

Iowa Softball

Endowed Scholarships

The Hawkeye Visions Endowment Program: Investing in a Winning Future is a 10-year campaign, with a \$25-million goal, which seeks to create permanently endowed scholarships for all starting positions for Iowa's athletic teams. The program currently includes approximately 100 fully-endowed scholarships, 50-partially endowed-scholarships, 25 scholarships which are in the development stages and 30 future scholarship gifts.

The following scholarships are fully-endowed awards which are currently dedicated to the Iowa softball program. These endowments of at least \$200,000 (sport) or \$400,000 (position) provide earnings to annually fund a full-ride softball scholarship (tuition, room, board, books and fees). Other sport scholarships, partial scholarships, awards being developed and/or planned are not included in this list.

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"We are one of the few programs in the nation that have people interested in endowing scholarships for softball. We feel very honored to say this. Many schools have numerous scholarships provided for football and basketball, but Iowa has people who feel as strongly about softball. This is a unique circumstance. I am grateful to people such as Peg and John Slusher, Bill and Kay Pitlik, Don Heineking and members of the Polk County I-Club for thinking of us. It is wonderful to feel valued by your fans. We are at Iowa."

-Head Coach Gayle Blevins

John and Peg Slusher Softball Catcher's Scholarship

In 1999, John and Peg Slusher funded the first fully-endowed position scholarship in women's athletics at Iowa. Two of the biggest fans the Hawkeyes have, the Slushers are regular fixtures in the stands at Pearl Field. They also have season tickets for football, men's and women's basketball, and wrestling. Both John and Peg are former employees of Rockwell Collins in Cedar Rapids.

Donald W. and Marilyn Heineking Softball Scholarship

The Heineking Softball Scholarship was established in 2004, along with a baseball scholarship. Previously, the couple established scholarships in women's basketball, football, wrestling as well as a men's basketball manager's scholarship. Most recently, Don added scholarships in volleyball and men's track. Don is a 1958 UI business graduate and president of Security State Bank in Hubbard, Iowa. He is also a long-time supporter of Iowa athletics, member of the Johnson County I-Club Board of Directors and a member of the Iowa Scholarship Fund Board of Directors. Don lives in Iowa City and is a member of the Presidents Club of the UI Foundation. Marilyn passed away in February of 2004.

William and Kay Pitlik Softball Scholarship

Bill and Kay Pitlik of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, established their endowed scholarship in 1996. Both are University of Iowa graduates, Kay in 1952 and Bill in 1953. The Pitliks are the former owners of the Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company in Cedar Rapids. They are avid Hawkeye fans and have also endowed scholarships in football, women's basketball and wrestling.

Polk County I-Club Scholarship

The Polk County I-club established their first scholarship in 1998 for the University of Iowa football team. Then, in 2003, the club added a second endowed scholarship for the UI softball program. Selection preference will be give to current Hawkeye softball players from Polk County high schools.



John and Peg Slusher with 2006 scholarship recipient, Sami Baugh.

Why Iowa?



"I came to Iowa because I knew if I had the opportunity to work with Gayle I would be working with one of the best our sport has ever known. I wanted to be challenged and wanted to understand what made Iowa so good year after year. Gayle always gets so much more out of her players than anyone could ever imagine, which shapes these athletes to be strong, confident women when they leave our program. Even though I knew this would be a great career opportunity when I took the job, I never could have imagined the value of this experience until I lived it on a daily basis. I will forever be grateful for the opportunity that Iowa has afforded me."

-Associate Head Coach Michelle Venturella

"I came to Iowa because I believed it would be one of the most challenging and rewarding professional experiences I could have. Gayle has built a program rich in tradition, integrity, passion and vision. To have the opportunity to work with one of the most successful coaches in the game, as well as a staff that is as dedicated and knowledgeable as Gayle and Michelle, is not only an honor, but an experience I value daily. I love being a part of a program that strives for excellence on the field, in the classroom and in our everyday lives. I have had the opportunity to play and coach against Iowa and I have admired the program from the outside. Now as an assistant coach, I could not be more proud to be a part of Iowa Softball tradition."

