

## WES CAMMACK

WIDE RECEIVER | 5-11 | 200 | SR.-3VL

DEWITT, NEB.  
(TRI COUNTY)



- » Two-Time First-Team Academic All-Big 12 (2007, 2008)
- » Four-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll (2005, 2006, 2007, 2008)
- » Four-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll (2006, 2007, 2008, 2009)

### 2009 OUTLOOK

Senior Wes Cammack has supplied depth in the Nebraska receiving corps each of the past three seasons, while also playing a key role on the Husker special teams units. This spring the Nebraska native will try to make a push for playing time in a receiving corps that lost two of the top five receivers in school history in Todd Peterson and Nate Swift.

A walk-on performer, Cammack has played in 26 games over the past three seasons, primarily on special teams. He has one career catch and was one of Nebraska's leading special teams tacklers in 2008. Cammack is also one of Nebraska's top scholar-athletes. He is on track to earn his degree in agricultural engineering in May of 2010 and carries a 3.888 cumulative grade-point average. A UNL Regents Scholar, Cammack is a two-time first-team academic All-Big 12 selection.

### 2008 (JUNIOR)

Cammack played in all 13 games, and had a five-yard catch in the 38-7 win over New Mexico State. While he saw limited time as a receiver, Cammack was a special teams standout, primarily on kickoff coverage. He had nine tackles, including eight solo stops. He had solo tackles in five games, before making a career-high two tackles against both Colorado and Clemson.

### 2007 (SOPHOMORE)

Cammack saw action in 11 of 12 games, primarily on special teams. He made three tackles on Nebraska's coverage units, with single tackles against Wake Forest, Ball State and Kansas State. He also saw limited action as a receiver.

### 2006 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

Cammack provided depth in the receiving corps and on the special teams units. He appeared in games against Colorado and Auburn.

### 2005 (REDSHIRT)

Cammack redshirted in his first season at Nebraska.

### BEFORE NEBRASKA (TRI COUNTY HS)

Cammack was a two-way standout at Tri County High School. He rushed for 1,887 yards in his career, including 1,245 as a senior, and scored 21 total touchdowns. He also intercepted 13 passes and had 104 solo tackles on defense. Cammack was a first-team all-state pick by the Omaha World-Herald and earned all-district accolades his last three years. He excelled in basketball and track, lettering four times each. Cammack ran to four gold medals at the state track meet and averaged 20.8 ppg as a senior on the hardwood.

### PERSONAL

Wes is the son of Troy and Mary Cammack, and was born on Sept. 24, 1986. Cammack has been named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll each of his first eight semesters on campus. He is also active in the community, volunteering on local hospital visits, as well as with the Dads of Kids with Disabilities program and at the Village Manor Retirement center.

## MIKE CAPUTO

OFFENSIVE LINE | 6-1 | 275 | So.-1VL

OMAHA, NEB.  
(MILLARD NORTH)



### 2009 OUTLOOK

Sophomore Mike Caputo emerged as a key performer for the Nebraska offensive line during spring practice. After seeing action as the No. 2 center as a redshirt freshman, the Omaha native is poised for a larger role this fall. Caputo worked as senior Jacob Hickman's backup at center for much of the spring, but also worked with the top unit, which allowed the coaching staff to experiment with using Hickman at guard.

The 6-1, 275-pound Caputo is undersized for an offensive lineman, but uses outstanding technique to compensate. He is one of eight returning lettermen on the offensive line.

### 2008 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

Caputo served as a reliable backup to starter Jacob Hickman throughout the season. Caputo played in seven games and helped the Nebraska offense rank among the top 20 nationally in scoring, passing and total offense.

### 2007 (REDSHIRT)

Caputo sat out his first season as a redshirt and worked with the scout team.

### BEFORE NEBRASKA (MILLARD NORTH HS)

Caputo was an outstanding two-way player for Millard North High School and Coach Fred Petito. Caputo helped Millard North reach four straight Class A state semifinals (2003-06) including a victory in the title game in 2005. For his efforts in 2006, Caputo was named to the Class A all-state team by both the Lincoln Journal Star and the Omaha World-Herald. Caputo received offers from several Division II schools, as well as being asked to walk-on at a handful of Division I schools before deciding on Nebraska.

### PERSONAL

Caputo was born on May 2, 1989, and he is the son of Tony and Maryann Caputo. Caputo is majoring in communication studies and has assisted with Nebraska's hospital visits, the Omaha Heart Walk and volunteered at Elliott Elementary School.

## AUSTIN CASSIDY

SAFETY | 6-1 | 210 | So.

LINCOLN, NEB.  
(SOUTHWEST)



- » Two-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll (2007, 2008)

- » Two-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll (2008, 2009)

### 2009 OUTLOOK

Sophomore Austin Cassidy will bid to earn playing time in a deep and experienced Nebraska secondary in 2009. Cassidy will enter fall camp as a reserve safety behind seniors Larry Asante, Matt O'Hanlon and Rickey Thenarse, who all have significant starting experience under their belts. The 6-1, 210-pound Cassidy will also look to push for action on the Husker special teams.

A Lincoln Southwest graduate, Cassidy excels in the classroom, carrying a 3.818 cumulative grade-point average. He has been named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll each of his four semesters of college.

### 2008 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

Cassidy served as a reserve safety behind Asante, O'Hanlon and Thenarse throughout the season. He appeared in NU wins over New Mexico State and Kansas State and made an unassisted tackle against the Aggies.

**2007 (REDSHIRT)**

Cassidy sat out his first season as a redshirt and worked with the scout team.

**BEFORE NEBRASKA (LINCOLN SOUTHWEST HS)**

Cassidy was a standout performer for Coach Mark King at Lincoln Southwest High School, where he was a first-team Super-State pick by the Lincoln Journal Star and a second-team All-Nebraska selection by the Omaha World-Herald. Cassidy compiled a 14-1 record as the Silverhawks' starting quarterback, including a perfect regular season in 2006. Cassidy rushed for 1,507 yards as a senior, averaging a Class A best 8.3 yards per carry, with eight runs of 40 or more yards.

