earned him induction into the William Paterson University Alumni Association Athletic Hall of Fame. He parlayed his college success into stints with the Giants and Jets before playing in the now-defunct World Football League. He resides in his hometown of Paterson, where he serves as an assistant principal at Eastside High School.



**JIM
DiSTEFANO**
Assistant Coach/Defensive Line

Year: First
Alma Mater: Montclair State '68
Degree: B.A. in Physical Education

A veteran high school coach, DiStefano enters his first season at William Paterson, where his son, Vincent, is an offensive lineman. He has worked with the D-Line at established high school programs such as Memorial of West New York (1968-88, 1997-2001), Paramus Catholic (1989), Marist of Bayonne (1990-91, 1993-96) and Bergenfield (1992). Also a physical education teacher at Memorial High School, where he was named 1999 "Teacher of the Year," he and his wife, Terry, reside in Bergenfield. They have two other sons attending the University: Steve and Jeff.



**ANTHONY
BAILEY**
Assistant Coach/Running Backs

Year: First
Alma Mater: Pacific Lutheran '98
Degree: B.A. in Accounting

A newcomer to the staff, Bailey started his coaching career during a tour of duty in the U.S. Navy while stationed in Yokosuka, Japan. He served as the defensive coordinator and middle linebacker for a team that won its 1991 league championship. Upon his return to the states, he coached the wide receivers, linebackers and secondary at Bremerton (WA) High School in 1995. In addition to coaching the Pioneers running backs, he is the head coach of the West Milford Midget Football Association Pony (ages 7-9) team.

Bailey played wide receiver and defensive back for Southern Connecticut in 1985-86. Also employed as the finance manager of sponsored research by Stevens Institute of Technology, he resides in West Milford with his wife, Patrice, and their five children: Richard, Anthony, Athens, Cameron and Terrell.



**JASON
LACHAWIEC**
Offensive Assistant/Offensive Line

Undergraduate
Year: First
Major: Business Management

Having completed a career as a four-year starter at left tackle , Lachawiec joins the staff as an offensive assistant who will help coach Pinto tutor the offensive linemen. In addition to his size (6-3, 305), he used technique well and became a model for the younger offensive linemen to emulate last season. Lachawiec was named to the All-NJAC second team in 2001 and helped the Pioneers set 20 offensive school records in 2002. The native of Belford, NJ, is scheduled to graduate in January with a B.A. in management but is also considering a career in coaching.

PIONEER PROFILES

ERIC MELE

Defensive Assistant

Year: First

Alma Mater: William Paterson '02

Degree: B.A. in Sociology

Mele returns to his *alma mater* and will help out on the defensive side of the ball, mainly with defensive backs. Despite being undersized and having suffered through a myriad of injuries, the former linebacker/safety was one of the program's toughest players from 1998-2001. He also served as a team leader his last two seasons, the first two of Coach Arico's reign at William Paterson.

Currently, Mele works as an accounts manager for Coca Cola Enterprises. He resides in Branchburg.



JUSTIN O'CONNOR

Offensive Assistant/Tight Ends

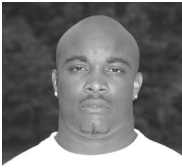
Undergraduate

Year: First

Major: Exercise and Movement Science

After spending two years with the Pioneers, including last season as a tight end who drew attention from NFL scouts, O'Connor is an offensive assistant who will guide the Pioneers' tight ends. He started his career at Penn State, where he backed up former Jets first-round pick Kyle Brady for two years and was part of the Nittany Lions' 1994 national championship team.

From there, he joined the Army and served as part of the 101st Airborne out of Fort Campbell, KY, from 1997-99. Upon completing his tenure, he joined his brother and quarterback, Sean, at William Paterson. Last season, he ranked third on the team with 20 catches. He resides in Hackensack.



