



Coaching Staff



WATSON BROWN

Head Coach & Director of Athletics

In the 10 years since Watson Brown arrived at UAB as the head football coach, he has seen amazing progress in Blazer

football. With Brown now in the dual role as Director of Athletics at UAB, that growth is being seen in the overall athletics program.

Starting with UAB's jump from Division I-AA to I-A status in 1996 to the Blazers becoming a football member of Conference USA to their stature as a contender for conference championships, Brown, as the program's chief architect, has guided UAB football to rapid success. Not bad for a football program that fielded its first team in 1991 at the Division III level.

UAB has progressed steadily through its nine seasons of competition at the NCAA Division I-A level. The Blazers have been bowl-eligible three times in the past five seasons and last year attained their previously elusive first bowl invitation with a trip to Honolulu to play in the Sheraton Hawaii Bowl.

The Blazers' 2004 squad featured one of the best offensive units in the country. Quarterback Darrell Hackney, who returns for his senior season in 2005, along with All-America wide receiver Roddy White, formed quite a tandem during the season as they accounted for 14 passing touchdowns. Hackney threw for more than 3,000 yards and 26 touchdowns during the season.

White became UAB's second first-round draft choice in the past four years in April when he was selected in the opening round by the Atlanta

Falcons.

UAB had been bowl eligible twice before, finishing 7-4 in 2000 and 6-5 a year later. Among both current league schools as well as those who have recently left the conference, UAB has the third-best Conference USA record in the last six years.

The Blazers have finished as C-USA runner-up in half of the season in which they have been a member.

UAB also posted a second place finish in 2001 with a 5-2 league mark. The highlight of the 2000 Blazer season was a stunning upset at LSU. UAB also finished as one of the nation's top defensive teams.

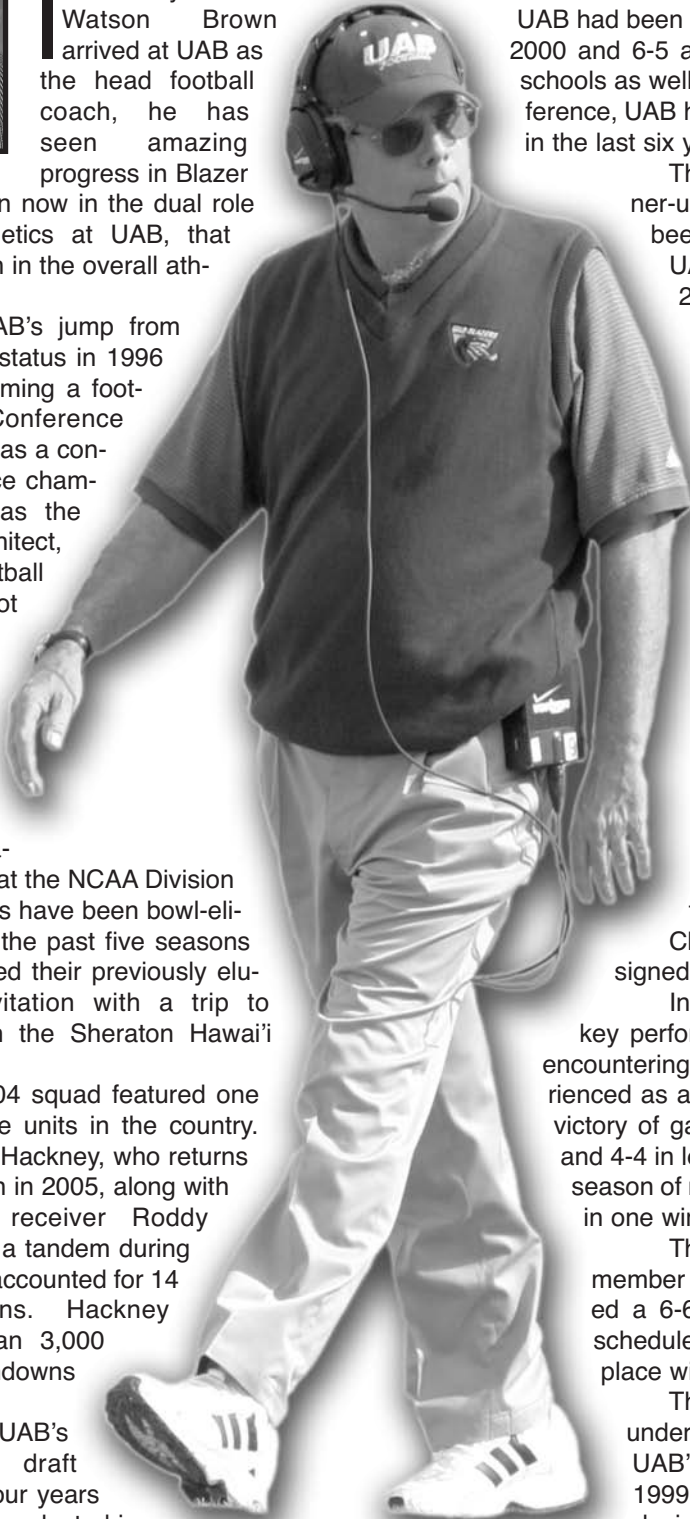
The Blazers followed their success of 2000 with a second-straight winning campaign during the fall of 2001. UAB again featured one of the nation's staunchest defenses, ranking No. 1 in rush defense and yielding only 57.3 yards per game on the ground and No. 5 overall defensively.

The talent the Blazer defense possessed in 2001 did not go unnoticed by the NFL scouts as defensive end Bryan Thomas was tabbed No. 22 overall in the draft by the New York Jets. Teammate Eddie Freeman, a four-year starter at defensive tackle, was picked in the second round by the Kansas City Chiefs. In addition, six other Blazers were signed as free agents following the draft.

In 2002, despite having to replace many key performers from the season before and then encountering a rash of injuries as he had never experienced as a head coach, Brown led UAB within one victory of gaining a bowl berth, finishing 5-7 overall and 4-4 in league play. Last season battling another season of numerous injuries, UAB again came within one win of playing in a bowl game.

The Blazers made their debut as a football member in Conference USA in 1999 and recorded a 6-6 overall record against a brutal all I-A schedule, finishing in a four-way tie for second place with a 4-2 league record.

The remarkable growth of the program under Brown's guidance was a major factor in UAB's entry into Conference USA play in 1999; the Blazers' solid performance on the playing field over the past four seasons proved that they are indeed a force with which to be



reckoned.

Brown has made an impact off the field as well. Since his arrival in 1995, the program has seen tremendous improvement in its facilities. New locker room and practice fields were completed during Brown's first seasons at UAB; coaches' offices, training rooms and weight rooms have been renovated as well.

The program has also made tremendous progress in the classroom with improved academic programs and assistance for the players. The team's graduation rate and cumulative grade-point average have improved each of the past eight years.

The success Brown has engineered on the field has not gone unrecognized by UAB. In November of 2002, the institution named Brown the third athletics director in school history. In his short tenure at the head of the department, Blazer athletics has seen an unprecedented level of on-field success resulting in never-before-seen national exposure. UAB has also achieved new heights off the field in the academic success of its student-athletes.

In his tenure as director, Brown has overseen an athletics program which has appeared in back-to-back NCAA tournaments in men's basketball; won a Conference USA regular season and postseason tournament title and recorded the program's first-ever NCAA Tournament win in women's soccer and rated fifth nationally in two different synchronized swimming championships.

Brown has spearheaded a renewed focus on academic success at UAB which, in the last two years, has resulted in over 180 student-athletes being named to the Conference USA Commissioner's Honor Roll. In addition, 19 Blazers received Commissioner's Academic Medals in 2003-04. That number jumped one to 20 in the 2004-05 year.

Also in 2004-05, three UAB student-athletes were honored as the highest ranking scholars in their respective sports for all of Conference USA, and women's soccer standout Briana McCarty was awarded one of seven post-graduate scholarships by the

THE BROWN FILE

ALMA MATER: Vanderbilt (1973)

PLAYING EXPERIENCE: Vanderbilt (1969-72)

BIRTHDATE: Born April 19, 1950 at Cookeville, Tenn.