A captain on the football team, Cassidy was one of the state's top all-around athletes. He qualified for the state track meet in the pole vault, the 110- and 300-meter hurdles in his junior and senior seasons, and was the Class A gold medalist in the pole vault as a junior. His all-around performance earned him Male Athlete-of-the-Year honors at Southwest. Cassidy attracted recruiting interest from Northwestern, Air Force, Buffalo, Princeton, Cornell, South Dakota, Northern Colorado and UNO.

**PERSONAL**

Austin was born on Aug. 5, 1988, and is the son of Tim and Nancy Cassidy. He is majoring in psychology and earned perfect 4.0 grade-point averages each of the past two semesters. Austin has volunteered his time with Nebraska's team hospital visits as well as the F Street Recreation Center and Legacy Retirement Center. Austin's father was the NU Associate Athletic Director for Football Operations from 2004 to 2007.

# QUENTIN CASTILLE

I-BACK | 6-1 | 235 | JR.-2L  
LA PORTE, TEXAS

**2009 OUTLOOK**

Quentin Castille has been a vital part of the Nebraska running game in each of his first two seasons in the program, and his role is expected to grow in 2009. The 6-1, 235-pound Castille and fellow junior Roy Helu Jr. are expected to give Nebraska one of the nation's top running back tandems and help the Huskers develop a strong rushing attack.

Castille first aided Nebraska as a true freshman as a power back in short-yardage situations. He dropped more than 15 pounds before his sophomore season which allowed him to refine his all-around skills and show the ability to be an every-down back in the Husker offense. He gained nearly 500 yards on the ground last season, capped by his best career performance in the Gator Bowl victory over Clemson.

**2008 (SOPHOMORE)**

Castille was Nebraska's third-leading rusher with 467 yards and six touchdowns on 106 rushing attempts. He also caught nine passes for 109 yards. After rotating at I-back with Helu and senior Marlon Lucky throughout 2008, Castille broke out against Clemson. With both Helu and Lucky slowed by injury, Castille gained 125 yards on 18 carries and caught a 20-yard pass. His effort included second-half runs of 58 and 40 yards, and allowed Nebraska to rally from a pair of 11-point deficits for the victory. The runs were the two longest rushes of Castille's two-year career.

Castille carried six times in each of the first two games, with a touchdown against San Jose State. In the opener against Western Michigan, he had a career-high 38 receiving yards on three catches, including a career-long 31-yard catch. He rushed 10 times for 75 yards in a 38-7 win over New Mexico State. Castille bulled his way to 70 yards and a touchdown on 11 carries at Iowa State. He added 49 yards on five carries against Kansas and six carries for 51 yards and a score at Kansas State. Included in his effort at KSU was a then-career-long 37-yard touchdown run on a 4th-and-1 play in the first quarter. He capped the regular season with 12 carries and his sixth touchdown in the 40-31 victory over Colorado.

Castille's play helped the Husker running game flourish in the second half of the season. In Big 12 games, Nebraska ranked third in the conference in rushing, with more than 180 yards per game, including better than 210 yards per contest in the final six games.

**2007 (FRESHMAN)**

Castille was Nebraska's second-leading rusher with 76 carries for 343 yards and four touchdowns. He had four games with 50 or more rushing yards, and had five or more carries seven times. He lost only four yards on his 76 rushing attempts and added three catches for 33 yards.

Castille carried 18 times for 78 yards and two touchdowns in his college debut against Nevada, helping NU roll up more than 400 rushing yards. Castille had six carries for 28 yards at Wake Forest, then had five carries for 16 yards and a touchdown in a one-point win over Ball State. He also had his first career reception against the Cardinals.

Castille had his top game with 20 carries for 102 yards against Oklahoma State, including a season-long 23-yard run. He added nine carries for 60 yards and a touchdown a week later against Texas A&M. Castille rumbled for 50 yards on 11 carries against Kansas State, and caught one pass each against KSU and Colorado.

**BEFORE NEBRASKA (LA PORTE HS)**

Castille posted huge numbers for La Porte High School and Coach Jeff LaReau as a senior when he rushed for more than 1,800 yards and 22 touchdowns, while averaging nearly eight yards per carry. Castille also caught 12 passes, including a pair of receiving touchdowns. Castille had three 200-yard outings as a senior, including better than 300 yards and six touchdowns against Dobie and 250 yards in a win over Port Arthur Memorial. Castille was a second-team all-state pick and first-team all-district selection for his efforts.

As a junior, Castille rushed for approximately 1,200 yards and 11 touchdowns, while averaging 7.5 yards per tote. His performance as a junior earned him a unanimous all-district selection. Overall, Castille racked up more than 4,000 rushing yards during his prep career. Castille ranked among the top 40 prospects in Texas and the top 250 nationally, while earning recognition as one of the top fullback prospects by several recruiting outlets. Castille chose Nebraska over Louisville.

**PERSONAL**

Quentin is the son of Wanda Castille and was born on April 25, 1989. He is a sociology major and has been a volunteer at the F Street Recreation Center and assisted with local hospital visits.

**CAREER STATISTICS**

Year	G/S	Att.	Gain	Loss	Net	Y/A	Y/G	Long	TD
2007	12/0	76	347	4	343	4.9	28.6	23 vs. OSU	4
2008	13/1	106	505	38	467	4.4	35.9	58 vs. Clemson	6
<b>Totals</b>	<b>25/1</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>852</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>32.4</b>	<b>58 vs. Clemson</b>	<b>10</b>

**SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS**

Rushing Attempts—20 vs. Oklahoma State, 2007  
 Rushing Yards—125 vs. Clemson, 2009 Gator Bowl  
 Long Rush—58, vs. Clemson, 2009 Gator Bowl  
 Rushing Touchdowns—2 vs. Nevada, 2007  
 Receptions—3 vs. Western Michigan, 2008  
 Receiving Yards—38 vs. Western Michigan, 2008

**2008 GAME-BY-GAME RUSHING STATISTICS**

Opponent	No.	Yards	Long	TD
Western Michigan	6	5	2	0
San Jose State	6	7	3	1
New Mexico State	10	75	17	0
Virginia Tech	3	8	4	0
Missouri	12	26	6	0
at Texas Tech	3	6	4	1
at Iowa State	11	70	19	1
Baylor	7	31	8	0
at Oklahoma	7	2	2	1
Kansas	5	49	18	0
at Kansas State	6	51	37	1
Colorado	12	12	8	1
vs. Clemson	18	125	58	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>6</b>

## SEUNG HOON CHOI

OFFENSIVE LINE | 6-2 | 295 | RFR.

