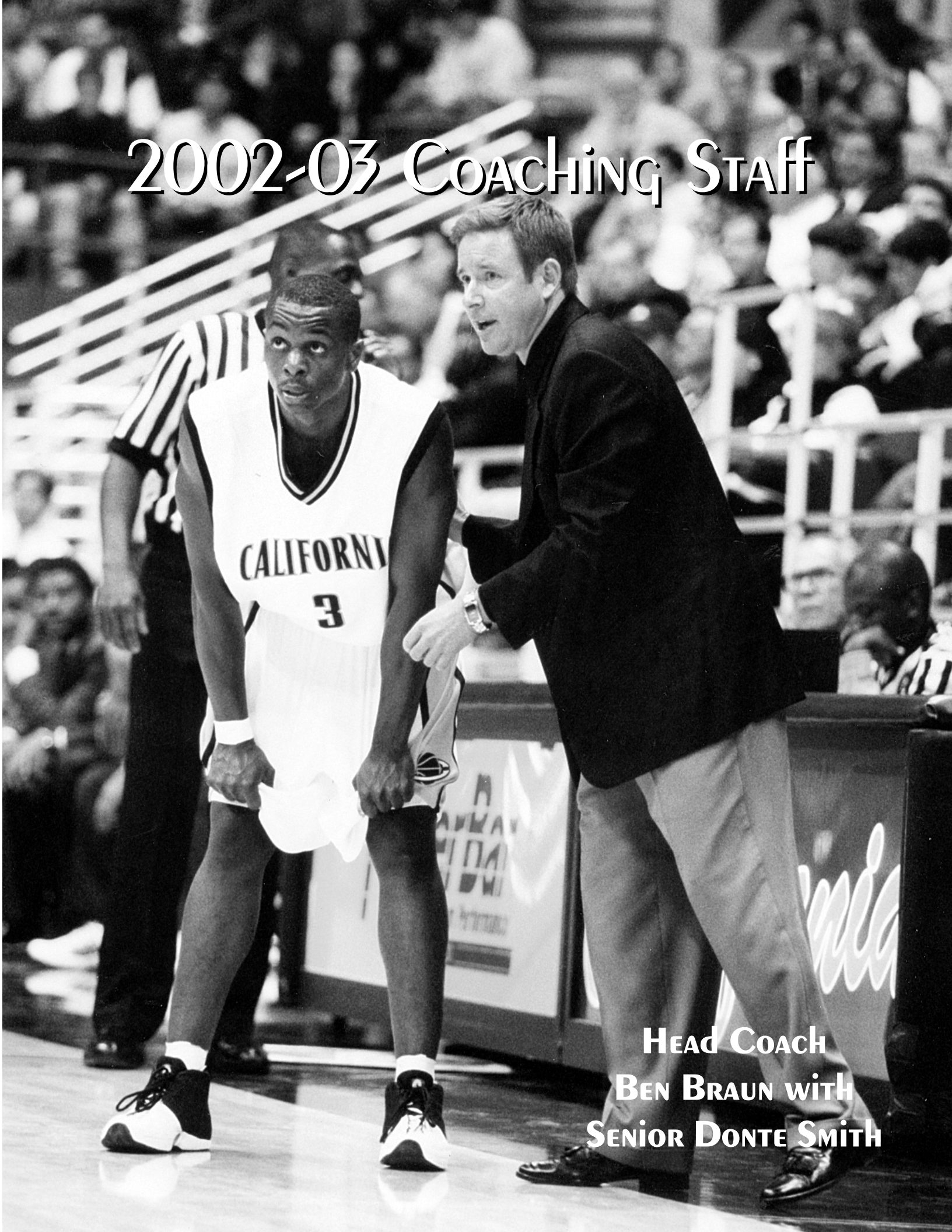


# 2002-03 COACHING STAFF



HEAD COACH  
BEN BRAUN WITH  
SENIOR DONTE SMITH



**BEN BRAUN**

*Wisconsin '75  
Seventh Year at California*

**Cal Record: 118-70  
Career Record: 451-305**

In just six seasons directing Cal basketball, Ben Braun has already established himself as one of the most successful coaches in school history.

And although the list of accomplishments seems to grow by the day, Braun is more concerned with building a program that has earned respect and admiration both in the Bay Area and across the country.

As a result of his success, Braun has twice been rewarded with contract extensions, one in 1997 that runs until 2005 and in March of 2001 that lasts through the 2008-09 season.

“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, who has compiled a 118-70 with the Bears and a 451-305 mark in 25 seasons overall. “I feel very proud to say I’m here for the long

haul and to make that commitment back to the University of California.”

Generally regarded as one of college basketball’s top teachers and strategists, Braun brought his energetic style of coaching to Cal in September 1996. He has guided the Bears to five postseason playoff berths in six years – a feat unmatched by any other basketball coach in school history – including an NCAA Sweet 16 appearance in 1997 and a National Invitation Tournament championship in 1999. Two

of his players – Ed Gray in 1997 and Sean Lampley in 2001 – have been honored as Pac-10 Player of the Year, and Braun himself was voted the '97 Pac-10 Coach of the Year.

“I really believe that Cal is a dream job,” Braun said. “This is a place that I’m going to choose to call my home, most likely for the rest of my career. 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 don’t think I could ask for anything more.”

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 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.

