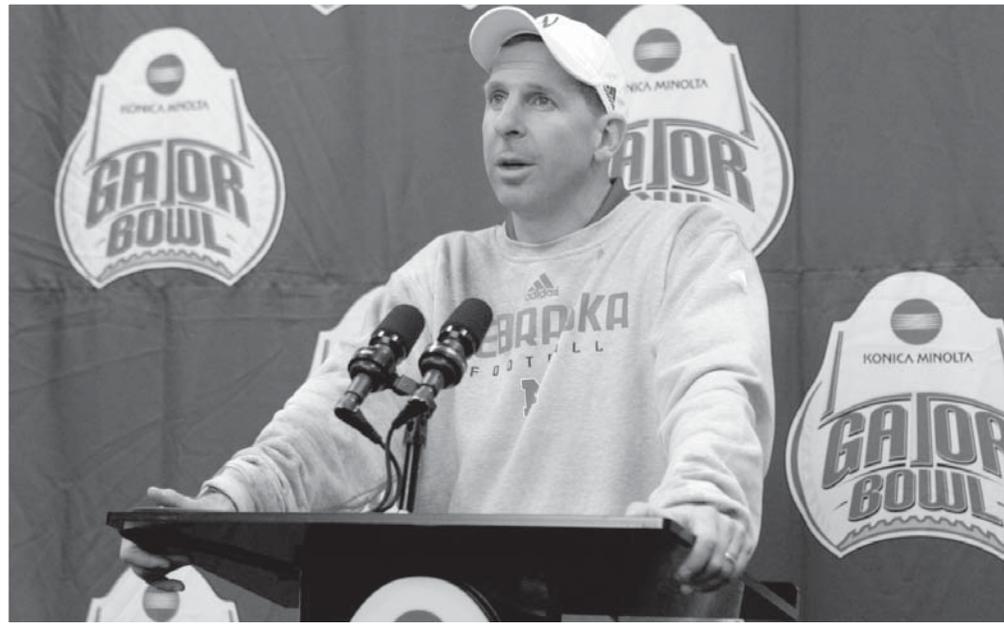


# Bo PELINI

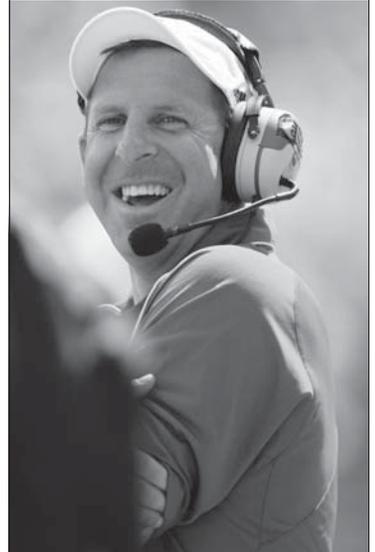
| HEAD COACH | OHIO STATE (1990) | SECOND YEAR | 10-4 RECORD (.714) |


**NOTING PELINI**

**Born:** Dec. 13, 1967  
**Hometown:** Youngstown, Ohio  
**Wife:** Mary Pat  
**Children:** Patrick, Kate and Caralyn  
**High School:** Cardinal Mooney, 1986  
**College:** Ohio State, 1990

**Playing Experience**  
 1987-90, Ohio State, free safety

- N** *Nebraska, 2008-present*  
Head Coach
-  *LSU, 2005-07*  
defensive coordinator
-  *Oklahoma, 2004*  
co-defensive coordinator, defensive backs
- N** *Nebraska, 2003*  
defensive coordinator,  
interim head coach for Alamo Bowl
-  *Green Bay Packers, 2000-02*  
linebackers
-  *New England Patriots, 1997-99*  
linebackers
-  *San Francisco 49ers, 1994-96*  
assistant secondary
-  *Cardinal Mooney High School, 1993*  
quarterbacks
-  *Iowa, 1991*  
graduate assistant



## TRADITION. PASSION. DISCIPLINE.

Those are a few of the trademarks that define Nebraska football and are characteristics that have made Nebraska one of the most storied and decorated programs in college football history.

The words can also be used to describe Bo Pelini—the man in his second season in charge of the Cornhusker football program.

The youngest of eight children, Pelini grew up in the hard-nosed town of Youngstown, Ohio. Pelini’s parents instilled the discipline at a young age that has guided Bo to success both in and out of athletics.

Pelini’s passion for athletics began in Youngstown. After a standout prep career at Cardinal Mooney High School, Pelini went on to Ohio State. A hard-hitting safety, Pelini was known for his passionate and relentless play. Teammates recognized his leadership and elected him a team captain as a senior.

The tradition of being part of winning programs did not end after Pelini’s playing career. His coaching career has featured success at every stop along the way. A Super Bowl ring and a national championship are part of the 41-year-old’s impressive resume.

That coaching resume included a one-year stop as defensive coordinator at Nebraska. During the 2003 season, Pelini quickly learned the traditions of Nebraska football and its passionate fan base. In turn, Husker fans recognized the discipline and passion instilled by Pelini in the Blackshirt defense.

After four years as the nation's most successful defensive coordinator, Pelini returned to Lincoln in December of 2007. Nebraska Athletic Director and Hall of Fame coach Tom Osborne named Pelini the 28th head coach in Nebraska football history on Dec. 2, 2007.

In his first season in charge of the program, Pelini stayed true to his disciplined, no-nonsense attitude. The result was a Cornhusker team that reflected the mentality of its head coach, continued to improve throughout the 2008 season and provided momentum heading into the offseason.

Pelini guided the Huskers to a 9-4 record, capped by victories in the Huskers' final four games and six of the season's final seven contests. The late-season surge allowed Nebraska to earn a share of the Big 12 North Championship, and the Huskers picked up their ninth win with a 26-21 come-from-behind victory over Clemson in the Konica Minolta Gator Bowl. The win was a fitting conclusion for a team that developed a toughness that was a direct extension of its head coach.

Pelini became just the fourth Cornhusker coach to win nine games in his first season, taking a place alongside only Bob Devaney, Tom Osborne and Frank Solich. The nine wins were also tied for the most among the 18 first-year 2008 head coaches in the Football Bowl Subdivision, and were the most among first-time head coaches.

Nebraska's current four-game winning streak is the longest for the Huskers entering a season since 2000. The 6-1 run to close 2008 tied for the best by a Nebraska team since 1997, and Nebraska won its final four games for just the second time since 1997.



The Pelini family (from left): Patrick, Bo, Caralyn, Mary Pat and Kate.

The success under Pelini in 2008 can be attributed to both sides of the football. The Husker offense continued to rank among the nation's best, finishing in the nation's top 20 in passing offense, scoring offense and total offense, while developing a consistent running game over the second half of the season.

The biggest gains were made on the defensive side of the ball where Pelini implemented his proven defensive system. Nebraska improved its total defensive average by 126.9 yards per game and finished second in the Big 12 in total defense. The run defense allowed 116.5 yards per game, nearly cutting its average from 2007 in half and finishing in the top 25 nationally in that category. The Blackshirts also posted 35 sacks, nearly tripling the total of the previous season.

The successful first season for Pelini came as a result of his ability to quickly implement his attitude and leadership into the program. After taking over the Huskers, Pelini wasted no time instilling a disciplined approach on and off the field, while also embracing the traditions of the Cornhusker football program. Pelini built a coaching staff that had close ties to both the Pelini family and the Nebraska football family.

The Nebraska staff includes three former Husker players, and six full-time assistant coaches with previous experience at Nebraska. Seven coaches have worked alongside Pelini, including five members of the 2003 Husker staff. His Youngstown roots are also represented with three Cardinal Mooney grads among the Husker coaches.



## BOWL GAME EXPERIENCE

As a Coach	
<b>N</b>	<i>Nebraska</i>
	2003 Alamo Bowl, def. Michigan State, 17-3 (interim head coach)
	2009 Gator Bowl, def. Clemson, 26-21 (head coach)
	<i>LSU</i>
	2005 Peach Bowl, def. Miami, 40-3 (defensive coordinator)
	2006 Sugar Bowl, def. Notre Dame, 41-14 (defensive coordinator)
2007 BCS Championship Game, def. Ohio State, 38-24 (defensive coordinator)	
	<i>Oklahoma</i>
2004 Orange Bowl, lost to USC, 55-19 (co-defensive coordinator)	
	<i>Iowa</i>
1991 Holiday Bowl, tied BYU, 13-13 (graduate assistant)	
As a Player	
	1990 Hall of Fame Bowl, lost to Auburn, 31-14
	1990 Liberty Bowl, lost to Air Force, 23-11

## NFL PLAYOFF COACHING EXPERIENCE

	<b>Green Bay</b>
	2001 NFC Wild Card Game, def. 49ers, 25-15 NFC Divisional Playoffs, lost to Rams, 45-17
	2002 NFC Divisional Playoffs, lost to Falcons, 27-7
	<b>New England</b>
	1998 AFC Divisional Playoffs, lost to Steelers, 7-6
	1999 AFC Wild Card Game, lost to Jaguars, 25-10
	<b>San Francisco</b>
	1995 NFC Divisional Playoffs, def. Bears, 44-15 NFC Conference Finals, def. Cowboys, 38-28 Super Bowl XXIX, def. Chargers, 49-26
	1996 NFC Divisional Playoffs, lost to Packers, 27-17
	1997 NFC Wild Card Game, def. Eagles, 14-0 NFC Divisional Playoffs, lost to Packers, 35-14

Pelini immediately showed the discipline to handle multiple tasks following his hiring. While quickly taking charge of all aspects of the Nebraska program, Pelini was also committed to finishing what he had started at LSU. Pelini returned to Baton Rouge in mid-December and successfully orchestrated the Tigers' defensive game plan for the BCS National Championship game against Ohio State. The 38-24 win over the Buckeyes was keyed by a defense that forced three turnovers and had five sacks.

Following the championship victory, Pelini turned his full focus to Nebraska. His first order of business in Lincoln was to pull together the Huskers' 2008 recruiting class. Pelini successfully organized and led a recruiting charge that allowed Nebraska to sign a talented and balanced recruiting class in February. In its first full year together, Pelini's staff assembled another impressive group of recruits in 2009.

Pelini also understands the importance of the storied Nebraska walk-on program, and has integrated it as a key part of the Huskers' recruiting plan. The Cornhusker staff has welcomed nearly 50 walk-ons to the program in the first two seasons, and will continue to make the walk-on program a focus in future years.

Pelini has also reached out to two groups that form the backbone of the tradition-rich Nebraska program—its former players and its passionate fan base.

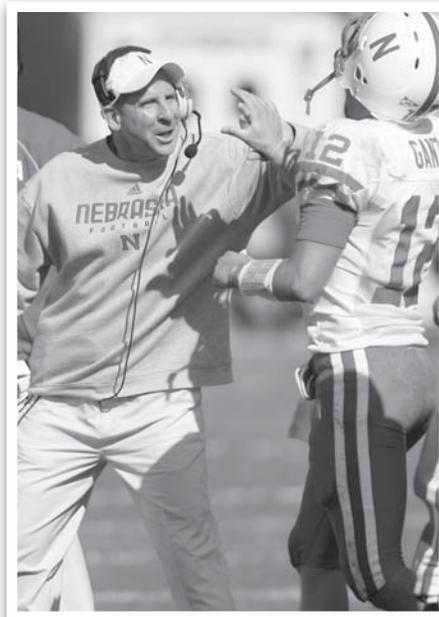
Former Cornhuskers have rallied behind Pelini's blue-collar approach to returning Nebraska to its place among the nation's elite. In turn the head coach has opened his door to those who helped build the program. Pelini has made a strong effort to connect with former players and those past Cornhuskers have become a fixture in the football offices and at practices.

Pelini has made regular public appearances around the state, reaching out to the nation's most loyal fans. The widespread support for Pelini has been evident at every stop and his simple, humble approach is a perfect fit with Nebraskans. The support for Pelini has been evident since his arrival, beginning with 80,000 fans at the Red-White Spring Game in April of 2008 to loyal followings on the road and at the Gator Bowl in Jacksonville.

While devoting time to former players, fans and attracting talented future Huskers, Pelini's No. 1 professional priority has been, and always will be, the current players in his program. Players have responded to his straight-forward message: Work hard, do the right thing and success will follow.

That approach has worked for Pelini at each of his previous stops. In his three seasons as the defensive coordinator at LSU, Pelini's dominant defenses helped the Tigers compile a 34-6 record, including the 2007 BCS national championship and the Southeastern Conference championship. The BCS title game in January of 2008 marked the third time in four years that Pelini was a part of a team that played in a BCS game.

The play of Pelini's defenses was a key part of LSU's success. The Tigers ranked third in the nation in total defense in 2007, surrendering an average of 288.8 yards per game. LSU also ranked in the top 25 nationally in pass efficiency defense (3rd), passing yards allowed per game



(9th), rush defense (14th) and scoring defense (17th). Senior defensive tackle Glenn Dorsey was the nation's most decorated defender in 2007, earning the Outland Trophy and Lombardi Award, while safety Craig Steltz earned All-America honors.

