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## 1996 Rosters

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General Information
Location: Cedar Falls, IA 50614
Founded: 1876
Enrollment: 12,800
Nickname: Panthers
Colors: Purple and Old Gold
Conference: Missouri Valley
Affiliation: NCAA I
1995 Record: 24-32 (5-15 MVC)
Starters Returning/Lost: 8/3
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 12/3

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The Coaches

Head Coach Meredith Bakley

Meredith Bakley is in her 17th year heading the Northern Iowa softball program. During her tenure, she has an AIAW National Championship to her credit, leading the Panthers to the title in 1982, and a berth in the NCAA Division I Championships in 1990 after her team won the Gateway Conference Tournament. She also recorded a 22-10 record her first year at UNI en route to a second-place finish in the AIAW State Tournament, the same year the team finished sixth at the regional championship. In all, her UNI teams have posted above .500 records in 12 of 17 seasons.

Bakley has compiled a 483-391-3 record since her arrival in Cedar Falls in 1979 and has guided her teams to 29 or more wins nine times. Her philosophy of playing against the best competition available has seen the Panthers face a steady diet of the nation’s top-ranked teams.

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

Bakley was an instructor at Valley State College in Valley City, North Dakota, where she was head basketball and softball coach before coming to UNI. Her Valley City softball squad placed second in the state in 1978. Bakley's career collegiate coaching record is 542-425-3.

Assistant Coach Dr. Gene Bruhn

Dr. Gene Bruhn is in his 14th season as the only assistant coach the Panthers have ever had. Dr. Bruhn has handled Northern Iowa pitching staffs that are consistently among the best in the Missouri Valley since his arrival. Included on those staffs have been all-conference hurlers Krista Fosbinder and Sarah O'Byrne.

Bruhn currently is a practicing chiropractor in Clarksville, Iowa. He studied at Ellsworth Junior College two years, at Wartburg for a year, and received his degree from Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa. Dr. Bruhn was a top softball player in the area for over 25 years.
1996 Panther Outlook

Coming off their first losing season since 1991, and only their third season since 1974 with 30 or more losses, the Panthers will try to combine youth and experience for a winning campaign.

Head coach Meredith Bakley starts her 17th year at Northern Iowa with high hopes for the upcoming season.

"One of our goals this year is to win the Missouri Valley Conference. I want to get the team to feel better about themselves, and realize they are a good group of talented players," Bakley said.

After losing three starters from last year's 24-32 squad - including all-MVC first team selection Jaye Donlea - Bakley will look toward the returning core of starters for leadership.

"Our captains, Kandy Keiper and Stacy Weber, will lead by example this year. Both are outstanding players, and will give encouragement and support for the rest of the team members," she said.

Keiper will lead an entire returning pitching staff into action this season. She probably had her best fall season ever, and finished last spring in the Missouri Valley top 10 with 175 2/3 innings pitched (3rd) and 84 strikeouts (7th).

Rounding out the starting rotation are senior Christy Green and sophomore Shelby Worms. Green also had an excellent fall season, and according to Bakley, looks to be a solid pitcher. "Christy has really improved over this past fall, and should help the team a great deal."

Worms, who suffered a shoulder injury during the fall campaign, finished last season with a 2.56 ERA and 61 strikeouts. Coming out of the bullpen this year will be walk on freshmen Leslie Chase and Kacey Garren.

The catching duties will fall mainly on two players, sophomores Kristen Dalrymple and Mickey Shenk. Dalrymple was named team Rookie of the Year, received the Slugger Award and led the team in batting (.320) and doubles (11) last season. Shenk, who transferred from Southwestern Community College last fall, will share the catcher position with Dalrymple. Also catching for the Panthers is sophomore Maggie Sellers.

The infield is one of youth and experience, with senior shortstop Stacy Weber leading the group. She batted .286 last season with 28 runs batted in.

"During the fall, Stacy had one of her better years. She made plays defensively that I haven't seen her make before. Offensively, she is hitting for both power and average," stated Bakley.

The other returning infielder is junior Jen Dean. She missed 14 games last season due to a broken wrist, but still batted a respectable .270 with three home runs and 29 RBIs.

On the right side of the infield are two newcomers, freshmen Angie Schreurs and Jackie Paulus. Schreurs, a first baseman, played well in the fall, showing flashes of her potential power from the left side of the plate. Paulus will start at second base and will be a key defensive stopper.

"Jackie is so quick, and provides leadership by talking to everyone, letting them know the situation," commented Bakley. Also backing up the middle infield is senior walk on Tabitha Garrett.

The outfield is solid, as three starters return for another season. In left field is junior Deanne Fick, who is a good defensive player with her speed and throwing arm. In center field is senior Kari McLaughlin, who batted .267 last season and led the outfield with 65 putouts. In right field is sophomore Amber Sampson. Sampson led the outfield with six assists last season, showing her throwing arm.

Joining the outfield this year is freshman Jody Dean, the younger sister of Jen. She adds additional power to UNI's line-up, and will share playing time with the rest of the outfield. Sophomore Jami Steinkamp also will see playing time in the outfield and will be used as a pinch runner.
**UNI**

Green had a good 1995 spring season with the Panthers, wrapping up her first year with a 6-4 record and a 3.58 ERA in 72.3 innings pitched. She started only nine games and was used primarily in a relief role, picking up one save and three complete games. Last fall, she solidified a spot in the starting rotation, posting a 3.27 ERA with 16 strikeouts.

**JUCO**

Green returns as part of a complete returning pitching staff for a promising 1996 season. She transferred from Meremac Community College in St. Louis, Missouri, in the fall of 1994. She was named first team all-conference and all-region (NJCCA) while at Meremac.

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**Personal**

**Birthdate:** August 9, 1974  
**Parents names:** Carl and Linda Pope  
**Hobbies:** Sleeping and shopping  
**Where do you want to be 10 years down the line?**  
"I want to go back to St. Louis and be a P.E. teacher. I also want to coach, and eventually get married."

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Kandy Keiper/P  
Senior  
Therapeutic Recreation  
Cedar Rapids, IA (Kennedy)  
Letters Earned at UNI: 3  

UNI  
Keiper will be the ace of the Panther pitching staff this year after her only losing season at UNI. She pitched well for Northern Iowa last year, finishing with a 12-14 record and a 2.67 ERA. She threw 175.7 innings in 32 games, the most in her career. Her total of 84 strikeouts placed her in the top 10 for the season in the Missouri Valley Conference, and was almost as many as her previous two-year total. Keiper had a good 1995 fall season, recording 25 strikeouts in 65 2/3 innings pitched. She finished with a 1.17 earned run average. Named a 1996 team co-captain by her teammates, she will lead a complete returning staff into this season.  

