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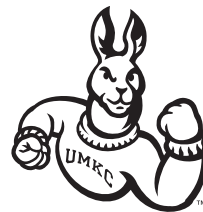
Centenary



Chicago State



IUPUI



UMKC



Oakland



Oral Roberts



Southern Utah



Valparaiso



Western Illinois

Mid-Continent Conference

QUICK REFERENCE DIRECTORY

CENTENARY

Head Coach _____ Ed McCann
 2005 Record _____ 27-30
 Mid-Con Record/Finish _____ 12-12/4th
 Mid-Con Tournament Finish _____ Runner-Up
 Baseball SID _____ Jeff Messman
 Phone _____ 318-841-7260

CHICAGO STATE

Head Coach _____ Vern Hasty
 2005 Record _____ 6-50
 Mid-Con Record/Finish _____ 3-21/7th
 Mid-Con Tournament Finish _____ Did not qualify
 Baseball SID _____ Quenjana Adams
 Phone _____ 773-995-2217

OAKLAND

Head Coach _____ Dylan Putnam
 2005 Record _____ 14-38
 Mid-Con Record/Finish _____ 9-15/6th
 Mid-Con Tournament Finish _____ Did not qualify
 Baseball SID _____ Rebecca Vick
 Phone _____ 248-370-3123

ORAL ROBERTS

Head Coach _____ Rob Walton
 2005 Record _____ 42-20
 Mid-Con Record/Finish _____ 22-2/1st
 Mid-Con Tournament Finish _____ Champion
 Baseball SID _____ Cris Belvin
 Phone _____ 918-495-7181

SOUTHERN UTAH

Head Coach _____ David Eldredge
 2005 Record _____ 26-28
 Mid-Con Record/Finish _____ 12-10/3rd
 Mid-Con Tournament Finish _____ Third Place
 Baseball SID _____ Steve Johnson
 Phone _____ 435-586-7752

VALPARAISO

Head Coach _____ Paul Twenge
 2005 Record _____ 21-31
 Mid-Con Record/Finish _____ 10-12/5th
 Mid-Con Tournament Finish _____ Did not qualify
 Baseball SID _____ Ryan Wronkovicz
 Phone _____ 219-464-5232

WESTERN ILLINOIS

Head Coach _____ Stan Hyman
 2005 Record _____ 24-34
 Mid-Con Record/Finish _____ 14-10/3rd
 Mid-Con Tournament Finish _____ Fourth Place
 Baseball SID _____ Greg Mette
 Phone _____ 309-298-1133

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2006 BASEBALL PRESEASON POLL

School	Points (1st)	2005 Record
1. Oral Roberts	36 (6)	42-20 (22-2)
2. Western Illinois	29	24-34 (14-10)
3. Southern Utah	25 (1)	26-28 (12-10)
4. Centenary	20	27-30 (12-12)
5. Oakland	16	14-38 (9-15)
6. Valparaiso	15	21-31 (10-12)
7. Chicago State	6	6-50 (3-21)

2006 MID-CON BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

May 25-27, 2006 • Tulsa, Okla.

Thursday, May 25

Game 1 - No. 1 seed vs. No. 4 seed
 Game 2 - No. 2 seed vs. No. 3 seed

Friday, May 26

Game 3 - Loser game 1 vs. Loser game 2
 Game 4 - Winner game 1 vs. Winner game 2
 Game 5 - Winner game 3 vs. Loser game 4

Saturday, May 27

Game 6 - Winner game 4 vs. Winner game 5
 Game 7 - Winner game 6 vs. Loser game 6 (if necessary)

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Mid-Continent Conference

Now in its 24th year as an NCAA Division I athletics conference, the Mid-Continent Conference is coming off a year in which its student-athletes, coaches, administrators and teams continued to strengthen its reputation as a nationally competitive and well-respected league. The Mid-Con's member schools - Centenary College of Louisiana, Chicago State University, IUPUI (Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis), UMKC (University of Missouri-Kansas City), Oakland University, Oral Roberts University, Southern Utah University, Valparaiso University and Western Illinois University - are located primarily in the Midwest's largest urban areas, and pride themselves on providing quality athletic, academic and social experiences for their student-athletes.

The Mid-Con sponsors an all-time high of 19 championship sports, which includes: baseball, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's cross country, men's and women's golf, men's and women's soccer, softball, men's and women's swimming & diving, men's and women's indoor track & field, men's and women's outdoor track & field, men's and women's tennis, and volleyball.

A brief review of the Mid-Con's highlights over the past two decades:

1982-83

The Association of Mid-Continent Universities is founded with "Frosty" Ferzacca as its first commissioner. The initial AMCU line-up includes Cleveland State, Eastern Illinois, Illinois-Chicago, Northern Iowa, SW Missouri State, Valparaiso, Western Illinois and Wisconsin-Green Bay.

1983-84

UW-Green Bay and Eastern Illinois each play in the NCAA Men's Soccer Tournament, making them the league's first NCAA Tourney teams in any sport.

1985-86

Cleveland State earns the AMCU's first national recognition in the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament. The 14th-seeded Vikings upset No. 3 seed Indiana on their way to a "Sweet 16" appearance. In addition, SW Missouri State begins a string of five consecutive postseason appearances by reaching the quarterfinals of the NIT.

1987-88

The AMCU sends two teams to men's basketball postseason play for the third straight season. Ferzacca steps down as commissioner and is replaced by Jerry Ippoliti. Eastern Illinois' Jim Maton is the league's first NCAA National Champion, as he wins the 800 meter run at the NCAA Indoor Track Championship.

1989-90

The AMCU sends a conference-record three teams to postseason play in men's basketball, including Northern Iowa, which upsets former No. 1-ranked Missouri in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. The AMCU changes its name to the now familiar Mid-Continent Conference.

