



2005-06 George Mason Men's Basketball

Mason All-CAA

JAI LEWIS

- * TWO-TIME ALL-CAA
- * FOURTH IN CAA IN REBOUNDING
- * THIRD IN CAA IN FG PCT.

TONY SKINN

- * THIRD-TEAM ALL-CAA
- * TOP 10 IN CAA IN SCORING
- * TOP 12 IN CAA IN FT PCT.

LAMAR BUTLER

- * SECOND TEAM ALL-CAA
- * FOURTH IN CAA IN SCORING
- * FIRST IN CAA IN 3-POINTERS

GEORGE
MASON
UNIVERSITY



Front Row (left to right): Tony Skinn, Lamar Butler, Sammy Hernandez, Assistant Coach Chris Caputo, Assistant Coach James Johnson, Head Coach Jim Larranaga, Assistant Coach Scott Cherry, Tim Burns, Charles Makings, Jordan Carter; **Back Row (left to right):** Graduate Manager Joe Barrer, Gabe Norwood, Jesus Urbina, Makan Konate, Chris Fleming, Jai Lewis, Will Thomas, Folarin Campbell, John Vaughan, Student Manager Sean Passey

2005-06 George Mason Men's Basketball Roster

| NO. | NAME | POS. | CL. | HT. | WT. | HOMETOWN/HIGH SCHOOL/PREVIOUS SCHOOL |
|-----|------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|--|
| 1 | Tony Skinn | G | SR | 6-1 | 175 | Takoma Park, Md./Takoma Academy/Hagerstown CC |
| 2 | Jordan Carter | G | SO | 6-0 | 170 | Indianapolis, Ind./Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory |
| 3 | Makan Konate | G/F | JR | 6-7 | 200 | Bamako, Mali/Worcester Academy [Mass.] |
| 5 | Gabe Norwood | G/F | JR | 6-5 | 185 | State College, Pa./State College |
| 12 | Tim Burns | G | JR | 6-3 | 185 | Greenfield, Mass./Worcester Academy |
| 13 | Jesus Urbina | F | JR | 6-7 | 225 | Barquisimeto, Venezuela/Amelia Academy [Va.] |
| 22 | Lamar Butler | G | SR | 6-2 | 170 | Oxon Hill, Md./Oxon Hill |
| 23 | John Vaughan | G | SO | 6-3 | 170 | Lanham, Md./Laurel |
| 24 | Charles Makings | G | JR | 6-2 | 180 | Silver Spring, Md./St. John's College |
| 34 | Will Thomas | F | SO | 6-7 | 220 | Baltimore, Md./Mount St. Joseph |
| 40 | Chris Fleming | F | FR | 6-8 | 230 | Manassas, Va./Osborn Park |
| 42 | Folarin Campbell | G/F | SO | 6-4 | 200 | Silver Spring, Md./Springbrook |
| 50 | Sammy Hernandez | F | FR | 6-5 | 230 | Jacksonville, Fla./Arlington Country Day |
| 55 | Jai Lewis | F/C | SR | 6-7 | 275 | Aberdeen, Md./Aberdeen/Maine Central Institute |

Head Coach:

Jim Larranaga (Providence '71) -- 9th year at Mason/22nd overall

Assistant Coaches:

Chris Caputo (Westfield [Mass.] State College, '02)

Scott Cherry (North Carolina '93), James Johnson (Ferrum, '93)

Manager, Basketball Operations:

Larry Fain

Athletic Trainer:

Debi Corbatta

Graduate Manager:

Joe Barrer

Student Manager:

Sean Passey

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At left, Tony Skinn steps to the free throw line in a packed Patriot Center during a win over James Madison.



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The press gate is located at the South entrance of the Patriot Center.

Gameday Services

Media guides, programs, rosters, statistics and updated game notes will be available along press row prior to each game. Box scores will be available after each half, and a complete book with a final box score and play-by-play will be available following the game's conclusion. Telephones are available on press row to working press and radio. Additional telephones are located in the working press room for writers. The courtside phone number is (703) 993-3044.

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To assist you in your coverage of George Mason University athletics, we encourage you to access information via computer or phone. The Patriots web site, **GoMason.com**, is updated regularly and game reports and notes are available immediately following every game on the 24-hour sports hotline at (703) 993-4074.

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Quick Facts

Location Fairfax, Va.
Founded . 1957 (University status, 1972)
Enrollment 28,874
Nickname Patriots
Colors Green & Gold
Arena (capacity) Patriot Center (10,000)
Affiliation NCAA Division I
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Career Record 337-265 (21 years)
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Assistant Coach Scott Cherry
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2004-05 Overall Record 16-13
CAA Record/Finish 10-8/6th
Starters returning/lost 5/0
Letterwinners returning/lost 12/0
Newcomers 2

First Season 1966-67
All-time Record 524-562 (.483)
Division I Record 399-375 (.516)
All-Time CAA Record ... 167-141 (.548)
CAA Championships 1989, 1999, 2001
CAA Runner-up 1986, 1988, 1991, 2004
Postseason Appearances Six
Last Appearance 2004 NIT
Result Won vs. Tennessee, 58-55
..... Won vs. Austin Peay, 66-60
..... Lost at Oregon, 68-54
NCAA Tournament
..... 1989, Lost to Indiana, 99-85
..... 1999, Lost to Cincinnati, 72-48
..... 2001, Lost to Maryland, 83-80
Other NIT Appearances
..... 1986, Won at Lamar, 65-63
..... 1986, Lost at Providence, 90-71
..... 2002, Lost vs. St. Joseph's, 73-64
20-Win Seasons Six
..... 21-7 (1983-84), 20-12 (1985-86),
..... 20-10 (1987-88), 20-11 (1988-89),
..... 20-12 (1989-90), 23-10 (2003-04)
Record Crowds
Home 9,702, vs. JMU, 2/17/01
Away ... 19,891, at N. Carolina, 12/7/03



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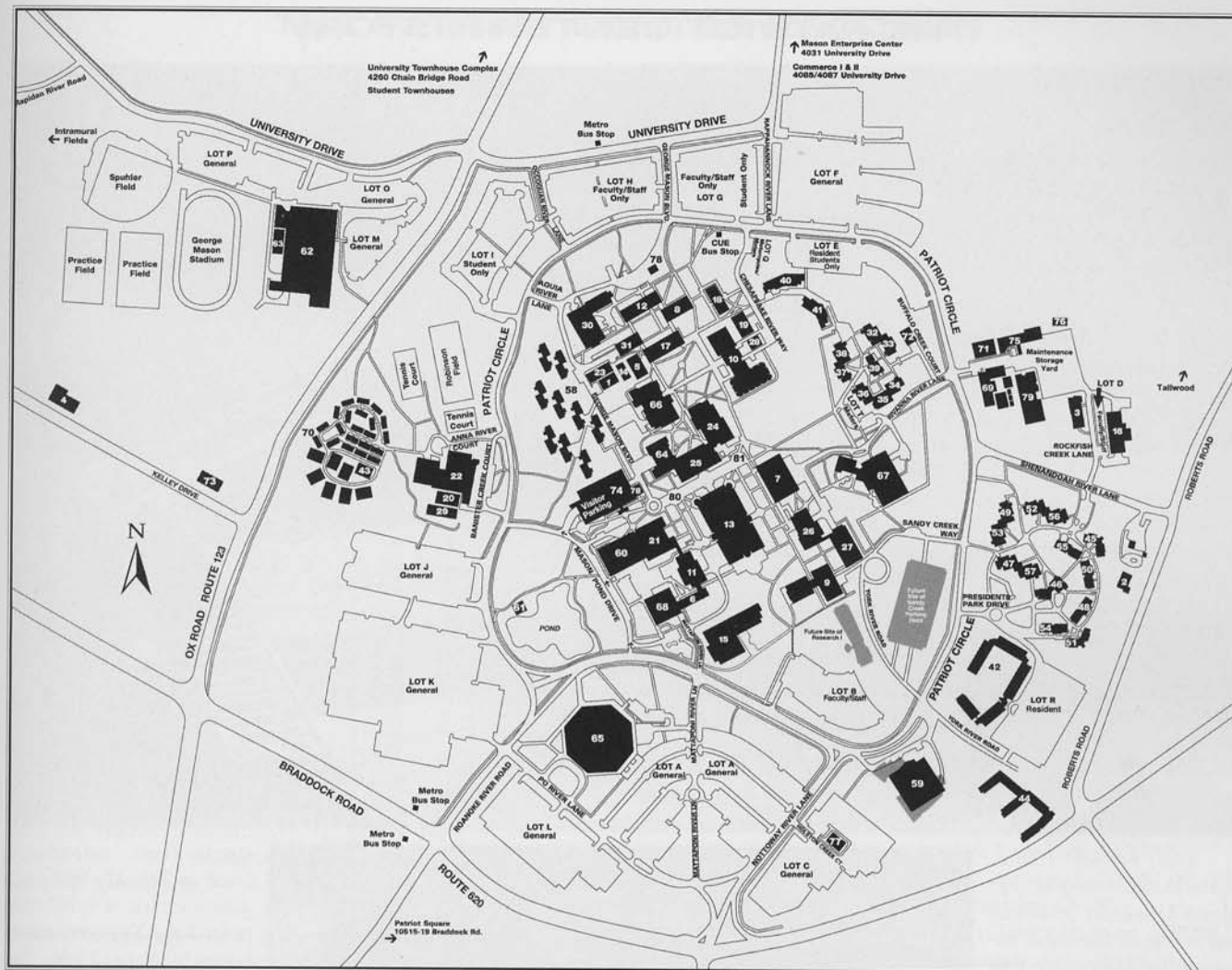
VIDEO STREAMING

For the fifth consecutive season, the George Mason University Athletic Department will use its Web Streaming Video technology to broadcast live over the Internet all home men's and women's basketball games. By using CSTV All-Access, Mason fans will be able to watch broadcasts of all games from the Patriot Center.

In conjunction with Capitol Connection, the technology utilized to bring fans all the action from the Patriot Center is state-of-the-art and features the most up-to-date streaming software in the industry.

Fans of the Patriots' basketball will be able to keep up with the team with sound and picture. This service will give George Mason fans the ability to watch action live from the Patriot Center.





CAMPUS MAP/DIRECTIONS

ACADEMIC

- 1 Aquia Module
- 2 Buchanan House
- 3 Carow Hall
- 4 Carty House
- 5 Central Module
- 6 College Hall
- 7 David King Hall
- 8 East Building
- 9 Enterprise Hall
- 10 Fenwick Library
- 11 Fine Arts Building
- 12 Finley Building
- 13 George W. Johnson Center
- 14 Greenhouse
- 15 Innovation Hall
- 16 Krasnow Institute
- 17 Krug Hall
- 18 Lecture Hall
- 19 North Chesapeake Module
- 20 North P.E. Module
- 21 Performing Arts Building
- 22 Physical Ed. Building
- 23 Pohick Module
- 24 Robinson Hall A
- 25 Robinson Hall B
- 26 Science and Tech I
- 27 Science and Tech II
- 28 South Chesapeake Module
- 29 South P.E. Module
- 30 Thompson Hall
- 31 West Building

RESIDENTIAL

- Commons
- 32 Amherst Hall
 - 33 Brunswick Hall

- 34 Carroll Hall
- 35 Dickenson Hall
- 36 Essex Hall
- 37 Franklin Hall
- 38 Grayson Hall
- 39 Hanover Hall
- 40 Commonwealth Hall
- 41 Dominion Hall
- 42 Liberty Square
- 43 Patriots Village
- 44 Potomac Heights

Presidents Park

- 45 Adams Hall
- 46 Eisenhower Hall
- 47 Harrison Hall
- 48 Jackson Hall
- 49 Jefferson Hall
- 50 Kennedy Hall
- 51 Lincoln Hall
- 52 Madison Hall
- 53 Monroe Hall
- 54 Roosevelt Hall
- 55 Truman Hall
- 56 Washington Hall
- 57 Wilson Hall
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- 61 Cross Cottage
- 62 Field House
- 63 Field House Module
- 64 Harris Theatre
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STUDENT LIFE FACILITIES

- 13 George W. Johnson Center
- 66 Student Union I
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ADMINISTRATION

- 68 Mason Hall

SUPPORT FACILITIES

- 69 Central Heating and Cooling Plant
- 70 Child Development Center
- 71 Facilities Administration
- 72 Housing Office
- 73 Kelley II
- 74 Parking Deck, Mason Pond (Visitors)
- 75 Physical Plant/Customer Service Center
- 76 Recycling Center
- 77 University Police
- 78 Visitor Information
- 79 Warehouse

KEY OFFICES

- 13 Admissions, Johnson Center
- 28 Financial Aid, S. Chesapeake Module
- 19 Registrar, N. Chesapeake Module
- 66 Student Health Services, Student Union I

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Getting to the Patriot Center

From the North (Baltimore, Philadelphia, etc.)

I-95 South; Exit 27 – I-495 West (sign will say Silver Spring); Cross Potomac River into Virginia; Exit 49A – I-66 West (Front Royal); Exit 60 – 123 South (Fairfax); Go approximately 4 miles to traffic light, make left turn onto Braddock Road; At next traffic light, make left turn onto Roanoke River Lane, Patriot Center is on the right. Alternate – On I-495, go past exit for I-66 and take Exit 54 – Braddock Road (Rte. 620) West; Go approximately 6 miles to George Mason campus on right; At traffic light, make right turn onto Roanoke River Lane. Patriot Center is on the right.

From the South (Richmond, Norfolk, etc.)

I-95 North; Exit 160B – Rte 123 (sign will say Occoquan/Lake Ridge); Go approximately 15 miles to right turn at traffic light onto Braddock Road; At next traffic light, make left turn onto Roanoke River Lane. Patriot Center is on the right.

From the East (Annapolis, Eastern Shore, etc.)

US 50 West; Take I-495 South (Richmond); Cross Potomac River into Virginia; At I-95 split, stay left and on I-495; Exit 54 – Braddock Road (Rte. 620) West; Go approximately 6 miles to George Mason campus on right; At traffic light, make right turn onto Roanoke River Lane. Patriot Center is on the right.

From the West (Shenandoah Valley, etc.)

I-81 North; Take I-66 East; Exit 55 – Fairfax County Parkway (Rte. 7100) South; Exit at Braddock Road, turn left at traffic light at bottom of ramp; Go approximately 3 1/2 miles to intersection with Rte. 123 (Ox Road), and pass through traffic light. At next traffic light, make left turn onto Roanoke River Lane. Patriot Center is on the right.



THE PATRIOT CENTER HISTORY



The Patriot Center serves as the home of George Mason University basketball and is one of the finest on-campus facilities on the East Coast. The state-of-the-art arena, which opened in 1985, continues to be a gem on the scenic Mason campus, but on basketball game nights, an avid George Mason following transforms the elegant edifice into a raucous and intimidating home court advantage.

The Patriot Center offers fans excellent sight lines and has 9,523 permanent theater-style seats, yet retains an intimate home court atmosphere. The facility has attracted basketball fans from the entire Washington metropolitan area since it opened on October 4, 1985. The inaugural event was a NBA exhibition game between the New York Knicks and the Washington Bullets, with the sellout contest marking the professional debut of Patrick Ewing. Tim Duncan of the San Antonio Spurs also made his first professional appearance in an exhibition contest at the Patriot Center in 1997.

