

# Coaching Staff



Head Coach  
Ben Braun



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**BEN BRAUN**

*Wisconsin '75*  
*10th Year at California*

**Cal Record: 166-110**  
**Career Record: 499-345**

Now entering his 10th season as head men's basketball coach at the University of California, Ben Braun has established a Golden Bear program that has earned respect and admiration both in the Bay Area and across the country.

During his tenure at Cal, Braun has directed the Bears to more postseason appearances and more postseason victories than any coach in

school history, including four NCAA Tournament berths and an NIT championship in 1999.

Two of his players have earned Pac-10 Player of the Year honors—Ed Gray in 1997 and Sean Lampley in 2001—while current sophomore Leon Powe was the 2004 Pac-10 Freshman of the Year. Overall, Braun's charges have received All-Pac-10 status six times, Pac-10 All-Freshman notice on six occasions and Pac-10 All-Academic accolades 12 times.

The 1997 Pac-10 Coach of the Year and a finalist for the 2003 Naismith National Coach of the Year, Braun begins the 2005-06 campaign with a 166-110 record with the Bears and a 28-year career mark of 499-345. He ranks second to Nibs Price (1925-54, 449-294) in both tenure and wins in Cal annals, while his Cal winning percentage (.601) is the best at the school since Hall of Famer Pete Newell guided the Bears to a 119-44 mark from 1955-60.

As a result of that success, Braun has twice been rewarded with contract extensions, including his current eight-year contract.

"When a University makes a commitment to you, I think the proper thing to do is to make the commitment back to the University," said Braun. "I feel very proud to say I'm here for the long haul and to make that commitment back to the University of California."

"Cal is a dream job, a place I've chosen to call my home," Braun added. "To be able to work in an environment and area you enjoy living, to be at a University that you're proud of, to be able to work with quality young men and an outstanding coaching staff, I could not ask for more."

Generally regarded as one of college basketball's top teachers and strategists, Braun brought his energetic style of coaching to Cal in September 1996.

During his initial season at Cal in 1996-97, Braun took a team that was predicted to finish in the conference's lower half, molded it into one that tied for second in the league and reached the NCAA regional semifinals with tournament victories over Princeton and Villanova. In addition, the 23-9 overall mark gave Braun a school record for most wins by a Bear coach in his first year with the program.

In 1998-99, Braun's club became the first team ever at Cal to beat three Top 10 schools in the same season, defeating North Carolina, UCLA and Arizona during the course of the year. Then, after earning a bid to the NIT, the Bears went on a 5-0 run to capture the title—Cal's first postseason tournament championship since the Bears won the 1959 NCAA crown. Cal finished the 1998-99 campaign with a 22-11 record.

## PAC-10 AWARDS UNDER BEN BRAUN

- 1997 Ed Gray, Pac-10 Player of the Year
- 1998 Sean Lampley, Pac-10 All-Freshman  
Geno Carlisle, Pac-10 All-Newcomer  
Michael Gill, Pac-10 All-Newcomer  
Thomas Kilgore, Pac-10 All-Newcomer
- 2000 Sean Lampley, All-Pac-10  
Donte Smith, Pac-10 All-Academic (HM)
- 2001 Sean Lampley, Pac-10 Player of the Year  
Ryan Forehan-Kelly, Pac-10 All-Academic (1st team)  
Dennis Gates, Pac-10 All-Academic (1st team)  
Morgan Lingle, Pac-10 All-Academic (1st team)  
Donte Smith, Pac-10 All-Academic (HM)
- 2002 Jamal Sampson, Pac-10 All-Freshman  
Amit Tamir, Pac-10 All-Freshman  
Dennis Gates, Pac-10 All-Academic (1st team)  
Donte Smith, Pac-10 All-Academic (HM)
- 2003 Joe Shipp, All-Pac-10  
Amit Tamir, All-Pac-10  
Eric Bond, Pac-10 All-Academic (HM)  
Amit Tamir, Pac-10 All-Academic (1st team)
- 2004 Leon Powe, Pac-10 Freshman of the Year  
Marquise Kately, Pac-10 All-Freshman  
Ayinde Ubaka, Pac-10 All-Freshman (HM)  
A.J. Diggs, Pac-10 All-Academic (2nd team)  
Amit Tamir, Pac-10 All-Academic (1st team)

