

Athletic trainer holds six jobs

By Kevin Schnepf

The name tag pinned on her light blue medical shirt reads: Jayne Snyder, Physical Therapist; but the UNL women's athletic trainer has many talents.

Snyder, in her second year as athletic trainer, has six other jobs. She has two jobs at Tabitha Nursing Home, she works at Village Manor Nursing Home, Bethesda Hospital, Good Samaritan Nursing Home, in Syracuse and at Lincoln General Hospital.

"I guess I'd call myself self-employed," Snyder said. Snyder is a part-time athletic trainer for women's practices and games. She said 11 student trainers, who are in the UNL athletic training program, assist her.

"Mainly, I'm here during practices," Snyder said. "I determine the extent of an injury and set up treatment for the athletes."

Sharon Slattery, a UNL golfer who is receiving treatment on her hands and wrists, said Snyder gives great attention to athletes' injuries.

"She's running a lot of tests and checking with as many doctors as possible," Slattery said. "She's just fantastic and I think she is well qualified for her job."

Slattery is receiving two and one half hours of treatment every day for tendonitis. In the morning, physical therapist George Sullivan treats her with paraffin (wax) and ultrasound. In the afternoon, Snyder treats her with a heat pack, massage and ultra-sound.

Slattery, who was redshirted because of her injury, said athletes appreciate Snyder's work.

"I think the best quality about her is that she cares for everyone," Slattery said. "You could never tell she works as much as she does because she always has a bubbly attitude."

Snyder, a native of Lincoln and a 1967 graduate of UNL, received her M.S. in physical therapy at Stanford University. She is a licensed physical therapist. A license requires 600 hours of clinical experience.

Times have changed since her college days, Snyder said. Women are just getting into the field of athletic training. She said head student trainers Pam Brown and Cindy Richert, both seniors, have benefited from UNL's training program.

"With the expansion of womens athletics, you'll need more women trainers," she said. "It's hard to find many women athletic trainers right now."

Snyder said the recent rise in women's athletics has meant an increase in the number of injuries.

"Women aren't used to the conditioning men are," she said. "With men, athletics has become part of their life style."

"Most high school programs are not well planned for women as far as conditioning is concerned. I can see improvement ten years from now, though."

Snyder said the UNL womens coaches are stressing conditioning.

"Weightlifting and conditioning are becoming intensive themes," she said. "All the coaches are beginning conditioning drills prior to intensive practices."



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A busy woman: UNL women's athletic trainer Jayne Snyder.

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Cipriano won't know recruits' value until practices

By Kevin Schnepf

When the Husker basketball squad practice begins Oct. 15, new faces from Oklahoma to Yugoslavia will begin their college basketball careers.

Five high school graduates, two junior college transfers and a Yugoslavian are the recruits head coach Joe Cipriano has landed for the season. Cipriano said he is pleased with his recruits.

"The majority of these players have good backgrounds," Cipriano said. "It's tough to make an evaluation of a player now since I haven't had the chance to coach them yet."

Cipriano said the recruits look good on paper but he won't know their value on the court until practices start. Of the eight recruits, four are guards.

"We badly needed guards since Brian Banks is the only returner with experience," Cipriano said. "But we feel we filled that position with the guards we recruited."

Return as guards

Seniors James Caldwell and Eric Coard also return as guards. Two of the recruited guards, Bob Moore and David Davis, are junior college transfers. Moore, a 6-foot-3, 185 lb. sophomore, averaged 15.3 points per game for Northeastern Oklahoma A and M Junior College in Miami, Okla. Moore also had 115 assists and stole the ball 51 times last year.

Davis, a 6-foot-1, 165 lb. junior, led Skyline Junior College to the California State Junior College Championships and was named the tournament's most valuable player. Davis averaged 18 points and eight assists per game.

High school graduates Mike Naderer and Gerard Myrthil round out the guard recruits. Naderer, 5-foot-11, 160 pounds, led Arcadia High School, Scottsdale, Ariz. to a 20-4 record. He averaged 20 points and 11 assists per game.