1990-91

For the second straight season, the Mid-Con sends two teams - in this case, Northern Illinois and UW-Green Bay - to the NCAA Men's Basketball Tourney.

1991-92

The league announces that it will begin sponsoring women's athletics - strengthened by the membership of seven former North Star Conference members - the following year with the debut of six championship sports. UW-Green Bay's Tony Bennett establishes the league's all-time scoring record in men's basketball and wins his second straight Mid-Con Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award.

MID-CON MILEAGE CHART

	CC	CSU	IUPUI	UMKC	OU	ORU	SUU	VU	WIU	MCC
CC	--	851	792	739	1,119	348	1,640	963	819	899
CSU	851	--	172	532	295	692	1,581	40	239	25
IUPUI	792	172	--	482	330	639	1,617	140	266	194
UMKC	739	532	482	--	820	245	1,182	554	322	513
OU	1,119	295	330	820	--	965	1,850	253	519	328
ORU	348	692	639	245	965	--	1,278	708	578	682
SUU	1,640	1,581	1,617	1,182	1,850	1,278	--	1,606	1,415	1,561
VU	963	40	140	554	253	708	1,606	--	256	66
WIU	819	239	266	322	519	578	1,415	256	--	233
MCC	899	25	194	513	328	682	1,561	66	233	--

1992-93

UW-Milwaukee wins the first Mid-Con-sponsored women's championship when it takes home the cross country crown. Northern Illinois makes the first NCAA appearance by a Mid-Con women's team in the NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament. Wright State's Brian Anderson is the third overall pick in the Major League Baseball draft after repeating as the league's Pitcher of the Year.

1993-94

Northern Illinois' volleyball squad posts the league's first women's NCAA Tourney win with a three-game triumph over Illinois State. UW-Green Bay upsets California in the first round of the NCAA Men's Basketball Tourney. Six schools depart the Mid-Con at the conclusion of the season.

1994-95

The league's revamped line-up includes Buffalo, Central Connecticut State, Chicago State, UMKC, Northeastern Illinois and Troy State. Jon Steinbrecher begins a league-record nine-year tenure at the Mid-Con helm when he replaces Ippoliti as commissioner. Valparaiso begins a string of five straight regular-season titles and six consecutive Mid-Con Tournament titles in men's hoops.

1995-96

Charter member Eastern Illinois departs the Mid-Con, but not until after winning its ninth men's outdoor track and field title, a record for all Mid-Con sports that still stands.

1996-97

Buffalo (cross country) and Valparaiso (volleyball) earn the first-ever "three-peats" in Mid-Con women's athletics.

1997-98

Oral Roberts and Southern Utah join the Mid-Con. Oral Roberts begins a string of six straight Mid-Con volleyball titles, and wins its first-round match in the NCAA Tournament by edging Arizona in five games. The Mid-Con becomes one of few NCAA Division I conferences across the nation to simultaneously run its basketball championships at the same neutral site. Valparaiso reaches the NCAA "Sweet 16", thanks to the efforts of NBA draftee Bryce Drew, who hits "The Shot," which eventually earns him an ESPY from ESPN. Youngstown State earns the first Mid-Con women's tourney win, topping fifth-seeded Memphis in the first round.

1998-99

IUPUI and Oakland begin competition in the Mid-Con. Western Illinois wins its eighth men's swimming and diving title. Associate member DePaul reaches the NCAA Softball College World Series, posting a third-place finish, and sets a Mid-Con single-season record with 54 wins.

Mid-Continent Conference

1999-00

Southern Utah is the first Mid-Con school to win an NCAA Cross Country regional with a victory in the Mountain Region. The Thunderbirds went on to finish 21st in the NCAA Men's Cross Country Championship. Western Illinois softball reels off a 25-game win streak behind Mid-Con Pitcher of the Year Holly Killion, who sets Mid-Con records with 30 wins and 355 strikeouts.

2000-01

Oakland women's soccer player Anita Rapp - a two-time Mid-Con Player of the Year (1999, 2001) and a WUSA draftee - earns a Gold Medal while playing for her native Norway in the 2000 Olympic Games. The Mid-Con renames its Women's All Sports Award for retiring Western Illinois Director of Athletics Dr. Helen Smiley.

2001-02

Southern Utah sweeps the Mid-Con cross country championships for the fourth straight year, while UMKC captures the conference's first-ever NCAA Men's Soccer College Cup win, a 2-1 overtime triumph over former league member UW-Milwaukee. Oral Roberts' Krista Ragan sets the Mid-Con women's basketball career scoring record (2,105), and becomes the first player in league history to earn four first-team all-conference citations in the sport. Valparaiso posts the biggest turnaround in NCAA women's basketball (from 7-22 in 2000-01 to 26-7 in 2001-02) on its way to reaching the quarterfinals of the WNIT. UMKC's Matt Voelker earns outdoor track and field All-America honors in the high jump.