Pelini's defenses have a history of swarming to the football. LSU forced 36 turnovers in 2007, the third-most takeaways in the country, and it was a fourth-quarter interception return for a touchdown that provided the difference in LSU's SEC title-game win over Tennessee. The Tigers' 2007 defensive success was the standard for Pelini at LSU, as each of his three LSU defenses ranked No. 3 nationally in total defense.

Pelini's 2006 unit surrendered just 242.8 yards per game, the fewest by a Tiger team since 1976. The play helped LSU to a No. 3 final national ranking, and the Tigers led the SEC in six categories and also ranked in the top five nationally in scoring defense, pass defense and pass efficiency defense. A pair of Tigers earned first-team All-America honors, including Dorsey and safety LaRon Landry, who went on to become the sixth overall pick in the NFL Draft by the Washington Redskins.

In 2005, the Tigers allowed just 266.9 yards per game, and ranked in the top 10 nationally in all four major defensive categories, including third in total defense, scoring defense and pass efficiency defense. Kyle Williams and Claude Wroten were both first-team All-America selections.

Pelini served as the co-defensive coordinator on Bob Stoops' staff at Oklahoma in 2004, helping the Sooners win a Big 12 title and reach the national championship game against USC. Oklahoma finished the season ranked sixth nationally in rush defense, 11th in scoring defense and 13th in total defense.

Pelini's first collegiate full-time job came at Nebraska in 2003, when he engineered a dominant Blackshirt defense and earned widespread support from the Cornhusker faithful. As the coordinator of the Huskers' defense for Head Coach Frank Solich, Pelini led an

energized unit that finished among the Big 12 and nation's best in nearly every defensive category.

Nebraska finished the year ranked first nationally in pass efficiency defense, second in scoring defense and 11th in total defense. Pelini's defense was also one of the most opportunistic in school history. The Huskers set a school and Big 12 record with 32 interceptions and tied an NU record with 47 takeaways, helping Nebraska lead the nation in turnover margin.

Pelini began his second tour of duty at Nebraska with a victory on his resume. His first tenure in Lincoln was capped by serving as the interim head coach for Nebraska's dominant 17-3 win over Michigan State in the 2003 Alamo Bowl. NU's performance in that game reflected Pelini's personality as the Huskers controlled the line of scrimmage with the running game and the defense held MSU to just 174 total yards and a first-quarter field goal.

Overall, the six college teams Pelini has been a part of have compiled an impressive 65-14 record, winning at least nine games every season. His defenses have posted eight shutouts and held the opposition to seven points or less 28 times.

Before joining the Huskers in 2003, Pelini had nine years of NFL experience, one season at a Division I university, and one year in the high school ranks. Pelini broke into the NFL in 1994 as assistant secondary coach for head coach George Seifert and the San Francisco 49ers. Originally hired as a scouting assistant, Pelini was quickly promoted to assistant secondary coach in the spring of 1994. Less than a year after his promotion to an on-field coaching spot, Pelini was coaching in the Super Bowl, helping the 49ers to a 49-26 win over San Diego in Super Bowl XXIX. Pelini held that position for three years before moving to the Patriots for the 1997 season.

As a member of the Patriots staff, Pelini coached the linebackers under head coach Pete Carroll. Pelini helped the Patriots go 27-21 over a three-year period with the club making the playoffs twice. Pelini's efforts were highlighted with a Pro Bowl appearance by Chris Slade in 1997, the first Patriot linebacker to be named All-Pro since 1989.

After three years with the Patriots, Pelini moved to the Packers, coaching linebackers for three seasons. In three years in Green Bay with head coach Mike Sherman, the Packers posted a 33-15 record and advanced twice to the playoffs. In 2002, the Packer defense ranked fourth in the NFL in pass defense, allowing 188.4 yards per game.

Pelini got his start in coaching in 1991, serving as a graduate assistant coach at Iowa under Hayden Fry. From there he moved into the high school ranks, serving as quarterbacks coach at Cardinal Mooney High School in Youngstown, Ohio in 1993 before taking the leap to the 49ers.

A standout free safety at Ohio State from 1987 to 1990, Pelini earned four letters for the Buckeyes. He was coached by Earle Bruce in 1987 and John Cooper his final three seasons. Pelini helped the Buckeyes to a 15-8 record over his final two seasons as a starter, and he was a three-time selection to the Academic All-Big Ten team. As a senior co-captain Pelini received the "Bo Rein Award," given annually to the Buckeyes' most inspirational player.

After earning his bachelor's degree in business marketing from Ohio State in 1990, Pelini completed his master's degree in sports administration at Ohio University in 1992. Pelini and his wife, Mary Pat, have three children, a 10-year-old son, Patrick, and two daughters, Kate, 8 and Caralyn, 6.

## WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING ABOUT BO PELINI

"Bo is a great person and a great coach. He did a wonderful job for us while he was on our staff and he has obviously been successful at his other stops, as well. He will do an excellent job for Nebraska."

-- Oklahoma Head Coach Bob Stoops

"I spent five years with Bo in the NFL. He's a great football coach. He is a success due to his work ethic, toughness and the great schemes that he brings."

-- USC Head Coach Pete Carroll

"I have watched Bo's career closely, first in the NFL, then as one of the best coordinators in college football and now as the head coach at Nebraska. I think it was evident last year that he was ready to be the leader of a first-class program like Nebraska."

"Nebraska has one of the best young coaches in the country. Bo will outwork anybody and everybody to get Nebraska back among the elite of college football."

-- Kirk Herbstreit,  
ESPN College Football Analyst

"I'm just grateful I had the opportunity to play for him because he's done tremendous things for me in my career. He has, without a doubt, made me the player I am today. I just enjoy the way he coaches. I just enjoy being around him."

"Coach Pelini is going to set his goals through the roof, and he's not happy if he doesn't achieve them. He is a real intense guy. You're going to work hard, but it's going to pay off in the end."

-- Glenn Dorsey,  
2007 Lombardi Award  
and Outland Trophy winner under Pelini

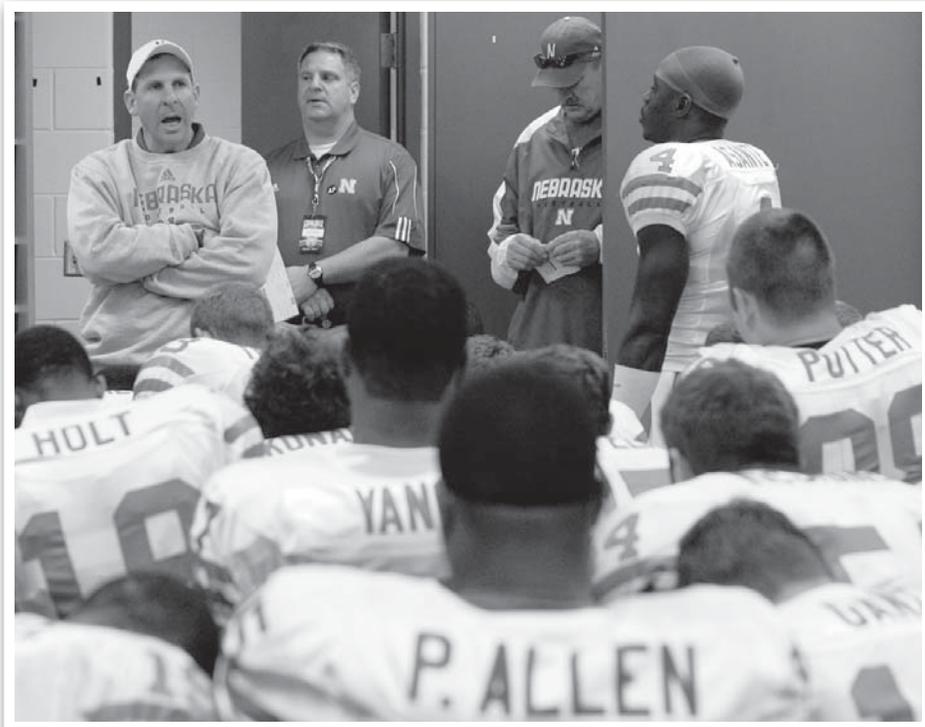
"Our football program made significant progress in one year under Bo's leadership. We are confident he has our program moving in the right direction. Bo is very straight-forward and very honest, and that is something players like. Last year you could see that our football team responded to Bo's leadership and that was a big part of the team's success."

"It is obvious that he has a good understanding of this football program and an understanding of the importance of football to the state of Nebraska."

-- Tom Osborne,  
Hall of Fame Football Coach and  
current Nebraska Athletic Director

"He's the ultimate players' coach. He is real close to the players and takes an interest in you as an individual. His determination and drive snowballs down to the players, and I think that is one reason we had so much success under him last season."

-- Zach Potter,  
Former Nebraska Defensive End



# CARL PELINI

| DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR/DEFENSIVE LINE | YOUNGSTOWN STATE (1989) |



## NOTING PELINI

» **Born:** July 15, 1965

» **Family:** Wife, Kelley, Daughters, Nicole (14), Danielle (13); Son, Dominic (8)

» **Education:** Bachelor's, English literature, Youngstown State, 1989; Master's in journalism, Kansas State, 1991; Master's in education, Ohio State, 1993.

» **Playing Experience:** 1983-84, Columbia

» **Coaching Experience:**  
*Cardinal Mooney (Ohio) HS, 1987-88*  
 assistant coach  
*Kansas State, 1989-90*  
 graduate assistant  
*Kansas State, 1991*  
 restricted earnings coach  
*Blue Valley (Kan.) HS, 1993-94*  
 assistant coach/  
 defensive coordinator  
*Winnetonka (Kan.) HS, 1995-99*  
 head coach/athletic director  
*Fitch (Ohio) HS, 2000-02*  
 head coach  
*Nebraska, 2003*  
 graduate assistant/defense  
*Minnesota State, 2004*  
 assistant coach/defensive  
 coordinator, secondary  
*Ohio, 2005-07*  
 assistant coach/defensive line  
*Nebraska, 2008-present*  
 assistant coach/defensive  
 coordinator/defensive line



Carl Pelini is in his second season on his younger brother's Nebraska coaching staff. In his first season as Nebraska's defensive coordinator and defensive line coach, Pelini helped the Huskers field one of the nation's most improved defensive units.

The Nebraska defense finished second in the Big 12 in total defense and ranked among the top 25 nationally in rushing defense. After creating 13 sacks in 2007, a re-energized Blackshirt defense had 35 sacks in 2008, third-best in the Big 12, including 19 in the final four games of the season. The Blackshirts also finished tops in the conference on third downs, allowing opposing teams to convert only 33.7 percent.

Defensive tackle Ndamukong Suh thrived under Pelini, leading the team and all Big 12 defensive linemen in tackles with 76. Suh also posted a team-high 19 tackles for loss, and led the team in sacks (7.5) and interceptions (2). For his performance Suh was a first-team All-Big 12 selection. Fellow defensive linemen Ty Steinkuhler and Zach Potter were honorable-mention All-Big 12 selections.

Pelini joined the NU staff after three seasons on Frank Solich's coaching staff at Ohio University. Pelini previously served as the Huskers' defensive graduate assistant in 2003, when Bo Pelini was the defensive coordinator. Carl Pelini worked with the defensive line, helping NU rank second nationally in scoring defense and takeaways and 11th in total defense.

Following his one season with the Huskers, Pelini spent 2004 as the defensive coordinator and secondary coach at Minnesota State Mankato, under head coach Jeff Jamrog, a former Husker player and assistant coach. Pelini helped the Mavericks to a 6-5 record after a winless season the previous year.

After one season in Mankato, Pelini was hired to coach the defensive line at Ohio University. He played a vital role in helping the Bobcats turn around their football program. The recent success in the Ohio program was highlighted by the 2006 season, when the Bobcats won the Mid-American Conference Eastern Division and played in the GMAC Bowl against Southern Miss. The nine victories by Ohio in 2006 marked the

most for the school since 1968, also the last time the school played in a bowl game.

The Bobcat defense ranked in the top 30 nationally in scoring and total defense in 2007. Pelini's defense played a key role in OU's overall success while also earning individual acclaim. In 2006, Pelini helped a pair of Bobcat defensive linemen to second-team all-league honors, marking the first time since 1996 the Ohio defensive line had multiple all-league players. While at Ohio, Pelini also coached a pair of players who earned honorable-mention freshman All-America honors.

Pelini was an accomplished high school coach prior to his first stint at Nebraska. He was the head coach at Fitch High School in Austintown, Ohio, from 2000 to 2002. Pelini rebuilt a program that had not had a winning season for eight years before his arrival, culminating with a 6-4 record in 2002. The school now boasts one of the top Division I programs in Northeast Ohio.

