



Bill Callahan

Head Coach | Third Season | Illinois Benedictine, 1978

"A rare find."

Those were the words used by Athletic Director Steve Pederson to describe Bill Callahan upon his hiring as Nebraska head football coach on Jan. 9, 2004.

Less than a year after guiding his NFL team to the Super Bowl, Callahan was hired to lead one of the nation's elite college football programs. Since taking control of the Nebraska program, Callahan has exhibited those rare qualities Pederson saw, working with diligence and focus to guide the Huskers' climb back to the top of the college football world.

Just the fourth head coach in the storied Cornhusker program since the start of the 1962 season, Callahan's lofty goals have not changed in his third season on the Nebraska sideline. He maintains a vision of adding to Nebraska's championship legacy on both the Big 12 and national levels.

After finishing the 2005 season with three consecutive victories, Callahan's Huskers continued the momentum throughout the 2006 campaign. Nebraska swept the Big 12 North Division and earned a spot in the conference championship game for the first time since 1999 before receiving a bid to the Cotton Bowl. The Huskers continued their improved play on offense by ranking among the top 25 in the country in rushing offense, passing offense, total offense and scoring offense. The Huskers also earned three Big 12 road victories and extended their streak of wins in November to five straight while posting the most points and total yards in a season since 2001.

Last year, Nebraska closed the regular season with victories over North Division rivals Kansas State and Colorado before knocking off a talented Michigan squad in the MasterCard Alamo Bowl. True to the hard-nosed attitude of their head coach, the Huskers rallied from a 10-point fourth-quarter deficit to post a 32-28 victory over the Wolverines.

The momentum from the conclusion of the 2005 season carried into the spring, capped by 57,415 fans flocking to Memorial Stadium for the Red-White spring game. The large crowd at the April spring game is a new tradition under Callahan. In fact, in Callahan's three seasons more than 182,000 fans have attended the Red-White game to get a glimpse of what was to come in the fall.

As a member of an elite fraternity of coaches who have led their team to a Super Bowl, Callahan's on-field coaching credentials are evident. However, since becoming the Huskers' head man, Callahan has shown all the needed qualities to develop a successful program at the collegiate level.

This past off-season, Callahan and his championship staff again produced a strong recruiting haul. The well-rounded 2006 recruiting class came a year after Callahan and his staff put together a class of prospects ranked among the nation's best by every national recruiting service. The 2005 class paid immediate dividends as 13 true freshmen hit the field last season with two heralded newcomers – place-kicker Jordan Congdon and defensive end Barry Turner – being named first-team Freshman All-Americans by ESPN.com and Rivals.com.

In his first year in Lincoln, Callahan focused on putting strong systems for success in place both on and off the field. Nebraska finished the 2004 season with a 5-6 record, but strides were made in many areas. The West Coast Offense Callahan installed accomplished the objective of a balanced attack capable of moving the ball both through the air and on the ground. Nebraska generated 52 percent of its offense through the air and 48 percent via the run, the most balanced offensive attack seen in Lincoln in nearly three decades.

Under Callahan, the Huskers are continuing to build on their tradition of success in the classroom. Callahan's first two groups of seniors have been extremely successful in reaching the No. 1 objective of college student-athletes. At the conclusion of the 2006 spring semester, 39 of the 44 members of Callahan's first two senior classes had picked up their undergraduate degrees. Four fifth-year Huskers played as graduate students this fall, while a total of 13 Huskers are playing the Cotton Bowl as graduates.

Two of the players in graduate school – fullback Dane Todd and center Kurt Mann – continued the Huskers' long-standing tradition of Academic All-America honors in

2005. Todd and Mann were first-team ESPN the Magazine/CoSIDA Academic All-Americans last fall, helping bring Nebraska's nation-leading total of football Academic All-Americans to 86. Todd was selected to the academic All-America squad for the second time in his career in 2006 when he was a second-team selection.

Community Leaders

The football program has continued to make a strong impression in the Nebraska community under Callahan. Husker players spend hours in local communities speaking with youth and visiting Nebraska fans of all ages. Five times under Callahan the entire Husker team has taken a half-day to visit with patients at hospitals in both Lincoln and Omaha. Callahan's strong belief in community outreach and character education led to his team receiving Nebraska's annual Life Skills Team Award in 2005.

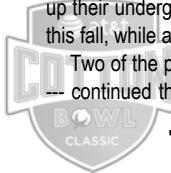
The commitment to being an active member of the community comes directly from Callahan's leadership. Shortly after being named Nebraska's head coach, Callahan established Coach Callahan Charities. The mission is to provide financial support to non-profits organized to fight breast cancer and diabetes, and provide services, support and hope to economically disadvantaged and at-risk youth and families. Past beneficiaries have included UNMC Eppley Cancer Center, Breast Cancer Foundation, Juvenile Diabetes Research Association, UNL Libraries, Special Olympics, Red Cross, Make-a-Wish, and City Impact's Backpack Buddies and Child Sponsorship programs.

Callahan and his football staff presented the third annual Football 101 for Women in early June. The event has been a rousing success in each of its first three years, drawing nearly 3,400 participants and raising a combined \$140,000 for breast cancer research.

In August, Coach Callahan Charities presented the third annual 5K Fun Run/Walk for Resources. In its first three years, the event has drawn more than 1,700 combined participants and raised \$30,000 for Juvenile Diabetes and the University Libraries. All



Under Coach Bill Callahan's guidance, Nebraska returned to the Big 12 Championship game for the fourth time in school history in 2006.





The offensive resurgence in the West Coast attack Coach Callahan implemented at Nebraska has helped the Huskers rank among the nation's top teams in rushing offense, passing offense and total offense in 2006.

told, Coach Callahan Charities has donated nearly \$200,000 to charity in three years. In 2006, Coach Callahan Charities hosted its first Coach Callahan Golf Classic, with proceeds benefitting the general fund for Coach Callahan Charities.

Callahan has also given his time as a guest speaker and spokesperson for several local organizations. He is the Honorary Chair of the Make-A-Wish Foundation's "Share our Magic Campaign", and has been the keynote speaker at the Omaha American Heart Association Breakfast and the Nebraska Special Olympics Breakfast of Champions.

The Husker football program under Callahan has placed a strong emphasis on developing the football talents of youth in the state of Nebraska. During the spring, the Nebraska coaching staff and players conducted the Husker Youth Experience for the second straight year. The event is a free developmental clinic for 500 children from the state.

During the summer, the Big Red Football School again included the Husker Youth Camp, for children ages eight to 13. In its second year in 2006, the camp drew more than 400 youth, an increase of better than 150 campers. The large turnout for the Youth Experience and the Husker Youth Camp is a good representation of the respect and trust Callahan and his coaching staff have earned with parents in the state of Nebraska.

The commitment to the youth and prep programs in the state is also evident in the Huskers' annual Spring Coaches Clinic. Callahan and his staff have opened up a weekend of spring practices to hundreds of coaches each of the past three years. Callahan has also used the vast coaching connections he has developed to enhance the coaches clinic. This past year, Tampa Bay Buccaneers Head Coach Jon Gruden was the keynote speaker at the event, a year after another Super Bowl champion coach, Dick Vermeil, addressed the clinic.

While giving generously to the community, helping youth develop their football skills, and enhancing high school football in the state, Callahan has also embraced the rich traditions of the Cornhusker program, including an on-going commitment to Nebraska's unparalleled walk-on program. Since his hiring, Callahan has rewarded 17 players who came to Nebraska as walk-ons with scholarships, including 13 native Nebraskans.

The plan for a total football program that Callahan has implemented at Nebraska is the product of three decades of coaching experience and expertise. Having coached on every level during his career, Callahan is one of five coaches to take a collegiate head coaching job after previously guiding a team to the Super Bowl.

Callahan brought a wealth of experience to Nebraska from the National Football League and collegiate ranks. A natural leader, Callahan has also worked with young men at the beginning of their formative years, serving as a high school coach and teacher for two years.

A Chicago native, Callahan's arrival at Nebraska not only served as a return

home to the Midwest, but also to his first love – college football. Callahan is in his 29th year of coaching, and his 18th at the college level, while also accumulating nine years experience in the National Football League and two seasons in high school coaching. Highly respected throughout the coaching ranks, Callahan used his ties to quickly assemble a championship coaching staff in Lincoln.

Including Callahan, three current Nebraska coaches have experience in the Super Bowl, including two on the sideline as coaches and one as a player. The staff includes coaches who have won championships in seven major conferences.

The diverse background and strong ties to different areas of the country allowed Nebraska to attract a top-25 national recruiting class in 2004, despite Callahan being hired less than a month before National Signing Day. In their first full year together the staff showed its recruiting prowess, pulling together a group of 31 players that was ranked No. 1 nationally by recruiting expert Tom Lemming in 2005. The experienced and charismatic staff again put together a top-20 class in 2006.

"Super" Start to Head Coaching Career

Callahan came to Nebraska after two years as the head coach of the Oakland Raiders in 2002 and 2003. He led the Raiders to the AFC West title and Super Bowl XXXVII in 2002 to become the fourth rookie head coach to reach the Super Bowl. He led Oakland to an 11-5 regular-season record in his first year and went 4-12 in 2003, when the Raiders were hit hard by injuries.

With their Super Bowl appearance in 2002, the Raiders set an NFL record by appearing in Super Bowls in four different decades. In the process, Callahan became the third first-year Raiders head coach to lead the team to an AFC West title and into the conference championship game, joining Art Shell (1990) and John Madden (1969).

Callahan's rookie season as head coach confirmed his leadership qualities and coaching ability and highlighted the diversity of the West Coast offensive system Callahan teaches. For the first time in franchise history, the Raiders led the NFL in passing in 2002 (279.7 ypg), and also led the league in total offense (398.8 ypg) for just the second time. Callahan was recognized for his role in the success, as he was named the NFL Coach of the Year by the Touchdown Club of Columbus and the NFL Rookie Coach of the Year by Football Digest.