MARKICE STEPHENS

Defensive Assistant/Defensive Line

Year: First

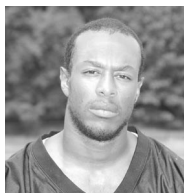
Alma Mater: Monmouth '03

Degree: B.A. in Business Management

A newcomer to coaching, Stephens will assist Brown with the defensive line. At Monmouth University, he played nose guard his final two seasons (1999-2000) after suffering a severe ankle injury in 1997 that precipitated his move from outside linebacker. Upon making the move, he helped the Hawks have one of the stingiest defenses in Division I-AA. In addition, he received the Coaches Award for his efforts on and off the field.

A May graduate of Monmouth with a B.A. in business management, he lives in West Paterson with his son, Marc Jacob.

PIONEER PROFILES



BRYANT RICHARDSON

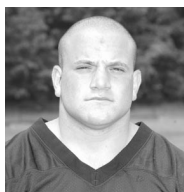
1 • Co-Captain • Senior • Wide Receiver

Height: 6-1 **Weight:** 180
Hometown: Elizabeth, NJ
High School: Northern Burlington

The go-to guy in the Pioneers' passing game, Richardson is ready to become the program's all-time leader in receptions and receiving yards. He is also versatile enough to line up in the backfield and return kicks, as he did both in 2002 ... He has 108 receptions, three away from breaking Keyth Hardy's (2000-02) mark of 110, while his 1,173 yards are 174 yards off the record established by Lance Sisco (1975-78) ... Rushed for a career-high 159 yards, including a personal-long 77-yard TD run, in a win over Plymouth State on Sept. 21 ... Owns the Pioneer career record with 64 receptions in 2001, which earned him All-NJAC second-team honors ... Named All-NJAC honorable mention last year ... Majoring in computer science.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>REC</u>	<u>YARDS</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>LG</u>	<u>TD</u>
2002	18	224	12.4	43	0
2001	64	607	9.5	39	6
2000	26	342	13.2	75	2
TOTAL	61	1,173	10.9	75	8

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>RUSH</u>	<u>YARDS</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>LG</u>	<u>TD</u>
2002	43	258	6.0	77	2
2001	9	49	5.4	19	0
2000	9	51	5.7	12	0
TOTAL	61	358	5.9	77	2



RICKY VESCE

40 • Co-Captain • Junior • Nose Guard

Height: 5-10 **Weight:** 225
Hometown: Manalapan, NJ
High School: St. John Vianney

One of the top defensive linemen in the NJAC, Vesce will again start at nose guard. ... An All-NJAC honorable mention selection, he was selected to the D3football.com Team of the Week three times and was named the NJAC and ECAC Southeast Region Defensive Player of the Week after amassing 11 tackles, 0.5 sacks, forcing a fumble and recovering another vs. The College of New Jersey on Oct. 12 ... Totaled 10 stops or more in four games, including a career-high 12 vs. Rowan on Nov. 9, and finished second on the team in tackles ... Majoring in history.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>TACKLES</u>	<u>TFL/YDS</u>	<u>SKS/YDS</u>	<u>INT/YDS</u>	<u>PD</u>	<u>FF</u>	<u>FR</u>
2002	83	12/31	5.0/24	0/0	1	3	3

PIONEER PROFILES



EVAN QUINN

26 • Senior • Fullback

Height: 6-0

Weight: 230

Hometown: Glen Rock, NJ

High School: Glen Rock

A running back two years ago who was converted to linebacker last autumn, Quinn will battle for the starting fullback assignment ... Played in only five games last season due to injury ... Saw spot duty at running back as a sophomore since the Pioneers employed a two-back offense only in goal-line situations ... Majoring in communication.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>RUSH</u>	<u>YARDS</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>LG</u>	<u>TD</u>
2001	13	53	4.1	8	0



ANTHONY LaMANNA

57 • Senior • Outside Linebacker

Height: 5-10

Weight: 205

Hometown: West Orange, NJ

High School: West Orange

After a solid offseason in the weight room, LaManna is in the mix for playing time at outside linebacker ... Mostly a special teams contributor, he played in seven games last season ... His brother, Frank, played for the Pioneers and started at linebacker in 2001 ... Majoring in exercise and movement science.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>TACKLES</u>	<u>TFL/YDS</u>	<u>SKS/YDS</u>	<u>INT/YDS</u>	<u>PD</u>	<u>FF</u>	<u>FR</u>
2002	4	0/0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0