Pelini was also the head coach and athletic director at Winnetonka High School in Kansas City, Mo., from 1996 to 2000. He led the rebound of a program that had struggled prior to his arrival. Pelini's 1997 team finished 8-2 and he was named Suburban Conference Coach of the Year. Pelini also served as the defensive coordinator at Blue Valley High School in Overland Park, Kan.

Pelini played two seasons at Columbia University, before transferring to Youngstown State, where he completed his degree work in 1989. While working toward his bachelor's degree, Pelini was an assistant coach at his alma mater, Cardinal Mooney High School. He was a defensive graduate assistant on Bill Snyder's staff at Kansas State in 1989 and 1990, then served as a restricted earnings coach in 1991.

Pelini earned his bachelor's degree in English literature from Youngstown State in 1989. He added a master's degree in journalism from Kansas State in 1991 and a master's in education from Ohio State University in 1993.

Carl and his wife, Kelley, are the parents of three children, Nicole, Danielle and Dominic.



The Pelini family (from left): Dominic, Kelley, Nicole, Carl and Danielle.

# SHAWN WATSON

| OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR/QUARTERBACKS | SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (1982) |

Shawn Watson is in his fourth season at Nebraska and his third as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. Watson has a proven track record as a successful offensive coordinator in the Big 12 Conference and has 27 years of college coaching experience, including three years as a head coach.

Watson's balanced attack in 2008 averaged 169.8 yards per game on the ground and 281.0 yards in the air, as the Huskers' 450.8 yards of total offense per game ranked 12th nationally. Nebraska also ranked in the top 20 nationally in passing offense and scoring offense, finished second nationally in time of possession and was in the top 20 in the country in third-down conversion percentage.

In 2008, senior quarterback Joe Ganz directed Watson's offense with precision and led an assault on the NU record book. Ganz set single-season school records for total yards with 3,826 and passing yards with 3,568. He threw for 25 touchdowns while completing 67.9 percent of his passes and gained 258 yards on the ground with five touchdowns, finishing his career with more than 20 Nebraska records.

Watson was promoted to offensive coordinator before the 2007 season and immediately impacted the Nebraska offense. In 2007, the Huskers threw for a school-record 3,886 yards, including the top three passing days in school history. The Nebraska offense ranked ninth nationally at 468.2 yards per game, NU's best average since 1997.

A pair of Watson's quarterbacks allowed Nebraska to rank seventh nationally in passing with a school-record 323.8 yards per game. Senior Sam Keller threw for 2,422 yards and 14 touchdowns in the first nine games before being injured. The NU offense did not miss a beat after Watson inserted Ganz into the starting role. The junior threw for more than 400 yards in each of the final three games, including school records of 510 yards and seven touchdowns in a victory over Kansas State.

In his first season at Nebraska, Watson coached the tight ends and was the recruiting coordinator. Among his proteges during his first year at Nebraska was Matt Herian, who finished his career with a Nebraska tight end record for receptions (65) and reception yardage (1,243).

Watson came to Nebraska after seven seasons on Gary Barnett's Colorado staff from 1999 to 2005, including the last six as offensive coordinator. Watson was on the staff of four Colorado teams that won the Big 12 North Division, including a conference title in 2001.

Under Watson, Colorado's offense showed its flexibility and the ability to adapt to the Buffs' offensive talent. Colorado ranked 20th nationally in total offense in 2001, and was only the third team in CU history to average both 200 yards rushing and passing. The 2003 Buffs featured a prolific passing attack, ranking 18th nationally at 279.3 yards per game.

Colorado's 2004 team 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 career as the holder of 44 school records, including career pass completions, attempts and passing yards.

Prior to Colorado, Watson worked for Barnett at Northwestern in 1997 and 1998, serving as quarterbacks coach for the Wildcats. Watson earned his spot at Northwestern following a three-year stint as the head coach at Southern Illinois, Watson's alma mater.

During his three years at the helm, SIU compiled an 11-22 record, and produced 20 all-conference players. Two of his standout players included Mark Gagliano, who led the nation in punting in 1996, and tight end Damon Jones, who was drafted in the fifth round by Jacksonville in the 1997 NFL Draft.

Watson was named the coach at Southern Illinois after an impressive seven-year run as an assistant coach at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. At Miami, Watson tutored the tight ends for three years, wide receivers for two years and served as quarterbacks coach and recruiting coordinator in his final two seasons.

Watson's first full-time assistant coaching job came on Mike White's Illinois staff. Watson first served as a graduate assistant in 1983 and 1984, then worked with the offensive tackles and tight ends in 1985, before serving as the Illini's wide receivers coach in 1986. Watson was a part of two bowl teams at Illinois, including the 1983 Rose Bowl team.

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 SIU in 1982, then served for one season as a graduate assistant with the Salukis in 1982.

Watson and his wife, Anita, have a daughter, Amber, and two sons, Aaron and Adam, a junior walk-on receiver for the Huskers.



## NOTING WATSON

» **Born:** Sept. 21, 1959, in Carbondale, Ill.

» **Family:** Wife, Anita; Daughter, Amber (28); Sons, Aaron (22) and Adam (20)

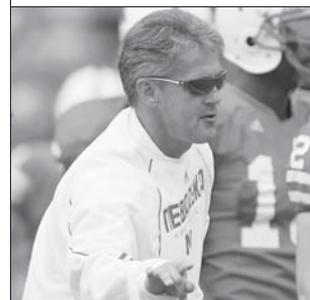
» **Education:** Bachelor's in health education, Southern Illinois at Carbondale, 1982

» **Playing Experience:** 1978, Illinois; 1980-81, Southern Illinois

» **Coaching Experience:**  
*Southern Illinois, 1982*  
 graduate assistant coach  
*Illinois, 1983-84*  
 graduate assistant coach  
*Illinois, 1985*  
 assistant coach/tight ends and offensive tackles  
*Illinois, 1986*  
 assistant coach/wide receivers  
*Miami (Ohio), 1987-89*  
 assistant coach/wide receivers/tight ends  
*Miami (Ohio), 1990-93*  
 assistant coach/quarterbacks, recruiting coordinator  
*Southern Illinois, 1994-96*  
 head coach  
*Northwestern, 1997-98*  
 assistant coach/quarterbacks  
*Colorado, 1999*  
 assistant coach/quarterbacks  
*Colorado, 2000-05*  
 assistant coach/offensive coordinator/quarterbacks  
*Nebraska, 2006*  
 assistant coach/recruiting coordinator/tight ends  
*Nebraska, 2007-present*  
 assistant coach/offensive coordinator/quarterbacks



The Watson family (from upper left): Aaron, Adam, Anita and Shawn. Not pictured: Amber.



# TIM BECK

| RUNNING BACKS | CENTRAL FLORIDA (1988) |



## NOTING BECK

» **Born:** March 14, 1966

» **Family:** Wife, Tamara; Son, Jordan (12), Daughter, Haylie Marie (9)

» **Education:** Bachelor's, liberal studies, Central Florida, 1988

» **Playing Experience:** 1984-85, Central Florida

» **Coaching Experience:**  
*Miramar (Fla.) HS, 1988-89*  
 assistant coach  
*Illinois State, 1990*  
 assistant coach/  
 outside linebackers  
*Kansas State, 1991-92*  
 graduate assistant coach  
*Saguaro (Ariz.) HS, 1993-95*  
 head coach  
*Missouri State, 1996-98*  
 assistant coach/  
 offensive coordinator  
*R.L. Turner (Texas) HS, 1999-2001*  
 head coach  
*Mansfield Summit (Texas) HS, 2002-04*  
 head coach  
*Kansas, 2005-06*  
 assistant coach/wide receivers  
*Kansas, 2007*  
 assistant coach/  
 wide receivers/  
 pass game coordinator  
*Nebraska, 2008-present*  
 assistant coach/  
 running backs



Tim Beck is in his second season on Coach Bo Pelini's Nebraska staff and serves as the Huskers' running backs coach. In his first season at Nebraska, Beck coached a prolific running game that averaged 169.8 yards per game, including three running backs who topped 450 rushing yards. Talented backs Roy Helu Jr. and Quentin Castille both return for their junior seasons in 2009.

Beck's coaching allowed Nebraska's running game to continue to improve throughout 2008. Nebraska had five games with more than 200 rushing yards in conference play, including a season-high 355 yards against Kansas State. In conference games, Nebraska ranked No. 3 in the Big 12 at 182.5 yards per game, tops in the North division.

Beck came to Nebraska with excellent knowledge of the conference after a three-year stint on Mark Mangino's coaching staff at Kansas. Beck was the Jayhawks' receivers coach each of his three seasons in Lawrence, and was promoted to pass game coordinator in February of 2007.

The Kansas passing game flourished under Beck's leadership. In 2007, Kansas featured one of the nation's most potent offenses, helping the Jayhawks to a 12-1 record and a No. 7 final national ranking. Kansas capped its season with a 24-21 victory over Virginia Tech in the FedEx Orange Bowl.

The Jayhawks finished the year ranked second nationally in scoring offense (42.8 ppg), eighth in total offense (479.8 ypg) and 17th in passing offense (291.0 ypg). Four Kansas players topped the 40-reception mark, led by senior receiver Marcus Henry, who caught 54 passes for 1,014 yards and 10 touchdowns to earn All-Big 12 honors. Junior Dexter Fields finished the year with a team-high 63 receptions, while freshman wideout Dezmon Briscoe and senior tight end Derek Fine also topped 40 receptions.

In 2006, five Jayhawk receivers caught at least 24 passes, led by Fields who snared a team-high 45 receptions. In 2005, Beck's receiving corps helped Kansas to a 7-5 record and a victory in the Fort Worth Bowl. Beck coached wide receiver Mark Simmons, who had a team-high 44 catches and finished his KU career as the school's all-time leader in receptions, while ranking second in career receiving yards.

Before joining the Jayhawks, Beck was one of the most respected high school coaches in the state of Texas, serving three seasons at

Summit High in Mansfield. He was the 2003 District Coach of the Year after leading Summit to its first-ever playoff appearance and district championship. In 2004, SHS advanced to the quarterfinals of the state playoffs with a 9-4 record and won its second straight District 4-5A title. The Jaguars finished the season with the top-ranked defense in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex.

Beck served as the head coach at R.L. Turner High in Carrollton, Texas, from 1999 to 2001. He led the school to back-to-back playoff appearances and consecutive winning seasons for the first time in 25 years. For his work, Beck was named the district coach of the year in 2000.

Prior to coaching in the Texas high school ranks, Beck worked at Missouri State for three seasons from 1996 to 1998, including one season as the offensive coordinator. In 1998, the MSU offense racked up 4,542 total yards—the fourth-best single-season mark in school history.

Beck was hired at Missouri State after leading Saguaro High School in Scottsdale, Ariz., to the 1995 4A state championship—the first state title in the school's 30-year history. Beck was named the regional coach of the year in 1994 after leading his team to an 8-3 record and a regional final appearance. In Beck's final two seasons at the school, Saguaro compiled a 23-4 record, compared to a 5-43 mark in the five seasons prior to his arrival. Among the standouts Beck coached at Saguaro was former Nebraska All-America safety Mike Brown.

The 43-year-old Beck first gained experience in the Big 12 Conference as a graduate assistant at Kansas State in 1991 and 1992 under Head Coach Bill Snyder. Beck worked on the KSU staff at the same time as Husker defensive coordinator Carl Pelini. Before his one season with the Wildcats, Beck coached the outside linebackers and punters at Illinois State in 1990. He worked in 1988 and 1989 as an assistant coach at Miramar High School in Miramar, Fla.

Beck is a native of Youngstown, Ohio, and graduated from Cardinal Mooney High, the same high school that Bo and Carl Pelini attended. Beck was a standout in football, basketball and baseball at Cardinal Mooney.

Beck played at Central Florida and earned his bachelor's degree from UCF in 1988. He and his wife, Tamara have a son, Jordan, and a daughter, Haylie Marie.



The Beck family (from left): Haylie, Tamara, Tim and Jordan.

# RON BROWN

| TIGHT ENDS | BROWN (1979) |

Veteran college assistant Ron Brown re-joined the Nebraska coaching staff in 2008 and enters his second season as the Huskers' tight ends coach. The 2009 campaign will be Brown's 19th overall season as a Nebraska assistant after serving as an assistant for 17 seasons from 1987 to 2003 under Tom Osborne and Frank Solich.

In his first season back in the collegiate game, Brown assisted with an NU offense that finished 12th nationally in total offense. Sophomore tight end Mike McNeill set a Nebraska tight end season record with 32 receptions, including six touchdown grabs. Fellow sophomore Dreu Young averaged a team-leading 15.6 yards per catch while sharing time with McNeill.

Brown served as receivers coach for his entire first tenure with the Huskers and also tutored the tight ends during his first 16 seasons on the NU staff. During his first stint, the blocking of Brown's receivers played a key role in nine NU NCAA rushing titles. Brown was the most veteran member of Solich's final Nebraska coaching staff in 2003.

