

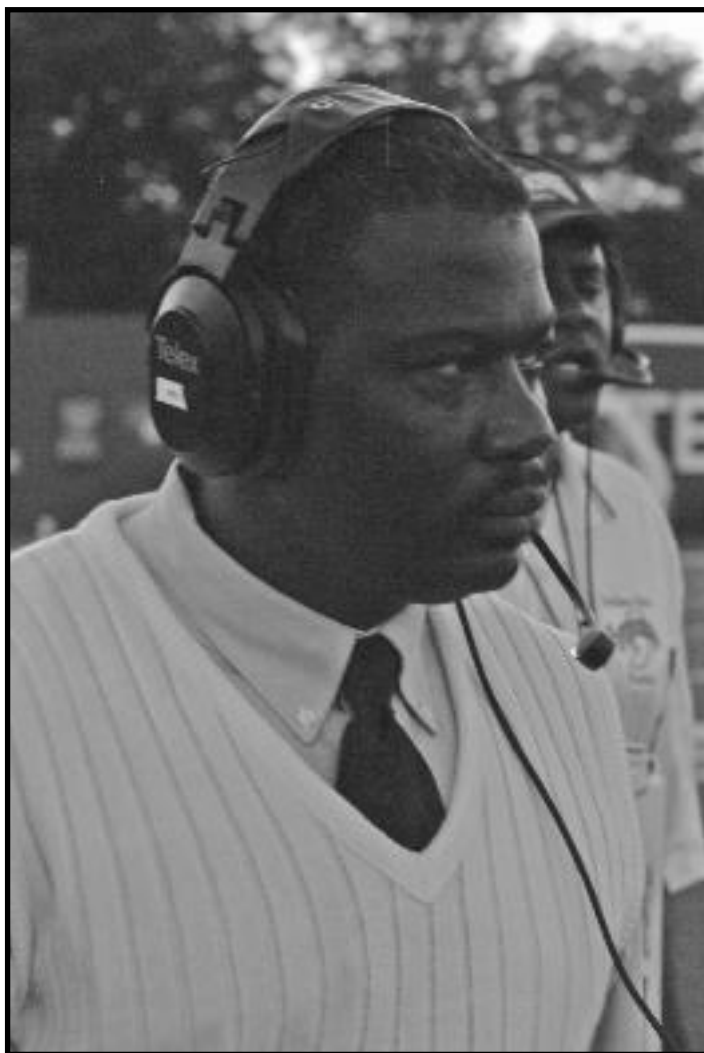


## LOU WEST

### Indiana State Head Football Coach Second Season

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#### The West Wing:

##### PERSONAL

**Birthdate:** December 29, 1953

**Birthplace:** Washington, Pa.

**Hometown:** Niles, Ohio

**Family:** Wife (Gail West)

Children (Andre, Adrian,  
Alexandria West; Orenthal  
Magazine)

##### EDUCATION

**High School:** Niles McKinley, 1973

**College:** Cincinnati, 1976 (B.A.)  
Arizona, 1980 (M.A.)

##### PLAYING

##### EXPERIENCE

**High School:** McKinley (Ohio), 1971-73

**College:** Cincinnati, 1973-76

##### COACHING

##### EXPERIENCE

**2005-:** Head Coach, Indiana State

**2001-04:** Defensive Coordinator, Toledo

**1999-2000:** Safeties, Notre Dame

**1995-98:** Defensive Backs, Virginia Tech

**1994:** Defensive Backs, Kent State

**1993:** Defensive Backs, Cincinnati

**1992:** Tight Ends, Cincinnati

**1989-91:** Linebackers, Cincinnati

**1988:** Defensive Backs, Cincinnati

**1986-87:** Defensive Backs, Kansas

**1984-85:** DB/OLB, Western Michigan

**1983:** Defensive Backs, Minnesota

**1981-82:** Defensive Backs, MTSU

**1979-80:** Defensive Backs, Ariz. Western

**1977-78:** Graduate Assistant, Arizona

# Head Coach Lou West

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Also starring for the Sycamores in West's inaugural season was kicker Kyle Hooper, who earned his second consecutive All-Gateway Honorable Mention selection. He saw action in all 11 contests, connecting on 10-of-14 field goal attempts. Hooper put together a string of 14 consecutive made field goals — stretching a streak that began last season. He booted a career-best 47-yard field goal against Southern Illinois, and made his first six field goal attempts of the season. Hooper was a Preseason All-American selection by *CollegeSportsReport.com*.