BRIAN ROMAN

28 • Junior • Running Back

Height: 6-0

Weight: 195

Hometown: Parsippany, NJ

High School: Parsippany Hills

A swift and elusive runner, Roman hopes to return to his 2000 form and become the workhorse in the Pioneers' backfield ... A variety of nagging injuries limited Roman to five games last fall. However, he did average 22.4 yards on five kickoff returns ... He led the team in rushing his freshman year ... Majoring in sociology

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>RUSH</u>	<u>YARDS</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>LG</u>	<u>TD</u>
2002	21	52	2.5	7	0
2000	127	550	4.3	63	4
TOTAL	148	602	5.9	63	4

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>REC</u>	<u>YARDS</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>LG</u>	<u>TD</u>
2002	2	20	10.4	13	0
2000	10	73	7.3	16	0
TOTAL	12	93	7.8	75	8



ANDY HOWELL

32 • Junior • Cornerback

Height: 5-10

Weight: 180

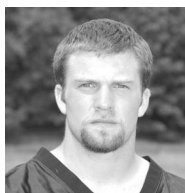
Hometown: Schuylkill Haven, PA

High School: Blue Mountain

Howell is switching from running back, his position the previous two seasons, to cornerback, where he is slated to start after picking up the position during the offseason ... Saw spot duty at running back last season. He scored his first career touchdown vs. Salisbury on Sept. 14 and also hauled in two passes for 30 yards in the contest ... Made four special-teams tackles ... Acknowledged as one of the finest performers in the offseason conditioning program ... Majoring in exercise and movement science.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>RUSH</u>	<u>YARDS</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>LG</u>	<u>TD</u>
2002	21	52	2.5	7	0

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>REC</u>	<u>YARDS</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>LG</u>	<u>TD</u>
2002	2	20	10.4	13	0



JOE EGAN

33 • Junior • Fullback

Height: 5-10

Weight: 200

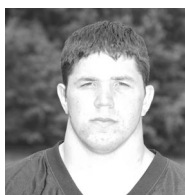
Hometown: Stanhope, NJ

High School: Lenape Valley Regional

Having shown a rugged running style between the tackles when he earned playing time last season, Egan is competing to start at fullback. He is also a solid receiver out of the backfield and a dependable special teams performer ... Had a career-long 19-yard run vs. The College of New Jersey on Oct. 12 ... Majoring in music.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>RUSH</u>	<u>YARDS</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>LG</u>	<u>TD</u>
2002	21	52	2.5	7	0

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>REC</u>	<u>YARDS</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>LG</u>	<u>TD</u>
2002	2	20	10.4	13	0



MARK ZIRKEL

52 • Junior • Defensive End

Height: 6-1

Weight: 225

Hometown: Ortley Beach, NJ

High School: Toms River East

One of the hardest working players in the program, Zirkel is a fixture at defensive end and a leader of the defensive unit ... Made a career-high 14 tackles, forced a fumble and recovered a fumble vs. McDaniel on Nov. 2 ... Posted a team-high 10 tackles and forced fumble vs. Montclair State on Oct. 19 ... Picked off his first career pass and added eight stops vs. SUNY Cortland on Oct. 26 ... Major is undecided.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>TACKLES</u>	<u>TFL/YDS</u>	<u>SKS/YDS</u>	<u>INT/YDS</u>	<u>PD</u>	<u>FF</u>	<u>FR</u>
2002	54	8/20	2.5/13	1/19	0	2	2

PIONEER PROFILES



JEFF PLUTA

54 • Junior • Offensive Line

Height: 6-2 **Weight:** 290
Hometown: Toms River, NJ
High School: Toms River East

The lone experienced returnee on the offensive line, Pluta will likely provide leadership for a talented group of newcomers while starting at guard ... Started in all 10 games last season ... Helped lead the way as the Pioneers amassed a season-high 372 yards in defeating Plymouth State on Sept. 21 ... Played in a reserve role as a freshman ... Major is undeclared.



