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Tim Tierney, former head football coach and golf coach for Cal State East Bay, passed away as a result of complications from brain surgery on Sept. 15.

In 1970, Tierney joined Cal State East Bay (then known as Cal State Hayward) football coaching staff's defensive coordinator.

Five years later in 1975, Tierney became CSUEB's head football coach, and would remain in that post until the football program was dropped by the university for financial reasons in 1993.

During his 19 years as head coach, Tierney led the Pioneers to a share of the Far Western Conference Championship in 1981, when they had a 4-1 record. The Pioneers finished in second place four times. During the 1977 and 1978 seasons, Tierney guided the Pioneers to an impressive 14-5-1 overall record. The 1978 team finished with an 8-2 record and finished second place 4-1 conference mark. The 8-2 record was the best showing from a Pioneer football