

# Kevin COSGROVE

DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR/LB · 4TH YEAR · WISCONSIN-OSHKOSH (1978)



## NOTING COSGROVE

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

**Family:** Wife, Shelly; sons, Clint (24) and Connor (16); daughter Shannon (21)

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

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

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

**Recruiting Emphasis:** Lincoln, Kansas City, St. Louis, Wisconsin, Minnesota

Kevin Cosgrove returns for his fourth season as the Husker linebackers coach while serving his 13th year as a defensive coordinator at the Division I level.

Cosgrove will oversee one of the deepest linebacking corps in the nation for the second consecutive season in 2007. Bo Ruud returns after a stellar junior campaign that saw him earn first-team All-Big 12 accolades while Corey McKeon, a second-team all-league pick in 2005, is back for another season manning the middle of the defense. Also returning are seniors Steve Octavien, one of the team's best athletes, and Lance Brandenburg, a versatile veteran. Cosgrove has had a first- or second-team All-Big 12 player each of his first three years at Nebraska.

The Blackshirt defense boasted an impressive rise in the national rankings each of the past two years under Cosgrove. The Huskers have been in the top 25 nationally in scoring defense (24th in 2006, 25th in 2005) and pass efficiency defense (13th in 2006, 10th in 2005) each of the last two years, while posting top-40 national rankings each season in rushing defense. NU also ranked 11th nationally in rush defense in Cosgrove's first season in 2004.

Under Cosgrove's tutelage, Nebraska led the nation in sacks (50 total, 4.17 per game) and tackles for loss (10.33 per game) in 2005. The 50 sacks were the second-most ever by a Blackshirt defense, including a Big 12 Conference-leading 9.5 sacks by defensive end Adam Carriker while Barry Turner added an NU freshman-record six sacks before being named a freshman All-American.

Cosgrove has helped several other Blackshirts reach the pinnacle of the sport. Daniel Bullocks joined his twin brother, Josh, when he was selected in the second round of the 2006 NFL Draft by the Detroit Lions. Josh Bullocks (2nd round, New Orleans) was one of three Blackshirts drafted following the 2004 season, along with cornerback Fabian Washington (1st, Oakland) and linebacker Barrett Ruud (2nd, Tampa Bay), who finished his career under Cosgrove as the all-time leading tackler in Nebraska history.

Carriker was again dominant in 2006 when he was named the Big 12 Defensive Lineman of the Year before being selected by the St. Louis Rams in the first round (12th pick) of the 2007 NFL Draft, the Huskers' highest selection since Grant Wistrom went sixth in the 1998 Draft. Carriker was one of three Blackshirts selected this year along with linebacker Stewart Bradley (third round by the Philadelphia Eagles) and defensive end Jay Moore (fourth round by San Francisco).

Before joining the Huskers, Cosgrove served under Barry Alvarez as defensive coordinator at Wisconsin for nine years. Cosgrove coached the Badger linebackers for 14 years overall (1990-2003) and spent 22 years coaching in the Big Ten.

A member of Alvarez's original staff, Cosgrove coached at Wisconsin with several current Husker staff members, including Coach Bill Callahan, cornerbacks coach Phil Elmassian (1997-99) and safeties coach Bill Busch (1994). Callahan and Cosgrove have coached together for 14 years.



The Cosgrove family (clockwise from top left): Clint, Connor, Shannon, Kevin and Shelly.

Cosgrove helped Wisconsin to three Big Ten titles and nine bowl appearances (7-2 record), including three Rose Bowl wins. Two of Cosgrove's linebackers – Pete Monty in 1996, Nick Greisen in 2000 and 2001 – led the conference in tackles at Wisconsin, with Monty setting the Badgers' career tackle record. Barrett Ruud led the Big 12 in tackles in 2004 under Cosgrove and ended his career as the Huskers' all-time tackles leader.

Wisconsin won the Big Ten title in 1993 and defeated UCLA in the Rose Bowl 21-16. The Badgers then won back-to-back Big Ten titles in 1998 and 1999, before defeating UCLA, 38-31, and Stanford, 17-9, in the Rose Bowl, respectively.

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

Cosgrove also has worked at Illinois, Southeast Missouri State and Colorado State. He was a graduate assistant at Illinois alongside Callahan from 1980 to 1982, then was elevated to linebackers coach for the Illini from 1983 to 1987. Cosgrove recruited Jeff George, the NFL's No. 1 draft pick in 1990, to Illinois along with two-time All-American Moe Gardner.

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

Cosgrove and his wife, Shelly, have two sons, Clint and Connor, and a daughter, Shannon. Clint worked as a video intern in the Nebraska football office last year and will be a graduate assistant coach at Minnesota in 2007.