From 2001 until 2004, West worked as the defensive coordinator at the University of Toledo. While on staff with the Rockets, Toledo posted a 36-14 record, the eighth-best mark in all of Division I over that span. Toledo knocked off Miami (Ohio) 35-27 for the Mid-American Conference championship in 2004.

Over his four years with the Rockets, they won two MAC championships, and three MAC-West titles. Toledo earned three bowl game invitations with West in charge of the defense. The Rockets have defeated five Top 25 teams and have recorded eleven comeback wins when trailing by double digits with West on the coaching staff.

During the 2004 season, the Rockets finished fourth in the league in rush defense (113.4) and had two defenders earn All-MAC honors. In 2003, the Rockets finished fifth in scoring defense (23.8) and fifth in rush defense (150.1), while two Rockets garnered All-MAC plaudits.





during the 1998 campaign. The Hokies picked off three passes en route to a 38-7 win over Alabama in the Music City Bowl that season.

During his four years at Virginia Tech, the Hokies appeared in four consecutive bowl games and posted a combined win-loss mark of 36-12 (.750). In 1995 (Sugar) and 1996 (Orange) the Hokies participated in New Year's Day Bowl games under the Bowl Alliance. VT ranked in the Top 25 in three of his four years on staff. Under his tutelage, five Hokies garnered First Team All-Big East honors, while one player earned second team accolades. Two players (Torrian Gray and Antonio Banks) were selected in the first four rounds of the 1997 National Football League Draft by the Minnesota Vikings, while Pierson

In 2001, the Rockets' defense was second in the MAC in rushing yards allowed (105.6), second in total defense (321.8), and third in scoring defense (25.5). Toledo claimed the MAC and Motor City Bowl Championships in his first season on staff. During the 2002 season, the Rockets produced a pair of All-MAC linebackers in Tom Ward and David Gardner, as they made their second-consecutive bowl appearance.

Prior to joining the Rockets staff, West worked as the safeties coach at the University of Notre Dame for two seasons (1999-2000). In West's first year, A-Jani Sanders led the team in tackles for loss and was named to the All-Independent squad. Sanders, along with fellow safety Deke Cooper signed free agent contracts with NFL teams. Cooper is in his third full season with the Jacksonville Jaguars. During West's second season (2000) in South Bend, Ind., the Fighting Irish went 9-3 and made an appearance in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl. Tony Driver, a free safety for the Irish, was drafted in the sixth round of the 2001 NFL Draft by the Buffalo Bills after earning All-Independent squad honors.

From 1995-98, West served as the defensive backs coach at Virginia Tech. In 1998, the Hokies ranked second nationally in interceptions (23), fourth in scoring defense (12.9), seventh in total defense (284.9), and 11th in pass efficiency defense (103.4 rating). Virginia Tech also led the Big East in scoring defense, total defense, rushing defense and passing defense

Prioleau was a fourth-round selection of the San Francisco 49ers in 1999.

West spent one season as the secondary coach at Kent State (1994) after six seasons (1988-93) as defensive backs, outside linebackers, and tight ends coach at Cincinnati. He began his career as a graduate assistant with Arizona in 1977 before working as the defensive backs coach at Arizona Western JC from 1979-80. West took over as defensive backs coach at Middle Tennessee State for two seasons (1981-82) before spending the 1983 season with the University of Minnesota. From 1984-85, he worked at Western Michigan University as defensive backs coach.

A product of Niles, Ohio, West graduated from McKinley High School before attending the University of Cincinnati (1973-76), where he played defensive back. West earned three letters and recorded four interceptions and six fumble recoveries during his career. Following his senior campaign, he played in the Blue-Gray Classic and the North-South Shrine Bowl. West earned his bachelor's degree from Cincinnati and his master's degree from Arizona in 1980.

West and his wife Gail, are the parents of four children – Andre, Adrian and Alexandria West as well as Orenthal Magazine.