MEMBERSHIP HISTORY

School	Joined	Left	Left For
Akron	1990	1992	Mid-American
Buffalo	1994	1998	Mid-American
C.W. Post (BA)	1995	1998	Independent status
Centenary	2003	----	
Central Connecticut State	1994	1998	Northeast
Chicago State	1994	----	
Cleveland State	1982	1994	Midwestern Collegiate
DePaul (SB)	1993	1999	Conference USA
Eastern Illinois	1982	1996	Ohio Valley
Eastern Illinois (S&D)	2005	----	
Howard (MSO)	1996	1998	Atlantic Soccer
Illinois-Chicago	1982	1994	Midwestern Collegiate
IUPUI	1998	----	
UMKC	1994	----	
New York Tech (BA)	1995	1998	Independent status
Northeastern Illinois	1994	1998	None (dropped athletics)
Northern Illinois	1990	1994	Midwestern Collegiate
Northern Iowa	1982	1991	Missouri Valley
Oakland	1998	----	
Oneonta State (MSO)	1996	1997	Independent status
Oral Roberts	1997	----	
Pace (baseball)	1995	1998	Independent status
Quincy (MSO)	1994	1995	Great Lakes Valley (NCAA II)
SIU-Edwardsville (MSO)	1994	1995	Great Lakes Valley (NCAA II)
South Dakota State (S&D)	2005	----	
Southern Utah	1997	----	
SW Missouri State	1982	1990	Missouri Valley
Troy State	1995	1997	Trans America Athletic
Valparaiso	1982	----	
Western Illinois	1982	----	
UW-Green Bay	1982	1994	Midwestern Collegiate
UW-Milwaukee	1993	1994	Midwestern Collegiate
Wright State	1991	1994	Midwestern Collegiate
Youngstown State	1992	2001	Midwestern Collegiate

Schools with parentheses were associate members in their respective sports

2005-06 MID-CON CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

Sport	Date(s)	Site/Host	Who Qualifies?
Baseball	May 25-27, 2006	Tulsa, Okla./Oral Roberts	Top four seeds
Men's Basketball	March 4-7, 2006	Tulsa, Okla./Tulsa Sports Comm.	Top eight seeds
Women's Basketball	March 4-7, 2006	Tulsa, Okla./Tulsa Sports Comm.	Top eight seeds
Cross Country	October 29, 2005	Valparaiso, Ind./Valparaiso	All teams
Golf	April 24-25, 2006	Indianapolis, Ind./IUPUI	Teams w/ min. stroke avg.
Men's Soccer	November 11 & 13, 2005	Kansas City, Mo./UMKC	Top four seeds
Women's Soccer	November 4 & 6, 2005	Tulsa, Okla./Oral Roberts	Top four seeds
Softball	May 12-13, 2006	Cedar City, Utah/Southern Utah	Top four seeds
Swimming & Diving	February 16-18, 2006	Indianapolis, Ind./IUPUI	All teams
Men's Tennis	April 21-22, 2006	Tulsa, Okla./Oral Roberts	Top four seeds
Women's Tennis	April 28-29, 2006	Valparaiso, Ind./Valparaiso	Top four seeds
Indoor Track & Field	February 26-27, 2006	Bloomington, Ill./Mid-Con	All teams
Outdoor Track & Field	May 11-13, 2006	Chicago, Ill./Chicago State	All teams
Volleyball	November 19-20, 2005	Valparaiso, Ind./Valparaiso	Top four seeds

2002-03

The Mid-Con sets a league record by sending four teams combined - IUPUI (NCAA) and Valparaiso (NIT) on the men's side and Valparaiso (NCAA) and Western Illinois (WNIT) on the women's side - to basketball postseason play. Oral Roberts' Marsha Dawkins earns All-America honors in the 400 meter dash at both the NCAA Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field Championships. IUPUI women's basketball player Tiffany Kyser is Indiana's recipient of the NCAA "Woman of the Year" award (she is also a finalist for the national award). Steinbrecher resigns as commissioner and is replaced by Ron Bertovich.

2003-04

Centenary begins Mid-Con play, lifting the league's membership to nine. The Mid-Con sends two teams (UMKC, Oakland) to the NCAA Men's Soccer College Cup for the second time in league history, and Oakland's swimming & diving programs set league records for consecutive titles when they sweep the Mid-Con Championships for the fifth straight time. UMKC's Michael Watson finishes his career as the league's all-time leading scorer (2,488) in men's hoops, while Oral Roberts' Caleb Green and Ken Tutt are the nation's highest scoring freshman duo. Oral Roberts sets a league record with 50 wins and finishes the season ranked in all four of college baseball's polls. Southern Utah becomes the first Mid-Con school to sweep the men's and women's cross country and indoor and outdoor track & field crowns in the same year. Oral Roberts' Prince Mumba (800 meter) and Western Illinois' Aubrey Martin (shot put) earn All-America honors at the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championship; Mumba runs for his native Zambia in the 2004 Athens Olympics, while Valparaiso's Joaquim Gomes plays for the Angolan Olympic basketball team. The Mid-Con Men's All Sports Award is renamed for retiring Valparaiso Director of Athletics Dr. William Steinbrecher.

2004-05

Oral Roberts' Faithy Kamangila finished 11th at the NCAA Cross Country Championships to become the first woman in school history to garner All-American honors. Oakland claims the Mid-Con men's basketball Championship on a last-second three-pointer by Pierre Dukes to win the title as the seventh seed. In its first-ever NCAA Tournament appearance, the Golden Grizzlies notched a win over Alabama A&M in the opening round before falling to eventual National Champion North Carolina in the first round. For the second consecutive season, Oral Roberts' baseball team collected a pair of victories in the NCAA tourney. The Golden Eagles had five players selected in the Major League Baseball Draft, while Oakland's Paul Phillips was the top Mid-Con player chosen in the ninth round. Western Illinois softball coach Kathy Veroni retires after 34 seasons at the helm, while ORU's Mable Kunihira garnered All-American honors at the Outdoor Track & Field Championships with a fifth place finish in the 800-meter run. Ron Bertovich resigns as commissioner and is replaced by Tom Douple.

Mid-Con Staff



TOM DOUPLE
COMMISSIONER

Tom Douple, former Southern Utah athletics director, was selected as the fifth Commissioner in Mid-Continent Conference history on September 22, 2005.