*Ben Braun, the 1997 Pac-10 Coach of the Year, was also one of 25 finalists for the 2003 Naismith National Coach of the Year award.*

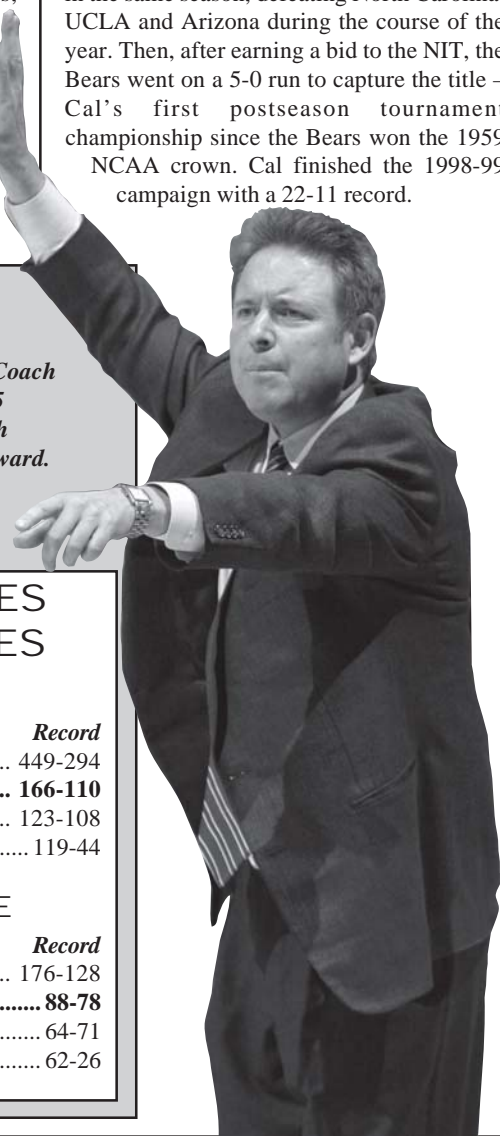
## CAL COACHES BY VICTORIES

### OVERALL

<i>Coach</i>	<i>Years</i>	<i>Record</i>
Nibs Price .....	1925-54 .....	449-294
<b>Ben Braun .....</b>	<b>1997- .....</b>	<b>166-110</b>
Lou Campanelli ....	1986-93 .....	123-108
Pete Newell .....	1955-60 .....	119-44

### CONFERENCE

<i>Coach</i>	<i>Years</i>	<i>Record</i>
Nibs Price .....	1925-54 .....	176-128
<b>Ben Braun .....</b>	<b>1997- .....</b>	<b>88-78</b>
Lou Campanelli ....	1986-93 .....	64-71
Pete Newell .....	1955-60 .....	62-26



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## WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT BEN BRAUN...

"There are so many things you should look for in a coach at Berkeley, and he answers about all of them. I've talked to coaches who know him personally and have coached against him, and there's no hint of any real weakness. He's a teacher, a coach who can make players better. He's creative offensively, and there aren't too many college coaches who are, in my view, because they all seem to play the same offense. He screens on the ball, which you don't see many college players do. To defend it is very difficult."

– *Hall of Famer and former Cal head coach Pete Newell*

"There's absolutely no place like Berkeley, and that includes the people and the campus. The players that are currently there and the program that is in place, it's just a great situation. Coach Braun has to be the most honest, direct and positive coach that I have ever met. I know he'll push me and that it's going to be a lot of work, but that's who I want to play for."

– *Sophomore center DeVon Hardin*

"I chose Cal because of Coach Braun. He has an open-door policy at all times, and I can talk to him about anything, including my social life, academics or my game. I like him on the court because he is a teacher and not a screamer. I improved each year, and Coach Braun is responsible for making me the player I am today."

– *2001 Pac-10 Player of the Year Sean Lampley*

"I've been impressed with Ben for a long time and he has done a great job at Cal. He has such high personal standards, and being at a school with extremely high standards is a great match. As a coach, he has a special appreciation for the game of basketball. He understands the game in a very logical sense and he teaches it that way. His teams are not only fundamentally sound, but they are smart in being able to take advantage of situations during the course of the game. He does a good job giving his players freedom with a solid structure."

