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By Jim Mulrooney



Larry Olimb, captain, U of M Hockey Team, holds 1992 WCHA Championship Cup.

Talk about overall athletic success. Men's teams at the University of Minnesota (U of M) have racked up more conference titles in 1992 (4) than any other Big Ten school. Team and individual athletic achievements have been impressive.

Put on your Maroon and Gold and look at the record. Then smile.

The Hockey Team (Doug Woog, head coach) won the MacNaughton Cup, symbolic of the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) Championship. The Gophers established their highest winning percentage (.813) since they began competing in the WCHA 33 years ago.

The U of M was the top WCHA team in terms of the number of its players who were selected as all-stars. Captain Larry Olimb (Warroad, MN) was named to the All-WCHA First Team. He surpassed the longstanding career assists record of the great John Mayasich. Other all-stars were defenseman Doug Zmolek (Rochester, MN), Travis Richards (Crystal, MN), and goalie Jeff Stolp (Nashwauk, MN). Forward Darby Hendrickson (Richfield, MN) was honored as Rookie of the Year.

The Gymnastics Team (Fred Roethlisberger, head coach) won the Big Ten title for the third year in a row. The team swept conference honors: Gymnast of the Year (John Roethlisberger, Afton, MN), Freshman of the Year (Kerry Huston, Spring, TX), and Coach of the Year (Fred Roethlisberger).

The Gophers finished fourth in the NCAA National Gymnastics Championships, and All-American John Roethlisberger won the all-around title for the second straight year.

Coach Roethlisberger: "We're proud to have won (Athletic Director) McKinley Boston's first Big Ten Championship. I consider winning the Big Ten almost the equal of winning the National Championship. We put every bit of effort into winning the Big Ten - emotionally and in training. We really work hard at it, because it is as tough a meet as the Nationals."

"The University of Minnesota is very well recognized throughout the country. It is regarded as one of the five or six schools that the top echelon of gymnastics athletes can go to and be assured of being on a great team



Fred Roethlisberger

and training to be on the National Team or the Olympic Team. Every year since 1978 we have had at least one, and sometimes three or four, gymnasts on the 18-member National Team.

"John (Roethlisberger) should be a strong favorite to make the 7-member U.S. Olympic Team. In five of the last six major gymnastics meets (NCAA and

USA Championships), he's finished in first or second place. I certainly think our Kerry Huston will make the National Team."

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John Roethlisberger, co-captain, Gopher Gymnastics Team, 1992 Big Ten Champions

The Tennis Team (David Geatz, head coach) defeated Indiana to take the Big Ten title. Its conference record was 10-0 (21-4 overall). The powerful Gophers' doubles team of Brian Uihlein (Lake Forest, IL) and Adam Krafft (Saginaw, MI) were 21-2 during the season and ranked fifth in the country.

Minnesota has played in the Big Ten Tennis Finals three times in the last four years and has won the Championship twice.

Coach Geatz: "I thought we had the best talent in the conference. No team practiced harder, or was better conditioned, or more motivated, or played a more competitive schedule than we did. To win the Big Ten title is a great accomplishment of which we can all be proud."



David Geatz

"Our Baseline Club is a major reason we've won Big Ten Championships. It is noted around the country as the best tennis support group there is. With its help, we are able to travel throughout the country to compete against the nation's best teams and to operate a first-class tennis program."

"Our goal is to raise funds during the coming year to perpetually endow tennis scholarships at the U of M. By becoming more self-sufficient, we can help free-up Men's Athletic Department funds for other Gopher sports. I think it would go a long way toward strengthening our tennis program. It would also go a long way in helping galvanize the community support we've received. This is going to be the University of Minnesota's tennis

team, but it's also going to be the community's tennis team."

The Swimming & Diving Team (Dennis Dale, head coach) finished second to Michigan in the Big Ten Championships. Del Cerney (Staples, MN) won the 50 freestyle title in record time.

During the season the team lost only one dual meet.

"We were particularly ecstatic with the way our athletes performed at the NCAA Championships in Indianapolis," Dale commented.

Minnesota recorded its highest NCAA point total ever, placing sixth, its best finish in 29 years. Michigan was tenth. Cerney was third in the 50 freestyle. Paul Nelsen (Lincoln, NE) set school records in the 200 and 400 individual medley, finishing second and fourth respectively. Sean Quackenbush (Rochester, MN) established a school record in the 100 butterfly while placing fourth. Can Ergenekan (Beaverton, OR) was fifth in the 200 butterfly. The 200 freestyle relay team made up of Cerney, Steve Busse (Cincinnati, OH), Eric Jorgensen (Rochester, MN), and Jay Fischer (Hutchinson, MN) finished fifth, the Gophers' best relay finish since 1965.

The team also won All-Academic honors with a 3.13 grade point average, second highest in the nation.

The Track & Field Team (Roy Griak, head coach) was only three points out of third place at the Big Ten Indoor Championships, its best indoor finish since 1968.

Three Gophers were Indoor Champions: Mark Lacy (Oak Brook, IL) in the shot put; Chris Murrell (Grand Island, NE) in the high jump; and Kieta Cline (Gainesville, FL) in the triple jump. Cline, a participant in four events, was Big Ten Freshman of the Year, and



Minnesota's 1992 Big Ten Tennis Champions (Left to Right) Top Row: Steve Willoughby, David Geatz, Mike Husebo, Adam Krafft, Phil LeBlanc, Bev Reed; Middle Row: Dean Hlushko, Paul Pridmore, Dominic Roderiguez, Rick Naumoff, Ross Loel; Bottom Row: Grant Julian, Medhi Benyebka, John Louis, Brian Uihlein, Roger Anderson

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Calling the Turn with Jimmy Byrne Let's tee off on track and tennis.



The Big Ten Outdoor Track and Field Championships were held at the University of Minnesota (U of M) on May 23-24. It was the first time this collegiate sports classic has been here since 1968.

Roy Griak, finishing his 29th year at Minnesota, is dean of Big Ten track coaches.



Jim Kelly

His tenure is the longest of any member of the University's Men's Athletic staff.

Jim Kelly coached the tracksters before Griak, from 1937-63. Between them they guided the Gopher track program for 55 years, far longer than any previous pair.

So, with our respects to the late Bernie Bierman, for whom the entire Gopher athletic complex is named, why not rename the track the "Kelly-Griak Track" in honor of these two outstanding coaches who were instrumental in shaping the track and field program at the U of M?

Already the baseball field in the Bierman Complex has been appropriately named "Siebert Field" in honor of the late Dick Siebert, "The Chief," who coached Gopher baseball so successfully from 1948-78.

Like Siebert, Griak had a big hand in planning and designing the new Gopher track and field which opened in 1990 adjacent to the Bierman Building.

"Yes, I helped with the plans," said Griak when asked about the matter just before the Big Ten Meet.

"I put some of my own ideas into it and I borrowed from other track and fields I have seen over the years.

"All the field events can be held in the in-field. With the all-weather running surface, we have the finest outdoor track in the country."



Roy Griak

Winning two Big Ten Tennis Championships within four years was just a gleam in Jerry Noyce's eye when he became the Gopher coach in 1974. But it became a reality when Brian Uihlein, Mehdi Benyebka, and Rick Naumoff led the Gophers to the '92 title under the direction of Head Coach David Geatz, Noyce's successor.

Besides concentrated recruiting and excellent coaching, improved indoor facilities helped turn the tennis program around at Minnesota.

Noyce served as professional at the Northwest Indoor Tennis Club when he became the Gopher coach and held the two positions simultaneously. Thus, Noyce was able to obtain indoor tennis time for his Gophers at Northwest.

Another plus was Marv Wolfenson, co-owner of the Minnesota Timberwolves. Wolfenson founded and built the chain of Northwest Racquet, Swim and Health Clubs in the area before the temptation of professional basketball overwhelmed him.

Marv had a big heart, especially for Gopher tennis. The Gophers had access to the finest of indoor facilities and the program naturally improved as never before.

"I think it's great that Minnesota won the Big Ten tennis title again," said Noyce. "The Gophers were 10-0 during the regular schedule. That's almost unheard of.

"And they were so strong that they only needed to play their doubles in two matches."

Jim Byrne began writing for the Minneapolis Star in 1936. His 43-year sports reporting career began with sailing and expanded to include a wide range of Minnesota sports at the high school, college, and professional levels.

Letters



Jobs for Women Athletes?

I read your article about summer jobs for student athletes. What a great program. Is it open only to men in the U of M's athletic program or can women athletes be considered too?

Gerilyn Pierre
Richfield

Ed. Note: Both men and women participate in the Student-Athlete Employment Program.

"Yes" to the Golf Course!

As a U of M alum, I would be thrilled to see some serious work on the school's golf course. Given the strong love for the crazy game in this state I think the money would be well spent! Oh ya, congrats to the U of M golf team!

B. Starkey
Mendota Heights

SPORTSNEWS Fans

I don't usually write to papers but I wanted to tell you how much my husband enjoys SPORTSNEWS. He's crazy about U of M sports and reads your publication from cover to cover. (I even read it too!)

Mrs. J. M. McNelly
Hastings

Grandpa Hendrickson Cites SPORTSNEWS

I ... wish to thank you for giving Darby (the writer's grandson and the Gopher hockey team's Rookie of the Year) and the Hendrickson name such favorable prominence ("Calling the Turn with Jimmy Byrne" in the April, 1992 SPORTSNEWS).

It meant a great deal to me that a former associate (at the Minneapolis newspaper), Jim

Byrne, did such a splendid column revealing my link to Darby's attainment at the University of Minnesota. I am honored and appreciative.

Your story on Darby ("Mr. Hockey" in the January, 1992 SPORTSNEWS) also handled his achievements in a manner that revealed his philosophy and personality. He received a great deal of media mention this year, but your story stands out.

Your April, 1992 SPORTSNEWS also interested me because of the main story about jobs for athletes (the Student-Athlete Employment Program). I am impressed by the U of M policy in guiding scholarship athletes ... the monitored study program, the attention of advisors and now the jobs program. One can feel proud of Gopher affiliation.

Joe Hendrickson
U of M Class of 1935
(Former Sports Editor of the
Minneapolis Tribune)
Alhambra, CA

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Fan in the Stands

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF U OF M BASKETBALL HEAD COACH CLEM HASKINS?



Donna Chermak, St. Paul

"He's a great coach! I especially like his Gopher Sports program on TV."



Doug Engum, Minneapolis

"Off the court he's concerned with the academic and social well-being of his athletes. On the court, I like his intensity."



Marty Decker, Minneapolis

"I think he's done a real good job. He's represented the school honorably under what were, sometimes, not the best of circumstances. I hope he stays with the U of M."



Steve Barbin, St. Paul

"From what I've seen and heard, he's a good coach and a strong figure in athletics. He's a forthright person - the kind of man you can look up to."



Dan Riley, St. Paul

"He has a great philosophy. He's honest and great with kids. He's straightforward and expects a lot!"

Where are They Now?

McKinley Boston: Homecoming

By Len Levine and Jim Mulrooney

He came. He left. And he came back again. To the University of Minnesota (U of M). Home.

For McKinley Boston, from sandlot days on, sports were an important part of his life. But it was never sports alone that meant something to him.

His mother, Lenora, and his stepfather, Veralee, regarded education as a privilege and an opportunity they had not enjoyed. They wanted their son to reap the benefits only a formal education could provide.

In Elizabeth City, North Carolina where he grew up in the late 1950s and early 1960s, Boston recalls there was an extended family throughout the black community. "This meant that teachers did more than teach, coaches did more than coach, preachers did more than preach. They filled the role of parents."

Boston says, "Today the community is splintered because of so many single parent families. The absence of a role model in the home is more critical than it was when I was young."

All the local schools he attended were segregated, including P.W. Moore High School where he first participated in organized sports and from which he graduated in 1964.

He played four sports. He was a tackle and line-backer in football, a forward in basketball, a catcher in baseball, and a sprinter in track. He ran a 10.2 in the 100-yard dash and finished third in the State Track Meet. In his senior year the football team won the State Championship, and he was voted All-State in both football and basketball.

Boston was invited to play in the North Carolina Negro High School All-Star football game. As a result of his performance in that game, Minnesota, Michigan, and Indiana recruited him.

When he visited the University of Minnesota campus, he felt welcomed. "There were so many athletes from my state who came to talk to me. People like Bobby Bell, Carl Eller, Lou Hudson,

and Sandy Stephens (although he wasn't from North Carolina). They made me feel like it was some kind of homecoming."

Until college he had never competed against white athletes, and he actually thought black athletes were better. In a football scrimmage as a member of the Gopher freshman team, he was assigned to block Gayle Gillingham, a talented white linesman. Boston remembers worrying, "I might hurt this guy." Instead, as the ball was snapped on the first play, Gillingham hit him so hard that Boston's helmet turned around and his lip was cracked. He says, "With that one play I learned to respect people different than myself. It was my introduction to integration."

Boston has high praise for Head Coach Murray Warmath who, he says, "was a man ahead of his time, always fair and approachable. He had tremendous influence on me."

His first game as a Gopher was played against the University of Southern California (USC) in the L.A. Coliseum. USC's star running back was Mike Garrett, the Heisman Trophy winner that year (1965). The game ended tied (20-20). For the next three years, Boston started every game as a defensive tackle.

In his senior year the University of Minnesota was co-champion in the Big Ten. Boston was named to the All-Big Ten First Team and selected to play in the Blue-Gray Football Classic. His fellow players included Bob Stein (now president of the Minnesota

Timberwolves), Charlie Sanders (later a tight-end with the Detroit Lions), John Williams (today a Minneapolis dentist), Hubie Bryant, and Mo Forte.

Boston played two years at defensive lineman for the New York Giants in the National Football League and two years with the British Columbia Lions in the Canadian Football League.

After retiring from professional football following the 1971 season, he returned to the classroom where he received his B.S. degree from Montclair (N.J.) State College in 1972 and his M.S. degree from the same institution in 1973.

Montclair College asked him to teach in the Physical Education Department and to serve as defensive coordinator of its football team. For 12 years he was Director of Student Services at Montclair.

He earned his Ed.D degree from New York University in 1987, specializing in Sports Management.

For two years Dr. Boston was Director of Athletics and Recreational Services at Kean (N.J.) College. From 1988 until coming to the U of M, he was Director of Athletics at the University of Rhode Island.

He has been a guest lecturer at Harvard University and has taught courses at each of the colleges with which he has been associated.

On December 17, 1991 U of M President Nils Hasselmo named McKinley Boston the University's tenth Director of Men's Intercollegiate Athletics.

Boston's wife Magellia has been a school teacher in Newark, New Jersey for the past 18 years. They have two children. Lance, 21, is in his fourth year as a student-athlete at the University of Maine, and Kimberly, 12, is in junior high school.

For the past five months, Dr. Boston has been spearheading an unparalleled outreach effort all over the state to broaden support for men's athletics at the University of Minnesota.

"We're going to have a successful program, but we're not going to get it done alone," Dr. Boston emphasizes. "I'm asking students, alumni, business people, community groups, organized labor, everybody who will listen, to make a commitment to support Gopher men's athletics. Help give our student-athletes the edge - people power."



McKinley Boston, 1967, the Gopher's All-Big Ten defensive tackle.

He also is working to foster a close relationship between the Athletic Department and the academic community at the U of M. "I believe academic and athletic excellence should go hand-in-hand," remarks Dr. Boston.

"I remember coming to the University of Minnesota about 28 years ago," Boston says. "The people of this state were warm and embracing. I always was treated fairly. My experiences were good and memorable, and I was presented with many options for my life. As I have begun my new position, I have had occasion to rediscover the excellent quality of life which is here."

Homecoming.

Len Levine earned three varsity letters as a member of the Gopher track team and established several records, one of which (the 60-yard dash) stood for 17 years. He was the silver medal winner in the 1960 Big Ten 300-yard dash championship. Levine was President of the "M" Club in 1989.

Jim Mulrooney is Managing Editor of SPORTSNEWS.



"Help give our student-athletes the edge - people power."

— Dr. McKinley Boston
Men's Athletic Director
University of Minnesota

Minnesota Labor Rallies Behind Gophers



(L to R) Al Berryman, Dave Morris, Harold Yates, Dr. McKinley Boston, Len Levine, and Ray Waldron. Minnesota organized labor leaders representing approximately 100,000 workers in the state responded enthusiastically to Dr. Boston's request for support of Men's Athletics at the University of Minnesota. Harold Yates, president of the Minnesota Teamsters, announced the Teamsters' commitment to purchase \$5000 worth of tickets to Gopher football games.

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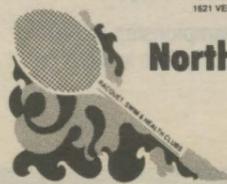
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Gopher Tales

By Kalley Lisam

Gymnastics - Andrew Weaver (Albuquerque, NM), an outstanding club gymnast, will attend the U of M next fall. Head Coach Fred Roethlisberger said, "He's going to be a really good freshman for us."

Roethlisberger added, "Next season we lose Leif Carlson (Bloomington, MN) who worked all six events and was one of our top four athletes the last two years. We also lose Korey Bannerman (Shakopee, MN), a specialist on rings, and Tony Brough (Blaine, MN), a specialist on parallel bars."

With the addition of talented recruits and the development of this year's championship team, the Gophers look to be as strong as ever next year. And the University of Minnesota will host the Big Ten Gymnastics Championships.

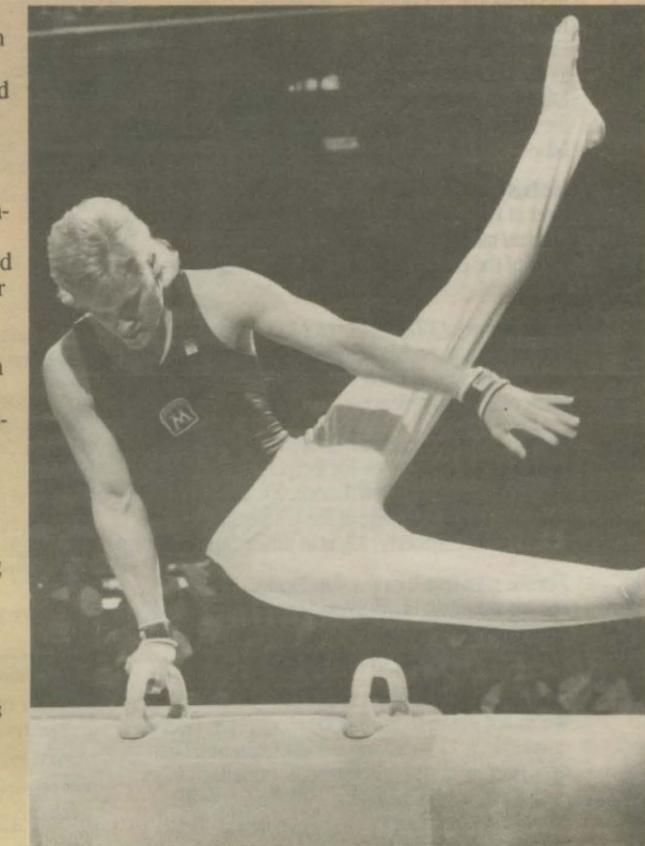
The Olympic Gymnastics Trials will take place in Baltimore on June 11.

Tennis - Minnesota defeated Indiana 5-2 to win the Big Ten Conference Championship. The Gophers' three tournament victories improved their overall season record to 21-4 (10-0 in the Big Ten regular season).

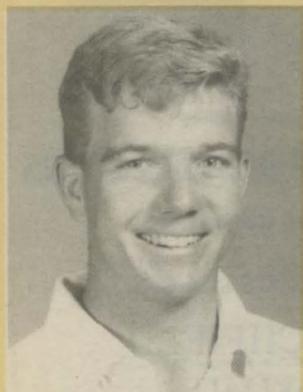
Four players concluded the year by winning all three of their singles matches at the Championship. They are junior Rick Naumoff (Columbus, OH), freshman Ross Loel (Rancho LaCosta, CA), junior Mehdi Benyebka (Oran, Algeria), and senior Phil LeBlanc (St. Bruno, Quebec, Canada). Leblanc's outstanding career singles record at the University of Minnesota (U of M) is 16-4.

The doubles victory of senior Brian Uihlein (Lake Forest, IL) and sophomore Adam Krafft (Saginaw, MI) clinched the Big Ten title for the Gophers. Uihlein and Krafft rank as one of the nation's top five doubles teams. Their season record, 21-2.

Congratulations to Head Coach David Geatz (whose career record is 200-97, 79-32 at the U of M) and his championship players.



Leif Carlson, gymnastics



Joseph Gullion, golf

(Owatonna, MN) tied for fifth individually (215). The NCAA Golf Championships will take place in Albuquerque, New Mexico, June 3-6.

Wrestling - Another star prep athlete has signed to come to the U of M next fall. Jason Melcher (Anoka, MN), a senior at St. Francis High School, established an impressive 143-34-4 overall record. His 143 wins are the most in school history.

Melcher won the 1992 Minnesota State High School Wrestling Championship at 140 pounds. He was 35-2 in his senior year. When he competes at the collegiate level, it is expected he will wrestle at either 142 or 150 pounds.

Other talented team members whose fine play contributed to the Gophers' sensational season are: junior Roger Anderson (New Hope, MN); senior Dean Hlushko (Arden Hills, MN); senior Mike Husebo (Edina, MN); junior Grant Julian (Voorhees, NJ); sophomore Paul Pridmore (North Aurora, IL); and junior Dominic Roderiquez (Albuquerque, NM).

Golf - Junior Joe Gullion (San Antonio, TX) was the Big Ten Golfer of the Month for April. At the Spartan Invitational in East Lansing, Michigan, he set a tournament record (68-67-76=211), finishing six strokes ahead of his nearest competitor. The Gophers finished third.

Minnesota's good final round (293) enabled the team to place sixth in the 19-team Wolverine Invitational at Ann Arbor, Michigan. Senior captain Dave Carothers

An excellent student and member of the 1991 Guillotine Academic All-State team, Melcher is currently planning to study Physical Therapy at the U of M.

Baseball - A lot of players performed exceptionally during the Gophers' blistering second-half of the season.

Senior outfielder Keith Krenke (Owatonna, MN) set a school record by hitting five home runs in three games. In a five-game period, he smashed seven home runs, drove in 14 runs, and scored nine times. He also played outstanding defense, throwing out a runner at third and two at home in a game against Penn State. Ace pitcher Scott Bakkum (La Crosse, WI) threw a two-hitter against Iowa, concluding the regular season with an excellent 8-3 record.

Sparked by the hitting of All-American candidate Mark Merila (Plymouth, MN), who was 10-for-13, the Gophers ended the regular season by sweeping a four-game series from the Hawkeyes at Siebert Field.

Merila set the single-season school mark for walks, breaking the record held since 1982 by Bill Piwnica.

The Gophers benefitted throughout the season from one of the best leadoff tandems in the country: sophomore Charlie Nelson (Perham, MN) and junior Ryan Lefebvre (Los Angeles, CA).

Junior George Behr (Maplewood, MN) was named Big Ten Player of the Week in recognition of his offensive hot streak (a .545 batting average and nine runs-batted-in) against the Northwestern Wildcats.

The College World Series will be held in Omaha, Nebraska, May 29-June 6.

Track & Field - Junior Chad Rodvold (Williston, ND) set a school record in the javelin (213'5") and sophomore Martin Eriksson (Stockholm, Sweden) did the same in the pole vault (17'10 1/2") at the Minnesota Open on May 9th.

Junior Tyrone Minor (St. Paul, MN) won the 100 meters (:10.60) and the long jump (24'1 3/4") and junior Chris Murrell (Grand Island, NE) took the high jump (6'10 3/4").

Sophomore Norris Williams (Milwaukee, WI) won the 400 meters (:47.85), and senior co-captain Sean Fitzgerald (Ottawa, Ontario, Canada) won the 800 meters (1:53.89).

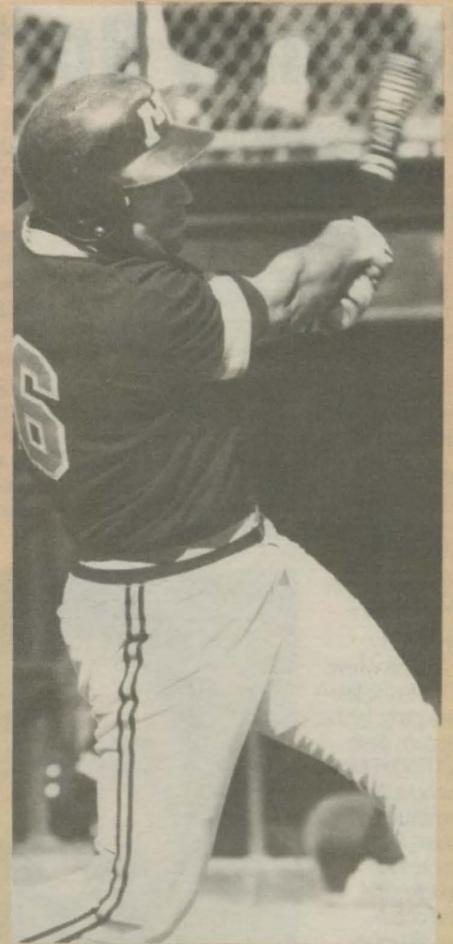
Junior Doug Milkowski (Stevens Point, WI), the Gophers' standout cross country runner, was second in the 3000 meter steeplechase at Bierman Track & Field on May 2. Fitzgerald won the 1500 meters (3:59.51) and senior co-captain Mark Lacy (Oak Brook, IL) won the shot put (55'8 1/4") and was runner-up in the discus (157'1").

At the prestigious Drake Relays in Des Moines, Iowa, Eriksson was fourth in the pole vault, sophomore Matt Burns (Cedar Rapids, IA) and Murrell fourth and fifth respectively in the high jump, and junior Chad Goldstein (St. Louis Park, MN) sixth in the shot put.

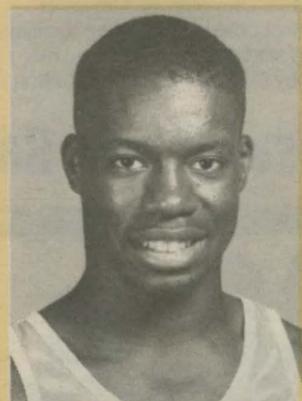
Head Coach Roy Griak said, "Sophomore Omar Douglas (New Orleans, LA) has contributed a great deal to our team this spring. Without him, we wouldn't have had a 4x100 (meter) relay team." Douglas came to the team after completing his spring training responsibilities with the football team.

Griak hopes the football team continues recruiting the kind of speedsters who can also help the track team.

The next issue of SPORTSNEWS will review the Big Ten Outdoor Track & Field Championships hosted by the U of M.



Keith Krenke, baseball



Omar Douglas, track & field

Support Bronko's Museum

He was a Minnesota hero, an American sports legend. It is time to immortalize him. Permanently. Bronko. The name says it all.

The Bronko Nagurski Foundation, a non-profit organization, is seeking financial support to build and maintain the Bronko Nagurski Museum in International Falls, Minnesota, the Bronk's beloved home town.

The Museum will be constructed as a wing to the existing Koochiching County Historical Society. The new climate-controlled facility will display and preserve photographs, artifacts, documents and other memorabilia reflective of Bronko's life and the evolution of the National Football League.

Nagurski starred for the Minnesota Gophers (1927-30). He was named All-American at two positions - fullback and tackle - the only college football player ever so honored. The remarkably powerful Bronko became a famous professional



football player in the 1930s, helping to lead the Chicago Bears to a number of World Championships.

The great Red Grange played in the backfield with Nagurski. Grange described Bronko as "the greatest star I ever saw, and I saw a lot of them in my lifetime."

Chairing the Bronko Nagurski Foundation's fund-raising effort is Frank Youso, Jr., who had an outstanding football playing career at the University of Minnesota and later with the

New York Giants, Minnesota Vikings, and Oakland Raiders.

All gifts to the Foundation are tax-deductible. They should be made to the Bronko Nagurski Foundation, P.O. Box 392, International Falls, Minnesota 56649. For more information, contact Mr. Youso (218) 283-8589. Help build a lasting tribute to this phenomenal athlete and dedicated citizen. The Bronk. One-of-a-kind.



And What Part Did I Play In The Golden Gopher Tradition?

Doug Beck of Brooklyn Park is a "Who Am I?" Winner

I was a football player and trainer at the University of Minnesota going back to 1929. Many of the athletes that I worked on as trainer in the "Gopher Hole" (my name for the training room) returned to become members of the athletic department staff: Some of my "patients" were Cal Stoll, Butch Nash, Roger French, Mo Forte, Wally Johnson, Roy Griak, Jerry Noyce, Herb Brooks, Greg Hughes, Doug Woog, and Paul Giel.

I played center for the pro football team, Haycraft's All Stars and the Minneapolis Marines. The center was called the "snapper" and some believe that's how I got the nickname, "Snapper."

I was named head Gopher trainer in 1935 and held that position until I retired in 1974.



Lloyd "Snapper" Stein

I was born in Luverne, Alabama and moved with my family to Hartford, Connecticut when I was very young. We eventually wound up in Clairton, Pennsylvania where I received most of my education.

I was named after both grandfathers who grew up in slave families. One grandfather was a sharecropper for an Alabama judge, and that's how I got one of my names.

I played football for the University of Minnesota (and was also a high jumper on the track team) in 1959, 1960 and 1961 and was the team's leader in rushing yardage. Throughout my Gopher career I never once was thrown for a loss.

Those were the days when we played both ways. In my senior season, 1961, we needed to beat Michigan or we would not be going to the Rose Bowl. It looked just about hopeless as we were trailing the Wolverines 20-15 with two minutes to go. Benny McRae, their great halfback, fumbled the ball after being hit with a bone-crushing tackle by Tom Teigen, and I landed on the ball on the Michigan nine yard line.



1960 Photo

Three plays later I dove over from the one foot line for the winning touchdown and we were on our way to Pasadena where we defeated UCLA 21-3. WHO AM I?

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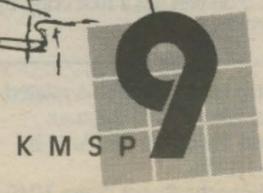
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"Spring" Game?

It should have been called the "Winter" game instead of the annual intersquad "Spring" game when new Gopher football coach Jim Wacker wound up spring practice. In spite of the cold, freezing rain and heavy winds, Coach Wacker unveiled an exciting new offense and hard-hitting defense with hundreds of loyal fans looking on. The SPORTSNEWS roving camera caught these faithful (not just fair-weather) followers.

Aches & Pains

Guest Columnist
Edward V. Craig, M.D.

Q My son is on the high school track team and competes in the long jump and runs the sprints. Lately he has complained about severe pain in one knee. Our pediatrician says he has Osgood-Schlatter's disease and will outgrow this. Can you tell me more about this condition?

A You did not state the age of your son, but I would assume that he is a maturing adolescent. Osgood-Schlatter's disease involves a growth plate at the exact site where the kneecap tendon inserts into the leg bone. This can be likened or comparable to a tendinitis that one may get in the kneecap tendon as a mature adult. However, as an adolescent develops his/her mature body, the growth plate is weaker than the tendon itself and, as such, is more susceptible to overuse-type complaints.

The most common symptom reported is pain in the front of the knee. Occasionally, this is associated with some swelling around the knee. Frequently a bump is noticed at the exact site where the kneecap tendon inserts into the leg bone. This bump occurs most often in jumping sports and sports where one does a lot of running or kicking, such as soccer.

The treatment for this would be to rest the knee from jumping and running activities at least as long as is necessary for the child to become pain free. Applying ice to that area also helps. Occasionally, an aspirin or other type of mild over-the-counter medication is needed.

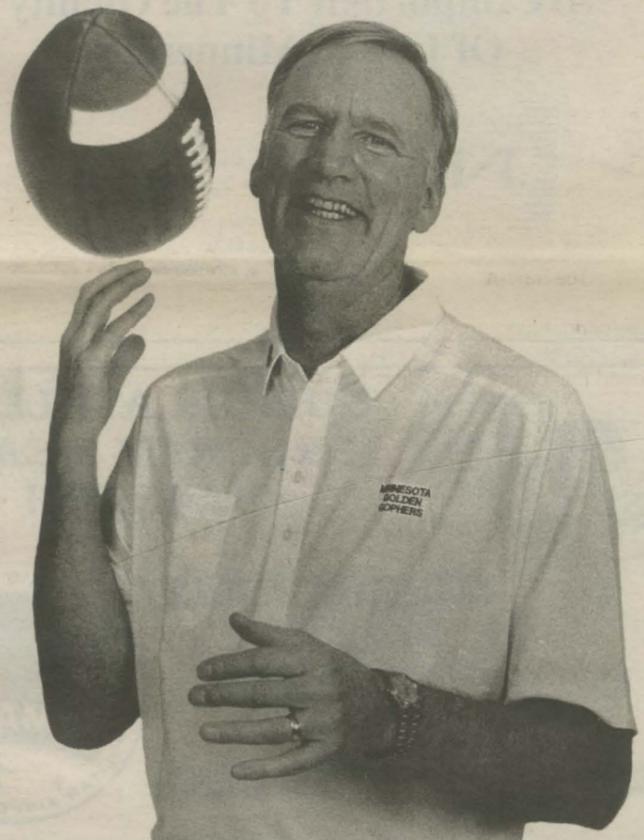
This disease entity completely resolves itself as the growth plates close (approximately at age 16 to 19 in men, one year after onset of menstruation in women). However, the bump in the front of the knee may remain for life. Other than having some minor discomfort when one kneels, the bump itself should cause no further problems.

NOTE TO READERS: The Sports Medicine Institute at the University of Minnesota Hospital offers a very informative brochure entitled "Questions & Answers About Sports Injuries". You can get a free copy by calling 612/626-3776.

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The 12 Before Wacker

By Jim Byrne

Continued from the previous issue of SPORTSNEWS

Cal Stoll came from Wake Forest with his quarterback option offense to replace Murray Warmath in 1972. Cal was well-acquainted with the area. He played for Bierman at Minnesota and coached at Mound High School before going into college ball.

His prize quarterback for the Gopher option was Tony Dungy, who now is the new defensive coordinator for the Minnesota Vikings. Rick Upchurch and Bobby Weber were two of his better running backs. Stoll's years were 1972-78. He took Minnesota to the Hall of Fame game in 1977 where the Gophers scored first but eventually lost to Maryland 17-7.



