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Co-captains Julie Schroeder, Peggy Ackerman, LeAnne Spicer
Quick Facts

General Information
Location: Cedar Falls, IA 50614
Founded: 1876
Enrollment: 11,500
Nickname: Panthers
Colors: Purple and Old Gold
Conference: Gateway Collegiate
Affiliation: NCAA Division I
President: Dr. Constantine Curris
Faculty Representative: Dixon Riggs

Department of Intercollegiate Athletics
Director of Athletics: Robert Bowlsby
Associate ADs: Sandra Williamson, John Jermier
Business Manager: Julie Bright
Ticket Manager: Greg Merfeld
Athletic Trainer: Terry Noonan
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The University of Northern Iowa

The University of Northern Iowa, located in Cedar Falls, was founded in 1876 as the Iowa State Normal School. From a single building on a 40-acre campus, the University has grown to include more than 40 major buildings, a 723-acre campus, 675 faculty members, and 11,500 students.

Northern Iowa emphasizes outstanding undergraduate education, with complementary graduate programs at the master's, specialist's and doctoral levels. Building on its traditional strength in teacher education, Northern Iowa has developed other excellent programs in its School of Business, College of Humanities and Fine Arts, College of Natural Sciences and College of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

Campus landmarks include the Campanile, the Education Center, Strayer-Wood Theatre, Maucker University Union and the UNI-Dome. Special academic resources include the 500,000-volume University Library, the Industrial Technology Center and the Communications Arts Center. The campus, classrooms and residence halls are highly handicapped-accessible.

Northern Iowa is the home of The North American Review, a quarterly journal of literature that has received two National Magazine Awards in the fiction category. The University also operates KUNI-FM and KHKE-FM, whose 4,000-member "Friends" organization makes them two of the most popular public radio stations in the United States.

Northern Iowa competes in men's and women's athletics at the NCAA Division I level. In addition to a traditionally strong wrestling program, the University is competitive in football (Gateway Collegiate Conference, Division IAA) and men's basketball (Association of Mid-Continent Universities). In women's athletics the softball team has been especially successful, winning the AIAW Division II College World Series twice in recent years.

Northern Iowa is a state-assisted university, part of the Iowa Regents system that also includes the University of Iowa and Iowa State University. The University's more than 40,000 alumni in the United States and other countries lend additional support through the UNI Foundation and other alumni programs.
Northern Iowa's Panthers are a dichotomy. On the one hand, one would expect a somewhat veteran squad with six seniors and three juniors on the 16-woman team. However, four of the six seniors are junior college transfers, thus are competing in only their second year at UNI, and one of the juniors is a transfer this season. Only two players have been with the squad four years.

Those veterans entering their fourth and final year with the Panthers are third baseman Pam Phipps and reserve pitcher Terri Benson. Phipps was the seventh leading hitter in 1985 with a .220 average but was fifth in the nation in the number of doubles (16). She also led the team in triples (5).

"Pam has played third base since she was a sophomore and I think she is the best defensive third baseman in the league," says UNI head coach Meredith Bakley.

Benson has contributed strictly as a relief pitcher her entire UNI career. "Terri is much more comfortable in her relief role. She knows exactly what she needs to do when she goes into a game under these circumstances. She's done her job very well in the past," says Bakley.

Three of the four outfielders are veterans. Senior Julie Schroeder returns for her final season in right field. A transfer from Black Hawk College last year, she had an excellent season with an on-base average of .900 during the Gateway Conference tournament. She finished the 1985 season as the third leading hitter with a .286 average. Center fielder Laurie McInroy also returns for her last season. Batting .264 last year, Bakley says she had the best fall season of anyone on the team. Her "aggressiveness" will be a definite asset, Bakley says.

The third returnee in the outfield is left fielder Shelly Beaucamp. A sophomore, she was a third team all-stater her senior prep year. Well-skilled defensively, Bakley says she only needs to improve upon her batting. Newcomer Chris Ehlert, a first team all-stater, will play in left field, also. Bakley says she is an excellent hitter but needs to adjust to collegiate ball.

Four players return to the infield. Sophomore Paula Evers, UNI's only all-conference selection last year at first base, has been moved to shortstop. She was the squad's leading hitter last year with a .314 average and was second in RBIs with 16.

"Paula is an excellent athlete," Bakley says. "She played exceptional as a freshman and led the team in virtually all areas. We anticipate only bigger and better things from her this year. She loves the game."

