

SANFORD



"Mike Sanford has an excellent offensive mind. He has been a big part of (Utah's) success. He is not only a great coach, but a great person. Mike will do an outstanding job at UNLV."

— Florida Head Coach Urban Meyer

"I have the highest regard for Mike Sanford as an individual. Mike has coached at many great universities and also in the NFL so his qualifications are impeccable."

— Former UNLV Head Coach John Robinson

"Mike Sanford met all criteria that we set for a new coach from day one. We believe our fans are in for some exciting, wide-open football. I know that he can't wait to get started on continuing to build this program into a consistent winner."

— UNLV Athletics Director Mike Harrick

"Mike is a very meticulous, detailed head coach. I have had the pleasure of working with him in a couple of football offices and he is one of the great guys in the world. To go with that, he is a very fine football coach. This is a great opportunity for both Mike and UNLV."

— Oregon State and former San Diego Chargers Head Coach Mike Riley

"I think it's really exciting for Mike and for UNLV. I've worked with Mike a couple of different times and he's just an outstanding football coach. The great thing that he has is he's got that background now. I think it makes him a perfect fit."

— San Francisco 49ers Offensive Coordinator Norv Turner

"Mike Sanford coached me both in college at USC and in the pros (at San Diego) as well. He was a great coach and he is going to do well as a head coach. He is a good, hard-working man who does things the right way. Give him some time to get his thing going and it's going to happen there."

— Former NFL & USC Wide Receiver Curtis Conway



HEAD COACH MIKE SANFORD



THE SANFORD FILE

EDUCATION

Southern California, 1978
Bachelor's degree in physical education

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Southern California, 1973-76 – Quarterback

PERSONAL DATA

Hometown: Los Altos, Calif.
Birthdate: April 20, 1955
Wife: Married to the former Melinda Sorensen
Children: Daughter Lindsay (27) and son Mike (24)

One of college football's leading offensive minds, Mike Sanford was hired as the ninth head coach in Rebel football history on Dec. 6, 2004.

Charged with reviving a program coming off four straight losing seasons, Sanford, 51, entered his first head coaching position after an outstanding career as one of the top assistants in the nation.

While finishing 2-9 in 2005, Sanford's undermanned squad fought through an array of key injuries to nonetheless give Reben Nation glimpses of what is quickly molding into an exciting brand of football on both sides of the ball.

Sanford had spent the previous two seasons as offensive coordinator at the University of Utah, which went 21-2 overall and 13-1 in the Mountain West Conference during his time in Salt Lake City. In fact, the 2004 Utes finished ranked fourth in the nation and made history by crashing the elite Bowl Championship Series and earning a trip to the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl.

At UNLV, Sanford replaced his college coach, John Robinson, who retired after a legendary career that included six seasons with the Rebels.

"I have been preparing for this moment for 27 years as a coach and I am extremely honored and excited to be leading UNLV football," Sanford said when he came aboard. "The UNLV job was one I looked upon with great respect over the years. Because of the way this university and city are emerging, this football program is a gold mine. This is a great community and campus that offer so many opportunities and advantages. This football program is ready to explode."

In his two years as Utah's offensive coordinator, Sanford helped instigate one of the biggest offensive turnarounds in the nation while



directing an innovative spread offense. Utah, which finished last in the MWC in scoring offense in 2002, ranked third in the nation in '04 at 43.3 points per game and boasted Heisman Trophy finalist Alex Smith, who went on to become the top pick in the 2005 NFL Draft.

A 29-year college and NFL coaching veteran, Sanford went to Utah from Stanford, where he was the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach in 2002. Most of his coaching career has been spent at the collegiate level, although he spent three years as the



HEAD COACH MIKE SANFORD



The Sanford Family: (L) daughter Lindsay Hanover and her husband Hunt, son Mike Sanford with his wife Anne-Marie, and Coach Sanford and wife Melinda.

BOWL GAME COACHING EXPERIENCE

1990	(1989) Rose	at USC	W
1990	Sun	at USC	L
1992	Freedom	at USC	L
1993	Freedom	at USC	W
1995	(1994) Cotton	at USC	W
1996	(1995) Rose	at USC	W
1997	Independence	at Notre Dame	L
1999	(1998) Gator	at Notre Dame	L
2003	Liberty	at Utah	W

As an assistant coach, Sanford participated in nine bowl games with three programs. As the wide receivers coach at USC from 1989-96, Sanford assisted in two Pac-10 championships and two Rose Bowl victories (vs. Michigan in 1990 and Northwestern in 1996). Three of his Trojan receivers were selected in the first round of the NFL Draft: Curtis Conway in 1992, Johnnie Morton in 1993 and Keyshawn Johnson, the No. 1 overall pick in the 1996 draft and a consensus All-American in 1995.

receivers coach for the NFL's San Diego Chargers from 1999-2001. His NCAA Division I coaching experience includes stints at Notre Dame, USC, Purdue, Long Beach State, Virginia Military Institute and Army. A California native, Sanford is regarded as one of the top recruiters of the Golden State, which is a key cog in the building of any winning team at UNLV.

