1986 Panther Football

University of Northern Iowa

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Welcome to Panther Football

This publication represents a change from the norm in regards to Northern Iowa football press guides. It is designed to best serve all facets of our readership who are interested in knowing more about Panther football and the University of Northern Iowa — prospective student-athletes, media, alumni and loyal fans and boosters.

This book gives you a clear picture of UNI’s football staff, the players, the outlook and a view of the University itself. There is another side to Panther football, however — the proud tradition and the people who have contributed to UNI football history, and what seems to be an exciting future. This information has been compiled in a separate media supplement. If you are one of those individuals who has received only this book but also would like a copy of the facts-and-figures record supplement, please get in touch with the UNI Office of Sports Information.

In the meantime, enjoy browsing through this edition of Panther Football 1986.

Nancy Justis
Sports Information Director

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1986 Schedule

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*Gateway Conference Game — All Games Local Time

1985 Results and Attendance (11-2)

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*Gateway Conference Game — **Designated Gateway Conference Game — †NCAA IAA Playoffs

Quick Facts

Location: Cedar Falls, IA 50614
Founded: 1876
Enrollment: 11,500
Nickname: Panthers
Colors: Purple and Old Gold
Conference: Gateway Collegiate Athletic Conference (GCAC)
(Eastern Illinois, Western Illinois, Southern Illinois, Illinois State, Southwest Missouri State)
Affiliation: NCAA IAA
President: Dr. Constantine Curris
Faculty Representative: Dixon Riggs
Director of Athletics: Robert Bowlsby
Athletic Trainer: Terry Noonan
Sports Information Director: Nancy Justis
Office: 319-273-6354
Home: 319-277-3631
## Football VIPs

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Northern Iowa is an excellent choice for students who want the atmosphere of a smaller college but the faculty and resources of a larger university. Northern Iowa is student-oriented and makes you feel welcome and challenged while you earn your education with a minimum of hassle.

Located in Cedar Falls, UNI 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 and 11,000 students.

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

Northern Iowa publishes the prestigious North American Review, a quarterly journal of literature that has received two National Magazine Awards. The University also operates KUNI-FM and KHKE-FM, serving eastern Iowa with quality music and public affairs programming. The Management Development Center and Small Business Development Center are two outreach programs of the School of Business, whose Department of Accounting is ranked among the best in the country.

Landmarks on the 723-acre campus include the Campanile, the Education Center, Strayer-Wood Theatre, Maucker University Union and the UNI-Dome. Special academic resources include the 600,000-volume University Library, the Industrial Technology Center and the Communication Arts Center.

The City of Cedar Falls is a pleasant and historic college town adjacent to Waterloo. Together, they are part of a major metropolitan area with a population of more than 100,000. It is a center for manufacturing, finance, commerce and cultural activities in northeast Iowa.
A university and athletic program needs sound direction and leadership. The Panthers have the ingredients for success starting at the top.

Dr. Constantine W. Curris assumed the Presidency of the University of Northern Iowa in August of 1983, becoming only the seventh chief executive in the institution's 108-year history. Known as "Deno" to the University community, he has emphasized four major themes for the school's development: leadership in strengthening teacher education, development of the School of Business as part of Iowa's economic resurgence, a renewed emphasis upon quality in undergraduate education, and expansion of international studies to prepare students for life in the 21st Century.

Prior to assuming the UNI Presidency, Curris served 10 years as President of Murray State in Kentucky. His tenure was characterized by expanding enrollments, extensive academic development and professional accreditation, and the development of nationally recognized programs in academic advising and student services. In 1983, the Murray State Board of Regents designated the school's new eight million dollar student center as the Curris Center.

Other professional experiences include serving as Dean of Students at Marshall University, Vice President and Academic Dean of both Midway (KY) College and the West Virginia Institute of Technology and a year's service as Director of Educational Programs for the West Virginia State Board of Education.

Curris received a bachelor's degree, magna cum laude, in political science with a minor in speech communication from the University of Kentucky in 1962. He received his master's in political science with a public administration emphasis from Illinois in 1965 and the Ed.D. degree in higher education with minors in student personnel services and public policy from Kentucky in 1967.

Curris currently serves as a Trustee of Midway College, a member of the National Small Business Development Center Advisory Board, a commissioner of the American Council on Education's Commission on Educational Credit and Credentials, a member of the Federal Relations Committee of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities and is a member of Rotary International. He recently served as Chairman of the Task Force on Teacher Education and Certification appointed by the Iowa State Board of Public Instruction and is now serving as a member of the First in the Nation in Education Foundation Governing Board on appointment by the Governor.

Curris is married to Jo Hern Curris, a tax attorney. They are the parents of Robert Page and Elena Diane.

Robert A. Bowlsby was selected Director of Athletics in mid-February of 1984 after serving as Assistant Athletic Director for Facilities and interim athletic director when Stan Sheriff resigned the post in September of 1983.

A native of Waterloo (IA), he is a 1970 graduate of West High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in health, physical education and recreation from Moorhead State in 1975 and a master's in recreation administration from Iowa in 1978.

Bowlsby served as Assistant Director of Recreational Services at Iowa from 1978-81, working in facility management and with responsibilities for supervision of a wide variety of recreation and athletics facilities on campus.

He joined the UNI staff in April of 1981. His experience at UNI has been broadbased, including involvement in all areas of the intercollegiate athletics program and promotion of the UNI-Dome. He has worked with a variety of athletic events, special programs and entertainment attractions.

Since the time of his appointment as Director of Athletics, Bowlsby has been actively involved in the promotion and marketing of the athletics program, the development of the Athletics Hall of Fame and the formulation of the Gateway Collegiate Athletic Conference football division.

Bowlsby and his wife, Candice, have three children — Lisa, Matt and Rachel.
First Class Facilities

Northern Iowa's fans demand the best from the Panthers on the field and the school provides some of the best facilities in the Midwest, and in particular at the 1-AA level.

The UNI-Dome is one of the nation's first football facilities, no matter at what level the game is played. The building actually combines the features of three different buildings — a football stadium, field house and large auditorium. It contains facilities to hold a variety of events such as concerts, exhibitions, trade shows, pageants, rallies and conventions, as well as football, basketball and softball games and wrestling, and track meets.

The UNI-Dome has hosted such events as the NCAA gymnastic and wrestling championships, the Iowa High School All-Star Basketball games and Shrine Football games, the Iowa High School football playoffs, concerts by Dolly Parton, the Eagles, REO Speedwagon, Fleetwood Mac and the Rolling Stones, antique car shows, tractor pulls and many other non-athletic events.

The UNI-Dome's air-supported, Fiberglass fabric roof allows for ample natural light during daylight hours. Its artificial turf for football games can be rolled up in a minimum of 36 hours. Underneath, on a synthetic floor area, are basketball and tennis courts and an eight-lane, 220-yard oval running track. As many as 12 tennis matches and two basketball games could be played simultaneously.

Approximately 16,400 spectators can be seated for football and 8,200 for court-side activities. For stage events, such as commencements, concerts and speakers' series, total capacity, using movable bleachers and chairs, can reach 25,000.

A spacious press box atop the east stands has facilities for 20 radio stations, television capabilities and seating for up to 125 people. A photography darkroom, photo bay, concession area and scouting booths are other features. Two huge scoreboards flash messages and information to spectators throughout events.

The west press box has been completed to provide a meeting room for the UNI Athletic Club.
In just a short tenure as Northern Iowa head coach, Darrell Mudra already has guided the Panthers to the most successful season in the team’s history. After last year’s 11-2 record and advance to the 1-AA semifinals, he was named Gateway Collegiate Athletic Conference Coach of the Year and Kodak Regional Coach of the Year.

Mudra is no stranger to success. Known as “Dr. Victory” in coaching circles because of his outstanding success at almost every coaching job he has taken on, he would nevertheless be the first one to shy away from the laurels piled upon him. He prefers to let his coaching staff and athletes take whatever credit is due. A great believer in the democratic approach to coaching rather than an authoritarian approach, his players and staff contribute greatly to the operation of the football programs he oversees.

“Both the authoritarian coach and the democratic coach have to have discipline,” Mudra has been quoted as saying. “The difference is the way they get it. The authoritarian gets it by demanding it. . . . We (UNI staff) give more freedom and we think then that the choices they (players) make really do reflect what they are learning.”

Mudra brought a new look to Northern Iowa football in 1983, replacing Stan Sheriff who had directed UNI’s fortunes the previous 23 years. A native of Omaha, NE, Mudra began his collegiate career at Adams State (CO) where he posted a 32-4-1 record in four years, including a 23-20 win over Northern Illinois in the 1962 Mineral Bowl. From there, he went to North Dakota State where he compiled a 24-6 mark over three years, including a 14-7 victory over Western Colorado in the 1964 Mineral Bowl, and a 20-7 win over Grambling for the national championship in the Pecan Bowl.

In 1966, he directed the Montreal Alouettes to a 7-7 record but left immediately for a two-year stint at Arizona, compiling an 11-9-1 mark, including a loss to Auburn in the 1968 Sun Bowl.

Mudra spent the next five years at Western Illinois, posting a 39-13 record and a Division II NCAA playoff berth in 1973. He spent the 1974 and ’75 seasons at Florida State, going 4-18. He took the job at Eastern Illinois beginning in 1978 and recorded a 47-15-1 record there in five years before coming to UNI.

He has taken no less than seven different teams to post-season or bowl games, including last year when Northern Iowa advanced to the playoffs for the first time since 1975.

His success undoubtedly stems from his unusual coaching techniques and his relationship with his staff and players. Some think it strange that he, as head coach, coaches from the press box rather than the sidelines. Some think it strange he quotes Shakespeare to his players and at times would rather talk of politics and philosophy than x’s and o’s. However, he feels strongly about the tie between living in society and competing in athletics.

“While the goal to become a professional star is seldom realized,” Mudra has been quoted as saying, “thousands of our youth are inspired to learn, to become disciplined and, most important, to perceive themselves as potentially useful, productive citizens as a result of their contact with sports.”

Athletics, he says, help students learn about themselves and society. “. . . the student who spends great amounts of time and energy in athletics: The importance is not vocational preparation but learning about oneself, learning to relate to others and forming habits that improve the quality of life.”

“Most of these young men don’t know it, but they’re working way below their potential,” Mudra has said. He believes the more responsibility he gives team members — “If you involve them in the strategy, they will play harder. If the players are involved in setting up team regulations, such as getting to practice on time, then they will be more responsive.”

A graduate of Peru State (NE) in 1951, he received his master’s from Omaha University (now Nebraska-Omaha) and his Ed.D. from Colorado State in 1965.

He and his wife, Jean, are the parents of four children, Darrell, Jr., Steve, Sherry and Michelle.
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**Adams State**
- *1958: 1-9*
- *1959: 8-1*
- *1960: 7-0-1*
- *1961: 8-2*
- *1962: 9-1*

1962 Mineral Bowl ... defeated Northern Illinois 23-20

**North Dakota State**
- *1962: 0-10*
- *1963: 3-5*
- *1964: 10-1*
- *1965: 11-0*

1964 Mineral Bowl ... defeated Western Colorado 14-7
1965 National Champion ... defeated Grambling 20-7 in Pecan Bowl

**Montreal Alouettes**
- *1965: 3-8*
- *1966: 7-7*

Competed in CFL Playoff System

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**Arizona**
- **Western Illinois**
- **Florida State**
- **Northern Iowa**

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**Percentages**

Min. 5 yrs. 1-AA and/or 1-A Head Coach

1. Eddie Robinson, Grambling 343
2. Tubby Raymond, Delaware 338
3. W.C. Gorden, Jackson State 318
4. Roy Kidd, Eastern Kentucky 316
5. Darrell Mudra, Northern Iowa 310
6. Chris Ault, Nevada-Reno 309
7. Carmen Cozza, Yale 309
8. Frank Beamer, Murray State 305
9. Bill Bowes, New Hampshire 305
10. Archie Cooley, Mississippi Valley State 301
Blending Football and Education

By UNI Head Coach
Darrell Mudra

A scorching editorial appeared in the March '86 AAHPERD Journal suggesting that physical education should divorce itself from athletics. It was written by someone who obviously had divorced herself from athletics a long time ago. Thank heaven we do not have many faculty with that view at Northern Iowa. Physical education and athletics have a good marriage at Northern Iowa. This is not a denial of the fact that there is a constant debate about what makes a good program in both areas, but simply that there is agreement that the goals are the same for both.

It might be worthwhile to identify for the student-athlete and for the press just what those goals are for athletics.

First of all, I have never thought of our football program as extra-curricular. As long as we are teaching our players to think and are helping them to improve their physical skills and their strength and endurance, we contribute to their education. Furthermore, and perhaps most importantly, because we live in a world that is divided ideologically, our students must learn to compete. The athletic field is a laboratory for learning the values that are fundamental in a free society. The truly great society has citizens that are obedient to the unenforceable laws. We couldn't afford a policeman at every stoplight, or we can't audit every tax return. When a player learns to respect the opponents in a game and abide by the rules, he is learning self-discipline that will enable him to function in a society that requires individual responsibility and encourages respect for each citizen's worth and dignity.