Senior Peggy Ackerman has moved up into a starting position at second base. She transferred in last year from Waldorf Junior College and participated on its team that advanced to the JUCO nationals two years ago. Described as a dedicated, well-trained athlete, she was the fourth leading hitter last year.

Phipps is the third returning athlete in the infield, playing at third base, and the fourth is junior Pam Reiter. Reiter has been moved around quite a bit but right now is sharing duties with Waldorf Junior College transfer Lisa Holthaus at first base. Holthaus originally was trained as an outfielder but without any openings there, has been moved infield. Reiter is the only left-hander on the squad and could help out with the bat.
Both catchers return from last year’s team. Sophomore Connie McBride and junior LeAnne Spicer each got playing time a year ago.

“LeAnne and Connie compliment each other very well,” Bakley says. “When one has a bad game, the other one seems to be able to step in and do what is necessary.” Spicer was the second leading hitter last year, averaging .304.

The pitching corps is made up of two seniors and two freshmen and Bakley is very confident of this position. Senior Linda Whannel is expected to be the no. 1 thrower this year, as she was last season after transferring from Crowder College. However, a back injury last year progressively worsened and affected her pitch, making it impossible to live up to the expectations. She had minor surgery during the summer and did not throw this fall.

“Whannel may be a key for us this season,” Bakley said. “She has lots of movement in her pitch. If she has a good year, as we expect, the team will have a good year.”

Benson is the second senior pitcher and she and Whannel are being joined on the mound by freshmen Krista Fosbinder and Nancy Sackett. Fosbinder pitched her high school team to the Illinois state title last summer.

“We’re very excited about having Krista with us,” Bakley said. “She’s a well-trained, very competitive athlete who has a good command of her pitches. She doesn’t overpower anyone but she can throw a variety of stuff.”

Bakley believes Sackett is a good athlete who with some extra work, will be a valuable member of the pitching staff in the future.

In general terms, Bakley feels her squad’s hitting should be just as good if not better than last year. “We’ve got basically the same people returning and are playing the same kind of schedule,” she said. “I think we were exciting offensively last year and should be again this year.”

Defense always has been the Panthers’ strong point, Bakley says, with well-skilled, aggressive athletes. “Pitching was our only weakness last year because of Linda’s injury, but we should see improvement in that area this year,” she said.

As for the schedule, it isn’t any tougher and it isn’t any easier this year. The Panthers open the season in mid-March at the Sooner Invitational in Oklahoma, along with such teams as Baylor, Oklahoma State and Creighton. “All these teams probably will be ranked and all of them will have played more games than us by the time we play them,” Bakley said. “We may not end up with a winning record but we’ll only get better by playing better teams.”

A highlight of the season will be the UNI-Dome Invitational April 4-6, which has been expanded to 16 teams this year. Entries in that tourney have come from Illinois, Creighton, Bowling Green, Toledo, Wichita State, Southwest Missouri State, Drake, Colorado State, Mankato State, Nebraska-Omaha, St. Cloud State, Wayne State (NE), Kearney State, St. Xavier College and Washburn.
Head Coach
Meredith Bakley

Meredith Bakley begins her eighth year as the Panthers' head softball coach. In her first year at the helm, she guided the team to a 22-10 overall record and a second place finish in the AIAW state tournament. Five seasons ago, the Panthers finished fourth in the regional championships. Four years ago, she directed UNI to its second national title.

A graduate of Black Hills State College in Spearfish, SD, she received her master's degree from Colorado State University in 1974 and has completed some hours toward her doctorate from the University of Iowa and Northern Colorado.

Bakley was an instructor at Valley City State College in Valley City, ND, where she was head basketball and softball coach before coming to UNI. Her Valley City softball team placed second in the state in 1978, losing to North Dakota State in the finals. Her overall win-loss record is 253-156-3.

She is a former volleyball and softball player.

Assistant Coach
Dr. Gene Bruhn

Dr. Gene Bruhn is beginning his fourth year as assistant softball coach and is in fact the first part-time assistant coach ever hired in the history of UNI softball. A chiropractor practicing in Clarksville, he studied two years at Ellsworth Junior College, one year at Wartburg and received his degree from Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, IA. Dr. Bruhn has been a softball player for 22 years, competing in the service in Viet Nam and at Fort Sill in Oklahoma. He also has competed in city leagues in the Quad City area.
A Short History

Women's intercollegiate softball at the University of Northern Iowa has a short history but a very proud history. Even though the program is young, with competition beginning in the 1972 season, UNI's teams have made a name for themselves state-wide, regionally and nationally.

