

# Coaches would take more than coaching

It's a labor of love for Cordova doesn't do it for the money. Employed as the athletic director for the Northern New Mexico College, a Santa Fe native does a lot more than his business card.

The team's part-time bus driver, given us on five road trips," he says proudly. He is also the sports information director. On top of that he's the video coordinator, equipment manager, travel planner, statistician, webmaster and chief recruiter.

Oh, and he does the laundry during road trips. "I always make sure to get a bottle of detergent to get to a hotel," he says. He conservatively estimates he works about 65 hours each basketball season. His office is in the neighborhood.

Cordova never had a car. He resigned earlier this week after being kicked out of a meeting by the state's president. He was given the chance the state could fund the athletic department's \$1,000,000 annual budget out of the legislative session.

He works for all sports. Salary: Coaching. Equipment. Travel. He has become an expert at organizing. He is peppered with items from his own home. Over the desk is a TV. On that desk is a coffee machine. In the corner is a desk. On the wall is a dry-erase board rescued from his dad's

office. He is discouraged until he says, "I'm not worried about my job. What I'm concerned about is the players. Most of them are New Mexico kids. It can't be here if it weren't for them they're out there in the world. They're making good



Santa Fe Prep sophomore Will Lenfestey tries to pass over the defense of Jose Trujillo during the first quarter of a District 2AA game Friday night in Prep Gymnasium. JANE PHILLIPS/THE NEW MEXICAN

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