Joe Salem

Joe Salem was undoubtedly the first Gopher coach in any sport to be welcomed on huge billboards around the Twin Cities. There he was, pictured with a large rose clenched between his teeth. The sign read something like this, "Here we go with Smokey Joe."

Salem came in with the right credentials to replace Stoll in the fall of 1979. Joe was an "M" Man, and he had an outstanding record at Northern Arizona. But this "nice guy" struggled in Big Ten competition. His leading ground gainers were Gary White in '79 and '80, Frank Jacobs in '81, Tony Hunter in '82, and Dave Puk in '83.

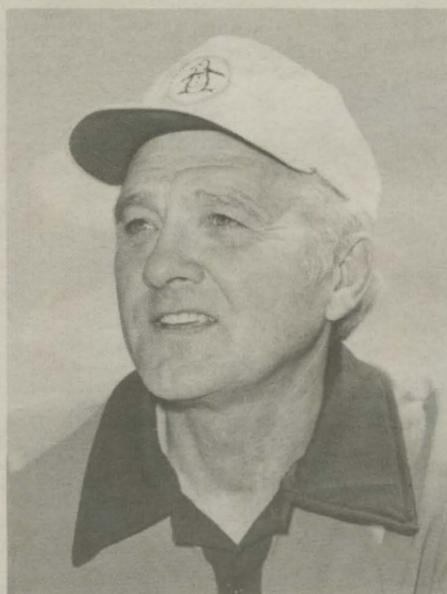


Lou Holtz

Lou Holtz arrived with a flare to lead the team in the 1984 and 1985 seasons. He clamored for the return to "Gold Country." But he received the call to the "Golden Dome" before his stimulating program here was half completed.

Holtz "marketed" the Gopher football program to the nth degree. Like a Pied Piper, he had a knack for getting fans involved.

Holtz's legacy at Minnesota is likely to be the indoor practice facility on the main campus. It is a three-story, 65,000 square foot structure housing a regulation size football field with Astroturf, a practice area, training rooms, classrooms, meeting rooms, and office space.



Cal Stoll

John Gutekunst was the head man between Holtz and Wacker. John took over after the 1985 regular season. But he arrived in time to begin his head coaching duties by winning a bowl game. It was the 1985 Independence Bowl and Gutey's Gophers defeated Clemson 20-13.



John Gutekunst

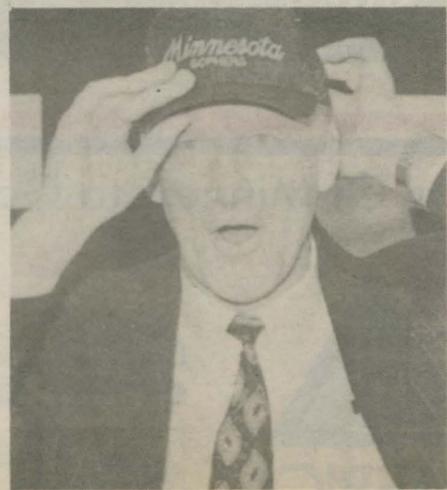
Gutekunst was another "natural" to become head coach. He had been Holtz's number one assistant as the defensive coordinator. Lou highly recommended him.

Gutey starred in football and baseball at Duke University. For 12 years he was also an assistant football coach on defense for the Duke Blue Devils. Previous to coming to Minnesota, he was the defensive coach for two years at Virginia Tech.

The season before Gutekunst stepped in, Minnesota had led the nation in most points allowed. He cut the defensive record in half during his first year and carried on from there.

Some experts thought Minnesota's defense suffered when John worked more with the offense as head coach. He gradually gave more time to defense as his time went on.

Okay, "Cap" Wacker, step in---and up.



Jim Wacker

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Murrell ranks fourth in the country in the high jump.

Assistant Coach Phil Lundin said, "Any team that has two 60-foot-plus shot putters (Lacy and Chad Goldstein, St. Louis Park, MN) and two seven-foot-plus high jumpers (Murrell and Matt Burns, Cedar Rapids, IA), and other top-flight athletes of that sort, is going to be very competitive."

Among other outstanding Gopher track & field athletes are Martin Ericksson (Stockholm, Sweden) in the pole vault; Norris Williams, Jr. (Milwaukee, WI) and Jason Max (Minnetonka, MN) in the 800 meters; Tyrone Minor (St. Paul, MN) in the 100 meters, long jump, and triple jump; and Chad Rodvold (Williston, ND) in the javelin.



Roy Griak

Coach Griak: "There aren't many Gopher teams that have the number of All-Americans we have. It's really a shame that more people in our area don't know about these talented kids. The lack of media coverage really hurts in recruiting."

Assistant Coach Lundin: "I hope the football and basketball teams have success. Of course, from sport to sport the University of Minnesota has had great overall success in the Big Ten this year. The championships won by the gymnastics, tennis, baseball, and hockey teams, and the excellent performances by other U of M teams, bring pride to the entire Minnesota Athletic Department. But the reality of the matter is that when the football and basketball teams are winning, extra revenue is generated which benefits all teams at the U of M.



Phil Lundin

"Some people only know a university's athletic program by virtue of its football and basketball teams. These people assume, often incorrectly, that if the football and basketball teams are doing well, the whole university athletic program is doing well, and vice versa. This just reflects how important these revenue sports are in the Division I collegiate setting."

The Basketball Team (Clem Haskins, head coach) recorded some of the year's biggest upsets, defeating Indiana, Michigan State, and Michigan. Although injuries and inexperience resulted in a disappointing season close, there were plenty of impressive moments, especially at Williams Arena. Thirteen of the team's 16 players were freshmen or sophomores. There was only one senior.

The Golf Team (John Means, head coach) was 151 and 37 by early May, having defeated such top teams as USC, Stanford, San Diego, and San Jose. It ranked number three in its region (of 48 schools). Of the 286 Division I schools with golf programs, the University of Minnesota stood among the top 25.

The Gophers won the Walter McGlaughlin Invitational in New York and the Pepsi Invitational in Arkansas. They were second in the Coca Cola Classic in New Mexico and lost by only three strokes in the Big Ten preview last fall. They placed fifth at the Big Ten Tournament in Iowa City (May 14-17).

Junior Joe Gullion (San Antonio, TX) was the Big Ten's No. 1 player (with a 73.1 stroke average) several weeks prior to the season's end.

Coach Means: "We beat a lot of Top 20 teams, and we started raising some eyebrows. People were wondering what the heck's going on. How can you do that up there at the University of Minnesota?"



John Means

"It's been a fun, exciting, good year. It seems like each week there's been a different kid who's been low for us. Of course, Joe Gullion has been most consistently low.

"The dedication of these talented young athletes has helped the U of M Golf Program develop much sooner than I expected when I came here from West Point two years ago."

The Wrestling Team (J Robinson, head coach) took fourth place at the Big Ten Championships. It completed one of the toughest schedules in the country this season, redshirting a number of blue-chip athletes.

Mike Marzetta (Liberty Lake, WA) had an outstanding season (27-9), finishing second at 158 pounds in the Big Ten Championships. Scott Rohrer (Waupun, MN), 126 pounds, and Eric Folkins (Sacramento, CA), 118 pounds, also performed well during the year.

Coach Robinson: "We didn't dodge any of the tough competition, because you don't improve by doing that. We elected to hold (redshirting what some believe to be the Big Ten's finest class of recruits) with the idea it will payoff in the future."



J Robinson

The Baseball Team (John Anderson, head coach) put together a terrific second-half of the season (winning 18 of 20 games during one stretch).



Minnesota senior pitcher Scott Bakkum was named the most valuable player in the Big Ten baseball tournament. The Gophers won the tournament to become 1992 Big Ten Baseball Champions.

Led by the pitching of Scott Bakkum (La Crosse, WI), the hitting of Ryan Lefebvre (Los Angeles, CA), the home runs of Keith Krenke (Owatonna, MN), the walks of Mark Merila (Plymouth, MN), and the runs-batted-in of George Behr (Maplewood, MN), the Gophers finished second in the Big Ten during the regular season.

Minnesota won three postseason games in a row to capture the 1992 Big Ten Conference title.

Conclusion

There are more U of M sports to come in 1992. But, right now, it's perfectly appropriate for Gopher fans to sit back and gloat a little while. And salute the fine student-athletes and coaching staffs who together have accomplished so much this year.

Everyone in Gopherland is hoping for the success of Jim Wacker's football team and Roy Griak's cross country team this fall. But it is obvious that the overall performance of men's athletic teams at the University of Minnesota has been outstanding.

The dedicated efforts and top-level play of our talented U of M teams deserve strong fan support and comprehensive media coverage. That goes for nonrevenue, as well as revenue, sports.

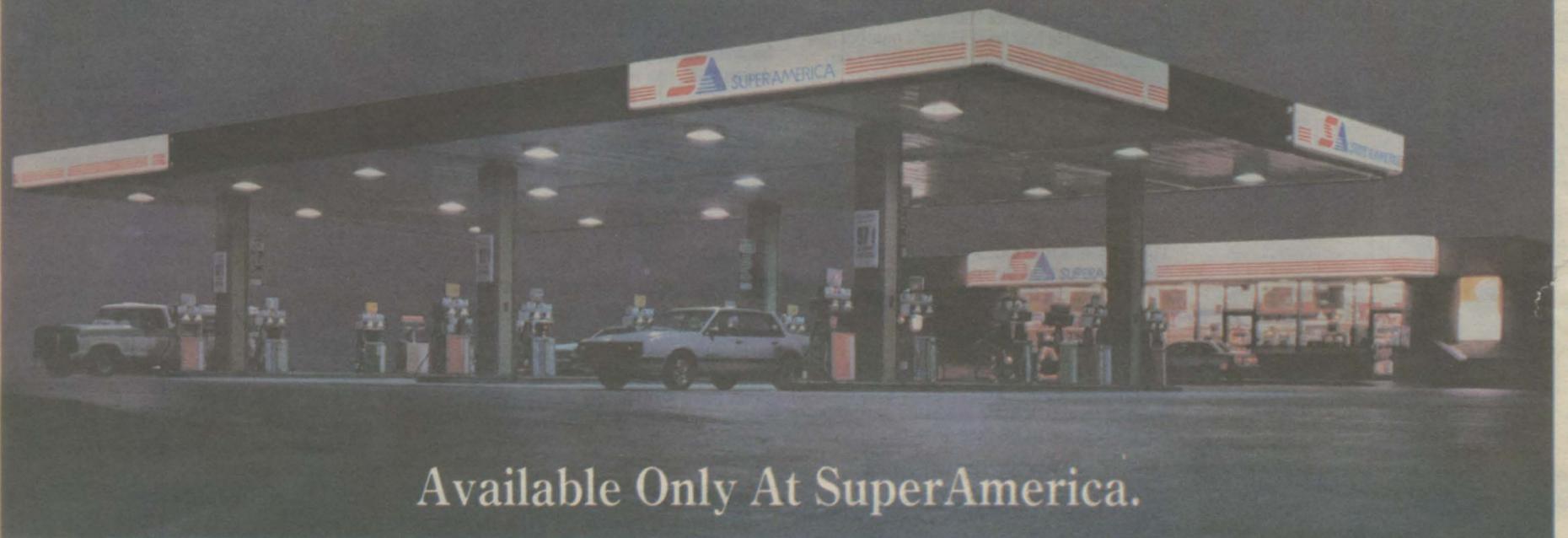
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Get Your Tickets



By Jim Mulrooney

'I want some tickets!' Those words are being heard over and over again at the Gopher Sports ticket office.

'We're encouraged by the enthusiastic response of University of Minnesota (U of M) fans to the new football program under Coach Jim Wacker.'

Already, season ticket sales are 1,200 ahead of last year at the same time. The 'early bird' ticket sale which opened in January has generated 1,000 new season ticketholders.

As expected, there has been an especially significant increase in single game ticket sales. 'However, many fans who are familiar with Wacker have decided to sign up for season tickets now.'

The success of Gopher football has a carryover effect to other sports. 'Football has such an emotional impact on an athletic program that it is important to all of us.'

Likewise, the phenomenal accomplishments of other U of M teams this year (winning four conference championships) have rekindled in-

We're selling excitement, we're selling entertainment, we're selling a good experience.

- Ken Buell
Assistant Athletic Director, U of M



Ken Buell
Assistant
Men's Athletic Director
Internal Operations, U of M

terest in University of Minnesota athletics.

Coach Wacker considers strong student support essential to the development of the Gopher football program.

In 1991 student season ticket sales rebounded to 2,500. The University anticipates students will purchase even more season tickets this year.

'We think the trend has changed, and we're going in the other direction,' Buell observes. 'We feel good, but we want to do everything we can to encourage people to get out there and take a look at this new Gopher football

squad, because it's going to be a lot of fun to be there. And that's really what we're selling. We're selling excitement, we're selling entertainment, we're selling a good experience.'

What we need is people... making the commitment. Don't wait until next year. Get on board the Gopher bandwagon, now.

- Dr. McKinley Boston
Men's Athletic Director, U of M

Building Tradition

The University is looking toward the future as it rebuilds its athletic program. 'College football is based so heavily on traditions,' says Buell.

Buell says that long-time season ticketholders invariably tell him they got interested in Gopher football when they were kids. Their first experience of U of M football was with their parents.

To cultivate this kind of family support, the University of Minnesota has set up some low-cost ticket options. At every game there is a section where no seat is more than \$8.00.

The Star Tribune newspaper is sponsoring Family Fun Night at the San Jose (September 12), Illinois (October 3), and Indiana (October 31) games. Fans can buy four tickets for \$32 and, with coupons clipped from the newspaper, get four free hotdogs and soft drinks.

By making athletic entertainment affordable, the U of M hopes to promote the development of Gopher football as a family tradition among a whole new set of fans.

Athletic Director McKinley Boston sought the input of U of M backers all over the state. A survey of fans revealed a majority preferred starting football games at 6:00 p.m. on Saturdays. This earlier kickoff time will allow families in Greater Minnesota to enjoy Gopher football and return home at a reasonable time.

It is estimated that approximately 15% of U of M fans come from Greater Minnesota at the present time. However, Buell explains, 'We think there is much greater potential for statewide fan support, and that's why you're going to see us looking to promote Gopher football harder outside the metropolitan area.'



the University of Minnesota is the only Division I

football program in the state. 'We've found there is incredible loyalty to the Gophers throughout the state,' Buell indicates.

The 6:00 p.m. football game starting time will also avoid a clash with most other college games being played around the state.

Promoting Support

Minnesota businesses are recognizing the benefits of tying in with Gopher football. Special promotions have been created to showcase these companies and reach particular target audiences.

Through the sponsorship of Cenex/Land O'Lakes and other Minnesota agribusinesses, Greater Minnesota Day is planned for the season-opening game against San Jose State on September 12. Between 5,000 and 10,000 students from around the state will be given tickets.



Dr. McKinley Boston
Men's Athletic Director,
U of M

I'm getting calls from Minnesota companies and corporations asking how they can get involved in promoting Gopher sports.

- Leanne Baylor
Promotions & Marketing, U of M



Leanne Baylor
Marketing Director
Men's Athletics, U of M

The San Jose State game will also be Band Day and approximately 3,000 high school band members will perform at half time.

'There is a fresh, new interest in Gopher sports,' says Leanne Baylor, marketing director for Men's Athletics at the U of M. 'For the first time in four years, I'm getting calls from Minnesota companies and corporations asking how they can get involved in promoting Gopher sports.'

Pepsi is sponsoring a 'Got To Have It' card to be used for the game with nationally-ranked Colorado on September 19. Fans will be able to get two

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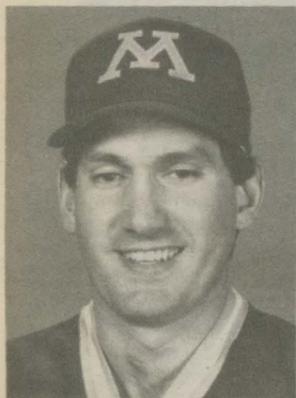
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Keith Krenke - On A Positive Note

"A major league arm, outstanding power, and good speed," is how Gopher baseball Head Coach John Anderson describes senior outfielder Keith Krenke.

"He was drafted out of high school by the Milwaukee Brewers but he elected not to sign so he could get his education," continued the coach.

"We had great hopes for Krenke but much of his Gopher tenure lacked luster. At one point he even considered quitting the game," said Anderson, who wisely encouraged the Owatonna, Minnesota native to finish out his college baseball career.

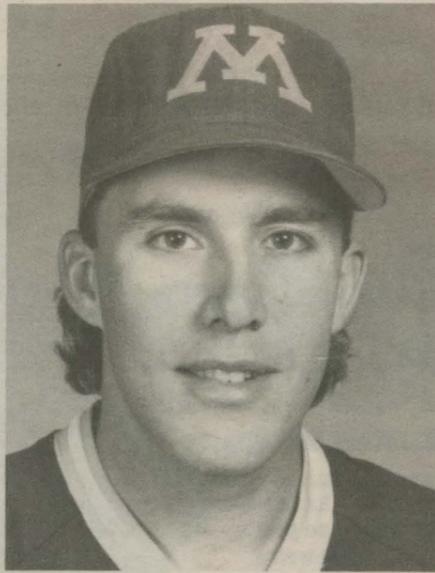


John Anderson
U of M Baseball Coach

and she always played catch with me and my brother. That's how I got started. From there I went through the ranks - T-leagues, squirts, pee-wees, midgets. I started to get serious about the game when my coach asked if I wanted to play on the tenth grade team as a ninth grader. I played varsity ball through high school. The Brewers talked to me when I was 18, but I didn't think I had learned enough yet. I wasn't ready mentally or physically," Krenke remarked.

Krenke's decision to play for the Gophers came down to two things. "It was between the U of M and Wichita State. I wanted to study business and the Carlson School of Management is highly regarded. I knew if I graduated from Carlson, people who read my background would think, 'this guy has some brains, he's not just an athlete,'" Krenke said. The other deciding factor was proximity to family. "I also wanted my mom and dad to be able to watch me play."

This season Krenke hit 16 home runs (just 2 shy of Jerry Kindall's 1956 single season Gopher record). Five of those homers were slugged in one weekend series against Penn State - four in one double header! He's had a great year and has racked up some impres-



Keith Krenke

sive statistics. "I've enjoyed my college career as a Gopher. I'm especially glad we won the Big Ten Championship this year. We won when I was a freshman but I was injured then. Now when I look at my championship ring I know I was really part of the team that won it," Krenke said.

Krenke is hoping to parlay his talent into his second major league contract offer. "I had hoped to go to college and get another offer after three years, but it just didn't work out that way," Krenke said. "But now I have the best of both worlds. If baseball doesn't work out, I still have my degree."

There's plenty of reason to believe professional baseball might work out for this talented Gopher. "I'm a good outfielder and I have a strong arm, but I need to work with a hitting instructor. I'm just a dead pull hitter. That may be O.K. for Class A ball but it's not good enough for the majors," he commented. "I just hope, at age 23, I get a chance."

Krenke is getting his chance. He was the 29th round draft pick of the Colorado Rockies. He left earlier this month to join the team in Colorado.

Hell play minor league ball for the new expansion team this summer in Bend, Oregon.

Even with his new contract, Keith Krenke is realistic. "Baseball is not an easy sport to be a star in. They say only three percent of draftees make it into the major leagues. You have to be so good and consistent," he states. "But," he continues, "it's every little kid's dream to play professional ball."

There are a lot of Minnesota Gopher fans rooting for him, including coach Anderson. "He's a class guy and a credit to our program," notes Anderson. "It's gratifying to see him finish on a positive note."

Keith Krenke 1992 Gopher season stats

62 games played
209 at bats
45 runs
59 hits
12 doubles
1 triple
16 home runs
5 for 5 in stolen bases
50 runs-batted-in
.282 batting average

Letters



LOVE LETTERS

I love Gopher sports. I am particularly thrilled that the Maroon and Gold has won four Big Ten championships this year. Way to go guys!

Laura Howell
Eden Prairie

I enjoy SPORTSNEWS but I can't always find a copy in the distribution rack near my apartment. Where is your publication distributed?

Mat Thompson
Minneapolis

(Ed. Note: All SuperAmerica stores in Minnesota should have copies of SPORTSNEWS. There are a number of other distribution sites in the Twin Cities area.)

BOBBY KNIGHT BRINGS SHAME

I didn't know if I should speak up on the "spanking" of an Indiana basketball player by Coach Bobby Knight. The more I have thought about it, the more it turns my stomach.

In case anyone has forgotten, Bobby Knight "playfully" took a bullwhip to the rear end of bent-over black player Calbert Cheaney before the NCAA regional championship game against UCLA.

The next morning the local newspaper published a photo of the incident. The picture sends a very negative message and adds to the racial strife which exists in this country.

Who does Knight think he is? Think about it. A white man standing over a black man brandishing a bullwhip with the black man's pants pulled down to his knees.

Bobby Knight should be ashamed of himself. He is a disgrace to the college basketball

coaching profession, regardless of how many games he has won.

Anthony Lewis
Minneapolis

HATS OFF TO MEN'S ATHLETICS

Until I read your story "At the Top and on the Threshold" (in the May, 1992 SPORTSNEWS), I had no idea of the incredible accomplishments of Men's Athletics at the U of M this year.

My hat is off to Dr. Boston and to the outstanding coaching staffs at the University of Minnesota. Most especially, of course, I wish to commend the student-athletes who have achieved so much.

I was impressed, too, with the articulate, straight-forward manner in which Gopher coaches provided comments on their sports.

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Robert Graham
Apple Valley

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Paul Blasing, Eagan

"That's great! Now, Coach Wacker and his team can make it five after they capture the Big Ten football title!"



Dan Fischer, St. Paul

"I think it's good because the wins will help draw new talented recruits."



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Amera Garcia, Minneapolis

"It's good for U of M students and great for college spirit and the whole state!"

Where are They Now?

Jerry Kindall: Through Faith and Ability



By Len Levine
and Jim
Mulrooney

"Most of us look back at our college years as among the happiest of our lives. It is a time when we were challenged to define our values, build strength of character, and establish our beliefs."

—Jerry Kindall

A uniquely gifted man, Jerry Kindall invariably thanks others for the remarkable achievements of his life.

Kindall was part of what he refers to as "the Rice Street legend" at now-closed Washington High School in St. Paul. "It was a terrific place to nurture athletic interest," he says.

As an all-state player in baseball and all-city in basketball, Kindall attracted the attention of coaches at the University of Minnesota.

"I admired Dick Siebert (the Gophers' head baseball coach)," Kindall remembers. "He spoke at a seniors' banquet in 1953 when I was at Washington. He had been a successful professional baseball player and yet he told us it was more important to get an education than to play pro ball. He convinced me that college was the way to go."

Siebert's advice just reinforced what Kindall was hearing at home. "I was the oldest of three boys. None of my close relatives had been to college. My folks were determined I was going to get an education."

After receiving a basketball scholarship, Kindall began at the University of Minnesota (U of M) in the fall of 1953. He played basketball and baseball for three years.

Kindall had a good foundation in baseball. "My late and beloved father Harold got me started, and I had two fine coaches during my prep days, Fritz Klark and Larry Nelson," he recalls.

But it was at the U of M that Kindall really was taught the fundamentals of the game. "Dick Siebert was the most important influence in my baseball career," he emphasizes. "The 'Chief' (Siebert) was a demanding taskmaster who would not compromise his high standards or tolerate any lack of concentration. He was extremely well organized and carefully prepared."

"We all respected and revered him. Coach Siebert was not easy to approach. He remained almost aloof to his players. I was sort of in awe of him."

Years later, Kindall returned to U of M baseball as an assistant to Coach Siebert. "I then recognized his caring attitude and his willingness to go the extra mile for his players."

"I learned more about baseball as his assistant than I did under all the managers and coaches I had played under during my ten years in professional baseball."

In his junior year (1956) the Gophers won their first of three national championships under Siebert. Kindall, an All-American shortstop, hit 18 home runs that year, a U of M record which still stands.

The Chicago Cubs signed Kindall to a bonus contract. Since future Hall-of-Famer Ernie Banks played shortstop, Kindall was switched to second base where he played most of his professional baseball career. He was always regarded as an excellent defensive player with great baseball savvy which helped prolong his career.

He remained with the Cubs organization through 1961. He then played for the Cleveland Indians and the Minnesota Twins until the spring of 1966.

Even while he was in the major leagues, Kindall continued to pursue his college education. He completed his course work, taking classes during winter quarters at the U of M, and received his Bachelor's degree in 1958 with an English major. Later he earned a

Jerry Kindall, 1956



Master of Arts degree in Physical Education, also at the University of Minnesota.

U of M Athletic Director Marsh Ryman hired Kindall in April of 1966 to direct the Williams Scholarship Fund program and to assist in coaching basketball, first under John Kundla and later under Bill Fitch. After several years as assistant basketball and baseball coach, Kindall was allowed to limit his coaching responsibilities to baseball. He also handled various fund-raising and administrative duties.

"The education I received at the University of Minnesota was extraordinary," Kindall remarks. "I cherish my time there both as a student-athlete and a coach-administrator."

On July 1, 1972 Kindall left Minnesota to become head baseball coach and associate professor of physical education at the University of Arizona.

Over the past 20 years his teams have won 767 games (a .640 percentage) against the toughest competition in college baseball. The Arizona Wildcats won NCAA Baseball

Championships, and he was chosen College Baseball Coach of the Year, in 1976, 1980, and 1986. In winning three national baseball titles, Kindall duplicated the accomplishment of his "hero" Dick Siebert.

Arizona also won Pac-6 Championships, and he was selected Pac-6 Coach of the Year, in 1980, 1989, and this year.

Playing baseball at the professional level was a "dream come true," Kindall says. "But as significant as that was it could not take the place of my educational experience at the University of Minnesota. My college degree has always provided me with security. That's what Dick (Siebert) preached and what my parents taught. And that's what I teach now (at the University of Arizona.)"

Kindall explains that professional baseball is a "risky" business. The number of players who make the big money in the major leagues is very small. That is why he believes a college degree is so essential for anyone aspiring to play pro baseball. "You will always have that degree. It places you in a competitive position for the rest of your life."

Reflecting on college, Kindall says, "Most of us look back at

our college years as among the happiest of our lives. It is a time when we were challenged to define our values, build strength of character, and establish our beliefs."

Kindall met Georgia Nelson while she was a nursing student at the University of Minnesota. They were married in 1956 and had four children: Betsy, Doug, Bruce, and Martha. The children are now all married and between them have five children of their own. Georgia died in 1987 from Lou Gehrig disease.

Three-and-a-half years ago, Kindall married Diane Sargent of Colorado Springs, a widow with two children, Rodney and Lisa.

"I feel blessed to have been able to be what I wanted to be - a teacher and a coach," Kindall comments.

He has enjoyed his years at the University of Arizona and the opportunity he has had to work with such fine people as Nils Hasselmo, who was University chancellor before becoming president of the University of Minnesota.

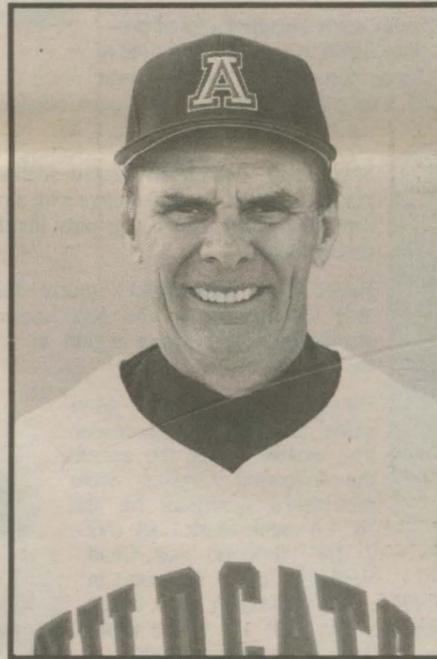
Kindall claims he is no innovator. "I want the world to know I try to do things the way Dick Siebert did them. I emphasize the fundamentals and the value of repetition, just like he did. The legacy of the 'Chief' has extended here to the University of Arizona."

At both the Universities of Minnesota and Arizona, Kindall has served as adult sponsor for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. "My Christian faith has been the cornerstone of my life," he says.

Through good times and bad, "God's mercy is sufficient," Kindall remarks. "I've discovered that."

In reviewing his life and professional career, Kindall quotes with conviction the words from Ecclesiastes: "A man can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in his work. This, too, I see is from the hand of God."

That says it all.



Jerry Kindall, 1992, Head Baseball Coach, University of Arizona

Len Levine earned three varsity letters as a member of the Gopher track team and established several records, one of which (the 60-yard dash) stood for 17 years. He was the silver medal winner in the 1960 Big Ten 300-yard dash championship. Levine was President of the "M" Club in 1989.

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By Kalley Lisam

Track & Field Sparked by the outstanding one-two finish of junior **Chris Murrell** (Grand Island, NE) and sophomore **Matt Burns** (Cedar Rapids, IA) in the high jump, Head Coach **Roy Griak's** Gophers placed fourth at the Big Ten Outdoor Track & Field Championships held at Bierman Stadium. Murrell jumped 7'1" to win the third Big Ten title in his college career. Burns' second-place leap was 6'11 1/2".

The 85 points racked up by the talented Gopher athletes set a new school record for a league outdoor meet, surpassing the 63 points the team accumulated in 1970. The fourth place finish was the Gophers' best at the Outdoor Championships since 1968 when they won the Big Ten title.

The Gophers did especially well in the field events, totaling 71 points. Junior **Chad Goldstein** (St. Louis Park, MN) finished as runner-up in the shot put with an outdoor personal-best throw of 59' 3 1/2". Senior co-captain **Mark Lacy** (Oak Brook, IL) placed fourth.

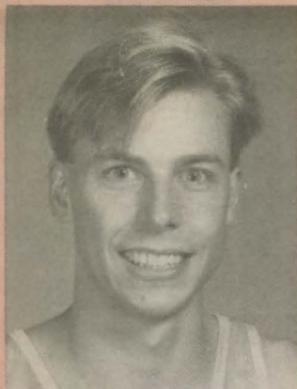
Goldstein was fifth, Lacy sixth, and sophomore **Chris Brinkworth** (Bloomington, MN) seventh in the discus.

In the javelin, junior **Chad Rodvold** (Williston, ND) was second with a toss of 208' and sophomore **Jason Cole** (Shelby, MT) sixth.

Junior **Tyrone Minor** (St. Paul, MN) placed fourth in the long jump (24' 1 1/2") and triple jump (49' 3 1/2"). Senior **Dan Savitt** (Plymouth, MN) was seventh in both the long jump and triple jump.

In the pole vault, sophomore **Martin Eriksson** (Stockholm, Sweden) took third-place with a vault of 17' 3 1/2"

Minnesota's 4 x 100 meter relay team surprised a lot of people by sprinting to a third-place finish in a season-best time of 40.76. Turning in this excellent effort were sophomore **Omar Douglas** (New Orleans, LA), **Tim Arinze** (Festec Town, Lagos, Nigeria), Minor, and junior **Kirk Dyer** (San Jose, CA).



Dan Savitt, track & field

the shot put; Chris Murrell (7' 3 3/4") in the high jump; freshman **Keita Kline** (Gainesville, FA) (53' 1") in the triple jump; and Martin Eriksson (17' 10 1/2") in the pole vault.

Coach Griak paid tribute to the contribution Keita Kline made to the team this season. "He's the glue on our team. He competes in four events. When Keita's healthy, he's worth more than 20 points to us." Unfortunately, an injury prevented Kline from helping the Gophers at the Big Ten Championships. But he is one of the reasons the future looks bright for Minnesota's track & field team.

Mark Murdock (Grand Forks, ND), one of the nation's finest discus throwers and shot putters, has signed a national letter of intent to attend the University of Minnesota (U of M) next fall. He won the 1991 North Dakota state title in the shot put and the 1989 title in the discus.

"Mark will be a tremendous addition to our strong shot and discus crews," said Assistant Coach Lynne Anderson, who works with the throwers. "We will lose All-American Mark Lacy to graduation this year, but we are very happy to find a student-athlete like Murdock to step in and help keep our great tradition alive and thriving."

A superior student, Murdock plans to major in business administration at the U of M.

Baseball - Three Gophers were named to the NCAA Midwest Regional all-tournament team. They are: first baseman junior **George Behr** (Maplewood, MN), who batted .474 with four doubles and six runs batted in (RBI); third baseman junior **Darren Schwankl** (Burnsville, MN), who hit .529 with eight runs and five RBI; and center fielder junior **Ryan Lefebvre** (Los Angeles, CA), who batted .474.



Adam Sobocienski, baseball

Behr concluded the season with 66 runs batted in, breaking Terry Steinbach's 1982 single-season school record (65).

Although the U of M's pitching staff faltered in the Midwest Regional, it performed brilliantly when the Gophers won the Big Ten Championship by sweeping three games.

The Gophers' overall record was 42-21 as they won 28 of their last 35 games. They were 15-2 at Siebert Field.

The team batting average was .320, led by Behr (.375), sophomore **Mark Merila**, Shepherdstown, W. VA. (.356), Lefebvre (.351), and junior **Adam Sobocienski**, Barrington, IL (.350).

Merila batted .412 against Big Ten teams and set a Minnesota single season record for walks with 54 in the regular season.

Senior **Keith Krenke** (Owatonna, MN) was tops on the team in home runs with 16, just two behind the all-time record set by Gopher All-American Jerry Kindall in 1956.



Darren Schwankl, baseball

Senior pitcher **Scott Bakkum** (LaCrosse, WI), Most Valuable Player in the Big Ten Championship Tournament, finished the season with a 9-3 record and a 3.36 ERA in 99 innings pitched.

Head Coach **John Anderson** was selected to coach Team USA following the 1992 Olympics.

Congratulations to Coach Anderson and his players and staff, the 1992 Big Ten Baseball Champions!

Tennis

Minnesota's powerhouse doubles team of senior **Brian Uihlein** (Lake Forest, IL) and sophomore **Adam Krafft**

(Saginaw, MI) earned All-America honors after advancing to the quarterfinals of the NCAA Tennis Tournament in Athens, Georgia. The team (with an overall record of 23-3) was listed fourth in the nation in the final Volvo Tennis/Collegiate doubles rankings.

