

HEAD COACH GARY BARNETT



Gary Barnett was officially named the 22nd head football coach in University of Colorado history on January 20, 1999, returning to where he spent eight seasons as an assistant under Bill McCartney from 1984-91.

Barnett, 58, originally signed a five-year contract to coach the Buffs through 2003, one of six multi-year deals allowed the University by the state legislature. He has since received two extensions, the latter approved on Aug. 8, 2002, rolling his deal over to include through the 2006 season.

He owns a 77-84-2 overall record as a collegiate head coach, the first two years coming at NAIA Fort Lewis in Durango (Colo., going 8-11-1) and the next seven at Northwestern University (35-45-1). In five seasons at Colorado he has piloted the Buffaloes to a 34-28 record, bringing his record on the NCAA Division I-A level to 69-73-1. His staffs have now coached three league champion teams, two outright and one shared; all three teams were ranked in the nation's Top 15, including two in the Top 10.

At Colorado, he has won one Big 12 Conference title (2001) and two Big 12 North Division crowns (2001, 2002). The Buffs are 22-10 in conference games under Barnett, including a 14-2 mark over the '01 and '02 campaigns, the fourth-best two-year record in league history.

Colorado was 7-5 in 1999, his first season at the reins of the program, finishing third in the Big 12 North Division with a 5-3 mark. His second Buff squad finished 3-8, as a team riddled with injuries and youth managed to play well at times and had chances to realistically win at least six of the eight games it lost, including five against ranked teams. But his third CU team came on strong, winning its last four regular season games including a record-setting 62-36 win over Nebraska. That win gave CU a 7-1 record in the Big 12 North Division and earned the Buffs their first-ever appearance in the Big 12 Championship game, where a week later, Colorado defeated Texas, 39-37, to win its first league title since sharing the old Big Eight crown in 1991.

In 1999, his first Buffalo team was ranked 14th nationally in total offense, averaging 424.9 yards per game, and featured a pair of All-Americans in guard Brad Bedell and cornerback Ben Kelly. CU defeated a ranked team for the 12th straight year when it beat No. 24 Oklahoma, and lost games to No. 3 Nebraska and No. 6 Kansas State by a combined nine points.

The Buffs wrapped up his first season on a high note, as CU whipped No. 22 Boston College, 62-28, in the Insight.com Bowl. Colorado raced to a 45-7 halftime lead in setting numerous records en route to the win, dominating in all phases of the game as the final score would indicate.

The 2000 Buffaloes dropped their first three games, the non-Big 12 portion of the schedule, by a total of 10 points. CU rebounded to go 3-5 in league play, getting its first win at Texas A&M, one of the toughest places to win in the nation, and almost stunned No. 9 Nebraska before falling on a field goal at the final gun, 34-32.

CU opened 2001 with a disappointing 24-22 loss to Fresno State, which went on to have a great year, but Barnett wouldn't let his troops dwell on the defeat. The Buffs bounced right back and ended a two-year losing streak to CSU, the first of five straight wins. Colorado reappeared in the national rankings five games into the year, eventually zooming to No. 3 in all major polls in earning a Fiesta Bowl berth against Oregon. Though the Buffs suffered a disappointing 38-16 loss to the No. 2 Ducks in the bowl, CU finished No. 9 in both polls, it's best finish since 1996. The 2001 team also boasted five All-Americans, including John Mackey Award winner Daniel Graham at tight end, and eight All-Big 12 performers, and Barnett was a near-unanimous choice for the conference's coach of the year.

The 2002 Buffaloes overcame quite a bit of adversity to repeat at Big 12 North champions, none harder than a group of 18-to-22 year olds having to deal with the death of Tom McMahon, the team's popular co-defensive coordinator. Injuries also mounted, but the Buffs persevered after a 1-2 start to finish the regular season with a 9-4 mark, the school's best-ever record after dropping two of its first three games. High points included a 31-17 road win at UCLA, a thrilling 35-31 home win over Kansas State, and a 28-13 victory at Nebraska, CU's first win in Lincoln since 1990. Two CU players earned All-America honors with four garnering All-Big 12 mention. Colorado came up short in its bid to become the first back-to-back Big 12 champions, falling to Oklahoma in the league's title game. In the Alamo Bowl, Wisconsin rallied for a 31-28 overtime win over the Buffs, as CU finished the year with a 9-5 record.

The combination of a youthful team at key positions and one of the nation's toughest schedules in 2003 played major roles in Colorado finishing 5-7. There were highlights, however: CU snapped a four-game losing streak in season openers with a 42-35 win over rival Colorado State in Denver; the Buff defense came up big late in holding off UCLA for a 16-14 win; CU rallied and won its only overtime game of the season, 50-47, over Kansas; the Buffs gave No. 1 Oklahoma a run for its money before succumbing, 34-20; and a 21-16 win over No. 22 Missouri was Barnett's fifth straight win over his alma mater.

In 2003, he was one of four coaches who were finalists for the State Farm Eddie Robinson Coach of Distinction Award, which is presented to a coach for his football success, serving as a role model to his players and for service to his community. He was also a member of the coaching staff for the 2004 Hula Bowl in Maui.

Thanks to that 2001 season, Barnett joined a very select group of head coaches who have twice coached the NCAA Most Improved Team. At Northwestern, his 1994 team was 3-7-1; the '95 Wildcats posted a 10-2 record for an NCAA-best six game improvement. In 2001, Colorado tied for the top spot (also at plus-6), enabling him to join three coaching legends to accomplish the feat on two occasions: Paul "Bear" Bryant pulled it off at Kentucky (1946) and Texas A&M (1955); John McKay at Southern Cal (1962 and 1972) and Johnny Majors at Pittsburgh (1973) and Tennessee (1989). And remember—Barnett was also an assistant coach at Colorado in 1985 when the Buffs tied for the best-improved mark.

Barnett returned to CU in 1999 from Northwestern, where he had served as the Wildcats' head coach since 1992. He took over the Northwestern program on December 18, 1991, after having worked eight seasons as running backs and/or quarterbacks coach in Boulder, the last one also as offensive coordinator.





In seven seasons at Northwestern, he compiled a 35-45-1 record, which included the outright Big Ten Conference title in 1995 and a shared championship in 1996. He took the Wildcats to their first bowl game in 47 years when the '95 team played USC in the Rose Bowl. His 1996 squad went to the Citrus Bowl, marking the first time Northwestern ever went bowling in back-to-back seasons.

In fact, Barnett led Northwestern to two of its first three bowl appearances in its school history, and coached the Wildcats to two winning seasons in his tenure (1995 and 1996), matching the school's total in its previous 31 seasons. NU was 10-2 in 1995, with an 8-0 mark in Big Ten play, and 9-3 in 1996, posting a 7-1 record in league action. He was named the Big 10 Coach of the Year both seasons, and he won 18 citations in all as the Big 10 and/or national Coach of the Year for 1995.

Northwestern was honored with the 1998 AFCA's Outstanding Academic Award, as the Wildcats boasted the nation's highest graduation rate for the class of 1992. All 22 of Barnett's recruits that year graduated, and all doing so in four years.

Northwestern made its first appearance in the national polls in 1995 since December 6, 1971 under Barnett. The Wildcats were ranked No. 8 in the Associated Press and No. 7 in the *USA Today/CNN* (coaches) final polls that year, and were No. 15 in the AP and No. 16 in the USAT/CNN final ballots for 1996.

Barnett became the first Colorado head coach to come to Boulder from an immediate head coaching position in the college ranks since 1974, when Bill Mallory joined CU after spending five years as head coach at Miami, Ohio. Chuck Fairbanks came to CU in 1979 from the New England Patriots, Bill McCartney in 1982 from Michigan where he was defensive coordinator, and Rick Neuheisel was promoted in 1995 from within to succeed McCartney.

He got his start in the coaching profession at his alma mater, the University of Missouri. After lettering as a senior at wide receiver for legendary head coach Dan Devine, he graduated from MU with a bachelor's degree in social studies in 1969. He earned his master's in education from MU in 1971, working that spring as a graduate assistant under coach Al Onofrio.

Barnett moved to Colorado that summer and spent the next two years as offensive coordinator at Air Academy High School in Colorado Springs. He was named head coach at Air Academy in 1973, a position he held for the next nine years. At Air Academy, his teams reached the state semifinals twice (1980, 1981) and won six conference titles. He was considered one of the state's finest prep coaches before leaving the school to become head coach at Fort Lewis College in Durango.

He coached the Raiders for two seasons (1982-83), compiling an 8-11-1 mark. In 1982, he guided FLC to a 4-5-1 mark, its best record in five years, and his 1983 team finished 4-6. The 1984 team, made up of players primarily recruited by Barnett, won its first and only Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference title in football.