George Mason played its first game in the arena on November 26, 1985, against local rival Maryland. Over the past 19 seasons, 842,818 fans have passed through the turnstiles to see the Patriots play. That first year of 1985-



86 continues to hold the single-season attendance mark of 62,555. George Mason also hosted the first ever Colonial Athletic Association Tournament in the building in 1986.

Over its 19 seasons of play at the Patriot Center, George Mason has posted a .667 winning percentage with an overall record of 164-82. The Patriots set a school record for wins at home in 2003-04, earning a 14-1 mark, and have been nearly unbeatable in the building in the past six years with an overall record of 67-11, 46-5 against CAA opponents.

The aesthetically pleasing Patriot Center has hosted numerous national caliber opponents. Colorado, Georgetown, Louisville, Maryland, Penn State, Ohio State, Southern Illinois, Villanova, Virginia, West Virginia, Mississippi and Tennessee, among others, have all made visits to the arena. The top

single-game attendance came on Feb. 17, 2001, as a sellout crowd of 9,702 witnessed the Patriots defeat James Madison, 79-66. The Patriots set a school and facility scoring record in a 148-132 win over Troy State on December 12, 1994.

The Patriot Center houses the men's and women's basketball offices and the offices of Washington Sports & Entertainment, which manages the facility.

The building will undergo a renovation in the next year to create more amenities for the fans and a greater environment as part of the facilities master plan.

While basketball remains the primary tenant, the multi-purpose facility also hosts a wide array of family programming, concerts, sports and entertainment events. An October 8, 1994, Phish concert set the overall attendance record of 10,356. Other headline acts, which have performed in the Patriot Center include Jimmy Buffett, David Copperfield, Prince, Alan Jackson, Neil Diamond, Barenaked Ladies and Hillary Duff, among others. Family entertainment acts such as Sesame Street Live and the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus return annually.



THE PATRIOT CENTER RECORDS

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

GEORGE MASON

Most Points: 34, Jason Miskiri vs. American, 2/20/99
Most FG Made: 15, George Evans vs. Va. Commonwealth, 2/14/01
Most FG Attempted: 29, Mike Hargett vs. Old Dominion, 2/14/91
Best FG Pct.*: .917, George Evans vs. Richmond, 2/18/98 (11-12)
Most FT Made: 15, Nate Langley vs. Troy State, 11/18/95
 Curtis McCants vs. Old Dominion, 2/14/96
Most FT Attempted: 21, Nate Langley vs. Troy State, 11/28/95
Best FT Pct.*: .933, Ricky Wilson vs. American, 1/13/86 (14-15)
Most 3-Pointers: 8, Amp Davis vs. Richmond, 2/14/87
 Brian Miller vs. James Madison, 2/20/88
Most 3-Point Attempts: 20, Riley Trone vs. Troy State, 11/27/93
Best 3-Point Pct (min. 5 att.): .888, Amp Davis
 vs. Richmond, 2/14/87 (8-9)
Most Rebounds: 22, Kenny Sanders vs. American, 1/31/89
Most Assists: 15, Curtis McCants vs. Richmond, 2/22/95
Most Steals: 8, Nate Langley vs. William & Mary, 1/18/95
 Nate Langley vs. West Virginia Tech, 12/16/95
 Nate Langley vs. Long Beach State, 12/10/96
 Jon Larranaga vs. Coastal Carolina, 12/20/00
Most Blocked Shots: 7, George Evans vs. Sacred Heart, 12/28/98

OPPONENTS

Most Points: 53, Bobby Aguirre, Macalester, 11/29/94
Most FG Made: 16, Scott Smith, William & Mary, 2/15/90
 Bobby Aguirre, Macalester, 11/29/94
Most FG Attempted: 30, Todd Hopkins, Bluefield, 12/3/88
 Bobby Aguirre, Macalester, 11/29/94
Best FG Percentage*: .875, Tyron McCoy, VCU, 12/22/93 (14-16)
Most FT Made: 15, Chris Simpson, Bucknell, 12/21/92
Most FT Attempted: 18, Len Bias, Maryland, 11/26/85
Best FT Pct.*: 1.000, Chris Simpson, Bucknell, 12/21/92 (15-15)
 Dale Blaney, West Virginia, 1/9/86 (11-11)
 Petey Sessoms, ODU, 1/22/94 (11-11)
 Willie Taylor, VCU, 2/20/02 (10-10)
Most 3-Pointers: 9, Bobby Aguirre, Macalester, 11/29/94
Most 3-Point Attempts: 21, Bobby Aguirre, Macalester, 11/29/94
Best 3-Point Pct. (min. 5 att.): .833, Erik Sullivan, Louisville,
 12/22/90 (5-6)
Most Rebounds: 22, Gerald Jordan, Morgan State, 1/2/94
Most Assists: 15, Pee Wee Thornton, Troy State, 12/10/94
Most Steals: 9, Chuck Lightening, Towson State, 1/8/91
Most Blocked Shots: 7, Monté Farmer, McNeese State, 12/18/03

Patriots' Record at Patriot Center

| | | | | | |
|-----------------------|------|---------|------|-----------|------|
| 1985-86 | 10-3 | 1992-93 | 4-9 | 1999-2000 | 12-1 |
| 1986-87 | 10-4 | 1993-94 | 5-7 | 2000-01 | 10-1 |
| 1987-88 | 11-2 | 1994-95 | 5-6 | 2001-02 | 11-3 |
| 1988-89 | 10-4 | 1995-96 | 8-5 | 2002-03 | 10-3 |
| 1989-90 | 10-3 | 1996-97 | 9-6 | 2003-04 | 14-1 |
| 1990-91 | 5-7 | 1997-98 | 4-8 | 2004-05 | 10-2 |
| 1991-92 | 6-7 | 1998-99 | 10-2 | | |
| TOTAL S 174-84 (.674) | | | | | |

TOP PATRIOT CENTER CROWDS

| Opponent | Date | Attend | Result |
|-------------------|----------|--------|-------------------|
| 1. James Madison | 2/17/01 | 9,702* | MASON, 79-66 |
| 2. James Madison | 2/26/00 | 9,676* | MASON, 76-64 |
| 3. James Madison | 2/5/05 | 9,610 | MASON, 89-67 |
| 4. James Madison | 2/25/89 | 9,523* | MASON, 74-66 |
| 5. James Madison | 1/27/90 | 9,214 | Madison, 70-69 |
| 6. Georgetown | 12/3/85 | 8,188 | Georgetown, 75-63 |
| 7. William & Mary | 1/25/97 | 7,983 | MASON, 70-67 |
| 8. James Madison | 2/23/91 | 7,815 | Madison, 75-74 |
| 9. William & Mary | 1/25/03 | 7,426 | MASON, 67-58 |
| 10. James Madison | 2/22/03 | 7,316 | Madison, 57-52 |
| 11. Navy | 1/2/87 | 7,311 | Navy, 59-57 |
| 12. James Madison | 1/30/99 | 7,251 | MASON, 82-78 |
| 13. James Madison | 1/24/04 | 7,106 | MASON, 74-70 |
| 14. Delaware | 2/21/04 | 7,034 | MASON, 75-61 |
| 15. Manhattan | 2/19/05 | 7,033 | MASON, 78-66 |
| 16. Richmond | 2/13/88 | 6,850 | Richmond, 62-60 |
| 17. James Madison | 2/24/96 | 6,829 | Madison, 81-80 |
| 18. Virginia | 11/30/96 | 6,707 | Virginia, 106-93 |
| 19. James Madison | 2/18/95 | 6,581 | MASON, 98-94 |

* - All permanent seats sold

TEAM RECORDS

GEORGE MASON

Most Points: 148, vs. Troy State, 12/10/94
Most Field Goals Made: 56, vs. Macalester, 11/29/94
Most Field Goals Attempted: 107, vs. Troy State, 11/27/93
Best Field Goal Pct.: .632, vs. UNC Greensboro, 12/3/87 (43-68)
Most Free Throws Made: 36, vs. American, 1/13/86
Most Free Throws Attempted: 50, vs. James Madison, 1/30/99
Best Free Throw Pct.*: 1.000, vs. Niagara, 12/7/03 (14-14)
Most 3-Pointers Made: 16, vs. Md.-Baltimore County, 2/11/88
 vs. Troy State, 12/10/94
Most 3-Point Attempts: 37, vs. Troy State, 11/27/93
 vs. Lafayette, 12/29/93
Best 3-Point Pct.*: .750, vs. William & Mary, 1/20/88 (9-12)
Most Rebounds: 88, vs. Macalester, 11/29/94
Most Assists: 30, vs. Macalester, 11/29/94
Most Steals: 22, vs. Delaware State, 11/25/95
Most Blocked Shots: 10, vs. Howard, 12/1/98

OPPONENTS

Most Points: 132, Troy State, 12/10/94
Most Field Goals Made: 47, Troy State, 12/10/94
Most Field Goals Attempted: 123, Troy State, 12/10/94
Best Field Goal Percentage: .627, Louisville, 12/22/90 (32-51)
Most Free Throws Made: 31, North Carolina Wesleyan, 1/10/90
 Bucknell, 12/21/92
 George Washington, 12/28/97
Most Free Throws Attempted: 51, Liberty, 12/21/91
Best Free Throw Pct.*: .944, Penn State, 11/28/98 (17-18)
Most 3-Pointers Made: 28, Troy State, 12/10/94
Most 3-Point Attempts: 74, Troy State, 12/10/94
Best 3-Point Pct.*: .727, Louisville, 12/22/90 (8-11)
Most Rebounds: 61, Virginia Commonwealth, 12/22/93
Most Assists: 28, Drexel, 1/26/02
Most Steals: 15, College of Charleston, 11/25/97
Most Blocked Shots: 11, Drexel, 1/4/03

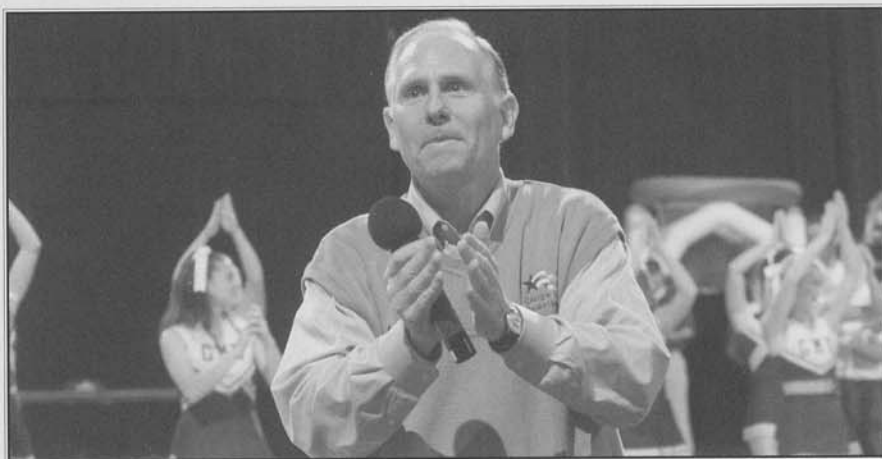
* - Minimum 10 attempts



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ON THE AIR

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Bill Rohland, a former Mason student, has been the color analyst on the George Mason Radio Network broadcasts for the past six seasons. This season, he takes over as play-by-play man. He currently works as the studio host for the NFL's Baltimore Ravens Radio Network, heard on WQSR 102.7 FM and AM 1300 in Baltimore. He also covers the Baltimore Ravens for the Infinity Broadcasting Group.

Jen Surlas, a former Mason women's basketball standout, will begin her first season broadcasting Mason games. She will serve as the color commentator for the Patriots, providing a unique perspective on the games and the sport. Surlas, a 2001 graduate, is sixth all-time at Mason in points scored.

George Mason is scheduled to play several games on television this season as a part of the Colonial Athletic Association package on Comcast SportsNet. Please check the George Mason web site at www.GoMason.com for more details.



Above, Bill Rohland
Above right, Jen Surlas



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Norfolk, Va.)
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- Jen Clark Hein (Washington Redskins)
- Derek Crudele (LIU Athletics)
- Gina Edwards (Naples (Fla.)
Daily News)
- Dan Hargett (WashingtonPost.com)
- Chris Helein (Comcast SportsNet)
- Bill Harpole (MCI Center)
- Denis Hamlett (Chicago Fire)
- Eric Hernandez (Washington Wizards)
- Frank Hughes (Tacoma News Tribune)
- Doug Hicks (D.C. United)
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Fresh off the celebration of its 20th Anniversary, the Colonial Athletic Association enters its third decade with two new members and an expanded geographic footprint that gives the conference a presence in five of the nation's nine largest metropolitan areas.

The addition of Georgia State University in Atlanta and Northeastern University in Boston brings the membership of the CAA to 12 and enhances the league's reputation as one of the nation's top collegiate conferences both athletically and academically. On the playing field, the CAA has produced 16 national team champions in five different sports, 33 individual national champions, 11 national coaches of the year, 11 national players of the year and 12 Honda Award winners. Even more impressive, however, are the honors accumulated away from competition, which include five Rhodes Scholars and 16 NCAA post-graduate scholars. In 2004-05, the CAA had seven CoSIDA Academic All-Americans and more than 1,500 student-athletes posted at least a 3.2 grade point average while lettering in a varsity sport and received the CAA Commissioner's Academic Award.

The landscape of the conference now stretches along the majority of the East Coast, and includes six of the nation's top 25 media markets – New York (1), Philadelphia (4), Boston (5), Washington, D.C. (8), Atlanta (9) and Baltimore (23). The number of television homes in the CAA market exceeds 19 million.

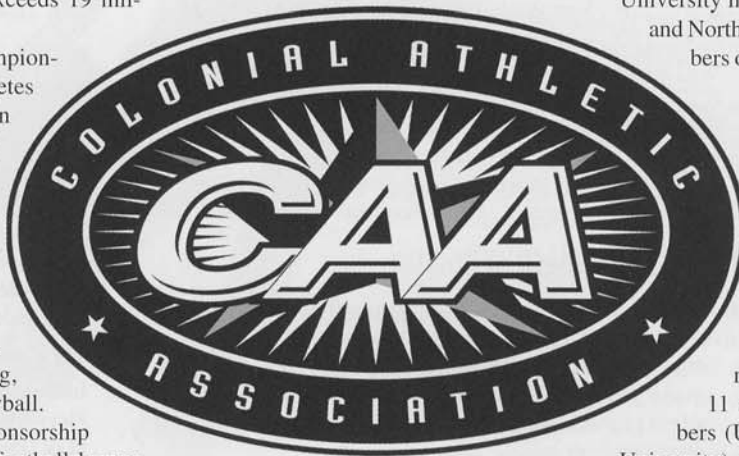
The CAA conducts championships in 21 sports. Male athletes compete for championships in baseball, basketball, cross country, golf, lacrosse, soccer, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field and wrestling. Female athletes battle for conference titles in basketball, cross country, field hockey, golf, lacrosse, soccer, softball, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field and volleyball. The CAA will also begin sponsorship of a 12-team Division I-AA football league in the fall of 2007.