LINCOLN, NEB.

(CHRISTIAN)



### 2009 OUTLOOK

Redshirt freshman Seung Hoon Choi sat out the 2008 season as a redshirt after joining the Nebraska program as a walk-on. The 6-2, 295-pound Choi will enter fall camp listed as a reserve at guard and he is expected to provide depth in an offensive line that returns eight letterwinners for the 2009 season.

Choi is a native of Seoul, South Korea and came to Lincoln during eighth grade. He first played football during his sophomore year at Lincoln Christian High School.

### 2008 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

Choi walked on and sat out his first season as a redshirt.

### BEFORE NEBRASKA (LINCOLN CHRISTIAN HS)

Choi earned honorable-mention all-state honors in Class C-1 his senior year by both the Lincoln Journal Star and Omaha World-Herald. Choi was coached by Matt Farup at Lincoln Christian. Choi finished his high school career with a sixth-place finish in the shot put at the 2008 state track meet.

### PERSONAL

Seung was born on Nov. 24, 1989, in Seoul, South Korea. He is the son of San Jo Coi and Yu Mi Chu, who still reside in South Korea. Choi is majoring in management.

## ANDY CHRISTENSEN

OFFENSIVE LINE | 6-3 | 305 | SR.-2VL

LINCOLN, NEB.

(CHRISTIAN)



» CoSIDA Second-Team Academic All-District VII (2006)

» First-Team Academic All-Big 12 (2006)

» Five-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll (2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008)

» Four-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll (2005, 2006, 2007, 2009)

### 2009 OUTLOOK

Offensive guard Andy Christensen will enter his sixth season in a Nebraska uniform in 2009 after being granted an extra year of eligibility by the NCAA this spring. Christensen has missed the majority of two seasons because of injury, affording him the opportunity to petition for an extra season.

The 6-3, 310-pound Christensen is one of eight returning lettermen on the offensive line, and has the power and ability to contend for significant playing time in the fall. After spring ball, returning starter Keith Williams held a firm grasp on the left guard spot, but the right guard job remained open and Christensen hopes to be a factor in that race this fall.

Christensen has extensive playing experience having started nine games in 2006 and 2007, before suffering a season-ending knee injury early in the 2007 season. He returned to the team last fall, but did not see game action. Christensen has been an academic standout throughout his time at Nebraska. He graduated in May of 2008 with a degree in construction management, and is on track to earn his master's degree in the same field in May of 2010.

### 2008 (SENIOR)

Christensen returned to the Nebraska roster in September of 2008, following a suspension, and was a reserve throughout the season. He did not see game action.

### 2007 (JUNIOR)

Christensen was entrenched as a starting guard before he went down with a season-ending knee injury in the third game against USC.

### 2006 (SOPHOMORE)

Christensen played in all 14 games with six starts. He served as Nebraska's top reserve at both guard positions during the early portion of the season. However, Christensen moved into the starting lineup at mid-season after Greg Austin continued to battle knee injuries.

Christensen helped Nebraska to five 200-yard rushing games as four Husker I-backs combined to run for more than 2,400 yards and 26 touchdowns. He played a key role in protecting senior quarterback Zac Taylor, who earned Big 12 Offensive Player-of-the-Year honors, while throwing for a school-record 3,197 yards. In addition to his work on the offensive front, Christensen was also on NU's PAT and FG units.

### 2005 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

Christensen was expected to see significant playing time on the offensive line, but suffered a shoulder injury during fall camp. The subsequent surgery sidelined him for the entire season.

### 2004 (REDSHIRT)

One of five native Nebraskans in the 2004 class, Christensen redshirted and made an excellent impression on the scout team.

### BEFORE NEBRASKA (BENNINGTON HS)

Christensen was a two-way standout for Coach Greg Bohn at Bennington High, where he started for three years at offensive tackle and was a four-year starter at defensive tackle. As a senior, Christensen compiled 112 tackles and 10 sacks to help the Badgers earn a state playoff berth. He was also a dominant blocker, earning second-team All-Nebraska honors and first-team Class C-2 honors from the Omaha World-Herald. Christensen earned second-team Super-State honors from the Lincoln Journal Star and was a first-team Class C-2 pick as an offensive lineman. As a junior, he led Class C-2 with more than 120 tackles, while recording 10 sacks.

Christensen also captured the Class C heavyweight wrestling state title as a senior. He also finished fourth in the state as a sophomore and was a state qualifier as a freshman. In track, he won the Class C state shot put title by nearly seven feet with a heave of 60-5, the second-best throw regardless of class at the 2004 state meet. He added a third-place finish in the discus with a throw of 157-3.

Christensen produced a 4.1 grade-point average and ranked in the top five percent of his class. He was also a member of the National Honor Society. Christensen chose Nebraska over Iowa, Iowa State and Colorado State.

### PERSONAL

The son of Don and Denise Christensen, Andy was born in Omaha on June 24, 1986. He has been named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll nine times, and completed his undergraduate work in construction management in May of 2008. He was a second-team CoSIDA Academic All-District VII pick in 2006 and was a first-team academic All-Big 12 selection the same season. He owns better than a 3.93 grade-point average in his graduate work.

### CAREER NUMBERS

Games Played - 17 (14 in 2006, 3 in 2007)

Games Started - 9 (6 in 2006, 3 in 2007)



# WILL COMPTON

LINEBACKER | 6-2 | 225 | RFR.

BONNE TERRE, MO.

(NORTH COUNTY)



» Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll (2008)

## 2009 OUTLOOK

Redshirt freshman Will Compton is a key part of a talented group of young linebackers in the Nebraska program who are expected to make an impact in 2009. The 6-2, 225-pound Compton will enter fall camp as a leading contender for the starting Mike linebacker job along with seniors Colton Koehler and Phillip Dillard, who each had starting experience last fall.