McCartney brought Barnett into the Division I-A football ranks on February 20, 1984, naming him CU's running backs coach. A

BARNETT vs. THE NATION

School	W	L	T	Pts	Opp
Air Force.....	2	0	0	44	16
Baylor.....	2	1	0	101	42
Boston College.....	2	1	0	84	98
Central Florida.....	0	1	0	28	59
Colorado State.....	2	3	0	135	137
Duke.....	2	1	0	72	77
Florida State.....	0	1	0	7	47
Fresno State.....	0	1	0	22	24
Hawaii.....	1	0	0	47	21
Illinois.....	4	3	0	135	146
Indiana.....	3	2	0	89	83
Iowa.....	3	4	0	156	201
Iowa State.....	4	1	0	168	111
Kansas.....	4	1	0	196	132
Kansas State.....	2	3	0	106	150
Miami, Ohio.....	0	2	0	28	30
Michigan.....	2	3	0	55	104
Michigan State.....	1	4	0	96	139
Minnesota.....	3	1	0	116	100
Missouri.....	5	0	0	175	132
Nebraska.....	2	3	0	174	147
NAIA Opponents.....	8	10	1	371	357
Notre Dame.....	1	3	0	51	126
Ohio State.....	0	5	0	41	184
Ohio Univ.....	1	0	0	28	7
Oklahoma.....	2	3	0	100	114
Oklahoma State.....	2	0	0	59	40
Oregon.....	0	1	0	16	38
Penn State.....	1	5	0	105	203
Purdue.....	3	2	0	108	123
Rice.....	1	1	0	53	48
San Diego State.....	1	0	0	34	14
San Jose State.....	2	0	0	114	50
Stanford.....	0	1	1	65	76
Tennessee.....	0	1	0	28	48
Texas.....	1	2	0	60	106
Texas A&M.....	2	0	0	57	40
Texas Tech.....	1	2	0	68	70
UCLA.....	2	0	0	47	31
UNLV.....	1	0	0	41	7
USC.....	0	3	0	49	98
Wake Forest.....	1	2	0	73	69
Washington.....	0	2	0	38	48
Washington State.....	0	1	0	26	47
Wisconsin.....	3	5	0	184	249

BARNETT'S BOXSCORE

Season	School	Overall					Conference						
		W	L	T	Pct.	Pts	Opp	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts	Opp
1982	Fort Lewis	4	5	1	.450	204	204	3	4	1	.438	176	180
1983	Fort Lewis	4	6	0	.400	195	212	4	4	0	.500	160	138
1992	Northwestern	3	8	0	.273	170	373	3	5	0	.375	139	247
1993	Northwestern	2	9	0	.182	185	335	0	8	0	.000	125	273
1994	Northwestern	3	7	1	.318	210	351	2	6	0	.250	140	258
1995	Northwestern	10	2	0	.833	311	181	8	0	0	1.000	204	99
1996	Northwestern	9	3	0	.750	336	278	7	1	0	.875	215	182
1997	Northwestern	5	7	0	.417	239	282	3	5	0	.375	141	201
1998	Northwestern	3	9	0	.250	214	337	0	8	0	.000	93	251
1999	Colorado.....	7	5	0	.545	405	311	5	3	0	.625	242	176
2000	Colorado.....	3	8	0	.273	252	284	3	5	0	.375	200	222
2001	Colorado.....	10	3	0	.769	412	318	7	1	0	.875	243	190
2002	Colorado.....	9	5	0	.643	398	325	7	1	0	.875	281	175
2003	Colorado.....	5	7	0	.417	319	398	3	5	0	.375	228	255
Career (14 seasons)		77	84	2	.479	3850	4189	55	56	1	.496	2587	2847
Colorado (5 seasons)		34	28	0	.548	1786	1636	25	15	0	.625	1194	1018

Home: 41-34-2 Road: 32-40-0 Neutral: 4-10-0 Vs. Ranked Teams (Top 25): 20-35-1 (Top 5: 2-12; Top 10: 5-23)

*—North Division (CU won Big 12 overall title in 2001).



year later, when McCartney made the dramatic announcement that the Buffaloes would switch to the wishbone offense, Barnett coached the quarterbacks and fullbacks, a position he would hold throughout his remaining tenure as a CU assistant. On Dec. 3, 1990, he was promoted to offensive coordinator after Gerry DiNardo resigned to become head coach at Vanderbilt. His first game as OC was in the 1991 Orange Bowl against Notre Dame, a 10-9 Colorado victory that enabled CU to win its first national championship in football.

During his eight seasons as an assistant coach at Colorado, he coached some very high profile players, most notably Lee Rouson, Eric McCarty, Mark Hatcher, the late Sal Aunese, George Hemingway, Erich Kissick, Kordell Stewart and the winningest quarterback in CU history, Darian Hagan. CU was 59-34-2 during his tenure as an assistant under McCartney, and in his last

seasons at Colorado, the Buffaloes did not lose a Big Eight Conference game (going 20-0-1).

Northwestern was 3-8, 2-9 and 3-7-1 in his first three seasons in Evanston, with the 8-24-1 mark almost identical to McCartney's 7-25-1 in his first three years at Colorado before he turned around the fortunes of the CU program.

Barnett was born May 23, 1946 in Lakeland, Fla., and graduated from Parkway Central High School in Chesterfield, Mo. He is married to the former Mary Weil, and they have two grown children, Courtney and Clay. Courtney graduated from Northwestern in 1997 and Clay from Georgetown in 2000. An avid golfer and runner, he was the official starter for the 2000 Bolder Boulder. He is also active in local charity work, specifically the ALS and Lupus foundations.

Q&A WITH GARY BARNETT

Who provided the greatest inspiration to you growing up?

"My mother and father."

Who were your favorite sports heroes growing up?

"Ken Boyer, Stan Musial and Johnny Unitas."

What did you want to be when you were little?

"A major league baseball player."

What made you decide to get into coaching?

"I couldn't live without football. It's in my blood."

What do you personally get out of coaching?

"A lot of headaches, a lot of heartaches but a great sense of fulfillment. I believe in my players, take them to where they cannot take themselves, and want a program that operates with one heartbeat."

Who would you really like to meet, or have met while they were alive?

"Nelson Mandela."

What is the most memorable sporting event you have ever attended or been a part of?

"The 1996 Rose Bowl (Northwestern-Southern Cal) and the 1991 Orange Bowl (when CU defeated Notre Dame 10-9 to win the national championship.)"

TOP PLAYERS COACHED (when a position coach)—All-Americans (1): Darian Hagan. All-Big Eight Performers (3): Hagan, Eric McCarty, Kordell Stewart. Bowl Game Most Valuable Players (1): Charles Johnson. NFL Players/Draft Picks (4): Hagan, Vance Joseph, Rouson, Stewart.

RECORD—Barnett is 77-84-2 as a head coach: 34-28 at Colorado, 35-45-1 at Northwestern and 8-11-1 at Fort Lewis. He has been a head coach for 143 Division I-A games, but has coached in 238 games overall when including his eight years as a CU assistant (during which the Buffs posted a 59-34-2 record). He has coached in 10 bowl games (five New Year's Day).



Mary Barnett Active In AFCWA

Mary Barnett, Gary's wife of 36 years, served as president of the American Football Coaches Wives Association for 2002, and she remains active as a board member of the organization.

Her biggest task was coordinating a membership drive among the wives of the thousands of coaches who belong to the AFCA. She wrote several newsletters over the course of her term, articles specifically designed to inform and connect the membership. The AFCWA also published a directory and went on-line with a new website for the first time by the end of her term.

Gary Barnett / Year-By-Year at Northwestern (1992-98)

1992 (3-8 overall, 3-5 *Big 10)

Date	Rank	Opponent (Rank)	Result
S 5	—	#Notre Dame (3)	L 7-42
S 12	—	at Boston College	L 0-49
S 19	—	at Stanford (18)	L 24-35
O 3	—	*at Purdue	W 28-14
O 10	—	*INDIANA	L 3-28
O 17	—	*at Ohio State	L 7-31
O 24	—	*at Illinois	W 27-26
O 31	—	*MICHIGAN STATE	L 26-27
N 7	—	*MICHIGAN (4)	L 7-40
N 14	—	*at Iowa	L 14-56
N 21	—	*WISCONSIN	W 27-25

1993 (2-9 overall, 0-8 *Big 10)

Date	Rank	Opponent (Rank)	Result
S 4	—	at Notre Dame (7)	L 12-27
S 18	—	BOSTON COLLEGE (22)	W 22-21
S 25	—	WAKE FOREST	W 26-14
O 2	—	*at Ohio State (7)	L 3-51
O 9	—	*at Wisconsin (21)	L 14-53
O 16	—	*MINNESOTA	L 26-28
O 23	—	*INDIANA	L 0-24
O 30	—	*at Illinois	L 13-20
N 6	—	*at Michigan State	L 29-31
N 13	—	*IOWA	L 19-23
N 20	—	*PENN STATE (14)	L 21-43

1994 (3-7-1 overall, 2-6 *Big 10)

Date	Rank	Opponent (Rank)	Result
S 3	—	#Notre Dame (3)	L 15-42
S 10	—	STANFORD (24)	T 41-41
S 17	—	at Air Force	W 14-10
O 1	—	*OHIO STATE (20)	L 15-17
O 8	—	*WISCONSIN (24)	L 14-46
O 15	—	*at Minnesota	W 37-31
O 22	—	*at Indiana	W 20- 7
O 29	—	*ILLINOIS	L 7-28
N 5	—	*MICHIGAN STATE	L 17-35
N 12	—	*at Iowa	L 13-49
N 19	—	*at Penn State (2)	L 17-45

1995 (10-2 overall, 8-0 *Big 10)

Date	Rank	Opponent (Rank)	Result
S 2	—	at Notre Dame (9)	W 17-15
S 16	25	at Miami, Ohio	L 28-30
S 23	—	AIR FORCE	W 30- 6
S 30	—	*INDIANA	W 31- 7
O 7	25	*at Michigan (7)	W 19-13
O 14	14	*at Minnesota	W 27-17
O 21	11	*WISCONSIN (24)	W 35- 0
O 28	8	*at Illinois	W 17-14
N 4	6	*PENN STATE (12)	W 21-10
N 11	5	*IOWA	W 31-20
N 18	5	*at Purdue	W 23- 8
Rose Bowl			
J 1	3	Southern Cal (17)	L 32-41

1996 (9-3 overall, 7-1 *Big 10)

Date	Rank	Opponent (Rank)	Result
S 7	13	at Wake Forest	L 27-28
S 14	—	at Duke	W 38-13
S 21	—	OHIO UNIV.	W 28- 7
S 28	25	*INDIANA	W 35-17
O 5	22	*MICHIGAN (6)	W 17-16
O 12	15	*MINNESOTA	W 26-24
O 19	14	*at Wisconsin	W 34-30
O 26	11	*ILLINOIS	W 27-24
N 2	11	*at Penn State (15)	L 9-34
N 9	18	*at Iowa (23)	W 40-13
N 16	13	*PURDUE	W 27-24
Citrus Bowl			
J 1	11	Tennessee (9)	L 28-48

1997 (5-7 overall, 3-5 *Big 10)