# Shawn WATSON

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR/QB · 2ND YEAR · SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (1982)

After tutoring the Husker tight ends last season, Shawn Watson takes over the offensive coordinator duties in 2007 and will work with Nebraska's quarterbacks. Watson also served as recruiting coordinator during his first season in Lincoln but relinquished those duties when he moved into the offensive coordinator role vacated in January by Jay Norvell, who joined the staff at UCLA.

Watson's promotion to offensive coordinator came as little surprise, as he had served as a Division I coordinator for six years prior to coming to Lincoln. Watson has 24 years of collegiate coaching experience, including a stint as the head coach at Southern Illinois from 1994 to 1996.

In his first year as quarterbacks coach at Nebraska, Watson will oversee the development of a new signal caller for the Huskers. Two-year starter and 2006 Big 12 Offensive Player of the Year Zac

Taylor completed his eligibility following the Cotton Bowl. Taylor rewrote the NU record book and finished his career as the all-time leading passer (yards, completions and touchdowns) in school history. This season, Watson will work with a quarterbacking group that includes returning backup Joe Ganz, reserve Beau Davis and Sam Keller, who threw for more than 3,000 yards in three years at Arizona State before transferring to Lincoln last fall.

In 2006, Watson worked with a talented group of tight ends in his debut with the Huskers. Among his proteges during his first year at Nebraska were Matt Herian, who finished his career with a Nebraska tight end record for receptions (65) and reception yardage (1,243) and was fourth overall on the NU receptions chart (any position). Nebraska returns three tight ends who played in the regular rotation last year. Along with Herian, the foursome finished with 35 catches for 336 yards and 10 touchdowns.

Watson came to Nebraska after seven seasons on the Colorado coaching staff, including the last six as the Buffs' offensive coordinator.

Watson and Nebraska head coach Bill Callahan have known each other since early in their coaching careers, when they both served on Mike White's staff at the University of Illinois, including sharing an office for two years. Callahan was an assistant with the Illini from 1980 to 1986, while Watson was on staff from 1983 to 1986. Watson first served as a graduate assistant coach in 1983 and 1984 at Illinois, then worked with the offensive tackles and tight ends in 1985, before serving as wide receivers coach in 1986.

After his stay at Illinois, Watson went to Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, where he was an assistant coach for seven seasons. 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.

The impressive work Watson turned in at Miami led to him



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

being named the head coach at his alma mater, Southern Illinois. He served in that role for three seasons from 1994 to 1996. 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 left Southern Illinois to take a position as the quarterbacks coach on Gary Barnett's Northwestern staff. After two seasons in Evanston, Watson followed Barnett to Colorado, beginning with the 1999 season. Watson was promoted to offensive coordinator before the 2000 campaign and held that position for six years.

Under Watson, Colorado's version of the West Coast Offense showed its flexibility and the ability to adapt to the Buffs' offensive talent. Colorado ranked 20th nationally in total offense in 2001, only the third team in CU history to average both 200 yards rushing and passing. After relying on a ground-oriented attack in 2001 and 2002, the 2003 Buffs featured a prolific passing attack, 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 Buff career as the holder of 44 school records, including most career pass completions, attempts and passing yards.

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

Watson and his wife, Anita, have a daughter, Amber, and two sons, Aaron and Adam, a redshirt freshman walk-on defensive back for the Huskers.



## NOTING WATSON

**Date and Place of Birth:** Born: Sept. 21, 1959, in Carbondale, Ill.

**Family:** Wife, Anita; Children, Amber (26), Aaron (20) and Adam (18)

**Education:** Southern Illinois at Carbondale, bachelor's in health education, 1982; High School: Carterville (Ill.) High School

**Coaching Experience:** 1982, Southern Illinois (graduate assistant coach); 1983-84, Illinois (graduate assistant coach); 1985, Illinois (assistant coach/tight ends and offensive tackles); 1986, Illinois (assistant coach/wide receivers); 1987-89, Miami (Ohio) University (assistant coach/tight ends); 1990-91, Miami (assistant coach/wide receivers), 1992-93 Miami (assistant coach/quarterbacks, recruiting coordinator); 1994-96, Southern Illinois (head coach); 1997-98, Northwestern (assistant coach/quarterbacks); 1999, Colorado (assistant coach/quarterbacks); 2000-05, Colorado (assistant coach/offensive coordinator, quarterbacks); 2006, Nebraska (assistant coach/recruiting coordinator/tight ends); 2007-present (offensive coordinator/quarterbacks).

**Recruiting Emphasis:** Kansas (junior colleges), Northern Houston, Central Texas





# Bill BUSCH

SPECIAL TEAMS/SAFETIES • 4TH YEAR • NEBRASKA WESLEYAN (1988)

## NOTING BUSCH

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

**Education:** Nebraska Wesleyan, bachelors in education, 1988; Nebraska-Kearney, masters degree, 1990

**Playing Experience:** 1985-87, Nebraska Wesleyan

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

**Recruiting Emphasis:** Southern California, Arizona



Bill Busch, a Nebraska native and a former Husker graduate assistant coach, enters his fourth season in Lincoln where he will coach the Husker safeties and serve as Nebraska's special teams coordinator in 2007.