-Pitching Coach Amanda Scott



"The University of Iowa offers young women a wonderful environment to achieve excellence, both academically and athletically. Being a student-athlete within the Iowa softball program only enhances that opportunity. Coach Gayle Blevins has inspired and supported literally hundreds of young women to dream, and to become their own visions of success. At Iowa, parents can be assured that their daughters will receive outstanding coaching on the field, and outstanding leadership for life. My belief in this institution, in this program, and in Coach Blevins' ideals continues to inspire me as a long-time staff member who is closely involved."

-22-Year Trainer Faye Thompson



"Iowa provided the opportunity for a quality education, an inviting college atmosphere, and a highly competitive softball program. On my visit, I enjoyed the people I met on campus and in the softball program. I knew Iowa fit my personality."

-Erin Riemersma
Sophomore
Orland Park, IL

"The Iowa Softball Program strives to be perfect everyday and that was something that I wanted to be a part of. The team chemistry is amazing and I love to play the game with the people that push me to be better. The memories and friendships I have made by being a Hawkeye will be something that I never forget."

-Summer Downs
Junior
San Diego, CA



"Being a Hawkeye means having the chance to be part of a great softball program. I love how the coaches and players both support and push you to be the best you can be, both on and off the field. Iowa provided the opportunity for me to continue my education and improve my softball skills at a competitive level. I really felt that the team chemistry and atmosphere were the perfect fit for me. I was able to be close to home while also making new friendships that will last forever."

-Lindsey Digmann
Freshman
Marion, IA



Hawkeyes Continue to Make Their Mark

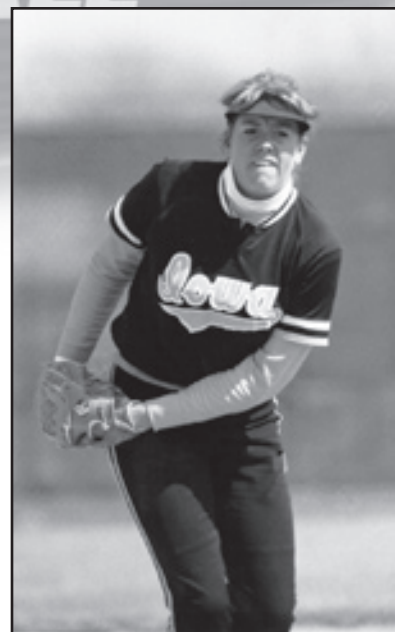


"Iowa softball provided me with irreplaceable memories of team unity, determination, and victory. At the end of my career I only wished I could start the journey again... until I realized that I had. As I continue with my academic career and professional interests, each day I have the same opportunities for growth and achievement. Demonstrably, I am without uniform, spikes, and glove, but they are at my core, as well as the life lessons I learned on my journey at the University of Iowa. The most important lesson: once you join the family that is Iowa softball—you are a member always."

-Erin McGee
B.A. English, 1999
M.F.A. Graphic Design,
2002

"It's hard to believe, but I still get emotional thinking about my years at Iowa. The decision to go to Iowa was an easy one. There was a commitment to excellence on the field and in the classroom. The success our teams enjoyed in those years was just the beginning. Everything I learned while playing at Iowa... teamwork, dedication and time management... I use in my professional and personal life today. I am so proud to see each Iowa team bring their own unique talent to the field while possessing the same character that defines Iowa: hardworking, committed and enthusiastic. Many programs claim to be a family, but Iowa softball is. Once a Hawkeye, always a Hawkeye."

-Terri (McFarland) McClendon
B.B.A. Accounting 1992



The Gayle Blevins Coaching Legacy

One of the marks of a great coach is her mentoring ability, and the Gayle Blevins coaching tree extends throughout the country. The following is a list of Coach Blevins' former players and assistant coaches who have moved on into coaching positions at various levels.

Head Coaches

*Jenny Allard, Harvard
Debbie Bilbao, Utah State
Carol Bruggeman, Purdue
*Rich Calvert, Drake
Ruth Crowe, Iowa State
Terry DeLuca, Erie Community College
Lori DeSmyter, Black Hawk Community College
*Christy Hebert, Northern Iowa
*Carol Hutchins, Michigan
Sue (Lilley) Nevard, Kent State
*Sally Miller, College of New Jersey
Amy (Hartsock) Rath, St. Ambrose
Diane Stephenson, Indiana
*Holly Van Vlymen, Western Illinois

