

Football camp to bring 325 high school players to AU campus

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ALFRED, NY The Alfred University summer football camp continues to grow. Approximately 325 players from nine high schools will attend the eighth annual football camp, scheduled for July 17-21 on the AU campus. AU head football coach Dave Murray said the expected attendance would break the record of 275 established at last summer's camp. Players from Victor (Rochester area) High School, West Genesee and Central Square (Syracuse area) high schools, Maple Grove, Cassadaga Valley and Frewsburg (Jamestown area) high schools, Corning-Painted Post East High School and Raritan and Monmouth Regional (New Jersey) High School will take part in this year's camp. Attendance this year will be about 50 more than the 275 who attended the 2004 camp. Murray held the inaugural camp in 1998, prior to beginning his first season as the Saxons' head coach, and 24 players from Raritan High attended. The number of players attending the team-oriented camp has increased each year. Approximately 50 people - from the football coaching staffs at AU and the attending high schools, along with some Alfred players - coach the campers on all aspects of offense, defense and special teams. The camp has proven beneficial to high school teams because it gives the teams additional time to prepare for the upcoming season. Coaches also point to increased team chemistry and camaraderie that is developed during the five days on the AU campus. The camp has proven to be a solid recruiting tool for the AU football program, as several former campers have wound up playing for the Saxons.