Busch's safeties have been among the team's top athletes over the past three seasons. Among his defensive corps last year, Husker safeties recorded six of Nebraska's 12 interceptions in 2006. Strong safety Tierre Green, who returns for his third season as a starter in the defensive backfield, added one pickoff and assisted the Blackshirts by ranking fifth in tackles. Rickey Thenarse, a freshman, added an interception and made significant contributions on special teams. Together they helped the Blackshirts rank 13th nationally in pass efficiency defense.

The lofty ranking was nothing new as Busch helped guide the 2005 Husker defense to an impressive No. 10 national pass efficiency defense ranking and the No. 2 ranking in the Big 12 Conference. The Huskers held six opponents to less than 200 yards passing and nine to one or fewer passing touchdowns in 2005.

Following the 2005 campaign, Daniel Bullocks joined his twin brother, Josh, as Daniel was selected by the Detroit Lions in the second round of the 2006 NFL Draft. A year earlier, Josh, who started two years at NU, was a second-round selection of the New Orleans Saints. Ironically, each Bullocks brother was taken with the 40th pick.

Busch's expertise has also paid dividends for the Huskers on special teams. Over the past three seasons, the Huskers have blocked 15 kicks, including seven in 2005. NU's special teams recorded two important plays in the final minutes of a contest – a 40-yard field goal to beat Kansas State and a block of a Pitt field-goal attempt – that proved to be game winners.

Nebraska ranked in the top 25 nationally in net punting (24th in 2006) and punt returns (17th in 2005) under Busch during the past three years as well. NU's kickoff coverage unit ranked 15th nationally in 2006 after finishing 22nd the previous year.

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

Off the field, Busch is responsible for preparing the officials evaluation reports, serves as the team's liaison to the Big 12 Conference officials and is the staff resident expert on rules of the game.

Busch came to NU after spending three seasons at the University of Utah where he coached the safeties in 2001 and 2002 and the defensive backs in 2003.

Utah boasted one of the top defenses in the Mountain West Conference in 2003 to help the Utes to an impressive 10-2 record and their first outright conference title since 1957. Utah's 10 victories that season tied the then-school record and its No. 21 final national ranking in both polls was the school's highest since 1994. Busch's secondary allowed Utah to finish second in the Mountain West and 27th nationally in pass efficiency defense, as Utah surrendered just nine passing touchdowns in 12 games.

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

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

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

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

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

# Phil ELMASSIAN

CORNERBACKS • 4TH YEAR • WILLIAM & MARY (1974)

A veteran college assistant who has been a part of championships in four conferences, Phil Elmassian (pronounced ELL-MAY-shun) brings a wealth of knowledge to the Nebraska staff. A former defensive coordinator, Elmassian has coached every defensive position except the line in his 33 year career. Elmassian is in his fourth season with the Nebraska program and will again focus on guiding the Husker cornerbacks in 2007.



The Elmassian family (from left): Claire, Olivia, Dylan, Mary and Phil.

Last year, Elmassian faced a challenge as returning starter Zack Bowman was lost for the season to injury during fall camp. Bowman's replacement, Andre Jones, ranked second on the team in tackles with 74 and was second with seven pass breakups. Jones trailed only his counterpart, Cortney Grixby, who recorded 11 breakups for the second year in a row. Entering his third season as a starter, Grixby begins his final chapter in Lincoln ranked sixth on the Nebraska career breakups chart with 25.

Grixby and Jones return in 2007 after helping Nebraska rank 13th nationally last season in pass efficiency defense, the second straight year the Huskers ranked in the top 15. The Blackshirts ended the 2005 campaign ranked 10th nationally and second in the Big 12 Conference in pass efficiency defense while holding nine opponents to one or fewer passing touchdowns.

Bowman suffered another injury during 2007 spring practice, but hopes to make his return in the fall as well. He has been ranked among the top cornerbacks in the country by several publications that track the NFL Draft.

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

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

Elmassian has experience at four Division I schools as a defensive coordinator, including West Virginia (2001), LSU (2000), Boston College (1996) and Virginia Tech (1993 to

1994). He served as defensive backs coach at Wisconsin (1997 to 1999), where he worked under Kevin Cosgrove. In addition to Purdue and Wisconsin, Elmassian was also a secondary coach at Washington (1995), Syracuse (1991 to 1992), Virginia Tech (1985 to 1986), Minnesota (1984) and East Carolina (1983).

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

Elmassian's ability to lead players to the highest level has paid dividends, as he helped four programs to conference championship seasons. He also has helped take teams to bowl games 18 times in his career.

His five league titles have come with schools in four conferences including Marshall to the MAC Championship in 2002; Washington to a Pac-10 Championship in 1995; and Virginia to the ACC Championship in 1989. He also helped lead Wisconsin to the Rose Bowl and Big Ten Championship in 1998 and 1999, as his defense led the nation in scoring defense in 1998 and ranked fifth in 1999.

