

## Ross Watson

GRADUATE ASSISTANT (DEFENSE)



Ross Watson joined the Nebraska football program in March and serves as a graduate assistant on defense. 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.

Last fall, 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 its 2006 championship run.

The 24-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.

## Wince Morris

FOOTBALL OPERATIONS ASSISTANT



After joining the Huskers in August of 2006, Wince Morris returns for his third year as an operations assistant with the Nebraska football team. Morris will play a large role in helping with team travel, including being part of the Huskers' advance travel group. He also plays a role in Nebraska's summer camps and 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 political science in 1997.

## Megan Rogers

COORDINATOR OF ON-CAMPUS RECRUITING



Megan Rogers enters her first 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.

Rogers comes 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. While working toward her degree, Rogers spent five years as a student equipment manager for the Buffaloes' football team.

## Curt Baldus

GRADUATE ASSISTANT (OFFENSE)



Curt Baldus rejoined the Husker coaching staff in January 2008 after working as an offensive intern from February 2006 to January 2007. At Nebraska, Baldus works primarily with the offense.

Previously as an intern, Baldus worked on film break-down, drawing offensive plays for weekly game plans and development of opponent scouting reports.

After leaving Nebraska, Baldus moved on to the University of Buffalo where he served as a graduate assistant under head coach Turner Gill. He assisted with the coaching of the offensive line, kickers and punters. In 2007, Buffalo was MAC East Co-Champions and Baldus coached punter Ben Woods, who finished in the top 10 in the nation for the Ray Guy Award. Baldus was also in charge of opponent scouting reports, film breakdown and on-campus recruiting.

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. In addition to his work at Buffalo and St. Cloud State, he has worked 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. He earned honorable-mention All-Metro accolades in 1996 and all-conference honors in 1997 as a quarterback. Baldus then moved onto Gustavus Adolphus College 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 degree in both physical science and sport management from St. Cloud State.

## FOOTBALL INTERNS



Doug Colman



Brett Diersen



Jon Garrison



Vershon Jackson



Aaryn Kearney



Chris Kiffin

## Dusty Alves

VIDEO COORDINATOR



Dusty Alves joined the Nebraska staff as the video coordinator for football in July of 2007. Alves has 22 years of football video experience, and is responsible for operating Nebraska's state-of-the-art football video facility. Alves coordinates and implements the use of video technology for practices, games, recruiting and assisting the coaching staff in creating game strategies and scouting.

Alves began his career as the assistant video director with the Denver Broncos in 1987. In 1991, he was named director of sports video for the University of Colorado, then served as the video director for the San Diego Chargers in 1996. Before joining the Husker program, he spent time as a consultant for NCAA and high school video departments. Alves also has worked as a high school and college football official, using his video experience to create a "hi-tech" way of learning for officials.

A founding member of the College Sports Video Association (CSVA), he has also served on the board of Video Directors Quality Control for the National Football League. A veteran of two Super Bowl appearances, he was named the NFL Video Director for Super Bowl XXXII in San Diego, Calif. He has also authored many articles regarding video technology.

Originally from Potter, Neb., Alves played wide receiver for the Antelopes football team while attending Kearney State College. He is married to the former Teri Oates. The couple has three children, 14-year old Halie, 11-year old Jenna, and 6-year old Austen John.

## Linda Leupold

ASSISTANT TO COACH PELINI



Linda Leupold moved into the football office in 2004 and serves as Coach Bo Pelini's secretary. 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 University as the assistant director for operations at the city campus union.

## 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.

## Matt Schilling

ASSISTANT VIDEO COORDINATOR



Matt Schilling is in his third 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.

## Joni Duff

ASSISTANT TO THE DEFENSE



Joni Duff began her association with the Nebraska football office in 1980. A native of Hampton, Neb., 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.