Since the sport was initiated, all but one team has recorded a winning record. The overall win-loss mark (since 1974) is an astounding 275-130-2. Without any doubt, the premier season was 1977 when the Panthers, behind the pitching of Pat Stockman, who later went on to play with the Buffalo (NY) Briskies pro team, captured the Women's College World Series crown and finished the year with a 32-2 overall record. Four years ago, UNI won its second national title.

Throughout the years, the Panthers have won three state championships, placed first in the regional championships in 1977 and 1982, fourth in 1978 and 1981 and besides winning the national title in 1977 and 1982, they placed eighth in 1973, second in 1975 and in the top six in the nation in 1976.

Facilities

The UNI softball team found its home on the UNI campus in the 1978 season with the construction of its own diamond after previously playing all home games at a softball complex in Waterloo, IA. Ground-level dugouts were added three years ago to afford protection for the athletes from the possibility of inclement weather.

However, if the weather dictates that games can no longer be played outdoors, the UNI softball team has the advantage of being able to play indoors in the UNI-Dome, a multi-purpose, air-supported coliseum. Thus, the Panthers are rarely rained out when they play at home.
1986 UNI Softball Bottom row, left to right: Shelly Beauchamp, LeAnne Spicer. 2nd row: Lisa Holthaus, Kris Angstman. 3rd row: Pam Phipps, Peggy Ackerman, Krista Fosbinder. 4th row: Chris Ehlert, Pam Reiter, Paula Evers. 5th row: Julie Schroeder, Linda Whannel, Connie McBride. 6th row: Laurie McInroy, Terri Benson, Nancy Sackett.
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*Returning athlete
From the Files

Records (Since 1975)

Games
Most Games, season: 54 (1985)
Most Games Won, Season: 35 (1982)
Most Games Lost, Season: 30 (1985)
Lowest Winning Pct., season: .444 (24-30, 1985)
Most Consecutive Games Won: 18 (1977)
Most Consecutive Games Lost: 9 (1985)

Batting (team)
Highest batting avg., season: .281 (1978)
Most at-bats, season: 1442 (1985)
Most runs, season: 238 (1982)
Most runs per game: 6.3 (1975)
Most runs, game: 18 vs. Clarke College (1980); vs. Mt. Mercy (1985)
Most hits, season: 364 (1985)
Most hits per game: 8.0 (1977)
Most doubles, season: 43 (1982)
Most triples, season: 25 (1982, 1985)
Most homeruns, season: 21 (1982)
Most runs batted in, season: 201 (1982)
Most stolen bases, season: 74 (1982)
Most strikeouts, season: 158 (1985)

Batting (individual)
Most runs, season: 42, Paula Evers (1985)
Most hits, season: 54, Paula Evers (1985)
Most strikeouts, season: 25, Marshell Clark (1983)
Most doubles, season: 15, Pam Phipps (1985)
Most triples, season: 9, Teresa Kennedy (1980)
Most homeruns, season: 6, Marshell Clark (1982)
Most runs batted in, season: 36, Jane Wagner (1982)
Most stolen bases, season: 17, Betty Davis (1981)
Most times hit by pitch, season: 3, Jocelyn Drabelle (1978)
Most walks, season: 22, Marshell Clark (1982)
Highest batting average, season: .425, Sue Coakley (1978)

Fielding (team) Since 1981
Most putouts, season: 411, Paula Evers (1985)
Most assists, season: 122, Pam Phipps (1985)
Most errors, season: 28, Betty Thordson (1981)