– *Duke head coach Mike Krzyzewski*

A year later, Braun took a freshman-dominated squad back to the postseason as the Bears reached the quarterfinals of the NIT. On Jan. 15, 2000, he picked up his 400th career victory with a 71-65 win at Oregon State.

In 2000-01, the Bears returned to the NCAA Tournament, finishing with a 20-11 record, and Lampley – Braun's first recruit at Cal – became the school's all-time leading scorer late in his senior campaign, finishing with 1,776 points.

The Bears again won 23 games and tied for second in the Pac-10 race in 2001-02. Cal reached the semifinals of the conference tournament by defeating UCLA in the opening round and earned a No. 6 seed in the NCAA playoffs, where the Bears toppled Penn before falling to Pittsburgh.

In 2003, Cal again reached the second round of the NCAA Tournament behind All-Pac-10 forwards Joe Shipp and Amit Tamir. Shipp ended his career with the No. 3 position on the Bears' all-time scoring list, while teammate Brian Wethers finished in the No. 15 position.

Although just 51 years of age, Braun already has 28 years of experience as a head coach,

including 11 highly successful years at Eastern Michigan, where he guided the Eagles to four postseason berths, including three NCAA appearances. During his tenure there, Braun accumulated a record of 185-132, averaging almost 18 wins per season, and was named Mid-American Conference Coach of the Year three times.

## CAL'S POSTSEASON APPEARANCES BY COACH

**Ben Braun ..... 6 .... NCAA: 1997, 2001, 2002, 2003  
NIT: 1999, 2000**

Pete Newell ..... 4 .... NCAA: 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960  
Lou Campanelli .. 4 .... NCAA: 1990  
NIT: 1986, 1986, 1989

In addition, Braun coached at Siena Heights College for eight years, taking the NAIA school to a 148-103 record and five postseason tournaments.

Under Braun's direction, his players have proven equally successful both on the court and in the classroom.

"It is important that our players be

academically sound as well as athletically motivated," said Braun. "We don't want one dimensional players in our program. Our goals go beyond championships. We want to be the best in everything we do. As long as our players put forth maximum effort, they're bound to experience success."

Nowhere was that more evident than with the 2001 Pac-10 All-Academic team. Three Bears – Morgan Lingle, Dennis Gates and Ryan Forehan-Kelly – were first-team selections, while Donte Smith was an honorable mention pick, giving Cal more than twice as many academic members as any other school in the conference. In 2002, both Gates and Smith repeated on the Pac-10 All-Academic unit, while Tamir was a first-team choice in 2003 and '04.

Braun began his career as an assistant coach at Park High School in Racine, Wis. Within two years, he accepted the head coaching job at Siena Heights. After an 8-21 debut season in 1977-78, his teams posted a 140-82 record over the next seven years, including four 20-win campaigns. His squads qualified for National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA)



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postseason tournaments five times. During his time at Siena Heights, he not only coached, but taught English and Physical Education classes at the school. In the summer of 1999, Braun was inducted into the first class of the Siena Heights Athletic Hall of Fame.

Braun accepted the position of associate head coach at Eastern Michigan prior to the start of the 1985-86 season, but midway through the year, on Jan. 15, 1986, he was elevated to interim head coach. Success came quickly, as within two years he had the Eagles in the NCAA Tournament for the first time ever.

In 1989, Braun served as head coach of the U.S. men's basketball team at the Maccabiah

Games. He took an internationally inexperienced squad into the championship round before bowing to the host Israeli team in the final.

During his career, Braun has coached 12 players who have gone on to play in the NBA, including Grant Long (EMU) of the Detroit Pistons. At Cal, he has coached Ed Gray, who was a first round draft pick of the Atlanta Hawks, center Michael Stewart (Toronto Raptors), forward Sean Marks (Miami Heat), center Francisco Elson (a 1999 second round pick by the Denver Nuggets) and forward Sean Lampley (a 2001 second round selection by the Chicago Bulls). Tony Gonzalez, now an All-Pro tight end for the NFL's Kansas City Chiefs,

also played basketball for Braun in 1996-97.

A native of Chicago, Braun graduated from New Trier High School, where he starred in both basketball and baseball. He went on to play one year of basketball at the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse before he transferred to the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He earned a teaching degree in English in June of 1975 with a minor in African-American Studies. Five years later, he earned his master's degree in guidance and counseling from Siena Heights.