Sanford's first coaching position was as a graduate assistant under the man he replaced, Robinson, at Southern California in 1977. His full-time coaching chronology began in 1978 as the defensive coordinator at San Diego City College.

and a consensus All-American in 1995.

As a player, Sanford was a reserve quarterback for USC's 1973 and 1974 Rose Bowl teams (the 1974 team beat Ohio State for the national championship). He played free safety in 1976 when USC beat Michigan in the Rose Bowl and finished second in the nation. Sanford, born on April 20, 1955, earned his bachelor's degree from USC in 1978. He and his wife, Melinda, have two children: daughter, Lindsay, and son, Mike, who played quarterback at Boise State from 2001-04, and heads into his second year as UNLV's offensive graduate assistant coach.

SANFORD'S COACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2005-Pres. UNLV — Head Coach
- 2003-04 Utah — Offensive Coordinator, Running Backs
- 2002 Stanford — Offensive Coordinator, Quarterbacks
- 1999-01 San Diego Chargers (NFL) — Wide Receivers
- 1997-98 Notre Dame — Quarterbacks
- 1989-96 USC — Wide Receivers
- 1987-88 Purdue — Quarterbacks
- 1985-86 Long Beach State — Offensive Coordinator
- 1983-84 Long Beach State — Quarterbacks, Wide Receivers
- 1981-82 Virginia Military Institute — Quarterbacks, Wide Receivers, TE
- 1979-80 Army — Wide Receivers, Tight Ends
- 1978 San Diego City College — Defensive Coordinator
- 1977 USC — Graduate Assistant



Sanford, who helped Utah to a 21-2 record, was introduced as UNLV's ninth head football coach in history at a press conference on Dec. 6, 2004.



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KURT BARBER

**Defensive Line
Special Teams Coordinator**

Kurt Barber heads into his second year at UNLV and will oversee the Rebels' defensive line and special teams this fall. He was originally named linebackers coach on Dec. 8, 2004, after having just finished his second year at the University of Utah.

Barber followed head coach Mike Sanford to UNLV from the University of Utah after two stunningly successful seasons in Salt Lake City. Barber oversaw the Utah linebackers during the 2004 season after coaching the defensive line in 2003, including producing first team All-Mountain West Conference end Josh Savage. The Utes turned in a 21-2 record during his two seasons, which included two Mountain West Conference titles and bowl-game victories.

"I have been impressed with Kurt Barber from the time he was a player and I was coaching at USC," Sanford said. "He is an outstanding coach, an excellent recruiter and does an excellent job with special teams."

Barber moved to Utah after two years coaching the defensive line at Kent State. Previous to that, he served two years in the same position at Tennessee-Martin. He began his coaching career in 1998 at Riverside Community College, where he coached the defensive line and coordinated the strength and conditioning program.

A prep All-American, Barber was named Kentucky's Mr. Football in 1987 before choosing to play for Southern California and head coach Larry Smith along with then-assistant Sanford. A 1992 graduate of USC with a degree in communications, Barber was a four-year letterwinner (1988-91) for the Trojans, starting at outside linebacker as a junior and senior, including earning All-Pac-10 Conference honors from Football News. He was taken in the second round of the 1992 NFL Draft (42nd pick overall) and went on to a five-year career with the New York Jets, Denver Broncos and Chicago Bears.

Barber has three daughters, Erica, Briahna and Nia, and a son, Kurt II.



BARBER AT A GLANCE



Born: Jan. 5, 1969

Children: Daughters —
Erica, Briahna, Nia
Son — Kurt II

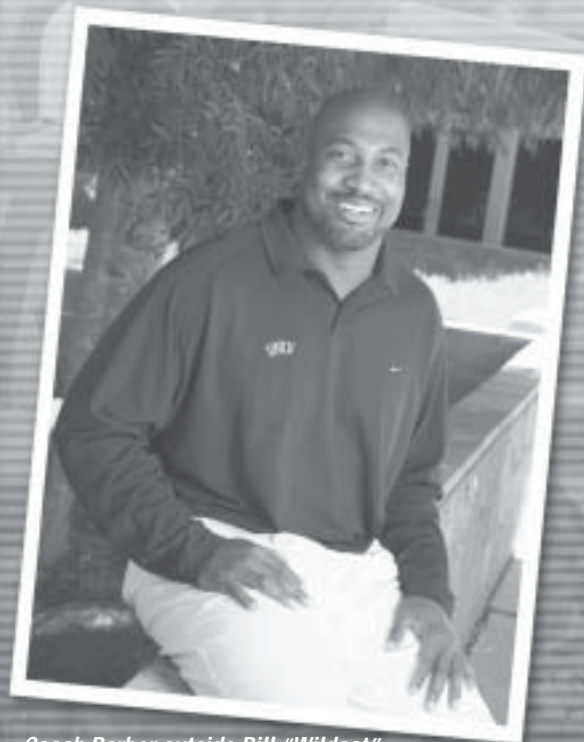
Education: USC, 1992
bachelor's degree in communications