Pitching (individual) Since 1978
Most victories, career: 41, Jennifer Berger (1982-84)
Most victories, season: 17, Jennifer Berger (1982)
Most losses, career: 24, Jennifer Berger (1982-84)
Most losses, season: 13, Linda Whannel (1985)
Most homeruns allowed, career: 4, Kathy Gross (1979-82); Linda Edwards (1978); Linda Whannel (1985)
Most games, season: 4, Linda Edwards (1978); Linda Whannel (1985)
Most games, season: 26, Jennifer Berger (1982); Linda Whannel (1985)
Most innings pitched, career: 446, Jennifer Berger (1982-84)
Most innings pitched, season: 171 1/4, Linda Whannel (1985)
Most hits allowed, career: 301, Jennifer Berger (1982-84)
Most hits allowed, season: 144, Linda Whannel (1985)
Most runs allowed, career: 121, Kathy Gross (1979-82)
Most runs allowed, season: 53, Linda Whannel (1985)
Most earned runs, career: 65, Jennifer Berger (1982-84)
Most earned runs, season: 33, Lori Cook (1984)
Most walks allowed, career: 135, Kathy Gross (1979-82)
Most walks allowed, season: 40, Jennifer Berger (1982)
Most strikeouts, career: 413, Jennifer Berger (1982-84)
Most strikeouts, season: 216, Jennifer Berger (1982)
Year by Year Results

Season results prior to 1974 are unavailable.

1974 (15-3)
Luther 14-2, 2-0
Graceland 2-3
Grand View 18-4, 9-1
Iowa State 6-5, 7-3
Luther 6-3, 7-6
Iowa 9-3, 34-1
Wartburg 4-3, 5-4
IAIAW Championships (3rd)
Graceland 9-2
Buena Vista 11-1
Luther 1-2
Iowa State 1-4
Head Coach: Jane Mertesdorf

1975 (20-4)
Luther 3-0, 5-6
Iowa 10-0, 6-4
Iowa State 7-1, 10-2
Graceland 8-3
Kansas State 3-4 (8 inn.)
Wartburg 15-1, 9-0
IAIW District Championships (1st)
Wartburg 6-1
Luther 4-0, 4-0
IAIAW State Championships (1st)
Graceland 12-3
Iowa Wesleyan 10-0
Iowa State 2-1, 3-2
Women's College World Series (2nd)
Oklahoma 5-0
Michigan State 4-3
Kansas 4-1
Nebraska-Omaha 0-1
Michigan State 7-3
Nebraska-Omaha 11-1, 4-6
Head Coach: Jane Mertesdorf

1976 (23-3)
Iowa 11-0
Luther 3-0
Wartburg 3-2, 8-1
Iowa State 7-4, 1-0
Luther 1-0
Graceland 8-0, 15-0
Wartburg 5-0, 1-0
Luther 1-0, 3-4
Mankato State 10-0
Minnesota 10-0
Moorhead State 11-0
IAIAW Championships (1st)
William Penn 10-0
Drake 11-0
Wartburg 2-0
Iowa State 9-1
Luther 7-2
Women's College World Series (top 6)
Northern State College (SD) 3-1
Arizona State 0-2
Indiana State 10-2
Texas 6-0
Northern Colorado 0-1
Head Coach: Jane Mertesdorf

1977 (32-2)
Wartburg 4-3, 9-1
Nebraska-Omaha 9-3, 7-2
Iowa 6-5, 7-0
Grand View 12-0, 12-2
Mt. Mercy 6-1, 7-1
IAIAW District Championships (1st)
Upper Iowa 13-0
Luther 3-2
Iowa State 2-0, 1-0
Wartburg 9-0, 10-3
Waldorf 12-0, 9-0
Luther 0-1, 13-0
IAIAW State Championships (1st)
Mt. Mercy 9-0
William Penn 2-0
Iowa State 2-1, 4-2
IAIAW Region 6 Championships (1st)
North Dakota State 4-0
Tarkio 1-0
Southwest Missouri State 3-2, 6-1
Women's College World Series (1st)
Southern Illinois 3-0
Kansas 4-0
Michigan State 7-3
Arizona 1-0 (8 inn.), 0-1 (9 inn.), 7-0
Head Coach: Jane Mertesdorf

1978 (21-11)
Wartburg 2-1, 5-3
Luther 4-3, 0-1
Grand View 4-3, 5-1
Iowa 1-5
Luther 1-4
William Penn 5-3, 5-4
Drake 13-3, 10-3
Iowa State 2-4, 9-7
Loras 2-4, 0-5
Loras (Default 2)
Minnesota 9-2, -03
IAIAW District Championships (1st)
Upper Iowa 13-4
Luther 7-5
IAIAW State Championships (5th)
Central 4-2
Mt. Mercy 4-2
Grand View 1-2
Iowa State 1-2
IAIAW Region 6 Championships (4th)
Minnesota 0-4
South Dakota 11-2
Luther 8-3
Kansas 0-5
Head Coach: Jane Mertesdorf