## BEN BRAUN'S COACHING RECORD

<i>School</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Overall Record</i>	<i>Conf. Record</i>	<i>Highlights</i>
California	2004-05	13-16	6-12/T8th	
California	2003-04	13-15	9-9/T4th	
California	2002-03	22-9	13-5/3rd	NCAA 2nd Round
California	2001-02	23-9	12-6/T2nd	NCAA 2nd Round
California	2000-01	20-11	11-7/T4th	NCAA 1st Round
California	1999-00	18-15	7-11/7th	NIT Quarterfinals
California	1998-99	22-11	8-10/T5th	NIT Champions
California	1997-98	12-15	8-10/T5th	
California	1996-97	23-9	12-6/T2nd	NCAA Sweet 16
Eastern Michigan	1995-96	25-6	14-4/1st	Pac-10 Coach of the Year MAC Champions NCAA Tournament MAC Coach of the Year NIT Tournament
Eastern Michigan	1994-95	20-10	12-6/3rd	
Eastern Michigan	1993-94	15-12	10-8/T5th	
Eastern Michigan	1992-93	13-17	8-10/6th	
Eastern Michigan	1991-92	9-22	4-12/8th	
Eastern Michigan	1990-91	26-7	13-3/1st	MAC Champions NCAA Sweet 16 MAC Coach of the Year
Eastern Michigan	1989-90	19-13	8-8/5th	
Eastern Michigan	1988-89	17-12	8-8/4th	Coach of U.S. Maccabiah Games team
Eastern Michigan	1987-88	22-8	14-2/1st	MAC Champions NCAA Tournament MAC Coach of the Year
Eastern Michigan	1986-87	14-15	8-8/4th	
Eastern Michigan	1985-86	5-10	4-10/T9th	Named interim coach Jan. 15, 1986
Siena Heights	1984-85	18-15		
Siena Heights	1983-84	15-14		
Siena Heights	1982-83	21-12		
Siena Heights	1981-82	19-13		Michigan NAIA Coach of the Year
Siena Heights	1980-81	22-11		
Siena Heights	1979-80	21-11		
Siena Heights	1978-79	24-6		
Siena Heights	1977-78	8-21		

<i>School</i>		<i>Overall</i>	<i>Conference</i>
<b>California Totals</b>	<b>9 Years</b>	<b>166-110</b>	<b>88-78</b>
EMU Totals	11 Years	185-132	103-79
Siena Heights Totals	8 Years	148-103	
<b>CAREER TOTALS</b>	<b>28 Years</b>	<b>499-345</b>	

## BEN BRAUN CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Led Cal to four NCAA Tournaments (1997, 2001, 2002, 2003) – tying the school record for most NCAA appearances by a Cal coach
- Guided Cal to the NCAA Sweet 16 in 1997 and to the second round in both 2002 and '03
- Coached Cal to the 1999 National Invitation Tournament championship – the Bears' first postseason title since winning the NCAA crown in 1960
- Holds the school record for most postseason appearances by a Cal coach (4 NCAA, 2 NIT) and most consecutive postseason invitations (5 – 1999-2003)
- Holds the school record for most postseason wins by a Cal coach, posting an 11-5 record
- Coached two Pac-10 Players of the Year – Ed Gray (1997) and Sean Lampley (2001)
- Coached Pac-10 Freshman of the Year Leon Powe (2005)
- His teams have produced seven upper division Pac-10 finishes in nine seasons
- Ranks second on Cal's all-time victories list with 166 (166-110 record)
- Enters the 2005-06 season with 499 career wins in 28 seasons as a head coach (499-345 record)
- Ranks 15th among active NCAA coaches in career victories
- The first Cal coach since Pete Newell (1955-60) to have a winning conference record (88-78)
- Voted the 1997 Pac-10 Coach of the Year – the first Cal coach ever to receive the honor
- Was a finalist for the 2003 Naismith National Coach of the Year award
- His players have earned All-Pac-10 honors six times and Pac-10 All-Freshman honors on six occasions
- His players have been named to the Pac-10 All-Academic team 12 times
- Led Cal to a 23-9 record during the 1996-97 season, setting a school record for most wins by a Cal coach in his first year
- In 1998-99, guided Cal to three wins over Top 10 teams – North Carolina, Arizona and UCLA – the first time in school history the Bears beat three Top 10 schools in one year
- Prior to moving to Cal, led Eastern Michigan to three NCAA Tournaments and was named Mid-American Conference Coach of the Year three times
- Member of the Ethics Committee for the National Association of Basketball Coaches

# BASKETBALL STAFF

## ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH



**LOUIS REYNAUD**  
*San Francisco State '82*  
*Ninth Year at California*

Louis Reynaud, a native Californian who was born and raised in San Francisco, is in his ninth season with the Golden Bear program and fourth as associate head coach after serving five years as an assistant coach.

