

# A NEW ERA...

LIBERTY HEAD COACH

# RITCHIE MCKAY

FIRST SEASON

### Continual Career Success

- Finalist for the 1997 Clair Bee National Coach of the Year Award
- Has sent 22 of his players to the professional basketball ranks, including the NBA's Danny Granger and Milt Palacio, during 11 seasons of head coaching
- Led New Mexico to 26 wins in 2005, the second-best mark in the history of the 103-year-old program
- Led New Mexico to the 2005 Mountain West Championship and the school's first NCAA bid in six seasons
- 2000 College Hoops Insider Mountain West Conference Coach of the Year
- Took Colorado State to the Elite Eight during the 1999 NIT Tournament with wins over Colorado and Mississippi
- Owens head coaching experience in the Pac-10, Mountain West, Western Athletic and Big Sky Conferences

### Academic Success

- 100% graduation rate of players who have spent at least three years in his programs
- 2007 New Mexico Basketball Team GPA was the highest since the university started tracking all sports in 1988

### International Experience

- Assistant at the 1997 World University Games in Italy for the Gold Medal-winning USA squad that featured Earl Boykins and Kenny Thomas

### Family Atmosphere

- Husband and father of three
- Serving his 10th-straight year on the NABC Ministry team
- Has served on NABC Congress
- Advocate for the American Cancer Society's Coaches versus Cancer



March 26, 2007: Director of Athletics Jeff Barber, Ritchie McKay, Dr. Jerry Falwell

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