



COACHES

Head Coach Randy Dunton



Randy Dunton
Head Men's Basketball Coach

During his first season back on the Liberty University campus, head coach Randy Dunton began the resurrection process of a program that was ranked amongst the

lowest in Division I athletics after finishing the 2001-02 season with a dismal 5-25 overall record.

The Flames quickly turned things around under Dunton's tutelage as Liberty posted the fifth-best turnaround in the country with a 14-15 overall record in 2002-03 and finishing in a three-way tie for second place in the Big South regular-season standings.

What do you do for an encore season after a dramatic turnaround ... well Dunton and the Flames took the next step forward as Liberty completed an even more miraculous season by claiming a share of the Big South regular season title with a 12-4 league record. The team stormed through the Big South Basketball Championship en route to the program's second-ever title with an 89-44 victory over second-seeded High Point in the championship game on March 6, 2004, marking the most dominating victory in Big South Basketball Championship history.

With most coaches, a championship would be considered the possible crowning achievement of their tenures at an institution; however, with Dunton, he hopes that the successes of the 2003-04 squad are just another step in the process of building a perennial powerhouse in the Big South Conference and a highly-competitive mid-major Division I basketball program at Liberty.

"We are trying to build a program here and we feel that we can reach our goals of becoming a Top 50 program in America," said Dunton. "There is a lot of work that goes on in terms of education and administrative decisions that foster a plan for the basketball program to grow at a university."

"You don't just recruit a team and all of sudden have a program," continued Dunton. "It is a process. I feel that the 2003-04 team was certainly a championship team. Now the next stage is that we have to develop a championship program that continues to move up in the ranks of basketball on a national scene."

What better person to accomplish this goal than a person that is no stranger to the program as Dunton is entering his 13th year of association with the school. He rejoined the staff on March 6, 2002. He was named the sixth head coach in the history of the program after

spending nine years as a member of the coaching staff in various roles, starting with his first season as assistant coach during the 1989-90 season. During his final season as interim head coach for the 1997-98 year he posted an 11-17 record and advanced to the semifinals of the Big South Tournament.

"It is a great inspiration for me personally to be at Liberty University," said Dunton. "I am very passionate about the vision that Dr. Jerry Falwell has for the University and for the men's basketball program. It is a blessing everyday to realize that not only am I at a job that I have a lot of respect for, but one that I have grown to love through the years."

"I am in a daily environment where I work with people that are at the highest order of their professions," added Dunton. "I have been so blessed to gather together the staff that I have here at Liberty and to serve the University in this role."

Dunton returned to the Lynchburg, Va., campus after spending two years as head basketball coach and athletic director at Marshalltown Community College in Marshalltown, Iowa, and two years as an assistant at Binghamton University in Binghamton, N.Y.

"Those two experiences were great for me personally," stated Dunton. "It was obviously tough to not be able to move into the head coaching position in 1998. But, we know that God has His timing in all situations."

"The two years at Marshalltown were a great experience as we learned about the sense of community at a higher level," added Dunton. "Being athletic director and head coach there gave us some tremendous experiences at a deeper level of community involvement, building programs and seeing kids move forward in their lives educationally."

Prior to his days at Marshalltown, Dunton was an assistant coach at Binghamton University in Binghamton, N.Y. During his stay at Binghamton, Dunton guided the Bearcats to a 14-14 record during his first season and helped land four of the team's top five recruits heading into the 2001-02 year, including Nick Billings, Alaska's state Player of the Year.

Prior to his stint at Binghamton, Dunton served as both the head men's basketball coach and athletic director at Marshalltown Community College in Marshalltown, Iowa. His two years at the junior college were highlighted by a 21-9 record during the 1999-2000 season, earning a Top 25 ranking in the national polls for the Tigers during the regular season.

"The two years at Binghamton were such a rewarding experience professionally," said Dunton. "It was gratifying to be a part of an institution that is recognized nationally at that level and to again be a part of bringing Division I basketball to another local community."

"I think that both opportunities prepared us at a higher level to come back here and support the faculty, the administration and the student



The Dunton Family

Head Coach Randy Dunton



body as a broader and deeper basketball coach. I understand it is my responsibility to those three facets inside the University and for the better good of the community.”