There is nothing magical about football. It is only one of the activities through which our students become educated. It has no more or less potential than music or art or basketball or putting out the school newspaper. What makes one program better than another is the extent to which the participant is able to achieve his/her goals.

Since the Gateway Conference is made up of similar teams with similar resources, the range of difference is not so great but that everyone will have a chance to win. I am sure that we will win our share of games, but winning is transitory. The true test of whether or not we have done a good job is when we ask our players to compete after graduation in the game of life.

Al Davis, the controversial leader of the Los Angeles Raiders, believes that the organization wins. He has had three different coaches and three different quarterbacks and has won world championships with each. When pressed to give his view of the good organization, he quoted Henry Kissinger as saying, "The good organization has a continuity of purpose."

As we look back over the successful seasons it becomes apparent that there was a continuity of purpose — a coming together of players and coaches — to focus on our reasons for engaging in the rigors of both playing and coaching the game.

While we take for granted that everyone plays to win, we must realize that winning a game is never as important to the individual as his own development as a player or a coach. If we want great effort, then, we must focus on each player's and each coach's growth. When they can see that they are improving and achieving the things that are important to them individually, they become involved in making the organization work.
The Panther Assistants

Dennis Remmert, Assistant Head Coach

The veteran of the UNI staff, Remmert is beginning his 23rd season with the Panthers. His responsibilities have included coordinating the defense and coaching the inside linebackers. This season, he will be in charge of the inside linebackers and recruiting.

An All-American defensive tackle at UNI in 1959, he also earned All-North Central Conference honors in 1958 and 1959. After graduation in 1960, he played professional ball briefly for Buffalo. He joined Stan Sheriff's staff at UNI as a graduate assistant in 1961 and served for two seasons before coaching at Iowa Central Community College in Fort Dodge in 1963.

Remmert rejoined UNI's program full-time in 1964, when the Panthers visited the Pecan Bowl. He received his MA degree in Physical Education in 1964.

Born in Traer, IA, Remmert spent most of his younger life in Mason City, IA. Dennis and his wife, Sandy, are the parents of two sons, Chad and Brad.

Walt Klinker, Offensive Coordinator

A former Big 8 center at Colorado, Walt Klinker was one of three new coaches added to head coach Darrell Mudra's staff three years ago.

Klinker played at Colorado from 1959-61 and was an All-American pick. He recently was voted the best two-way center in the history of Colorado football.

He began his coaching career at Pueblo County (CO) High School where he spent one year prior to moving to Mapleton High School in Denver for two years. He was on the Colorado staff one year before coaching at Claremont Men's College in California two years. He spent the next nine years as an offensive line and offensive coordinator coach in the college ranks—five years at New Mexico, one year at Fresno State and one more year at New Mexico.

Prior to taking the Northern Iowa job, he was an administrative assistant in the Wyoming athletic department.

Terry Allen, Quarterbacks

Beginning his 11th year with the Panthers as a player and now as a coach, Allen knows what he's talking about when the subject is running the offense. He joined the UNI coaching staff after quarterbacking the Panthers from 1976-78.

A native of Iowa City, IA, where he was an all-stater at West High School, Allen is highly respected by the staff and players. As a player, he was well known for his strong throwing arm and ability to run the multi-option Houston Veer offense. He suffered a shoulder separation in the first game of 1977 and was out three weeks before returning to lead the team in total offense with 1,318 yards.

The Panthers traditionally have fielded excellent quarterbacks and the tradition has remained intact under Allen's tutelage.
Bill Salmon, Receivers

Without a doubt one of the all-time greatest quarterbacks in Northern Iowa history, Bill Salmon joined the Panther coaching staff three years ago in charge of the running backs and currently coaches the receivers.

Salmon led the Panthers to the NCAA Division II playoffs in 1975. Known for his excellent throwing arm, quick release, great quickness, speed and football knowledge (he called about 75 percent of his own plays), he was superb at running the Panther veer attack and ran the ball as well as any running back. A three-year starter, he was voted All-North Central Conference and named the league’s Most Valuable Offensive Back his senior year, in addition to being named to the AP third team All-American list. The Minnesota Vikings picked him up following his last collegiate season, but a winter knee injury eventually spelled the end of his playing career.

He is a native of Cedar Falls, IA, and was a former All-State quarterback at Cedar Falls High School.

Robert Bolks, Defensive Backs

Robert (Rob) Bolks was hired one year ago to coach the Panther defensive backfield, replacing Mike Kolling who resigned after eight seasons to join the Saskatchewan Rough Rider Club of the Canadian Football League.

Bolks had been on staff at Butler Community College in El Dorado, KS, since February of 1983. His duties were defensive coordinator and defensive back coach and he was named head coach just prior to accepting the UNI position.

Prior to his stint at Butler, he was an assistant at Highland Community College, then at Independence Community College. He began his coaching career as head coach at Allamakee Community High School in Waukon, IA, and he was a graduate assistant at Iowa State University.

Bolks attended Boyden-Hull High School in Hull, IA, and graduated from Iowa State. While attending Iowa State, he earned six varsity letters, three each in football and track. He played defensive back for the Cyclones when they played in the 1971 Sun Bowl and the 1972 Liberty Bowl. He was the Big Eight punt return leader in 1974.

Bolks played professional ball for the Cedar Rapids Falcons in 1977 and 1978. He has coached several former and present UNI players while serving at the high school and junior college levels.

Robert Anderson, Running Backs

One of Coach Darrell Mudra’s longtime associates, Robert “Andy” Anderson joined the UNI staff one year ago. He previously had been an assistant under Mudra at Eastern Illinois in 1979 and has 30 years of high school coaching experience.

A native of Creston, IA, he graduated from Omaha University (now Nebraska-Omaha) and began his coaching career at Omaha Tech High School. He then spent the next 20 years coaching at Chula Vista (CA) High School, the last five as offensive coordinator. He retired from Chula Vista last year, giving him his chance to once again work under Mudra. However, he retains his residence in California and joins the Panthers during the spring and regular seasons.

Two of Anderson’s former players were on Mudra’s first UNI squad in 1983 — current reserve quarterback Kevin Willard and wide receiver Bryan Taylor, who played at UNI only one year. His son played for Mudra when he coached at Western Illinois.
Behind the Scenes

Robert Kincaid, Academic Advisor

A native of Waterloo, IA, Robert Kincaid joined the athletic staff in 1983, serving as academic advisor on a part-time basis. A graduate of East Waterloo High School, he graduated from Adams State in 1966 with a bachelor’s degree in physical education with a minor in business administration.

He spent four years at Northern Colorado as an assistant basketball coach and Assistant Dean of Students while working on his master's in Student Personnel and Administration.

He also has been an accountant and auditor and has served as a counselor for Juvenile Court.

Dick Timmerman, Equipment Manager

Dick joined the Panther staff in September of 1982 after spending 22 years as equipment manager and athletic trainer at Upper Iowa University in Fayette. He is responsible for overseeing equipment for all 19 intercollegiate sports with primary responsibilities for football and basketball.

Besides his duties at Upper Iowa, he also worked with the Fayette ambulance service for 10 years. He is a certified EMTA (Emergency Medical Technician Assistant) and is a member of the Athletic Equipment Managers Association, a national organization.
Purple Magic is No Illusion

Northern Iowa enjoyed in 1985 what many people have called the Panthers’ finest season ever, going 11-2 overall (5-0 for first place in the Gateway Collegiate Athletic Conference’s maiden football season) and stalking its way to the semifinal round of the NCAA 1-AA playoffs.

Hopes of being able to follow that tough act, or better yet, improve upon it, depend largely on how well head coach Darrell Mudra and his staff can develop the offensive line and defensive secondary. Replacements have to be found for both offensive tackles and guards and both corners and the safety.

Tackles Bill Bealles and Al Speicher and guards Frank Ori and Mark Caballero anchored an offensive line that gave the all-important protection to quarterback Mike Smith, the GCAC’s Offensive Player of the Year; and opened the holes allowing halfback Carl Boyd to scamper for over 1,000 yards. Left corner Joe Fuller was a Kodak All-American last season, while right corner Moses Aimable and safety Tim Moses combined for nine interceptions.

Happily, the problem of filling these slots may be closer to resolution than first thought possible before the start of spring drills. Now, on the eve of his fourth UNI campaign, Mudra feels the Panthers should be just as good as last season, saying the squad had its best spring practice since taking over the reins.

The Different

What a difference a year can make. In the spring of 1985, UNI’s coaching staff talked in generalities about its goals and priorities. In 1986, Mudra has been more specific in terms of what he has wanted to accomplish during preseason. He has talked of people, not schemes.

The source of his current optimism rests in several areas, not least of all the return of 35 of 52 lettermen, including 10 offensive and eight defensive starters. Add to that the return of all the skill people and the leaders in most statistical categories, and you’ve got the potential once again for an outstanding season.

“One of our first priorities this spring was to develop an offensive line,” Mudra said. “Also, we wanted to work with backup quarterback Kevin Willard more in hopes of playing him more than we did last year. I think we at least have a good start on replacing our lost players in the line and Kevin did a good job in the spring.”

The Quarterbacks

Though Willard performed very well in the spring, there still is no question which quarterback will lead the pack in the fall. Mike Smith, in only his first season as a starter, was named Gateway Conference Offensive Player of the Year and AP Honorable Mention All-American. He threw for close to 3,000 yards and 18 touchdowns. He finished sixth in the nation in passing efficiency and 18th in total offense. He had a lot to do with the Panthers finishing 16th in the nation in passing offense, 11th in total offense and 13th in scoring offense.

Willard, in his backup role, completed 20 of 43 passes for 311 yards and four TDs. He played in all but one game.

“Smith is a magician with the ball,” Mudra said. “The problem is that he is a phenomenal quarterback and Willard has phenomenal potential. We want to make use of that potential and that’s why we hope to use Willard more often. Both have their strengths, Kevin’s being his size.”

Mudra said redshirt freshman Courtney Messingham had an excellent spring. There was talk of him transferring to a junior college this fall to get playing time, but it looks like now he’ll be staying in a Panther uniform.

The Offensive Line

As mentioned, losses were major in the offensive line but returning are starting center Mark Hanssen, tackle Ken Koltthoff, who was redshirted last season following a severe foot injury, and tackles Steve Spoden and Mark Botkin, along with guard Jeff Chambers and center Ray Cook. All have seen extensive playing time.

However, several new faces made their presence known during the spring, including Butler Community College transfers Louie Cox, who has won the starting role at right guard, and Scott Smallwood, who at the end of spring practice was playing behind Chambers at left guard.

“Our offensive line progressed faster
in the spring than any of us thought possible, thanks to Walt (Klinker, offensive line coach)," Mudra said. "In fact, we may be better here than we were last year by the time we lineup in the fall, even with less experience."

The Receiving Corp
Starting split end Scott Francke, UNI's 1985 leading receiver with 810 yards, returns to lead a corp of pass catchers that includes seniors Luis Gonzalez and junior Eric White and sophomores Sherrod Howard and Anthony Price. Howard was the second leading receiver with 549 yards. Price had a difficult time catching many passes playing behind Francke and Gonzalez missed two games to injury. White missed spring drills because he was out for track, winning two individual and two relay events in the conference but he played in 10 games last year.

The Panthers have three excellent inside receivers in junior Brian Baker, starter at tight end a year ago until he broke his hand in the first playoff game; Howard and sophomore Terry Armstrong. Baker was kept out of all contact work in the spring but he did participate in other drills.

Junior college transfer Pat Bullocks, who sat out last year, currently is playing behind Gonzalez at the flanker position.

Mudra doesn't feel like he has lost any strength here despite the graduation of Scott Owens.

The Running Backs
Continuing with the skill positions, the running back corp is perhaps the strongest position on the team. The Panthers return experienced backs in Carl Boyd, who rushed for 1,258 yards a year ago; Errol Peebles, who carried for 996 yards; and reserve John Hill. Boyd was the team's leading scorer with 19 touchdowns, two by the pass, and was ranked 22nd in the nation in rushing, seventh in scoring and 21st in all-purpose running. Peebles practiced only about two weeks in the spring because of personal problems.

The position should be strengthened with the addition of Darrin Eilander, a redshirt freshman, and Iowa Central All-American Brett Graybill.

The Kicking Game
All of last year's punters and kickers return but a real battle still rages between kickers Mike Angell and Kevin Mote. Angell started all last season and finished eighth in the nation in field goals. He lost his job heading into the playoffs to Mote, however, who made all 11 of his PATs and five of his field goals in the four games he played. Mote continued to have the upper edge through most of spring practice but the staff now feels that Angell might have won back his starting role. The difference between the two is that Angell has more range but Mote is more accurate.