Brown and former Husker Stan Parker are co-founders and co-directors of a statewide Christian ministry called Mission Nebraska. This ministry stewards numerous Christian radio stations and translators across Nebraska, along with facilitating a host of other endeavors that are near to Brown's heart. One such passion was the several I CAN CAMPS that minister to low income children throughout Nebraska.

The 52-year-old Brown spent the four years prior to his return to coaching serving as the Nebraska State Director of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. While he relinquished that duty to return to the Cornhuskers, he continues as a regular columnist for FCA's National Magazine "Sharing the Victory." Brown also hosts a national weekly one-minute sports feature called, "I Got Jesus, Who You Got."

During his time away from coaching Brown also worked as an internet, television and radio college and high school analyst for ESPN and Sports Spectrum.

Through Mission Nebraska, Brown hosts a weekly statewide cable TV show called "Truth Vision." He has authored several books on Christian character and growth.

Brown has a heart for Christian men and boys to courageously lead

in the public square. He is an outspoken advocate on many issues, including adoption, abstinence and drug and alcohol education, race relations and anti-pornography, to name a few.

Although Brown enjoys wide respect for his work away from football, he is also nationally respected for his ability as an intense teacher on the gridiron. The Husker receivers under Brown were long known for their tenacity and downfield blocking.

Despite featuring a run-based attack from 1987 to 2003, Brown's receivers and tight ends also made their mark in the passing game. The receiving corps led the Big 12 in touchdown receptions three times during Brown's tenure.

Twenty-seven of Brown's former pupils have gone on to professional careers, including tight end Johnny Mitchell, the New York Jets' first-round pick in 1992; Tyrone Hughes, the two-time Pro Bowl selection with the New Orleans Saints; and tight end Sheldon Jackson, a second-team All-America selection and 1999 draft pick of the Buffalo Bills.

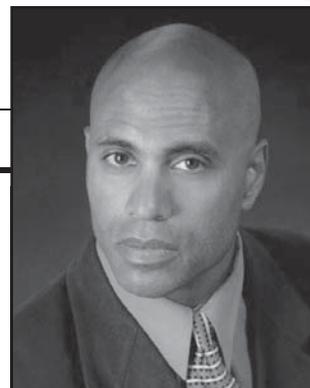
Brown has coached 35 academic all-conference players and two CoSIDA Academic All-Americans during his two tenures with the Huskers.

Brown originally joined Osborne's staff after four years of coaching at Brown University in Providence, R.I., from 1983 to 1986. Brown's first season was as the school's head freshman coach, while his last three seasons were spent as the defensive backfield coach. Brown also served as the assistant to the athletic director in 1986.

Brown was a two-time first-team All-Ivy League performer as a defensive back. He was selected to Brown University's All-Century team and the school's Sports Hall of Fame. Brown signed with three NFL teams as a free agent from 1979 to 1981.

Brown received his bachelor's degree from Brown in 1979, then earned his master's degree in health administration from Columbia University in 1982. He began his coaching career as a defensive coordinator for the semipro New Jersey Rams in 1982, before moving to his alma mater in 1983.

Brown is married to Molvina Carter and they have two daughters, Sojourner Elaine and Bronwyn Pearl.



## NOTING BROWN

» **Born:** Nov. 28, 1956, in New York City

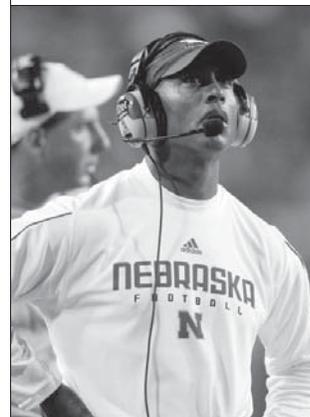
» **Family:** Wife, Molvina Carter; Daughters, Sojourner (14), Bronwyn (11)

» **Education:** Martha's Vineyard High School in Oak Bluffs, Mass.; Brown, bachelor of arts in sociology, 1979; Columbia, master's in health administration, 1982

» **Playing Experience:** 1975-78, Brown University

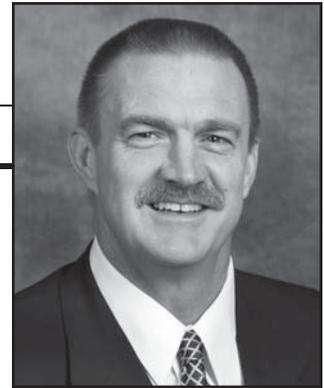
» **Coaching Experience:**  
*New Jersey Rams, 1982*  
 defensive coordinator  
*Brown, 1983*  
 head freshman coach  
*Brown, 1984-86*  
 assistant coach/defensive backs  
*Nebraska, 1987-2002*  
 assistant coach/wide receivers/tight ends  
*Nebraska, 2003*  
 assistant coach/wide receivers  
*Nebraska, 2008-present*  
 assistant coach/tight ends

» **Administrative Experience:**  
*Brown, 1986*  
 Assistant to the Athletic Director  
*Nebraska Fellowship of Christian Athletes, 2004-2007*  
 State Director



# BARNEY COTTON

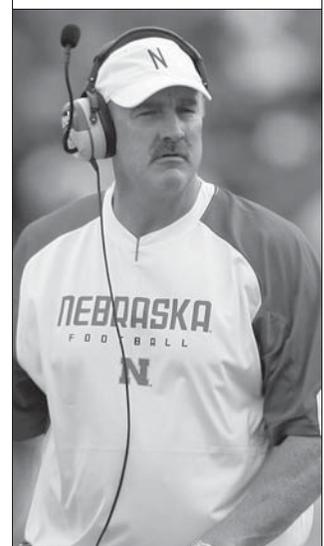
| ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH/OFFENSIVE LINE | NEBRASKA (1983) |



## NOTING COTTON

- » **Born:** Sept. 30, 1956 in Omaha, Neb.
- » **Family:** Wife, Christine; Sons, Ben (20), Jake (18) and Sam (15)
- » **Education:** Bachelor of science, Nebraska, 1983; master's, athletic administration, St. Cloud State, 1994
- » **Playing Experience:** 1975-78, Nebraska; 1979, Cincinnati Bengals; 1980-82, St. Louis Cardinals

- » **Coaching Experience:**  
*St. Cloud State, 1989-94*  
 assistant coach/offensive coordinator, offensive line  
*Hastings College, 1995-96*  
 head coach  
*New Mexico State, 1997-2002*  
 assistant head coach/offensive coordinator, offensive line  
*Nebraska, 2003*  
 assistant coach/offensive coordinator, offensive line  
*Iowa State, 2004-06*  
 assistant coach/offensive coordinator, offensive line  
*Ames (Iowa) HS, 2007*  
 volunteer offensive assistant  
*Nebraska, 2008-present*  
 associate head coach/offensive line



Barney Cotton is in his second season on Bo Pelini's staff as the offensive line coach. The Omaha native is in his third season overall as a Nebraska assistant, having previously served as offensive coordinator and offensive line coach in 2003, a position Cotton has tutored for 20 years. Cotton also serves as Nebraska's associate head coach, assisting Head Coach Bo Pelini with a number of administrative issues.

Cotton helped the Nebraska offense post impressive numbers in 2008, as the Huskers finished among the top 20 nationally in total offense, scoring offense and passing offense. Senior offensive guard Matt Slauson was a second-team All-Big 12 pick under Cotton's guidance, while center Jacob Hickman was an honorable-mention pick by the coaches and tackle Lydon Murtha was named honorable-mention by the Associated Press. The O-line paved the way for the Husker running game to average 169.8 yards per game and scored 27 touchdowns, while protecting quarterback Joe Ganz as he threw for a single-season school-record 3,568 yards, and set the single-season school-record with 3,826 total yards.

In 2003, Cotton's offensive unit helped Nebraska to a 10-3 record and a victory over Michigan State in the Alamo Bowl. Nebraska ranked among the top 10 nationally in rushing offense and four Husker offensive linemen earned all-conference accolades.

Following his successful one-year stint with the Huskers, Cotton stayed in the Big 12 Conference, serving as the offensive coordinator and offensive line coach at Iowa State. With the Cyclones, Cotton directed a potent ISU offensive attack led by quarterback Bret Meyer and record-setting receiver Todd Blythe.

In 2004, Cotton's offensive attack helped ISU to a late-season surge and a berth in the Independence Bowl where it defeated Miami (Ohio). The following season, Meyer and Blythe led ISU to a trip to the Houston Bowl as Meyer threw for 2,876 yards, the second-best total in school history, while Blythe averaged 19.6 yards per catch and topped 1,000 receiving yards. Center Scott Stephenson was a first-team All-Big 12 pick that year in his first season under Cotton.

Following his stint at ISU, Cotton served as a volunteer assistant coach at Ames High School in 2007, where he assisted with all aspects of the offense.

Before his four-year run as an offensive coordinator in the Big 12

Conference, Cotton spent the previous six seasons as the offensive coordinator and offensive line coach at New Mexico State on the staff of former Husker Tony Samuel.

Under Cotton's direction, the Aggie offense ranked in the top 25 nationally in total offense three times in six seasons—13th in 1998, 17th in 2000 and 23rd in 2002. NMSU ranked in the top 25 in rushing offense in each of Cotton's six seasons in Las Cruces, and six Aggie linemen earned all-conference accolades under Cotton's guidance.

In his final season at New Mexico State, Cotton's offense showed great diversity, rushing for 200 yards or more in eight games, while throwing for 200 or more yards four times. The Aggies led the Sun Belt Conference in passing efficiency, rushing offense and total offense in 2002, and finished No. 14 nationally in rushing offense at 214.5 yards per game.

Cotton went to New Mexico State from Hastings College, where he was head coach in 1995 and 1996. In 1995, the Broncos won the Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference Championship and made an appearance in the NAIA playoffs. Cotton was named the 1995 NIAC Coach of the Year.

Cotton spent six seasons as the offensive coordinator and offensive line coach at St. Cloud State (Minn.) from 1989 to 1994. In 1989, St. Cloud won the North Central Conference Championship and averaged more than 400 yards per game of total offense.

An all-state selection as a senior at Omaha Burke High School, Cotton played for Nebraska from 1975 to 1978. He played on the offensive line as a freshman and sophomore, then switched to defense where he started at tackle in 1977. Cotton moved back to offense for his senior season in 1978, where he earned second-team All-Big Eight honors as a guard on Osborne's Big Eight championship team.

Cotton played in the 1979 East-West Shrine Game, then was a third-round pick of the Cincinnati Bengals in 1979. After one season in Cincinnati, Cotton played three seasons with the St. Louis Cardinals from 1980 to 1982, before a knee injury forced his retirement.

Cotton earned a bachelor's degree from Nebraska in 1983 and a master's degree in athletic administration from St. Cloud State in 1994. Cotton and his wife, Christine, have three sons, Ben, Jake and Sam. Ben is a redshirt freshman tight end for the Huskers in 2009.



The Cotton family (clockwise from left): Sam, Ben, Jake, Barney and Christine.

# MIKE EKELER

| LINEBACKERS | KANSAS STATE (1995) |

Mike Ekeler is in his second season on Coach Bo Pelini's Husker defensive staff. A native Nebraskan, Ekeler serves as Nebraska's linebackers coach.

In his first season with Nebraska, Ekeler molded a young linebacking corps that helped the Huskers rank second in the Big 12 in total defense in 2008, a dramatic improvement from 2007. Nebraska allowed 126 fewer yards per game than in 2007 and cut its rushing defense average nearly in half. The defensive accomplishments came despite the linebacking corps battling numerous injuries that forced Ekeler to use six different linebackers in the starting lineup throughout the year.

Ekeler joined the Nebraska staff after spending the previous four seasons working alongside Bo Pelini. Ekeler spent the 2005 and 2006 seasons as a graduate assistant coach at LSU, working with the Tiger defense. He then served as an intern for the LSU football team in 2007, helping the Tigers win the SEC and national titles, capped by a victory over Ohio State in the BCS National Championship Game. The 2007 season marked the third time in five years Ekeler was part of a team that played in the BCS title game.

In each of Ekeler's three seasons assisting Pelini with the LSU defense, the Tigers finished third nationally in total defense. LSU finished the 2007 season with a 12-2 mark, after posting records of 11-2 in each of the previous two seasons. The Tigers were a perfect 3-0 in bowl games, winning the Peach Bowl in 2005, the Sugar Bowl following the 2006 campaign and the BCS National Championship Game in 2007.

In 2006, the LSU defense surrendered just 242.8 yards per game, the fewest by a Tiger defense since 1976. LSU led the SEC in six defensive categories and ranked in the top five nationally in four major categories. Tiger defenders Glenn Dorsey and LaRon Landry each earned first-team All-America honors.

LSU finished in the top 10 nationally in 2005 in all four major defensive categories and allowed less than 270 total yards per contest. A pair

of Tiger defensive tackles—Kyle Williams and Claude Wroten—each earned first-team All-America accolades.