Compton contended for playing time early last season, but Nebraska coaches made the decision to redshirt the talented youngster, even after injuries depleted the position. A St. Louis area product, Compton was one of the most highly regarded recruits in Coach Bo Pelini's first recruiting class.

## 2008 (REDSHIRT)

Compton redshirted in his first season in the program and worked with the scout team defense.

## BEFORE NEBRASKA (NORTH COUNTY HS)

Compton starred on both sides of the ball for North County High School. During his senior season, Compton recorded 107 tackles, including 16 tackles for loss, four sacks, and two interceptions, while causing a fumble and recovering another from his linebacker position.

On offense, Compton was also a key performer for Coach David Leeds, accounting for approximately 500 rushing yards, 1,000 all-purpose yards and 14 touchdowns. His play as a senior earned Compton first-team all-state honors from the Missouri Sportswriters and Broadcasters Association.

Compton also stood out as a junior, making 71 tackles, 13 tackles for loss and an interception on defense, while rushing for 455 yards, and catching 51 passes for 855 yards. He earned first-team all-state honors as a receiver, while picking up all-district and all-conference honors as a linebacker.

A SuperPrep All-American, Compton was ranked as the No. 3 overall prospect in the state of Missouri by Rivals.com and one of the top 40 "athletes" in the country by the recruiting service. ESPN.com and Scout.com both listed Compton among the top 20 inside linebacker prospects in the nation. Compton was a defensive captain in the Offense-Defense Bowl all-star game at the 2008 Orange Bowl. Compton chose Nebraska over Missouri and Illinois.

## PERSONAL

Compton is the son of Bill and Kathy Compton and was born on Sept. 19, 1989. He has not declared a major, but was named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll last fall. Compton has volunteered his time at the F Street Recreation Center. Will's younger brother, Cody, will join the Nebraska wrestling team this fall.

# KHIRY COOPER

WIDE RECEIVER | 6-2 | 195 | RFR.

SHREVEPORT, LA.

(CALVARY BAPTIST ACADEMY)



» Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll (2008)

## 2009 OUTLOOK

Khiry Cooper (pronounced KY-ree) is among a large group of players who will try to make a push for playing time at wide receiver this fall. Cooper flashed play-making ability on the practice field during a redshirt season and is a candidate to help fill the void left by the graduation of Nate Swift and Todd Peterson, who were two of the top five receivers in NU history.

Cooper did not participate in spring practice, as he was an outfielder for Coach Mike Anderson's Nebraska baseball team. Cooper came to Nebraska as a decorated two-sport standout and turned down a baseball contract offer from the Los Angeles Angels after the organization selected him in the fifth round of the 2008 MLB Draft. Cooper plans to continue as a dual-sport athlete at Nebraska.

## 2008 (REDSHIRT)

Cooper redshirted in his first season with the football program, before joining the NU baseball team in the second semester. On the diamond, Cooper played in 35 games and made 20 starts in the outfield. He hit .229 with two homers and 9 RBIs, and added three stolen bases.

## BEFORE NEBRASKA (CALVARY BAPTIST ACADEMY)

Cooper accounted for 42 receiving touchdowns and better than 1,700 yards in his final three seasons of high school, including 16 trips to the end zone as a senior. Cooper caught 60 passes for 1,038 yards in 2007, while also seeing action on defense. His play led Calvary Academy to a 12-1 record and a trip to the Class 2A state semifinals. For his efforts, Cooper was a first-team Class 2A all-state selection and was also a member of the Baton Rouge Advocate's "Second Dozen" of top players in Louisiana. Cooper nabbed 50 receptions for 750 yards and 15 touchdowns as a junior.

During his sophomore campaign in 2005, Cooper was a key contributor at wide receiver and free safety, grabbing 48 receptions for 597 yards and 11 touchdowns. Cooper's coach at Calvary Academy was Doug Pederson, who played quarterback in the NFL for 12 seasons, most recently the 2000 to 2004 seasons with the Green Bay Packers.

Cooper also used his speed to roam center field for the Calvary Academy baseball team. As a senior, Cooper hit .337 to lead his team to a 2A state title, as he was named to the all-state first team. Cooper was ranked among the top 30 football players in the state of Louisiana by both Rivals.com and SuperPrep Magazine. Cooper chose Nebraska over Arkansas.

## PERSONAL

Khiry is the son of Yolanda Cooper and was born on Jan. 18, 1990. Khiry is majoring in construction management and has volunteered his time with several FCA speaking engagements as well as Nebraska's team hospital visit in Jacksonville during Gator Bowl week.

# BEN COTTON

TIGHT END | 6-6 | 250 | RFR.

AMES, IOWA



» Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll (2008)

» Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll (2009)

## 2009 OUTLOOK

Redshirt freshman Ben Cotton is a key part of a talented group of Nebraska tight ends, a position that is expected to be a strength for the 2009 Husker offense. The 6-6, 250-pound Cotton has all the physical tools necessary to excel and he is expected to push for playing time behind juniors Mike McNeill and Dreu Young, who both gained extensive playing time last fall.

The son of Nebraska associate head coach Barney Cotton, Ben had a standout spring for the Huskers, capped by an impressive performance in the Red-White Game. The younger Cotton caught four passes for 48 yards, including a 24-yard touchdown reception in the contest. Cotton was named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll in each of his first two semesters.

## 2008 (REDSHIRT)

Cotton sat out the season as a redshirt and worked on the scout team offense.

## BEFORE NEBRASKA (AMES HS)

Cotton committed to the Huskers shortly after the hiring of Bo Pelini as head coach. He was the first scholarship signee from the state of Iowa since 2001. Cotton was a key performer for Ames High and Coach Bruce Vertanen each of his final three years of high school. During his senior season, Cotton caught 44 passes for 639 yards and four touchdowns to earn first-team Elite All-State honors from the Des Moines Register.

He was the Little Cyclones' only two-way starter, also lining up at defensive end. Cotton missed six games because of injury in 2006, but still had 10 receptions. Cotton first drew the attention of college coaches as a sophomore when he earned second-team all-conference honors.