Punter Clay Netusil averaged 41.1 last season and has become a deadly threat in placement inside the 20 and 10 yardlines.

The Defense
Five starters were lost on the defensive side of the ball, including tackle Dwayne Price, end Edward Grimes, linebacker Henry Saxon and defensive backs Joe Fuller and Moses Aimable. Parttime starter Tim Moses also has used up his eligibility, making the secondary the most depleted position. However, there are major strengths on defense as there are on offense. As mentioned, Fuller was a Kodak and Football News All-American and AP Honorable Mention All-American, along with honorable mentions Grimes and Aimable.

The Linebackers
Assistant head coach Dennis Remmert calls the linebacker corp the most difficult position to work into the two-deep because of the depth and quality of the players here.

Two starters return at inside linebacker — Bob Storbeck and Mark Farley. Farley was named co-Defensive Player of the Year in the GCAC, an AP Honorable Mention All-American and led the Panthers in defensive points to receive the coveted Super Hammer Award. Rookie Guy Schwarz, a transfer from Waldorf Junior College and Mississippi State, drew a lot of attention in spring practice and currently is playing behind Farley.

On the outside, starter Spencer Cowan returns in the fall after missing spring ball because he was studying in Europe. Also returning here is Mark Steines who sat out last season following back surgery and Pat Williams who was moved from running back to defense last season. Another top prospect here is returnees Garland McCleary.

The Defensive Ends, Tackles
Two starters return at end in Jeff Bealles and Art Stelken. Redshirt junior college transfer Allen Donnel and Luke Carlson, a backup in '85, also will compete here. Terry Orth, an AP Honorable Mention All-American, and Mike Campbell are returning starting tackles, while Russ Rubie has seen quite a lot of action. Junior college transfer Barry Klostermann is almost a cinch to see playing time. Campbell is one of the few freshmen who was not redshirted last year. Rubie had only one week of spring practice because of an ankle injury. Klostermann is the fastest player inside.

The Secondary
Top prospects in the defensive secondary include returnees Thelonious Key, David McCorvey, who intercepted two passes last season, and Greg Morrison. Kevin Anderson, moved in the spring from a receiver position, also has been given plenty of attention. Other prospects include Brian Lomica and Pat Hansen.

Two additional junior college players will be on campus in the fall.

The Schedule
This fall's schedule shows six home games and five on the road. The Panthers open the slate with two straight road games, opening September 6 at Division II Mankato State and making a return trip to Kansas State September 13. UNI won its first game in the modern era over a 1A team last year with its 10-6 win over KSU.

The Panthers play three teams for the first time against NAIA Arkansas-Pine Bluff and 1-AA teams Montana State and McNeese State. In addition to the other Gateway Conference teams, Southern Illinois reappears. Last season, Indiana State was a designated league game for UNI since SIU was not on the schedule.
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The Players
Carl Boyd

Carl Boyd is a man with many missions. To be the best football player he can be. To run for 150 yards a game. To win the national championship. However, Boyd has had to overcome many pitfalls that might stop the average person right in his tracks.

The first pitfall he overcame occurred way back in high school in Chicago. During his sophomore season, he suffered an injury which put him out of commission for the season. At the time of the injury, he was a starter but he ended up playing in only one game.

He overcame the injury, though, and went on to be a four-year letterman at Julian High School where he was named All-Section, All-City and All-State two years in a row.

Size was the next pitfall, particularly when recruiters came calling. Boyd is only five feet six inches. He had no problems in high school overcoming his size but he knew it would be a hindrance in college.

"I wasn't interested in a Big Ten school because of my size," Boyd says. Even so, he was recruited by Illinois, Purdue, Michigan and Ohio State, in addition to many I-AA programs. "I figured at a 1-AA school my chances for survival were better."

Enter "Dr. Victory," alias Darrell Mudra, UNI's head football coach. "I've never felt size was a factor in recruiting any athlete," Mudra says. "If you don't gamble on a player who has a 'flaw,' then you won't get the athletes with Carl's ability."

As a result of Mudra's philosophy, Boyd ended up playing for the Panthers.

"At first I didn't want to come to UNI," Boyd said. "When I looked at the map, I honestly couldn't find Cedar Falls. Now I feel it was the best decision I could have made."

However, once Boyd arrived on campus life and football still wasn't a bed of roses. During his freshman season he was relegated primarily to playing with the junior varsity team, something that's not easy for a two-time All-Stater to adjust to.

"When I first came here, I believe the coaches still had their doubts about my size," Boyd said. "After they saw I could not only play with the big boys, but compete with them, I guess they said 'this guy can play.'"

Boyd's latest, and hopefully final, setback came during the 1984 season when as a sophomore, battling for the starting position with star Steve Harris, he dove for a ball and landed wrong, breaking his collarbone. No one was within 15 yards of him when it happened.

"I know I am an athlete, but sitting up there in the stands, I realized that that wasn't the place for me," Boyd said. "It got to the point where I couldn't even come to the games. However, it made me hungrier when I did get the chance to play again."

Starving. In 1985, his first full season at the varsity level, Boyd made a noticeable impact in the Gateway Collegiate Athletic Conference and in the nation as a whole. Netting 1,258 yards rushing with a high game of 203 versus Delaware State, he finished 22nd in the nation in rushing, seventh in scoring and 21st in all-purpose running. He also led the league in scoring and set school records in TDs scored in a season (19) and points scored in a season (116).

He's quick to point out that he didn't get there without help.

"Weebles wobble but they don't fall down," Boyd said, referring to a childhood toy. "It also was a result of hard work, practice and guys up front who block that did a good job." He also credits the passing combination of Mike Smith and Kevin Willard for using the passing game to open up more holes for the backs.

The 1985 season went just about as well as Boyd could have wished for until December 14, the day Georgia Southern came to town, knocking the Panthers out of the prowl for a national championship.

"It's just one of those things," Boyd said. "A twist of fate could have given us the victory. We have the talent to win it all this year if we can come together like we did last year. It takes a lot of luck, though."

Even with the fine season he had, Boyd received few accolades. But that doesn't seem to bother him in the least. He was named to the Gateway All-Conference second team.

"Personally, I was satisfied with playing," Boyd said. "It would be nice to have your name up in lights, but usually that's not the best thing. If I got all the awards now, it wouldn't leave much incentive to go on and play two more years."

Could professional football be an option in the future? Boyd says he knows he won't be a pro prospect because of his size, so he already has made plans for that day when he is handed his diploma. During the summers he attends Officers Training School and after graduation he will be an officer in the Marines.

But for now, Boyd's life revolves around the pigskin. He also enjoys chess and fishing.

"I like to do things I haven't done before," he said, "like bowling, when I have the time."

One teammate hit it on the head when he said, "Carl is just a fun-loving guy." But it's football that he concentrates on. As Boyd says, "I'm like Kentucky Chicken — I do one thing and I do it right."

Boyd has ways of making up for his lack of size. "One of my greatest assets in football isn't my physical size, it's the size of my heart and my intensity level. That's what has allowed me to survive. I'm more aggressive than the big guys. Beating them at their own game."
When Mark Farley contacted Northern Iowa assistant coach Dennis Remmert in the Spring of 1982, all he asked for was a chance to walk on and make the UNI team.

Remmert responded by inviting him to fall drills, a decision that has proven to be very beneficial to the UNI defensive unit, as well as to Farley. The Panther defense ranked sixth nationally against the run last season and helped lead UNI to the NCAA 1-AA semifinals before being ousted by eventual national champion Georgia Southern.

A person need not look any further than Number 46 to figure out why the Panther defense is so solid. The inside linebacker from Waukon, IA, earned UNI's Super Hammer Award for the second straight year, given to the player who "grades out" the highest over the course of the season. Criteria used in evaluating total points include solo and assisted tackles, fumble recoveries, and interceptions.

The UNI coaches apparently were not the only people who took notice of Farley's accomplishments. He was named to the first team All-Gateway Conference defensive unit, again for the second straight year, and earned co-Most Valuable Defensive Player. In addition, he was named to the AP Honorable Mention All-American list.

"He's quite a story," said Remmert. "He fought his way onto this team and as a result, we have an established player with very high credentials helping guide the defense. His leadership on and off the field is invaluable to the other players."

Like many high school students, Farley filled his spare time by earning a little money. "I drove a truck and it just so happened that every Monday I would come through Cedar Falls," Farley said. "I had a buddy here, so we would always come over and I would watch UNI's spring game."

How does a player who only got one scholarship offer despite an outstanding high school career account for his success?

"I think the things that have made me successful are my ability to read the offensive play quickly and being able to adjust. I also have learned UNI's defensive schemes inside and out," Farley said.

He added that hard work also has paid off. When he arrived for preseason practice in the Fall of '82, he weighed only 180 pounds and bench pressed 230. Now he weighs in at 225 and benches close to 400 pounds. "I'd spend six days a week in the weight room during the summer," Farley said. "I knew if I wanted to play at UNI I had to get a lot stronger."

Remmert and the rest of the staff were aware of that as well and chose to redshirt Farley as a freshman. "When I look back on it now, I'm glad they did," Farley said. "The time gave me a chance to grow and learn the system better."

Remmert pointed out that there are players bigger and faster than Farley, but his tenacity, work ethic, intelligence and concentration are far superior than most athletes at the Division I level, allowing him to make up for those shortcomings.

"Mark took part in four out of the five scrimmages this past spring and made only one error in those four scrimmages. That's just mind-boggling," Remmert said. "For a guy to play that much and make only one error really says something about that athlete."

Farley has several goals, both team and individual, for the 1986 season. The major goal is helping the team win the 1-AA title that barely eluded the Panthers a year ago.

"Team unity made us extra tough last year and I don't foresee that aspect of our game changing at all," Farley said. "If everyone stays healthy, we are going to be hard to beat again this year."

Individually, Farley hopes to make the All-American lists and, hopefully, gain enough positive recognition allowing him to play in the Blue-Gray or Senior Bowl games. "That is where all the professional scouts are and I'd be lying if I said I didn't want to at least give the pros a shot. That's all I want, is a chance," he said.

Remmert says the only drawback Farley might have is his speed. "It could be difficult for Mark to go pro if he doesn't improve his speed between now and then. However, if anyone can improve in a short period of time, he can. I don't rule anything out," he said.

With this in mind, Farley said getting faster has been a primary focus. He contacted UNI head track coach Chris Bucknam who agreed to work with him. "He told me I could cut two-tenths of a second off my time by simply starting from a standing position rather than a three-point stance. I felt I had to become a smart runner. Now it's up to me," Farley said.

"Everyone said I was crazy trying to play Division I football," he added. "Those same people probably doubt my chances of playing pro ball, but I'm at least going to give it a shot."

However, if pro ball doesn't pan out, Farley would like to be a graduate assistant coach for the Panthers next season and eventually become a Division I head coach.
A coach on the field. A great technician of his position. A top-quality player. Just a few descriptions which could fit a quarterback, a point guard or possibly a shortstop. None of these will be found here, however. Walt Klinker, Northern Iowa offensive coordinator and line coach, describes his center — that’s right, his center — as being all of the aforementioned.

The center is Mark Hanssen, a former all-conference and all-stater from Davenport Central High School. He possibly could become one of UNI’s all-time great offensive linemen.

“Without question, Mark should be the best center in the league,” said Klinker. “And I don’t see anyone on our schedule who will be able to handle him. He eventually will be the best center I have ever coached.”

This is a strong statement coming from a man who has over 30 years of football experience, both as player and coach. Klinker himself recently was named the best center in Colorado history.

What makes Hanssen so good? Klinker says hard work, intelligence, strength and most of all, his love for the game.

“Mark’s dedication of wanting to be good causes him to work at being good year-round. He is one of the strongest players on the team which means devotion in the weight room. He also is very intelligent. Because he is in the central position on the line, he calls the blocking schemes. He implements what we already have taught the linemen. He’s our on-the-field coach,” Klinker explained.

With all these strengths, does Hanssen have any weaknesses?

“Mark tries to bull people out of the way which causes him to miss his block because he doesn’t move his feet,” Klinker said with a laugh. “It’s just a case of relying too much on his superior power.”

In 1985, Hanssen alternated at center each series of downs with Jeff Melchert who graduated in May. In his first season, Hanssen was the only freshman lineman since Klinker has been at UNI that has been able to step in and play immediately.

Hanssen said alternating with Melchert has prepared him for the future. “He helped me out a lot when I first came to UNI,” Hanssen said of his mentor. “He would give me tips on how the opposing nose guard was playing. Plus, we always had a fresh center on the field which really helps the team out.”

This season, however, Hanssen seems to have the position pretty much to himself. “I see myself as a leader this year,” he said. “I have the most experience on the line. I’m looking forward to the challenge of playing center fulltime.”

Klinker is certain Hanssen will not have much competition, at least for this season. “I like to play as many people as possible which creates competition within the line,” he said. “At the present, it doesn’t look like Mark has much. Our line will probably consist of two juniors and three sophomores, with Mark having the most experience by far. He will have to be a leader for us this season.”