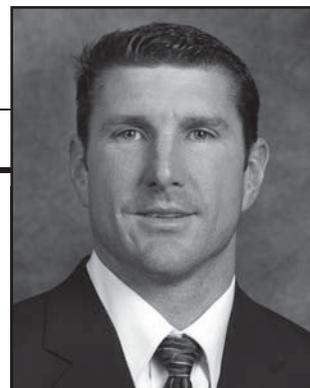
Ekeler spent the 2003 and 2004 seasons as a defensive graduate assistant at Oklahoma on Coach Bob Stoops' staff. In both of his seasons at OU, the Sooners participated in the national championship game and the Sooners posted a combined record of 24-3. In 2004, Ekeler worked alongside Bo Pelini, who served as the Sooners' co-defensive coordinator in OU's Big 12 title season.

The Blair (Neb.) High School graduate got his start in coaching, serving as a volunteer assistant at Omaha Skutt High School from 1999 to 2001. The following season, Ekeler served as an assistant coach at Manhattan (Kan.) High School, before moving into the college game. Prior to his stint in the high school ranks, Ekeler spent seven years in private business, owning a sales company based in Omaha.

Ekeler earned a reputation as a hard-nosed, fiery competitor during his playing days at Kansas State from 1991 to 1994. A four-year letterman, Ekeler was a linebacker and special teams standout for Coach Bill Snyder's teams, including the 1993 Copper Bowl and 1994 Aloha Bowl teams. Snyder appointed Ekeler as a captain in 1994, the only self-appointed captain during Snyder's 17 seasons as Wildcat head coach. His special teams play was noted as Ekeler was honored for his special teams play as the George Michael Sports Machine Special Teams Player of the Year. He also earned academic all-conference honors while at Kansas State.

Ekeler played a key role in Blair High School's 1988 Class B state championship as a junior wide receiver and linebacker.

Ekeler graduated from Kansas State in 1995 with a bachelor's degree in social science. He and his wife, Barbie, have four children, J.J., Cameryn, Abigail and Bella.



## NOTING EKELER

» **Born:** Oct. 4, 1971 in David City, Neb.

» **Family:** Wife, Barbie; Son, J.J. (8); Daughters, Cameryn (7), Abigail (5), Bella (1)

» **Education:** Bachelor's, social science, Kansas State, 1995

» **Playing Experience:** 1991-94, Kansas State

» **Coaching Experience:**  
 Omaha (Neb.) Skutt HS, 1999-2001  
 volunteer coach  
 Manhattan (Kan.) HS, 2002  
 assistant coach  
 Oklahoma, 2003-04  
 graduate assistant/defense  
 LSU, 2005-06  
 graduate assistant coach/defense  
 LSU, 2007  
 football intern  
 Nebraska, 2008-present  
 assistant coach/linebackers



The Ekeler family (from left): Mike, Abigail, Cameryn, J.J., Barbie and Bella.



# TED GILMORE

| ASSISTANT HEAD COACH-OFFENSE/WIDE RECEIVERS/RECRUITING COORDINATOR | WYOMING (1991) |

Ted Gilmore enters his fifth season on the Nebraska coaching staff in 2009. He has served as the receivers coach for each of his first four years, while also handling the role of recruiting coordinator the past three years. The 42-year-old Gilmore added the role of assistant head coach on Bo Pelini's staff.

Husker receivers have posted record-setting numbers under Gilmore's direction, helping the NU passing game rank among the nation's top 15 in passing and total offense each of the past two seasons. In 2008, senior Nate Swift broke 1972 Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Rodgers' school record for career receptions. Swift finished his career with 166 catches for 2,476 yards and 22 touchdowns. Swift also set the season record for catches by wide receivers with 63 in 2008 and he finished second at Nebraska in season and career receiving yards.

Todd Peterson also excelled under Gilmore, ranking among the NU top five in career receptions and receiving yards. His 62 catches in 2008 rank third in Husker history. Peterson also became one of the most decorated student-athletes in recent years, picking up second-team Academic All-America honors in 2008.

Gilmore is considered a rising star in the profession. In 2007, he was selected to participate in the Expert Coaches Academy in Miami, and his receivers have seen success at all of his coaching stops.

In 2007, the NU receivers were the catalyst behind an offense that ranked seventh nationally in passing and ninth in total offense, while producing the top three passing days in school history.

Seniors Terrence Nunn and Maurice Purify finished their eligibility as the No. 2 and No. 5 career receivers at Nebraska. Nunn finished with 136 career catches, just seven shy of Johnny Rodgers' then-school-record total, and also finished third in career receiving yardage. Purify caught 57 passes as a senior, the second-best total in school history, and finished his two-year NU career with 16 touchdowns to rank No. 3 on that career list. Purify earned honorable-mention All-Big 12 honors for his efforts in 2007.

Gilmore came to Nebraska after spending two seasons on the coaching staff at the University of Colorado, where he also served as receivers coach and worked on the same staff as NU offensive coordinator Shawn Watson. Gilmore guided D.J. Hackett and Derek McCoy, who

combined for 141 receptions, 1,896 yards and 18 touchdowns in 2003. Hackett set the school record with 78 receptions as a senior and was a first-team All-Big 12 selection before being taken in the 2004 NFL Draft by the Seattle Seahawks. In 2004, Gilmore helped five Colorado wideouts catch 20 or more passes.

Before his stint in Boulder, Gilmore spent two years as the wide receivers coach for Joe Tiller at Purdue. Gilmore coached the top receiving tandem in the Big Ten in 2002, when Taylor Stubblefield and John Standeford combined for 152 receptions and 2,096 yards.

Stubblefield became the NCAA career leader with 316 receptions after catching at least one pass in all 47 collegiate games. He was a Biletnikoff Award finalist and consensus All-American in 2004, after scoring a school-record 14 touchdowns. Standeford finished his career as the all-time Big Ten leader with 266 receptions and 3,788 yards, and he was a semifinalist for the 2003 Biletnikoff Award, while also earning two first-team CoSIDA Academic All-America certificates.

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 on Tiller's Wyoming staff from 1994 to 1996, working with the tight ends and wide receivers, including two-time All-American and Biletnikoff Award winner Marcus Harris. One of two All-WAC selections under Gilmore, along with Wendell Montgomery, Harris was the first receiver in NCAA history to record at least 1,400 receiving yards in three consecutive seasons. He won the Biletnikoff Award as the nation's top receiver in 1996 after setting the NCAA record with 4,518 receiving yards.

Gilmore played his final two college seasons at Wyoming, lettering as a receiver in 1988 and 1989, after transferring from Butler County (Kan.) Community College. He caught 40 passes for a team-leading 594 yards and three touchdowns as a junior, and had 32 receptions for 445 yards and two touchdowns as a senior. He earned second-team All-Western Athletic Conference honors as a senior. Gilmore earned his bachelor's degree in sociology from Wyoming in 1991.

A native of Wichita, Kan., Gilmore graduated from Wichita South High School, where he lettered in football, basketball and track. He and his wife, Jennifer, have a daughter, Taylor, and a son, T.J.



## NOTING GILMORE

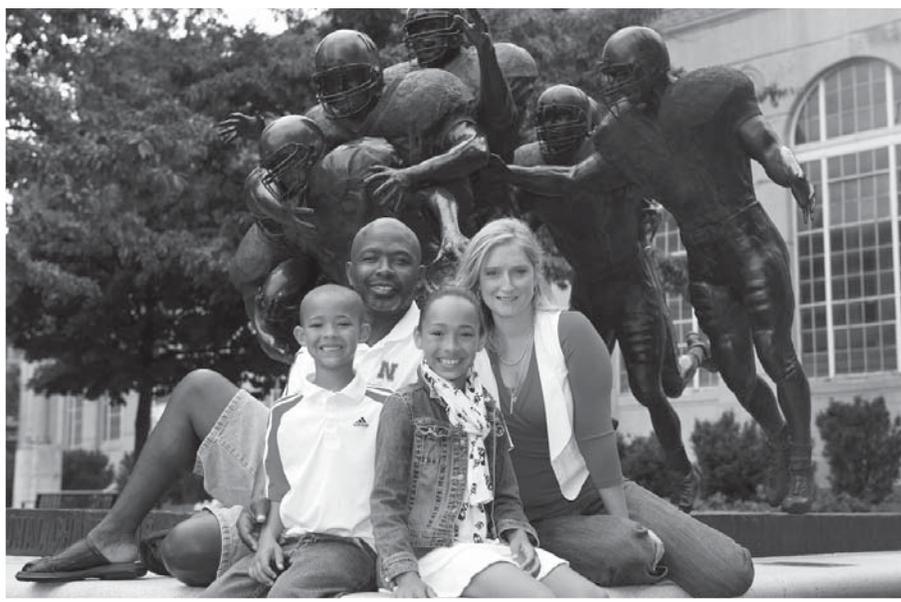
» **Born:** March 21, 1967, in Wichita, Kan.

» **Family:** Wife, Jennifer; Daughter, Taylor (9); Son, T.J. (6)

» **Education:** University of Wyoming, bachelor's, sociology, 1991

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

» **Coaching Experience:**  
 Wyoming, 1994-96  
 graduate assistant/receivers/  
 tight ends  
 Wyoming, 1997-98  
 assistant coach/wide receivers  
 Kansas, 1999  
 assistant coach/tight ends  
 Houston, 2000  
 assistant coach/wide receivers  
 Purdue, 2001-02  
 assistant coach/wide receivers  
 Colorado, 2003-04  
 assistant coach/wide receivers  
 Nebraska, 2005-06  
 assistant coach/wide receivers  
 Nebraska, 2007  
 assistant coach/wide receivers,  
 recruiting coordinator  
 Nebraska, 2008-present  
 assistant head coach/wide  
 receivers, recruiting coordinator



The Gilmore family (from top left): Ted, Jennifer, Taylor and T.J.



# JOHN PAPUCHIS

| DEFENSIVE ENDS | VIRGINIA TECH (2001) |

John Papuchis enters his second season on the Nebraska coaching staff. Papuchis tutors the Nebraska defensive ends and also plays a key role with the Husker special teams.

In his first year in Lincoln, Papuchis saw starting defensive ends Zach Potter and Pierre Allen combine for 26 tackles for loss and 10.5 sacks, with Potter earning honorable-mention All-Big 12 accolades. The defensive ends helped a Nebraska defense that finished second in the Big 12 in total defense.

The special teams unit had a banner year under Papuchis in 2008, headlined by place-kicker Alex Henery's school-record 57-yard game-winning field goal against Colorado. Henery finished the year 18-of-21 on field goals and missed just one extra point. He was chosen as a second-team All-Big 12 pick. The Huskers also ranked in the top 25 nationally in punt returns, and returned both a kickoff and punt for a touchdown in the same season for the first time since 1998.

Papuchis joined the Nebraska coaching staff after spending the previous four seasons on the football staff at LSU. Papuchis worked closely with Nebraska Head Coach Bo Pelini during their time together in Baton Rouge. Papuchis served as a defensive intern for the Tigers, assisting in every aspect of the defensive gameplan and scouting reports.

The efforts of Papuchis helped the Tigers rank among the nation's top defenses throughout his time with LSU. The Tigers ranked third nationally in total defense each season from 2005 to 2007. In 2007, the Tiger defense helped LSU to SEC and national titles, capped by a 38-24 victory over Ohio State in the BCS National Championship Game.

The Tigers had a pair of consensus All-Americans in defensive tackle Glenn Dorsey and safety Craig Steltz. Dorsey was one of the nation's most decorated players, collecting the 2007 Outland Trophy, Lombardi Award and Nagurski Trophy.

In 2006, the LSU defense surrendered just 242.8 yards per game, the fewest by a Tiger defense team since 1976. LSU led the SEC in six defensive categories and ranked in the top five nationally in four major categories. LSU finished in the top 10 nationally in all four major defensive categories in 2005, and allowed less than 270 total yards per contest. Papuchis also coached the Tiger punters. In 2007, punter Patrick Fisher led the SEC in punting with a 44.5-yard average and earned first-team All-SEC honors.

Papuchis first joined Nick Saban's LSU staff prior to the 2004 season, helping the team earn a berth in the Capital One Bowl.

Papuchis had a three-year stint as a graduate assistant at Kansas from 2001 to 2003. In 2001, he worked with the Jayhawk secondary and then assisted with the linebackers. In his final season in Lawrence, Papuchis helped the Jayhawks earn a berth in the Tangerine Bowl.

Papuchis graduated from Virginia Tech in 2001 with a bachelor's degree in business management. He earned his master's degree in sports administration from Kansas in 2003.

Papuchis is a native of Gaithersburg, Md. He and his wife, Billie, have a one-year-old daughter, Addyson, and are expecting their second child in August.



### NOTING PAPUCHIS

» **Born:** April 23, 1978 in Gaithersburg, Md.

