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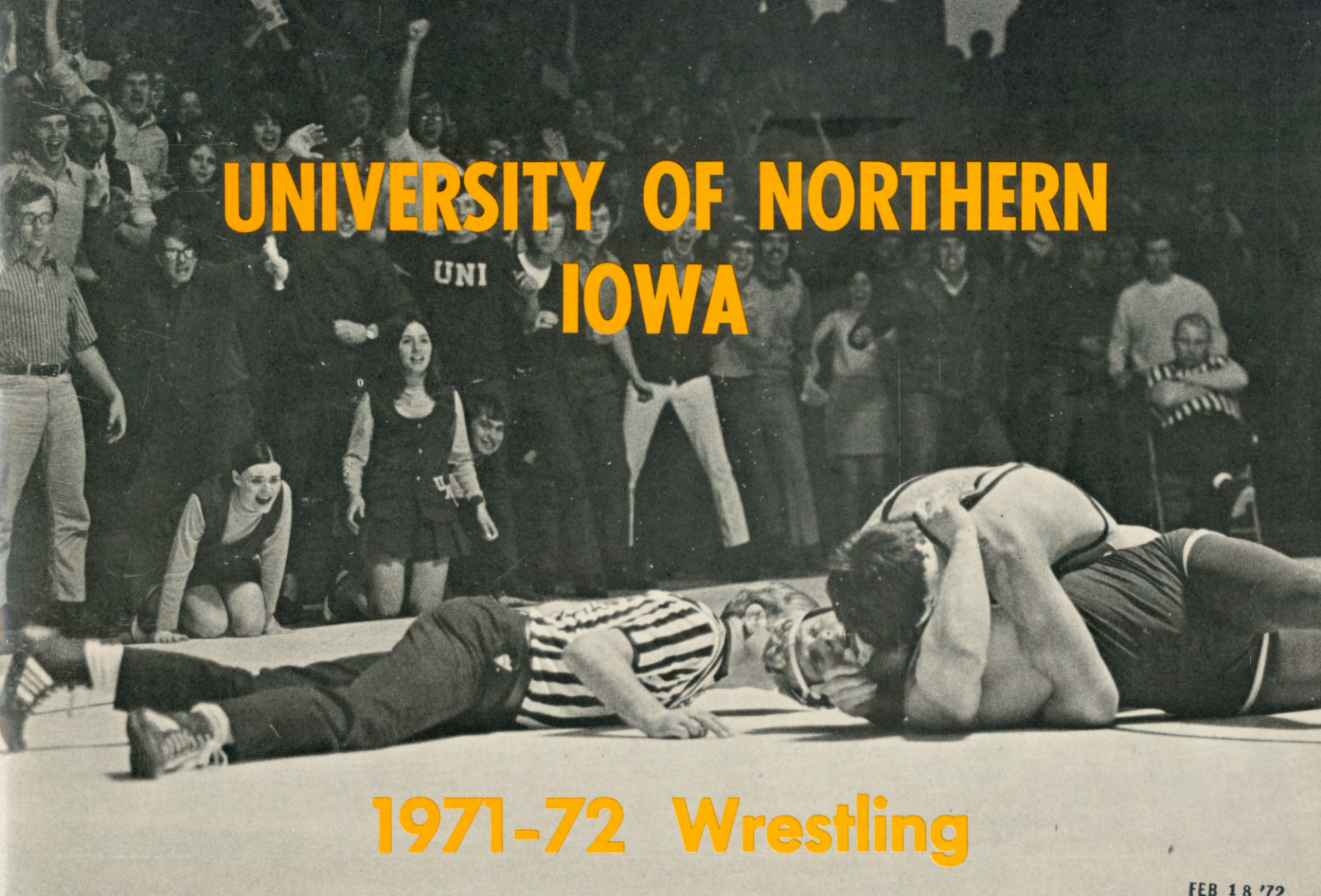
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UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA

1971-72 Wrestling

UNI Wrestling Schedule

November 27	Minnesota Quadrangular	Minneapolis, Minn.
December 4	Northern Iowa Invitational	Cedar Falls
December 11	Iowa Invitational	Iowa City
December 17-18	Great Plains Tournament	Lincoln, Neb.
December 29-30	Midlands Tournament	LaGrange, Ill.
January 8	Iowa — Michigan State	Iowa City
January 10	Moorhead State	Cedar Falls
January 13	Franklin and Marshall	Cedar Falls
January 20	Luther	Decorah
January 22	Northern Illinois	Cedar Falls
January 26	Minnesota U.	Minneapolis, Minn.
January 29	Northwestern Quadrangular (Iowa, Indiana, Northwestern)	Evanston, Ill.
February 5	South Dakota State	Brookings, S. D.
February 8	Mankato State	Cedar Falls
February 11	Cal Poly	Cedar Falls
February 12	North Dakota U.	Cedar Falls
February 14	North Dakota State	Cedar Falls
February 19	South Dakota U.	Vermillion, S. D.
February 25	North Central Conference	Mankato, Minn.
March 2-4	NCAA (College Division)	Oswego, N. Y.
March 9-11	NCAA (University Division)	College Park, Md.