Cotton was also a standout for the Ames High basketball team. He was a part of the starting lineup as a junior and senior. Cotton qualified for the state track meet in the discus and was a pitcher and center fielder for the baseball team. He earned honorable-mention all-conference honors with the baseball squad in 2008.

Cotton was ranked among the top 25 tight ends in the country by SuperPrep and Rivals.com. He was listed as the No. 2 overall prospect in the state of Iowa by Rivals.com and Scout.com and among the top 25 players in the Midlands region by SuperPrep. Cotton chose Nebraska over offers from Louisville, Iowa, Kansas, Iowa State and Wisconsin.

## PERSONAL

Ben is the son of Barney and Christine Cotton and was born on June 13, 1989. He has not declared a major, but carries a 3.356 grade-point average. Cotton has volunteered his time with outreach activities at local hospitals and retirement centers. His father, Barney, played for the Huskers from 1975 to 1978.

## JARED CRICK

DEFENSIVE TACKLE | 6-6 | 285 | So.-1VL  
COZAD, NEB.



## 2009 OUTLOOK

Sophomore defensive lineman Jared Crick was a reliable reserve for the Cornhuskers in 2008, but he is expected to play a much bigger role this fall. Crick emerged during spring practice to become the favorite to line up alongside All-America candidate Ndamukong Suh at defensive tackle on the interior of the Nebraska defensive front.

The 285-pound Crick began his Nebraska career at defensive end, but has added size to his 6-6 frame, providing him the strength to battle in the middle of the defense, while maintaining enough agility to rush the passer.

## 2008 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

Crick and fellow redshirt freshman Terrence Moore supplied depth behind Suh and senior Ty Steinkuhler at tackle. Crick played in nine games and made a pair of tackles, with a solo stop against New Mexico State and an assisted tackle at Oklahoma. Crick added a pass breakup against Western Michigan. The play of the front four keyed a Nebraska defense that ranked second in the Big 12 in total defense. The Huskers also improved their sack total from 13 in 2007 to 35 last fall.

## 2007 (REDSHIRT)

Crick redshirted his first season at Nebraska and worked with the scout team. He moved inside to tackle in the spring of 2008.

## BEFORE NEBRASKA (COZAD HS)

Crick earned second-team All-Nebraska honors from the Omaha World-Herald and second-team Super-State honors from the Lincoln Journal Star as a senior, while earning first-team Class B honors from both papers. His performance helped Cozad and Coach Ron Bubak compile an 8-3 record and reach the second round of the Class B state playoffs in 2006.

Crick made 68 tackles as a defensive end, including six tackles for loss. Crick also played tight end and caught 15 passes for 284 yards and four touchdowns. Crick recorded 75 tackles and five sacks as a junior en route to Class C-1 all-state honors from the Omaha World-Herald and honorable-mention all-state accolades from the Lincoln Journal Star. Crick participated in the East Meets West All-American Game in Florida.

Crick also led the basketball team in scoring at 12 points per game and rebounding with eight per contest. He also threw the shot put and finished second in the state with a throw of 60 10-1/4. Crick only visited Nebraska, but did receive numerous other scholarship offers.

## PERSONAL

Crick was born on Aug. 21, 1989, and is the son of David and Cindy Crick. He is majoring in history. Crick has volunteered at the F Street Recreation Center, the Legacy Retirement Center and as part of the Huskers' team hospital visits.

## JON DAMKROGER

PUNTER/PLACE-KICKER | 6-1 | 190 | So.  
FIRTH, NEB.  
(NORRIS)



» Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll (2008)

» Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll (2009)

## 2009 OUTLOOK

Sophomore Jon Damkroger is among the candidates to replace three-year starter Dan Titchener as Nebraska's starting punter in 2009. The battle for the job will continue into the fall, but Damkroger had a solid spring to stay in the race with junior Alex Henery and redshirt freshman Brett Maher. Damkroger began his college career at Nebraska-Omaha, before joining the Huskers in 2008. He is a standout in the classroom, carrying a 3.353 grade-point average in business administration.

## 2008 (REDSHIRT)

Damkroger redshirted after transferring from Nebraska-Omaha.

## BEFORE NEBRASKA (UNO/NORRIS HS)

Damkroger averaged 35 yards on 40 punts for Coach Pat Behrns and UNO in 2007. He pinned Maverick opponents inside the 20-yard line 10 times as a freshman. He was the only true freshman to play on a UNO team that won its first 10 games, and advanced to the second round of the Division II playoffs.

Damkroger was a three-sport star at Norris High. He was a three-year letterwinner for Coach Jeff Reed in football, earning first-team all-state honors while serving as a captain for the Titans. He averaged 43 yards per punt and also played wide receiver and safety. Damkroger also served as team captain and was a two-year starter in basketball and was a four-year letterwinner, team captain and four-event state qualifier in track. Damkroger set school records in the 200-meter dash and the 400-meter relay. In addition to his athletic accomplishments, Damkroger was a four-year member of the student council and the National Honor Society.

## PERSONAL

The son of Tom and Deanne Damkroger, Jon was born June 7, 1989, in Lincoln, Neb. Damkroger has been named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll each of his two semesters at Nebraska, and was a Dean's List student and academic all-conference in his first year of college at Nebraska-Omaha.

## JASE DEAN

CORNERBACK | 6-0 | 185 | RFR.  
BRIDGEPORT, NEB.



## 2009 OUTLOOK

Redshirt freshman Jase Dean is one of several young players who will look to make an impact in the Nebraska secondary this fall. The 6-0, 185-pound Dean brings size and speed to the cornerback position, and could also compete for playing time on special teams. A standout at Bridgeport High School, Dean walked on and redshirted in his first season in the program.

## 2008 (REDSHIRT)

Dean redshirted and worked in the scout team secondary.

## BEFORE NEBRASKA (BRIDGEPORT HS)

Dean was coached by Chris Koozer at Bridgeport High School. Dean earned honorable-mention all-state honors in Class C-1. He was also a member of the North Squad during the 2008 Shrine Bowl and was a part of the 2007 Winter Academic All-State team (3.86 GPA).

Dean also participated in track and basketball for Bridgeport, and as a junior claimed gold medals in the 100, 200 and 400-meter dashes at the state track meet. During his senior campaign, he was second in the 100 and 400, while claiming fourth in the 200.