### ADDITIONAL FOOTBALL ASSISTANTS AND STUDENT STAFF

**Strength Interns:** Brian Kmitta, Brandon Rigoni

**Student Managers:** Jeff Dannehl, Greg Nelson, Jordan Kavan, Mark O'Brien, Derek Blomstedt, Bryce Havlovic, Steve Swett, Bobby Maffei, Brad Vonnahme, Jered Matzke, Kyle Herchenbach, Sam Stanley, Paul Belz, Kendall Chalmers, Tyler Recker

**Graduate Assistant Trainer:** Brandon Deromedi

**Student Trainers:** Kelsey Mohror, Kim Cochran, Curtis Basnett, Laura Mertz, Chuck Kasson, Travis Tallman

**Student Video Assistants:** Ryan Beattie, Dan Falk, Anthony Ridolfi, Matt Peters, Zach Oliva, Patrick Webb

**Football Office Student Assistants:** Kim Boehler, Marnie Max, Mia Mauer, Angela Finn, Alison Norman, Megan Cunningham, Kiara Letcher, Marlo Mauer, Elizabeth Venrick, Hannah Reinhardt

## Dr. Lonnie Albers

DIRECTOR OF 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) joined the Nebraska staff as head football athletic trainer in May of 2007. 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, 5-year old daughter Savannah Audren and 2-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

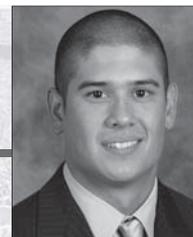
athletic trainers, graduate and undergraduate student assistants. Along with his duties as head athletic trainer, Weber directs all orthopaedic rehabilitation and coordinates the return to sport programs with orthopaedic specialists and training staff. During the spring he also works with the men's gymnastics 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 ATHLETIC TRAINER FOR FOOTBALL



Patrick Spieldenner joined the Nebraska Athletic Department as an assistant athletic trainer for football in July of 2007. He 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.

Spieldenner 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.

## Brian Lehmann

DIRECTOR OF SPORTS NUTRITION



A highly respected professional in the field of sports nutrition, Brian Lehmann begins his second year as Director of Sports Nutrition. Under his direction, sports nutrition integrates healthy choices in the daily activities for all 23 varsity sports. In this role, Lehmann directs body composition/frame analysis, nutrition education, weight management, 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. Lehmann's administrative duties include oversight of the Nebraska Training Table, which features a rare self-operated management highlighted by an experienced staff of 55 employees with nutrition and culinary expertise.

Lehmann's professional licenses and certifications include: Licensed Medical Nutrition Therapist, Board Certified Specialist in Sports Dietetics, Strength and Conditioning Coach Certified, and Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist.

Lehmann previously served in strength and conditioning and sports nutrition capacities at Kansas State and Tennessee from 1996 to 2007. Lehmann received dual bachelor's degrees in kinesiology and human nutrition honors program from Kansas State in 2001. Lehmann received his master's degree from Tennessee in human performance and sports administration in 2003.

A native of Sabetha, Kan., Lehmann and his wife Miranda, also a native of Sabetha, have a 3-year-old son, Eli and one-year-old daughter Kiley.

## 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 is expecting their first child in September.

## Tyler Clarke

ASSISTANT STRENGTH COACH



Tyler Clarke is in his first season as an assistant strength coach for the football program. Like Head Football Strength Coach James Dobson, Clarke comes to Nebraska after spending the past three seasons as an assistant strength and conditioning coach at the University of Iowa.

With the Huskers, Clarke will assist Dobson with all aspects of the Husker 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.

## 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 10 years. He earned a degree in communication studies from the University of Nebraska in May 2004.

Terry was married to the former Heather Bridger in July.

## Chris McQuillan

ASSISTANT EQUIPMENT MANAGER



Chris McQuillan is in his third year as assistant equipment manager and seventh 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./ACADEMIC, 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



After providing leadership and direction to Nebraska's marketing department from August 2007 through March 2008, Zimmer will utilize 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 and is regarded as a national leader in life skills. He received one of the top honors in college athletics in September of 2006, when he was chosen for the Dr. Gene Hooks Award as the Life Skills Administrator of the Year. Zimmer has also 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.