

was taking a leave of absence from the program. Then, with nasty rumors swirling about the reasons for Dirrigl's departure, it was announced that he would not be returning. Benson, a 2003 Hopkins team USA attackman, coached the two seasons, focusing on recruitment, which finished tied for second an-up last year.

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ne here is excited for the season to move forward," says Benson. "And I think the team are as excited to get to work with me as I am with them."

omey, who signed a "multi-year" contract with Dirrigl as head coach. Neither Athletic Director Joe Boylan would discontinue the contract.

ocuses most of his coaching efforts on the offensive end of the field, says he's happy to be re-directing the offense, after Loyola scored 3.21 goals per game last season, a Division I.

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But thanks to good leadership from the captains and coaching staff, the team stuck together through

might be moving on for the '06 season, the situation isn't quite over yet for the administration.

## faces in the crowd



### Kevin Dempsey

>> Though Kevin never played lacrosse, he has been vital to its growth in Delaware. He first became involved in the sport when his son played with Huntington Boys Club Lacrosse on Long Island. After a move to Newark, Del., Kevin helped found the Delaware Lacrosse Foundation and Delaware Youth Lacrosse Association. In 1994 he became president of the Newark Lacrosse Club, taking over for Delaware men's coach Bob Shillinglaw. Kevin is also a 2003 inductee to the Delaware Lacrosse Hall of Fame.



### Harold Ellis III

>> Harold picked up the game with Lacrosse for LIFE, a non-profit program that teaches the game to underserved communities in the San Francisco area. He was part of the program's first team in 2002 as an eighth grader. Since then he has made the NorCal U-15 All-Star Team that traveled to the Vail Shootout in 2003. Today he is captain of the City Lacrosse Team, a community-based team open to high school boys.



### Monica Yeakel

>> A longtime veteran of the sport, Monica is currently the director of team sales for Sports Her Way, a women's lacrosse apparel company. She is the former head coach for the UMBC Retrievers, leading the program from 1997 to 2005. She previously attended Loyola College, earning All-American honors as a defender. Monica left UMBC after the 2005 season for the business world in order to spend more time with her growing family.

LARRY FRENCH (2)