How does he do it? Bill Tierney captured his NCAA-record seventh National Championship in 2015, becoming the first coach to win National Championships in charge of two different programs while leading the University of Denver to the program’s first national title in just his sixth year in charge of the Pioneers.

In his six seasons at DU, Tierney has amassed an impressive 83-25 overall record (and an even more impressive 33-4 conference mark).

The Pioneers have reached Championship Weekend four times in the last five seasons, including the 2015 National Champion Pioneers, the first program to sit atop the national plateau from a state not sharing a boarder with the shores of the Atlantic Ocean.

Coach Tierney will be accompanied by Ron Grahame, DU’s longtime DU’s Associate Vice Chancellor for Sport Supervision and Internal Operations. Ron will provide an overview of DU sports program activities planned for the 2015-2016 academic year. See Ron’s bio on page 2. The presentation, parking and a light lunch are all free.

Date: Wednesday October 21
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Place: Gottesfeld Room (Ritchie Ctr)

To attend, RSVP by October 12 to: Kathy Duffy (303.660.4979) or email kduffy@du.edu. Let Kathy know if you need free parking, and she will send you parking information and a permit.

To reach the Gottesfeld Room, take the elevators nearest the West (Main) entrance to the 4th floor. Turn right just pass the reception desk. This hallway will lead you directly into the Gottesfeld Room.
Ron Grahame

Ron will be speaking at our October 21 general meeting, and will provide an overview of the coming year’s sports program activities at DU. As Associate Vice Chancellor for Sport Supervision and Internal Operations, Ron Grahame is responsible for the overall supervision of all varsity sport programs for the University of Denver on a day-to-day basis. Grahame manages all student-athletes and coaches both on and off the playing fields while upholding the mission and goals of the Athletic Department. He credits the student-athletes and coaches for their dedication and leadership demonstrated in the classroom and in competition. In 2013, Grahame was the recipient of Denver’s Distinguished Service Award, which is given to “those who have demonstrated outstanding and lengthy dedication and service to the University by serving as a faculty or staff member, trustee, volunteer or friend.”

New Directions for Human Resources

With the development of the University wide strategic plan and the launch of the Shared Services Center, Human Resources has developed a new strategic direction to best fit with the University’s current needs. Amy King, Vice Chancellor for Human Resources, agreed to answer a few quick questions.

Q: What led to your decision to develop a strategic plan for the Human Resources department and why does HR need to change?

R: With the shift of our transactional items to the Shared Services Center, we are able to move from predominantly providing administrative services to taking a consultative and strategic approach. This shift is coming not only from DU needing to create more efficiencies, which we’re doing now in the Shared Services Center, but also from national trends that are impacting the field of HR. Across the U.S., employers are seeing changes in areas of retirement planning, continual increases in health care costs and changes in the employment base. We need to be prepared and structured to help manage and navigate the fundamental shifts in the new landscape. There is so much opportunity on our campus, particularly from the launch of Imagine DU, to recognize and respond to these shifts and transition to a strategic HR department.

Q: What will the HR organization look like now?

R: We’ve shifted our structure to focus on four strategic areas: benefits, compensation, people development, and equal opportunity/Title IX. A major highlight of our strategic plan is for each of these depart-
ments to work toward common goals, which fall into four broad categories: workforce planning, rewards and recognition, employee development and well-being, and equal opportunity, diversity and inclusion.

Q: What will these changes mean for current and future DU retirees?

R: Our hope is that we are able to re-engage our retiree population and create programming that will appeal to those who are considering retirement and want to stay involved with the University. This can take on a number of different forms from volunteer work to mentoring. We have been researching a number of different programs from other institutions across the nation. We will engage individuals to help us brainstorm the programming possibilities. Additionally, retirement planning is important from early career through retirement. We will create life-cycle retirement planning to assist our employees in maximizing their University benefit and ensure they have the appropriate income replacement upon retirement.

Professors Emeritus/Emeritae

Peter Adler  Dept. of Sociology & Criminology  April 17, 2015
Lynn Parker  Graduate School of Social Work  April 17, 2015
Van Johnston  Daniels College of Business  September 17, 2015
Steven McCarl  Political Science  September 17, 2015
Karen Newman  Daniels College of Business  September 17, 2015

Amici/Amicae Award Recipients  May, 2015

Marianne Brown  Sturm College of Law
Linda Clark  Graduate School of Social Work
Mark Guthrie  University College
Stacia Johnston  University Technology Services
Phil Tripp  University Technology Services
Diane Wendt  Dept. of Athletics & Recreation

Newly Retired

Teri Coe  Executive Assistant to Chancellor  April 17, 2015
Christine Stack-Oldweiler  Career Center  April 30, 2015
Brynn Gioia  Univ Technology Services  May 1, 2015
Michiko Croft  Languages & Literatures  June 30, 2015
Louis D’Antonio  Daniels College of Business-Finance  June 30, 2015
Larry Glenn  Lamont School of Music  June 30, 2015
Van Johnston  Daniels College of Business-Mgt  June 30, 2015
Scott Lumpkin  Vice Chancellor Univ Advancement  June 30, 2015
Richard C. Slavich  Lamont School of Music  June 30, 2015
Susan Stakel  Languages and Literatures  June 30, 2015
Jesse Valdez  Morgridge College of Education  June 30, 2015
Pamela S. Wittig  Athletics  June 30, 2015
David Snyder  Facilities Mgt—Administration  September 1, 2015
Cindy Crouch  University Technology Services  September 2, 2015

In Memoriam

Alton Barbour  Human Communications

“So, what are you going to do with all your free time now that you are retired?”

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University Library Association Wants You!

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