High School Coaches

Stephanie Ackerson	Kylie Murray
Jessica Bashor	Amy Poljan
Lindsey Bashor	Roxie Rafik
*Sami Baugh	Teresa (Raine) Lea
Caroline Berger	* Lea (Twigg) Raines
*Laura Chipman	Lisa Rasche
*Liz Dennis	*Amy (Hartsock) Rath
Erin Doud	*Diana Repp
*Alicia Gerlach	*Maria Schell
Kerry Horgan	*Sarah Thomson
Natalie Johnson	Holly Van Vlymen
Robin McConnell	* Deb Weno
Diane Pohl	*Rachel West

*indicates current coach

Assistant Coaches

*Pam Amabile, Buffalo State
*Jessica Bashor, Arizona State
*Debbie Bilbao, (Iowa), Utah
*Lisa Birocci, Central Florida
*Carol Bruggeman, Louisville
Lynda (Schleuter) Cook, Kentucky
Cara Coughenour, Iowa State
Pam Craig, Ball State
Kim Davis, Harvard
Shelley Fowler, Ball State & Massachusetts
Kristi Hanks, Louisiana of Monroe
Katy Jendrzewski, Drake
Karen Jackson, Louisville
*Kristin Johnson, Maine (Iowa)
Nancy Jungkins, Michigan State
Pam Lee, Iowa
Brandi Macias, Purdue
Robin (Lindley) McConnell, Iowa
Jenny McDaniel, Indiana
Kim McKeon, Michigan State
Meg Seng, Illinois State
Kathy (Flannery) Speybrook, Notre Dame
Jenny (McMahon) Strong, Iowa
Sarah Thomson, Pittsburgh State (Kansas)
*Tammy Utley, Northern Iowa
Deb Weno, Iowa
Karen Wick, Ball State
Melissa Wielandt, Princeton
Sally Wood, Erie Community College

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Hawkeyes in the Pros

Softball Does Not End With Graduation



Karin Wick
University of Iowa
1987-90



Karen Jackson
University of Iowa
1991-94



Former Hawkeyes **Karen Jackson,**
Kari Knopf, and **Christy Hebert**



Kristin Johnson
University of Iowa
2000-03



Lisa Birocci
University of Iowa
2002-05



Stacy May
University of Iowa
2003-06

Iowa is Tops on the Field and in the Classroom

2006 ACADEMIC RECORD

- Nine student-athletes were named to the Dean's List
- Five student-athletes were named to the Academic All-Big Ten team
- One student athlete was given the Presidential Committee on Athletics Award
- One student-athlete was named to Co-SIDA Academic All-District team
- Four student-athletes were named NFCA Academic All-American



Junior Stephanie Ackerson was named Academic all-Big Ten.



Sophomore Colleen McGlaughlin was one of four players named NFCA Academic All-American and also earned the Presidential Committee on Athletics Award.



Sophomore Erin Riemersma is a Dean's List student.

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2006 Overall Statistics

Batting

Player	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT
Brittany Weil	1.000	3-2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.000	0	0	0	0	1.000	0	0	0-0
Stacy May	.339	61-61	189	40	64	13	0	6	21	95	.503	23	7	11	1	.429	0	3	5-8
Emily Nichols	.315	59-58	181	26	57	14	0	5	34	86	.475	20	1	26	0	.377	5	2	6-8
Mindy Heidgerken	.302	61-61	189	28	57	7	3	4	26	82	.434	11	0	42	0	.338	1	13	9-14
Summer Downs	.286	55-53	147	12	42	7	0	4	28	61	.415	12	2	25	0	.346	1	8	2-2
Quinn Morelock	.277	43-21	65	8	18	1	1	2	11	27	.415	6	1	19	0	.342	1	3	3-3
Kylie Murray	.271	61-61	155	16	42	12	1	6	28	74	.477	21	4	31	1	.368	2	11	2-2
Erin Riemersma	.265	61-61	166	30	44	9	3	5	19	74	.446	15	1	29	1	.326	2	8	9-10
Ali Arnold	.250	16-4	12	3	3	0	0	0	2	3	.250	0	0	2	0	.250	0	1	0-0
Brandi Sargent	.229	30-8	35	0	8	1	0	0	3	9	.257	3	0	10	0	.282	1	1	0-0
Emily Gerlick	.222	50-29	81	10	18	6	0	0	9	24	.296	0	0	27	0	.222	0	3	5-6
Sami Baugh	.200	55-51	120	12	24	1	0	1	16	28	.233	16	2	22	0	.302	1	11	2-2
Jenna Spratt	.185	51-10	27	15	5	0	0	0	0	5	.185	2	1	8	0	.267	0	2	5-5
Colleen McGlaughlin	.167	48-19	72	5	12	3	0	2	7	21	.292	7	1	21	0	.250	0	3	0-1
Stephanie Ackerson	.149	55-54	94	4	14	0	0	0	1	14	.149	9	2	20	0	.238	0	2	0-0
Lindsey Emery	.000	10-0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	0	.167	0	0	0-0
Rachel West	.000	52-0	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	15-22
Callie Adreon	.000	28-0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1-1
Iowa Team Totals	.266	61-61	1,539	241	409	74	8	35	205	604	.392	146	22	293	3	.335	14	71	64-84
Opponents	.220	61-61	1,515	175	334	61	5	40	161	525	.347	151	28	371	3	.302	5	49	26-43