Elmassian played at Ferrum (Va.) College as a quarterback, then transferred to William & Mary (Va.) where he played defensive back under Lou Holtz. He earned a bachelor's degree in physical education from William & Mary in 1974. He and his wife, Mary, have three children, Claire, Dylan and Olivia.



## NOTING ELMASSIAN

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

**Family:** Wife, Mary; daughters, Claire (19) and Olivia (13), son Dylan (16)

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

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

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

**Recruiting Emphasis:** Western Texas, Northern Florida



# Ted GILMORE

RECRUITING COORDINATOR/WIDE RECEIVERS · 3RD YEAR · WYOMING (1991)



## NOTING GILMORE

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

**Family:** Wife, Jennifer; Daughter, Taylor (7); and son, T.J. (4)

**Education:** University of Wyoming, bachelors in sociology, 1991

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

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

**Recruiting Emphasis:** Colorado, Kansas (HS), West Houston, Dallas Metroplex



Ted Gilmore will work with a talented corps of athletes as he returns for his third season as the Huskers' receivers coach. Gilmore also added the title of recruiting coordinator during the offseason.

Gilmore's stable of capable pass catchers includes Terrence Nunn, one of NU's top playmakers the past three seasons. Just the second player in Nebraska history—joining Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Rodgers – to post 100 career receptions, Nunn also improved his streak with at least one reception to 26 games in 2006.

Nunn joined Rodgers as only the second Husker ever with two 40-reception seasons in a career when Nunn led Nebraska with 42 catches for 597 yards and three scores as a junior. Nunn topped the 1,000-yard career mark earlier in the season and enters 2007 ranked second in school history for receptions (101) and third in receiving yards (1,310).

Along with Nunn, Nate Swift was an integral part of the NU offense in 2005. Swift set Nebraska freshman records for receptions (45) and receiving yardage (641) while earning honorable-mention All-Big 12 accolades and first-team freshman All-Big 12 honors. His 45 catches rank among the top five all-time single-season marks in NU history. Swift added to his resume as a sophomore in 2006, as he became only the 14th player in school history to top the 1,000-yard receiving mark in a career.

Second-team All-Big 12 selection Maurice Purify was one of the league's top newcomers last year under Gilmore's direction. Purify caught 34 passes for a team-high 630 yards and seven touchdowns and was one of four Huskers to make at least 30 receptions last season. Purify also tied for fifth in the NU single-season record book as he had seven touchdown catches last year.

Nebraska receivers helped the Huskers post the first 3,000-yard passing season in school history in 2006, the second straight year NU's West Coast Offense set a school record for passing yards. Gilmore's coaching ability was recognized with his selection to participate in the Expert Coaches Academy in June 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. 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 in its version of the West Coast Offense.

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



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

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 was a semifinalist for the 2003 Biletnikoff Award, while also earning two first-team 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.

# Randy JORDAN

RUNNING BACKS · 4TH YEAR · NORTH CAROLINA (1993)

Following a nine-year career in the NFL, Randy Jordan moved to the sidelines and is now entering his fourth season as the Huskers' running backs coach. Jordan began his coaching career as a special teams assistant with the Oakland Raiders, before following Coach Bill Callahan to Nebraska.

With the Huskers, Jordan oversaw a Nebraska committee of I-backs in 2006 that produced nearly 2,400 rushing yards and 26 rushing touchdowns in the powerful West Coast Offense. An improved effort on the ground helped NU move from 107th in 2005 to 23rd nationally in rushing offense in 2006.

Brandon Jackson led the way with 989 rushing yards with seven touchdowns before leaving for the NFL Draft following his junior season. Jackson was a second-round pick by the Green Bay Packers, one of three Huskers selected on the first day of the draft. He was the highest drafted I-back from Nebraska since 1996 and was the highest drafted offensive player at NU since 2002.

Along with Jackson, three other Huskers benefited from Jordan's tutelage, including Marlon Lucky (728 yards and six touchdowns, 32 receptions), Cody Glenn (370 yards and eight touchdowns) and Kenny Wilson (335 yards and four touchdowns). Lucky and Glenn return for the 2007 campaign looking to take the lead role in the offense, while Wilson rehabs an injury that will sideline him for the season.

Jordan's creativity and enthusiasm has shaped the I-back position into a multiple-threat weapon. The most recent beneficiary of Jordan's knowledge, Jackson ranked third on the squad with 33 receptions while earning first-team All-Big 12 honors from the Associated Press. Jordan's backs combined for 73 receptions and four receiving touchdowns, helping NU rank 14th nationally in total offense last year.

A year earlier, Glenn and Lucky provided a solid combination of speed and power that was an impressive complement to starting I-back Cory Ross in 2005.