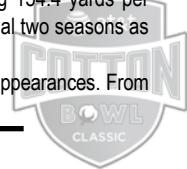
Callahan's Raiders operated out of the West Coast Offense and exploited opposing defenses with a multiple attack. In fact, in a three-season span, the Oakland offense went from leading the NFL in rushing (2000) to placing first in the league in passing (2002). In 2002, the Raiders became the first team to win games in the same season while rushing at least 60 times (60 attempts on Dec. 28 vs. Kansas City, 24-0) and passing at least 60 times (65 attempts on Sept. 15 at Pittsburgh, 30-17).

The Raiders capped 2002 with an impressive run through the AFC playoffs. Oakland opened the postseason with a 30-10 victory over the New York Jets and captured the AFC crown with a 41-24 win over Tennessee, before losing to Tampa Bay in Super Bowl XXXVII.

Callahan joined the Raider organization in 1998, when Jon Gruden took over as head coach. Callahan served as Oakland's offensive coordinator for each of Gruden's four seasons as head coach, also tutoring the Raider tight ends in 1998 and the offensive line from 1999 to 2001.

Under Callahan, the Silver and Black offensive line allowed a team-record low 28 sacks in 2000, a mark that was surpassed in 2001 with just 27 sacks allowed. In addition, the Raiders led the NFL in rushing in 2000, averaging 154.4 yards per game. The Raiders won the AFC West title in each of Callahan's final two seasons as offensive coordinator.

Callahan's offensive players at Oakland made regular Pro Bowl appearances. From





1999 to 2001, Raider offensive standouts made eight Pro Bowl appearances, while five Raiders, including four offensive standouts, were named to the Pro Bowl in Callahan's first season as head coach. Oakland quarterback Rich Gannon made four straight trips to Hawaii from 1999 to 2002. He was twice named the MVP of the Pro Bowl (2000, 2001) and also earned 2002 NFL regular-season MVP honors.

Before his six-year stint with the Raiders, Callahan was an assistant coach with the Philadelphia Eagles for Head Coach Ray Rhodes. With Philadelphia, Callahan worked alongside Gruden, who was the Eagles' offensive coordinator. In his first two years with Philadelphia, the Eagles ranked second in the NFC in rushing and made the playoffs both seasons. During that time, former Husker Irving Fryar made two Pro Bowl appearances.

Extensive Collegiate Background

Although he spent nearly a decade in the National Football League, Callahan had a strong college background upon his hiring at Nebraska. He spent 15 years in the college ranks from 1980 to 1994, including 12 seasons in the Big Ten at two strong academic institutions. He was regarded as one of the game's best offensive line mentors and developed a reputation as one of college football's top recruiters. Callahan was not only ranked as one of the top 10 recruiters in the country by Lemming in 1992, he was listed as one of the top 10 recruiters of all-time by Lemming in 2001, based on Lemming's recruiting ratings over the past 20 years.

"I've dealt with hundreds of coaches over the past 22 years," Lemming said, "and whenever I've ranked coaches who combine coaching and recruiting skills, Coach Callahan always ended up in the top 10."

Callahan began his collegiate career as a graduate assistant at Illinois under Mike White, who later coached the Raiders. Callahan was promoted to a full-time position in 1981, coaching the tight ends, and stayed at Illinois through 1986, coaching the offensive line, quarterbacks and special teams. The Illini participated in three bowl games, including a trip to the Rose Bowl following the 1983 season when they won the Big Ten with a perfect 9-0 league mark.

After seven years at Illinois, Callahan coached the offensive line at Northern Arizona (1987, 1988) and served as offensive coordinator at Southern Illinois in 1989. He moved to a second Big Ten school, joining former Husker Barry Alvarez (1965 to 1967) at Wisconsin in 1990 to coach the offensive line. Seven Badger offensive linemen earned All-Big Ten honors under Callahan, including center Cory Raymer, who was a consensus All-American in 1994.

The 1993 Wisconsin team captured the school's first conference title in 31 years, defeated UCLA in the Rose Bowl and finished sixth in the final Associated Press poll. In Callahan's final year in Madison, the Badgers finished 8-3-1 and defeated Duke in the Hall of Fame Bowl, marking the first time in more than a decade that UW played in bowls in consecutive years. The Wisconsin staff Callahan served on also included Nebraska's offensive and defensive coordinators, Jay Norvell and Kevin Cosgrove.

Chicago Native With Roots in Midwest

Callahan grew up on the south side of Chicago playing quarterback as a prepster at Mendel Catholic High School. He was a three-year starter at quarterback at NAIA Illinois Benedictine (now Benedictine University in Lisle, Ill.) from 1975 to 1977, earning honorable-mention All-America honors his last two seasons. He earned a bachelor of arts degree from Illinois Benedictine College in 1978, majoring in physical education. Callahan was inducted into his college's athletic Hall of Fame in 2005.

Callahan began his coaching career in the prep ranks. He coached at Oak Lawn High School in 1978 and then moved to De La Salle in 1979, where he also served as an instructor. Callahan and his wife, Valerie, have four children, Brian, Daniel, Cathryn and Jaclyn. Brian was a member of the UCLA football team, and is now serving as a graduate assistant coach in the Bruin program. Daniel is in his third year of school at Nebraska.

The Callahan File

Year-by-Year Coaching Summary

Years	Team	Coaching Responsibility
High School		
1978	Oak Lawn (Oak Lawn, Ill.)	Assistant Coach
1979	De La Salle (Chicago, Ill.)	Assistant Coach
College		
1980-81	Illinois	Associate Coach
1982-83	Illinois	Special Teams, Tight Ends
1984-85	Illinois	Offensive Line
1986	Illinois	Quarterbacks
1987-88	Northern Arizona	Offensive Line
1989	Southern Illinois	Offensive Coordinator
1990-94	Wisconsin	Offensive Line
National Football League		
1995-97	Philadelphia Eagles	Offensive Line
1998	Oakland Raiders	Offensive Coordinator, Tight Ends
1999-2001	Oakland Raiders	Offensive Coordinator, Offensive Line
2002-03	Oakland Raiders	Head Coach
College		
2004-present	Nebraska	Head Coach

Head Coaching Record

Year	Record	.Pct	Postseason
Oakland Raiders			
2002	13-6	.684	2-1; Won AFC Championship, lost to Tampa Bay in Super Bowl XXXVII
2003	4-12	.250	None
NFL Totals	17-18	.486	One playoff appearance
Nebraska			
2004	5-6	.455	None
2005	8-4	.667	defeated Michigan in Alamo Bowl
2006	9-4	.667	vs. Auburn in Cotton Bowl
NU Totals	22-14	.611	

Coaching Honors

- NFL Rookie Coach of the Year (Football Digest, 2002)
- NFL Coach of the Year (Touchdown Club of Columbus, 2002)

Callahan Profile

Briefly: Callahan is in his third season as Nebraska's head coach and is the 27th head coach in Cornhusker history. Callahan has 29 years of coaching experience, including nine years in the National Football League. He was the head coach of the Oakland Raiders in 2002-03 and guided the Raiders to the Super Bowl in his first season. He previously served as the Raiders' offensive coordinator under Jon Gruden for four seasons and was on Ray Rhodes' Philadelphia Eagles staff from 1995 to 1997. Callahan was a full-time collegiate assistant for 15 seasons, including stints at Wisconsin (1990-94), Southern Illinois (1989), Northern Arizona (1987-88) and Illinois (1981-86). Callahan was named head coach by Nebraska Athletic Director Steve Pederson on Jan. 9, 2004.

Playing Career: High school—Played football at Mendel Catholic High School in Chicago. College—Started at quarterback for three seasons (1975-77) at Illinois Benedictine (Lisle, Ill.), earning honorable-mention All-America honors in 1976 and 1977.

Education: Illinois Benedictine, 1978 (Bachelor of Arts, Physical Education)

Born: July 31, 1956, in Chicago, Ill.

Family: Wife, Valerie; Children, Brian (22), Daniel (20), Cathryn (15) and Jaclyn (13).

From the Super Bowl to Campus

Five coaches have taken a collegiate head coaching job after previously guiding their team to a Super Bowl appearance. In addition to Callahan, Bobby Ross accepted the Army head coaching job in 2004, after guiding San Diego to the Super Bowl in 1994.

Coach	NFL Team	Super Bowls	College
Bill Callahan	Oakland	Super Bowl XXXVII	Nebraska
Bobby Ross	San Diego	Super Bowl XXIX	Army
Bill Walsh	San Francisco	Super Bowls, XVI, XIX, XXII	Stanford
Forrest Gregg	Cincinnati	Super Bowl XVI	SMU
George Allen	Washington	Super Bowl VII	Long Beach State





Jay Norvell

Offensive Coordinator | Quarterbacks | Third Season | Iowa, 1986

In his third season as Nebraska's offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach, Jay Norvell has helped NU sustain a balanced and potent offensive attack that improved from 96th in total offense in 2005 to ninth nationally at 428 yards per game this season. The Huskers also ranked 13th in scoring offense (31.9 ppg), 18th in passing offense (253 ypg) and had a team passing efficiency rating of 154.89 to rank 10th in 2006.

Much of the credit for the Huskers' offensive success lies in the hands of senior quarterback Zac Taylor, who, in just two seasons under Norvell's guidance, has posted the most prolific passing numbers in school history. Among Taylor's many accomplishments, he helped Nebraska to a nine-win campaign by setting the school single-season records for passing yardage (3,071) – a mark he originally broke last season – and touchdowns (25). The 2006 campaign marked the third straight season Norvell has helped the Huskers post at least 2,000 passing yards, the longest stretch in school history.

Taylor's record-breaking numbers also include the career marks for passing yards (5,725) and touchdowns (44) as well as the top three single-game passing yardage marks. His strong performance pushed Nebraska to a sweep of the North Division and into a spot in the 2006 Big 12 Championship Game. It also helped Taylor earn the league's top honor as he was named the Big 12 Conference Offensive Player of the Year by the league's coaches.

In his first year at Nebraska in 2005, Taylor showed signs of what he could do in the West Coast Offense under Norvell and head coach Bill Callahan. A junior college transfer, Taylor set numerous NU passing records in his first season, including the most yards in a game (431) and season (2,653).