COLLEGIATE COACHING EXPERIENCE

1973	.....	Graduate Assistant Coach, Vanderbilt
1974-75	.....	QB Coach, East Carolina
1976	.....	Off. Coordinator, Jacksonville State (6-4-0)
1977	.....	Off. Coordinator, Jacksonville State (11-3-0)
1978	.....	Quarterback Coach, Texas Tech
1979	.....	Head Coach, Austin Peay (7-4-0)
1980	.....	Head Coach, Austin Peay (7-4-0)
1981-82	.....	Off. Coordinator, Vanderbilt
1983	.....	Head Coach, Cincinnati (4-6-1)
1984	.....	Head Coach, Rice (1-10-0)
1985	.....	Head Coach, Rice (3-8-0)
1986	.....	Head Coach, Vanderbilt (1-10-0)
1987	.....	Head Coach, Vanderbilt (4-7-0)
1988	.....	Head Coach, Vanderbilt (3-8-0)
1989	.....	Head Coach, Vanderbilt (1-10-0)
1990	.....	Head Coach, Vanderbilt (1-10-0)
1991-92	.....	Off. Coordinator, Mississippi State
1993-94	.....	Off. Coordinator, Oklahoma
1995	.....	Head Coach, UAB (5-6-0)
1996	.....	Head Coach, UAB (5-6-0)
1997	.....	Head Coach, UAB (5-6-0)
1998	.....	Head Coach, UAB (4-7-0)
1999	.....	Head Coach, UAB (5-6-0)
2000	.....	Head Coach, UAB (7-4-0)
2001	.....	Head Coach, UAB (6-5-0)
2002	.....	Head Coach, UAB (5-7-0)
2003	.....	Head Coach, UAB (5-7-0)
2004	.....	Head Coach, UAB (7-5-0)

CAREER (Head Coach)86-136-1, 20 seasons
At UAB54-59-0, 10 seasons



UAB SUPERLATIVES

Football Under Watson Brown

- Third-best league record among Conference USA schools in the last six years
- Third-best overall record among schools in "new" Conference USA over the last six years
- Conference USA runner-up in three of the six seasons the Blazers have been a football-playing member
- Bowl-eligible in three of the last five seasons
- First-ever bowl appearance in 2004 with berth in Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl
- A total of 18 players in NFL over the past eight years

Overall Athletics Accomplishments Since Watson Brown Became AD

- Men's Basketball team has been to back-to-back postseason tournaments, including a berth in the NCAA Sweet 16 in 2004
- Women's soccer team was Conference USA regular season champion in 2003 and was C-USA Tournament champion in 2004, making first-ever appearance in NCAA tournament, winning its first-round match
- Synchronized Swimming finished in the top five at the U.S. Collegiate Championships and the U.S. National Synchronized Championships in 2004
- 90 athletes earned places on the Commissioner's Honor Roll in 2003-04, maintaining grade-point-averages of at least 3.0 while 19 received C-USA Commissioner's Academic Medal. Those numbers improved to 93 on the Honor Roll and 20 Academic Medal winners in 2004-05.

league.

In addition, Brown has overseen an upgrade in facilities for the academic services arm of the athletic department and the upgrade to a state-of-the-art computer lab for student-athletes.

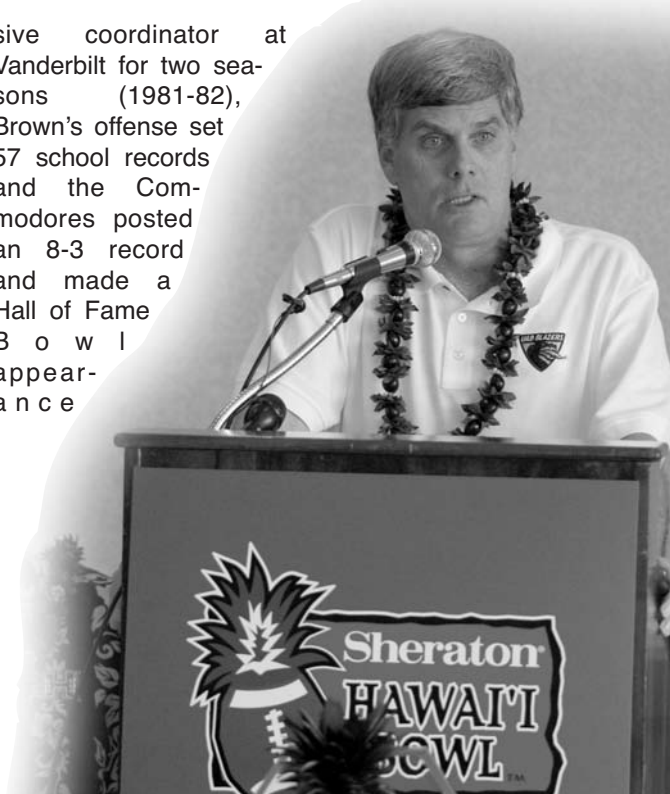
A veteran of 30 years in the coaching profession, Brown is known as one of the best offensive minds in football. Prior to coming to UAB, Brown was the offensive coordinator at the University of Oklahoma (1993-94). In 1994, the Sooners averaged 356 yards and 20 points per contest; in 1993, Oklahoma averaged 386 yards and almost 29 points per game. The Sooners' offensive output consistently ranked among the leaders in the Big 8 Conference and the nation.

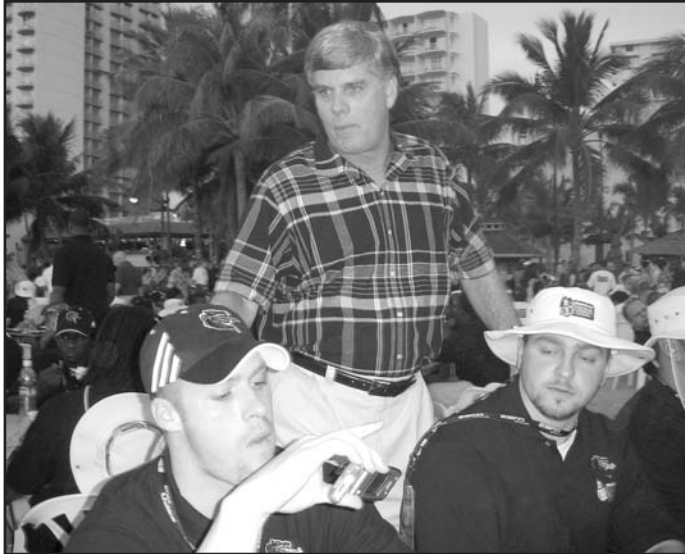
In 1991 and 1992, Brown was the offensive coordinator at Mississippi State under head coach Jackie Sherrill. During those two seasons, the Bulldogs posted a 14-10 record, made two bowl appearances and upset three nationally-ranked opponents.

From 1986-90, Brown was the head coach at Vanderbilt, his alma mater. Before coaching at Vanderbilt, Brown was athletic director and head football coach at Rice (1984-85). He led the Owls to two of their best offensive seasons.

In 1983, Brown was head coach at Cincinnati, where he led the Bearcats to a season-opening 14-3 victory at defending national champion Penn State. While serving as offen-

sive coordinator at Vanderbilt for two seasons (1981-82), Brown's offense set 57 school records and the Commodores posted an 8-3 record and made a Hall of Fame Bowl appearance





Brown and members of the Blazers enjoy a bowl week feast in preparation for the 2004 Hawaii Bowl – UAB’s first-ever bowl appearance.



Brown leads the postgame celebration after the 13-10 win over LSU at Baton Rouge during the 2000 season.

(1982).

Brown made his head-coaching debut in 1979 at Division I-AA Austin Peay State. At age 29, Brown was one of the youngest head coaches in the nation; he posted 7-4 records in both 1979 and 1980, twice being runner-up for Ohio Valley Conference Coach of the Year honors.

Brown began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Vanderbilt in 1973 and was a full-time assistant coach for the first time in 1974 as Pat Dye’s quarterback and receiver coach at East Carolina. The Pirates were 7-4 in 1974 and 8-3 in 1975, posting victories over several Atlantic Coast Conference opponents.

Brown was the offensive coordinator at Division II Jacksonville State in 1976 and 1977, where the Gamecocks finished 7-4 and 11-3, respectively. Jacksonville State played for the Division II national championship in 1977. Brown was the quarterback and receiver coach at Texas Tech in 1978, where the Red Raiders posted a 7-4 record in what was supposed to be a rebuilding year.