Myrthil, 6-foot-2, 185 pounds, averaged 24 points and 10 assists per game for Laurinburg Institute Prep in North Carolina. Before moving to North Carolina, Myrthil played in New York City.

The most recent recruit for the Huskers is Yugoslavian Srebrenko (Sil) Despot who is a 6-foot-8, 210 lb. center. Despot, a 21-year-old from Zagreb, played for the Yugoslavian national team.

All-city selection

John Ploetz, a 6-foot-8, 210 lb. center, will join Despot in backing up returning starter, junior Carl McPipe and junior forward-center Curt Hedberg. Ploetz averaged 23 points and 15 rebounds per game for Shorewood High

school in Wisconsin. He was an all-city selection in Milwaukee.

Forward recruits Eric Eckelman and Andre Smith will bid for a spot vacated by Bob Siegel, who was graduated last spring. Returning letterman senior Terry Novak, sophomore Mark McVicker at forward and junior Curt Hedberg are the team's only Nebraska natives.

Eckelman, at 6-foot-7, 200 pounds, averaged 19 points per game, shooting 59 per cent from the field for Muncie North High School in Indiana. Smith, 6-foot-7, 212 pounds, averaged 22 points and 12 rebounds per game for Kennedy High School in Chicago. Smith was an all-conference and all-city selection in Chicago and also played in the Chicago All-Star game.

Cipriano said the key for recruits is hard work and a

positive adjustment to college life.

"This is the first time for some of these players to leave home," Cipriano said. "They have to adjust to educational requirements in addition to basketball. Without a freshman program, the recruits most jump a couple of steps trying to adjust to varsity basketball, Cipriano said.

"Some make it and some don't, that's why I'd like to see a freshman program. It's just not fair to these players."

The NCAA scholarship limit of 15 players creates problems for the Big 8 Conference, Cipriano said.

"It's not a fair rule for our conference," he added. "It hurts us because the area we are in has a low population compared to other conferences."

Pillen is monster by his own right

By Lisa Broman

A monster has crept from beneath the shadow of his older brother to become a star in his own right.

Jim Pillen, UNL monsterback, played in the shadow of brother Clete, last year's Big 8 defensive player of the year, until this fall. Now Jim is earning his own honors.

Pillen, named outstanding defensive player in the Nebraska-Alabama game, said he is proud to be Clete's brother but does not see himself as a shadow.

"Everything I have done since last winter should be judged," he said, "not just a good game's performance."

Pillen said the Alabama game was a classic example of someone being in the right place at the right time.

The experience Pillen has received as a starter this year has boosted his confidence, he said. His football experience at UNL, both on and off the field has helped him in everyday life, Pillen added.

"Especially my redshirt year, which was not a fun year, helped to build my character," he said.

Pillen credits much of his success to brother Clete. He said not only did Clete help him as a player but also as an individual.

"I have a lot of respect for him because he proved how well a walk-on could do. I think he was very good for Nebraska football," he said.

Pillen said he thinks he defends against the run well but sees a need for improvement in his quickness and breaking toward the ball.

"That's what I see but others would probably say I have no strengths and lots of weaknesses."

Pillen said with UNL's young defense blackshirts try to take the leadership burden off co-captain Jeff Carpenter.

"We have to work week in and week out because our schedule does not allow for any breathers," Pillen said. "We can't look ahead even one game if we intend to reach our Big 8 championship goal."

The Big 8 championship is what the team is striving for, Pillen said. If that is accomplished national honors will fall into place, he said.

"There is no sense worrying about national standings now because we don't have any control over them."

Pillen said he has not set any personal goals for himself this year, his only goal is the team's championship.

Pillen, a pre-Vet major, hopes to attend veterinarian school at Colorado State, Kansas State or Iowa State University after graduation.