An active member of the Mid-Continent Conference Joint Council, Douple brings a wealth of experience in college athletics with him to the Mid-Con. While at Southern Utah, Douple oversaw the upgrade of SUU's athletics facilities, which included the opening of a new academic center, new weight room and new training facility. He also spearheaded the effort to add office areas for baseball, softball, soccer, golf and tennis, as well as renovate the football and basketball offices and basketball locker rooms. Additionally, Douple guided SUU through the NCAA Certification process in 2005.

During Douple's tenure, the Thunderbirds claimed 22 Mid-Continent Conference championships and three Mid-Con Sportsmanship awards. Southern Utah also saw a substantial increase in fund-raising through marketing, promotional and corporate partnership programs implemented during Douple's five years in Cedar City.

Douple was also a driving force behind the creation of the Great West Football Conference and currently serves as chairman. His duties with the Great West Football Conference included the development and implementation of the league's constitution, by-laws, scheduling, policies and procedures.

Prior to his tenure at Southern Utah, Douple served as the chairman of the Louisiana State Games. He also spent nine years as the athletics director at Southeastern Louisiana University and had stints as an assistant athletics director at LSU and Cornell. Douple began his career as a teacher and a coach for eight years in the East Baton Rouge school district.

A native of Lebanon, Pa., Douple is a 1976 graduate of LSU where he received his degree in industrial education. He was also a varsity track athlete for the Tigers, earning a berth on the 1975 All-SEC Track & Field team and posting school-record times in the two-mile run and the four-mile relay in 1976.

Douple and his wife Anita have three daughters, Stephanie, Amy and Emily. The Douples reside in Oakbrook Terrace, Ill.

PAST MID-CON COMMISSIONERS



**F.L. "Frosty"
Ferzacca**
1982-88



**Jerry A.
Ippoliti**
1988-94



**Dr. Jon A.
Steinbrecher**
1994-03



**Ron
Bertovich**
2003-05



ED GROM
ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER

A veteran of the college ranks, Ed Grom enters his seventh year as the Associate Commissioner at the Mid-Continent Conference. He joined the Mid-Con league office in November 1999.

Grom shifted focus in day-to-day responsibilities at the Mid-Con in 2001. Formerly responsible for all of the league's NCAA compliance efforts, Grom is now managing the Mid-Con's championship efforts.

He oversees the Mid-Con's television package and is the conference's primary liaison with the Mid-Con's marketing group, Strategic Marketing Affiliates.

Grom also oversees the sports committees as well as the league's officials. He authored the Mid-Con's Policy and Procedures Manual, and was formerly a member of the NCAA's Academics/Eligibility/Compliance Cabinet. Grom presently serves as an NCAA peer reviewer.

Grom came to the Mid-Con after serving in various roles in the athletic department at conference member UMKC for 12 years. He started out at UMKC in its sports information department and worked in that role for five years. He was then elevated to the position of Assistant Athletic Director, where he headed up efforts ranging from event management to compliance. He served as the school's Interim Athletic Director during the 1998-99 school year, and when he left the university, held the title of Assistant Athletic Director for Internal Operations. He chaired the Mid-Con Men's Basketball Committee while at UMKC, and was presented with the 1995 Athletic Department Service Award by UMKC.

Grom joined the UMKC athletic staff after working for three years at the Big Eight (now Big XII) Conference office, where he was an assistant on the league's service bureau. He helped in the publicity of all men's and women's sports, served as a publications editor, and was an assistant media coordinator at the Big Eight men's basketball tournament as well.

Grom graduated from the University of Kansas in 1984, receiving a bachelor of sciences degree in journalism. While at Kansas, he played on the Jayhawk golf squad, was the summer sports editor for the *University Daily Kansan*, and worked as a stringer for the *Wichita Eagle-Beacon*. He began his collegiate career at the College of Lake County in Grayslake, Ill. Grom, wife Karen and sons Jake and Jack reside in Naperville, Ill.



ANGIE TORAIN
ASST. COMMISSIONER/SENIOR WOMAN ADMINISTRATOR

Angie Torain was named the Assistant Commissioner for Institutional Services and Senior Woman Administrator just prior to the start of the 2002-03 school year, and is in her fourth year with the league office.

Torain handles all of the league's compliance and legislative efforts, serves as a liaison for a variety of sports, staffs assorted league championship events and administers National Letters of Intent, hardship waivers, secondary violations and NCAA certification tests, among other duties. Torain is also a member of the NCAA's Division I Championships/Competition Cabinet.

Torain came to the Mid-Con from the NCAA National Office, where she worked for three years (1999-02) as an enforcement representative for secondary infractions. That task included reviewing incoming correspondence, analyzing case precedent, and recommending and imposing penalties. She also served as a liaison with major enforcement representatives and student-athlete reinstatement staff members.

Prior to joining the NCAA staff, Torain gained experience at the conference level when she completed a two-year stint as the Director of Compliance for the former Midwestern Collegiate Conference (now Horizon League). Torain issued interpretations of NCAA and conference operating regulations, performed annual compliance reviews, and served as a staff liaison for both a handful of sports and officials for men's and women's basketball, soccer and volleyball. She also served as the game management coordinator for selected conference tournaments, including women's basketball.

Torain served as a legal assistant and law clerk for Boehringer Mannheim Corporation and also interned for Indiana Advocates for Children.

Torain graduated from DePauw University with a bachelor of arts degree in sociology in 1994. There, she earned varsity letters in women's basketball and track and field. She earned a doctorate of jurisprudence from Indiana University in 1997.

A native of Elkhart, Ind., Torain and her husband Kyle have two daughters, Kaylyn and Amari, and reside in Montgomery, Ill.

Mid-Con Staff



KRISTINA PETERSEN
DIRECTOR OF
MEDIA RELATIONS

Kristina Petersen joined the Mid-Con Conference staff as the Director of Media Relations in September 2004. Petersen oversees the media relations efforts for all 19 Mid-Con sports.