Reynaud is well known in the coaching profession and has the reputation as an excellent coach and administrator with outstanding organizational and leadership skills. There are very few areas in the Cal basketball program in which Reynaud is not directly involved. Among his many duties are recruiting, scouting and game preparation, supervising support staff, and overseeing the valuable "Gold Team" walk-ons. Reynaud also supervises a unique group of student managers. He is the position coach for the Bears' post players.

Prior to coming to Cal, Reynaud compiled an 84-31 record as head basketball coach at nearby De La Salle High School and led the Spartans to league titles in 1994 and '96. Reynaud was a two-time Bay Valley Athletic League Coach of the Year, and his 1996 team captured the Division I NorCal championship and finished second in the state, earning a No. 1 ranking in the Bay Area for the first time in school history.

Reynaud had his first head coaching opportunity at St. Patrick-St. Vincent High School in Vallejo from 1990-93. He directed the Bruins to a 69-39 record, three 20-win seasons and one Sac-Joaquin Section title. From 1986-90, Reynaud served as assistant varsity basketball coach at De La Salle HS.

In 1997, Reynaud was selected as head coach of the West Squad at the Magic Johnson Round Ball Classic for high school All-Americans, and he directed the prestigious ABCD summer camp for five years.

In addition to his coaching experience,



Reynaud served as Dean of Students at De La Salle from 1993-97 and as Dean of Students at St. Patrick-St. Vincent HS from 1990-93.

As a high school player, Reynaud was a standout at Archbishop Riordan High School in San Francisco and played for the late Lyle Newcomer at Skyline College in San Bruno.

Reynaud received his bachelor's degree in liberal studies along with his teaching credential from San Francisco State in 1982 and a master's degree in health/physical education from St. Mary's College in 1995. Reynaud and his wife, Cheryl, have one daughter, Lauren, and reside in the East Bay.

### ACCORDING TO COACH BRAUN...

*"Coach Reynaud's organizational skills and teaching expertise have taken our program to another level. I consider Louis to be among the top assistant coaches in the country. He has remained dedicated and loyal to our program over the past several years."*



# BASKETBALL STAFF

## ASSISTANT COACH



**JOE PASTERNAK**

*Indiana '99*

*Fifth Year at California*

Joe Pasternack begins his fifth year as an assistant coach after serving the previous two years as a member of the Golden Bear support staff.

Pasternack came to Berkeley in 1999 as Cal's video coordinator, where he was involved in game preparation, breaking down game film and other administrative duties.

During the summer of 2001, head coach Ben Braun elevated Pasternack to an assistant coach. Among the areas under his responsibility are game preparation, recruiting, summer basketball camps, and individual workouts. He also writes scouting reports for the Bears and helps prepare the team on the court for upcoming opponents.

Pasternack graduated from Indiana in 1999 with a bachelor's degree in marketing. He was a manager for the Indiana basketball team for four years under coach Bob Knight, where he broke down game film and assisted in scouting opponents.

A native of New Orleans, Pasternack played varsity high school basketball for four years at Metairie Park Country Day. He and his wife, Lindsay, reside in the East Bay.