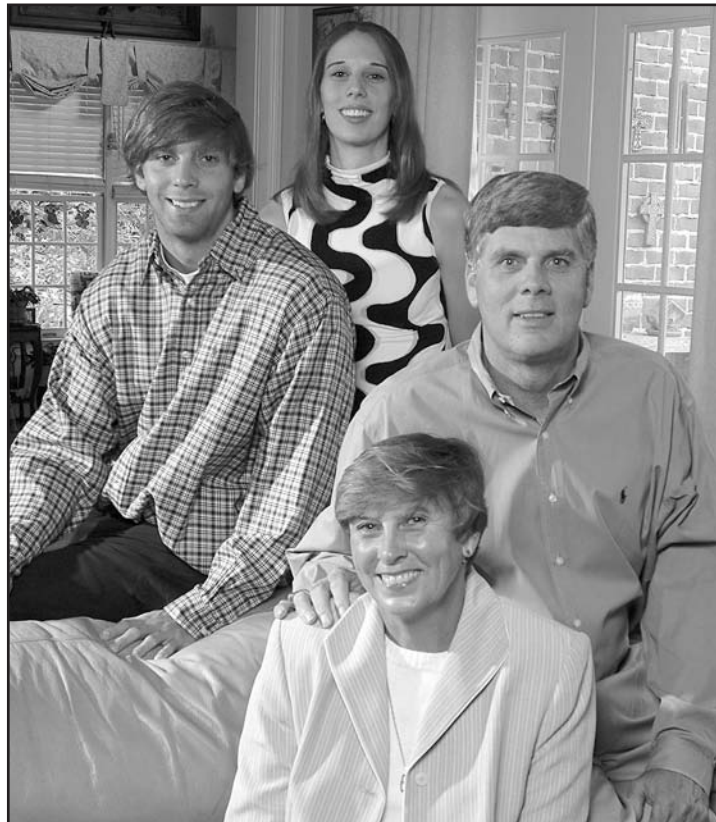
Brown was a standout

quarterback for Vanderbilt from 1969-72 and is perhaps best remembered for leading Vandy to a 14-10 upset over Alabama in 1969. For his efforts, he was named Sports Illustrated National Back of the Week.

Brown’s many achievements as a student-athlete and later as a coach in the state of Tennessee have not gone unnoticed. Two years ago, Brown was inducted into the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame.

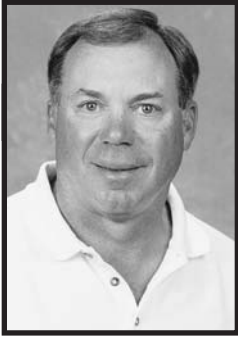
Coaching runs in the Brown family; Brown’s brother, Mack, is the head coach at the University of Texas. His grandfather, Eddie “Jelly” Watson, coached high-school football in the state of Tennessee for some 30 years.

A native of Cookeville, Tenn., Brown is married to the former Brenda Arnold, and they have two children: daughter Ginny, who was a four-year letterwinner in basketball at Georgia State University (1996-00), and son Steven, a 2004 graduate of Vestavia Hills High School and now a member of the UAB football team.



The Brown Family

Clockwise from top left: Steven, Ginny, Watson and Brenda.



PAT SULLIVAN

Offensive Coordinator / Quarterbacks • Seventh Year at UAB

Pat Sullivan joined the UAB coaching staff in January 1999 as the Blazers' offensive coordinator. He also works with the quarterbacks.

Prior to joining the staff at UAB, Sullivan was the head coach at TCU for six years (1992-97), posting a record of

24-42-1. Sullivan led TCU to a 7-5 record in 1994, including a berth in the Independence Bowl; a year later, he led TCU to a 6-5 mark. He earned the Top Newcomer Award by American Football Quarterly in 1995 for the progress the TCU program achieved during his first three years, going from a 2-8-1 mark in 1992 to a 7-5 finish and postseason bowl game in 1994. Sullivan was named the Southwest Conference Coach of the Year in 1994 as well.

Prior to serving as head coach at TCU, Sullivan spent six years as an assistant coach at his alma mater, Auburn University. During that span under head coach Pat Dye, Sullivan worked with the Auburn quarterbacks, including three of the top passers in Auburn history: Jeff Burger (1986-87), Reggie Slack (1986-89) and Stan White (1990-92). The Tigers posted a record of 52-16-3 in those six seasons, winning three Southeastern Conference championships and making five post-season bowl appearances.

A native of Birmingham, Sullivan was a three-year starter at Auburn, in becoming one of the most prolific quarterbacks in SEC history. He won the Heisman Trophy in 1971, becoming the first college player from the state of Alabama ever to win the award. Sullivan continues to rank as one of the top passers in Auburn history, as he led the Tigers to a 26-7 record during his career, including three postseason bowl appearances; he was twice named SEC Player of the Year (1970 and 1971) and was a consensus All-American in each of those years. Sullivan was named Most Valuable Player of the 1970 Gator Bowl, as well as the 1971 Sugar Bowl and the 1972 Senior Bowl. Following his senior season, he participated in the College All-Star Classic, leading the collegians vs. the Super Bowl champion Dallas Cowboys.

Sullivan earned his undergraduate degree in business administration from Auburn in 1972. He was selected as an Academic All-American in 1972.

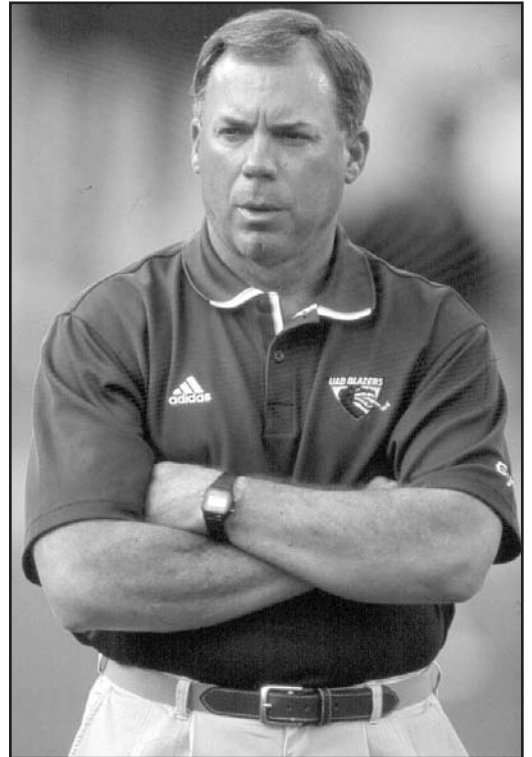
After his collegiate career, Sullivan played professional foot-

ball for five seasons, including four with the Atlanta Falcons (1972-76) and one with the Washington Redskins (1976-77).

After his professional career, Sullivan was in private business before joining the staff at Auburn in 1986. Sullivan is a member of the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame, the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame, the

Senior Bowl Hall of Fame, the Sugar Bowl Hall of Fame, and the Gator Bowl Hall of Fame.

Sullivan and his wife, Jean, reside in Birmingham. They have three children — daughter Kim and twins Kelly and Patrick; and five grandchildren, Alex, Jay, Mallory, Joseph and Taylor.



THE SULLIVAN FILE

BORN: Jan. 18, 1950
ALMA MATER: Auburn (1972)
COLLEGIATE PLAYING EXPERIENCE: Auburn (1968-71)
PROFESSIONAL PLAYING EXPERIENCE:
 Atlanta Falcons (1972-76)
 Washington Redskins (1976-77)

COLLEGIATE COACHING EXPERIENCE

1986-91: Assistant Coach, Auburn
 1992-97: Head Coach, TCU
 1999- : Off. Coordinator / QBs, UAB



The Sullivan Family
 Children, Front, L-R: Joseph Sullivan, Mallory Sullivan, Jay Pankey, Taylor Pankey, Alex Pankey; Sitting: Claudia Sullivan, Jean, Pat, Kelly Pankey; Kneeling in Back: Patrick Sullivan, Kim Silliman with Annie, Tripp Pankey.