#### PERSONAL

Dean was born on Aug. 29, 1989, and is the son of Monte and Tammy Dean. He is majoring in nutrition, exercise and health science and has volunteered his time at the Village Manor Retirement Center and as part of the Huskers' hospital visits.

## ALFONZO DENNARD

CORNERBACK | 5-10 | 190 | So.-1VL  
ROCHELL, GA.  
(WILCOX COUNTY)



#### 2009 OUTLOOK

Alfonzo Dennard (pronounced DEN-ard) earned immediate playing time as a true freshman for Nebraska, contributing on both defense and special teams. This fall the talented sophomore is expected to battle for a starting cornerback job in a deep Nebraska secondary. The 5-10, 190-pounder is a key element of a position group that also includes returning starter Anthony West, junior Prince Amukamara and fellow sophomore Anthony Blue.

Dennard is also likely to continue to serve a key role on special teams. A year ago, he was one of the Huskers' top kickoff return men and made an impact on coverage units.

#### 2008 (FRESHMAN)

Dennard appeared in each of the final 12 games and was one of three true freshmen to see extensive action for Nebraska in 2008. He saw the majority of his action on special teams, as he and Niles Paul formed an explosive kickoff return combination. Dennard returned eight kickoffs for 150 yards, an average of 18.8 yards per return. He closed the year with a 29-yard return against Colorado, then had a season-long 31-yard return in the Gator Bowl victory over Clemson.

Dennard also saw action on the kickoff coverage and punt return units, and had five tackles, including four solo stops. He had a season-high two tackles at Kansas State.

#### BEFORE NEBRASKA (WILCOX COUNTY HS)

Dennard excelled on both sides of the ball for Wilcox County High School in Georgia, and was the first scholarship player from Georgia since current New England Patriot Le Kevin Smith joined the Huskers in 2001. In his senior season, Dennard played a leading role in helping Wilcox County and Coach Mark Ledford to a 13-2 record and state runner-up finish in Class A.

Dennard made 53 tackles, while picking off five passes as a cornerback. Offensively, Dennard caught 39 passes for 780 yards and scored 14 touchdowns. He also used his speed to help on special teams, returning two kickoffs and one punt for touchdowns. Dennard received first-team Class A all-state honors from the Georgia Sportswriters Association.

Dennard also piled up big numbers as a junior. Offensively he caught 45 passes for 840 yards and 12 touchdowns, while rushing 24 times for 240 yards and another six touchdowns. On defense he made 60 tackles and had six interceptions.

Dennard was also a contributor in track and basketball. He served as the point guard for Wilcox County's hoops team and used his speed in sprint events during track in the spring. He finished sixth in the state in the long jump with a leap of 21-3. Dennard played in the GACA North-South All-Star game. He was ranked as one of the nation's top 25 cornerbacks by Rivals.com. Dennard chose Nebraska over North Carolina and Troy.

#### PERSONAL

Dennard is the son of Rose Mary Dennard and was born on Sept. 9, 1989. He has not yet declared a major, and has assisted with Nebraska's team hospital visits and volunteered his time at the Village Manor Retirement Center.

#### CAREER STATISTICS

---Tackles---

Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	FF-FR	BK	PBU	PI	QBH
2008	12/0	4	1	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	12/0	4	1	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0

## PHILLIP DILLARD

LINEBACKER | 6-1 | 240 | SR.-3VL

TULSA, OKLA.

(JENKS)



#### 2009 OUTLOOK

Linebacker Phillip Dillard battled injuries throughout the 2008 campaign, but assisted in helping Nebraska make major defensive improvements. The 6-1, 240-pound Dillard is the most experienced linebacker at a position where a number of young players are expected to step forward this fall. Dillard battled for playing time throughout the spring at Mike linebacker and will enter fall camp as one of many contenders for a starting linebacker job this fall.

Dillard has 33 games of playing experience under his belt heading into 2009, including eight starts. The Oklahoma native has shown flashes of outstanding play throughout his career, but has had to work his way through a series of injuries. Dillard is on track to earn his undergraduate degree in sociology in December, and is one of 11 Husker seniors expected to complete their studies by the end of the fall semester.

#### 2008 (JUNIOR)

Before missing the final four games of the regular season, Dillard emerged as a leader in the linebacking corps and ranked among the team leaders in tackles. His play assisted an NU defense that finished second in the Big 12 in total defense and improved its per game average by 126 yards per game. Dillard returned for limited action in the Gator Bowl.

Dillard started five of the first eight games before being injured against Baylor. He made 38 tackles, including 28 in the first four games while fully healthy. He shared half a sack against San Jose State and had two tackles for loss on the year. Dillard made four tackles in the opener against Western Michigan, then had eight stops against San Jose State. He had a career-high 11 tackles against Virginia Tech, and made four stops against Missouri before being injured. He was limited the following two games, then made four unassisted tackles against Baylor before suffering another injury.

#### 2007 (SOPHOMORE)

Dillard played in all 12 games at Mike linebacker, splitting time with senior Corey McKeon. Dillard started against Missouri and Oklahoma State and finished the year with 37 tackles, including 22 solo stops. He had five games with four or more tackles, including a season-high six tackles each against Wake Forest and Ball State. He added five tackles at Missouri and had four tackles against both Kansas and Iowa State. He recorded a tackle for loss against Oklahoma State.

#### 2006 (REDSHIRT)

Dillard showed great promise early in the opener against Louisiana Tech, making four tackles, including three solo stops, before going down with an ACL injury. He spent the remainder of the season going through rehabilitation and received a medical redshirt.

#### 2005 (FRESHMAN)

Dillard played in 11 games as a true freshman in 2005, including a start against Missouri, and finished with 11 tackles. One of 13 Husker true freshmen to see action, Dillard missed only the matchup with Pittsburgh. He had a pair of solo tackles in his collegiate debut against Maine, including a tackle for loss. He added a pair of tackles against Wake Forest.

He was strong at the close of the year, compiling seven tackles in the final four games. He capped the regular season with a season-high three tackles in the 30-3 win at Colorado, then added two solo stops in the Alamo Bowl win over Michigan.

