5 Questions with Matt Fava '09

Assistant coach of the men's basketball team

MATT FAVA '09 IS IN HIS SECOND SEASON as assistant men's basketball coach at his alma mater. He is the program's recruiting coordinator and head of strength and conditioning, and also assists with film editing, scouting, game and practice planning, and on-court coaching.

Q: What sparked your interest in coaching in the collegiate ranks?
A: To me, college is the highest and truest level at which the game of basketball is played. The talent it takes to play at the college level and the cohesiveness required of a team to win make it unique and extremely exciting as a coach.

Q: What do you like most about the College?
A: The sense of ownership and responsibility among Connecticut College athletes, students, staff, faculty and administration impress me the most. It seems like everyone who is, or has been, a part of the Camel community holds a real awareness and interest for everything that goes on around here.

Q: What is the most enjoyable part of your job?
A: The opportunity to coach at my alma mater and learn from such an experienced mentor (head coach Tom Satran '94) is a given. Aside from that, the camaraderie within Camel athletics, particularly among the assistant coaches, goes a long way. We all have multiple responsibilities in the department that extend beyond our own sports programs, and it results in strong support and understanding between one another.

Q: What is a typical day like for you?
A: Each day is exhausting and rewarding. With two coaches on staff, we literally have an unending to-do list, but every productive day brings progress in our individual skills, our team play and recruitment for the program's future. I wake up wanting to go to work each day, and loving what I do.

Q: What are your professional goals and what would you like to do next?
A: My primary professional goal is to do whatever possible to help bring Connecticut College men's basketball back to prominence in New England and beyond. The program has been steadily growing over the last five years and it is our goal as a staff to get back to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1999.

When my time here is done, I hope to continue coaching basketball at the collegiate level. I am so thankful for the opportunity I have been given here, and I plan to take what I have learned as a Camel with me in the future. —*Will Tomasian*

ASSISTANT MEN'S BASKETBALL COACH MATT FAVA '09 HELPS LEAD THE CAMELS FROM THE SIDELINES IN A GAME AGAINST COLBY IN FEBRUARY.

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