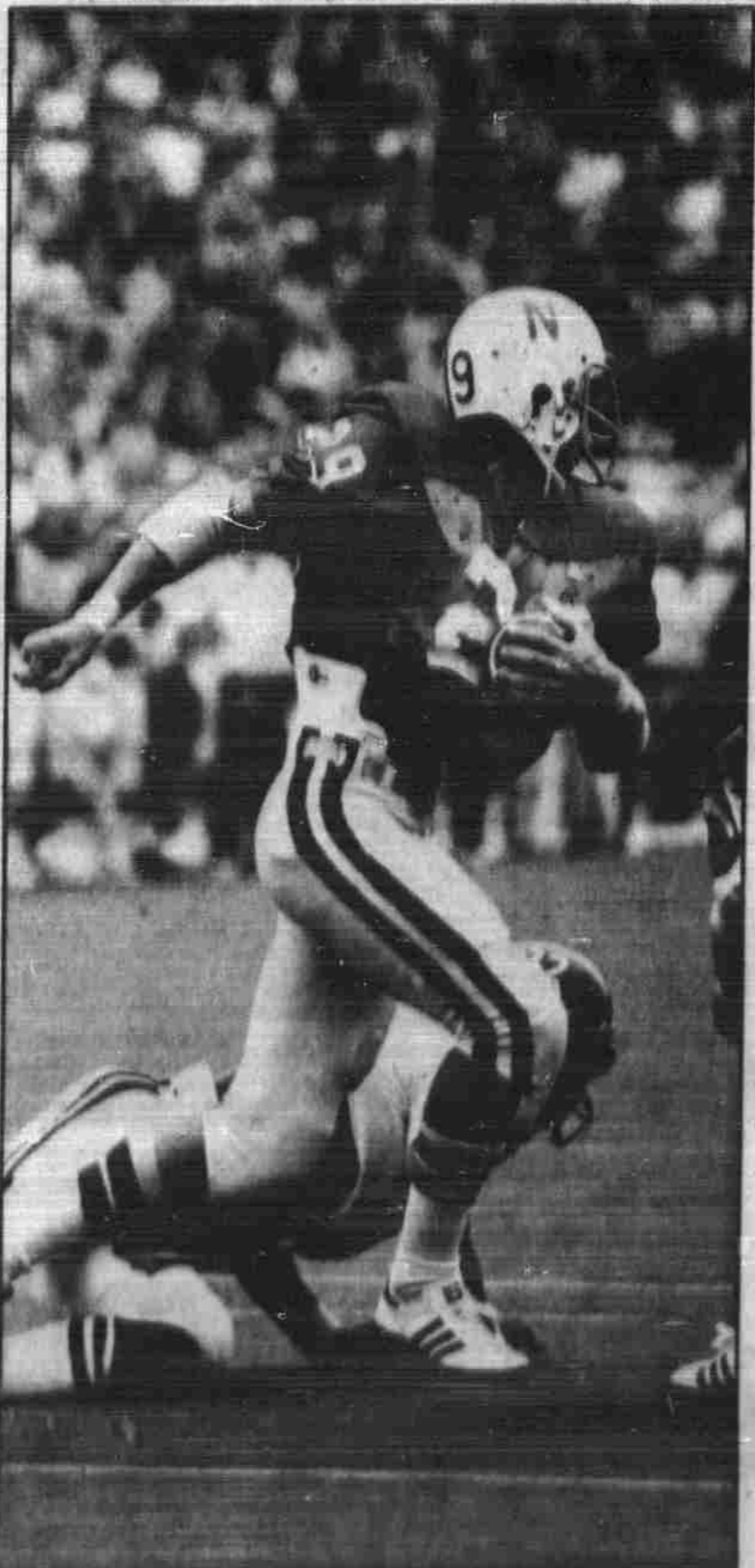


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Husker monsterback Jim Pillen returns one of his three interceptions this year. The junior from Monroe also is the Huskers' second leading tackler with 25. Linebacker Lee Kunz has 33.

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UNL's rugby club swept a pair of games last weekend to up their record to 3-1.

The Huskers downed Rockhurst College of Kansas City, Mo., 20-4, Saturday at Ed Weir Field. The game was knotted 4-4 at halftime.

In a game Sunday, the Huskers held on to win 29-22 against UNL at Humane Society Field in Lincoln. The Huskers had a 29-6 cushion at the half, but lost three players to injuries in the second half. The Husker reserves downed UNO's second team Sunday, 11-8.