In May 2006, Norvell was one of 25 participants at the Expert Coaches Academy, an NCAA initiative that addresses a critical shortage in ethnic minorities in head coaching positions within college football. The academy assists coaches with career advancement, networking and exposure opportunities.

Norvell was put into position to help turn around the Husker air attack after he was hired away from the Oakland Raiders in February of 2004. He is one of three Husker coaches – along with Callahan and Randy Jordan – with NFL experience.

Before joining the Huskers, Norvell coached the Raider tight ends under Callahan in 2002 and 2003. A key component for Oakland, the tight ends were led by Doug Jolley who topped 30 receptions in each season, including 32 catches for 409 yards in Oakland's drive to the AFC Championship in 2002.

In 2002, the Raiders featured the most prolific offense in the National Football League, averaging nearly 390 total offense yards per game. Norvell played a key role in designing the Raiders' passing attack that averaged 279.7 yards per contest. Oakland culminated the season with two explosive offensive efforts in the playoffs, defeating the New York Jets 30-10, before gaining a 41-24 victory over the Tennessee Titans in the AFC Championship Game.

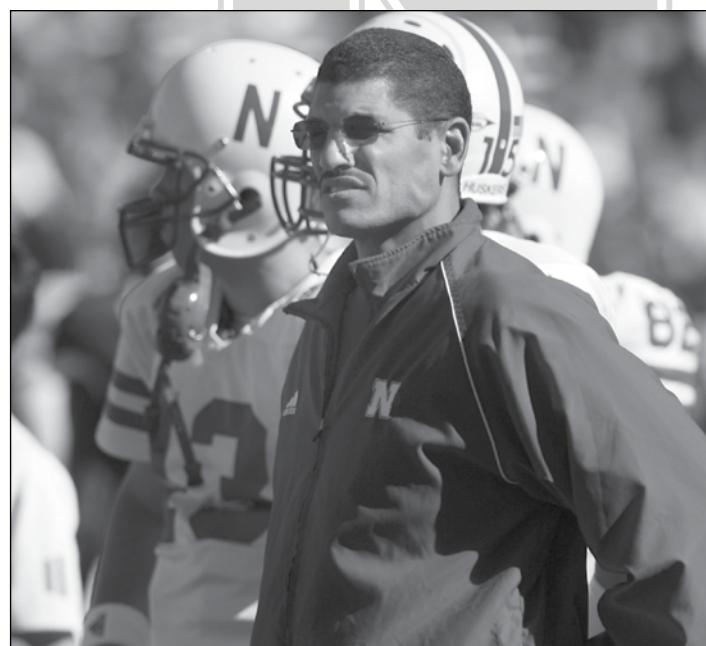
Before joining the Raiders, Norvell spent one month on Bob Stoops' Oklahoma staff in 2002 as wide receivers coach after serving in the same capacity for the Indianapolis Colts from 1998 to 2001. While with the Colts, Norvell worked with the passing game and tutored All-Pro receiver Marvin Harrison.

In Norvell's final season with the Colts, Harrison had 109 catches for 1,524 yards and 15 touchdowns. In 2002, Harrison became the only player in league history to have four consecutive 100-catch seasons. While he was coached by Norvell, Harrison had 385 receptions for 5,376 yards and 48 touchdowns.

Before his jump to the NFL with the Colts, Norvell had established himself as one of the top young assistants in college football. During his time as a college coach, Norvell has mentored 10 players who went on to professional careers.

Norvell spent the 1995 through 1997 seasons on Dan McCarney's staff at Iowa State, serving as assistant head coach and quarterbacks and receivers coach. Under Norvell, the ISU passing attack improved by nearly 100 yards per game in 1997, when wideout Ty Watley led the Big 12 with 827 receiving yards.

Norvell had worked with McCarney as an assistant at Wisconsin. Norvell was with the Badgers from 1989 to 1994, serving the final five of those years with Callahan as the offensive line coach and Kevin Cosgrove as linebackers coach. Bill Busch was also on the staff in 1994 as a graduate assistant.



Offensive coordinator Jay Norvell helped the Nebraska offense improve from 96th in total offense last year to ninth in 2006.

Norvell helped the Badger program to a Big Ten championship and Rose Bowl berth in 1993. Wisconsin finished the season with a 10-1-1 record and a No. 6 final national ranking. In Norvell's final season at UW, the Badgers finished 8-3-1 and played in the Hall of Fame Bowl. Both Callahan (Philadelphia Eagles) and Norvell (Iowa State) left Wisconsin following the 1994 campaign. Wide receiver Lee DeRamus was Norvell's top product at Wisconsin, compiling 119 catches for 1,974 yards and 15 touchdowns from 1991 to 1993.

Norvell began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Iowa in 1986 before joining the Northern Iowa staff in 1988.

A native of Madison, Wis., Norvell played at Iowa from 1982 to 1985. He was an All-Big Ten defensive back in 1985 after leading the league with seven interceptions and helping Iowa to a league title and a Rose Bowl appearance. At Iowa, Norvell was associated with five bowl teams, including two Rose Bowl squads (1981, 1985), a pair of Big Ten championship teams and a team that spent five weeks ranked No. 1 in 1985. Norvell earned a bachelor of arts degree from Iowa in 1986.

Norvell played one season as a member of the Chicago Bears in 1987.

Norvell and his wife, Kim, also a native of Wisconsin, have a son, Jaden.

The Norvell File

Date and Place of Birth: Born March 28, 1963, in Madison, Wis.

Family: Wife, Kim; son Jaden (6)

Education: University of Iowa, bachelors in general studies, 1986

Playing Experience: 1982-85, Iowa; 1987, Chicago Bears

Coaching Experience: 1986-87, Iowa (graduate assistant); 1988, Northern Iowa (assistant coach/receivers); 1989-94, Wisconsin (assistant coach/receivers/special teams); 1995-97, Iowa State (assistant head coach/quarterbacks/receivers); 1998-2001, Indianapolis Colts (assistant coach/wide receivers); 2002, Oklahoma (assistant coach/wide receivers); 2002-2003, Oakland Raiders (assistant coach/tight ends); 2004-present, Nebraska (offensive coordinator/quarterbacks)

Recruiting Emphasis: Louisiana, Texas (Central, Houston and Dallas)





Kevin Cosgrove

Defensive Coordinator | Linebackers | Third Season | Wisconsin-Oshkosh, 1980

In his third season on the sideline with the Huskers, Kevin Cosgrove is in his 12th year serving as a defensive coordinator at the Division I level. He also serves as Nebraska's linebackers coach.

Cosgrove's Blackshirt defense ranked in the top 30 nationally in scoring defense in 2006 by allowing just 18.4 points per game, including holding six teams to 14 or fewer points. The Huskers allowed 120 yards per game on the ground behind a stout defensive front seven that included senior defensive end Adam Carriger, who was voted the Big 12's Defensive Lineman of the Year by the league's coaches. Carriger led the Huskers with 6.0 sacks this season despite fighting off constant double teams, and moved into the NU career top 10 for sacks and tackles for loss.

Carriger was a first-team all-league selection for the second straight season. He was joined on the first team by one of Cosgrove's pupils as junior linebacker Bo Ruud was honored for the first time in his career by the league's coaches. Ruud leads the team with three forced fumbles and ranks among the Huskers' top six in tackles, tackles for loss, sacks, pass breakups, interceptions and quarterback hurries.

In 2005, the Blackshirt defense led the nation in sacks (50 total, 4.17 per game) and tackles for loss (10.33 per game) and finished the season ranked in the top 30 nationally in all four major categories, including pass efficiency defense (10th), scoring defense (25th), rushing defense (26th) and total defense (26th). The 50 sacks were the second-most ever by a Blackshirt defense, including a Big 12 Conference-leading 9.5 sacks by Carriger, who ranked 11th in school single-season history. Middle linebacker Corey McKeon posted seven sacks and a team-best 22 tackles for loss while defensive end Barry Turner earned first-team freshman All-America honors by recording an NU freshman record six sacks.

While the majority of the Blackshirts' playmakers in 2005 were underclassmen, senior safety Daniel Bullocks ranked second on the team in tackles and pass breakups. Bullocks joined his twin brother, Josh, as Daniel was selected in the second round of the NFL Draft by the Detroit Lions. Josh Bullocks (2nd round, New Orleans) was one of three Blackshirts drafted following the 2004 season, along with cornerback Fabian Washington (1st, Oakland) and linebacker Barrett Ruud (2nd, Tampa Bay). Josh Bullocks and Washington were both underclassmen.

While Cosgrove implemented his aggressive defensive philosophy, the trio helped Nebraska rank 11th nationally in rushing defense, allowing just 104.0 rushing yards per game including a Big 12-low 2.9 yards per rush in 2004.

Before joining the Huskers, Cosgrove served as defensive coordinator at Wisconsin for nine years and coached the Badger linebackers for 14 years overall (1990-2003). Cosgrove spent 22 years coaching in the Big Ten Conference and has coached with NU Coach Bill Callahan 14 years total, including five years at Wisconsin, seven at Illinois and two at Nebraska.

Cosgrove helped Wisconsin to three Big Ten titles and nine bowl appearances (7-2 record), including three Rose Bowl wins. Four times Cosgrove's linebackers – Pete Monty in 1996, Nick Greisen in 2000 and 2001 and Ruud in 2004 – led the conference in tackles. Monty owns the Badgers' career tackle record, while Ruud is the all-time leader at Nebraska.

Wisconsin won the Big Ten title in 1993 and defeated UCLA in the Rose Bowl 21-16. The Badgers then won back-to-back Big Ten titles in 1998 and 1999, before defeating UCLA, 38-31, and Stanford, 17-9, in the Rose Bowl, respectively. In 1998, Wisconsin posted a school-record 11 wins and ranked among the top 10 nationally in all four major defensive categories.