Playing Experience:
NFL, 1992-97 (Jets, Broncos and Bears) – DE-LB
USC, 1988-91 — linebacker

Coaching Experience:
2005-pres. UNLV – linebackers, special teams coord.
2004 Utah – linebackers
2003 Utah – defensive ends
2001-02 Kent State – defensive line
1999-2000 Tennessee-Martin – defensive line

UNLV Recruiting Area:
Los Angeles, Pasadena and San Bernardino

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Coach Barber outside Bill "Wildcat" Morris Rebel Park on the UNLV campus.

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GARY BERNARDI

**Tight Ends/Offensive Tackles
Recruiting Coordinator**

Veteran football man Gary Bernardi returns for his second season at UNLV and will oversee the Rebel offensive tackles and tight ends as well as direct the program's recruiting efforts.

A longtime assistant in the Pac-10 Conference, Bernardi has coached in 12 bowl games, including four Rose Bowls.

He spent the 2004 season as offensive line coach and recruiting coordinator at Northern Arizona University prior to joining UNLV in 2005. Previous to joining the Lumberjacks, he spent 10 seasons coaching at UCLA and helped put together multiple nationally ranked recruiting classes with the Bruins. He began his coaching career at the University of Arizona in 1980 and worked for the Wildcats until following head coach Larry Smith to USC in 1987, where he would eventually serve on the same Trojans staff as Mike Sanford.

Bernardi has tutored seven NFL-bound tight ends and worked with future pro offensive linemen such as Jonathan Ogden, Kris Farris and Tony Boselli.

"I have known Gary Bernardi for a long time, which included coaching alongside him at USC," Sanford said. "He is an extremely hard-working coach who has proven to be a great recruiter at places like USC and UCLA. He has had opportunities from other schools and has remained with us, which we are extremely excited about."

Bernardi began his coaching career at Bell-Jeff High School in Burbank, Calif. (1973-74) and spent 1975 as an assistant at his alma mater of Monroe High School in Sepulveda, Calif. From 1976-79, he served as receivers and tight ends coach at Fountain Valley (Calif.) HS, including working with future All-American Ken Margerum. Bernardi moved to UCLA after serving 1993 as head coach at Burroughs HS in Burbank. An all-league receiver at Monroe before graduating in 1971, Bernardi attended College of the Canyons before moving on to Cal Sate Northridge, where he earned his degree in 1976.

For the past six years, Bernardi has been a key member of the Los Angeles chapter of the ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) Association and has assisted in their on-going fundraising efforts.

Gary and wife Leigh are the parents of three children: Marina (22), who is studying interior design in Southern California, and 19-year-old twins Briana, who will be a sophomore softball player at UNLV this season, and Joe, who will be a grayshirt freshman offensive lineman at Fresno State. Bernardi's brother, Rob, has been the athletics director at Nicholls State in Thibodaux, La., since 2000.



BERNARDI AT A GLANCE



Born: Sept. 24, 1954

Wife: Leigh

Children: Daughters –
Marina (22),
Briana (19)
Son – Joe (19)

Education: CS Northridge, 1976
bachelor's degree in physical education

Coaching Experience:

2005-pres.	UNLV – tight ends, off. tackles, rec. coord.
2004	Northern Arizona – offensive line, rec. coord.
1993-2003	UCLA – tight ends, rec. coord.
1987-92	USC – tight ends, off. tackles, special teams coord.
1986	Arizona – tight ends, off. tackles, admin. asst., rec. coord.
1985	Arizona – wide receivers, admin. asst., rec. coord.
1980-84	Arizona – tight ends, off. tackles, admin. asst., rec. coord.

UNLV Recruiting Area:

Arizona, San Fernando Valley, Santa Clarita Valley,
Antelope Valley, Calif.

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*Coach Bernardi and his family (L-R): wife, Leigh,
daughters Marina and Briana, and son, Joe.*



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MIKE BRADESON

Defensive Backs

The dean of UNLV assistant coaches, Mike Bradeson, heads into his 11th season with the Rebel program. After having served five years (2000-04) as the program's defensive coordinator, he is back again this fall to coach the Rebel secondary, the same area he coached at the school from 1997-99.

At UNLV, Bradeson has overseen the development of NFL DBs Kevin Thomas (Bills), Sam Brandon (Broncos) and two-time All-America safety Jamaal Brimmer.

"Mike Bradeson is an outstanding coach, very organized and detailed," head coach Mike Sanford said. "He is talented, very hard working and I think he is one of the best secondary coaches in the country."

Under Bradeson in 2003, the Rebel defense led the conference in takeaways with 35 en route to finishing seventh in the nation in turnover margin. The unit's five TDs were led by Brimmer, who scored twice en route to First Team All-America honors and being named consensus MWC Defensive Player of the Year for the second consecutive season.