# The Sycamore Coaching Staff

## Blair Hrovat Offensive Coordinator

### First Season

Blair Hrovat begins his first season with the Indiana State Sycamore football program under head coach Lou West. Hrovat serves as the team's Offensive Coordinator. He will also coach the Sycamore quarterbacks.

Hrovat spent the 2005 season as an assistant football coach at Sequoya High School in Canton, Ga. While there he was the team's offensive coordinator as well as a special education instructor.

He spent four seasons as the head coach at NCAA Division III Allegheny College (Pa.) from 1998-2002. While with Allegheny, Hrovat compiled a 26-14 record while his squads broke 15 team records. Hrovat coached and recruited the school's career passing leader, while he also coached the school's all-time rushing, scoring, receiving and touchdown receptions leaders. His offense averaged over 35 points and 435 yards per game during his stay. In 2001, the Allegheny offense averaged 214 yards rushing as well as 214 yards passing per game. From 1992-98, Hrovat was the Assistant Head Coach and Offensive Coordinator at the University of South Dakota. During his stay in Vermillion, S.D., he also served as the program's recruiting coordinator and led an offense that broke 10 school records in his seven seasons. He coached the school's career passing as well as the No. 2 career TD leaders.

For three seasons, he was the offensive coordinator as well as quarterbacks coach at San Francisco State University. His offense enjoyed a No. 1 conference ranking, while he oversaw a unit that broke or tied 11 school records. At SFSU, he also served as a fundraising assistant to the Athletic Director.

Hrovat spent two summers (1991 & 1994) as an offensive backfield guest coach for the Canadian Football League's Winnipeg Blue Bombers.

"I'm looking forward to this challenge, and the opportunity to work with Coach West," coach Hrovat said. "I am intrigued and excited to work and help mold the spread offense here at Indiana State. I am ready to help the Sycamores continue to build their tradition."

He received a B.A. degree for Specialized Studies in Business and Computer Science from Edinboro University (Pa.) in 2003. Hrovat was inducted into the Edinboro University Athletic Hall of Fame in 2005, following a successful football career at the school where Olympic Champion and ISU alum Bruce Baumgartner is the current Director of Athletics.

As a quarterback, he was ranked second in the nation for passing at the NCAA Division II level. He set 17 Edinboro records and received the Sox Harrison Award as the school's outstanding senior athlete in 1984. As a starter, he posted a career record of 25-6 and ranks amongst the PSAC's Top 10 for career passing yards as well as touchdowns. He completed 49 TD passes as a senior.



## Aubrey Kelly Defensive Coordinator

### Second Season

Aubrey Kelly begins his second season with the Indiana State Sycamore football program under head coach Lou West. Kelly serves as the team's Defensive Coordinator. He will also coach the Sycamore linebackers.

In 2005, the Sycamore defense was led by senior Kyle Mitchell, who was an All-Gateway Football Conference First Team member. Mitchell, an 11-game starter at defensive end, broke the Indiana State career sacks record with 25.5. Mitchell recorded 57 total tackles over the year, including 35 solo stops while pacing the team with 13.5 tackles for loss. Linebacker Doc Gooden was an All-Gateway Second Team selection, giving Kelly two all-conference nods in just his first year at the helm of the defense. Gooden paced the Sycamores with 81 total tackles, including 36 solo stops.

Kelly finished off his first year with the program on a high-note as he was one of 25 collegiate coaches nationwide to be selected to attend the 2006 NCAA Expert Coaches' Academy in Miami, Fla.

Kelly came to ISU from Delaware State, where he was the team's defensive coordinator in 2004. The Hornets were fourth in the 11-team Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference in sacks with 24. Defensive back Sam Smith finished second in the MEAC in sacks (6.5), third in tackles (104) and third in tackles-for-loss (14-for-79 yards). In addition, defensive end Brent Davis was third in the MEAC in sacks with 5.5, while Smith and Davis were All-MEAC First Team selections.

Kelly joined the Delaware State staff after one season as offensive coordinator/quarterback and receivers coach at Division II Elizabeth City State University (N.C.). In 2002, he was defensive coordinator at fellow MEAC member Norfolk State. In 1999 & 2000, he was head coach of the National All-Stars in the annual Division III Red/Blue Game. In 2001, he was inducted into the National All-Star Hall of Fame. Kelly also served as defensive coordinator/secondary and kickers coach at Division II Clarion University in Pennsylvania from 1994 to '97. In 1996, Clarion was 11-2 overall and reached the NCAA Division II playoffs semifinals.

