

# SPORTS

## Lien takes the helm of a sinking ship

by Dan Schuette

It's official! Dave Buss is out and Dick Lien is in as head basketball coach at UWGB.

UWGB officials made the announcement at a press conference April 9 amidst speculation that Buss would not be retained as coach.

Lien, who has still has two seasons, becomes only the second head coach in the 13 year history of Phoenix basketball.

Buss, who still has two years remaining on his contract will be reassigned to a department other than men's basketball.

— Earned a bachelors degree in physical education at Moorhead (Minnesota) State. Earned his Master's degree in special education and physical education at St. Cloud (Minnesota) State.

— Married. Wife's name Loretta. Three children.

— Coached two years at Clarissa (Minnesota) High School. Enrollment 400. Record unavailable.

— Five years head coach at Monticello (Minnesota) High School. Enrollment 600. Record 48-33.

— Two years assistant and

College, Coon Rapids, Minnesota. Record 22-4. His team averaged close to 90 points a game.

— One year part-time assistant coach at the University of Minnesota. Coordinated the Gophers junior varsity program along with his scouting and recruiting duties.

— June 1980, was named assistant coach at UWGB.

Lien doesn't view his first head coaching position at Division I level as a revolutionary change.

"Coaching is basically coaching at every level. I don't want to oversimplify things but the game is almost exactly the same regardless of the level," said Lien.

"It all comes down to preparation, hard work, a lot of discipline and dedication," he said.

"Those type of things are all applicable whichever level your on be it — the pro's, Division I or Division II, junior college or high school. So the idea about it being a revolutionary change coming into this position, I can't perceive that."

Lien feels good about his recruiting talent.

"We got ten kids back, nine who were on this year's team, one who was redshirted (that being Danny Theighs) who all have marketable skills at our level of basketball," said Lien.

According to Lien, the timing of his appointment had only slightly damaged their recruiting efforts. "The fact that a new coach from outside



Dick Lien, right, is aided by Aldo Santa (foreground) and Dan Spielmann after he fainted for the first time at an April 9 press conference. Lien, who was named to succeed Dave Buss, UWGB's ousted basketball coach, fainted for the second time shortly after this photo was taken. 4-E photo by Dave Garot.

did not come in was an advantage," said Lien.

"The fact that there was a period in there where our continuity of recruiting was interrupted at a very important time in the recruitment process, right near signing date, did not have a positive affect but at the same time it was unavoidable."

"Basically our recruiting is state intact despite the change," said Lien.

Lien revolves his coaching philosophy around "all out effort all the time."

"I don't think it's asking too much for a young man whose on full scholarship, getting his education paid for to be on time and to work hard when he's at practice and in a game," said Lien.

"I will be emphasizing and deemphasizing the commitment to hard work because if

you work hard you become the best basketball player you can."

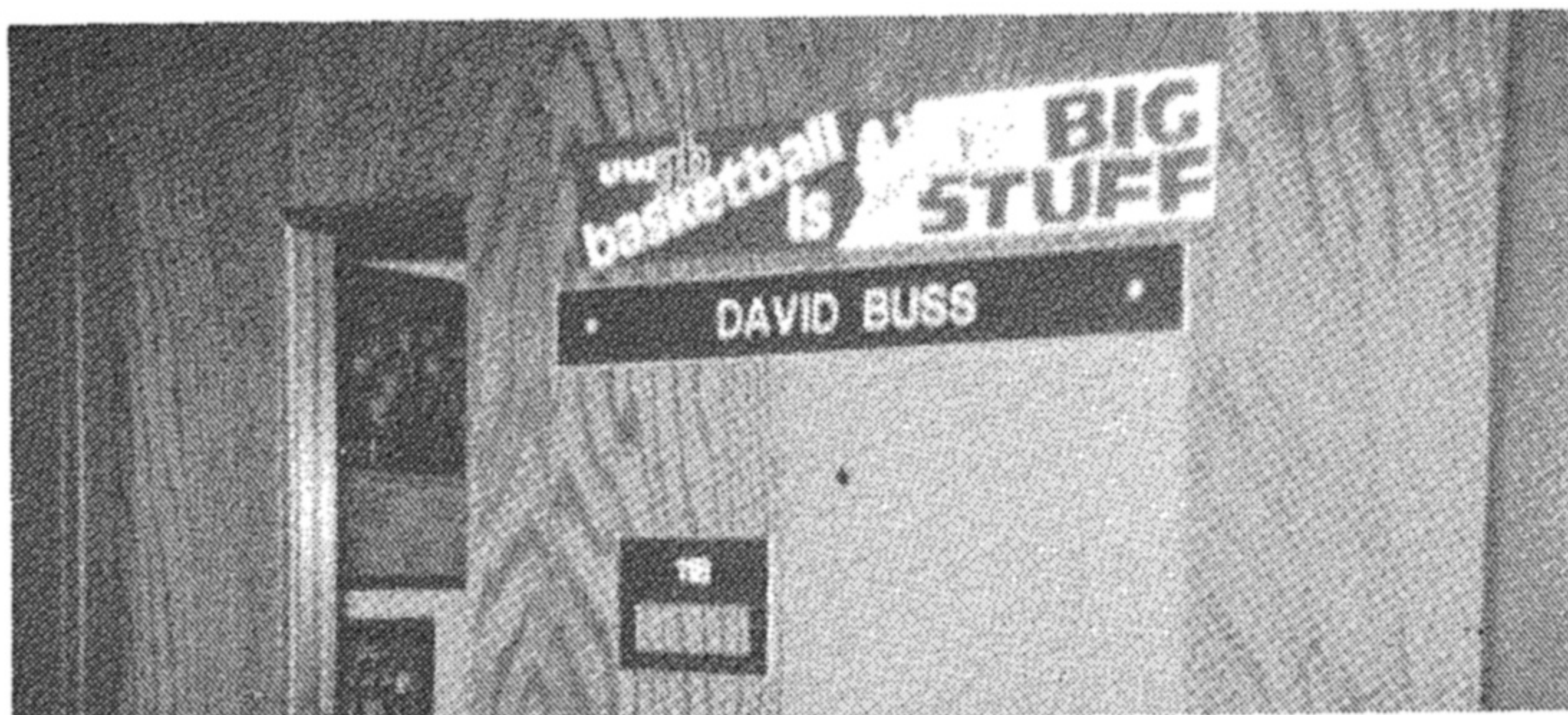
"If you get into the habit of working hard you won't know how to loaf," he said.