In 2001, the Rebels led the MWC in passing defense by yielding only 189.4 yards per game and ranked 11th nationally in passing efficiency defense as well. In 2000, UNLV surrendered only 21.8 points per game, the 12th-lowest mark in school history and best since 1986. The stinginess culminated in a dominating performance in the team's 31-14 victory over Arkansas in the Las Vegas Bowl when the Hogs were held to just 115 yards on the ground.

Bradeson came to the Rebels in 1996 after four years coaching the secondary at the University of California. He spent his first season in Las Vegas working with the team's inside linebackers.

A 1981 graduate of Boise State, Bradeson was a two-year letterman for the Broncos. He helped his team to the 1980 Div. I-AA national championship with a win over Eastern Kentucky in the Camellia Bowl.

After serving as a graduate assistant for two years, Bradeson was an assistant coach at his alma mater from 1983- 85. From there, he moved to Nevada, Reno, where he spent six seasons as secondary coach and recruiting coordinator. He was also special teams coach his last four years with the Wolf Pack before moving to Cal in 1992.

Deeply rooted in the Bay Area, Bradeson was born in Berkeley and attended Pinole Valley High School before lettering two years at Contra Costa College in 1977-78.

Bradeson, who was a member of the coaching staff at the 2004 East-West Shrine Game, married the former April Harrold in 2005 and the couple is expecting its first child this year.



BRADESON AT A GLANCE



Born: May 2, 1959

Wife: April

Education:

Boise State University,
1981 – bachelor's degree in
business management

Playing Experience:

Boise State University,
1979-80 – defensive back
Contra Costa College, 1977-78 – quarterback

Coaching Experience:

2005-pres. UNLV – defensive backs
2000-04 UNLV – defensive coord., secondary
1996-99 UNLV – secondary, recruiting coord., LBs
1992-95 California – secondary
1986-91 UNR – secondary, special teams, rec. coord.
1983-85 Boise State – secondary, running backs
1981-82 Boise State – graduate assistant

UNLV Recruiting Area:

Northern California (San Francisco, Bay Area)

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*Coach Bradeson and his wife, April,
outside of Bill "Wildcat" Morris Rebel Park.*

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NOAH BRINDISE

Offensive Coordinator
Quarterbacks

Former college signal-caller and pro assistant Noah Brindise is back for his second season as UNLV's offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach.

"Noah Brindise is an excellent offensive coach and is one of the rising, young coaches in the country," UNLV head coach Mike Sanford said. "With his background, which includes NFL experience, he brings a lot to the table for such a young coach."

Brindise came to Las Vegas after serving last season as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at East Carolina University of Conference USA. He joined the Pirates after two years with the NFL's Washington Redskins as quarterbacks coach under Steve Spurrier. Brindise played quarterback for Spurrier at the University of Florida from 1995-97.

Brindise began his coaching career in 1998 as offensive coordinator at Ursinus College in Collegeville, Pa., and then spent three years as a graduate assistant coach at his alma mater in Gainesville. There he coached on three Gator bowl teams, including the 2000 SEC Championship squad.

The Fort Myers, Fla., native graduated from Florida in 1999 with a degree in sports administration. After starting his career as a walk-on, Brindise went on to be a three-year letterwinner for the Gators and played on three New Year's Day bowl teams, including the 1996 national championship squad. A two-time member of the SEC Academic Honor Roll, he was named to the honorable mention team for the 1997 College Football Chronicle's Unsung Hero All-American Team.

Brindise and his wife, Jennifer, are the parents of a daughter, Caelan, born on Nov. 4, 2003, and welcomed son Jackson William on June 24, 2005.



BRINDISE AT A GLANCE



Born: March 3, 1975

Wife: Jennifer

Children: Daughter –
Caelan (born Nov. 4, 2003)
Son –

Jackson (born June 24, 2005)

Education: Florida, 1999
bachelor's degree in sports administration

Playing Experience:
University of Florida,
1995-97 – quarterback

Coaching Experience:
2005-pres. UNLV – offensive coord., quarterbacks
2004 East Carolina – offensive coord., quarterbacks
2002-03 Washington Redskins (NFL) – quarterbacks
1999-2001 University of Florida – graduate assistant
1998 Ursinus College – offensive coord., QBs

UNLV Recruiting Area: Ventura County, Santa Barbara County,
San Luis Obispo County, Calif., Florida

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*Coach Brindise and his wife, Jennifer,
with their daughter, Caelan, and son, Jackson.*



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KRIS CINKOVICH

Wide Receivers

Formerly a local high school coach, Kris Cinkovich goes into his third season as the Rebels' wide receivers coach.

"Having coach Kris Cinkovich on this staff is a big plus because not only is he an excellent football coach but his relationships with football coaches here in Las Vegas are a real plus for us in recruiting," head coach Mike Sanford said.

