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## NCAA 1-AA

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## All-America Team

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## Cal Poly's Gocong, Eastern Washington's Erik Meyer and Holy Cross' Silva Highlight 2005 Football Gazette All-American Team

**WESTMONT, Illinois** -- Buck Buchanan Award winner, **Chris Gocong** from Cal Poly, Payton Award winner, **Erik Meyer** from Eastern Washington and Patriot Offensive plus Special Teams Player of the Year, Steve Silva from Holy Cross headline a talented 2005 *Don Hansen's Football Gazette* NCAA 1-AA All-America team. Appalachian State's, **Jerry Moore**, who guided the Mountaineers to the NCAA Division 1-AA national championship, including a 12-3 record, was named Coach of the Year.

Gocong earned Defensive Lineman of the Year honors while Meyer claimed the Offensive Back of the Year Award and Silva is the Special Teams Player of the Year. Senior **Reed Doughty** from the University of Northern Colorado earned Defensive Back of the Year Kudos, while **Chad Nkang** from Elon University claimed Defensive Linebacker of the Year honors. New Hampshire's **David Ball** is the Offensive Receiver of the year and Offensive Lineman of the Year honors go to **Jeff Bolton** from Montana State who is the 2005 recipient for the Rimington Award as the NCAA 1-AA top offensive center.\*\* (See below)

**Gocong**, a senior, from Santa Barbara, California, is the 2005 Great West Football Conference Defensive Player of the Year. Chris Gocong is the winner of the 2005 Buck Buchanan Award presented by The Sports Network to the nation's defensive player of the year in Division I-AA. This season, Gocong finished first in the nation in sacks per game (1.81), second in tackles for lost yardage (2.35 per game) and 23rd in forced fumbles (.31). He recorded 98 total tackles (46 solo), including a school-record 23.5 sacks (-170 yards) and 31.0 tackles for lost yardage (-187 yards), leading the Mustangs to a 9-4 record, a second straight Great West Football Conference championship and the quarterfinal round of the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs. He recovered a Montana State fumble in the end zone on Sept. 17 for his first career Mustang touchdown.

**Meyer**, a senior, from La Mirada, California, completed 269 of 410 passes (.656) for 4,003 yards and 30 TDs with 5 interceptions and rushed for 221 yards on 92 carries (2.4 ypc) including two touchdowns. Meyer was named as the recipient of the 2005 Payton Award. Meyer is a Two-time Big Sky Conference Offensive MVP and first team All-Big Sky QB. He ranked second in I-AA in total offense (352.0) and 5th in efficiency (168.9). Set I-AA career passing efficiency record (at least 400 completions) with a 166.5 rating, and ranks in the top 16 in I-AA history in career passing yards (10,261), career touchdown passes (84) and career total offense (10,942).

**Silva**, a senior, from Providence, Rhode Island, is the Patriot League Offensive Player of the Year and the Patriot League Special Teams Player of the Year. First team All-Patriot League and First team All-New England. Silva led the nation in all-purpose yards (2,134), while ranking second in punt returns, 12th in scoring, 26th in kickoff returns, and 34th in receptions and 35th in rushing yards. He also led the Patriot League in all-purpose yards, receptions and punt returns, while standing second in scoring and kickoff returns, and third in rushing. Silva finishes his career ranked in the Holy Cross all-time top 10 in rushing touchdowns (34, second), all-purpose yards (5,153, second), total touchdowns scored (38, third), rushing carries (615, third), points scored (228, third), rushing yards (2,646, third) and receptions (154, fourth). His 2005 totals are 189 carries for 913 yards and 11 touchdowns, 54 receptions for 364 yards with one touchdown. He also had 22 punt returns for 395 yards (18.0 yards per return) and two scores, while also returning 19 kickoffs for 462 yards (24.3 ypr) and one touchdown. Silva scored 15 touchdowns.

**Doughty**, a senior, from Johnstown, Colorado, a repeat Football Gazette All-American (2004), capped a stellar career by leading all of I-AA in tackles in 2005, registering 159 stops (14.45/game) during the season, including a season-high 19 against 2005 NCAA Playoff participant Cal Poly. Doughty had double-digit tackles in 10 of 11 games during the year and ranked in the

top-10 in the Great West Football Conference in forced fumbles (3), fumbles recovered (3), passes defended (8) and interceptions (4). He capped his career by ranking third in school history in career tackles (466), fifth in career interceptions (14) and eighth in career fumble recoveries (6). The epitome of a student-athlete, Doughty compiled a perfect 4.0 GPA, was the top vote-getter on the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-American team in 2005.