Uihlein and Krafft join an elite and exclusive group of Gopher tennis stars. Previous All-America honorees are **Fredrik Pahlett** (1983 & 1984) and **Stefan Eriksson** (1984).

The Uihlein/Krafft doubles contingent was an important part of Minnesota's 1992 Big Ten Championship Team.

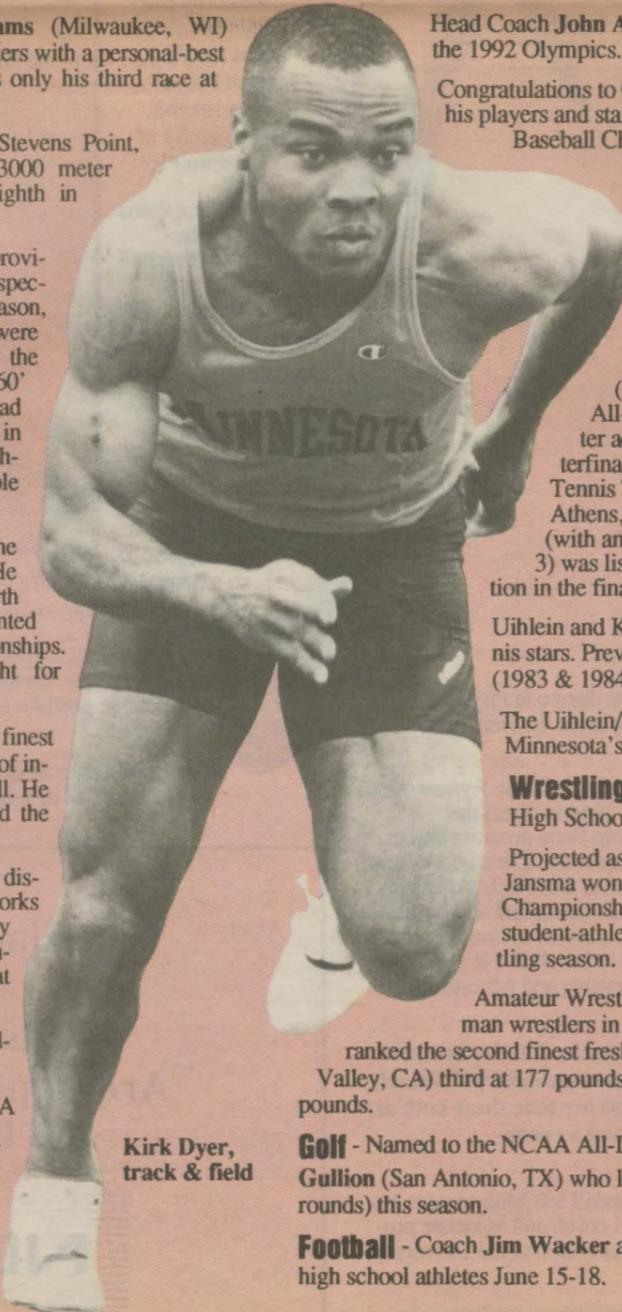
Wrestling - **Tim Jansma**, a senior at Heron Lake-Okabena High School, has signed a letter of intent to enroll at the U of M.

Projected as a potential 134 or 142 pounder for the Gophers, Jansma won the Minnesota State High School Wrestling Championship in both 1991 and 1992. He is the sixth outstanding student-athlete signed by Coach **J Robinson** for the 1992-93 wrestling season.

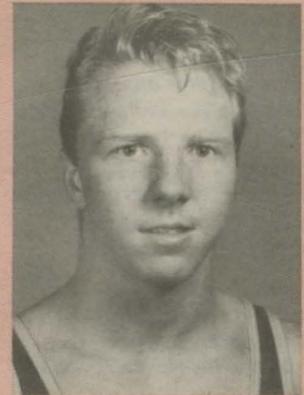
Amateur Wrestling News rated three Gophers among the best freshman wrestlers in the country. **Chad Carlson** (Pennock, MN) was ranked the second finest freshman at 150 pounds, **Brett Colombini** (Redwood Valley, CA) third at 177 pounds, and **Tim Harris** (St. Louis, MO) fifth at 134 pounds.

Golf - Named to the NCAA All-District 4 team was Gopher standout junior **Joe Gullion** (San Antonio, TX) who led the Big Ten in stroke average (73.47 for 33.5 rounds) this season.

Football - Coach **Jim Wacker** and his staff conduct the regular summer camp for high school athletes June 15-18.



Kirk Dyer, track & field



Tim Harris, wrestling

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And What Part Did I Play In The Golden Gopher Tradition?

Doug Beck of Brooklyn Park is a "Who Am I?" Winner

I played basketball for Benilde High School and my senior year was named to the All-State Catholic basketball team.

My sophomore year as a Gopher, I played in all 24 games for Coach John Kundla averaging 6.4 points per game and had 134 rebounds, third on the team.

As a junior, my basketball coach was Bill Fitch. By now I had grown to 6'7" and weighed 200 pounds. I had a good year averaging 18.4 points per game and was credited with 252 rebounds, or 109 more than anyone else on the team.

My senior season (1969-70) was my best. I scored 412 points for a 17.2 average and established a University of Minnesota record (which stood for twenty years) with 349 rebounds.

I'll never forget my final game as a Gopher. I was matched against the great All-American Rudy Tomjanovich of Michigan. He and I went head to head all game. We shocked the sports world by winning 93-82. It was my best game ever. I scored 29 points and established a single game rebound record of 28 which still is on the books.

That same season I established another school record: the most free throws (17) made in a single game (against Purdue, January 25, 1969).

I competed in five sports at Anoka High School. I was a halfback in football, forward in basketball, shortstop in baseball, sprinter, hurdler, high jumper, long jumper and pole vaulter on the track team and also played golf. I was All-State in football and baseball, placed in a tie for second in the state golf championship and won six events in the district track meet.

I played football for the Gophers (I weighed 175 pounds and was 5'10" tall) and after three good years became the Gophers' leading scorer and ground-gainer. My 21 touchdowns ranks me number four on the all-time scoring list behind Marion Barber, Ricky Foggie and Darrell Thompson. My first year I was named the team's Most Valuable Player and my senior year I was named to the All-Big Ten team.

I played pro ball for three years with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers, coached high school football at Detroit Lakes, Minnetonka and Edina High Schools, was the business manager for the Minnesota Vikings, vice president of development for the Northwest Bank of Duluth and currently am president of National Benefits, a company which administers state government deferred compensation programs.

I have been a member of the Eden Prairie City Council, Duluth School Board, and a radio and television broadcaster of Gopher football games. WHO AM I?

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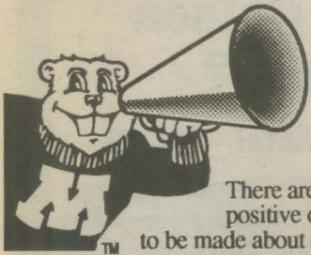
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Calling the Turn with Jimmy Byrne



There are many more positive observations to be made about another "home grown" Minnesota

Gopher championship (Big Ten) baseball team.

So let's not put away those controversial aluminum bats the Gophers and all college players use, yet. After all, Coach John Anderson's 1992 Gophers reached the Omaha outskirts only to run into a road block, Oklahoma State.

Check through the lineup and batting order of the Gopher position players for their last game in the NCAA Midwest Regional Tournament.

Ryan LeFebvre, led off and played center-field. Mark Merila followed at second base. Then came Brian Hartmann, catcher; George Behr, first base; Mark Vandersall and Steve Calvert, both designated hitters; Darren Schwankl, third base; Keith Krenke, right field; Charlie Nelson, left field and Bill

Mobilia, shortstop. Add Adam Sobocienski, another DH.

Four of the top pitchers were Scott Bakkum, Eric Slagle, Jeff Schmidt and John Lowery. Add Andy Hammerschmidt, Eric Porter, Jason Karmann, Chris Lawler and Jim Brower.

Merila, Hartmann, Behr, Vandersall, Calvert, Schwankl, Krenke, Nelson, Mobilia, Hammerschmidt, Brower and Darren Grass, the other catcher, are all Minnesota kids. Bakkum and Lawler are from La Crosse, Wisconsin, and Sobocienski, Slagle, and Porter are from Illinois.

Hartmann had caught in 46 games and Grass 43 before the Regional Tournament. Karmann is also from Wisconsin, LeFebvre from California and Lowery hails from West Virginia.

Most of the players are from Minnesota or neighboring Wisconsin.

That's the way it was during the late Dick Siebert's years as Gopher head baseball coach. He also found outstanding material in the Twin Cities area to help spread the scholarship money; many student-athletes could stay at home and save on board and room.

Anderson has followed suit in his recruiting,



Bill Musselman

and he has met with success. Although John hasn't taken a college World Series in his 11 seasons at Minnesota, few will question his record.

Baseball and hockey teams have taken Minnesota into NCAA playdowns the most. This past hockey season, 28 players were listed on the varsity roster. Not one of them is from outside the state.

Who says the Gophers can't win with "home grown" athletes? When Bill Musselman was coaching Gopher basketball teams, he had great desires and plans to improve basketball in Minnesota below the college level.

"I want to do for Minnesota what Adolph

Rupp has done for basketball in Kentucky," Musselman told me several times when I called at his office. "I'd rather go five or ten miles to recruit a kid, than 50, 500 or more.

"I'm going to do all I can to make it come about."

Musselman did not remain at the University long enough to put his "farm program" into effect. But Musselman had faith in the Minnesota kids.

It's hard to think of a single Minnesota kid who's brought anything but honor to Gopher intercollegiate athletics over the last 30 years!

Perhaps more state kids is the answer across the board.

Jim Byrne began writing for the Minneapolis Star in 1936. His 43-year sports reporting career began with sailing and expanded to include a wide range of Minnesota sports at the high school, college, and professional levels.

Aches & Pains

Elizabeth A. Arendt, M.D.
Director
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Q I am a 32-year-old male who keeps fit over the wintertime. I recently went out and played 18 holes of golf. I woke up the next morning to find nearly every part of my body hurting. Golf cannot be that physically taxing!

A I believe that golf is a seriously underrated sport by most active people. Despite the fact that it may not be as cardiovascularly challenging as running or racquetball, don't underestimate the number of muscles that it takes to pull off a good swing. Considering that you'll swing the club anywhere between 90 to several 100 times during the course of the game (depending, of course, on your overall score and how many practice swings you might take), this can be a significant amount of use in a two to four hour segment of time.

In addition to the fact that you are utilizing your entire back and upper chest muscles for swinging the club, you are also incorporating the use of upper arm momentum and strength.

Additionally, for most golfers, the strength of your swing actually comes from your contralateral, non-dominant left arm. This often leads to fatigue and discomfort in the forearm region, particularly in the early weeks of play.

Lastly, one can't forget that walking up and down a hill, carrying or pulling a set of clubs, can be taxing to both the feet and the back of the legs.

The real problem here is that despite the fact that you may keep yourself in shape doing a variety of sports, virtually any time that you change a sport, you are going to start to utilize new muscle groups. These muscle groups still are capable of being overused, if you don't gradually ease yourself into an activity.

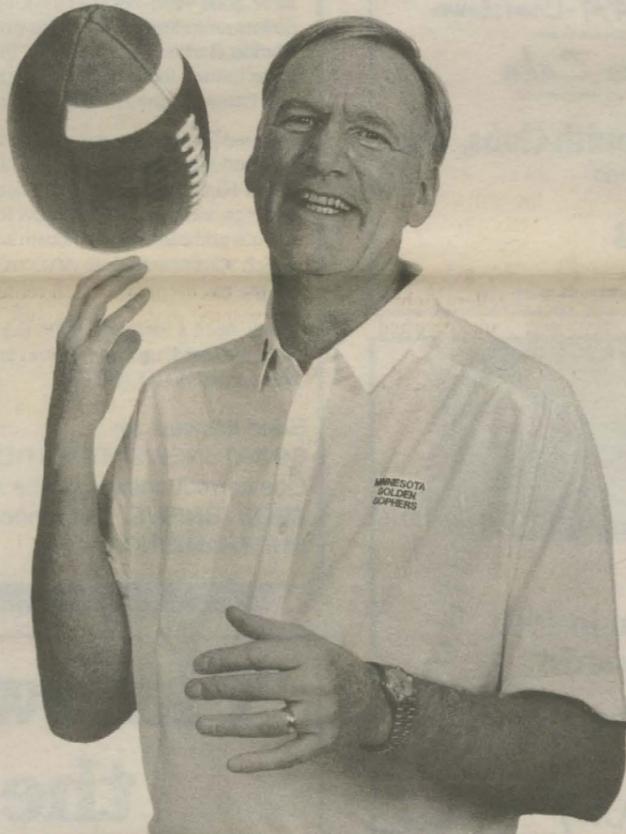
Therefore, it certainly is prudent to go out there and swing the club a couple of times, either in the back yard or at a driving range, before you play a full 18. The same would hold true for beginning tennis, starting off the baseball season with throwing activities, or getting your legs in shape for biking during the spring season. Frequently the warm weather and engulfing sunshine intoxicates many into activity that is beyond their previous level of exercise. This can cause a variety of aches and discomforts as one recovers from this activity. However, I hope this doesn't discourage anyone to get out there and take advantage of the beautiful weather. Enjoy!

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tickets for the price of one. Ten million Pepsi cans will carry the Gopher "M" as a way of drawing attention to this statewide promotional effort.

"We want to tap into the positive feelings and renewed hope behind the Gopher football program," says Aaron Kennedy, marketing manager with Pepsi Central in Minneapolis. "We want the University of Minnesota and the state of Minnesota to thrive and to the extent Pepsi can help make that happen, we're happy to step forward. We believe Gopher football is good for Minnesota, and what's good for Minnesota is good for Pepsi."

Homecoming festivities will precede the October 17 game against Michigan State, and special plans are being made for the Indiana game on Halloween.

The U of M marketing and promotions people (612/625-4879) are meeting with business, student and interest groups to arrange special events.

"We will sit down with companies of all sizes, listen to their needs, and design promotions which help them increase their visibility within the target markets they identify," explains Baylor.

"We want these promotions to have a positive impact on our sponsors' bottom lines."

Many Minnesota groups are purchasing blocks of Gopher football tickets so as to take advantage of reduced prices. For group sales of 25-99 tickets, the cost is \$2 less per ticket. For 100 or more tickets, the cost is \$4 less per ticket.

"We are trying to make opening day really special," comments Buell. "It's the debut of Coach Wacker's system. With Band Day and Greater Minnesota Day, it'll be an occasion for Minnesota families to celebrate together and enjoy the excitement. We're just going to let it all go."

Getting Tickets

The U of M has expanded its telephone ticket ordering system so that people can call and have their ticket assignments made on the spot and the tickets sent in the mail the next day. Fans can use their Visa or Master cards to charge tickets.

In the metro area, the Gopher Ticket Office phone number is 624-8080. In Greater Minnesota, fans can order tickets by calling a special toll-free number (1-800-U-GOPHER.)

"Our goal is to make it as easy as possible for people to buy Gopher tickets," Buell says. "Tickets are just a means to an end."

Although telephone ticket ordering has grown dramatically in recent years, most tickets are still purchased by mail. There are approximately 60,000 people on the U of M mailing list.

By contacting the Gopher ticket office, fans can have their names added to the mailing list so that they will regularly receive ticket order forms, game schedules, and other information concerning U of M athletics.

The general public ticket rate for Gopher football games is \$17. U of M students can purchase tickets at a special rate of \$36 for all six home games, a remarkable entertainment value.

As much as possible, the U of M ticket office attempts to accommodate fan seating preferences. Season ticketholders are assigned seats



Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome



first. When single game ticket orders are received, customers are provided the best seats available.

Although most of the seats between the goal lines are taken by season ticketholders, the Metrodome's excellent sight lines make virtually any seat a good one.

As Coach Wacker has said about the Dome, "This is what we have, and we should appreciate it because it's an outstanding facility."

Meeting Minnesotans

In February, McKinley Boston, Jim Wacker, and others from the U of M toured Minnesota. They visited 14 communities and made more than 30 group presentations.

"It was one of the most enjoyable experiences I have had in my 20 years on the job," Buell emphasizes, "because it allowed us to go where the fans were. To be greeted with so much enthusiasm wherever we went was a great honor."

Boston's aggressive efforts to seek input from fans were a resounding success. Minnesotans asked tough questions and appreciated the straightforward answers they received. In gathering after gathering it was obvious that the people of the state are very interested in Gopher athletics.

Although new to their jobs, Boston and Wacker "went out charging," Buell comments. "They made an impressive, energetic team as they traveled around the state," he adds.

"Your support is crucial," Boston announced to the audiences. "Jim Wacker's made the commitment. His student-athletes have made the commitment, and I'm making the commitment to develop a winning football program we all can be proud of. What we need is people like yourselves making the commitment. Please don't wait until next year. Get on board the Gopher bandwagon, now."

Men, women, and young people throughout the state responded to his appeal for help. A local Sports Booster Club in Brainerd, which hadn't ordered Gopher tickets for a number of years, signed up for 30 season tickets. "The club members could see the enthusiasm and feel the excitement," Buell remembers, "and they wanted to get going again."

Balancing the Budget

Church, senior citizen, and youth groups, community clubs and organizations, students and teachers, business and labor from every part of the state have been answering the Gophers' call for support. They are investing in U of M athletics by ordering tickets to

University of Minnesota football games.

"Football is the key to the financial success of Men's Athletics at the U of M," Buell stresses. "With careful control of expenses and a successful football program, we can have an athletic program that runs in the black."

For instance, if attendance at U of M football games averages 45,000 this fall, an additional \$400,000 in revenue will result.

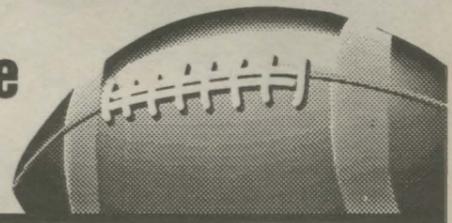
The sale of tickets for Gopher hockey and basketball games starts in mid-August. These three sports - football, hockey, and basketball - generate the revenue necessary to support the entire Men's Athletic program at the University of Minnesota.

"The student-athletes and coaches, and all of us, hope the people of Minnesota enjoy the entertainment we provide," Buell concludes.

The way fans are calling for Gopher tickets there can be little doubt about their feelings for U of M sports.

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1992 Gopher Football Home Games



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10/17	Michigan State	6:00 p.m.	Homecoming
10/31	Indiana	6:00 p.m.	Star Tribune Family Fun Night Community Youth Football Night
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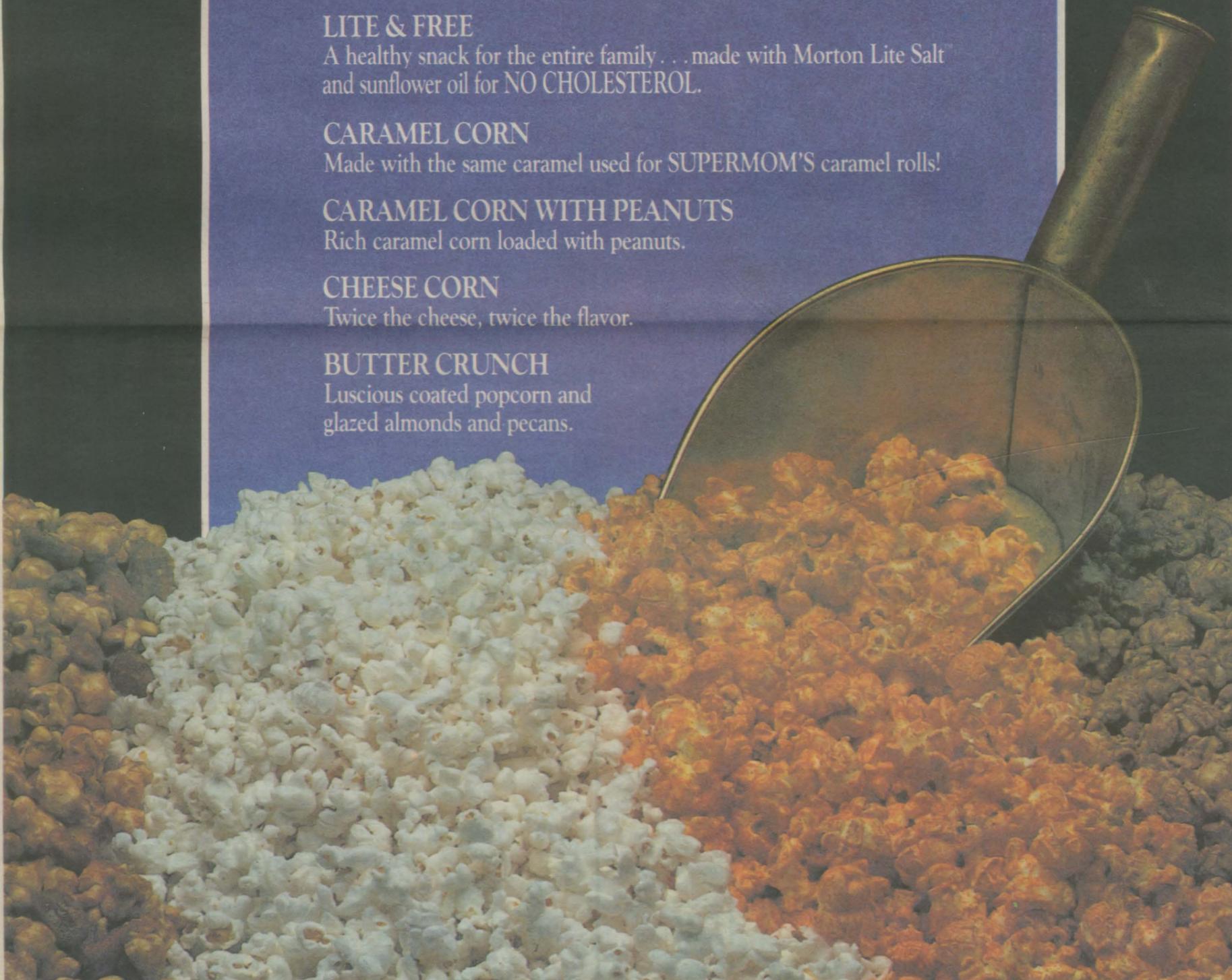
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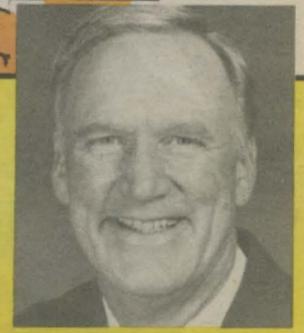
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Win-Win at the U of M

By Jim Mulrooney

Being the best is the Gophers' goal. In the classroom and on the playing field.

As Men's Athletic Director McKinley Boston has frequently said, "Athletic and academic success need not be mutually exclusive."

With more conference championships this year than any other Big Ten school, the University of Minnesota (U of M) has certainly been reaching its goal in athletics.

But the Gophers' academic achievements

have also been top-level. The academic counseling unit of the U of M's Intercollegiate Athletic Department recently was presented the 1992 Outstanding Institutional Advising Program Award by the American College Testing/National Academic Advising Association.

This prestigious honor recognizes the school's exemplary academic counseling services. These services helped Minnesota's student-athletes raise their cumulative grade point average (GPA) to just under 2.80 and their graduation rate to 44% this year.

Counseling services also helped increase the number of scholar athletes (those with a minimum 3.00 GPA) by 59% during the past three years. This year 108 men and 71 women achieved the scholar athlete status.

In the winter quarter of this school year, male student-athletes on scholarships posted their highest cumulative GPA (2.79) in U of M history. Football scholarship recipients recorded their top cumulative GPA (2.57), and 34 football players had GPAs of 3.00 or higher.

An outstanding example of academic and athletic success, U of M men swimmers and divers, under Head Coach Dennis Dale, were the sixth

finest team in the nation at the NCAA Championships this spring. The team also won All-Academic honors with a 3.13 GPA, second highest in the country.

Dr. Elayne Donahue, director of academic counseling for intercollegiate athletics at the U of M, is largely responsible for establishing the school's highly acclaimed advising unit. Serving as academic counselors in Dr. Donahue's unit are Rick Marsden, Brian Berube, Michelle Roppeau, and Jud Haynie.

"The credit for the excellent academic progress of our student-athletes," Dr. Donahue

"The credit for the excellent academic progress of our student-athletes goes to our students, their coaches, and their academic counselors."

— Dr. Elayne Donahue,
Director, Academic Counseling -
Intercollegiate Athletics,
University of Minnesota



Dr. Elayne Donahue

"There are no 'rocks for jocks' type classes, and student-athletes are not coddled."

— Rick Marsden,
Assistant Director
Academic Counseling



Rick Marsden

says, "goes to the students, their coaches, and their academic counselors. The fine performance of our student-athletes is especially gratifying because it is the result of a team effort."

Rick Marsden, Dr. Donahue's assistant, indicates, "Gopher coaches value academic

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One-on-One

He's regarded as a player who goes all out every time he gets on the ice. He hits hard, digs the puck out of the corners, kills penalties, fires up the team. That's the important role Scott Bell (Inver Grove Heights, MN) played on the Gophers' WCHA Championship team this year.

"Scottie has a great attitude and a strong work ethic," says Head Coach Doug Woog.

Bell earned 10 letters at Simley High School, four in hockey. He recorded 35 goals and 42 assists in his senior year. Twice he was named to the all-conference hockey team. He played junior hockey with Sioux City in 1989-90.

"When I came to the University of Minnesota (U of M) on a hockey scholarship several years ago, I took some tests to see where I was at academically," Bell explains. "I knew I would have problems in math because I didn't have any my senior year in high school."

To improve his skills and prepare himself for college level math, Bell took some remedial classes. "I eventually got into college math and was able to earn a 'B' grade."

The U of M's academic counseling unit provides tutoring service to student-athletes without charge. Academic counselors encourage students, regardless of their academic skills, to take advantage of this excellent service.

"The tutors helped me a lot in math," Bell comments, "and they increased my confidence in all my areas of study."

Rick Marsden is Bell's academic counselor at the University of Minnesota.

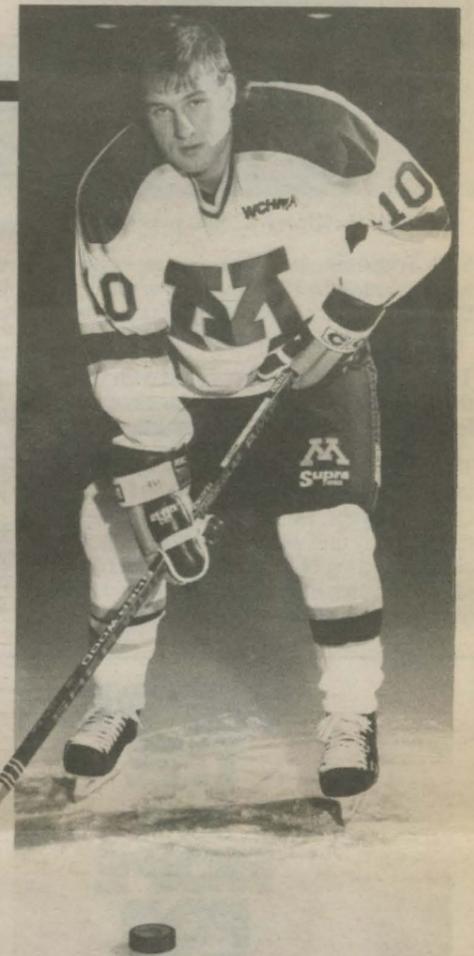
"Rick was always there when I needed help. I would come in an talk with him about my classes," Bell says. "He assisted me in finding my major."

Because Bell did poorly on some of the exams he was taking in his first year, Marsden suspected he might have a learning disability. He recommended Bell take some special tests to determine if there was a problem.

The tests indicated Bell needed to enhance his reading skills. "Scott was very interested in working hard in college," Marsden notes, "but he just couldn't keep up with the reading." Last summer Bell took a class at the U of M which increased his reading speed and comprehension.

On three occasions Bell has switched his major. Each time it was necessary for him to meet with Marsden for one or two hours to plan the detailed sequencing of courses he would need for the whole year.

"We sit down with every one of our athletes to develop a yearlong plan that meets



Scott Bell, student-athlete

their academic requirements," Marsden explains. "It's a pretty labor intensive practice, but we're always willing to do it because part of making a decision about a major is seeing what it means and what kinds of courses you will have to take."

This summer Bell is taking two classes at the University, one in his new major, speech communications.

"The academic counseling program has benefited me greatly," Bell indicates. "In particular, it has taught me how to schedule my time wisely."

Bell says Coach Woog and the entire hockey coaching staff have the attitude that you should "take care of school work before hockey." "During finals" week we were playing in the WCHA Championship at the Civic Center in St. Paul," Bell recalls. "The coaches arranged split practices the whole week so that players could study and take their exams."

According to Bell, hockey players feel comfortable discussing their academic obligations with their coaches.

"One day I had a test at school and I knew I couldn't make the bus to the airport which was taking the hockey team to an away game," Bell says. "My teammate Justin McHugh also had a test that day. So Coach Woog stayed back and he gave us a ride to the airport after we had taken our tests."

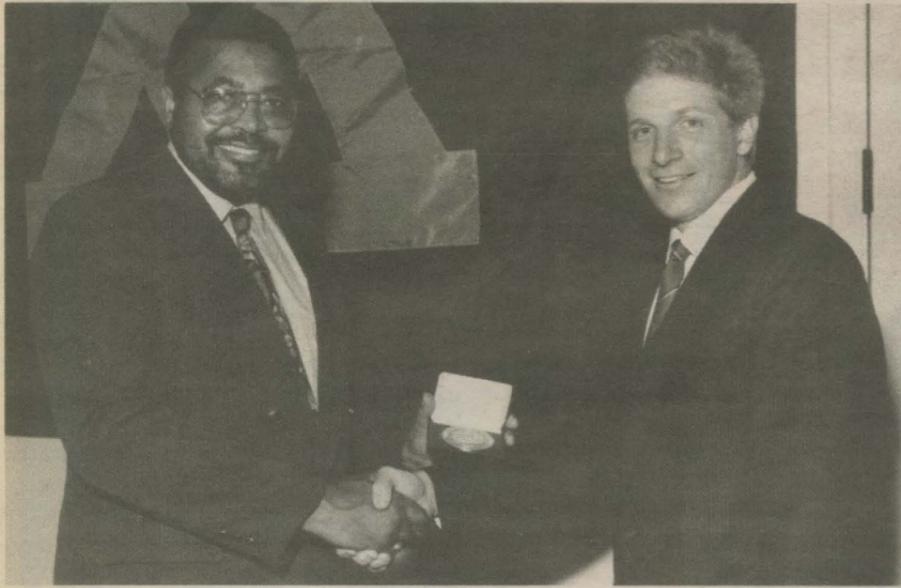
A close relationship of trust has developed between Scott Bell, the student-athlete, and Rick Marsden, the academic counselor.

"I feel I could call Rick about any problem, and it wouldn't just have to be related to academics," Bell comments. "I also feel I could

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Top Gopher Student-Athlete Honored



Dr. McKinley Boston presents Conference Medal of Honor to Scott Tripps.

Scott Tripps (Seattle, WA), a senior swimmer, was presented the University of Minnesota's Big Ten Conference Medal of Honor at the "M" Club annual banquet last month.

The Medal of Honor is presented each year to the student-athlete who demonstrates excellence in both scholarship and athletics.

This year Tripps won All-America honors at the NCAA Swimming & Diving Championships. He was a member of the 400 medley relay unit which finished eighth. He also swam a leg of the 200 medley relay and placed eleventh in the 200 backstroke. His efforts helped the Gophers finish in sixth place at

the NCAA Championships, their best finish at the national meet in 29 years.

Earlier in the year, Tripps set a school record in the 200 backstroke.

Tripps, an outstanding student with a 3.21 cumulative grade point average, has been named to the Academic All-America and All-Big Ten teams in past years. He's a speech communications major and plans to attend graduate school.

Recognizing that he was joining an impressive group of previous Gopher Conference Medal recipients which includes Bernie Bierman, Bud Wilkinson, and Whitey Skoog, Tripps said, "I'm very honored and very humbled."

He concluded his brief acceptance remarks by saying to his fellow student-athletes, "I wish to offer my thanks to our heavenly Father for the talents all of us have been given so that we could compete in athletics at the University of Minnesota."

The "M" Club also honored the outstanding Gopher varsity athletes chosen by team coaches. This year's top athletes are:

Baseball: George Behr, senior, Maplewood, MN. **Basketball:** Arriel McDonald, sophomore, Raleigh, NC. **Cross Country:** Doug Milkowski, junior, Stevens Point, WI. **Football:** Sean Lumpkin, senior, Golden Valley, MN. **Golf:** Joe Guillion, junior, Mansfield, TX. **Gymnastics:** John Roethlisberger, junior, Afton, MN. **Hockey:** Larry Olinb, senior, Warroad, MN. **Swimming & Diving:** Del Cerney, senior, Staples, MN and Paul Nelsen, junior, Lincoln, NE. **Tennis:** Brian Uihlein, senior, Lake Forest, IL. **Track & Field:** Chris Murrell, junior, Crete, NE. **Wrestling:** Mike Marzetta, junior, Spokane, WA.

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Letters



DR. BOSTON'S MOVING STORY

I found the feature on new Men's Athletic Director McKinley Boston (in the June, 1992 SPORTSNEWS) very moving. It was clear his family meant a great deal to him and influenced his life.

His willingness to leave home and travel to Minnesota to get the education his parents so highly valued shows his high character.

His appreciation of the warmth of Minnesotans is obvious.

Dr. Boston's life experience gives powerful testimony to what a person can do if they have good upbringing and an education. I wish Men's Athletics at the U of M much success as it proceeds under the leadership of this impressive man. Welcome home, Dr. Boston.

Arthur Thompson
Blaine

GOPHER ELECTRICITY

I can't wait for the unveiling this fall of the Gophers' new wide-open offense. Getting tickets to U of M football games may mean we'll all have to hustle. Win, lose, or draw, just to feel the excitement of a University football team bent on scoring will get us all cheering.

Ray Western
St. Cloud

LUNDIN COMMENDED

It was with great pride that I read the words of Assistant Track & Field Coach Phil Lundin in the June SPORTSNEWS. He stated the case for collegiate athletics with such candor.