1970-71 Results (12-3)

Navy 26, Northern Iowa 6
 Northern Iowa 28, Northern Illinois 8
 Northern Iowa 21, Illinois State 15
 Wisconsin 23, Northern Iowa 19
 Northern Iowa 31, Luther 9
 Northern Iowa 21, North Dakota State 11
 Northern Iowa 37, Morehead State 2
 Northern Iowa 37, North Dakota U. 3
 Northern Iowa 28, South Dakota State 5
 Northern Iowa 22, Mankato State 13
 Michigan State 21, Northern Iowa 11
 Northern Iowa 24, Eastern Michigan 12
 Northern Iowa 17, Minnesota 15
 Northern Iowa 34, South Dakota U. 6
 North Central Conference: 1st
 NCAA (College Division): 7th

Quick Facts

Location: Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613
 Current Enrollment: 10,000
 President: Dr. John J. Kamerick
 Athletic Director: Stan Sheriff
 Sports Information: Dave Westphal
 Nickname: Panthers
 Colors: Purple and Old Gold
 Arena: Men's Gym (3,000)
 Coaches Phone: AC 319, 273-2141
 SID Phone: AC 319, 273-2761

Patten says . . .

"Our lineup will be unsettled during much of the season, and I don't think that's necessarily bad. This year, at least, it will just be an indication of the kind of competition we'll be having at a number of weights . . ."

"We'll be looking to a couple of seniors — Mike McCreedy and Mike Meador — for leadership this year. Both can lead not only through their wrestling abilities, but also by their knowledge of the kind of mental attitude and discipline it takes to be a successful collegiate wrestler . . ."

"We had six or seven boys who came back from the national tournament last year feeling they could have been an NCAA place winner with a little more effort. If they can convey that feeling — that a national title isn't out of the realm of possibility — I think we could have a shot at it . . ."

"I've had some practical experience with trying to get ready too soon. It just doesn't work. We'll bring the team along slowly during the early-season tournaments and hope to peak at the conference and national tournaments . . ."



Season No. 8 for UNI's Patten

It's taken Chuck Patten only seven seasons at the University of Northern Iowa to become the school's second most winning coach. With the Panthers' first dual meet win of the 1971-72 season, Patten will reach the 75 win mark, which ranks him behind only Dave McCuskey, who won 102 in 20 seasons.

And it hasn't been all roses for the one-time UNI wrestler. Over one-third of his total dual meet losses came in his first season (1964-65), when his team managed only two wins and a tie, as opposed to eight losses.

It took Patten only one year to get that situation straightened around, and ever since he's been guiding UNI wrestling on a course which is reminding Panther mat fans more and more of the late '40's and early 50's, when the school's national prominence was at its highest.

1970-71 did provide Patten with one of his most thrilling moments as a coach, although the Panthers' seventh-place national finish was a disappointment. Before a jammed-packed Men's Gym UNI ran away with its fourth conference title in seven years.

The Patten Record

Year	W	L	T	CF
1964-65	2	8	1	2
1965-66	6	5	0	2
1966-67	10	7	1	1
1967-68	17	4	0	1
1968-69	14	4	2	1
1969-70	13	1	2	2
1970-71	12	3	0	1
Totals	74	32	6	—

Competition for UNI's Ten Lettermen

With nine of ten performers off last year's tournament team returning, Chuck Patten's University of Northern Iowa wrestling lineup would seemingly be all but set for the 1971-72 season.

Such is not the case.

With some veterans moving up a

weight, and with the addition of some talented newcomers, Patten may be juggling his starting lineup right up until March and the tournament season.

The emphasis, of course, will be on the returning lettermen. That list includes seniors like Mike McCready, Mike Meador

and Bob Boeck; juniors Dave Nicol, Dave Pike, Frank Cordaro and Jon Moeller; and sophomores Randy Omvig, Mike Ott and Mark Fox.