**Nkang**, a junior, from Hyattsville, Maryland, led both the Southern Conference and the NCAA-IAA with 13.82 total tackles per contest. He paced the conference and finished third in the country with 6.64 solo tackles per game. Nkang concluded the season with 152 total tackles, including 73 solo stops and 18.5 tackles for loss. He also added four sacks and 18 tackles for loss. His 25 tackles against Chattanooga ranks him among the top 10 in the conference records for tackles in a game. Nkang is the 2005 Southern Conference Defensive Player of the Year, and was the Southern Conference Defensive Player of the Month for both September and October in 2005. He also scored a safety at Wofford on October 8, 2005.

**Ball**, a junior, from Orange, Vermont, led the nation in touchdown receptions with 24 and is also ranked in the top 10 in receiving yards (1,551) and scoring (11.08 ppg). Ball is UNH's record holder in single-season (24) and career touchdowns (45) as well as career receiving yards (3,541) and career receptions (211). With three touchdowns in the Wildcats' first-round victory against Colgate in the I-AA playoffs, Ball also broke the Atlantic 10 record for career receiving touchdowns. Ball, a First-Team all-Atlantic performer, totaled 1,551 receiving yards on 87 receptions, averaging 17.8 yards per catch

**Bolton**, a senior, from Haley, Idaho, a three-year starter, played every offensive line position during his Bobcat career, most recently he was the offensive center. The Rimington Trophy\*\* will present an award to the top center in NCAA 1-AA. This year the highest rated center in voting was Jeff Bolton (See below for more info on award). Bolton also was a Walter Camp All-American selection. He earned First Team All-Big Sky honors as a junior and senior. Montana State defeated arch-rival Montana in the regular season-ending game to claim a share of the Big Sky Conference title with Eastern Washington and Montana. In a question and answer session, one of the questions he was asked after the big win over the University of Montana was, "Q: You were so emotional after the Grizzly game, what was going through your mind that got to you? JB: I was holding it together until Travis' (Lulay) dad found me and gave me a hug, and he had tears in his eyes. That got to me, how much this place means to me. I'm sure me and Travis were the worst. It's an emotional game."

This marks the 18th year *Don Hansen's Football Gazette*, a recognized authority on small college football has selected an NCAA 1-AA All-America team. A total of 112 players have earned some form of *Football Gazette* All-America accolades.

**Jerry Moore** led Appalachian State to the NCAA 1-AA National Championship in 2005, defeating Northern Iowa. The winningest coach in Southern Conference history, Moore led the Mountaineers to their first-ever national championship with a 12-3 record in 2005. ASU capped off the historic season with a 21-16 triumph over Northern Iowa in the national-title game. Moore has compiled a 140-67 (.676) record in 17 seasons at Appalachian and a 167-115-2 (.592) record in 24 seasons as a head coach, which includes stints at North Texas and Texas Tech.

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\*\* The Boomer Esiason Foundation, which established the Dave Rimington Trophy in 2000 to honor the outstanding Division I-A center, expanded that award in 2003 to include the top center on each of the Don Hansen's Football Gazette Division I-AA, II, III and NAIA All-America squads. The Rimington Trophy website is located at <http://www.rimingtontrophy.com> Esiason, a high-octane Maryland quarterback, and Rimington, a nonpareil center for Nebraska, were NFL teammates at Cincinnati in the mid-1980s. In 1993, Esiason created the New York City based foundation that bears his name to raise funds for the treatment and research of cystic fibrosis.