Coach Lundin said, "Some people only know a university's athletic program by virtue of its football and basketball teams."

Unfortunately, he's probably correct. That's the reality of the matter. So let's keep all the fantastic sports programs we have already at the U of M and just keep on working to upgrade the other big revenue-generating sports.

John Murphy
St. Paul

TEAMSTERS COME THROUGH

I was delighted to read that the Minnesota Teamsters Union purchased \$5,000 worth of tickets to U of M football games. The Teamsters recognize what the Gophers mean to our state's morale.

Bill Tucker
Windom

THANKS TO PEPSI-COLA

Until I read the comments by the Pepsi marketing head ("Get Your Tickets" in the June, 1992 SPORTSNEWS), I didn't really recognize how important University of Minnesota athletics, football in particular, is to business. I'm glad Pepsi is taking a leadership role in promoting Gopher football this fall. By so doing, it establishes itself as an enlightened corporate citizen. Thanks, Pepsi.

Kathleen and Thomas Brower
Minneapolis

JIM BYRNE'S WISDOM

I read a lot of sports and listen to a lot of sports. But I relish the insights of your columnist Jim Byrne ("Calling the Turn with Jimmy Byrne"). Of course, he's speaking from long experience. Like about 50 years. He's right on the mark!

Joe Clinton
Brainerd

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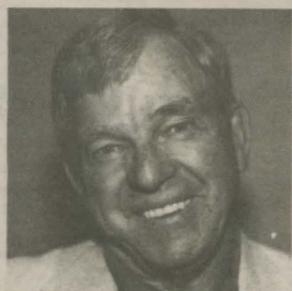
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Fan in the Stands

WHO IS THE FINEST GOPHER ATHLETE YOU EVER SAW?



Calvin Engelstad, Wayzata (1946 Gopher Hockey Letterman)
"John Mayasich (1952-55) was a great all-around player and prolific scorer who set many longstanding records in hockey at the U of M."



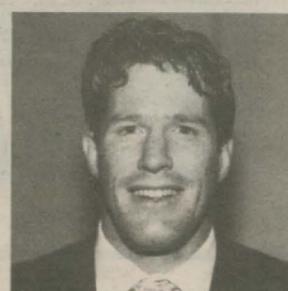
Bob Hary, Wildwood, Florida (1942 Gopher Football Letterman)
"Paul Giel (1951-53) was one of the greatest backfield players I've ever seen in football. All the glowing things which have been written about his remarkable talents are true."



Vince Fuller, Minneapolis (Williams Fund Director)
"Rick Upchurch was an incredible football star whose speed and agility made him a scoring threat every time he got the ball. He still holds the U of M record for most punt return yardage in a season (1973)."



John Wilson, Eden Prairie (Gopher hockey public address announcer [1969-90] and basketball official scorer for 25 years)
"Basketball forward Lou Hudson (1963-66) could do more things well both offensively and defensively than any U of M athlete. He was an All-American in 1965."



Dave Grant, Minneapolis (Assistant Gopher Wrestling Coach)
"John Roethlisberger (1989-92) has won national gymnastics titles and been a dominant force in the sport. He's proven himself to be an impressive all-around gymnastics athlete who will represent the U.S. well this summer in the Olympics."



Norm Gallup, St. Paul (1942 Gopher Baseball Letterman)
"Halfback Bruce Smith (1939-41) is the only Gopher to win the Heisman Trophy (1941). He could be injured and they'd put him in for one play and he'd win the game for us."

A Special Feature **Jim Wacker: Believing**



By Len Levine
and Jim
Mulrooney

"You'll never make it happen unless you believe you're going to make it happen." So says Gophers football coach Jim Wacker. He's a believer, and he's been making it happen all his life.

Wacker's father was a Lutheran minister for 42 years. His mother taught piano and cared for a household of four children. Both his parents are now deceased. Wacker has two older sisters and an older brother, who today is a Lutheran minister.

Wacker's interest in sports began with pick-up games on the neighborhood playing fields of his native Detroit. He attended what was then the only Lutheran high school in the city. In football he played offensive and defensive tackle and in basketball he played center.

"As a tenth grader," he recalls, "I was the only kid on the football team that didn't get into one game."

After winning its first game, the team proceeded to lose 16 straight over the course of the next two years.

But Wacker remained with the team waiting his time. He started the last game of his junior year against Inkster High School which was second in the Detroit High School Football Conference. The game proved to be one of the finest in local football annals, and Wacker's team won in an upset.

With Wacker as captain his last year (1955), the team had a 6-3 record and he was offered a half scholarship to attend Valparaiso (Indiana) University. "It was my only offer," he explains, "so I took it."

At Valparaiso he continued playing offensive and defensive tackle, in spite of his lack of bulk (6'4" and 185 pounds). He graduated in 1960 with a bachelor of science degree in geography and physical education.

For the next four years, he was head football coach at Concordia High School in Portland, Oregon. He also coached basketball, track, and wrestling, taught geography, health, and physical education and was resident director of the student dormitory.

"Every job I've had since has been easier," he asserts.

During this time he met and married Lillian Korsmeyer who was still in college. Their first child, Mike, was born four days after she finished student teaching and two weeks prior to her graduation.

Between 1964 and 1970, Wacker served first as football defensive coordinator at Concordia College in Seward, Nebraska and later as head football coach at Augustana College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

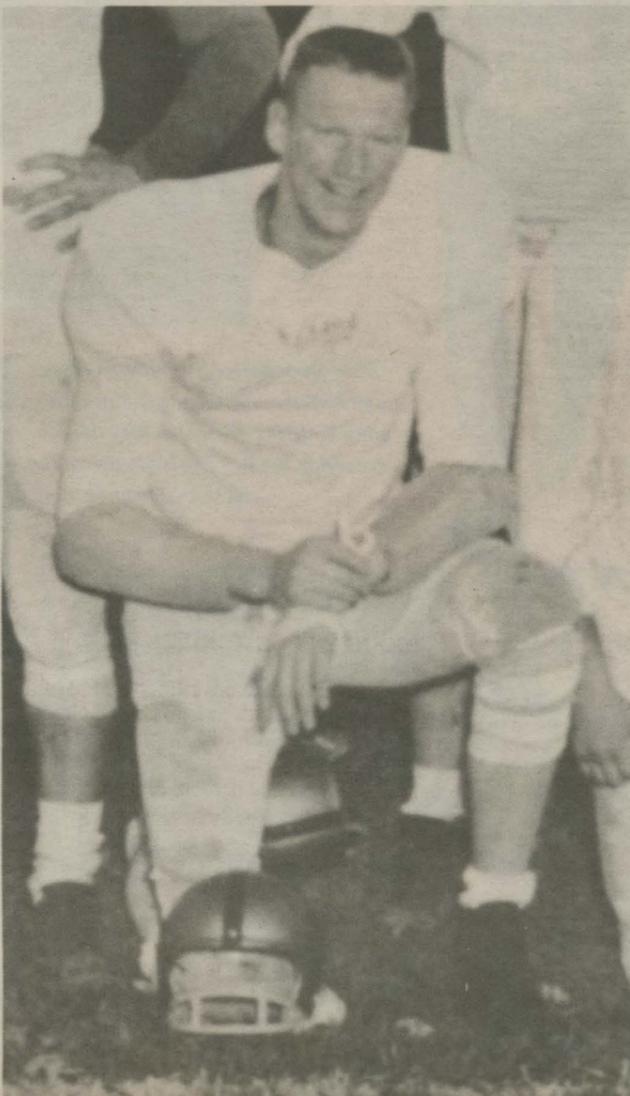
When Texas Lutheran College offered him the head football coaching position in 1971, his friends told him, "Don't take it! You'll never win there."

He took the job anyway and went on to lead his teams to two NAIA Championships over the next four years, winning 26 of his last 27 games.

Wacker was next offered the heading coaching job at North Dakota State in Fargo. Again the naysayers spoke up. After all, North Dakota's best previous season record had been 2-8.

But Wacker accepted the offer and worked his magic once more. North Dakota State won the North Central Conference title two of the three years he was there and twice was a semifinalist in the NCAA Division II.

Before he assumed the head coaching posi-



Jim Wacker on the Valparaiso University Football Team, 1959.

tion at Southwest Texas State in 1979, the school had not won a conference title in 12 years. Wacker took them to three conference championships and two NCAA Division II titles during his four years.

His 1982 team finished 14-0 and was national champion, and he was named Division II Coach of the Year.

In 1983 he was appointed head football coach at Texas Christian University (TCU) in San Antonio. During the preceding 25 years, TCU had the worst record of any team in the Southwest Conference.

In Wacker's first year TCU's record was 1-8-2.

But in 1984 the impossible happened. TCU made what some contended was the biggest turnaround of any college team in America. The Horned Frogs were 8-3 and played in the Blue Bonnet Bowl.

Wacker was chosen Division I Coach of the Year by United Press International, ESPN, and *The Sporting News*. He was also the recipient of the American Sportsmanship Council's Bobby Dodd Coach of the Year Award.

The next year TCU opened the season with a big win over Tulane University. However, the following week Wacker uncovered a payment plan to TCU players in violation of NCAA rules. The plan had been put in place prior to the arrival of Wacker and his staff. Wacker dismissed seven players from his team and reported the violations to the NCAA.

The result was national acclaim for Wacker's high integrity as reflected in his forthright actions. But TCU was given one of the stiffest penalties ever levied on an NCAA-member institution—the loss of 30 football scholarships.

Once again Wacker set about rebuilding the TCU football program. During the nine years he and his staff were in charge, graduation

rates for football student-athletes doubled. Last year all 23 of their senior players graduated, the top graduation rate of any football team in the nation. And TCU's 7-4 record was evidence of the success of Wacker's rebuilding efforts.

On December 23, 1991 Wacker was named the University of Minnesota's 24th head football coach. He holds a master's degree from Wayne State University and a doctorate in education from the University of Nebraska.

"Jim Wacker is quality," says Dr. McKinley Boston, the University's director of men's athletics. "Number one, Jim Wacker's a fine man. He's also a fine football coach." Alluding to Wacker's outstanding 21-year head coaching career record (144-91-3), Boston adds, "Everywhere he's been, he's been successful."

Wacker speaks proudly of his family. He and his wife have three sons. Mike was a Parade All-American basketball player who is now coaching at Judson High School in San Antonio. Steve is a bank manager in Fort

"We're going to be a lot better than anyone thinks we're going to be."

— Jim Wacker
Gophers Head Football Coach

Worth, and Tom is a senior at TCU who will graduate this summer.

"The situation at Minnesota is much better than it was when I took over at any of those other schools," Wacker emphasizes. "I'm indebted to Coach John Gutekunst and his staff for recruiting so many good athletes."

Looking at the challenge before him, he says, "Our student-athletes have a great work ethic and a positive attitude. We're going to be a lot better than anyone thinks we're going to be."

Always a believer.

Len Levine earned three varsity letters as a member of the Gopher track team and established several records, one of which (the 60-yard dash) stood for 17 years. He was the silver medal winner in the 1960 Big Ten 300-yard dash championship. Levine was President of the "M" Club in 1989.

Jim Mulrooney is Managing Editor of SPORTSNEWS.



(L to R above): Tom and Steve Wacker. (L to R below): Mike, Lil, and Jim Wacker, 1988

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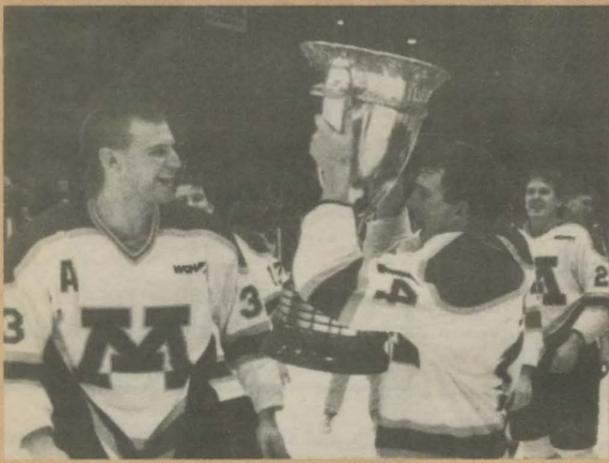
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PICTORIAL REVIEW OF THE GOPHERS' TERRIFIC YEAR

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Gophers kiss the MacNaughton Cup after winning the Western Collegiate Hockey Association Championship. The team established its highest winning percentage ever (.813).



Sophomore Chris Berg sets the pace in a cross country meet.



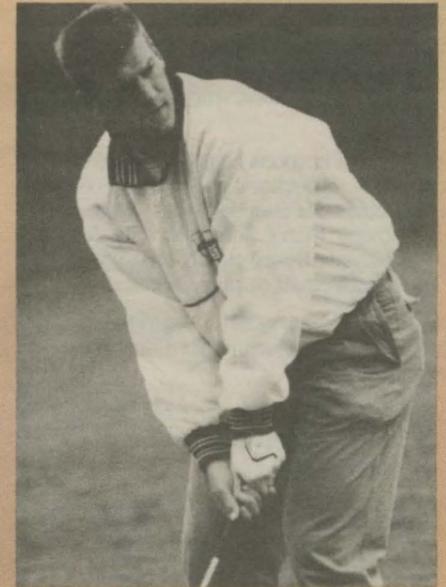
Sean Quackenbush's butterfly stroke contributed to the Gophers' fine swimming & diving season as they finished second in the Big Ten and sixth at the NCAA Championships.



Discussing game strategy are (L to R) freshman phenom Voshon Lenard, Head Basketball Coach Clem Haskins, and the season's most outstanding player, Arriel McDonald.

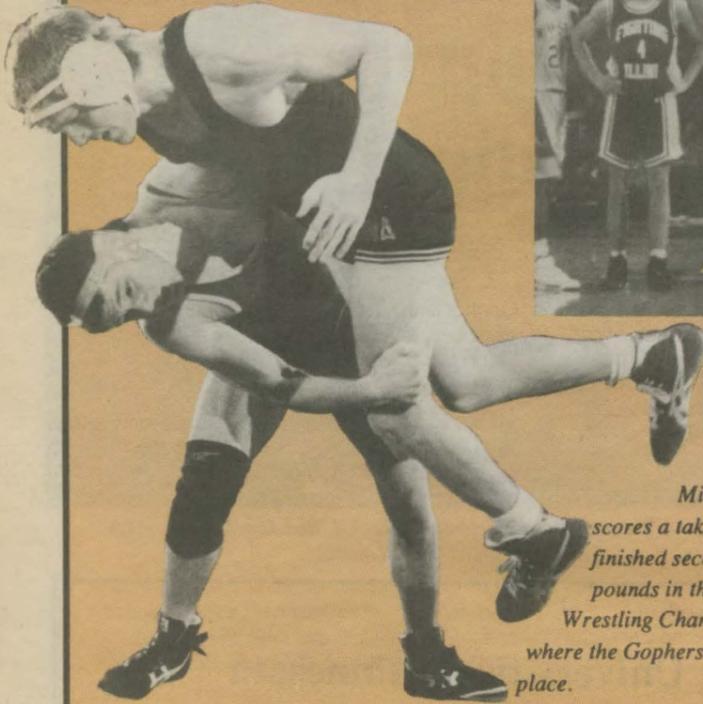


All-star safety Sean Lumpkin recovers a fumble.



Dave Carothers concluded his U of M golfing career and Joe Guillion emerged as the Gophers' standout, posting the lowest stroke average in the Big Ten this year.

There's bedlam at Williams Arena as Dana Jackson converts a free throw with no time remaining on the clock giving the Gophers a victory over Illinois. The team's lone senior Bob Martin (No. 55) raises his arms in celebration.



Mike Marzetta scores a take-down. He finished second at 158 pounds in the Big Ten Wrestling Championships where the Gophers took fourth place.



If there was a Gopher athlete of the year it would probably be gymnast John Roethlisberger. He won the NCAA all-around gymnastics championship and qualified to represent the United States in the Olympics. He led the Gophers to their third consecutive Big Ten Gymnastics Championship.



Chris Murrell's high jumping was superb this season as the All-American surpassed 7' during the track & field season.



Tennis team captain Brian Uihlein was part of the Gophers' excellent doubles contingent. He and partner Adam Krafft earned All-America honors as the Gophers won the Big Ten Tennis Championship. The team's overall record was 21-4 (10-0 in the Big Ten).





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And What Part Did I Play In The Golden Gopher Tradition?

Dean Odegard of St. Paul is a "Who Am I?" Winner

I was born in Luverne, Alabama and moved with my family to Hartford, Connecticut when I was very young. We eventually wound up in Clairton, Pennsylvania where I received most of my education.

I was named after both grandfathers who grew up in slave families. One grandfather was a sharecropper for an Alabama judge, and that's how I got one of my names.

I played football for the University of Minnesota (and was also a high jumper on the track team) in 1959, 1960 and 1961 and was the team's leader in rushing yardage. Throughout my Gopher career I never once was thrown for a loss.



Judge Dickson

Those were the days when we played both ways. In my senior season, 1961, we needed to beat Michigan or we would not be going to the Rose Bowl. It looked just about hopeless as we were trailing the Wolverines 20-15 with two minutes to go. Benny McRae, their great halfback, fumbled the ball after being hit with a bone crushing tackle by Tom Teigen, and I landed on the ball on the Michigan nine yard line.

Three plays later I dove over from the one foot line for the winning touchdown and we were on our way to Pasadena where we defeated UCLA 21-3.

I grew up in Wheaton, Minnesota and competed on the high school track team from the time I was in the ninth grade. I ran the 100 and 220 yard dashes and won the state championship in the 100 and placed second in the 220. I also played football, basketball, and baseball.

Because of the Korean War I was able to compete in track all four years at the U of M. I had a great career, winning letters all four years and was the team captain my junior and senior years.

In 1955 I set the school record in both the 100 (9.4 seconds) and 220 (21.0 seconds) yard dashes. I was only one-tenth of a second off the world record for the 100 yard dash.

That same year I finished second in the 100 yard dash in the Big Ten Meet and placed third in that same event in the NCAA Championship.

I wonder how many people still remember Dave Sime who ran for Duke University and Ira Murchison of Iowa. They were considered two of the world's fastest sprinters up to that time. In fact, they both ran on the 1956 U.S. Olympic Team. I beat both of them during regular season competition. WHO AM I?



1955 Photo

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What's the Gophers' Secret Ingredient?

By Guest Columnist Steve Rogers, Lake Elmo

The overwhelming success of University of Minnesota (U of M) athletic teams this year has been remarkable. They won more conference championships than any other Big Ten school. The overall place finish of U of M teams this past season is second only to Ohio State in the Big Ten.

What has brought about the extraordinary success of these teams?

The talent of Gopher student-athletes and the high quality of their coaches are major reasons, of course. And the fine work of U of M athletic administrators, team secretaries, academic counselors, and support groups also assisted in establishing first-rate Gopher sports programs.

But I believe there's another factor which is responsible for the overall outstanding performance of our Gopher teams. It's that special, nebulous something which draws a team together, lifts it up, inspires confidence and everlasting hope. Team spirit.

Gopher teams have the arms and legs, the muscles and balance, the finesse and guile that are necessary to win. But they also have the heart.

So much is written about athletic statistics. We like to contemplate the numbers and study the records. But the underlying key element, the spark of life that sets a team apart, is often overlooked.

Collegiate athletic teams are made up of from 10 to 110 members. In the course of a season, team members train and travel together, and endure the physical and emotional aches and pains of competition. But team spirit prevails through it all.

I contend there's something substantially different about U of M sports teams. The pulse beats faster, blood pumps stronger, all the pieces bind into one.

You can't measure spirit. It only can be felt, after the game begins.

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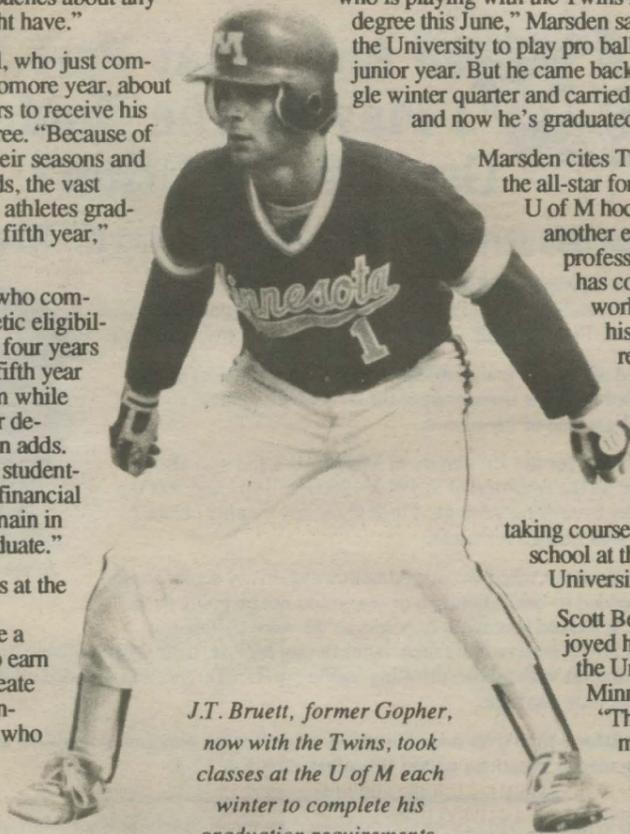
talk with my coaches about any concerns I might have."

It will take Bell, who just completed his sophomore year, about 2 1/2 more years to receive his bachelor's degree. "Because of the reality of their seasons and their credit loads, the vast majority of our athletes graduate during the fifth year," Marsden notes.

"But Gophers who complete their athletic eligibility in their first four years may apply for fifth year aid to help them while they finish their degrees," Marsden adds. "That provides student-athletes with a financial incentive to remain in school and graduate."

Student-athletes at the University of Minnesota have a strong desire to earn their baccalaureate degrees. That includes athletes who become professionals.

"J. T. Bruett



J.T. Bruett, former Gopher, now with the Twins, took classes at the U of M each winter to complete his graduation requirements.

who is playing with the Twins received his degree this June," Marsden says. "He left the University to play pro ball after his junior year. But he came back every single winter quarter and carried four classes, and now he's graduated."

Marsden cites Trent Klatt, the all-star forward on the U of M hockey team, as another example of a professional who has come back to work on getting his degree. "He received a huge bonus to sign with the North Stars, and he's now taking courses in summer school at the University."

Scott Bell has enjoyed his time at the University of Minnesota.

"There's so much diversity and you meet so many different people,"



Trent Klatt, former Gopher, now with the North Stars, is attending summer school at the U of M.

he remarks. "Rick Marsden has helped me become more focused on academics, and he's challenged me to look at my options and take advantage of the opportunities I have."

Aches & Pains

Elizabeth A. Arendt, M.D.
Director
University of Minnesota
Sports Medicine Institute

Q I injured my anterior cruciate ligament ten years ago. My knee doesn't seem to give me much trouble. I am 36 years old. Should I get it fixed now to prevent problems later on?

A The anterior cruciate ligament is one of four major ligaments around your knee and is responsible for keeping your leg bone (the tibia) underneath your thigh bone (the femur). In its absence, the tibia wants to go forward, but because of the peculiar orientation of this ligament, in addition to moving forward, the leg bone wants to move forward and rotate to the outside. Therefore, when someone doesn't have an anterior cruciate ligament, one may experience a rotatory sense of giving way when performing planting and pivoting activities. This tends not to happen with straight-ahead activities such as walking, or relatively nonweightbearing activities such as biking and swimming.

The treatment for an anterior cruciate ligament can consist of either conservative treatment, which would involve avoiding certain sports, keeping your muscles strong, and possibly using a brace for certain sports. The alternative to that is ligament reconstruction. However, who has ligament reconstruction is a judgment call, arrived upon by a discussion between the physician and the patient. Many factors are considered, including age, activity level, and current level of symptoms.

It sounds like you have tolerated your anterior cruciate ligament injury well over the past decade of life. I believe it is unlikely that ligament surgery will help you. The main focus of treatment for a knee without a ligament is knowledge. If you are happy or accepting of your current lifestyle and your knee isn't experiencing giving way or instability episodes, then non-operative treatment for this ligament is ok. It helps to stay active and to keep your thigh muscles strong with weights and/or aerobic activities.

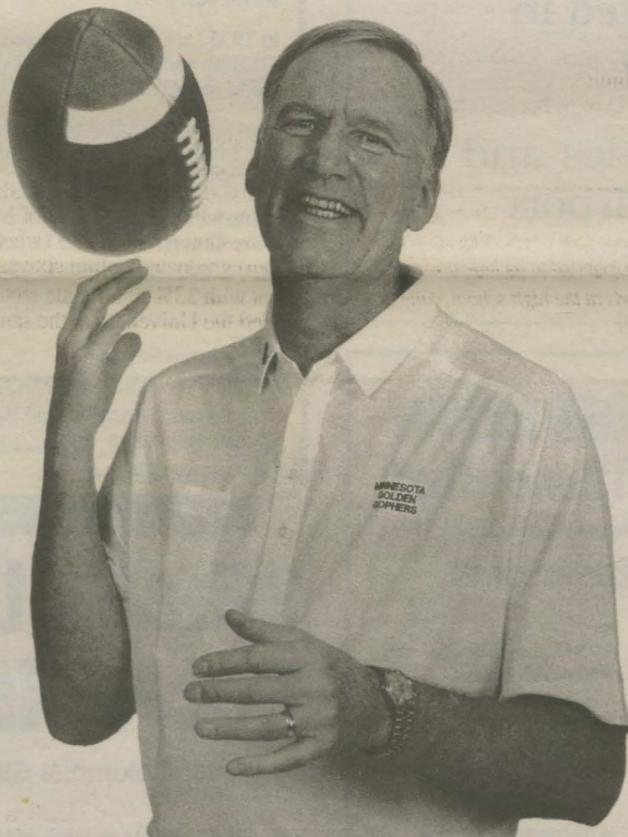
However, it would certainly be worthwhile to have your knee reviewed and x-rayed by a knowledgeable physician in this area.

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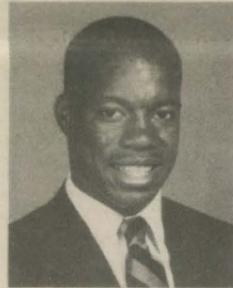
Let's salute some of the "wise guys" in University of Minnesota (U of M) men's athletics.

Forty-six scholarly young men won All-Big Ten Academic honors this year, the most ever for the Gophers.

In golf, these include Rick Grand and Joe Guillion. Tennis has Roger Anderson and Phil LeBlanc. Joe Russell, Scott Rohrer and Eric Folkins make it for wrestling.

Swimming and diving has nine--Matt Brown, Chris Carlisle, Can Ergenekan, Eric Haseman, Mike Hinchcliffe, Derek Howatt, Andy Kurtz, Rob McDonnell, and Scott Tripps.

Cross Countrymen are Scott Fitzgerald, Dan Fumo, Dan LeCloux, and Chris Schmid. Baseballers are



Omar Douglas, football

David Anderson, Darren Schwankl, Jason Karmann and Mark Vandersall. Track & Field and football each has nine. Matt Burns, Jason Cole, Martin Eriksson, Sean Fitzgerald, Jason Max, Tyrone Minor, Mark Narveson, Dan Savitt, and Ross Thompson are the thinclads. Football honorees are "Chip" Brixius, Joel Staats, Scott Schaffner, Omar Douglas, Dan LiSanti, Ken McClintock, Jeff Rosga, Lance Wolkow, and Chris Cohen.

Gymnasts are Tony Brough, Bo Haun, and John Roethlisberger. Selected at-large is Sean Fabian, hockey.

Gopher football coach Jim Wacker was a hit again when he addressed CORES, a men's luncheon group made up of representatives of the area's sports scene.

Before he asked for questions from his intent audience, Wacker remarked, "I want to stay in Minnesota as long as they let me. I have no clause in my contract (to do otherwise)."

Obviously, Wacker was referring to Lou Holtz, who is reported to have had a clause in his Gopher contract that permitted him to leave Minnesota for Notre Dame.

Paul Giel, Gopher A.D. when Holtz was hired, denied publicly last fall that he (Giel) knew of such a clause in Holtz's contract.

Wayne Robinson, who finished his third year of Gopher football in 1951, was one of many "M" men attending the luncheon. Robinson has been working in Texas and followed Wacker's coaching career pretty closely down there. Wayne heartily approves of Wacker's move here.

Herb Brooks, newly appointed hockey coach of the New Jersey Devils in the NHL, followed Glen Sonmor as the Gopher hockey



Herb Brooks

coach. Always exuberant, Sonmor was most enthusiastic about Brooks' return to coaching. Immediately Sonmor forecast that "Herbie will take Paul Holmgren as one of his assistants."

Holmgren is another ex-Gopher.

But shortly after Sonmor's remark, Holmgren was appointed head coach of Hartford. Thus, the Gopher hockey program has two head coaches in the Canada-dominated NHL, a truly remarkable feat.

IN MEMORIAL: Ray King and Dave Ramsay have left fond memories for the important parts they played in Gopher men's intercollegiate athletics.

King was an All-America end in 1937 and an active "M" Club booster. His sense of humor enlivened many a party.

When he went to Arizona, Ray helped form and promote Williams Fund Golf tournaments which have been so successful and popular at Rio Verde.

Ramsay was one of those silent boosters in Gopher sports, mainly hockey and football. His good deeds, always done in a quiet way, were almost unlimited. His son, Bill, was a standout on the U of M hockey teams of '62, '63, and '64.

Jim Byrne began writing for the Minneapolis Star in 1936. His 43-year sports reporting career began with sailing and expanded to include a wide range of Minnesota sports at the high school, college, and professional levels.



The "M" Club presented Lifetime Achievement Awards to three business leaders in recognition of their significant contributions to the Men's Athletic program at the University of Minnesota. Pictured (L to R) are "M" Club president Bud Ericksen, award recipients Mike Wright, Harvey Mackay, Pinky McNamara, and the "M" Club's Saxe Roberts.

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success very highly. By so doing they send clear messages to their student-athletes."

Academic counselors assist student-athletes in developing yearlong plans, selecting courses and majors, managing their time, and improving their study skills. They encourage students to explore new fields and expand their horizons.

Regardless of whether they are blue-chip recruits or walk-ons, scholarship recipients or not, all U of M student-athletes are provided the same degree of individualized academic counseling services (such as one-on-one tutoring).

"There are no 'rocks for jocks' type classes," Marsden explains, "and student-athletes are not coddled."

Graduation rates document the importance of the academic counseling program. Approximately 40% of the male student-athletes who entered the U of M as scholarship freshmen in 1984-85 (when the program began) graduated within six years. That compares with 33% of all male students who attended the University at the same time.



Judd Haynie, Academic Counselor

"Students get something special from participating in college athletics," Dr. Donahue emphasizes. "They learn to accept victory and defeat, to set long and short-term goals, and to balance the rigors of training and study. They acquire a certain poise, grace under pressure, and self-assuredness."

By increasing the counseling staff this fall, the U of M will significantly enhance its academic assistance to at-risk student-athletes. "By helping develop their fundamental skills, we can improve their chances of being successful in the classroom," Marsden says.



Brian Berube, Academic Counselor

Also starting this fall, all freshmen student-athletes will participate in the cooperative learning program which was piloted among freshmen football, baseball, and hockey players during the 1991-92 school year.

In this program approximately four students work together in study groups. "People learn best when they are active," Dr. Donahue notes, "and this cooperative learning program maximizes the interaction and participation of student-athletes."

The commitment of the athletic administration and coaches to the overall success of student-athletes has enabled the academic counseling program to flourish at the University of Minnesota. However, the dedicated efforts of the University's highly-trained counselors have been crucial. All of these counselors have masters' degrees and several have completed work toward their doctorates.

These "staff have demonstrated interpersonal skills and the ability to appreciate students...with varied histories of academic success," writes senior academic counselor Michelle Roppeau. "They work intensively with students from the time (students) are high school seniors until...they graduate from college."

The academic counseling program which Dr. Donahue has developed at the University of Minnesota is regarded as a national model. Penn State, Colorado, Long Beach State, North Carolina State, Northern Illinois, and other universities have patterned their academic counseling units after Minnesota's.

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JOCK TALK

By Jim Mulrooney

It seems as if everything's new... men's athletic director... head football coach and staff... a spotlight on the Gophers football team.

To find out how the changes are affecting the football team, SPORTSNEWS visited with football players in the Weight Room at the University of Minnesota's football facility.

Question: What's different about the football environment at the University of Minnesota?

"The attitude! The coaches' attitude toward the players and the players' attitude toward the coaches. The attitude is definitely better, things are a lot more fun"

Kevin McClintock
(Chagrin Fall, Ohio)
Senior running back, 5'11", 205 lbs.

"The atmosphere! It's more outgoing, more alive. Last year we had a reactionary defense. This year it's pass and attack. It's much more alive."

Darrell Cunningham
(Detroit, Michigan)
Sophomore defensive lineman, 6'2", 243 lbs.

"The main thing is attitude. It's more positive. People are playing together on both the offense and the defense."

Definitely attitude!"
Dennis Cappella
(Miller Place, New York)
Junior defensive lineman, 6'3", 235 lbs.



Ken McClintock (Above and Right)



Dennis Cappella (Above and Right)



"I'm optimistic. I think we can compete with everyone. Our work ethic has been good which is evident by the number of people here and how hard we've been working. We'll be better off as a team as a result and that's nice to see."

Ken McClintock

Question: What do you think of Wacker and the new coaching staff?

"They're like a family. There's a sense of togetherness from the coaches to the team members. They're all "live" guys. They're ex-

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Question: How do you feel about the upcoming season?

