

# Tulsa

## assistant coaching staff

### OFFENSE

Assoc HC/Offensive Coord/OL: Herb Hand, 3rd year

Hand becomes the sole play-caller this season after serving as the Co-OC his previous 2 years here. Prior to TU, Hand spent 6 years at West Virginia as the TE coach and recruiting coordinator when WV went to 5 straight Bowl games. Hand was a graduate assistant at Clemson from 1999-'00. Hand also served as the defensive and special teams coordinator for Concord College from 1997-'99.

Pass Game Coord/WRs: Mike Norvell, 3rd year

Norvell enters his 1st season as a fulltime coach, after serving as an grad assistant the previous 2 years here, working with the WRs. He spent the 2006 season as a grad asst at his alma mater Central Arkansas. Norvell was a 4-yr starter at WR for UCA.

Asst HC/STs/RBs: Bill Blankenship, 3rd year

Blankenship coached the Golden Hurricane receivers in 2007-'08 and added the duties as ST's coach last year. Prior to returning to his alma mater, he coached high school football for 23 years. Blankenship was with Union HS for 14 seasons leading them to 7 state title games and winning 3 of them.

TEs/Recruiting Coord: Bob McClain, 1st year

McClain was the STs coord and offensive quality control coach at Michigan in 2008. Prior to Michigan, he served as the OC & recruiting coord at Glenville St (WV). McClain also spent 6 years at West Virginia (2000-'05) serving in a variety of roles.

WRs/Dir. of Recruiting: Clarence James, 1st year

James was most recently an offensive assistant at SMU from 2002-'07. He spent his first 2 seasons as the WRs coach & the last 3 years he tutored the RBs. James spent 2001 as the WRs coach at Kansas & he coached at the high school level with HC Graham in 2000. He brings 28 yrs of college experience with him including stops at Oklahoma ('92-'98) & Texas ('87-'91).

### DEFENSE

Co-Defensive Coord/Safs: Keith Patterson, 7th year

Patterson was the linebacker coach here from 2003-'05 before being elevated to Co-DC in 2006. Patterson spent the previous 16 years in the HS ranks and was at Allen HS from 2000-'02 as the LB/DB and special teams coach.

Co-Defensive Coord/LBs: Ron West, 1st year

Prior to Tulsa, West was at Clemson for 10 years. He coached OLB's ('05-'07), the DL ('04) & began as the OL coach ('99-'03) for the Tigers. Prior to joining Clemson, West was the OL coach at Tulane ('97-'98) after coaching the OL (run game coordinator) at Baylor from 1993-'96. West played on the OL at Clemson for two seasons (1977 & 1978).

Sr Assoc HC Def/DL: Paul Randolph, 3rd year

Randolph was the Co-DC here the past 2 seasons & spent the 2006 season in the same capacity at Rice. He also served at Alabama, coaching the defensive ends. He has also made stops at West Virginia, Toledo, Illinois State, Valdosta and Tenn-Martin.

Cornerebacks: Galen Scott, 2nd year

Prior to Tulsa, Scott spent 7 years at Illinois St, serving as the defensive coordinator his last 2 seasons there. Scott played 4 years at ISU & was an All-American in 3 of those seasons.