In men's basketball, the CAA has earned a reputation as a "giant killer" in the NCAA Tournament. Since 1981, CAA schools have posted 12 wins over higher-seeded teams. In 2004-05, the conference had four teams earn post-season berths for the first time in league history and five teams were ranked among the top 100 in the RPI. In women's basketball, the CAA has had two teams earn post-season berths for five consecutive years. Perennial power Old Dominion, which has won the past 14 conference titles, has captured three national championships (1979, 1980, 1985) and

reached the title game again in 1997.

The conference has also excelled in many other sports. CAA squads have won 10 field hockey national titles since the championship began in 1981, which is not only more than any other conference but represents nearly half of all titles won. In baseball, at least two CAA teams have earned NCAA Tournament berths for seven of the past eight seasons. The CAA is annually ranked among the nation's top 10 conferences in men's and women's soccer, and has traditionally sent multiple teams to the NCAA Tournament. In 2004-05, 24 league teams earned NCAA Tournament berths in 15 sports, with the CAA having multiple representatives in men's and women's soccer, field hockey, men's and women's golf, men's lacrosse and men's tennis. There were 29 CAA student-athletes who earned All-America honors.

CAA member institutions are also committed to excellence in the classroom. The Colonial Academic Alliance was created in 2002 by the league's presidents with a goal of expanding their partnership to all aspects of university life outside of intercollegiate athletics. Among the programs already established are an undergraduate research conference, coordination of study abroad programs and granting visiting academic status to student-athletes traveling to an away contest so that they have access to libraries, academic resource centers and computer labs.



In 2002, two faculty members from CAA institutions were awarded academia's most coveted distinction – the Nobel Prize. John B. Fenn, a research professor in the Department of Chemistry at Virginia Commonwealth University, received the Nobel Prize for chemistry, and Vernon Smith, a professor of economics and law at George Mason University, shared the Nobel Prize in economic sciences.

Commissioner Thomas E. Yeager has guided the CAA since its inception. Core members George Mason University, James Madison University, the University of North

2005-06 CAA Telephonic Press Conference

Members of the media are invited to participate in the Colonial Athletic Association weekly telephonic press conference series. The first call will occur on January 3 and continue each Tuesday morning through February 28.

CAA coaches will be available to answer questions beginning at 10 a.m. The weekly lineup is listed below.

The phone number for the call is 888-677-9010. Members of the media should contact Tripp Sheppard in the CAA office (804-754-1616, ext. 15) for the password to access the call.

WEEKLY LINEUP

| | |
|------------|------------------------------|
| 10 a.m. | Tom Pecora, Hofstra |
| 10:10 a.m. | Ron Everhart, Northeastern |
| 10:20 a.m. | Jeff Capel, VCU |
| 10:30 a.m. | Blaine Taylor, ODU |
| 10:40 a.m. | Tony Shaver, W&M |
| 10:50 a.m. | Brad Brownell, UNCW |
| 11 a.m. | Dean Keener, JMU |
| 11:10 a.m. | Jim Larranaga, MASON |
| 11:20 a.m. | Pat Kennedy, Towson |
| 11:30 a.m. | David Henderson, Delaware |
| 11:40 a.m. | Bruiser Flint, Drexel |
| 10:50 a.m. | Michael Perry, Georgia State |

Carolina at Wilmington, Old Dominion University, Virginia Commonwealth University and the College of William & Mary were joined by the University of Delaware, Drexel University, Hofstra University and Towson University in 2001. Georgia State University and Northeastern University became members of the conference on July 1, 2005.

The CAA traces its roots back to 1983 when three of its current members- George Mason, James Madison, and William and Mary - were aligned with East Carolina University, the United States Naval Academy and the University of Richmond as a basketball league (ECAC South). During the next two years, the league added 11 sports, acquired two new members (UNC Wilmington and American University) and decided to form a new association. The transformation from ECAC South to CAA took place on June 6, 1985. By the fall of 1986, the league gained automatic bids to NCAA Championships in men's basketball, soccer, baseball and women's basketball and formed an officials' bureau. Old Dominion became a member of the CAA in 1991-92 and Virginia Commonwealth University joined the conference prior to the 1995-96 season.

From all-star athletes to Nobel Prize winning faculty, the CAA takes great pride in producing performers who stand out both on the playing field and in the classroom.



2005-2006 ROSTER



Front Row (left to right): Tony Skinn, Lamar Butler, Sammy Hernandez, Assistant Coach Chris Caputo, Assistant Coach James Johnson, Head Coach Jim Larranaga, Assistant Coach Scott Cherry, Tim Burns, Charles Makings, Jordan Carter; Back Row (left to right): Graduate Manager Joe Barrer, Gabe Norwood, Jesus Urbina, Makan Konate, Chris Fleming, Jai Lewis, Will Thomas, Folarin Campbell, John Vaughan, Student Manager Sean Passey.

2005-06 Numerical Roster

| No. | Player | Pos. | Cl. | Ht. | Wt. | Hometown/High School (Previous School) |
|-----|------------------|------|-----|------|-----|--|
| 1 | Tony Skinn | G | Sr. | 6'1" | 175 | Takoma Park, Md./Takoma Acad. (Hagerstown CC) |
| 2 | Jordan Carter | G | So. | 6'0" | 170 | Indianapolis, Ind./Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory |
| 3 | Makan Konate | G/F | Jr. | 6'7" | 200 | Bamako, Mali/Worcester (Mass.) Academy |
| 5 | Gabe Norwood | G/F | Jr. | 6'5" | 185 | State College, Pa./State College |
| 12 | Tim Burns | G | Jr. | 6'3" | 185 | Greenfield, Mass./Worcester Academy |
| 13 | Jesus Urbina | F | Jr. | 6'7" | 225 | Barquisimeto, Venezuela/Amelia (Va.) Academy |
| 22 | Lamar Butler | G | Sr. | 6'2" | 170 | Fort Washington, Md./Oxon Hill |
| 23 | John Vaughan | G | So. | 6'3" | 170 | Lanham, Md./Laurel |
| 24 | Charles Makings | G | Jr. | 6'2" | 180 | Silver Spring, Md./St. John's College |
| 34 | Will Thomas | F | So. | 6'7" | 220 | Baltimore, Md./Mount St. Joseph |
| 40 | Chris Fleming | F | Fr. | 6'8" | 230 | Manassas, Va./Osborn Park |
| 42 | Folarin Campbell | G/F | So. | 6'4" | 200 | Silver Spring, Md./Springbrook |
| 50 | Sammy Hernandez | F | Fr. | 6'5" | 230 | Jacksonville, Fla./Arlington Country Day |
| 55 | Jai Lewis | F | Sr. | 6'7" | 275 | Aberdeen, Md./Aberdeen/Maine Central Institute |

2005-06 Alphabetical Roster

| Name | No. | Pos. | Cl. | Ht. | Wt. | Hometown/High School/Previous School |
|------------------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|--|
| Tim Burns | 12 | G | So. | 6'3" | 185 | Greenfield, Mass./Worcester Academy |
| Lamar Butler | 22 | G | Jr. | 6'2" | 170 | Fort Washington, Md./Oxon Hill |
| Folarin Campbell | 42 | G/F | Fr. | 6'4" | 200 | Silver Spring, Md./Springbrook |
| Jordan Carter | 2 | G | Fr. | 6'0" | 170 | Indianapolis, Ind./Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory |
| Chris Fleming | 40 | F | Fr. | 6'8" | 230 | Manassas, Va./Osborn Park |
| Sammy Hernandez | 50 | F | Fr. | 6'5" | 230 | Jacksonville, Fla./Arlington Country Day |
| Makan Konate | 3 | G/F | So. | 6'7" | 200 | Bamako, Mali/Worcester (Mass.) Academy |
| Jai Lewis | 55 | F | Jr. | 6'7" | 275 | Aberdeen, Md./Aberdeen/Maine Central Institute |
| Charles Makings | 24 | G | So. | 6'2" | 180 | Silver Spring, Md./St. John's College |
| Gabe Norwood | 5 | G/F | So. | 6'5" | 185 | State College, Pa./State College |
| Tony Skinn | 1 | G | Jr. | 6'1" | 175 | Takoma Park, Md./Takoma Acad. (Hagerstown CC) |
| Will Thomas | 34 | F | Fr. | 6'7" | 220 | Baltimore, Md./Mount St. Joseph |
| Jesus Urbina | 13 | F | So. | 6'7" | 225 | Barquisimeto, Venezuela/Amelia (Va.) Acad. |
| John Vaughan | 23 | G | Fr. | 6'3" | 170 | Lanham, Md./Laurel |

Head Coach: Jim Larranaga (Providence '71) – 8th year at Mason/21st overall
Assistant Coaches: Chris Caputo (Westfield '02), Scott Cherry (North Carolina '93), James Johnson (Ferrum '93)
Manager, Basketball Operations: Larry Fain **Athletic Trainer:** Debi Corbatto
Managers: Sean Passey, Joe Barrer

BREAKDOWN

BY POSITION

Guards (8): Tim Burns, Lamar Butler, Folarin Campbell, Jordan Carter, Charles Makings, Gabe Norwood, Tony Skinn, John Vaughan.

Forwards (4): Chris Fleming, Sammy Hernandez, Makan Konate, Jai Lewis, Will Thomas, Jesus Urbina.

BY CLASS

Seniors (3): Lamar Butler, Jai Lewis, Tony Skinn.

Juniors (5): Tim Burns, Makan Konate, Charles Makings, Gabe Norwood, Jesus Urbina.

Sophomores (4): Folarin Campbell, Jordan Carter, Will Thomas, John Vaughan.

Freshmen (2): Chris Fleming, Sammy Hernandez.

BY LOCATION

Indiana (1): Jordan Carter.

Florida (1): Sammy Hernandez.

Mali (1): Makan Konate.

Maryland (7): Lamar Butler, Folarin Campbell, Jai Lewis, Charles Makings, Tony Skinn, Will Thomas, John Vaughan.

Massachusetts (1): Tim Burns.

Pennsylvania (1): Gabe Norwood.

Venezuela (1): Chris Fleming, Jesus Urbina.

Virginia (1): Chris Fleming.

PRONUNCIATION KEY

Folarin Campbell Fall-lar-in
Makan Konate
Mah-kahn Koh-nah-tay
Jesus Urbina Er-bee-nah



2005-2006 SEASON OUTLOOK

The 2004-05 George Mason basketball team experienced a lot of growing pains. With no seniors and four freshmen playing valuable minutes, a 16-13 record seems less like a struggle and more like an adventure. That adventure educated not only the Mason players, but plenty of observers around the Colonial Athletic Association, as three freshmen were named to the CAA All-Rookie team and all three Mason upperclassmen earned All-CAA honors as well.

Now, with the 2005-06 season about to get underway, those lessons learned will be put to use. Those losses suffered in close ball games will turn into experience down the stretch. And those lumps taken at the hands of conference foes have become motivation to return the Mason program to the top of the CAA.

Mason's success this year will begin with the seniors. Three players return for their final season in a Mason uniform and they each bring a unique skill set to the court. There's the man in the middle, Jai Lewis, a second-team All-CAA performer as a junior and a first-team All-CAA player as a sophomore. On the perimeter, there is Lamar Butler, second-team All-CAA last year and the league's premier 3-point shooter. And manning the point, one of the quickest players in the CAA, Tony Skinn, selected third-team all-conference as a junior.

"Tony is the catalyst, Jai is the anchor and Lamar is the X-factor," said Jim Larranaga, who returns for his ninth season as Mason head coach. "Lamar's ability to shoot the three and stretch the defense makes it difficult to help too much on Tony on his drives or to help too much inside on Jai when he's posted up."

Skinn enters the 2005-06 season as one of the top 3-point shooters and free throw shooters in Mason history. He's shooting .342 behind the arc in his career and .746 from the charity stripe. He's averaged 34 3-pointers a season, 325 points and 48 assists. If he hits those averages in his senior season, he will finish in the top 10 in 3-pointers made, top 25 in career assists and top 30 in career scoring.

"Tony is a very quick point guard who can put a lot of pressure on the ball defensively," Larranaga said. "His defensive contribution is more important than his offensive contribution. If he does a good job defensively, that allows everyone else to do their job."

"At the offensive end, he is perhaps our best one-on-one player. When you're point guard is that individual, you can count on him to create a shot if your offense breaks down. The biggest responsibility that Tony has offensively is to be sure that he focuses on getting everyone else involved first."

Skinn is also one of the few Mason players capable of posting a triple-double. He scored in double figures 20 times last year, posted a career-high 10 rebounds against William & Mary and his personal-best eight assists shows he has the ability to score, distribute and rebound.

Lewis may not finish his four-year career in first place on any particular all-time list, but he will certainly sit among the all-time leaders in a number of categories. He has career averages of 11.6 points per game and 6.9 rebounds per game. He is currently 7th in field-goal percentage, 10th in rebounds, 11th in blocked shots, 22nd in scoring, 23rd in steals and 27th in assists. An average season in those categories will allow him to finish in the top 10 in points, rebounds, steals, blocks and field-goal percentage.

"Jai Lewis is in our minds, the premier big man in the conference in that he is a factor in every aspect of the game," Larranaga said. "Defensively, he has to stop the opposing team's inside go-to guy."

He has extremely quick hands and is able to deflect a lot of passes and come up with many more steals than you would anticipate a guy of his size getting. He is a very intelligent player and recognizes times that he has to help his teammates."