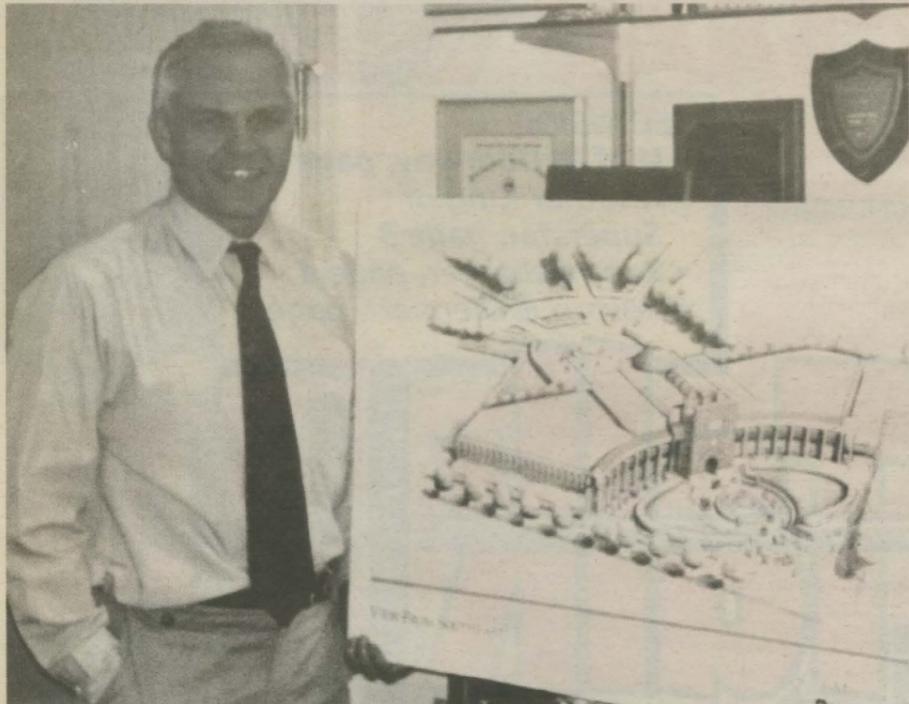
"Everyone is excited. We're up 100%. You can smell the tension in the air."

Doyle Cockrell
(Evanston, Illinois)
Sophomore defensive lineman, 6'4", 260 lbs.

"I'm excited about it. I'm eager to get started with our new offense and defense. We're ready to get out and prove ourselves."

Moses Taylor (Fort Lauderdale, Florida)
Sophomore free safety, 6'0", 197 lbs.

The Gateway Project



Larry Laukka standing next to a rendering of the new Gateway Center

Finally, a front door to the University of Minnesota (U of M). That's the objective of the Gateway Project.

Some time ago the U of M Alumni Association asked Larry Laukka of Laukka Development, a member of its board of directors, to study plans for establishing a new home for the Association.

Laukka accepted the invitation to serve in a voluntary capacity on this important project.

Memorial Stadium on the east end of the campus.

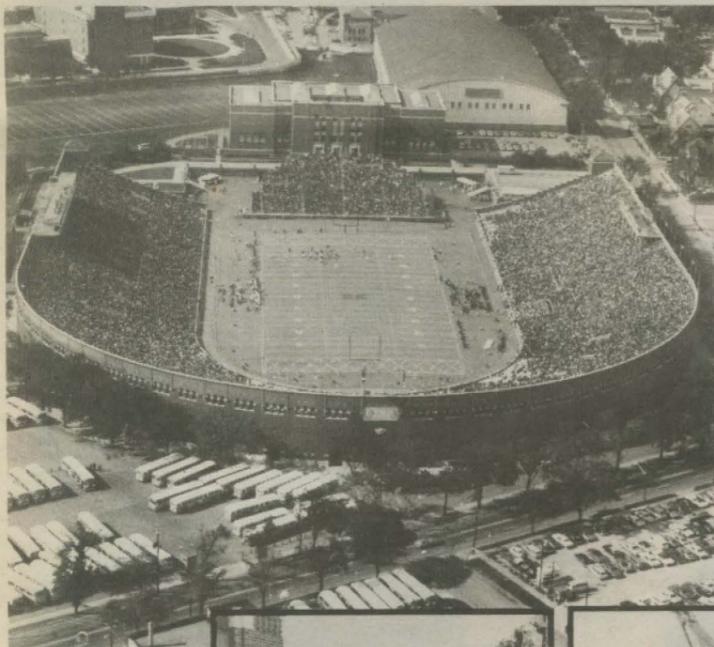
"The University has always looked to the east side of the campus as its leading edge," Laukka said, "and now after these many years it's coming about."

Understanding that Memorial Stadium was going to be taken down and that a new hockey arena and refurbished Williams Arena were planned, Laukka proposed that the University consider developing this site as its "front door."

The University liked the idea and the Alumni Association plan was expanded considerably to become the Gateway Center project.

"This will be a place where new students, prospective students, parents, and faculty can come to be oriented to the University and to learn about its traditions and achievements," Laukka explained.

The facility also could be used by the University



Memorial Stadium was home to Gophers football games from 1924 through 1981. The old stadium is being taken down. But its processional arch will be preserved in the Gateway Center which will be built nearby on the East end of the University of Minnesota campus.



He has worked with the Physical Development Department of the University and his professional expertise in real estate development and construction has been invaluable.

As Laukka began to study the program requirements for the Alumni Association and had discussions with other entities within the University, it became clear that the only really good location for this structure would be at the corner of Oak and Washington. This site is near the Radisson Hotel and adjacent to

Regents and as a place for special U of M programs and receptions. The University Foundation is a partner in the project and would join the Alumni Association in locating at this site.

A concept plan has now been developed for the project and an effort is just getting underway to raise \$15 million in private funds to build the 200,000 square foot Gateway Center facility.

Letters



ARIZONA READER FOLLOWS GOPHERS

I'm a "61" graduate of the U of M and have been a Gopher sports fan since 1951. Since 1962 I have resided in Arizona and California.

I recently read in the *Arizona Republic* that Ken Yackle had died of cancer. He was a favorite of mine and I wanted to learn more about Ken's illness and his whereabouts since his playing days. I wrote to my cousin who lives in Burnsville and he sent me a copy of *SPORTSNEWS* in which you wrote a fabulous story about this great athlete.

I visited Minneapolis in June and was able to pick up a couple of copies of *SPORTSNEWS*. The recent features on Chuck Mencil and Bob McNamara bring back many wonderful memories.

I have two questions. Can I subscribe to your paper and how can I get back copies?

Keep up the good work and you just can't imagine how important this paper is.

Mrs. Meg Hiner
Glendale, Arizona

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Thank you for the twenty-five dollar gift certificate to be redeemed at SuperAmerica. It is deeply appreciated.

I will be looking forward to the next edition of *SPORTSNEWS*. There are numerous interesting articles on many athletes who are my friends or were my teammates.

Dean Odegard
St. Paul

Ed note: Dean Odegard was a star football lineman in the early 60s. He won his gift certificate for correctly identifying Judge Dickson in the "Who Am I?" contest.

ANOTHER WINNER

Thank you for the gift certificate for being a recent "Who Am I?" winner. I really enjoy your paper because you write about the inside stuff on current Gopher athletes and I also really like the articles about past Gophers.

Many of these former Gophers were my "idols" as I was growing up. I would like to read an article about Sandy Stephens sometime. How about some articles on Gino Capelletti, Leo Nomellini, Ron Johnson, Bobby Bell, Jim Carter and Noel Jenke? The athletes are especially interesting to read about when they play more than one sport, like Bud Grant, Dave Winfield, and Ken Yackle.

Doug Beck
Brooklyn Park

Ed note: Many of the Golden Gopher greats you mention have had stories written about them in SPORTSNEWS. Just because we have written once or twice doesn't mean we can't write more. Keep reading SPORTSNEWS.

SEASON FILLED WITH EXCITEMENT

I can hardly wait for the football season to begin. This will be one of the great seasons in Minnesota football history.

Coach Jim Wacker is a winner and his style of

football will be exciting to watch. He will instill spirit into our athletes unlike anything we have seen before.

This will be a season filled with excitement.
Don Williams
Apple Valley

BOSTON SHOULD RUN FOR GOVERNOR

McKinley Boston is the best A.D. in this country. He represents all the people. He has travelled this state to spread the word and get people to know him and support the program. No A.D. has ever done anything like this before.

I have heard Boston speak. He is articulate, warm, and compassionate and knows the score. He should run for Governor. With him in charge, this state would be a winner!

Lester Davis
Minneapolis

CREDIT TO ACADEMIC COUNSELORS

Until I read the last issue of *SPORTSNEWS* (July, 1992), I had no idea of what role academic counselors played in the Gophers' athletic program. I am very impressed with what I learned.

The media and fans only focus on what the players and coaches do. I know now that much of the credit for the outstanding performance of U of M sports teams should go to the academic counselors. Their work behind the scenes helping student-athletes balance their academic and athletic work loads has to be invaluable.

I've followed athletics at the University of Minnesota for many years, but I never knew anything about this important element of the athletic program.

I want to commend Dr. Elayne Donahue and her entire Academic Counseling unit for their excellent efforts.

John Lynott
Excelsior

PROUD OF THE SCHOLARS

Jim Byrne's recent *SPORTSNEWS* column (July, 1992) brought attention quite appropriately to the classroom accomplishments of our Gopher student-athletes.

That so many Gophers have attained the ranking as scholar-athletes (with grade point averages 3.00 or above) is a real tribute to them and to everyone at the University of Minnesota.

The statistics indicate it's possible to be a leader in studies and in athletic performance. I'm pleased the U of M fosters an environment where this can happen.

George Coleman,
Blue Earth

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Where Are They Now?



By Len Levine and Jim Mulrooney

"We were poor but nobody ever told us." That's the way former Gopher offensive lineman Ezell Jones describes his family life in Collierville, Tennessee, a rural community just outside Memphis.

"My mother was a tremendous influence in my life," Jones recalls. "I left home with talent, family values, goals and objectives. My mother taught us to be honest and to maintain our integrity. If we did that she promised everything else, through the grace of God, would take care of itself."

In looking back on his life, Jones says his mother's philosophy has been vindicated. "Any time I've experienced adversity in college or in business, I've learned that if you have your health and your talents and your beliefs, you succeed and endure."

Jones' early road to football bypassed his mother, because she objected to his playing football for fear he might be injured. He secretly participated in high school football practices during the summer before the tenth grade.

In the fall that year high school football games were carried by a local radio station. "One day my mother happened to be listening to a religious radio program and when that program went off the air she heard her son's name mentioned several times by the announcer who was covering our football game," Jones says.

"When I got home after the game, my mother was waiting for me outside the gate," he continues. "Fortunately, my high school football coach believed in me enough to be able to convince her to allow me to stay on with the football team. And that was the beginning of my football career."

His performance on the football field and in the classroom earned him many honors when he graduated in 1965. As a high school All-American, he received many college scholarship offers but was most interested in Southern California, Ohio State, and the University of Minnesota (U of M).

Jones chose Minnesota because of its reputation. In the early 1960s the Gophers had won a national championship and the Rose Bowl led by Sandy Stephens, one of the first black quarterbacks to play for a major university. At the time, Jones was interested in studying electrical engineering and the U of M was recognized as one of the country's finest educational institutions.

Two people who were influential in convincing him to attend the University of Minnesota

Ezell Jones: Another Kind of Superstar



Ezell Jones, 1967

were Judge Dickson, who was in law school at the U of M, and Bobby Bell, who was playing for the Kansas City Chiefs pro football team but lived in the Twin Cities. Both had been great Gopher football players and they enthusiastically promoted their alma mater.

Murray Warmath was the head coach of the Gophers in 1965. "Murray told me he wanted me to come to Minnesota to be a student first and an athlete second," Jones notes. "Throughout my time at the University, he was genuinely interested in me as a person. I trusted him and thought he was an outstanding coach and an outstanding individual. He was committed to his student-athletes."

Jones explains, "In those years few black athletes went to schools in the south. But things have changed and today it's very difficult to get the outstanding black athlete to come north."

He adds, "The reasons why a black athlete would consider the University of Minnesota now are because it is one

of the top academic institutions in the nation, it is located in a major metropolitan area with numerous large corporations which offer employment opportunities after graduation, and it has excellent athletic facilities and coaches."

Jones points out that perhaps fewer than 1% of the student-athletes who come to the U of M will move on to have professional sports careers. What happens to the other 99%, he asks.

"Look at the success of such black student-athletes as Dr. McKinley Boston, Dr. John Williams, Leon Trawick, Walt Bowser, and Ernie Cook. These are people who came here

and have ended up with good lives after football. The University of Minnesota is in an environment which allows this success to occur."

In Jones' opinion, "These people are the 'superstars,' the successful administrators, doctors, lawyers, and business professionals who provide our young student-athletes with models to emulate."

For the past seven years Jones has been active in the U of M Alumni Association and has served on the Regent Candidate Advisory Council. "We must always treat these young student-athletes as if they are members of our own family," he remarks. "People of all colors need to be at the table and understand that they have a commitment to these kids and must support them in good times and in bad."

The first time Jones played for the Gophers was during the last few minutes of the opening game against Missouri in 1966. "I remember how difficult it was to sit on the bench for the first time in my football career. I broke out in hives after the game which the team doctor suspected was a result of the anxiety I felt from not playing."

This experience gave Jones "the greatest amount of respect and admiration for those players who come to every practice and do everything that is asked of them, but who mostly sit on the bench. In my way of thinking, these are the athletes who show real character."

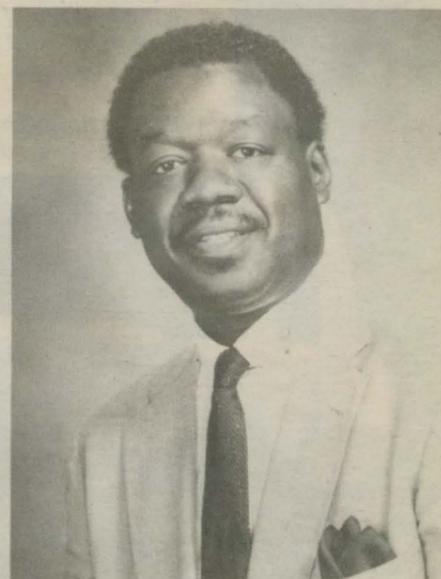
The standout offensive line play of Jones during 1967 contributed to the Gophers' excellent season. Following one particularly impressive game, he was named UPI Lineman of the Week.

That year the U of M won eight and lost only two games (6-1 in the Big Ten) and tied Indiana for the Big Ten title.

The recipient of a Williams Scholarship, Jones majored in mathematics and psychology. He earned Academic All-Big Ten and All-America honors for 1967-68.

The New York Jets of the National Football League drafted Jones in the fourth round in 1969. Later, he was traded to the New England Patriots where he played for two years. Rather than agreeing to undergo foot surgery, Jones decided not to continue his career in the Canadian Football League.

After his retirement from football, Ezell



Ezell Jones, 1992

Jones became one of the nation's most successful insurance agents. He spent fifteen years as one of the leading sales representatives of Alexander & Alexander, the world's largest retail insurance brokerage firm. He was director and vice president in the National Owner Controlled Division of Alexander & Alexander when he left the company several years ago to establish his own company.

Today Jones is chairman and chief executive officer of Premier RiskTech Services, a national network of minority-owned risk management and insurance brokerage firms with offices in Minneapolis and Chicago.

His special expertise involves the insuring of major construction and capital improvement projects. He arranged construction insurance for the Minneapolis Convention Center. Recently his firm was one of two in the country awarded a contract to insure the \$700 million United Airlines facility in Indianapolis.

Jones has two sons, Kyle, 22, who is in art school in the Twin Cities, and Ezell, who soon will be 5. Jones, his wife Kim, and young Ezell live in Eden Prairie.

Jones says that his business work requires that he regularly meet new people all over the country. "My integrity and good reputation are the most important things I've got going for me, just like my mother said," Jones stresses.

"There will be periods of abundance in our lives," Jones concludes, "and there will be times of adversity. But the most important thing that I have learned from all the changes in my life is that it's not what happens to us that's important but how we respond. That get us through the storms."

Ezell Jones, 1967

Len Levine earned three varsity letters as a member of the Gopher track team and established several records, one of which (the 60-yard dash) stood for 17 years. He was the silver medal winner in the 1960 Big Ten 300-yard dash championship. Levine was President of the "M" Club in 1989.

Jim Mulrooney is Managing Editor of SPORTSNEWS.

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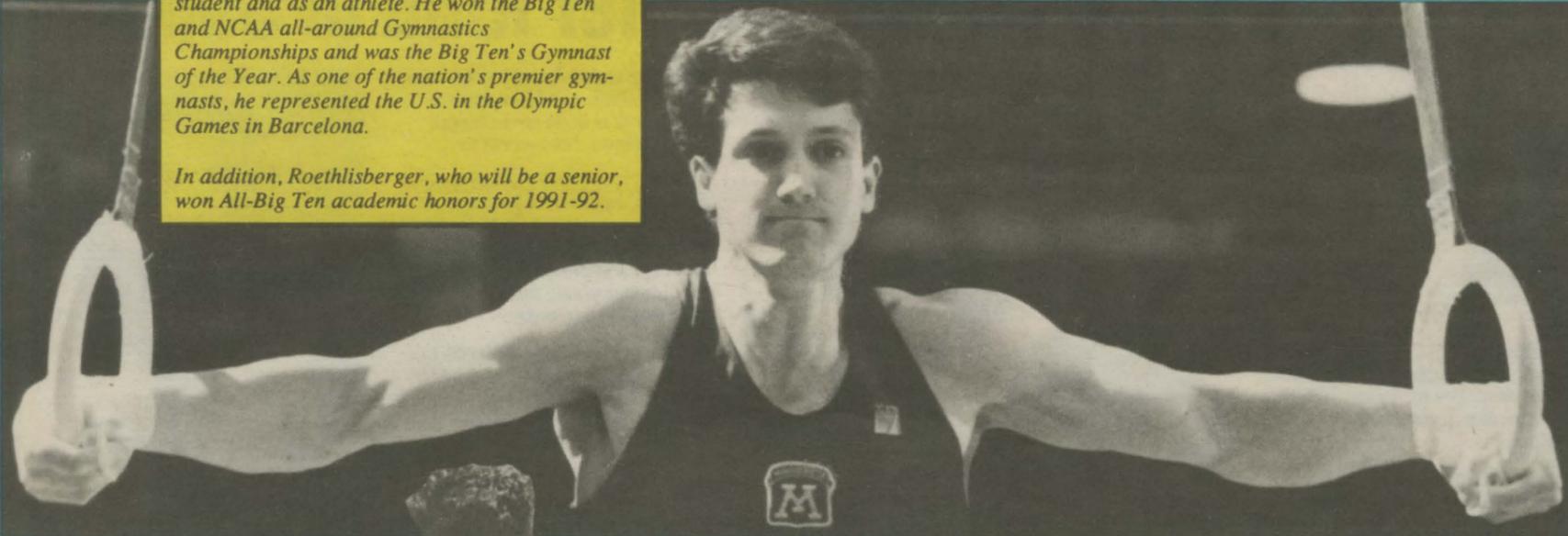
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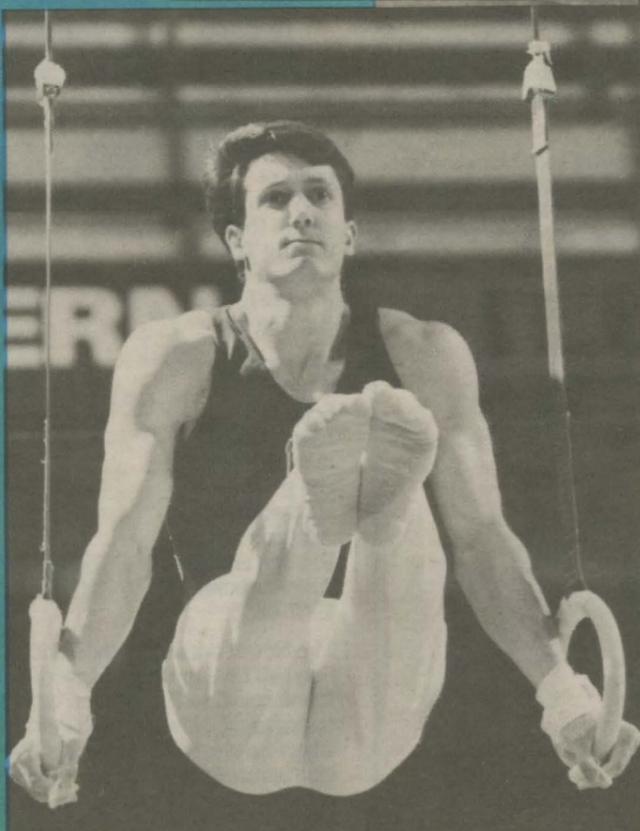
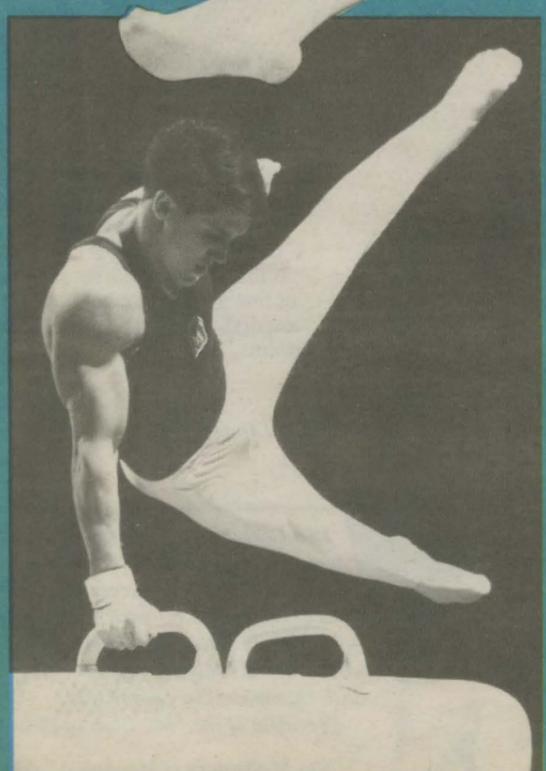
University of Minnesota

Gopher gymnast John Roethlisberger (Afton, MN) had a remarkably successful year both as a student and as an athlete. He won the Big Ten and NCAA all-around Gymnastics Championships and was the Big Ten's Gymnast of the Year. As one of the nation's premier gymnasts, he represented the U.S. in the Olympic Games in Barcelona.

In addition, Roethlisberger, who will be a senior, won All-Big Ten academic honors for 1991-92.



Qualifying for the U.S. Olympic Team is a family affair for the Roethlisbergers. (L to R) Marie was on the team in 1984, John in 1992, and father Fred (the men's gymnastics coach at the U of M) in 1968.



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And What Part Did I Play In The Golden Gopher Tradition?

Steve Dornbach of Edina is a "Who Am I?" Winner

I went to Minneapolis Washburn High School where Connie Emerson was my track coach. I established a city record in the 120 yard high hurdles of 14.4 seconds. My record stood for thirty years. I also won city titles in the high jump and low hurdles and went on to win state titles in both the high and low hurdles, establishing new state records in both events.

Jim Kelly was my track coach at the University of Minnesota. I won the 120 yard high hurdles in the 1960 Drake Relays. It was a highlight of my career. That same year I took first place in both the Big Ten Indoor and Outdoor high hurdle events. In 1961 I placed second, in a photo finish, to UCLA's Olympian Jimmy Johnson. The race was so close the results were not known for more than one hour.



Dave Odegard

I grew up in Shelby, North Carolina and quarterbacked the Cleveland High School (all-black) six-man football team to an undefeated season.

I played quarterback my freshman year with the Gophers but was moved to tackle the next season where I played for the rest of my college career.

Those were great years at the U of M. We won the Big Ten Championship two years in a row, one national title and played in two Rose Bowls, winning in 1962.

In 1961 and 1962 I was named an All-American and in 1962 I won the Outland Trophy (best college lineman) and finished second in the balloting for the Heisman Trophy.

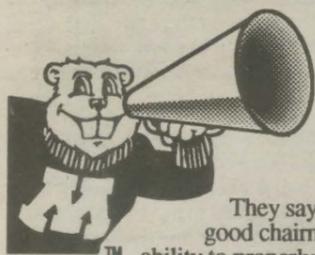
I graduated from the University of Minnesota with a Recreational Therapy Degree and played the next twelve years as an outside linebacker and defensive end for the Kansas City Chiefs. During those twelve years I played in two Super Bowls (winning one against the Minnesota Vikings). I was named All-Pro ten times.

My number 78 was retired by the Chiefs in 1983. WHO AM I?

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1962 Photo



Calling the Turn with Jimmy Byrne

They say the sign of a good chairman is the ability to properly delegate authority.

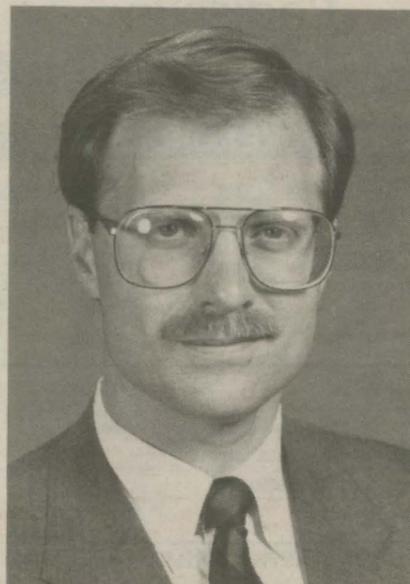
Dr. McKinley Boston, recently installed Gopher Men's Athletic Director, has proven the good "chairman" already. He has made it

known that Mark Dienhart is unquestionably his right-hand man.

Dienhart has all the credentials to justify being chosen to play a major role in Boston's administration.

Mark has been a Twin Cities person all his life. So he knows the territory well.

His widowed father, Arthur, still maintains the family home in Southwest Minneapolis. Mark became a star athlete at De La Salle High School, just west of the University of Minnesota campus.



Mark Dienhart, Associate Director, Men's Athletics, University of Minnesota

At the University of St. Thomas, he was an outstanding end in football and weightman in track and field.

Dienhart graduated with highest honors from St. Thomas in 1975 and was a finalist for a Rhodes Scholarship.

Murray Warmath, former Gopher football coach, and Roy Griak, present track coach, both recruited Dienhart heavily when Mark was in high school.

"During the 1960s my dad and I watched tons of Minnesota football games. My Dad is a graduate of the University of Minnesota (U of M) and we were great football fans," said Dienhart.

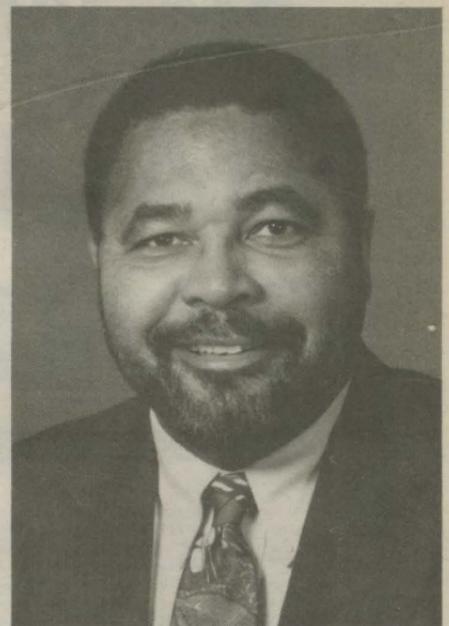
"They offered me an athletic scholarship to Minnesota. But I didn't think I was good enough to play in both sports at Minnesota.

"I wanted to participate in both football and track in college. St. Thomas offered me an academic scholarship. In that way I was able to participate in both sports," he concluded.

However, after receiving his B.A. degree at St. Thomas, Dienhart entered graduate school at the University of Minnesota where he earned M.A. and Ph.D. degrees.

Dr. Bob Stien, chairman of the Search Committee which evaluated candidates to succeed Rick Bay as U of M athletic director, said Dienhart had been recommended. He gave Dienhart high marks. But Boston was chosen.

Bay had appointed Dienhart one of his associate directors after Mark joined the Gopher staff June 1, 1990. At the time, Bay said, "We are



McKinley Boston, Director, Men's Athletics, University of Minnesota

delighted at the prospect of having Mark join our team. We are confident that the expertise he brings to the University of Minnesota will be a great asset in our staff reorganization plans."

Dienhart's last position at St. Thomas was that of assistant to the president, a post he held for several years.

"But I wanted to get back into men's collegiate athletics," Dienhart explained. "This gives me that opportunity."

Mark is destined to make it big in Division I athletic administration.

Jim Byrne began writing for the Minneapolis Star in 1936. His 43-year sports reporting career began with sailing and expanded to include a wide range of Minnesota sports at the high school, college, and professional levels.

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WHO IS THE FINEST GOPHER ATHLETE YOU EVER SAW?



Charles Anderson,
Minneapolis

(1941 Gopher Swimming Letterman)

"Sonny (George) Franck, a football halfback (1939-41), was a terrific runner and beautiful punter who always played hard."



Holger Christiansen,
Shoreview

(U of M Men's Athletic Administrator, 1963-89)

"Paul Giel was an outstanding athlete in both football and baseball. He earned All-American football honors in 1952 & 53.

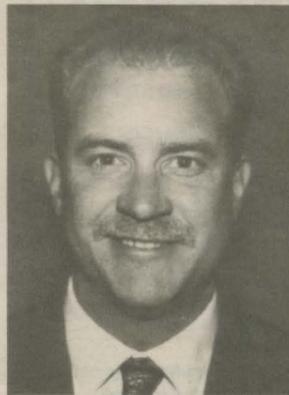
He impressed me greatly and did great things for the University of Minnesota."



C.W. (Casey) Dowling,
St. Peter, Minnesota

(1942 Gopher Baseball Letterman)

"Knowing what limitations there were on training for athletes in the 1930s, I believe football tackle Ed Widseth (1934-36) was the truest natural athlete I ever saw play for the U of M. He was named to the All-America Team in 1936."



Doug Shaffer,
Columbia Heights

(Gopher Diving Coach)

"John Roethlisberger (1989-1992) has established himself as one of the finest gymnasts in the U.S. Three years in a row he's won the Big Ten all-around title, and this year he won his second straight NCAA all-around Gymnastics Championship."



Les Bolstad,
Chaska

(1927 Gopher Golf Letterman & U of M Golf Coach, 1947-76)

"There have been so many great athletes at the U of M. It's almost impossible to pick any one and say he was the best. But football player Bronko Nagurski (1927-29) probably got the most notoriety."



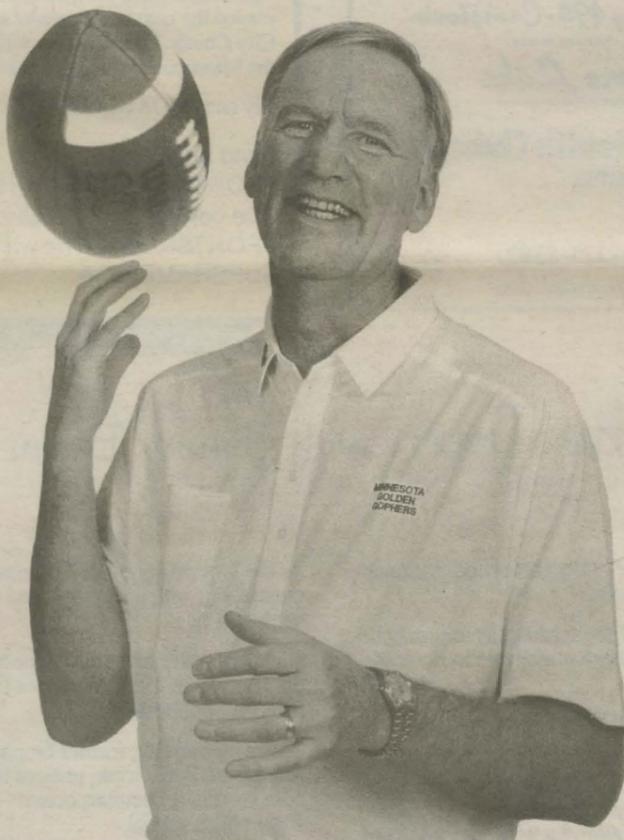
Johnny Johnson,
Apple Valley

(Assistant Gopher Wrestling Coach)

"Marty Morgan, who graduated a year ago, was a very skilled wrestler and tenacious trainer with great personal drive."

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Another Blue-Chipper Signs with Gophers

This year's Minnesota Class AA State Champion in the 1600 meter run, Paul Michalek (Bloomington, MN), has signed a national letter of intent to attend the University of Minnesota (U of M) next fall.

Before winning the state title for Kennedy High School, he had won the Lake Red Conference and Section championships. He also finished 12th at the state cross country meet last year.

"Paul is an extremely talented young man," said Roy Griak, head coach of the U of M's cross country and track & field teams. "He ran his first 1600 meters in 4:51 at an indoor meet back in March, which is quite a feat for a converted pole vaulter," Griak noted. "But to then get that down to 4:19 (at the state meet) in a matter of months is an extraordinary accomplishment. We feel that he has unlimited potential and will be a welcome addition to our program here at the University of Minnesota."

Michalek joins middle distance star Jason Boon (Cottage Grove, MN) and shot put/discus thrower Mark Murdock (Grand Forks, ND) in signing with the Gophers.

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Present plans call for an alumni plaza on the corner at the forefront to the building. The backside of the Center opens up to the diagonal pedestrian walkway which will run through the campus.

The architects' concept plan also incorporates the famous processional arch from old Memorial Stadium into the building design. "We will bring a piece of the past with us into the next millennium," Laukka noted.

"I'm a product of the 1950s and I've always believed that the University of Minnesota is the most important resource we have in the state," Laukka remarked. "And that stadium was always its symbol. Having the luxury of attending the U of M and going to those football games every Saturday, I think it is very appropriate that we are preserving a piece of that tradition."

During the next four or five years the entire east end of the campus will be new and reorganized. And, after about 150 years, the University of Minnesota will have a handsome, welcoming front door.

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Darrell Cunningham

cited about us, and we're excited about them. That's what you need to make a team. A sense of family instead of individuals."

Darrell Cunningham

"They give the kids on the team a fair chance at each position. They plan every practice. There's structure and that's good."

Dennis Cappella

"They're a great bunch of guys. They're down to earth and tell you how it is. There's no bull. They're coaches and friends, too."

Doyle Cockrell

Question: What's your biggest personal football concern?

"We have to make sure everybody's playing together as a unit. We'll get more accomplished that way."

Moses Taylor

"Making it to a bowl game. I'd love some day to be able to have a son I can watch a game with, show him my ring, and tell him about my experience. That would be great!"

Doyle Cockrell

"Getting into the best possible shape. I expect I'll continue to improve when practice starts."

Ken McClintock

"I want to see us a unit and see us go through the season without so many injuries. Last year we lost key players. The fans don't necessarily see that but the team does. One blow and a player can be out. That's my concern."

Darrell Cunningham

Question: Which team will be the Gophers' toughest opponent this year?

