



Chris Croft

**Director of
Basketball Operations
Second Year**

Returning for his second season in Lincoln on Coach Doc Sadler's staff, Chris Croft continues his duties as director of basketball operations in 2007-08.

Since joining the Husker staff in September 2006, Croft has been the primary day-to-day administrator within the basketball office, where he handles team travel, budget, clinics, camps and daily office operations. He also is heavily involved with team scheduling and the Huskers' community involvement program. Croft also helps coordinate the Huskers' public speaking efforts, both for players and the coaching staff.

An experienced coach and savvy basketball administrator, Croft came to Lincoln after spending one season as a program specialist with Sadler at Texas-El Paso. Croft assisted Sadler in a variety of capacities, including overseeing several administrative areas as the Miners reached the postseason NIT tournament.

In addition to his shining professional administrative credentials, Croft has an impressive basketball coaching background. During his career, Croft has previously served stints as an assistant coach in the Big 12 and Pac-10 conferences and has been a head coach at the NAIA level.

Following eight years as a Division I assistant coach, Croft was named head coach at Martin Methodist (Tenn.) College at the age of 30. Croft's first squad in 2003-04 won 22 games and grabbed the TranSouth Conference title – the first in school history – while also advancing to the NAIA national tournament. He was the first coach in league history to win a championship in his initial season as a head coach, and also the youngest coach in league history to win the championship. He led his team to 13 road wins to rank second nationally across all divisions of four-year colleges. Croft's team led the conference in scoring defense as he coached four all-conference players and seven academic all-conference players.

Croft broke into the coaching profession as an undergraduate student assistant at East Central (Miss.) CC in 1991-93. While at ECC, he was part of a state championship team and the squad also made two regional tournament appearances. Croft then assisted M.K. Turk at Southern Mississippi as an undergraduate before being named an assistant coach at USM at age 22 in 1995. Croft helped USM to two NIT appearances before moving to the Big 12 under Coach Eddie Sutton at Oklahoma State before the 1996-97 season. In two seasons with the Cowboys, Croft helped OSU to a pair of postseason appearances, including reaching the second round of the 1998 NCAA Tournament. He then moved on to Maryland-Eastern Shore for one year in a recruiting capacity before spending four seasons (1999-2000 to 2002-2003) at Washington State.

Croft earned his bachelor's degree in coaching and sports administration from Southern Miss in 1995 and received a master's degree in human performance in 1996. Croft is currently completing his dissertation for his doctoral degree in educational leadership and administration at UTEP.



Jim Shaw

**Video Coordinator
Second Year**

Jim Shaw is in his second season as video coordinator on Coach Doc Sadler's staff in 2007-08. Among his duties at Nebraska, Shaw oversees all aspects of the video operation including video exchange, taping workouts and games, breaking down video and organizing the video library. He also oversees student assistants who assist with the program's video needs.

Shaw helps coordinate Nebraska player appearances in the community and will assist with the Huskers' team efforts in NU's Life Skills Team Award challenge. During the offseason, he plays an integral role with the Doc Sadler Basketball

Camps by assisting with all phases of camp planning and supervision.

Shaw joined the Husker staff after serving as a program specialist at Texas-El Paso under Sadler and former Miners' coach Billy Gillispie. Shaw handled all duties surrounding the Miners' video system during his three years in El Paso, and was heavily involved with directing camps and clinics, including serving as director for the Doc Sadler Basketball Camps each of his last two years. He also has significant experience assisting with recruiting efforts and all areas of player development. While with the Miners, Shaw helped the team to postseason appearances three times, including NCAA berths in 2004 and 2005.

A native of San Antonio, Texas, Shaw is familiar with the Midwest after earning his undergraduate degree in economics at Grinnell (Iowa) College in 2003. He then added a master's degree in business administration from Texas-El Paso in 2005 while working with the Miners' program.

Shaw was a four-year letterwinner at Grinnell, helping the Pioneers to four straight Division III national scoring titles, including an all-division scoring record of 124.9 points per game in 2002-03. He led Grinnell to a league title as a sophomore and senior, and in 2001 paced the conference in 3-pointers made while pushing the Pioneers to the NCAA Tournament.

Shaw was married to the former Leslie Hawley in June 2007.



Eric Colbert

**Team Manager/
Player Development
Second Year**

Eric Colbert joined the basketball program as a team manager/player development for the 2006-07 season. Colbert has administrative duties and serves the Huskers as a mentor for student-athletes, specifically assisting with their academic progress. He also has oversight of the student manager staff.

A 2001 graduate of Humboldt State University with a degree in English, Colbert spent the past three years working with Advanced Student Connection in Sacramento, Calif. He was a program facilitator with the non-profit organization, assisting with complete player development in the after-school program for high school athletes. Colbert assisted with off-season workouts and conditioning as well as monitoring student-athletes' academic progress through the counseling and tutoring programs. Colbert also coached at the center and helped organize and promote a yearly celebrity charity basketball game.

Colbert played basketball two seasons at Humboldt State University, lettering in 1998 and 2000. He previously played two years at Compton Community College in his hometown of Los Angeles. Colbert also competed on the basketball court as a prep at Verbum Dei High School, one of the strongest high school programs in the state.



Kim Babcock

**Men's Basketball Secretary
Second Year**

Kim Babcock joined the Nebraska Athletic Department in December of 2006 as the men's basketball office secretary. In her role, she provides administrative assistance to all the members of the Husker coaching staff while assisting with the coordination of Doc Sadler's Nebraska Basketball Camps.

Babcock returned to Lincoln in the fall of 2006 with her husband, Aaron, who was previously employed in the Nebraska Media Relations Office. Kim worked as an administrative assistant at FirstGuard Health Plan in Kansas City from 2001 to 2006. Before leaving Nebraska, she served as a secretary in a Lincoln area orthodontist office from 1997 to 2001.

Babcock earned her bachelor's degree in psychology from Nebraska Wesleyan in 1997.