Cinkovich came to campus from Las Vegas High School, where he oversaw the Wildcats for nine seasons, building one of the state's top programs en route to compiling a record of 79-24. In 1995, he took LVHS to the playoffs for the first time in 15 years and in 2001 brought the school its first state championship since 1959.

Cinkovich's squads won three regional titles and were ranked among the best on the West Coast three times by USA TODAY.

No stranger to UNLV, Cinkovich was a graduate assistant coach in charge of running backs on Jim Strong's 1991 Rebel staff before moving to Green Valley High School as offensive coordinator for three seasons.

A 1984 graduate of Carroll College in Helena, Mont., Cinkovich earned his master's degree from Central Washington in 1987. He and his wife, Joanie, have two teenage daughters: Carly (18) and Stephanie (15).



CINKOVICH AT A GLANCE



Born: Sept. 30, 1960
Wife: Joanie
Children: Daughters – Carly (18), Stephanie (15)

Education:
Carroll College, 1984 – bachelor's degree
Central Washington, 1987 – master's degree

Playing Experience:
Carroll College, 1981-82 – OL
Spokane Falls Community College, 1979-80 – OL

Coaching Experience:
2004-pres. UNLV – wide receivers
1995-2003 Las Vegas High School – head coach
1992-94 Green Valley High School – offensive coord.
1991 UNLV – graduate assistant
1990 Oregon Tech – wide receivers
1987-89 Carroll College – offensive coordinator
1986 Central Washington – linebackers

UNLV Recruiting Area:
Southern & Northern Nevada, Sacramento area, Pacific Northwest

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Coach Cinkovich and his wife, Joanie, with daughters (L-R) Carly and Stephanie.

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REGGIE DAVIS

Running Backs

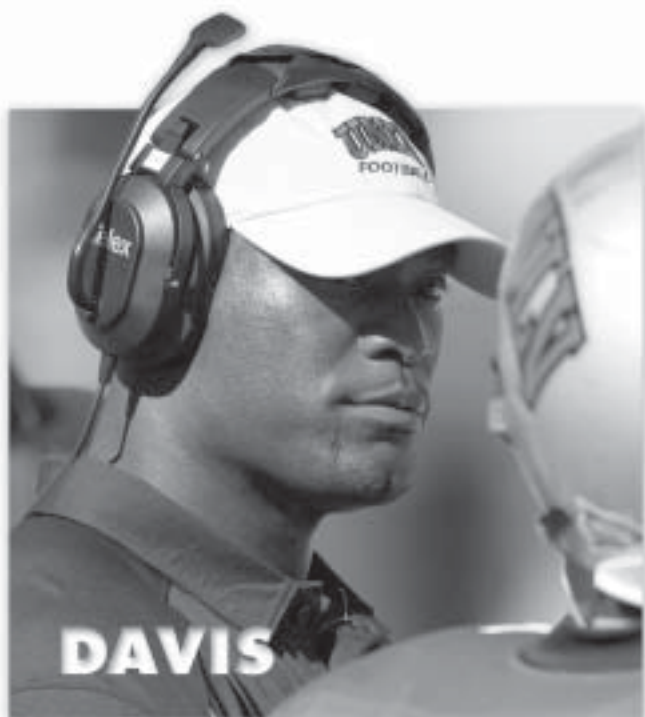
Running backs coach Reggie Davis enters his second season with the Rebels. He came to UNLV after one season as tight ends coach at the University of San Diego.

He joined the Torero staff after working with D.HIX SPEED since 2001, helping college and NFL players with speed and combine training. From 1999-2000 Davis played two seasons in the NFL with San Diego as a tight end/H-back at the same time Mike Sanford was an assistant coach with the Chargers.

"I've known Reggie Davis for a decade and he is a bright, high-character guy," Sanford said. "He is an excellent young coach who is improving every day."

Davis was a standout linebacker/tight end at the University of Washington between 1994-1998. He was recruited to UW out of Brethren Christian High School in California.

Reggie and his wife, Jennifer, have one daughter, Kayla, and welcomed twin boys DeSean and Jalen on May 6, 2005.



DAVIS AT A GLANCE



Born: Sept. 3, 1976
Wife: Jennifer
Children: Daughter – Kayla (born Oct. 8, 2003)
 Twin Sons – DeSean and Jalen (born May 6, 2005)
Education: Washington, 1998
 bachelor's degree in sociology
Playing Experience:
 NFL, 1999-2000 (Chargers) – tight end/H-back
 University of Washington, 1994-98 – linebacker/TE
Coaching Experience:
 2005-pres. UNLV – running backs
 2004 University of San Diego – tight ends
UNLV Recruiting Area:
 San Diego County
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Coach Davis and his wife, Jennifer, with daughter Kayla and twin sons Jalen (L) and DeSean.