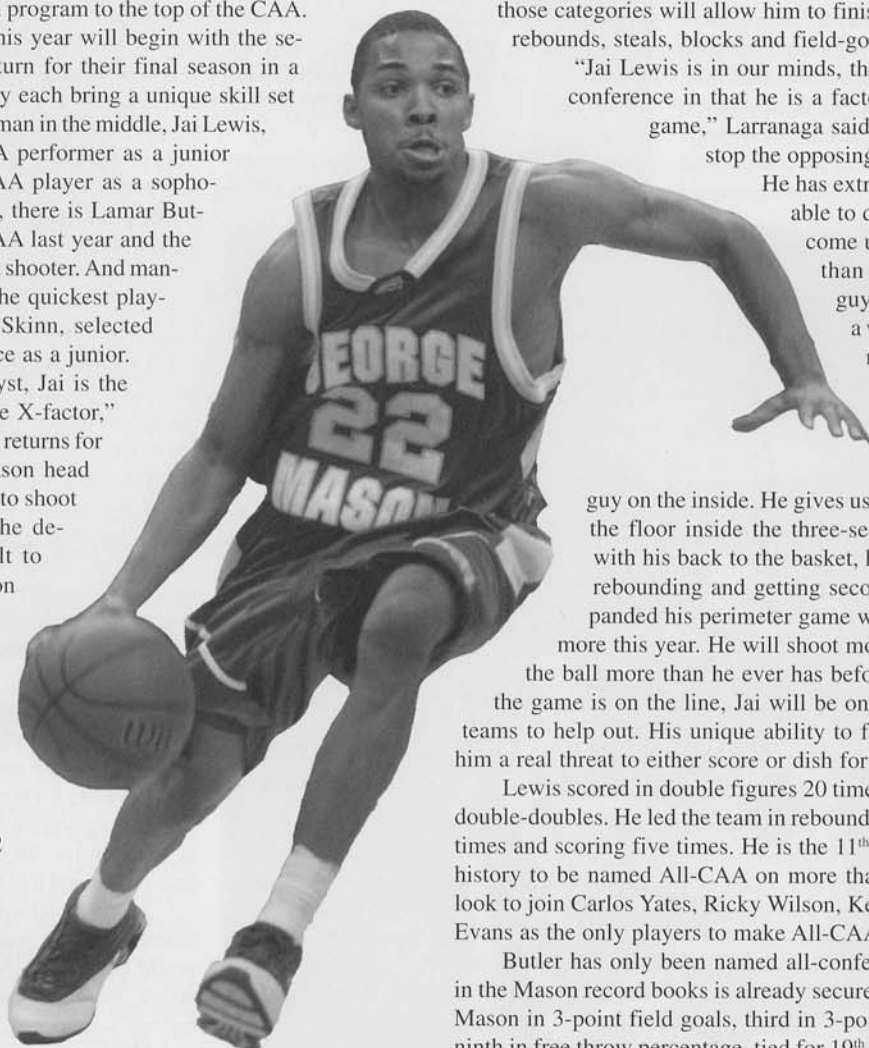
"Jai at the offensive end is our go-to-guy on the inside. He gives us a threat every time down the floor inside the three-second lane. He can score with his back to the basket, he can score by offensive rebounding and getting second shots, and he has expanded his perimeter game which we expect to utilize more this year. He will shoot more 3-pointers and handle the ball more than he ever has before. But in the end, when the game is on the line, Jai will be on the low block and force teams to help out. His unique ability to find the open man makes him a real threat to either score or dish for game-winning baskets."

Lewis scored in double figures 20 times last year and had seven double-doubles. He led the team in rebounding 12 times, steals seven times and scoring five times. He is the 11th player in George Mason history to be named All-CAA on more than one occasion. He will look to join Carlos Yates, Ricky Wilson, Kenny Sanders and George Evans as the only players to make All-CAA three or more times.

Butler has only been named all-conference once but his place in the Mason record books is already secure. He is second all-time at Mason in 3-point field goals, third in 3-point field goal percentage, ninth in free throw percentage, tied for 19th in scoring, tied for 21st in assists and 25th in steals. He will likely move into the top 10 in scoring and steals and top 15 in assists before his career ends. Like Lewis, he is already a 1,000 point scorer and if he matches last year's production, he will finish in excess of 1,500 points.

"Lamar has been a very consistent performer since the day he arrived at George Mason," Larranaga said "Defensively, he's improved each year as he's gotten stronger and we think this year will be his best year defensively. From an offensive standpoint, he is the premier 3-point shooter in our conference and certainly one of the best 3-point shooters in George Mason history."

Last year against Morehead State, Butler scored 36 points, a team-high for the year and one of the top performances in school



Lamar Butler



history. Only eight players have ever posted a better game at Mason in terms of points.

While this year's seniors are all immensely talented, the group of five juniors that return is filled with tremendous role players who play integral roles in Mason's rotation. First and foremost is Gabe Norwood, a versatile guard/forward who started 24 games for Mason last year, playing both forward positions as well as point guard. His 5.8 points per game and 3.8 rebounds per game belie his remarkable contributions.

Norwood's eight assists last year against St. Bonaventure tied for a team-high and his nine rebounds against Delaware showed that he can hit the boards when needed. He also scored in double figures six times, including a career-high 14 against UNC Wilmington.

"Gabe is kind of a jack of all trades," Larranaga said. "Because of that, we utilize

that ability, for him to be able to play the 1, the 3 or the 4."

"He's best at running the point and distributing the ball. We're going to try to utilize him more."

Another junior that saw action in every game last year was Jesus Urbina. The 6'7" forward from Venezuela averaged nearly 11 minutes per game and he grabbed 79 rebounds while scoring 77 points. Urbina is recovering from an injury and may not be ready for the start of the season.

Tim Burns played in 23 games last year and started a pair of contests. He was second on the team in 3-point percentage converting on 41.5 percent of his attempts. He scored in double figures twice in 2004-05 and he converted three 3-pointers against IPFW and Hostra.

"Tim Burns is one of the most reliable 3-point shooters coming off the bench that

anyone in our league has," said Larranaga. "We're going to need that 3-point shooting."

The other two juniors returning to the squad are 6'7" Makan Konate and 6'2" Charles Makings. Both appeared in a handful of games as sophomores but both are regarded as excellent role players.

"Makan Konate has finally reached a level of physical and mental preparation that we're confident we can use him for spot duty," said Larranaga. "Charles is the best offensive rebounder, inch for inch, not only on our team, but probably in the league. If he was 6'5" instead of 6'2", he'd probably be an all-conference player."

While big things are expected of this year's team, the four sophomores showed that the future will be equally bright. Folarin Campbell, Will Thomas and John Vaughan were all named to the All-CAA Rookie Team in 2004-05 and Jordan Carter took the floor in all but one game for Mason, gaining valuable experience.

Thomas was quite impressive in just 23 minutes of action per game. He averaged 5.7 points and 5.6 rebounds per game. His work on the boards placed him second on the team. He also shot a team-high .611 from the field. Campbell started just one game for Mason but he scored 6.4 points per game in just 16.9 minutes of action per contest. He also handed out 38 assists and 20 steals.

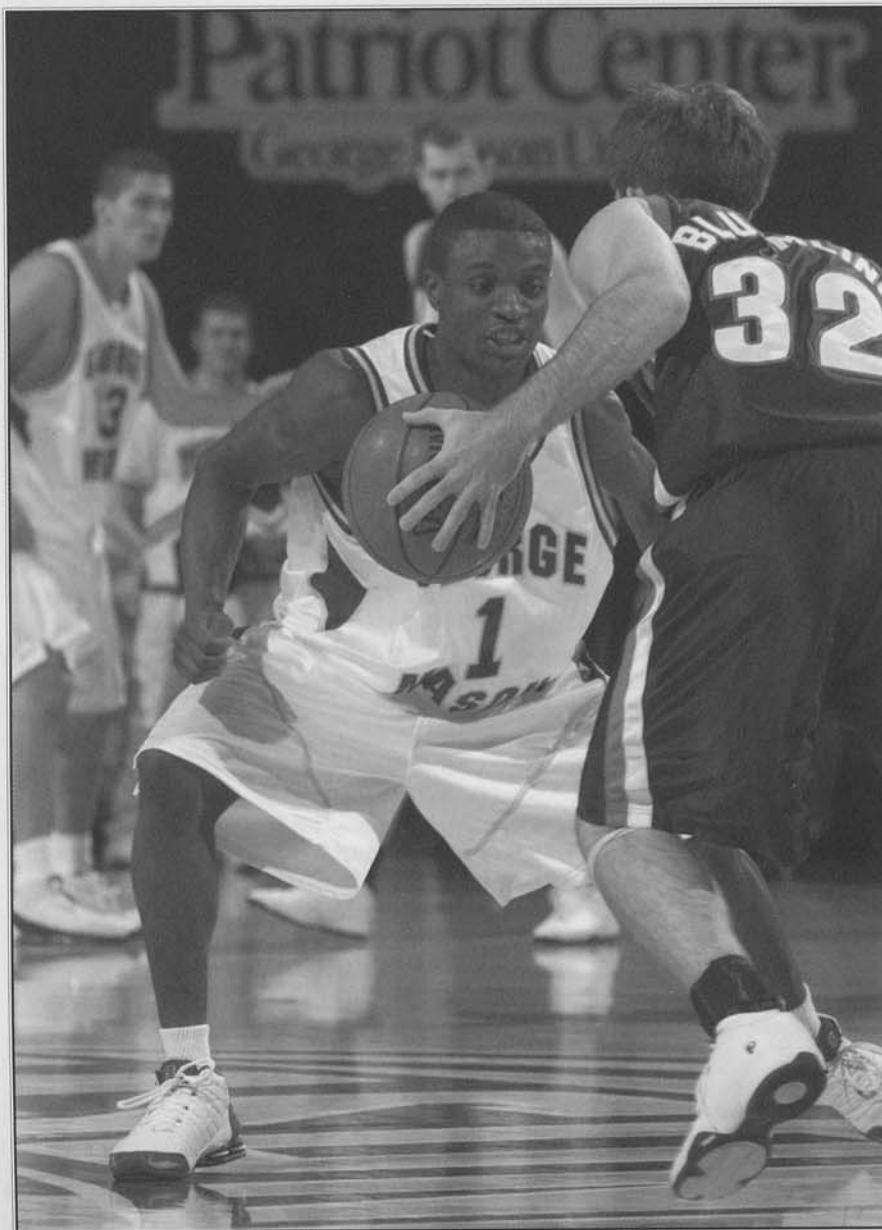
"I think that the experience that Will Thomas and Folarin Campbell gained last year, clearly will have an impact on us this year," Larranaga said. "Will Thomas, his development will allow us now to utilize Jai in other aspects."

"Folarin Campbell, on the other hand, came on like gangbusters in February and he's continued at that pace of improvement and we're looking for him to have a breakout year. His scoring ability, his athletic ability gives us a dimension we did not have last season until he brought it to the table late in the year."

Mason received some bad news in September when it was learned that Vaughan would be out for the season due to a knee injury. Vaughan was fourth on the team in scoring last year with 7.5 points per game, and fifth in minutes per game. He was also third in 3-pointers.

"We will miss John Vaughan greatly," Larranaga said. "John was a great off-the-ball perimeter defender and our second-best spot up 3-point shooter. We will ask Folarin and Gabe to contribute greatly in those areas - on the defensive end, with ball-handling and 3-point shooting. But we will also add more responsibilities to Jordan Carter's role."

Two newcomers join the team this year. The first is a highly regarded forward from Florida who played for a nationally ranked team that won the 2A state championship last





year. Sammy Hernandez helped lead Arlington Country Day (Jacksonville, Fla.) to the No. 8 ranking in the final USA Today top 25 poll last season while being named All-State.

"Sammy brings a unique set of skills to our team," Larranaga said. "Although he is only 6'5", he is a very effective inside player. And even though he's very good inside, we believe he can play out on the perimeter and handle the ball a little bit for us."

The other first-year player is Chris Fleming, a local product out of Osbourn Park High School. Fleming was injured much of his senior year but had an impressive junior season and was an All-Star at the Five-Star Summer Camp, as well as being named All-District.

"Chris worked so hard during the offseason and has gotten so much stronger, he has positioned himself to be a very solid freshman," Larranaga said. "He is a very reliable rebounder at both ends of the court."

For Mason to turn a 16-13 campaign into a 20-win season and a strong finish at the CAA Championship, it will need to refocus its energy in two areas. The first is rebounding. The Patriots outrebounded the opposition just nine times in 2004-05 and Larranaga believes that number will improve significantly this year.

"Last year, with a young team, we were not nearly as strong physically as we want to be or as we have been in the past," Larranaga said. "By having to play such a young, predominantly freshman group in the starting lineup and off the bench, we found ourselves being out-muscled. That was reflected in our rebounding totals."

The other aspect that will need to be improved upon is Mason's performance in close games. The Patriots were 3-6 in games decided by seven points or fewer, and will look to, at the least, reverse that number this year.

"I think what helps teams become better at winning close games is playing in a lot of close games," Larranaga said. "You get a little

more comfortable and confident if you're able to execute and get a win or two. Early in the season, it will be very important for us to play well down the stretch, win some close games and build on that success."

The Patriots have a tough schedule in the upcoming season, playing an 18-game CAA schedule along with match-ups against 2005 NCAA Tournament teams Creighton, Mississippi State and potentially Wake Forest. The season begins at the Coaches vs. Cancer Classic in Winston-Salem, N.C. with an opening round game against UC Irvine. The winner will likely face Wake Forest with a trip to New York City and Madison Square Garden on the line.

"Participating in the Coaches vs. Cancer Classic is very important to us because it will give us a clear indication of whether or not we've improved from last year," Larranaga said. "Last year we lost at Memphis in a fairly close game. We have established one of our goals as to get to New York and to play in Madison Square Garden. That would be a thrill for the players, the coaching staff and our community. But to do that, we would have to beat two outstanding college teams."

The Patriots will face Creighton in their home opener just before Thanksgiving, then travel to Manhattan to repay the Jaspers for their visit to Fairfax last year. The Patriots will compete for the second straight season in the BB&T Classic at the MCI Center, taking on American. Home games against Radford, Hampton and Holy Cross and a road appearance at Mississippi State will close out the 2005 calendar year.

"The reason we're playing such a demanding non-conference schedule is because it is our philosophy to prepare ourselves for the league race, for the CAA tournament and hopefully, for postseason play, by playing against teams that also will be at the top of their leagues and in postseason play as well."

This year's CAA will most definitely require preparation. Old Dominion, Hofstra, Virginia Commonwealth, UNC Wilmington and Delaware return as strong as ever and Northeastern and Georgia State join the conference bringing their own sets of challenges. Jose Juan Barea of Northeastern weighed leaving school early last year to head to the NBA but elected to return, and he is one of just five CAA players to be named All-District last season.

"I see the conference as being deeper and more talented than ever before," Larranaga said. "There's so much experience coming back on everyone's roster with all-conference and all-district players leading the way."

With a blend of youth and experience, savvy and talent, Mason will certainly be in the mix for postseason participation.

Facing page, Tony Skinn
Above, Jai Lewis



JIM LARRANAGA

HEAD COACH, NINTH SEASON



For George Mason men's basketball head coach Jim Larranaga, his first challenge with the Patriots was to rebuild a program that had fallen into disarray. He has quickly done that in his eight seasons in Fairfax, having made four postseason appearances in the past seven years, and with a long-term contract at George Mason, he prepares for the next challenge of maintaining the level of success he has established at Mason.

Larranaga, who owns a 139-97 record in eight years at George Mason, including a 130-79 mark over the past seven, became the Patriots all-time leader in men's basketball victories with his 131st win on January 22, 2005 when the Patriots won 77-58 at arch-rival James Madison. Those seven seasons broke a streak of eight consecutive losing campaigns, and returned the Patriots to a level of prominence in the CAA they hadn't enjoyed since the late 1980s. Larranaga earned his 100th Mason victory in the 2002-03 regular season finale against Drexel and his 139 overall wins over the past eight years is tops among all Patriot head coaches in a eight-year span in the 39-year history of George Mason men's basketball.

Larranaga, 56, accomplished many of the same things in his 11 years at Bowling Green State University from 1986-97 and in two years at American International College from 1977-79. In 20 years as a head coach, he has a career record of 321-253, earning his 300th coaching victory in Mason's third game of the 2003-04 campaign – a 92-83 victory at Iona on Nov. 29.

The remarkable turnaround

at George Mason began just two years into Larranaga's tenure and well before most people thought the Patriots would be a contender. A 9-18 record in his first year with the Patriots in 1997-98 drew plaudits from knowledgeable basketball people who realized the program was headed in the right direction, but it all came together the following season.