» **Family:** Wife, Billie; Daughter, Addyson (1)

» **Education:** Bachelor's, business management, Virginia Tech, 2001; master's, sports administration, Kansas, 2003

» **Coaching Experience:**  
 Kansas, 2001-03  
 graduate assistant/defense  
 LSU, 2004-07  
 defensive intern/  
 graduate assistant  
 Nebraska, 2008-present  
 assistant coach/defensive ends



The Papuchis family (from left): John, Addyson and Billie.



# MARVIN SANDERS

| ASSISTANT HEAD COACH-DEFENSE/SECONDARY | NEBRASKA (1988) |



## NOTING SANDERS

» **Born:** Oct. 2, 1967 in Chicago, Ill.

» **Family:** Wife, Susan; Daughter, Chandler Marie (17); Son, Payton (13)

» **Education:** Bachelor's, business administration, Nebraska, 1990

» **Playing Experience:** 1985-89, Nebraska

» **Coaching Experience:**  
*Nebraska Wesleyan, 1992-93*  
 assistant coach/secondary  
*Minnesota-Morris, 1994*  
 assistant coach/secondary,  
 sports information director  
*Nebraska-Omaha, 1995-96*  
 assistant coach/secondary  
*Nebraska-Omaha, 1997-99*  
 assistant coach/  
 defensive coordinator  
*New Mexico State, 2000*  
 assistant coach/defensive ends,  
 outside linebackers  
*Colorado State, 2001-02*  
 assistant coach/secondary  
*Nebraska, 2003*  
 assistant coach/defensive backs  
*North Carolina, 2004-06*  
 assistant coach/defensive  
 coordinator, defensive backs  
*Nebraska, 2008*  
 assistant coach/secondary  
*Nebraska, 2009-present*  
 assistant head coach-defense/  
 secondary



Former Nebraska defensive back and assistant coach Marvin Sanders is in his second season as the secondary coach on Bo Pelini's Cornhusker staff. Sanders has 16 years of experience in the college ranks, including previously serving as the NU defensive backs coach in 2003. In 2009, Sanders has added the title of assistant head coach-defense.

In 2008, Sanders developed a young Nebraska secondary that helped the Huskers rank second in the Big 12 Conference in total defense. In a loaded conference that included five of the nation's top eight passing offenses, the Husker secondary rose to the occasion, ranking second in the Big 12 in pass defense, allowing 233.4 yards per game. Seven Husker opponents in 2008 ranked in the nation's top 20 in passing offense. The play of the secondary did not go unnoticed, as Larry Asante was an honorable-mention All-Big 12 selection.

Sanders' first opportunity as a Nebraska assistant was a memorable season for the Blackshirts. NU set a school record with 47 takeaways in 2003, keying a 10-3 season, which culminated with a trip to the Alamo Bowl. The Blackshirt defense set a school and Big 12 record with 32 interceptions and led the nation in pass efficiency defense, while finishing second in the country in scoring defense. Safety Josh Bullocks recorded a school-record 10 interceptions and became just the second NU sophomore in school history to earn All-America honors. Bullocks was also a semifinalist for the Jim Thorpe Award.

Following his one season with the Huskers, Sanders was an assistant for three seasons at North Carolina. In his first season at UNC, Sanders was the co-defensive coordinator and secondary coach and helped the Tar Heels reach the Continental Tire Bowl and post a 5-3 record in the Atlantic Coast Conference. UNC won three of its final four games, largely due to defensive improvement. The Tar Heels allowed 338 yards per game in the final four games, including just 234 against Duke, the fewest by a UNC defense in three years.

Sanders was defensive coordinator and defensive backs coach in his final two seasons with the Tar Heels. Carolina jumped more than 60 spots to 42nd nationally in total defense in 2005. The Tar Heels had several strong efforts, including holding Virginia to 199 total yards in a 7-5 victory. UNC also limited Boston College to just 14 points and held opponents to 280.4 yards per contest in its five victories. Carolina posted its highest sack total since 2000, and its highest interception total since 1999 under Sanders' leadership.

In 2006, one of Sanders' pupils, senior Kareen Taylor, intercepted five passes to rank fourth in the ACC and among the top 25 nationally in interceptions.

Sanders had an accomplished record as a collegiate assistant before he joined the Nebraska staff in 2003. He came to Lincoln after a two-year stint as the secondary coach on Sonny Lubick's Colorado State staff. The Rams posted a 17-9 record during Sanders' two seasons in Fort Collins. In 2002, CSU posted a 10-4 record and won the Mountain West title to earn a trip to the Liberty Bowl, while the Rams played in the New Orleans Bowl in 2001. Sanders coached defensive back Jason Gallimore to first-team all-league honors in 2001, while return specialist Dexter Wynn was a first-team pick in both 2001 and 2002.

Before his two seasons at CSU, Sanders spent one season at New Mexico State, where he coached defensive ends and outside linebackers for Head Coach Tony Samuel.

Sanders' first stint as an assistant coach in the state of Nebraska came from 1995 to 1999 when he spent five seasons on Pat Behrns' staff at Nebraska-Omaha. Sanders was the Mavericks' secondary coach for all five seasons and was the team's defensive coordinator for his final three years in Omaha. UNO won two North Central Conference titles and appeared in the NCAA Division II playoffs twice during Sanders' tenure. The UNO defense finished eighth nationally against the run in 1998 and set the school single-season sack record in 1999.

A native of Markham, Ill., a Chicago suburb, Sanders was the secondary coach at Minnesota-Morris in 1994, where he also served as sports information director. Sanders coached at Nebraska Wesleyan in 1992 and 1993.

Sanders earned three letters as a defensive back at Nebraska from 1987 to 1989, playing for Tom Osborne and secondary coach George Darlington. Sanders started the first seven games of his senior season at free safety, before suffering a shoulder injury. Sanders finished 1989 with 26 tackles and two interceptions in nine games and earned honorable-mention All-Big Eight honors for the Fiesta Bowl squad.

Sanders received his bachelor's degree in business administration from Nebraska in 1990. He is married to the former Susan M. Hyland of Omaha. They have a daughter, Chandler Marie, and a son, Payton.



The Sanders family (clockwise from top left): Susan, Chandler Marie, Marvin and Payton.

# JEFF JAMROG

| ASSISTANT A.D. FOR FOOTBALL | NEBRASKA (1987) |

Former Nebraska player and assistant coach Jeff Jamrog is in his second year as the Assistant Athletic Director for Football Operations for the Husker program. Jamrog re-joined Coach Bo Pelini's Nebraska staff after four seasons as a collegiate head coach.

In his role, Jamrog is key in the administrative aspects of the football program and serves as a liaison with other parts of the athletic department. He works closely with Pelini and Athletic Director Tom Osborne on all football operations, and assists with the Huskers' recruiting efforts.

Jamrog also coordinates the travel, budget and staffing for the football office, assists with football scheduling, oversees the compliance, strength training, equipment and academic support units regarding football issues and also supervises football support staffs. He is also the driving force behind the organization of Nebraska's football coaches clinics and youth camps.

Jamrog returned to Nebraska after spending four seasons as the head coach at Minnesota State-Mankato. The 44-year-old Jamrog guided his Maverick teams to a 17-27 overall record, including a 6-5 mark in 2004—the program's first winning season since 1994. The team boasted a six-game improvement in victories, which was not only a school record but tied for the fifth-largest single-season jump in NCAA Division II history.

The Maverick players coached by Jamrog also distinguished themselves in the classroom. Defensive lineman Spencer Dickinson earned a spot on the ESPN the Magazine Academic All-America team in both 2006 and 2007. While leading the Maverick program, Jamrog handled many of the duties he encounters on a daily basis with the Huskers.

His four-year run at Minnesota State came after a brief stint as the defensive coordinator at Western Illinois University in the spring of 2004. Prior to that appointment, Jamrog had spent the previous four seasons as the defensive line coach on Frank Solich's staff at Nebraska.

Jamrog tutored the Huskers' interior defensive linemen in each of his four years on the defensive staff. In his final season, Jamrog also

coached the defensive ends and was named special teams coordinator for the 2003 Huskers. During his time with the Huskers, Jamrog helped Nebraska play for the national championship in the Rose Bowl following the 2001 season, along with two trips to the Alamo Bowl (2000, 2003) and an appearance in the Independence Bowl (2002).

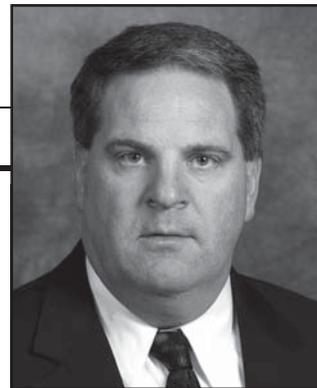
The 2003 Nebraska defense led the country in takeaways, while ranking second nationally in scoring defense. Jamrog's special teams units were also among the nation's best totaling 21 blocked kicks and 11 punt returns for touchdowns in four years. With Jamrog as special teams coordinator in 2003, Nebraska led the Big 12 and ranked ninth nationally in net punting.

Before his first tenure on the Nebraska coaching staff, Jamrog spent three years as defensive coordinator and inside linebackers coach at New Mexico State. He helped Head Coach Tony Samuel turn around a program that had just two winning seasons in the previous 31 years.

Jamrog served as the defensive coordinator at Nebraska-Omaha from 1994 to 1996, and helped the Mavs to the 1996 North Central Conference title—the first outright title in school history. UNO earned a No. 4 national ranking, and improved by seven wins over 1995, the second-largest turnaround in Division II history. Jamrog was the inside linebackers coach and special teams coordinator at the University of South Dakota from 1990 to 1993. He began his coaching career at Nebraska in 1988 and 1989 as a graduate assistant.

Originally a walk-on for the Huskers, Jamrog played for the freshman team in 1983, redshirted in 1984, then lettered for three years as a defensive end. As a senior, Jamrog started and had 66 tackles, eight sacks and 13 tackles for loss. Jamrog was a CoSIDA first-team Academic All-American in 1987 and was an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship recipient. He was also the winner of the 1987 Guy Chamberlin Trophy.

He earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from Nebraska in 1987 and his master's in business administration in 1990. Jamrog and his wife, Connie, have three children -- Elizabeth, Brett and Jared.



## NOTING JAMROG

» **Born:** Feb. 4, 1965, in Omaha, Neb.

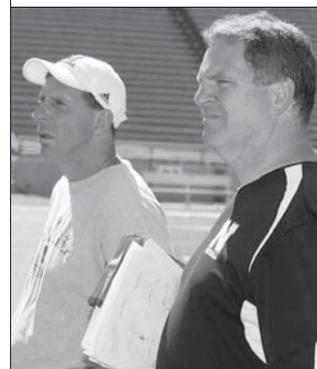
» **Family:** Wife, Connie; Daughter, Elizabeth (18); Sons, Brett (16) and Jared (14).

» **Education:** Bachelor's, business administration, Nebraska, 1987; master's, business administration, Nebraska, 1990

» **Playing Experience:** 1983-87, Nebraska

» **Coaching Experience:**  
*Nebraska, 1988-89*  
 graduate assistant coach  
*South Dakota, 1990-93*  
 assistant coach/inside linebackers, special teams, academic coordinator  
*Nebraska-Omaha, 1994-96*  
 assistant coach/defensive coordinator, defensive line, inside linebackers  
*New Mexico State, 1997-99*  
 assistant coach/defensive coordinator, inside linebackers  
*Nebraska, 2000-02*  
 assistant coach/defensive line/special teams  
*Nebraska, 2003*  
 assistant coach/defensive line, defensive ends, special teams coordinator  
*Minnesota State, 2004-07*  
 head coach

» **Administrative Experience:**  
*Nebraska, 2008*  
 Assistant Athletic Director for Football Operations



The Jamrog family (clockwise from left): Connie, Brett, Elizabeth, Jared and Jeff.

# JAMES DOBSON

| HEAD FOOTBALL STRENGTH COACH | WISCONSIN (1996) |

James Dobson joined the Nebraska football staff in January 2008 as Head Football Strength Coach. He oversees all aspects of the Husker strength and conditioning program for football, which includes, winter conditioning, summer workouts and in-season training.

In Dobson's first season directing Nebraska's strength and conditioning efforts, the Huskers saw gains both on and off the field. Outstanding conditioning was a key factor in NU outscoring its opponents 155-52 in the fourth quarter in 2008. Nebraska's point total and scoring differential in the fourth quarter were both second-best in the nation.

Prior to Nebraska, Dobson was part of the Iowa Hawkeye football program. He was in Iowa City during one of the most successful periods in school history. Iowa appeared in bowl games in six of seven seasons and won 38 games from 2002 to 2005. Iowa won 25 Big Ten games in that same period, including Big Ten titles in 2002 and 2004.

With the Hawkeye program, Dobson worked under Chris Doyle, who is regarded as one of the nation's top strength coaches. Top pupils Dobson has worked with include safety Bob Sanders, tight end Dallas Clark, offensive tackle Robert Gallery and linebacker Chad Greenway.