High School  
Keiper won five letters in high school while earning all-state honors three times at Cedar Rapids Kennedy. She was inducted into the Kennedy Softball Hall of Fame in 1993.  

Personal  
Birthdate: November 25, 1973  
Parents names: Steve and Sherry Keiper  
Hobbies: Volunteer work with the Special Olympics  
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Senior
Elementary Education
Mediapolis, IA (Mediapolis)
Letters Earned at UNI: 1

UNI

McLaughlin looks to provide the leadership in a returning outfield after finishing the 1995 campaign above all outfielders on the Panther squad with 65 putouts. Starting 46 games for UNI in her first season wearing the Purple and Gold, she had a .267 average with four doubles and seven sacrifices. During the 1995 fall season, she batted .269 with 18 hits in 21 games.

JUCO

McLaughlin transferred from Southeastern Community College in 1994. She was second team all-region her freshman year and a Distinguished Academic All-American her sophomore year at Southeastern.

Personal

Birthdate: July 16, 1974
Parents names: Rick and Sandy McLaughlin
Hobbies: Sports and coaching
Where do you want to be 10 years down the line?
"I would like to have a good teaching job, and hopefully come back and get my Master's Degree. I would also like to start a family."

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Weber has started every game for UNI since her arrival in 1993. A 1996 team co-captain, she batted .286 last season for the Panthers while finishing second in runs scored with 26 and third in RBIs with 28. She holds three school records, including the season RBI total with 44 which was tallied in 1994. She finished the 1995 fall season batting .431, totaling eight doubles, three home run and 22 runs batted in. Weber continues to be a mainstay in the infield at shortstop, earning first team Missouri Valley Conference honors in 1994.

High School

At Don Bosco High School, she led the State of Iowa in hitting (.570) her senior year while gaining a third team all-state selection. She also was a four-time all-conference choice and a three-time all-Northeast Iowa selection.

Personal

Birthdate: December 24, 1973
Parents names: Steve and Rosemary Weber
Hobbies: Playing softball and volleyball

Where do you want to be 10 years down the line?

"I see myself working as either a program coordinator at a fitness center, or an athletic trainer at the high school level."

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Jen Dean/3B
Junior, Political Science
Postville, IA (Postville)
Letters Earned at UNI: 2
Daughter of Glen and Judy Dean

Dean played in only 42 games during the 1995 season after a wrist injury at the Western Illinois tourney kept her out 14 games. She currently has a streak of 38 stolen bases without being thrown out, and was selected Missouri Valley Academic All-Conference Honorable Mention in 1995.

Dean was first team all-conference four years and first team all-district three years at Postville High School. She earned 16 letters in high school in basketball, track, volleyball and softball.

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Deanne Fick/OF
Junior, Public Relations
Oskaloosa, IA (Oskaloosa)
Letters Earned at UNI: 2
Daughter of Keith and Bev Fick

Fick is looking to start in left field this season as part of a complete returning outfield. She was fourth on the team in stolen bases with 11 in 14 attempts last season.

Fick was a four year all-conference selection in softball at Oskaloosa High School. She earned 17 letters participating in cross country, track, volleyball, basketball and softball.

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Sophomore, Undecided  
Kirkwood, MO (Kirkwood)  
Letters Earned at UNI: 1  
Daughter of Jim and Charlene Dalrymple

Dalrymple was a 1995 letterwinner, playing in all 56 games at catcher. She earned team honors as Rookie of the Year and Slugger Award after leading the Panthers in hitting (.320) and doubles (11). Dalrymple was a first team all-conference selection her junior and senior years at Kirkwood. She won eight letters in softball, basketball and track.

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Amber Sampson/OF  
Sophomore, Elementary Education  
Urbandale, IA (Urbandale)  
Letters Earned at UNI: 1  
Daughter of Tim and Marilyn Sampson

Sampson returns as the second-leading hitter with a .312 average. She placed second on the squad with 15 stolen bases in 18 attempts. Defensively, Sampson led the outfield in assists with six and was second in putouts with 59. She was a first team all-state and all-conference selection her senior year at Urbandale and a second team all-conference pick her junior year. Sampson earned 10 letters in softball, track and basketball.

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Maggie Sellers/C  
Sophomore, Biology  
Chariton, IA (Chariton)  
Letters Earned at UNI: 1  
Daughter of Bruce and Terry Sellers

A 1995 letterwinner, Sellers played in 22 games mainly as a pinch runner. She totaled three runs scored last season, and will be a back-up catcher to both Dalrymple and Shenk in 1996. Sellers won 13 letters in high school in softball, track, volleyball and basketball. She was special mention all-state in 1993 and '94 at Chariton. She was selected first team all-conference and second team all-district in 1994 and second team all-conference her sophomore year.

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Jami Steinkamp/OF  
Sophomore, Accounting  
Carroll, IA (Carroll-Kuemper)  
Letters Earned at UNI: 1  
Daughter of Kenneth and Colleen Steinkamp

Steinkamp placed fourth on the squad with 11 stolen bases in 13 attempts. As a pinch runner during much of the season, she played in 41 games and will compete for a spot in the outfield with Sampson and Fick.

She was honorable mention all-conference her junior year at Carroll-Kuemper High School. She made third team all-state her senior year in which she batted around .400. Steinkamp received eight letters in softball, track and basketball.

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Shelby Worms/P  
Sophomore, Leisure Services  
Mascoutah, IL (Mascoutah)  
Letters Earned at UNI: 1  
Daughter of Gene and Gail Worms

Worms pitched well for the Panthers her first season, finishing with a 6-14 record and a 2.56 ERA. She placed second on the pitching staff in numerous categories, including innings pitched (131.0) and strikeouts (61).

She was a first team all-conference selection her sophomore, junior and senior years while also earning honors as regional Player of the Year her senior year. She was invited to the Super 60 Classic that same year. Worms earned eight letters in softball and volleyball at Mascoutah High School.

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As a walk on for the Panthers, Garrett saw limited action last fall. She is projected to be a backup middle infielder for Weber and Paulus. She was a four-year all-conference selection at Diagonal High School, earning 15 letters in softball, basketball, track and volleyball.

Mickey Shenk
Sophomore, Special Education
Carlisle, IA (Carlisle)
Daughter of Jim and Penny Shenk

Shenk transferred from Southwestern College last fall where she was nominated for the second team JC All-American Region II team. She will share the catching duties with Dalrymple and could see some playing time as a designated player. She earned 14 letters at Carlisle High School in softball, volleyball, basketball and track while earning selections to the second team all-conference team for three years and all-district first team for two.