Cosgrove has recruited many outstanding athletes during his career, and was named to recruiting analyst Tom Lemming's "other big-time recruiting names," just outside of the top-10 list. Among the top recruits he brought to UW were offensive tackle Aaron Gibson, a finalist for both the Lombardi Award and Outland Trophy in 1998; defensive back Jamar Fletcher, who won the Jim Thorpe Award in 2000; and defensive

tackle Wendell Bryant, the Big Ten Defensive Lineman of the Year in 2000 and 2001 and a Lombardi semifinalist. Gibson (1999), Fletcher (2001) and Bryant (2002) were all first-round NFL draft picks.

Cosgrove also has worked at Illinois, Southeast Missouri State and Colorado State. He was a graduate assistant at Illinois alongside Callahan from 1980 to 1982, then was elevated to linebackers coach for the Illini from 1983 to 1987. Cosgrove recruited Jeff George, the NFL's No. 1 draft pick in 1990 by Indianapolis, to Illinois along with two-time® All-American Moe Gardner. Cosgrove also gained significant experience recruiting in the Big 12 region when he was defensive coordinator at Southeast Missouri State in 1988 and linebackers coach at Colorado State in 1989.

Cosgrove graduated from Mt. Carmel High School in Chicago and first met Callahan during their prep careers. He was a teammate of Callahan's at Illinois Benedictine College in 1974, playing defensive back, but earned his bachelor's degree in physical education from Wisconsin-Oshkosh in 1980.

Cosgrove and his wife, Shelly, have two sons, Clint and Connor, and a daughter, Shannon. Clint has worked as a video intern in the Nebraska football office during the 2006 season.

The Cosgrove File

Date and Place of Birth: Born on Dec. 27, 1955, in Chicago, Ill.

Family: Wife, Shelly; sons, Clint (23) and Connor (15); daughter Shannon (20)

Education: Wisconsin-Oshkosh, bachelors in physical education, 1980

Playing Experience: 1974, Illinois Benedictine College; 1976-78, Wisconsin-Oshkosh

Coaching Experience: 1980-82, Illinois (graduate assistant); 1983-87 Illinois (assistant coach/linebackers); 1988, Southeast Missouri State (defensive coordinator/linebackers); 1989, Colorado State (assistant coach/linebackers); 1990-94, Wisconsin, (assistant coach/linebackers); 1995-03, Wisconsin (defensive coordinator/linebackers); 2004, Nebraska (defensive coordinator/inside linebackers); 2005-present, Nebraska (defensive coordinator/linebackers)

Recruiting Emphasis: Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, Missouri, New York, Philadelphia, Wisconsin



Defensive coordinator Kevin Cosgrove's unit ranked in the top 30 nationally in scoring defense behind a pair of first-team All-Big 12 performers in defensive end Adam Carriger and linebacker Bo Ruud.



Bill Busch

Safeties | Third Season
Nebraska Wesleyan, 1988

Bill Busch is in his third season coaching the Huskers and second year guiding the Nebraska safeties. He also serves as Nebraska's special teams coordinator.

Busch's safeties have recorded six of the Huskers' 12 interceptions this year. Senior free safety Andrew Shanle leads the way with four interceptions and ranks third on the squad in pass breakups and sixth in tackles. Strong safety Tierre Green has also helped the Blackshirts by ranking fifth in tackles.

Last year, Busch helped the Blackshirt defense rank 10th nationally and second in the Big 12 Conference in pass efficiency defense. The Huskers held six opponents to less than 200 yards passing and nine to one or fewer passing touchdowns. Daniel Bullocks joined his twin brother, Josh, as Daniel was selected by the Detroit Lions in the second round of the 2006 NFL Draft.

Busch's expertise also paid dividends for the Huskers on special teams. Over the past two seasons, the Huskers have blocked 11 kicks, including four in 2006. Nebraska has ranked in the top 25 nationally in net punting (22nd in 2006) and punt returns (17th in 2005) under Busch during that span as well while NU's kickoff coverage unit ranked 15th nationally this season after finishing 22nd last year.

Busch spent his first season in Lincoln working with the outside linebackers, who accounted for three of the Huskers' top six tackle totals during the 2004 season.

Busch came to NU after spending three seasons at the University of Utah where he coached the safeties in 2001 and 2002 and the defensive backs in 2003. Utah boasted one of the top defenses in the Mountain West Conference in 2003 to help the Utes to a 10-2 record and their first outright conference title since 1957. Busch's secondary unit allowed Utah to finish 27th nationally in pass efficiency defense.

In 2002, Antoine Sanders earned first-team all-league honors, a year after he was the league's defensive newcomer of the year. In 2001, Utah was 17th nationally in pass efficiency defense while going 8-4 with a Las Vegas Bowl victory over USC.

Before his three seasons at Utah, Busch spent four years at New Mexico State where he coached the defensive backs. His first full-time coaching job was at Northern Arizona where he was the secondary coach in 1995 and 1996. Busch also served as the co-defensive coordinator in 1996.

The Pender, Neb., native had previous ties to Callahan, defensive coordinator Kevin Cosgrove and offensive coordinator Jay Norvell from their days together at Wisconsin. Busch spent the 1994 season as a graduate assistant at UW and helped the Badgers to a Hall of Fame Bowl appearance.

Busch was a graduate assistant at NU from 1990 to 1993, helping with the defensive backs. Among the defensive backs Busch worked with at Nebraska were all-league players Tyrone Byrd, Barron Miles, Tyrone Williams and Mike Minter.

Busch began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Nebraska-Kearney in 1989, after playing wide receiver at Nebraska Wesleyan from 1985 to 1987. Busch earned his bachelor's degree in education from Nebraska Wesleyan in 1988 and added a master's degree from Nebraska-Kearney in 1990.

The Busch File

Date and Place of Birth: Born April 27, 1965, in O'Neill, Neb.

Education: Nebraska Wesleyan, bachelors in education, 1988; Nebraska-Kearney, master's degree, 1990

Playing Experience: 1985-87, Nebraska Wesleyan

Coaching Experience: 1989, Nebraska-Kearney (graduate assistant/defensive ends); 1990-93, Nebraska (graduate assistant/secondary); 1994, Wisconsin (graduate assistant); 1995, Northern Arizona (assistant coach/secondary); 1996, Northern Arizona (co-defensive coordinator/secondary); 1997-2000, New Mexico State (assistant coach/secondary); 2001-02, Utah (assistant coach/safeties); 2003, Utah (assistant coach/secondary); 2004, Nebraska (assistant coach/outside linebackers/special teams coordinator); 2005-present (assistant coach/safeties/special teams coordinator)

Recruiting Emphasis: Alaska, Arizona, Hawaii, New Mexico, Utah, California (Southern), South Pacific Islands



Phil Elmassian

Cornerbacks | Third Season
William & Mary, 1974

A former defensive coordinator with more than 30 years of collegiate coaching experience, Phil Elmassian is in his third season with the Nebraska program and second year guiding the Husker cornerbacks. Elmassian worked with the whole secondary in his first campaign in Lincoln in 2004, but his specialization with the cornerbacks the past two years has been a beneficial move for the Huskers.

The Blackshirts ended the 2005 campaign ranked 10th nationally and second in the Big 12 Conference in pass efficiency defense while holding nine opponents to one or fewer passing touchdowns. In 2006, Elmassian faced a challenge during fall camp as returning starter Zack Bowman was lost for the season to injury. First-year starter Andre Jones shares the team lead in tackles and is second on the squad in pass breakups with seven, trailing only his counterpart, Cortney Grixby, who has recorded 10 breakups for the second year in a row to move onto the Nebraska career top-10 chart.

Elmassian came to Nebraska from Purdue where he was the defensive backs coach in 2003. Purdue ranked 19th nationally in pass efficiency defense in 2003 and 13th nationally in total defense (302.5 ypg). Under Elmassian, senior safety Stuart Schwiegert earned All-Big Ten and second-team All-America honors.

A pair of previous student-athletes – Lawyer Malloy at Washington and Jamar Fletcher at Wisconsin – earned first-team All-America honors under Elmassian's guidance. Malloy and Fletcher, along with Fabian Washington at Nebraska, were each first-round selections in the NFL Draft after playing under Elmassian.

Elmassian has experience at four Division I schools as a defensive coordinator, including West Virginia (2001), LSU (2000), Boston College (1996) and Virginia Tech (1993 to 1994). He served as defensive backs coach at Wisconsin (1997 to 1999), where he worked under Kevin Cosgrove. In addition to Purdue and Wisconsin, Elmassian was also a secondary coach at Washington (1995), Syracuse (1991 to 1992), Virginia Tech (1985 to 1986), Minnesota (1984) and East Carolina (1983).

Beginning his coaching career at William & Mary (1974 to 1975) and then Richmond (1976 to 1978), Elmassian coached the quarterbacks and running backs at both schools, before switching to defense at Ferrum College where he was defensive coordinator from 1979 to 1982. He also coached the outside linebackers and kickers at Marshall (2002) and the inside linebackers at Virginia from 1987 to 1990.

Elmassian has led four schools to championships in four conferences: Marshall to the MAC Championship in 2002; Wisconsin to the Big Ten Championship in 1998 and 1999; Washington to a Pac-10 Championship in 1995; and Virginia to the ACC Championship in 1989. Wisconsin led the nation in scoring defense in 1998 and ranked fifth in 1999. Elmassian also has helped take teams to bowl games 17 times in his career.

Elmassian earned a bachelor's degree in physical education from William & Mary in 1974. He and his wife, Mary, have three children, Claire, Dylan and Olivia.

The Elmassian File

Date and Place of Birth: Born on March 28, 1951, in Cambridge, Mass.