WAYNE BOLT

Defensive Coordinator / Inside Linebackers • Third Year at UAB

Wayne Bolt, a veteran coach who has made a name for himself as one of college football's most successful defensive coordinators, was named to the same position at UAB in January, 2002.

Bolt, 47, completed his 12th season as a member of coach Larry Blakeney's staff at Troy during the 2002 season. He had spent the past five seasons as the Trojans' defensive coordinator.

In 2002, Troy, in only its second season competing at the NCAA I-A level, produced one of the nation's top defenses under Bolt's guidance. The Trojans ranked No. 4 nationally in total defense in 2002, yielding only 276.8 yards per game. Troy was No. 13 in rushing defense (105.3 yards per game), No. 30 in scoring defense (21.0 ppg) and No. 33 in pass efficiency defense (112.42).

In Troy's 67 games with Bolt as defensive coordinator, the Trojans allowed less than 110 yards rushing per game and just over 290 of total offense per contest.

At Troy, Bolt's defenses consistently ranked among the nation's best at the I-AA level and played a large role in the Trojans' success in recent seasons.

Under Bolt's guidance, Troy dominated the Southland Football League each year from 1997-2000. During that time, his units either ranked first or second in the SFL in scoring defense, rushing defense and total defense.

Under Bolt, 11 players earned all-conference honors while the Trojans were a member of the Southland Football League from 1996-2000.

In Bolt's two seasons at UAB, he has coached both Zac Woodfin and Nigel Eldridge, who rank first and second, respectively, on UAB's all-time tackle list. Additionally, both Woodfin and Eldridge signed NFL free-agent contracts in the spring of 2005.



In Bolt, UAB has a coach who has more than 20 years experience in the collegiate ranks. Bolt was an All-America offensive lineman at East Carolina under coach Pat Dye, completing his playing career with the Pirates in 1977.

Bolt began his coaching career a year later as a graduate assistant at ECU and then followed Dye to Wyoming (1980) and later to Auburn where he served as the Tigers' tight ends coach from 1981-85.

Bolt moved on to Clemson in 1986 where he also coached tight ends through the 1989 campaign. After returning to Auburn in 1990, Bolt began his successful tenure at Troy in 1991, first as the Trojans' offensive line coach (1991-96) before becoming defensive coordinator and assistant head coach in 1997.

A native of Augusta, Ga., Bolt is married to the former Linda Howard of Auburn, Ala.



*The Bolt Family
Linda, Buttons and Wayne*

THE BOLT FILE

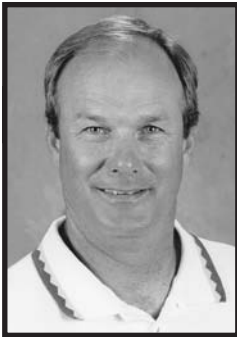
BORN: Feb. 18, 1956

ALMA MATER: East Carolina (1980)

COLLEGIATE PLAYING EXPERIENCE:
East Carolina (1974-77)

COLLEGIATE COACHING EXPERIENCE

1978-79: Graduate Assistant, East Carolina
1980: Assistant Coach, Wyoming
1981-85: Tight Ends, Auburn
1986-89: Tight Ends, Clemson
1990: Assistant Coach, Auburn
1991-96: Offensive Line, Troy State
1997-02: Defensive Coordinator / Asst. Head Coach / Linebackers, Troy State
2003- : Defensive Coordinator / Inside LBs, UAB



RICK CHRISTOPHEL

Assistant Head Coach / Defensive Line • 10th Year at UAB

Rick Christophel continues his second stint as an assistant at UAB. Christophel served as a senior associate athletics director for two years at UAB before returning to the sideline prior to last season. Christophel is in his 10th year overall as a member of the UAB coaching staff.

In addition to his duties as assistant head coach, Christophel will coach the Blazer offensive tackles and tight ends.

With over 26 years of coaching experience, Christophel served as defensive coordinator two seasons. In 2001, Christophel helped guide one of college football's top defensive units. The Blazers finished the '01 campaign with the nation's top rush defense and No. 5 unit.

One of the Blazer staff's most versatile coaches, Christophel came to UAB with Watson Brown in January, 1995, from Mississippi State, where he was the wide receivers coach for four seasons (1991-94).

From 1996-98, Christophel coached the Blazer wide receivers. During that time, he coached junior receiver Darius Malone, who set the single-season record with an average of 22.1 yards per catch. In 1997, he coached fifth-year senior and former quarterback Kevin Drake, who became the first offensive player in UAB history to go to the National Football League when he signed a free-agent contract with the Arizona Cardinals (Drake later played on the NFL Europe champion Rhein Fire and was signed by the Buffalo Bills).

In 1999, Christophel worked with the offensive tackles and tight ends, and he has also coached running backs during his years at UAB. As director of football operations (2000), he served as coach Watson Brown's "right hand man," while also coaching the receivers.

Christophel has spent 22 of his 29 years in coaching working with Brown. The two were together for two seasons as assistants at Mississippi State (1991-92); Christophel was an assistant to Brown at Vanderbilt University (1986-90), as well as Austin Peay State University (1979-80), the University of Cincinnati (1983) and Rice University (1984-85).

During Christophel's tenure at MSU, he coached three future NFL receivers — Olanda Truitt, Willie Harris and Eric Moulds. The Bulldogs participated in three bowl games during that span as well (Liberty Bowl



in 1991 and Peach Bowl in 1993 and 1995).

At Vanderbilt, Christophel coached the offensive backs for three years (1986-88). In 1989, he was the defensive coordinator and coached the middle linebackers; a year later, he was the assistant head coach and worked with the offensive backs.

Christophel coached quarterbacks and running backs at Rice (1984-85) and was the quarterbacks/tight ends coach at Cincinnati in 1983; he was separated from Brown for one season in 1982 when he was the offensive coordinator at Southern

Arkansas State University. Christophel coached running backs at Austin Peay State during his three seasons there (1979-81).

Prior to joining the collegiate coaching ranks full-time, Christophel served as a graduate assistant at Austin Peay (1975) and coached three years at Highlands High School in Fort Thomas, Ky.

A 1975 graduate of Austin Peay, Christophel was a four-year starter on the Governors football team; he played safety in his first season and quarterback during his final three years.

A native of Reading, Ohio, Christophel and his wife, Connie, have three daughters, Chrissy, who is a UAB graduate and is married to former UAB tight end Josh Holden, while twins Carrie and Sara currently attend UAB and recently completed their eligibility with the softball team.

THE CHRISTOPHEL FILE

BORN: Oct. 27, 1952

ALMA MATER: Austin Peay State (1975)

PLAYING EXPERIENCE: Austin Peay State (1971-74)

COLLEGIATE COACHING EXPERIENCE

1975: Graduate Assistant, Austin Peay State
 1979-81: Assistant Coach, Austin Peay State
 1982: Assistant Coach, Southern Arkansas State
 1983: Assistant Coach, Cincinnati
 1984-85: Assistant Coach, Rice
 1986-90: Assistant Coach, Vanderbilt
 1991-94: Assistant Coach, Mississippi State
 1995-01: Assistant Coach, UAB
 2004-: Assistant Coach, UAB

HIGH SCHOOL COACHING EXPERIENCE

1976-78: Highlands HS (Ft. Thomas, Ky.)



*The Christophel Family
 Front: Chrissy, Sara and Carrie
 Back: Josh, Connie and Rick*



RODNEY BIVENS

Wide Receivers • Third Year at UAB

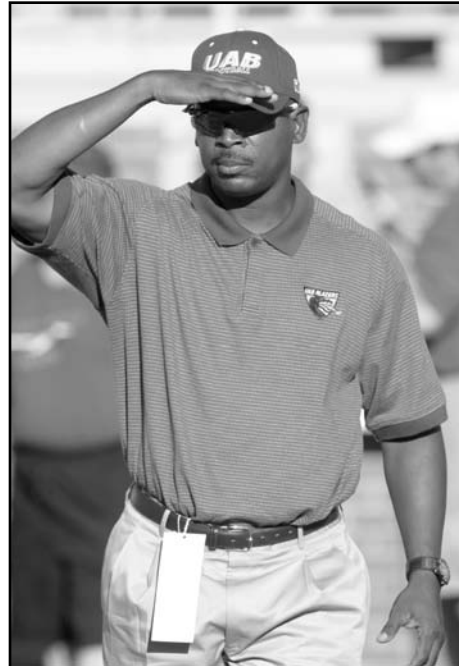
Rodney Bivens, who made a name for himself as a highly-successful high school coach in the state of Alabama, is in his third year as UAB's wide receivers coach.