## **First Team Offense**

<b>POS</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>HT</b>	<b>WT</b>	<b>YR</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>HOMETOWN</b>	<b>HIGH SCHOOL</b>
QB	Erik Meyer	6-2	210	SR	Eastern Washington U.	La Mirada, Calif.	La Mirada
RB	Nick Hartigan	6-2	220	SR	Brown University	Fairfax Station, Va.	W.T. Woodson
RB	James Noble	5-6	180	FR	Cal Poly	Barstow, Calif	Barstow
RB	Joe Rubin	5-11	230	SR	Portland State Univ.	Tacoma, Wash.	Foss
TE	Patrick Bugg	6-5	215	JR	Eastern Kentucky Univ.	Harrodsburg, Ky.	Harrodsburg
WR	David Ball	6-3	185	JR	U. of New Hampshire	Orange, Vermont	Worcester Academy
WR	Laurent Robinson	6-2	193	JR	Illinois State University	Rockledge, Fla.	Rockledge
WR	Henry Tolbert	6-0	205	JR	Grambling State Univ.	Birmingham, Ala.	A.H. Parker
OT	Kevin Boothe	6-5	315	SR	Cornell University	Plantation, Fla.	Pine Crest
OG	Gerell Golightly	6-3	300	SR	Hampton University	Lancaster, Texas	Lancaster
OC	Jeff Bolton	6-4	302	SR	Montana State Univ.	Haley, Idaho	Wood River
OG	Matt Magerko	6-0	290	SR	James Madison Univ.	Furnham, Va.	Northumberland
OT	Jonathan Banks	6-8	360	SR	Grambling State Univ.	Bellingham, Wash.	Sehome
PK	Andrew Paterini	6-0	205	JR	Hampton University	Gladstone, Mo.	Rockhurst
KR	Rondreikas Darby	5-9	175	SR	South Carolina State	Neeses, So. Carolina	North
AP	Steve Silva	6-0	215	SR	Col. of The Holy Cross	East Providence, RI	East Providence

## **First Team Defense**

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DE	Chris Gocong	6-3	265	SR	Cal Poly	Santa Barbara, Calif.	Carpinteria
DE	Jason Hunter	6-4	235	SR	Appalachian State Univ.	Fort Bragg, No. Car.	
DE	Marques Murrell	6-2	230	JR	Appalachian State Univ.	Fayetteville, No. Car.	Jack Britt
DT	Katon Bethay	6-2	285	SR	Wofford College	Milton, Wisc.	Milton
DT	Tory Collins	6-3	265	JR	Northwestern State Univ.	New Orleans, La.	Fortier
LB	Tyler Knight	6-0	210	JR	Mississippi Valley State	Little Rock, Ark.	
LB	Jared Nepa	6-1	229	SR	Colgate University	Carbondale, Pa.	Carbondale
LB	Chad Nkang	6-0	214	JR	Elon University	Hyattsville, Maryland	Northwestern H.S.
LB	Clint Sellers	6-1	220	JR	Eastern Illinois University	Chariton, Iowa	
LB	Kyle Shotwell	6-1	235	JR	Cal Poly	Goleda, Calif.	Dos Pueblos
DB	Reed Doughty	6-1	210	SR	U. of Northern Colorado	Johnstown, Colo.	Roosevelt
DB	Keldrick Holman	6-0	195	JR	Stephen F. Austin State	Hemphill, Texas	Hemphill
DB	Tony LeZotte	6-0	200	SO	James Madison Univ.	Augusta, Ga.	Westside
DB	Jay McCareins	6-0	190	SR	Princeton University	Naperville, Illinois	Naperville North
DB	Tanner Varner	6-1	198	SR	Univ. of Northern Iowa	Ottumwa, Iowa	Ottumwa
P	Wesley Taylor	5-7	170	SO	Florida A&M Univ.	Riverview, Fla.	Riverview