Petersen comes to the Mid-Con after stints at the Patriot League and Big East Conference. Following a year as a Communications Assistant at the Big East, Petersen joined the Patriot League in 2001 and held the position of Director of Media Relations at the time of her departure. Petersen was the primary contact for 15 of the League's 22 sports, including women's basketball, baseball and softball. Additionally, Petersen was the media coordinator for the Patriot League Women's Basketball Tournament and served on the media relations staff at the 2004 NCAA Women's Basketball East Regional in Hartford, Conn. Among her other duties at the Patriot League, Petersen maintained the League's official Web site.

A native of Rochester, N.Y., Petersen graduated from Mansfield (Pa.) University in May 2000 with a bachelor of arts degree in broadcasting and public relations. She was also a member of the Mountaineers softball program where she was a four-year letterwinner and three-time NFCA All-Academic selection. Petersen was also the treasurer for Lambda Pi Eta, the communications honors fraternity, and participated in The Harrisburg Internship Semester. Petersen resides in Naperville, Ill.



VANESSA QUIMPO
MANAGER OF CONFERENCE
OPERATIONS

Vanessa Quimpo, who served as an administrative intern in the Mid-Con office during the 2003-04 school year, begins her second year as the Manager of Conference Operations.

Quimpo serves in a variety of roles in the conference office, assisting in departments such as compliance, championship administration and media relations. She played an integral role in the compilation of the Mid-Con Directory and Policy and Procedures Manual. She also assists Associate Commissioner Ed Grom in a range of daily duties.

Among Quimpo's duties as one of two administrative interns was to assist in National Letter of Intent duties, update the league's official Web site and staff a variety of league championships.

Prior to arriving at the Mid-Con, Quimpo worked for two years at Strube Celery and Vegetable Company. She also held positions at the Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago and Mellon Financial in Pittsburgh, Pa.

A 2001 graduate of the University of Chicago, she holds a bachelor of arts degree in economics. She served as team captain/president of the school's club women's hockey team, on which she participated for three years. She resides on the north side of Chicago.



CHRISTOPHER HARGRAVES
MEDIA RELATIONS ASSISTANT

Christopher Hargraves will serve as the media relations assistant for the 2005-06 school year.

Hargraves comes to the Mid-Con after graduating from the University of Rochester (N.Y.) in May 2005.

As an undergraduate student, he worked in the sports information department for four years covering 10 different sports.

Hargraves earned his bachelor of arts in political science with a minor in religion from University of Rochester and was a member of the football team for four years.

A native of Stamford, Conn., Hargraves resides on the north side of Chicago.



BRENDA HILTON
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Brenda Hilton is in her sixth year as a part of the Mid-Con staff. Hilton worked as a staff assistant for one year before taking the job of Administrative Assistant in the summer of 2001.

Hilton joined the Mid-Con in the winter of 2000, aiding in handling the league's financial duties and helping manage the conference's basketball officials. She also assists the Commissioner with meeting planning.

Hilton worked for seven years at Deluxe Corporation, handling internal sales and customer service responsibilities.

Hilton and her husband Tim live in Lombard, Ill., with their three children; son Cody and daughters Alexandra and Bailee.

YEARLY AWARD WINNERS

	Scholar-Athletes of the Year (Began 1990-91)	Commissioner's Cup (Began '95-'96)	Dr. William Steinbrecher Men's All Sports Award (Began '95-'96)	Dr. Helen Smiley Women's All Sports Award (Began '95-'96)	Sportsmanship Award (Began '98-'99)
1990-91	Tony Bennett, UW-Green Bay				
1991-92	Tony Bennett, UW-Green Bay				
1992-93	Marc Reidl, Valparaiso				
	Lori Olson, Eastern Illinois				
1993-94	Marc Reidl, Valparaiso				
	Heidi Marshall, Cleveland State				
1994-95	Jason Kayser, UMKC				
	Tricia Hardtke, Valparaiso				
1995-96	Justin Weiss, Eastern Illinois	Western Illinois	Eastern Illinois/ Western Illinois	Western Illinois	
	Kim Givens, Youngstown State				
1996-97	Anshooman Aga, Troy State	Western Illinois	Western Illinois	Western Illinois	
	Laura Kulans, Valparaiso				
1997-98	Bryce Drew, Valparaiso	Oral Roberts	Oral Roberts	Youngstown State	
	Adrienne Schultz, Western Illinois				
1998-99	Jake Koller, Western Illinois	Western Illinois	Oral Roberts/ Western Illinois	UMKC	UMKC
	Collette Liss, Valparaiso				
	Juliana Moser, Oral Roberts				
1999-2000	Myke Thom, Oakland	Oral Roberts	UMKC	Oral Roberts/ Youngstown State	Southern Utah
	Juliana Moser, Oral Roberts				
2000-01	Ben Houlberg, Oral Roberts	Oral Roberts	Oral Roberts	Oral Roberts	IUPUI
	Sonya Ahmed, UMKC				
2001-02	Tim Weidner, Valparaiso	Oral Roberts	Oral Roberts	Oral Roberts	Valparaiso
	Sonya Ahmed, UMKC				
2002-03	Ryan Rzepka, Oakland	Western Illinois	Oral Roberts	Western Illinois	Southern Utah
	Tiffany Kyser, IUPUI				
2003-04	Justin Langan, Western Illinois	Western Illinois	Western Illinois	Valparaiso	Southern Utah
	Anja Schmidt, Centenary				
2004-05	Ryan Rzepka, Oakland	Western Illinois	Oral Roberts	Western Illinois	Southern Utah
	Anja Schmidt, Centenary				
	Candice Satow, Oral Roberts				

2006 Mid-Con Composite Schedule

Friday, February 3

Arkansas-Pine Bluff at CENTENARY 4 p.m.