UNI didn’t have much competition in recruiting Hanssen out of high school, either, although Drake and other Gateway Conference schools did recruit him. “Most Division I schools felt I was too short,” Hanssen said. “I looked at UNI and liked what I saw. It had the best facilities, plus Coach Mudra (head coach Darrell) is a successful, big-name coach who is well thought of in the Quad Cities area.”

Hanssen sees this year’s team goals as going undefeated and winning the NCAA 1-AA championship. “We almost won it last year, so we are really looking forward to getting to the championship game this year,” he said.

Amongst his personal goals, Hanssen included “staying healthy and achieving post-season honors. Whatever comes my way, I will be happy to accept.”

Klinker believes Hanssen will attain his goal of becoming an All-American and possibly a professional player. “If given the chance, Mark will succeed,” he said. “He needs exposure. He has the ability, people just need to discover how good he really is. He has two more years to grow and get stronger. I think if he achieves what he is going after, there is no doubt he’ll be a pro.”

Hanssen has played center since the eighth grade because, in his terms, “I’ve always been the stereotypical center — short and stocky.” At 6-1, 270 pounds, he definitely fits the bill. Another reason why he is playing center is that his team usually wins. Since eighth grade, he has played on a team which has lost only five games with him in position.

A winning team is something which Hanssen relishes. As an offensive lineman, he has had to deal with little recognition for many years. “I’ve always lived with little publicity, so it really doesn’t bother me. I’ve gotten accustomed to it. As long as we win, that’s good enough for me.”

“Lumpy,” as his teammates call him, is a criminal justice major who hopes to enter some type of law enforcement field after graduation.
Mike Smith

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hen Northern Iowa quarterback Mike Smith drops back to pass the football, it might appear a rather unenviable position — a 5-10, 175-pound quarterback being hunted down by 6-3, 240-pound growling linemen or 6-1, 210-pound charging linebackers. Not only is physical damage a possibility, but vision is definitely obscured.

However, Smith has proven that with some smarts, a little shiftiness, and a little help from his friends on the offensive line, the smaller guy can triumph. Who knows? ... maybe Smith was even trying to beat the odds when he changed his UNI uniform number two years ago to a lofty 25, a number rarely worn by anyone passing a football.

As the clever Smith relates, "I just have to be smarter than everyone else on the field and know what's going on. I have to read the defenses a lot better and know where people are going to be. A lot of times, I'll have to throw to a spot if I lose sight of the receiver."

The UNI junior proved his ability last year in his first full season as the Panthers' starting quarterback by passing for 2,894 yards and 18 touchdowns. He also was a pretty shifty target for tacklers when he chose to run the ball. Excluding quarterback sacks, Smith rushed for 291 yards on 46 rushes beyond the line of scrimmage, a 6.3 yard average per attempt.

As just a sophomore last season, he earned second-team all-Gateway Conference honors and honorable mention all-American laurels. In the final Division I-AA statistics, he finished sixth in the nation in passing efficiency and 18th in total offense.

But how did this two-time all-state quarterback from Wakulla County High School in Florida end up making UNI his college choice? The story may have begun about 11 years ago when Smith played football for the first time on a Pee Wee league team. His team won the local championship game over a team coached by current UNI head coach Darrell Mudra.

Smith continued to play quarterback, except for a brief period in junior high when he was a linebacker. It wasn't long, though, before he wisely switched back to the offense. "When I first got into high school, I wanted to play receiver," Smith said. "But they were hurting for a quarterback, so they put me in there because they knew I could throw."

It turned out to be a profitable decision for his high school team as he twice earned first-team all-state honors and led his squad to a state championship as a junior. He followed up a junior season of 1,826 yards passing and 23 touchdowns with a senior campaign with a school record of 1,924 yards and 19 more touchdowns.

In the meantime, former Florida State head coach Mudra had moved along the coaching trails to Eastern Illinois, which he led to three NCAA post-season playoffs in five seasons. However, he didn't lose his Florida contacts.

"Coach Mudra recruited one of our seniors when I was a junior, and he had also talked to me," Smith recollected. "He came to UNI the next year, but still recruited me which I thought was nice. He knows our coaches down there pretty well."

Smith was more than just a quarterback at Wakulla County High, though. His favorite sport was baseball, and he earned three varsity letters as a shortstop. He was a three-time all-conference and all-district performer and hit .409 as a senior. He also lettered three years on the basketball team as a point guard, leading his team in steals and assists as a senior.

"After high school, I just wanted a scholarship in football or baseball," Smith explained. "Baseball scholarships in Florida are hard to come by, unless you're a pitcher. I was just looking for an opportunity to further my education.

Florida State recruited Smith and wanted him to walk-on and try to earn a scholarship, but it was not financially possible for the young quarterback. "I chose UNI because of the scholarship and the excellent facilities here," Smith said. "I had to get away from home because there weren't many opportunities there."

Smith was redshirted his freshman football campaign, but did see action on the Panthers' baseball team, hitting .286 as a shortstop. He passed up baseball the next two seasons to concentrate on spring football and his bid for the starting quarterback role. Having now learned the Panther football system quite effectively, Smith plans to return to the Panthers' baseball diamond next spring.

In his first varsity football season in 1984, Smith backed up senior signal caller Larry Miller. He gained valuable experience, playing in 10 games with his best effort being 196 yards passing against Eastern Illinois.

After the departure of Miller, the UNI quarterbacking chores were then turned over to Smith and fellow sophomore Kevin Willard, who redshirted in 1984 and backed up Miller the previous season. Smith secured the starting spot to begin the season last fall, but the California native Willard was a very capable quarterback as well, seeing action in 12 games.

"There's competition between us, of course, but we help each other out," Smith commented. "Kevin's a great quarterback. He's 6-4 and 220 pounds with a good arm. He can see some things that I can't. He's more of a straight drop-back quarterback, while I like to roll out and move a little bit more when I'm back there and maybe throw on the run more."

Mudra is thankful to have two such talented quarterbacks. "It's such an important position, and we're grateful to have two like them. If something happened to both of them, it could be disastrous to our season."

For good or bad, it's Smith who's the center of focus when he steps onto the field. "I like having control of the game," he explained. "Coach Allen sits in the booth with Coach Mudra and calls the play. They're then sent in from the sidelines, but occasionally I can change the play if the defense is pressuring or blitzing."

"Mike and Coach Allen have developed a good scheme," Mudra commented. "Mike's very bright and he has great determination and a marvelous attitude. He really likes to play. He's a real catalyst for us and has the potential to help us win a national championship."

The Panthers just fell short of that national crown last fall, losing 40-33 in the semfinals in the UNI-Dome to eventual national champion Georgia Southern. "My goal is to win a championship before I leave here," Smith said.

A communication/public relations major, Smith has no definite career plans at the moment, but did spend some time this summer at Ft. Knox, KY, in the Army's ROTC training camp. After a month at home in the Florida sunshine, Smith is now back in the Midwest, ready for another season leading the Panthers.

If the UNI quarterback continues to elude, deceive, and outsmart his bigger defensive foes as in the past, then the Panthers can count on reaching even higher ground this fall. Remember, it's not the size of the dog in the fight, but the size of the fight in the dog.
Quarterbacks

Quarterbacks

10 Courtney Messingham QB 5-11 170 Fr. Waterloo, IA
Past Year — Redshirted.
High School — Lettered three years in golf, twice in football and baseball and once in track at West High School. An All-Big 5, All-Big 8 selection, Metro Area MVP, Co-MVP in the Big 8, AP 1st team All-State, Des Moines Register Elite Team, USA Today Honorable Mention All-American in football. Quarterbacked the North squad in the Shrine All-Star game. Led West to high school state championships. Baseball starter since seventh grade. State AAU gymnastics champion in 1976. Personal — Majoring in mathematics. Son of Ron Messingham and Louise Bright. Enjoys playing golf in his spare time. Hopes to become a coach and get an engineering degree. Born Oct. 23, 1966. Awarded Black Hawk County Scholarship. Coach Allen: “Courtney is another quarterback that falls into the same category as Mike Smith. He lacks a lot in physical attributes but he makes up for it in his innate desire to win. He was a pleasant surprise in the spring, showing a lot of ability, just as he did as a senior in high school. Along with Smith and Kevin Willard, I think we definitely have the best three quarterbacks we’ve ever had.”

16 Kevin Willard QB 6-5 212 Jr. Chula Vista, CA
Past Year — Played behind Mike Smith in 12 games, completing 20 of 43 passes for 311 yards, four touchdowns and one interception. Best game was 154 yards versus Northwest Missouri State. College Career — Redshirted in 1984 following an appendectomy in August. Played behind Larry Miller as a freshman in 1983. Best game was 143 yards against Central Missouri State. High School — Lettered two years at Chula Vista High School in football, basketball and baseball. An All-South Bay first team selection in both football and basketball. Player of the Year in both sports. Personal — A business education major. Enjoys model building and water skiing. Born Apr. 10, 1965. Son of Charles Willard. Was married this summer. Coach Allen: “Kevin is as fine a no. 2 quarterback as there is in the whole country. He’s a better pro prospect than Mike Smith because of his size and throwing ability. The only thing that differentiates Kevin and Mike is Mike’s ability to avoid the rush. At 6-6, Kevin can deliver the football even when under pressure. He will play more this year so we can take advantage of his abilities and to lessen the pressure on Mike. Having Kevin is like being a manager in baseball with a great relief pitcher. He has no fear and we can put him in at any time to help the team.”

25 Mike Smith QB 5-10 175 Jr. Crawfordville, FL
Past Year — Starter, playing in all 13 games. Finished sixth in the nation in passing efficiency (136.7 rating points) and 18th in total offense (218.9 yards per game). Gateway Conference Offensive Player of the Year and AP 1-AA Honorable Mention All-American. Second in the league in passing (214.3 yards per game) and second in total offense. High game of 338 yards against Northeast Missouri State. College Career — Played his first year of college ball in 1984 after being redshirted in 1983. Backed up Larry Miller. Played in 10 games, with his best effort being against Eastern Illinois, throwing for 196 yards. Played shortstop on the UNI baseball team in 1984. High School — An All-Stater from Wakulla County High School. Prep team won the state championship twice in his three years. Threw 20 touchdowns each of his last two years. Also a team leader in defense. Made Street and Smith’s official 1982 Yearbook of “Top Senior Quarterback Prospects” and was one of 100 students chosen in the state to attend the Athlete-Leader Conference sponsored by the Governor’s Council on Physical Fitness. Also received several honors in baseball and basketball. Ranked in the top 10 percent of his scholastic class. Personal — Born Dec. 15, 1964. Majoring in business. Son of Jan Smith. Enjoys billiards, darts, scuba diving and rattlesnake hunts. Spent a couple weeks this summer at ROTC camp. Coach Allen: “Mike is a winner — he has that competitive nature. We’ve been running the same offense now for three years and he has a great feel for it. It’s built around his abilities. He has a strong arm for both the dropback and play action pass. He possesses uncanny ability to make things happen. He ties it all together. He’s too short but with his knowledge, quick feet and release overcome his lack of size.”

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Wide Receivers

1 Anthony Price WR 6-2 196 So. Chicago, IL
Past Year — Played in all 13 games, primarily as a backup to Scott Francke at split end. Caught six passes for 54 yards, scoring once. Also returned four kickoffs for 72 yards. College Career — Redshirted in 1984. High School — Earned three letters in football and one in basketball at Chicago Vocational High School. All-City, All-Area, All-Chicago Sun Times. Personal — Majoring in communications, radio-TV. Enjoys music and great speeches. Hopes to become a pro player and later a sports broadcaster or disc jockey. Born Mar. 8, 1966. Coach Salmon: “Anthony has outstanding speed. Hopefully, he’ll come back in the fall in the same shape he left in. He’s probably one of the fastest guys on the team. We’ll try to use him more than last year. He gives us a good change of pace at this position.”

Wide receivers Pattee, Gonzalez, Francke, Price, Frazee, Wathen, Budner and Bullocks
We’ll also use him when we play two tight ends.”

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3 Luis Gonzalez  WR 5-10 164
Sr. Miami, FL
Coach Salmon: “Luis was our most consistent receiver last year. You can always count on him to catch the ball. He has good quickness and is very elusive. He goes 110 percent every play. He missed some games because of a separated shoulder but managed to come back and play in the spring. We’re counting on him to be a major factor.”

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4 Scott Francke  WR 5-11 173
Sr. Streamwood, IL
Past Year — Primary starter at split end. Led the team with 50 catches for 810 yards and five touchdowns. Returned one punt for 11 yards and one kickoff for 13 yards. Fifth in the league in receiving. A second team All-Conference pick by the coaches and first team pick by the media. Junior College — Attended College of DuPage where he was an All-Conference selection. High School — Graduate of Streamwood High School. Lettered in football and baseball two years and track once. Was an All-Conference pick in 1983 and named to the Elgin (IL) Courier News Special Mention squad. Personal — Majoring in criminology and hopes to be a detective or to work with juvenile delinquents. Enjoys fishing and hunting. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Rich Francke. High School coach was Dave Smiley. Born Feb. 16, 1965.
Coach Salmon: “Scott works very well with our quarterback. He has good quickness and isn’t afraid to go across midfield and catch the football. For us to be successful, he has to catch as many as or more passes than last year. He’s close to being one of the best receivers this school has had.”