A perfect example of the multi-dimensional player Jordan and the Huskers like to utilize, Ross finished his career ranked ninth on the Huskers' all-time rushing chart with 2,743 yards. He also ranked sixth on the NU career chart with 71 receptions, including a position record with 43 catches in 2005. Ross is the only Husker in history to rank in the top 10 for both rushing yards and receptions, and finished fourth in school history in all-purpose yards.

Jordan's guidance helped Ross join an elite group in 2004, as Ross became the 20th Husker to record 1,000 rushing yards in a season when he ranked fifth in the conference and 23rd nationally with 100.2 rushing yards per game. As a group, Nebraska's backs averaged 176.8 yards per contest in the first season of the West Coast Offense.

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



The Jordan family (clockwise from top right): Romonda, Justin, Randy, Jalen and Raven.

Before entering the coaching ranks, Jordan garnered nine years of NFL experience as a running back, playing in 122 career games from 1993 to 2002. He began his playing career with the Los Angeles Raiders, before joining the expansion Jacksonville Jaguars for three seasons, beginning in 1995. Jordan scored Jacksonville's first-ever touchdown on a 71-yard reception against Cincinnati in 1995. He returned to the Raiders in 1998 where he played the next five seasons.

Jordan rushed for 159 yards for the Raiders in 1998, then had a career-high 213 yards and three touchdowns during the 2000 season when Oakland reached the AFC Championship Game. Jordan also caught 27 passes for 299 yards and a touchdown in 2000. He finished his career with 574 yards rushing and seven touchdowns, while catching 58 passes for 596 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

The Manson, N.C., native also made an impression in the National Football League for his special teams play. A standout on special teams throughout his career, Jordan was named the special teams captain for Callahan's 2002 Raider squad that reached Super Bowl XXXVII. He finished his career with 801 yards on 38 career kick returns, including 553 yards on 26 returns for the Jaguars in 1996. Jordan also made 64 career tackles on special teams, including a career-best 14 in 1999. Jordan was a recipient of the NFL Unsung Hero Award and the Ed Block Courage Award in 2001.

Jordan played in the NFL after a standout collegiate career at the University of North Carolina. Jordan played for Coach Mack Brown at UNC from 1989 to 1992, earning three letters for the Tar Heels. He rushed for 1,134 yards and nine touchdowns in his career, including 618 yards and seven touchdowns in 1991.

Jordan earned his bachelor's degree in speech communications from North Carolina in 1993. He and his wife, Romonda, have one daughter, Raven, and two sons, Jalen and Justin.



## NOTING JORDAN

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

**Family:** Wife, Romonda; daughter, Raven (10); sons Jalen (8) and Justin (Nov. 8, 2006)

**Education:** North Carolina, bachelors in speech communications, 1993

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

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

**Recruiting Emphasis:** Eastern Texas, Eastern Dallas, Northern Louisiana



Joe

## RUDOLPH

TIGHT ENDS · 1ST YEAR · WISCONSIN (1995)



## NOTING RUDOLPH

**Date and Place of Birth:** Born on July 21, 1972 in Charleroi, Pa.

**Family:** Wife, Dawn; son, Alexander (born May 9, 2007).

**Education:** University of Wisconsin, bachelors in zoology, 1995; Carnegie Mellon, masters in business administration, 2004

**Playing Experience:** 1991-94, Wisconsin; 1995, Philadelphia Eagles; 1997, San Francisco 49ers.

**Coaching Experience:** 2004-05, Ohio State (graduate assistant); 2006, Ohio State (strength coach); 2007, Nebraska (assistant coach/tight ends)

**Recruiting Emphasis:** Ohio, Southern California

Joe Rudolph became the newest member of the Husker coaching staff when Coach Bill Callahan named him tight ends coach in late February. Rudolph filled an open position within the Husker offense following the departure of offensive coordinator Jay Norvell, who joined the UCLA staff.

Rudolph joined the Huskers after spending the past three seasons at Ohio State. In 2006, Rudolph was a member of the Buckeyes' strength and conditioning staff, where he developed position-specific training programs for OSU's tight ends, offensive linemen and fullbacks. Prior to working this past season as part of the Buckeyes' strength and conditioning unit, Rudolph spent two seasons on Coach Jim Tressel's staff as a graduate assistant with the Buckeye offense.

The Buckeyes had great success while Rudolph was part of the program. In 2006, Ohio State compiled a perfect 12-0 regular season before losing to Florida in the BCS National Championship Game. While serving as a graduate assistant, Rudolph helped guide the Buckeyes to a trip to the Alamo Bowl in 2004. He also assisted with the Ohio State offense in 2005, as the Buckeyes finished ranked fourth nationally with a 10-2 record, including a victory over Notre Dame in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl.

Rudolph spent the majority of his time at Ohio State working with the offensive line. During his stint as a graduate assistant, the Buckeyes averaged better than 420 yards of total offense and nearly 33 points per game in 2005. OSU offensive guard Rob Sims was a first-team All-Big Ten pick in 2005, while center Nick Mangold was a second-team all-conference selection.