Braun followed up his first season with the Bears with another upper division finish in the Pac-10, guiding a team that lost

**Ben Braun became the first Cal coach to be named Pac-10 Coach of the Year after leading the Bears to the 1997 Sweet 16.**

CAL COACHES BY VICTORIES		
<i>Coach</i>	<i>Years</i>	<i>Record</i>
Nibs Price .....	1925-54 .....	449-294
Lou Campanelli ....	1986-93 .....	123-108
Pete Newell .....	1955-60 .....	119-44
<b>Ben Braun .....</b>	<b>1997- .....</b>	<b>118-70</b>

its top seven players from the year before to a tie for fifth place in the league. Cal ended the 1997-98 season with a 12-15 overall record.

In 1998-99, Braun’s Bears 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



## PAC-10 AWARDS UNDER 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)



# HEAD COACH BEN BRAUN



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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.

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, 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.

This past year, the Bears again won 23 games and tied for second in the Pac-10 race. 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 topped Penn before falling to Pittsburgh.

Although just 48 years of age, Braun already has 25 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.

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

## BEN BRAUN vs. ALL OPPONENTS

Akron .....	7-1	Milwaukee .....	0-1
Alabama .....	0-1	Minnesota .....	0-1
Albany .....	1-0	Mississippi State .....	3-1
Alcorn State .....	1-0	Missouri .....	0-1
American .....	1-0	Montana State .....	1-1
Anderson .....	1-0	Mount St. Mary’s .....	1-0
Aquinas .....	1-0	Nevada-Las Vegas .....	0-1
Arizona .....	2-11	New Hampshire .....	1-0
Arizona State .....	7-5	New Mexico .....	1-0
Ashland .....	1-0	New Orleans .....	0-1
Ball State .....	10-15	North Carolina .....	1-3
Boston University .....	2-1	Northern Illinois .....	1-1
Bowling Green .....	14-10	Northern Michigan .....	2-0
Bradley .....	0-1	Notre Dame .....	0-1
Brigham Young .....	2-0	Oakland .....	1-0
Cal Poly SLO .....	1-0	Ohio .....	9-16
Central Michigan .....	14-8	Oklahoma .....	0-1
Chicago State .....	4-2	Oregon .....	7-6
Clemson .....	1-0	Oregon State .....	11-2
Cleveland State .....	4-4	Pacific .....	1-0
Coastal Carolina .....	1-0	Pennsylvania .....	1-1
Colorado .....	2-2	Penn State .....	3-0
Colorado State .....	1-0	Pittsburgh .....	0-2
Connecticut .....	0-1	Portland State .....	1-0
Coppin State .....	2-0	Prairie View A&M .....	1-0
Davidson .....	1-0	Princeton .....	2-0
DePaul .....	1-1	Rhode Island .....	1-3
Detroit .....	4-2	Rutgers .....	1-0
Duke .....	1-0	St. Bonaventure .....	1-0
East Carolina .....	0-1	St. Francis .....	2-0
Eastern Kentucky .....	1-1	St. Joseph’s, Ind. .....	1-0
Eastern Washington .....	3-0	Saint Louis .....	1-1
Evansville .....	1-1	Saint Mary’s .....	4-1
Fresno State .....	2-1	San Francisco .....	1-1
Georgetown .....	1-0	San Francisco State .....	1-0
Georgia .....	1-0	San Jose State .....	1-0
Gonzaga .....	1-0	Santa Clara .....	1-0
Grand Valley .....	2-0	South Florida .....	1-1
Harvard .....	1-0	Southern California .....	9-3
Hawaii .....	1-0	Stanford .....	2-10
Hillsdale .....	1-0	Stetson .....	2-0
Hofstra .....	1-0	Texas .....	0-1
Houston .....	2-1	Texas Christian .....	1-0
Howard .....	1-0	Texas Southern .....	1-0
Illinois .....	1-0	Texas Tech .....	1-0
Illinois-Chicago .....	1-0	Texas-El Paso .....	0-1
Indiana State .....	1-1	Toledo .....	20-5
Indianapolis .....	1-0	Tri-State .....	1-0
Iowa .....	1-0	UC Irvine .....	1-1
Jackson State .....	1-0	UCLA .....	6-7
John Carroll .....	1-0	Utica .....	1-0
Kansas .....	0-1	Valparaiso .....	1-1
Kent State .....	13-11	Villanova .....	1-0
Kentucky State .....	1-0	Virginia .....	
Lake Superior State .....	1-0	Commonwealth .....	1-0
LaSalle .....	1-0	Wake Forest .....	0-1
Lewis .....	1-0	Washington .....	7-5
Long Beach State .....	1-0	Washington State .....	9-5
Louisiana-Lafayette .....	1-0	Wayne State .....	1-0
Manhattan .....	1-1	Western Michigan .....	17-6
Maryland .....	0-1	Wisconsin .....	4-0
Massachusetts .....	1-0	Wisconsin .....	
Miami (Ohio) .....	11-14	Milwaukee .....	4-0
Michigan .....	0-5	Yale .....	2-0
Michigan State .....	1-4	Youngstown State .....	2-0

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

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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.

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) 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.



**Ben Braun has guided the Bears to five postseason berths in the last six years, including the NIT championship in 1999.**

## BEN BRAUN’S COACHING RECORD

<i>School</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Overall Record</i>	<i>Conf. Record</i>	<i>Highlights</i>
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
Eastern Michigan	1994-95	20-10	12-6/3rd	NIT Tournament
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		
<b>California Totals</b>	<b>6 Years</b>	<b>118-70</b>	<b>58-50</b>	
<b>EMU Totals</b>	<b>11 Years</b>	<b>185-132</b>	<b>103-79</b>	
<b>Siena Heights Totals</b>	<b>8 Years</b>	<b>148-103</b>		
<b>CAREER TOTALS</b>	<b>25 Years</b>	<b>451-305</b>		

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 11 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.