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81 Eric White  WR 6-0 178
Jr. Burlington, IA
Coach Salmon: “Eric was a great surprise last fall. He was a big help taking into consideration all the injuries we had. He participated in track this spring but will battle for a starting position when he comes back in the fall. He’ll probably be our kickoff returner.”

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80 Sherrod Howard  TE 6-3 230
So. Chicago, IL
Coach Salmon: “Sherrod has unlimited potential. He needs to realize football is the game that he has a chance to excel in. He had a great year last year. We need him out there everyday of all the receivers, he has the best chance of playing after college if that’s what he wants.”

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89 Brian Baker  TE 6-4 228
Jr. Lovilia, IA
Past Year — Played in 12 games, breaking his hand in the first playoff game. Caught 25 passes for 363 yards, scoring twice. College Career — Played in 10 games as a freshman, scoring once. Named Player of the Week for his effort against Western Illinois, filling in for the injured Marty Bruder. Caught four passes for 95 yards. Named UNI Receiver Newcomer of the Year. High School — Attended Albia High School, earning four letters in track and three each in basketball, football and baseball. A two-time All-Conference pick, a third team INA All-State pick, a second team Class 3A pick and also was named All-Conference three times in basketball. Personal — Born Sept. 17, 1965. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Baker. High school coach was John Casebolt. A physical education major. His mother was a basketball player and brother Kevin played two years with the Buffalo Bills. Hopes to be a football and basketball coach.
Coach Salmon: “Brian was withheld from all contact in the spring after breaking his hand last fall. He’s a great receiver with the best hands on the team. He’s football smart. He can catch the ball in a crowd and hasn’t any fear. Of all the receivers, he’s the most coachable and he understands the role of rotating the tight ends.”

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Offensive Tackles

Offensive Guards

Offensive tackles Kolthoff, Spoden, Dumler, Flynn, Botkin and Dave Campbell

Offensive Tackles

69 Paul Flynn OT 6-5 270
Jr. Dubuque, IA
Past Year — Transfer from Drake University after the Bulldogs dropped to Division III. College Career — Redshirted at Drake in 1984. High School — Graduate of Wahlert High School. Missed first three games of his senior prep season because of mononucleosis. Team went 7-2 and was runnerup in the Mississippi Valley Conference. Honorable Mention All-Conference. Two-year letterman in wrestling also. Personal — Son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Flynn. Majoring in business. Born Aug. 21, 1965. Coach Klinker: “Paul had to make the adjustment this spring to a new system. He started out playing at left tackle and was switched to right tackle, which helped him make the adjustment. He should compete for a starting job but he needs to improve his footwork. He’s very dedicated.”

70 Ken Kolthoff OT 6-4 280
Jr. Waterloo, IA
Past Year — Redshirted after breaking an ankle in preseason. College Career — Replaced starter Troy Thomas in the line after Thomas’ injury in 1984. Named Most Improved player in the line. Played primarily on the junior varsity squad his freshman year. High School — A first team IDPA All-Stater, Des Moines Register Elite Team, first team All-Conference and first team All-Big Five selectee from Cedar Falls High School. 1983 Big Eight wrestling champion. Personal — Born Nov. 19, 1964. Majoring in industrial technology. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Kolthoff. Coach Klinker: “Ken had to use the spring to get back in the groove after sitting out all last year. He has completely recovered and should be an excellent tackle. He’s the strongest on the team but he needs to improve his footwork. He’s a big help in pass protection.”

71 Mark Botkin OT 6-4 220
So. Marion, IA
Past Year — Played backup. College Career — Redshirted in 1984. High School — Graduate of Linn Mar High School where he earned two letters each in football, basketball and track. First team All-Conference, All-Metro and All-State in football and All-Conference in track with a discus specialty. Personal — Majoring in business. Son of Mr. and Mrs. John Botkin.

Born Mar. 27, 1966. Enjoys skiing, fishing and listening to music. Coach Klinker: “Mark has developed into an excellent player. He has the athletic ability to be an excellent pass blocker. He’s dedicated to becoming stronger and in developing his ability to drive block. I expect great things from him in the fall.”

73 Steve Spoden OT 6-3 250
So. Worthington, IA
Past Year — Played backup after walking on. High School — Graduate of Beckman High School where he earned two letters each in football and wrestling and one in golf. All-Conference and Special Mention Des Moines Register Elite Team. Personal — Majoring in psychology. Son of Mr. and Mrs. James Spoden. Born Sept. 4, 1965. Enjoys fishing and scuba diving. Relative of Pete Spoden, who played basketball at UNI in the ’50s. Coach Klinker: “Steve has developed into an excellent player. He’s a pure walkon who could develop into the best lineman on the squad. He has a unique ability to pass block, in fact is the best on the team at it. He needs to improve upon his drive blocking but we expect great things from him.”

78 Dave Campbell OT 6-5 225
Fr. Spencer, IA
Past Year — Redshirted. High School — Graduate of Spencer High School where he earned two letters each in baseball, track, basketball and football. All-Conference basketball and basketball two years, Honorable Mention All-State, second team All-Big Eight, mentioned in Bluechip Magazine. Personal — Son of Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell. Born Dec. 11, 1966. Coach Klinker: “Dave is an exceptional young player who was recruited as a tight end and then played defensive end last year. He made the switch to tackle this spring. His athletic ability will allow him to be a great player at this position. He’ll be a valuable backup player this fall.”

Offensive Guards

62 Scott Smallwood OG 6-3 250
Jr. South Haven, KS
Junior College — All-Conference first team center and Honorable Mention All-American at Butler County Community College. High School — Graduate of South Haven High School where he earned four letters each in football, track and basketball. All-Conference tight end and All-State noseguard. Personal — Majoring in political science. Son of Shari VanZant. Born Dec. 22, 1965. Enjoys fishing, hunting and golf. Hopes to be a college football coach. Coach Klinker: “Scott had to work very hard adjusting from the center to guard position. He’s an exceptional individual, dedicated and hardworking. He’s a tough player with excellent ability. He should provide us with exceptional depth at this position. He also could play a reserve role at center. He needs to improve his pass blocking.”

65 Jeff Chambers OG 6-3 255
So. Ankeny, IA
Past Year — Played backup after walking on. High School — Graduate of Ankeny High School. Personal — Born Dec. 20, 1965. Coach Klinker: “Jeff has developed exceptional strength in the off-season. He’s done an excellent job both with his run and pass blocking. He was a pure walkon as a freshman. He has grown from 190 to 255 pounds. He has excellent running ability which is an additional asset at this position.”

67 Louie Cox OG 6-4 265
Jr. Wichita, KS
Junior College — An All-American at Butler County Community College and two-year All-Conference pick. High School — Graduate of West High School where he was All-City, All-State second team and Shrine Game participant. Coach Klinker: “Louie has exceptional ability with unlimited potential. He could be a great guard. We have very high expectations for him. He has exceptional strength and size and his ability to run makes him one of the..."
**Centers Cook, Hanssen and Gregg Gustafson**

Best guards in our league. He had to adjust to pass blocking from a run-oriented offense at Butler but he has done very well."

**72 Tom Solbeck OG 6-2 230**

**So. Overland Park, KS**

Past Year — Played backup. High School — Graduate of Shawnee Mission East High School where he earned two letters each in football and track and one in basketball. An All-Conference, All-County, All-Metro and All-State pick. Personal — Majoring in elementary education and hopes to become a child psychologist. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Solbeck. Born Mar. 28, 1966. Enjoys lifting weights. Coach Klinker: "Tom is the ultimate of dedication. He came on a scholarship as a freshman, lost it, and regained it for the fall. He worked hard, doing all the things necessary to become a good player. His dedication has paid off and should give us good depth."

**51 Mark Hanssen OC 6-1 225**

Jr. Davenport, IA

Past Year — Shared starting duties with Jeff Melchert. College Career — Played about half the time backing up Melchert as a freshman. Named UNI Newcomer of the Year in the offensive line. High School — Attended Central High School where he lettered twice in football and once in track. Named All-Mississippi 8, All-Quad City Metro Area and second team All-State. Personal — Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Shinbroti. Born Mar. 5, 1966. Majoring in criminal justice and hopes to be involved in some type of law enforcement. Enjoys weightlifting. Coach Klinker: "Mark has developed into a great center. He's probably the best in the league and is a legitimate All-American candidate. He has exceptional strength and great ability to make the difficult blocks. He's a superb pass blocker and is one of the strongest players on the squad. He's the Iowa arm wrestling champion. He's very dedicated — a hardworking player who loves the game. He's our on-the-field coach who executes the calls which establishes the blocking patterns."

**66 Ray Cook OC 6-2 226**

Sr. Burbank, IL

College Career — Has played a reserve role in virtually every position in the line. High School — Graduate of Reavis High School where he earned three letters each in baseball and football and one in basketball. An All-Conference, All-Area, Special Mention All-State pick in 1982, the year his team was Class 6A state champ. They were runnerups in 1980 and '81. In baseball, he was All-Conference and had the best ERA in the league. Personal — Majoring in physical education. Son of Mr. and Mrs. John Cook. Born Apr. 21, 1965. Enjoys fishing and radio electronics. Would like to coach baseball and football, eventually in the collegiate ranks. Coach Klinker: "Ray has been our utility lineman. He has played every position, providing us with good backup ability. His biggest asset is his ability to execute the deep snap. He's very dedicated and is an exceptional squad member. He's very team-oriented."

**Fullbacks Peebles, Elander and Hill**

**40 John Hill FB 5-9 205**

Jr. Davenport, IA

Past Year — Played primarily backup to Errol Peebles. Played in all 13 games, carrying the ball 34 times for 203 yards. Best game was 109 yards versus Northwest Missouri State. College Career — Played in eight games as a freshman, netting 168 yards and scoring twice. Named UNI running back Newcomer of the Year. High School — Graduate of Central High School where he lettered two years in football. Named All-Conference, Honorable Mention All-State, All-Metro Honorble Mention and was a co-captain. Personal — Born Aug. 20, 1966. Son of Mr. and Mrs. William Hill. Majoring in business management. Enjoys weightlifting. Coach Klinker: "John has developed into a great player. He dedicated himself to weight training in the off-season with phenomenal results. He's been plagued by injuries but his weightlifting has helped his aggressiveness. He's a great contact player and didn't have any injuries in the spring. His development gives exceptional depth at the running back position. He's an excellent blocker and has shown improvement in his running ability. He probably will share starting time, the way we shuffle our backs in and out."

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**48 Errol Peebles FB 5-8 221**

So. Chicago, IL

Past Year — Played in all 13 games as a freshman after being redshirted in 1984, starting most of the time. Second on the team in rushing, carrying the ball 206 times for 996 yards, scoring twice. Also caught 11 passes for 108 yards. High game was 151 yards versus Indiana State. Seventh in the league in rushing. High School — Graduate of Simeon High School where he lettered three years in football. Named All-Conference. Personal — Born July 19, 1965. Majoring in criminology. Coach
Klinker: “Errol is a gifted athlete with great strength and ability. He has a bowling-ball style of running which makes him difficult to stop. He has improved his blocking skills and we anticipate another big year from him.”

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Halfbacks Graybill, Boyd and Gougis

Halfbacks

27 Carl Boyd HB 5-6 169 Jr. Chicago, IL

Past Year — Led the team in rushing with 288 carries and 1,258 yards, with a high game of 203 versus Delaware State. Second team All-Conference. Fourth in the league in rushing and first in scoring. Led the team in scoring with 116 points on 17 rushing TDs and two reception TDs. Was third on the team receiving. Finished 22nd in the country in rushing, seventh in scoring and 21st in all-purpose running. College Career — Redshirted in 1984 after breaking his collarbone in pre-season. Was expected to be a starter. Played in one varsity game in 1983, carrying the ball three times for 27 yards. High School — Graduate of Julian High School, lettering in football four times. Named All-State, All-City and All-Section twice. Personal — Majoring in sociology and hopes to become a law enforcer. Graduate of Julian High School, lettering in football four times. Named All-State, Most Valuable Player and captain. Personal — Majoring in industrial technology. Son of Richard Gougis. Born July 14, 1967. Coach Klinker: “Jeff is one of our young players who has shown exceptional running ability. He needs to improve his blocking skills but we expect good things from him in the future. He gives us good depth in the backfield.”