From 1990 to '93, he was defensive coordinator at Division III Salisbury University (Md.). He also served as the team's secondary coach and recruiting coordinator. During the 1987 to '89 seasons, Kelly was an assistant coach in charge of receivers, tight ends and the secondary at Division I-AA Southwest Texas State University. Kelly began his coaching career as a graduate assistant and junior varsity head coach at Division II Southern Connecticut University from 1986 to '87.

He has also served summer fellowships with the National Football League's Washington Redskins and Houston Oilers. In addition, he was a physical education instructor at Elizabeth City, Salisbury State and Southwest Texas. Kelly is a member of the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) and the Black Coaches Association. He served a three-year term on the AFCA Coach-of-the-Year Committee.

He earned a bachelor's in Business Administration/Hotel Management from James Madison in 1985 and a master's in Interdisciplinary Studies of Education from Southwest Texas in 1989. Aubrey and wife Margaret have four children, Aisaylina, Aianna, Aubrey and Aidahlia.

# The Sycamore Coaching Staff



**David Hutchison**  
**Offensive Line/  
Recruiting Coordinator**

**Fifth Season**

David Hutchison is beginning his fifth season with the Indiana State football program working his first year under offensive coordinator Blair Hrovat and second with head coach Lou West. Hutchison serves as the program's recruiting coordinator as well as offensive line coach.

Hutchison has coached the Sycamore offensive front for each of the past three seasons. In 2005, the Sycamore offense was simply spectacular. ISU broke the school record for passing yards in a season with 2,906.

In 2004, Hutchison's offensive line was a key component for an offensive squad which passed for 2,307 yards. Senior Fred Freitag was named the GFC Offensive Lineman of the Week after the Sycamores had two 100-yard rushers against Tennessee-Martin – the first time ISU accomplished that feat since 1992.

Freitag as well as Jon Ferber took home All-Gateway Academic honors following the season. Freitag also was an All-GFC Second Team selection and Fred Staugh placed on the Gateway's All-Newcomer squad.

In the spring of 2004, former Sycamore offensive lineman Matt Griebel signed a free agent contract with the Indianapolis Colts of the National Football League.

Offensive tackle Stuart Williams took All-Gateway Football Conference honors under Hutchinson's tutelage in 2003. During that season, he coached a Sycamore offensive front which blocked for Jake Shields during the school's fourth-best single-game rushing effort against Florida International.

Working with the ISU running backs in 2002, Hutchison guided Shields to a season in which he gained 5.4 yards per carry and scored seven touchdowns for the Sycamores. He was instrumental in the development of Soso Dede and Sydney Montfort, who combined for seven rushing touchdowns on the season.

He came to the Sycamores' football program after spending one year as a graduate assistant with the offensive unit at Missouri. Prior to working on the Tigers' staff, Hutchison logged two seasons as a graduate assistant at Toledo (1999-2000), where he also worked with the offensive unit, tutoring tight ends and wide receivers. In 1998, he served as a student assistant coach at Adrian College (Mich.), coaching wide receivers.

A 1999 graduate of Adrian College with a bachelor's degree in Physical Education/Elementary Education, Hutchison was a three-year starter and two-time all-conference selection at wide receiver. A team captain his senior season, he earned both team and offensive unit Most Valuable Player honors.

A native of Onsted, Mich., Hutchison was born January 10, 1976.



**Todd Middleton**  
**Defensive Line**

**Second Season**

Todd Middleton begins his second season with the Indiana State Sycamore football program under defensive coordinator Aubrey Kelly and head coach Lou West. Middleton serves as the team's Defensive Line coach.

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Middleton comes to Indiana State from Dodge City Community College where he spent two seasons as the team's defensive coordinator and defensive line coach. He came to Dodge City from Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, Texas, where he served as defensive line coach and recruiting coordinator.

Middleton spent four seasons (1997-2000) with the University of Kansas football program working three seasons with the Jayhawk linebackers and one year with the tight ends. He played an instrumental role in 1999 in the improvement of the Kansas defensive unit and helping to develop one of the top linebacking contingents in the Big 12 Conference. At Kansas, Middleton worked for former UNI head coach Terry Allen.