A veteran of both the collegiate and high school ranks, Dunton returned to the Liberty University campus for a second tenure with the program as he spent nine years as a member of the coaching staff at Liberty. He spent the first three seasons as an assistant coach before he was promoted to the position of associate head coach at the end of the 1992 season. He remained in that position until he was promoted to interim head coach prior to the start of the 1997-98 season on November 1, 1997.

The returning head coach was an intricate part of the Flames’ success during the height of the program, including the school’s first Big South Championship in 1994 and the team’s first ever trip to the NCAA Tournament. It is with that in mind, the University decided to beckon Dunton back to the Vines Center in the hopes that he could return the program to its once successful status.

During his previous Liberty tenure, Dunton helped to formulate the team’s offensive and defensive strategies as well as heading up the scouting of opponents. Over his final two seasons as an assistant coach, the Flames defense was ranked as the best in scoring defense and field goal percentage defense in the Big South Conference. The defensive field goal percentage was ranked 15th in the nation and the scoring defense was ranked 29th.

Dunton formulated the player’s development during day-to-day practices and implemented the player’s individual workouts during the off-season. He also assisted in scheduling and community relations as well as heading up the team chapel program.

“What people are going to see is an intense basketball coach,” said Dunton when asked what Liberty fans will see on the bench this season. “My job at Liberty University is to try to build a basketball program that is successful nationally. I am very passionate about the way that we are going to play the game.”

“We have got a job to do to bring Lynchburg back into the program. But I am excited about the challenge because there are a lot of good families, businessman and people that reside in this community that need to be a part of Liberty basketball.”

Over his first nine seasons, Dunton played a vital role in the building of the Flames’ bas-

ketball program. His recruiting efforts reaped rewards for the Flames. He worked hard to establish positive international recruiting relations that has opened the doors overseas for the program.

Dunton’s recruiting abilities were recognized on the national scene. His first recruiting class provided the core leadership, as seniors, on the 1994 NCAA Tournament and Big South Championship squad. Basketball Times rated two of Liberty’s recruiting classes (1993 & 1994) as part of its top classes nationally and the best within the Big South Conference. Bob Gibbons All-Star Sports labeled six of his classes as among the top three in the Big South Conference.

“My vision at Liberty University is to establish a program,” stated Dunton about his future goals. “I feel that there is not a program here, but rather, there have been a few good teams over the years. When I talk about a program, I want to see us perform well on the court and put teams in place that compete year-in and year-out for Big South Basketball championships and for the NCAA experience.”

“I want us to put together a program that allows the University to be stronger. I want to provide the service of a Christian higher education to the country nationally. In the long term, I would like to see us play a part in helping the University’s other programs on a financially level through season ticket sales. I want to create a program that can be a blessing financially to the other programs and strengthen our University.”

Dunton came to Liberty in 1989 after coaching stints at West Anchorage High School and Anchorage Christian Schools in Alaska. At the young age of 23, he led ACS to back-to-back state championships. During his five-year tenure in Alaska, he became the only coach to have teams compete in consecutive state high school tournament championship finals. Dunton posted a 127-36 mark over his prep career. Dunton graduated from Baptist Bible College in Springfield, Mo., in 1984 with a bachelor’s degree in social science. Dunton is married to the former Nadine Hitchings. The couple have three children – Ashley (20), Matthew (18) and Emilee (14).



