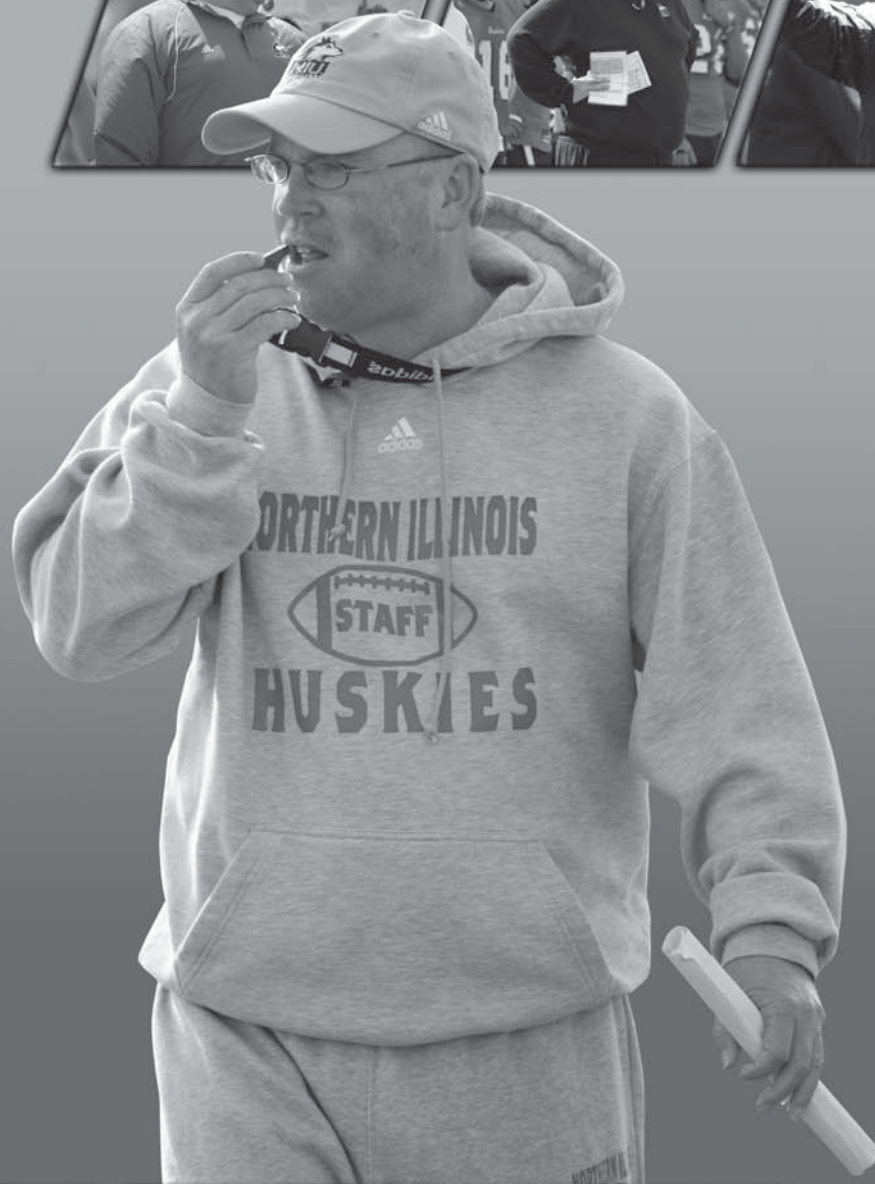


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JERRY KILL

Spend a little time with first-year Northern Illinois Head Football Coach Jerry Kill and you'll undoubtedly hear him describe himself as a "hard hat, lunch pail" guy. It's a tribute to his blue-collar roots - Kill was the first member of his family to graduate from college - and to the work ethic instilled in him by his parents, Jim and Sonja Kill, while growing up in Cheney, Kansas.

That blue-collar work ethic is also one of the qualities that made Kill, who spent the past seven years building the Southern Illinois program into a Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) powerhouse, a perfect fit to succeed Joe Novak as the head coach at Northern Illinois.

Novak retired from NIU in December, and after an exhaustive search that encompassed the review of more than 1,200 résumés, the Huskies turned to a familiar face and a proven winner. Kill was introduced as Northern Illinois' 20th head football coach on December 13, 2007, just five days after the Salukis ended their 12-2 season in the FCS (formerly Division I-AA) semifinals.

For Kill, being named to the top post at Northern Illinois signified the attainment of a dream.

"As a young man growing up in a small town of 2,000 people...I chased a dream," Kill said at his introductory press conference. "That dream came true today. I'm just delighted to be a part of the Northern Illinois family. I will tell you that I will give

you every single thing that I have. I will work endless hours and do whatever it takes to do great things and make you all even more proud of the football program."

After a childhood spent working jobs on farms, in factories and at grocery stores while playing baseball, football and basketball, Kill gravitated toward coaching because "it didn't feel like work." He attended Southwestern College, a NAIA school in Winfield, Kansas, where he played football, met and married his wife, Rebecca, and set out to become a high school biology teacher and coach.

But a call from a man who would become one of his mentors, former TCU, Alabama and Texas A&M head coach Dennis Franchione, persuaded him to embark on a career in college football. His passion for the game, and the job, was ignited and has never waned. It is that passion that Kill believes is his greatest attribute.

"I think what makes me a good coach is my passion - for the kids who play the game and respect the game," Kill said. "I like dealing with the players. I enjoy seeing young people get better everyday, and when they leave you have made them a better person."

On the field, Kill's teams are characterized by discipline and toughness. It is those qualities, as well as players like current New York Giant Brandon Jacobs and Bart Scott of the Baltimore Ravens, that





helped his SIU teams record a pair of victories over Football Bowl Subdivision programs, including a win at Indiana in 2006.

“On the field, I want our kids to play smart,” he said. “I want them to be mentally and physically tough so they can win in the fourth quarter. I believe in hard work and the harder you work, the better your chances of success. I will push them to the limit. I won’t win a popularity contest at times, but we’re not in it for a popularity contest. My job is to get the best out of them.

“Ultimately, the game comes down to the players. If you don’t have great players, you aren’t going to win many games.”

Kill’s high expectations for his student-athletes extend from the football field to the classroom, the community and beyond.

“I expect our student-athletes to represent our school and our community on and off the field,” Kill said. “One of the most important things to me is how they do in life after they leave the program. I firmly believe that what we do here and how we drive kids over the four or five years will help them down the road.”

One of the ways Kill and his staff “drive kids” is the Warrior Elite program. Every year, the roster is split into groups who then compete and earn points for everything from academic success to participation in community service activities to on-the-field effort and weight room benchmarks. The program is



Kill with his wife, Rebecca, and daughters Tasha (left) and Krystal.

one more way that Kill and his staff teach teamwork and build leadership. They believe that football is the perfect vehicle to impart skills that have life-long benefits.

