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PCC Athletics Taps Native Son

Broadous to usher in new era for men's basketball

Portland Community College has hired Tony Broadous as the new head coach of the PCC men's basketball team. A Portland native, Broadous comes to PCC from Grant High School, where he has been the head coach since 2002.

Broadous was welcomed to the PCC family during a June 12 reception at the Cascade Campus Gym – the home court of PCC basketball.

"We're so excited to have Tony with us, and we're looking forward to great things from him," said Cascade Campus President Algje Gatewood. "Tony is a local guy, a native Oregonian, a longtime Portlander, and he's just the guy to put PCC basketball on the map."

Gatewood's sentiments were echoed by PCC Board member Harold Williams.

"This is a great step forward for PCC athletics," Williams said. "I've known Tony for a long time – he's from this neighborhood and he's a great fit for PCC basketball."

Broadous' new job represents a return to the neighborhood he has known since he



Tony Broadous (left) is introduced as the new men's basketball team coach at Portland Community College during a reception with PCC Cascade Campus President Algje Gatewood. A Portland native, Broadous comes to PCC from Grant High School, where he had been the head coach since 2002.

was a boy. A Jefferson High School graduate, he grew up learning the game in the area around Cascade Campus, and even recalls playing games in the old Quonset hut that once served as the campus gym.

"I grew up less than five minutes from the Cascade Campus and rode my bike in the parking lot for years starting at the age of 7," he recalled. "I vividly remember shooting around and playing games in the old gymnasium with my friends as we became teenagers."

Broadous brings a wealth of experience to PCC as both a player and coach. After graduating from Jefferson, he went on to play basketball and baseball at Lane Community College, a member of the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges, the same conference in which PCC plays. After his stint at Lane, he moved on to graduate from Oregon State University with a bachelor's degree in sociology.

Prior to taking over head coaching duties at Grant High School, Broadous was the head coach at Roosevelt High School from 1997 to 2002. While at Grant, he was named Portland Interscholastic League Coach of the Year three times, and led the team to the Oregon 6A championship in 2008. He also worked with the Nike Global team in 2010.

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Another Countdown to a Big Arrival

Rose-Tu, mother of Samudra expecting birth in fall

Let the countdown begin. Asian elephant Rose-Tu has reached the last stage of her pregnancy, according to Oregon Zoo animal-care staff, leaving behind what in human terms would be considered the "golden" second trimester and marching trunk-first into the home stretch.

Last week marked Rose-Tu's 16th month of pregnancy. The 17-year-old pachyderm, who gave birth to Samudra in 2008, has been "in a family way" since February 2011, but her second calf isn't ready to be born just yet. The gestation period for Asian elephants is around 20 to 22 months.

"Rose-Tu has been through this before, and she's doing great," said zoo veterinarian Mitch Finnegan. "Right now, all we can do is make sure she maintains a healthy weight and gets plenty of exercise."

And continue to wait, of course. We

should expect to see another member of the zoo's celebrated elephant family sometime between late October and the end of the year.

"Elephants live in matriarchal herds," said Bob Lee, the zoo's elephant curator, "and the arrival of a new calf is an incredibly important event for them. If everything goes the way we hope it will, the entire herd will bond around this new baby and help care for him or her, just as they have with Samudra."

Keepers believe the new calf was conceived around Feb. 22, 2011, when they observed breeding activity between Rose-Tu and Tusko, the 13,000-pound, 40-year-old bull elephant who fathered Samudra.

But even after 16 months, you'll need to look closely to spot Rose-Tu's "baby bump," Finnegan says. The bulge that zoo

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Asian elephant Rose-Tu and her calf Samudra, take a dip at the Oregon Zoo. Rose-Tu is expecting her second calf sometime between late October and the end of the year.