A Year-by-Year Look at Randy Dunton

1984-85	Anchorage Christian	31-6	“AAA” State Champions
<i>Head Coach</i>			Coach of the Year
1985-86	Anchorage Christian	32-5	“AAA” State Champions
<i>Head Coach</i>			
1986-87	Anchorage Christian	21-9	“AAA” State Runner-up
<i>Head Coach</i>			
1987-88	Anchorage Christian	22-8	“AAA” State Runner-up
<i>Head Coach</i>			
1988-89	West Anchorage HS	21-8	“AAAA” State Runner-up
<i>Head Coach</i>			Coach of the Year
1989-90	Liberty	11-17	
<i>Assistant Coach</i>			
1990-91	Liberty	5-23	
<i>Assistant Coach</i>			
1991-92	Liberty	22-7	Tied NCAA Division I national record for best turnaround in a season
<i>Assistant Coach</i>			
1992-93	Liberty	16-14	Team posted back-to-back winning seasons at the NCAA Division I level
<i>Associate Head Coach</i>			
1993-94	Liberty	18-12	Team won the Big South Conference Tournament Title; Played North Carolina, the number one team in the first round of the tournament
<i>Associate Head Coach</i>			
1994-95	Liberty	12-16	
<i>Associate Head Coach</i>			
1995-96	Liberty	17-12	Second place in conference regular season and tournament
<i>Associate Head Coach</i>			
1996-97	Liberty	23-9	Best record as an NCAA Division I record, tied for first in the Big South Conference regular season and tournament runner-up
<i>Associate Head Coach</i>			
1997-98	Liberty	11-17	Big South Tournament semifinals led the Flames to a victory over in-state rival Virginia
<i>Interim Head Coach</i>			
1998-99	Marshalltown Community	13-17	
<i>Head Coach</i>			
1999-00	Marshalltown Community	21-9	regular season Top 25 national ranking
<i>Head Coach</i>			
2000-01	Binghamton	14-14	
<i>Assistant Coach</i>			
2001-02	Binghamton	9-19	helped land four of the programs top five recruits, including the Alaska Player of the Year
<i>Assistant Coach</i>			
2002-03	Liberty	14-15	Second place in conference
<i>Head Coach</i>			Posted fifth best turnaround in the nation
2003-04	Liberty	18-15	Big South Conference Champions
<i>Head Coach</i>			NCAA Tournament
2004-05	Liberty	13-15	Second place in conference
<i>Head Coach</i>			
2005-06	Liberty	7-23	
<i>Head Coach</i>			

Head Coaching Record At Liberty: 52-68 (.433)
Interim Coaching Record At Liberty: 11-17 (.393)
Head Coaching Record: 95-109 (.466)
High School Head Coaching Record: 127-36 (.779)
Record on Staff at Liberty: 187-195 (.490)
Other College Coaching Records: 57-59 (.491)
Total Involvement Record: 371-290 (.561)

Coaching Staff



Alexis Sherard
Assistant Coach

Alexis Sherard is in his second season as a member of the Flames' basketball coaching staff after joining the program in May 2005.

Sherard's day-to-day responsibilities include serving as the

program's Director of Recruiting as he is in charge of prospective recruiting leads, coordinating recruiting correspondence, official on-campus visits and organizing all in-home recruiting visits. He also assists with daily practice preparation and with perimeter development, while serving as the program's liaison between the student government and the compliance office.

Sherard joined Liberty's staff after six years of service on Pete Gillen's staff at Virginia. Sherard joined the Cavaliers' program in 1999 as the Director of Basketball Operations, serving in this capacity from 1999 to 2002, as well as, the 2003-04 season.

During the 2002-03 and 2004-05 seasons, Sherard served as an assistant coach where he aided in Virginia's recruiting efforts, while assisting in practice planning, game preparation, bench coaching and opponent scouting. Sherard helped guide the Cavaliers to the NCAA Tournament in 2001 as Virginia finished the season with a 20-9 record and was ranked as high as sixth in the country, while also helping the Cavaliers to two NIT berths (2000 and 2002) and a fourth-place finish in the NIT Tournament in 2002.

Sherard got his coaching career started at Saint Michael's College in Colchester, Vt., where he served as an assistant coach from 1993 to 1995, assisting the head coach in practice preparation, skill instruction and recruiting. During the 1995-96 season, Sherard served as the head boy's varsity basketball coach and Dean of Admissions at Lakewood Prep School in Howell, N.J., where he led his team to a 15-7 record and the semifinals of the playoffs.

From 1996-98, Sherard was the administrative assistant at Providence, where he helped guide the Friars to the NIT in 1998 with an 18-12 record and to the "Elite Eight" round of the 1997 NCAA Tournament as Providence finished the season with a 24-12 overall record.

Prior to joining the staff at Virginia, Sherard served as the assistant coach at Binghamton in Binghamton, N.Y., where he was responsible for the Bearcats' recruiting efforts throughout the East Coast.