"Michigan. They have a lot of good players returning."

Dennis Cappella

"The toughest, given their past performance, will be Michigan. They have a great program and they're always in the top three. They have good coaches and they're good as a unit and disciplined."

Moses Taylor



Moses Taylor

"When you're in the Big 10, every game is tough!"

Ken McClintock

Question: What do you most hope to improve?

"As a team - definitely score more touch downs and stop the other teams from scoring touchdowns. I want to be part of a top-rated defensive unit."

Darrell Cunningham

"I want to see us make it to a bowl game. I want to see us come together and stay together even when times get rough. Everything else will follow. Personally, I want to improve my lateral movement - pass and rush skills."

Cockrell

"I'd like to see the team set more goals both as individuals and as a unit. Personally, I'd like to increase my size and my speed."

Dennis Capella

"I'd like the team to be more consistent. We had difficulty with that last year. Personally, I'm going to work on my overall mental attitude."

Ken McClintock



Doyle Cockrell

"I want this team to earn the respect of all the other teams in the conference. I think we'll do that this year. Personally, I want to get out and contribute as a team player. I want to work hard each day."

Moses Taylor

Question: What would you like to tell Gopher fans?

"Get out and support us. With your support we'll succeed and make it to a bowl game."

Moses Taylor

"We need your support. The more people in the stands the better we'll play, especially in the Dome. There's nothing to compare with the sound of a Dome full of people cheering for you."

Ken McClintock

"Give us your support and sit back and watch things happen!"

Dennis Cappella

"We need your support. It's kind of like a child with a family - support him and he'll accomplish great things. It all ties in."

Doyle Cockrell

"Come on out and get a glimpse! Get out of those rocking chairs! It's time to get this show on the road!"

Darrell Cunningham



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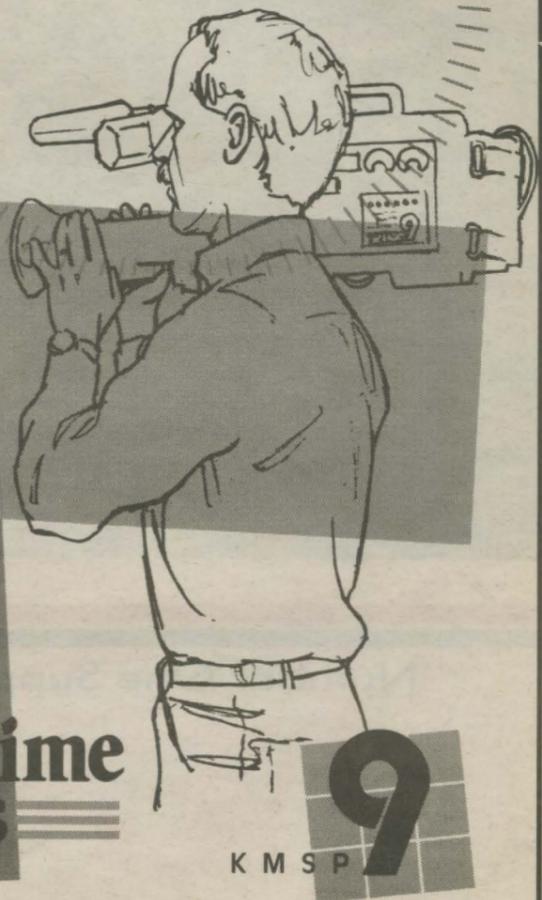
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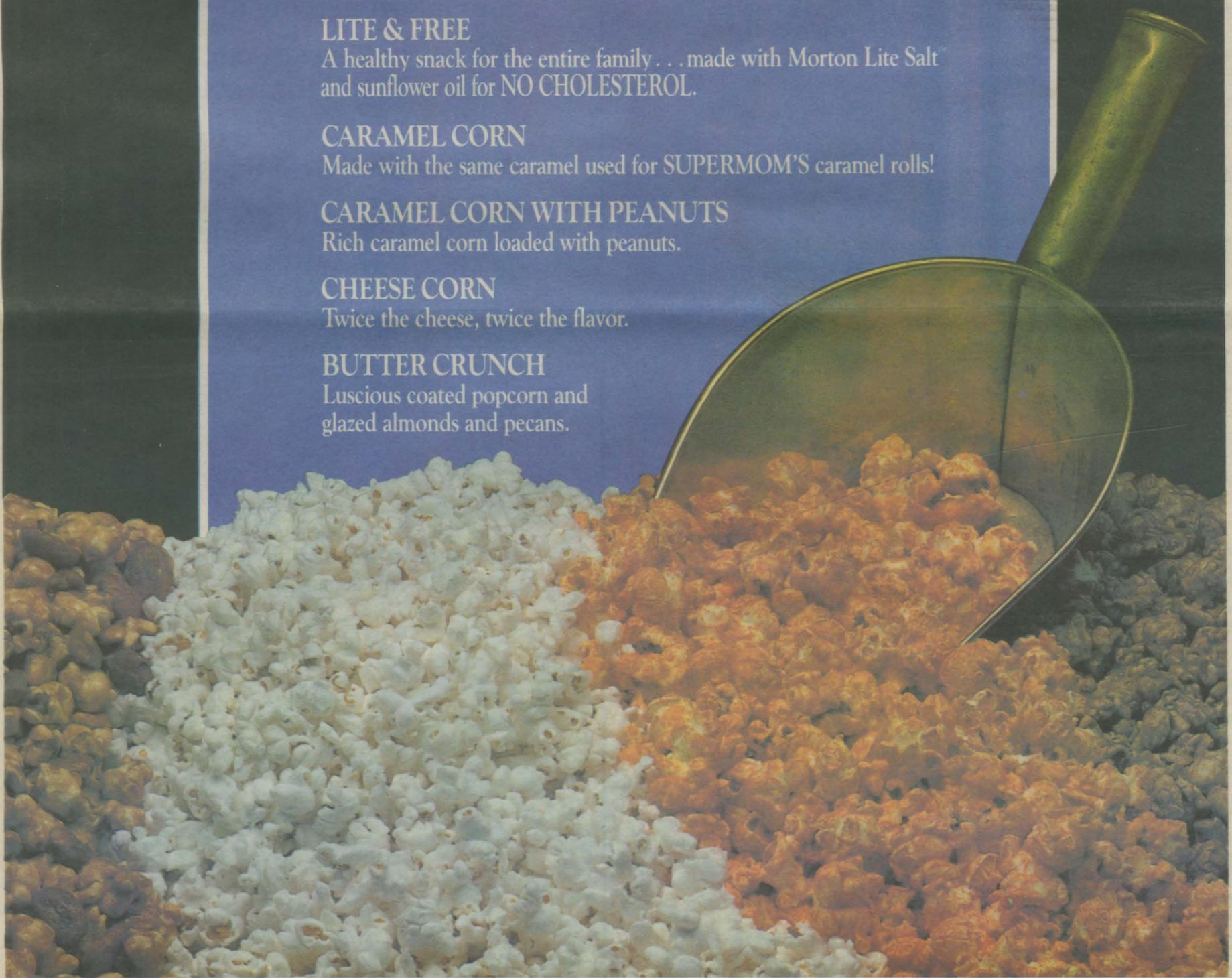
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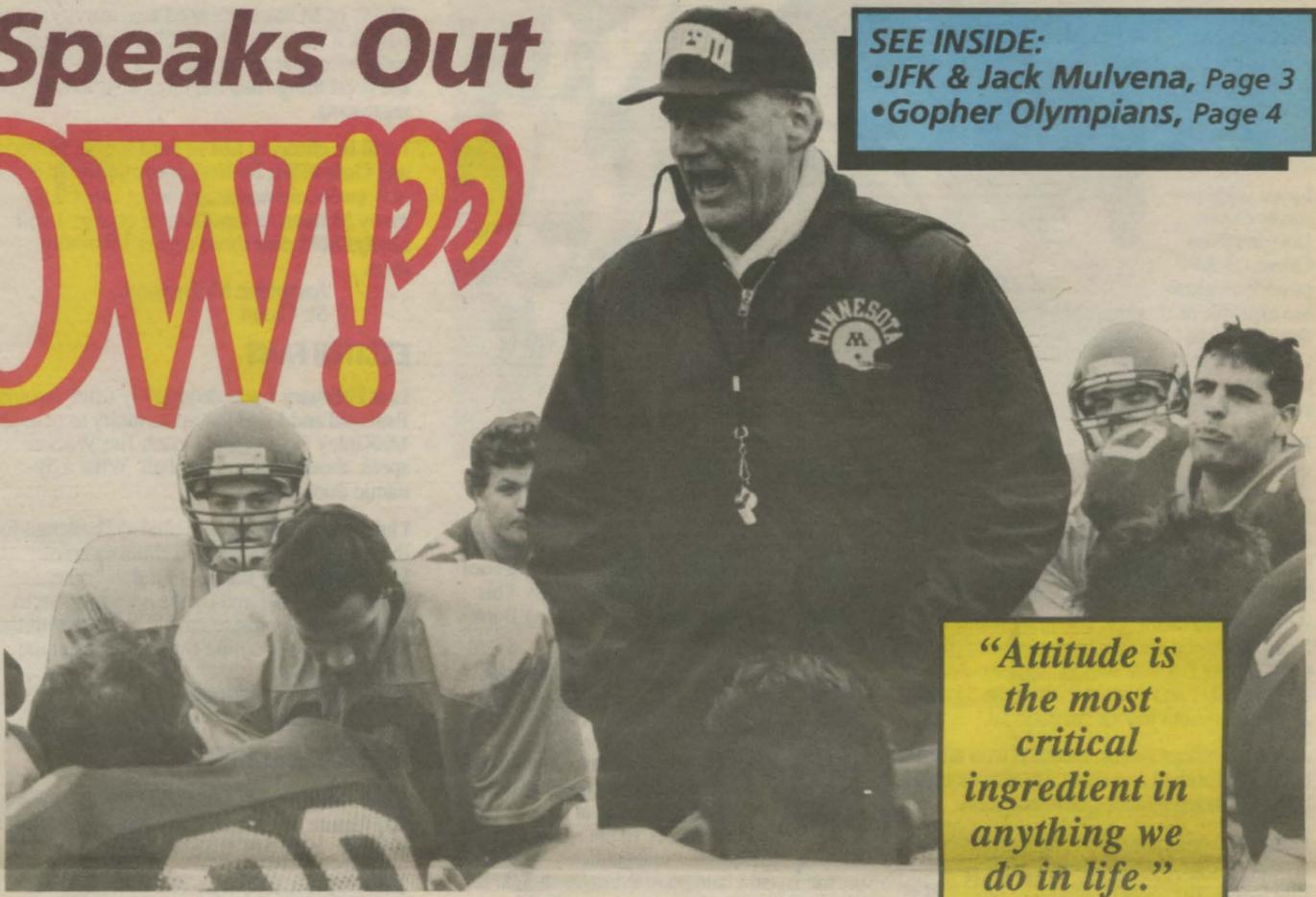
By Jim Mulrooney

Waiting. He hates it.

Gophers football coach Jim Wacker is hell-bent on producing a winning team immediately.

“I don’t like patience,” Wacker bristles. “I’m an impatient person, and I want it to happen in a hurry. That may be unrealistic. I don’t care. That’s what my hopes and dreams are. I’m going to expect good things to happen right away.”

“I don’t want to concede any games to anybody. I’m just like the fans. They’re impatient, and they should be. It’s been 25 years!”



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“Attitude is the most critical ingredient in anything we do in life.”

— Head Coach Jim Wacker

He (Coach Wacker) and Athletic Director McKinley Boston have tirelessly promoted Gopher football all over the state.

Today the Gophers are the focus of attention throughout Minnesota.



McKinley Boston Men’s Athletic Director, U of M

This is the 111th football season in University of Minnesota (U of M) history. But while the tradition is long, the memory of Gopher Big Ten dominance is faint. Wacker’s daunting task is to turn things around. Helping

Rebuilding the Program

In discussing his first year objectives, Wacker says, “We wanted to get the kids to believe in themselves and to take care of academics. We’re particularly proud of their classroom achievements.”

“In winter quarter the members of the football team attained their highest cumulative grade point average (GPA) ever and in spring quarter they beat that with a GPA of over 2.6.”

Wacker cites “a great work ethic” as a team trait with which he has been very impressed.

Last season the Gophers won only two games and lost nine. They finished at the bottom in the Big Ten Conference. “When I came here the football program was not dirt down,” he stresses. “The year before last the team was six and five. So we can reach back and the players can see where they’ve been close.”

him do that will be 37 returning lettermen.

Since his arrival last December, Wacker has put together an all-new coaching staff. He and Athletic Director McKinley Boston have tirelessly promoted Gopher football all over the state. Today the Gophers are the focus of attention throughout Minnesota.

Is Wacker worried about there being too much “hype?”



Running back Mark Smith

“No,” he answers emphatically. “I worry about one thing, and that’s getting my players and my coaches and myself to give it our best shot. If that’s not good enough, hey, we’ll go down the road. Just don’t ever read the newspapers when you lose, that’s all.”

Rebuilding the football program involves recruiting and developing talented student-athletes.

But, for Wacker, there’s more to it than that. “Talent alone won’t beat anybody,” he comments. “There’s a lot of talented people in the world.”

He adds, “Attitude is the most critical ingredient in anything we do in life - values and attitude. When you start getting your ability level close to your opponent’s ability level, attitude makes all the difference in the world.”

“Once you have a lot of great athletes with great attitudes, now you’ve got a chance to win. Now, all of a sudden, things happen. But you’ve got to have both. You can never do it with just one or the other.”

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Kudos to a Scholar Athlete

Outstanding performance is the pre-eminent objective for all University of Minnesota student-athletes. Gopher coaches, Men's Athletic Director McKinley Boston, and academic counselors work to assist players in achieving their fullest intellectual and athletic potential.

Junior wide receiver Omar Douglas (New Orleans, LA) provides a glowing example of the twofold accomplishments of many U of M student-athletes.

Blessed with great speed, Douglas earned his first varsity letter last year catching passes and returning kicks. Football Coach Jim Wacker hopes to capitalize on his talents more this season.

As a member of the 4 x 100 relay team, Douglas helped the Gophers take third place at the Big Ten Track & Field Championships last May. In 1991 he finished third in the 55 meters at the Minnesota Indoor Invitational.

As a high school senior, Douglas won all-state honors in football and track. He also received a National Achievement Commendation.

During the winter quarter, Omar recorded a perfect 4.00 grade point average (GPA), the fifth consecutive quarter his GPA had been at or above 3.00 in the College of Liberal Arts.

Douglas plans to major in business and hopes to enter the Carlson School of Management at



Omar Douglas, football

the U of M while pursuing a second major in sociology. He would like to attend law school after earning his undergraduate degree. This summer he worked as an intern at First Bank Systems in Bloomington.

According to Omar, all-out effort, sacrifice, and the setting of priorities are essential to the accomplishment of any task.

While Douglas's academic achievements are impressive and commendable, they are not unique among student-athletes at the University of Minnesota. In the spring quarter last year, 157 Gopher male athletes (45% of the total) had grade point averages of 3.00 or better. Fourteen of them had straight A's.

Thorson Made Full-Time Basketball Coach

After serving as a volunteer assistant basketball coach for the Gophers during the past two seasons, Dave Thorson has been elevated to a full-time coaching position by Head Coach Clem Haskins.

"The past two years have been a rewarding experience, and I'm looking forward to the challenges that lie ahead," Thorson said. "It is a great opportunity to work with Coach Haskins, our basketball staff, and the student-athletes at the University of Minnesota."

Because of new NCAA rules cutting the number of assistant coaches from four down to three, Haskins' 1992-93 staff will consist of Thorson, Milton Barnes, and Dan Kosmoski.

Thorson was an assistant basketball coach at the University of South Dakota in 1989-90. During that season the Coyotes were 22-10 overall. After winning the North Central Conference Basketball Championship, South Dakota advanced to the NCAA Division II national tournament.

A Fargo native, Thorson is a graduate of Fargo South High School where he was a two-time Eastern Dakota All-Conference selection and a Lion's Class A All-Star honoree. He helped lead his high school team to its first state tournament appearance in 16 years.

Thorson has worked at a number of summer basketball camps, including Clem Haskins' since 1986. He was assistant floor manager at the Minnesota State High School Basketball Tournament in 1987 and 1988.

A member of the National Association of Basketball Coaches, Thorson received his Bachelor of Science degree in social studies/secondary education from Hamline University in 1988. He is currently working towards a Master of Arts degree in athletic administration at the University of Minnesota.



Dave Thorson, Asst. Basketball Coach

While at Hamline, Thorson was a four-year letterman in basketball and earned Academic All-MIAC honors during his senior year. He also served as captain of his college team.

"We are delighted to elevate Dave to a full-time position on our staff," Coach Haskins commented. "He has been an important member of our staff the past two seasons, and he brings a lot of knowledge and energy to our program."

"This setting (at the U of M) provides a perfect environment for student-athletes to achieve their goals of self-excellence," Thorson remarked. "The values developed through the pursuit of excellence are mentally, physically, and spiritually rewarding, enduring positively throughout one's lifetime."

Letters



MEMORIAL GOODBYE

Although I am one of those who remembers fondly the exciting autumn afternoons at Memorial Stadium, I can say I've been satisfied with the conduct of the project to remove the old stadium.

The U of M has evidenced a sensitivity to the past as it has gone about this disconstruction enterprise. Everyone has been respectful of the good things this huge brick structure represents.

I will be cheering just as hard for the Maroon and Gold in the Metrodome, mindful that new sweet memories are being created for many Minnesota families. Of course, I will always hold dear those earlier Memorial days.

Josephine McDermott,
St. Cloud

EXCITED FANS

Last February I was driving my truck through Brainerd and I had the opportunity to hear Dr. McKinley Boston and Coach Jim Wacker speak about Gophers football. What a dynamic duo!

I know it will take some time to challenge for the title, but I can feel the enthusiasm of U of M fans as I travel around the state. People are reassured by the commitment to building a winning team and excited with the anticipation of rooting for their team in the Dome this fall.

Ronald Norton,
St. Paul

WACKER BACKER

Hope. That's what I had after I read your special feature on Head Coach Jim Wacker (in the July, 1992 SPORTSNEWS).

That guy has done it before with the deck stacked against him. There's no reason he can't do it here. We're sure going to be pulling for him.

Paul Drake,
Duluth

INSPIRATION

From rags to riches. The "Where Are They Now?" story on former Gopher football player Ezell Jones (August, 1992 SPORTSNEWS) gave me the feeling anything is possible.

I'm sure that similar tales could be told by many other student-athletes who have passed through the U of M halls. The Gopher experience builds character and produces stars who make their marks in a variety of ways all over this country.

Thanks for telling some of their inspiring stories.

Ronald Sorrel,
Rochester

GATEWAY PROJECT

I read with interest about the plans to build a new entrance to the University of Minnesota campus from the east. Wonderful.

As a person who has grown very fond of the U of M through my long-term pursuit of graduate degrees there, I am pleased that a formal gathering place is finally being drafted. It's appropriate.

Patricia Eldred,
St. Paul

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Everything about the Gopher athletic program is top-notch. The promotions concerning the football season, the performance of student-athletes, the comments by coaches and administrators... everything shows class and a sense of sportsmanship.

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Congratulations and thanks for your dignity.

Scott Stallard,
Eden Prairie

COLLEGIATE SPORTS

There is something very refreshing about U of M sports. We enjoy reading about the Gopher teams and the accomplishments of student-athletes.

Somewhat knowing these athletes participate and sacrifice without any financial remuneration makes their efforts much more commendable.

There's a different spirit which is praiseworthy.

James Jeffers,
Inver Grove Heights

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Where Are They Now?

JFK AND U OF M INFLUENCED JACK MULVENA



By Len Levine

Follow John "Jack" Mulvena from the time he was four years old and you'll know why he was destined to be successful.

Mulvena, you'll remember, was captain of the 1961 Golden Gopher football team that won the Big Ten title and the Rose Bowl.

Mulvena was born in Wilmington, Delaware in 1940. His parents, John J., Jr. (he was a freight coordinator for the Pennsylvania railroad) and his mother Helen Mary (she ran the family's corner candy store) encouraged their three sons to lead active and meaningful lives.

Jack, the oldest, followed his parents' advice early. With his brother Neal as his assistant, the two set out to become business entrepreneurs. They took Jack's little red wagon, put a 25 pound block of ice in it, and with a scraper, paper cups and bottles of flavoring sold snow cones throughout their neighbor-

hood. Mulvena says even then he wasn't content to sit still. He looked for ways to improve. Soon he and Neal added a variety of syrups and charged another three cents for the new flavored cones.

By his senior year, Mulvena was elected co-captain of the school's first undefeated football team (they gave up only one touchdown the entire season and were named mythical state champs). Mulvena was named first team all-state and then Delaware's "Male Teenager of the Year."

Mulvena looks back to his "Male Teenager" honor as a milestone in his life. With the award came a trip to Washington, D.C. and lunch in the Senate dining room where then-Senator John F. Kennedy spoke on the advantages of government service as a career. That speech would later influence the career path he chose.

After graduation he was sought after by college football teams in every major conference in the country. He made up his mind early to attend the University of Maryland with his



The Salesianum Connection: Six players from the same high school help U of M become #1.

Shortly after Mulvena arrived at the University, he decided to pursue a career in social work. He remembered what Senator Kennedy said in his speech about a career in government service and decided to major in sociology and minor in social work.

During his first year, 1958, he was ineligible for football because of the freshman ineligibility rule. During spring football he was put on the third team and by the time his sophomore season began he was a starter who played more minutes than any other player on the team.

The season was a disaster. After losing the opener to Nebraska 32-12, the Gophers went into a tailspin winning only two games. The fans were upset with Coach Murray Warmath. He was hanged in effigy. The local sports writers were critical of the football program. Warmath stuck it out under enormous pressure.

In the 1960 season, Mulvena's junior year, the Gophers made dramatic improvement finishing the season with an 8-2 record, the national title and a trip to the Rose Bowl.

Mulvena's senior year started with a 26-14 win over Nebraska at Lincoln. Mulvena, the team captain, had a great game at linebacker stifling the Nebraska fullback. And then a stunning loss to Purdue sent the Gophers reeling.



L to R: Tom Brown, Murray Warmath, and John Mulvena, 1961

hood. Mulvena says even then he wasn't content to sit still. He looked for ways to improve. Soon he and Neal added a variety of syrups and charged another three cents for the new flavored cones.

Four years later Mulvena began working at a neighborhood meat market while attending St. Paul's Elementary School. He says almost every boy in his neighborhood participated in sports and in between his work he "squeezed in" as many sports as he could. He was saving his earnings so he could attend a "special" school for boys.

As a seventh grader, he began playing organized football, basketball and baseball in the Catholic Youth League.

By the time he was fourteen, he had earned enough money to pay his own way through a small, private Jesuit high school for boys, Salesianum, which was founded in 1907 and was noted for its superior athletic and academic programs. Mulvena says the competition at Salesianum was very intense. As a result, he chose to participate only in football. As a sophomore he had grown to 5'6",

high school teammate, Tom Hall. "It was less than two hours from home and my family could see me play. That was important," he says.

In the high school All-Star game that year, the Gophers assistant football coach, Bob Bossons, worked hard recruiting both Hall and Mulvena. Mulvena says Bossons told them Minnesota was highly rated academically with excellent psychology and sociology departments. He also told them, "If you're going to put in the same amount of time at football, then go for the gold—go for the Rose Bowl, which he said was attainable at Minnesota." He said he and Hall became convinced that Minnesota offered both of them great opportunities and they were soon off for Minneapolis.



John Mulvena, 1961



John Mulvena, 1992

game. He credits Mulvena with two key blocks, one which took out a safety and resulted in a touchdown and another when he knocked down a defensive end which also resulted in a score.

"We couldn't have done it without him. He was one tough, determined competitor," Warmath recalls. And with only five returning starters who played both offense and defense, Mulvena led the Gophers to a tie for the Big Ten title and a 21-3 Rose Bowl victory over UCLA.

Mulvena was being wooed by teams in the NFL and AFL but after graduating with a B.A. in sociology and social work in 1962, he decided to end his football career and enter graduate school at the University of Pennsylvania where he received a Master's degree in social work two years later.

He then began working as a family court probation counselor for the state of Delaware. From 1966-1976 he taught social administration at the Universities of Pennsylvania, Hawaii and Temple.

In 1976 he became the State Bureau Chief of Juvenile and Adult Corrections for the State of Delaware, serving on the Governor's cabinet for the next four years.

In 1980 he was appointed Director of the Wilmington Parking Authority and in 1986 was named Director of the Parking Authority in Miami, Florida. Since October of 1990, Mulvena has been the Chief Executive Officer of the Au Clair group, a privately held company offering health and education services to states, counties and school boards.

Mulvena says, "Bob Bossons was right. The University of Minnesota offered an outstanding basic education and preparation for advanced work in social administration. Even though I'm 1200 miles away, I still have close friends I made during my days at the University of Minnesota."

Mulvena is the father of two children, John J. "Jack" IV, and Mary, and three step-children, Susan, Laura and Julie. He has nine grandchildren.

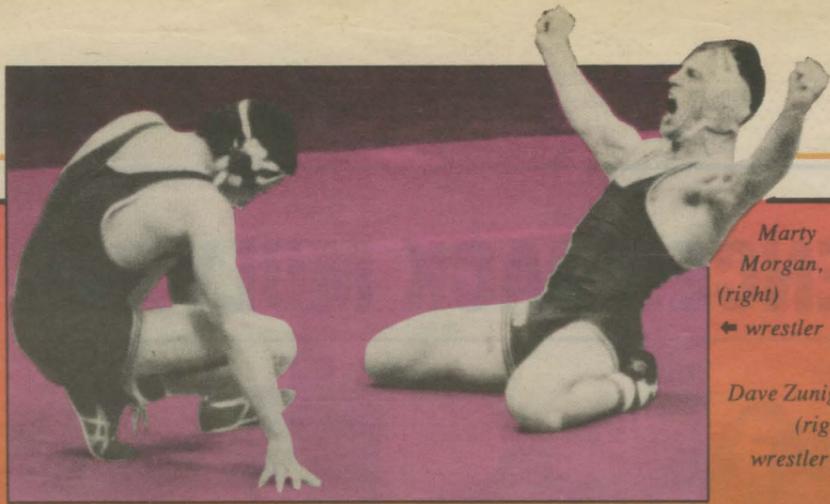
Len Levine earned three varsity letters as a member of the Gopher track team and established several records, one of which (the 60-yard dash) stood for 17 years. He was the silver medal winner in the 1960 Big Ten 300-yard dash championship. Levine was President of the "M" Club in 1989.

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Mulvena says the team was determined to make it back to Pasadena and only the season finale against Wisconsin stood in the way.

Warmath praises Mulvena's outstanding play in the Wisconsin

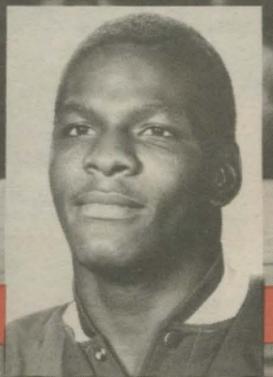
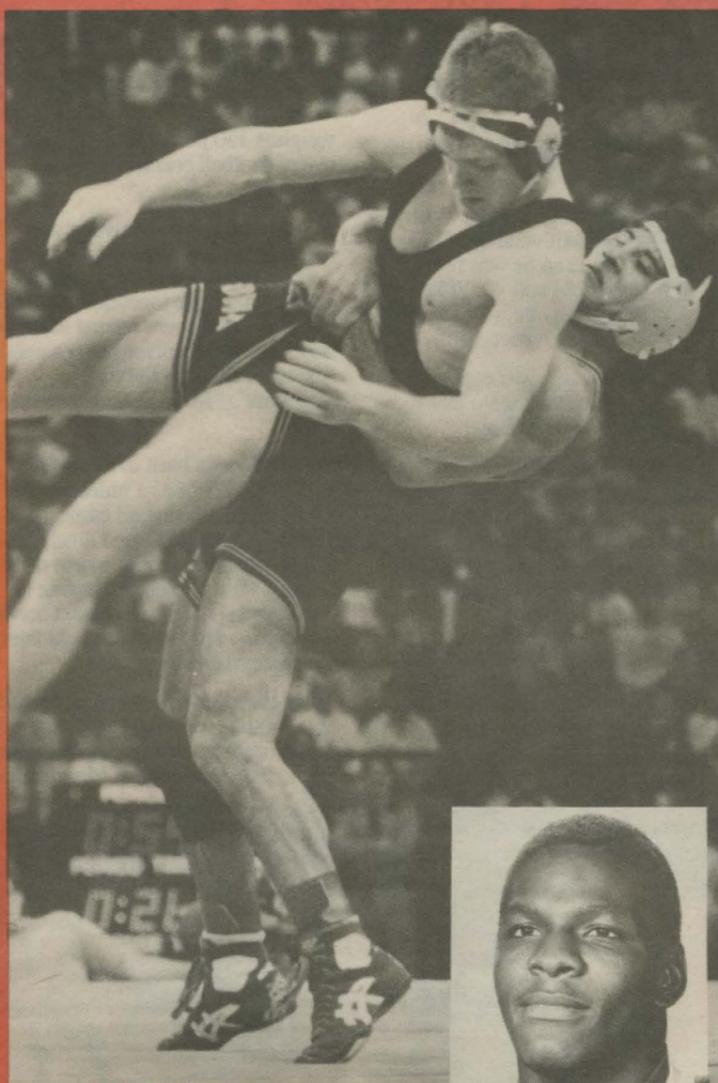
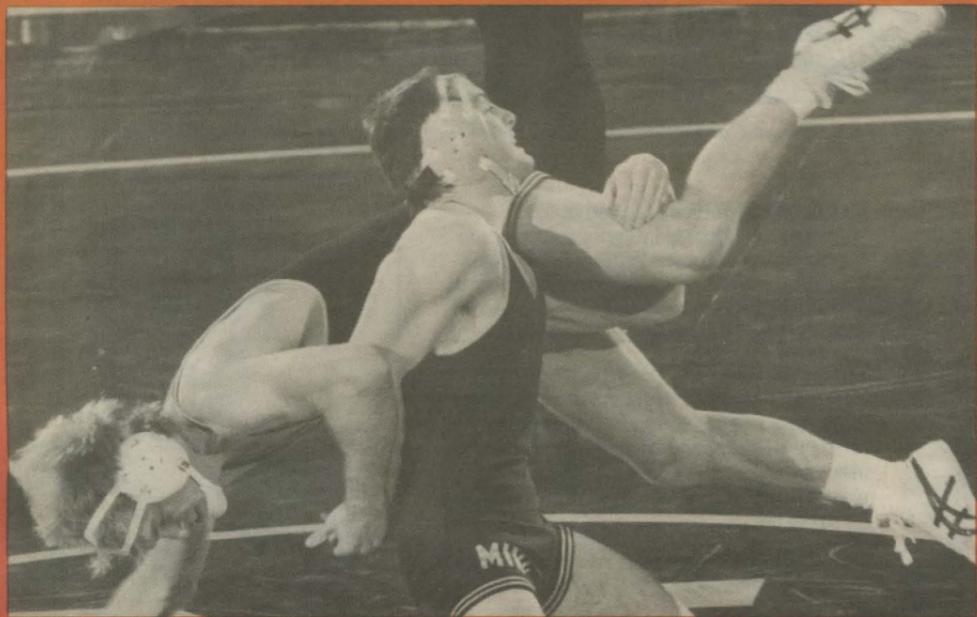


Marty Morgan, (right) ← wrestler

Dave Zuniga, (right) wrestler →

A Maroon and Gold Glow

Gordy Morgan, (right) wrestler ↓



Mike Foy, (top) wrestler ↓ and →

The Olympic Games. They are something special. All the world is enthralled with them. And University of Minnesota (U of M) athletes, past and present, participated. At least nine Gophers competed in the Olympic Trials which were held earlier this year. Their journeys to the trials were preceded by a record of success under the Maroon and Gold banner. These athletes knew the hours of work, discipline, and self-sacrifice that were needed for their Olympic pursuit. They recognized that there would be no yellow brick road to Barcelona.

Among the wrestlers were Dave Zuniga, a 1990 134-pound All-American; Gordy Morgan, a 158-pound 1989 All-American; and Marty Morgan, a 177-pound All-American in 1990 and 1991.



Steve Plasencia, ↑ distance runner

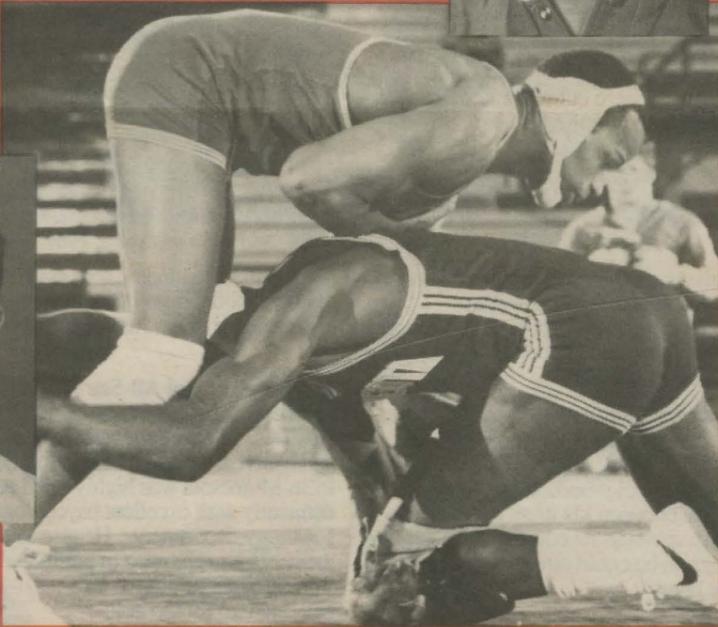
Former Gophers Steve Plasencia and Mike Vukovich took part in the track & field trials. Plasencia is a 1978 U of M graduate who holds three U of M records, including the freshman indoor 5000 meter (14:20.4), outdoor 1500 meter (3:41.6), and distance medley relay (9:36.9).

Vukovich holds the U of M outdoor high jump school record of 7'5" set in 1988 and the U of M Field House record (7'3 3/4") established in 1990.