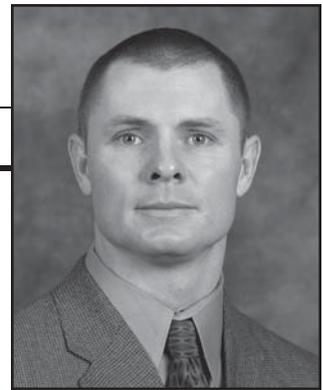
Sanders earned All-America honors at Iowa in 2003, and was the 2007 NFL Defensive Player of the Year with the Indianapolis Colts. Clark began his Hawkeye career as a walk-on linebacker, but moved to tight end and

went on to earn All-America honors in 2002, before being a first-round draft pick. Gallery came to Iowa as a 240-pound tight end, and through the strength program, he left as a 320-pound offensive tackle, won the 2003 Outland Trophy and was the second overall selection in the 2004 draft. Greenway earned All-America honors as a senior in 2005, and was a first-round pick of the Minnesota Vikings in 2006.

In addition to his experience at Iowa, Dobson worked for two years as an assistant strength and conditioning coach at Southern Methodist, working with the football, volleyball and basketball teams.

Dobson attended the University of Wisconsin, where he worked as a student assistant with the Badger football team for three seasons. He earned his B.S. degree in kinesiology from Wisconsin in 1996, and his master's of science and administration degree from Central Michigan in 2004.

A certified strength and conditioning specialist and a member of the National Strength and Conditioning Association, Dobson is a native of Mt. Horeb, Wis. He and his wife, Rebecca, have a son, Colton, and a daughter, Elise.



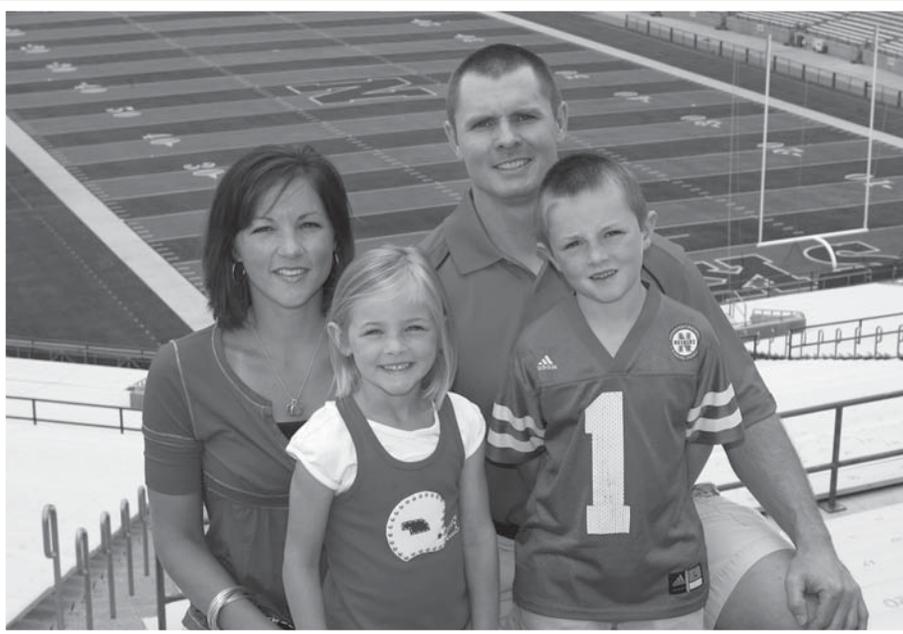
## NOTING DOBSON

» **Born:** Nov. 8, 1973 in Madison, Wis.

» **Family:** Wife, Rebecca; Son, Colton, Daughter, Elise

» **Education:** Bachelor's, kinesiology, Wisconsin, 1996; master's, science and administration, Central Michigan, 2004

» **Strength Coaching Experience:**  
 Wisconsin, 1994-96  
 Student assistant  
 SMU, 1997-98  
 Assistant Strength Coach  
 Iowa, 1999-2007  
 Assistant Strength Coach  
 Nebraska, 2008-present  
 Strength Coach



The Dobson family (from left): Rebecca, Elise, James and Colton.



# ROSS WATSON

GRADUATE ASSISTANT  
(DEFENSE)



Ross Watson is in his second season as a graduate assistant coach with the Nebraska defensive staff. In his first year in Lincoln, Watson assisted in a dramatic Cornhusker defensive resurgence. Nebraska ranked second in the Big 12 in total defense in 2008, and improved its per game average by more than 125 yards.

Watson joined the Huskers after spending two seasons as the cornerbacks coach at his alma mater, Division III powerhouse Mount Union College in Alliance, Ohio. During Watson's two years on the Purple Raider staff, Mount Union posted a 29-1 record and won the 2006 national championship, before finishing as the Division III runner-up in 2007.

In 2007, Watson assisted with a defense that posted seven shutouts, including six straight at one point in the season. Mount Union held opponents to just 173.7 total yards per game and intercepted 17 passes during the season. In 2006, the Raider defense was just as strong, allowing just 186.0 yards per game and earning four shutouts during a 15-0 season. Mount Union also intercepted 22 passes during their 2006 championship run.

The 25-year-old Watson was a four-year letterwinner (2002-05) for Mount Union before joining the coaching staff. He started for each of his final three years at cornerback and earned first-team All-Ohio Athletic Conference and first-team AFCA All-America honors as a senior in 2005. Watson led the team with nine interceptions as a senior, just one shy of the school record. In his career, Watson totaled 146 tackles, 14 interceptions and 29 pass breakups.

A native of Youngstown, Ohio, Watson graduated from Mount Union in 2006 with a degree in business administration. He is pursuing a master's degree in education administration at Nebraska.

# CURT BALDUS

GRADUATE ASSISTANT  
(OFFENSE)



Curt Baldus rejoined the Husker coaching staff in January 2008 and is in his second season as an offensive graduate assistant coach. Baldus previously worked in the Cornhusker program as an offensive intern from February 2006 to January 2007.

The Husker offense was one of the nation's best in 2008. Nebraska finished 12th nationally in total offense and also ranked in the top 20 in passing offense and scoring offense. Quarterback Joe Ganz set Nebraska season records for passing yards and total offensive yards.

Baldus rejoined the Huskers after one season at the University of Buffalo where he served as a graduate assistant under head coach Turner Gill. He assisted with the coaching of the the offensive line, kickers and punters. In 2007, Buffalo was MAC East Co-Champions and Baldus coached Ben Woods, who finished in the top 10 nationally in Ray Guy Award voting. Baldus was also in charge of opponent scouting reports, film breakdown and on-campus recruiting.

In his previous time with the Huskers as an intern, Baldus worked on film break-down, drawing offensive plays for weekly game plans and development of opponent scouting reports.

While at St. Cloud State University from July 2002 to December 2004 as a graduate assistant, Baldus helped with aspects of the offense and worked with kickers, punters and strength and conditioning. He helped St. Cloud State to a North Central Conference Co-Championship in 2002.

Baldus is well-traveled in the college ranks, working in athletic departments at Oklahoma State and Gustavus Adolphus College.

Baldus' playing career started at Chaska High School in Minnesota where he excelled in football as a three-year starter while earning honorable-mention All-Metro honors in 1996 and all-conference accolades in 1997 as a quarterback. Baldus then moved onto Gustavus Adolphus where he played defensive back, outside linebacker and kicker. He earned all-conference honors as a kicker and was a District Five Verizon All-Academic Team member in 2001.

Baldus earned his master's in both physical science and sport management from St. Cloud State University.

# WINCE MORRIS

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF  
FOOTBALL OPERATIONS



Wince Morris is in his fourth year with the Nebraska football program and serves as the assistant director of football operations. Morris plays a large role in organizing team travel, and is part of the Huskers' advance travel group. He assists Assistant Athletic Director Jeff Jamrog with all aspects of football operations, including playing a key role in Nebraska's summer camps. He also assists with on-campus recruiting, among other assigned duties.

Morris came to the Huskers after working nine months in private business in the Cincinnati, Ohio, area. Morris worked in the commercial capital division at National City Bank in Cincinnati before joining the Huskers, after spending four years as a litigation paralegal at Manley, Burke in Cincinnati. A 1997 graduate of Miami (Ohio), Morris played football for the RedHawks before earning a degree in sociology; thematic sequence - political science public law in 1997.

Morris was married to the former Kristina Teague in July.

# MEGAN ROGERS

COORDINATOR OF  
ON-CAMPUS RECRUITING



Megan Rogers is in her second year as coordinator of on-campus recruiting for the Nebraska football program. She is responsible for organizing and managing all aspects of the day-to-day operations of the recruiting department, including organizing all official and unofficial visits. She has played a key role in the facilities improvements projects for recruiting in the football offices.

Rogers came to Nebraska after spending the 2007 season as the director of football administration at Colorado. Rogers, who was just the second woman to hold that title at Colorado, was in charge of organizing all aspects of team travel, serving as the liaison with the players' parents and support groups, aiding in the coordination of CU's football camps, coordinating travel for Head Coach Dan Hawkins and both coordinators and serving on various athletic committees. Overall, Rogers spent four seasons in the CU athletic department.

Rogers earned her bachelor's degree in psychology from Colorado in 2002. She spent five years as a student equipment manager for the Buffaloes' football team.

# AARYN KEARNEY

FOOTBALL RECRUITING  
STAFF ASSISTANT



Aaryn Kearney joined the Nebraska football office on a full-time basis in February of 2009 as a recruiting staff assistant. Kearney assists in coordinating the recruiting process for the coaching staff including correspondence to prospects and coaches and organizing NCAA compliance records pertaining to recruiting activities and campus visits. Kearney had worked in the recruiting office as a student worker for the previous year before his full-time appointment.

A native of Auburn, Neb., Kearney has been associated with the Husker football program since 2003, serving as a football student manager for five seasons. Kearney served as the head student manager during the 2007 season and was awarded the Tom and Terri Burnell Student Manager Scholarship that year. In addition to assisting the coaching staff in his role as a manager, Kearney was also actively involved with the Big Red Football School and coaching clinics.

Kearney graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in December of 2008 with a bachelor's degree in communication studies.

## MIKE NOBLER

VIDEO COORDINATOR



Mike Nobler is in his first year on the Nebraska staff where he serves as football video director. Nobler's primary responsibility lies in overseeing Nebraska's 36-client XOS coaching video network that is utilized by the whole football coaching staff on a near-daily basis. Along with a video staff of seven, Nobler implements the video system for the day-to-day use by coaches, including the taping and editing of practice and games along with opponent video breakdowns.

Nobler previously spent two years as a field representative for the maker of the Huskers' current video system, XOSTechnologies. He provided on-site support, installations of all software and hardware as well as staff training on the video system in college football and basketball and NFL video departments. Nobler also provided maintenance and troubleshooting for technical issues in the Windows-based programs along with various other XOS software applications.

Nobler is making a return to a college football video department after spending four years as assistant video director at Oklahoma. He handled video of practice and games while working alongside the OU coaching staff as a video editor, and was a co-network administrator supporting the OU video setup. Nobler also spent one year in a similar video position at Illinois. A year earlier, he served a 12-month video internship with the St. Louis Rams.

A native of Lake Villa, Ill., Nobler graduated from Western Illinois University in 2001 with a degree in communications. He is married to the former Heather Saluri.

## LINDA LEUPOLD

ASSISTANT TO COACH PELINI



Linda Leupold moved into the football office in 2004 and serves as Coach Bo Pelini's assistant. Leupold's current responsibilities include handling correspondence, scheduling and autograph requests for Coach Pelini, in addition to maintaining student-athlete eligibility and participation forms for the football program. She also assists with camps and coaches clinics.

Leupold began working at Nebraska in 1982 as a receptionist at the city campus union. In 1984, she became involved with the NU Athletic Department as the track and field secretary before handling the same duties with the golf, tennis and wrestling teams beginning in 1996.

Leupold's husband, Mike, also works for the University as the assistant director for operations at the city campus union.

## JONI DUFF

ASSISTANT TO THE DEFENSE



Joni Duff began her association with the Nebraska football office in 1980. Duff serves as a secretary to the defensive assistant coaches and handles multiple office functions.

She is married to Craig Duff, and they have two sons, Alex and Nathan.

## MATT SCHILLING

ASSISTANT VIDEO COORDINATOR



Matt Schilling is in his fourth season on the football staff as an assistant video coordinator. Schilling assists in providing all video needs for the Husker coaching staff, including film exchange and breakdown of practice and game footage.

Schilling came to Nebraska after spending more than a year as the video coordinator at Ball State. He previously served as a student video coordinator at Southern Illinois for four years, where he also worked with the men's and women's basketball teams for three seasons.

A native of Downers Grove, Ill., Schilling earned his bachelor's degree in radio/television production from Southern Illinois in 2004. Schilling is married to the former Alison Klingensmith, and the couple is expecting their first child in October.