Family: Wife, Mary; daughters, Claire (18) and Olivia (12), son Dylan (15)

Education: William & Mary, bachelors in physical education, 1974

Playing Experience: 1969-70, Ferrum College; 1971-72, William & Mary

Coaching Experience: 1974-75, William & Mary (assistant coach/quarterbacks/running backs); 1976-78, Richmond (assistant coach/quarterbacks/running backs); 1979-82, Ferrum College (defensive coordinator); 1983, East Carolina (assistant coach/secondary); 1984, Minnesota (assistant coach/secondary); 1985-86, Virginia Tech (assistant coach/secondary); 1987-90, Virginia (assistant coach/linebackers); 1991-92, Syracuse (assistant coach/secondary); 1993-94, Virginia Tech (defensive coordinator); 1995, Washington (assistant coach/secondary); 1996, Boston College (defensive coordinator); 1997-99, Wisconsin (assistant coach/secondary); 2000, LSU (defensive coordinator); 2001, West Virginia (defensive coordinator); 2002, Marshall (assistant coach/outside linebackers/kickers); 2003, Purdue (assistant coach/secondary); 2004, Nebraska (assistant coach/secondary); 2005-present, Nebraska (assistant coach/cornerbacks)

Recruiting Emphasis: Maryland, Florida, Texas (Southwest and West), Virginia, West Virginia





Ted Gilmore

Wide Receivers | Second Season
Wyoming, 1991

In his second season on the Nebraska sideline, Ted Gilmore works with the Huskers' receiving corps, which has made impressive strides this season.

Gilmore's stable of capable pass catchers includes second-team All-Big 12 selection Maurice Purify, who was one of the league's top newcomers. Purify caught 33 passes for a team-high 621 yards and seven touchdowns and was one of three Huskers to make at least 30 receptions this season, along with another Gilmore protege in wide receiver Terrence Nunn and I-back Brandon Jackson. Purify also tied for fifth in the NU single-season record book as he has seven touchdown catches this season.

Nunn is one of Gilmore's top playmakers as the junior wide receiver became just the second player in Nebraska history – joining Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Rodgers – to post 100 career receptions. This year, Nunn also improved his streak with at least one reception to 26 games dating to his freshman season and joined Rodgers as only the second Husker ever with two 40-reception seasons in a career. Nunn leads Nebraska with 41 catches for 589 yards and three scores in 2006.

The 2006 campaign is the second consecutive season the Huskers have moved into uncharted territory behind Gilmore's pupils. Husker receivers helped Nebraska post the first 3,000-yard passing season in school history this year, just one season after the West Coast Offense set a school record for passing yards as three players caught at least 40 passes apiece. Before the 2005 campaign, only three players in Nebraska history had 40 receptions in a season.

Along with Nunn, Nate Swift was an integral part of the NU offense in 2005. Swift set Nebraska freshman records for receptions (45) and receiving yardage (641) while earning honorable-mention All-Big 12 accolades and first-team freshman All-Big 12 honors. His 45 catches rank among the top five all-time single-season marks in NU history.

Gilmore came to Nebraska after spending two seasons on the coaching staff at Colorado, where he also served as receivers coach. Gilmore guided D.J. Hackett to a school-record 78 receptions for 1,013 yards as a senior and first-team All-Big 12 honors before being taken in the 2004 NFL Draft by the Seattle Seahawks.

Before his stint in Boulder, Gilmore spent two years as the wide receivers coach at Purdue. Gilmore coached the top receiving tandem in the Big Ten in Taylor Stubblefield and John Standeford. Stubblefield became the NCAA career leader with 316 receptions after catching at least one pass in all 47 collegiate games and was a Biletnikoff Award finalist and consensus All-American in 2004. Standeford finished his career as the all-time Big Ten leader with 266 receptions and 3,788 yards.

Gilmore also had assistant coaching stints at Houston (2000), Kansas (1999) and his alma mater Wyoming (1997-98). He began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Wyoming from 1994 to 1996, working with the tight ends and wide receivers, including two-time All-American and Biletnikoff Award winner Marcus Harris, the first receiver in NCAA history to record at least 1,400 receiving yards in three consecutive seasons.

Gilmore played two seasons at Wyoming where he caught 40 passes for a team-leading 594 yards as a junior, and had 32 receptions for 445 yards as a senior. Gilmore earned his bachelor's degree in sociology from Wyoming in 1991.

A native of Wichita, Kan., Gilmore and his wife, Jennifer, have a daughter, Taylor, and a son, T.J.

The Gilmore File

Date and Place of Birth: Born on March 21, 1967, in Wichita, Kan.

Family: Wife, Jennifer; Daughter, Taylor (6); and son, T.J. (3)

Education: University of Wyoming, bachelors in sociology, 1991

Playing Experience: 1986-87, Butler County (Kan.) Community College; 1988-89, Wyoming

Coaching Experience: 1994-96, Wyoming (graduate assistant/receivers/tight ends); 1997-98, Wyoming (wide receivers); 1999, Kansas (tight ends); 2000, Houston (wide receivers); 2001-02, Purdue (wide receivers); 2003-04, Colorado (wide receivers); 2005-present, Nebraska (wide receivers)

Recruiting Emphasis: Colorado, Kansas (HS), Texas (Dallas, Houston, Irving)



Randy Jordan

Running Backs | Third Season
North Carolina, 1993

Following a nine-year career in the NFL, Randy Jordan has begun to make a name for himself within the coaching ranks. In his third season as the Huskers' running backs coach, Jordan has helped Nebraska produce a resurgent running game in 2006.

The Nebraska committee of I-backs Jordan and Coach Bill Callahan have used in the West Coast Offense this season have produced nearly 2,300 rushing yards and 25 rushing touchdowns. An improved effort on the ground helped NU move from 107th last year to 25th nationally in rushing offense in 2006.

Junior Brandon Jackson led the way in the final half of the season and enters the Cotton Bowl game against Auburn looking to become NU's most recent 1,000-yard rusher. Jackson has 951 yards on the ground with seven touchdowns and has added 31 receptions to rank third on the squad, helping him earn first-team All-Big 12 honors from the Associated Press.

Along with Jackson, three other Huskers benefited from Jordan's tutelage, including Marlon Lucky (640 yards and six touchdowns, 26 receptions), Cody Glenn (370 yards and eight touchdowns) and Kenny Wilson (335 yards and four touchdowns). Jordan's backs have also combined for 64 receptions and four receiving touchdowns, helping NU rank 18th nationally in passing offense and ninth in total offense this season.

Jordan came to the Huskers after beginning his coaching career as a special teams assistant with the Oakland Raiders. Following the 2004 season when he helped Cory Ross become the Huskers' 20th 1,000-yard rusher, Jordan's creativity and enthusiasm helped shape the I-back position into a multiple-threat weapon within Callahan's West Coast Offense last season. Ross was a perfect example of the multi-dimensional player Jordan and the Huskers like to utilize, as Ross finished his career ranked ninth on the Huskers' all-time rushing chart with 2,743 yards on the ground while also ranking sixth on the NU career chart with 71 receptions, including a position record with 43 catches in 2005. Ross is the only Husker in history to rank in the top 10 for both rushing yards and receptions, and finished fourth in school history in all-purpose yards.

Jordan began his coaching career in 2003 by joining the Raider staff in mid-season as a special teams assistant under Oakland's special teams coach Bob Casullo.

Before turning his attention to the sidelines, Jordan spent nine years in the NFL as a running back, playing in 122 career games from 1993 to 2002. He began his playing career with the Los Angeles Raiders, before joining the expansion Jacksonville Jaguars in 1995 when he scored Jacksonville's first-ever touchdown on a 71-yard reception against Cincinnati. He returned to the Raiders in 1998 for his final five seasons.

Jordan had a career-high 213 rushing yards and three touchdowns in 2000 when Oakland reached the AFC Championship Game. Jordan also caught 27 passes for 299 yards and a touchdown in 2000.

Jordan was named the special teams captain for Callahan's 2002 Raider squad that reached Super Bowl XXXVII. He finished his career with 801 yards on 38 career kick returns and made 64 career tackles on special teams. Jordan was a recipient of the NFL unsung hero award and the Ed Block Courage Award in 2001.

Jordan played in the NFL after a standout collegiate career at the University of North Carolina, where he rushed for 1,134 yards and nine touchdowns in his career. Jordan earned his bachelor's degree in speech communications from North Carolina in 1993. He and his wife, Romonda, have one daughter, Raven, and two sons, Jalen and Justin.

The Jordan File

Date and Place of Birth: Born on June 6, 1970, in Mansfield, N.C.

Family: Wife, Romonda; daughter, Raven (9); sons, Jalen (7) and Justin (born Nov. 8)

Education: North Carolina, bachelors in speech communications, 1993

Playing Experience: 1989-92, North Carolina; 1993, Los Angeles Raiders; 1995-97, Jacksonville Jaguars; 1998-2002, Oakland Raiders

Coaching Experience: 2003, Oakland Raiders (special teams assistant); 2004-present, Nebraska (assistant coach/running backs)

Recruiting Emphasis: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida (Jacksonville, Gainesville and Orlando), Texas (Eastern), Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee





Dennis Wagner

Offensive Line | Third Season
Utah, 1982

Quickly gaining a reputation as one of the top offensive line coaches in the country, Dennis Wagner helped continue the storied tradition of the Husker offensive line as Nebraska implemented the West Coast Offense the past three seasons.

In 2006, Nebraska's offensive line improvement and depth led to a resurgence on offense as the Huskers soared to ninth nationally in total offense while ranking 18th in passing offense and 25th in rushing offense. Sophomore tackle Matt Slauson earned second-team All-Big 12 honors for his play while several other Huskers earned valuable experience for the future, as NU graduates only one offensive line regular from 2006.

During his initial season in Lincoln in 2004, Wagner's protégés cleared the way as the Husker offense averaged 176 yards rushing and 187 yards passing per game in its first season away from the option ground attack. In 2005, the Nebraska line made significant gains in setting up the passing game. It helped first-year quarterback Zac Taylor set Husker records, including single-game (431) passing yards against Iowa State, while Kurt Mann was a second-team All-Big 12 selection.

Wagner came to Nebraska from Fresno State where he served as assistant head coach and offensive line coach for seven years. His offensive linemen helped NFL No. 1 pick David Carr post record-shattering passing numbers in 2001 (4,299 yards, 42 touchdowns passing) as the team averaged 501.6 yards per game.