The 34-year-old Rudolph joined the Ohio State staff before the 2004 season. He entered coaching after earning his master's degree in business administration in 2004 from the Tepper School of Business at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh.

Rudolph also played two seasons in the National Football League, earning a roster spot with the Philadelphia Eagles in 1995, before playing with the San Francisco 49ers in 1997. He played for the Eagles while Callahan was in charge of Philly's offensive line.

Rudolph was a standout offensive lineman at Wisconsin in the early 1990s, earning three letters from 1992 to 1994, while playing for Callahan, who was the Badgers' offensive



The Rudolph family: Dawn, Joe and Alex.

line coach at the time. Rudolph was a first-team All-Big Ten pick in 1993 and 1994. He helped the Badgers to a Big Ten title and a trip to the Rose Bowl in 1993, when UW finished with a 10-1-1 record and averaged better than 450 yards of total offense per game, including 250.8 yards per game on the ground.

Rudolph was a Badger team captain in 1994, aiding Wisconsin to an 8-3-1 record. He helped provide the push for an offense that averaged better than 420 yards per contest, including 244.5 rushing yards per game. A three-time academic all-conference pick, Rudolph was Wisconsin's Scholastic Award Winner in 1994 and played in the East-West Shrine Game and Senior Bowl following his senior season. He earned his bachelor's degree in zoology from Wisconsin in 1995.

A native of Belle Vernon, Pa., Rudolph is the youngest member of Nebraska's coaching staff. Rudolph and his wife, Dawn, had their first child, Alex, in May.



# Dennis WAGNER

OFFENSIVE LINE • 4TH YEAR • UTAH (1982)

Coach Dennis Wagner has continued the storied tradition of the Husker offensive line as Nebraska implemented the West Coast Offense the past three seasons. Along the way, Wagner has quickly gained a reputation as one of the top offensive line coaches in the country.

In 2006, Nebraska's line improvement and depth led to a resurgence on offense as the Huskers soared to 14th nationally in total offense while ranking 23rd in both passing offense and rushing offense. Sophomore tackle Matt Slauson earned second-team All-Big 12 honors for his play while several other Huskers earned valuable experience for the future. Nebraska lost two offensive linemen in the regular rotation from the 2006 campaign, but returns seven players in 2007 who started a game last season. The impressive group of returnees has led some preseason publications to rank the Husker offensive line among the nation's top units.

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

Wagner came to Nebraska from Fresno State where he served as assistant head coach and offensive line coach for seven years. He quickly helped Fresno State's offensive line become one of the top units in the country as his O-line was ranked among the top 10 in 2002 by The Sporting News. His offensive linemen helped NFL No. 1 pick David Carr post record-shattering passing numbers in 2001 (4,299 yards, 42 touchdowns passing), while running back Paris Gaines rushed for more than 1,000 yards and the team averaged 501.6 total yards per game.

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

A native of Waverly, Iowa, Wagner has other Midwest and Nebraska ties. He was the head coach at Wayne (Neb.) State from 1989 to 1996, leading the Wildcats to a 44-37-1 record. He quickly turned around the Division II program which had lost 12 consecutive games just prior to his arrival and had only won two of its last 29 games. For his efforts, Wagner was inducted into the Wayne State College Hall of Fame in 2005.



The Wagner family (from left): Cyndi, Joshua, Whitney and Dennis.

Wagner was named the Nebraska Coach of the Year by the Omaha World-Herald in 1990 and 1993. In his last four seasons at Wayne State, the Wildcats finished no lower than third nationally in total offense, leading the nation with 581.5 yards per game in 1993.

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

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

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

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



## NOTING WAGNER

**Date and Place of Birth:** Born on March 9, 1958, in Waverly, Iowa

**Family:** Wife, Cyndi; daughter Whitney (15); son Joshua (8)

**Education:** Utah, bachelors in psychology, 1982; St. Cloud State, masters in athletic administration, 1987

**Playing Experience:** 1976, Drake; 1977, Ellsworth (Iowa) Community College; 1978-79, Utah

**Coaching Experience:** 1980, Luther College (assistant coach/offensive line); 1981-82, UNLV (assistant coach/tight ends); 1983, William Penn (head track and field coach); 1984, UNLV (assistant strength coach); 1985-88, St. Cloud (Minn.) State (offensive coordinator/offensive line); 1989-96, Wayne (Neb.) State (head coach); 1997-2003, Fresno State (assistant head coach/offensive line); 2004-present, Nebraska (assistant coach/offensive line)

**Recruiting Emphasis:** Omaha, Northern and Central California, Iowa



# Buddy WYATT

DEFENSIVE LINE · 1ST YEAR · TCU (1990)