Date	Rank	Opponent (Rank)	Result
A 23	—	#Oklahoma	W 24- 0
S 6	21	at Wake Forest	L 20-27
S 13	—	DUKE	W 24-20
S 20	—	RICE	L 30-34
S 27	—	*at Purdue	L 9-21
O 4	—	*WISCONSIN	L 25-26
O 11	—	*at Michigan (6)	L 6-23
O 18	—	*MICHIGAN STATE (12)	W 19-17
O 25	—	*at Ohio State (9)	L 6-49
N 1	—	*PENN STATE (2)	L 27-30
N 8	—	*at Illinois	W 34-21
N 15	—	*IOWA (22)	W 15-14

1998 (3-9 overall, 0-8 *Big 10)

Date	Rank	Opponent (Rank)	Result
S 5	—	NEVADA-LAS VEGAS	W 41- 7
S 12	—	DUKE	L 10-44
S 19	—	at Rice	W 23-14
S 26	—	*at Wisconsin (14)	L 7-38
O 3	—	*ILLINOIS	L 10-13
O 10	—	*at Iowa	L 24-26
O 17	—	*MICHIGAN	L 6-12
O 24	—	*OHIO STATE (1)	L 10-36
O 31	—	*at Michigan State	L 5-29
N 7	—	*PURDUE	L 21-56
N 14	—	*at Penn State (19)	L 10-41
N 21	—	at Hawaii	W 47-21

(#—at Soldier Field; ranks listed are Associated Press)

Overall Record: 35-45-1 (.438)

Big Ten Conference Record: 23-33-0 (.411)

Gary Barnett / Year-By-Year at Fort Lewis (1982-83)

1982 (4-5-1 overall, 3-4-1 *RMAC)

Date	Opponent	Result
S 11	PANHANDLE STATE	W 18- 0
S 18	at Eastern New Mexico	L 10-24
S 25	*at Southern Colorado	L 30-49
O 2	*SOUTHERN UTAH STATE	L 12-17
O 9	*at Western State	W 24-21
O 16	*COLORADO MINES	W 28-14
O 23	*at Western New Mexico	L 24-25
O 30	*ADAMS STATE	T 16-16
N 6	*at New Mexico Highlands	W 35-10
N 13	*MESA STATE	L 7-28

1983 (4-6 overall, 4-4 *RMAC)

Date	Opponent	Result
S 17	*at Mesa State	L 2-29
S 24	EASTERN NEW MEXICO	L 7-15
O 1	*SOUTHERN COLORADO	L 6-10
O 8	*at Southern Utah State	W 24-14
O 15	*WESTERN STATE	W 39-28
O 22	*at Colorado Mines	W 14-13
O 29	*WESTERN NEW MEXICO	L 13-20
N 5	*at Adams State	L 18-21
N 12	*NEW MEXICO HIGHLANDS	W 44- 3
N 19	at Central Florida	L 28-59

Overall Record: 8-11-1 (.425).

RMAC Record: 7-8-1 (.469).

Third highest winning percentage in Fort Lewis football history.

NOTE: Fort Lewis, playing mostly with Barnett recruits, won its first (and only) Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference football title in 1984, one year after he left Durango to become an assistant coach at Colorado.

Gary Barnett / Year-By-Year as an assistant at Colorado (1984-91)

Barnett joined the Colorado staff on Feb. 20, 1984, as then-head coach Bill McCartney hired him to coach the running backs. He eventually was promoted to offensive coordinator on Dec. 3, 1990, following Gerry DiNardo's departure to become head coach at Vanderbilt. A year-by-year look at Barnett as a Colorado assistant:

Year	Position(s) Coached	Record	Top Players Coached
1984	Running Backs	1-10-0	Lee Rouson, Eric McCarty, Anthony Weatherspoon
1985	Quarterbacks & Fullbacks	7- 5-0	Mark Hatcher, Craig Keenan, Eric McCarty, Anthony Weatherspoon
1986	Quarterbacks & Fullbacks	6- 6-0	Erich Kissick, Mark Hatcher, Marc Walters
1987	Quarterbacks & Fullbacks	7- 4-0	Sal Aunese, Erich Kissick, Mark Hatcher, Michael Simmons
1988	Quarterbacks & Fullbacks	8- 4-0	Sal Aunese, Darian Hagan, Marc Walters
1989	Quarterbacks & Fullbacks	11- 1-0	Darian Hagan, George Hemingway, Erich Kissick, Michael Simmons
1990	Quarterbacks & Fullbacks	11- 1-1	Darian Hagan, Charles S. Johnson, James Hill, Vance Joseph
1991	*Quarterbacks & Fullbacks	8- 3-1	Darian Hagan, Kordell Stewart, Vance Joseph, James Hill

(*—also served as offensive coordinator.)

CU was 59-34-2 during his tenure as an assistant coach under Bill McCartney. In his last three seasons at Colorado, the Buffaloes did not lose a Big Eight Conference game (20-0-1). He was named head coach at Northwestern on December 18, 1991, but did accompany CU to Miami to coach in the Blockbuster Bowl against Alabama.

NOTE: For year-by-year as head coach at Colorado, please refer to the record section later in this guide.

BRIAN CABRAL

Inside Linebackers/Assistant Head Coach



Brian Cabral is in his 16th season at the University of Colorado, his 15th as a full time assistant coach, as he joined the Buffalo staff as graduate assistant in 1989. Shortly after CU hired Gary Barnett as head coach, he was promoted to assistant head coach on February 1, 1999. In addition to coaching the inside linebackers, he also coaches the punt return unit on special teams.

He was named interim head coach on February 19, 2004, when head coach Gary Barnett was placed on indefinite paid administrative leave. In that role for what amounted to be just over three

months, he continued to coach his position players but also took care of day-to-day operational details of the program.

In the summer of 2002, he was one of 500 nationwide recipients of the AFLAC National Assistant Coach-of-the-Year Award. Coaches on all levels were honored, from youth to professional, and he was one of 10 selected regionally to receive the award.

His 15 years as a full-time assistant rank as the third most in CU history, as he trails two legendary Franks: Potts and Prentup, both of whom assisted Buff head coaches for 18 years.

His 2001 punt return team led the nation with a 17.4 average, and also boasted the nation's top individual return man in Roman Hollowell, who averaged 18.0 per return and scored two touchdowns. In 2002, Jeremy Bloom averaged 15.0 yards per return and was 13th in the nation as a freshman (ranking 21st as a sophomore in '03). Cabral prides himself on the team being composed largely of non-starters, drawing comparison to his roots when he was special teams captain of the Chicago Bears.

Cabral, 48, tutored the inside linebackers his first year in Boulder as a grad assistant, and assumed full-time duties in the same capacity in 1990 and has coached the position at CU to this day. He returned to

Colorado, his alma mater, from Purdue, where he coached the inside linebackers for two seasons (1987-88). He also is the director of CU's summer football camps.

He is a 1978 CU graduate, as he earned a B.S. degree in therapeutic recreation. He lettered three seasons for the Buffs at linebacker from 1975 to 1977 under Coach Bill Mallory, as he was a captain and played a big role on CU's Big Eight champion team in 1976. He led CU with 13 tackles (12 solo) in the 1977 Orange Bowl against Ohio State. As a senior, he was honored as the Big Eight Conference's player of the week for a monster 25 tackles in a CU 27-21 win over Stanford and shared the team's Sure Tackler Award with Mark Haynes. That 25-tackle game included 13 solo stops and is still tied for the fourth most in a single game in CU history.

Cabral had 297 tackles in his CU career (120 solo, 177 assisted), a number that still has him tied for 11th on Colorado's all-time list. A unique fact is that he has coached five of the players on the list ahead of him: Matt Russell, Greg Biekert, Ted Johnson, Chad Brown and Michael Jones. A sixth, Jashon Sykes, is the player he is tied with.

He was a nine-year NFL veteran, as Atlanta drafted him in the fourth round in 1978. He played two seasons with Atlanta, one with Green Bay and six with Chicago. As the captain of the Bears' special teams, he was a member of Chicago's Super Bowl XX champion team in 1985. He was selected as the Frito-Lay Unsung Hero in the Bears' win over New England, as he had two solo and two assisted tackles on special teams.

Known as one of the top linebacker coaches in the nation, his students have included Matt Russell, the 1996 Butkus Award winner, and all-Big Eight performers Greg Biekert, Chad Brown and Ted Johnson, who have gone on to stardom in the National Football League. He also recruited Rashaan Salaam, the 1994 Heisman trophy winner, and Chris Naeole, a 1996 All-American.

He was born June 23, 1956, in Fort Benning, Ga, but grew up in Kailua, Hawaii. He is married to the former Becky Lucas, and they have three children, Kyle (26), Maile (22) and Mele (17). He is an active member in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He has authored a book ("Second String Champion"), and his hobbies include surfing, skateboarding and snowboarding.

Q&A WITH BRIAN CABRAL

Who provided the greatest inspiration to you growing up? *"My father, Vince Lombardi and Dick Butkus."*

Who was your favorite sports hero growing up? *"Duke Kahanomoku."*

What did you want to be when you were little? *"The second Hawaiian to go to Notre Dame. My father was the first."*

What made you decide to get into coaching? *"My wife encouraged me."*

What do you personally get out of coaching? *"The personal challenges of seeing players realize their potential, on and off the field."*

Who would you really like to meet, or have met while they were alive? *"Jesus Christ."*

What is the most memorable sporting event you have ever attended or been a part of? *"Super Bowl XX, as a member of the Chicago Bears against the New England Patriots."*

TOP PLAYERS COACHED—All-Americans (2): Roman Hollowell (punt returns), Matt Russell (Butkus Award winner). All-Big Eight/12 Performers (6): Greg Biekert, Chad Brown, Hollowell, Ted Johnson (Butkus Award runner-up), Michael Jones, Russell. NFL Players/Draft Picks (7): Biekert, Brown, Johnson, Ron Merson, Hannibal Navies, Russell, Sean Tufts.

RECORD—Colorado is 114-52-4 with Cabral as a full-time assistant coach (125-53-4 including his graduate assistant year). Purdue was 7-14-1 when he was on the Boilermaker staff. He has coached in 11 bowl games (six New Year's Day).



MIKE HANKWITZ

Defensive Coordinator/Outside Linebackers



Mike Hankwitz was named defensive coordinator on February 2, 2004, marking his return to where he worked 10 seasons as an assistant between 1985 and 1994. He also coaches the outside linebackers and the punters in addition to his duties as coordinator.