MATT BUSACCA

59 • Junior • Outside Linebacker

Height: 5-10 **Weight:** 205
Hometown: Point Pleasant, NJ
High School: Point Pleasant Boro

One of the team's top playmakers, Busacca is a strong candidate to start at weakside linebacker ... Ranked third on the team in stops in 2002 ... Finished with a 70-yard fumble return for a score and nine tackles vs. Plymouth State on Sept. 21 ... Led the team with 10 stops vs. Western Connecticut ... Recorded a career-high 11 hits vs. New Jersey City on Nov. 16 ... Majoring in exercise and movement science.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>TACKLES</u>	<u>TFL/YDS</u>	<u>SKS/YDS</u>	<u>INT/YDS</u>	<u>PD</u>	<u>FF</u>	<u>FR</u>
2002	69	4/12	0/0	0/0	2	1	0
2001	14	0/0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
TOTAL	83	4/12	0/0	0/0	2	1	0

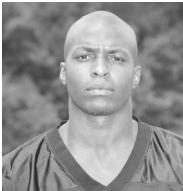


ANTHONY ALLOCCA

62 • Junior • Offensive Line

Height: 6-1 **Weight:** 255
Hometown: Toms River, NJ
High School: Toms River East

Having spent two years on the other side of the trenches, Allocca was converted to tackle in the offseason and is expected to compete for a starting assignment ... Made two tackles in 2002 ... Majoring in history.



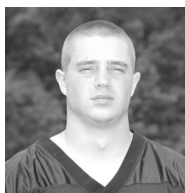
QAADIR MAJEED

4 • Sophomore • Outside Linebacker

Height: 6-0 **Weight:** 205
Hometown: Monroe, NJ
High School: Manalapan

An All-NJAC second-team selection last fall, Majeed is again expected to wreak havoc at strongside linebacker ... His first game as a Pioneer proved memorable, as he recorded six tackles, two sacks, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery vs. Salisbury on Sept. 14 ... Finished with a personal-best nine stops vs. Kean on Oct. 5 ... Also a member of the N.J. National Guard ... Majoring in exercise and movement science

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>TACKLES</u>	<u>TFL/YDS</u>	<u>SKS/YDS</u>	<u>INT/YDS</u>	<u>PD</u>	<u>FF</u>	<u>FR</u>
2002	63	10/36	3.0/20	0/0	0	1	1



MIKE YACKANIN

11 • Sophomore • Wide Receiver

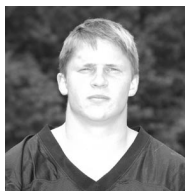
Height: 5-10

Weight: 170

Hometown: Somerset, NJ

High School: Franklin Regional

A smart route-runner with soft hands, Yackanin provides the Pioneers with a good possession receiver. He is a possible starter and will be a part of all three-receiver packages ... His only two receptions came vs. Rowan on Nov. 9, totaling 34 yards ... Also a middle infielder for the Pioneer baseball team ... Majoring in finance.



TOM LARSEN

21 • Sophomore • Cornerback

Height: 5-8

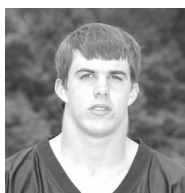
Weight: 170

Hometown: Ramsey, NJ

High School: Ramsey

One of the program's top newcomers last season, Larsen's combination of diligence, determination and talent have him again slotted as a starting cornerback ... Recorded interceptions in consecutive games vs. Western Connecticut (Sept. 27) and Kean (Oct. 5) ... Posted a career-high six tackles against Plymouth State (Sept. 20) and SUNY Cortland (Oct. 26). He also had two passes defensed vs. Plymouth ... Majoring in sociology.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>TACKLES</u>	<u>TFL/YDS</u>	<u>SKS/YDS</u>	<u>INT/YDS</u>	<u>PD</u>	<u>FF</u>	<u>FR</u>
2002	63	10/36	3.0/20	0/0	0	1	1



KYLE MILLER

42 • Sophomore • Defensive End

Height: 6-0

Weight: 230

Hometown: Ewing, NJ

High School: Ewing

Miller enjoyed a tremendous offseason in the weight room and enters the season entrenched as a starting defensive end ... Entered the program as a linebacker, but was converted this past offseason ... Made three tackles as a freshman while primarily playing special teams ... Majoring in computer science.