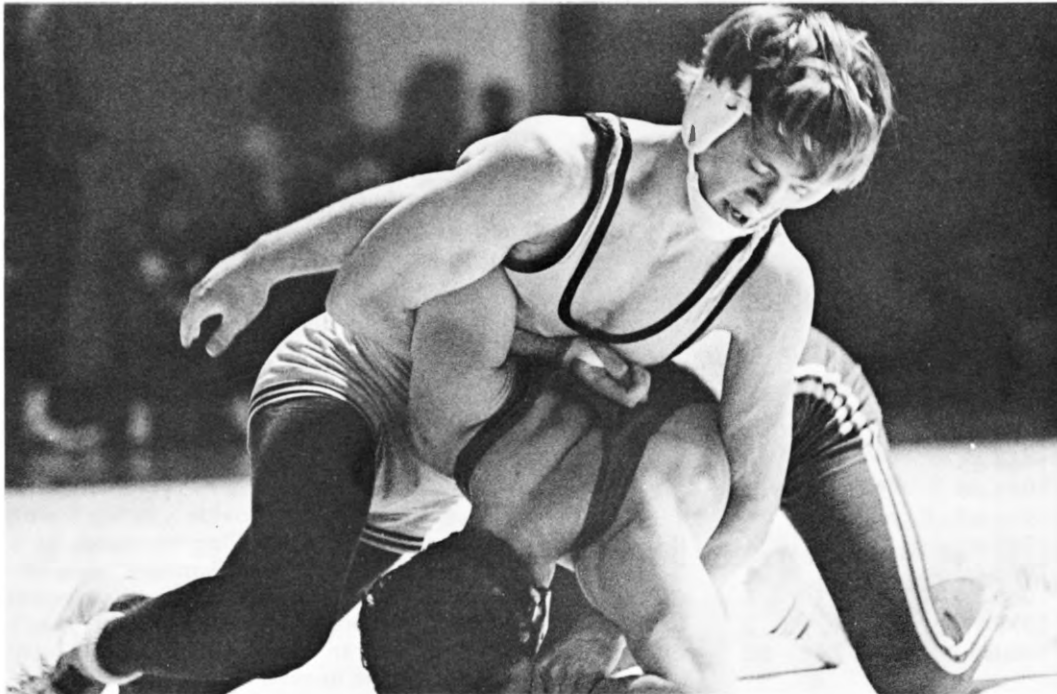
McCready, Meador, Nicol, Pike and Omvig all won North Central Conference championships in Cedar Falls last year in a meet which Patten called, "... one of the most exciting sports events here in a long time."

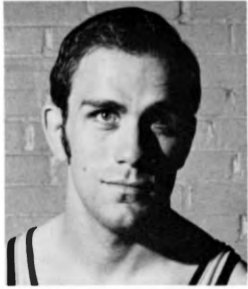
The only non-returning letterman is graduated 158-pounder Clint Young, who won a national championship at Fargo last March. He and Omvig (fifth at 190) were UNI's only NCAA place-winners.

The biggest new name isn't really all that new to the college wrestling scene. Junior college transfer Joe Hatchett from North Iowa Area Community College brings an unbeaten collegiate record (39-0) to Cedar Falls. Hatchett is a two-time JC national champ at 190, and last year was named the most valuable wrestler in the JUCO tourney.

Also by way of NIACC is 118-pounder Vern Allison, who takes over the spot vacated by Nicol, who is moving up to 126.

Patten's top three freshmen catches all hail from Waterloo — Ken Snyder, a state champion from Columbus; Jim Miller, a third place finisher from East; and Jon Bagenstos, a fourth place finisher from West.





Vern Allison



Jon Bagenstos



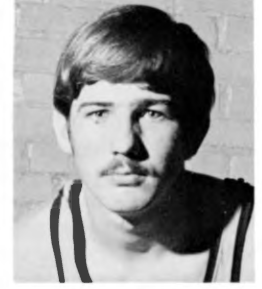
Dave Nicol



Ken Snyder



Jim Miller



Jon Moeller

1971-1972 Panther Look

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Dave Nicol's move to 126 this year has opened this weight up. **Vern Allison**, a junior college transfer from North Iowa Area Community College, appears to enjoy the early lead over a pair of freshmen. Allison was a third place finisher in last year's national junior college tournament, and that experience gives him the edge over first year men **Jon Bagenstos** of Waterloo West and **Larry Dawson** of Southeast Polk. Both Bagenstos, who was a fourth place finisher in last year's state meet, and Dawson have been impressive in pre-season, and are expected to challenge Allison by the end of the season. One of the Panthers' strongest weight divisions in terms of competition and depth.