1979 (22-10)
Wartburg 4-3, 6-5
Wichita State 10-2
Nebraska 2-5
Wayne State 5-4
Emporia State 1-6
Drake 1-0 (9 inn.), 5-1
St. Cloud State 6-3, 6-5
Minnesota 5-7
Minnesota JV 2-3
Iowa State 0-1, 4-3 (10 inn.)
Luther 15-5 (5 inn.), 5-4
Mt. Mercy 2-3, 10-6
Loras 1-0, 8-2
IAIAW District Championships (1st)
Luther 7-2
Upper Iowa 5-2
Wartburg 8-2, 3-1
Grand View 1-3, 2-1

IAIAW District Championships (1st)
Upper Iowa 13-0
Luther 3-2
Iowa State 2-0, 1-0
Wartburg 9-0, 10-3
Waldorf 12-0, 9-0
Luther 0-1, 13-0
IAIAW State Championships (1st)
Mt. Mercy 9-0
William Penn 2-0
Iowa State 2-1, 4-2
IAIAW Region 6 Championships (1st)
North Dakota State 4-0
Tarkio 1-0
Southwest Missouri State 3-2, 6-1
Women's College World Series (1st)
Southern Illinois 3-0
Kansas 4-0
Michigan State 7-3
Arizona 1-0 (8 inn.), 0-1 (9 inn.), 7-0
Head Coach: Jane Mertesdorf

1978 (21-11)
Wartburg 2-1, 5-3
Luther 4-3, 0-1
Grand View 4-3, 5-1
Iowa 1-5
Luther 1-4
William Penn 5-3, 5-4
Drake 13-3, 10-3
Iowa State 2-4, 9-7
Loras 2-4, 0-5
Loras (Default 2)
Minnesota 9-2, -03
IAIAW District Championships (1st)
Upper Iowa 13-4
Luther 7-5
IAIAW State Championships (5th)
Central 4-2
Mt. Mercy 4-2
Grand View 1-2
Iowa State 1-2
IAIAW Region 6 Championships (4th)
Minnesota 0-4
South Dakota 11-2
Luther 8-3
Kansas 0-5
Head Coach: Jane Mertesdorf

1979 (22-10)
Wartburg 4-3, 6-5
Wichita State 10-2
Nebraska 2-5
Wayne State 5-4
Emporia State 1-6
Drake 1-0 (9 inn.), 5-1
St. Cloud State 6-3, 6-5
Minnesota 5-7
Minnesota JV 2-3
Iowa State 0-1, 4-3 (10 inn.)
Luther 15-5 (5 inn.), 5-4
Mt. Mercy 2-3, 10-6
Loras 1-0, 8-2
IAIAW District Championships (1st)
Luther 7-2
Upper Iowa 5-2
Wartburg 8-2, 3-1
Grand View 1-3, 2-1
IAIAW State Championships (2nd)
Iowa Wesleyan 8-0
Iowa State 5-0
William Penn 3-1
Duke 0-1 (12 inn.)
William Penn 6-5 (8 inn.)
Duke 1-2
Head Coach: Meredith Bakley

1980 (31-15)
Hawaii-Hilo Invitational (2nd)
Texas Women's 0-1
Utah State 0-2
Northern Colorado 0-1
Golden West State 1-0, 4-5
Northern Colorado 1-5
Hilo Comets 1-0, 0-1, 10-0
Northern Colorado 5-3
Texas Women's 2-3
Utah State 1-0
Minnesota Invitational (3rd)
Iowa State 0-3
Northwestern 7-2
Iowa 6-0
Minnesota 2-6
Northwestern 6-0
Wartburg 10-0, 4-0
Iowa 7-1, 1-0
Nebraska-Omaha 8-1
Nebraska 1-5
Northwest Missouri State 8-5
South Dakota 5-2
Wayne State 2-3
Loras 2-0, 11-0
Central 7-0, 7-0
Mt. Mercy 5-3, 8-6
Upper Iowa (Forfeits 2)
Duke 6-3, 2-4
Clarke College 18-0 (5 inn.), 9-0

IAIAW State Championships (3rd)
Northwestern College 1-0 (9 inn.)
William Penn 0-3
Duke 1-5
Head Coach: Meredith Bakley