Saturday, February 4

WESTERN ILLINOIS at Alabama State (DH) 1 p.m.
Arkansas-Pine Bluff at CENTENARY 7 p.m.

Sunday, February 5

Arkansas-Pine Bluff at CENTENARY noon
WESTERN ILLINOIS at Alabama State noon

Thursday, February 9

Utah Valley State at SOUTHERN UTAH 1 p.m.

Friday, February 10

Utah Valley State at SOUTHERN UTAH 1 p.m.
Missouri Southern at ORAL ROBERTS 3 p.m.
WESTERN ILLINOIS at Oklahoma 3 p.m.

Saturday, February 11

Coppin State at CENTENARY (DH) noon
Utah Valley State at SOUTHERN UTAH (DH) noon
Missouri Southern at ORAL ROBERTS 2 p.m.
WESTERN ILLINOIS at Oklahoma 3 p.m.

Sunday, February 12

Coppin State at CENTENARY noon
Missouri Southern at ORAL ROBERTS 1 p.m.
WESTERN ILLINOIS at Oklahoma 1 p.m.

Tuesday, February 14

CENTENARY at LSU 6:30 p.m.

Friday, February 17

[1] ORAL ROBERTS vs. Kansas State 11:30 a.m.
San Francisco at SOUTHERN UTAH 1 p.m.
CHICAGO STATE at Lipscomb 3 p.m.
Jackson State at CENTENARY 6 p.m.

Saturday, February 18

[1] ORAL ROBERTS vs. Illinois State 11:30 a.m.
San Francisco at SOUTHERN UTAH (DH) noon
CHICAGO STATE at Lipscomb 1 p.m.
WESTERN ILLINOIS at Alabama State (DH) 1 p.m.
Jackson State at CENTENARY 2 p.m.

Sunday, February 19

Jackson State at CENTENARY noon
CHICAGO STATE at Lipscomb noon
WESTERN ILLINOIS at Alabama State noon
[1] ORAL ROBERTS at Texas-Arlington 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 21

CENTENARY at Northwestern State 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 23

[2] ORAL ROBERTS vs. Texas-Arlington 11 a.m.
Northern Iowa at CENTENARY 6 p.m.

Friday, February 24

[2] ORAL ROBERTS vs. Dallas Baptist 1 p.m.
Northern Iowa at CENTENARY 6 p.m.
WESTERN ILLINOIS at Oklahoma State 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 25

Northern Iowa at CENTENARY 2 p.m.
WESTERN ILLINOIS at Oklahoma State 2 p.m.
OAKLAND at Northwestern State 3 p.m.
[2] ORAL ROBERTS vs. Texas Tech 5 p.m.

Sunday, February 26

Northern Iowa at CENTENARY noon
WESTERN ILLINOIS at Oklahoma State noon
OAKLAND at Northwestern State 1 p.m.

Tuesday, February 28

OAKLAND at Eastern Kentucky 2 p.m.
CENTENARY at Sam Houston State 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 1

OAKLAND at Eastern Kentucky 2 p.m.

Thursday, March 2

BYU at SOUTHERN UTAH 1 p.m.
CHICAGO STATE at Banana Belt Tournament TBA

Friday, March 3

BYU at SOUTHERN UTAH 1 p.m.
VALPARAISO at Austin Peay 2:30 p.m.
OAKLAND at Tennessee 3 p.m.
UC Davis at ORAL ROBERTS 3 p.m.
WESTERN ILLINOIS at Kansas 3 p.m.
CHICAGO STATE at Banana Belt Tournament TBA

Saturday, March 4

BYU at SOUTHERN UTAH 1 p.m.
VALPARAISO at Austin Peay 1 p.m.
WESTERN ILLINOIS at Kansas 1 p.m.
OAKLAND at Tennessee 2 p.m.
UC Davis at ORAL ROBERTS 2 p.m.
CHICAGO STATE at Banana Belt Tournament TBA

Sunday, March 5

VALPARAISO at Austin Peay 1 p.m.
WESTERN ILLINOIS at Kansas 1 p.m.
OAKLAND at Tennessee 2 p.m.
CHICAGO STATE at Banana Belt Tournament TBA
UC Davis at ORAL ROBERTS TBA

Tuesday, March 7

[3] VALPARAISO vs. Central Michigan 2:30 p.m.
Southwest Missouri State at ORAL ROBERTS 3 p.m.
CHICAGO STATE at Washington State 5 p.m.

Wednesday, March 8

[3] VALPARAISO vs. IPFW 2:30 p.m.
CHICAGO STATE at Washington State 5 p.m.

Thursday, March 9

Utah at SOUTHERN UTAH 1 p.m.
[3] VALPARAISO vs. Yale 2:30 p.m.
CHICAGO STATE at Washington State 5 p.m.

Friday, March 10

[3] VALPARAISO vs. Bowling Green 10:30 a.m.
Utah at SOUTHERN UTAH 1 p.m.
OAKLAND at Dayton 2 p.m.
CHICAGO STATE at Gonzaga 5 p.m.
WESTERN ILLINOIS at Hawaii 6:35 p.m.
CENTENARY at Oklahoma 7 p.m.
ORAL ROBERTS at Tulane TBA

Saturday, March 11

OAKLAND at Dayton 1 p.m.
Utah at SOUTHERN UTAH 1 p.m.
CENTENARY at Oklahoma 3 p.m.
CHICAGO STATE at Gonzaga 3 p.m.
WESTERN ILLINOIS at Hawaii (DH) 3:05 p.m.
ORAL ROBERTS at Tulane TBA

Sunday, March 12

[3] VALPARAISO vs. Bradley 10 a.m.
OAKLAND at Dayton noon
CENTENARY at Oklahoma 1 p.m.
WESTERN ILLINOIS at Hawaii 3:05 p.m.
ORAL ROBERTS at Tulane TBA

Monday, March 13

[3] VALPARAISO vs. Fairfield 10 a.m.
WESTERN ILLINOIS at Hawaii 6:35 p.m.