In each of his last two years at FSU, one of his linemen earned first-team freshman All-America honors, including tackle Logan Mankins (an eventual NFL first-round selection) in 2002 and center Kyle Young in 2003. Wagner helped Head Coach Pat Hill lead the Bulldogs to bowl games in each of Wagner's last five years.

A native of Waverly, Iowa, Wagner was the head coach at Wayne (Neb.) State from 1989 to 1996, leading the Wildcats to a 44-37-1 record. Wagner was named the Nebraska Coach of the Year by the Omaha World-Herald in 1990 and 1993. In his last four seasons at Wayne State, the Wildcats finished no lower than third nationally in total offense, leading the nation with 581.5 yards per game in 1993.

Before his eight-year stint at Wayne State, Wagner coached four seasons at St. Cloud (Minn.) State from 1985 to 1988, serving as offensive coordinator and offensive line coach. He also oversaw the strength and conditioning program at SCS.

Wagner has more than two decades of coaching experience. He has also served as an offensive line coach at Luther College in 1980; served on the UNLV football staff in 1981 and 1982 where he coached the tight ends and offensive line; was the head track coach at William Penn College in 1983; and served as assistant strength coach for UNLV's PCAA and California Bowl championship team in 1984.

Wagner was a team captain his senior season at Utah, earning All-WAC honors and honorable-mention All-America honors as an offensive guard. He was a junior college transfer from Ellsworth (Iowa) Community College where he was a JUCO All-American and team captain as a center.

He and his wife, Cyndi (Newhall, Iowa), have a daughter, Whitney, and a son, Joshua. He earned his bachelor's degree in psychology from Utah in 1982 and his master's degree in athletic administration from St. Cloud State in 1987.

The Wagner File

Date and Place of Birth: Born on March 9, 1958, in Waverly, Iowa
Family: Wife, Cyndi; daughter Whitney (14); son Joshua (7)
Education: Utah, bachelors in psychology, 1982; St. Cloud State, masters in athletic administration, 1987
Playing Experience: 1976, Drake; 1977, Ellsworth (Iowa) Community College; 1978-79, Utah
Coaching Experience: 1980, Luther College (assistant coach/offensive line); 1981-82, UNLV (assistant coach/tight ends); 1983, William Penn (head track and field coach); 1984, UNLV (assistant strength coach); 1985-88, St. Cloud (Minn.) State (offensive coordinator/offensive line); 1989-96, Wayne (Neb.) State (head coach); 1997-2003, Fresno State (assistant head coach/offensive line); 2004-present, Nebraska (assistant coach/offensive line)
Recruiting Emphasis: Nevada, California (Northern), Oregon, Washington, Iowa



Shawn Watson

Tight Ends | First Season
Southern Illinois, 1982

In his first season as an assistant coach with the Huskers, Shawn Watson has helped the Nebraska tight ends excel as a key part of the West Coast Offense. Watson also serves as the Huskers' recruiting coordinator.

Under Watson, the Husker tight ends have provided great targets for record-setting quarterback Zac Taylor, and helped generate the first 3,000-yard passing season in school history. NU tight ends have totaled 35 receptions while producing nearly one-third of the team's receiving touchdowns. Sophomore walk-on Hunter Teafatiller leads the way with four scoring catches on five receptions this season while J.B. Phillips, Matt Herian and Josh Mueller each have scored twice on receptions. Phillips leads the tight ends with 13 catches while Herian, the NU all-time tight end leader in receptions and receiving yardage, has 12 catches after returning to the field for the first time since 2004.

Watson came to Nebraska after seven seasons on the Colorado coaching staff, including the past six as the Buffs' offensive coordinator. Watson has 24 years of collegiate coaching experience, including a three-year stint as the head coach at Southern Illinois from 1994 to 1996.

Watson and Coach Bill Callahan served together on Mike White's staff at Illinois from 1983 to 1986. While at Illinois, Watson first served as a graduate assistant coach in 1983 and 1984, then worked with the offensive tackles and tight ends in 1985, before serving as wide receivers coach in 1986.

After his stay at Illinois, Watson went to Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, where he was an assistant coach for seven seasons. Watson tutored the tight ends for three years, the wide receivers for two years and served as quarterbacks coach and recruiting coordinator in his final two seasons at Miami.

Watson was then named head coach at his alma mater, Southern Illinois, a position he held for three seasons from 1994 to 1996. Watson left SIU to take a position as the quarterbacks coach on Gary Barnett's Northwestern staff, and then followed Barnett to Colorado where, after one season as quarterbacks coach, Watson was promoted to offensive coordinator. He held that position for six years.

Under Watson, Colorado's version of the West Coast Offense showed flexibility and the ability to adapt as CU ranked 20th nationally in total offense in 2001, only the third team in Buffs' history to average both 200 yards rushing and passing. After relying on a ground-oriented attack in 2001 and 2002, the 2003 Buffs featured a prolific passing attack that ranked 18th nationally with 279.3 yards per game. The 2004 CU squad produced a 1,000-yard rusher and a 2,000-yard passer for just the second time in school history.

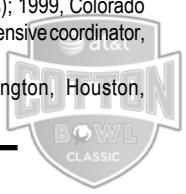
In 2005, Colorado quarterback Joel Klatt re-wrote the CU record book under Watson's guidance. Klatt finished his Buff career as the holder of 44 school records, including most career pass completions, attempts and passing yards.

Watson began his collegiate playing career at Illinois in 1978, but transferred to Southern Illinois at Carbondale in 1979 and played two seasons with the Salukis as a safety. He earned a bachelor's degree from SIUC in 1982.

Watson and his wife, Anita, have a daughter, Amber, and two sons, Aaron and Adam, a freshman safety on the NU football team.

The Watson File

Date and Place of Birth: Born: Sept. 21, 1959, in Carbondale, Ill.
Family: Wife, Anita; Children, Amber (25), Aaron (19) and Adam (17)
Education: Southern Illinois at Carbondale, bachelors in health education, 1982
Coaching Experience: 1982, Southern Illinois (graduate assistant coach); 1983-84, Illinois (graduate assistant coach); 1985, Illinois (assistant coach/tight ends and offensive tackles); 1986, Illinois (assistant coach/wide receivers); 1987-89, Miami (Ohio) University (assistant coach/tight ends); 1990-91, Miami (assistant coach/wide receivers), 1992-93 Miami (assistant coach/quarterbacks, recruiting coordinator); 1994-96, Southern Illinois (head coach); 1997-98, Northwestern (assistant coach/quarterbacks); 1999, Colorado (assistant coach/quarterbacks); 2000-05, Colorado (assistant coach/offensive coordinator, quarterbacks); 2006-present, Nebraska (tight ends/special teams).
Recruiting Emphasis: Kansas (junior colleges), Texas (Arlington, Houston, Ft. Worth and Austin)





Dave Kennedy

**Head Strength Coach | Third Season
Nebraska, 1985**

Dave Kennedy is an integral member of the Nebraska football staff who is in his third season as the Huskers' head strength coach.

Kennedy has helped Nebraska continue its position as the preeminent strength and conditioning program in the nation. He joined the staff after being lured away from the University of Pittsburgh by Nebraska Coach Bill Callahan, who had previously tried to hire Kennedy when Callahan was the head coach of the Oakland Raiders.

Under Kennedy's watchful eye in the weight room, defensive end Adam Carriker has blossomed into a potential first-round NFL Draft pick in 2007. Kennedy's programs helped Carriker, who was a 2006 first-team preseason All-American, earn top honors as the Big 12 Defensive Lineman of the Year. Last season, Kennedy helped two Huskers – place-kicker Jordan Congdon and defensive end Barry Turner – earn first-team freshman All-America honors, while junior safety Brandon Rigoni was named the team's lifter of the year in 2006.

Kennedy's services have greatly expanded with the addition of the new Tom and Nancy Osborne Athletic Complex at Memorial Stadium. He oversees the strength staff in its new, massive weight room that houses the latest in technological advances with the purpose of aiding the Huskers' strength training and conditioning program.

Kennedy got his start in the strength and conditioning field at Nebraska. Kennedy worked his way up the ladder at Nebraska, serving as a student assistant from 1982 until he graduated with a degree in strength coaching in 1985, and then serving as an assistant strength coach from 1985 to 1988.

Following his time at Nebraska, Kennedy was hired as the head football strength coach at Ohio State in 1989. At Ohio State, Kennedy helped bring the Buckeye program to national prominence as he worked with standouts such as Eddie George, Orlando Pace, Joey Galloway, Dan Wilkinson, David Boston, Andy Katzenmoyer, Shawn Springs, Robert Smith and Mike Vrabel. The players Kennedy worked with produced 21 All-America awards while also winning the Heisman and Outland trophies as well as the Butkus, Biletnikoff, Thorpe and Lombardi awards. Seventeen of his Buckeyes went on to be first-round NFL Draft picks.

Kennedy received Ohio State's Admiral's Trophy prior to the 1993 Holiday Bowl. The Admiral's Trophy, voted on by the players, goes to the person whose dedication, hard work and spirit most inspired the team.

During his 13 years at Ohio State, Kennedy established himself as one of the premier strength coaches in the country, drawing praise from ESPN GameDay analyst Kirk Herbstreit.

"To me in this day and age of college football," Herbstreit said, "the strength coach position has become a high priority because the strength coach is with the players the most of anyone on the staff. His job is to create a winning attitude through the physical and mental development of the players. Dave Kennedy sets the bar in the college football community."

The Omaha native left Ohio State before the start of the 2002 season to join the staff at Pittsburgh, where Kennedy helped wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald develop into a Heisman Trophy runner-up and the recipient of the 2003 Walter Camp and Biletnikoff awards.

Dave and his wife, Julie, have three sons, Ben, Nick and Eric.

The Kennedy File

Date and Place of Birth: Born Nov. 15, 1960, in Omaha, Neb.

