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CHARLESTON, IL--Joel Swisher, 40, and Dana Chambers, 24, have been hired as assistant football coaches at Eastern Illinois University, head coach Al Molde announced.

Swisher, who has had 10 years of collegiate head coaching experience, will become the offensive coordinator specifically coaching the line. Chambers, who formerly played for Molde, will coach outside linebackers.

These two additions complete the realignment of the Panther coaching staff. Assistant head coach Larry Edlund will switch from offense to become defensive coordinator in charge of defensive backs.

Bill Bye will move from the offensive line to defensive line and Sheldon Herd will coach inside linebackers. Rob Kuhlman returns to coach running backs. Molde will continue working with quarterbacks and receivers.

"I've known both Joel and Dana for some time. They are knowledgeable coaches who I'm confident will fit well into our system," said Molde. "I'm also pleased they could join the staff in time for winter conditioning and spring practice."

Swisher has an overall record of 50-43-4 coaching ten years at Dakota State, Augustana (SD) and Adams State (CO) College. He was 26-12-1 from 1973-76 at Dakota State, 17-21-1 at Augustana from 1977-80 and then 7-10-2 the past two seasons at Adams State.

He earned his undergraduate degree at Northern State (SD), a masters from South Dakota State and Ph.D. from the University of Utah in 1972.

A graduate of Aberdeen (SD) High School, Joel and his wife, Susan, have two children, Nicole, 12, and Austin, 8.

Chambers played for Molde at Central Missouri State graduating in 1982. He was a defensive lineman and team captain for the Mules. This past season he was an assistant coach at Centaurus High School in Lafayette, CO.

Originally from Fulton, MO, Chambers was a prep all-stater graduating in 1978. He and his wife, Brenda, have a six year old daughter, LaQuisha.