33 Brett Graybill HB 5-11 200 Jr. Cherokee, IA

Junior College — Transfer from Iowa Central Junior College by way of Iowa State, sitting out last season. First team All-Conference and All-American. High School — Graduate of Washington High School where he lettered three times each in football and track. All-Conference and All-State selection. Personal — Majoring in physical education. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Gaylen Graybill. Coach Klinker: “Brett has shown good running ability with excellent blocking skills. He will contribute a great deal and will be valuable depth-wise.”

Kickers Netusil, Klatt, Gustafson, Angell and Mote

Kickers

2 Mike Klatt P 6-0 195 Jr. Oelwein, IA

Past Year — Played in only one game, behind Clay Netusil. Punted once for 43 yards. College Career — Transferred from Cornell College. He broke his leg in a dormitory accident during the winter of 1984. High School — Graduate of Cedar Rapids Kennedy High School, earning three letters in football. All-Conference in 1983. Personal — Son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Mote. Born Sept. 23, 1964. Enjoys ice fishing, working on cars, mushroom hunting and playing tennis and golf. Coach Remmert: “Kevin is an exceptional kicker. He has good strength for a small kicker. Last year, he continued to work hard and won a starting job in the playoffs. He started out the spring well and then went into a slump, losing his job. He’s our most consistent kicker and I think we’ll continue to use both he and Mike (Angell). Mike has further range, but Kevin is more accurate.”

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29 Kevin Mote PK 5-10 165 Jr. Robins, IA

Past Year — Played backup to Mike Angell until the playoffs. Played in four games, making all 11 of his PATs and all five of his field goals. College Career — Transfer from Cornell College. He broke his leg in a dormitory accident during the winter of 1984. High School — Graduate of Cedar Rapids Kennedy High School, earning three letters in football. All-Conference in 1983. Personal — Majoring in management-finance. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Mote. Born Sept. 23, 1964. Enjoys ice fishing, working on cars, mushroom hunting and playing tennis and golf. Coach Remmert: “Kevin is an exceptional kicker. He has good strength for a small kicker. Last year, he continued to work hard and won a starting job in the playoffs. He started out the spring well and then went into a slump, losing his job. He’s our most consistent kicker and I think we’ll continue to use both he and Mike (Angell). Mike has further range, but Kevin is more accurate.”

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31 Clay Netusil P 6-2 215 Sr. Ames, IA

### Defense

Defensive ends Schissel, Carlson, Hansel, Stelken, Bealles and Donnel

excellent weapon to have returning to the program. He made giant strides this past season in terms of greater hang time, with numerous punts down inside the 10. We worked very hard on our punting game and he responded well. He had an awesome game in the playoffs against Eastern Washington. It's become more important to the team to have a good punting game. He can kick us out of trouble and put our opponents in a bad position.”

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<td>Past Year — Starter at left end. Had 12 solo and 12 assisted tackles, with one fumble recovery and one sack.</td>
<td>College Career — Starter in 1984 until injured in second game, missing the rest of the season. Played primarily behind Mark Holmes at outside linebacker three years ago. Redshirted in 1982. Played a lot on speciality teams.</td>
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<td>Past Year — Redshirted.</td>
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<td>High School — Graduate of Syracuse High School where he received four letters in track and three each in football and cross country. All-Conference linebacker two years and All-State his senior year.</td>
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<td>Past Year — Shared starting duties. Had a total of 38 tackles, one forced fumble, two fumble recoveries, one interception and two sacks.</td>
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<td>Past Year — Played backup.</td>
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<td>Received nine letters. First team All-Conference twice, first team All-State in two polls, Honorable Mention All-American, mentioned in Inside the Blue Chips magazine as one of the Gold List.</td>
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<td>Past Year — Starter. First team All-Conference. Fifty one total tackles and second on the team in sacks with five.</td>
<td>Honorable Mention All-American.</td>
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College Career — Played behind Joe O'Brien in 1984. Did see some varsity action as a freshman. High School — Attended Cedar Falls High School where he was a third team IDPA All-State selection, a first team All-Conference pick and a 1983 Big Eight heavyweight wrestling champion. Received three letters each in football, track and wrestling. |

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Coach Remmert: “He’s been a starter since a freshman, gaining the opportunity because of injuries. We had no drop in strength because we were forced to play him so soon. He’s an exceptional player, giving 100 percent all the time. He has good speed but has suffered from a few nagging injuries. He should be one of our top quarterback sackers. He has quickness and speed and high playing intensity. He seldom has a bad practice in terms of effort and has an outstanding work effort during the game. He can beat bigger, stronger guys because of his quickness.”

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seems to have recovered from his knee injury suffered in the fall. He got back into the swing of things quicker than I thought, participating in heavy-duty scrimmaging in the spring."

Coach Remmert: "Barry was new this spring after transferring. He has excellent potential, particularly with his height. He could be our fastest guy inside. He comes from an athletic family, with a brother being drafted in the sixth round out of South Dakota State. He just needs more time to develop but he had an outstanding career at Waldorf."

44 Bob Storbeck ILB 6-3 217
Sr. Moline, IL

Past Year — Starter. Tied on the team in most assisted tackles with 67. One fumble recovery and 10 passes broken up. College Career — Junior varsity or reserve player his first two years. High School — Attended Moline Senior High School, playing defensive end and tight end. All-Conference on both sides of the ball. MVP. Chamber high school and Outstanding Young Athlete. A first team All-Metro selection at tight end. All-Conference American Legion Baseball. Two letters each in football, basketball, baseball. Personal — Born Jan. 3, 1965. Majoring in business. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Storbeck. Coach Remmert: "Bob is one of our returning starters. He is an outstanding all-around athlete. His height makes him a threat in pass defense. He plays the pass very well. He's an intelligent player and is a good matchup with (Mark) Farley. I don't recall having two seniors such as these two with as much wealth of experience and past success."

Defense Solos Assts Total Int QB Sacks
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46 Mark Farley ILB 6-1 222
Sr. Waukon, IA

Past Year — Starter. Led the team in defensive points, receiving the coveted "Super Hammer" Award. First team All-Conference, Honorable Mention All-American. Conference Co-Defensive Player of the Year. College Career — Starter in 1984. Played backup to James McFadden and on the specialty teams three years ago. Received a Specialty Team Award. A walkon, earning a scholarship in 1983. Moved from strong safety to outside linebacker. High School — Attended Waukon High School where he earned All-Conference honors two years in football and basketball and three in baseball. Personal — Majoring in industrial arts. Born Apr. 5, 1963. Son of Bill Farley. Enjoys fishing, hunting and lifting weights. Coach Remmert: "Mark gives a little extra through his leadership and work ethic. He welds things together. He gives that little 'umph' when the team needs it. He's very coachable. It's an advantage to have a guy coming back with his experience and who is so well liked. His level of intensity fits in with the others."

Inside linebackers Schwarz, Fink, Bobbie Williams, Kolpin, Farley and Storbeck

Inside Linebackers
18 Bobbie Williams ILB 5-10 208
Sr. Boca Raton, FL
Past Year — Played backup. College Career — Has seen plenty of action despite a ton of nuisance injuries. Played as a redshirt freshman three years ago. A parttime starter but played primarily behind James McFadden. High School — Graduate of Boca Raton High
Outside Linebackers

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<td>Majoring in business management. Enjoyable track, fishing and lifting weights. Brother of UNI's Pat. Son of Geraldine Williams. Coach Rembert: &quot;Bobbie is a fifth-year senior. He's done an outstanding job with the specialty team. He had started as a sophomore in nine games but numerous, nagging injuries have slowed him down. He had arthroscopic surgery this spring which kept him from recapturing his starting position. He's one reason why we're so strong at this position.&quot;</td>
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### 1985

**39 Mike Kolpin ILB 6-4 223**

So. Tama, IA

**Past Year** — Played backup. **High School** — Graduate of South Tama High School, earning four letters in track and two each in football, basketball and baseball. First team All-Conference linebacker, second team fullback in 1984. Honorable Mention All-State twice, KGRN All-Area team, captain, Des Moines Register Top 15 recruits in 1985. Played in Shrine Game. **Personal** — Majoring in business. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Kolpin. Born Mar. 7, 1967. Enjoys water skiing, weightlifting and hunting. Coach Rembert: "Mike was one of our freshmen who chose not to be redshirted. He played on the specialty team most often. He has all the potential to be a good player, but he's not where he can be yet. We always see great improvement during the second year in ability and maturity. He's in a tough group. We have to see what role he'll play."

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### 1984

**30 Pat Williams OLB 5-10 198**

Sr. Boca Raton, FL

**Past Year** — Moved from running back to outside linebacker, seeing quite a lot of action in a backup role. **College Career** — Started in 1984 at fullback, playing in all 11 games. Was fourth on the squad in rushing, scoring three times. Named Most Improved offensive back. Redshirted as a freshman four years ago and played in six games the following year. **High School** — Graduate of Boca Raton High School where he was a Sun Coast All-Conference selection. **Personal** — Born July 16, 1964. Son of Geraldine Williams. Brother of UNI Bobbie. Coach Bolks: "Pat saw a good deal of action. He continually improved last season in his new spot and should be a solid starter for us this year. His strengths include a nice combination of tough, physical play and intelligent recognition and decision making. He should improve each week as the experience of playing time stacks up. He's also an outstanding special teams leader."

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### 1985

**58 Garland McCleary OLB 6-2 210**

Sr. Houston, TX

**Past Year** — Backup player. **Junior College** — Transfer from Northeastern Oklahoma A&M. Recruited by Indiana. **High School** — Graduate of Milby Senior High School, All-Conference and All-State. **Personal** — Son of Lawrence McCleary. Enjoys dirt bike riding. Coach Bolks: "Garland saw spoty action last fall but he must be considered one of our most improved players after spring ball. His physical attributes are beyond question — he has the needed size, strength and very good speed. He needs to get a solid feel for our defensive system and his responsibilities within it. In this area, he made great strides this spring. Continued improvement will allow him to be a solid asset for our defense."

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### 1986

**Kevin Pew OLB 6-3 225**

Jr. Miami, FL

**Past Year** — Was not enrolled in school. **Junior College** — Played at Butler Community College in 1983-84. **High School** — Graduate of Americana High School. Coach Bolks: "Kevin is somewhat of an unknown for the Panthers due to laying out a year from junior college and not participating in this year's spring ball. At Butler, he was an outstanding defensive end who should make a smooth transition to outside linebacker because of his good speed. The possibility still remains that he could play end for us should that need materialize."
Cornerbacks

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As is true throughout this year's secondary, youth and lack of experience are factors Brad must overcome. Also a good track sprinter, he should be able to assist on specialty teams.

26 Greg Morrison
Jr, Moline, IL
Past Year — Played backup. College Career — Sat out 1984 season after transferring from Black Hawk. All-American in high hurdles freshman year. High School — Graduate of Moline High School. Earned three letters in track and two in football. All-Conference in track andHonorable Mention in football. Personal — Majoring in psychology. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Morrison. Born May 5, 1965. Hopes to be a clinical psychologist. Coach Bolks: "Greg overcame minor injuries in the spring and finished that phase of our program strongly. He has all the tools to be a good corner with his greatest assets being outstanding strength and quickness. Lack of experience from limited playing time a year ago is what he must overcome in a hurly. He and Kevin Anderson are in a dead heat for the right side corner position going into this season."

18 Pat Hansen
Past Year — Redshirted. High School — Graduate of Newton Senior High School, earning two letters each in football, basketball, track and baseball. An All-Conference quarterback and second team All-State defensive back. Personal — Son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hansen. Born Aug. 12, 1966. Coach Bolks: "Pat was one of the best players on our redshirt team a year ago. He has the potential to vie for the safety position. Pat missed spring ball because of duties with the baseball team and that loss of experience will hurt him some, but he's an outstanding athlete who can regain a lot of ground in the early fall."

24 Dave McCorvey
Past Year — Parttime starter. College Career — Redshirted in 1984. High School — Graduate of North High School, earning four letters in baseball, three each in football and basketball and one in track. Two-time All-Conference pick in football and two-time All-State. Also All-Conference pick in baseball and basketball. Personal — Majoring in business. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Lomica. Born May 23, 1966. Coach Bolks: "Dave has shown steady progress as he has gained more playing time in the secondary. Last fall, he played a little more each week and became a solid player by season's end. He will be looked upon to lead the defensive backs this season. He is the most experienced of a very young group. He has the good size, the range in coverage area and the hitting ability to develop into an outstanding safety."

19 Brian Lomica
Past Year — Redshirted. High School — Graduate of Fort Dodge Senior High School, earning four letters in baseball, three each in football and basketball and one in track. Two-time All-Conference pick in football and two-time All-State. Also All-Conference pick in baseball and basketball. Personal — Majoring in business. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Lomica. Born May 23, 1966. Coach Bolks: "Brian made good progress through the 1986 spring. After a slow start due to his 1985 injury, he found himself about halfway through the spring. He has the potential to be a solid backup player and front line specialty team player. He does a nice job of reading routes and gets a good jump on the ball."
Doug Andrews, offensive tackle, 6-3, 254, junior, Bradenton, FL... Graduate of Manatee High School... Team won the state 5A championship his senior year... Named Most Valuable Player as defensive tackle... Two-year starter at Butler Community College... First team All-Conference.