In his short time with the Blazers, Bivens has had quite an impact on UAB's ever-improving passing game. During the 2004 season, UAB tallied an impressive 3,073 passing yards, the third-best production in school history. Additionally, the Blazers scored 26 passing touchdowns. In 2003, UAB had 2,599 passing yards, while tallying 16 passing touchdowns, both improvements from before Bivens joined UAB.

Bivens' biggest contribution to UAB's offense is reflected in the production of one of the Blazers' bests, Roddy White. White improved each season under Bivens and was drafted No. 27 overall in the 2005 NFL Draft this past April. In White's first season under Bivens, the 2003 season, he amassed 844 yards and seven touchdowns. White's most impressive year came in 2004, as he recorded 1,452 receiving yards and scoring 14 touchdowns for UAB. Bivens helped White become one of the best in the nation, garnering national attention and honors.

Bivens, 49, joined the UAB coaching staff after spending the past three years as an assistant coach (running backs and quarterbacks) at Central High School in Tuscaloosa, Ala. He was head coach at Anniston (Ala.) High School from 1992-99 and helped lead his team to an Alabama Class 6A state championship in 1994. Anniston also won the state 6A crown in 1989 when Bivens was serving as defensive coordinator.

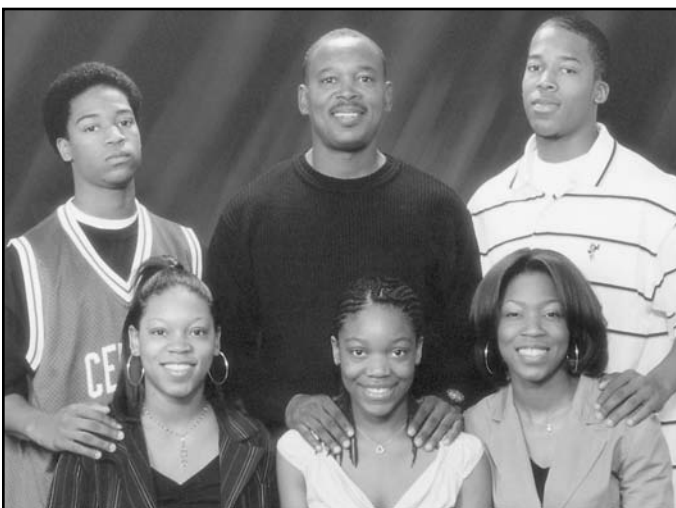
In addition to his successful coaching stints at Tuscaloosa Central and Anniston High, Bivens also spent time as an assistant coach at Newnan (Ga.) High School (1999-2000), Bradshaw High School in Florence, Ala. (1981-87) and Shades Valley High in Birmingham (1981).



Two of Bivens' former players at Central are current members of the UAB team (junior defensive tackle Brandon Jeffries and senior defensive back Julius Wainwright).

A 1980 graduate of the University of North Alabama, Bivens earned his Masters degree in physical education there in 1985.

Bivens has five children: Candice (22), MeConya (20), Rodney, Jr. (19), Isaac (15) and Elaine (13).



The Bivens Family

Standing: Isaac, Rodney, Sr., Rodney, Jr.

Seated: McConya, Elaine, Candice

THE BIVENS FILE

BORN: Jan. 11, 1956

ALMA MATER: North Alabama, 1980

COLLEGIATE COACHING EXPERIENCE

2003- : Wide Receivers, UAB

HIGH SCHOOL COACHING EXPERIENCE

1981: Defensive Backs, Shades Valley H.S.

1981-87: Wide Receivers / Defensive Backs, Bradshaw H.S.

1988-92: Defensive Coordinator / Receivers / DBs / Strength Coach, Anniston H.S.

1992-99: Head Coach, Anniston H.S.

1999-00: Defensive Coordinator / Inside Linebackers, Newnan (Ga.) H.S.

2000-02: Running Backs, Central Tuscaloosa H.S.



BRANDON HERRING

Offensive Line • Sixth Year at UAB

Brandon Herring is in his sixth season overall on the UAB coaching staff, and his fourth season with the Blazers as a full-time assistant coach.

Under Herring's tutelage, offensive guard Andy Galloway was named first team All-Conference USA as a senior in 2004. Additionally, Galloway was recognized in the preseason, as he was named first-team preseason All-Conference USA by the league's coaches in both 2003 and 2004.

The 2004 offensive line helped the offense to produce 4,836 yards of total offense, the best in school history. The 2004 Blazers averaged 403.0 yards per game, another school best.

Herring also will work with the Blazers' field goal and extra point teams for the third season in a row.

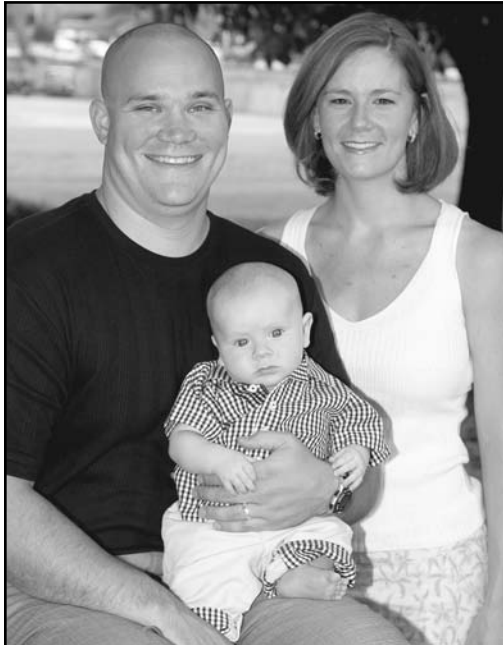
After working with the tight ends for two years, Herring moved to coaching the Blazer offensive line prior to the 2004 season.

A native of Hueytown, Ala., Herring is a former Blazer player and started 26 consecutive games during his sophomore, junior and senior seasons at UAB. Herring was a member of the UAB squad from 1995-99.

After a redshirt season in 1995, Herring became a backup center during the 1996 season, moving to guard in the latter half of the campaign and starting the final four contests.

As a junior and senior, Herring started all 11 games at center for UAB and was named the team's most valuable offensive lineman for each of those seasons. In addition, he was named a permanent team captain for his senior season.

Following his senior season at UAB in 1999, Herring joined the Blazer coaching staff as a graduate assistant coach, working with the



The Herring Family
Brandon, Max and Melissa

with the UAB offensive unit. He was named tight ends coach in spring of 2002 and will continue with that role for the upcoming fall.

Herring attended Hueytown High School where he was a three-year starter and earned all-state honors as a senior.

Herring also was a member of the Hueytown track and field team and com-



peted in the shot put and discus.

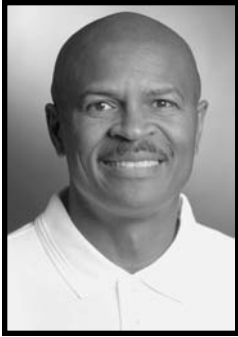
Herring earned his undergraduate degree in history from UAB in 2000. He married the former Melissa Morse of Albertville, Ala., during the summer of 2002. The Herring's welcomed their first child, Max, on February 14, 2005.

THE HERRING FILE

BORN: Feb. 28, 1977
ALMA MATER: UAB (2000)
PLAYING EXPERIENCE: UAB (1995-99)

COLLEGIATE COACHING EXPERIENCE

2000-01: Graduate Assistant, UAB
 2002-03: Tight Ends, UAB
 2004- : Offensive Guards & Centers, UAB



GEORGE PUGH

Nickel Backs / Outside LBs • First Year at UAB

George Pugh, who has more than 20 years experience in the collegiate coaching ranks, rejoined the UAB football coaching staff in February, 2005.

For Pugh, it is his second stint as a member of the UAB coaching staff. He was an assistant coach with the

Blazers from 1995-2000, working with running backs, tight ends, defensive ends and wide receivers during that time. His first season at UAB was also Brown's initial year in Birmingham as the Blazers' head coach.