Leslie Chase
Freshman, Physical Therapy
Cedar Falls, IA (Cedar Falls)
Daughter of Rick Chase and Kathy Erickson

Chase will be looked upon as a relief pitcher for Northern Iowa. She walked on during the fall season, appearing in one game. She received seven letters in high school at Cedar Falls High School in softball, cheerleading and athletic training.
Jody Dean  
**Freshman, Business/Accounting**  
**Postville, IA (Postville)**  
**Daughter of Glen and Judy Dean**

Jody, sister of junior Jen Dean, played outfield during the fall season. She played in the State of Iowa tournaments for basketball and softball, as well as the Iowa Coaches Association All-Star games. She was a four-year first team all-conference selection and a two-time first team all-state choice at Postville High School. She earned 15 letters in softball, basketball, volleyball and track.

Karey Garern  
**Freshman, Public Relations**  
**Cedar Rapids, IA (Jefferson)**  
**Daughter of Mike and Kandy Garern**

Garern walked on this fall as a pitcher, mainly in a relief role. While attending Jefferson High School, she participated on three State of Iowa softball teams. She earned five letters in high school in softball and basketball.

Jackie Paulus  
**Freshman, Business**  
**Burlington, IA (Burlington)**  
**Daughter of Robert and Lily Paulus**

Paulus will start at second base for the Panthers this year after having an excellent fall season. She was a Class 3A first team all-conference and all-state selection in 1994 for Burlington High School. She was asked to participate in the Iowa Coaches Association All-Star game in 1995, but was unable to play due to injury.

Angie Schreurs  
**Freshman, Education**  
**West Des Moines, IA (Valley)**  
**Daughter of Dave and Audrey Schreurs**

Schreurs had a good fall season as UNI's starting first baseman, and will play there for the Panthers this spring. She was a first team all-state selection her junior and senior years and was all-conference four years at West Des Moines Valley High School. She earned eight letters in high school in softball and basketball.
The Missouri Valley Conference

A commitment to excellence, both in the classroom and the athletic arena, has been a trademark of the Missouri Valley Conference since its inception in the winter of 1907. The 1992-93 academic and athletic season marked an "addition to tradition", as women's athletics were added to the MVC menu.

Some 31 institutions in 13 states have at one time or another been a part of what is now the Missouri Valley Conference. Membership has stabilized in the past decade, and now a league that has survived in what has been a volatile environment for the past few years has entered a new era with women's athletics, which is now in its third full season in the Missouri Valley Conference.

The 1992-93 season was a landmark season for the Missouri Valley Conference, the oldest athletic conference west of the Mississippi River. For the first time in the league's history, the MVC administration included women's athletics -- a league which for 85 years administered men's athletics only.

The inclusion of women's programs under the MVC administrative umbrella promised an immediate boost to the league. The Gateway Collegiate Athletic Conference -- which began in 1982 and merged with the Missouri Valley Conference and was unveiled as part of a new MVC on July 1, 1992. One of the strongest women's conferences in the country, the Gateway quickly built a solid reputation nationally, earning automatic qualifier status in several sports.

Members of the MVC include Bradley University, Creighton University, Drake University, Illinois State University, Indiana State University, the University of Northern Iowa, Southern Illinois University, Southwest Missouri State University, the University of Tulsa and Wichita State University. The University of Evansville became the 32nd member of the league in November of 1993. The Purple Aces officially joined the MVC on July 1, 1994, elevating membership in the conference to 11 institutions, the highest membership total in league history.

Six different members have participated in the NCAA softball championship, including Creighton, which made five trips and advanced all the way to the College World Series in 1986. Northern Iowa also has competed in the Women's College World Series, and, along with Southwest Missouri State and Illinois State, have been dominant in volleyball and bring that tradition to the MVC, as does Tulsa's golf program, competing as an independent.

The MVC sponsors the following sports: baseball, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's cross country and track (indoor and outdoor), men's and women's golf, men's soccer, softball, men's and women's tennis and women's volleyball.

1995 MVC Standings

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Most Valuable Player -- Jodi Burch, Ill. State
Rookie of the Year -- Dawn Daenzer, S. Illinois
Coach of the Year -- Melinda Fischer, Ill. State

1995 UNI MVC All-Academic Team
Jen Dean, Honorable Mention
Kristal Ward, Honorable Mention

UNI's District VII CoSIDA All-Academic Team
Kristal Ward
1995 Missouri Valley Conference Rankings

ALL GAMES

**Team Batting (BA)**

1. Illinois State (.298)
2. Creighton (.296)
3. Southern Illinois (.290)
4. Bradley (.287)
5. Drake (.279)
6. Evansville (.272)
7. Indiana State (.270)
8. SW Missouri (.267)
9. Northern Iowa (.266)
10. Wichita State (.246)
11. Tulsa (.240)

**Team Fielding (FLD%)**

1. Wichita State (.959)
2. Tulsa (.956)
3. *Northern Iowa* (.955) - Illinois State (.955)
4. SW Missouri (.954)
5. Drake (.949)
6. Creighton (.948)
7. Evansville (.946)
8. Bradley (.944)
9. Indiana State (.938)
10. Southern Illinois (.934)

**Individual Leaders**

**Hits**
1. Dawn Daenzer, Southern Illinois 1.46
2. Danielle Tyler, Drake 1.33
3. Christy Lunceford, Creighton 1.22

**Runs**
1. Ronnie Marmitt, Illinois State 88
   Amy Pera, Bradley 88
3. Shelly Esser, Creighton 80
6. *Jaye Donlea, Northern Iowa* 68

**Runs Batted In**
1. Heather Buchanan, Evansville .79
2. Becky Lis, Southern Illinois .73
3. Danielle Tyler, Drake .71
4. *Jen Dean, Northern Iowa* .69
7. *Kristal Ward, Northern Iowa* .66

**Doubles**
1. Germaine Fairchild, Tulsa .31
2. Natalie Quinn, Bradley .30
3. Becky Lis, Southern Illinois .27

**Triples**
1. Christine Knotts, Southern Illinois .19
2. Nicole Farris, Evansville .17
3. *Jen Dean, Northern Iowa* .12

**Home Runs**
1. Kellie Rivera, Creighton .12
2. Dee Pendleton, Creighton .12
3. Dee Allen, Indiana State .10
   Toni Rieke, SW Missouri .10

**Stolen Bases**
1. Shelly Esser, Creighton .57
2. Amy Pera, Bradley .43
3. Heather Goldsborough, Evansville .38
   *Jen Dean, Northern Iowa* .38

**Team Pitching (ERA)**

1. Illinois State (1.48)
2. Evansville (1.87)
3. Wichita State (1.94)
4. SW Missouri (2.04)
5. Bradley (2.11)
6. Drake (2.28)
7. Creighton (2.31)
8. Indiana State (2.63)
9. Southern Illinois (2.65)
10. *Northern Iowa* (2.81)
11. Tulsa (4.28)