George Mason was 19-11 overall and a school-best 13-3 in the CAA in 1998-99, making a 10-game improvement over the previous season, the 12th-best performance in the nation. The Patriots won their first-ever conference regular season championship and their second CAA Tournament title to advance to the NCAA Tournament. The 19 victories were tied for sixth on the all-time list and were the most in nine years, and the season included a 10-game winning streak, the second best in school history.

The performance by the Patriots earned numerous honors for Larranaga as he was named Coach of the Year by the CAA and in the NABC District 4, and he was selected state Coach of the Year by the Virginia Sports Information Directors (VaSID) and the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*.

George Mason followed up with another 19-11 overall mark in 1999-2000, tying James Madison for first place in the CAA at 12-4 and earning the top seed in the conference tournament. In 2000-01, the Patriots finished 18-12 overall and 11-5 in the CAA, good for



a tie for second place, and they won the CAA Tournament title and advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the second time in three years. The Patriots produced another solid campaign with a 19-10 overall record (13-5 in the CAA) and a NIT berth in 2001-02. Mason's 2002-03 roster was hampered by injuries throughout the year, but managed to pull together a 16-12 record (11-7 in the CAA), and a fourth-place conference finish.

The 2003-04 George Mason season was one for the record books. Larranaga not only led the Patriots to a 7-2 non-conference record

– marking the team's best non-conference winning percentage since joining the CAA in 1985-86 – but also to a school record 23-win season, as Mason finished 23-10 on the year, its first 20-or-more win campaign in 14 years. It was Larranaga's first 20-win season at Mason and earned him the highest single-season total of his coaching career (23). Gaining an NIT berth (the Patriots fourth postseason appearance in six years), he led Mason to two consecutive postseason victories for the first time in school history, and in the process, earned his first postseason win in seven tries.

Larranaga's 2003-04 team was especially dominant on its home court, setting a school record for wins at the Patriot Center, finishing with a 14-1 mark.

Last season, a young Mason

Jim Larranaga Resume

Personal

Born: October 2, 1949, Bronx, NY

Personal: Wife, Liz. Sons, Jay (30), Jon (25)

Education: Archbishop Molloy High School, 1963-67
Providence College, 1967-71 (B.A. Economics)

Playing Experience

Archbishop Molloy High School, 1963-67

Providence College, 1967-71

Geronemo Basketball Club (Belgium), 1976-77

Coaching Experience

Davidson College (Assistant Coach, 1971-76)

Geronemo Basketball Club (Belgium) (Player/Coach, 1977)

American International College (Head Coach, 1977-79)

University of Virginia (Assistant Coach, 1979-86)

Bowling Green State University (Head Coach, 1986-97)

George Mason University (Head Coach, 1997-present)



The Larranaga Record

AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL

| Year | Overall Record | | |
|-------------------|----------------|-----------|-------------|
| | W | L | Pct. |
| 1977-78 | 14 | 13 | .519 |
| 1978-79 | 14 | 12 | .538 |
| AIC Totals | 28 | 25 | .528 |

BOWLING GREEN

| Year | Overall Record | | | MAC | | | |
|--------------------|----------------|------------|-------------|------------|-----------|-------------|-----------------------|
| | W | L | Pct. | W | L | Pct. | Place |
| 1986-87 | 15 | 14 | .517 | 10 | 6 | .625 | 3 rd |
| 1987-88 | 12 | 16 | .429 | 7 | 9 | .438 | t-5 th |
| 1988-89 | 13 | 15 | .464 | 7 | 9 | .438 | t-6 th |
| 1989-90 | 18 | 11 | .621 | 9 | 7 | .563 | t-3 rd NIT |
| 1990-91 | 17 | 13 | .567 | 9 | 7 | .563 | t-4 th NIT |
| 1991-92 | 14 | 15 | .483 | 8 | 8 | .500 | 5 th |
| 1992-93 | 11 | 16 | .407 | 8 | 10 | .444 | t-6 th |
| 1993-94 | 18 | 10 | .642 | 12 | 6 | .667 | t-2 nd |
| 1994-95 | 16 | 11 | .593 | 10 | 8 | .556 | t-5 th |
| 1995-96 | 14 | 13 | .519 | 9 | 9 | .500 | t-6 th |
| 1996-97* | 22 | 10 | .687 | 13 | 5 | .722 | t-1 st NIT |
| BGSU Totals | 170 | 144 | .541 | 102 | 84 | .548 | |

*Mid-American Conference Coach of the Year

GEORGE MASON

| Year | Overall Record | | | CAA | | | |
|---------------------|----------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|------------------------|
| | W | L | Pct. | W | L | Pct. | Place |
| 1997-98 | 9 | 18 | .333 | 6 | 10 | .375 | t-5 th |
| 1998-99* | 19 | 11 | .633 | 13 | 3 | .812 | 1 st NCAA |
| 1999-2000 | 19 | 11 | .633 | 12 | 4 | .750 | t-1 st |
| 2000-01 | 18 | 12 | .600 | 11 | 5 | .688 | t-2 nd NCAA |
| 2001-02 | 19 | 10 | .655 | 13 | 5 | .722 | 2 nd NIT |
| 2002-03 | 16 | 12 | .571 | 11 | 7 | .611 | 4 th |
| 2003-04 | 23 | 10 | .697 | 12 | 6 | .667 | 3 rd NIT |
| 2004-05 | 16 | 13 | .551 | 10 | 8 | .556 | 6 th |
| Mason Totals | 139 | 97 | .589 | 88 | 48 | .647 | |

*CAA, NABC District 4 and Virginia Coach of the Year

Overall 337 266 .559 190 132 .590

squad with only three proven junior starters and nine talented sophomores and freshmen battled to a 16-13 overall record and 10-8 mark in league play. Finishing above .500 and with 16 wins, the Patriots won 15 or more games overall and 10 or more games in league play for the seventh consecutive year - a streak unmatched by any other CAA team, including recent members Delaware, Drexel, Hofstra and Towson when they were affiliated with the America East Conference.

At his previous stop on the coaching circuit, Larranaga made an immediate impact upon his arrival at Bowling Green in 1986-87. The Falcons were the nation's most improved team under a first-year head coach that took over a program with a losing record, posting a 15-14 record for an eight-game improvement over the previous season.

Larranaga went on to record a 170-144 mark in 11 years at Bowling Green. He was the 1997 Mid-American Conference Coach of the Year after leading Bowling Green to a 22-10 record, a conference regular season co-championship and a berth in the National Invitation Tournament. The 22 victories were the most by a Bowling Green team in 47 years and the 13 conference wins were the second-highest total in Falcon history.

Larranaga's 170 victories at Bowling Green ranked second all-

Pro Potential

Jim Larranaga has coached 55 players who have either been drafted or played professional basketball. Those players are:

Rob Anderson (Holland) - Mason
 Lance Blanks (Detroit Pistons) - UVa
 Frank Booker (N.J. Nets/Iceland) - BGSU
 Rick Carlisle (Boston Celtics) - UVa
 Ed Colbert (Luxembourg) - BGSU
 Avery Carey (Holland) - Mason
 Javier Crespo (Spain) - BGSU
 Antonio Daniels (San Antonio Spurs) - BGSU
 Avon Davey (Argentina) - BGSU
 Mark Davis (NBDL) - Mason
 Tom Dore (Europe) - DC
 Greg Dunn (Europe) - DC
 Dave Esterkamp (Europe) - BGSU
 George Evans (USBL/Europe) - Mason
 John Falconi (Europe) - DC
 John Gerdy (Europe) - DC
 Raoul Heinen (Belgium) - Mason
 Erik Herring (NBA Development) - Mason
 Keith Holdan (Holland) - Mason
 Larry Horowitz (Europe) - DC
 Michael Huger (USBL/Belgium) - BGSU
 John Johnson (Phillipines) - UVa
 Jeff Jones (Golden State Warriors) - UVa
 Andrew Kennedy (Philadelphia 76ers/Israel) - UVa
 Mel Kennedy (Phillipines) - UVa
 Derek Kizer (France) - BGSU
 Shane Kline-Ruminski (Belgium) - BGSU
 Jeff Lamp (Portland Trailblazers) - UVa
 Jay Larranaga (Spain) - BGSU
 Jon Larranaga (France) - Mason
 Lewis Latimore (Milwaukee Bucks) - UVa
 Tim Martin (Belgium) - UVa
 Kevin Mickens (Portugal) - Mason
 Floyd Miller (France) - BGSU
 Jimmy Miller (Spain) - UVa
 Nik Mirich (Australia) - Mason
 Jason Miskiri (Charlotte Hornets/CBA/NBDL) - Mason
 Joe Moore (France) - BGSU
 Richard Morgan (CBA) - UVa
 Steve O'Neill (Ireland) - AIC
 Dan Ninkovic (Europe) - BGSU
 Olden Polynice (Utah Jazz) - UVa
 Lee Raker (Los Angeles Clippers) - UVa
 Anthony Robinson (Holland) - BGSU
 Craig Robinson (Sweden) - UVa
 Koen Rouwhorst (Holland) - BGSU
 Ralph Sampson (Houston Rockets) - UVa
 Tom Sheehey (Boston Celtics/Spain) - UVa
 Mike Sorrentino (Europe) - DC
 Anthony Stacey (Spain) - BGSU
 Joe Sutter (Europe) - DC
 Clinton Venable (Sacramento Kings) - BGSU
 Paul Wagner (Europe) - DC
 Steve Watson (France) - BGSU
 Othell Wilson (Golden State Warriors) - UVa
 Jesse Young (Spain) - Mason

AIC - American International; BGSU - Bowling Green State University; DC - Davidson College; Mason - George Mason;



time on the Falcons' coaching list and he was only the second coach to record consecutive postseason appearances. Larranaga led his squad to NIT berths in 1990 (18-11) and again in 1991 (17-13), the first time the Falcons enjoyed back-to-back postseason appearances since the early '60s. Bowling Green won better than 61 percent of its games in Larranaga's last four years, recording a 70-44 mark during that stretch. The Falcons finished fourth or better in the MAC in five of Larranaga's 11 seasons and he is among the winningest coaches in MAC history.

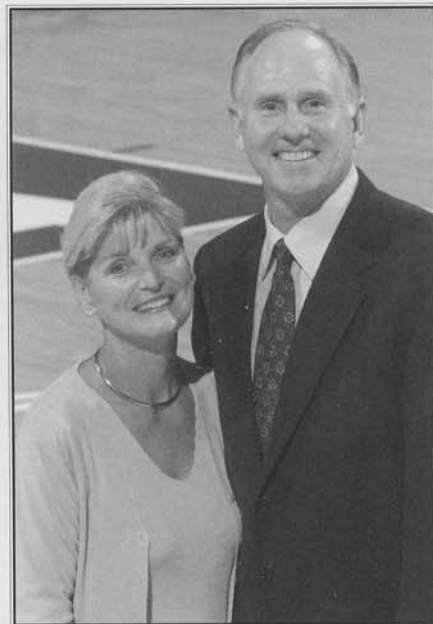
Larranaga received his first head coaching position in 1977 when he was named to the post at American International, a Division II program in Springfield, MA. Taking over a team that had suffered through five consecutive losing seasons prior to his arrival, Larranaga turned AIC into a winning program in his first year and compiled a 28-25 mark in two seasons.

Over the years, Larranaga's teams have earned a reputation as "giant killers." His Bowling Green teams defeated perennial national powers Kentucky, Michigan State (twice), Ohio State, Penn State and Purdue. The 1990 win over Michigan State (98-85) came when the Spartans were ranked fifth in the country. With the Patriots, his teams have won at Mississippi (snapping the Rebels' 44-game non-conference home win streak in 2001-02) and has pushed nationally ranked Maryland to the threshold of defeat twice before dropping three-point decisions, the

latest in the first round of the 2001 NCAA Tournament in Boise, ID. Most recently, the 2003-04 team topped Tennessee in the opening round of the postseason NIT to earn the program its record-breaking 22nd win of the season.

Larranaga's teams also are known for their offensive efficiency and a frenetic defense dubbed the "Scramble." In 2000-01, the Patriots led the CAA (in conference games) in scoring for the third straight year at 72.8 points per game and were second in scoring margin, outscoring opponents by 7.9 points per contest. George Mason also led the conference in field goal percentage (.460) and turnover margin (+2.97) for the third consecutive season, led the CAA in steals (8.4) and was second in assists (13.7), and it also ranked second in assist/turnover ratio (0.96). In 2002-03, George Mason ranked second overall and 16th nationally in scoring defense, holding opponents to a school record 60.5 points per game. The Patriots also listed second in the conference and 27th nationally in rebound margin (+5.2). Mason's 2003-04 squad led the league in steals at 8.52 per game.

A native of Bronx, N.Y., Larranaga is a 1971 graduate of Providence College with a degree in economics. A four-year letterman for the Friars, he was the team captain as a senior, leading Providence to a 20-8 record and an NIT appearance. He graduated as the school's fifth all-time leading scorer with 1,258 points and was selected in the sixth round of the draft by the Detroit Pistons of



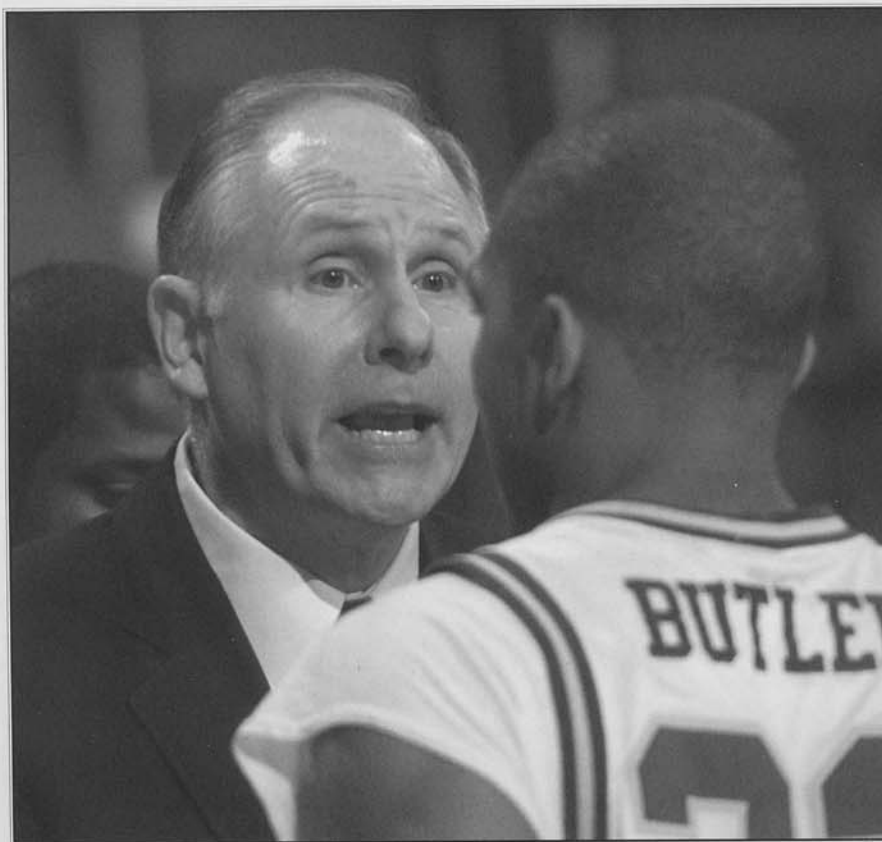
Jim and Liz Larranaga

the National Basketball Association. He was the team's top scorer as a sophomore and junior and was named New England's Division I Sophomore of the Year in 1969. His outstanding career was rewarded when he was inducted into the Providence College Hall of Fame in 1991.