“Football is such a challenge because you have to get everybody on the same page in a huge organization,” Kill said. “Then to get everybody to execute on a given play is difficult. Most college athletes are playing for four or five years and they are very competitive, and you had better be (competitive) when you go out into the real world or you can get swallowed. Competing in athletics gives you an edge.”

In less than six months with Kill, the Huskies have embraced his tenets. In fact, the football team out-pointed every other team on campus to win the inaugural Resource Bank Challenge of Champions Trophy in 2007-08. The NIU teams competed for points in areas such as community service, academic achievement and by attending the competitions of their fellow NIU student-athletes.

While 2008 will mark Kill’s first season as the leader of an NCAA FBS program, the 46-year-old brings 14 years of collegiate head coaching experience and 104 victories to the Huskie Stadium sidelines.

In seven years at Southern Illinois (2001-07), he led the Salukis to the FCS playoffs in each of the last five seasons and twice earned a national coach of the year honor. He was named the Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year in 2004 following a 10-2 campaign, and won

the Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year Award in 2007 while leading SIU to a 12-2 record. Southern Illinois spent 64 straight weeks in the Top 20 between 2003 and 2007 and was ranked in the Top 10 for 12 consecutive weeks last year.

Kill went to SIU from Division II Emporia State in his home state of Kansas, where he spent the 1999 and 2000 seasons. Prior to that, in his first collegiate head coaching post, he led Saginaw Valley State (Mich.) to five consecutive winning seasons and a 38-14 mark from 1994-98. The Cardinals finished 9-2 and were nationally-ranked in each of his final two seasons.

He began his collegiate coaching career at Kansas small-school powerhouse Pittsburg State, beginning in 1985 with three seasons as the defensive coordinator for the NAIA Gorillas. After spending the 1988 and ’89 campaigns as the head coach at Webb City High School and winning the 1989 State Championship, he returned to PSU, this time as offensive coordinator for the then NCAA Division II team under legendary coach Chuck Boyles. He picked up another championship as the Gorillas won the title in 1991 with a 13-1-1 record and advanced to the championship game the next season.

“I’m not doing things any differently than I did at Webb City High School,” Kill said. “You still have to do the fundamental things that you’ve learned coming up, you have to block and tackle. You have to be able to run the football to win. But I think the real key to

ABOUT KILL

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

1979-82 Southwestern College (Kan.),
 • Linebacker
 • Team Captain (1981, 1982)
 • Most Inspirational (1982)

COLLEGE

Southwestern (Kan.), 1983
 Majors: Education and Biology

HIGH SCHOOL

Cheney (Kan.), 1979

FAMILY

Wife: Rebecca (Smith)
 Children: Daughters Krystal (20)
 and Tasha (16)

BORN

August 24, 1961
 Wichita, Kansas



COACHING STAFF

head coach jerry kill



HONORS AND AWARDS

- Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year Award (2007)
- Eddie Robinson National Coach of the Year (2004)
- AFCA I-AA Region 4 Coach of the Year (2003, 2004)
- Gateway Conference Coach of the Year (2003, 2004)
- Southwestern (Kansas) College Hall of Fame (2004)

my success is the people that I have surrounded myself with. I have always been able to surround myself with good people that are loyal and that can recruit."

Kill has built an amazingly loyal staff, many of whom have been with the coach since the early days of his career. Eight of those coaches have joined him at Northern Illinois.

He and Rebecca celebrated their 25th anniversary in May and have two daughters, Krystal (20), and Tasha (16).

At no point in his career were his faith and family more important than in 2005, when Kill was diagnosed with kidney cancer during the offseason. But that proved to be another opponent that Kill was able to defeat as he was treated successfully and the disease is now in remission.

The experience prompted the Kills to start the Coach Kill Cancer Fund, a foundation to assist needy families undergoing cancer treatment. The Fund was the recipient of \$50,000 as part of the 2007 Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year Award. He and his family also host an annual golf tournament to benefit the fund in southern Illinois.

Each of his experiences, from his upbringing to his battle with cancer, has helped Kill keep the game in perspective and his focus on people.

"I don't think they put your wins and losses on your tombstone, but you do get judged on how you treat people," he said. "I've learned to appreciate life. I don't have any bad days. I'm a positive person. Every day I get up is a great day. It's made me a better person. Sometimes you have some tough things happen in life. It can make you better or worse. It has made me better and I'm proud to say that. The Lord has blessed me and that's why I'm so excited about this opportunity."

While some who are involved in the game of college football, look forward to game day and focus primarily on the wins and losses, Kill sees the bigger picture.

"I like the journey," he says. "Some people live for game day, but I like the journey."

KILL'S COACHING RECORD

YEAR	SCHOOL	W-L-T	POSTSEASON	RESPONSIBILITIES
1985	Pittsburg State	8-2-0	NAIA Playoffs	Defensive Coordinator
1986	Pittsburg State	11-1-0	NAIA Playoffs	Defensive Coordinator
1987	Pittsburg State	11-1-0	NAIA Playoffs	Defensive Coordinator
Pittsburg State Totals (3 seasons)		30-4-0	Three Playoff Appearances	
1988	Webb City H.S.	11-1-0		Head Coach
1989	Webb City H.S.	14-0-0	State Champions	Head Coach
Webb City HS Totals (2 seasons)		25-1-0	State Championship	
1990	Pittsburg State	8-2-0	NCAA Playoffs	Offensive Coordinator
1991	Pittsburg State	13-1-1	NCAA Champions	Offensive Coordinator
1992	Pittsburg State	14-1-0	NCAA Finalist	Offensive Coordinator
1993	Pittsburg State	8-3-0	NCAA Playoffs	Offensive Coordinator
Pittsburg State Totals (4 seasons)		43-7-1	Four Playoff Appearances, National Championship	
1994	Saginaw Valley State	6-4-0		Head Coach
1995	Saginaw Valley State	7-3-0		Head Coach
1996	Saginaw Valley State	7-3-0		Head Coach
1997	Saginaw Valley State	9-2-0	Nationally Ranked	Head Coach
1998	Saginaw Valley State	9-2-0	Nationally Ranked	Head Coach
Saginaw Valley State Totals (5 seasons)		38-14-0		
1999	Emporia State	5-6-0		Head Coach
2000	Emporia State	6-5-0		Head Coach
Emporia State Totals (2 seasons)		11-11-0		
2001	Southern Illinois	1-10-0		Head Coach
2002	Southern Illinois	4-8-0		Head Coach
2003	Southern Illinois	10-2-0	FCS Playoffs 1st Round	Head Coach
2004	Southern Illinois	10-2-0	FCS Playoffs 1st Round	Head Coach
2005	Southern Illinois	9-4-0	FCS Playoffs 2nd Round	Head Coach
2006	Southern Illinois	9-4-0	FCS Playoffs 2nd Round	Head Coach
2007	Southern Illinois	12-2-0	FCS Playoffs Semifinals	Head Coach
SIU Totals (7 seasons)		55-32-0	Five Playoff Appearances, Semifinal	
HEAD COACHING TOTALS (14 seasons)		104-57-0		
CAREER (Collegiate) TOTALS		177-68-1	12 Playoff Appearances, National Championship	





tracy **CLAEYS**

Defensive Coordinator | First Season | Kansas State (1994)

Northern Illinois' new defensive coordinator Tracy Claeys has been one of Jerry Kill's right hand men for over a decade. Since joining Kill at Saginaw Valley State in 1995, Claeys has worked to produce some of the top defensive units in the country.

