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adjusting to the strenuous practices, she earned her position on the starting team in 1990.

Since then, she said, the team has become more unified, and instead of individual players, the squad has become more of a team.

"Everyone is still intense, but it's more for the good of the team," Endicott said.

She said the strongest teams the U.S. team will face in the Olympics in Barcelona, Spain will be the Commonwealth of Independent States, Cuba, China and Japan.

But right now her only worry is the

possibility that a member of the team will become injured or ill.

"We've beaten the best teams in the world, so we're going in with a lot of confidence. I just want everyone to stay healthy," Endicott said.

Endicott plans to finish her degree in athletic training and corporate fitness after the Olympics. She will stay on the national team because she said she wants to continue the experience of being on the team.

"I feel really blessed to have had the ability and the talent to do this. Most kids just dream about going to the Olympics, and for me it has become a reality," Endicott said.

Beck gives promotion to graduate assistant

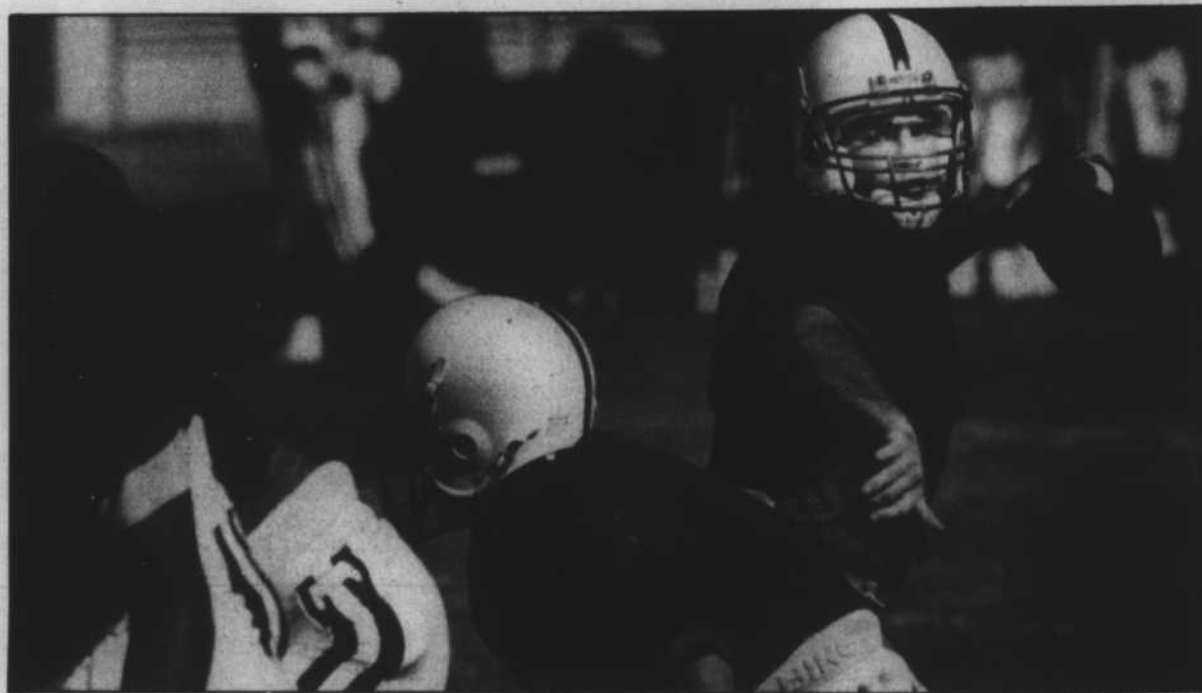
From Staff Reports

Nebraska women's basketball coach Angela Beck announced earlier this week that graduate assistant Brenda VanLengen will be promoted to full-time assistant for the 1992-93 season.

VanLengen, who graduated summa cum laude from Kearney State College in 1988, was a four-year letter

winner on the Lopers' women's basketball team. She earned first-team all-conference and all-district honors and was a two-time Academic All-American while leading Kearney State to its first-ever NAIA national tournament berth.

The Roseland native will also be finishing her master's degree in athletic administration next month.



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NU Quarterback Todd Gragnano, who will be transferring from UNL, throws a pass in practice.

Quarterback duo leaves

By Jeff Singer
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The often-difficult decision of who will be Nebraska's starting quarterback in the fall has become a little less complicated.

Quarterbacks Todd Gragnano and Matt Jones have joined linebacker Brian Havens in transferring from the Cornhusker program to other schools this fall.

Gragnano and Jones, who were both competing for Nebraska's starting quarterback position, departed the program as redshirt sophomores.

Gragnano, who hails from Fountain Valley, Calif., will be attending Louisville, while the Michigan City, Ind. native Jones, will be playing at Southern Illinois.

Both quarterbacks were listed on USA Today's Top 100 recruiting lists for 1990.

With the absence of the high school standouts, the players expected to fill the shoes of last year's top signal-caller Keithen McCant are senior Mike Grant, redshirt freshman Tony Veland and recruits Tommie Frazier and Ben Rutz.

Nebraska Football Coach Tom

Osborne said the Huskers' abundance of quarterbacks was the main reason for the duo's departure.

"They were welcome to stay, but they had a younger guy (Veland) playing ahead of them," Osborne said. "And with Frazier and Rutz coming in, they're chances of playing a significant role was questionable."

Last year, Gragnano took part in one play, in which he completed a one-yard pass for a touchdown, while Jones sat out to use his redshirt season.

Osborne said the pair will be better suited in their new programs.

"With Gragnano, his speed needs to be in a drop-back passing offense," Osborne said. "Jones did everything well, but he was very impatient and wanted to go somewhere where he could be a two or three-year starter."

The Nebraska coach said the absence of the two players might actually be a blessing in the quarterback race.

"It makes the situation better, because now we're not so cluttered," Osborne said.

On the other side of the field, the departure of Havens came as little surprise after he was permanently suspended for participating in a brawl in the spring between Husker football and baseball players.

Havens, who is from Los Alamitos, Calif., will transfer to the University of California.

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