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# Billy Lange



## ❖ THE LANGE FILE

**Hometown:** Haddon Heights, N.J.

**Education:**

Bachelor of Arts, Rowan University '94  
Journalism major

**Birthdate:** Feb. 11, 1972

**Family:** Wife, Alicia; Sons, Will and Matthew

**Coaching Experience:**

- ★ Head Coach, Bishop Eustace Prep (1995-96)
- ★ Assistant Coach, Philadelphia University (1996-98)
- ★ Assistant Coach, La Salle University (1998-99)
- ★ Head Coach, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (1999-01)
- ★ Assistant Basketball Coach/Coordinator of Basketball Operations, Villanova University (2001-2004)
- ★ Head Coach, U.S. Naval Academy (Present)

## ❖ TRACKING LANGE'S CAREER

Year	School	Record	Postseason
1999-00	USMMA	17-11	----
2000-01	USMMA	22-8	NCAA D3 Sweet 16
2004-05	Navy	10-18	----
2005-06	Navy	10-18	
<b>4-Yr. Record</b>		<b>59-55 (.518)</b>	

Navy head Billy Lange enters his third season as the head coach of the Navy men's basketball program, taking over a program that had won just 23 games in three years prior to his arrival. Since his arrival before the 2004-05 season, Lange's teams have won 20 games and have shown a visible increase in talent level.

This year's team will be one of the youngest teams in the country, as just one senior and three juniors grace the roster, but the talent is there for the Mids to make a push into the top half of the league standings.

Navy's offense was the highlight of the 2005-06 season, as the Mids led the league in scoring for the second straight year, edging Lafayette by 1.4 points per game. Navy also ranked second in free throw percentage (.722), which was good for 67th in the country. In the 2004-05 season, Navy shot just .651 from the free throw line, showing a vast improvement on the charity stripe.

With the guard play being a driving force behind the team's play the first two years, Lange went out and recruited size for 2006-07, signing four players 6-6 or taller, including three that were at least 6-7. Last year's roster featured just two players that stood at least 6-8. This year's team will feature six incoming recruits that will help Navy's upward movement in the Patriot League.

Lange's 2005-06 squad featured one of the top backcourts in the Patriot League in Greg Sprink, Corey Johnson and Kaleo Kina. The trio combined to average 34.8 ppg and connected on 120 three-pointers.

Leading the way was the sophomore Sprink, who turned in the finest sophomore season since Eddie Reddick in 1988-89. Sprink averaged 14.9 ppg in all games, but saw the average bump to 15.5 in Patriot League games, ranking third in the league in scoring. He connected for over 30 points twice, setting school records for most points in a half (2nd half; 31 vs. Brown), most points off the bench (34 vs. Brown) and most three-pointers in a game (9 vs. Brown). Sprink also finished the season ranked in the top 50 nationally in free throw percentage and became just the ninth player in school history to record multiple 30-point games.

Kina earned Navy's third Patriot League All-Rookie Team accolade in the last two years after ranking 15th in the league in scoring at 10.4 ppg.

Johnson averaged 9.5 ppg in an injury-plagued season, after a freshman campaign that ranked as one of the best in school history.

Perhaps the fact that Lange is most proud of is the role his squad has taken on in the classroom. Since his arrival, team GPA has increased by nearly half a point, and sophomore Bryce Brigham was named to the 2006 Patriot League Academic Honor Roll.

The 2004-05 campaign was the beginning of a new era for Navy basketball with first-year head coach Billy Lange at the helm. One that preached a commitment to the team and the restoration of a tradition that



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Opponent	Total
Air Force	0-2
<b>American</b>	<b>1-4</b>
Ark.-Little Rock	0-1
<b>Army</b>	<b>2-2</b>
Belmont	0-1
<b>Brown</b>	<b>1-1</b>
<b>Bucknell</b>	<b>1-3</b>
The Citadel	1-1
<b>Colgate</b>	<b>1-3</b>
Columbia	0-1
<b>Georgetown</b>	<b>0-1</b>
<b>Holy Cross</b>	<b>0-5</b>
<b>Howard</b>	<b>1-0</b>
<b>Lafayette</b>	<b>2-2</b>
<b>Lehigh</b>	<b>2-2</b>
<b>Longwood</b>	<b>1-0</b>
<b>Loyola (Md.)</b>	<b>1-0</b>
UMBC	0-2
Morgan State	2-0
Mount St. Mary's	1-0
Ohio U.	0-1
<b>Penn</b>	<b>0-1</b>
<b>Stony Brook</b>	<b>0-1</b>
Virginia Military	0-1
<b>Yale</b>	<b>0-1</b>

\* **bold italics** - 2006-07 opponent

has bled Blue and Gold for many years.