### **ACCORDING TO COACH BRAUN...**

*"Nobody on our staff puts in more hours than Coach Pasternack. His dedication to detail is unparalleled. His scouting and game preparation gives our team a competitive edge. Joe is truly a student of the game and his passion continues to grow day after day."*

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**DENNIS GATES**  
*California '01*  
*First Year at California*

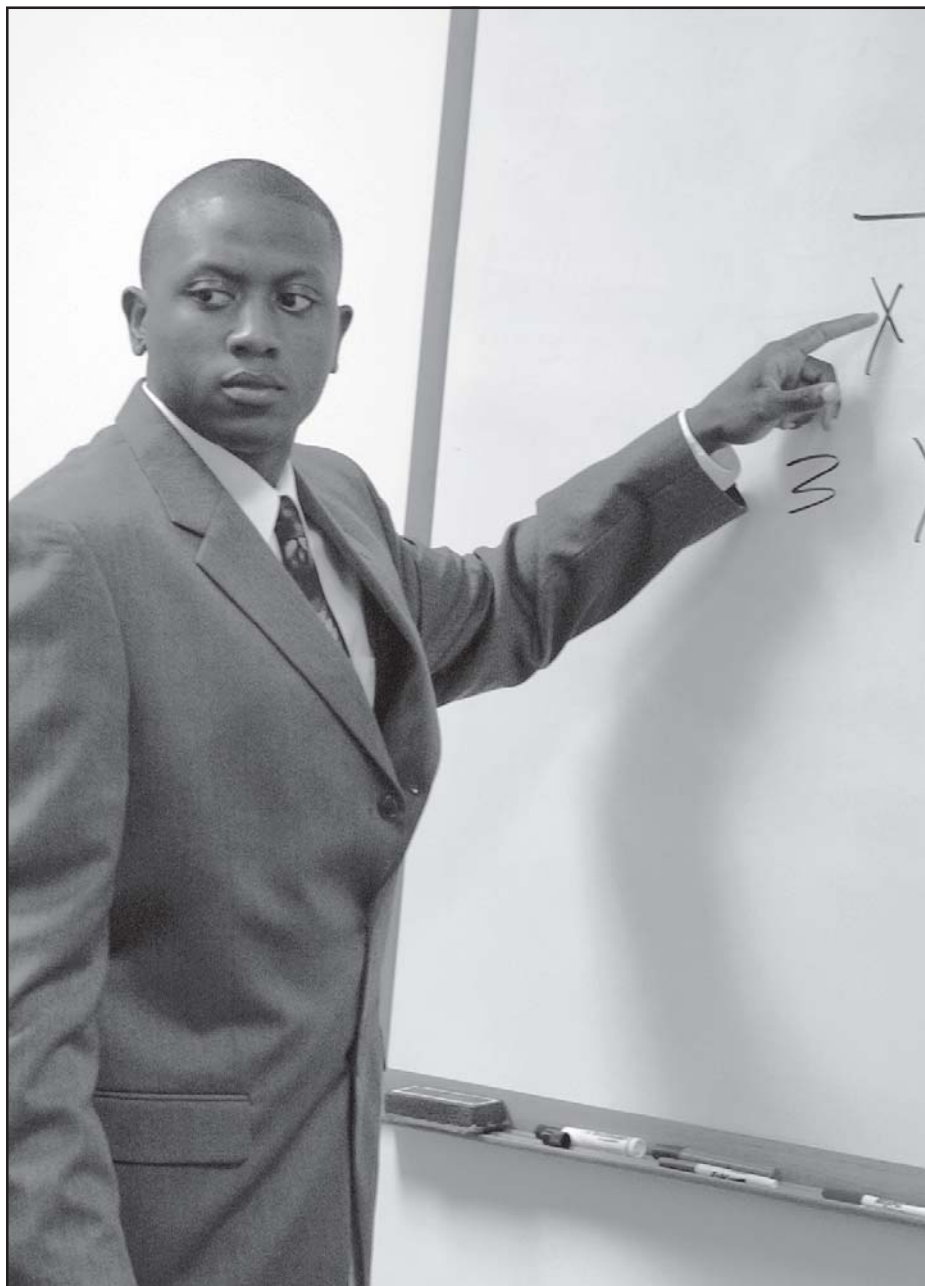
Former Golden Bear guard Dennis Gates, who starred for California from 1999-2002, has returned to his alma mater and begins his first season as an assistant coach this year.

Gates was a member of Cal's 1999 National Invitation Tournament championship squad and played key roles on the Bears' NCAA Tournament teams in 2001 and '02. In 114 career games, he had 34 starts and finished with an average of 3.8 points per game, as well as 100 steals and 148 assists.

During his tenure as a player, Cal compiled an 83-46 record, winning 20 games in a season three times. In 2002, the Bears reached the semifinals of the Pac-10 Tournament and the second round of the NCAA Tournament. In addition, Gates was named to the all-tournament team at the Golden Bear Classic that year after hitting a three-pointer in the closing seconds to beat Penn State, 76-73, in the championship game.