## TERI RIGGINS

ASSISTANT TO THE OFFENSE



Teri Riggins has served as a secretary in the football office since 1998 and began her association with the athletic department in 1996. Riggins is in her fifth year as the secretary to the offensive assistant coaches. Previously she served as the recruiting staff assistant for six years and two seasons as the track and field office secretary.

Before joining the athletic department, she worked at Nebraska-Kearney for the Dean of the College of Education, in the Student Services office at Iowa Western CC and at Duncan Aviation.

An alumnus of the American Institute of Business in Des Moines, Iowa, Riggins and her husband, Jim, are the parents of Brenda Riggins and the late Jamie Riggins-Bayer. Teri and Jim are guardians for grandchildren Joshua, Victoria and Sampson; and have a fourth grandson, Marc.

### FOOTBALL INTERNS



Doug Colman



Brett Diersen



Jon Garrison



Scott Johnston



Chris Kiffin



Jake Wesch

# DR. LONNIE ALBERS

ASSISTANT ATHLETIC DIRECTOR FOR ATHLETIC MEDICINE



Dr. Lonnie Albers has served as director of athletic medicine at Nebraska since 1995 and has been working with the athletic department since 1985. He oversees the operations of the athletic medicine and athletic training facilities and staff.

Albers practiced clinical medicine in Lincoln for more than 10 years and has 20 years of experience in urgent care. He previously served as a team physician from 1985 through 1995. Albers is responsible for the medical care of the student-athletes and maintains a pharmacy permit in order to dispense medicine to student-athletes as needed. A Hildreth, Neb., native, Albers is a certified medical review officer and administers Nebraska's drug testing programs.

Albers earned his bachelor's degree in biology and English from Nebraska in 1977 and his M.D. from the University of Nebraska Medical Center in 1980. He also is board certified in Family Practice. Albers is married to the former Jodelle Glushenko, and they have three children, Scott, Michelle and Angela.

# MARK MAYER

HEAD FOOTBALL ATHLETIC TRAINER



Mark Mayer (pronounced Meyer) is in his third season as Nebraska's head football athletic trainer. Mayer came to the Nebraska program with more than a dozen years of experience in athletic medicine, including serving the previous nine years as the assistant athletic trainer for the Oakland Raiders.

Mayer heads up Nebraska's athletic medicine efforts for the football team. His responsibilities include year-round preventive care, immediate care for injured athletes at practices and games, and the reconditioning of injured athletes.

Prior to joining the Raiders, he served first as an athletic trainer intern in 1995 and gained full-time status in 1998 as a strength and conditioning assistant. Mayer also served as a student athletic trainer for UC Davis from 1992 to 1994. He was named a full-time assistant athletic trainer for Oakland in 1999 and served in that capacity for Super Bowl XXXVII in 2003 when the AFC Champion Raiders faced the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

In his 11 years with the Raiders, Mayer worked with former Husker players Adam Treu, John Parrella, Eric Johnson, Aaron Graham and Fabian Washington.

Originally from San Leandro, Calif., Mayer graduated from the University of California at Davis in 1994, and served as a student athletic trainer for UC Davis from 1992 to 1994. He earned his bachelor's of science degree in physical education and is certified by the National Athletic Trainers Association.

Married to the former Kira Schoeneman, Mayer and his wife have two children, 6-year old daughter Savannah Audren and 3-year old son Boston Zachary.

# JERRY WEBER

HEAD ATHLETIC TRAINER



Jerry Weber began his association with the Nebraska athletic medicine staff in 1977 and has been head athletic trainer and associate director of athletic medicine since 1996.

In his duties as head athletic trainer and physical therapist, he oversees the operation of all athletic medicine facilities and supervises the Husker staff of athletic trainers, graduate and undergraduate student assistants. Along with his duties as head athletic trainer, Weber directs the orthopaedic rehabilitation and coordinates the return to sport programs with orthopaedic specialists and athletic training staff. During the spring he also works with the men's gymnastics and baseball teams.

A Sidney, Neb., native, Weber earned a bachelor's degree in zoology from Nebraska in 1974. He earned his physical therapy degree from UNMC in 1976 and his master's degree from Western Illinois in 1977.

Weber has enjoyed a distinguished career at Nebraska. He was honored in June of 2004 by the National Athletic Trainers Association (NATA) as one of 18 members to receive the Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer award. In the spring of 2003, Weber was inducted into the District V NATA Hall of Fame for his many years of service to that organization. Weber was also honored by the Nebraska Football Hall of Fame when he received the 2001 Lyell Bremser Special Merit Award.

# PATRICK SPIELDENNER

ASSISTANT FOOTBALL ATHLETIC TRAINER



Patrick Spieldenner joined the Nebraska Athletic Department as an assistant football athletic trainer in July of 2007. Spieldenner assists with all aspects of the athletic medicine efforts for the football team, including year-round preventive care, immediate care for injured athletes at practice and games and the reconditioning of injured athletes.

Spieldenner came to Nebraska from the University of New Mexico, where he was the head athletic trainer for men's soccer and an assistant athletic trainer for football. He graduated from the University of New Mexico with his master's degree in physical education with an emphasis in sports administration in December of 2006. He earned his bachelor's degree in kinesiology with an emphasis in athletic training from San Diego State in 2004, where he spent more than three years as a student athletic trainer.

Outside of collegiate sports, Spieldenner spent season-long appointments with the NBA-D League's Albuquerque Thunderbirds and the NFL Europe's Rhein Fire, as well as season and summer internships with the NFL's San Diego Chargers.

Spieldenner, who is married to the former Lianna Shupe, is originally from Northern California.

## ADDITIONAL FOOTBALL ASSISTANTS AND STUDENT STAFF

**Football Strength and Conditioning Staff:** Brian Kmita, Brandon Rigoni, Willie Jones

**Student Managers:** Jordon Kavan, Steve Swett, Jered Matzke, Paul Belz, Sam Stanley, Brad Vonnahme, Kyle Herchenbach, Bobby Maffei, Kendall Chalmers, Jerilyn Sykes, Tanner Dunbar, Braxton Staack, Ethan Smith, Tyler Recker, Bryce Havlovic, Derrick Blomstedt

**Graduate Assistant Athletic Trainer:** Brandon Deromedi

**Student Athletic Trainers:** Melissa Bowers, Head Student Athletic Trainer; Megan Jensen; Brent Albrecht; Alex Wheatley; Chad Stahlecker; Jonathon Block

**Student Video Assistants:** Matt Haron, Matt Peters, Patrick Webb, Evin Hale, Andrew Karmann

**Football Office Student Assistants:** Kiara Letcher, Kaila Lewallen, Megan Cunningham, Marlo Mauer, Elizabeth Venrick, Hanna Reinhardt

## CHAD WADE

ASSISTANT STRENGTH COACH



Chad Wade is an assistant strength coach for football who began his association with the athletic performance team in 1996. Previously, Wade was the Bob Devaney Sports Center strength coach for three years, working primarily with the men's and women's basketball teams, and served three years as the assistant strength coach at the Bob Devaney Sports Center. With the football team, Wade helps head football strength coach James Dobson coordinate workouts.

Wade, who is Strength and Conditioning Coach Certified (S.C.C.C.), received a bachelor's degree in sports management with a minor in psychology from Nebraska Wesleyan in 1996. Wade also played football for the Plainsmen from 1992 to 1994.

Wade is married to the former Amber Burgess, who lettered for the Husker softball team from 2000 to 2003. The couple has a son, Burgess, who will celebrate his first birthday in September.

## TYLER CLARKE

ASSISTANT STRENGTH COACH



Tyler Clarke is in his second season as an assistant strength coach for the football program. Like Head Football Strength Coach James Dobson, Clarke came to Nebraska from the University of Iowa where he spent three seasons as an assistant strength and conditioning coach.

With the Huskers, Clarke will assist Dobson with all aspects of the Nebraska strength and conditioning program for football, which includes winter conditioning, summer workouts and in-season training.

Previously, Clarke served as a student assistant with the Hawkeye strength and conditioning staff while working toward his degree. He earned his bachelor's degree in Health and Sports Studies from Iowa in 2005 and his master's degree in administration from Central Michigan in 2008. He is a certified strength and conditioning specialist and is a member of the National Strength and Conditioning Association. A native of Ames, Iowa, Clarke is also American Red Cross CPR Certified.

## JOSH HINGST

SPORTS NUTRITIONIST



Josh Hingst joined the Nebraska Athletic Department as sports nutritionist in April of 2009. The sports nutrition department integrates healthy choices in the daily activities for all of the Huskers' 23 varsity sports. In this role, Hingst directs body composition analysis, nutrition education, performance fueling strategies, eating disorder prevention and counseling, sports supplements and hydration. He also plays a vital role in coordinating meals on the road for all Nebraska teams.

Hingst's professional licenses and certifications include: Registered Dietician, Strength and Conditioning Coach Certified, and Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist.

Hingst previously served as team nutritionist for the Atlanta Falcons during the 2008 season, after spending five years in strength and conditioning and sports nutrition capacities at Florida State. During his time at FSU, Hingst earned his master's degree in clinical nutrition with an

emphasis in sports nutrition. Hingst received his bachelor's degrees in nutritional sciences and dietetics and exercise science from Nebraska in 2001, and was an assistant strength and conditioning coach for the Huskers as a student at Nebraska.

Hingst is a native of Hooper, Neb., and married his wife, Rebecca Thieneman, in 2006.

## JAY TERRY

HEAD EQUIPMENT MANAGER



Jay Terry has been equipment manager at Nebraska since 2002 and has served on the Nebraska athletic department equipment staff since 1998. Terry also spent two years as a student equipment manager before serving as an assistant equipment manager for four years.

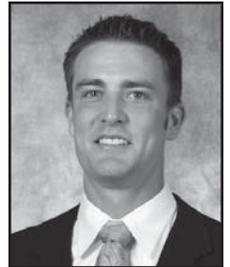
Terry maintains the Husker football locker room and is in charge of the football team's equipment needs. He coordinates the transportation of all football and support equipment to road games, and oversees Nebraska's equipment staff of three full-time assistants and several student workers who handle all 23 of Nebraska's sports. Terry is also in charge of overseeing the Husker football student managers.

A native of Cozad, Neb., Terry has been a member of the Athletic Equipment Managers Association for 11 years. He earned a degree in communication studies from the University of Nebraska in May 2004.

Terry is married to the former Heather Bridger and they have an infant son, Connor, who was born in April.

## CHRIS MCQUILLAN

ASSISTANT EQUIPMENT MANAGER



Chris McQuillan is in his fourth year as assistant equipment manager and eighth year with the University of Nebraska athletic department.

A 2006 graduate of Nebraska with a bachelor's degree in business administration, McQuillan was hired full-time in the summer of 2006 after serving the previous four years as a student equipment manager. McQuillan, who lettered for the Husker track team as an undergraduate in 2002, is responsible for the care of football and baseball equipment and maintenance of the locker rooms at Haymarket Park.

# DENNIS LEBLANC

SENIOR ASSOCIATE A.D./  
ACADEMICS, COMPLIANCE,  
PLANNING



Dennis Leblanc has been with the Nebraska athletic department since 1983 and has been a member of the academic support program for student-athletes since 1987. He has been the director of the academic program since 1993, was named an associate athletic director in 1998 and was promoted to Senior Associate Athletic Director in August of 2007.

Leblanc is the day-to-day academic advisor for the Husker football team. Under Leblanc, Nebraska is the national leader in CoSIDA Academic All-Americans for football and all sports, NCAA Today's Top Eight Award honorees and recipients of the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame Postgraduate Scholarship.

Leblanc is an active member of the National Association of Academic Advisors for Athletes (N4A). In 2002, he received the prestigious Lan Hewlett Award, presented to an athletic administrator in recognition of distinguished performance in providing personal, academic and professional guidance to student-athletes.

Leblanc earned his undergraduate degree from Bethany College, and a master's degree from Wichita State. He and his wife, Coreen, have four children, including daughters Olivia and twins Madeleine and Mackenzie, and a son, Christian.

# KEITH ZIMMER

ASSOCIATE A.D./LIFE SKILLS



Keith Zimmer utilizes his 20 years of life skills and student services experience to support all current Nebraska student-athletes in addition to providing life skills guidance to former student-athletes and staff. Zimmer is also responsible for overseeing sports psychology services available to Nebraska student-athletes.

Zimmer has worked at NU since 1988, including overseeing the Nebraska's marketing department from August 2007 through March 2008. His passion is in life skills, where he is regarded as a national leader in the field. In September of 2006, he earned the Dr. Gene Hooks Award as the Life Skills Administrator of the Year. Zimmer has served as a Life Skills trainer for the NCAA and is active with the National Consortium for Academics and Sport.

Zimmer continues to serve as the advisor of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and remains very active in the Ventures In Partnership program where student-athletes are integrated into various outreach initiatives with Lincoln Public Schools.

Zimmer earned his bachelor's degree at Wayne State College and his master's in education from Springfield (Mass.) College. Zimmer and his wife, Michelle, have two sons, Logan and Caden.

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