STEVE EROMENOK

78 • Sophomore • Offensive Line

Height: 6-2

Weight: 260

Hometown: Clifton, NJ

High School: Clifton

Eromenok earned playing time late last season and will challenge for playing time at both tackle spots ... Majoring in sociology.

2003 STATS

2003 RESULTS

FINAL RECORD: 1-9 (0-6 NJAC)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Record (NJAC)</u>
9/14	at Salisbury	L 55-18	0-1
9/21	PLYMOUTH STATE	W 30-20	1-1
9/27	WESTERN CONNECTICUT	L 34-27	1-2
10/5	KEAN*	L 35-7	1-3 (0-1)
10/12	at The College of New Jersey*	L 24-23	1-4 (0-2)
10/19	at Montclair State*	L 35-0	1-5 (0-3)
10/26	at SUNY Cortland*	L 32-0	1-6 (0-4)
11/2	McDANIEL	L 34-0	1-7
11/9	at Rowan*	L 70-7	1-8 (0-5)
11/16	NEW JERSEY CITY*	L 28-19	1-9 (0-6)

* New Jersey Athletic Conference Games

TEAM STATISTICS

	<u>WPU</u>	<u>Opponents</u>
SCORING		
Points	131	367
Points Per Game	13.1	36.7
First Downs	142	197
RUSHING		
Carries-Yards	305-786	455-2,108
Per Game	78.6	210.8
Per Carry	2.6	4.6
Touchdowns	6	25
PASSING		
Yards	1,680	2,114
Att-Comp-Int	321-142-19	234-134-9
Per Game	168.0	211.4
Touchdowns	11	22
TOTAL OFFENSE		
Plays-Yards	626-2,466	689-4,222
Per Game	246.6	422.2
Fumbles-Lost	26-11	28-16
PENALTIES	55-478	76-744
KICK RETURNS-YARDS	49-779	25-467
Average	15.9	18.7
PUNT RETURNS-YARDS	15-76	33-404
Average	5.1	12.2
PUNTS-YARDS	55-1,876	31-1,038
Average	34.1	33.5
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	2-3	6-9
PAT-ATTEMPTS	9-16	41-43
INTERCEPTIONS-YARDS	9-145	19-299
SACKS-YARDS	14-73	30-189
TIME OF POSSESSION	28:29	31:31

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>Total</u>
WPU	47	29	10	45	131
OPPONENTS	103	148	71	45	367

INDIVIDUAL STATS

PASSING

Name	Rating	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Long
Sean O'Connor	96.41	143-67-10	46.9	846	6	57
Pat Obuchowski	88.89	39-15-3	38.5	227	2	51
Cristobal Rodriguez	79.48	137-60-6	43.8	607	3	33
TEAM	0.00	1-0-0	0.0	0	0	0
Thomas Stovall	0.00	1-0-0	0.0	0	0	0
WPU	87.67	321-142-19	44.2	1,680	11	57
OPPONENTS	158.62	234-139-9	59.4	2,114	22	67

RUSHING

Name	Att.	Net Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
Thomas Stovall	74	270	3.6	1	20
Tom DelMauro	77	264	3.4	1	26
Bryant Richardson	43	258	6.0	2	77
Andy Howell	14	56	4.0	1	18
Brian Roman	21	52	2.5	0	7
Joe Egan	5	32	6.4	0	19
Travis Gonick	2	2	1.0	0	4
Sean O'Connor	25	-3	-0.1	1	20
Mark Janis	2	-10	-5.0	0	0
TEAM	4	-31	-7.8	0	0
Pat Obuchowski	9	-50	-5.6	0	0
Cristobal Rodriguez	29	-54	-1.9	0	12
WPU	305	786	2.6	6	77
OPPONENTS	455	2,108	4.6	25	57