1981 (29-15)
Texas-Arlington 0-1 (9 inn.), 2-1
Texas Women's 1-4, 2-3
Iowa State 1-2
South Carolina 4-5
Western Michigan 2-3
North Texas State 9-0
Oklahoma City 6-1
Texas Women's 1-3
Wartburg 12-2 (5 inn.)
Grand View 0-1 (8 inn.)
William Penn 9-2, 4-1
Mt. Mercy 4-1, 12-0 (6 inn.)
St. Ambrose 3-2 (inn. 8), 3-1
Iowa 5-4, 4-1
Iowa State 3-0, 1-2
Colorado State 3-0
Wyoming 5-2
Nebraska-Omaha 4-3
William Penn 6-2, 7-2
Luther 7-1, 13-0 (5 inn.)
Ellsworth (Exhib.) 4-0, 1-0
Loras 1-4, 12-0 (5 inn.)
IAIAW Sectionals (3rd)
Grand View 0-4
Duke 1-5
Northwestern College 1-5
Duke 1-5

IAIAW State Championships (3rd)
St. Ambrose 0-2
Loras 9-1
St. Ambrose 3-0
Grand View 0-5

IAIAW Region 6 Championships (4th)
Northeast Missouri State 0-1
St. Cloud State 6-0 (8 inn.)
Grand View 0-1
Head Coach: Meredith Bakley

1982 (35-15-1)
Oklahoma Baptist 3-6, 13-5 (5 inn.)
Southern Illinois 3-4 (8 inn.)
Oklahoma 0-6
Oklahoma City 7-3
Texas-Arlington 1-6
Oklahoma City 11-2 (5 inn.), 1-6
Southwest Missouri State 2-7
Southern Illinois 1-0 (10 inn.)
Minnesota 1-9
William Penn 3-1, 3-2 (9 inn.)
St. Ambrose 3-0, 4-2
Grand View 0-4, 12-3
Iowa 5-0, 0-3
Iowa State 0-1 (8 inn.), 5-5 (5 inn.)

Missouri Western Invitational (2nd)
Wayne State 4-0
Missouri Western 2-0
Nebraska-Omaha 2-0
Northeast Missouri State 3-0
Missouri Western 0-3, 0-2
William Penn 0-2, 7-2
Wartburg 10-2, 10-0 (5 inn.)
Luther 2-1, 9-3

IAIAW West Sectionals (1st)
Grand View 13-1
Northwestern (IA) 14-2 (6 inn.)
Northwestern (IA) 10-0 (5 inn.)
Grand View 5-1
Grand View 6-0
Loras 8-4, 14-2 (6 inn.)

IAIAW State Tournament (3rd)
St. Ambrose 4-1 (8 inn.)
William Penn 0-2
St. Ambrose 1-2 (10 inn.)

IAIAW Region 6 Championships (1st)
Minnesota-Duluth 2-0
Northwest Missouri State 4-0
Augustana (SD) 3-0
St. Ambrose 13-1

IAIAW II Women's College World Series (1st)
Eastern Illinois 1-0
Northern Arizona 6-2
Southern Illinois-Edwardsville 1-0
Southern Illinois-Edwardsville 5-0
Head Coach: Meredith Bakley
1983 (31-15)
Central State (OK) Invitational (2nd)
- West Texas State 4-1
- Wichita State 5-1
- South Dakota State 8-1
- Central State 6-1
- Northwest Louisiana 2-1
- Texas Wesleyan 1-2
- Oklahoma Baptist 2-0, 3-9
- Oklahoma State 0-8, 1-8
- Missouri 3-9
- Wyoming 9-4
- Oklahoma City 9-1, 8-0
- Kearney State 2-3 (10 inn.)
- St. Ambrose 3-1, 7-6
- Minnesota 3-2, 3-5
- William Penn 7-1, 6-0
- Iowa State 2-3, 2-0

Missouri Western Invitational
- Washburn 4-0
- Kearney State 2-3 (8 inn.)
- Oklahoma Baptist 1-0 (9 inn.)
- Nebraska-Omaha 2-5
- Iowa 2-0, 3-1
- Drake 1-0, 2-1

Illinois State Invitational (1st)
- Southern Illinois 3-0
- Western Illinois 2-1
- Kent State 6-2
- Indiana State 7-1
- Central Michigan 3-1
- Grandview 2-3, 5-1
- Loras 1-0, 9-8
- Minnesota 0-5, 0-4

Gateway Conference
- Indiana State 2-3 (10 inn.)
- Wichita State 0-1 (9 inn.)
- Head Coach: Meredith Bakley

1984 (23-22-1)
Central State (OK) Invitational
- Texas Wesleyan 3-2
- Central State 2-5
- Friends 1-0
- Pittsburgh State 5-2
- Oklahoma Baptist 0-3
- Arizona 0-1 (11 inn.)
- Indiana 0-2
- Oklahoma City 0-0 (26 inn.)

