

FOUR LONG YEARS OF WORK PAID OFF:

## Yellowjacket Seniors Relish the '92 Success

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If the question is "Whaddyda gonna be like next year?", the answer is loud and clear: UR's football team will still be in decent shape for the 1993 season.

Oh, there will be gaps to fill. Some, like Brian Laudadio's, will be larger than others, both physically (6'1", 302 lb.) and statistically (All-American nose guard). Other holes, like Tim Cody's, may not be as large physically, but his presence on the offensive line will be sorely missed.

And, unfortunately, after this season, UR will lose its veteran kicking abilities. Punter Craig Chodak and placekicker Joe Caruso will end their college football careers as too will wide receiver Kevin Gelabert, Caruso's PAT and field goal holder.

"It's kind of sad," Caruso says, thinking about when it will all come to a halt. "I still love to play."

Caruso says that Gelabert makes his job easier. He puts the ball right where Caruso wants it.

"I don't know what I'd do without him," Caruso says.

Also leaving after this season are wide receiver Jason Bisner and defensive back Eric Litchfield. This will be the first group to graduate after four full years under current head coach Rich Parrinello who became UR's head coach in 1989. That year, according to the seniors, was the big changeover. A new head coach brought a new system.

"We stepped into a brand new program," Gelabert says, "and we got to grow with it. Now it runs very smoothly. Freshman and sophomore year, adjustments always had to be made."

"I think we are very mature because of the fact we made it through the transition," Gelabert says of the seniors. "A lot of people

quit. I think being able to survive the transition and a couple areas of conflicts, it is better for us now.

"Basically it seemed the coaching staff and the players were separate. But it's come together now. This year there are no conflicts. We're all on the same page. Nobody talks behind people's backs."

Laudadio also notes that as the years passed, the controversy began to settle before finally disappearing.

The seniors passed on what they learned to the freshmen and sophomores. Caruso works every day with freshman Terry Douglas on his kicking. "I feel like I understand the position he's in," Caruso says. "I'm almost a special teams coach for Terry."

Turnovers are a part of football. All teams try to limit the off-the-field turnover of players as much as the on-the-field ones.

But they just happen. Both kinds. You've just got to roll with the punches.

## "Spike" Garnish Awards Presented at Halftime

Six seniors and one alumnus will receive awards from the Lysle "Spike" Garnish Committee at halftime of this afternoon's game against Union College. The awards honor Spike Garnish, a former trainer and coach of football, basketball, and baseball at the University from 1930-1949. The awards have become a tradition at the annual Parents Day football game.

The student-athletes are being recognized for their outstanding accomplishments through their junior year at the University. To qualify for these awards, the students must achieve a grade point average of 2.70 or higher.

After the Garnish scholarship awards are presented, the committee will present the Garnish Memorial Citation. This award can be received by an alumnus, a faculty member, or a staff member. Previous winners have included Gerald Zornow, Chuck Resler, and Larry Palvino. The 1991 recipient was James Armstrong, former Director of the Alumni Relations Office. Photographs of the previous winners, along with copies of their certificates, hang in the lobby of Fauver Stadium.

The 1992 winner of the Garnish Citation Award is Phil Chamberlain, '38. He was a multi-sport athlete as an undergraduate and continued to contribute to the University after graduation. He provided a major gift known as the Chamberlain Fund to be used by the intercollegiate track and field program. He also served on the inaugural nominating committee for the Department of Sports and Recreation's Hall of Fame.

The six scholar-athletes honored today are Tim Cody (Liverpool, NY) of the football team, Nikki Izzo (Irondequoit, NY) of the women's soccer team, Jim Jordan (Sayville, NY) of the men's basketball team, Jim Ritzel (New Hartford, NY) of the baseball team, David Unger (West Allis, WI) of the men's soccer team, and Diane Verso (Williamsville, NY).

### The Yellowjacket Cheerleaders



Back Row (l-r): Kim Hazen, Eileen Park, Rachel Shutts, Christa Tarantino, Elizabeth Clouse, Ann Marie Bleech. Front Row (l-r): Kristen DeMaso, Gretchen Clarey, Cindy Buckner (co-captain), Julie Chen (co-captain), Jane Esterly, Kelly Ryan. (Photo by Susan Kost.)