RECEIVING

Name	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
Brian Lowenstein	27	449	16.6	6	57
Keyth Hardy	25	281	11.2	2	51
Mark Janis	21	237	11.3	2	28
Justin O'Connor	20	193	9.6	0	19
Bryant Richardson	18	224	12.4	0	43
Tom DelMauro	13	121	9.3	0	21
Thomas Stovall	6	24	4.0	0	11
Andy Howell	4	40	10.0	0	19
Henry Marksbury	3	45	15.0	1	21
Mike Yackanin	2	34	17.0	0	18
Brian Roman	2	20	10.0	0	13
John Skelnick	1	12	12.0	0	12
WPU	142	1,680	11.8	11	57
Opponents	139	2,114	15.2	22	67

PUNT RETURNS

Name	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
Tom Larsen	14	76	5.4	0	11
Lamar Askew	1	0	0.0	0	0
WPU	15	76	5.1	0	11
OPPONENTS	33	404	12.2	1	59

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KICKOFF RETURNS

<u>Name</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Long</u>
Lamar Askew	17	292	17.2	0	29
Brian Lowenstein	7	132	18.9	0	26
Thomas Stovall	5	78	15.6	0	21
Brian Roman	5	112	22.4	0	41
Rashawn McGuire	5	46	9.2	0	13
Tom Larsen	3	61	20.3	0	23
Bryant Richardson	2	25	12.5	0	13
Joe Egan	1	10	10.0	0	10
Al Peterson	1	10	10.0	0	10
J.R. Brown	1	9	9.0	0	9
Mike Yackanin	1	7	7.0	0	7
Ricky Vesce	1	-1	-1.0	0	0
WPU	49	779	15.9	0	41
OPPONENTS	25	467	18.7	0	47

FUMBLE RETURNS

<u>Name</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Long</u>
Lamar Askew	3	76	25.3	1	49
Matt Busacca	1	70	70.0	1	70
Brandon Thomas	1	7	7.0	0	7
WPU	5	153	30.6	2	70
OPPONENTS	1	25	25.0	1	25

INTERCEPTIONS

<u>Name</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Long</u>
Lamar Askew	2	23	11.5	0	14
Tray Barnard	2	72	36.0	0	39
Tom Larsen	2	17	8.5	0	17
Brandon Thomas	2	14	7.0	0	14
Mark Zirkel	1	19	19.0	0	19
WPU	9	145	16.1	0	39
OPPONENTS	19	299	15.7	1	48

FIELD GOALS

<u>Name</u>	<u>FG-FGA</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>01-19</u>	<u>20-29</u>	<u>30-39</u>	<u>40-49</u>	<u>Long</u>
Graeham Watts	2-3	66.7	0-0	1-1	1-2	0-0	32

SCORING

<u>Name</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>FG</u>	<u>PAT</u>	<u>2-PT</u>	<u>DXP</u>	<u>Saf.</u>	<u>Points</u>
Brian Lowenstein	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	36
Graeham Watts	0	2-3	9-15	0	0	0	15
Mark Janis	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	12
Keyth Hardy	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	12
Bryant Richardson	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	12
Tom DelMauro	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	6
Sean O'Connor	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	6
Henry Marksbury	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	6
Lamar Askew	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	6
Matt Busacca	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	6
Thomas Stovall	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	6
Andy Howell	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	6
Justin O'Connor	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	2
WPU	19	2-3	9-16	1	0	0	131
OPPONENTS	50	6-9	41-43	4	0	0	367