With the new outlook came a new style of play, a new attitude — an aggressive, fast-paced, in-your-face, sense of panic which was welcomed not only by the team, but by Navy's faithful fans.

Featuring one of the youngest line-ups in the country, Navy posted its second consecutive 10-18 mark, using eight freshmen and sophomores on a regular basis, including seven of them starting at least one game.

While the Mids had their share of growing pains, which included 10 losses by six points or less, by the end of January the hard work, focus and discipline paid off. Navy won five of their final 10 games, including an 82-71 victory over Colgate. Two days after defeating the Raiders, the Mids posted a 66-62 victory over Patriot League Tournament champion Bucknell, who defeated Kansas in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

A week later, 2004 senior captain Taj Mathews turned in a career-high 26-point effort and led Navy to its third-consecutive Star Game win over archrival Army, 84-69, and for Lange, a victory in his first Star Game. Mathews was 6-of-14 from behind the arc, setting the record for most three-point field goals made and attempted by a Navy player in an Army-Navy contest. Meanwhile, the Mids' 13 made three-pointers against the Black Knights is etched in the record book as the second-most three-pointers made in a single game in school history.

The Navy seniors played their final game of their careers at Alumni Hall on Feb. 23 against Lafayette. Not only did the Mids rout the Leopards, 76-57, but they also tied the school and Patriot League record for rebounds with 71. They also tied the Navy record for rebound margin, outboarding the Leopards by 38.

Navy ended the season 10-18, winning five more games than the year before, and the Mids' six conference wins were the most since the 2000-01 team owned a 9-3 Patriot League mark

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Lange helped mold Corey Johnson and Greg Sprink into Patriot League All-Rookie Team members. The duo made Academy history as Johnson and Sprink became the first tandem to score 200 points each in their plebe season.

"Coach Lange brings incredible energy and passion to the team," said David Hooper, who completed his eligibility last year as one of the top three-point shooters in school history. "He really has provided an environment for success, while teaching the team about the qualities of developing character. With this he challenges each one of us to become a better man, and I respect him for that."

And despite playing with Lange for just one year, Lange's attitude and energy have rubbed off on the younger players as well.

"Coach Lange is very enthusiastic and he is instilling a winning attitude among us all," said sophomore Adam Teague. "Knowing that Coach Lange will be there to work us in basketball and help us in anything we need off the court helps our confidence."

"Coach Lange is the most passionate person I've ever met," added Clif Colbert. "The energy he puts



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into life is not only contagious, it's inspiring."

Newcomers are also very excited about the opportunity to play for Lange.

"Coach Lange has a passion that is undescrivable," said guard Derek Young. "He is always energetic and gives 100% in everything that he does. He expects us to do the same."

On March 26, 2004, Naval Academy Director of Athletics Chet Gladchuk introduced Lange as the Mids' head men's basketball coach, the 19th in the program's storied history. Lange came to Navy from Villanova where he served as a member of the Wildcats' coaching staff for the three seasons.

"I'm extremely excited about the opportunity to coach at what I believe is the finest educational institution in the country. The Naval Academy possesses the best student-athletes in the nation and together we will create a positive environment that is built on teamwork and respects the tradition of the Academy and Navy Basketball," said Lange.

"The men and women of the Naval Academy are proud to welcome aboard Coach Lange and his family," said Naval Academy Superintendent Vice Adm. Rodney P. Rempt. "Athletics play a major part of how we accomplish our mission to prepare our nation's future combat leaders. Successful sports programs led by outstanding and proven coaches like Coach Lange foster decisive leadership, teamwork, character, mental toughness, a passion for winning and lifelong physical fitness. We look forward to Coach Lange's energy and contributions in leading our midshipmen to victory on the basketball court."