Wednesday, March 15

VALPARAISO at Indiana State 3 p.m.
WESTERN ILLINOIS at Hawaii-Hilo 6 p.m.

Thursday, March 16

St. Mary's (Calif.) at SOUTHERN UTAH 1 p.m.
ORAL ROBERTS at UC Irvine 6 p.m.
WESTERN ILLINOIS at Hawaii-Hilo 6 p.m.

Friday, March 17

St. Mary's (Calif.) at SOUTHERN UTAH 1 p.m.
WESTERN ILLINOIS at Hawaii-Hilo (DH) 3 p.m.
Alcorn State at CENTENARY 6 p.m.
ORAL ROBERTS at UC Irvine 6 p.m.

Saturday, March 18

Alcorn State at CENTENARY (DH) noon
CHICAGO STATE at Tennessee Tech (DH) 1 p.m.
OAKLAND at Cincinnati (DH) 1 p.m.
St. Mary's (Calif.) at SOUTHERN UTAH 1 p.m.
ORAL ROBERTS at UC Irvine 3 p.m.
WESTERN ILLINOIS at Hawaii-Hilo 4 p.m.

Sunday, March 19

CHICAGO STATE at Tennessee Tech 1 p.m.
OAKLAND at Cincinnati 1 p.m.

Tuesday, March 21

VALPARAISO at Indiana 3 p.m.
WESTERN ILLINOIS at Nebraska 4:05 p.m.
CENTENARY at Arkansas 5 p.m.
Wichita State at ORAL ROBERTS 7 p.m.
SOUTHERN UTAH at BYU 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 22

WESTERN ILLINOIS at Nebraska 1:05 p.m.
OAKLAND at Bowling Green 2 p.m.
IPFW at VALPARAISO 2 p.m.
CENTENARY at Arkansas 3 p.m.

Friday, March 24

SOUTHERN UTAH at Air Force 2 p.m.
OAKLAND at Michigan 3:05 p.m.
North Dakota State at CENTENARY 6 p.m.
San Francisco at ORAL ROBERTS 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 25

North Dakota State at CENTENARY (DH) noon
SOUTHERN UTAH at Air Force (DH) noon
South Dakota State at VALPARAISO noon
WESTERN ILLINOIS at Michigan State noon
CHICAGO STATE at Purdue (DH) 1 p.m.
OAKLAND at Michigan (DH) 1:05 p.m.
San Francisco at ORAL ROBERTS 2 p.m.

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Sunday, March 26

South Dakota State at VALPARAISO	noon
WESTERN ILLINOIS at Michigan State	noon
CHICAGO STATE at Purdue	1 p.m.
OAKLAND at Michigan	1:05 p.m.
San Francisco at ORAL ROBERTS	TBA

Tuesday, March 28

OAKLAND at Central Michigan	3 p.m.
Texas-Arlington at ORAL ROBERTS	5 p.m.
VALPARAISO at Notre Dame	5:05 p.m.
CHICAGO STATE at Kansas State	7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 29

Illinois-Chicago at VALPARAISO	2 p.m.
CHICAGO STATE at Kansas State	3 p.m.
Illinois College at WESTERN ILLINOIS	3 p.m.

Thursday, March 30

SOUTHERN UTAH at Utah Valley State	7 p.m.
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Friday, March 31

South Dakota State at WESTERN ILLINOIS	3 p.m.
CENTENARY at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi	4 p.m.
Bethune-Cookman at ORAL ROBERTS	7 p.m.
SOUTHERN UTAH at Utah Valley State	7 p.m.

Saturday, April 1

South Dakota State at WESTERN ILLINOIS (DH)	noon
CENTENARY at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi	1 p.m.
Rochester College at OAKLAND	1 p.m.
SOUTHERN UTAH at Utah Valley State (DH)	1 p.m.
Illinois Tech at VALPARAISO	1 p.m.
Bethune-Cookman at ORAL ROBERTS	2 p.m.

Sunday, April 2

CENTENARY at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi	noon
South Dakota State at WESTERN ILLINOIS	noon
Rochester College at OAKLAND	1 p.m.
Marian (Ind.) at VALPARAISO	1 p.m.
Bethune-Cookman at ORAL ROBERTS	TBA

Monday, April 3

SOUTHERN UTAH at BYU	3 p.m.
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Tuesday, April 4

Saginaw Valley State at OAKLAND	2 p.m.
VALPARAISO at Ball State	2 p.m.
CHICAGO STATE at Notre Dame	5:05 p.m.
Oklahoma State at ORAL ROBERTS	7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 5

Eastern Illinois at WESTERN ILLINOIS	3 p.m.
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Friday, April 7

VALPARAISO at SOUTHERN UTAH (DH) *	noon
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Saturday, April 8

WESTERN ILLINOIS at CENTENARY (DH) *	noon
CHICAGO STATE at OAKLAND (DH) *	noon
VALPARAISO at SOUTHERN UTAH (DH) *	noon

Sunday, April 9

WESTERN ILLINOIS at CENTENARY (DH) *	noon
CHICAGO STATE at OAKLAND (DH) *	noon

Tuesday, April 11

SOUTHERN UTAH at Utah	2 p.m.
CHICAGO STATE at Western Michigan	3 p.m.
OAKLAND at Notre Dame	5:05 p.m.

Wednesday, April 12

UW-Milwaukee at CHICAGO STATE	3 p.m.
Indiana Tech at VALPARAISO	3 p.m.
Bradley at WESTERN ILLINOIS	3 p.m.
Wichita State at ORAL ROBERTS	7 p.m.