Over the last five years at Southern Illinois, Claeys' defenses allowed just 18.5 points per game. In the same span, the Saluki defense held opponents to 14 points or less 21 times, including five shutouts.

Claeys' 2007 unit helped SIU reach the FCS National Semifinal, as they allowed only 17.4 points per game to rank as the 10th-best scoring defense in the country (FCS) and the second-best scoring defense at SIU since 1983. The 2007 group also intercepted 21 passes, fourth in the nation, and the second-highest total in program history.

Perhaps the 2007 defensive group at SIU was overshadowed only by the 2004 squad. That group led the country in scoring defense, allowing just 13.2 points per game. Much of the success could be accounted to a strong front seven, which gave up only 101.7 yards per game on the ground. The unit was also proficient against the pass, snagging 17 interceptions and ranking sixth in opponent passer rating.

The SIU defense also had standout years under Claeys in 2005, when the team ranked 13th nationally in rushing defense, and in 2003, when the unit was the 18th-best in the country in total defense.

Claeys' resumé also includes coaching several standout defensive players. He tutored three future NFL players, including Saginaw Valley State products Paul Spicer (Detroit Lions, 1999; Jacksonville Jaguars, 2000-Pr.) and Lamar King (Seattle Seahawks, 1999-2003). Claeys also helped develop current Baltimore Ravens linebacker Bart Scott, who was named to the 2006 Pro Bowl after ranking second on his team with 135 tackles and 9.5 sacks.

Claeys coached three All-Americans at Southern Illinois, including three-time selection safety Alexis Moreland.

Prior to his time with the Salukis, Claeys served as the defensive coordinator and secondary coach at Emporia State (1999-2000) with Kill and current offensive coordinator Matt Limegrover. From 1995-99, Claeys was the defensive line coach and assistant athletics director at Saginaw Valley State, where he was also responsible for the daily operation of the Detroit Lions' training camp held at the school.

Claeys began his coaching career after earning his bachelor's degree in secondary education from Kansas State University in 1994. His first coaching position came as the co-defensive coordinator at Santa Fe Trail High School, where he coached in the 1994-95 season.



ABOUT CLAEYS

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2000-07	Southern Illinois	Defensive Coordinator
1999-2000	Emporia State	Defensive Coordinator
1995-99	Saginaw Valley State	Defensive Line
1994-95	Sante Fe Trail H.S.	Co-Defensive Coordinator

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

1983-86	Clay Center Community H.S.	Defensive Line
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POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE

2003-07	Southern Illinois	FCS Playoffs
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EDUCATION

College	B.A., Kansas State (1994)	Secondary Education
High School	Clay Center Community (Kan.) (1987)	

PERSONAL

Birthdate	Dec. 25, 1968
Birthplace	Clay Center, Kan.
Hometown	Clay Center, Kan.





matt **LIMEGROVER**

Offensive Coordinator/Line | First Season | University of Chicago (1991)

The Huskie offense has exploded since the turn of the century, with six of Northern Illinois' seven most productive attacks posted since 2000. New Northern Illinois offensive coordinator/offensive line coach Matt Limegrover will look to continue that success as he takes over the reigns of the Huskie offense.

Limegrover spent seven seasons with head coach Jerry Kill at Southern Illinois before coming to DeKalb. During his time in Carbondale, Limegrover coordinated a consistently prolific offense that ranked in the top 10 (FCS) in scoring for six straight years (2002-07).

During his tenure at SIU, the Salukis averaged 207.8 yards per game on the ground, and totaled more than 3,000 rushing yards in four different seasons (2002, '03, '04, '06). Four of the top five rushing seasons in school history came under the guidance of Limegrover, and the two best career runners in SIU history, Tom Koutsos and Arkee Whitlock, earned their yards in his system.

Limegrover's rushing offense achieved over 18,000 yards on the ground at SIU, and his passing attack was as efficient as his ground game was profuse. Limegrover's Southern Illinois quarterbacks produced better than a 2-1 touchdown to interception ratio.

In addition to producing outstanding offensive units, Limegrover helped groom top-level players. Of the five FCS All-Americans he has coached, two have been offensive linemen: Elmer McDaniel (first team 2004, second team 2003) and Will Justice (first team, 2006).

Under Limegrover's direction, Salukis' 2004 offenses set school records for both yards (502.7) and points (42.6) per game as well as touchdowns (67). In 2007, the Salukis produced 3,293 yards and scored 28 touchdowns through the air, also school records.

Limegrover's first experience with Kill dates back to their days at Emporia State (1999-2000) in the Flint Hills region of Kansas, where Limegrover was the Hornets' offensive line coach. Prior to that, Limegrover served as the offensive line coach and running game coordinator at Ferris State, a position he earned after receiving his master's degree in liberal studies from Northwestern. While with the Wildcats as a graduate assistant coach (1994-96), Limegrover helped the team to a pair of bowl appearances (Citrus and Rose) and two Big Ten Championships.

Prior to his time at Northwestern, Limegrover served as the offensive assistant for his alma mater, the University of Chicago (1991-92), where he was promoted to offensive coordinator in 1993. That year, the Maroons led the nation in rushing. An all-conference offensive tackle for the University of Chicago, Limegrover received his bachelor's degree in public policy studies in 1996.

Limegrover, a native of Pittsburgh, Pa., and his wife, Ann, have two children: Emma (5), and T.J. (3).



ABOUT LIMEGROVER

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2000-07	Southern Illinois	Offensive Coordinator/Line
1998-2000	Emporia State	Offensive Line
1997-98	Ferris State	Offensive Line/Running Game Coord.
1994-96	Northwestern	Offensive Graduate Assistant
1994	University of Chicago	Interim Head Coach
1991-93	University of Chicago	Offensive Coordinator/Line

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

1987-90	Pittsburgh Central Catholic H.S.	Offensive Tackle
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POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE

2003-07	Southern Illinois	FCS Playoffs
1996	Northwestern	Rose Bowl
1995	Northwestern	Citrus Bowl

EDUCATION

College	B.S., Univ. of Chicago (1991)	Public Policy Studies
	M.S., Northwestern (2000)	Liberal Studies
High School	Pittsburgh Central Catholic (Pa.) (1991)	

PERSONAL

Birthdate	Nov. 26, 1968
Birthplace	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Hometown	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Family	Wife, the former Ann Alpeter, daughter Emma (5), son T.J. (3)





brian ANDERSON

Tight Ends | First Season | Western Illinois (1994)

After coaching wide receivers for each of the last 16 seasons, former receiver Brian Anderson will tutor the Huskie tight ends in 2008.