His first coaching opportunity came at Davidson College, where he served as an assistant coach to Terry Holland. Davidson captured three Southern Conference regular-season championships and an NIT berth in his five years there, and he compiled a 47-12 record doubling as the freshman team coach. In 1976, he left Davidson and spent one season as player-coach for the Geronimo Basketball Club in Belgium.

After his two-year stint at American International, Larranaga was reunited with Holland at the University of Virginia in April 1979. An assistant coach under Holland for seven seasons from 1979-86, he helped the Cavaliers reach the NCAA Final Four on two occasions (1981 and 1984), finish in the top five of the AP and UPI polls and average more than 24 victories per season. The Cavaliers were 169-62, won three regular season Atlantic Coast Conference championships and made four NCAA Tournament appearances. Virginia also made a pair of NIT appearances, winning the NIT Championship in 1980. Larranaga was on the staff during the careers of three-time National Player of the Year Ralph Sampson and NBA first-round draft choice Olden Polynice.

Larranaga and his wife, Liz, have two children. Jay, 30, plays professional basketball in Spain, and Jon, 25, was a member of his father's George Mason teams from 1999-00 to 2002-03.





SCOTT CHERRY

ASSISTANT COACH, SIXTH SEASON

see State.

During his senior season at North Carolina, Cherry saw action in 33 of the Tar Heels' 38 games en route to the national championship in 1993, including action in the title-clinching contest against Michigan.

North Carolina was 107-33 (.764 winning percentage) during Cherry's four-year

career. In addition to the NCAA title, the Tar Heels went to the Final Four in 1991 and made two trips to the "Sweet 16," in 1990 and 1992. Cherry also was a member of North Carolina's Atlantic Coast Conference championship team in 1991.

Cherry and his wife Cortney, married in August 2000, reside in Fairfax.

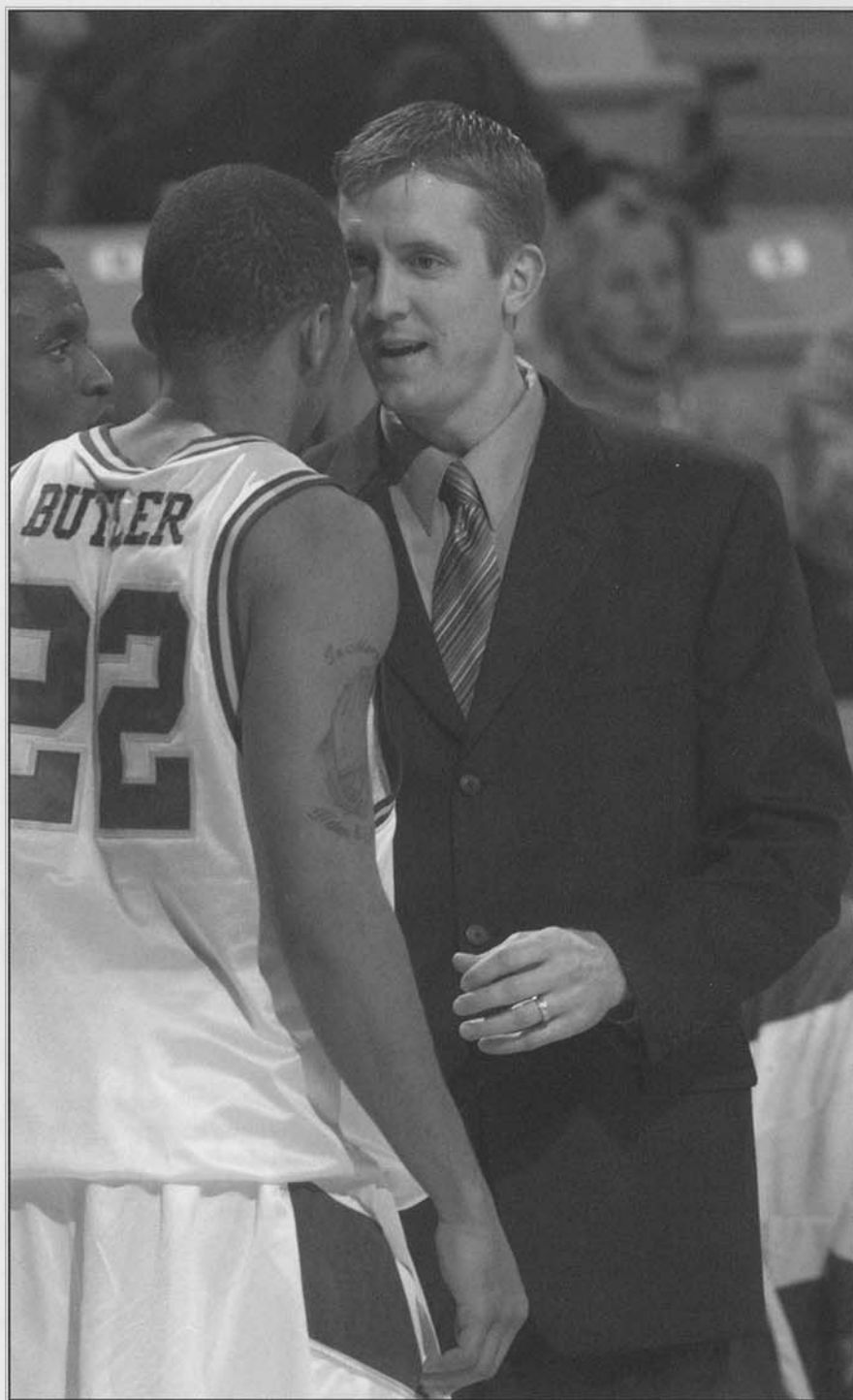
Scott Cherry enters his sixth season overall on Jim Larranaga's George Mason coaching staff. An assistant coach for the Patriots from 1999-2002, Cherry spent the 2002-03 season as an assistant at Tennessee Tech before returning to Mason for the 2003-04 campaign.

Cherry assists in all aspects of the program, including recruiting, practices, individual player workouts and game preparation. He is responsible for arranging the season schedule, coordinating the offense during practices and games and working with the post players at practice. He also monitors the academic progress and strength and conditioning programs of the student-athletes and serves as a recruiting coordinator.

Cherry was an integral member of Patriot coaching staffs that advanced to the 2001 NCAA tournament and 2002 and 2004 NIT tournaments. Prior to his arrival at Mason, the 34-year old Cherry was an assistant women's basketball coach at Middle Tennessee State University in 1998-99, where he helped lead the program to the 1999 WNIT tournament.

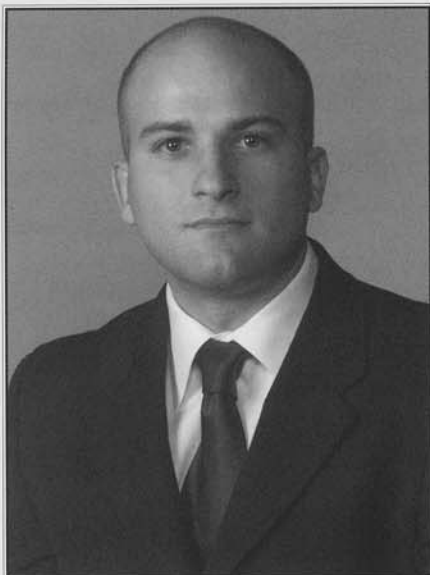
A 1993 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Cherry was a four-year letterwinner under Dean Smith and was a member of the 1993 NCAA championship squad. Following his graduation, Cherry played professionally for one season for the AEL Basketball Club in Limassol, Cyprus.

A native of Ballston Spa, N.Y., and a graduate of Saratoga Central Catholic High School, Cherry served as the head junior varsity and assistant varsity boys basketball coach at Bishop McGuinness High School in Winston-Salem, N.C., during the 1997-98 season. He worked as an administrative assistant for the North Carolina men's basketball program from March-August 1998 before assuming his duties at Middle Tennes-



ASSISTANT COACH





Christian Caputo begins his fourth season with the George Mason men's basketball team and his first as an assistant coach. Caputo spent the previous three seasons as

CHRIS CAPUTO

ASSISTANT COACH, FIRST SEASON

an administrative assistant and video coordinator.

Caputo was responsible for logging videotape into an editing system to create scouting tapes for use by the coaching staff in preparing for practices and games. He also was involved with creating highlight video and other duties as assigned by the coaching staff. During the summer, Caputo is the Assistant Director of the Jim Larranaga Basketball Camp, as well as Co-Director of Jim Larranaga's Junior Patriots Program in the fall.

Following his first season with the Patriots, Caputo's duties expanded to include coordination of the coaching staff recruiting database and its extensive mailing system. He was also responsible for purchasing scouting services and maintaining contact with the

publishers. He assisted in supervising weight room and study hall hours as well as all official and unofficial recruiting visits.

Caputo is a 2002 graduate of Westfield (Mass.) State College with a degree in finance and economics. He was a four-year letterwinner as a point guard for the NCAA Division III Owls, being named captain and winning the Outstanding Contributor Award as a senior.

A native of Elmhurst, N.Y., Caputo is a 1998 graduate of Archbishop Molloy High School, the same alma mater of Patriot head coach Jim Larranaga. Playing for the legendary Jack Curran, Caputo spent two years on the varsity team and saw 11 of his teammates (during his four years at Molloy) go on to play NCAA Division I basketball.

Caputo is single and resides in Fairfax, Va.

JAMES JOHNSON

ASSISTANT COACH, FIRST SEASON

James Johnson begins his first season as an assistant coach at George Mason and his 13th season as a collegiate coach. He joined the Patriot staff in June of 2005 and he brings extensive experience of the game as both a player and coach.

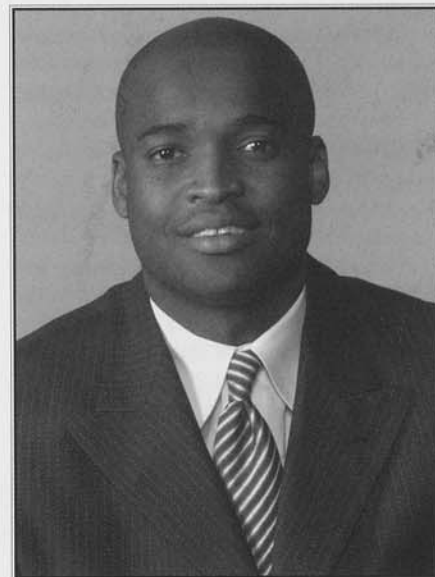
Johnson comes to Mason from Penn State, where he spent two seasons as an assistant coach. He was the recruitment coordinator for the Lions, responsible for bringing Geary Claxton to the team. Claxton was named to the Big Ten All-Freshman Team. Johnson also was responsible for the breakdown of tape in scouting opponents for game preparation.

Prior to Penn State, Johnson had a one-year stint as an assistant at the College of Charleston. During his one year at the College of Charleston, Johnson helped guide the team to a 25-8 overall record and the Southern Conference regular season title. The 2002-03 College of Charleston team also won the Great Alaska Shootout and advanced to the second round of the 2003 post-season NIT. Prior to College of Charleston, Johnson spent two years as an assistant at Elon.

After graduating from Ferrum College with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology in 1993, he immediately stepped into the coaching ranks at his alma mater and served as an assistant for two seasons. Johnson helped guide the Panthers to a regular season conference title.

In 1995, Johnson moved on to Longwood College as an assistant and then spent one year at Hargrave Military Academy, where he worked with the post-graduate team. In 1997, he began a three-year run as an assistant at CAA foe Old Dominion. In 1998, Johnson helped guide ODU to a 25-9 overall mark and the second round of the NIT.

Johnson, a native of Powhatan, Va., was a four-year player and a three-year starter at Ferrum College in Virginia. A three-time Defensive Player of the Year while at Ferrum, he helped guide his team to two conference championships and a berth in the NCAA Division III Tournament. He was also voted his team's Most Valuable Player in 1993. In 2001, Johnson was selected one of the Top 10 players in Ferrum Basketball History.



Johnson is a member of the Black Coaches Association and the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC). In March 2001, Johnson was named one of the Top 20 Assistant Coaches at Mid-Major Division I Schools by Rivals.com.





CAROLYN MARSH

MEN'S BASKETBALL SECRETARY

When visitors enter the George Mason men's basketball office, the first person to greet you is Carolyn Marsh. The basketball secretary has provided support services to the men's program from 1981-96 and again from 1998 to the present.

Marsh's association with George Mason began in 1970 when her husband, Jay, was a student and player for the Patriot basketball team, and both have been fixtures at the university ever since. Jay currently is the Associate Athletic Director for Event Administration at George Mason. Carolyn served

as a secretary in the athletic department and with the Sports Information Department before moving permanently to the basketball office.

In addition to providing daily services to the program, Marsh is one of its biggest supporters. She can be found in the first row directly behind the team bench at home games in the Patriot Center, and the Marsh's travel to many of the team's Colonial Athletic Association road games.

The Marsh's reside in Bumpass, Va.

LARRY FAIN

BASKETBALL OPERATIONS MANAGER

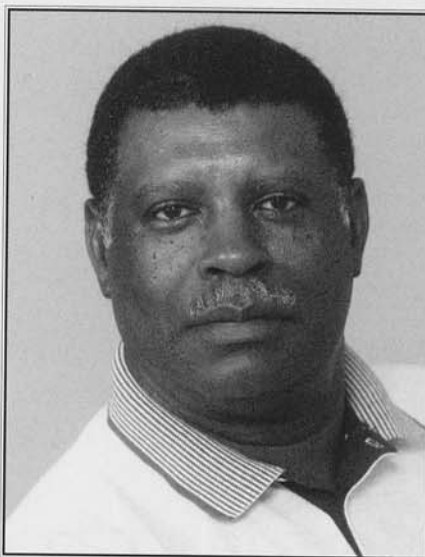
Larry Fain is in his 12th year at George Mason and his first season as a member of the Patriot basketball staff. Prior to his current appointment, Fain spent the past 11 years at the Recreation Sports Complex (Fieldhouse) as the assistant and head athletic services manager, providing administrative, equipment and material support for all of George Mason's intercollegiate teams, except basketball.

In his role as basketball operations manager, Fain, who assists both the men's and women's basketball programs, is responsible for purchasing, receiving, storing, distribution and inventory of all basketball related equipment, acts as the visiting team liaison

and supervises the men's and women's basketball team managers.

Fain retired from the Army as a Sergeant First Class in 1992 after 22 years of service, having served two tours in Germany, one in South Korea and one tour in Vietnam with the Marine Corp from 1968-69. He graduated from Southern Illinois University in 1998 with a bachelor's degree in healthcare management, and is certified as an athletic equipment manager from the Athletic Equipment Managers Association.