Sherard graduated with a bachelor's degree in mathematics and education from Saint Michael's in 1993 and was a member of the Purple Knight's basketball team, being selected to the Northeast 10 Conference All-Defensive



team during his junior and senior seasons.

Sherard, who received his master's degree in guidance from Providence in 1998, is a native of Lakewood, N.J., and is married to the former

Evangeline Maupin. The couple has four children – Jamea (15), Jai (11), Iyana (1) and the couple welcomed the birth of their son Elijah in July.



Coaching Staff



Zack Jones
Assistant Coach

Zack Jones enters his second season with the men's basketball program after joining the staff in September 2005.

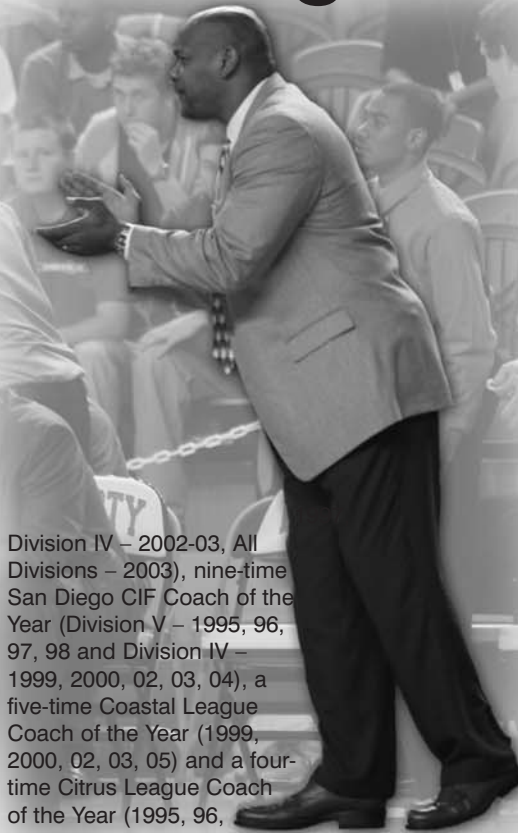
Jones' day-to-day responsibilities include implementation of the

team's mentoring program, assisting in development of post players in daily preparation for the demands of a rigorous and competitive game environment, the oversight of the student managerial staff oversee, guide and manage in coordination with Shane Miller, the strength and conditioning development and overseeing community relations.

Jones also assists in the area of recruiting, with an emphasis on national recruiting while serving as the program's liaison to the university's Student Life department and working with the Center Circle club.

Jones came to Liberty after spending his previous 11 years as head boy's varsity basketball coach at Horizon Jr. & Sr. High School in San Diego, Calif. (1994-2005), where Jones guided Horizon to four Citrus League championships (1995-98), seven Coastal League championships (1999-2005), and 10 San Diego Section CIF championships (1995, 96, 97, 98, 99, 2000, 02, 03, 04 and 05). He helped the team to 10 state playoff appearances, which included back-to-back state championships (2002-03).

Jones is one of the more decorated high school coaches to come out of the state of California, having been named a four-time California State Coach of the Year (Division V –



Division IV – 2002-03, All Divisions – 2003), nine-time San Diego CIF Coach of the Year (Division V – 1995, 96, 97, 98 and Division IV – 1999, 2000, 02, 03, 04), a five-time Coastal League Coach of the Year (1999, 2000, 02, 03, 05) and a four-time Citrus League Coach of the Year (1995, 96, 97, 98).

He finished his career at Horizon with an 86.1 winning percentage (280-54) and also served the school as athletic director (1997-99), vice principal (1999-2003) and principal (2003-05).

Jones was a 15-year member on the men's basketball coaching staff at San Diego City College (1989-2004), serving as an assistant coach from 1989-94, assistant head coach from 1994-98 and head coach from 1998-2004. As head coach, Jones led the Knights to two playoff appearances (1998 and 2001) and guided the program to a Pacific Coast Conference championship in 2001, the first over the last 32 years. He was also named the San Diego Pacific Coast Junior College Conference Coach of the Year in 2001.