Hankwitz, 56, is just the eighth assistant coach to have two full-time stints at Colorado. He thus was reunited with Gary Barnett, as the two worked together for seven seasons in Boulder (1985-91) as assistants under Bill McCartney.

He returned to Colorado from the University of Arizona, where he was the Wildcats' defensive coordinator to start the 2003 season. But after a

1-3 start, head coach John Mackovic was dismissed with Hankwitz promoted to interim head coach. The Wildcats went 1-7 under Hankwitz; the win came over Washington (27-22) while two of the losses were three-point setbacks to TCU and UCLA.

Hankwitz has coached in exactly 400 Division I-A football games (377 as a full-time coach and 23 as a grad assistant), and other than Arizona's 2-10 overall mark in 2003, the other seven schools all posted winning records during his time on their staffs.

He joined the CU staff the first time on March 4, 1985 as outside linebackers coach, the position he mentored his first three seasons in Boulder. He was promoted to defensive coordinator in 1988 and coached the inside linebackers that season; he did not coach a position in 1989 and 1991, but coached the secondary in 1990 and resumed coaching the outside 'backers in 1992 through his last game during his first stay in Boulder, the 1995 Fiesta Bowl. The Buffs were 86-30-4 during this time, including a 66-15-1 record when he was defensive coordinator. CU won Big Eight titles in 1989, 1990 and 1991, and was the consensus national champion in 1990. His 1992 defense allowed just 278.0 yards per game (No. 9 in the NCAA), the only time CU has led its conference in total defense since 1958 as well as still being the lowest figure over the last 36 seasons.

Q&A WITH MIKE HANKWITZ

Who provided the greatest inspiration to you growing up? *"My parents."*

Who was your favorite sports hero growing up? *"Bill Russell."*

What did you want to be when you were little? *"I wanted to be like my dad, I wanted to be a good athlete, and at one time, I really wanted to join the Navy."*

What made you decide to get into coaching? *"I enjoy competing and the great satisfaction of accomplishment as a team at a high level."*

What do you personally get out of coaching? *"The relationships with the players, and the reward if helping them become successful, whether they go on to pro football or to other endeavors in life."*

Who is the one person in the world you would have really liked to meet: *"Abraham Lincoln."*

What is the most memorable sporting event you have ever attended? *"Coaching in the 1991 Orange Bowl for the national championship with CU, and playing in the 1969 Michigan-Ohio State game."*

TOP PLAYERS COACHED—All-Americans (10): Mitch Berger, Keith English, Deon Figures (1992 Thorpe Award winner), Barry Helton, Chris Hudson (1994 Thorpe Award winner), Shane Lechler, Kanavis McGhee, Dat Nguyen (1998 Bednarik and Lombardi awards winner), Tom Rouen, Alfred Williams (1990 Butkus Award winner). All-Big 10 Performers (1): Keena Turner. All-WAC Performers (1): Dennis Anderson. All-MAC Performers (2): Mark Kujacznski, Ken Luckett. All-Big Eight Performers (11): Berger, Chad Brown, English, Figures, Helton, Tim James, Dave McCloughan, McGhee, Rouen, Williams, Ron Woolfork. All-Big 12 Performers (5): Jason Glenn, Warrick Holdman, Lechler, Nguyen, Jarrod Penright. NFL Players/Draft Picks (24): Fred Arrington, Roosevelt Barnes, Steve Baumgartner, Berger, C. Brown, Mark Brown, English, Figures, David Frey, Glenn, Helton, Holdman, Greg Jones, McCloughan, McGhee, Dan McMillen, Nguyen, Penright, Sam Rogers, Rouen, Turner, Williams, Ronnie Ward, Woolfork.

RECORD—He has coached in 377 Division I-A games as a full-time coach, owning a combined record of 243-127-7 (37-23 as an assistant at Arizona in two stints and 1-7 as its interim head coach; 38-19-1 at Purdue; 18-13-2 at Western Michigan; 86-30-4 in the first stint at Colorado; 14-9 at Kansas; and 49-26 at Texas A&M). Including 23 games at Michigan as a graduate assistant (21-2), he has been a part of 400 Division I-A contests. He has coached in 19 bowl games (seven New Year's Day).

Hankwitz also coordinated the overall CU special teams effort, and worked hands on specifically with the punt team. During his 10 seasons, Colorado's punt team was the nation's No. 1 rated unit for that span, twice leading the country in net average (1985 and 1989), producing four consecutive first-team All-America punters in Barry Helton, Keith English, Tom Rouen and Mitch Berger.

After McCartney retired following the 1994 season and new coach Rick Neuheisel had different ideas for the CU defense, Hankwitz parted ways with the program on his own terms, landing as defensive coordinator and inside linebackers coach for Glenn Mason at Kansas. The Jayhawks had their best season in 90 years in going 10-2 in 1995, including an upset over CU in Boulder; Mason moved north to the University of Minnesota in 1997 and originally tabbed him as his DC; but Hankwitz instead went south, joining Texas A&M as the defensive coordinator for the vaunted Aggie Wrecking Crew defense, a position he held for six seasons before taking the Arizona job. At A&M, his defenses were top 10 units in total defense, scoring defense and/or passing defense in 1998 (when the Aggies were Big 12 champs), 2000 and 2001.

Hankwitz graduated from the University of Michigan in 1970 with a bachelor's degree in physical education. He lettered three times as a linebacker and tight end for the Wolverines, and played in the 1970 Rose Bowl after Michigan emerged as the co-champions of the Big 10 Conference.

He started his coaching career in the fall of 1970, as he coached Michigan's junior varsity team. He was a graduate assistant on defense at Michigan the next two years before moving on to Arizona in 1973, where under head coach Jim Young he worked that season as outside linebackers coach. The following year, coaching the defensive backs was added to his duties, and in 1976, he was defensive coordinator in the final year of his first stop in Tucson. It was there where he first worked with Mackovic, who would later hire him back at the U of A in 2003.

Hankwitz (and Mackovic) followed Young to Purdue in 1977, where for five seasons he coached the outside linebackers and punters. In 1982, he moved on to Western Michigan as defensive coordinator and secondary coach for three years until being hired at Colorado by McCartney, also a former Michigan assistant. His 1982 WMU defense ranked No. 1 in the nation in scoring defense, allowing just 78 points in 11 games.

He was born December 14, 1947 Ludington, Mich., and graduated from Mason County (Scottville, Mich.) Central High School, where he lettered in four sports: football, basketball, track and baseball. He is married to the former Cathy Leeds, and the couple has a son, Jacob (10).



SHAWN WATSON

Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks



Shawn Watson joined the Colorado staff as quarterbacks coach on January 22, 1999, coming to CU from Northwestern with head coach Gary Barnett after holding a similar position for two seasons at Northwestern. This is his sixth season in Boulder.

He was named offensive coordinator almost exactly a year later, on January 19, 2000, replacing Tom Cable who left to become head coach at Idaho. In his first game as CU's O-coordinator, the Buffs gained 532 yards against Colorado State, the most ever by a Buff team in their first game under a new offensive "pilot." In 2001, CU was

20th in the nation in total offense (434.4 yards per game), but was only the third team in Buff history to average both 200 yards rushing and passing.

Watson, 44, has been adept at tailoring the offense around CU's talent. The 2001 and 2002 teams were strong rushing teams, and in 2003, the Buffs were prolific in the passing game, ranking 18th nationally with 279.3 yards per game, despite the fact that CU entered the year with its quarterbacks having only 10 collegiate snaps at the position.

Barnett hired Watson in 1997 at Northwestern after he spent three seasons as head coach at Southern Illinois. During his three years at the helm of the Salukis, SIU compiled an 11-22 record, but produced 20 all-conference players. Two of his standout players included Mark Gagliano, who led the nation in punting in 1996, and tight end Damon Jones, who was drafted in the fifth round by Jacksonville in the 1997 NFL draft.

Watson tutored quarterback Mike Moschetti his first year in Boulder, watching his senior signal-caller set a school record for completion percentage for a single season, 61.6 percent. Moschetti completed 204 of 331 passes for 2,693 yards, with 18 touchdowns and 12 interceptions. He also helped bring along redshirt freshman Zac Colvin, who became only the fifth freshman to start a game for CU, and just the second to lead the team to victory in CU's 16-12 win at Iowa State. He's also been a key element in the development of several other outstanding CU quarterbacks, including Bobby Pesavento and Joel Klatt.

Watson first attended Illinois on a football scholarship, but then transferred to Southern Illinois, where he would eventually play two seasons at strong safety. He began his coaching career at SIU as a graduate assistant in 1982, the same year he earned his bachelor's degree in health education. He moved on to the University of Illinois for the next four seasons (1983-86), coaching a host of positions while he worked on his master's degree, also in health education. He was a graduate assistant for the first two years, and then was the full-time tackles and tight ends coach in 1985 and the ends and wide receivers coach in 1986. The Illini went to the Rose and Peach bowls during his stay in Champaign.

After working with wide receivers, tight ends and special teams at Illinois, he moved on to Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, where he would coach the next seven seasons. He was the tight ends coach his first three years there (1987-89), then the wide receivers mentor (1989-91) and then quarterbacks coach and recruiting coordinator for his final two years (1992-93).

He was born September 21, 1959 in Carbondale, Ill., and graduated from Cartersville (Ill.) High School where he lettered in football, basketball and track. He is married to the former Anita Wentz and is the father of three, Amber (24), Aaron (18) and Adam (16).

Q&A WITH SHAWN WATSON

Who provided the greatest inspiration to you growing up? *"My father."*

Who was your favorite sports hero growing up? *"Vince Lombardi."*

What did you want to be when you were little? *"A coach."*

What made you decide to get into coaching? *"My high school coach (Mike Deck) and college coach (Rey Dempsey) both extolled the virtues of the business and really got me interested in it."*

What do you personally get out of coaching? *"I enjoy the hard work and challenges coaching provides, as well as developing players both on and off the field in a game I love and respect."*

Who would you really like to meet, or have met while they were alive? *"Jesus Christ."*

What is the most memorable sporting event you have ever attended or been a part of? *"Chicago Bulls' games and watching Michael Jordan compete."*

TOP PLAYERS COACHED—All-Americans (5): Coe Bonner, Cap Boso, Mark Gagliano, Damon Jones, David Williams. All-Big 10 Performers (2): Boso, Williams. NFL Players/Draft Picks (2): Boso, Jones.