In 1996, Middleton worked for one season at Northern Illinois University where he coached the defensive ends. Prior to his stint at Northern Illinois, Middleton spent the 1995 campaign at Princeton where the Tigers went 8-1-1 and won their first-ever outright Ivy League Championship and finished ranked first nationally in turnover margin, seventh in scoring defense and 14th in rushing defense.

Previously, he served as the defensive ends coach at Army and was the defensive coordinator for the Jayvee squad. He began his coaching career as an assistant at Chowan (N.C.) Junior College in 1991 and followed it by spending the 1992 season at West Virginia Wesleyan.

In 1993, Middleton was a graduate assistant working with the offensive line and tight ends at the University of Arizona.

A native of Lake Worth, Fla., Middleton lettered twice in football and once in track during his prep career. He earned All-Palm Beach Country recognition as a senior defensive tackle. Middleton played one season at Tennessee Military Institute and initially enrolled at Dodge City C.C. but an injury kept him off the field. Middleton then enrolled at Lees-McRae Junior College in Banner Elk, N.C., where he lettered as a defensive end in 1986 before transferring to Wake Forest University. He lettered for three years and spent one as a starter for Bill Dooley's Demon Deacon teams from 1987-89.

Middleton received his bachelor of arts degree in communications from Wake Forest in 1990. He is married to Carole and they have two sons, Todd (10) and Blaik (7). They also have one daughter, Jordan (6).

# The Sycamore Coaching Staff



**Jackie Cooper**  
Wide Receivers

**Second Season**

Jackie Cooper begins his second season with the Indiana State football program working under offensive coordinator Blair Hrovat and head coach Lou West. Cooper will oversee the team's wide receivers.

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Cooper joins the Sycamores after having worked as an assistant track and field and tight ends coach at the College of Mount St. Joseph, located in Cincinnati, Ohio. He also spent one season at Lane College in Jackson, Tenn., as an assistant football and track coach. Cooper tutored the wide receivers and tight ends at Lane.

He spent two seasons (2001-02) working under head coach Rick Minter at the University of Cincinnati as a graduate assistant coach. Cooper has spent various amounts of time coaching track and field as well as football at Withrow High School and Summit Country Day High School.

Cooper played professionally for a brief time after finishing his playing career at the University of Cincinnati. He earned the Brig Owens Award in 1989 as the Bearcats' Most Outstanding Back. Cooper played at UC while ISU head coach Lou West was an assistant coach.

He was drafted in the third round of the 1991 World Football League draft, and later played for both New Orleans and Cincinnati in the Arena Football League.

Cooper earned his bachelor's degree in business from Xavier University in 1999. He and his wife, Tracy, have two sons, Deon (17) and Jeremy (13) as well as a daughter, Chelsie (9).



**Matt Egloff**  
Linebackers/  
Special Teams

**Third Season**

Working under second-year defensive coordinator Aubrey Kelly is linebackers coach Matt Egloff. Egloff is in the fourth season of his second stint with the Sycamore program, having worked previously under both Dennis Raetz and Tim McGuire.

Egloff will be spending his second season as the Sycamores' Special Teams Coordinator.

In 2005, Egloff tutored kicker Kyle Hooper, who earned his second consecutive All-Gateway Honorable Mention selection. He saw action in all 11 contests, connecting on 10-of-14 field goal attempts. Hooper put together a string of 14 consecutive made field goals — stretching a streak that began last season. He booted a career-best 47-yard field goal against Southern Illinois, and made his first six field goal attempts of the season. Hooper was a Preseason All-American selection by *CollegeSportsReport.com*.

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Egloff has coached a solid core of Sycamore linebackers the past two seasons, including LaDrelle Bryant and Doc Gooden this past season in which both earned All-Gateway Football Conference honors. Bryant and Gooden were among the team's and the Gateway's leading tacklers in 2004.

He himself was the Sycamores' leading tackler in 1992, lettering for four seasons with ISU.

Prior to coming to ISU, Egloff worked for four seasons as an assistant football coach at Rose Hulman. While at Rose, he spent three seasons as the Engineers' defensive coordinator while also serving as the school's head wrestling and women's golf coach. Before working at RHIT, Egloff was as ISU assistant football coach from 1996-98.