"To meet Coach Lange is to be immediately impressed with his energy, demeanor and enthusiasm for this important opportunity," said Naval Academy Director of Athletics Chet Gladchuk. "Everyone we talked to that has worked with him, for him, or played on his teams has the highest compliments regarding his successful professional relationships and motivating style of leadership. I strongly believe our players will enjoy playing for Coach Lange and will compete to the best of their abilities for him. He will be a wonderful role model for our midshipmen, those within the Naval Academy family and throughout the community."

While at Villanova, Lange played a vital role in the daily operation of the men's basketball program where he served as both an assistant coach and coordinator of basketball operations.

In his three years at Villanova, Lange was part of a staff which led the Wildcats to three-straight appearances in the National Invitational Tournament, including a berth in the NIT Quarterfinals win 2004.

"Billy Lange is one of the great young basketball coaches in the country," said Jay Wright, head men's basketball coach at Villanova. "He understands from his years at Kings Point and Villanova how to run an entire program. He was invaluable to us in everything we've done to try and build our program at Villanova in one of the toughest conferences in the country, the Big East. I've known him through his years as a high school coach, college assistant and college head coach and he has a tremendous understanding of the game, a great passion for the game and an outstanding ability to relate and inspire young players. Everyone at Villanova wishes Billy the best and we're all rooting for Navy."

"He is easily the most passionate and energetic coach I've ever worked with and I know that his teams will play with that same passion that he has," said Joe Jones, head basketball coach at Columbia University and former assistant at Villanova. "He's the whole package, he's energetic, knowledgeable and hard working."

At the age of 34, Lange already owns an impressive coaching resume. Appointed head coach at the United States Merchant Marine Academy in 1999, Lange led his team to a 39-19 (.672) record in two seasons, while claiming two Skyline Conference crowns and a berth in the 2001 NCAA Division III Sweet 16. Lange was named the New York Metropolitan Basketball Writers Division III Coach of the Year in 2001.

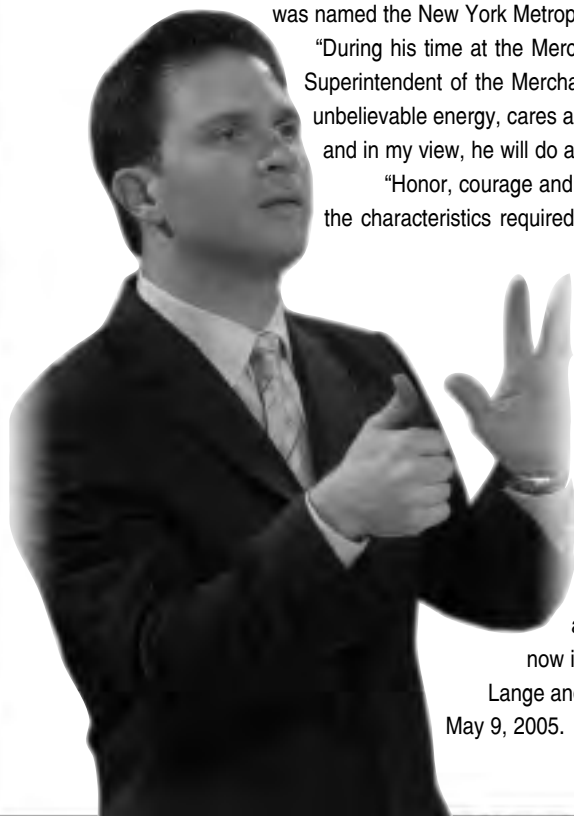
"During his time at the Merchant Marine Academy I thought he was a special coach," said Vice Admiral Joseph Stewart, Superintendent of the Merchant Marine Academy and a 1964 graduate of the Naval Academy. "He's a strong leader, has unbelievable energy, cares about people and is a winner. I was proud to be associated with him in his tenure at Kings Point, and in my view, he will do a great job at the Naval Academy."