Pitching

Pitcher	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	B/Avg	WP	HBP	BK	SFA	SHA
Brittany Weil	2.34	27-16	51	37	34	7/1	1	296.0	236	111	99	110	270	39	4	30	1,076	.219	8	22	1	3	37
Ali Arnold	2.70	12-6	27	24	8	5/2	0	111.2	95	61	43	40	99	21	1	10	422	.225	6	6	1	2	12
Stephanie Ackerson	5.73	0-0	3	0	0	0/1	0	3.2	3	3	3	1	2	1	0	0	17	.176	0	0	0	0	0
Iowa Team Totals	2.47	39-22	61	61	42	14/2	1	411.1	334	175	145	151	371	61	5	40	1,515	.220	14	28	2	5	49
Opponents	3.17	22-39	61	61	31	8/2	1	404.0	409	241	183	146	293	74	8	35	1,539	.266	14	22	1	14	71

Fielding

Player	PO	A	E	FLD%
Brandi Sargent	21	2	0	1.000
Quinn Morelock	7	0	0	1.000
Stephanie Ackerson	323	12	1	.997
Sami Baugh	320	25	2	.994
Mindy Heidgerken	54	3	1	.983
Kylie Murray	42	4	1	.979
Emily Nichols	133	89	5	.978
Brittany Weil	14	79	3	.969
Stacy May	110	116	9	.962
Emily Gerlick	46	0	2	.958
Erin Riemersma	116	79	9	.956
Ali Arnold	2	37	2	.951
Summer Downs	25	48	4	.948
Colleen McGlaughlin	10	1	2	.846
Jenna Spratt	9	0	3	.750
Iowa Team Totals	1,232	495	44	.975
Opponents	1,212	486	82	.954



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2006 Big Ten Statistics

Batting

Player	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT
Summer Downs	.333	15-15	45	4	15	4	0	1	9	22	.489	3	0	9	0	.375	0	3	0-0
Quinn Morelock	.333	9-1	9	2	3	0	0	0	2	3	.333	2	0	4	0	.455	0	0	0-0
Mindy Heidgerken	.300	19-19	60	9	18	2	2	2	4	30	.500	2	0	12	0	.323	0	5	3-3
Stacy May	.293	19-19	58	12	17	2	0	3	10	28	.483	11	2	7	1	.423	0	1	1-1
Kylie Murray	.277	19-19	47	4	13	2	1	1	7	20	.426	8	0	5	0	.382	0	4	1-1
Erin Riemersma	.275	19-19	51	8	14	2	2	1	6	23	.451	6	1	4	0	.356	1	1	4-5
Emily Gerlick	.273	17-14	33	3	9	2	0	0	5	11	.333	0	0	8	0	.273	0	1	2-2
Emily Nichols	.271	19-19	59	3	16	3	0	1	9	22	.373	7	0	9	0	.338	2	0	3-3
Colleen McGlaughlin	.269	18-7	26	4	7	1	0	2	4	14	.538	4	0	10	0	.367	0	0	0-0
Sami Baugh	.244	19-19	45	4	11	1	0	0	7	12	.267	5	1	8	0	.327	1	2	1-1
Stephanie Ackerson	.226	19-19	31	3	7	0	0	0	1	7	.226	3	1	9	0	.314	0	0	0-0
Brandi Sargent	.000	7-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	0	1	0	.125	0	0	0-0
Jenna Spratt	.000	16-0	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	2	0	.000	0	0	1-1
Ali Arnold	.000	9-0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	2	0	.000	0	0	0-0
Lindsey Emery	.000	2-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0
Rachel West	.000	17-0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	5-9
Callie Adreon	.000	6-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0
Iowa Team Totals	.272	19-19	478	71	130	19	5	11	64	192	.402	52	5	90	1	.347	4	17	21-26
Opponents	.240	19-19	467	60	112	20	3	11	155	171	.366	55	13	100	1	.336	1	18	4-9