## NOTING WYATT

**Date and Place of Birth:** Born on Nov. 8, 1966 in Victoria, Texas.

**Family:** Wife, Andrea; Son, Fredrick (11); Daughter, Ariel (7)

**Education:** TCU, bachelor's degree in education, 1990

**Playing Experience:** TCU, defensive line, 1986-89

**Coaching Experience:** 1991, TCU (graduate assistant/defensive line), 1992-95, Minnesota (assistant coach/defensive line); 1996, Oklahoma State (assistant coach/defensive line); 1997-98, Northwestern (assistant coach/defensive line); 1999, Colorado (assistant coach/defensive line); 2000-02, Texas A&M (assistant coach/defensive line); 2003-06, Alabama (assistant coach/defensive line); 2006-present, Nebraska (assistant coach/defensive line)

**Recruiting Emphasis:** Southern Louisiana, Eastern Houston, Ft. Worth, Arlington



A long-time assistant with coaching and recruiting ties to the Big 12, Big Ten and SEC, Buddy Wyatt was hired in December 2006 by Coach Bill Callahan to guide the Husker defensive line.

Wyatt jumped right into the fray as he assisted the Huskers during their preparations for the Cotton Bowl, where NU's starting defensive front four combined for 17 tackles, including three for loss and two sacks. This year Wyatt will oversee replacing four starters on the line while working with a solid core of young talent.

In June of 2007, Wyatt was recognized when he was selected to participate in the Expert Coaches Academy, an NCAA program that addresses the critical shortage of ethnic minorities in head coaching positions in the sport of college football, primarily at the Division I level. He is the third Husker assistant in the past two years to be invited.

Wyatt came to the Huskers with 15 years of Division I coaching experience, including spending his previous four seasons as the defensive line coach at the University of Alabama. During Wyatt's tenure in Tuscaloosa, the Crimson Tide annually ranked among the nation's top defenses.

Alabama ranked 18th nationally in total defense and 29th in scoring defense during the 2006 campaign. A year earlier, the defense paced the Crimson Tide to a 10-2 record and a Cotton Bowl victory, ranking first nationally in scoring defense (10.7 ppg), second in total defense (255.1 ypg) and ninth against the run (94.3 ypg). Alabama also ranked second nationally in total defense (245.5 ypg) and was seventh in scoring defense in 2004.

Wyatt is also recognized as one of the nation's top recruiters. Wyatt has been responsible for recruiting the Mississippi High School Player of Year to the Crimson Tide program each of his last two seasons—running back Terry Grant in 2006 and Jimmy Johns in 2005. Wyatt helped attract top-20 ranked recruiting classes to Tuscaloosa in each of his last three campaigns, while focusing much of his recruiting efforts in the state of Florida.

A native of Victoria, Texas, Wyatt also has an outstanding track record of recruiting in the state of Texas, specifically during his time at Texas A&M from 2000 to 2002. Among Wyatt's top recruits with the Aggies was defensive lineman Johnny Jolly, a rookie with the Green Bay Packers in 2006.

In addition to his most recent stop at Alabama, Wyatt has five years of experience at Big 12 Conference schools, including working as a defensive line coach at Oklahoma State, Colorado and Texas A&M.

Wyatt took over the Alabama defensive line after three seasons as part of R.C. Slocum's coaching staff at Texas A&M from 2000 to 2002. While with the Aggies, Wyatt helped coach future NFL players Rocky Bernard, Ty Warren, Ronald Edwards and Ronald Flemons, and assisted on two A&M teams



The Wyatt family (clockwise from left): Buddy, Andrea, Ariel and Fredrick.

that played in bowl games. Nebraska Associate Athletic Director for Football Operations Tim Cassidy was on the Texas A&M staff with Wyatt.

Wyatt was a member of Gary Barnett's coaching staffs for three seasons from 1997 to 1999. He coached the Northwestern defensive line in 1997 and 1998, then moved to the University of Colorado with Barnett in 1999, where he helped the Buffs to an appearance in the Insight.com Bowl. While Wyatt was a member of Barnett's staffs he worked with Husker offensive coordinator Shawn Watson, who served as an offensive assistant under Barnett at both schools.

Wyatt's first stop in the Big 12 Conference came at Oklahoma State in 1996, where he served as the defensive line coach for Bob Simmons. While with the Cowboys, Wyatt coached defensive tackle Jamal Williams, who is currently one of the top defensive linemen in the NFL with the San Diego Chargers.

The first full-time coaching stop for Wyatt came at the University of Minnesota from 1992 to 1995. He served under Head Coach Jim Wacker, who was Wyatt's college coach at TCU.

Wyatt played for the Horned Frogs as a defensive lineman from 1986 to 1989. He graduated from TCU with a degree in education in 1990. After two seasons in the professional ranks, Wyatt returned to his alma mater where he served as a graduate assistant during the 1991 campaign.

Wyatt is joined in Lincoln by his wife, Andrea, and children Fredrick and Ariel.