Pugh will coach on the defensive side of the ball and work with the Blazer "nickel" backs and outside linebackers.

Pugh was involved in the recruitment of several Blazers who completed their senior seasons in 2004, but he also was the primary recruiter of rising senior and All-Conference USA quarterback Darrell Hackney out of Atlanta's Douglass High School.

Pugh is back to UAB after spending the past two years as the head coach at Meadowcreek High School in metro-Atlanta. Prior to that stint, he spent two seasons as an assistant coach on the staff at Arkansas.

Pugh came to UAB in January 1995, from Luverne (Ala.) High School, where he was the offensive coordinator in 1994. Prior to that, Pugh was the head football coach and athletic director at Selma (Ala.) High School for two years (1992-93) Prior to joining the staff at UAB, Pugh was the head coach at Alabama A&M (1989-91). During his tenure, the Bulldogs posted an overall record of 19-10 and won three Southern

Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championships; they participated in the Division II playoffs in 1991.

He was also an assistant coach with Jackie Sherrill at Texas A&M University (1982-88) and the University of Pittsburgh (1981). Texas A&M was 50-26 during his seven seasons with the Aggies, winning three Southwest Conference titles and making three Cotton Bowl appearances.

Pittsburgh won the Big East title and played in the Sugar Bowl during his one season with the Panthers.

Pugh got his start in coaching in 1976 as an assistant coach at Columbia High School in Decatur, Ga. Two years later, he was the head coach at Columbia, leading the program to a 7-3 record, a district championship, and the regional playoffs.

He got his start in collegiate coaching at the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga as an assistant. In two seasons (1979-80) there, the Moccasins were 20-2 and won two Southern Conference titles.

Pugh earned his undergraduate degree in health, physical education, and recreation from the University of Alabama in 1976. He was a four-year starter and letterwinner at tight end for Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant ; during those four years (1972-75), the team posted a 44-1 record, making four post-season bowl appearances and winning a national championship in 1973. Pugh is married to the former Leletrice Hines. The couple has three daughters — Stephanie, April and Brittany; and three sons, Marcus, Michael George and Joshua.



The Pugh Family
George, Joshua and Leletrice

THE PUGH FILE

BORN: March, 2, 1953

ALMA MATER: Alabama (1976)

COLLEGIATE COACHING EXPERIENCE

1979-80: Assistant Coach, Chattanooga
 1981: Assistant Coach, Pittsburgh
 1982-88: Assistant Coach, Texas A&M
 1989-91: Head Coach, Alabama A&M
 1995-2000: Assistant Coach, UAB
 2000-02: Assistant Coach, Arkansas
 2005- : Nickel Backs / Outside LBs, UAB

HIGH SCHOOL COACHING EXPERIENCE

1976-77: Assistant Coach, Columbia HS (Ga.)
 1978: Head Coach, Columbia (Ga.) HS
 1992-93: Head Coach, Selma (Ala.) HS
 1994: Offensive Coordinator, Luverne (Ala.) HS
 2003-05: Head Coach, Meadowcreek (Ga.) HS



SHAWN RANEY

Defensive Backs • Second Year at UAB

Shawn Raney begins his second year at UAB. He spent five seasons as defensive coordinator and defensive backs coach at Butler County Community College in El Dorado, Kan., before joining the Blazers' staff.

Two of Raney's former players at Butler are currently playing for UAB, junior quarterback Chad Wilmott and junior defensive back Chris Felder. Wilmott was a signee for the Blazers in 2004, while Felder was a highly-touted signee for UAB's 2005 class.

While at Butler, the Grizzlies won two NJCAA National Championships in 1999 and 2003. In 2002, the Butler County defense led the nation in scoring defense.

Raney coached the Jawhawk Conference defensive back of the year, and has had five All-Americans. The Butler defense led the Jawhawk Conference in scoring defense in 1999 and was second in 2000 and 2001.

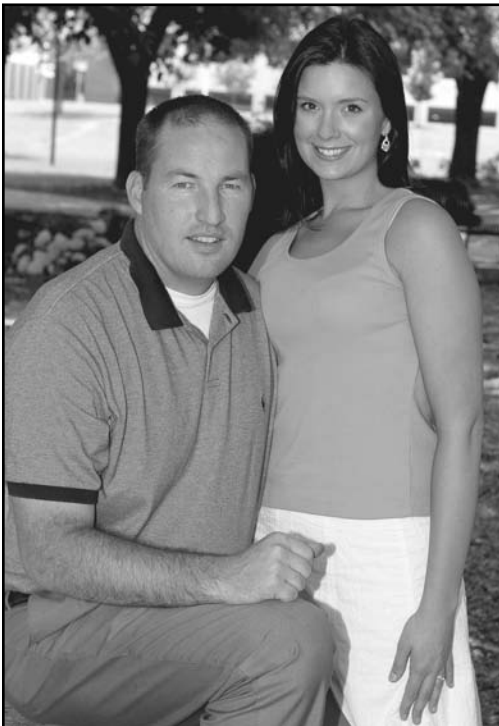
Prior to coaching at Butler County, Raney spent seven years at Yukon (Okla.) High School, where he was defensive coordinator and secondary coach.

During those years, Yukon made five playoff appearances and finished as state runner-up in Oklahoma's largest class in 1997. Raney received his degree in Mathematics from Northwestern Oklahoma State University.

A native of Erick, Okla., Raney was a two-year starter at strong safety at Northwestern Oklahoma State, where he received all-conference awards and was twice selected as the

conference defensive player of the week. Raney served as team captain.

Raney is married to the former Jennifer Hudson of Wichita, Kan.



The Raney's
Shawn and Jennifer

THE RANEY FILE

BORN: Oct. 6, 1967

ALMA MATER: Northwestern Oklahoma State (1992)

COLLEGIATE COACHING EXPERIENCE

- 1991: Graduate Assistant Coach, Oklahoma State
- 1992-98: Defensive Coordinator / Defensive Backs Coach, Yukon (Okla.) H.S.
- 1999-03: Defensive Coordinator / Defensive Backs Coach, Butler County (Kan.) Community College
- 2004: Defensive Backs, UAB



ROSS ROBINSON

Running Backs / Recruiting Coordinator • Sixth Year at UAB

Ross Robinson is in sixth year overall as a member of the UAB coaching staff and his fourth as running backs coach and recruiting coordinator.

Rivals.com ranked UAB's 2005 recruiting class second-best among Conference USA schools, its highest

ranking ever.

Robinson joined the staff in June, 2000 as a graduate assistant coach and worked his first season at UAB assisting defensive coordinator Bill Clay.

Robinson worked specifically with the inside linebackers during his first season with the Blazers. The 2000 UAB defense ranked No. 11 nationally in total defense.

Prior to the 2002 season, he switched over the offensive side and worked with the Blazer wide receivers.

Robinson came to UAB after spending one season at the University of West Alabama coaching wide receivers under head coach Bobby Johns.

Prior to going to West Alabama, Robinson served on the staff at Auburn. He spent the 1998 season coaching defensive backs, assisting defensive coordinator Bill Oliver.

From 1996 to 1996, Robinson worked under Auburn's offensive coordinator Tommy Bowden, now head coach at Clemson and Jimbo Fisher, currently LSU's offensive coordinator.

While he assisted at Auburn, the Tigers played in the 1996



Independence Bowl and the 1997 Peach Bowl. The 1997 Auburn squad won the Southeastern Conference Western Division championship.

A native of Headland, Ala., the 30-year-old Robinson is a 1999 graduate of Auburn, having earned his Bachelor's degree in secondary mathematics.

Robinson is married to the former Jeri Bowdon from Trussville, Ala.



***The Robinsons
Ross and Jeri***

THE ROBINSON FILE

BORN: Sept. 22, 1975

ALMA MATER: Auburn (1999)

COLLEGIATE COACHING EXPERIENCE

1996-98: Student Assistant Coach, Auburn

1999: Wide Receivers, West Alabama

2000-01: Graduate Assistant Coach, UAB

2002- : Running Backs / Recruiting
Coordinator, UAB



BILL SCHMITZ

Tight Ends / H-Backs • First Year at UAB

Bill Schmitz, who has more than 20 years experience in the coaching profession at the professional, collegiate and high school levels, joins the UAB football coaching staff for his first season with the Blazers in 2005. The two-time college head coach will handle

UAB's tight ends and H-backs.