Anderson, a Rockford, Ill. native, spent the last seven seasons with Jerry Kill at Southern Illinois, where he mentored some of the top wide receivers in school

history. When Anderson left SIU, his protégés appeared in the Saluki record book 31 times.

The most prominent of Anderson's Saluki pupils is 2005 graduate Brent Little, who finished his career ranked second in SIU history in career receiving yardage (2,303) and touchdowns (20). Little is now pursuing a career with the Minnesota Vikings, one of five receivers that have gone on to the NFL after being coached by Anderson.

Before going to SIU, Anderson coached at Coffeyville Community College (1996-2000) in Coffeyville, Kan. There, he helped three athletes to their dream of playing in the NFL: Donnie O'Neal (San Francisco), Joe Perez (Kansas City), and Boo Williams (New Orleans/New York Giants), who has tallied over 1,000 receiving yards in the league as a tight end.

Anderson's success at Coffeyville was preceded by two seasons at Highland Community College (1996-97), also in Kansas. At Highland, Anderson coached wide receivers and was the team's passing game coordinator.

Prior to coaching at the two Kansas community colleges, Anderson began his coaching career at his alma mater, Western Illinois. He served as a student assistant in 1994 before being promoted to a restricted earnings wide receivers coach for the 1995 and '96 seasons. As a coach at WIU, Anderson tutored Leatherneck great Gunnard Twyner, who led the team in receiving yards in three of his four seasons and ranks second in program history for career receptions.

Anderson's collegiate playing career began at Ellsworth Community College in Iowa Falls, Iowa. As a Panther, Anderson competed in the 1988 Royal Crown Cola Bowl and the 1989 Mid-American Bowl, that season's NJCAA national championship game.

After his career at Ellsworth, Anderson moved on to Macomb, Ill., where he earned his bachelor of arts degree in liberal arts. He redshirted the 1990 season at WIU, then lettered in both 1991 and 1992. Over his two seasons, the Leathernecks went 14-8-1, including an upset win over No. 15 Missouri State.

Anderson married the former Kerri Jackson of Murphysboro, Ill. on March 11, 2008.



ABOUT ANDERSON

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2000-2007	Southern Illinois	Wide Receivers>Returns
1997-2000	Coffeyville C.C.	Wide Receivers>Returns
1996-97	Highland C.C.	Wide Receivers/Passing Game Coord.
1995-96	Western Illinois	Wide Receivers

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

1990-92	Western Illinois	Wide Receiver
1988-90	Ellsworth C.C.	Wide Receiver
1984-87	Rockford West H.S.	Wide Receiver

POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE

2003-07	Southern Illinois	FCS Playoffs
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EDUCATION

College	B.A. Western Illinois (1994)	Liberal Arts
High School	Rockford West (Ill.) (1988)	

PERSONAL

Birthdate	Jan. 23, 1969
Birthplace	Rockford, Ill.
Hometown	Rockford, Ill.
Family	Wife, the former Kerri Jackson





p.j. FLECK

Wide Receivers/Recruiting | Second Season | Northern Illinois (2004)

Retaining former Huskie all-star P.J. Fleck off of former coach Joe Novak's staff to coach the Huskie wide receivers was one of the easiest personnel decisions new NIU head coach Jerry Kill made. Fleck, a native of Sugar Grove, Ill., came back to Northern in January 2007 and begins his second season as a member of the coaching staff in 2008.

In addition, Kill gave Fleck added responsibilities as the Huskies' recruiting coordinator.

A leader on Northern Illinois' 2003 10-win team, Fleck began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at top-ranked Ohio State in 2006. Fleck worked with the Buckeye offense, specifically the OSU tight ends and wide receivers, and also assisted with the special teams in his one season in Columbus, which culminated in a trip to the BCS National Championship Game in Glendale, Arizona.

He began his coaching career after two seasons as a member of the NFL's San Francisco 49ers. Fleck, who signed with the 49ers as a free agent in 2004, spent most of that season on the practice squad before making an appearance versus New England late in the year. He was placed on the injured reserve roster in 2005 before "retiring" from professional football in June 2006.

Fleck earned first team All Mid-American Conference honors for Northern Illinois in 2003 while helping NIU to a 7-0 start that included upset victories over Maryland and Alabama. As a senior, he led the Huskies with 77 catches for 1,028 yards and six touchdowns, a reception total that still ranks second on the school's single season list. His 14 grabs for 234 yards in the Ohio game that year are the second-best single game totals in school history and earned him national player of the week accolades from USA Today.com.

Fleck still owns the school record for career punt returns (87), is second in punt return yards (716), ranks third in career catches (179) and is fourth in receiving-yards (2,162). He was a second team Academic All-American as a senior and was twice voted team captain by his Huskie teammates.

Fleck originally came to NIU from Kaneland High School in Maple Park where he was an all-state honoree in football, basketball and track. On the gridiron, Kaneland twice went undefeated (14-0) while winning a pair of Class 3A state titles during his career; he set a state record with 95 catches for 1,548 yards and 16 touchdowns as a senior. He caught 199 career passes for 3,121 yards and 34 scores with at least one catch in 40 straight games.

A 2004 graduate of Northern Illinois in elementary education, Fleck and his wife, the former Tracie Striebel, annually host the P.J. Fleck "Live Your Dream" Football Camp that benefits the Juvenile Arthritis Foundation (Friends of Carra), Alapecia Foundation (Locks of Love) and the P.J. Fleck Scholarship Fund.



ABOUT FLECK

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2007	Northern Illinois	Wide Receivers
2006	Ohio State	Graduate Assistant

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

2004-05	San Francisco 49ers	Wide Receiver
1999-01, 03	Northern Illinois	Wide Receiver
1995-98	Kaneland High School	Wide Receiver

POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE

2007	Ohio State	BCS Championship Game
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EDUCATION

College	B.A., Northern Illinois (2004)	Elementary Education
High School	Kaneland (Ill.) (1999)	

PERSONAL

Birthdate	Nov. 29, 1980
Birthplace	Berwyn, Ill.
Hometown	Sugar Grove, Ill.
Family	Wife, the former Tracie Striebel





tom MATUKEWICZ

Linebackers | First Season | Fort Hays State (1997)

Northern Illinois' Tom Matukewicz will spend his 15th year of college coaching in his first season mentoring the Huskie linebackers.

Matukewicz spent the last seven seasons at Southern Illinois under head coach Jerry Kill. Honored as the 2007 Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) Assistant

Coach of the Year by the American Football Coaches Association, he helped turn the Salukis into one of the stingiest rushing defenses in the country.

Over the last five years, Matukewicz' defenders have been especially effective as SIU held its opponents to a rushing average below 135 yards per game every year from 2002-07. His linebackers helped form three of the top 10 rushing defenses in program history.

Matukewicz has coached an impressive group of student-athletes who excelled both on and off the field. In seven years at SIU, Matukewicz's linebackers earned all-conference honors nine times, while five garnered all-academic recognition for their performance in the classroom.