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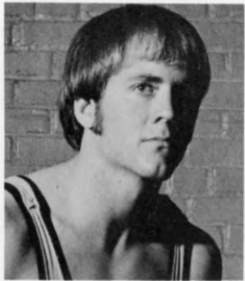
It's **Dave Nicol** by a mile here, although the former two-time state champ at Cedar Falls is getting off to a slow start. He was involved in a motorcycle accident in September which required oral surgery, and he's just beginning to get into shape now. Won conference title last year, and 17-3 overall record included a fall over the eventual university division national champion, Greg Johnson of Michigan State. His two-year record now stands at 27-11-2. Will be trying to vindicate disappointing quarter-final loss at national tournament last March. One of most aggressive on team in looking for the fall — had 8 in 1970-71. Freshmen **Craig Christensen** and **Mark Sharp** will have to wait their turn.

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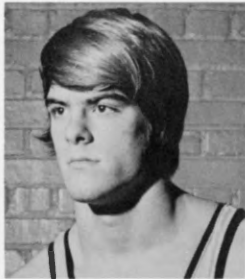
Here's where things become a bit clouded. Patten actually has about six or seven wrestlers he groups in the 134-142-150 pound categories, and has said it may be the middle of the season before the situation is clarified. For now, though, he lists Waterloo freshmen **Ken Snyder** and **Jim Miller** at the 134-pound slot. Snyder, of Columbus High School, became that school's first state champion last spring when he won the 138-pound title. He's gotten off to a slow start, however, after having a bout with mononucleosis early this fall. Miller, who finished third at 119 at the state meet, is another great freshman prospect. His attributes are mental discipline and consistency.

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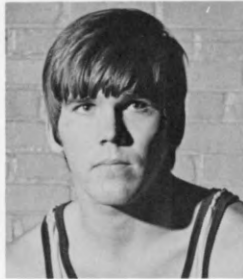
Patten lists a pair of two-time letter-winners at this weight, both of whom had a lot to do with UNI's 12-3 dual record and conference championship last year. Juniors **Dave Pike** of Grundy Center, up a weight from last year, and **Jon Moeller** of Beaman, up two weights, developed into outstanding wrestlers last year. Moeller zipped to a 17-4 season record at 126, and Pike was 9-7 at 134 with a conference title to his credit. According to Patten, Pike's greatest forte is simply his tremendous love for the sport. Moeller, said Patten, gained a great deal of confidence during the season last year, and is "a lot better than most everyone realizes." Another solid, competitive weight.



Dave Pike



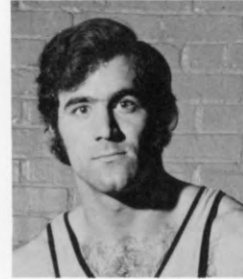
Mark Fox



Steve Claude



Mike Meador



Frank Cordaro



Bob Boeck

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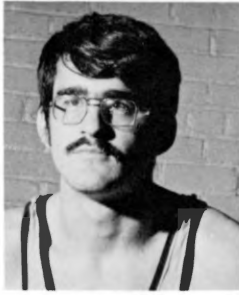
Two former state champs will probably man the 150 spot, at least up until tournament time. The No. 1 man appears to be sophomore **Mark Fox** of Waterloo, who had a shaky freshman start, but came on at the end of the season to post a 7-5 dual meet record, and a third place conference finish. He's getting considerable competition from former Algona state champ **Steve Claude**, who sat out last season after transferring from Luther. Claude, according to Patten, has improved "as much as anyone on the team," and could find himself a permanent spot on the Panther starting unit somewhere. Both Fox and Claude are rugged, disciplined wrestlers, which makes 150 another strong UNI weight.

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Once again the weight division will be subject to change, depending on whether several wrestlers go up or down. If he moves up from last year's 150 division, senior **Mike Meador** is expected to take a firm hold at 158. Came on strong at the end of the season, finishing with an 11-6-2 dual record and a conference title at 150. In doing so he defeated All-American Mike Medchill, who had pinned him in an earlier dual. Two other lettermen could be at this weight. They are senior **Bob Boeck**, last year's 177-pounder, and junior **Frank Cordaro**, the only letterman who wasn't a member of UNI's tournament team. Both belong at 158, but could move up as many as two weights to fill in where needed.