Shawn Chestnut, linebacker, 6-1, 225, freshman, Cedar Falls, IA... Graduate of Cedar Falls High School... First team All-Big Eight twice, All-Big Five twice... 1985 first team All-State INA, first team All-State Des Moines Register Elite Team... First three-year starter at high school in 20 years.

Louis Cox, offensive guard, 6-4, 265, junior, Wichita, KS... Graduate of West High School... Named All-City, All-State second team and Shrine Game participant... Two-year All-Conference pick and first team All-American at Butler Community College.

Todd Eagen, defensive tackle, 6-4, 240, freshman, Oskaloosa, IA... All-Conference twice, Honorable Mention All-State as a junior, second team All-State in 1985... State finalist in shot put as a junior... Starter at high school in 20 years.

Paul Flynn, offensive tackle, 6-5, 270, junior, Dubuque, IA... Transfer from Drake University... Graduate of Wahlert High School... Honorable Mention All-Conference... Missed first three games of senior year because of mononucleosis... Two-year wrestling letterman.

Phillip Forbes, running back-defense tackle, 5-9, 165, freshman, Lone Tree, IA... All-Conference three years, All-State twice, Honorable Mention All-American in 1985, rushing for 1,776 yards (best in state), scored 22 touchdowns... 1985 Shrine Game participant... State champion in 100 meters and long jump as a junior... Starting guard on last year's state championship basketball team,... In his four-year prep career, Lone Tree was in the playoffs three times, including winning the 1982 title.

Mark Heim, defensive back-linebacker, 6-2, 190, freshman, Emlhurst, IL... Graduate of York High School... All-Conference, Most Valuable Player.

Jason Jones, defensive line, 6-2, 245, junior, Rock Island, IL... Transfer from Ellsworth Junior College... Graduate of Rock Island High School.

Keith Jones, running back-wide receiver, 6-1, 195, junior, Des Moines, IA... Transfer from Ellsworth Junior College... Graduate of West Des Moines Valley High School.

Christopher Klieman, defensive back, 5-11, 185, freshman, Waterloo, IA... Graduate of Columbus High School... Class 3A All-State quarterback as a junior, first team Des Moines Register Elite Team, INA third team All-Stater as a quarterback... As a senior, Class 3A All-State defensive back, first team Des Moines Register Elite Team, first team INA All-State defensive back... Completed 48.5 percent of passes for 1,098 yards and 10 touchdowns... Ran for 503 yards and 11 touchdowns... Responsible for 126 of Columbus' 260 points... Intercepted four passes... Punt return average of 13.0... Led team to championship finals as a junior and semifinals as a senior.

Barry Klostermann, defensive tackle, 6-4, 258, junior, Dyersville, IA... Transfer from Walford Junior College... Graduate of Dyersville-Beckman High School... All-Conference.

Kurt Mack, defensive back, 5-10, 185, junior, Carlisle, CA... Transfer from Palomar Junior College in San Marcos, CA.

Michael Martin, defensive back, 6-0, 180, freshman, El Centro, CA... Transfer from Imperial Valley Junior College in Imperial, CA.

Don Mussfeldt, linebacker, 6-2, 225, freshman, Granton, WI... Graduate of Grafton High School... First team All-Conference, District and County.

Keith Ochs, defensive end-linebacker, 6-3, 190, freshman, Marion, IA... Graduate of Linn-Mar High School... 1985 first team All-Metro offensense and defense, second team All-State Des Moines Register... Starter on fourth-ranked basketball team and ran in the 4 x 100 and 4 x 200 at the Drake Relays.

Jeff Ogden, quarterback-defense tackle, 6-1, 180, freshman, Des Moines, IA... Graduate of Lincoln High School... Honorable Mention Class 4A quarterback, All-Conference Metro quarterback... Can play various positions.

Bryce Paup, linebacker, 6-5, 225, freshman, Scranton, IA... Graduate of Scranton High School... All-Conference, Shrine Game participant.

Tim Peterson, defensive end, 6-5, 215, freshman, Washington, IA... Graduate of Washington High School... All-Conference twice, All-State in Missouri as a junior, All-State in Iowa as a senior... Shrine Game selectee... A starting forward on the state's no. 1 ranked basketball team.

Mark Pippett, linebacker, 6-3, 200, freshman, Des Moines, IA... Graduate of Lincoln High School... Des Moines Register Defensive Line (as end) Elite Team, first team 4A defensive end, Shrine Game selectee... Has great speed.

Scott Smallwood, defensive guard, 6-3, 250, junior, South Haven, KS... Graduate of South Haven High School... All-State tight end senior year in eight-man football program... Transfer from Butler Community College... First team All-Conference, captain and Honorable Mention All-American.

Kevin Tann, linebacker-running back, 5-10, 190, freshman, Cedar Rapids, IA... Graduate of Washington High School... All-State pick... Selected to play in Shrine Game... Placed second in the state wrestling meet in 1985.

Bill Walker, running back, 6-1, 190, freshman, Urbandale, IA... Graduate of West Des Moines Valley High School... Des Moines Register Elite Offensive Team, first team Class 4A running back, Shrine Game selectee... All-Metro, member of the first place 4 x 100 spring relay team... Has great speed.
**Numerical Roster**

1 Anthony Price WR 31 Clay Netusil P 67 Louis Cox OG
2 Mike Klatt P 32 Darrin Elleander FB 68 Denny Hansen DT
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4 Scott Francke WR 34 Darin Fink ILB 70 Ken Kolthoff OT
5 Mike Angell K 35 Wayne Roby S 71 Mark Botkin OT
6 Kevin Buisman S 36 Bob Gustafson K 72 Tom Solbeck OG
10 Courtney Messingham QB 37 Brad Bair OLB 73 Steve Spoden OT
11 Jim Womochil DB 39 Mike Kolpin ILB 74 Doug Andrews OT
12 Matt Saddler S 40 John Hill FB 75 Rick Dumler OT
13 Thelonious Key CB 41 Doug Greens CB 76 Steve Meier OG
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16 Kevin Willard QB 45 Kelly Mudge OL 79 Kris Jones WR
17 Pat Hansen S 46 Mark Farley OL 80 Dave Frazee WR
18 Bobbie Williams ILB 47 Mark Steines OL 81 Doug Wathen TE
19 Brian Lomica S 48 Errol Peebles FB 82 Terry Armstrong TE
21 Brad Robertson CB 50 Gregg Gustafson LB 83 Scott Frazee WR
22 Spencer Cowan OL 51 Mark Hanssen OL 84 Bill Budner WR
23 Kurt Wedewer CB 53 Guy Schwartz ILB 85 Brian Baker TE
24 Dave McCorvey S 57 Russ Rubie DT 89 Mike Campbell DT
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26 Jake Morrison CB 59 Luke Carlson DE 92 Allen Donnel DE
27 Carl Boyd HB 62 Scott Smallwood DT 93 Barry Klostermann DT
28 Jeff Gouglas HB 63 Terry Orth LB 94 Terry Harris DT
29 Kevin Mote K 65 Jeff Chambers OL 95 Brian Schissel DE
30 Pat Williams OL 66 Ray Cook OL 96 Jerry Hansel DE

**Lettermen Returning (35):**


**Lettermen Lost (17):**

**Offense (7):** OL Bill Bealles, OL Mark Caballero, RB Scott Gardner, OL Jeff Melchert, OL Frank Ori, WR Scott Owens, OL Alan Speicher.


**Junior College Transfers (8):**

**Offense (4):** OL Doug Andrews, OL Louie Cox, RB-DB Keith Jones, OL Scott Smallwood.

**Defense (4):** DL Jason Jones, DT Barry Klostermann, DB Kurt Mack, DB Michael Martin.

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Northern Iowa Post-Season Appearances

1985 NCAA I-AA Quarterfinals
Cedar Falls, IA — Northern Iowa advanced to the I-AA semifinals by knocking off Eastern Washington in the quarterfinal round, 17-14, in the Panthers’ first postseason game since 1975. UNI took a 10-0 first quarter lead on a 32 yard field goal by Kevin Mote and a 13 yard pass from Mike Smith to Brian Baker, who later broke his hand in the second quarter. The Panthers had a 17-0 halftime advantage after Carl Boyd scored on a seven yard run.

EWU pulled to within 10 points in the third period and scored its last touchdown with 12:47 remaining in the game on an 84 yard punt return. The Eagles got as far as their own 44 with time running out but the quarterback was sacked for a loss of four on a fourth down and UNI took over, running out the clock.

Errol Peebles rushed for 129 yards on 26 carries, his fifth 100-plus game of the year.

1985 NCAA I-AA Semifinals
Cedar Falls, IA — Northern Iowa fell one game short of making it to the I-AA finals when Georgia Southern brought its “Hambone” offense to the UNI-Dome, defeating the Panthers 40-33. The Eagles scored their last touchdown with only 34 seconds left in the game after UNI had tied the contest at the 2:44 mark.

The game see-sawed back and forth until it came down to which team had last possession, or at least enough time left on the clock to make a score possible. The game was tied four times.

The Panthers were 11-2 overall and won the first Gateway Collegiate Athletic Conference title with a perfect 5-0 mark.

1975 NCAA II Playoffs
Cedar Falls, IA — In what has since been dubbed the “Mud Bowl,” Northern Iowa struggled with Western Kentucky in heavy rain and 42-degree temperatures and a 16 mph wind in the last game to be played in O.R. Latham Stadium. The Hilltoppers won the first round of the NCAA II playoffs 14-12.

The Panthers closed to within two points when they rallied with 12:25 left in the game. The touchdown was set up when Jim Fransen put Western in a hole by booting a 64-yard punt to its one yard-line.

UNI had two chances to cash-in in the final period but two errant field goals by Fransen buried the Panthers’ chances deep into the muddy field. Fransen missed from 38 and 27 yards as UNI finished the season with a 9-3 record — its best effort since Head Coach Stan Sheriff took over the reins in 1960.

1964 Pecan Bowl
Abilene, TX — In the first NCAA-sanctioned Pecan Bowl, UNI scored an impressive 19-17 win over Lamar Tech behind a sensational performance by two-time All-American fullback Randy Schultz.

Schultz ran for 160 yards on 38 carries and scored two touchdowns. He was named the outstanding back of the game and teammate Loren Buser received the outstanding lineman.

The Panthers were 9-2 for the season and tied for the North Central title.

1960 Mineral Water Bowl
Excelsior Springs, MO — Northern Iowa ran into a bulldozer from Hillsdale College (Michigan) which won the contest 17-6.

The Panthers never really got going after finishing the 1960 season with a fine 9-0 record and winning the North Central Conference.

This game marked the first time in history UNI (then Iowa State Teachers College) played in a bowl contest.

In the Pros

Steve Wright, Tackle, Oakland Invaders
Despite an abundance of offense line talent, the Dallas Cowboys signed Wright as a free agent in 1981. His first year he played in all 16 games and in 1982 was switched to a backup guard position. In 1983, he was traded to the Baltimore Colts and became their starting right guard but was slowed by an ankle injury. In 1984, he played in 12 games with the Colts, starting in nine of them. He signed with the Panthers on December 11, 1984, with his contract assigned to the Invaders following consolidation. Wright was a four-year letterman at UNI, playing offensive tackle his first three seasons and then was switched to tight end as a senior.

Bill Bealles, Offensive Guard, New Orleans Saints
A two-year starter for the Panthers, Bealles signed a free agent contract in 1986. A two-time All-Conference pick, he was named UNI’s Most Outstanding Offensive Lineman. He was a transfer from Northern Illinois.

Joe Fuller, Defensive Back, Saskatchewan Rough Riders
Without waiting for the NFL draft, Fuller, a 1985 Kodak and Football News first team All-American, signed with the Saskatchewan Rough Riders of the Canadian Football League. Fuller played four years for the Panthers. He led the nation in 1983 in punt returns and was a first team All-Conference pick two years.