"Honor, courage and commitment, the Navy's core values, along with integrity, character and discipline are a few of the characteristics required of a coach who represents the Naval Academy," said Nate Barton, who was the captain of Lange's Sweet 16 team at the Merchant Marine Academy. "Those words and their meanings are all what defines Coach Lange. You will not find another coach out there that cares more about his players, who is more passionate about the game of basketball and who is more capable of winning than Coach Lange."

A native of Haddon Heights, N.J., Lange played basketball at Bishop Eustace (N.J.) High School for his father, Bill Lange Sr., and at Rowan College before moving into the coaching ranks in 1995. In his first and only season as the head coach, taking over for his father who was in a life-threatening accident just one week into the season, Lange led Bishop Eustace to a 20-6 record and an appearance in the state New Jersey State Championship game.

In 1996, Lange joined the staff at Philadelphia University where he spent the next two seasons working for head coach Herb Magee. In 1998, he moved into the Division I ranks as an assistant coach at La Salle University where he helped tutor forward Rasual Butler, who is now in his third season with the Miami Heat.

Lange and his wife, Alicia, are the parents of two sons, Will, born December 15, 2003, and Matthew, born May 9, 2005.



# Joe Burke



Third-year assistant coach Joe Burke came to the Academy in March of 2003 to do what he does best, develop young men into dominant basketball players. He and the Navy coaching staff were successful in molding guards Corey Johnson and Greg Sprink into Patriot League All-Rookie Team members in 2005 and Kaleo Kina last year. Three members of the last year's freshman class won Patriot League Rookie of the Week accolades, the most of any team in the league.

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Burke earned his first coaching position at Bishop Eustace Prep High School in Pennsauken, N.J., where he worked for Lange's father, Bill, one of the winningest coaches in the New Jersey high school ranks. He assisted a team that went 25-2 in 1997-98 and was the No. 1 ranked team in South Jersey. Burke also assisted the 1996-97 team that went 25-6 and was ranked No. 2 in the state en route to winning the South Jersey Championship.

Burke moved on to Philadelphia University in 1998-99, working alongside legendary Herb Magee, who has compiled more than 700-career wins. During his tenure, Burke served as the director of scouting and recruiting for a program that has consistently produced one of the most highly-successful Division II teams in the country. The 1998-99 team finished 21-6 and featured a top-six regional ranking and a top-25 appearance. The 1999-2000 team won 17 games and also earned a top-25 ranking.

After a two-year stay at Philadelphia University, Burke moved on to Cornell where he coached from 2001-04. His collegiate and scholastic coaching experience was instrumental in helping Big Red head coach Steve Donahue turn around the program. In 2003-04, Burke served as Cornell's top assistant, taking on recruiting, practice planning and game strategy. Since Burke left the kids he recruited, the Big Red has finished in second and third place in the Ivy League, Cornell's highest finish in league play since 1988.

Burke also spent time working for the Hoop Group, which is nationally recognized as the top basketball camp, clinic and tournament organization in the country. His responsibilities included recruiting the top high school players throughout the country to attend these events, as well as providing individual basketball instruction for each of these players.

A 1996 graduate of Ursinus College, Burke was a two-time captain and played both baseball and basketball for the Bears.

Burke is married to the former Victoria Garcia, and the couple are the parents of a son, Alec (2), and newborn daughter, Elena.

## ❖ THE BURKE FILE

**Birthdate** April 13, 1974  
**Hometown** Glendora, N.J.  
**High School** Bishop Eustace Prep  
**College** Ursinus College ('96)

### College Coaching Experience

**Assistant Coach** Navy (2005-present)  
**Assistant Coach** Cornell University (2001-04)  
**Assistant Coach** Philadelphia U. (1999-2000)  
**Assistant Coach** Bishop Eustace H.S. (1997-98)

**Wife:** Victoria  
**Kids:** Alec (2), Elena (4 months)



# Eugene Burroughs



## ❖ THE BURROUGHS FILE

**Birthdate** March 25, 1972  
**Hometown** Philadelphia, Pa.  
**High School** Episcopal Academy  
**College** Richmond (1994)

### College Coaching Experience

**Assistant Coach** Navy (2005-present)  
**Assistant Coach** Marist (2001-04)  
**Assistant Coach** Hofstra (1998-2000)  
**Assistant Coach** American (1997)

**Wife:** Patricia  
**Kids:** None

Navy assistant coach Eugene Burroughs was one of the premiere players in Richmond basketball history. He was a noted scorer, playmaker and defensive stopper. Now in his third season at Navy, head coach Billy Lange is relying upon Burroughs' experience as a player to help teach the Midshipmen the same skill and technique he coined successful at Richmond.