Continuing the list of outstanding Gophers are four who actually qualified to compete in the 1992 Olympics. They are Greco-Roman wrestler Michial Foy, gymnast John Roethlisberger, shot putter Ron Backes, and swimmer



John Roethlisberger, ↑ gymnast



throw of 68' 1 3/4". Four years before he had missed getting to the Olympics by one-quarter inch.

Can Ergenekan, swimmer ↓

Swimmer Can (Jon) Ergenekan, a U of M junior, set two freshman records for the Gophers in route to qualifying for the NCAA Championships in the 200 butterfly and 500 freestyle. He swam representing Turkey at the Olympics.

As we reflect on the 1992 Olympic Games, the world's most prestigious athletic competition, we tip our Gopher caps to all these talented "M" men.

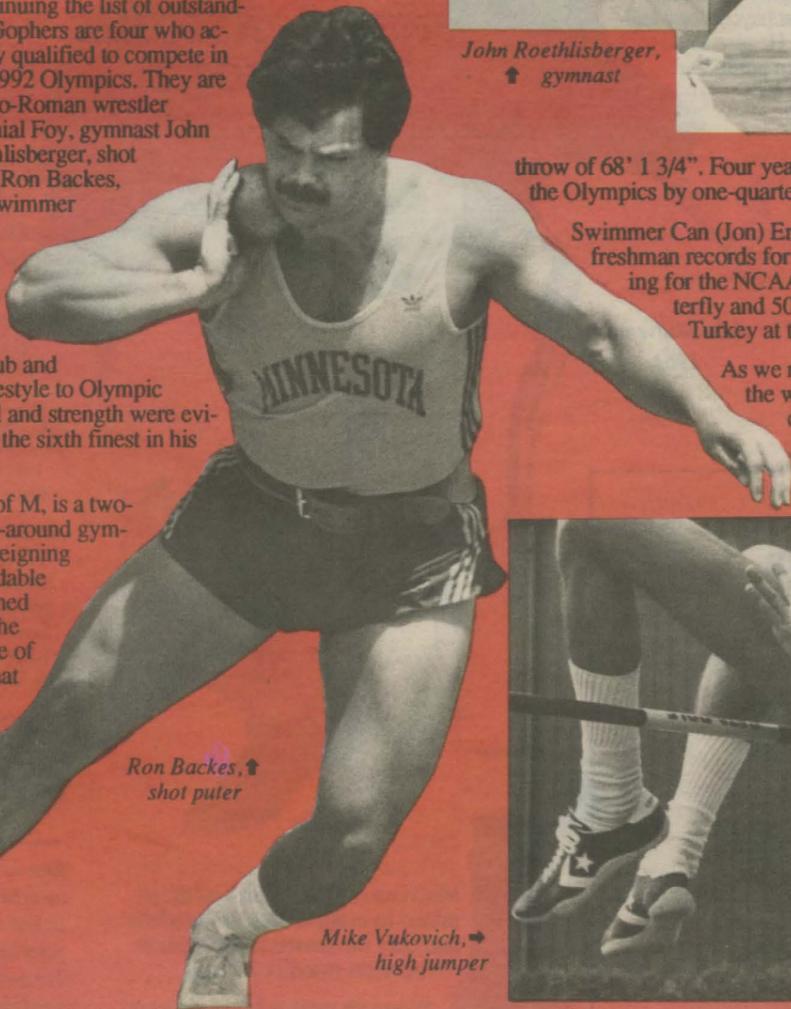


Can (Jon) Ergenekan.

Foy wrestled for the University of Minnesota in the early 1980s. A self-proclaimed "late bloomer," Foy started working with the Minnesota Wrestling Club and made the switch from college freestyle to Olympic Greco-Roman wrestling. His skill and strength were evident in Barcelona. He finished as the sixth finest in his sport in all the world.

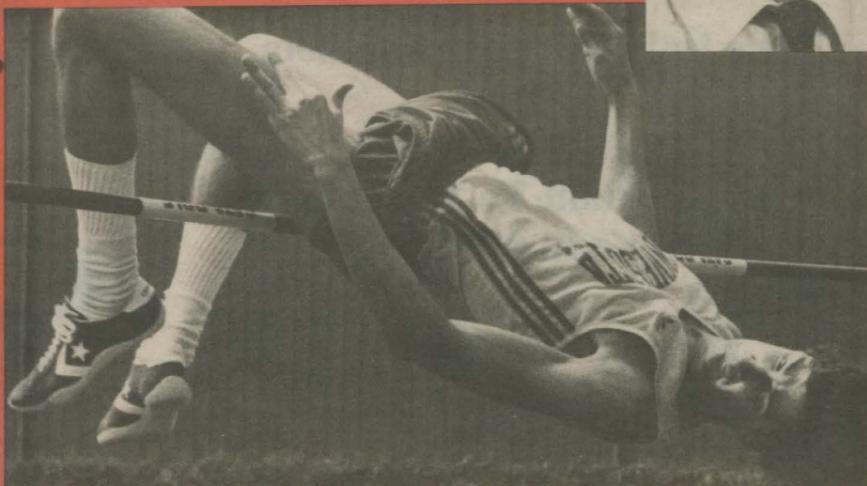
Roethlisberger, a senior at the U of M, is a two-time U.S. national and NCAA all-around gymnastics champion. He is also the reigning Big Ten champion. Facing formidable competition, Roethlisberger finished outside the medal standings. But he provided the world with a glimpse of the athletic greatness and grace that are symbolic of the Minnesota Gophers gymnastics team.

Ron Backes, who earned All-American honors at the U of M in the shot put in 1984, 1985, and 1986, qualified to compete against the world's best with a



Ron Backes, ↑ shot putter

Mike Vukovich, → high jumper





Calling the Turn with Jimmy Byrne

Minnesota Gopher Head Football Coach Jim Wacker is another in his profession intent on giving his players more than the mere fundamentals of the game.

Among other assignments, Wacker wants his student-athletes to "DO IT WITH CLASS!"

It appears to be just part of the playbook he gives his young athletes.

Here is that "Litany."

"Class is having manners. It is always saying 'thank you' and 'please'. It is complimenting people for any and every task that was done well.

"Class is treating every other person as you want them to treat you in a similar situation.

"Class never makes excuses for one's own shortcomings, but it always helps the other person to bounce back from his mistakes.

"Class never brags or boasts about one's own accomplishments and never tears down or diminishes the achievements of another person.

"Class does not depend on money, status, success or ancestry. The wealthy aristocrat may not even know the meaning of the word, yet the poorest man in town may radiate class in everything he does.

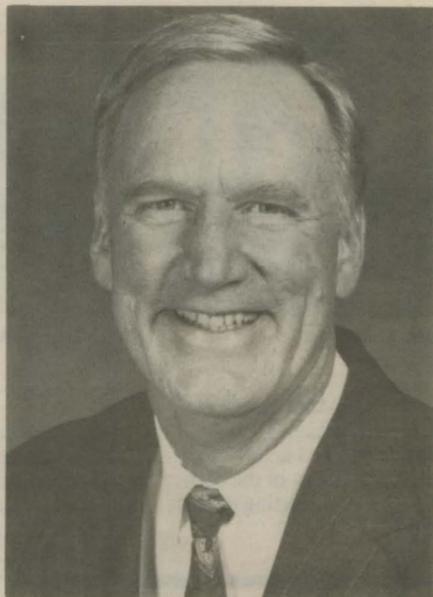
"If you have class, everyone will know it and you will have self-respect. If you are without class—good luck, because no matter what you accomplish, it will never have meaning."

This message is signed "Minnesota Football Staff." That's another message in itself.

A compatible group of nine was sitting around a luncheon table talking sports recently. One was a successful St. Paul restaurant man. The others were either former front office baseball people or retired Twin Cities sportswriters. They all knew "the territory" well, especially Gopher sports.

One mentioned the fact that after the opening game all of the University of Minnesota football games this fall were scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m. How was that hour on a Saturday going to wash with the fans?

Two said "fine," including the restaurant man. Seven opposed the idea, one of them



Jim Wacker

Minnesota Gopher Head Football Coach saying 6:00 p.m. is traditionally dinner time.

Ken Buehl, the boss with 20 years experience in the Gopher ticket office, says a complete study was conducted among ticket buyers before the season's game times were set.

"I was surprised to find the majority favored night over afternoon football games," Buehl said. "We also had to consider the newspaper deadlines.

"Our season ticket sales for hockey and basketball are good.

"But I thought, with all the changes, our season football ticket sale would be better."

Twins and Vikings night games at the Metrodome usually start at 7:05 p.m. So maybe it has become a 7:00 p.m. town for sports fans attending games.

Time will tell.

Jim Byrne began writing for the Minneapolis Star in 1936. His 43-year sports reporting career started with sailing and expanded to include a wide range of Minnesota sports at the high school, college, and professional levels.

Where Should Our Son Go to College?

Guest Columnist John Walsh, Minneapolis

My wife and I have thought long and hard about where to advise our son to go to college. We believe strongly in the importance of a good education. More than ever before, getting a job depends on academic preparation.

But we also think there's more to college life than books and study. There's the sense of being part of a larger family, a supportive, uplifting network of friends. There's the matter of discovering new interests and having fun.

Indeed, we are convinced that the opportunity to meet people of diverse backgrounds is a requisite for becoming a well-rounded person. Getting an education involves social relationships as well as scholarly effort.

The decision about where to pursue a college degree is a serious one. In many ways it impacts one's quality of life for at least four or five years. Perhaps for a lifetime.

We looked and our son looked. We wrote to colleges and universities throughout the country, and we visited a number of them. The high school counselor provided information and suggested the names of people to contact.

Our long-term investigation of schools led us home. We learned lots about the University of Minnesota (U of M). We discovered why more than 8,000 students from the other 49 states and 3,500 students from 115 countries have chosen the U of M as "their" school.

Among all American public and private universities, Minnesota is ranked seventh in counseling services, 12th in the quality of its libraries, 13th in breadth of curriculum. It is ranked best in the nation in agriculture eco-

nomics, chemical engineering, geography, and Scandinavian languages. Forty-six other of its scholastic programs are ranked among America's top 20.

Our nationwide search revealed that the University of Minnesota's faculty and facilities are considered outstanding. The fact that the U of M is located in the heart of the Twin Cities is regarded as an asset to students who are interested in making contacts with the many major locally-based companies and corporations.

For our family, the chance to participate in collegiate athletics is important. It became obvious to us as we spoke to authorities around the country that the current program of athletics at the University of Minnesota is second to none.

We were impressed with the top-down commitment to quality at the U of M and with the careful balance administrators and coaches attempt to maintain between academics and athletics. The focus is on what's best for the individual and how his skills can most fully be developed.

We didn't make the decision for our son to go to the University of Minnesota. He did. But we're very proud of his choice.

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And What Part Did I Play In The Golden Gopher Tradition?

Tom Ferguson of Eden Prairie, MN is a "Who Am I?" Winner

I grew up in Shelby, North Carolina and quarterbacked the Cleveland High School (all-black) six-man football team to an undefeated season.

I played quarterback my freshman year with the Gophers but was moved to tackle the next season where I played for the rest of my college career.

Those were great years at the U of M. We won the Big Ten Championship two years in a row, one national title and played in two Rose Bowls, winning in 1962.

In 1961 and 1962 I was named an All-American and in 1962 I won the Outland Trophy (best college lineman) and finished second in the balloting for the Heisman Trophy.

I graduated from the University of Minnesota with a Recreational Therapy Degree and played the next twelve years as an outside linebacker and defensive end for the Kansas City Chiefs. During those twelve years I played in two Super Bowls (winning one against the Minnesota Vikings). I was named All-Pro ten times.

My number 78 was retired by the Chiefs in 1983.

I went to Atkins High School in Winston-Salem North Carolina where I played football, ran track and was president of my senior class (1960).

University of Minnesota football coach Murray Warmath recruited me. By the time I was a sophomore I was playing both ways at tackle. That year we beat UCLA and won the Rose Bowl. At the end of my senior year I was named first-team All-American tackle (on everyone's list) and was runner-up for the Outland Trophy.

I was the number one draft choice of the Minnesota Vikings and played the next fifteen years as part of the "Purple People Eaters."

During my career as a Viking I was named Rookie of the Year, the N.F.L.'s Most Valuable Lineman and All Pro (five times). I had 23 opponent fumble recoveries and nine blocked kicks over the course of my career and still hold the Vikings' record for sacks (134). WHO AM I?

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Fan in the Stands **WHAT DO YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT ATTENDING GOPHER SPORTING EVENTS?**



Sister Helen Ann Wilkie, V.H.M., Mendota Heights

"I have such great memories of watching Gophers basketball games in Williams Arena. There's something about the energy of that place and the enthusiasm of the fans. You never forget being a part of the excitement that fills the arena."



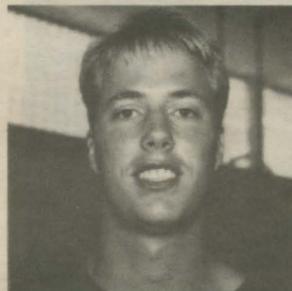
Tim Sweeney, St. Paul

"I like the intimate atmosphere, relatively cheap prices, and the fact that the Gophers are the state's team."



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"I have an 87-year-old friend who hasn't missed a Gophers' opener for 60 years. Through her I've encountered the incredible U of M tradition and come to love the Gophers."



Josh Krieger, St. Paul

"I especially like the excitement with which Gopher games are filled and the feeling of being part of the community these sporting events attract."



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"I enjoy cheering for our teams when I know I'll always be warm and snugly in the middle of a Minnesota winter...even without my scarf, earmuffs and mittens."



Mark Gautschi, St. Paul

"The closeness and enthusiasm are terrific, and whatever kind of team we have, the fans seem to be into the game."

Aches & Pains

Elizabeth A. Arendt, M.D.
Director
University of Minnesota
Sports Medicine Institute

Q I am a 48-year-old woman who recently underwent a posterior spine fusion in my lower lumbar spine. I am an avid swimmer, golfer and bicycle rider. Will I be able to return to these sports?

A With our present state of technology, when a patient presents with arthritis or disc degeneration in the lower lumbar and lumbosacral spine and the patient has not been responsive to non-operative treatment such as medication, physical therapy and brace wear, a fusion of the painful segments may be offered.

Those activities which tend to damage the intervertebral disc structures and lead to premature disc degeneration include heavy lifting, which involves forward bending of the spine, and twisting.

A posterior spine fusion may be successful in diminishing a patient's chronic pain. However, we can never relieve 100% of the pain and some disability almost always persists. Many patients who have had a successful posterior spine fusion do relate an increase in their day-to-day function, primarily because there has been a decrease in pain.

The game of golf requires a lot of forward flexion and rotation and twisting of the spine. Once the fusion mass is solid, however, most people can anticipate returning to a certain level of golf with a fair amount of enjoyment. But strenuous and frequent flexion and rotation of the spine may, eventually, lead to new damage at those unfused segments above the level of the fusion. Thus, golf, although anticipated, is not highly encouraged as a post-operative sport.

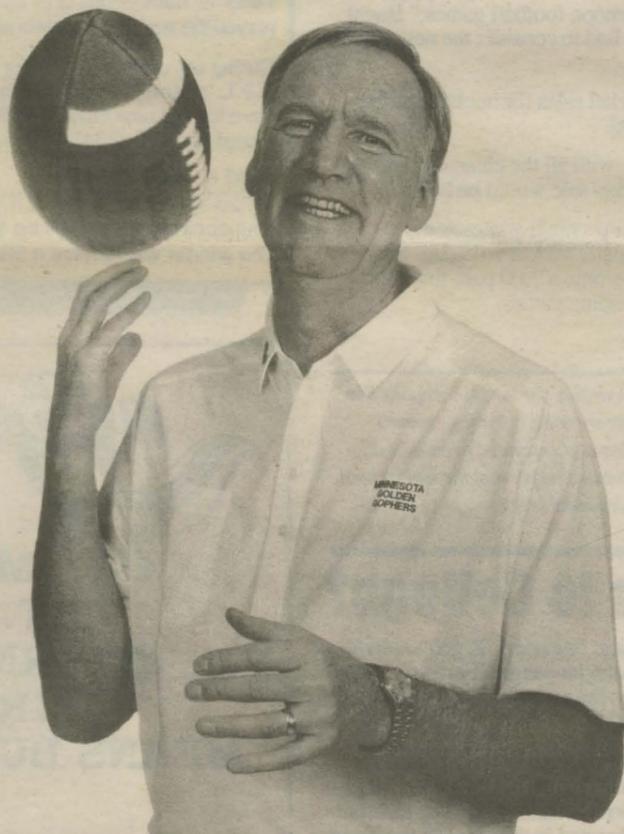
Swimming, on the other hand, is an excellent exercise, as the effect of gravity is removed and there is not a great deal of flexion and twisting of the spine.

Bicycle riding lies somewhere in between. There is not a great deal of rotation of the spine; however, if one is in a road-racing position, there is a certain amount of flexion and, as any patient with low back pain will tell you, the vibration of transportation be it either in a car or on a bicycle, is one of their more painful endeavors. Thus, although bicycle riding is probably not harmful, it may not be too comfortable in the long-run.

Note: This month's column is written by Dr. Kirkham B. Wood of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, University of Minnesota. Dr. Wood is a spine surgeon who also specializes in scoliosis at the Twin Cities Scoliosis Spine Center at Abbott Northwestern Hospital.

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Junior linebacker Russ Heath

The development of winning attitudes has certainly been the hallmark of Jim Wacker's phenomenal coaching career. Time after time over the past 21 years, he has rejuvenated collegiate teams. Under his direction, long-term football flops have been transformed into champions.

Reflecting on Wacker's .610 career winning record, Dr. McKinley Boston said, "Everywhere he's been, he's been successful."

"To cultivate attitude, the student-athletes have to buy into it," Wacker explains. "They've got to buy into making a commitment, sacrificing, working, and doing all the things it takes to get to where we want to get.



Linebacker Andre Davis wraps up a runner.

"They have to buy into the importance of teamwork and love and caring and togetherness and looking out for the other guy. Those are all values and attitudes. If they buy into it, we've got a chance. If they don't buy into it, we aren't going to beat anybody regardless of our talent."

The 1992 Team

With reference to the size of his linemen, Wacker remarks, "This is the land of Paul Bunyan. There are a lot of big people."

Among the massive returning lettermen on the offensive line are senior Ted Harrison (6'4", 297), a second-team All-Big Ten selection last season; senior Keith Ballard (6'3", 300); sophomore Pat O'Brien (6'4", 299); sophomore Toby Anderson (6'8", 298), and senior Robert Rogers (6'3", 298).

"What we don't have enough of are those fast guys. We've got a couple of kids who run pretty good, including freshmen recruits Chris Darkins, Rishon Early, and Vince Hypolite from Texas. We just need more of them."

Two speedsters Wacker points to are wide receivers John Lewis, a senior, and junior Omar

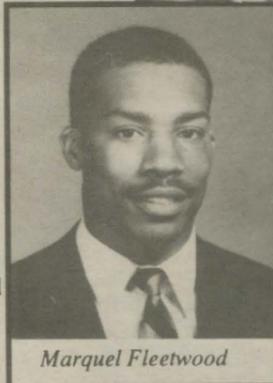
Douglas, a member of the Gophers 4 x 100 relay team that placed third at the Big Ten Track & Field Championships last May.

"These players have not seen a lot of action before," Wacker says. "I think people will be surprised. They both have a chance to really be outstanding players."

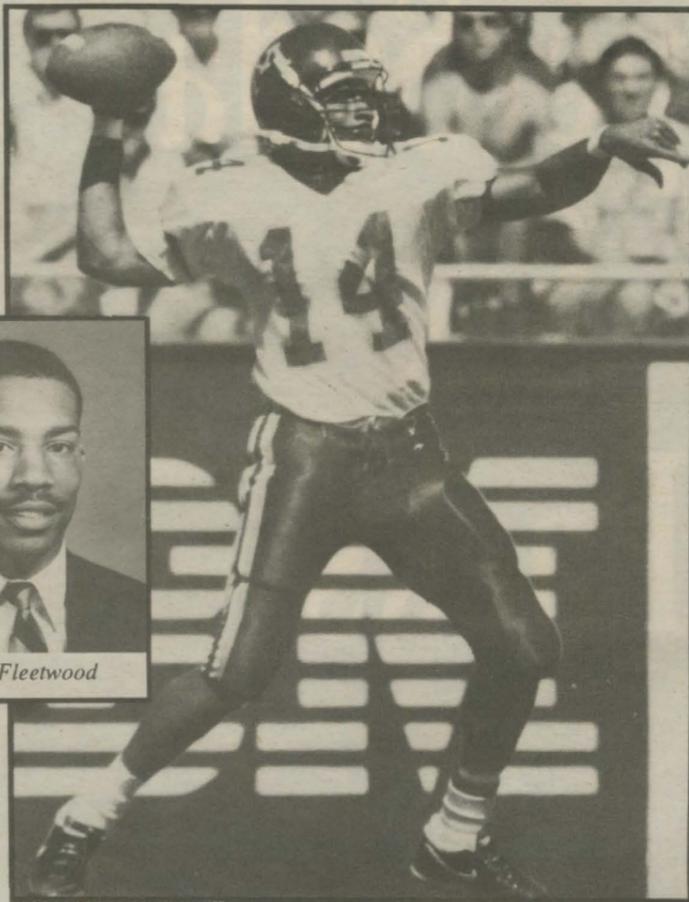
The decision to implement a wide-open offense this year was a strategic one. "We'd be in trouble if we had to go toe-to-toe and slug it out," Wacker indicates. "Initially, we've got to spread people out and throw the ball. That gives us a chance to win against anybody on a given day."

This kind of attack requires great concentration on the part of the quarterback. "If the guy is open, throw it," Wacker notes. "If he's not, throw it away or run. Do not throw interceptions! Turnovers kill you. This offense demands mental toughness."

In speaking about senior quarter-



Marquel Fleetwood



Quarterback Marquel Fleetwood sets to throw.



299-pound offensive lineman Pat O'Brian

back Marquel Fleetwood, Wacker says, "He's as quick as a hiccup, has excellent acceleration, and a nice arm. The key for him will be cutting down on turnovers."

The running game will largely be the responsibility of juniors Mark Smith, the team's leading rusher two years ago, and Antonio Carter, last year's top ground-gainer. "These are tough, talented kids," Coach Wacker states. "It would have been great to also have Chuck Rios, but, due to his injury, we won't have him for another year."

According to Wacker, his team's defensive strength "starts with senior linebacker Andre Davis in the middle." The Gophers' leading returning tackler, Davis had three interceptions in 1991, taking one back for a touchdown.

Among other standout returning defensive players are junior tackle Dennis Cappella, "our best defensive lineman," linebacker Russ Heath, and cornerbacks Drinon Mays and Derek Fisher, both of whom were starters last season.

Wacker also looks for the emergence of junior tackle Ed Hawthorne, and younger players, such as lineman Matt Reem, and defensive backs Dan Li Santi and Justin Conzemius, all of whom performed well during the spring practices.

"We're green in the defensive line and inexperienced at safety," Wacker comments. "How all this adds up, I have no earthly idea," he concludes. "But I liked them in the spring. They really picked up the defensive system fast, executed well, and played with lots of enthusiasm."

With injuries and a lack of depth at various offensive and defensive positions, the Gophers may need to play a number of freshmen this season.

When listing the reasons for his optimism about rebuilding the Gophers football program, Wacker starts by citing his close relationship with the athletic administration.

"I feel comfortable with McKinley Boston. He's a good person, and he loves this University. He's given us strong support. That's one of the big pluses as far as this job is concerned. It all works a lot better if you're pulling together in the same direction...and we are!"

How important is fan support?

"It's everything," Wacker emphasizes. "It's a mark of the program that helps a team recruit players. Kids want to go where people care, where they see the stadium is full, where the people are raising the rafters.

"We need that home crowd advantage. It makes it easier to win. We have a roof on that place. You yell and scream and go nuts and it'll be deafening."

What one word best describes the 1992 University of Minnesota team?

"I've never had one word for anything in my life," Wacker responds. "But, hopefully, that one word would be committed. Committed to excellence, if you want a phrase. But committed."

Keys to Winning

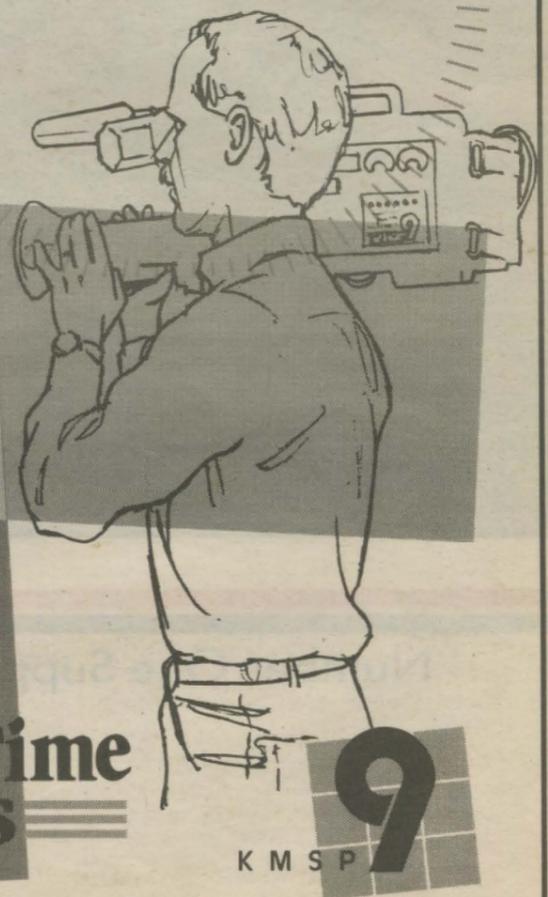
Gopher players speak with high regard for the new coaching staff. "My coaches are really good teachers," Wacker explains. "They're teachers more than they are yellers or screamers. We use a lot more positive than negative reinforcement. I believe in that.

"The only way you eventually end up with a great football player is if you have a great athlete with a great attitude come face-to-face with a great teacher. It takes all those three ingredients."

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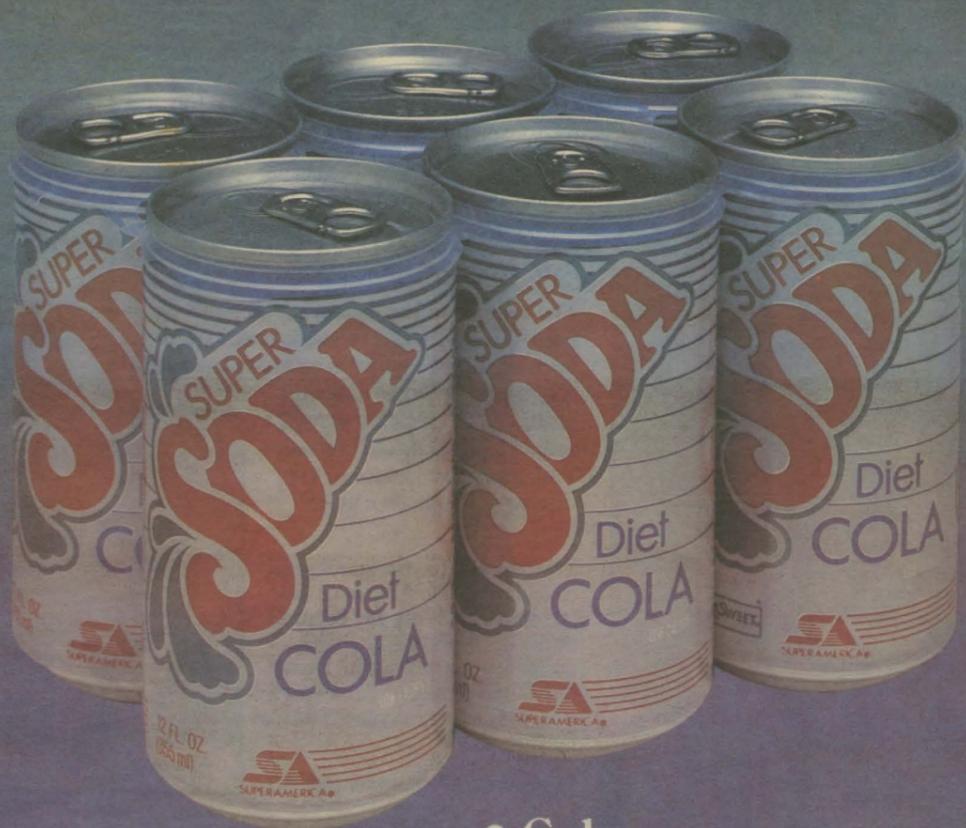


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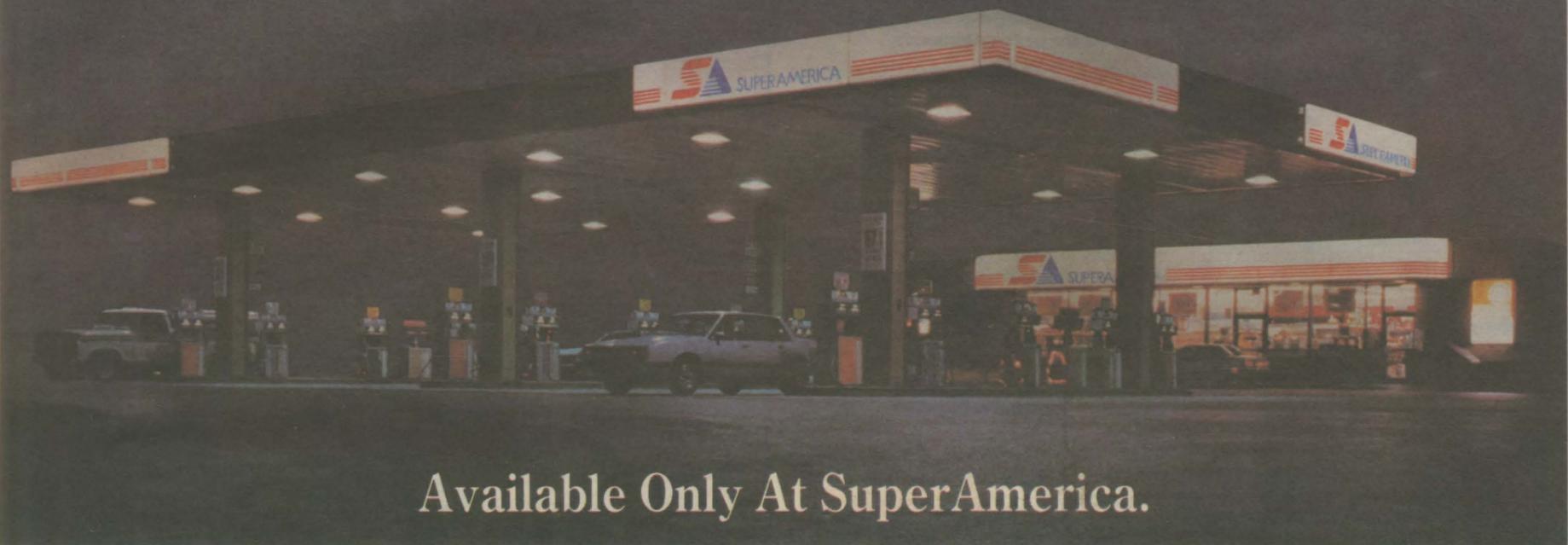
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Bomb Receiver/ Kick Returner

By Jim Mulrooney



John Lewis

There's more to life than football. "I'm not a guy who has ever thought football was the end of the world," says Gophers wide receiver John Lewis (Miami, Florida).

Lewis never aspired to be a National Football League player. "I never thought about the fu-



"We appreciate the support we have received from fans all over the state. It makes you dig deep, deep inside your soul and try harder."

— John Lewis
Gophers Wide Receiver

ture," he adds. "I just always liked playing sports and helping my team in any way I could."

A graduate of Springs High School in Miami, Lewis earned 10 letters in three sports. He was an all-county football pick, averaged more than 12 points a game in basketball, and advanced to the state meet in track. He was elected to his school's Athletic Hall of Fame.

"Not in my wildest dreams did I think I'd become a student-athlete on a Division I college football team," Lewis reveals.

Recruited by many teams around the country, Lewis chose the University of Minnesota (U of M). Even though the U of M was a long way from home and he'd never been farther away than Atlanta, he considered Minnesota an excellent place to get an education.

"For me, getting a college degree has always been number one. My mother and grandparents thought participating in sports was fine and dandy but that my main objective should always remain getting a good education."

Looking back over the past three years, Lewis believes he made a wise decision in coming to the University of Minnesota. "There's a friendly climate here. People are more apt to reach out to start a conversation. They seem really interested in trying to get to know you. On campus and in the Twin Cities area, I've felt comfortable and right at home."

Lewis is proud of being a Gopher and a part of the U of M. He looks forward after graduation to recommending his alma mater to high school student-athletes throughout the country.

"I've changed a lot since I came to the

University," Lewis comments. "I recognize better the value of life and the importance of getting along with others. I've discovered how much you can learn by working closely with people different than yourself."

The Gophers' aerial barrage this season has not surprised Lewis. He notes that since last spring the players have been studying and executing the wide-open air attack Coach Wacker and his staff have introduced.

"The team is like a family," Lewis explains. "Bob DeBesse, our offensive coordinator, is a great guy, and he's skilled at finding weaknesses in our opponents. And I admire Coach Wacker. He makes you love the game, and he creates a happy atmosphere."

Lewis emphasizes how much confidence the players have in all their coaches. "The coaches know what they are doing, and they lift the players up rather than cut them down so that athletes are able to learn from their mistakes."

Playing with fellow wide receiver Omar Douglas is a

pleasure for Lewis. "We help each other out."