Family: wife, Julie; sons, Ben (12), Nick (10), Eric (6)

Education: University of Nebraska-Lincoln, bachelors in strength coaching, 1985

Strength Coaching Experience: 1982-85, Nebraska (student assistant strength coach); 1986-88, Nebraska (assistant strength coach); 1989-2001, Ohio State (head strength coach); 2002-03, Pittsburgh (head strength coach); 2004-present, Nebraska (head strength coach)



Tim Cassidy

**Associate A.D. for Football | Third Season
Nebraska-Omaha, 1981**

Widely considered one of the top football administrators in the country, Tim Cassidy is in his third season as Associate Athletic Director for Football at Nebraska. While assisting the football staff and athletic department administration, Cassidy coordinates the Huskers' day-to-day football office organization while aiding Nebraska's recruiting efforts and program administration. He is also the lead person from the NU administration coordinating the Cotton Bowl trip.

Named among Tom Lemming's list of the top 10 recruiters in the nation in 1999, Cassidy helped the Nebraska football program claim one of the top rankings in the nation by most analysts for the 2005 recruiting class. In February 2006, the Huskers announced their second straight top-25 recruiting class.

Cassidy's football administrative duties include working hand-in-hand with Head Coach Bill Callahan and Athletic Director Steve Pederson on football operations. Cassidy coordinates the travel, budget and staffing for the football office; assists with scheduling; oversees the compliance, strength training, equipment and academic support units regarding football issues; and supervises the football support staffs.

Cassidy also serves as a member of the administration's Executive Team. He assisted with the strategic planning of the new Tom and Nancy Osborne Athletic Complex, a \$50 million complex that opened in August on the North end of Memorial Stadium. The new facility houses the Nebraska football team locker room and coaches offices along with a new training room, weight room and administrative offices.

Along with his administrative duties, Cassidy also serves on the board of directors for Coach Callahan Charities, Inc., which raises money for several worthwhile causes throughout the state. He has previously served as the chairman of the American Football Coaches Association Football Operations Committee.

Cassidy came back to his native Nebraska with more than 25 years experience in the collegiate football ranks. Cassidy spent 15 years at Texas A&M, including serving as recruiting coordinator from 1989 to 2004. He was promoted to assistant athletic director in 1994 and served as director of football operations before returning to Nebraska. Cassidy played an integral role in the Aggies' campus expansion as he aided in the development of the \$28 million athletic and academic complex completed on the Texas A&M campus in 2003.

Cassidy contributed to the success of Texas A&M teams that won the Southwest Conference Championship in 1985, 1986, 1991, 1992 and 1993. In 1997 and 1998, A&M won the Big 12 South, losing to Nebraska in 1997, but defeating Kansas State in 1998 in the Big 12 title game.

Cassidy first gained a national reputation as a great recruiter in his two years as the director of recruiting and high school relations at the University of Florida (1987, 1988). Cassidy also has sideline experience coaching the receivers at Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa, from 1981 to 1983. He was a graduate assistant football coach at Texas A&M in 1983 and 1984 and was named the Aggies' recruiting coordinator in 1985.

Cassidy received his bachelor of science degree in physical education and health from Nebraska-Omaha in 1981 after graduating from Omaha Ryan High School. He received his master's degree in 1984 from Texas A&M in education.

A native Nebraskan, Cassidy and his wife Nancy have two sons, Ryan and Austin, and daughter Danielle.

The Cassidy File

Date and Place of Birth: Born on June 18, 1958, in Omaha, Neb.

Family: wife, Nancy; sons Ryan (21) and Austin (18); daughter Danielle (16)

Education: Nebraska-Omaha, bachelors in physical education and health, 1981; Texas A&M, masters in education, 1984.

Coaching/Administrative Experience: 1981-83, Morningside College (assistant coach/receivers); 1983-84, Texas A&M (graduate assistant); 1985-86, Texas A&M (recruiting coordinator); 1987-88, Florida (director of recruiting); 1989-91, Texas A&M (recruiting coordinator); 1991-2002, Texas A&M (Assistant A.D. for Recruiting); 2002-04, Texas A&M (Associate A.D. for Football); 2004-present, Nebraska (Associate A.D. for Football).



Keith Heckendorf

**Graduate Assistant | First Season
Minnesota-Mankato, 2002**

Keith Heckendorf was elevated to a graduate assistant position with the Nebraska football team in January 2006 after spending the previous season as the Huskers' offensive video intern. Heckendorf has assisted the offensive coaching staff in 2006, as Nebraska improved from 96th to ninth nationally in total offense while producing the first 3,000-yard passing season in school history.

Before joining the Nebraska football office, Heckendorf had a standout collegiate career as a quarterback at St. Cloud State University from 2000 to 2003. A native of Mosinee, Wis., Heckendorf was a two-time finalist (2002 and 2003) for the Harlon Hill Trophy, given annually to the top player in the Division II ranks, and was a consensus All-America pick each season.

Heckendorf owns numerous St. Cloud school records, including career school records for passing yards (9,695), pass completions (761), completion percentage (58.2), touchdown passes (101) and total offensive yards (9,997). As a senior, Heckendorf led the North Central Conference and ranked 10th nationally in total offense at 289.9 yards per game, while throwing for 30 touchdowns.

Heckendorf was also accomplished in the classroom during his time at St. Cloud State. He was a two-time College Division Academic All-America selection, was a 2003 National Football Foundation/College Hall of Fame Scholar-Athlete and was the Division II Men's Winner of the 2003 Woody Hayes Award.



Jon Osterhout

**Graduate Assistant | First Season
Sacramento State, 1995**

Jon Osterhout joined the NU coaching staff as a graduate assistant in January 2006 and works primarily with the defense. Osterhout's primary focus has been with the defensive line, including aiding the development of senior defensive end Adam Carriger who earned first-team all-conference honors for the second straight season and was named the Big 12 Defensive Lineman of the Year.

Osterhout came to the Huskers with significant collegiate coaching experience after spending the past six seasons on the staff at Division I-AA Sacramento State. He served as the Hornets' defensive line coach from 2002 to 2005, after coaching the tackles and tight ends in 2000 and 2001. Osterhout also served as Sacramento State's camp director the past two years.

In Osterhout's first year as defensive line coach, the Hornets allowed 90 fewer rushing yards per game than the previous season and registered 12 sacks more than the previous year. In 2005, Sacramento State recorded 71 tackles for loss, spearheaded by a strong defensive front.

Osterhout enjoyed a standout playing career at Sacramento State from 1995 to 1999. A four-year starter on the offensive line, Osterhout was a two-time All-Big Sky Conference selection and earned first-team All-America honors as a senior.

Osterhout also served as a team captain for the Hornets and was voted the team's most inspirational player as a senior in addition to earning team MVP honors. He then signed a free agent contract with the Washington Redskins following his graduation from Sacramento State in 1999.

Osterhout is married to the former Alison Gahr.



Tim McFadden

Administrative Assistant for Technology

Tim McFadden joined the Husker staff in April and serves as Administrative Assistant for Technology for the football program. McFadden helped guide the Husker football program transition into the new Osborne Athletic Complex in August and has played a key role in the technological advancement of the facility.

Before joining the Husker staff, McFadden served as assistant coach at Bossier (La.) High School the past three seasons while also serving eight years in the United States Air Force. He was also a scout for the Shreveport Bombers of the IPFL in 2000 and a student assistant at both San Diego State (1997) and Northern Arizona (1995 and 1996), where he also played two seasons.

McFadden earned a degree in English from Northern Arizona in 1997 and a master's degree in education leadership and policy from Marquette University in 2006. He married Angela Martinez in July 2006.



Vince Guinta

Administrative Assistant

Vince Guinta is in his first season as an administrative assistant with the Nebraska football program and his third season overall with the Huskers.

In his role with the football program, Guinta helps coordinate official and unofficial visits for prospects and their families while on campus. He also assists with in-house operations such as team travel, clinics and summer camps. A native of Salt Lake City, Utah, Guinta joined the program in 2004 as an intern for the Nebraska defense, and served as a football operations assistant in 2005.

Guinta came to Nebraska after serving as football video coordinator at Utah in 1997 and 1998 and was a administrative assistant from 1999 to 2003. Guinta graduated from Utah in 2003 with a bachelor's degree in political science.



Doak Ostergard

**Associate Head Athletic Trainer,
Head Football Trainer, ATC**

Doak Ostergard is the Huskers' head football trainer and has served as NU's associate head athletic trainer since 1998. Ostergard has been a full-time trainer at Nebraska since 1990 and works primarily with the NU football team. Ostergard's responsibilities include year-round preventive care, as well as immediate care for injured athletes at practices and games. Ostergard has also helped develop techniques that are commonly used in the reconditioning of injured athletes.

Ostergard has been granted patents for two medical devices and played a key role in the design and development of a neck roll commonly used by football players nationally.

A native of Gothenburg, Neb., Ostergard received his bachelor's degree from the Nebraska in 1984, and went on to earn his master's degree from Nebraska in 1989. He is a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist and an active member of the National Strength Coaches Association.





Steve Pederson

Athletic Director | Nebraska, 1980

Tradition, Teamwork, Integrity. These are the core values of the Husker Nation and the principles of champions. Steve Pederson was named his alma mater's 12th athletic director on Dec. 20, 2002, and quickly established these ideals as the driving force to guide Nebraska back to the pinnacle of collegiate athletics.

Pederson's first priority was improving Nebraska's facilities, an important step in providing the Huskers with another way to attract the best student-athletes in the country. In November of 2003, Pederson announced the Husker Nation Championship Drive, a \$50 million fund-raising project to support the creation of the Tom and Nancy Osborne Athletic Complex, which opened in August 2006. The project includes the Hawks Championship Center and new outdoor practice fields to benefit each of NU's 23 varsity programs, along with an expansion of Memorial Stadium that lifted capacity above 80,000 for the first time in the building's history.

Pederson's vision has made the Osborne Athletic Complex the showcase piece of the project. The complex benefits all Nebraska student-athletes as it includes state-of-the-art training, sports nutrition and athletic medicine facilities in the Charles and Romona Myers Performance Center.