Dave

## KENNEDY

HEAD STRENGTH COACH · 4TH YEAR · NEBRASKA (1985)

One of the nation's top strength and conditioning coaches, Dave Kennedy is entering his fourth season as an integral member of the Nebraska football staff. Kennedy serves as the Huskers' head strength coach. He joined the staff after being lured away from the University of Pittsburgh by Nebraska Coach Bill Callahan, who had previously tried to hire Kennedy when Callahan was the head coach of the Oakland Raiders.

Kennedy's services greatly expanded last year with the addition of the new Tom and Nancy Osborne Athletic Complex at Memorial Stadium. Kennedy oversaw the massive transition of the strength staff in its move to a new weight room that houses the latest in technological advances to aid the Huskers' strength training and conditioning program.

Kennedy and his staff can now better serve the Huskers' needs in the new facility. The strength complex is part of a centrally located student-athlete corridor that includes the football locker room and the training and rehabilitation area, all within a few feet of each other. The strength facility is more than one and a half times the size of the previous strength center, which was universally recognized for years as the best in the country.

Kennedy has helped Nebraska continue its tenure as the preeminent strength and conditioning program in the nation. Under a watchful eye in the weight room, two Huskers earned first-team freshman All-America honors in 2005 while defensive end Adam Carriker was named the Big 12's Defensive Lineman of the Year as a senior in 2006.

Carriker, who also served as his team's quarterback in high school, was selected by the St. Louis Rams in the first round (13th pick) of the 2007 NFL Draft. Kennedy's efforts also benefited I-back Brandon Jackson, who left school following his junior season in 2006 and was a second-round selection (No. 63) by the Green Bay Packers, the highest-drafted I-back at Nebraska since 1996.

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

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

Kennedy received Ohio State's Admiral's Trophy prior to



The Kennedy family (from left): Nick, Julie, Eric, Dave and Ben.

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

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

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

The Omaha native left Ohio State before the start of the 2002 season and joined Head Coach Walt Harris' staff at Pittsburgh. At Pittsburgh, Kennedy helped wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald develop into a Heisman Trophy runner-up and the recipient of the 2003 Walter Camp and Biletnikoff awards.

Dave and his wife, Julie, have three sons, Ben, Nick and Eric. Julie was a former Husker Hostess for the football recruiting program.



## NOTING KENNEDY

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

**Family:** wife, Julie; sons, Ben (13), Nick (11), Eric (7)

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

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





Tim

# CASSIDY

ASSOCIATE A.D. FOR FOOTBALL · 4TH YEAR · NEBRASKA-OMAHA (1981)

## Noting Cassidy

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

**Family:** Wife, Nancy; sons Ryan (22) and Austin (19); daughter Danielle (17)

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

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

Widely considered one of the top football administrators in the country, Tim Cassidy begins his fourth season as Associate Athletic Director for Football at Nebraska in 2007. While assisting the football staff and athletic department administration, Cassidy coordinates the Huskers' day-to-day football office organization while aiding Nebraska's recruiting efforts and program administration.

Named among Tom Lemming's list of the top 10 recruiters in the nation in 1999, Cassidy helped the Nebraska football program claim one of the top rankings in the nation by most analysts for the 2005 recruiting class. Each of the past three seasons the Huskers continued to find recruiting success with Cassidy's assistance, including producing their third straight top-25 recruiting class in 2007.

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

Cassidy also served as a member of the administration's Executive Team. He assisted with the strategic planning of the new Tom and Nancy Osborne Athletic Complex, a \$50 million complex on the North end of Memorial Stadium that opened in the summer of 2006. The new facility houses the Nebraska football team locker room and coaches offices along with a new training room, weight room and administrative offices.

Along with his administrative duties, Cassidy serves on the board of directors for Coach Callahan Charities, Inc., which works to raise money for several worthwhile causes throughout the state of Nebraska. He has also previously served as the chairman of the American Football Coaches Association Football Operations Committee and currently resides on the committee's board of directors.

Cassidy came back to his native Nebraska with more than 25 years experience in the collegiate football ranks.

Working in the Big 12 Conference is nothing new to Cassidy. He spent 19 years at Texas A&M, including serving as recruiting coordinator from 1989 to 2004, before returning to Nebraska. In 1991, Cassidy was promoted to assistant athletic director for recruiting and in 1994, he was also named the director of football operations. He was promoted to associate athletic director for football at A&M in the fall of 2002 and served as color commentator for the football radio broadcasts in 2003.

Cassidy played an integral role in the Aggies' campus expansion as he aided in the development of the \$28 million athletic and academic complex completed on the Texas A&M campus in 2003.



The Cassidy family (clockwise from top left): Ryan, Danielle, Austin, Tim and Nancy.

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

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

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

A native Nebraskan, Cassidy and his wife Nancy have two sons, Ryan and Austin, and daughter Danielle. Austin will be joining the Huskers as a walk-on defensive back this fall. Nancy also works on campus at the school of business, serving as a lecturer in accounting.