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Name & Class
Cheryl Barber, Jr.
July Bartlett, Jr.
Michelle Bohlken, Jr.
Kathy Broderick, Jr.
Brenda Coggins, Fr.
Mary Danielson, Jr.
Le Ann Erickson, Jr.
Janet Franke, So.
Michelle Gilbert, Fr.
Colleen Howard, Fr.
Linda Hurt, Fr.
Linda Iliff, So.
Kathy Kenny, Fr.
Kathy Kessler, Jr.
Carol Krabbenhoft, So.
Terri Leisinger, Fr.
Mary Beth Linehan, Jr.
Janelle McBride, Fr.
Donna McGohan, Fr.
Nita Marsh, Fr.
Barb Miller, Jr.
Georgia Norris, Fr.
Stacy Roberts, So.
Deb Schmeling, So.
Joan Sexton, So.
Sheryl Sigmund, Fr.
Becky Strub, Fr.
Wendy Sunner, So.
Sue Tarr, Fr.
Paula Vanderbeek, Sr.
Shirley Walker, Jr.
Tracy Wentzien, So.
Sandy Wittry, Jr.

Event
Shot Put, Javelin
One Mile, Two Mile
220, 440
One Mile, Two Mile
Pentathlon
100-Meter, 220
Hurdles
Javelin
Sprints
Hurdles
220, 440, Relays
Hurdles, Sprints
880
High Jump,
Long Jump
880
220
One Mile, Two Mile
One Mile, Two Mile
Shot Put
880
Hurdles, Long
Jump, Sprints
High Jump
Sprints, Relays
One Mile, Two Mile
400-Meter
Hurdles, 440
Sprints, Hurdles,
Relays
220, 440
220, Relays
Sprints, Relays
One Mile, Two Mile
One Mile, Two Mile
Shot Put
880

Hometown
Storm Lake, IA
Waverly, IA
Monticello, IA
Waukee, IA
Hopkinton, IA
Cedar Falls, IA
Waterloo, IA
New Hampton, IA
New Hampton, IA
Emmetsburg, IA
Alburnette, IA
Marion, IA
Cedar Rapids, IA
Dubuque, IA
Hiawatha, IA
Waverly, IA
Davenport, IA
Farley, IA
Mt. Pleasant, IA
Burlington, IA
Marion, IA
Nemaha, IA
Mason City, IA
Emmetsburg, IA
Ridgeway, IA
Des Moines, IA
Cedar Falls, IA
Marion, IA
Des Moines, IA
New Sharon, IA
Cedar Falls, IA
Lincoln, IA
Carroll, IA


athletic aid

Scholarship monies for women athletes were made available for the first time in 1978 in accordance with Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women regulations. Student-athletes interested in receiving an athletic scholarship in track should contact Sandra Williamson, associate athletic director for women, or Head Coach Carol Gruber. UNI’s women’s track and field team competes in Division II of the AIAW structure, which provides for 50 percent of the maximum athletic aid allowable by the AIAW.
uni facts/staff

Location: Cedar Falls, IA 50613
Enrollment: 10,345
Athletic Director: Stan Sheriff
Assoc. Athletic Director-Women: Sandra Williamson
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Assoc. Athletic Director-Men: R.C. Johnson
Track Office Phone: 319-273-2730
Sports Information Director: Brad Larsen
Asst. Sports Information Director: Nancy Justis
Nickname: Panthers
School Colors: Purple and Old Gold

1979 schedule

Feb. 24 at Iowa Indoor Track Invitational
Mar. 10 UNI INDOOR INVITATIONAL, 10 a.m.
Apr. 7 at Central Invitational
Apr. 21 at Northern Illinois Invitational
Apr. 24 at Central Triangular
Apr. 28 at Wisconsin-River Falls Invitational
May 4-5 at IAIAW State Meet at Pella
May 10-12 at Region 6 IAIAW Meet at Wichita, KS
May 23-26 at IAIAW National Meet at East Lansing, MI

Outlook

First-year Head Coach Carol Gruber welcomes back 13 athletes off last year’s squad, with five of the 13 having advanced to the finals in last season’s regional championships held in Emporia, KS. Headlining the returnees are Tracy Wentzien, Deb Schmeling, Wendy Sumner, Paula Vanderbeek and LeAnn Erickson. Wentzien was a member of the 880 medley relay team which placed fifth at the regionals, along with teammates Schmeling and Sumner. Vanderbeek placed eighth of 24 entrants in the 3000-meters and Wentzien also placed sixth in the 200-meters. Erickson qualified for the regionals last year in the javelin.

Gruber feels the Panthers’ strongest area will be in the distances, where freshman Terri Leisinger will be running the one- and two-mile events, along with junior Shirley Walker. Leisinger broke this year’s regional qualifying time by 45 seconds in the two-mile in her first time trial in early practice.

The weakest events for the Panthers will be in the throws where there is a lack of depth. Janelle McBride most likely will be entered into the shot put, with Erickson tossing the javelin.

Gruber says that with some strong high school experience under their belts and excellent conditioning early in the year, she expects the Panthers to be setting and breaking over and over again personal records and that several of the distance runners should qualify for regionals. She is sure that the high jumpers, 60-yr. hurdles, ½-milers, the 220-yr. dashers and two-mile runners will break the standing UNI-Dome records. These athletes will have an opportunity to do just that when UNI hosts an indoor invitational in the UNI-Dome March 10.

“We got a lot of young, untrained talent,” Gruber says, “but most have had some high school experience. It will be a building year for us. But I think we’re up to it.”

Carol Gruber joined the UNI faculty in the fall of 1978, replacing Sharon Huddleston as head volleyball and track and field coach, who left to work on her doctorate. She is a native of Long Beach, CA, and she received her bachelor’s degree from California State University in 1975. Prior to joining UNI’s staff, she was doing graduate work at the University of Southern California-Los Angeles. Gruber’s coaching background includes assistant track and field coach at Whittier College in California and head volleyball coach for the California State University Girls’ Sports Camp. She took UNI’s volleyball team to the regional playoffs this past winter.

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