RECORD—He has been a full-time assistant coach for 209 Division I-A games, along with his 33 as head coach of a Division I-AA program. Colorado is 34-28 in his four years in Boulder; Illinois was 27-18-1 his four years in Champaign-Urbana, while Miami was 28-44-5 in his seven years and Northwestern 8-16 in two years. He has coached in six bowl games (two New Year's Day).



DAVE BORBELY

Offensive Line



Dave Borbely is in his third year as offensive line coach, as he joined the Colorado staff on February 15, 2002. He also coaches the offensive field goal/PAT unit on special teams.

Borbely, 45, came to CU with an outstanding resume, topped off by spending four seasons at Notre Dame (1998-2001). In South Bend, he coached the entire offensive line in 1998 and 1999 and solely the guards and centers in 2000 and 2001. While with the Irish, he coached in two New Year's Day bowls ('99 Gator and '01 Fiesta), as was on the same

staff in 1998 as the late CU co-defensive coordinator Tom McMahon. His 2000 Notre Dame line, anchored by third-team All-American Mike Gandy, helped pave the way for the Irish to average 213.5 yards rushing per game, 14th in the nation.

In his first year at Colorado (2002), the Buffs finished sixth in the NCAA in rushing, largely due to an offensive line, minus two NFL draft picks, melding together. He worked with a young line with only one returning starter in 2003 and an offense that switched gears from being predominantly a rushing team to a passing unit, but set the group up well for the future.

He was set to coach the offensive line at Kansas in the spring of 2002, but the CU position opened when Steve Marshall left the Buffs a little over a month later to join the NFL expansion Houston Texans. Gary Barnett made quick work to get him to Boulder.

A 1981 graduate of DePauw University, he earned his degree in history while lettering four times in football, being named the team's top lineman twice. His first taste of coaching came at the University of Evansville, where he worked two years (1981-82) as a graduate assistant while earning his master's degree in secondary education.

He moved on to become the defensive line coach for the freshman team at Penn in 1983 (a part-time position), and then worked the next two seasons as a graduate assistant at Tennessee, with both Volunteer teams going to bowl games ('84 Sun and '86 Sugar).

His first full-time coaching position followed at Rice University in the fall of 1986, and it was the first of four successive three-year stints at different programs around the country. He moved from Rice to Temple in 1989, then to Tulane in 1992 and then to Stanford in 1995 before settling at Notre Dame in 1998. Along the entire way he coached the offensive line, and he was also a coach of two Stanford teams that went to the postseason ('95 Liberty and '96 Sun bowls). No less than six of the players he has coached have been drafted into the National Football League.

He was born April 5, 1959 in Hammond, Ind., and graduated from Hammond (Ind.) High, where he lettered in football, baseball and wrestling. He is married to the former Bev Beard, and they have three children, Joseph (15), Laura (13) and Brian (11).

Q&A WITH DAVE BORBELY

Who provided the greatest inspiration to you growing up? *"My parents."*

Who was your favorite sports hero growing up? *"Ernie Banks."*

What did you want to be when you were little? *"A fireman."*

What made you decide to get into coaching? *"I had a great passion for the game of football as a player, and I couldn't imagine anything else I wanted to do other than coach."*

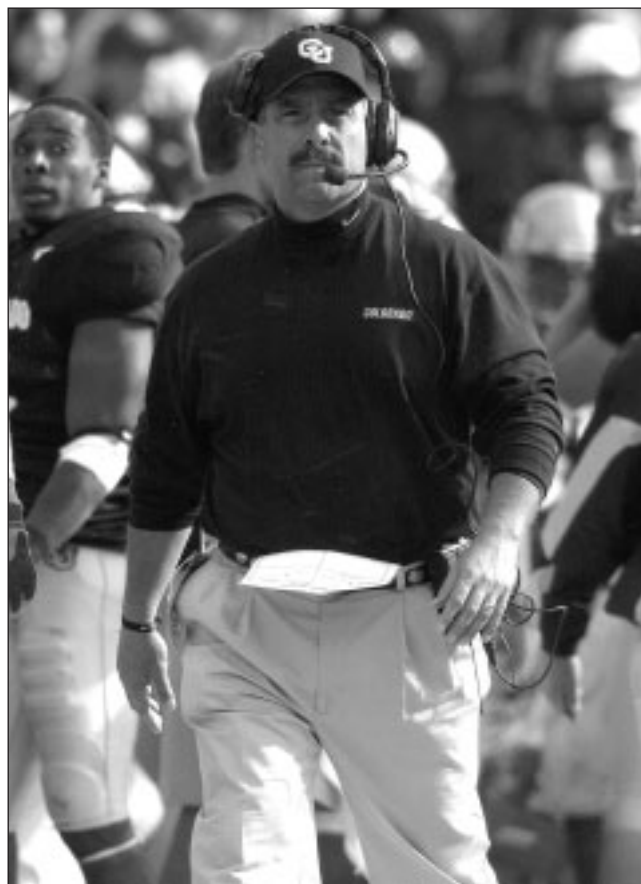
What do you personally get out of coaching? *"I get a great sense of satisfaction seeing a group of young men molded into one unit, achieving more as a group than they ever could as individuals."*

Who would you really like to meet, or have met while they were alive? *"Mick Jagger."*

What is the most memorable sporting event you have ever attended or been a part of? *"I've coached in some great games and places, but it's a three-way tie: my son Joe's first football game, my daughter Laura's first gymnastics practice, and my son Brian's first hockey game."*

TOP PLAYERS COACHED—All-Americans (3): Mike Gandy, Wayne Lucier, Mike Rosenthal. All-Big 12 (2): Justin Bates, Lucier. All-SWC (1): Courtney Hall. AP All-East (1): Dick Beck. All-Big East (2): Tre Johnson, Brian Krulikowski. NFL Players/Draft Picks (11): Brad Bager, Bates, Gandy, Hall, Johnson, Jim Jones, Lucier, James Parrish, Luke Petitgout, Rosenthal, Jerry Wisne.

RECORD—He has coached in 208 games as a full-time collegiate assistant coach, 232 including his time as a grad assistant at Tennessee. That includes 26 at Colorado, with a record of 14-12. He has coached in seven bowl games (two New Year's Day).





Craig Bray is in his first year as a member of the Colorado staff, as he was named secondary coach on June 4, 2004.

Bray, 52, has 28 years of coaching experience at the collegiate level, including 25 years coaching defense with an emphasis on the secondary, with seven as a coordinator. He worked as the linebackers coach in 2003 at the University of Arizona, where he was on the same staff as current CU defensive coordinator Mike Hankwitz.

Prior to his one year in Tucson with Arizona, he was the defensive coordinator and secondary coach at Oregon State University for the 2000 through 2002 seasons. His 2000 defense at OSU ranked as the best in both total and scoring defense in the Pacific 10 Conference, as well as ranks of 20th and 16th, respectively, in the NCAA. His 2001 squad was the third best defensively in the Pac-10, with the 2002 Beavers ranking ninth nationally in rushing defense and 11th in total defense in 2002. He directed a multiple scheme with a 4-3 base defense at Oregon State, similar to what Hankwitz installed at CU this past spring.

Bray also coached eight seasons in two stints at Washington State, in 1987 and 1988 and from 1994 through 1999. He joined Dennis Erickson's staff at the University of Idaho in 1984, serving as defensive backs coach in addition to recruiting coordinator,

and went with Erickson to the University of Wyoming in 1986 (solely as the secondary mentor). He then moved on to Washington State in the same capacity in 1987, and when Erickson left for the University of Miami for the 1989 season, he again followed. But after working the spring as the DB coach, he returned to the Pacific Northwest to take a coordinators' position under John L. Smith at Idaho, where he was both the defensive coordinator and secondary coach.

He then joined Mike Price's staff at Washington State in 1994, and was reunited with Erickson at Oregon State in 2000.

His first full-time position in the profession came as wide receivers coach at Nevada-Reno in 1976; he coached the running backs there in 1977 and then switched to defense for the first time in 1978, as he coached the secondary there for the next two years (1978-79). He spent the next four seasons (1980-83) as the secondary coach at Northern Arizona.

Bray started his coaching career as a student assistant receivers coach at UNLV in 1975, the same year he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Education. He attended the College of the Siskiyous from 1970-72 and played two years before transferring to UNLV, where he started two years as a wide receiver in 1973 and 1974 (the Rebels were 20-4 in his two seasons there in Division II ball).

He was born on December 18, 1951 in Yreka, Calif., and graduated from Yreka High School where he lettered in football, basketball and track. He is married to the former Kaprice Rupp, a former Washington State University head volleyball coach. The couple has two sons, Josh, 23, and Trenton, 21. Josh is a senior at Oregon State, while Trenton is a junior middle linebacker on the Beaver's football team.

Q&A WITH CRAIG BRAY

Who provided the greatest inspiration to you growing up? *"My father."*

Who was your favorite sports hero growing up? *"Willie Mays."*

What did you want to be when you were little? *"That's easy... I wanted to be bigger."*

What made you decide to get into coaching? *"I love to teach and motivate. What better way to accomplish that than in a game that you enjoy."*

What do you personally get out of coaching? *"The relationships with players, and the opportunity to influence young people in a positive way that can really make a difference in their lives."*

What is the most memorable sporting event you have ever attended or been a part of? *"The 1998 Rose Bowl; it was Washington State's first appearance in 69 years."*

TOP PLAYERS COACHED—All-Americans (6): Lee Fobbs, Brian Smith, Lamont Thompson, Marcus Trufant, Dennis Weathersby, Jeff Wright. All-Big Sky (7): Cal Loveall, Charlie Oliver, Virgil Paulsen, Dejuan Robinson, Ernst Sanders, Smith, Mark Tidd. All-WAC (1): Eric Coleman. All-Pac 10 (4): Nick Barnett, Thompson, Trufant, Weathersby. NFL Players/Draft Picks (14): Barnett, Terrence Carroll, Coleman, James Hasty, Artie Holmes, Torey Hunter, David Kilson, Dee Moronkola, Ricky Reynolds, Terrell Roberts, Robinson, Thompson, Brian Walker, Weathersby.