Pitching

Pitcher	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	B/Avg	WP	HBP	BK	SFA	SHA
Brittany Weil	2.11	12-6	19	17	16	4/0	0	119.2	94	41	36	49	99	13	3	9	430	.219	3	12	0	1	17
Ali Arnold	13.12	0-1	3	2	0	0/0	0	5.1	15	16	10	5	1	6	0	2	31	.484	1	1	0	0	1
Stephanie Ackerson	31.50	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	0.2	3	3	3	1	0	1	0	6	.500	0	0	0	0	0	0
Iowa Team Totals	2.73	12-7	19	19	16	4/0	0	125.2	112	60	49	55	100	20	3	11	467	.240	4	13	0	1	18
Opponents	3.20	7-12	19	19	10	2/0	0	122.2	130	71	56	52	90	19	5	11	478	.272	1	5	0	4	17

Fielding

Player	PO	A	E	FLD%
Stephanie Ackerson	100	3	0	1.000
Emily Gerlick	31	0	0	1.000
Kylie Murray	11	0	0	1.000
Colleen McGlaughlin	5	0	0	1.000
Ali Arnold	0	2	0	1.000
Sami Baugh	107	8	1	.991
Brittany Weil	8	39	1	.979
Stacy May	40	37	2	.975
Erin Riemersma	35	21	2	.966
Emily Nichols	16	36	2	.963
Mindy Heidgerken	16	1	1	.944
Summer Downs	8	1	1	.900
Totals	377	148	10	.981
Opponents	368	149	25	.954

2006 FINAL BIG TEN STANDINGS

Teams	Big Ten				Overall			
	W	L	T	Pct.	W	L	T	Pct.
1. Northwestern	16	3	0	.842	42	12	0	.778
2. Michigan	14	4	0	.778	40	13	0	.755
3. IOWA	12	7	0	.632	39	20	0	.661
4. Ohio State	11	7	0	.611	38	21	0	.664
5. Penn State	10	10	0	.500	37	15	0	.712
6. Indiana	8	9	0	.471	29	23	1	.557
7. Michigan State	9	11	0	.450	34	25	0	.576
8. Illinois	8	11	0	.421	24	31	0	.436
9. Purdue	7	12	0	.368	30	30	0	.500
10. Wisconsin	6	11	0	.353	22	22	0	.500
11. Minnesota	1	17	0	.056	17	33	0	.340

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Hawkeyes in the World Series



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Hawkeyes in the NCAA Tournament

HAWKEYE TOURNAMENT RESULTS YEAR-BY-YEAR

1989

Regional (at Iowa City, Iowa)

Toledo.....	L.....	1-0
Creighton.....	L.....	6-1

1991

Regional (at Iowa City, Iowa)

Southern Illinois.....	W.....	2-0
Missouri.....	L.....	2-0
Missouri.....	L.....	4-0

1993

Regional (at Tallahassee, Fla.)

Kansas.....	L.....	3-1
Florida State.....	L.....	5-3 (15)

1995

Regional (at Sacramento, Calif.)

Cal State Sacramento.....	W.....	3-0
Fresno State.....	W.....	1-0
Fresno State.....	L.....	1-0
Fresno State.....	W.....	2-1 (9)

World Series (Oklahoma City, Okla.)

UCLA.....	L.....	2-1
Michigan.....	W.....	9-7 (14)
Cal State Fullerton.....	W.....	6-5 (9)
UCLA.....	L.....	5-0

1996

Regional (at Iowa City, Iowa)

Nevada-Las Vegas.....	W.....	8-0
Oklahoma.....	W.....	1-0
Oklahoma.....	W.....	7-2

World Series (Columbus, Ga.)