A native of Ashford, Ala. and a graduate of Essie R. Grimsley High School, where he played basketball, football and baseball, Fain and his wife of 25 years, Roilene, reside in



Lake Ridge, Va. The couple has four children and eight grandchildren.

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GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY MEN'S BASKETBALL

SEAN PASSEY JOE BARRER

STUDENT MANAGERS

Senior Sean Passey and second-year graduate student, Joe Barrer will serve as managers for the Patriots this season. Passey enters his third year with the Patriots, while Barrer has been with the program for the past two seasons. Passey assists Basketball Operations Manager Larry Fain with duties relating to team travel, setup for practices and games, and offseason workouts. Barrer will assist the coaching staff and is also responsible for other duties as assigned by Fain.

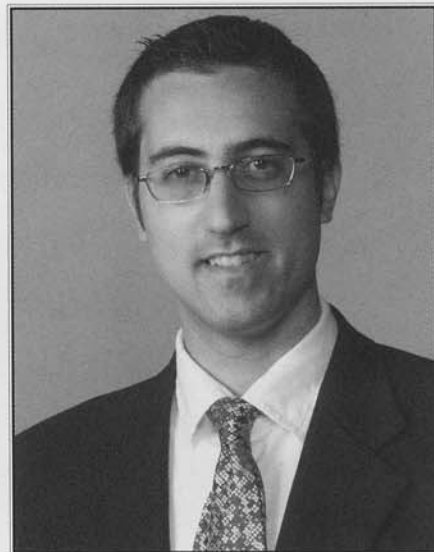
Passey, a business major, graduated from Worcester Academy in Massachusetts in 2002, which is the same school that produced current Patriot Makan Konate. Passey played baseball for five years with the Goats and was a member of the soccer team for six seasons. He managed the Worcester Academy varsity basketball team that went to the New England Prep School League championships as a senior.

The son of Carolyn and Sahdev Passey, he is a resident of Holden, Mass. He has one sister, Kate, who lives in Philadelphia and a brother, Michael, who is married and lives in Fairfax.

Barrer is in his second year as a gradu-



ate student, seeking a master's of science degree in Mason's exercise fitness and health promotion program. He earned a BS in 2003 in physical education from St. Ambrose University, where he played basketball and was a member of three conference championship



Above, Sean Passey. At left, Joe Barrer

and two national tournament teams at the NAIA school. An NAIA academic All-American as a junior and a senior, Barrer was the head freshmen basketball and assistant freshmen baseball coach at Davenport Assumption High School during 2003-04.

A 1999 graduate of Davenport Assumption and a native of Davenport, Iowa, Barrer was a member of his high school's Class 3A state championship basketball team his senior year. He is the son of Roberta and Mike Barrer, and has one sister, Jennifer.

DEBI CORBATTO

ATHLETIC TRAINER

Debi Corbatto begins her second season as an Assistant Athletics Trainer at George Mason but she has a long history with Mason that stretches back more than 20 years.

Corbatto first came to Mason as a student. She received a bachelor's degree from the university in the mid-80s.

Corbatto returned to Mason several years ago to work on her master's degree, earning an M.S. in Exercise Fitness and Health Promotion in 2003. She worked as an athletic training intern at Mason while pursuing her degree and has been part of the Patriots' athletics department ever since.

Corbatto resides in Fairfax with her husband Fabrice Corbatto. She has two children, Matthew Nolan, 22, a professional musician in Boston, and Emily Nolan, 19, a student at UNC Wilmington.



The George Mason University Athletic Training Staff is a critical part of the success of every sport and every student-athlete at Mason. The six-member team works with every sport and puts in more hours than the student-athletes and team managers. They are on call not just on game days but weekends and holidays as well.

This dedicated group is comprised of Assistant Athletic Trainer Debi Corbatto (back row, right), Head Athletic Trainer Ray Yamrus (seated, right), Coordinator of Sports Medicine Linda Pullen (seated, left), Graduate Assistant Athletic Trainer Jacqueline Kay (standing, middle), Graduate Assistant Athletic Trainer Rosemarie Seymour (back row, left) and Assistant Athletic Trainer Shereen Bagherzadeh (back row, middle).



PLAYERS

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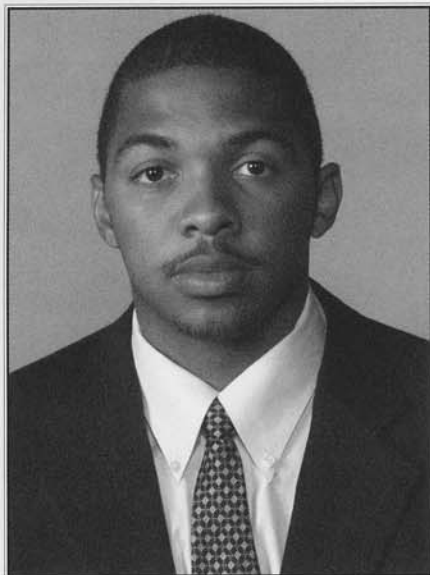


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LAMAR BUTLER

SENIOR, 6'2", 170, GUARD
FORT WASHINGTON, MD.
OXON HILL HIGH SCHOOL

PLAYERS



Lamar Butler enters his fourth year with George Mason and is a returning starter in the backcourt... Sat out the 2002-03 season on a medical hardship waiver... Starter in the backcourt in 2001-02... Outstanding offensive player who can stretch defenses with his ballhandling, passing and shooting abilities... Solid defender who is getting better with experience... Majoring in communication.

CAREER LIST ENTERING

2005-06 SEASON:

2nd - 3-Point Field Goals - 222
3rd - 3-Point Field Goal Pct. - .397
9th - Free Throw Pct. - .783
T-19th - Scoring - 1,073
T-21st - Assists - 179
25th - Steals - 88

2004-05: Appeared in 29 games with 29 starts... Named to the all-CAA second team... Garnered honorable mention all-State honors from VaSID... Led George Mason in scoring with 15.7 points per game and in three-point field goal percentage at 43.1 percent... Was third on the team in steals (33) and finished second in assists with 70... Averaged 2.4 rebounds per contest... Added three blocked

shots... Paced Mason with a team and season-best 87 three-point field goals, which ranks third all-time... Ranked third in field goal percentage, shooting 45.5 percent from the floor... One of two players to start every game... Led the team in minutes played, averaging 31.6 per contest... Was second in free throw percentage (.736)... Totaled 15.6 points, 2.4 rebounds and shot 45.8 percent from behind the arc against conference opponents... Scored in double figures 24 times... Registered 20 or more points six times, including a career-best 36 points at Morehead State (12/30/04)... Named CAA Player of the Week (1/3/05)... Recorded 28 points on 10-for-16 shooting (7-of-11 from 3-point range) vs. Towson (12/1/04)... Became the 24th player in Mason history to score 1,000 or more career points in the Feb. 16 game against Old Dominion... Ranked fourth in the CAA in scoring average and 10th in field goal percentage... Finished third in the CAA in 3-point field goal percentage and was 17th nationally... Led the league in 3-point field goals made at 3.00 per contest and ranked 22nd in the nation... Led or tied for the team lead in scoring 11 times

2003-04: Appeared in 30 games with 15 starts... Played 25.5 minutes per contest... Ranked third on the

LAMAR BUTLER'S CAREER HIGHS

Points: 36, at Morehead St. (12/30/04)

Rebounds: 6, fivetimes, last at William & Mary (2/12/05)

Field Goals: 12, at Morehead St. (12/30/04)

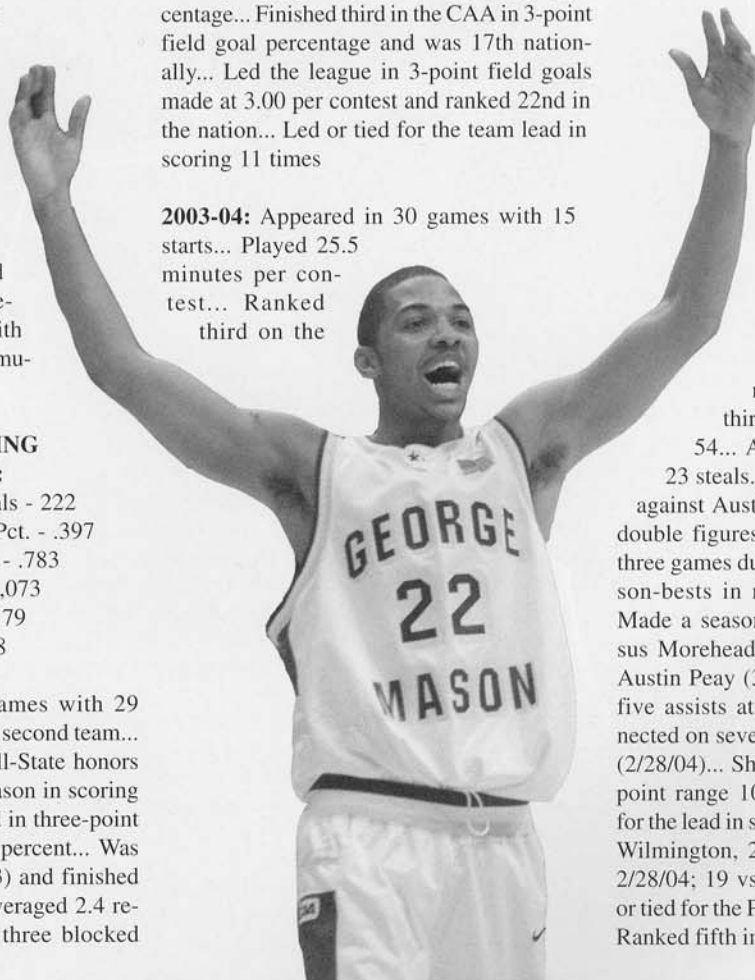
3-Point Field Goals: 7, vs. Towson (12/1/04)

Free Throws: 9, vs. Iona (12/8/04)

Assists: 7, vs. Coppin State (11/28/01)

Steals: 4, vs. VCU (1/5/05)

Blocks: 1, 10 times, last vs. Delaware (1/31/05)



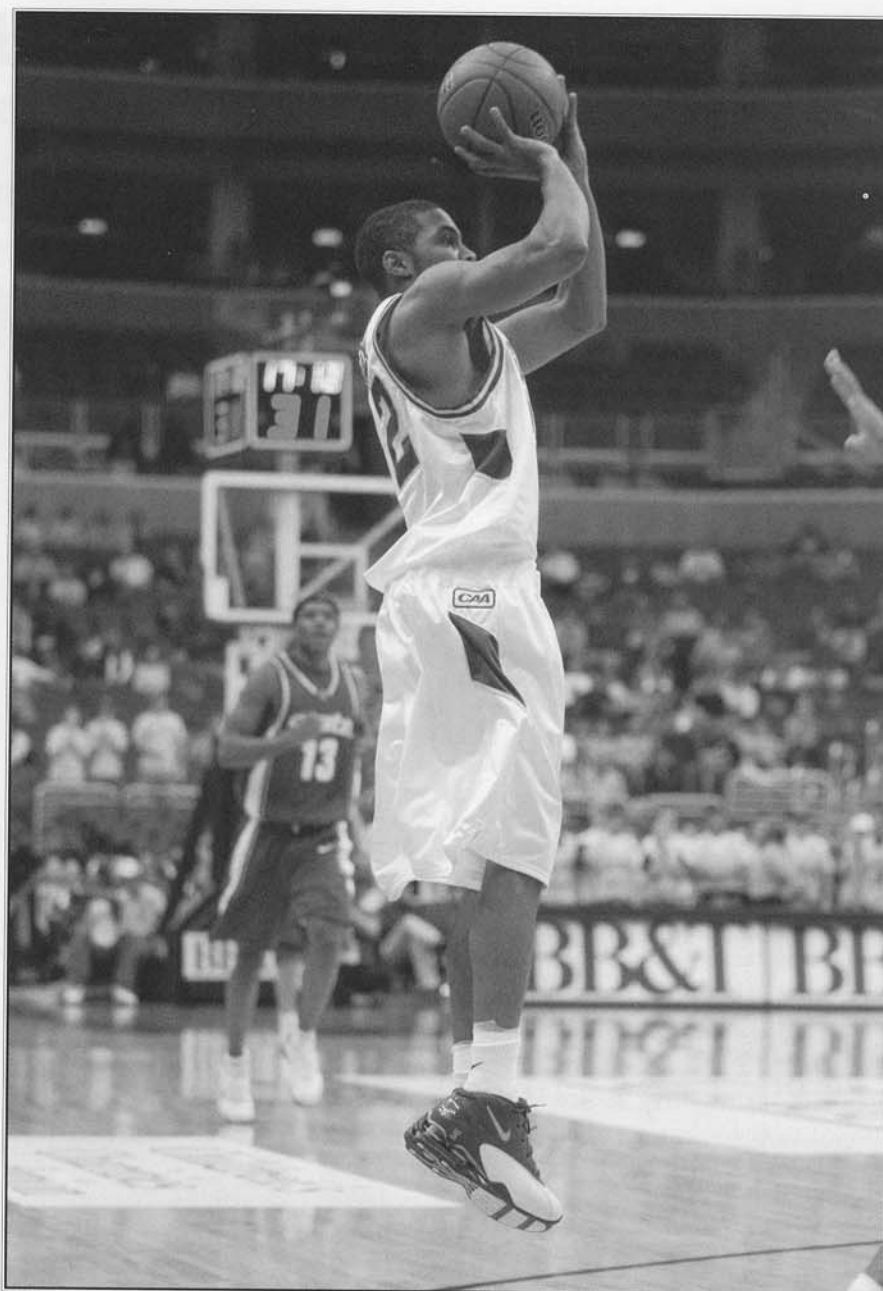
team in scoring, averaging 10.5 points per game... Collected 2.5 rebounds per outing... Shot 38.1 percent from the floor... Led George Mason in three-point field goal percentage at 37.7 percent (78-of-207)... Ranked first on the squad in free throw percentage, connecting at 82.5 percent from the charity stripe... Made a team- and season-high 78 three-point baskets, which ranks fourth all-time... Finished third on the squad in assists with 54... Added four blocked shots and 23 steals... Had a season-high 19 points against Austin Peay (3/19/04)... Recorded double figures in points 19 times... Missed three games due to a foot injury... Posted season-bests in rebounds (six) three times... Made a season-best five three-pointers versus Morehead State (11/21/03) and against Austin Peay (3/19/04)... Tallied season-high five assists at Maryland (11/25/04)... Connected on seven field goals at Old Dominion (2/28/04)... Shot above 50.0 percent from 3-point range 10 times... Led Patriots or tied for the lead in scoring three times (13 vs. UNC Wilmington, 2/25/04; 18 at Old Dominion, 2/28/04; 19 vs. Austin Peay, 3/19/04)... Led or tied for the Patriot lead in assists six times... Ranked fifth in the league in three-point field



goal percentage (37.7) and finished second in the CAA in 3-point field goals made per game (2.60).