RECORD—He has coached in 327 intercollegiate games as a full-time coach, owning a combined record of 187-139-1. He's coached in 162 games on the Division I-A level (6-6 at Wyoming; 50-53-1 in two stints at Washington State; 24-12 at Oregon State; and 2-10 at Arizona) and in 165 games in Division I-AA (35-11 at Nevada-Reno; 17-27 at Northern Arizona; and 59-26 over two spans at Idaho). He has coached in five bowl games (two New Year's Day), and coached in 10 Division I-AA playoff games, eight with Idaho and two at Nevada.



TED GILMORE

Wide Receivers



Ted Gilmore is in his second season on the Colorado staff, as he was hired as wide receivers coach on February 20, 2003.

His first year on the CU sidelines was a productive one, as he coached one of the top single-season receiving duos in Colorado history when seniors D.J. Hackett and Derek McCoy combined for 141 receptions, 1,896 yards and 18 touchdowns.

Gilmore, 37, joined the CU staff after serving two years as the receivers coach at Purdue University. He has roots in the Rocky Mountain area, as he graduated up the road from the University of Wyoming.

After transferring to Wyoming from Butler Community College (Eldorado, Kan.), he lettered at receiver for the Cowboys in 1988 and 1989. He caught 40 passes for a team-high 594 yards and three touchdowns as a junior, and snared 32 receptions for 445 yards and two scores as a senior, when he earned second-team all-Western Athletic Conference honors. He played in one bowl game, a Wyoming loss to Oklahoma State in the Holiday Bowl his junior year. He earned his bachelor's degree from Wyoming in sociology in 1991.

He began his coaching career at his alma mater, working as a graduate assistant with both receivers and tight ends for three seasons (1994-96) under Wyoming's then-head coach, Joe Tiller. He was then hired as the full-time receivers coach by the Cowboys for the 1997 and 1998 seasons. He moved on to Kansas for the 1999 season where he coached the tight ends, and then to Houston as its receiver coach for the 2000 season, where he coached the Cougars' all-time receptions leader, Orlando Inglesias. He then rejoined Tiller on the Purdue staff in the spring of 2001.

At Purdue, he coached perhaps the top receiver duo in the league in 2002, sophomore Taylor Stubblefield and junior John Standeford. The pair combined for 152 receptions for 2,096 yards; Stubblefield was seventh in the NCAA in receptions per game (77 in 10 games), while Standeford caught 75 passes for 1,307 yards and 13 touchdowns, ranking 11th in the nation in yards and tying for third in TD receptions. Purdue was one of the top offensive teams in the nation in 2002, averaging 452.2 yards per game (seventh in the NCAA), including 255.7 yards passing.

He was born March 21, 1967 in Wichita, Kan., and graduated from Wichita South High School, where he lettered in football, basketball and track. He is married to the former Jennifer Schey, and the couple has two small children, daughter Taylor (4) and son T.J. (1). Jennifer, a Longmont native, is the daughter of Dave Schey, one of the top amateur golfers in Colorado history.

Q&A WITH TED GILMORE

Who provided the greatest inspiration to you growing up? *"My mother."*

Who was your favorite sports hero growing up? *"Dr. J (Julius Erving)."*

What did you want to be when you were little? *"A fireman."*

What made you decide to get into coaching? *"Pure and simple: the love of the game."*

What do you personally get out of coaching? *"The day-to-day challenge of dealing with so many different people, and the difference you can make on just one life."*

Who is the one person in the world you would really like to meet? *"Dr. J."*

What is the most memorable sporting event you have ever attended? *"My older sister's high school playoff game."*

TOP PLAYERS COACHED—All-Americans (1): Marcus Harris (Biletnikoff Award winner). All-WAC (2): Harris, Wendell Montgomery. All-Conference USA (2): Orlando Inglesias, Brian Robinson. All-Big 10 (1): John Standeford. NFL Players/Draft Picks (3): D.J. Hackett, Derek McCoy, Sean McDermott.

RECORD—He has coached in 84 Division I-A games as a full-time coach (41-43), 119 games including his time as a graduate assistant. Wyoming was 15-9 his two full-time seasons there (37-22 including his GA years), while Kansas was 5-7, Houston 3-8 and Purdue 13-12 when he was on staff. He has coached in two bowl games (none yet on New Year's Day).



SHAWN SIMMS

Running Backs



Shawn Simms is in his second year as a member of the Colorado football staff, as he was hired on January 15, 2003 to coach the running backs.

Simms, 41, joined the CU staff after coaching the running backs for two seasons at the University of Pittsburgh. His experience includes stops at Illinois and Ohio State.

Simms earned his bachelor's degree in business education from Bowling Green in 1986, where he lettered as a linebacker and was an all-Mid America Conference performer as a senior

in 1984. His first taste of coaching came in 1985 with Heidelberg in nearby Tiffin, Ohio, as he coached the linebackers one year and the secondary in another while finishing up his degree at Bowling Green. He then moved on to San Diego State, where spent one season (1987) as a defensive grad assistant; while at SDSU, he studied in its master's program in educational administration.

His first full-time position was as running back coach with Oberlin, where he worked one year (1988), before accepting his first full-time Division I-A job with Miami, Ohio.

After two seasons as outside linebacker coach with Miami (1989-90), he moved on to Toledo, where he again coached the running backs for four seasons (1991-94). Simms then spent the 1995 and 1996 seasons as running backs coach at Illinois, where he tutored Robert Holcombe, who set single game, season and career rushing records for the Fighting Illini. Holcombe went on to earn a Super Bowl ring with the '99 St. Louis Rams.

Simms moved on to Ohio State for the 1997 through 1999 seasons, switching sides of the ball in coaching defensive ends, including standout performers James Cotton and Rodney Bailey, future NFL draft picks. He also recruited four players who saw plenty of action for the Buckeyes on their 2002 national championship team, including starting defensive end Will Smith.

Prior to joining the Pittsburgh staff in 2001, he coached the running backs at Rutgers for the 2000 season. At Pitt, he coached junior Brandon Miree, who gained 943 yards in 2002 to help lead Pittsburgh to a 9-4 record and near upset of No. 1 Miami.

He was born February 15, 1963 in Fremont, Ohio, and graduated from Fremont's Ross High School, where he lettered in football, basketball, baseball and track. His half brother, Charles Woodson, won the Heisman Trophy in 1997 as a collegian at Michigan and is currently with the Oakland Raiders. He is married to the former Victoria Trail and the couple has two boys, Tre' (7) and Trent (2).

Q&A WITH SHAWN SIMMS

Who provided the greatest inspiration to you growing up? *"My mother."*

Who was your favorite sports hero growing up? *"I played linebacker, and I loved Hollywood Henderson. I even wore his jersey in high school."*

What did you want to be when you were little? *"A professional football player."*

What made you decide to get into coaching? *"I really loved my high school football coach, Wayne 'Pete' Moore. I wanted to stay in football and I wanted to stick with it somehow. But Pete was a big influence on me."*

What do you personally get out of coaching? *"You get competition, and you get to try to coach and teach guys to be their best, become what they want to be, have them evolve into a complete person and a complete player. But most of all, is to provide a good example of someone to look up to and who will do the right things in life."*

Who is the one person in the world you would really like to meet? *"Tiger Woods."*

What is the most memorable sporting event you have ever attended? *"Having the opportunity to watch my brother (Charles Woodson) play in the National Football League on a professional level is something special."*

TOP PLAYERS COACHED—All-Big 10 (2): Rodney Bailey, James Cotton. All-ECAC (1): Raymond Kirkley. NFL Players/Draft Picks (3): Bailey, Cotton, Robert Holcomb, Kenny Petersen.

RECORD—In 15 years in the Division I-A ranks, he has coached in 173 games with Miami, Ohio (7-13-2), Toledo (23-19-2), Illinois (7-14-1), Ohio State (27-10), Pittsburgh (16-9) and now Colorado (5-7). He has coached in four bowl games (two New Year's Day).



CHRIS WILSON

Defensive Line



Chris Wilson is in his fifth year at CU, as he joined the Buffalo staff as defensive line coach on May 26, 2000. He became only the second full-time coach hired at the school after the conclusion of spring football since 1982. He also coaches the field goal and PAT defensive unit on special teams.

Wilson, 35, came to CU from Army, where he had joined the Cadet staff in January, 2000, as defensive line coach when Todd Berry replaced Bob Sutton as head coach following Sutton's dismissal in December. Wilson had spent the 1998 and 1999 seasons with Berry at Illinois State.

The Redbirds advanced to the NCAA I-AA semifinals in 1999, finishing with an 11-3 record and a 6-0 league mark to win the Gateway Conference title.

A four-year letterman at linebacker for Oklahoma between 1988-91, he recorded 303 tackles, a number that still stands as 14th best in Sooner history. He had 104 tackles as a sophomore, 86 as a junior, despite missing two-plus games to injury, and posted 97 as a senior. He was a preseason nominee for the '91 Butkus Award. Wilson earned second-team all-Big Eight honors three times and was a third-team All-America selection as a junior by the *Football News*. A two-time team captain, he graduated from OU with a degree in communications in 1992.

Ironically, some of his top career games came against Colorado, as he had 11 tackles, a pass broken up and a forced fumble in the '89 game in Norman won by CU, 20-3; he was OU's Big Eight defensive player-of-the-week nomination. He had nine tackles in the 1990 game in Boulder and led the Sooners with eight stops in the '91 contest, both games again won by the Buffs. He played for both Barry Switzer and Gary Gibbs at Oklahoma, and played in three bowl games.