## **Second Team Offense**

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QB	Barrick Nealy	6-5	230	SR	Texas State University	Dallas, Texas	Adamson
RB	Jermaine Austin	5-8	218	SR	Georgia Southern Univ.	Darien, Ga.	McIntosh County
RB	Don Chapman	5-10	210	SO	U. of Tennessee-Martin	Marietta, Ga.	Osborne
RB	Arkee Whitlock	5-10	200	JR	Southern Illinois Univ.	Rock Hill, So. Carolina	Rock Hill
TE	Josh Taylor	6-3	200	SR	S'eastern Louisiana U.	Denham Springs, La.	Denham Springs
WR	Tony Kays	6-1	188	JR	UC Davis	Elk Grove, Calif.	Elk Grove
WR	Eric Kimble	5-11	200	SR	Eastern Washington U.	Tacoma, Wash.	Franklin Pierce
WR	Alvance Robinson	5-9	165	SR	Alabama State Univ.	Dayton, Ohio	Meadowdale
OT	Thomas Keresztury	6-6	306	SR	Texas State University	New Braunsfels, Texas	Canyon
OG	Matt Alfred	6-3	290	SO	Eastern Washington U.	Gig Harbor, Wash.	Gig Harbor
OC	Stafford Davis	6-2	302	SR	Illinois State University	Orange Park, Fla.	Clay
OG	Beau Finato	6-0	260	SR	Cal Poly	Cupertino, Calif.	Gunn
OT	Brad Rhodes	6-5	285	SR	University of Montana	Bellingham, Wash.	Sehome
PK	Jaret Johnson	5-10	200	SR	Idaho State University	Phoenix, Arizona	Arcadia
KR	R. Ricky Williams	5-10	178	SR	Bethune-Cookman Coll.	Gulfport, Fla.	Boca Ciega
AP	Clay Green	6-0	205	JR	Jacksonville State Univ.	Birmingham, Ala.	Huffman

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DE	Antoine Bullock	6-1	220	SR	Duquesne University	Houston, Texas	Sugar Land Kempner
DE	Jeff Charleston	6-4	260	SR	Idaho State University	Monmouth, Oregon	Central
DE	Jason Hatcher	6-6	285	SR	Grambling State Univ.	Jena, La.	Jena
DT	Pat Curran	6-3	260	SR	Brown University	Pleasanton, Calif.	Foothills
DT	Justin Frick	6-3	292	JR	North Dakota State Univ.	Yankton, So. Dakota	Yankton
LB	Maurice Bennett	5-10	230	SR	Lafayette College	Philadelphia, Pa.	George Washington
LB	Zak DeOssie	6-4	240	JR	Brown University	North Andover, Mass.	Phillips Academy
LB	Justin Durant	6-2	227	JR	Hampton University	Florence, So. Carolina	Wilson
LB	Cameron Siskowic	6-2	226	JR	Illinois State University	San Diego, Calif.	Clairemont
LB	Sam Smith	6-1	200	SR	Delaware State Univ.	St. Petersburg, Fla.	Pinellas Park
DB	Tristan Burge	6-0	200	JR	Eastern Illinois University	Chariton, Iowa	
DB	Kenny Chicoine	6-1	205	JR	Cal Poly	Huntington Beach, Calif.	Mater Dei
DB	Baron Flenory	6-0	190	SR	Univ. of New Hampshire	Pittsburgh, Pa.	Valley
DB	Michael Ford	6-2	190	SR	Duquesne University	Clinton, Maryland	Oxon Hill
DB	Kevin Rex	6-2	212	SR	Cornell University	Thousand Oaks, Calif.	Thousands Oaks
P	Nike Dragosavich	6-5	196	SO	North Dakota State Univ.	Oak Lawn, Illinois	Richards

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QB	Richie Williams	6-3	190	SR	Appalachian State Univ.	Camden, So. Carolina	Camden
RB	Clay Green	6-0	205	JR	Jacksonville State Univ.	Birmingham, Ala.	Huffman
RB	Kevin Richardson	5-9	190	SO	Appalachian State Univ.	Elizabethtown, No. Car.	East Bladen
RB	Jordan Scott	5-11	200	FR	Colgate University	Hyattsville, Maryland	DeMatha Catholic
TE	Jonathan Williams	6-3	235	SR	Univ. of New Hampshire	Rochester, New York	Irondequoit
WR	Michael Caputo	5-11	170	JR	St. Francis (PA) Univ.	Bethel Park, Pa.	Seton La Salle
WR	Duvaughn Flagler	6-1	204	SO	Gardner-Webb University	Norcross, Ga.	Norcross
WR	Andre Ralston	5-11	180	SR	Eastern Kentucky Univ.	Louisville, Ky.	DuPont Manual
OT	Willie Colon	6-3	315	SR	Hofstra University	Bronx, New York	Cardinal Hayes
OG	Brennan Carvalho	6-1	310	SR	Portland State University	Kapaa Hawaii	Kamehameha