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Prior to his arrival in Annapolis last spring, Burroughs spent four seasons as an assistant coach at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. As a member of the Red Foxes program, he played a role in nearly every aspect of the day-to-day operation of the team, including conditioning and working with the back-court players.



Before joining the Marist staff in the summer of 2000, he spent three seasons as an assistant coach at Hofstra University. While at Hofstra, Burroughs coordinated the individual instruction program for each player, as well as handling team travel and game day operations. During the 1999-2000 season, Burroughs helped lead the Flying Dutchmen to a 24-7 overall mark and a 16-2 mark in the America East Conference. That season, Hofstra captured the America East Tournament title and advanced to the NCAA Tournament.

Burroughs had a short stint at American University (1996-97) in Washington, D.C. as an assistant coach, where he was responsible for scouting, individual instruction, preseason conditioning and the film exchange program.

A 1994 graduate of the University of Richmond with a degree in speech communication, Burroughs garnered Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) All-Defensive honors as a junior and was named to the CAA All-Rookie Team in 1991. As a co-captain during the 1993-94 campaign, he started in 25 games, leading the Spiders in minutes played (31.1) and assists (4.0), while averaging 8.4 points per game. He dished out 105 assists as a senior, which stands 10th on Richmond's single-season assists leader board. In addition, Burroughs ranks sixth all-time in steals (127) and assists (316) in Spider history.

Burroughs and his wife, Trish, reside in Annapolis.

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# Matt Sladky



Matt Sladky enters his second season as a full-time assistant coach, after spending the previous two seasons as a volunteer assistant coach with the Midshipmen JV basketball program. Sladky handles many of the operational tasks involved with the program, as well as overseeing the Mids' academic success.

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A three-year letterwinner (1996-98) for the Midshipmen, Sladky averaged 5.8 points and 2.2 rebounds en route to leading Navy to a combined 54-32 record during his stay in Annapolis. As a senior, Sladky started 27 of the 30 games, averaging 6.7 points an outing and 1.7 assists.

He was a member of three Navy teams that claimed the Patriot League regular-season title with those three squads posting a 29-7 conference mark. He also helped guide the Midshipmen to back-to-back NCAA Tournament appearances during the 1996-97 and 1997-98 seasons.

Following graduation in 1998, Sladky was assigned to the PE Department working in the basketball office. His duties included helping with recruiting and individual workouts. He left Annapolis in October of '98 and reported to Newport, R.I. for Surface Warfare Officer School (SWOS). While going to school in Newport, Sladky helped out with the NAPS (Naval Academy Prep School) basketball team along with former teammate Terrell Hickmon.

After three months of SWOS, Sladky reported to Basic Steam Engineering School for three months. Upon graduation from SWOS and Engineering,



<b>❖ THE SLADKY FILE</b>	
<b>Birthdate</b>	August 18, 1974
<b>Hometown</b>	Wadsworth, Ohio
<b>High School</b>	Wadsworth
<b>College</b>	Navy ('98)
<b>College Coaching Experience</b>	
<b>Assistant Coach</b>	Navy (2005-present)
<b>Vol. Assistant Coach</b>	Navy (2003-04)
<b>Wife:</b>	Lacey
<b>Kids:</b>	None

Sladky left Newport and reported to his first ship, the USS BONHOMME RICHARD (LHD-6), in May of 1999. On board the BONHOMME RICHARD, he was one-of -two Main Propulsion Division Officers, where he held that position for his entire two-year tour. While on the BONHOMME RICHARD, Sladky made one deployment to the Arabian Gulf from Jan.-July 2000, before moving on to his next assignment in June of 2001. His second sea tour was with the USS OLDENDORF (DD-972). While On board the OLDENDORF, he held the title of Force Protection/Anti-Terrorism Officer, and participated in a counter-narcotics deployment in the Eastern Pacific from Jan.-March 2002. His tour with the OLDENDORF ended in March of 2003, and he reported to USNA to Professional Programs Department last April.