**Individual Leaders**

**Total Innings Pitched**
1. Jodi Burch, Illinois State 208.2
2. Amy Elza, Bradley 178.2
3. *Kandy Keiper, Northern Iowa* 175.2

**Total Wins**
2. Stacey Hart, Wichita State 17-7
3. Tina Zuccolo, Drake 15-10

**Total Strikeouts**
1. Jodi Burch, Illinois State 146
2. Tina Zuccolo, Drake 127
3. Angela Fuller, Tulsa 106
7. *Kandy Keiper, Northern Iowa* 84

**Total Shutouts**
2. Beth Wilson, Wichita State 7
3. Tina Zuccolo, Drake 7
4. Stacey Hart, Wichita State 6

* Based on totals
### 1995 Missouri Valley Conference Rankings

**CONFERENCE GAMES ONLY**

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### RECORD BREAKDOWN

- Missouri Invitational: 1-3-0 (3rd Place)
- Florida State Invitational: 1-4-0
- Southern Illinois Invitational: 4-1-0 (1st Place)
- Western Illinois Invitational: 1-3-0
- UNI-Dome Invitational: 2-4-0
- Missouri Valley Conference: 5-15-0
- Non-Conference: 10-2-0

**Overall Record:** 24-32-0
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1996 - 1997
Panther Softball 1996

1997 (39-23)

Sooner Invitation

Wichita State 2-1
New Mexico 0-4
Missouri 1-3
Iowa 7-2
Missouri 1-3 (8 inn.)

Gateway Conference Tournament

Drake 1-0
Illinois State 2-1
Indiana State 0-1

Southwestern Missouri State 1-2 (8 inn.)
Head Coach: Meredith Bakley

Gateway Conference Games

1998 (24-36)

Sooner Invitation

Oklahoma State 0-9
Iowa 1-9
Sam Houston State 0-4
Wichita State 4-0
Texas A&M Corpus Christi 2-3

Fittsburger State Invitational

Benedictine 2-0
 Mascotus Western 7-3
Pittsburg State 3-6
Baker 1-0
Lincoln 3-1
Northeastern 0-5
Wichita State 0-2

Indiana State 0-3

Southern Baptists 8-1
Stephen F. Austin 0-1, 0-1 (8 inn.)
Iowa 5-6, 1-2 (9 inn.)
Wartburg 3-2, 15-1
Manitowoc 1-0, 2-4 (10 inn.)
Iowa State 0-3, 0-3

*Illinois State 1-2, 0-3
*Indiana 0-4, 2-4
*Wasa State 9-2, 4-1

UNI-Dome Invitational

St. Cloud 1-0
Illinois State 0-2

Gateway Conference Games

1985 (35-25)

Sooner Invitation

Missouri 1-2
Texas A&M 0-1
Baylor 2-1 (8 inn.)
Creighton 4-3 (10 inn.)

Gateway Conference Tournament

Wichita State 0-5
Southwestern Missouri State 0-6
Bradley 3-2
Illinois State 3-6
Western Illinois 2-5

Head Coach: Meredith Bakley

Gateway Conference Games

1999 (29-30)

Gateway Conference Tournament

Wichita State 0-5
Southeast Missouri State 0-6
Bradley 3-2
Illinois State 3-6
Western Illinois 2-5

Head Coach: Meredith Bakley

Gateway Conference Games

1992 (29-24)

Drake 2-1
Southern Illinois State 2-4
Southern Illinois 1-0, 2-4

Gateway Conference Tournament

Drake 2-4
Southern Illinois State 2-4

Head Coach: Meredith Bakley

Gateway Conference Games

1987 (19-19)

Gateway Conference Tournament

Winona State 4-0, 1-1

*Fort Hays State 1-0
*Missouri 1-3 (8 inn.)
*Nebraska Omaha 2-0
*Missouri 2-1 (9 inn.)

Gateway Conference Tournament

Drake 1-0
Illinois State 2-1

Gateway Conference Games

1994 (40-21)

Drake 2-0
Southern Illinois State 2-4

Gateway Conference Tournament

Drake 2-4
Southern Illinois State 2-4

Head Coach: Meredith Bakley

Gateway Conference Games

*Fort Hays State 1-0
*Missouri 1-3 (8 inn.)
*Missouri State 0-1
*Ohio State 2-0

Gateway Conference Tournament

Drake 2-4
Southern Illinois State 2-4

Head Coach: Meredith Bakley

Gateway Conference Games

1998 (29-30)

Gateway Conference Tournament

Wichita State 0-5
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Bradley 3-2
Illinois State 3-6
Western Illinois 2-5

Head Coach: Meredith Bakley

Gateway Conference Games

1992 (29-24)

Drake 2-1
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Southern Illinois 1-0, 2-4

Gateway Conference Tournament

Drake 2-4
Southern Illinois State 2-4

Head Coach: Meredith Bakley

Gateway Conference Games

1998 (29-30)

Gateway Conference Tournament

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Bradley 3-2
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Western Illinois 2-5

Head Coach: Meredith Bakley

Gateway Conference Games

1992 (29-24)

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Gateway Conference Tournament

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Head Coach: Meredith Bakley

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All-Time Record (since 1974) 592-414-3
Northern Iowa Division I Records
(Since 1983)

GAMES
Most Games, Season: 64 (1991)
Most Wins, Season: 40 (1991)
*Most Wins Lost, Season: 40 (1991)
Highest Winning Pet.: .375, Moot Games
Lowest Winning Pet.: .297 (1993)
Most Consecutive Games Won: 11 (1989)
Longest Game: 26 inn., Oklahoma City (Since 1983)

BATTING (Team)
Highest Team Batting Avg., Season: .297 (1993)
Most Runs, Season: 111 (1994)
*Most Hits, Season: 433 (1994)
Most RBI, Season: 110, Deena Chipp
Most Total Bases: 331, Deena Chipp
Most Home Runs: 21, Deena Chipp
Most Doubles: 43, Vicki White (1989-92)
Most Games: 233, Vicki White (1989-92)
Most At Bats: 1641 (1991)
Most Errors: 43, Deena Chipp

CAREER BATTING
Most Games: 233, Vicki White (1989-92)
Most Doubles: 43, Vicki White (1989-92)
Most Triples: 22, Deena Chipp (1991)
Most Home Runs: 8, Deena Chipp (1991)
Most Stolen Bases: 22, Deena Chipp (1991)
Most Consecutive Games With a Hit: 14, Laura Novotny (1991)
Most Times Hit by a Pitch: 4, Jaye Donlea (1995)
Most Walks: 111, Laura Novotny (1991)
Most Strikeouts: 206, Laura Novotny (1991)

