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#### **(Neb)-CSC Cross Country Coach Leaves For BHSU**

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CHADRON - Chadron State head cross country coach Scott Foley has unexpectedly resigned to return to Black Hills State, which he left after 3 years last August to take over the CSC program when Brian Medigovich resigned to return to his alma mater Adams State.

Foley texted the Chadron Record that he'd accepted an offer to take over the Black Hills program, but neither school has issued a release on Foley's move, with the Yellowjackets' website still listing Scott Walkinshaw as head coach.

Walkinshaw, inducted in the NAIA Hall of Fame this summer for his 11 years as coach when BHSU was in the NAIA, had stepped down from head coach to assistant for the track program earlier this year.

Foley told the Record that leaving CSC was the most difficult decision he's made in his coaching career and was completely related to his personal life.

Although there's been no official release, Chadron State has removed Foley from the athletic department directory and cross country page with Athletic Director Joel Smith telling the Record that contacts are already being made to find his successor.

Smith said he wants to fill the vacancy quickly, but won't rush the process - adding that the members of the cross country team indicated they'd prefer the college take its time and find a good fit rather making a rushed hire.

Smith is hoping for the same type of luck he had last year in getting Foley, calling him "a really great find in a bad situation" who did a great job for the Eagles.

For now, coaching assistant Charles Pruitt is leading the CSC cross country program, which begins its season Sept 7 at the Hardrock Classic at SD Mines in Rapid City.