Pittsburgh State Invitational
- Nebraska-Omaha 3-2
- Missouri Southern 9-2
- Texas Wesleyan 0-1
- Wartburg 11-0, 3-4
- *Illinois State 1-2 (13 inn.), 0-9
- *Indiana State 1-0, 2-1
- Iowa 8-7, 2-7
- Mankato State 1-0, 4-0
- *Western Illinois 0-2 (9 inn.), 2-4
- *Bradley 2-8, 0-1
- St. Ambrose 4-0, 2-0

Miller Medical-UNI Tournament (4th)
- South Dakota 1-2
- NEMO State 3-1
- Missouri Western 1-3
- Kearney State 4-3 (9 inn.)
- St. Xavier 2-0
- Iowa State 4-5, 5-0
- *Eastern Illinois 4-2, 3-1
- *Southern Illinois 2-1, 0-4
- Iowa 1-7, 1-3
- *SWMO State 1-0, 1-0
- *Wichita State 0-1 (8 inn.), 5-2

*Gateway Conference Tournament
- Bradley 0-7
- Eastern Illinois 0-5
- Head Coach: Meredith Bakley

1985 (24-30)
Sooner Invitational
- Kansas 1-2
- Arizona State 1-6
- Central Michigan 1-2
- Indiana 2-7, 1-2
- Central Michigan 1-3
- Missouri 0-3
- Southern Illinois-Edwardsville 0-1
- Oklahoma 3-4
- Oklahoma Baptist 3-1, 4-0
- Wartburg, 7-1, 5-0
- Mt. Mercy 0-1, 19-1 (5 inn.)
- Iowa 5-6, 4-1
- Mankato State 7-0, 2-1
- *Eastern Illinois 2-0, 2-1
- *Southern Illinois 5-2, 0-7
- *Drake 2-3 (9 inn.), 4-6
- Creighton 0-6

Miller Medical-UNI Tournament (3rd)
- Michigan State 4-3
- Creighton 0-2
- Colorado State 2-0
- Central Michigan 2-0
- Drake 3-0
- Nebraska-Omaha 6-3
- Central Michigan 0-1 (8 inn.)
- St. Ambrose 6-1, 4-3
- Iowa State 0-5, 3-7
- *Illinois State 1-0, 7-8
- *Indiana State 4-10, 2-3 (8 inn.)
- Grand View 4-12
- *Southwest Missouri State 4-3, 2-9
- *Wichita State 1-0, 2-0
- Iowa 0-4, 2-1 (9 inn.)
- *Western Illinois 1-4, 2-1
- *Bradley 1-4, 1-3

Gateway Conference Tournament
- Indiana State 2-3 (11 inn.)
- Southern Illinois 2-3 (11 inn.)

(*Gateway Conference Games)
1986 Northern Iowa Softball Schedule

March 13-15 at Sooner Invitational at Norman, OK
March 16 Indiana at Norman, OK 10:30 a.m.
March 18-19 Oklahoma City, Missouri at Oklahoma City
March 27 *at Illinois State 2 p.m.
March 28-29 at Redbird Tournament at Normal, IL

April 1 Mankato State 3:30 p.m.
April 3 *Wichita State 7 p.m., *Southwest Missouri State 8:30 p.m.

April 4-6 UNI-Dome Invitational
April 8 St. Ambrose 3:30 p.m.
April 9 Mt. Mercy 3:30 p.m.
April 16 at Iowa 3 p.m.
April 18 *at Southern Illinois 2 p.m.
April 19 *at Eastern Illinois 1 p.m.
April 22 Grandview College 3:30 p.m.
April 23 at Iowa State 3:30 p.m.
April 29 *at Drake 3 p.m.
May 2 *Bradley 3 p.m.
May 3 *Western Illinois 2 p.m.
May 8-10 at Gateway Collegiate Athletic Conference Tournament at Peoria, IL

*Gateway Conference Games
All Home Games at UNI Softball Diamond unless otherwise indicated. In case of inclement weather, games will be played in the UNI-Dome.