SEASON BATTING (Individual)
Most Games: 64, Jennifer Peters and Heather Daters (1991)
Most Double: 18, Vicki White (1990)
Most Triples: 11, Laura Novotny (1992)
Most Home Runs: 8, Deena Chipp (1991)
Most Runs Batted In: 44, Jen Dean (1994)
Most Doubles Batted In: 7, Stacy Weber (1993)
Most Stolen Bases: 22, Jen Dean (1994)
Most Consecutive Games With a Hit: 14, Laura Novotny (1991)
Most Times Hit by a Pitch: 4, Jaye Donlea (1995)
Most Walks: 29, Vicki White (1991)
*Highest Batting Avg. (min. 2.0 at bats per game): .793, Deena Chipp (1993)
Most Total Bases: 102, Stacy Weber (1994)

CAREER BATTING
Most Games: 233, Vicki White (1989-92)
Most Doubles: 43, Vicki White (1989-92)
Most Triples: 22, Laura Novotny (1990-93)
Most Home Runs: 21, Deena Chipp (1990-93)
Most Total Bases: 331, Deena Chipp (1990-93)
*Highest Slugging Pct. (min. 300 AB): .511, Deena Chipp (1990-93)
Most RBI: 110, Deena Chipp (1990-93)
Most Hits: 209, Chris Ehler (1986-89)
Highest Batting Avg. (min. 300 AB): .347, Deena Chipp (1990-93)
Most Runs: 130, Heather Daters (1991-94)
Most At Bats: 797, Paula Evers (1985-88)
Most Sacrifices: 85, Jenny Schultz (1987-90)
Most Stolen Bases: 34, Jaye Donlea (1994-95)

SEASON FIELDING
Most Putouts: 539, Cindy Franzen (1989)
Most Assists: 202, Holly Harrison (1991)
Most Assists by an Outfielder: 16, Jenny Schultz (1988)
*Highest Fielding Pet. (min. 1.5 chances per game): .991, Cindy Franzen (1991)
Most Errors: 43, Deena Chipp (1990)

CAREER FIELDING
Most Putouts: 1,574, Cindy Franzen (1989-91)
Most Assists: 436, Paul Evers (1985-88)
Most Assists by an Outfielder: 34, Jenny Schultz (1987-90)
Highest Fielding Pet. (min. 400 chances): .963, Cindy Franzen (1989-91)

PITCHING (Team)
Lowest Staff ERA, Season: 1.02, (1983)

SEASON PITCHING (Individual)
Most Victories: 21, Sarah O'Byrne (1990)
Most Losses: 20, Sarah O'Byrne (1990)
Most Games: 47, Sarah O'Byrne (1990)
Most Starts: 38, Sarah O'Byrne (1990)
Most Complete Games: 34, Sarah O'Byrne (1990)
Lowest ERA (Min. 25% of team's innings): 0.63, Krista Fosbinder (1986)
Most Innings Pitched: 277.7, Sarah O'Byrne (1990)
Most Consecutive Scoreless Innings: 46, Sarah O'Byrne (1988)
*Most Shutouts: 9, Sarah O'Byrne (1988)
*Most Consecutive Shutouts: 6, Sarah O'Byrne (1988)
*Most Strikeouts: 125, Jennifer Berger (1983)
Most Hits Allowed: 235, Sarah O'Byrne (1990)
Most Earned Runs Allowed: 72, Sarah O'Byrne (1990)
Most Earned Runs Allowed: 31, Sarah O'Byrne (1990)
Most Strikeouts: 119, Sarah O'Byrne (1987-90)
Most Walks Allowed: 2, Holly Harrison (1991)

CAREER PITCHING
Most Victories: 60, Sarah O'Byrne (1987-90)
Most Losses: 50, Krista Fosbinder (1986-89)
Most Games: 122, Krista Fosbinder (1986-89)
Most Starts: 108, Sarah O'Byrne (1987-90)
Most Complete Games: 101, Krista Fosbinder (1986-89)
Lowest ERA (Min. 300 innings): 1.11, Krista Fosbinder (1986-89)
Most Innings: 706, Krista Fosbinder (1986-89)
Most Shutouts: 28, Krista Fosbinder (1986-89)
*Most Strikeouts: 407, Krista Fosbinder (1986-89)
*Most Consecutive Shutouts: 28, Krista Fosbinder (1986-89)
*Most Shutouts: 28, Krista Fosbinder (1986-89)
*Most Earned Runs Allowed: 161, Sarah O'Byrne (1987-90)
*Most Home Runs Allowed: 11, Krista Fosbinder (1986-89)

*Record is not all-time best or is tied for all-time best

ALL-TIME BESTS ESTABLISHED BEFORE 1983

GAMES
Highest Winning Pet.: .941, 12-2 (1977)
Most Consecutive Games Won: 38 (1977)

BATTING (Individual)
Highest Batting Avg., Season: .425, Sue Coakley (1978)

PITCHING (Individual)
Most Strikeouts: 413, Jennifer Berger (1982-84)
Most Shutouts: Season: 10, Patty Stackman (1977)

BATTING (Team)
Most Runs Scored per Game: 9.88 (1974)
Most Runs Scored in a Game: 34 vs. Iowa (1974)
Most Hits per Game: 8.0 (tie) (1977)
## 1996 Missouri Valley Conference Opponents

### Bradley University
- **Location:** Peoria, Illinois
- **Enrollment:** 6,000
- **Nickname:** Lady Braves
- **Athletic Colors:** Red and White
- **Athletic Director:** Ron Ferguson
- **Office Phone:** (309) 677-2670
- **Sports Information Director:** Joe Dalfonso
- **Office Phone:** (309) 677-2624
- **Office FAX:** (309) 677-2626
- **Softball Contact:** Bo Ryan
- **Home:** (309) 387-6975
- **Head Coach (Years at School):** Stefanie Jones (1st yr.)
- **Assistant Coach(es):** Angie LeMonnier
- **1995 Overall Record:** 35-20-1
- **1995 MVC Record:** 10-10
- **1995 MVC Finish:** Tied 5th
- **Letterwinners Returning/Lost:** 13 /6
- **Starters Returning/Lost:** 5 /3
- **Pitchers Returning/Lost:** 2 /1