Since graduating from Cal in 2002, Gates spent one year each on staff with the NBA's Los Angeles Clippers, Marquette University and Florida State. He served as an intern assistant coach under Alvin Gentry and Dennis Johnson with the Clippers in 2002-03, then was a graduate assistant on Tom Crean's staff at Marquette in '03-04, helping the Golden Eagles to the third round of the NIT, and a GA under Leonard Hamilton at Florida State last season.

A native of Chicago, Gates was a two-time first-team Pac-10 All-Academic choice. He earned his bachelor's degree in sociology in just three years and competed as a master's candidate in education during his senior campaign. Gates received Cal's Most Inspirational Player Award in 2001, the Pete



Newell Award as the team's best defensive player in 2002 and was twice named the Bears' Outstanding Student-Athlete (1999, 2001).

### **ACCORDING TO COACH BRAUN ...**

*"Having played at Cal, Dennis has a long-term relationship with our coaching staff. He understands our philosophy, he possesses great intensity, and he exhibits solid leadership – all of which has rubbed off on our players."*

# BASKETBALL SUPPORT STAFF

## PAT CESNIK DIRECTOR OF BASKETBALL OPERATIONS



Pat Cesnik is in her sixth year as Director of Basketball Operations with the Cal program. She is responsible for all aspects of basketball administration. Her duties include coordinating team travel, game day management, assisting with special events, acting as a liaison with opponents, budgetary support, administrative support to the coaching staff, and summer camp administration.

Cesnik and her husband, George, have two children, Julia, who was a member of the Cal women's water polo team from 1999-2002, and Adam.

## LAURIE LEE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS



Laurie Lee is in her second year with the Golden Bear basketball program and serves as the assistant director of operations. Her duties include coordinating team travel, managing part-time staff and overseeing special events. Lee also coordinates and directs the summer Golden Bear Basketball Camp for Boys.

Prior to joining the Cal staff, Lee worked for an array of Bay Area professional sports teams, including the San Francisco 49ers, Golden State Warriors and San Jose Sharks. Most recently, she spent two seasons as sponsorship services manager with the San Jose Earthquakes. In addition, Lee has worked on a contract-basis for the last eight years with the San Jose Sabercats as assistant director of game operations.

A native of Oakland, Lee is an avid basketball player herself. She received her bachelor's degree from UC Davis in rhetoric and communications with a minor in education in 1997.

## JUSTIN TANISAWA VIDEO COORDINATOR



Justin Tanisawa, a former team manager for the Bears as an undergraduate at Cal, is in his third season as the program's video coordinator, where he is involved in game preparation, breaking down game film and other administrative duties.

Tanisawa spent the 2002-03 season in a similar capacity at San Diego State.

While at Cal, Tanisawa was a manager during the 2001 and '02 seasons. During that time, he also coached at the Cal, USF and San Diego State summer camps, in addition to working at the 2002 Pete Newell Big Man Camp.

A graduate of Burlingame High School, where he was an all-league performer in basketball, Tanisawa originally attended UC San Diego for two years. He then transferred to Cal, receiving his bachelor's degree in art practice in 2002.

## ERIC HOWITT EQUIPMENT MANAGER



Eric Howitt is in his third season as equipment manager for the Cal men's basketball team.

Howitt, who also works with the Golden Bear baseball and women's soccer squads, came to Cal after serving as an assistant equipment manager at UCLA, where he worked with the football, men's tennis, rowing and women's golf programs.

A 1999 graduate of Oregon State with a degree in forestry recreation resources, Howitt worked with the OSU equipment staff from 1996-2001. He later served as an assistant equipment manager at Florida Atlantic in 2001 and at Cincinnati from 2001-02.

Howitt and his wife, Karen, have a son, Aaron, and reside the East Bay.

## ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

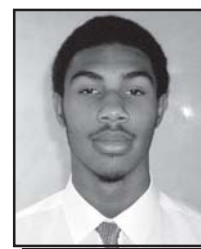


*Cara Chlebicki*

## 2005-06 STUDENT MANAGERS



*Samih Baqai*



*Cubby Golden*



*Edmund Hall*



*Darren Stern*