2001-02: Played in all 29 games, starting 18, and averaged 25.6 minutes per contest... Was runner-up for CAA Rookie of the Year award and was named to CAA all-Rookie team... Averaged 10.4 points and 2.5 rebounds per game... Shot 36.8 percent from the field, 38.0 percent from three-point range and 81.9 percent from the line... Scored season-high 20 points vs. Winthrop (12/28/01) and at Towson (1/19/02)... Had season bests in rebounds (six), assists (seven) and steals (three) three times each... Scored in double figures 17 times... Led Patriots or tied for lead in scoring three times (14 vs. Southern Illinois, 16 at UNC Wilmington and 20 at Towson)... Led the team in free throw percentage with 81.9 percent... Was fourth-leading scorer for the Patriots... Tied career high in points and hit career-best six three-pointers at Towson... Made seven free throws vs. James Madison (2/2/02)... His 57 three-pointers for the season ranked second among CAA freshmen... Ranked among Mason's top five freshmen all-time for three-point (38.0) and free throw percentage (81.9)... Ranked fourth in the league in three-point percentage at 38.0 (57-150) and tied with teammate Rob Anderson for seventh place in three-pointers made with 1.97... Ranked third in the CAA in free throw percentage... Earned a spot on Athletic Director's Honor Roll (Spring semester).

HIGH SCHOOL: Had outstanding three-year varsity career at Oxon Hill High School for Coach Billy Lanier ... Averaged 19.3 points, 4.5 assists and 4.0 rebounds per game as a senior for the Clippers as they advanced to the Maryland Class 4A South Region finals ... Earned all-county, all-state and *Washington Post* all-Metropolitan honors and was selected to play in the prestigious Capital Classic all-star game ... Helped lead Oxon Hill to state championship as a junior, averaging 16 points, five rebounds and five assists per game ... Clippers posted 71-7 overall record during his three years, and won 35 consecutive games at one point ... Was an all-star at the 5-Star Basketball Camp and the Eastern Invitational Basketball Camp during Summer 2000.



PERSONAL: Full name is Lamar Edward Butler Jr. ... Born December 21, 1983 ... Son of Pamela and Lamar Butler ... 2001 graduate of Oxon Hill High School... Has three brothers and two sisters ... Brother Kennon Roberts played basketball at St. Vincent College in Latrobe, PA and brother Joseph Butler played basketball at Mount St. Mary's... Cousin Damon Lumpkin played two years of

basketball at N.C. Central University, while cousin Donnell Lumpkin played four years at Rutgers... Enjoys playing video games and watching movies... Member of the French Honor Society, the Honor Roll and the Peer Mediation group ... Multi-sport athlete growing up, playing basketball, football, baseball and soccer as a member of the Oxon Hill Boys and Girls Club.

LAMAR BUTLER'S CAREER STATISTICS

| | GP-GS | MIN-AVG | TOTAL | | | 3-POINT | | | FT | | | REBOUNDS | | | | | | | | | |
|--------|-------|-----------|-------|-----|------|---------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|----------|-----|------|-------|-----|----|----|------|------|--|
| | | | FG | FGA | PCT | FG | FGA | PCT | | | | O-D | TOT | AVG. | | | | | | | |
| 01-02 | 29-18 | 742-25.6 | 93 | 253 | .368 | 57 | 150 | .380 | 59 | 72 | .819 | 11-62 | 73 | 2.5 | 58-0 | 55 | 3 | 32 | 302 | 10.4 | |
| 03-04 | 30-15 | 765-25.5 | 102 | 268 | .381 | 78 | 207 | .377 | 33 | 40 | .825 | 6-69 | 75 | 2.5 | 48-0 | 54 | 4 | 23 | 315 | 10.5 | |
| 04-05 | 29-29 | 915-31.6 | 151 | 332 | .455 | 87 | 202 | .431 | 67 | 91 | .736 | 8-63 | 71 | 2.4 | 51-0 | 70 | 3 | 33 | 456 | 15.7 | |
| Totals | 88-62 | 2422-27.5 | 346 | 853 | .406 | 222 | 559 | .397 | 159 | 203 | .783 | 25-194 | 219 | 2.5 | 157-0 | 179 | 10 | 88 | 1073 | 12.2 | |



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JAI LEWIS

SENIOR, 6'7", 275, FORWARD

ABERDEEN, MD.

ABERDEEN HIGH SCHOOL

Jai Lewis enters his fourth year with the Patriots and is a returning starter in the frontcourt... Wide-body player who is strong in the paint... Also can move to the perimeter and handle the ball on the wing... Tough, aggressive post player with great hands and a good shooting touch around the basket... Solid rebounder... Effective shooter facing the basket and posts up well... Majoring in sport management.

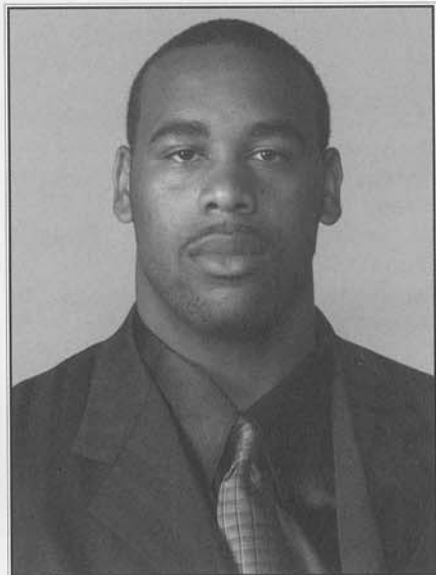
CAREER LIST ENTERING

2004-05 SEASON:

7th - Field Goal Percentage - .546
10th - Rebounding - 621
11th - Blocked Shots - 68
22nd - Scoring - 1,040
23rd - Steals - 91
27th - Assists - 119

2004-05: Named an all-CAA second team selection... Preseason All-CAA First Team... Started 29 of 29 games... Led George Mason in rebounding at 7.5 boards per game and ranked third in scoring with 13.0 points per outing... Also led the team in blocked shots (31)... Was second in field goal percentage, shooting 49.8 percent from the floor... Ranked second on the squad in steals (40)... Connected at 71.5 percent from the free throw line... One of two players to start every game... Averaged 29.5 minutes per game... Totaled 12.9 points and 7.1 rebounds against conference opponents... Recorded seven double-doubles on the season... Scored in double figures 20 times and tallied 10 or more rebounds eight times... Registered 20 or more points four times, including a career-high 31 against Drexel (1/19/05), going 10-for-14 from the floor and making 11-of-12 from the free throw line... Also grabbed 13 caroms against the Dragons (1/19/05)... Logged 14 points and a season-high 14 rebounds at Towson

(2/9/05)... Totaled 12 points, eight rebounds and a career-best five assists against IPFW (11/11/04)... Made first career 3-pointer at UNC Wilmington (2/2/05)... Became the 25th player in Mason history to score 1,000 more career points in the Feb. 16 game against Old Dominion... Ranked 14th in the CAA in scoring average and fourth overall in rebounding... Finished third in the league in field goal percentage and was tied for 10th in steals... Was 7th in the conference in blocked shots... Led or tied for the team lead in scoring six times and in rebounding 16 times.



2003-04: Earned all-CAA first team honors... Started 29 of 33 games... Played 27.6 minutes per contest... Averaged 14.5 points and 7.5 rebounds per outing... Led George Mason in scoring and rebounding... Named to the CAA all-tournament team... Garnered VaSID all-State second team accolades... One of two conference players to earn CAA Player of the Week three times (1/5/04; 1/26/04; 2/16/04)... Also led the Patriots in blocked shots (30) and field goal percentage, shooting 59.7 percent from the floor... Finished the season

JAI LEWIS'
CAREER HIGHS

Points: 31, vs. Drexel (1/19/05)

Rebounds: 16, vs. W&M (1/31/04)

Field Goals: 10, at Delaware (1/28/04)
vs. Drexel (1/19/05)

3-Point Field Goals:

1, at UNCW (2/2/05)

vs. JMU (2/25/05)

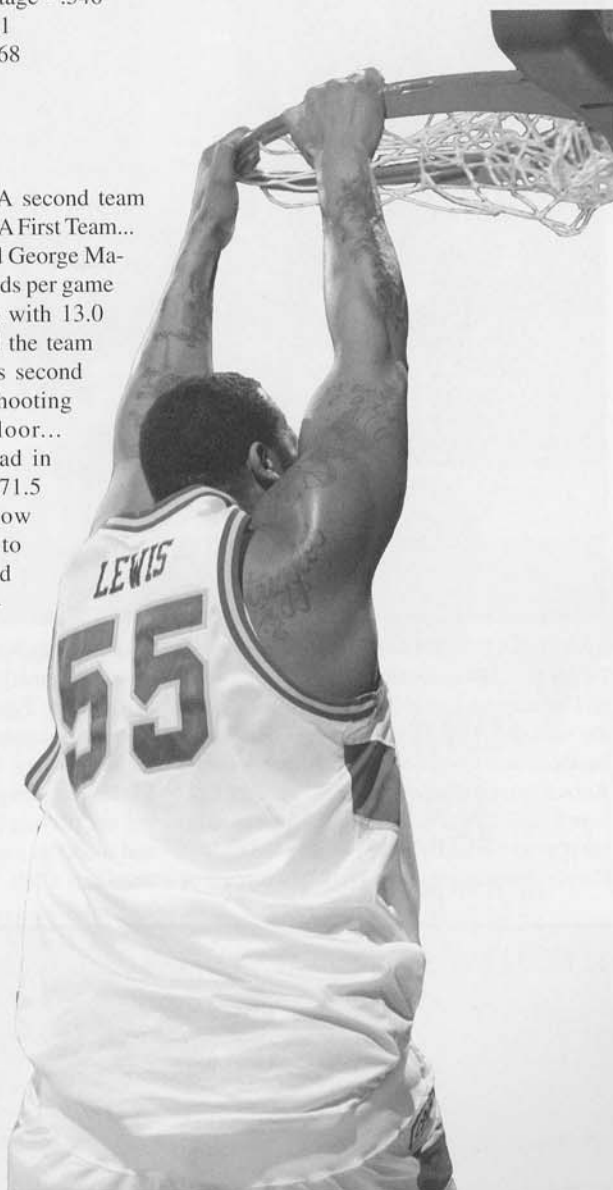
Free Throws: 11, vs. Drexel (1/19/05)

Assists: 5, vs. IPFW (11/11/04)

Steals: 5, vs. VCU (2/11/04)

Blocks: 3, six times, last

at William & Mary (2/12/05)



leading the conference in field goal percentage and ranked 10th nationally... Added 38 assists... Was third on the squad in steals with 36... Shot 65.2 percent from the free throw line... Collected a career-high five steals against Va. Commonwealth (2/11/04)... Tied his career-high with four assists at Old Dominion (2/28/04)... Scored in double figures 26 times... Tallied 20 or more points on three occasions (21 at UNC Wilmington, 1/21/04; 26 at Delaware, 1/28/04; 21 vs. William & Mary, 1/31/04)... Posted 10 or more rebounds eight times... Had seven double-doubles on the season, including two in

the first three games of the year... Recorded a career-best 26 points at Delaware on 10-of-12 shooting... Grabbed career-high 16 rebounds against William & Mary (1/31/04)... Ranked sixth in the CAA in scoring and was third overall in rebounding... Listed eighth in the league in blocked shots per game (0.91)... Made 10-of-11 free throws at Va. Commonwealth (1/17/04)... Led or tied for the Patriot lead in scoring 14 times and in rebounding 24 times.

2002-03: Selected to CAA all-Rookie team... Appeared in all 28 games, earning nine starts... Averaged 6.7 points and 5.6 rebounds while playing 22.4 minutes per contest... Shot 53.1 percent from the floor to lead the Patriots and 53.0 percent from the free throw line... Scored in double figures seven times... Had 10 or more rebounds twice... Finished second on the team in rebounding average... Totaled 25 assists and 15 steals... Posted 12 points and four boards at Southern Illinois (11/24/02)... Was named CAA Rookie of the Week after recording a season-best 17 points on 7-for-7 shooting, logging six rebounds, and adding two blocked shots versus Hartford (12/23/02)... Posted first career double-double at James Madison (1/18/03) with 13 points and season-high 11 caroms and six free throws... Nearly earned his second double-double with 14 points and nine boards at Hofstra (1/8/03)... Pulled down 10 rebounds and added five points vs. Towson (2/1/03)... Had 11 points each at Virginia Commonwealth (2/8/03) and against Old Dominion (2/24/03)... Tied for 14th in the league in rebounding... Dished out season-high four assists versus UNC Wilmington (1/27/03)... Tallied two steals four times (last at Hofstra)... Led the Patriots or tied for the lead in rebounding five times... Named to the Athletic Director's Honor Roll in the spring.

HIGH SCHOOL: Had outstanding three-year varsity career at Aberdeen High School for Coach Richard Hart... Earned *Baltimore Sun* all-Metropolitan and all-county honors twice each... Averaged 14.7 points, 18.3 rebounds, 4.2 blocked shots and 3.4 assists per game as a senior with the Eagles in 2000-01... Had career highs of 37 points and 27 rebounds... Helped lead Aberdeen to Maryland Class 2A state championship as a junior and finished career with 993 points and more than 1,000 rebounds... Spent 2001-02 season as a postgraduate player at Maine Central Institute in Pittsfield, ME, playing for Coach Karl Henrikson... Was selected as Huskies' MVP as he helped lead team to 25-5 record while averaging 14 points and nine rebounds per game.

PERSONAL: Full name is Jai Lamar Lewis ... Born February 13, 1983 ... Son of Sandra and Fletcher Lewis ... Has one brother and one sister ... 2001 graduate of Aberdeen High School, where he also lettered twice in football and lacrosse and once in track & field.



JAI LEWIS' CAREER STATISTICS

| | GP-GS | MIN-AVG | TOTAL | | | 3-POINT | | | FT | FTA | PCT | REBOUNDS | | | PF-D | AST | BLK | ST | PTS | AVG |
|---------------|--------------|------------------|------------|------------|-------------|----------|-----------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|----------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| | | | FG | FGA | PCT | FG | FGA | PCT | | | | O-D | TOT | AVG. | | | | | | |
| 02-03 | 28-9 | 628-22.4 | 76 | 143 | .531 | 0 | 3 | .000 | 35 | 66 | .530 | 71-85 | 156 | 5.6 | 78-2 | 25 | 7 | 15 | 187 | 6.7 |
| 03-04 | 33-29 | 911-27.6 | 187 | 313 | .597 | 0 | 5 | .000 | 103 | 158 | .652 | 110-137 | 247 | 7.5 | 98-2 | 38 | 30 | 36 | 477 | 14.5 |
| 04-05 | 29-29 | 856-29.5 | 143 | 287 | .498 | 2 | 7 | .286 | 88 | 123 | .715 | 87-131 | 218 | 7.5 | 86-2 | 56 | 31 | 40 | 376 | 13.0 |
| Totals | 90-67 | 2395-26.6 | 406 | 743 | .546 | 2 | 15 | .133 | 226 | 347 | .651 | 268-353 | 621 | 6.9 | 262-6 | 119 | 68 | 91 | 1040 | 11.6 |