Mike Ott



Randy Omvig



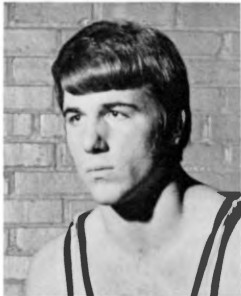
Mike McCready

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It takes one outstanding wrestler to beat out a defending conference champion and a fifth-place finisher in the NCAA College Division tournament. And that's just what junior college transfer **Joe Hatchett** is. Hatchett went through an undefeated 39-0 career at North Iowa Area Community College, and won two national JUCO titles, including the most valuable wrestler award last year. The man he's apparently beaten out is sophomore **Randy Omvig**, who led the Panthers in falls last year with 10 on his way to a 16-6 dual meet record. His greatest moment came in the NCC tourney when he pinned the eventual national champion at 190, Bob Backlund of North Dakota State, to cap a UNI title.

Hwt.

The nature of a wrestling meet dictates that a team's heavyweight be a clutch performer. UNI has one of the best in senior **Mike McCready**, who has won a total of four All-American certificates in wrestling and track (He won the NCAA shot put title last year). Ten times during the last two years the Panthers have needed a win by McCready in the heavyweight match to either tie or win a dual meet. Not once has McCready failed. He has a fantastic 40-4 dual meet record in two years. This year he will attempt to win a third consecutive conference title and attain the one goal that has yet alluded him — to win an NCAA college division national title.



Tim Balvanz

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Mike Ott, though just a sophomore and recovering from a tendon injury on his knee, has the job won. Ott, a native of Cedar Falls, rolled to a 12-5-1 dual meet record last year, and recorded the fastest pin of the season (0:48) in a dual against South Dakota U. "He has unlimited potential," said Patten, who continues to be amazed by Ott's physical and mental toughness. Patten plans to bring Ott along slowly from his knee injury, and hopes he'll be going full speed after Christmas. **Doug Reed**, recovering from an injury last year, is the back-up.

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This weight bracket has been a worrisome one for Patten ever since Don Parker walked away with his second national championship in 1967. Last year Bob Boeck did a creditable job at the weight, but it is hoped that the Janesville senior will be able to stay at 158 or 167 this year — spots that are closer to his natural weight. The man appears to be sophomore **Tim Balvanz** of Cedar Rapids, who went on an extended weight program during the off-season to move up from 158 last year. Balvanz, who is one of the best on the team at looking for the fall, could help the Panther cause immensely with a good year at 177.



Joe Hatchett

National Wrestling Champions

UNIVERSITY DIVISION

1937—Ray Cheney, 135	Bill Smith, 165
1946—Cecil Mott, 121	1950—Keith Young, 145
Gerald Leeman, 128**	Bill Nelson, 155
Bill Koll, 145	Bill Smith, 165
1947—Russ Bush, 128	1951—Keith Young, 145
Bill Koll, 145**	1952—Gene Lybbert, 130
Bill Nelson, 165	Bill Weick, 157
1948—Bill Koll, 145**	1953—Jim Harmon, 157
1949—Keith Young, 145	1955—Bill Weick, 157
Bill Nelson, 155	1963—Bill Dotson, 137

**Outstanding wrestler in NCAA tournament.

COLLEGE DIVISION

1963—Bill Dotson, 137	1968—Kent Osboe, Hvy
Jim Sanford, 147	1969—Ken Osboe, Hvy
1966—Don Parker, 177	1971—Clint Young, 158
1967—Don Parker, 177	

NCC Champs

1964—Mike Wingert, 115	Tom Horton, 160
Rich Engel, 157	Jim Guyer, 167
Jim Monroe, 177	Kent Osboe, Hvy
Dennis Bahr, Hvy	1969—Marv Reiland, 130
1965—Don Parker, 177	Jim Guyer, 160
Larry Straw, Hvy	Skip Bellock, 167
1966—Jerry Bond, 145	Kent Osboe, Hvy
Don Parker, 177	1970—Clint Young, 158
1967—Wayne Shutt, 115	Mike Allen, 190
Jerry Bond, 137	Mike McCready, Hvy
Tom Horton, 160	1971—Dave Nicol, 118
Don Parker, 177	Dave Pike, 134
Kent Osboe, Hvy	Mike Meador, 150
1968—Jim Kinyon, 123	Randy Omvig, 190
Marv Reiland, 137	Mike McCready, Hvy
Jerry Bond, 145	