Matukewicz's pupils included Bart Scott, Royal Whitaker, and Brandin Jordan. Scott earned All-America honors in 2001, and completed his sixth season with the National Football League's Baltimore Ravens in 2007. He earned a trip to the 2006 Pro Bowl after a breakout NFL season in which he ranked second in tackles on the league's best statistical defense. Whitaker started four seasons for Southern Illinois, and earned all-Gateway honors three times. Jordan, the Gateway's 2006 Newcomer of the Year, ranked third on the team in tackles in 2007, garnering second team all-conference accolades.

That season, Jordan was joined on the All-Gateway team by versatile linebacker Chauncey Mixon, who ranked first on the squad with 118 tackles, seven pass break-ups and 14.5 tackles-for-loss. Mixon's effort also earned him Sports Network All-America status. He was named a third team All-American last year.

Matukewicz's most prolific linebacking corps played in 2004, forming the heart of a defense that gave up only 101.7 rushing yards per game, led the nation in scoring defense and allowed only 13.2 points per game. His 2005 group was also notable, helping SIU rank 13th in the country in rushing defense.

Before coaching at Southern Illinois, Matukewicz coached at Emporia State, where he acted as the defensive line coach in addition to responsibilities as the marketing and promotions director. He has also made stops at Butler County Community College, Coffeyville Community College and Pittsburg State, where he earned his master's in sports management.

Matukewicz completed his undergraduate work at Fort Hays State, receiving his bachelor's degree in physical education in 1997.

Matukewicz and his, wife Lenna, have one daughter, Georgia (1).



ABOUT MATUKEWICZ

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2001-2007	Southern Ill.	Linebackers/Running Game Coord.
2000-01	Emporia State	Defensive Line
1999-2000	Coffeyville C.C.	Offensive Line/Tight Ends
1997-99	Pittsburg State	Offensive Tackles/Tight Ends
1996-97	Fort Hays State	Defensive Line/Special Teams
1993-95	Butler County C.C.	Linebackers

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

1988-92	Silver Lake H.S.	Linebacker
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POSTSEASON EXPERIENE

2003-07	Southern Illinois	FCS Playoffs
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EDUCATION

College	B.A., Fort Hays State (1997)	Physical Education
	M.S., Pittsburg State (1998)	Sports Management
High School	Silver Lake (Kan.) (1992)	

PERSONAL

Birthdate	Aug. 8, 1973
Birthplace	St. Joseph, Mo.
Hometown	Silver Lake, Kan.
Family	Wife, Lenna and daughter Georgia (1)





jeff PHELPS

Defensive Line | Third Season | Ball State (1998)

One of two assistant coaches retained by new head coach Jerry Kill through the coaching transition is Huskies defensive line mentor and Chicagoland native Jeff Phelps.

After tutoring the Northern Illinois defensive tackles in his first two seasons, Phelps will work with the entire defensive line this year.

In 2006, Phelps' charges helped the NIU defense rank 44th in the country and second in the Mid-American Conference against the run, allowing just 121.9 yards per game.

Phelps has climbed the coaching ranks during his eight-year career. After initially serving one season as a graduate assistant at Ball State, his alma mater, in 1999, he moved on to Division III DePauw University in Indiana, where he coached the running backs for two seasons before moving over to work with the linebackers in 2002. During his time at DePauw, the Tigers claimed a share of the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference crown in 2000 with a 6-4 overall record.

In 2003, he moved from DePauw to Division II Hillsdale College in Michigan where he spent three campaigns as the defensive line coach. From there, he got the call from NIU's Joe Novak to join the Huskie team.

Phelps was familiar with NIU from his playing days as a four-year letterman and two-time All-MAC selection at Ball State. Phelps started the final 33 games of his career at outside linebacker and produced 277 tackles in 44 overall appearances while playing for head coaches Paul Schudel (1994) and Bill Lynch (1995-97). As a junior, he earned honorable mention all-league honors with 91 stops, 11 tackles for loss, seven quarterback sacks and five pass break ups. He also caused three fumbles and recovered four, two of which he ran back for touchdowns. Ball State won the MAC title that season, posted an 8-4 overall record and played in the 1996 Las Vegas Bowl.

Following his senior season, Phelps was a second team All-MAC honoree after serving as a team captain. He was credited with 108 tackles, 11 tackles for loss and four sacks, including a career-high 13 stops versus eventual MAC champ Marshall. He made 10 or more tackles in seven games.

Phelps went to Ball State from Crete-Monee High where he was a three-sport and seven-time letterman in football (2), wrestling (2) and track and field (3). On the gridiron, Phelps earned first team All-SICA South accolades as a senior in 1993 after rushing for 800 yards and 10 touchdowns and notching 50 tackles.

The 30-year-old Phelps earned a bachelor's degree in marketing from Ball State in 1998. He married the former Tyla Turner of East Chicago, Ind., in 2007.



ABOUT PHELPS

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2006-07	Northern Illinois	Defensive Tackles
2003-05	Hillsdale	Defensive Line
2000-02	DePauw	Linebackers/Running Backs
1999	Ball State	Graduate Assistant

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

1994-97	Ball State	Linebacker
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POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE

As a Coach		
2006	Northern Illinois	Poinsettia Bowl
As a Player		
1996	Ball State	Las Vegas Bowl

EDUCATION

College	B.S., Ball State (1998)	Marketing
High School	Crete-Monee (Ill.) (1994)	

PERSONAL

Birthdate	Nov. 30, 1976
Birthplace	Chicago, Ill.
Hometown	University Park, Ill.
Family	Wife, the former Tyla Turner





pat POORE

Quarterbacks | First Season | Fort Hays State (1984)

One of seven assistants who came to Northern with head coach Jerry Kill from Southern Illinois, Northern Illinois quarterbacks coach Pat Poore brings 24 years of coaching experience to the Huskie attack.

The new leader of Northern Illinois' field generals has found his niche in college coaching. From 2003-07,

Poore's quarterbacks produced some of the most efficient attacks in the Football Championship Subdivision. Poore-coached quarterbacks finished 15th, second, 13th, seventh and third in the nation (FCS) in passing efficiency, and rewrote the SIU record book.

In 2007, Poore apprentice Nick Hill led the best passing attack in Saluki history. Hill broke five single-season school records, including passing yards, completions, completion percentage, touchdowns and passing efficiency. Along the way, he posted a 4-to-1 touchdowns-to-interception ratio, and ranked 18th nationally in total offense. Under Poore's tutelage, he completed over 70 percent of his passes in seven games, including against Northern Iowa, when he connected on 33-of-44 attempts en route to a single-game record 436 yards. As a reward for his all-star season, Hill earned a spot on the Sports Network All-America Team.

Prior to Hill's tenure at Southern Illinois, Poore coached 2004 Gateway Conference Player of the Year Joel Sambursky, who still holds three SIU records - career touchdowns, career passing yards and career completions - and is second to only Hill in five other categories.