In 1996, he was an assistant football coach, strength and conditioning coach and intramural sports coordinator at Butler County Community College.

On the gridiron for ISU, Egloff earned All-Gateway Football Conference honors in 1994. He also qualified for the ISU Dean's List during his enrollment.

Egloff and his wife Jennifer reside in Terre Haute. They are the proud parents of Grace Ann Egloff, who is one.

# The Sycamore Coaching Staff

## **Ken Burress** **Cornerbacks**

### **Second Season**

Beginning his second season and working under defensive coordinator Aubrey Kelly is cornerbacks coach Kenny Burress.

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Burress comes to ISU from Dayton's (Ohio) Chaminade-Julienne High School, where he served as a teacher in the school's Library and Media Technology Department.

He also was an assistant coach in their football program. He worked closely at Chaminade-Julienne with fellow assistant coach Mark Raetz, son of former ISU head coach and current Assistant Athletics Director, Dennis Raetz.

Burress graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from Bowling Green and played from 1994-95 with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers of the Canadian Football League.

He currently stands fourth on the Bombers career pass knock-down chart with 15 and his 10 pass knockdowns in 1995 stand as the second-best, single-season mark in the club's history.



## **Kyle Caskey** **Tight Ends/ Video Coordinator**

### **First Season**

Beginning his first season and working under offensive coordinator Blair Hrovat is Tight Ends coach Kyle Caskey. In his current role, Caskey will also serve as the Sycamore football Video Coordinator.

Caskey came to Indiana State after two seasons as a member of the football staff at Louisiana-Monroe. He joined the ULM staff in 2004 as the defensive graduate assistant and worked with Coach Bob Trott and the safeties. In 2005, he worked with Coach Vince Okruch and the linebackers.

Caskey was a two-sport student-athlete at Texas A&M from 1997-

2002. He spent two seasons on the A&M football team as a tight end before turning his complete focus to track and field.

The Aggies participated in the Cotton and Sugar Bowls during his time on the squad, as well as winning the Big XII Championship in 1998.

Caskey was a two-time All-Big XII Discus Throws in 2000 & 2001. He also earned All-Big XII Academic honors in 2000, 2001 and 2002.

After earning a pair of degrees at A&M, a Bachelor's in Industrial Distribution (2002) and a Masters's in Agribusiness (2004), Caskey coached one spring at Temple (Texas) High School. He went on to complete his second Master's degree, in Instructional Technology, in 2006.

Caskey is married to the former Kayla Eppinette of Start, La., and the couple currently resides in Terre Haute.



## **Jimmy Graves** **Running Backs**

### **First Season**

Embarking on his first season with the Sycamores and coaching the ISU running backs under offensive coordinator Blair Hrovat is Jimmy Graves.

Graves comes to Indiana State after spending the last two years as an assistant coach at Indianapolis Arlington High School. Prior to working at Indy Arlington, Graves worked for four seasons as a full-time assistant coach at Butler, after spending two seasons as a part-time assistant coach. He worked with Butler's running backs during the 2000 campaign, before taking over responsibility for the Bulldogs' offensive line in 2001.

Graves joined the Bulldogs in the fall of 1999 as a volunteer assistant coach in charge of Butler's defensive ends. He moved over to the offensive side two years later and helped the Bulldogs put together one of the top offensive units in the NCAA Division I-AA. Butler finished the 2000 season ranked fifth in the nation in passing offense, ninth in total offense and 13th in scoring offense.

A former high school teacher and administrator, Graves brought a mix of middle school, high school and college coaching experience to the Butler fold. He began his coaching career as offensive coordinator at Roosevelt High School in Gary, Ind., in 1993, before taking over as head football coach at Beckman Middle School in Gary in 1994. He served as running backs coach at North Central High School in Indianapolis, 1995-97 & 1998, and as a graduate assistant coach at Indiana University in the fall of 1997. He also did a summer internship in 2000 with the San Francisco 49ers, working with running backs.

Graves was a running back in college, playing one season at Texas Southern University and three seasons at Indiana University. He earned his B.S. degree in physical education from Indiana in 1987. He resides in Indianapolis with his wife Karyn and his sons Jimmy and Jasen.