Schmitz is a former head coach at both the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and Austin Peay. He spent six seasons at Austin Peay and in 2002, his final campaign there, he guided the Governors to their first winning season in 18 years.

The Cincinnati, Ohio, native comes to UAB after spending two seasons as the head coach at Jesuit High School in Tampa, Fla. He led Jesuit to a 14-7 record over two years, including a 9-3 mark and a berth in the Florida Class 3-A Regional Finals in 2004.

Prior to being named as head coach at Austin Peay, Schmitz spent four years as the head coach at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, his alma mater, from 1993-96. In 1996, he directed Coast Guard to a berth in the NCAA Division III playoffs for the first time in history and was named the Freedom Football Conference Coach of the Year.

At the Academy, he coached running back James Jones, runner-up for the 1996 Gagliardi Trophy which goes to the Division III Player-of-the-Year. At Austin Peay, running back Jay Bailey led all NCAA I-AA schools in rushing. In all, he has coached eight quarterbacks who have played professionally; 13 All-Americans; and four players who have played in the Super Bowl.

Schmitz's coaching career began in 1976 at the Naval Academy Prep School where he worked with quarterbacks and receivers. From 1979-81, while fulfilling his service commitment to the U.S. Coast Guard, Schmitz was an assistant football and baseball coach at Columbia University.

Schmitz entered the collegiate football coaching ranks in 1981 when he joined Mike Gottfried's staff at Cincinnati while pursuing his master's degree. When Gottfried left UC after the 1982 season, fate intersected Schmitz's career with that of the new Bearcats' head coach: Watson Brown.

Keeping Schmitz on as an assistant, Brown opened the door to what became eight straight years of a coaching relationship between the two. Schmitz served as an assistant on Brown's staffs at Cincinnati (1983), Rice (1984-85) and Vanderbilt (1986-90).

In 1991, the tandem parted temporarily when Schmitz was named offensive coordinator at Eastern Michigan. He also served as the quarterbacks and wide receivers coach of the London Monarchs in the World Football League for the 1992 campaign.

As a student-athlete at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, Schmitz played both football and baseball. As a quarterback for the Bears, he was coached by NFL Hall of Famer Otto Graham. In 2001, he was inducted into the U.S. Coast Guard Academy Athletic Hall of Fame.

Schmitz and his wife of 27 years, Lynn, have two children: Matt, 24, who was a four-year football letterwinner at Austin Peay and is a graduate assistant coach at UAB; and Allison, 20, who is a student at the University of Tennessee.

THE SCHMITZ FILE

BORN: March 30, 1954

ALMA MATER: U.S. Coast Guard Academy (1976)

PROFESSIONAL COACHING EXPERIENCE

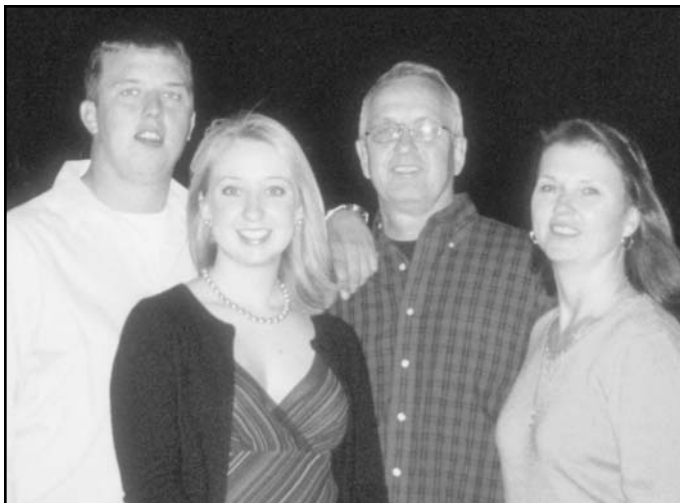
1992: Quarterbacks / Receivers, London Monarchs, World Football League

COLLEGIATE COACHING EXPERIENCE

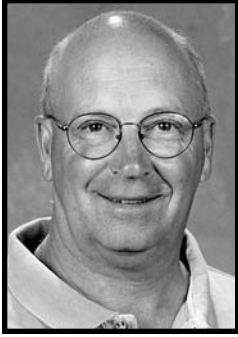
1976: Quarterbacks / Receivers, U. S. Naval Academy Prep School
 1981-83: Tight Ends / Wide Receivers, Cincinnati
 1984-85: Passing-game Coordinator / Tight Ends / Wide Receivers, Rice
 1986-90: Passing-game Coordinator / Tight Ends / Wide Receivers, Vanderbilt
 1991: Offensive Coordinator, Eastern Michigan
 1993-96: Head Coach, U.S. Coast Guard Academy
 1996 -02: Head Coach, Austin Peay
 2005: Tight Ends / H-Backs, UAB

HIGH SCHOOL COACHING EXPERIENCE

2003-05: Head Coach, Jesuit (Fla.) H.S.



*The Schmitz Family
 Matt, Allison, Bill and Lynn*



LARRY CROWE

Director of Football Operations • 11th Year at UAB

Larry Crowe is in his 11th season on the football staff at UAB and his third as director of football operations. Crowe spent eight years as an assistant coach.

Crowe returned to the Blazer coaching ranks in February, 1995, after working with the program in its two club seasons (1989-90) and the two years of Division III competition (1991-92).

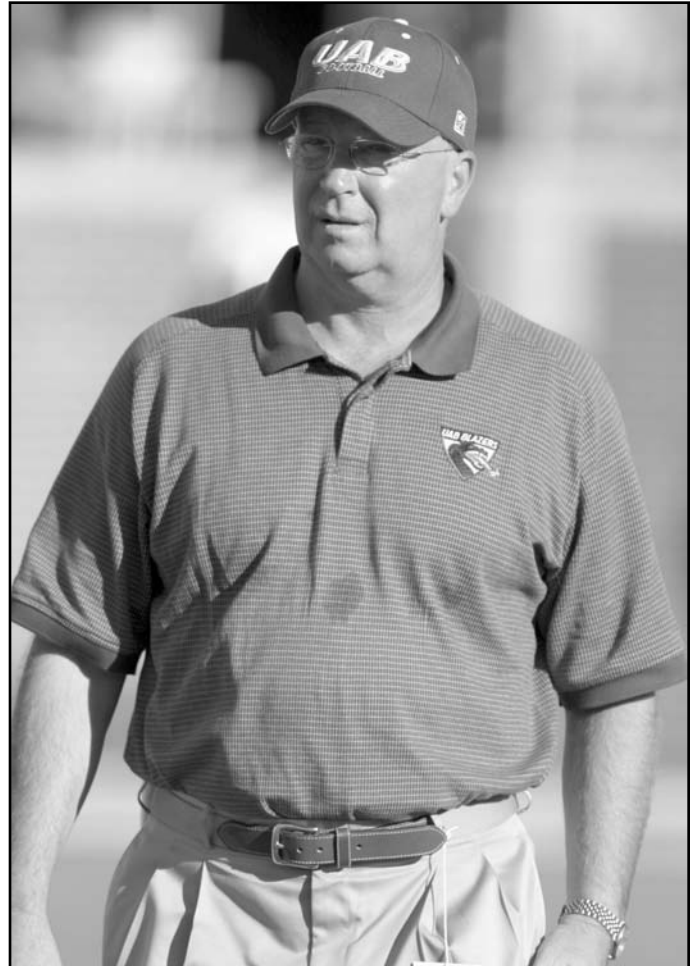
Crowe was an assistant coach for the late Rollie Dotsch with the Birmingham Stallions of the United States Football League for two seasons (1984-85) where he was a defensive assistant working with the linebackers. Prior to his work with the Stallions, Crowe was an assistant coach at Hueytown High School for Morris Higginbotham (1981-82).

Crowe was also an assistant coach at Jacksonville State University for five years (1976-80) under Jimmy Fuller; he worked with UAB head coach Watson Brown for two seasons during that span (1976-77) when Brown was the offensive coordinator for the Gamecocks. During his tenure at Jacksonville State, Crowe's assignments included the running backs and receivers. The team reached the Division II national championship game in two of those seasons (1977 and 1978).