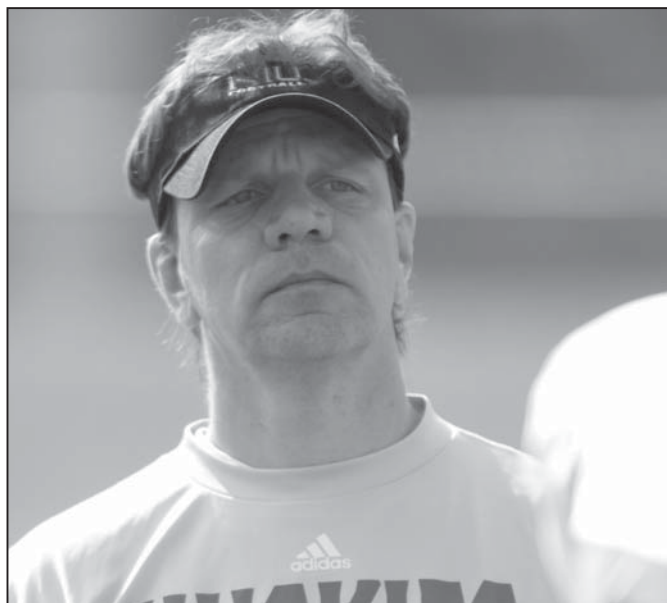
Before joining Kill at Southern Illinois, Poore was an assistant coach at Central Oklahoma (1999-2000), Tarleton State (1997-1999) and Panhandle State (1995-96). He also served as head coach at Iowa Wesleyan (1994-95), where he previously worked as an assistant coach from 1992-94.

Poore's extensive coaching career has also included stops at the Colorado School of Mines (1990-91) and the University of Chicago (1991-92), where he was on the coaching staff with current Huskie offensive coordinator Matt Limegrover.

Poore started his coaching career at his alma mater, Fort Hays State University in Kansas. At FHSU, Poore coached defensive backs and special teams as a graduate assistant from 1985-96 while earning his master of science degree in physical education. After graduation, Poore continued to coach defensive backs, in addition to taking on the role of head baseball coach. Two years later, he left baseball to become the football team's offensive coordinator, a position he kept until 1989.

In 1984, Poore earned his bachelor's degree in education from Fort Hays State, where he wrapped up his playing career. As a defensive back, Poore earned first team NAIA District 10 honors, and was a four-year letterwinner who held the school record for interceptions.

Poore and his wife, Gwen, have two children, Trevor (21) and Taylor (19).



ABOUT POORE

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2000-07	Southern Illinois	Quarterbacks
1999-2000	Central Oklahoma	Assistant Coach
1997-99	Tarleton State	Offensive Coordinator
1995-96	Panhandle State	Offensive Coordinator
1994-95	Iowa Wesleyan	Head Coach
1992-94	Iowa Wesleyan	Offensive Coordinator
1991-92	University of Chicago	Recruiting/Special Teams
1990-91	Colorado School of Mines	Def. Backs/Special Teams
1988-89	Fort Hays State	Offensive Coordinator
1987-88	Fort Hays State	Defensive Backs
1985-86	Fort Hays State	Graduate Assistant

POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE

2003-07	Southern Illinois	FCS Playoffs
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PLAYING EXPERIENCE

1980-84	Fort Hays State	Defensive Back
1977-80	Stockton High School	Defensive Back/Quarterback

EDUCATION

College	B.S., Fort Hays State (1984)	Education
	M.S., Fort Hays State (1986)	Physical Education
High School	Stockton (Kan.) (1980)	

PERSONAL

Birthdate	July 25, 1962
Birthplace	Plainville, Kan.
Hometown	Stockton, Kan.
Family	Wife Gwen, son Trevor (21) and daughter Taylor (19).





rob REEVES

Running Backs | First Season | Saginaw Valley State (1996)

Northern Illinois running backs coach Rob Reeves has been with head coach Jerry Kill as long as any one on the staff, but not always as a coach. Reeves first encountered the first-year Huskie helmsman at Saginaw Valley State in 1994, where Reeves was an All-American quarterback.

In more recent history, Reeves has helped Kill develop some of the nation's best rushing attacks. In seven years at Southern Illinois, Reeves' running backs gained an average of 207.8 yards per game and 5.05 yards per carry.

That team rushing success led to a host of individual accolades. Running backs coached by Reeves earned four All-America and eight all-conference awards. Reeves also coached two Gateway Conference Newcomers of the Year in Muhammad Abdulqaadir (2002) and Brandon Jacobs (2004).

In 2004, when SIU boasted the nation's top I-AA scoring defense, the team also achieved the top rushing marks in school history. Led by two-time All-American and Walter Payton Award finalist Arkee Whitlock, and current New York Giant Brandon Jacobs, the Saluki ground attack produced 3,404 total yards, an extraordinary average of 283.7 per game.

Saluki running backs rushed for over 3,000 yards in three other seasons (2002, '03, '06) under the instruction of Reeves, and totaled more than 18,000 yards during his seven-year tenure as running backs coach at SIU.

Jacobs, who rushed for 992 yards with an average of 6.6 yards per carry in 2004, was drafted in the fourth round by the Giants following that season. In 2005, he became the first Giants rookie since 1984 to rush for seven touchdowns in a year and last year he was a key cog in the team's run to the Super Bowl title.

Whitlock has also achieved success in the National Football League, as the Minnesota Vikings signed him to a free agent contract in October of 2007.

Reeves also coached SIU career rushing leader Tom Koutsos and Abdulqaadir, who rushed for over 250 yards three times in his career.

Prior to his tenure at Southern Illinois, Reeves was the running backs coach at Emporia State under Kill (1999-2000), and served as a graduate assistant coach for quarterbacks at his alma mater, Saginaw Valley State (1996-98), where he earned his bachelor's degree in business administration.

As a player at SVSU, Reeves was a two-year starter at quarterback, and earned All-America recognition in 1994. He was a two-time All-Midwest Intercollegiate Conference Team selection (1994-95).

Rob and his wife, Angie have three children: Riley (3), and twins Jackson and Addison (1).



ABOUT REEVES

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2000-2007	Southern Illinois	Running Backs
1998-2000	Emporia State	Running Backs
1996-98	Saginaw Valley State	Offensive G.A./Quarterbacks

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

1991-95	Saginaw Valley State	Quarterback
1987-90	Saline High School	Quarterback

POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE

2003-07	Southern Illinois	FCS Playoffs
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EDUCATION

College	B.S., Saginaw Valley State (1996)	Business Admin.
	M.P.A., Saginaw Valley State (2001)	Public Admin.
High School	Saline (Mich.) (1991)	

PERSONAL

Birthdate	Feb. 22, 1973
Birthplace	Saline, Mich.
Hometown	Saline, Mich.
Family	Wife Angie, children Riley (3), Jackson and Addison (both 1).





Jay SAWVEL

Defensive Backs/Special Teams | First Season | Mount Union (1993)

It's difficult to tell which of defensive backs coach/special team coordinator Jay Sawvel's units were more impressive in his seven seasons at Southern Illinois.