### University of Evansville
- **Location:** Evansville, Indiana
- **Enrollment:** 2,400
- **Nickname:** Aces
- **Athletic Colors:** Purple and White
- **Athletic Director:** James Byers
- **Office Phone:** (812) 479-2238
- **Sports Information Director:** Bob Boxell
- **Office Phone:** (812) 479-2350
- **Office FAX:** (812) 479-2199
- **Softball Contact:** Bob Boxell
- **Home:** (812) 925-7592
- **Head Coach (Years at School):** Gwen Lewis (5 yrs.)
- **Assistant Coach(es):** Mary Jo Firnbach and Bill Kennedy
- **1995 Overall Record:** 32-19
- **1995 MVC Record:** 13-7
- **1995 MVC Finish:** Tied 5th
- **Letterwinners Returning/Lost:** 10 /7
- **Starters Returning/Lost:** 6 /2
- **Pitchers Returning/Lost:** 2 /3

### Drake University
- **Location:** Des Moines, Iowa
- **Enrollment:** 3,500
- **Nickname:** Bulldogs
- **Athletic Colors:** Blue and White
- **Athletic Director:** Lynn King
- **Office Phone:** (515) 271-2889
- **Sports Information Director:** Mike Mahon
- **Office Phone:** (515) 271-3012
- **Office FAX:** (515) 271-3015
- **Softball Contact:** Dan Vanden Bosch
- **Home:** (515) 255-5001
- **Head Coach (Years at School):** Megan Bryant (8 yrs.)
- **Assistant Coach(es):** Brenda Vigness and Kerri Przybylski
- **1995 Overall Record:** 27-25
- **1995 MVC Record:** 13-7
- **1995 MVC Finish:** 3rd
- **Letterwinners Returning/Lost:** 9 /4
- **Starters Returning/Lost:** 7 /3
- **Pitchers Returning/Lost:** 1 /2

### Creighton University
- **Location:** Omaha, Nebraska
- **Enrollment:** 6,241
- **Nickname:** Lady Jays
- **Athletic Colors:** Blue and White
- **Athletic Director:** Bruce Rasmussen
- **Office Phone:** (402) 280-2720
- **Sports Information Director:** Kevin Sarver
- **Office Phone:** (402) 280-2488
- **Office FAX:** (402) 280-2495
- **Softball Contact:** Bobby Parker
- **Home:** (402) 339-0628
- **Head Coach (Years at School):** Brent Vigness (2 yrs.)
- **Assistant Coach(es):** Marie Curran
- **1995 Overall Record:** 32-19
- **1995 MVC Record:** 9-9
- **1995 MVC Finish:** Tied 5th
- **Letterwinners Returning/Lost:** 10 /7
- **Starters Returning/Lost:** 6 /2
- **Pitchers Returning/Lost:** 2 /3

### Illinois State University
- **Location:** Normal, Illinois
- **Enrollment:** 21,000
- **Nickname:** Redbirds
- **Athletic Colors:** Red and White
- **Athletic Director:** Rick Greenspan
- **Office Phone:** (309) 438-3636
- **Sports Information Director:** Tom Lamonica
- **Office Phone:** (309) 438-3249
- **Office FAX:** (309) 438-5634
- **Softball Contact:** Scott Wherley
- **Home:** (309) 452-3230
- **Head Coach (Years at School):** Melinda Fischer (10 yrs.)
- **Assistant Coach(es):** Mary Jo Firnbach and Bill Kennedy
- **1995 Overall Record:** 46-14
- **1995 MVC Record:** 19-1
- **1995 MVC Finish:** 1st
- **Letterwinners Returning/Lost:** 14-3
- **Starters Returning/Lost:** 6-3
- **Pitchers Returning/Lost:** 3-1
1996 Missouri Valley Conference Opponents

Indiana State University

Location: Terre Haute, Indiana
Enrollment: 11,641
Nickname: Sycamores
Athletic Colors: Royal Blue and White
Athletic Director: Larry Gallo, Jr.
Office Phone: (812) 237-4040
Sports Information Director: Eric Knippen
Office Phone: (812) 237-4160
Office FAX: (812) 237-4157
Softball Contact: Rob Ervin

Home Phone: (812) 235-3173
Head Coach (Years at School): Linda Derk (1st yr.)
Office Phone: (812) 237-4166
Assistant Coach(es): Hope Favreau and Keith Moran
1995 Overall Record: 24-35
1995 MVC Record: 4-12
1995 MVC Finish: 10th
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 7/8
Starters Returning/Lost: 5/4
Pitchers Returning/Lost: 3/1

Tulsa University

Location: Tulsa, Oklahoma
Enrollment: 4,800
Nickname: Golden Hurricanes
Athletic Colors: Gold, Royal Blue, & Crimson
Athletic Director: Judy MacLeod
Office Phone: (918) 631-2391
Sports Information Director: Don Tomkalski
Office Phone: (918) 631-2395
Office FAX: (918) 631-3913
Softball Contact: Missy Sullivan

Home Phone: (918) 437-7052
Head Coach (Years at School): Pattie Holthaus (3 yrs.)
Office Phone: (918) 631-2123
Assistant Coach(es): James Pinkerton
1995 Overall Record: 11-34
1995 MVC Record: 3-13
1995 MVC Finish: 11th
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 10/7
Starters Returning/Lost: 5/4
Pitchers Returning/Lost: 4/0

Southwest Missouri State University

Location: Springfield, Missouri
Enrollment: 17,441
Nickname: Lady Bears
Athletic Colors: Maroon and White
Athletic Director: Bill Rowe
Office Phone: (417) 836-5244
Sports Information Director: Mark Stillwell
Office Phone: (417) 836-5402
Office FAX: (417) 836-4868
Softball Contact: Jon Ripperger

Home Phone: (417) 889-7477
Head Coach (Years at School): Holly Hesse (7 yrs.)
Office Phone: (417) 836-8384
Assistant Coach(es): Sue Frederick, Beth Perine
1995 Overall Record: 22-25
1995 MVC Record: 7-10
1995 MVC Finish: 7th
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 11/3
Starters Returning/Lost: 7/2

Southern Illinois University

Location: Carbondale, Illinois
Enrollment: 22,418
Nickname: Salukis
Athletic Colors: Maroon and White
Athletic Director: Jim Hart
Office Phone: (618) 453-7250
Sports Information Director: Mitchell Parkinson
Office Phone: (618) 453-5470
Office FAX: (618) 536-2152
Softball Contact: Bryan McGowan

Home Phone: (618) 985-3921
Head Coach (Years at School): Dr. Kay Brechtelsbauer (28 yrs.)
Office Phone: (618) 453-5466
Assistant Coach(es): Kerri Blaylock, Mark Cosgrove
1995 Overall Record: 24-24
1995 MVC Record: 8-12
1995 MVC Finish: 8th
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 8/6
Starters Returning/Lost: 5/3
Pitchers Returning/Lost: 3/0

