



Rob Babcock (pictured above), a member of the ASF Athletics Wall of Fame, recently passed away in the United States. Rob coached basketball at ASF during the late 1970s. Please read the passage below written by Stephen Austin ('72), fellow ASF Athletics Wall of Fame member who played for coach Babcock. Our best wishes go out to Rob's family.

Coach Rob Babcock came to ASF in 1978 to teach, coach and to reach out into the world for new and different experiences. As soon as he became the leader of the basketball program at ASF, it was clear dramatic changes were coming. Coach Babcock quickly implemented a year-round training program that bore immediate fruits as his teams consistently turned in strong performances and winning seasons. He coached with rigor and discipline, but also with great intelligence and an abiding sense of kindness and love for his players. However, Rob Babcock was not merely a coach of players, indeed he was a shaper of men. He coached from the heart. He was authentic. Coach Babcock pushed his players hard, but it wasn't just to win games. It was actually about winning in life by instilling values such as commitment, hard work, courage, consistency, and intelligence. More than anything, he treasured family and the friendships he formed over his lifetime. He very much valued his time in Mexico City and often remembered anecdotes and funny stories of many of the players, teachers, and parents he came to know in the city. All those who knew him and played for him are mourning today as we learn of his passing. His legacy of humanity will live on through his impact on players, students and friends alike. Thank you, Rob Babcock, it was a privilege to know you.

Coach Rob Babcock left ASF in 1981 and went on to a career, among other things, in management with the Minnesota Timberwolves and the Toronto Raptors, both of the NBA.