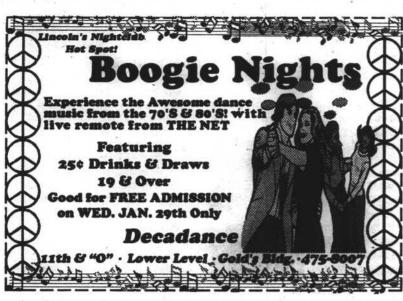


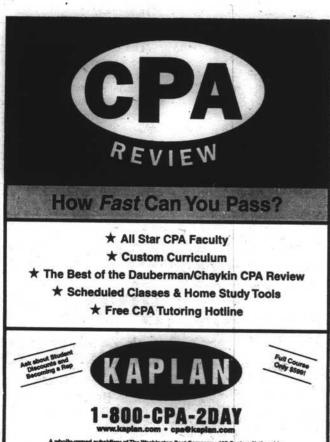
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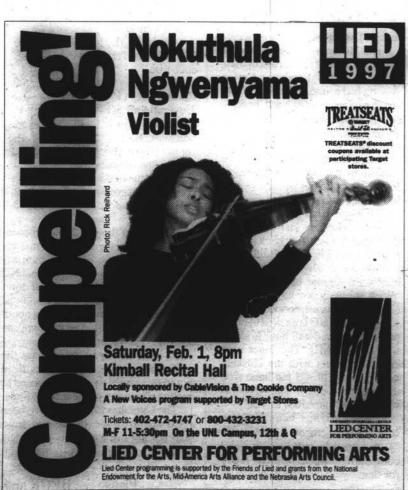
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Nelsen joins Husker swim staff

By JAY SAUNDERS Staff Reporter

Nebraska Swimming and Diving Assistant Coach Jan Bidrman has left the team, and is being replaced by someone with no previous coaching experience.

Bidrman, who joined the NU coaching staff in 1991 as a graduate assistant is leaving the Cornhusker swimming program to accept a head coaching position at the Calgary experience, he enters the paper National Center in Calgary, an experienced swimmer.

He will be replaced by Paul Nelsen, Lincoln native and former All-American swimmer at Minnesota.

Bidrman swam for Nebraska in 1990 and became a graduate assistant in 1991. For the past two years he has Nelsen will coach the breaststrokers with that group very well,"

been a full-time assistant working with at Nebraska. the breaststrokers. Bidrman coached Nebraska All-Americans Penny Heyns and Julia Russell in his two years.

Bidrman was an assistant coach for the South African Olympic team and coached Russell and Heyns - who won two gold medals - in Atlanta.

"He is an outstanding coach as are all our people," NU Coach Cal Bentz said. "Anytime you lose someone outstanding it is a loss."

Although Nelsen has no coaching experience, he enters the program as

At Minnesota, Nelsen was an All-American for the Golden Gophers in 1990, 1991, 1992 and 1994. He holds school records in the 100- and 200yard breaststroke and the 200- and 400-yard individual medley races.

In addition to his success in college, Nelsen was close to qualifying for the 1996 U.S. Olympic team. He finished third in the Olympic Trials in the 200-meter individual medley.

Bentz said Nelsen brings a great deal to the Husker swimming program.

"He brings several years of experience at both the NCAA and international levels," Bentz said. "His extensive background will help our student athletes a great deal.'

Bidrman, who left Nebraska on Jan. 26, and Nelsen have been working together for the last month, Bentz said. Bentz said the transition should be smooth.

"They are pretty much in tune with one another," Bentz said. "Paul brings in a similar strategy. He will work in

Nee wants to see real Nebraska

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"He's one of the keys to their eam," Lue said.

The key to Nebraska's game, may be whether or not Lue can control the ball, he said. Lue has turned the ball over a league-high 29 times in conference play.

"We have a tendency to turn the ball over," Lue said, "and it starts with me first. I've been turning the ball over a lot the last few games and that's probably what's been hurting us. They see me doing it and then, why not?"

Lue committed a game-high seven turnovers in NU's 84-77 loss at Oklahoma and lost the ball six times in the Husker's 75-74 loss at Missouri.

Nebraska's chances against Iowa State.

"We can come in and get a victory," Lue said. "We need a confidence builder going into Kansas. I feel the team is ready to burst out and have a good game.

After a career-high 20 points Hamilton said.

against Missouri Jan. 18, Venson Hamilton is also looking to get back on track.

Hamilton, a 6-9 sophomore scored 12 points against the Tigers in Columbia, Mo., before putting just six points on the board against the Sooners.