With the improvements, Pederson has also ensured the Husker Nation a fan-friendly environment at Memorial Stadium. New fan amenities this year included increased numbers of concession stands and restrooms, improved seating options for the disabled and a concourse-level connector that brings the North Stadium together with the East and West. Fans also enjoyed one of the nation's largest big screens during the Tunnel Walk, one of college football's most grand entrances.

The new facilities benefit some of the top athletic squads in the country. During the 2005-06 seasons, 15 of Nebraska's 23 varsity sports finished the year ranked in the national top 25.

The Huskers' nationally renowned volleyball team led the way, as it reached the NCAA title game for the fifth time in school history. The volleyball team's runner-up finish tied the rifle program for the best national team placing on the year, while the women's outdoor track and field (fourth) and women's gymnastics (fifth) teams each finished in the top five. Individually, Nebraska student-athletes have flourished in recent years, including 37 Huskers earning 48 All-America certificates last season.

Pederson has pushed the Huskers to uphold their unparalleled tradition and remain at the forefront in the classroom as well as on the field. Last year, 11 Cornhuskers earned CoSIDA Academic All-America honors, raising Nebraska's NCAA-leading total to 233. Over two semesters, 479 student-athletes earned Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll accolades with a 3.0 or better grade-point average, while 126 Huskers claimed academic All-Big 12 honors and 111 earned their degree.

Pederson is an award-winning athletic director with experience at four prominent Division I schools. He has implemented his vision for the future of Nebraska, which includes three vital components to success: a staff that will outwork the competition; enhancing facilities in order to attract the nation's best student-athletes; and a unified approach to enable student-athletes to succeed in all facets of life.

Nebraska's championship tradition has been built by outstanding student-athletes and coaches over the years, but Pederson believes the foundation of Nebraska's success is its fans – not only the 1.7 million people who call the state home, but also fans who support NU from around the nation.

Since December 2002, Pederson has worked hard to integrate Husker fans into the NU athletic program. He declared the 2003-04 season the "Year of the Fan" and conceptualized the first Husker Nation Tour. He also developed the Husker Nation Pavilion for fans to enjoy a family-friendly atmosphere before home football games.

From creating the nation's first comprehensive strength program to its nationally renowned academic support system, Nebraska has always been at the forefront in providing unmatched resources for its student-athletes. Pederson is continuing that tradition as he has shown the foresight and vision needed to ensure long-term success for athletic programs, both at Pittsburgh and Nebraska.

Pederson's efforts have the interests of the student-athletes in mind. He has implemented support programs to aid student-athlete's academic, athletic, personal and professional development. In order to assist student-athletes with their postgraduation

pursuits, he worked with Assistant Athletic Director for Student Life Keith Zimmer to enhance Nebraska's nationally recognized Life Skills program. They created the Life Skills Award for the team that demonstrated the strongest commitment to all phases of the life skills program, including outreach, education and leadership.

A firm believer in the philosophy that hard work pays off, Pederson was given his first chance at leading a Division I program when he was hired as athletic director at the University of Pittsburgh in 1996. A young and relatively unknown commodity at the time, Pederson returned the Panthers to the national spotlight in just six years. As a result of his hard work and effective leadership style, Pederson was named the recipient of the 2002 General Robert R. Neyland Athletic Director Award, annually presented by the All-American Football Foundation for outstanding administrative achievement.

Pederson helped construct several new facilities at Pittsburgh, including shaping the vision of the Petersen Events Center, a convocation center that provided Pittsburgh with one of the finest college basketball arenas in the country. Behind Pederson's efforts, the Panther football team was blessed with the Duratz Athletic Complex and the UPMC Sports Performance Complex, a practice venue that opened in 2000. In 2001, the Panthers debuted Heinz Field, a new facility the football team shares with the Steelers. Pederson also oversaw major upgrades to several Olympic sport facilities.

During his tenure at Pittsburgh, Pederson hired six coaches who combined to earn Big East Coach-of-the-Year honors in football, men's basketball, women's basketball, volleyball, baseball and track and field. Under Pederson's head coaching hires, the football team made three straight bowl appearances, including two victories, while the men's basketball team went on to gain back-to-back Sweet 16 berths.

Pederson and his wife, Tami, both earned degrees from the University of Nebraska. Steve earned his bachelor's degree from Nebraska in business administration in 1980 and began his career at Nebraska, first as a sports information assistant (1980-81) and then as football recruiting coordinator (1982 to 1986). He returned as the associate athletic director for football operations from 1994 to 1996.

Pederson left the state in 1988 to serve as Ohio State's recruiting coordinator until 1991, then moved on to the University of Tennessee to devote three years as the athletic administrator for football. He was promoted from recruiting coordinator to assistant athletic director for recruiting in 1992, and then was elevated to associate athletic director for football operations in 1993.

A native of North Platte, Neb., Pederson has experience in the non-athletic business sector, spending one year as Ak-Sar-Ben's Public Relations Director (1981-82), and two years in private business in Nebraska (1986 to 1988), before returning to college football in 1988 at Ohio State.

Pederson and his wife Tami Osborne Pederson have three children: Mark (23), Kari (20) and Kristin (17).



The Pederson family (clockwise from top left): Steve, Mark, Kristin, Kari and Tami.





Nebraska Executive Team



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Executive
Associate A.D.



Bob Burton
Senior
Associate A.D.



Chris Anderson
Associate A.D. for
Communications



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Associate A.D. for
Academic Programs
and Student Services



Paul Meyers
Associate A.D. for
Athletic Development



Paul Miles
Associate A.D.
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Associate A.D./SWA/
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Assistant A.D.
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Assistant A.D.
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Chad Wade
Assistant Strength
Coach



Jerry Weber
Head Athletic
Trainer



Harvey Perlman

Chancellor

Harvey Perlman was named the 19th Chancellor of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln on April 1, 2001. He had served as Interim Chancellor of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln since July 16, 2000.

A former dean of the University of Nebraska College of Law (1983-1998), Perlman has also served as interim senior vice chancellor for academic affairs at UNL (1995-96).

Perlman, a Nebraska native, was raised in York, Neb., and earned a bachelor of arts degree in history and a juris doctorate from the University of Nebraska. During his law school years, he was editor in chief of the Nebraska Law Review and was elected to the Order of the Coif, a law honors society.

He joined the NU law faculty in 1967 after spending a year as a Bigelow Teaching Fellow at the University of Chicago Law School. He served on the Nebraska law faculty until 1974 when he joined the faculty at the University of Virginia Law School. He returned to Nebraska in 1983 when he accepted the deanship of the Nebraska Law College, a post he held until 1998 when he returned to the professoriate. He has also served as a visiting professor at Florida State University College of Law, the University of Puget Sound School of Law and the University of Iowa College of Law.

His area of legal expertise lies in torts and intellectual property. He is a member of the Nebraska State and American Bar Associations. He is a member of the Council of the American Law Institute. He is a commissioner of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. He is co-author of 'Intellectual Property and Unfair Competition' (5th edition, 1998) and co-reporter for the 'Restatement of Unfair Competition' (1994). In February 2002, Perlman was named a Life Fellow of the American Bar Foundation. Fellow status denotes an individual who has demonstrated outstanding dedication to the welfare of his or her community and is committed to the highest principles of the legal profession. Only the top one-third of one percent of the legal profession is eligible for nomination as a Fellow.

At the University of Nebraska, he was chair of the search advisory committee for chancellor in 1991, chairs the Nebraska Bioethics Advisory Panel, and is a member of the Nebraska State Fair Board and the Bowl Championship Series Presidential Oversight Committee.

Perlman and his wife, Susan, an NU alumna, are the parents of two daughters. Anne, who earned degrees from UNL and the University of Nebraska Medical Center, practices medicine in Lincoln. Amie, who graduated from UNL in May 2002, attends law school at Nebraska. He and Susan enjoy the company of two grandchildren, Will and Ava.



Josephine Potuto

Institutional Representative

Josephine (Jo) R. Potuto, the Richard H. Larson Professor of Constitutional Law, has been Nebraska's faculty representative to the NCAA and Big 12 Conference since May 15, 1997. Potuto was appointed in January 2003 to hold one of the Big 12 Conference's three seats on the NCAA Division I Management Council, the chief administrative and legislative body of Division I. She is in her sixth year as a member of the Division I Committee on Infractions (COI) and her second as committee vice chair. Potuto also serves on a committee of the Division I-A Athletic Directors Association that reviews NCAA legislation and tracks the NCAA governance structure.

Among her Big 12 Conference committee responsibilities, Potuto served on the Big 12 Conference Commissioner Search Committee and on the conference strategic planning committee. She is the conference liaison to the Faculty Athletics Representatives Association (FARA). In 2002, Potuto was named Outstanding Faculty Athletics Representative by the All-American Football Foundation.

Potuto is an expert on issues related to gender equity in collegiate sports. Potuto is a past adviser to the Uniform Law Commissioners Committee to draft a sports agent statute, and she also drafted rules governing search and seizure and hearings for the Nebraska Racing Commission.

At Nebraska, Potuto is an ex officio member of the academic senate's intercollegiate athletics committee and of the subcommittee to evaluate academic support services. She was vice chairwoman of the rules governance committee of Nebraska's NCAA site certification committee, and she chairs the athletic department's NCAA Legislation Committee.

Potuto was project director and a drafter of the Uniform Law Commissioners Sentencing and Corrections Act, as well as the drafter for the Nebraska Supreme Court Committee to Draft Criminal Jury Instructions. She is the author of three books and numerous articles.

Potuto teaches constitutional, procedural and criminal law as well as a course in sports law. She joined the Nebraska law faculty in 1974 and was named to the Larson professorship in 1988. While on sabbatical during the 1983-84 academic year, Potuto was an assistant prosecutor in the Essex County (Newark, N.J.) prosecutor's office. She also spent five summers working in the prosecutor's office in Morris County, N.J.

Potuto earned her bachelor's degree in journalism at Rutgers' Douglass College and her master's degree in English literature at Seton Hall in 1971. She received her juris doctorate at the Rutgers Law College in 1974. She is a member of the bar of the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and the U.S. District Courts for Nebraska and New Jersey.

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