OC	Rod Olds	6-2	291	SR	Jacksonville State. Univ.	Panama City, Fla.	Rutherford
OG	Patrick Covington	6-3	283	SR	Furman University	Charlotte, No. Carolina	Myers Park
OT	Tim Popowski	6-2	310	SR	North Dakota State	Brookings, So. Dakota	Brookings
PK	Parker Douglass	5-8	170	SO	South Dakota State	Columbus, Nebr.	Columbus
KR	Steve Silva	6-0	215	SR	Coll. of The Holy Cross	East Providence, RI	East Providence
AP	Rondreikas Darby	5-9	175	SR	South Carolina State U.	Nesses, South Carolina	North

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DE	Brady Fosmark	6-3	260	SR	Weber State University	Clearfield, Utah	Clearfield
DE	Anthony Gargiulo	6-3	235	SR	Dartmouth College	Neshanic Station, New Jer.	Immaculata
DE	Martin Jackson	6-2	250	JR	Alcorn State University	New Orleans, La.	L.W. Higgins
DT	Fred Evans	6-5	235	SR	Texas State University	Chicago, Illinois	Morgan Park
DT	Alan Saenz	6-2	295	SR	University of Montana	Newport Beach, Calif.	Newport Harbor
LB	Brian Hulea	6-1	235	SR	Villanova University	Canfield, Ohio	Canfield
LB	Chamar Milton	5-11	235	SR	North Carolina A&T	Greensboro, No. Car.	Dudley
LB	John Mohring	6-1	212	JR	Georgia Southern Univ.	Naples, Fla.	Bishop Verot
LB	Jarrette Prout	6-0	220	SR	Mississippi Valley State	Boothville, La.	Boothville
LB	Locius Seymour	5-9	210	JR	Eastern Illinois Univ.	Charitan, Iowa	
DB	Allyn Bacchus	6-0	200	JR	Villanova University	Hampton, Va.	Kecoughan
DB	Robert Balkema	5-10	205	JR	Harvard University	Mahwah, New Jersey	Mahwah
DB	Robert Mason	6-2	200	SR	Virginia Military Institute	Gastonia, No. Car.	Fork Union
DB	Quinton Teal	6-1	187	SR	Coastal Carolina Univ.	Bennettsville, So. Car.	Marlboro County
DB	Bobbie Williams	6-0	190	SO	Bethune-Cookman Coll.	Miami, Florida	Norland
P	Eric Contos	5-10	175	SR	Delaware State Univ.	Red Mountain, Arizona	

### **Honorable Mention Offense**

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QB	Bruce Eugene	6-1	260	SR	Grambling State Univ.	New Orleans, La.	Walter L. Cohen
QB	Ricky Santos	6-2	215	SO	Univ. of New Hampshire	Bellingham, Mass.	Bellingham
RB	Scott Phaydavong	5-6	161	SO	Drake University	Des Moines, Iowa	East
TE	A.J. Cooper	6-1	239	SR	North Dakota State Univ.	Phoenix, Arizona	Sunnyslope
WR	Maurice Price	6-2	190	SO	Charleston Southern U.	Orlando, Fla.	
OT	Jonathan Lowe	6-3	330	SR	Alcorn State University	Shreveport, La.	
OC	Corey Stewart	6-2	281	SR	Furman University	Lilburn, Ga.	Brookwood
OG	Luke Horder	6-5	298	SR	Texas State University	Hurst, Texas	L.D. Bell
PK	Blake Berceqeyay	6-0	165	FR	McNeese State Univ.	Gonzales, La.	East Ascension
KR	Nick Feldman	5-9	175	FR	Morehead State Univ.	Oconto, Wisc.	Oconto
AP	Don Chapman	5-10	210	SO	U. of Tennessee-Martin	Marietta, Ga.	Osborne

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DE	Brent Hawkins	6-3	244	SR	Illinois State University	Godfrey, Illinois	Jersey-Purdue
DE	Michael Ononibaku	6-1	235	SR	Georgetown University	Amherst, Mass.	Amherst
DT	Steve St. Felix	6-0	285	SR	Florida A&M University	Miami, Fla.	North Miami
LB	Matt Logue	6-2	235	SR	Sacramento State Univ.	Grass Valley, Calif.	Bear River
LB	Ryan Luedecke	6-0	195	SR	Stephen F. Austin State	Bay City, Texas	Bay City
DB	Jamar Landrum	6-3	215	SR	Tennessee State Univ.	Pontiac, Mo.	
P	David Simonhoff	6-2	205	JR	Southeast Missouri State	Coral Gables, Fla.	