

Tony Time

Former NBAer to Run Bay Ridge Prep Athletic Department

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Tony Campbell played for six different franchises during his 14-year NBA career. He may have found a long-term home as the new athletic director at the Bay Ridge Preparatory School.

Campbell, who was a resourceful forward for the New York Knicks, Los Angeles Lakers, Detroit Pistons, Dallas Mavericks, Minnesota Timberwolves and Cleveland Cavaliers from 1984-95, will now put his professional experience to work coaching and advising students in Brooklyn.

The 45-year-old Teaneck, N.J., native was struck by the opportunity to work at the non-traditional school.

"When I interviewed for athletic director, I was afforded the opportunity to get to know, in a general way, the school through the eyes, experience, professionalism and expertise of the people in charge," Campbell said. "Through that interview process, I found the administrative philosophy regarding student-educational development and individual learning ability was non-discriminative and very supportive.

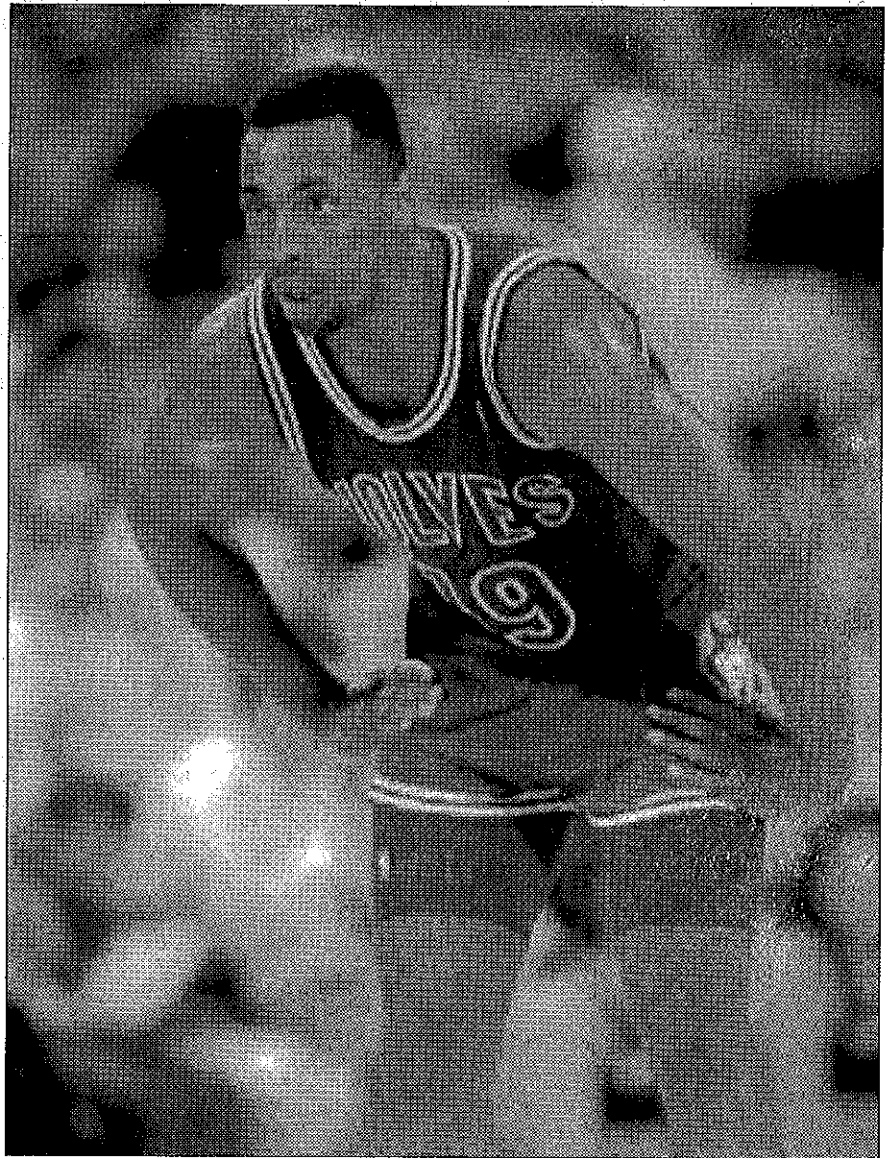
"The non-political and truly caring environment made it easier for me to want to be a part of this cutting-edge educational practice."

According to Campbell, Bay Ridge Prep is much different than previous schools he has worked in.

"I find my past pedagogical experiences to be lacking and very traditional in their approach to education, student development and diverse student learning needs," he said. "Bay Ridge Prep, on the other hand, uses multiple, non-traditional approaches to education and is very supportive in its approach and determination to make every student feel connected and important to their peers, teachers and administrators."

Dr. Michael T. Dealy, headmaster of the school, was pleased to welcome Campbell, a member of the NBA champion 1987-88 Lakers, to the staff.

"Tony Campbell was just what we were looking for at Bay Ridge Prep," Dr. Dealy said. "He has a magical



Former NBA forward Tony Campbell will run the athletics department and do some coaching at Bay Ridge Prep.

combination of incredible awareness of skill development in the higher levels of the wide world of sports and a unique understanding of educational principles.

"Tony has leadership, character, poise and a keen sense of what athletics and education are evolving toward in the 21st century. He calls Bay Ridge Prep 'the school of tomorrow' and I am sure that with Tony on our team, the school of tomorrow will be a reality."

Campbell, who went to Ohio State, was selected 20th overall in the 1984

NBA Draft. After three seasons in Detroit, he was part of the championship formula in "Tinseltown," where the Showtime Lakers of Magic Johnson and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar forged a five-ring dynasty.

Founded in 1998, Bay Ridge Prep is an independent K-12 college preparatory school offering small class sizes, a strong academic program and a socially mature and positive learning environment. For additional information, visit the Office of Admissions online at www.bayridgeprep.org.