Sladky is following in the footsteps of his father, Dave, who was a high school basketball coach in the state of Ohio for 30 years. The elder Sladky also recently served as the Director of Athletics and head men's basketball coach at NAPS in Newport, R.I. Sladky's brother, Mike, is currently a basketball coach at Wadsworth High School in Ohio, the alma maters of both brothers.

Sladky and his wife, the former Lt. Lacey Edge, USN, reside in Annapolis.

# Ens. Jason Crafton, USN



## ❖ THE CRAFTON FILE

<b>Birthdate</b>	January 30, 1982
<b>Hometown</b>	Long Island, N.Y.
<b>High School</b>	Upper Room Christian
<b>College</b>	Nyack (2003)
<b>College Coaching Experience</b>	
<b>Assistant Coach</b>	Navy (2006-present)
<b>Administrative Assistant</b>	Villanova (2004-05)
<b>Volunteer Assistant</b>	Nyack (2003)
<b>Wife:</b>	None
<b>Kids:</b>	None

Jason Crafton will enter his second year as an assistant coach at Navy.

With the help of Crafton, the Mids continued its rebuilding process a year ago, posting a 10-18 record for the second consecutive year, despite the majority of the team being freshman and sophomores. The squad continued its offensive improvement, leading the Patriot League in points per game in all games played. Navy also finished last year 67th in the country in free throw percentage (.722) ranking fourth on the school's all-time list.

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Crafton had previously served for two years as an Administrative Assistant with the Villanova men's basketball program that reached the NIT Quarterfinals in 2004 and the NCAA Sweet Sixteen in 2005. Crafton wore many hats while with the Wildcats, including Video Coordinator, as well as the Villanova Basketball Camp Coordinator. He produced recruiting mail-outs, oversaw the student managers and monitored the student-athletes' academic progress. In addition, he was responsible for the Wildcats' film exchange program and utilized the video editing system to break down film on the upcoming opponent. As the Villanova Basketball Camp Coordinator, Crafton oversaw the operation of the camp, which included scheduling guest speakers, producing the daily schedule and assembling and managing the camp staff.

Two years ago, Crafton was a member of the support staff for the Under 20 National Team Trials Camp in New Jersey where he broke down practice scrimmages and produced edit tapes for the coaches and staff.

Crafton earned his Bachelor of Sciences Degree from Nyack College in May of 2003 where he majored in

communications. A three-year starter at point guard for the Purple Pride, he was a member of Nyack's first-ever conference championship team in 2000 that advanced to the national tournament. He went on to serve as a volunteer assistant coach for his alma mater following graduation before moving on to Villanova in the summer of 2003.

Crafton's duties will include on-court coaching, scouting, recruiting, academic monitoring, spearheading the video editing process and serving as the Mids' camp coordinator.



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# Aaron Goodman



Aaron Goodman will enter his first season as an assistant coach for the Navy men's basketball program after spending the last five years as the top assistant at Marymount University in Arlington, Va.

"This opportunity brings me a tremendous amount of excitement," said Goodman, whose first official day on the job was Oct. 10. "I have a great deal of respect for the Naval Academy and the honor that it commands. I am very fortunate to have a supportive family and to have worked for great leaders that helped guide me on this career path. I have to thank Coach Lange for giving me the opportunity to grow and learn under him."

While at Marymount, Goodman was the lead recruiter for the Saints, who competed in the NCAA Division III Capital Athletic Conference. Goodman was also in charge of scouting, scheduling and managed the

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<b>Hometown</b>	Kensington, Md.
<b>High School</b>	Walter Johnson
<b>College</b>	Boston U. (1997)
<b>College Coaching Experience</b>	
<b>Assistant Coach</b>	Navy (2006-07)
<b>Assistant Coach</b>	Marymount (2001-06)
<b>Wife:</b>	None
<b>Kids:</b>	None

fundraising account that recorded a 300 percent growth from the previous year. Goodman was also in charge of player development with an emphasis on post play, managing an operating budget and team travel and oversaw an academic program that resulted in the highest team GPA in school history.

