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Sharon Huddleston
Head Coach

Sharon Huddleston returns as head coach of the women's track and field team at UNI after a two-year leave of absence in order to work on her doctorate in sports psychology. She came to UNI in 1973, following three years of coaching in her native Texas. Huddleston, who also doubles as the women's cross country coach, will be in her seventh year as women's track coach.

Huddleston received B.S. and M.A.E. degrees from Stephen F. Austin State University in Texas. Her athletic experience in track and field and cross country includes four years at the collegiate level and five years of AAU competition at the national and international levels.

Fingertip Facts

Location: Cedar Falls, IA 50614
Enrollment: 11,020
Nickname: Panthers
Colors: Purple and Old Gold
Founded: 1876
Home Facility: UNI-Dome
Track Office Phone: (319) 273-2730
President: Dr. John J. Kamerick
Athletic Director: Stan Sheriff
Associate Athletic Director: Sandra Williamson
Associate Athletic Director: John “Jersey” Jermier
Sports Information Director: Nancy Justis
Sports Information Office: (319) 273-6354
1981 Panther Preview

The Panthers return a wealth of talent from the 1980 team which captured the AIAW Division II State Championship. Back are 12 women who hold school records in 17 of the 28 individual events and who comprise over half of the members of the relay teams in the record book. It is obvious to see why Coach Sharon Huddleston is optimistic this spring.

Huddleston feels the team’s strongest field events will be the long jump and discus. Record holder Susan Anderson and Maren Seehusen return in the discus, along with freshman Micky Illingsworth, another freshman, and Chris Ropa. Huddleston expects to battle for long jump honors. Seehusen and Sue Marhoul will be the top Panthers in the shot put.

In the other field events, record holders LeAnn Erickson and Kathy Kenney return in the javelin and high jump, respectively. Illingsworth and freshman Janna Assink will participate in the short hurdle events while Kim Kaiser looks to be the 400 meter hurdlist.

Karla Federspiel, record holder in the 60 meters, is back along with Kathy Kenney in the sprints. Huddleston expects Assink and another freshman, Sheila Soehner, to be strong in the sprints and relays.

Michelle Bohlen is the top 400 meter runner back and she should be pushed by Cindy McGohan, a strong freshman.

The middle distances may be the Panthers’ strongest running events. Slated for duty in the 800 meters are Deb Schmeling, record holder in the 880 yard run, and freshman Stacy Miller. Shirley Walker and Kaiser will be the 1500 meter specialists. Walker already owns the school record in the event. Backing up these runners are J’ne Day, Donna Groesbeck and Rose Utte. They are expected to participate in both events and relay teams.

Walker will run in the 3000 meters, another event in which she holds the school record. Terri Leisinger, Stacy Roberts and Michelle Stasi also will be in the 3000 as well as the 5000 and 10,000 meter runs. Leisinger is the school record holder in both the 5000 and 10,000 meter events.

Carol Powers, who Huddleston terms “a freshman with outstanding potential,” will participate in the pentathlon indoors and the heptathlon outdoors. The pentathlon consists of five events: the shot put, long jump, high jump, 60 meter hurdles and 800 meter run. The heptathlon is made up of seven events with the 100 meter hurdles replacing the 60 meter hurdles and the javelin and 200 meters being added to the pentathlon.

“We have two goals as a team this year,” said Huddleston. “First, we would like to qualify more individuals for the regionals than we have in the past. Also, we have several individuals we want to have qualify for the national meet. Stacy Roberts in the 5000 and 10,000 meters, Shirley Walker in the 3000 meters, Deb Schmeling in the 800 meters, Kathy Kenney in the high jump and LeAnn Erickson in the javelin all have an excellent chance to make it to the nationals.

“I think it is important for us to compete against Division I teams,” added Huddleston. “It will definitely help us when we compete against stronger Division II schools in the bigger meets.”
**1981 Roster**  
Not pictured: Lisa Hermann, Joan Sexton, Stacy Roberts, Twyla Ruchti

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1981 Schedule

Indoor
Feb. 14  UNI (Triangular), 3 p.m.
Feb. 21  at Wisconsin-LaCrosse Invitational, 10 a.m.
Feb. 28  at Iowa Invitational, 12 noon
March 7  UNI Invitational, 9 a.m.
March 13-14 at AIAW Indoor Nationals at Idaho State
All home meets in the UNI-Dome.

Outdoor
April 4  at Central College Invitational, 10 a.m.
April 11 at Drake Invitational, 9 a.m.
April 18 at Northern Illinois Roadrunner Invitational, 10 a.m.
April 24-25 at Drake Relays or at Wisconsin-River Falls Invitational
May 2  at Illinois State Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
May 14-16 at Region VI Championships at Drake or at AIAW Division II National Championships at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

1980 Results

Indoor
UNI Triangular  3rd of 3 teams
Iowa Invitational  3rd of 6
UNI Invitational  2nd of 7
St. Olaf Open  2nd of 11

Outdoor
Western Illinois Invitational  2nd of 3
Drake Invitational  9th of 13
Northern Illinois Invitational  1st of 10
Wisconsin-River Falls Invitational  4th of 12
IAIAW State Meet  1st of 4
AIAW Region VI Meet  9th of 25
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