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TONY DEWS

Linebackers

Special Teams Assoc. Coordinator

Mike Sanford completed his 2006 coaching staff with the hiring of Tony Dews as linebackers coach and associate coordinator of special teams.

Dews comes to UNLV after two seasons coaching tight ends and offensive tackles as well as directing the special teams at Central Michigan, which finished 2005 with its first winning season in seven years at 6-5.

"We did a national search to find both the best person and assistant football coach and I know we have found that in Tony Dews," Sanford said. "We are excited to have Tony as an addition to our staff. He is a very enthusiastic coach."

Dews, a 1997 graduate of Liberty University, joined the Chippewas from the College of the Holy Cross where he served as a defensive line coach. After earning his undergraduate degree in psychology/social science, Tony served as a volunteer tight ends coach at Liberty from August through May 1997 before going to Bainbridge (Ga.) High School as an assistant. Dews joined the staff at Millersville University as defensive line coach from June 1998 through March 1999 then went to West Virginia as a graduate assistant. He spent two seasons with the secondary and special teams and one season with the offensive line.

Dews then moved to California University (Pa.) from March 2002 through May 2003 before he took the job at Holy Cross. He earned a master's degree from West Virginia in 2000 in athletic coaching education.

Tony and his wife Tamika have three daughters, Savannah (3), Sierra (2) and Sydney (1).



DEWS AT A GLANCE



Born: June 6, 1973

Wife: Tamika

Children: Daughters –
Savannah (3), Sierra (2)
and Sydney (1).

Education:

Liberty University – 1997
bachelor's degree in psychology/social science
West Virginia – 2000
master's in athletic coaching and education

Coaching Experience:

2006-pres. UNLV – linebackers, special teams assoc.
coordinator
2004-05 Central Michigan – tight ends, special
teams
2003 Holy Cross – defensive line coach
2002 California University – offensive line coach
2000-01 West Virginia – graduate assistant
1998-99 Bainbridge High School – assistant coach
1997 Liberty University – tight ends

UNLV Recruiting Area:

Inland Empire California, Dallas

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Coach Dews and his wife, Tamika, with daughters (L-R) Sierra, Savannah and Sydney.

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VIC SHEALY

**Defensive Coordinator
Assistant Head Coach
Secondary**

Vic Shealy returns for his second season as defensive coordinator at UNLV, while also overseeing the team's secondary and serving as assistant head coach.

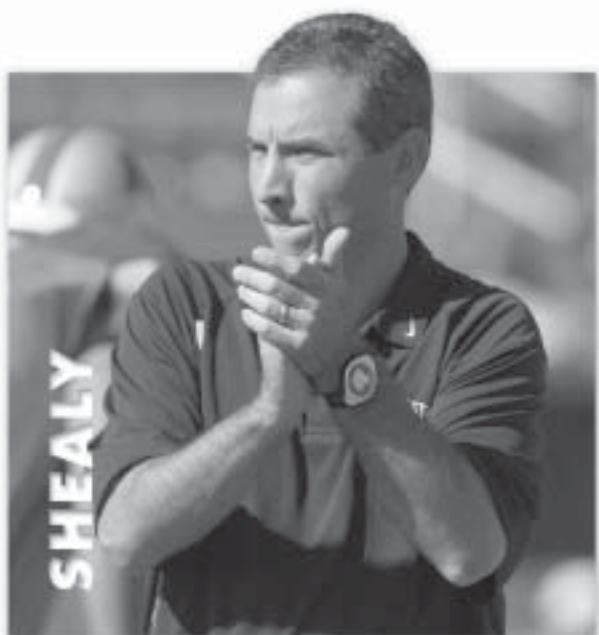
Shealy is no stranger to the Mountain West Conference, as he spent his six seasons as defensive secondary coach for league-rival Air Force.

"I've known Vic Shealy for many years and he has established himself as a coach with great leadership abilities," UNLV head coach Sanford said. "He knows our conference and he is an outstanding defensive coordinator."

Shealy moved to the Academy from Azusa Pacific, where he was head coach for four seasons and compiled a 27-14-1 record. In 1998, he led the Cougars to their first-ever NAIA national championship and was named NAIA National Coach of the Year and won the American Football Quarterly Schutt National Coach of the Year Award.

After a college playing career at Liberty and then Richmond, where his father was head coach, Shealy entered the coaching ranks as an undergraduate assistant on the Spider staff before two years as a GA at Baylor under Grant Teaff. He then began the first of two stints at Mars Hill (N.C.) College in 1986. In 1987, he became the offensive coordinator at Austin Peay State. He left coaching in 1990, but returned to Mars Hill in 1992 as the offensive coordinator. In 1993, he returned to Austin Peay as the defensive secondary coach and became the defensive coordinator the following year. He left Austin Peay to begin his stint at Azusa Pacific in 1995.

Born in Nashville, Tenn., Shealy was raised in South Carolina and graduated from Richmond in 1984 with a bachelor's degree in physical education and received a master's degree in education from Baylor in 1986. He and his wife, Holly, are the parents of three sons: Dal (19), Jake (16) and Will (8) and one daughter, Kate (10).



