Alfred University s Miller named All-American in football 12/11/06

ALFRED, NY Don Miller (LeRoy, NY/LeRoy), a junior defensive tackle on the Alfred University football team, has been named to the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Division III All-American Team. The team, chosen by football coaches throughout the nation, was announced today. Miller finished the season with 57 tackles (34 solo), including six for loss and four sacks. He also had two pass breakups, two fumble recoveries and a forced fumble. The Saxons' short-yardage run specialist, he had a team-best five rushing touchdowns. A First Team Empire 8 Conference all-star this year, Miller anchored a Saxon defense that allowed an Empire 8 Conference-best 256 yards of offense per game and ranked second in the conference in both run and pass defense. Miller was an honorable mention Empire 8 all-star as a freshman in 2004 and a Second Team conference selection in 2005. A starter since his freshman year, Miller has 154 tackles (16.5 for loss) and eight sacks in his career. He has been part of AU teams that have won a school-record 25 games and three ECAC Bowl Championships over the last three seasons. The Saxons capped this season with a 40-34 victory over Rochester in the ECAC Northwest Bowl to finish the year with an 8-3 record (4-2 Empire 8). Miller is the second AU player to earn AFCA All-American honors. Former standout linebacker Brenton Brady earned the distinction last season.