The Chicago Bears drafted him in the 12th round in 1992, but eventually did not make the final roster. He entered the coaching ranks in 1993 as a graduate assistant at Indiana State, and was then hired by the Sycamores full-time in the spring of 1994 to tutor the inside linebackers. He moved on to Northern Illinois in 1995, coaching the outside linebackers and coordinating the team's nickel package. He was the defensive coordinator and line coach for Northeastern Oklahoma A & M in 1996, and then returned to Indiana State for the 1997 season as outside linebackers coach and recruiting coordinator before joining Berry at Illinois State and then Army. He has also had three minority internships with NFL teams, Dallas (1995), Arizona (1997) and Miami (1998).

Wilson was born January 8, 1969 in Dallas, Texas, and graduated from Richardson (Texas) High School, where he lettered in football and track. He is married to the former Tina Brown, a schoolteacher, and they have two children, son Caleb (8) and daughter Colby (4). His hobbies include collecting old music, particularly jazz.

Q&A WITH CHRIS WILSON

Who provided the greatest inspiration to you growing up? *"My mother and grandfather."*

Who was your favorite sports hero growing up? *"Lawrence Taylor."*

What did you want to be when you were little? *"The President of the U.S.A."*

What made you decide to get into coaching? *"It chose me."*

What do you personally get out of coaching? *"I love seeing the team as well as the individuals reach their potential."*

Who would you really like to meet, or have met while they were alive? *"Jesus Christ."*

What is the most memorable sporting event you have ever attended or been a part of? *"The 1988 Orange Bowl for the National Championship when I was a freshman at Oklahoma."*

TOP PLAYERS COACHED—All-Americans (2): Damien Gregory, Chad Pegues. All-Big 12 Performers (1): Justin Bannan. NFL Players/Draft Picks (3): Tyler Brayton, Gregory, Pegues.

RECORD—Wilson has coached in 61 Division I-A games, 50 with Colorado (27-23) and 11 with Northern Illinois in 1995 (NIU went 3-8). He coached in 47 games on the Division I-AA level as a full-time coach (58 including his grad assistant year), 25 at Illinois State (16-9) and the balance at Indiana State. He has coached in two bowl games (one New Year's Day).





John Wristen, now in his sixth year on the Colorado staff, returned to his native state with Gary Barnett, as he was named running backs coach on January 22, 1999. He accompanied Barnett to Northwestern in 1992 after spending the previous two seasons as a graduate assistant for the Buffaloes, when Barnett was a CU assistant.

He switched assignments in January 2001, as he took over coaching the tight ends. He also assumed coaching the kickoff return unit on special teams in 2002.

In his first two seasons as a full-time coach in Boulder, he helped tutor Cortlen Johnson, who rushed for 1,657 yards in just 19 games. In his third season, he coached senior tight end Daniel Graham, who was selected a unanimous All-American and was named the recipient of the second annual John Mackey Award as the nation's top tight end.

Wristen, 42, has lived all but seven years of his life in Colorado. He was a star quarterback at Southern Colorado, lettering four years between 1980-83 and earning first-team NAIA All-America honors as a senior.

Upon his graduation from "the other" USC in 1983, where he earned his bachelor's degree in physical education, he worked as a student teacher at his alma mater in 1984. He was a free agent in the Denver Broncos' training camp that summer. He got his start in coaching at Weslaco (Texas) High School in 1985, working as the offensive coordinator. He went back to school to earn his master's in special education, which he did from Adams State College (Alamosa, Colo.) in 1987. While attending school at Adams State, he was the head coach at nearby Rocky Ford High School for two years (1986-87).

He popped over to Colorado's western slope for two years, as he was the offensive coordinator at Fort Lewis College in Durango for two years (1988-89), before joining the CU coaching ranks for the first time in 1990 as a graduate assistant. He worked directly for Barnett at Colorado, helping with the quarterbacks and fullbacks in CU's national championship season in 1990, and then with the running backs in 1991. He then followed Barnett to Northwestern when he was named head coach in Dec., 1991.

He coached the running backs for seven seasons at Northwestern, including Darnell Autry, an All-American and Heisman Trophy finalist in 1995, and Dennis Lundy. Lundy set many school records under Wristen's tutelage, only to see Autry break most of them just one year later.

He was born April 15, 1962 in Denver, and graduated from Pueblo (Colo.) South High School, where he lettered in football, basketball and track. He is married to the former Sue Forward, and the couple has three children, daughters JoVanna (17) and Bailey (7) and son Clay (9). His hobbies include golf and fishing.

Q&A WITH JOHN WRISTEN

Who provided the greatest inspiration to you growing up? *"My mother, father and grandmother."*

Who was your favorite sports hero growing up? *"Johnny Unitas."*

What did you want to be when you were little? *"A pro football quarterback."*

What made you decide to get into coaching? *"When I knew I couldn't play any more, plus when I thought of all the coaches who gave me so much, I decided that I wanted to give that back."*

What do you personally get out of coaching? *"The joy of taking a player where he can't take himself, both on the field and off. And the relationship with your players."*

Who would you really like to meet, or have met while they were alive? *"Garth Brooks."*

What is the most memorable sporting event you have ever attended or been a part of? *"The 1996 Rose Bowl (Northwestern versus Southern Cal) and the 1991 Orange Bowl/National Championship (Colorado's 10-9 win over Notre Dame)."*

TOP PLAYERS COACHED—All-Americans (2): Darnell Autry, Daniel Graham (John Mackey Award winner). All-Big Eight/12 Performers (2): Graham, Darian Hagan. All-Big 10 Performers (2): Autry, Matt Hartl. NFL Players/Draft Picks (4): Autry, Hagan, Dennis Lundy, Lamont Warren.

RECORD—Wristen has been a part of 168 games in Division I-A, 81 with Northwestern (35-45-1), 25 with Colorado as a graduate assistant (19-4-2), and 62 with the Buffaloes as a full-time coach (34-28). He has coached in seven bowl games (four New Year's Day).



DAVID HANSBURG

Coordinator of Football Operations



David Hansburg is now in his second "tour of duty" on the Colorado football staff, as he returned to Gary Barnett's Buffalo program in January 2002 as the coordinator of football operations and recruiting.

Hansburg, 35, held the same position at Colorado for the 1999 season before leaving Boulder for the University of Idaho where he was an assistant coach (safeties) for the Vandals in both 2000 and 2001. He also was the special teams coordinator his second year there under former CU offensive coordinator Tom Cable, who

took Hansburg with him when he was named head coach.

He was associated for five years (1994-98) with Northwestern under Barnett, working the first three years as a graduate assistant coach with the defensive backs. He was present for the Wildcats' 1995 and 1996 Big 10 championship seasons, which earned Northwestern appearances in the '96 Rose Bowl and '97

Citrus Bowl. In the spring of '97, he was hired full-time as the coordinator of football operations.

Hansburg graduated from Amherst (Mass.) College in 1990, where he lettered in football as a free safety and four times in lacrosse (defenseman) while earning his bachelor's degree in history. He earned his master's while working in the football office at Northwestern, receiving his degree in higher education administration in 1996.

He was the head junior high football coach at Dwight-Englewood (N.J.) High School for two years (1990-91), and coordinated the defense there for the varsity lacrosse team for four seasons (1991-94). In 1992, he was named head coach of the varsity football team at DEHS, serving in that capacity for two years. As a head coach, he oversaw the entire program, was the offensive coordinator and worked specifically with the offensive and defensive backs. He was the youngest head coach in the New Jersey High School ranks when he was hired at the age of 23 in 1992.

He was born October 1, 1968 in New York City, and graduated from Roslyn (N.Y.) High School, where he lettered in football, lacrosse and track. He is married to the former Holly Kreiman and they have two children, Paxton (4) and Zoe (2).

Q&A WITH DAVID HANSBURG

Who provided the greatest inspiration to you growing up? *"My family and my friends."*

Who was your favorite sports hero growing up? *"Lawrence Taylor."*

What did you want to be when you were little? *"A teacher and/or NFL player."*

What made you decide to get into working with college athletes? *"I love the game of football. I wanted to be around football every day and this was the best way to do it."*

What do you personally get out of college athletics? *"It is great to be a part of a team which becomes like an extended family."*

Who would you really like to meet, or have met while they were alive? *"Moses. He took people where they couldn't take themselves."*

What is the most memorable sporting event you have ever attended or been a part of? *"The Rose Bowl, January 1, 1996 (Northwestern vs. USC)."*

TOP PLAYERS COACHED—All-Big West (1): Jordan Kramer. NFL Players/Draft Picks (1): Brad Rice.

RECORD—Idaho was 6-16 in his two years there, as IU was making the tough transition to Division I-A. Colorado is 21-17 in his three seasons on the staff.



FOOTBALL SUPPORT STAFF



HUNTER HUGHES *Graduate Assistant*

Hunter Hughes is in his first year as a graduate assistant on the Colorado staff, as he works with the defensive coaches in addition to other administrative chores. He worked with defensive coordinator Mike Hankwitz and the outside linebackers this past spring.

Hughes, 35, joined the Colorado staff in July 2003 as the defensive technical intern. He came to CU from Brentwood (Tenn.) High School, where he was an assistant coach for six years, and the defensive coordinator the last four. He was also a member of the faculty at Brentwood, as he taught Algebra I and II. He previously coached football (defensive coordinator) and taught Algebra at Overton High School in Nashville for three years before moving on to Brentwood.

He graduated from Middle Tennessee State University (Murphreesboro) in 1991 with a degree in physical education. While a student at MTSU, he was head equipment manager for the football team, as a student rather than a full-time employee traditionally staffed the role; he maintained the position for three years after graduation while teaching and coaching at Overton. While coaching at Brentwood, he earned his master's in sports management from MTSU in 2001.

He was born February 27, 1969 in Nashville, Tenn., he graduated from Father Ryan High School in Nashville in 1987, where he lettered in football and wrestling. An uncle (Boots Donnelly) is the athletic director at Middle Tennessee State, and was the Blue Raiders' head football coach for 20 seasons. He is single.



TIM RIDDER *Graduate Assistant*

Tim Ridder is in his first year as a graduate assistant on the Colorado staff, as he works with the offensive coaches in addition to other administrative chores. He specifically works with the offensive line coach, where he has been reunited with Dave Borbely, his college coach his senior season at the University of Notre Dame.