Troy Thomas, Offense Line, Washington Redskins
Thomas signed a free agent contract with the Redskins in 1986. A two-year starter with the Panthers, he was injured in the fifth game of the year in 1984 and did not play in the 1985 season.
UNI All-Conference Selections (since 1978)

1978
First Team
Paul Christensen, OT

1979
First Team
Kelly Ellis, TB
Owen Dockter, DT
Danny Todd, DB

Second Team
Dave Ehrg, OT
Terry Lang, K
Ed Stratton, DE
Dave Ramthun, DT
Matt Spanjers, LB

1980
First Team
Steve Schonert, K
Owen Dockter, DT
Danny Todd, SS

Second Team
Ken Harvey, SE
Skip Eckhardt, OG
Steve Sandon, QB
Chris Miliner, TB
Ed Stratton, DE
Dave Ramthun, DT
Larry Formanek, LB
John Root, WS

1981
First Team
Ken Harvey, SE
Roger Schultz, OT
Steve Sandon, QB
Steve Schonert, K
John Root, WS

Second Team
Kirk Hobs, WR
Scott Hamilton, OG
Jerry Griffith, DE
Joe Anderson, LB

1982
First Team
Steve Ingalls, OL
Steve Schonert, PK
Craig Nordlie, Ret. Spec.
Mark Salz, NG
John Root, DB

Second Team
Darryl Goree, SE
Kevin Webster, OL
Mark Wilson, LB
Joe Anderson, LB
Tom Jones, DB

1983
First Team
James Hutchings, TE
Darryl Goree, WR
John Waskosky, OL
Larry Miller, QB
Joe Fuller, DB
Mike Johnson, P

Second Team
Scott Etzel, OL
Chris Mulliner, RB
Mike Molstead, K
Joe O'Brien, DL
Mark Holmes, LB
James McFadden, LB

1984
First Team
Marty Bruder, TE
Clark Ralph, OL
Steve Schonert, PK
Ralph Clark, OL
Craig Nordlie, Ret. Spec.
Steve Harris, RB
Mike Molstead, PK
Joe O'Brien, DL
Mark Farley, LB
Joe Fuller, DB
Clay Netusil, P

Second Team
Mike Johnson, P
Mark Farley, ILB
Darryl Goree, SE
Joe Fuller, DB
Clay Netusil, P

Third Team
Mark Wilson, LB
Bill Bealles, OL

1985
First Team
Edward Grimes, DE
Terry Orth, DT
Mark Farley, ILB
Joe Fuller, CB

Second Team
Mike Smith, QB
Carl Boyd, HB
Scott Francke, SE
Al Speicher, OT
Bill Bealles, OT
Frank Ori, OG
Mark Caballero, OG
Jeff Bealles, DE
Henry Saxon, OLB

Origin of a Nickname

It was 1931. The Northern Iowan was the College Eye. Cheerleaders were men and the UNI Panthers were known as the Iowa State Teachers College Tutors. But in the fall of that year, a contest was sponsored by the College Eye and the Men's Physical Education Department to change the name of the school's athletic teams. It was the "Purple Panthers," submitted by Burl Berry of Wellman, IA, that caught the College's eye and that's the name that has guided UNI teams for the last half-century. Berry, who also happened to be that season's football MVP, won a briefcase from Berg Drug Co. The second place winner received an alarm clock. It also is known that the name which took third place was the "Purple Grackles," a name submitted by students living in the same rooming house.

Panther All Americans

First Team Selections
1937 - Paul Jones, end*
1949 - Paul DeVon, halfback**
1952 - Lou Bohnsack, center**
1955 - LeRoy Dunn, tackle*
1956 - Dick Formanek, tackle*
1960 - Jerry Morgan, quarterback*
1961 - Wendell Williams, guard**
1962 - Dan Boals, fullback*
1964 - Randy Schultz, fullback*
1965 - Randy Schultz, fullback*
1967 - Ray Pedersen, guard**
1975 - Mike Timmermans, tackle**
1985 - Joe Fuller, defensive back+

Second Team Selections
1948 - Jason Loving, tackle**
1959 - Dennis Remmert, tackle*
1961 - Wendell Williams, guard*
1973 - Mike Woodley, free safety**
1984 - Joe O'Brien, tackle**

Third Team Selections
1946 - Pudge Camarata, halfback**
1960 - Jerry Morgan, quarterback**
1962 - Dan Boals, fullback**
1975 - Bill Salmon, quarterback**
1976 - Nick Maragos, free safety**
1981 - Ken Harvey, split end**

Honorable Mention Selections
1985 - Mike Smith, quarterback**

Edward Grimes, defensive end**
Terry Orth, defensive tackle**
Mark Farley, linebacker**
Moses Aimable, defensive back**
Joe Fuller, defensive back**

* - Williamson Ratings
** - Associated Press
+ - Kodak 1-AA, Football News 1-AA
The Gateway Conference

In the late 1970's and early 1980's, a need arose for conferences to represent collegiate women's athletics. The cause of the need was the decline of the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW) and the increased role of collegiate women's athletics. The cause of need arose for conferences to represent the need was the decline of the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) in women's sports.

During this period of transition, some midwestern universities with similar academic and athletic interests bound together in 1982 to form the Gateway Conference.

In August, 1982, the NCAA officially recognized the conference and in September, Patty Viverito was named the first commissioner. Before moving to its permanent headquarters in St. Louis, the Gateway spent three organizational months on the campus of Eastern Illinois University.

The conference is comprised of schools which are members of two different conferences for men's athletics. Six Gateway members are in the Missouri Valley Conference: Bradley, Drake, Illinois State, Indiana State, Southern Illinois and Wichita State. Four others are in the Association of Mid-Continent Universities: Eastern Illinois, Northern Iowa, Southwest Missouri State and Western Illinois.

On August 21, 1985, the Gateway Conference Presidents Council voted to add a Division I-AA football division for six of its members, to their previously all-women's athletics organization. This move marked the first time in college annals that men's football was added to a women's conference. The Gateway, thus, is the newest football conference in the country.

"The conference has made great strides since its inception and I feel we will grow even stronger," Commissioner Viverito commented. "The 10 members are so committed to women's athletics that their well-established programs will get even stronger. In addition, I look forward to the added excitement and challenge that football will bring to this fine conference. The national prominence of football will also help to increase the visibility and enhance the prestige of our women's programs."

Gateway Conference Personnel

Patty Viverito, Commissioner

Entering her fifth year as the Gateway's first and only commissioner, Patty Viverito is the first woman commissioner to oversee a conference associated with men's athletics. Selected following a nationwide search in September, 1982, the 34-year old Chicago native has a wide and varied background in athletic marketing and administration. Formerly an account executive for the Tidewater Tides International League baseball team, Viverito served as Special Project Director at the University of Texas, 1979-81. As such, she coordinated activities for the Longhorn women's program in promotion, sports information, fundraising and event management areas.

The former marketing representative for Procter and Gamble received her bachelor's degree in marketing from Northern Illinois University and her master's degree, with honors, in sports management from the University of Massachusetts.

Patty is married to Frank Viverito, Supervisor of Marketing and Promotions for Busch Stadium in St. Louis.

Jim Sheehan, Information Director

The newest member of the Gateway Conference staff is Jim Sheehan, who became conference Information Director in August, 1985. Sheehan joined the Gateway following a nine-month stint as Coordinator of Media Information for the Houston Gamblers of the United States Football League.

Prior to working for the Gamblers, Sheehan served as Sports Information Director at the University of Tampa from August, 1982, through October, 1984. In addition, he has also served, from January, 1980, through October, 1984, as Information Director for the Florida-based Sunshine State Conference.

Sheehan has been cited several times for publication excellence by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). He is a 1982 graduate of Biscayne College's sports administration program. Jim is married to the former Maureen Barrett of Queens, NY.

Indiana State Joins Gateway Football League

Indiana State University has become the latest institution to join the Gateway Collegiate Athletic Conference football division. The Sycamores previously were members of the Missouri Valley Conference but went independent when that league dropped football. ISU made the announcement of joining the other six members in July. The league now is made up of Northern Iowa, Eastern Illinois, Western Illinois, Southwest Missouri State, Illinois State and Southern Illinois, in addition to Indiana State. The previous six schools competed for the league championship for the first time last season, with Northern Iowa winning the first conference title in 1985 with a 5-0 record. Since Western Illinois does not play Indiana State this season, WIU's designated league game will be against Sam Houston State, while Indiana State's designated conference game will be against Ball State.
Northern Iowa Athletic Staff

John "Jersey" Jermier — Associate Athletic Director
In his seventh year as Associate Athletic Director, Jermier previously was Assistant Vice President and Director of Sales for Topeka Inn Management, Inc., in Topeka, KS. His athletic career began in 1959 when he was Head Football Coach at Postville, IA, and later served as Assistant Football and Basketball Coach at Coe College in Cedar Rapids, IA, where he also received his bachelor’s degree. He received his master’s from Iowa. Jermier was Head Football and Baseball Coach at Wayne State in Nebraska and Assistant Football Coach in charge of defense at Colorado State in Fort Collins. His latest coaching job was at the University of Iowa where he was Assistant Coach and Assistant Athletic Director from 1971-76. Prior to his appointment at Topeka Inn Management, he was Director of Athletics at Kansas State University from 1976-78. He and his wife, Joanne, have three sons, John, Jim and Steve, and one daughter, Sara.

Sandra Williamson — Associate Athletic Director
In her ninth year in the Intercollegiate Athletic Program, Sandra joined the staff in July of 1978 following a merger of men’s and women’s athletics. She was the first Associate Athletic Director for Women at UNI and also assumed the duty of coaching UNI’s women’s basketball team, which she dropped six years ago to devote more time to her administrative duties. Prior to joining the Panther staff, she spent six years at Carroll College in Helena, MT, as the women’s basketball and volleyball coach. She received her doctorate degree from the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley in 1983.

Lynn King — Assistant Athletic Director-Facilities
Lynn gave up his sneakers for administration June 18, 1984, after coaching the Northern Iowa track and cross country teams nine years. He aided the Panthers in capturing 11 conference team championships, produced 25 All-Americans, including two national champions, was named Coach of the Year 11 times and was a referee at the Drake Relays. Prior to his coaching tenure at UNI, he served as head coach at Rochester Community College (Rochester, MN) and produced one national champion there in his four-year stint. A native of Cedar Falls, IA, he graduated from UNI in 1969 with a bachelor’s degree in physical education and received his master’s from UNI in 1971. He was a four-year starter on the UNI football team as a defensive back and was an all-around performer for Coach Jack Jennett in track and field. He and his wife, Jan, have two children — Jason, 13, and Kelly, 11. He is in charge of all maintenance, set-up and contractual arrangements for the UNI-Dome, both athletic and non-athletic events, in addition to assisting with the operation of other athletic facilities on campus.

Dixon L. Riggs — Faculty Representative
Riggs is starting his fourth year as UNI faculty representative to the NCAA. An associate professor in the UNI Department of Biology, he joined the UNI staff in 1957 as assistant professor. A native of St. Marys, WV, he received his undergraduate degree from Marietta College, his master’s from Michigan and has continued study at Oregon, Illinois, West Virginia, Minnesota and New York. He has taught at Michigan, Simpson College, Huron College and South Dakota State University. His main interests lie in the design and utilization of science facilities, mammals in general, and ingestion and action of drugs, including alcohol on the human organism. His other activities have included membership in the Campus Planning Committee, chairman of the United Way Appeal and is a recognized witness in 22 northeast Iowa counties in matters pertaining to drug action on the human body.

Julie Bright — Athletic Business Manager
Bright was named Athletic Business Manager June 1, 1985, replacing Ann Hill who retired following 18 years of service. Bright joined the UNI staff in October of 1975 as special assistant to Personnel Services. Upon completion of the UNI-Dome in the spring of 1976, she became involved in its operation of various capacities, most recently as the Assistant Business Manager. A native of Ruthven, IA, she graduated from Ruthven Consolidated High School in 1972. She received her degree in business from UNI in 1975. Married to Dave Bright, she has two children — Ben, 8, and Krystal, 6.

Nancy Justis — Sports Information Director
Justis became SID in October of 1979 after serving three years as the first full-time assistant SID at UNI. A native of Cedar Rapids, IA, she received her B.A. degree in journalism from the University of Iowa in 1973. After graduation, she worked for the Fort Collins (CO) Coloradoan before coming to UNI as an assistant editor in the Office of Public Information Services where she became involved in sports information on a part-time basis. She was a member of the Olympic Press Operations staff in Los Angeles. She is a member of the College Sports Information Directors of America and Women in Communications, Inc. CoSIDA has honored her with publication awards for football programs and brochures and wrestling brochures. Married to Robert Justis, who announces for the Panther football and men’s basketball games, they have one daughter, Nicole, 2.
The NCAA 1-AA Playoffs

The NCAA 1-AA championship playoff system is in its ninth year with approximately 88 teams from four regions competing for the national championship. The tournament was expanded from eight to 12 teams qualifying in 1982 with six conference champs from the Big Sky, Ohio Valley, Southern, Southland, Southwestern Athletic and Yankee Conferences receiving automatic berths. Northern Iowa’s Gateway Conference, the newest league, will not be eligible for an automatic berth until the 1988 season. The top four teams generally receive first round byes. The top two independent teams receive berths and the remaining teams are selected at large by a committee.

The Panthers compete in the Central Region and received a first round bye in 1985 with its no. 4 ranking in the final 1-AA poll. The Ohio Valley Conference, along with UNI, Eastern Illinois, Illinois State, Indiana State, Southern Illinois, Southwest Missouri State, Tennessee State, Western Illinois and Western Kentucky, are assigned to this region.


Besides Northern Iowa, other Gateway Conference Teams which have competed in the 1-AA playoffs are Southern Illinois and Eastern Illinois.