

BENNINGTON COLLEGE

Bennington College Announces Appointment of New Athletic Director

Following a nationwide search, Bennington College announced today that renowned sportswriter [Thoreau DeBal](#) has been appointed the College's inaugural Athletic Director.

DeBal will oversee the College's rugby, ultimate frisbee, and synchronized swimming programs.

"At Bennington, we believe that education is a physical and ethical as much as an intellectual process," said President Laura R. Walker.

"Bennington has a rich sports legacy, including a rugby team that has remained undefeated since 1932," said DeBal. "I'm thrilled to lead us into a new era of sportsball success. Those who join will become champions."

At the December board meeting, the College's trustees voted to embark on a Strategic Campus Planning Process, which will include facilities for the new program. Renovations are proposed to widen the Pond into an Olympic swimming pool and to insert a rugby and frisbee field into Commons Lawn.

[Read the full planning report.](#)