Friday, April 14

CENTENARY at SOUTHERN UTAH (DH) *	noon
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Saturday, April 15

CENTENARY at SOUTHERN UTAH (DH) *	noon
OAKLAND at WESTERN ILLINOIS (DH) *	noon
ORAL ROBERTS at VALPARAISO (DH) *	noon
CHICAGO STATE at IPFW (DH)	1 p.m.

Sunday, April 16

OAKLAND at WESTERN ILLINOIS (DH) *	noon
ORAL ROBERTS at VALPARAISO (DH) *	noon
CHICAGO STATE at IPFW	noon

Tuesday, April 18

SOUTHERN UTAH at Utah	2 p.m.
CHICAGO STATE at North Central	3 p.m.
VALPARAISO at Northwestern	3 p.m.
OAKLAND at Eastern Michigan	6 p.m.
Sam Houston State at CENTENARY	6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 19

CHICAGO STATE at Northern Illinois	3 p.m.
OAKLAND at Ohio State	6:35 p.m.

Saturday, April 22

ORAL ROBERTS at CENTENARY (DH) *	noon
WESTERN ILLINOIS at CHICAGO STATE (DH) *	noon
OAKLAND at VALPARAISO (DH) *	noon

Sunday, April 23

ORAL ROBERTS at CENTENARY (DH) *	noon
WESTERN ILLINOIS at CHICAGO STATE (DH) *	noon
OAKLAND at VALPARAISO (DH) *	noon

Tuesday, April 25

VALPARAISO at Bradley (DH)	3 p.m.
SOUTHERN UTAH at Arizona	6 p.m.
ORAL ROBERTS at Arkansas	7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 26

SOUTHERN UTAH at Arizona	noon
Northern Illinois at CHICAGO STATE	3 p.m.
Central Michigan at OAKLAND	3 p.m.
VALPARAISO at Purdue	3 p.m.
Coe at WESTERN ILLINOIS	3 p.m.

Saturday, April 29

CENTENARY at CHICAGO STATE (DH) *	noon
SOUTHERN UTAH at OAKLAND (DH) *	noon
North Dakota State at VALPARAISO (DH)	noon
WESTERN ILLINOIS at ORAL ROBERTS (DH) *	2 p.m.

Sunday, April 30

CENTENARY at CHICAGO STATE (DH) *	noon
SOUTHERN UTAH at OAKLAND (DH) *	noon
WESTERN ILLINOIS at ORAL ROBERTS (DH) *	noon
North Dakota State at VALPARAISO (DH)	noon

Tuesday, May 2

VALPARAISO at Western Michigan	3 p.m.
Arkansas at ORAL ROBERTS	7 p.m.
CHICAGO STATE at Illinois-Chicago	7:35 p.m.

Wednesday, May 3

OAKLAND at Eastern Michigan	6 p.m.
WESTERN ILLINOIS at Iowa	6 p.m.

Saturday, May 6

SOUTHERN UTAH at WESTERN ILLINOIS (DH) *	noon
Wayne State at OAKLAND	1 p.m.
VALPARAISO at CENTENARY (DH) *	2 p.m.
CHICAGO STATE at ORAL ROBERTS (DH) *	2 p.m.

Sunday, May 7

VALPARAISO at CENTENARY (DH) *	noon
CHICAGO STATE at ORAL ROBERTS (DH) *	noon
SOUTHERN UTAH at WESTERN ILLINOIS (DH) *	noon
Wayne State at OAKLAND	1 p.m.

Tuesday, May 9

Bowling Green at OAKLAND	3 p.m.
VALPARAISO at IPFW	3 p.m.
SOUTHERN UTAH at BYU	7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 10

[4] VALPARAISO vs. Indiana	7:05 p.m.
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Friday, May 12

ORAL ROBERTS at SOUTHERN UTAH (DH) *	noon
North Dakota State at WESTERN ILLINOIS (DH)	noon

Saturday, May 13

CENTENARY at OAKLAND (DH) *	noon
CHICAGO STATE at VALPARAISO (DH) *	noon
ORAL ROBERTS at SOUTHERN UTAH (DH) *	noon
North Dakota State at WESTERN ILLINOIS	noon

Sunday, May 14

CENTENARY at OAKLAND (DH) *	noon
CHICAGO STATE at VALPARAISO (DH) *	noon
North Dakota State at WESTERN ILLINOIS	noon

Tuesday, May 16

SOUTHERN UTAH at Utah	2 p.m.
Kent State at OAKLAND	3 p.m.
Northern Illinois at VALPARAISO	3 p.m.
CHICAGO STATE at UW-Milwaukee	5 p.m.
ORAL ROBERTS at Oklahoma State	6:30 p.m.

Friday, May 19

VALPARAISO at WESTERN ILLINOIS (DH) *	noon
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Saturday, May 20

SOUTHERN UTAH at CHICAGO STATE (DH) *	noon
VALPARAISO at WESTERN ILLINOIS (DH) *	noon
OAKLAND at ORAL ROBERTS (DH) *	2 p.m.

Sunday, May 21

SOUTHERN UTAH at CHICAGO STATE (DH) *	noon
OAKLAND at ORAL ROBERTS (DH) *	noon

Thursday, May 25 – Saturday, May 27

Mid-Continent Conference Baseball Championship
(Oral Roberts University/Tulsa, Okla.)

All times local to site.

* - indicates Mid-Con game.

(DH) – indicates doubleheader

SCHEDULE KEY

- [1] – UTA Invitational (Arlington, Texas)
- [2] – Rockhounds College Classic (Midland, Texas)
- [3] – at Bradenton, Fla.
- [4] – at U.S. Steel Yard (Gary, Ind.)