Besides being a member of the coaching ranks, Jones also served numerous years as an administrator at Horizon High School with two years as Dean of Students, four years as vice principal and two years the school's principal.

He has also directed the Zack Jones School of Basketball Camps since 1993, hosting instructional camps throughout the United States, China, Germany, Grenada, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru and the Philippines.

As a collegiate player, Jones started his career San Diego State (1980-82) and finished his educational career at University of Ravenhurst in Holland, The Netherlands, in 1985.

Jones also brings professional playing experience to the Flames' basketball program, having played in the NBA (Cleveland Cavaliers and

New Jersey Nets), the CBA (Toronto and Pensacola), the WBA (New Zealand), WBL (Las Vegas Silver Streaks), the Mexico Pro League as well as spending seven years with Athletes In Action where he shared the backcourt with current Washington head coach, Lorenzo Romar.

Jones, a native of Washington, D.C., and his wife, Amanda, have four children – Waheed (28), Zachary, Jr. (26), Dominique (19) and Ashley (17).



Dominic Okon
Assistant Coach

Dominic Okon enters his first season as a member of Randy Dunton's coaching staff.

Okon's day-to-day responsibilities include heading the program's

international recruiting efforts as well as on-the-floor coaching.

Okon comes to Liberty after spending eight years as an assistant men's basketball coach at Three Rivers Community College in Poplar Bluff, Mo. Okon helped the Raiders to an impressive 197-62 record over the past eight seasons, while aiding Three Rivers in claiming two regional titles and a trip the National NJCAA Tournament.

During his tenure, Okon assisted in the development of four All-Americans, while over 30 players under his tutelage moved on to four-year schools.



Coaching Staff



While at Three Rivers, Okon was responsible for on-court coaching, recruiting, scouting and player development. He was also in charge of athletic administrative duties which included athletic insurance, athletic eligibility, study hall monitoring and housing supervision.

Okon was a four-year collegiate basketball player, including two seasons at Three Rivers and two seasons at Loyola University of Chicago, where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in sociology in 1998. While at Three Rivers, Okon earned all-conference and all-region honors and led the team to a 59-12 record, two region titles and a fifth-place finish at the National NJCAA Tournament.

After college, Okon represented the Nigerian National Team in various international basketball tournaments, including the World Cup in Athens, Greece in 1998. Okon also was teammates with former Liberty greats Peter Aluma and Julius Nwosu on the 1997 Nigerian National Team.

Currently, Okon is working on a Master's of Education in Supervision/Administration at Liberty University.

Okon is a native of Lagos, Nigeria, and currently resides in Lynchburg, Va. with his wife of nine years, the former Monica Orr and their two sons Jaden Imah (6) and Jordon Emem (2).



Jason Eaker
Director of Basketball Operations

Jason Eaker, a former member of the 2004-05 Big XII regular season champion Oklahoma coaching staff, is in his second season as a member of

the Flames' basketball coaching staff after joining the program as the Director of Basketball Operations in July 2005.

Eaker's roles and responsibilities include scheduling, overseeing film exchange in compliance with Big South Conference policies, facilitating team travel plans, hosting visiting teams and coordinating pre- and postgame meals. He is also responsible for implementing camp marketing strategies, assists with the oversight of the student managerial staff, and facility upgrades including the Flames recently renovated locker room.

During Eaker's time at Liberty, he has also served as an interim assistant coach during the summer of 2005 and the spring and summer of 2006. As an interim assistant coach, Eaker was active with 2005-06 spring individual skill instruction and spent a considerable amount of time on the road recruiting in both the summer of 2005 and 2006, making contributions to both this year's and next year's roster.

While pursuing a masters degree in human relations at Oklahoma, Eaker served as a graduate assistant during the 2004-05 season, helping the Sooners to a 25-8 overall record and a 12-4 conference mark, which earned Oklahoma the Big 12 Conference regular-season title.

Eaker's roles and responsibilities included serving as the men's basketball liaison to the Tip-In Club, Oklahoma's men's basketball booster club, as he coordinated and planned pre- and postseason banquets and the Tip In Golf Tournament along with serving as the program's academic coordinator in the areas of study hall and tutoring.

