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**J.R. EDWARDS, a former split-end for the Cornhuskers, spoke at a press conference Wednesday about his removal from the team for disciplinary reasons.**

# Former Husker criticizes behavior of NU coaches

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ball.”

In late January, Edwards said he again tested positive for marijuana, and for the second time, his parents were not informed. But his mother found out through a third party and set up a meeting with Osborne to discuss Edwards’ problem.

At the meeting, held in Osborne’s office, Edwards said Osborne realized that a letter had not been sent to Edwards’ parents and Osborne apologized. Edwards said he was not sent to an inpatient drug rehabilitation program because Osborne said it would interfere with his scholarship requirements.

Attorney Chuck Bentjen, who is representing Edwards and his family, said he had not yet discussed his concerns with the university.

Edwards said his other complaint was that he was not allowed to play basketball for Nebraska. When he was recruited, Edwards said, he had been assured by Osborne that he would be allowed to play basketball for the Huskers. But Edwards said he was told by Osborne later that he must devote all of his time to football and classes.

Osborne said he didn’t remember Edwards ever asking to play basketball, or NU Basketball Coach Danny Nee requesting for Edwards to try out.

During spring practice earlier this year, Edwards said, he approached Osborne about a release from his scholarship. Osborne, Edwards said, refused to grant the release.

“We don’t release a player if we feel like there is some things we need to clear up before we release them,” Osborne said. “Quite often, we say, ‘Yeah, we’ll release you, but this and this and this has to happen.’ But that is kind of where he is right now.”

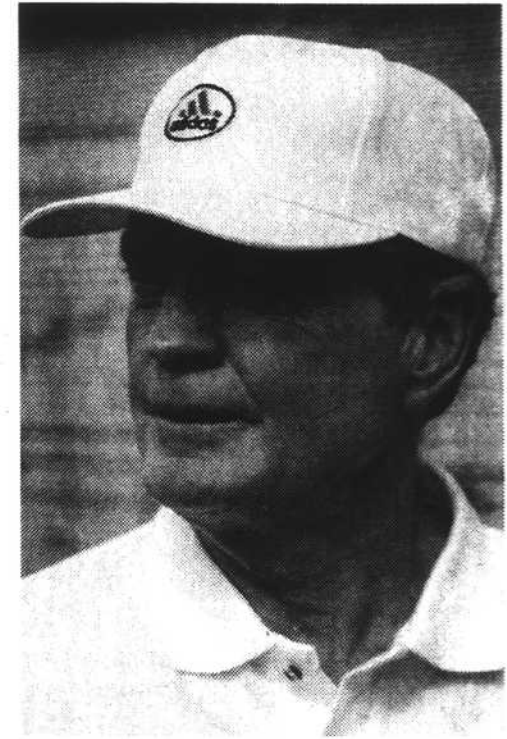
As a true-freshman last fall, Edwards played in four games and caught one 10-yard pass against Michigan State. The 6-foot, 190-pounder sat out in the Orange Bowl for disciplinary reasons.

“I wasn’t well informed,” Edwards said of his bowl-game suspension. “Coach Brown could probably give you the best definition of why.”

Edwards said he transferred to Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut, Calif., where he will play both football and basketball.

“I realize that I made some wrong decisions in the past,” Edwards said. “However, I believe that I have put these problems behind me and I have not used drugs since that second violation of the university drug policy. I sincerely believe that if I can excel in the classroom, as I am capable of doing, the athletic side of my career will take care of itself.”

Staff Reporter Antone Oseka contributed to this report.



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**NU COACH TOM OSBORNE would not comment directly on the Edwards case Wednesday afternoon, but he provided reporters with general information regarding NU’s drug testing policies.**

## Two weeks to go...



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**Far Left: FRANKIE LONDON attempts to avoid the tackle of Sam Linebacker Tony Oritz during Wednesday afternoon’s practice.**

**Left: AHMAN GREEN runs agility drills during Wednesday’s practice.**