All-Time UNI Leaders

Post-Season

1967—Don Parker, 177, West Squad at Stillwater, Okla. (Parker won 5-3 over Dave Mucka, Moravia)
1969—Kent Osboe, Hvy, West Squad at Penn State (Osboe lost 4-3 to Jeff Smith, Michigan State)

3-Time NCAA Champions

Bill Koll, 1946-47-48
Keith Young, 1949-50-51
Bill Nelson, 1947-49-50

2-Time NCAA Champions

Bill Smith, 1949-50
Bill Weick, 1952-55
Don Parker, 1966-67
Kent Osboe, 1968-69

Undefeated Wrestlers

Career

Bill Koll - Duals, Tournaments
Keith Young - Duals, Tournaments
Bill Dotson - Duals
Bill Smith - Duals
Gerald Leeman - Duals

OLYMPIC GAMES ENTRIES

1932—Maynard Harmon, 145 (at Los Angeles, Calif.)	Bill Nelson, 160½ (at London, England)
1948—Gerald Leeman, 125½ Bill Koll, 147½	1952—Bill Smith, 160½ - CHAMPION (at Helsinki, Finland)

1971 NCC Tournament Results

Standings

1. Northern Iowa _____	101
2. North Dakota St. _____	80
3. Mankato St. _____	60
4. South Dakota St. _____	50
5. South Dakota U. _____	19
6. Morningside _____	11
7. North Dakota U. _____	7
8. Augustana _____	3

Champions

118—Dave Nicol, UNI
126—Sam Kucenic, NDSU
134—Dave Pike, UNI
142—Lynn Forde, NDSU
150—Mike Meador, UNI
158—Gerald Seifert, NDSU
167—Steve Johnson, MSC
177—Bill Demaray, NDSU
190—Randy Omvig, UNI
Hwt—Mike McCready, UNI

at Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls

UNI Wrestling Roster

1970-71				
Name	Wt.	Yr.	Record	Hometown
Doug Ahrendsen	126	Fr.		Merrill
Jim Aldeman	118	Fr.		Iowa City
Vern Allison	118	Jr.		Cedar Falls
Tim Balvanz	177	So.	1-2-0	Cedar Rapids
Rick Benson	118	Fr.		Sioux City
Mark Billerbeck	150	Fr.		Reinbeck
Bob Boeck**	158	Sr.	6-6-0	Janesville
Elwyn Bruhl	126	Sr.	1-0-0	Eagle Grove
Jon Bagenstos	118	Fr.		Waterloo
Alan Christensen	177	Fr.		Janesville
Craig Christensen	126	Fr.		Moville
Steve Claude	142	Sr.		Cedar Falls
Frank Cordaro**	158	Jr.	2-6-0	Des Moines
Larry Dawson	118	Fr.		Des Moines
Eldon Duneman	134	Jr.		Cedar Falls
Hans Goetsch	177	Jr.		Bettendorf
Mark Fox*	142	So.	7-5-0	Waterloo
Paul Garner	158	Fr.		Tripoli
Joe Hatchett	190	Jr.		Cedar Rapids
Bob Healey	134	Fr.		Tama
Mark Hodges	150	So.		Winterset
Bob Jensen	Hwt.	Jr.		Harlan
Gary Largrehr	142	Jr.		Clinton
Ron Larson	134	Fr.		Rudd

1970-71				
Name	Wt.	Yr.	Record	Hometown
Mike McCreedy**	Hwt.	Sr.	19-2-0	Dubuque
Jim McMurray	177	So.		West Des Moines
Mike Meador**	150	Sr.	11-6-2	Bettendorf
Gary Meyer	150	Fr.		Jewell
Jim Miller	134	Fr.		Waterloo
Jon Moeller**	134	Jr.	17-4-0	Beaman
Dave Nicol**	126	Jr.	17-3-0	Cedar Falls
Randy Omvig*	190	So.	16-6-0	Eagle Grove
Mike Ott*	167	So.	12-5-1	Cedar Falls
Chuck Parsons	142	Fr.		Cedar Falls
Terry Paustian	134	Sr.		Bettendorf
Dave Pike**	134	Jr.	9-7-0	Grundy Center
Doug Reed	158	Jr.		Lamont
Buck Schultz	158	Sr.		Dubuque
Larry Sallis	158	So.		Waterloo
Mark Sharp	126	Fr.		Cedar Falls
Steve Shirk	150	So.		Sigourney
Ken Synder	134	Fr.		Waterloo
Larry Steines	150	Jr.		Bellevue

*Indicates letters earned.

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