SHEALY AT A GLANCE



Born: July 14, 1961
Wife: Holly
Children: Sons – Dal (19), Jake (16), Will (8)
 Daughter – Kate (10)
Education: Richmond, 1984
 bachelor's degree in physical education
 Baylor, 1986
 master's degree in physical education
Playing Experience:
 Liberty University, 1979 – quarterback
Coaching Experience:
 2005-pres. UNLV – defensive coord.
 1999-2004 Air Force – secondary
 1995-98 Azusa Pacific – head coach
 1994 Austin Peay, defensive coord.
 1993 Austin Peay, secondary
 1992 Mars Hill College – offensive coord.
 1988-89 Austin Peay, offensive coord.
 1986-87 Mars Hill College – secondary
 1984-85 Baylor – graduate asst.
 1981-83 Richmond – undergraduate asst.
UNLV Recruiting Area:
 Orange County and Phoenix
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Coach Shealy with his wife, Holly, their daughter Kate, and sons Dal, (standing), Will (left) and Jake.



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KEITH UPERESA

Offensive Line

Keith Uperesa begins his second season coaching the UNLV interior offensive line.

Uperesa spent 2004 coaching tight ends and assisting with the offensive line for the MWC Champion Utah Utes, who finished 12-0 and ranked fourth in the nation after winning the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl.

"Keith Uperesa is an excellent offensive line coach and the fact that we are familiar with each other and he is familiar with the system that we are putting in place here is a real plus," Sanford said. "He is an extremely talented offensive line coach. He is one of the best teachers of technique in both the run and the pass around the country."

In 2003 Uperesa coached at El Camino Junior College after two seasons overseeing the offensive line at USC. Before joining the Trojans, he was offensive coordinator and offensive line coach at Idaho State in 1999-2000. Previously, Uperesa spent 12 years at Snow Junior College in Ephraim, Utah, including four as head coach of the Badgers from 1995-98.

An All-WAC offensive tackle at BYU, Uperesa went on to a short NFL career with the Denver Broncos and the Oakland Raiders. Earning his bachelor's degree in 1984 and master's in 1986 from BYU, he also began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at his alma mater in 1985.

Keith and his wife, Kaipo are the parents of one son, Ikaika (25) and daughters Naupaka (23) and Kahikole (17). The also have one granddaughter, Isabella (born October 2003).



UPERESA AT A GLANCE



Born: July 28, 1955

Wife: Kaipo

Children: Daughters –
Naupaka (23) and
Kahikole (17)
Son – Ikaika (25)

Education: BYU, 1984
bachelor's degree in recreational management
BYU, 1986
master's degree in P.E. administration

Playing Experience:
NFL, 1978-79 (Raiders, Broncos) – offensive lineman
BYU, 1974-77 – offensive lineman

Coaching Experience:
2005-pres. UNLV – offensive line
2004 Utah – tight ends
2003 El Camino College – offensive line asst.
2001-02 USC – offensive line
1999-2000 Idaho State – offensive coord., off. line
1995-98 Snow Junior College – head coach
1987-94 Snow Junior College – special teams coord.
1985-86 BYU – graduate asst.

UNLV Recruiting Area:
South Bay, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Utah, Hawaii, American Samoa

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*Coach Uperesa and his wife, Kaipo,
with daughters (L) Kahikole and Naupaka.*

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JOHN GRIECO

Director of Strength & Conditioning

John Grieco begins his first season with UNLV as the director of strength and conditioning, and he oversees all 17 varsity sports with an emphasis on the Rebel football program.

He comes to UNLV from East Carolina University, where he served as both the director of the Pirates' football strength program and as an assistant strength coach for two years at the school.

"UNLV did a national search and I think we hired the best fit for our athletic program," head football coach Mike Sanford said. "John's background working at the University of Florida, especially with the Gator football program, and then as the head football strength coach at East Carolina, is very impressive."

A 1995 graduate from the University of Florida, Grieco went on to work at his alma mater from 1996-2004. During his stint in Gainesville, he worked with various programs, including the football, baseball, softball and track and field teams.

A member of the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Association, Grieco is a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist. He and his wife, Jamie, have a son, Nicholas, and a daughter, Gianna.



GRIECO AT A GLANCE



Born: Oct. 7, 1972

Wife: Jamie

Children: Daughter – Gianna (2)
Son – Nicholas (4)

Education:
Florida – 1995
bachelor's degree in exercise and sport science

Coaching Experience:

2006-pres. UNLV – director of strength and conditioning
2004-06 East Carolina – strength coach director, asst. strength coach director
1996-03 Florida – asst. strength coach, coordinator strength and conditioning

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Coach Grieco with his wife, Jamie, their daughter Gianna, and son Nicholas.



