

# Davis named new offensive coordinator, quarterbacks coach

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Former Texas offensive coordinator Greg Davis has been named Iowa's new offensive coordinator, head coach Kirk Ferentz announced in a release sent by the UI on Monday. Davis, who will also be Iowa's quarterbacks coach, takes over both duties from Ken O'Keefe, who resigned Feb. 3 to become the Miami Dolphins' wide receivers coach.

Davis comes to Iowa one year after resigning at Texas, where he spent the first 13 seasons of Mack Brown's tenure overseeing the Longhorn offense. During that span, Texas won one national championship, played for another, and Davis worked with quarterbacks such as Vince Young and Colt McCoy, both of whom were Heisman finalists and are currently in the NFL. Former Longhorn running back Ricky Williams won the Heisman Trophy during the 1998 season, Davis' first spent at Texas.

"Greg's units have demonstrated impressive production and they have done so using a variety of systems and styles," Ferentz said in a statement. "He has done an outstanding job of playing towards the strengths and abilities of the players with which he has worked.

"I am very confident he will be a tremendous asset to our program, campus and community."

Before arriving at Texas, Davis had also worked as an assistant at North Carolina, Georgia, Arkansas and Tulane,

where he was head coach from 1988-1990 after working there under Brown. The former McNeese State quarterback began his coaching career at Texas A&M, where he spent eight seasons as the quarterbacks coach.

Davis became the latest addition to the Ferentz's coaching staff, which is now set for the 2012 season, as well as the second outside hire (the other being Brian Ferentz named as offensive line coach after serving as the New England Patriots' tight ends coach). Along with Davis and Ferentz being on board, former linebacker LeVar Woods was named linebackers coach after serving as the interim defensive line coach during the 2011 Insight Bowl, and assistants Reese Morgan and Darrell Wilson changed coaching duties following the promotion of Phil Parker from defensive backs coach to defensive coordinator earlier this month.