Wichita State University

Location: Wichita, Kansas
Enrollment: 14,558
Nickname: Shockers
Athletic Colors: Black and Yellow
Athletic Director: Bill Belknap
Office Phone: (316) 689-3250
Sports Information Director: Larry Rankin
Office Phone: (316) 689-3250
Office FAX: (316) 689-3336
Softball Contact: Ron Burnett

Home Phone: (316) 945-0350
Head Coach (Years at School): Jim Maynard (7 yrs.)
Office Phone: (316) 689-3257
Assistant Coach(es): Steve Harsberger, Christy Smith
1995 Overall Record: 33-21
1995 MVC Record: 14-5
1995 MVC Finish: 2nd
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 10/7
Starters Returning/Lost: 7/3
Pitchers Returning/Lost: 3/2
1996 Non-Conference Opponents

Central Connecticut University

Location: New Britain, Connecticut
Enrollment: 12,700
Nickname: Blue Devils
Athletic Colors: Blue and White
Conference Affiliation: Mid-Continental
Athletic Director: Charles Jones
Office Phone: (203) 832-3038
Sports Information Director: Brent Rutkowski

Office Phone: (203) 832-3089
Office FAX: (203) 832-3084
Softball Contact: Kathy Pulek
Home Phone: (203) 667-2193
Head Coach (Years at School): Ron Pringle (19 yrs.)
Office Phone: (203) 832-3050
Assistant Coach(es): Chris Wanner
1995 Overall Record: 14-43
Post Season Results: None

McKendree University

Location: Lebanon, Illinois
Enrollment: 1,600
Nickname: Bearcats
Athletic Colors: Purple and White
Conference Affiliation: American Midwest Conference
Athletic Director: Harry Statham
Office Phone: (618) 537-6879
Sports Information Director: Stacey Montooth

Office Phone: (618) 537-6879
Office FAX: (618) 537-6876
Softball Contact: Stacey Montooth
Home Phone: (618) 236-7433
Head Coach (Years at School): Melissa Jones (5 yrs.)
Office Phone: (618) 537-6872
Assistant Coach(es): Toby Harms
1995 Overall Record: 41-16
Post Season Results: Finished fourth in the nation

Iowa State University

Location: Ames, Iowa
Enrollment: 24,431
Nickname: Cyclones
Athletic Colors: Cardinal and Gold
Conference Affiliation: Big 12
Athletic Director: Gene Smith
Office Phone: (515) 294-0123
Sports Information Director: Tom Kroeschell

Office Phone: (515) 294-3372
Office FAX: (515) 294-0588
Softball Contact: Penny Peterson
Home Phone: (515) 294-2212
Head Coach (Years at School): Deb Kuhn (13 yrs.)
Office Phone: (515) 294-3426
Assistant Coach(es): Cathi Wylie, Marla Looper
1995 Overall Record: 22-21-1
Post Season Results: None

Mankato State University

Location: Mankato, Minnesota
Enrollment: 13,150
Nickname: Mavericks
Athletic Colors: Purple and Gold
Conference Affiliation: North Central
Athletic Director: Georgene Brock
Office Phone: (507) 389-2018
Sports Information Director: Paul Allan

Office Phone: (507) 389-2625
Office FAX: (507) 389-1923
Softball Contact: Paul Allan
Home Phone: (507) 387-2373
Head Coach (Years at School): Lori Meyer (11 yrs.)
Office Phone: (507) 389-1520
Assistant Coach(es): Jeni Leis
1995 Overall Record: 36-20
Post Season Results: 3rd at NCAA Division II Midwest Regional

Florida A&M University

Location: Tallahassee, Florida
Enrollment: 10,097
Nickname: Rattlerettes
Athletic Colors: Orange and Green
Conference Affiliation: Mid-Eastern Athletic
Athletic Director: Kenneth Riley
Office Phone: (904) 599-3868
Sports Information Director: Michelle Jinks

Office Phone: (904) 561-2701
Office FAX: (904) 599-03206
Softball Contact: Michelle Jinks
Home Phone: (904) 224-3840
Head Coach (Years at School): Veronica Wiggins (4 yrs.)
Office Phone: (904) 599-3239
Assistant Coach(es): Tonya Knight, Pam McQuinton
1995 Overall Record: 20-32
Post Season Results: None

University of Minnesota

Location: Minneapolis, Minnesota
Enrollment: 38,000
Nickname: Golden Gophers
Athletic Colors: Maroon and Gold
Conference Affiliation: Big Ten
Athletic Director: Chris Voelz
Office Phone: (612) 624-4044
Sports Information Director: Dianne Boyer

Office Phone: (612) 624-3335
Office FAX: (612) 624-8018
Softball Contact: Amy Eberhard
Home Phone: (612) 566-1153
Head Coach (Years at School): Lisa Bernstein (5 yrs.)
Office Phone: (612) 624-9024
Assistant Coach(es): Julie Standerding
1995 Overall Record: 27-29
Post Season Results: None
1996 Non-Conference Opponents

University of Missouri-St. Louis

Location: St. Louis, Missouri
Enrollment: 12,000
Nickname: Riverwomen
Athletic Colors: Red and Gold
Conference Affiliation: MIAA
Athletic Director: Rich Meckfessel
Office Phone: (314) 516-5661
Sports Information Director: Jeff Kuchno

Office Phone: (314) 516-5660
Office FAX: (314) 516-5503
Softball Contact: Jeff Kuchno
Home Phone: (314) 631-6334
Head Coach (Years at School): Robert Westling (1st yr.)
Office Phone: (314) 516-5661
Assistant Coach(es): none
1995 Overall Record: 44-29
Post Season Results: None

University of Nebraska

Location: Lincoln, Nebraska
Enrollment: 24,000
Nickname: Cornhuskers
Athletic Colors: Scarlet and Cream
Conference Affiliation: Big 12
Athletic Director: Bill Byrne
Office Phone: (402) 472-3011
Sports Information Director: Chris Anderson

Office Phone: (402) 472-2263
Office FAX: (402) 472-2005
Softball Contact: Kevin Best
Home Phone: (402) 420-2055
Head Coach (Years at School): Rhonda Revelle (3 yrs.)
Office Phone: (402) 472-6465
Assistant Coach(es): Lori Sippel, Misti Guether
1995 Overall Record: 42-20
Post Season Results: Lost in Regionals, 1-2.