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Kirk Wherritt
Graduate Asst. Coach



Mike Sanford
Graduate Asst. Coach



Andy LaRussa
Assistant Video Coordinator



Tony Terrell
Academic Advisor



Jaime Mapes
Assistant Marketing Director



Rocky Rutledge
Asst. Equipment Director



Jason Kabo
Asst. Strength & Conditioning



Bernie Chavies
Assistant Athletic Trainer



Andy Fry
Faculty Athletics Rep.



Dean McQuillan
Inspiration / Character Coach

UNLV TEAM PHYSICIANS



Dr. Gerald Higgins
Team Physician /
Orthopedics



Dr. Greg Bigler
Orthopedics



Dr. James Callaway
Dentist



Dr. Albert Capanna
Neurosurgeon



Dr. Craig Hamilton
Optometrist



Dr. Keith Kohorst
Optometrist



Dr. Daniel Orr
Maxillofacial



Dr. Vern Prochaska
Orthopedics



Dr. Jason Tarno
General Medicine



Dr. Benjamin Venger
Neurosurgeon

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TERRY COTTLE

Associate AD/Football Operations

Terry Cottle, 47, begins his 23rd year in the UNLV Athletics Department and his eighth as an Associate Athletic Director. Cottle serves as the day-to-day administrator for the UNLV football program. A former Rebel football recruiting coordinator and assistant coach, Cottle spent 10 years with the football program before moving into an administrative capacity in

1994. A four-year starter at quarterback at St. Mary's College in Moraga, Calif., Cottle earned his bachelor's degree in physical education in 1980 before picking up his master's degree in education from UNLV in 1985. Cottle and his wife, Catherine, have four children: Jessica, Ashley, Carly and Jason.



ERIC ESPINOZA

Director of Video Operations

A six-year veteran in the UNLV football program, Eric Espinoza enters his fifth season directing the team's video operations. A 1998 graduate of Southern California with a bachelor's in education, Espinoza spent 2001 as a graduate assistant coach working mainly under defensive coordinator Mike Bradeson. In 2000, he served as assistant video coordinator. He has one daughter, Annaleisa, born Jan. 29, 2004.

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BRYAN HAINES

Asst. Football Sports Information Director

Bryan Haines enters his third year as an Assistant Sports Information Director in the UNLV Media Relations office and he is the primary media contact for baseball, women's golf, track and field/cross country while assisting with football. Haines is a 2003 graduate of Montana with a bachelor's degree in journalism and in 2004 he married the former

Tricia Meier, who is a fifth grade teacher at Walter Bracken Magnet School.



MIKE JACKSON

Director of Ticketing

Mike Jackson begins his second year at UNLV as the director of ticketing for the Rebels. Prior to coming to UNLV he served as the Assistant Athletic Director in charge of ticketing operations at Wichita State University for a year, overseeing the entire ticketing operation. Jackson earned his bachelor's degree in business administration and physical education

from Mount Union College in 1991 and then received his master's degree in physical education from Kent State in 1995. Jackson is single and resides in Las Vegas.



PAUL PUCCIARELLI

Director of Athletic Equipment

Paul Pucciarelli heads into his 22nd year at UNLV and seventh as director of athletic equipment. Originally an athletic trainer, Pucciarelli came to UNLV in 1985 and moved into the head position two years later. He was named Director of Equipment in 1999 and oversees purchasing for all 17 Rebel sports. Pucciarelli, a native of

Glendora, Calif., was married to Susan in June of 1996 and the couple has two daughters: Jessica and Jodie. The family includes a basset hound named Flash.



SARA SWANSON

Football Program Director

Sara Swanson enters her second season with UNLV and handles the day-to-day logistics for the Rebels as Football Program Director. Prior to coming to UNLV, she spent eight years working with Young Life, a non-profit youth-development organization based in Boise, Idaho. A graduate of Northern Arizona University, Swanson earned her bachelor's

degree in liberal studies from NAU in 1995. She also previously worked in the football offices for both her alma mater and then the University of Washington.



MARK WALLINGTON

Football Sports Information Director

Now into his second decade with UNLV athletics is associate director for sports information Mark Wallington, who oversees media relations for the Rebel football program as well as the nationally ranked men's and women's tennis teams. A two-time graduate of the University of Florida, Wallington earned a bachelor's degree in

journalism and a master's in sports administration. In 2002 he married the former Wendy Best and the couple welcomed daughter Tessa Mae on Sept. 23, 2004.



KYLE WILSON

Director of Athletic Training

Kyle Wilson begins his 23rd year on UNLV's staff this fall and seventh as director of athletic training. A 1982 graduate of West Virginia University with a bachelor's in secondary education, Wilson earned his master's degree in education in 1984 from Nicholls State University. After moving to Las Vegas, he served from 1984-90 as assistant athletic trainer for football and men's basketball while working as

head athletic trainer for the Hustlin' Rebel baseball team. He became head football athletic trainer in 1990 and was named head athletic trainer in 1997 and director of athletic training in 1999.