"The last game, Venson doesn't show up," Nee said. "He plays 27 minutes and gets two rebounds. If he does his normal job our chances of winning the game are improved.'

Hamilton said he knew he had to make adjustments.

"I have to change my strategy this time," Hamilton said. "I have to get to the board harder than I did against Oklahoma."

sker's 75-74 loss at Missouri. Hamilton will go against 6-11 Cy-But Lue remained confident in clone center Kelvin Cato. Cato leads the Big 12 averaging four blocked shots per game and ranks first with 51 offensive rebounds this season.

The Huskers are capable of a win, Hamilton said, but they need to be ready for a challenge.

"We better show up to play,"

Men's Baskethall Starters

Nebraska 11-7 (3-3) 6-5 225 So. F 5 Larry Florence G 30 Cookie Belcher 6-3 200 Fr

IOWA St. 13-3 (4-2) Ht. Wt. Yr.

F 31 Shawn Bankhead 6-6 225 Sr. C 13 Kelvin Calo 6-11 255 Sr. G 22 Dedric Willoughby 6-3 190 Sr.

Iowa State gives Beck concerns

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lost to No. 11 Texas Tech 64-58. ISU them (Iowa State) really extend and has lost three straight entering its play us on the exterior. game with NU.

Nebraska went to overtime with the does a tremendous job defensively of game tied at 68. In the overtime pe-making you play ugly.' riod, the Huskers raced to a 77-70 lead, ing to win 79-77.

"We're not concerned about the we are going to have a real positive learn how to win, Fennelly said.

"I'm leaning toward more of a ference losses have been by a total of guard lineup," Beck said. "I want to 19 points. On Saturday, the Cyclones go with a guard attack and making

"I do believe when we go to Iowa Last season at Iowa State, ISU and State we have to attack. Iowa State

The Cyclones are second in the but the Cyclones stormed back and conference, forcing their opponents to scored with just three seconds remain- shoot just 35 percent per game from the floor.

future," Beck said. "We're only con- said he is pleased with his team's de- Iowa State to Sunday afternoon's cerned about lowa State. We are go- tense, which is third in the conference nome game against No. 12 Kansas. ing to go in there and expect to win. holding opponents to just 58.1 points "Part of failure is when you worry We expect to play tough and I think a game. The Cyclones still need to about other people's perceptions more

Although she is not certain, Beck the door, but we are still trying to get ourself right now is we have momensaid, she is entertaining the thought over that hump," Fennelly said. "Our turn, and momentum falls into place of starting three true freshmen - first step is to go in and be competi- when you have something to look for-Nicole Kubik, Charlie Rogers and tive. Then it comes down to the bot- ward to. Right now we have a lot to Brook Schwartz — against the Cy- tom line of winning the game."

We're only concerned about Iowa State."

ANGELA BECK NU women's basketball coach

With the goal of winning the Big Iowa State Coach Bill Fennelly 12, Beck said, they will not look past

"Part of failure is when you worry than what you think about your own "Our team has been knocking on self," Beck said. "Our perception of look forward to."

Welder sees ISU dual as big chance

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sophomore year 16-4 before suffering beat one of them." an ankle injury in December. He fought back to make it the NCAA is similar to that of Hinson. Championships, but lost his first two matches.

N.D., finds himself among the three tacking and never giving him a chance best wrestlers at 126 in the Big 12 to score." Conference. The Cowboys' Guerrero is currently the top-ranked wrestler in set the tone for the rest of the dual.

Welder said. "I think I'm there with 134-pound junior Brad Canoyer. finished 19-11. Welder started his them, but I have to prove it. I have to

Welder, a junior from Bismarck, got to make sure that I'm always at- for this."

"They're both good wrestlers," heavyweight Tolly Thompson and Jeramie has to take it."

The match between Welder and

Hinson is the only one during the meet Welder said his style of wrestling where ranked opponents square off.

"Jeramie's ranked, so we think we "He's got an aggressive style, and have a chance to win that match," I have one, too," Welder said. "I've Neumann said. "He's physically ready Neumann said. "He's physically ready

Welder said beating Hinson could score." be a big step for his chances to get back
The Welder-Hinson match could the NCAA's.

"Jeramie is a top five wrestler in the conference and is No. 3 at 126 in The Cyclones have a decided advan- my mind," Neumann said. "But he has the country, but Hinson (23-4) de- tage at 150 pounds and 177, while the to take that final step. Hinson has feated him last weekend.

Cornhuskers should see wins from taken it, Guerrero has taken it, now