Arizona.....	L.....	5-2
Michigan.....	W.....	3-2
Cal-Berkeley.....	W.....	1-0
Arizona.....	L.....	10-2



Pearl Field has hosted seven NCAA Regional tournaments, most recently in 2006.

1997

Regional (at Iowa City, Iowa)

DePaul.....	W.....	2-1
Utah.....	W.....	3-1
DePaul.....	W.....	6-2

World Series (Oklahoma City, Okla.)

Michigan.....	W.....	3-2
Washington.....	L.....	5-1
Fresno State.....	L.....	7-6

1998

Regional (at Lincoln, Neb.)

Oregon.....	W.....	5-2
Nebraska.....	L.....	1-0
Oregon.....	L.....	10-9

2000

Regional (at Los Angeles, Calif.)

Bethune-Cookman.....	W.....	9-1
Florida State.....	L.....	4-1
Canisius.....	W.....	2-1
Florida State.....	L.....	4-2

2001

Regional (at Iowa City, Iowa)

Illinois State.....	W.....	2-1
DePaul.....	W.....	7-4
Notre Dame.....	W.....	6-0
Notre Dame.....	W.....	6-2

World Series (Oklahoma City, Okla.)

UCLA.....	L.....	2-0
LSU.....	L.....	2-1



The Hawkeyes show their enthusiasm after advancing to the 2001 Women's College World Series in Oklahoma City.

2002

Regional (at Iowa City, Iowa)

Notre Dame.....	L.....	2-3
Illinois-Chicago.....	W.....	3-1
Nebraska.....	L.....	0-3

2003

Regional (at Lincoln, Neb.)

Pacific.....	W.....	5-0
Hofstra.....	W.....	3-0
Washington.....	L.....	0-11 (5)
Nebraska.....	W.....	2-1
Washington.....	L.....	0-11 (6)

2004

Regional (at Lincoln, Neb.)

Mississippi State.....	L.....	1-2 (8)
Maine.....	W.....	2-0
Creighton.....	L.....	4-8 (10)

2005

Regional (at Lincoln, Neb.)

Nebraska.....	L.....	0-4
Creighton.....	W.....	2-1 (8)
Nebraska.....	W.....	1-0
Washington.....	L.....	0-2

2006

Regional (at Iowa City, IA)

Nebraska.....	L.....	0-1 (10)
Illinois State.....	L.....	2-3



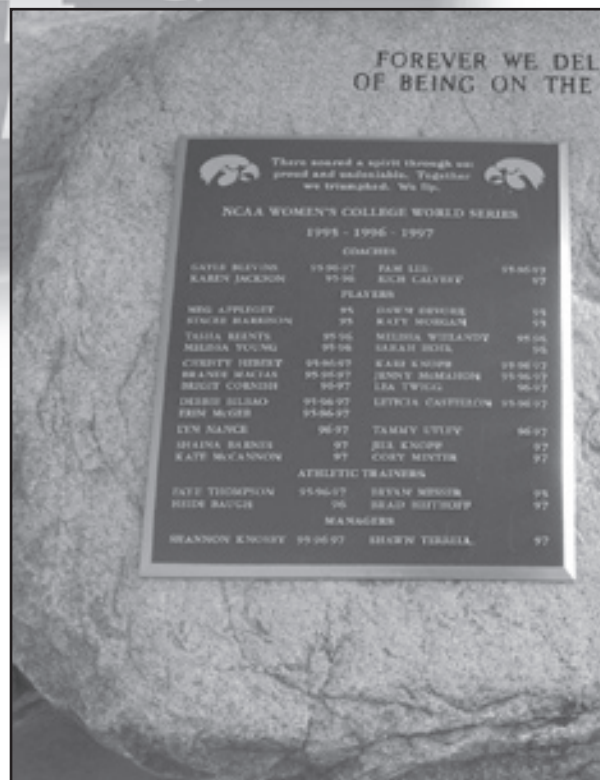
Former Hawkeyes Abby Ruff and Lisa Birocci along with Coach Blevins address the media at the 2004 NCAA Regional.

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Pearl Field was dedicated on October 2, 1999, in honor of American baseball player at the University of Iowa.



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Pearl Field



er of the late Robert L. Pearl, who was the first African-
va and a longtime supporter of Hawkeye softball.