#### BEFORE NEBRASKA (JENKS HS)

Dillard was one of the nation's top linebacker prospects after earning Oklahoma all-state honors for two consecutive seasons at Jenks High School, a Tulsa prep powerhouse. Dillard led his team to a Class 6A state-runner-up finish in 2004, when he had more than 120 tackles, including 75 solo stops and three sacks, along with seven pass breakups.

In his final two seasons playing for Coach Allen Trimble, Dillard totaled more than 200 tackles. He also caught four passes as a senior, three for touchdowns. In addition to his all-state honors, Dillard was named the Jim Thorpe Association Oklahoma Defensive Player of the Year as a junior. He was one of seven 2005 Nebraska recruits who played in the U.S. Army All-American game in San Antonio. Dillard helped the West squad to a 35-3 victory with an interception.



Dillard chose the Huskers after also receiving scholarship offers from Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Kansas State and Texas A&M, among others.

## PERSONAL

Dillard's guardians are Tyrone and Ronda Lynne, and Phillip was born on Dec. 10, 1986. He is a sociology major, and has volunteered his time with the Read to Succeed Book Drive, the Charlie Brown Good Grief program and Nebraska's local hospital visits.

## CAREER STATISTICS

---Tackles---

Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	FF-FR	BK	PBU	PI	QBH
2005	11/1	7	4	11	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
2006*	1/0	3	1	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
2007	12/2	22	15	37	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	1
2008	9/5	13	25	38	2-9	0.5-6	0-0	0	1	0	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>33/8</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>4-12</b>	<b>0.5-6</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>

\*Dillard was granted a medical hardship following the 2006 season and regained a year of eligibility

## SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Tackles--11 vs. Virginia Tech, 2008

Solo Tackles--4 vs. Ball State, 2007, vs. Baylor, 2008

Tackles for Loss--1, four times

# TAYLOR DIXON

WIDE RECEIVER | 5-11 | 190 | RFR.

WAUNETA, NEB.

(WAUNETA-PALISADE)



» Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll (2008)

» Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll (2009)

## 2009 OUTLOOK

Taylor Dixon enters his second season in the Nebraska program looking to bid for playing time in the Nebraska receiving corps. The walk-on performer from Wauneta, Neb., sat out his first season as a redshirt and hopes to make an impact at a position where the Huskers' top two performers have graduated. Dixon is off to a strong start in the classroom, having been named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll each of his first two semesters.

## 2008 (REDSHIRT)

Dixon sat out the season as a redshirt and worked on the scout team.

## BEFORE NEBRASKA (WAUNETA-PALISADE HS)

Dixon had a stellar career at Wauneta-Palisade High School, where he rushed for better than 1,000 yards three seasons in a row in the eight-man ranks, and also passed for 1,000 yards his senior season. For his efforts, Dixon earned first-team all-state honors in Class D-1 by the Omaha World-Herald. Dixon was also a basketball standout, earning honorable-mention Class D-1 all-state honors from the World-Herald and Lincoln Journal Star. Dixon finished sixth in the 400 and fourth in the 200 at the Class D state track meet his senior year.

## PERSONAL

Dixon is the son of Brad and Mindi Dixon, and was born on Oct. 27, 1989. He is majoring in pre-dentistry and carries a 3.655 cumulative grade-point average. Dixon has volunteered his time with team hospital visits and as a speaker during American Education Week.

# JIM EBKE

SAFETY | 6-0 | 210 | So.

LINCOLN, NEB.

(EAST/SOUTH DAKOTA STATE)



» Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll (2008)

## 2009 OUTLOOK

Lincoln native Jim Ebke switched from offense to defense before spring practice and will look to compete for playing time at safety this fall. The 6-0, 210-pounder was a reserve quarterback last season, frequently running the Huskers' scout team offense. Ebke was also an accomplished defender in high school and will try his hand at that spot. Ebke began his college career at South Dakota State, before transferring to Nebraska in January of 2008.

## 2008 (REDSHIRT)

Ebke transferred from South Dakota State to walk on for the Huskers. He sat out the 2008 season due to NCAA transfer rules and worked as a reserve quarterback.

## BEFORE NEBRASKA (SOUTH DAKOTA STATE/LINCOLN EAST HS)

Ebke redshirted during his only season at South Dakota State. He made a significant impact as a linebacker and safety on the Jackrabbits' scout team.

Ebke was one of the most decorated players in the state of Nebraska in 2006, earning state Gatorade Player-of-the-Year honors while quarterbacking Lincoln East to the Class A state quarterfinals. Under the direction of Coach John Gingery, Ebke was honored as the Super-State Honorary Captain and Offensive Player of the Year by the Lincoln Journal Star and Omaha World-Herald. He set eight school records and led Class A in total offense with 1,225 yards passing and 1,549 yards rushing while accounting for 31 touchdowns. Defensively, he made 66 tackles and intercepted two passes.

Ebke was named to the all-state basketball honorable-mention squad two times and competed in track and field and baseball at the varsity level. He was an academic all-state selection and member of the National Honor Society.

## PERSONAL

Jim is the son of Darrell and Susan Ebke and was born on Sept. 19, 1988. He is majoring in actuarial science, and was named to the 2008 Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll.

# TYRONE FAHIE

DEFENSIVE END | 6-3 | 255 | JR.

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA.

(OCEAN LAKES/U.S. NAVY)



» Two-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll (2008, 2009)

» Two-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll (2007, 2008)

## 2009 OUTLOOK

Tyrone Fahie (pronounced FOY) joined the Nebraska program in January of 2007 after six years on active duty with the U.S. Military. Fahie has provided depth at the defensive end position each of his two years in the program, and hopes to make a push for playing time in 2009. Fahie originally earned a roster spot in walk-on tryouts before spring practice in 2007.

In the three years prior to enrolling at Nebraska, Fahie completed two tours in Iraq, where he worked for Seal Team One as a support communicator. Fahie is originally from Virginia Beach, Va. Despite being only a junior in eligibility, Fahie is on track to complete his degree work in management this December.

**2008 (SOPHOMORE)**

Fahie played late in Nebraska's victory over New Mexico State, and was among the top performers on the scout team defense.