Ridder, 27, came to Colorado in January 2004 from the University of Utah, where he spent one year as a graduate assistant on Urban Meyer's staff. He assisted with the entire offensive line but had primary duties coaching the tight ends.

He was a three-year letterman at Notre Dame, playing offensive tackle, guard and tight end during his career from 1995-98. He was a member of three bowl teams (1996 Orange, 1997 Independence and 1999 Gator), and won the State Farm Student-Athlete Academic Award for football in both 1997 and 1998. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in history from Notre Dame in 1999 (and took some graduate school courses in exercise and sports science his one year at Utah).

Signed as a free agent, Ridder spent three seasons as an offensive tackle with the NFL Indianapolis Colts (1999-2001) before suffering a career-ending knee injury. He was on the Colts' practice squad for two seasons and then on injured-reserve the third after the knee injury.

He was born December 17, 1976 in Omaha, Neb., and graduated from Omaha's Creighton Prep High School in 1995 where he lettered in football, basketball and track. A sister (Theresa) played volleyball at George Washington, and another sister (Mary) ran track at Colorado State. Three uncles played Division I football, two at Nebraska (Dave and Tom Ridder) and one (Paul) at Iowa State. He is single.



DARIAN HAGAN *Defensive Technical Intern*

Darian Hagan was named defensive technical intern on February 11, 2004, marking the third time he has made the University of Colorado his destination of choice. He has designs on becoming an assistant if not head coach one day, and he had a brief taste of coaching in the spring as he subbed as secondary coach when the staff was minus a full-time assistant.

Hagan, 34, starred at quarterback for the Buffaloes between 1988 and 1991, leading the school to its first national championship, and following his professional playing career, returned in the mid-1990s to work as CU's Alumni C Club Director.

Hagan left CU in the spring of 1998 to work as an area sales manager for the Transit Marketing Group. Three months into his new position, he was promoted to Southeast Regional Sales Manager. He remained in that position for over five years until deciding to pursue his dream as a coach and return to his alma mater for the third time. By working as a technical intern, he can learn the intricacies of the profession in a hands-on role in his desire to coach; in April 2004, he was "activated" as a coach to work with the defensive backs to fill a vacancy on the assistant staff.

Arguably the best all-around athlete in the history of the CU football program, he was an integral part of CU's run at two national champi-

onships in 1989 and 1990. The Buffs were 11-1 in 1989, losing to Notre Dame in the Orange Bowl, but went 11-1-1 in 1990 with a win over the Irish in an Orange Bowl rematch to give CU its first national title in football. CU was 28-5-2 with him as the starting quarterback for three seasons, including a 20-0-1 mark in Big Eight Conference games as he led the Buffs to three straight league titles in 1989, 1990 and 1991.

In 1989, he became just the sixth player in NCAA history at the time to run and pass for over 1,000 yards in the same season, finishing, as just a sophomore, fifth in the balloting for the Heisman Trophy. He established the school record for total offense with 5,808 yards (broken three years later by Kordell Stewart), and is one of two players ever at CU to amass over 2,000 yards both rushing and passing along with Bobby Anderson. He was a two-time all-Big Eight performer, and the league's offensive player of the year for 1989 when he also was afforded various All-America honors. He still holds several CU records and was the school's male athlete-of-the-year for the 1991-92 academic year.

Hagan played for Toronto, Las Vegas and Edmonton over the course of five seasons in the Canadian Football League, mostly as a defensive back and special teams performer. He returned to CU to earn his diploma just prior to his last professional season, and graduated with a bachelor's degree in sociology in May 1996. He was hired later that year (December 1) as the Alumni C Club Director, a position he held for 16 months until leaving for an incredible opportunity in private business.

He was born February 1, 1970 in Lynwood, Calif., and graduated from Los Angeles' Locke High School in 1988, where he lettered in football, basketball, baseball and track. He was drafted in two sports, football (by San Francisco in the fourth round in the 1992 NFL Draft) and baseball (selected as a shortstop by both Seattle and Toronto). He is the father of one son, Darian, Jr. (15).



ERIC MCCREADY *Offensive Technical Intern*

Eric McCready was named offensive technical intern in March 2004, as he has returned to his alma mater to begin what he hopes will eventually be a climb into the coaching ranks.

McCready, 26, joined CU from private business in Atlanta, Ga., where he was Christmas tree sales representative. He also sold commercial real estate in the Atlanta market, where he had been living since he left CU.

He graduated with a degree in business (marketing) in 2001 from CU, where he lettered four times in football between 1997 and 2000. He played extensively on special teams his first two seasons, then saw more and more action at receiver and finished his CU career with 38 catches for 435 yards and two touchdowns. He closed his career as a favorite target for Buff quarterbacks, with 13 catches for 127 yards and both his scores, with CU defeating Iowa State and Missouri and losing in the final seconds at Nebraska.

He signed as a free agent with the Philadelphia Eagles, but suffered a knee injury in training camp and called it an end to his football career.

He was born November 14, 1977 in Shawnee Mission, Kan., and graduated from Englewood's (Colo.) Cherry Creek High School in 1976, where he lettered in football, basketball and track. He was a high school All-American as a senior, when he caught 50 passes for 980 yards and 12 touchdowns. His father (Robert) played basketball at Cornell; one brother (Mike) played hockey at New Hampshire and professionally with Saginaw; another brother (Rob) played football at Ball State. He is single.



Jean Onaga is in her 19th year with the Colorado football program, and she handles all secretarial duties for the offensive coaches. She graduated from Kapiolani C.C. in Honolulu, Hawai'i, with a degree in business. Onaga's first season with the Buffaloes was in 1986. A native of Honolulu, she is married (Loren).

Kathy Brent is in her fourth year on the Colorado staff, as she is the administrative assistant to head coach Gary Barnett. She joined the staff in March 2001, returning to Colorado from Seattle, where she had lived for the previous seven months. Prior to her journey to the Pacific Northwest, she managed a Bed & Breakfast in Boulder (Gunbarrel Guest House) for seven years and has otherwise lived in Colorado since 1983. A native of Canyon, Texas, she is the mother of two, daughter Amy (a recent CU graduate) and son Matt (a fireman in Snowmass). Her hobbies include fly-fishing and touring.



2004 PRESEASON HONORS

(Those known as of July 9)

ALL-AMERICAN

- FS J.J. BILLINGSLEY (honorable mention: *Street & Smith's*)
 KR JEREMY BLOOM (honorable mention: *Street & Smith's*)
 QB JOEL KLATT (honorable mention: *Street & Smith's*)
 TE JOE KLOPFENSTEIN (honorable mention: *Street & Smith's*)
 TB BOBBY PURIFY (honorable mention: *Street & Smith's*)

PRESEASON ALL-BIG 12 CONFERENCE

- FS J.J. BILLINGSLEY (second-team: *Lindy's Big 12 Football*)
 PK MASON CROSBY (fourth-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*)
 OG BRIAN DANIELS (third-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*)
 TE JOE KLOPFENSTEIN (second-team: *The Sporting News*;
 third-team: *Athlon*)
 DT MATT MCCHESNEY (third-team: *Athlon*)
 TB BOBBY PURIFY (third-team: *Athlon*; fourth-team: *Phil Steele's College Football*)

NATIONAL TOP 25 PLAYER RATINGS

- Fullback:** Lawrence Vickers (No. 14, *Phil Steele's College Football*)
Kick Returner: Jeremy Bloom (No. 8, *The Sporting News*)
Offensive Guard: Brian Daniels (No. 25, *Phil Steele's College Football*)
Safeties: J.J. Billingsley (No. 16, *Lindy's Big 12 Football*)
Tight End: Joe Klopfenstein (No. 4, *The Sporting News*)

COACHES / PLAYERS FOR NATIONAL AWARDS

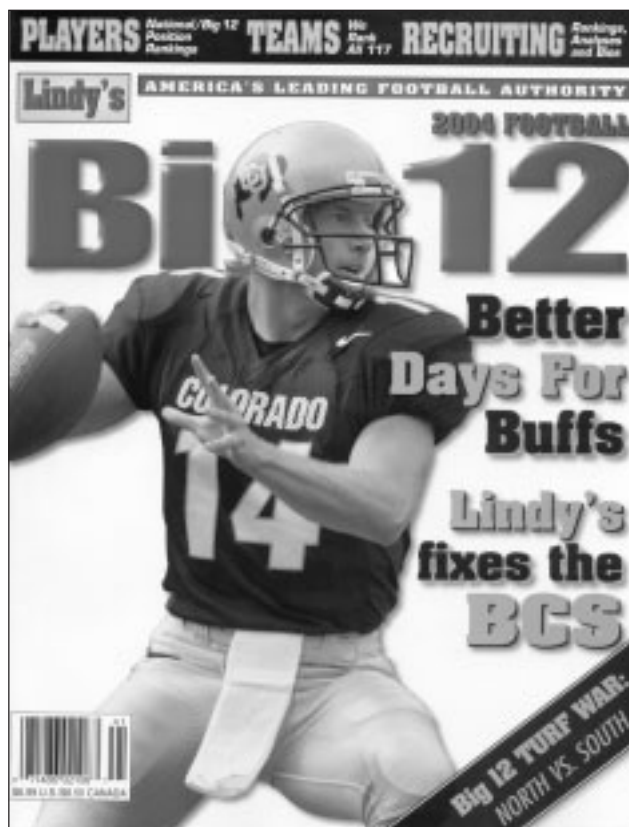
- Jim Thorpe Award** (top defensive back): J.J. Billingsley (one of *Street & Smith's* top 26 candidates)

ALL-SPRING

- DE JAMES GAREE (first-team: *The Sporting News*)

PRESEASON TEAM RANKINGS

Publication	National	Big 12 North
The Sporting News	No. 37	4th
Phil Steele's College Football	No. 44	3rd
Lindy's Big 12 Football	No. 61	5th
Athlon Sports	4th
Street & Smith's	4th
Blue Ribbon Yearbook	5th



QB Joel Klatt was the popular choice for the local covers of Athlon's and Lindy's preseason preview magazines.