DEFENSE

<u>Name</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>TFL-Yds.</u>	<u>Sks.-Yds.</u>	<u>PBU</u>	<u>FF</u>	<u>FR</u>
Lamar Askew	54	36	90	6-13	0-0	8	1	4
Ricky Vesce	44	39	83	12-31	5.0-24	1	3	3
Matt Busacca	30	39	69	4-12	0-0	2	0	1
Qaadir Majeed	28	35	63	10-36	3.0-20	0	1	1
Ben Markus	27	29	56	4-8	0-0	0	1	0
Mark Zirkel	21	33	54	8-20	2.5-13	0	2	2
Frank Cicarone	26	20	46	3-6	0-0	0	2	0
Brandon Thomas	20	17	37	2-4	0-0	1	0	1
Tom Larsen	26	10	36	2-3	0-0	4	0	0
Tray Barnard	17	9	26	2-6	0-0	3	0	0
Raphael Santiago	9	14	23	1-1	0-0	1	0	0
Joel Sabino	10	10	20	6-9	1.5-4	0	0	2
Scott Hathaway	4	13	17	6-14	1.0-5	0	0	1
Justin Caron	1	11	12	1-2	0-0	0	0	0
Brandon Caldwell	6	4	10	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Vin Rizzo	3	7	10	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Al Peterson	5	4	9	2-8	1.0-7	1	0	0
Bob Birney	3	5	8	1-3	0-0	0	0	0
John Asbury	6	2	8	1-3	0-0	0	0	0
Filiberto Delgado	3	3	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
J.R. Brown	5	1	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Andy Howell	4	0	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Anthony LaManna	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Jesse Jenkins	1	3	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Rich Renda	1	3	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Kyle Miller	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Maurice Nash	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Graeham Watts	3	0	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Henry Marksbury	3	0	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Evan Quinn	1	2	3	2-4	0-0	0	0	0
Jason Lachawiec	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Mark Janis	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Brian Roman	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Nick Peroune	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Ryan Batche	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Anthony Allocca	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	1	1
Arie Edwards	0	2	2	1-1	0-0	0	0	0
Ben Grandinetti	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
WPU	390	365	755	75-187	14.0-73	21	12	16
OPPONENTS	315	309	624	81-301	30.0-189	47	10	11

S-Solo Tackles
A-Assisted Tackles
T-Total Tackles
TFL-Tackles for Loss
Sks.-Sacks
PBU-Pass Breakups
FF-Forced Fumbles
FR-Fumbles Recovered

SEVEN CAPTURE ALL-NJAC AWARDS TO CAP OFF 2003 CAMPAIGN

Seven players earned All-New Jersey Athletic Conference (NJAC) mention and several young defensive players were awarded substantial playing time to highlight the 2002 campaign. Here are more of last season's highlights:

- Senior safety **Lamar Askew** was selected to the All-NJAC and All-Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC) Southeast Region first teams after an outstanding season in the secondary. Askew posted a school-record 20 tackles against McDaniel College and was named the NJAC Defensive Player of the Week on Nov. 3. He ended up leading both the team and the NJAC in tackles (90) and tackles per game (9.0), and was named to the D3football.com "Team of the Week" three times. In addition, he was picked as one of 42 Division III players to represent the U.S. in the 2002 Aztec Bowl, a game that pits American players against Mexico's top collegiate performers.



Vin Rizzo

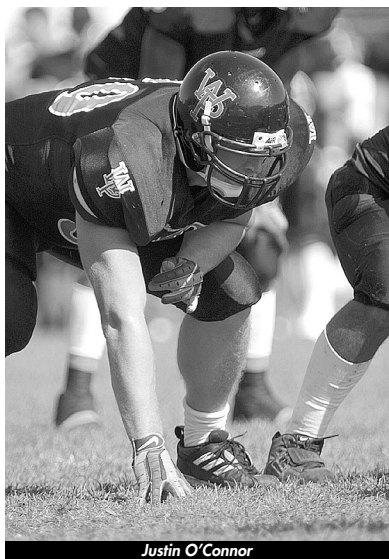
- Outside linebacker **Qaadir Majeed** enjoyed a fine debut season as he earned second-team All-NJAC mention after posting 63 tackles and 3.0 sacks. Also a member of the National Guard, Majeed was profiled on News 12 New Jersey last Sept. 11 for helping guard the Lincoln Tunnel during the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

- Offensive tackle **Joe Panzica** was named to the All-NJAC second team, the second straight season he earned all-conference notoriety. Center **Vin Rizzo** was named honorable mention all-conference for the second consecutive year.

- Running back/wide receiver **Bryant Richardson** earned All-



Lamar Askew



Justin O'Connor

NJAC honorable mention for his versatility. He captured the NJAC Player of the Week award on Sept. 22 after rushing for a career-high 159 yards, including a personal-best touchdown run of 77 yards, to spark a 30-20 win over Plymouth State on Sept. 21. He ended the season second all-time in receptions (108) and third in receiving yards (1,172) after catching 18 passes for 224 yards.