**2007 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)**

Fahie served as a reserve defensive end, but did not see game action.

**BEFORE NEBRASKA (U.S. NAVY/OCEAN LAKES HS)**

Fahie has spent several years on active duty, including two tours in Iraq. He graduated from Ocean Lakes High School in Virginia Beach in 2000, where he was a standout linebacker and free safety.

Fahie was also a member of the marching band in high school.

**PERSONAL**

Tyrone is the son of Floyd and Dafney Fahie, and was born Sept. 30, 1982, in Washington D.C. He is majoring in management at Nebraska and carries a 3.44 cumulative grade-point average. Fahie has been named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll four times. Fahie has volunteered his time with several organizations, including the Special Olympics and was a part of Nebraska's team hospital visit in Jacksonville during Gator Bowl week.

# SEAN FISHER

LINEBACKER | 6-6 | 230 | RFR.  
OMAHA, NEB.  
(MILLARD NORTH)



- » Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll (2008)
- » Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll (2009)

**2009 OUTLOOK**

Redshirt freshman Sean Fisher is one of several young standouts in the Nebraska linebacker corps expected to make an impact in 2009. The Omaha native finished spring ball as one of the leading candidates to emerge as the starting Buck linebacker for the Huskers in 2009. The 6-6, 230-pound Fisher played in the secondary in high school and brings versatility to the NU defense with the ability to defend both the run and pass.

Fisher saw action in one game in 2008, before being sidelined with a shoulder injury. He was subsequently rewarded a medical hardship from the Big 12 Conference and has four seasons of eligibility remaining. Fisher carries a perfect 4.0 grade-point average after his initial year at Nebraska.

**2008 (REDSHIRT)**

Fisher appeared on special teams in the opener against Western Michigan, however a shoulder injury sidelined him from game action for the remainder of the year. He received a medical hardship.

**BEFORE NEBRASKA (MILLARD NORTH HS)**

Fisher was one of the first players to commit to the 2008 Husker class, announcing his college choice in June of 2007. He was a standout two-way performer at Class A powerhouse Millard North, starting in the secondary and at running back, while also handling punting chores and returning kicks.

Fisher led Coach Fred Petito's team to the Class A state championship game in 2007. Fisher rushed for 646 yards, including 198 yards on 44 carries in the state title game. Defensively, Fisher played in the secondary and made 68 total tackles, including 43 unassisted stops, and added three tackles for loss and an interception.

Fisher was an honorary captain of both the Omaha World-Herald's All-Nebraska team and the Lincoln Journal Star's Super-State squad. Fisher also earned all-state honors from both papers as a junior when he made 92 tackles and had three interceptions, helping the Mustangs to the state semifinals. Fisher was also a key player for Millard North during his sophomore season, when the school captured the Class A state title.

Fisher was named a SuperPrep All-American and was listed among the nation's top 25 linebackers by SuperPrep, ESPN.com and Scout.com. He was widely regarded as one of the

top five players in Nebraska by all recruiting services. Fisher chose Nebraska over Oklahoma, Wisconsin, Iowa, Colorado and Arizona State among others.

**PERSONAL**

Fisher was born on Sept. 13, 1989, and is the son of Todd and Cathy Fisher. Todd Fisher was a walk-on cornerback for NU who lettered in 1983. Sean has not declared a major, but has twice been named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll and has volunteered his time at the F Street Recreation Center and the Village Manor Retirement Center.

# CURENSKI GILLEYLEN

WIDE RECEIVER | 6-0 | 215 | So.-1VL  
LEANDER, TEXAS



- » 2008 Second-Team Academic All-Big 12
- » Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll (2008)

**2009 OUTLOOK**

Sophomore Curenski Gilleylen (pronounced kur-en-ski gilley-yen) hopes to move into a leading role in the Nebraska receiving corps in 2009. The graduation of 2008 senior receivers Todd Peterson and Nate Swift left a large void in the Nebraska receiving corps, and the 6-0, 215-pound Gilleylen is among the top contenders to step up. Gilleylen brings a good blend of size and speed to the Husker offense, and could also play a role in the NU return game.

Gilleylen is one of six returning letterwinners in the receiving corps after playing in 11 games as a redshirt freshman.

**2008 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)**

Gilleylen had an outstanding spring practice session in 2008, capped by a long touchdown reception in the spring game. He saw limited time as a reserve receiver during the year, playing in 11 games. He finished the year with two receptions for 11 yards, including a five-yard catch against Virginia Tech and a six-yarder at Oklahoma. He also returned two kickoffs for 48 yards—a 26-yarder vs. the Hokies and a 22-yard return vs. Western Michigan.

**2007 (REDSHIRT)**

Gilleylen sat out his first season in Lincoln as a redshirt.

**BEFORE NEBRASKA (LEANDER HS)**

Gilleylen was one of seven Texans in the 2007 class after a standout career at Leander High School. He earned honorable-mention Texas Class 5A all-state honors as a senior. He was a first-team All-Centex selection by the Austin American Statesman, a Hill Country News' Dazzling Dozen Team member, and was Leander's Outstanding Offensive Player. He helped Leander to a 12-3 record in 2006.

Playing for Coach Steve Gidden, Gilleylen had 30 catches for 915 yards and nine touchdowns. He also spent some time at running back and had 500 yards rushing with another four touchdowns. Gilleylen also posted impressive numbers as a junior, catching more than 40 passes for 850 yards and 12 touchdowns to earn all-district honors and second-team all-state accolades.

In addition to his impressive football credentials, Gilleylen was also a track standout, competing in the 100 meters and on his school's 4x100-meter relay team. Gilleylen broke a school record by running a 10.22 100-meter dash in 2007. He was also an honorable-mention academic all-state pick by the Texas High School Coaches Association. Gilleylen chose NU over Oklahoma State and Tennessee.

**PERSONAL**

The son of Stephanie Sullivan and Clazell Gilleylen, Curenski was born on March 15, 1989. Curenski is majoring in civil engineering. He has volunteered his time during School is Cool Week, at the F Street Recreation Center, the Legacy Retirement Center and on the Huskers' team hospital visits. He was named to the 2008 Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Honor Roll.