Prior to his time at Marymount, Goodman was the head junior varsity and assistant varsity basketball coach at Sandy Spring Friends School in Olney, Md., as well as a junior high PE teacher. During his time at Sandy Springs, he helped guide the squad to the most wins in five years and planned and implemented a new PE / health curriculum.

Before that, Goodman was a results manager at Ntercept Communications in Washington, D.C., in 2000-01 and was a field representative from 1998-99 for Congresswoman Connie Morella.

Goodman has also been active in basketball camps in the region, serving as the assistant director at Marymount's camps from 2002-2006, and worked at the Eastern Invitational (2002-present), Coach Morgan Wootten's Basketball Camp (2004-present), the Chuck Driesell Basketball Academy (2002) and a camp at Catholic University (2002).

Goodman is a 1997 graduate from Boston University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Relations. He sported a 3.1 GPA and spent the fall of 1995, studying overseas at Schiller International University in Heidelberg, Germany, focusing on German language studies.

"Aaron comes to us as a highly-recommended and well-respected coach in the metropolitan area," said Navy head coach Billy Lange. "He comes to Navy from a long list of people that molded their careers with a lot of hard work and energy. He has a very bright future as a coach and he will provide our staff with an immediate impact."

Goodman is single and resides in Annapolis.

# Support Staff



**John Vance**  
Athletic Trainer

John Vance enters his first season as the athletic trainer for the Navy men's basketball team, after spending the previous two years at Appalachian State University.

Vance returns for his second stint at Navy after serving as an intern for a year. During his year at Navy, he worked exclusively with the wrestling and football teams.

Following his internship at Navy, he took an assistant job at Appalachian State, working with the football, wrestling, volleyball and softball teams. He served as the head trainer for wrestling, volleyball and softball and was an assistant football trainer for the 2005 national champion Mountaineers.

Over the last summer, Vance interned with the Baltimore Ravens, providing medical care for the players and administering treatment. He was responsible for practice and game set-up and traveled with the team during the preseason.

Vance graduated from the University of Texas-Arlington in 2001 with a Bachelor of Arts in kinesiology. He then attended graduate school at Northwestern State University, earning his master's degree in sports administration. While at Northwestern State, Vance served as a graduate assistant, working primarily with the volleyball and track programs and assisting with football. While there, he also taught CPR and First Aid undergraduate courses.

Vance is single and resides in Annapolis.



**Justin Livezey**  
Strength Coach

Justin Livezey enters his third season as the Navy men's basketball strength and conditioning coach after spending two years as the strength and conditioning coach at Siena.

Livezey was instrumental in improving forward Matt Fannin's flexibility and strength last season. Fannin was perhaps the most improved player in the Patriot League season in 2004-05 and served as the team captain in 2005-06. Fannin played the majority of the year with a torn ACL, but with Livezey's help and conditioning program, was able to appear in 24-of-28 games.

"Justin had an unbelievable effect on me as a player since I started working with him before my junior year," said Fannin. "He stretched me twice a day, improved my flexibility, as well as providing me with a lifting regimen that included high-intensity workouts that focused on core strength and kept me lighter, quicker and more agile."

Upon graduation from West Chester (Pa.) with a degree in health and fitness (kinesiology), Livezey served an internship with the National Football League's Tampa Bay Buccaneers. In January of 2000, upon completion of his one-year internship, Livezey was named the head strength and conditioning coach for the St. Petersburg Devil Rays, the "A" affiliate for Major League Baseball's Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

In the fall of 2000, Livezey accepted a position at Villanova where he served as the primary strength coach for baseball, field hockey, women's soccer and women's volleyball, in addition to assisting with Villanova's 18 varsity sports. He spent two years at Villanova before moving on to Siena.

Livezey and his wife, Brandy, reside in Annapolis.



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