His defensive backs helped hold opposing offenses to just 18.5 points per game over seven seasons, while his special teams units included three All-Americans and 28 blocked punts.

In 2007, both groups excelled as Southern's 21 interceptions were the fourth-most in the nation (FCS) and included four by safety Clayton Johnson, who also ranked fourth on the team in tackles. As a group, the 2007 SIU defensive backs accounted for 52.6 percent of the team's total tackles, and included four of SIU's top seven tacklers.

The SIU special teams unit also shined under Sawvel in 2007. Led by All-American punter Scott Ravenesi, the Salukis ranked first in the Gateway Conference and seventh nationally in net punting. With All-American return specialist Craig Turner spearheading the attack, the SIU kick-off return group was also the best in the conference, and ranked sixth in the country.

But 2007 wasn't an unusually prosperous season for SIU's special teams. Sawvel's units blocked multiple punts in six of his seven years at SIU, including seven blocks in 2001. Equally impressive were the four touchdowns his group scored off punt blocks or returns in 2005.

Defensive backs coached by Sawvel were an integral part of some of the best defenses in SIU history. In 2004, Southern Illinois led the nation in scoring defense, allowing just 13.2 points per game. That year, the Salukis intercepted 17 passes while allowing only 12 passing touchdowns and 202.7 yards per game through the air.

Prior to coaching at SIU, Sawvel served in the same positions at Ferris State (1999-2000), where FSU won the 1999 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championship, and ranked first in the GLIAC in three defensive categories (total yards allowed, passing yards allowed and third-down conversions against).

For the 1997-98 season, Sawvel was a graduate assistant at Notre Dame, where he earned a master's degree in administration. In South Bend, his responsibilities included working with defensive backs and special teams, as well as scouting and recruiting. Sawvel also earned a master's degree at Eastern Kentucky, where he was a graduate assistant coach for the 1994-95 seasons.

Sawvel did his undergraduate work and spent his playing career at Mount Union College in Alliance, Ohio. There, he earned his bachelor's degree in sports management with minors in business administration, information systems and physical education. On the field, Sawvel was a three-year letterwinner and an all-conference linebacker for Mount Union's 1993 national championship team.

Sawvel and his wife, Jeannine, have two daughters: Mackenzie (3) and Miranda (1).



ABOUT SAWVEL

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2000-07	Southern Illinois	Defensive Backs/Special Teams
1999-2000	Ferris State	Defensive Backs/Special Teams
1996-99	Notre Dame	Graduate Assistant
1994-95	Eastern Kentucky	Graduate Assistant

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

1989-93	Mount Union College	Linebacker
1985-88	Barnsville High School	Linebacker

POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE

2003-07	Southern Illinois	FCS Playoffs
1998	Notre Dame	Gator Bowl
1997	Notre Dame	Independence Bowl
1994-95	Eastern Kentucky	FCS Playoffs

EDUCATION

College	B.A., Mount Union (1993)	English
	M.A., Eastern Kentucky (1995)	Sport Administration
	M.A., Notre Dame (1997)	Administration
High School	Barnsville (Ohio) (1989)	

PERSONAL

Birthdate	March 14, 1971
Birthplace	Barnsville, Ohio
Hometown	Bransville, Ohio
Family	Wife Jeannine, daughters Mackenzie (3) and Miranda (1).



COACHING STAFF

football staff



eric
KLEIN

Sports Performance | First Season
Carleton College (1993)

Eric Klein enters his first season at Northern Illinois University, where he shares responsibility for the Huskies' newly-named Center for Sports Performance as its Co-Director. In his 13 years of coaching, Klein has experience not only in directing strength and conditioning programs, but also as a football and track and field coach.

Klein has worked with current Huskie head football coach Jerry Kill since 1994, most recently at Southern Illinois University. In Carbondale, Klein designed the strength programs for the five-time Missouri Valley Conference Champion Saluki men's basketball team and the three-time Gateway Conference Champion football program. Klein also helped design a new strength and conditioning center at SIU's Troutt-Wittmann Center. Before taking on the responsibilities of the Saluki strength and conditioning program, Klein served as the defensive line coach for the SIU football team (2000-01).

Prior to his time at SIU, Klein served alongside Kill at Emporia State as the school's strength and conditioning and defensive line coach (1999-2000). In addition to overseeing the strength training of the football team, Klein designed and implemented a program for the women's basketball team and consulted with both the volleyball and softball coaches on their strength and conditioning regimens. Like Klein's SIU résumé, his time at Emporia State included a collaboration on the development of a new weight room facility.

Klein began his coaching career at Saginaw Valley State. From 1994-99, he designed and created the strength and conditioning program, and served as an assistant coach for both the football and track and field teams.

A member of the National Strength and Conditioning Association, USA Weightlifting and the National Association of Speed and Explosion, Klein is certified by each organization. He is also a member of the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association.

Klein earned his master's degree in physical education from Emporia State. He played football and track at Carleton College (Minn.), where he earned a bachelor's degree in English in 1993.

Klein is married to the former Allison Temple.

ABOUT KLEIN

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2001-07	Southern Illinois	Head Strength and Conditioning
2000-01	Southern Illinois	Strength and Conditioning/Def. Line
1999-2000	Emporia State	Strength and Conditioning/Def. Line
1994-99	Saginaw Valley State	Strength and Conditioning/ Football Assistant/Track and Field Assistant

EDUCATION

College	Carleton College (1993)	English
	Emporia State (2000)	Physical Education
High School	Apple Valley (Minn.) (1989)	



Opened in 2007, the NIU Strength and Conditioning Center allows Huskie student-athletes to train in a state-of-the-art space.



adam
CLARK

Dir. of FB Operations | First Season
Pittsburg State (2004)

Kansas native Adam Clark is in his first season at Northern Illinois where he is the Director of Football Operations for head coach Jerry Kill and the Huskie program.

Clark is responsible for team travel and meals, game day operations, lettermen correspondence, and a myriad of other organizational and operational assignments. He also assists recruiting coordinator P.J. Fleck and is a liaison with compliance and media relations. During the summer months, Clark helps coordinate the Huskie Football Camps.

Clark began his career in 2005 at Texas A&M University, where he served as assistant to the director of football operations. While working with Aggie Football he supervised team meals, buses, hotels, and practice security, and helped the team on its trips to the 2006 Pacific Life Holiday Bowl and the 2007 Valero Alamo Bowl.

Clark graduated from Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, Kan. in 2004 with a bachelor's degree in business management. While at PSU he played on the Gorillas' baseball team for two seasons.

Prior to his stint in College Station, Adam resided in his hometown of Frontenac, Kansas.





COACHING STAFF

graduate assistants



brandon
STALEY
Recruiting/Operations | Third Season
Dayton (2005)

Brandon Staley enters his third season as a graduate assistant coach for Northern Illinois in 2008. The Perry, Ohio native is responsible for assisting with recruiting and operations after working with the Huskie defense during the past two seasons.