# Football Support Staff



**Ace Hunt**  
Assistant Athletics  
Media Relations  
Director

Ace Hunt is in his sixth year as Indiana State's Assistant Director of Athletic Media Relations, coordinating the publicity efforts for the Sycamore football, women's basketball and softball programs.

While at ISU, Hunt has worked with the two-time Missouri Valley Conference Champion women's basketball program, and has served as media relations coordinator for the MVC Outdoor Track and Field Championships, Active Ankle Volleyball Tournament, as well as the 2003, 2005 & 2006 Women's National Postseason Invitation Tournaments. Hunt is in his fourth season with the Sycamore football program.

A member of the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) and the Football Writers Association of America (FWAA), Hunt came to ISU after a stint at Western Kentucky University where he served as an intern in the Hilltopper's Sports Information Office.

Prior to working at WKU, he was a student assistant in the University of South Carolina's Sports Information Office covering the swimming and diving programs, and was sports editor of *The Gamecock* from '95-'96.

A native of Woodruff, S.C., Hunt received his degree in Sports Administration from the University of South Carolina in 1999. He is married to the former Dawn Ingle, of Terre Haute, and they have three children, Caleb Micheal Ingle (11) and Bryce O'Neal Hunt (4), and Jackson Thomas Hunt (2). The Hunt family currently resides in Seelyville, Ind.



**Bob Elson**  
Football  
Head Equipment  
Manager

Truly one of the tireless workers in the Sycamore Athletics Department is Bob Elson, who enters his 32nd season with the football program at the school this fall.

Elson first joined the Sycamores in 1975, working as an assistant to then equipment manger Russ Branum. He then served as assistant equipment manger from 1876-83.

Elson was named head equipment manager in July of 1983 — a position he has held since that time.

One only has to watch other collegiate football games on Saturday afternoons around the United States or National Football League contests on Sunday or Monday to see the fruits of Elson's labors. He continues to run one of the best equipment rooms in all of college football, and many of his former student and graduate assistant equipment managers have moved on to manage equipment operations throughout the country. Some of Elson's former workers now run or have run the equipment operations for several major college football programs as well as NFL teams such as the New York Jets and Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

A native of Brazil, Ind., Elson graduated from Brazil High School in 1966. Following a three-year stint in the U.S. Army, Elson received his bachelor's degree in sociology from ISU in 1973. He and wife, Marilyn, have two daughters, Carol and Tish, as well as five grandchildren.



**Henry Villegas**  
Athletics  
Academic Coordinator

Henry Villegas is now in his 15th year as the academic coordinator for athletics at Indiana State University. Villegas and his staff provide academic support for all 16 intercollegiate sports programs at ISU. Sycamore athletes were most recently recognized by the Missouri Valley Conference with their second Academic Excellence Award for having the highest cumulative grade point average in the conference. ISU has either won or shared the award in two of its three years of existence.

In 2004, ISU had three sports teams (softball, women's cross country and women's basketball) gain national recognition for having the highest gpa's in the nation among all Division I schools in their respective sports. During the past 10 years, Villegas has coordinated the nationally-recognized Life Skills Program. The program is designed to help all ISU student-athletes bridge the gap from college to professional life.

Villegas has served on the Executive Board of the National Association of Academic Advisors for Athletics in recent years. He also served on the National Advisory Committee for CHAMPS Life Skills and has been involved with the National Federation of High schools and the NCAA Foundation Leadership Conference.

Villegas was instrumental in creating the Verizon Scholar-Athlete banquet eight years ago. This banquet honors the academic achievements of the student-athletes at ISU.

A native of San Diego, Calif., Villegas received his bachelor's degree in social studies from ISU in 1990 and his master's degree in counseling from ISU in 1992. He played for two seasons at offensive tackle for the Sycamores under head coach Dennis Raetz.

Villegas is married to the former Glenda Cottrell. They have a son, Zachary.



**Jennifer Krockenberger**  
Football  
Office Assistant

Jennifer Krockenberger is now in her eighth year as football office assistant, handling the day-to-day administrative duties of the Sycamore football office.

A native of Terre Haute, Ind., she and her husband Eric reside in town. They are proud parents of three children, Megan, Cari and Grayson.