Prior to his stint at Oklahoma, Eaker served one year as the video coordinator at Texas-Pan American in Edinburg, Texas, where he coordinated film exchange, player and scoring breakdowns, and assisted with team travel.

Eaker is 2004 graduate of Texas-Pan American earning his bachelors' degree in history. Prior to graduating from Texas-Pan American, Eaker was a two-year starter at Hardin Simmons, a Baptist affiliated college in Abilene, Texas, where he was an American Southwest All-Conference selection in 2002 and a two-time honoree on the ASC All-Academic team. Eaker started his collegiate career at Oklahoma Baptist in Shawnee, Okla., where he was a letterwinner in 2000.

Eaker is a native of Altus, Okla., graduating from Altus High School in 1999, where he is still



Buck Romero
Men's Basketball Academic Coordinator

the third-leading scorer in school history.

Buck Romero enters his second year as a member of the men's basketball staff and

serves the program as Academic Coordinator.

As the men's basketball program's academic coordinator, Romero is responsible for managing the academic experience of the student-athletes from enrollment through graduation, serving as a direct extension and liaison of the Athletic Academic Services office. He is responsible for the tutoring program, while also managing the department's budgetary efforts and organizing game day and special event activities for the Center Circle, Liberty University men's basketball booster club.

Romero is no stranger to the Liberty University campus as he joined the men's basketball program after more than three years of service in various roles in the university's admissions department.

Romero started as an admissions counselor in April 2002 and was promoted to a senior admissions counselor in June 2003 where he managed a staff of 12 employees and was responsible for implementing policies and procedures that aided in the greatest growth in student enrollment in the school's history.

In July 2004, Romero was named the university's Coordinator of Retention and remained in the position until joining the men's basketball program.

As Coordinator of Retention, Romero initiated and implemented strategy to help assist student retention and broadened student involvement by implementing strategy for students to participate in the retaining of their peers, creating trust between students and administration.

Prior to joining the Liberty University admissions staff, Romero served in various roles in three different ministries as he was a youth leader at First Baptist Church in Big Piney, Wyo., during the summers of 1999 and 2000, while he served as a youth leader and mentor at The Center (1999-2001), an intercity ministry of Thomas Road Baptist Church, and as a campus missionary at First Baptist Church in Woodstock, Ga. (2001). Romero, a native of Big Piney, Wyo., received his associate degree from Northwest College in Powell, Wyo., in 1999, his bachelor's degree in youth ministries from Liberty in 2001 and his masters of arts in religion from the Liberty University Theological



Shane Miller
Men's Basketball Strength and Conditioning Coach

Seminary in 2004.

Shane Miller enters his first season as a member of the men's basketball staff.

Miller's day-to-day activities consist of spearheading the program's strength and conditioning program, including designing and implementing new programs. Miller also serves in the same capacity with the Flames baseball program.

Coaching Staff



Miller returns to Liberty where he graduated in 2002 with a bachelor of science in exercise science, while earning two letters on the Flames baseball team.

Prior to returning to Liberty, Miller was a part of the Nebraska strength and conditioning staff for two and a half years. Miller also gained experience interning at Colorado-Boulder during the summer prior to his senior year at Liberty.

While Miller was working at the Nebraska, he also served as an Associate Pastor at Calvary Community Church in Lincoln until his return to Lynchburg.

Miller is a native of Wheat Ridge, Colo. and currently resides in Lynchburg with his wife Jacquelyn and their two daughters Annalee (4) and Shelby (1).



Aaron Schreiner
Men's Basketball Athletic Trainer

Aaron Schreiner is one of the newest members of the Liberty University Athletic Training staff as he joined the program in August 2005 and currently serves as the head athletic trainer for

men's basketball and assists with football.

Schreiner came to Liberty from Tiffin University in Tiffin, Ohio, where he served as a graduate assistant since August 2003 while pursuing his master's degree. At Tiffin, Schreiner served primarily as an athletic trainer for the Dragon's football program, while assisting with men's and women's soccer, men's and women's basketball, softball and baseball teams.

