# Outside Linebacker/Special Teams Asst.
# AL SEAMONSON

(Wisconsin, 82)
First Season

Al Seamonson begins his first season as outside linebackers coach for the Terrapins. He will also assist Ray Rychleski with the special teams.

Seamonson comes to Maryland with 18 years of collegiate coaching experience. He spent last season at Bowling Green State University – where he worked under current Terp defensive coordinator Gary Blackney – as the Falcons' special teams coordinator and linebackers coach.

In his lone year at Bowling Green, Seamonson helped the Falcons produce a defensive unit that ranked fourth in the MAC in rushing defense and total defense. Hired by Blackney, who at the time was the Falcons' head coach, he was responsible – in addition to his duties with special teams and linebackers – for recruiting Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia, New York and Florida.

Seamonson's coaching tenure prior to BGSU was weighted heavily in military settings. From 1987-99, he coached at The Citadel (The Military College of South Carolina), where he started as a wide receivers coach (1987) before serving the remainder of his tenure (1988-99) as special teams coordinator and linebackers coach. At The Citadel, Seamonson coached under current Terp offensive coordinator Charlie Taaffe and worked alongside defensive line coach Dave Sollazzo. He helped coach five linebackers to All-Southern Conference honors and one (J.J. Davis) to an appearance in the Senior Bowl. The highlight of his tenure was in 1992 when the Bulldogs led Division I-AA in scoring defense, yielding just 13.0 points per contest en route to a Southern Conference championship and advancing to the I-AA playoffs for the third time in five years.

The Citadel was not Seamonson's first taste of the military life, however, as he was a linebackers coach at the U.S. Military Academy (Army) in West Point, N.Y., for the 1985 and '86 seasons. In his first season at Army, the Cadets were one of the surprise teams in the country as they won the 1985 Peach Bowl, 31-29, over Illinois. It was one of just four times in the Academy's history that it had gone to a bowl game.

A 1982 graduate of Wisconsin and a two-year letterwinner for the Badgers at wide receiver, Seamonson got his start in coaching in Madison. In 1982 and '83, he served as a volunteer coach for Wisconsin's wide receivers. He then was a graduate assistant for the next two years where he worked for the Badgers' secondary unit.

Born September 7, 1959, in Stoughton, Wisc., Seamonson was an all-state receiver at Stoughton High School and was a captain for the All-State Shrine Team in 1977. He and his wife, Kristi, have three children: Kylen, Kalvin and Karter.

## Seamonson File

### Personal

**Date of Birth** ..... September 7, 1959
**Hometown** ..... Stoughton, Wisc.
**Alma Mater** ..... Wisconsin, '82

### Coaching Experience

**Maryland**
2001 - ..... Assistant Coach - Outside Linebackers/Special Teams Assistant
**Bowling Green**
2000 ..... Assistant Coach - Special Teams Coordinator/Linebackers
**The Citadel**
1987-99 ..... Assistant Coach - Special Teams Coordinator/Linebackers/Wide Receivers
**United States Military Academy (Army)**
1985-86 ..... Assistant Coach - Linebackers
**Wisconsin**
1983-84 ..... Graduate Assistant - Defensive Backs
**Wisconsin**
1982-83 ..... Volunteer Coach - Wide Receivers

### Playing Experience

**Wisconsin**
1978-81 ..... Wide Receiver

# Inside Linebackers
# ROD SHARPLESS

(Maryland '75)
Seventh Season

Rod Sharpless returns to Maryland – for the third time – as linebackers coach under Ralph Friedgen. Sharpless is a graduate of the university and twice coached in College Park.

Most recently a member of the Rutgers football staff, Sharpless was an associate head coach from 1996-2000. In 1996 and '97, he was also the Scarlet Knights' defensive coordinator.

Sharpless came to Rutgers by way of Virginia Tech where he was a co-defensive coordinator and outside linebackers coach for three years (1993-95). Under his guidance, the Hokie defensive unit was one of the best in the country in 1995. That season, the Tech defense ranked first nationally against the run, fifth in scoring defense and 10th in total defense. Virginia Tech also went to three bowls in his three years as a coach in Blacksburg, winning the 1996 Sugar Bowl and the 1993 Independence Bowl. In his career as a coach and a player, Sharpless has participated in 11 bowl games.

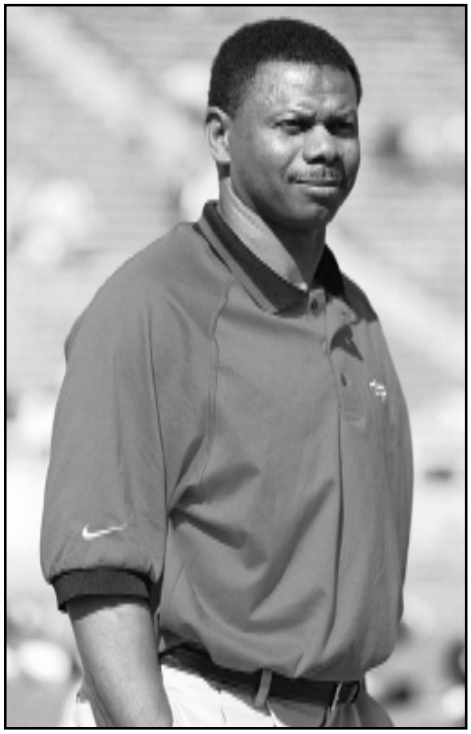
Prior to his successful tenure at Virginia Tech, Sharpless coached at Cornell (1992), Maryland (1990-91; 1977-80), Kentucky (1982-89) and Richmond (1981). Like Friedgen, his time with the Terrapins was marked with success as Maryland went to four bowls in his six years as a coach, including the Terps' last bowl appearance, the 1990 Independence Bowl.

Sharpless' success at Maryland is not limited to his time spent in College Park as a coach, however. As a player, Sharpless was a starting linebacker on the 1974 ACC championship team that went to the Liberty Bowl and on the '73 team that played in the Peach Bowl. In 1974, he had 67 tackles and tied for third on the team with four sacks.

Sharpless got his first taste in coaching in the prep ranks as he was a football and track coach at Willingboro (N.J.) High School from 1975-77. Notably, he worked with eventual Olympic medalist Carl Lewis while serving as a track coach at Willingboro.

A native of Jacksonville, N.C., Sharpless earned his bachelor's degree in health and physical education from Maryland in 1975 and went on to earn his master's from Bowie (Md.) State in education in 1981. He served in the United States Air Force for three-and-a-half years (1969-72) before enrolling at Maryland.

He is married to the former Linda DiColo who, as it turns out, has quite a history in College Park herself. A former assistant coach on the 1991 NCAA runner-up Terrapin women's lacrosse team and the Maryland field hockey team, Linda also earned her master's from the university. The couple has a 10-year-old daughter, Victoria.



## Sharpless File

### Personal

**Date of Birth** ..... November 6, 1949
**Hometown** ..... Jacksonville, N.C.
**Alma Mater** ..... Maryland, '75

### Coaching Experience

**Maryland**
2001- ..... Assistant Coach - Inside Linebackers
**Rutgers**
2000 ..... Associate Head Coach - Defensive Line
1996-99 ..... Associate Head Coach - Defensive Coordinator (1996-97)/Inside Linebackers
**Virginia Tech**
1993-95 ..... Assistant Coach - Co-Defensive Coordinator/Outside Linebackers
**Cornell**
1992 ..... Assistant Coach - Defensive Line
**Maryland**
1990-91 ..... Assistant Coach - Wide Receivers
**Kentucky**
1982-89 ..... Assistant Coach - Defensive Line
**Richmond**
1981 ..... Assistant Coach - Outside Linebackers
**Maryland**
1977-80 ..... Assistant Coach - Outside Linebackers
**Willingboro (N.J.) High School**
1975-77 ..... Football coach/track and field coach

### Playing Experience

**Maryland**
1972-74 ..... Linebacker

# Defensive Line
# DAVE SOLLAZZO

(The Citadel, '77)
First Season

Like Ralph Friedgen, Dave Sollazzo is making a return to the University of Maryland. Sollazzo, most recently of Georgia Tech, was a defensive line coach for the Terps in 1986 and '87 as well as a graduate assistant in 1984. He is in his first year as Maryland's current defensive line coach.

Sollazzo was at Tech in 1999 and 2000 as a defensive tackles coach, but returns to College Park to again coach the entire defensive front. In his two years in Atlanta, Georgia Tech participated in a pair of bowl games – the Gator Bowl in 1999 and the Peach Bowl in 2000.

Prior to his appointment with the Yellow Jackets, Sollazzo was the defensive line coach at The Citadel from 1989-98. The Citadel was another homecoming for Sollazzo as he had lettered for the Bulldogs for three years on the defensive line from 1974-76. In that time, he started 33 consecutive games under former Maryland coach Bobby Ross. His position coach was Ralph Friedgen.

As a coach at The Citadel (where he was hired by Charlie Taaffe), Sollazzo coached Brad Keeney to All-America honors and Southern Conference-leading totals in sacks and tackles for loss in 1995. In addition, he coached nine other defensive linemen to all-conference honors while with the Bulldogs. The highlight of his coaching career in Charleston, however, may have been his involvement in helping The Citadel in 1992 to the Southern Conference championship and a No. 1 ranking at the end of the regular season. That '92 squad led the nation in scoring defense at 13 points per game and finished sixth in pass efficiency defense. In 1997, he was a part of an impressive defensive effort in which the Bulldogs finished their season by not allowing a touchdown in their final 13 quarters.

Along with his ties to Maryland and The Citadel, Sollazzo has an extensive history in prep coaching. With the exception of the Maryland job in 1984 (a season that saw the Terps win the ACC and earn a berth in the Sun Bowl), Sollazzo was a high school defensive coordinator in South Carolina from 1978-85.

Sollazzo was born in Harrison, N.Y., on December 24, 1955, and earned his degree from The Citadel in 1977. He is married to the former Ellen Beloin of Farmington, Conn.

## Sollazzo File

### Personal

**Date of Birth** ..... December 24, 1955
**Hometown** ..... Harrison, N.Y.
**Alma Mater** ..... The Citadel, '77
**Pronunciation** ..... so-LAH-zo

### Coaching Experience

**Maryland**
2001- ..... Assistant Coach - Defensive Line
**Georgia Tech**
1999-2000 ..... Assistant Coach - Defensive Tackles
**The Citadel**
1989-98 ..... Assistant Coach - Defensive Line
**Guilford (N.C.) College**
1988 ..... Assistant Coach - Defensive Line
**Maryland**
1986-87 ..... Assistant Coach - Defensive Line
**Stratford (S.C.) High School**
1985 ..... Assistant Coach - Defensive Coordinator
**Maryland**
1984 ..... Graduate Assistant
**North Charleston (S.C.) High School**
1983 ..... Assistant Coach - Defensive Coordinator
**Fort Johnson (S.C.) High School**
1978-82 ..... Assistant Coach - Defensive Coordinator

### Playing Experience

**The Citadel**
1974-76 ..... Defensive line

# Director of Football Operations
# TOM DEAHN

(Heidelberg, '87)
Third Season

Tom Deahn is in his third year on the Maryland football staff and his second as director of football operations. He served as assistant recruiting coordinator during the 1999 season. His administrative responsibilities include daily management of the football program, including operations, team travel and schedule coordination.

Deahn came to Maryland following a five-year stint at St. Norbert College in DePere, Wisc., where he spent time as assistant head coach, recruiting coordinator, offensive coordinator and quarterbacks/wide receivers coach. He also served as travel coordinator and equipment manager for a 19-sport program. While at St. Norbert, he coached two offensive linemen to All-America honors and 15 players to all-conference honors.

During each of the team's last three seasons, Deahn's offenses at St. Norbert set school records for single-season all-purpose yards while ranking among national statistical leaders.

Prior to his arrival at St. Norbert, he spent three years at Catholic University in Washington, D.C., where his responsibilities included serving as recruiting coordinator and strength coordinator during his stay. Catholic's defense ranked second in the country in 1993. Two of his players received All-America recognition.

Deahn played collegiately at Heidelberg College in Ohio, where he was a member of two nationally ranked teams.

Deahn and his wife, Dawn, have a daughter, Amanda.

# Strength & Conditioning Coach
# DWIGHT GALT

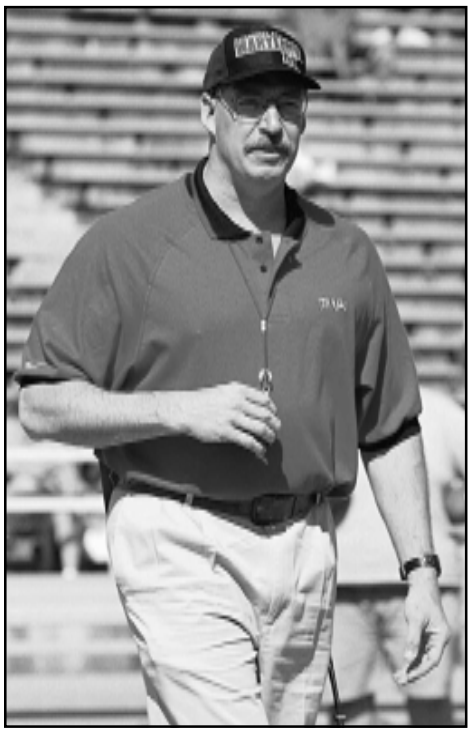
(Maryland, '81)
Eighth Season

Dwight Galt, a member of the Terps' strength staff since 1989, is in his eighth year as Maryland's head strength and conditioning coach. His responsibilities include managing the department's three training facilities and coordinating strength and conditioning programs for the Terps' 25 varsity sports, with special emphasis on football.

Galt, who earned his bachelor's degree in business management (1981) and his master's degree in exercise physiology (1989) from the University of Maryland, is certified by the International Sports Science Association. He is a member of the National Strength and Conditioning Association and the United States Powerlifting Federation.

During his time in College Park, he has worked with a number of teams that have advanced to national postseason play, including the 1984 ACC and Sun Bowl championship football team, the 1985 ACC and Cherry Bowl championship teams and the 1990 Independence Bowl team.

The 44-year-old Galt and his wife, Jan, have four children: Angie, Teri, Dwight IV and Tom.



## Asst. Recruit Coor.
# JOHN DONOVAN

(Johns Hopkins, '97)
First Season

John Donovan enters his first season with the Terrapins as assistant recruiting coordinator.

Donovan is a familiar face to coaches Ralph Friedgen and Dave Sollazzo as he served as a graduate assistant for the Georgia Tech offense from 1998-2000. While with the Yellow Jackets, one of his responsibilities was helping Friedgen with game plan and practice preparation.

Prior to his tenure in Atlanta, Donovan worked as an assistant secondary coach at Villanova, helping the Wildcats in 1997 to a 12-1 season and a No. 1 ranking in the season's final six weeks.

A 1997 graduate of Johns Hopkins and three-year starter for the Blue Jays' football team, Donovan was twice named an all-conference defensive back and a member of the 1993-94 basketball team that earned an NCAA Tournament berth. He later went on to earn his master's degree in economics while working at Georgia Tech.

## Graduate Assistant
# BRIAN FLINN

(Mount Union, '97)
First Season

In his first season as a graduate assistant with the Terps is Brian Flinn. Flinn will be working with the Terrapin offense. Among his duties are breaking down opponent film, working with the scout team and assisting with the offensive line.

Flinn comes to College Park from Villanova University where he worked with the Wildcats' tight ends in 2000. While at Villanova, he helped with the offensive line and in evaluating opponent game film. Flinn's first graduate assistantship was at Drake University where he worked with the wide receivers.

Flinn began his coaching career at his alma mater, Mount Union College, in 1998. That season he worked with wide receivers before moving on as an assistant with outside linebackers in '99. While at Mount Union, he was a jack-of-all-trades, serving as the team's academic supervisor, head equipment manager and assistant strength coach.

A wide receiver and all-conference tight end for the Raiders from 1993-96, Flinn earned bachelor's degrees in business and philosophy from the Ohio college.

## Graduate Assistant
# GREG SESNY

(Catholic, '99)
First Season

Greg Sesny is in his first season at Maryland as a graduate assistant. Sesny will work with the Terrapins' defense. Among his duties are breaking down opponent film, working with the scout team and assisting with the secondary.

Sesny is no stranger to the area after spending the last six years as either a player or a coach at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. He started at Catholic in 1995 and ultimately became a three-year starter at tight end/H-back for the Crusaders. In his three years as a starter, CUA went 28-4 and qualified for the NCAAs twice.

After graduating with a degree in electrical engineering in 1999, Sesny went on to serve as CUA's tight ends coach in 1999 and added receivers coach to his duties in 2000. He also worked as an assistant basketball coach for the Crusaders while teaching math and computer science at Bishop McNamara High School in Forestville, Md.

## Dir. of Video Services
# MITCH WILKENS

(Tennessee, '97)
First Season

Mitch Wilkens is in his first season working with the University of Maryland football program as director of video services. Wilkens will serve the Terps' football program from his newly renovated, state-of-the-art facility located in the Gossett Football Team House.

Wilkens and his staff videotape all Terrapin football practices, scrimmages and games and then employ the recently-purchased Pinnacle Sports Pro video equipment to edit and break down the footage to best serve the needs of coaches and players.

Wilkens came to Maryland by way of the University of Pittsburgh where he served the Panthers as a video coordinator during the 2000 season. Prior to his stint in Pittsburgh, Wilkens spent time as the video coordinator at UMass and Louisiana Tech. He got his start as an assistant at his alma mater, the University of Tennessee, in 1997.

## Equipment Manager
# RON OHRINGER

(Maryland, '85)
14th Season

Rob Ohringer is in his 14th year as the Terrapins' head equipment manager. Ohringer oversees the ordering, inventory, maintenance and distribution of all athletic equipment for the university's 25 intercollegiate sports programs. While managing the overall equipment operation for the entire department, Ohringer primarily serves as the football equipment manager on a day-to-day basis.

A native of nearby Bethesda, Md., Ohringer graduated from Maryland with a bachelor's degree in journalism and public relations in 1985. While a student in College Park, he served the football team as a manager and was the team's head student manager for his final three years.

Following graduation, Ohringer utilized his degree by serving as an assistant with both the Washington Redskins and Philadelphia Eagles of the National Football League. He also worked with the Washington Commandos of the Arena Football League and the minor league Alexandria Baseball Dukes.

Ohringer was married on November 28, 1992 to the former Amy Brennan. The couple resides in Burtonsville, Md., and have two children: Casey Ryan (4) and Derek James, who was born this past June.

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Administrative Assistant (Offense)

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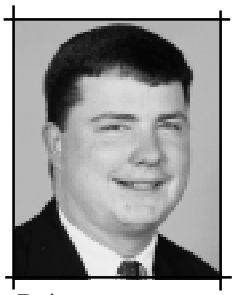

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