- After playing running back as a freshman, **Ricky Vesce** became one of the NJAC's top defensive linemen. An honorable mention all-conference selection, he

was second on the team with 83 tackles, led the squad in stops for losses (12 for minus-31 yards) and sacks (5.0), forced three fumbles and recovered three more. A three-time member of the D3football.com "Team of the Week," Vesce was named the NJAC and ECAC Southeast Region Defensive Player of the Week after a near-upset of The College of New Jersey on Oct. 12.

- Tight end **Justin O'Connor**, an All-NJAC honorable mention selection, was featured in the *Pro Football Weekly* 2002-2003 Pro Prospects Preview. He contributed 20 catches for 193 yards.



Ricky Vesce

2002 STATS

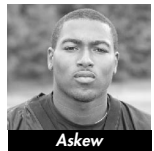
2002 NJAC STANDINGS



Team	OVERALL				NJAC			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Rowan	6	0	260	82	10	1	373	134
SUNY-Cortland	4	2	173	119	9	2	326	162
The College of NJ	4	2	194	152	6	3	267	196
Montclair St.	4	2	165	90	5	5	235	192
Kean	2	4	99	186	4	6	171	268
New Jersey City	1	5	62	156	1	8	72	240
WILLIAM PATERSON	0	6	56	224	1	9	131	367

First Team All-ECAC Southeast Region

Lamar Askew Safety



First Team All-NJAC

Lamar Askew Safety

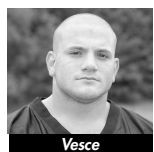
Second Team All-NJAC

Qaadir Majeed Linebacker
Joe Panzica Offensive Line



Honorable Mention All-NJAC

Justin O'Connor Tight End
Bryant Richardson Running Back
Vin Rizzo Center
Ricky Vesce Defensive Line



WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Eleven former Pioneer football greats have been enshrined in the William Paterson University Alumni Association Athletic Hall of Fame, from early stalwarts Steve Brown and Robert "Sarge" Taylor to the duo of Craig Paskas and Altarik White which helped William Paterson make its first NCAA Division III playoff appearance in 1993.

Stephen Adzima ('75)

Steve Brown ('74)

Bobby Jones ('89)

Brian Leary ('92)

Craig Paskas ('97)

Henry Reeder ('73)

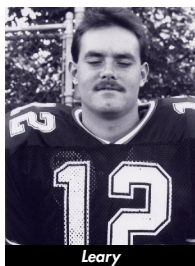
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Robert "Sarge" Taylor ('74)

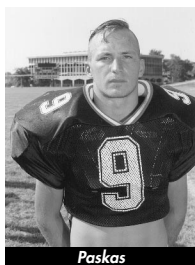
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Altarik White ('95)

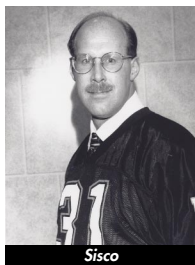
Gary Young ('84)



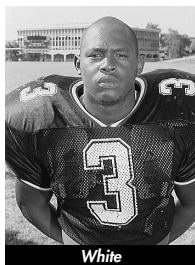
Leary



Paskas



Sisco



White



Robert "Sarge" Taylor



2003 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time</u>
Sat.	Sept. 6	Delaware Valley	1 p.m.
Sat.	Sept. 13	SALISBURY	1 p.m.
Sat.	Sept. 20	Plymouth State	1 p.m.
Sat.	Sept. 27	Western Connecticut	1 p.m.
Sat.	Oct. 4	Kean*	1 p.m.
Fri.	Oct. 10	THE COLLEGE OF NJ*	7 p.m.
Sat.	Oct. 18	MONTCLAIR STATE* (Homecoming)	1 p.m.
Sat.	Oct. 25	SUNY CORTLAND*	1 p.m.
Sat.	Nov. 1	Mount Ida	1 p.m.
Fri.	Nov. 7	ROWAN*	7 p.m.

*All Home Games in **CAPS** and Played at Wightman Field*

** New Jersey Athletic Conference Games*