Lien compares the challenges of UWGB's Division I effort to the old crawl, walk, run cycle.

"We've been very successful as a Division II university, a N.A.I.A. university and now we are in the infant stages of the Division I climb."

"We certainly want to climb to a situation where we are vying for national exposure. However, we are at a position now where we are in a crawl position. Before you can run you've got to walk," said Lien.

"We want to keep improving the skill level of our team and also capture the entertainment fancy of our community," added Lien.



Dave Buss's door sits locked and lifeless as just down the hall, Dick Lien begins an active campaign to get the Division I basketball program on its feet. Michael J. Nyenhuis photo.

Just who is Dick Lien?

Here are some quick facts on the little known Phoenix skipper.

— Born March 3, 1943 in Barnesville, Minnesota.

five years head coach at Osseo (Minnesota) High School. Enrollment 2,500. Record 46-56.

— One year head coach at Anoka-Ramsey Community

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## Swim team has own Spitz

by Mike R. Rymer

The highly successful UWGB women's swim team may have their own female version of "Mark Spitz" in freshman swimming sensation Cindee Schmalz.

Schmalz, one of the many talented freshmen on Roger Harriman's team this year, is a native of Wayzata, Minnesota (approx. 30 miles west of Minneapolis). She graduated from Wayzata High School last year.

Following a successful swimming career which began at the age of four and continued through high school, Schmalz was heavily recruited by the University of Minnesota, the University of Iowa, and U.W. Eau Claire. She finally ended up choosing UWGB because she, "liked the swimming pool, the Bay Apartments, the coach, and

the small school atmosphere."

At the start of this school year, Schmalz ran into bad luck, though, when she dislocated her left knee while dancing at the Blarney Stone. A few weeks after that, she came down with mononucleosis and later on developed hypoglycemia (low blood sugar). Schmalz stopped swim-



national swimming meet which took place in mid-March and became a four-time All-American by placing seventh in each of the following events; the 200 yd. Individual Medley, the 400 yd. Individual Medley, and the 200 yd. Backstroke. Schmalz's fourth All-American honor came when she teamed up with Laura Kopish, Ann Worm, and Lori Beckstrom to place 12th in the 200 yd. Medley Relay.

Some of Schmalz's other achievements include state records in the 200 yd. Individual Medley and 200 yd. Backstroke. The UWGB school records she has broken include the 100 yd., 200 yd., and 400 yd. Individual Medleys, and the 50 yd., 100 yd., and 200 yd. Backstrokes.

Schmalz also swam a leg in the 200 yd. and 400 yd. Medley Relays and the 400 yd. Freestyle Relay that set new school records. She also made the All-Conference team when the Phoenix swam in the state meet at La Crosse.

Now that the swimming season is over, Schmalz continues to swim three times a week and plans to start lifting weights soon to keep herself in shape.

At the end of this school year she is also heading back home to, "swim, work at a local Burger King, and play a lot of fast-pitch softball."

Schmalz is majoring in accounting and hopes to

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