Staley was a four-year letterwinner at quarterback for the University of Dayton who captained the Flyers in his senior season of 2004. He posted a 16-5 career record in two seasons as a starter, including a 9-2 mark his junior year when Dayton was ranked fifth in the country. His senior season, UD again achieved a No. 5 ranking en route to a 7-3 record.

As the Flyers' starting QB, Staley completed 168 of 293 passes for 2,609 yards and 14 touchdowns and rushed for 639 yards and 11 scores. As a junior, he compiled 1,961 yards of total offense, the fourth-highest single season mark in school history. His total included 1,617 passing and 344 rushing yards; he added eight rushing TDs while completing 100-of-169 passes. His senior season, Staley completed 68-of-124 throws for 992 yards and six TDs and ran for 295 yards on 84 carries. He was a four-time member of the Pioneer Football League All-Academic list.

The MVP of his Perry High School football and basketball teams, Staley was the Lake County Offensive Player of the Year, All-Northeast Ohio and Special Mention All-Ohio as a senior. He also set the basketball school records for assists in a game, season and career.

He graduated from Dayton in 2005 with a bachelor's degree in political science and is pursuing his master's degree in counseling, adult and higher education at Northern Illinois.



nate
GRIFFIN
Video | First Season
Idaho (2004)

Nate Griffin enters his first season as a graduate assistant for the Huskies. Griffin is the primary video coordinator for Northern Illinois, and assists with various administrative tasks.

Prior to arriving in DeKalb, Griffin was an offensive graduate assistant at Northern Colorado. With the Bears, Griffin assisted with wide receivers, was in charge of video coordination, and was responsible for volunteers.

Griffin studied communication at the University of Idaho, where he played fullback for three seasons, lettering in 2000. He suffered a career-ending neck injury during his third season, and completed his bachelor's degree at Idaho while assisting in the Vandals' weight room.

Born in Ft. Collins, Colo., the Wellington, Colo. native graduated from Poudre High School and now lives in DeKalb with his wife, Amy.



marc
WEBEL
Offense | First Season
Southern Illinois (2005)

Marc Webel is in his first season as a graduate assistant coach at Northern Illinois, but has been working with head coach Jerry Kill since 2001.

Webel, who will work primarily with offensive coordinator Matt Limegrover and the offensive line, played center and guard on Kill's 2001-03 Southern Illinois teams.

For the 2004-05 seasons, Webel served as a volunteer assistant coach at SIU, where he was responsible for running practice drills, breaking down video and assisting with daily operations of practice. During those seasons, Webel was also an academic advisor for the student-athletes, a role in which he monitored student academic performance and provided tutoring for students in need.

After graduating magna cum laude from SIU with a bachelor's degree in education, Webel pursued his master's degree in Carbondale while working as a graduate assistant with the football team. As the assistant to the offensive coordinator, Webel broke down film of the Salukis and their opponents and created scouting reports on both, all while continuing his academic advising duties and helping with recruiting.

Webel is currently pursuing his master's degree in sport studies from SIU, with an anticipated graduation in 2008. The Cropsey, Ill. native is married to the former Amber Britton.



brad
BRACHEAR
Defense | First Season
Southern Illinois (2006)

Brad Brachear enters his first season as a graduate assistant at Northern Illinois, and his second season under NIU head coach Jerry Kill. Brachear was also a graduate assistant for one season under Kill at Southern Illinois.

A member of the first American Football Coaches Association/NCAA Football Coaches Academy, Brachear graduated from Southern Illinois in 2006 with a bachelor's degree in chemistry.

Brachear also played under Kill. From 2001-05 Brachear was a defensive back for the Salukis, lettering from 2002-05. He was part of a defense in 2004 that allowed opponents a nation-best 13.2 points per game, and held opposing offenses to only 202.7 yards per contest through the air. With Brachear's contributions, the 2003 pass defense allowed opponents only 194.2 yards per game in the air and 306.6 yards per game overall.

The Harrisburg, Ill. native and Harrisburg High School graduate is married to the former Linza Scott.



COACHING STAFF

support staff



linda
KRONE

Equipment Manager | Fourth Season
Cumberland (2005)

One of only a handful of women to serve as head football equipment manager for an NCAA Football Bowl Championship Subdivision (FBS) team, Linda Krone enters her fourth season in that role for Northern Illinois in 2008.

Krone, who began her position at NIU just prior to the 2005 football campaign, has reorganized the Northern Illinois football equipment operation over the last two years. In 2007, she enjoyed a brand new equipment room as the Huskie football equipment moved into the Jeffrey and Kimberly Yordon Center last summer.

In addition to football, Krone's operation at Huskie Stadium serviced the Northern Illinois men's and women's soccer, wrestling and women's gymnastics teams.

Prior to taking on the equipment job, Krone worked for the Huskie Athletics program in areas such as football parking and the basketball scorer's table while also working at the NIU Convocation Center.

She previously worked for eight years as a teacher on the high school and junior high levels. From 2001-04, she was a physical education and health teacher at Somonauk High School. In addition to her teaching role, she served as student council co-sponsor, as junior varsity volleyball coach for one season and as the JV softball coach for two campaigns.

In five years at Amboy (Ill.) Junior High, she coached volleyball (three years) and girls basketball (four seasons) while also calling games as an Illinois High School Association (IHSA) certified official for basketball and softball in 2000-01.

A native of Rock Falls, Ill. who graduated from Sterling Newman Central Catholic High School, Krone earned a bachelor's degree in education from Cumberland (Tenn.) University in 1995. She completed a master's degree in sports management from NIU in 2004 and is a certified member of the Athletic Equipment Managers Association.



kammy
POWELL

Athletic Trainer | Fifth Season
Aquinas (2001)

Kammy Powell enters her fifth season as an assistant athletic trainer for Northern Illinois and begins her first year as the primary trainer for Huskie football. In that role, Powell is responsible for the sports medicine operations at each practice and game.

Powell, a certified member of the National Athletic Trainers Association, evaluates athletic injuries and directs student-athletes in their rehabilitation efforts. Prior to joining the Huskie football staff, Powell worked with Northern Illinois' women's gymnastics team.

From 2001 to 2003, Powell worked as an athletic trainer for Orthopedic Associates of Grand Rapids, Mich. While in Michigan, she assisted with physical therapy and patient care, designed exercise protocols, performed manual therapy techniques, and instructed therapeutic exercise.

Powell studied athletic training from 1997-2001 at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids. As a member of the Saints' track and field team, she was a two-time Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference All-Academic team member.

Powell spent much of her time at Aquinas as a student trainer, where she was the head student trainer for the women's varsity and men's junior varsity basketball teams, men's and women's tennis, men's soccer and track and field teams.

In addition to her NATA certification, Powell is a member of the Great Lakes Trainers Association, Aquatic Exercise Association and is first aid and CPR certified.



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Deputy Athletics Director/
Sport Administrator



julie EDWARDS
Football Secretary



joyce JAMES
Football Secretary



chad PEARSON
Sports Performance
Graduate Assistant