Prior to his days at Tiffin, Schreiner worked with the Chillicothe Paints, a professional baseball summer league team in Chillicothe, Ohio, where he served as the certified athletic trainer during the 2003 season and as a first aid responder and medical assistant during the 2002 season.

A National Athletic Trainers' Associate member since 2002, Schreiner is a 2002 graduate of Taylor University in Upland, Ind., where he received his bachelor's degree in athletic training. He received his Master of Science in Exercise Science with an emphasis in clinical kinesiology from Toledo in May 2005, finishing the program with magna cum laude honors.

Schreiner, who is a native of Continental, Ohio, and his wife, Chelsea, who hails from Chillicothe, Ohio, were married in November 2005 and reside in the Lynchburg area.



Vincent Briedis
Assistant Athletic Media Relations Director-Men's Basketball Contact

Vincent Briedis enters his first year as a member of the Liberty athletic media relations department and serves as the primary media contact for the men's basketball program.

Prior to coming to Liberty, Briedis spent two and half years as the Director of Sports Information at Grand Canyon University (GCU) in Phoenix, Ariz. While at GCU, Briedis ran the sports information department and served as the main contact for all 10 varsity sports at the university.

Briedis joined GCU after spending the 2003 season with the Colorado Springs Sky Sox Baseball Club, the Triple-A affiliate of the Colorado Rockies. Briedis served as the Assistant Public Relations Director and Marketing Representative for the Pacific Coast League franchise, where his duties included serving as a liaison between the club and the media/community as well as assisting with the daily office demands.

Briedis worked closely with KRDO, the flagship radio station of the Sky Sox, where his duties included ad rotation and assisting in the daily game production. Briedis also assisted in the production of all Adelphia television broadcasts. As part of the marketing department in the off-season, Briedis contributed to the outstanding sales results the Sky Sox achieved as the franchise finished 2003 with the third-highest revenue of the 30 Triple-A franchises despite being located in the second-smallest market.

Briedis is a 2001 graduate of Grand Canyon, where he earned a bachelors of arts in communications with a public relations emphasis. While at GCU, Briedis was a four-year letterwinner on the Antelopes Baseball team where he was a member of the club's 1998 Western Athletic Conference Northern Division Championship team and participated in the conference championship at San Diego State.

In the summer of 1999, Briedis participated in the 94th-annual Midnight Sun Game in Fairbanks, Alaska, when his Oceanside Waves team took on the Alaska Goldpanners in Alaska Collegiate League action. The game and the Summer Solstice events that surrounded the game were featured that year on the Fox Sports show "Going Deep".

Upon graduation, Briedis signed a free agent contract with the Richmond Roosters of the Frontier League where he spent the 2002 season.

Briedis earned his master's of business administration with a marketing emphasis from Grand Canyon in May 2006.

Briedis is a native of Carlsbad, Calif. in North

San Diego County and currently resides in Lynchburg.



Ashley Becraft
Administrative Assistant

Ashley Becraft enters her second season with the men's basketball and serves the staff as the program's administrative assistant.

As administrative assistant, Becraft over-

sees the work flow for the men's basketball office as well as the department's work study program, while assisting in all phases of Flames Club/Center Circle development.

Becraft also serves as the administrator for the Flames Reading Club, a community service program that allows Liberty University student-athletes and the general student population to serve as reading mentors to elementary students in the Lynchburg city schools. She is the liaison between the Lynchburg city schools and the student-athletes that participate in the program, while also organizing the club's schedule and annual kick-off event.

Becraft attended the College of Southern Maryland in 2003 while lettering in women's basketball and softball.

She is currently enrolled at Liberty, finishing a psychology degree and plans to continue her education after graduation and earn a master's in counseling.

Student Managers



Chris Strachan



Tommy Cromwell



Matt Olinger

LIBERTY BASKETBALL



Unity

We did not come to compete with one another, but to complete one another.

Teamwork

One person seeking glory does not accomplish much. Success is the result of people pulling together to meet common goals.



Ecclesiastes 4:9-12: "Two are better than one because they have a good reward for the labor. For if they fall, one will lift up his companion, but woe to him who is alone when he falls, for he has no one to help him up. Again, if two lie down together they will keep warm; but how can one be warm alone? Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken."