## AU **\$** s Squillacioti named Empire 8 indoor track Field Athlete of the Year 3/27/08

ALFRED, NY Alfred University junior Ryan Squillacioti (Smithtown, NY/Hauppauge) has been named Empire 8 Conference Field Athlete of the Year in indoor track and field.Squillacioti was chosen for the honor in a vote by Empire 8 track and field coaches. He had previously been named a First Team Empire 8 all-star and Field Athlete of the Meet in the shot put, after winning the event during the Empire 8 indoor track and field championships held at RIT on Feb. 10.This marks the first year the Empire 8 Conference has named track and field athletes of the year. Previously, the conference had handed out post-season awards based solely on athletes' performances at conference championship meet. Squillacioti was named a First Team Empire 8 all-star and Co-Field Athlete of the Meet as a sophomore in 2007 when he sent a conference indoor championship meet record in the shot put. He was also named a First Team Empire 8 all-star in the indoor shot put as a freshman in 2006.