Wartburg College

Location: Waverly, Iowa
Enrollment: 1,432
Nickname: Knights
Athletic Colors: Orange and Black
Conference Affiliation: Iowa Conference
Athletic Director: Bob Nielson
Office Phone: (319) 352-8467
Sports Information Director: Duane Schroeder

Office Phone: (319) 352-8277
Office FAX: (319) 352-8301
Softball Contact: Duane Schroeder
Home Phone: (319) 352-8307
Head Coach (Years at School): Robin Hoppenworth (5 yrs.)
Office Phone: (319) 352-8504
Assistant Coach(es): to be announced
1995 Overall Record: 20-15
Post Season Results: None
First Class Facilities

The Northern Iowa softball team found its home on the UNI campus in the 1978 season with the construction of its own diamond after previously playing all home games at a softball complex in nearby Waterloo. Ground-level dugouts have been added since that time to afford protection for the athletes from the possibility of inclement weather. These were rebuilt in 1995 to provide a better playing atmosphere.

However, if the weather dictates that games can no longer be played outdoors, the Panthers have the advantage of being able to play indoors in the UNI-Dome, a unique, multi-purpose athletic facility built in 1976, that has gained a reputation as one of the finest collegiate facilities in America.

The turf was replaced two years ago with a new Astroturf manufactured by Balsam Corporation, the same material that lasted 16 years prior to the installation of the new. It's a premier surface utilized by every Dome facility in North America with the exception of one, and offers the best durability and playability of any material on the market.

Approximately 16,400 spectators can be seated for football games and track meets, and although normal capacity is 10,000 for basketball, seating can be expanded to over 20,000.

UNI softball has hosted nine tournaments in the Dome, placing two fields opposite each other on the turf. The tournament field has included nationally ranked teams, including Nebraska, as well as Missouri Valley Conference member Drake and strong teams such as Augustana of South Dakota, Mankato State, and last year's champion team, Wisconsin-Parkside.
This is Northern Iowa

The University of Northern Iowa 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, the University has developed a number of outstanding programs in its various Colleges. UNI also participates in the bachelor of liberal studies program offered by the Regents Universities, and its Division of Continuing Education and Special Programs sponsors classes off-campus in centers throughout the state. Enrollment on its 860-acre campus stands at over 12,800 students from every county in Iowa, 40 states and 48 foreign countries.

UNI’s heritage and philosophy place great value on providing a student-centered educational experience. The University nurtures a premiere learning environment -- it is small enough to offer its students individualized attention, yet large enough to provide a variety of resources and opportunities as well as distinguished faculty. The University prides itself on being a great teaching university, and most courses are taught by full-time faculty members (663) who are committed to helping students grow intellectually and personally.

UNI was founded in 1876 as the Iowa State Normal School. In 1909, it became Iowa State Teachers College. In 1961, the name was changed to State College of Iowa, and in 1967, the Iowa Legislature acted to change the status of the institution to that of a university under its present title.

While maintaining its primary emphasis on teacher education, the University has continued its metamorphosis toward a multi-purpose institution, with nationally acclaimed programs in many disciplines.

UNI’s accounting program continues to be ranked among the best in the nation. UNI student groups ranging from chemistry to conservation to public relations have been recognized by their respective national groups for the excellence of their programs.

UNI’s outreach also extends to the Iowa business community through programs of the External Services Division of the College of Business Administration, including the Institute for Decision Making, Small Business Development Center, Small Business Institute, Management & Professional Development Center, Market Development Program and Industrial Site Location Program. The Iowa Waste Reduction Center provides free, non-regulatory consulting services on waste management to the state’s small and medium-sized companies. The Iowa Plastics Technology Center and the Center for Applied Research in Metal Casting are among UNI’s newest service programs designed to diversify, expand and strengthen Iowa’s economy.

UNI offers a wide variety of cultural programs, lectures and conferences. The Continuing Education division, often in conjunction with the University’s Office of Conference and Visitor Services, also cooperates with business and industry in programs of study and development on the campus.
President Dr. Robert Koob

Robert Koob, a Northern Iowa alumnus, returned to his alma mater in August as its eighth president. A 1962 graduate of what was then State College of Iowa, Koob was named president July 1 by the Iowa State Board of Regents.

Koob had been a senior vice president and vice president for academic affairs at California Polytechnic State University at San Luis Obispo, CA, since 1990.

Prior to his position at Cal Poly, the 53-year old Koob was vice president of academic affairs at North Dakota State from 1985-90 and served a one-year term as interim president from 1987-88.

At Cal Poly, Koob was director and chair of the Cal Poly Foundation and served on a number of CSU system committees, including the CSU Commission on Telecommunications Infrastructures.

He began his teaching career at North Dakota State in 1967 as an assistant professor of chemistry, advancing to professor of chemistry in 1972. He served that institution in several capacities before assuming the vice presidency. He was chair of the chemistry department for six years, and acting chair of the physics department one year, as well as dean of the College of Science and Mathematics from 1981-84.

Koob graduated from State College of Iowa with a bachelor's degree in chemistry and earned his doctorate in chemistry from Kansas in 1967. He and his wife, Yvonne, have seven grown children.

"It's an honor for me, as a UNI graduate, to return as president," he said. "I can't imagine anyone being more honored in the State of Iowa."

Athletic Director Christopher Ritiervi

Chris Ritiervi is in his fourth year as Northern Iowa Director of Athletics. Since the day he joined the department, he has worked to develop a competitive Division I athletic program.

A former Division I athlete himself, Ritiervi earned three varsity letters at Princeton, where he received a bachelor's degree in Economics in 1979. He earned his master's in Business Administration from Lehigh in 1983.

His career in intercollegiate athletics began as a graduate assistant at Lehigh. He has served in administrative and coaching positions at the Eastern College Athletic Conference, Bowling Green State, Princeton, Pennsylvania and Stanford prior to coming to UNI.

During his tenure at UNI, he has reorganized the management of the department to make it more effective and has set priorities to increase the competitiveness of Panther teams. Emphasizing increased operating budgets for all sports and increased scholarships for women's sports, the department has enjoyed its best performances since joining Division I in 1980.

Since 1992, the Panthers have celebrated their first Missouri Valley Conference championships in men's cross country, indoor and outdoor track and field and volleyball. Football has won three Gateway Conference titles and has enjoyed the highest attendance, including five-of-six UNI-Dome football sellouts.

The department successfully has hosted NCAA football playoff games and volleyball matches. In 1996, the NCAA West Regional Wrestling Championship will be held on the UNI campus. In 1997, the UNI-Dome will host the NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships.

Increased emphasis on athletics performance has not diminished the positive public image the program enjoys. The department operates on a balanced budget and student-athletes graduate at rates equal to or better than the student body as a whole.

Ritiervi served as vice president of the MVC athletic directors in 1994-95 and chairs the league's long-range planning and Gateway finance committees. He also serves on the Division I-AA Athletic Directors Association's Executive Committee.

A native of Levittown, PA, he is married to the former Stephanie Homeyer of Wellsburg, IA.

### 1996 Schedule

**Home Games in Bold**  
*Missouri Valley Conference Games*

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