Also at Jacksonville State, Crowe was an assistant baseball coach to Rudy Abbott as the Gamecocks played in two Division II College World Series.

Crowe was a walk-on football player at Jacksonville State. He earned his undergraduate degree from UAB in 1994. He has two children - son Jason, who is also a UAB graduate, and daughter Madison.

Crowe was married to the former Joan Harbison on July 15, 2001.



The Crowe Family

(from L to R): Caroline, Joan, Michael, Larry, Kesley, Jason, Madison and Olivia

THE CROWE FILE

BORN: June 6, 1950

ALMA MATER: UAB (1994)

PLAYING EXPERIENCE: Jacksonville State (1971-72)

PROFESSIONAL COACHING EXPERIENCE

1984-85: Assistant Coach, Birmingham Stallions
USFL

COLLEGIATE COACHING EXPERIENCE

1976-80: Running Backs / Receivers, Jacksonville State

1989-02: Assistant Coach, UAB

2003- : Director of Football Operations, UAB

HIGH SCHOOL COACHING EXPERIENCE

1981-82: Hueytown (Ala.) HS



ROSS NEWTON

**Graduate Assistant
Second Year at UAB**

Ross Newton begins his second season with the Blazer staff. This will be Newton's first season as a graduate assistant coach, after working as an administrative assistant for the past year.

Newton came to UAB after graduating from Samford University in 2004 with a B.A. in history and political science. He was a four-year letterwinner for the Bulldogs, playing defensive tackle and serving as team captain as a senior.

A native of Birmingham, Ala., Newton attended Homewood High School.



MATT SCHMITZ

**Graduate Assistant
Second Year at UAB**

Matt Schmitz is in his second season as a graduate assistant coach at UAB. Schmitz will work with the Blazer offense for second-consecutive season.

Schmitz came to UAB from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, N.Y., where he served as the quarterbacks coach.

Schmitz attended Austin Peay where he was a four-year football letterwinner. In 2002 he earned "Most Improved Offensive Player" honors. He is a native of Clarksville, Tenn.

A 2003 graduate of Austin Peay, Schmitz is presently working on his Master's degree in education.



MARCUS BUSH

Strength & Conditioning Coach • 11th Year at UAB

Marcus Bush is in his 11th year as strength and conditioning coach for the UAB football team.

Additionally, Bush also works with the women's basketball program at UAB.

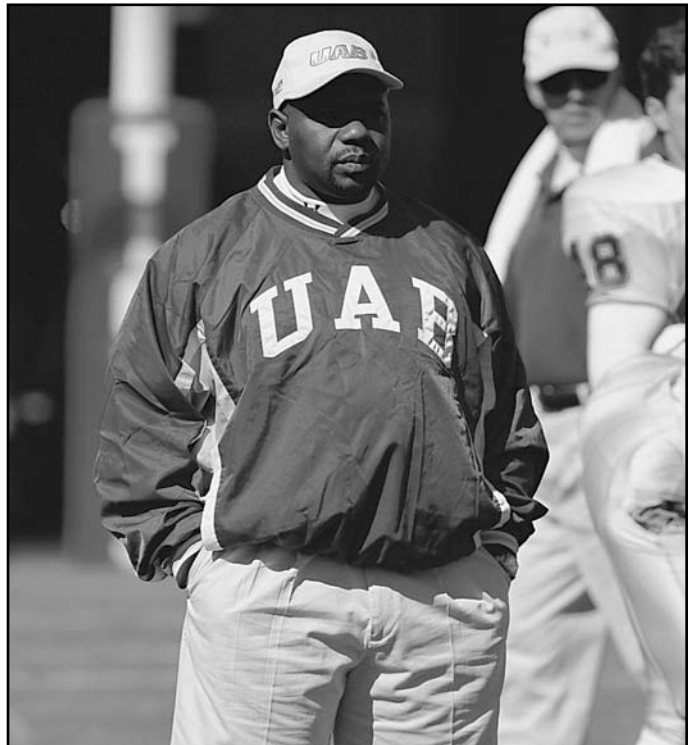
Bush came to UAB from his alma mater, Mississippi State University, where he was a graduate assistant strength and conditioning coach for the Bulldog athletic program.

Bush's primary responsibilities at MSU included working with the football, men's and women's tennis, and men's and women's track teams for two years (1993-94). He also worked as a fitness instructor and personal trainer at an athletic club in Starkville for four years.

Bush was a four-year letterwinner at fullback at Mississippi State, playing for coaches Emory Bellard (1985) and Rocky Felker (1986-88). He earned Bulldog academic honor roll recognition during four semesters at MSU.

A native of Starkville, Miss., Bush was a prep standout in football and track. At tailback, he led his team to the state championship as a senior. He also won the North State 100-meter championship as a senior.

Bush earned his B.S. in fitness management from Mississippi State in 1990.



THE BUSH FILE

BORN: Jan. 28, 1966

ALMA MATER: Mississippi State (1990)

PLAYING EXPERIENCE: Mississippi State (1985-89)

COLLEGIATE COACHING EXPERIENCE

1990-94: Graduate Assistant Coach, Mississippi State

1995- : Strength & Conditioning Coach, UAB



MIKE JONES

**Head Athletic Trainer
Fourth Year at UAB**

Mike Jones is in his fourth season as a full-time staff member at UAB, and his third as the head football athletic trainer.

A former Blazer football letterman, Jones joined the UAB program in 1993 when he transferred from Jones Community College in Ellisville, Miss. He was among the first scholarship class in the history of UAB football.

A 1996 graduate of UAB in secondary education, Jones earned his Masters degree in health education while serving as a graduate assistant in the athletic training program in 1997. The following year, he served as a staff athletic trainer at the University of Cincinnati.

Jones returned to Birmingham in 1999 as an Associate Athletic Trainer at the UAB Sports Medicine Clinic before returning to the Blazer football program.

Jones is Vice-President of the Alabama State Association of Athletic Trainers.

Jones is married to the former Heloise Belarmino of Macon, Ga. They have one daughter Kerrigan Elise, born September of 2003.



BRYAN COMBS

**Assistant Athletic Trainer
Second Year at UAB**

Bryan Combs joined the UAB program as an assistant athletic trainer in March of 2004.

Combs received his Masters in sport management in 2004 while serving as a graduate assistant in LSU's football athletic training program.

While at LSU, Combs worked with Tiger squads that participated in the 2003 Cotton Bowl and won the 2003 National Championship after winning the 2004 Sugar Bowl.

A 2002 graduate of Kentucky in exercise science, Combs has worked with many different teams over the years. While at Kentucky, Combs assisted the men's basketball, football and men's soccer teams.

A native of Louisville, Ky., Combs is a member of the National Athletic Trainers' Association, the Southeast Athletic Trainers' Association and the Alabama Athletic Trainers' Association.



SHANNAN DODSON

**Video Coordinator
Ninth Year at UAB**

Shannan Dodson is in his ninth year as video coordinator for the UAB football program. He joined the UAB coaching staff in 1996 as a graduate assistant coach.

Dodson was a two-year letterwinner at defensive end for UAB, playing on the Division III level in 1992 and at the I-AA level in 1994. In those two seasons, Dodson participated in 18 games and posted 107 tackles, including 15 sacks, five tackles for loss and four fumble recoveries. He transferred to UAB from East Central Mississippi Community College, where he earned Honorable Mention All-State honors.

A native of Tuscaloosa, Ala., Dodson attended Brookwood High School. He and his wife, the former Lesli Blaney, have two sons, Cole (4) and infant, Briar. The Dodson's reside in Gardendale.



TONY RAMIREZ

**Equipment Manager
Second Year at UAB**

Tony Ramirez is in his second year as head equipment manager for the UAB Athletic Department.

Ramirez was a student assistant for three years prior to being named to his current position in January 2004.

Ramirez graduated from UAB in December 2003 with a degree in history and political science. He is presently working on his Master's degree in business management.

A native of Trussville, Ala., Ramirez graduated from Hewitt-Trussville High School in 1993. He currently resides in Birmingham.

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KRISTEN BEARDEN
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Manager



DIANE BLAKNEY
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