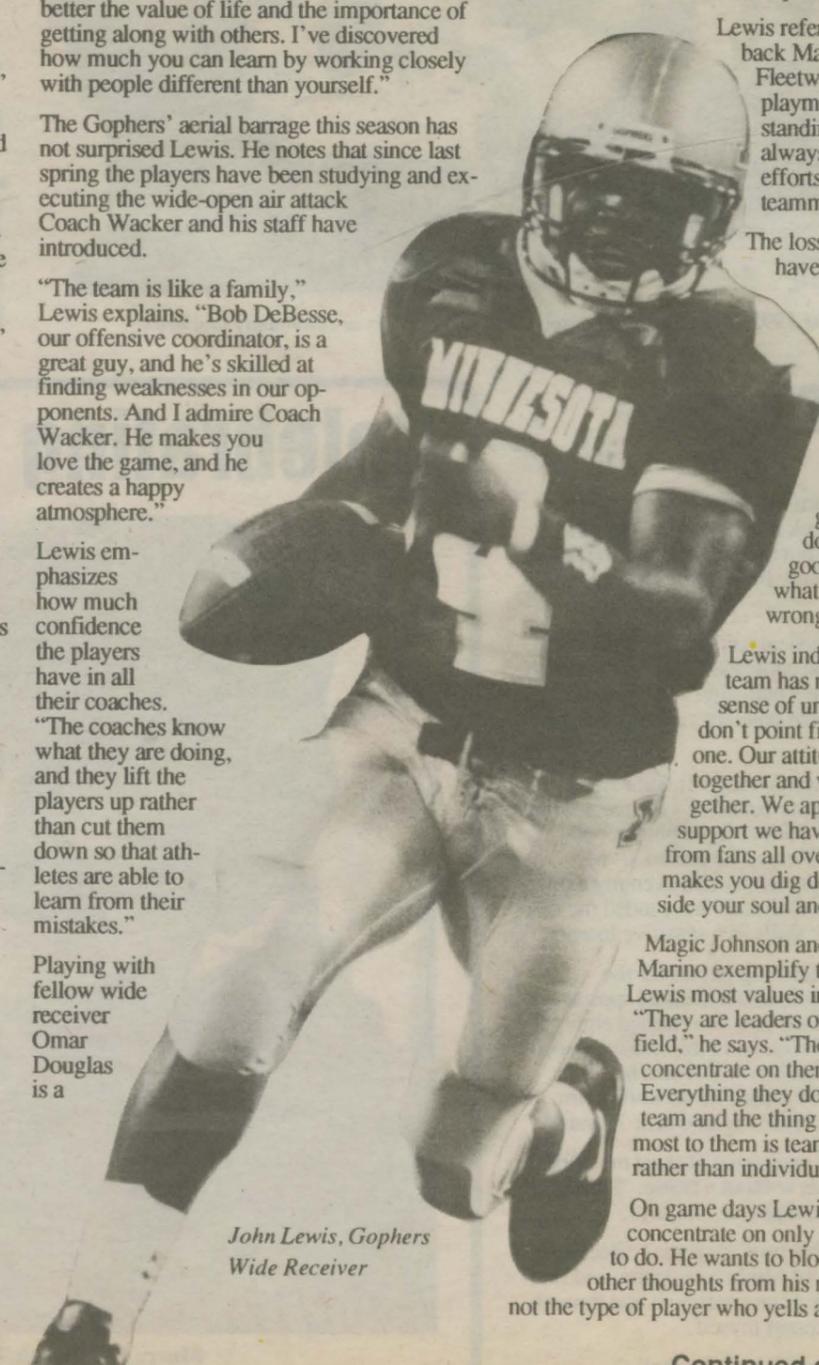
Lewis refers to quarterback Marquel Fleetwood as a "big playmaker and outstanding leader who always respects the efforts of his teammates."

The losses this season have hurt. "It's rough to really stay focused. I get upset but try to just practice that much harder for the next game. It doesn't do any good to dwell on what you did wrong."

Lewis indicates the team has maintained its sense of unity. "We don't point fingers at anyone. Our attitude is we lose together and we win together. We appreciate the support we have received from fans all over the state. It makes you dig deep, deep inside your soul and try harder."

Magic Johnson and Dan Marino exemplify the qualities Lewis most values in an athlete. "They are leaders on and off the field," he says. "They never concentrate on themselves. Everything they do is for the team and the thing that matters most to them is team effort rather than individual glory."

On game days Lewis attempts to concentrate on only what he has to do. He wants to block out all other thoughts from his mind. "I'm not the type of player who yells and screams.



John Lewis, Gophers
Wide Receiver



Leaders of the new era in Gopher football history came together for a special luncheon at the Convention Center in Minneapolis last month. Pictured (L to R) are Head coach Jim Wacker, U of M President Nils Hasselmo, Magellia (Mrs. McKinley) Boston, Lil (Mrs. Jim) Wacker (holding helmet), Athletic Director Dr. McKinley Boston, and "M" Club President Tim Oliver.



Members of the 1992 U of M football team meet their backers at community luncheon.

Letters



WORTH WAITING FOR

The passing attack the Gophers have unveiled this year has been exciting. With experience and future recruits, this team will be something to watch in the years ahead. I'm willing to wait.

Bob Collins,
Coon Rapids

BUILDING UP

I've been impressed with all the work on the athletic facilities at the U of M. It's great to see the commitment to enhancing our beautiful urban campus.

Richard Claiborne,
Hopkins

CROSS COUNTRY BONANZA

The Minnesota Invitational at the Les Bolstad Golf Course was spectacular. It was a thrill having the opportunity to witness some of the finest cross country runners in the nation. Thanks to the University of Minnesota for arranging this outstanding meet.

Walter Charles,
Minneapolis

IT'S ALL HOW YOU PLAY THE GAME

I've read all summer about the impending "Gopher turnaround." Well, the playing sure has improved. I'm only sorry there aren't more die-hard fans like me there to take advantage of some down right fantastic football. If the type of play I've seen so far continues, more wins are sure to follow.

Ted Erickson,
Mendota

PLAY THOSE STICKS

I'm new to the state and enjoy reading SPORTSNEWS. I'm particularly anxious to see some of the good hockey my new neighbors keep promising me I'll find here. Can you tell me where and when the U of M hockey team hits the ice?

Paula Johnson,
Edina

(ED. Note: October 23 & 24 against North Dakota at Mariucci Arena. But tickets to see the WCHA defending champion Gophers may be hard to come by.)

PIECE OF THE PAST

I recently received my Memorial Stadium brick. What a great way to keep the 'good ol' days' in mind. I was sorry to see the stadium go, but I'm glad to own a part of it.

Frank Dawson,
Blaine

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I try to stay focused on what we've been reviewing all week in practice. By the time I come running out of the tunnel for the game, my blood is really flowing and I'm ready to play."

Lewis says physical pain is a normal part of football. But he contends there are two kinds of pain. "There's pain after a win and pain after a loss, and the pain after a loss hurts a lot more."

Sociology is Lewis' major field of study. "After earning my bachelor's degree, I would like to use my abilities in helping people solve their problems," he remarks. "My classes at the University and even my experience on the football team have aided me in developing my skills as a sensitive listener."

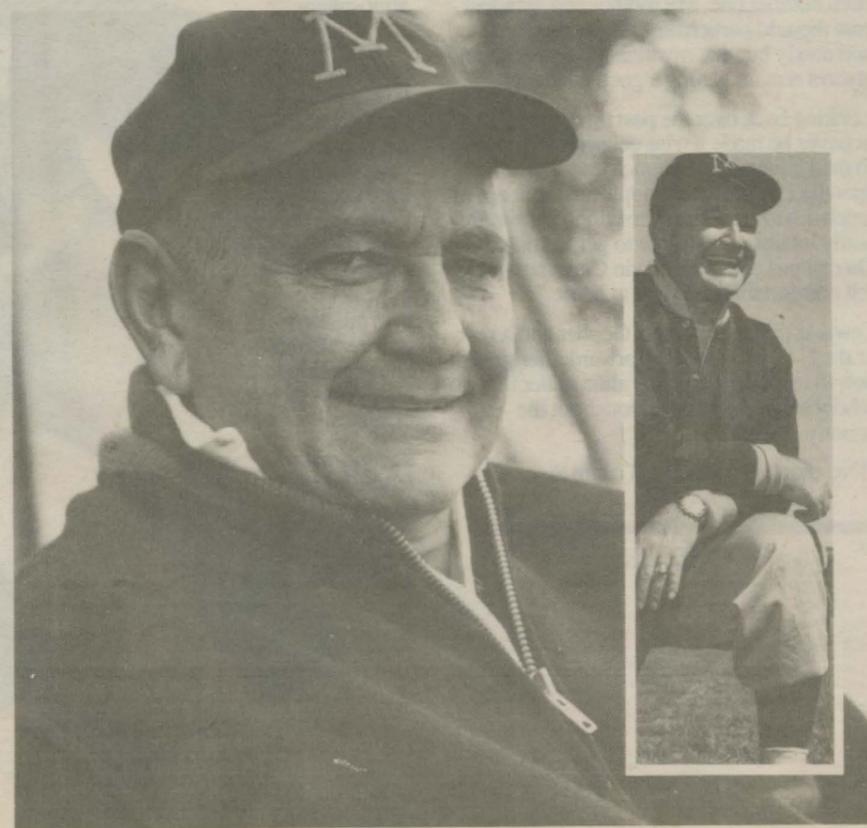
In addition to catching passes for the Gophers, Lewis is also a talented special teams player. Last year he returned eight kickoffs for 154 yards. In this season's opening game against San Jose State, he set the all-time Big Ten record for kickoff return yardage (223), returning one kick 70 yards.

But ask John Lewis what his best memory is and he responds without a pause. "Receiving my high school diploma," he says.

And what are his primary goals? "Receiving my University of Minnesota degree and finding a job where I can contribute and through which I can support myself."

There's more to life than football.

Celebrating A Leader



Murray Warmath, Head Football Coach

He bore the brunt of raucous criticism. But he prevailed and scaled the heights of collegiate football in America. Murray Warmath.

During Warmath's 18 years as University of Minnesota head football coach (1954-71), the Gophers won the national championship, the Rose Bowl, and several Big Ten titles. While establishing an 86-78-7 record, he produced nine All-Americans, two Outland Trophy winners, and 47 professional football players.

Men's Athletic Director Dr. McKinley Boston played under Warmath in the late 1960s. He reflects the admiration student-athletes have for Warmath. "He's a man of immense character and principle," Boston says.

Warmath was committed to playing his finest athletes. By establishing Sandy Stephens as the Gophers' starting quarterback (1959-61), he helped remove the barriers to black players at major colleges in the United States.

A special dinner and reunion last month celebrated Murray Warmath's 80th birthday.

Integrity. Dedication. Fairness. These are Murray Warmath, shaper of good men.

Where Are They Now?

Alan Reid: Standing Tall



By Len Levine & Jim Mulrooney

Moving was a way of life. As the son of an Army officer, former Gophers running back Alan Reid learned to adjust to new environments. Born in Germany, he and his family relocated eight times over an 18-year period.

"While leaving friends was difficult, the experience of moving taught us all to be more tolerant and open-minded and to appreciate the differences in people," says Reid.

Their close-knit family helped the six Reid children feel secure through all the reloca-



Alan Reid, 1983

tions. "We were blessed with fine parents," Reid explains with pride. "They were totally committed to their children. They taught us how to study, encouraged us to pursue higher goals, and stressed the importance of Christian values."

Most of all, Reid is grateful to his mother and father for presenting him with the "gift of unconditional love."

The impressive accomplishments of the Reid children reflect their rich upbringing.

Alan's older sister Dawn, a University of Texas mathematics major, is now a certified pension planner. Older brother Carlton, Jr. is a nuclear physicist at West Point Academy, his alma mater.

His three younger brothers have demonstrated their equally considerable skills. After graduating from Cornell with a degree in economics, Michael received his Masters degree in business from Harvard. He now works with Burlington Northern in Fort Worth.

Christopher, a 1990 West Point graduate, is

studying neuroscience at Harvard Medical School, and Jonathan is in his second year at Princeton on an engineering scholarship. Jonathan also is the starting right cornerback on the Princeton football team.

Alan speculates that his athletic talents may have come from his father who was a good high school basketball player and college football scholarship recipient.

Starting at the age of seven, Alan played organized football. During his senior year of high school in El Paso, Texas, he set records for most rushing yards (1458) and most touchdowns (26). He was named the city's prep school Player of the Year.

Reid also distinguished himself in baseball, earning all-district honors while in high school.

In recognition of his academic, athletic, and extra-curricular achievements (he was vice president of his class), Reid was presented the Outstanding Senior award.

In spite of his excellent football statistics, Reid's small stature (5'9") caused college recruiters to downgrade him. He received a partial academic scholarship to attend Texas Christian University (TCU) in 1979. He played on the junior varsity football team, rushing for 142 yards his first game.

The next year Reid transferred to Pierce Community College just outside Los Angeles. In 1981 he ranked second in California in all-purpose yards. A recruiter from the University of Minnesota (U of M) watched him rush for 180 yards in the final game that season. The Gophers offered him a scholarship even though he had only two years of eligibility remaining.

"I visited the U of M and was impressed with the academic excellence of the school, the business opportunities in the area, and the quality of life there," Reid remembers. "However, the day I came the windchill was 97 below. Without the Metrodome, which became home to U of M football games in 1982, there's no way I would have decided on becoming a Gopher."

Reid worked his way up to the starting fullback position for the 1982 season. He ran and caught passes for 163 yards in an opening game 57-3 victory over Ohio State.

Following wins against Purdue and Washington State, the Gophers were ranked 16th in the nation. But then the team was devastated with injuries and lost the final eight games of the season.

In the game against Indiana, Reid tied the U of M record for most receptions (12).

"We even lost to Northwestern which was coached by Dennis Green," recalls Reid. "It was a nightmare."

On a rain-drenched field, Reid scored the winning touchdown in the final minutes against Rice to start the 1983 season.

The opponent in the Gophers' second game was the powerhouse Nebraska Cornhuskers who had three Heisman Trophy candidates. Reid sustained a broken arm in the first half. Nebraska routed Minnesota 84-13.

In his final game as a Gopher, Reid totaled 97 yards against Iowa. But it was in a losing cause. The Gophers finished the season 1-10.

"Sports provides a good dress rehearsal for life with all its peaks and valleys."

— Alan Reid

"It was a painful experience for all of us on the team," Reid remarks. "Coach Joe Salem had a superb offensive mind, and the multiple offense he developed was ahead of its time. But we lacked the big boys who could protect our quarterback. With no depth at

key positions, we were in desperate shape when the injuries mounted."

Reid says his parents had taught him things which "helped me endure the ups and downs of life. And sports provides a good dress rehearsal for life with all its peaks and valleys."

The Memphis Showboats of the United States Football League drafted Reid. In their first season he was the team's leading rusher with 723 yards. He also had 37 pass receptions.

Reid injured his leg the next year and after his release the Montreal Alouettes of the Canadian Football League (CFL) signed him. He had an excellent season and was Montreal's Offensive Player of the Year.

"My career was always on a roller coaster," Reid comments. "When you're short, your statistics must consistently be fantastic. You can't falter at all because teams prefer big backs."

Halfway through the 1986 season, Montreal let Reid go. He completed his course work and earned a degree in business management with



Alan Reid, 1988



Alan and Jackie Reid, 1992



Alan Reid, 1983

an emphasis in finance at the U of M's Carlson School of Management.

In 1987 Reid joined the Philadelphia Eagles of the National Football League. He was the team's preseason rushing leader. However, a torn muscle and the NFL strike limited his playing time, and he was released before the beginning of the next season.

Since 1988 Reid's outstanding work with New Era Financial Group in Wayzata has won him the respect of many. He and his colleagues (ex-Twin John Castino and Grant Lindaman) provide financial planning assistance to athletes such as Reggie White of the Eagles, Brian Harper and Greg Gagne of the Minnesota Twins, Brian Lawton of the San Jose Sharks, and former Viking running back Allen Rice.

"It is a pleasure helping athletes prepare for a bright future," Reid comments.

Alan and his wife Jackie have a brand new baby boy, Alan, Jr. "There's no greater joy in life than experiencing the birth of your child," Reid says.

"By developing a close relationship with God and living according to ethical principles, I believe we can overcome the trials and turmoil of life and be successful," Reid concludes.

Size doesn't matter.

Len Levine earned three varsity letters as a member of the Gopher track team and established several records, one of which (the 60-yard dash) stood for 17 years. He was the silver medal winner in the 1960 Big Ten 300-yard dash championship. Levine was President of the "M" Club in 1989.

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**The University of Minnesota
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Gopher Tales

By Kalley Lisam

Swimming & Diving

The 1992-93 Men's Swimming & Diving schedule is set with upcoming meets as follows:

Saturday, October 24	1:00 p.m.	Intra-squad (co-ed) in the Aquatic Center
Saturday, November 14	12:00 noon	The Gophers meet Iowa in the Hawkeye state
Saturday, November 21	6:00 p.m.	Indiana and Wisconsin meet in the Aquatic Center
Sunday, November 22	1:00 p.m.	The USS Invitational (co-ed) in the Aquatic Center

Golf

The Gophers signed Bemidji high School's **Andy Brink** to a national letter of intent. Brink was the 1992 Class AA State Champion and is considered one of the country's top recruits. Last year he was named the Minnesota Junior Golf Player of the Year.

Head Coach **John Means** said, "Andy is an outstanding addition to our program. He will make an already excellent recruiting year into a superb year."

Junior **Phil Ebner** (Hudson, OH) shot 75-67-74 to tie for first in the Northern Intercollegiate Golf Championship at Bloomington, IN, which the Gophers won. Unfortunately, he lost medalist honors in a sudden-death playoff.

The Gophers finished with all five of their golfers in the top 25 places. These were Ebner, **Joe Gullion** (San Antonio, TX), **Mark Hanson** (Cedar Rapids, IA), **Graham Davidson** (Langholm, Scotland), and **Scott Richardson** (Laguna Niguel, CA).

Hockey

Senior defenseman **Travis Richards** was elected team captain for the U of M's 1992-93 hockey season. Richards, a fifth-year senior, was also a pre-season All-WCHA and All-America pick. The top scoring defenseman on the squad last year with 10 goals and 23 assists, he will be one of the key players in the Golden Gophers' efforts to defend their 1992 WCHA Championship.

A three-time letterwinner, Richards is also following in the footsteps of his older brother Todd, who was a Gopher captain in 1988-89. He has played in 134 games in his three years of competition, scoring 23 goals and notching 72 assists.

"Travis is the latest in a strong line of captains," said Head Coach Doug Woog. "The great job that he does in the classroom and on the ice, along with his strong desire to win, will make him a fine captain."

Joining Richards as alternate captains will be senior **John Brill** and juniors **Craig Johnson** and **Scott Bell**.

The Golden Gophers open the 1992-93 season at home with a two-game set against the North Dakota Fighting Sioux on October 23-24 at Mariucci Arena.

Subsequent home games are against Wisconsin, November 13 & 14. The November 14th game will be at the Met Center in Bloomington.



Tennis

The Big Ten defending champion Gophers opened the season with a dual victory at Penn State.

Eric Donley (Duluth, MN) began his collegiate career by winning a singles championship and combining with **Paul Pridmore** for a doubles championship at the West Virginia Invitational.

Donley also teamed with **Mehdi Benyebka** for a win at doubles in the victory over Penn State.

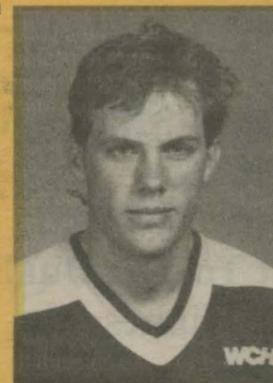
Basketball

U of M Head Basketball Coach **Clem Haskins** announced that juniors **Randy Carter** and **Ernest Nzigamasabo** will serve as co-captains for the 1992-93 Gopher season.

An effective inside-outside player, Carter led the team in rebounding (5.6) for the second straight season and finished third in scoring (8.8) during an injury-plagued 1991-92 campaign. The 6-8 forward struggled through the first 17 games of last season before finally undergoing surgery to remove bone spurs from both ankles four games into the Big Ten season. He did return to the lineup seven games later, but he was never able to get back to full strength. He is fully recovered and ready now to go full force this season.



Craig Johnson, ↑
hockey



John Brill, ↑
hockey

Travis Richards, →
hockey



Coach Clem Haskins and Randy Carter, basketball ↑

Ernest Nzigamasabo, basketball →

Mark Hanson, golf ↓



Nzigamasabo, a 6-9, forward/center, will also be an important part of Coach Haskins' front court rotation. A talented athlete who is still learning the game, he averaged 4.3 points and 2.7 rebounds a game last season.

"I believe Randy and Ernest truly exemplify what being a student-athlete is all about," Haskins said.

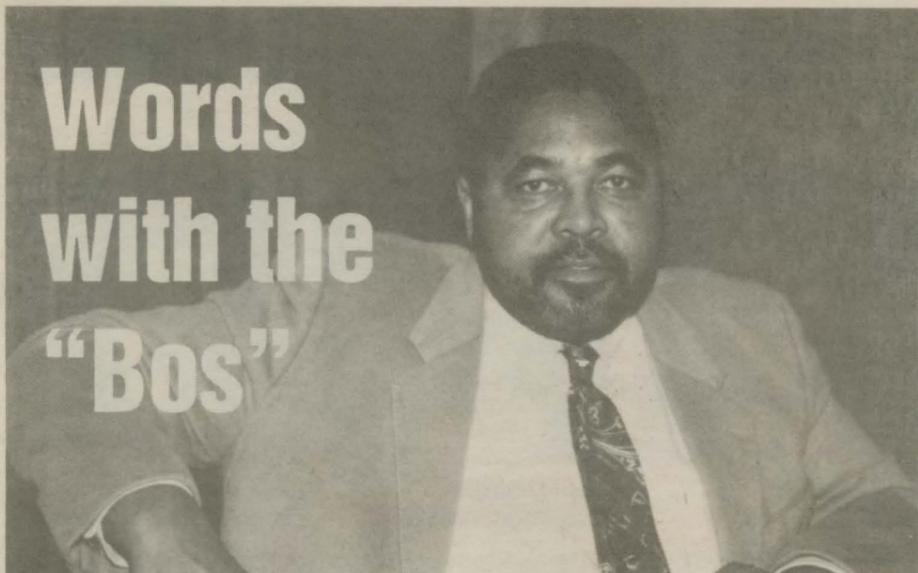
Alonzo Newby has been named to the academic counseling-intercollegiate athletics staff.

"I'm really excited to join the team of academic counselors and am looking forward to helping the student-athletes achieve their academic potential," Newby said of his new position. Newby, who earned his master's degree with concentrations in social development and economic and community development from the University of Minnesota and his bachelor's degree in political science from Elizabeth City (N.C.) State University, will work primarily with the Golden Gopher men's basketball team.



Paul Pridmore, ↑
tennis

Words with the "Bos"



Academic excellence, athletic achievement, institutional integrity, and community outreach are the ongoing top priorities of Dr. McKinley Boston, Men's athletic director at the University of Minnesota.

"I recognize the responsibility we have to the Minnesota community of which we are a part," says Dr. Boston. For this reason he has inaugurated a program whereby student-athletes volunteer their time in working on

worthwhile community service projects.

"Participation in sports can help shape individual values," Dr. Boston adds. "Our U of M student-athletes should serve as exemplary role models for young people in Minnesota. By sharing their own stories of self-discipline, sacrifice, hard work, and dedication to others, they can inspire youngsters to explore various pathways which lead to a productive life."

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And What Part Did I Play In The Golden Gopher Tradition?

Jay Dybdahl of Plymouth, MN is a "Who Am I?" Winner

I went to Atkins High School in Winston-Salem North Carolina where I played football, ran track and was president of my senior class (1960).

University of Minnesota football coach Murray Warmath recruited me. By the time I was a sophomore I was playing both ways at tackle. That year we beat UCLA and won the Rose Bowl. At the end of my senior year I was named first-team AllAmerican tackle (on everyone's list) and was runner-up for the Outland Trophy.

I was the number one draft choice of the Minnesota Vikings and played the next fifteen years as part of the "Purple People Eaters."

During my career as a Viking I was named Rookie of the Year, the N.F.L.'s Most Valuable Lineman and All Pro (five times). I had 23 opponent fumble recoveries and nine blocked kicks over the course of my career and still hold the Vikings' record for sacks (134).



Carl Eller



Ed Widseth is truly one of those gentle-men of sports.

Calling the Turn with Jimmy Byrne

A big, husky, tough tackle, he played during the Golden Days of Minnesota Gopher football (1934-35-36). He was named an All-America football player and deserved every inch and pound of it.

Since retiring from professional football, Widseth has been quite a regular, seated in the "M" Club section at the Gopher home games.

So meeting him during the darkest moments of Gopher football earlier this season, one naturally asked Ed what he thought about the situation.

"Just give them a little time and they'll do all right," Ed responded quietly. He's kept the faith.

He enjoyed a brilliant professional playing career with the New York Giants and the Green Bay Packers. One of Widseth's greatest achievements was being named to the pro football Hall of Fame. He wears the ring to prove it.

Attending a luncheon meeting of CORES this fall, one of the guests asked about the ring.

Slipping the ring off one of his big fingers, Ed nonchalantly remarked, "Yes, they (the Hall of Fame people) gave me the chance to buy it."

Quite regularly, coaches, as well as media people, bemoan the general lack of speed among men intercollegiate athletes at the University, particularly in football.

That has come up again this fall in discussing the defense of the football team. Lack of speed was blamed as a cause for the poor Gopher defensive effort in several early games.

But blocking and tackling are two of the keys to a successful football team. During the first three games of the season, the Gophers showed they had enough speed to get to the opposing ball-carriers.

However, time after time, the Gophers were reaching the ball-carriers but sadly missing the tackles. This had nothing to do with speed. It had to do with missed tackles. Once the tackling improved, as against Illinois, the defense improved.

Tackling is like catching in baseball and playing goal in hockey. All three take lots of hard work and few like to work that hard.

EXTRA POINTS: Gopher basketball and hockey trading cards are coming into the market. It is going to work about the same as the bubble gum cards with pictures of professional baseball players on them. The cards have become a craze and are a fine sports pro-

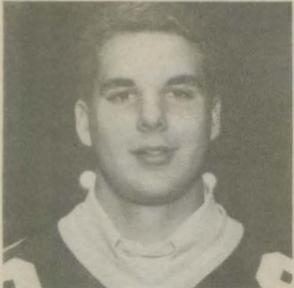


Ed Widseth, 1936

motion . . . Added decorations inside the Metrodome for Gopher home games liven the atmosphere. It'll be something different for homecoming, too. Included are large banners with the names of all the schools in the Big Ten, including Penn State. Names and numbers of former Gopher football stars, like Bronko Nagurski and Bruce Smith, are also posted. They rim the spectators' section between the first and second decks . . . Murray Warmath says he visited Minnesota only once before becoming the head Gopher football coach in 1954. That was in the late 1940's when he was interviewed to succeed Bernie Bierman, and turned it down. Murray was honored last month with a civic dinner and half time ceremonies at the Colorado game. Always a Southerner, Murray kiddingly said, he's stayed here in retirement, "Because I didn't make enough money to go anywhere else."

Jim Byrne began writing for the Minneapolis Star in 1936. His 43-year sports reporting career started with sailing and expanded to include a wide range of Minnesota sports at the high school, college, and professional levels.

Fan in the Stands **WHAT ARE YOUR FEELINGS ABOUT THE NEW GOPHER FOOTBALL TEAM?**



Mark Tangen
Oakdale

"There is a lot of talent on this team. Who cares what people say? These athletes are going to keep on developing, and we're going to be winners!"



Tristan Grigsby
St. Paul

"There's a sense of togetherness and a mood of excitement on this team. It's going to improve."



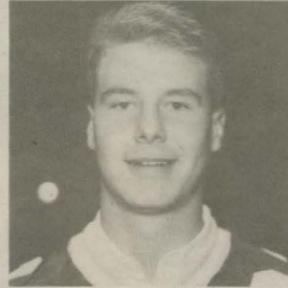
Jeff Bondy
Minneapolis

"I like the enthusiasm of this young team and Wacker's consistently upbeat attitude. I also think the new uniforms are handsome."



Bob Schade
Hopkins

"I know how hard the football players have worked. You're never going to see anything but an upbeat feeling here. That's the nature of Coach Wacker and his coaching staff."



Justin Malvick
Brookfield, Wisconsin

"There's something very positive about this team. The coaches have instilled that deep positive attitude in all the players, and it will lead to their success."



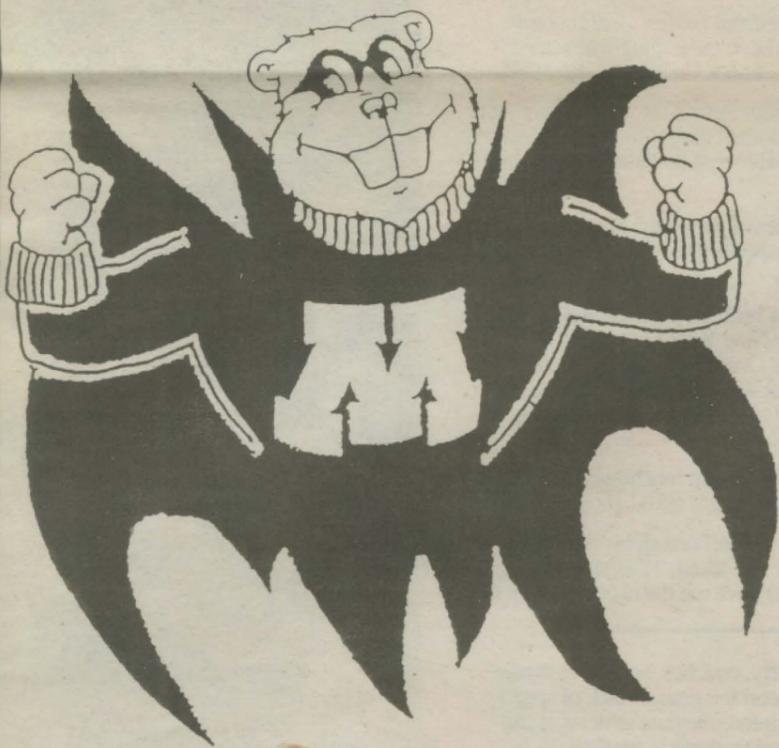
Ron Holty
Spring Grove, Minnesota

"There's an incredible optimism on this team. The coaches provide ongoing encouragement and positive reinforcement."

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Q I am a high school football coach. Would you please review the appropriateness of calling 911 for medical injury?

A I believe the following criteria should be kept in mind when trying to evaluate an injury:

The most important of these criteria is recognition of a serious injury. The most serious injuries are those dealing with airway difficulties (problems with breathing), head injuries that might include concussion, spinal injuries, (of which the cervical spine or neck is most at risk in football).

If the injured athlete has any problems with breathing, any loss of consciousness, or suffers an injury that might involve distortion of the neck or spine, a call to 911 is clearly appropriate. Certainly this depends on the personnel that you have at the sidelines, and their level of medical expertise.

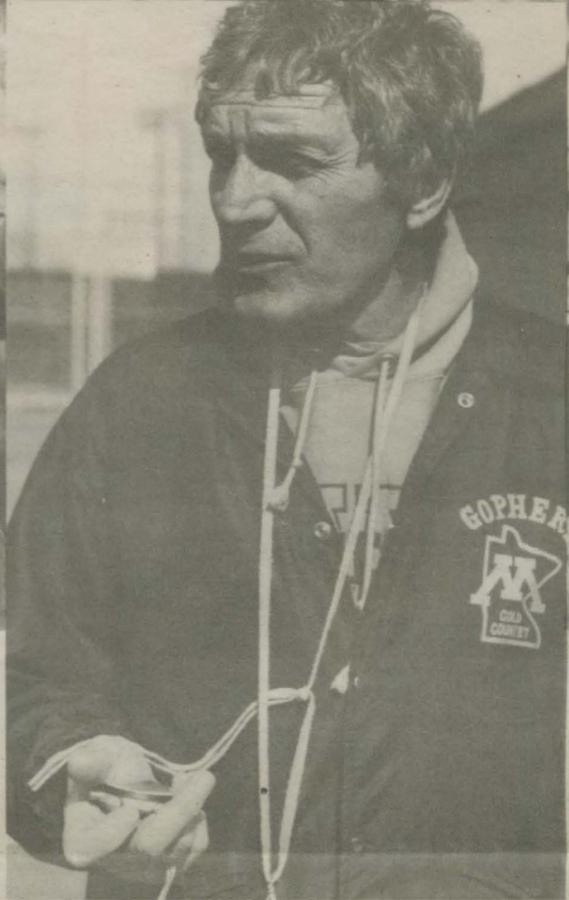
Other serious problems might include internal bleeding (that might come from a serious blow to the stomach or back), and thermal injuries, in particular, heat stroke. One might suspect internal injury or shock after noting the patient's pulse (which can be either rapid, or quite slow and weak), cool and clammy skin, or labored breathing.

I believe it is important to have an emergency response protocol for both game and practice. It would be helpful to contact an emergency medical service department with an affiliated hospital, or affiliated with your training/coaching staff to outline an emergency system protocol. This should be reviewed yearly.

Careful decisions at the scene should be made by the individual with the highest level of medical training. It is always better to err on the conservative side if there is any question as to the seriousness of the injury or the validity of the athlete's complaints.

For further information on this subject and information on training classes, please contact Mary Ann McNeil, University of Minnesota Life Support Program, at 626-1483.

If you have sports medicine related questions, please send them to:
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Roy Griak,
Head Track Coach,
Univ. of Minn.



Mark Narveson



Jason Rathe



Doug Milkowski

The Golden Gopher Cross Country team is coming into its stride. According to Head Coach Roy Griak, "We're stronger than we were one year ago, but we still have some work to accomplish before we can impact the Big 10."

The Gophers finished twelfth out of 30 teams in the Minnesota/Pepsi Cross Country Invitational at the Les Bolstad/University of Minnesota Golf Course on October 3. Their top five finishers included team captain (and the only senior) Doug Milkowski, Chris Berg, Mark Gonzales, Jason Rathe, and team co-captain Mark Narveson.

Talent is only one factor in the cross country success equation. "It takes hard work," comments coach Griak. "We work with the talent we have. Last year we had lots of injuries and redshirts. This year we have more talent. As we continue working hard the cream will come to the top."

One of the younger talents Griak expects to emerge as a major factor in the cross country team's success is freshman Jason Boon. "He was a Minnesota state champ last year in cross country and in track. I'm waiting for him to blossom and help our team's standing," comments the coach.

Griak says, "I think we have the potential to finish in the top five in the conference."



Jason Boon, talented freshman

Wisconsin will probably end up in first, followed by Michigan. Beyond that the teams in the conference are pretty even." Griak continues, "We may not have one dominant runner, but as a team we're good."



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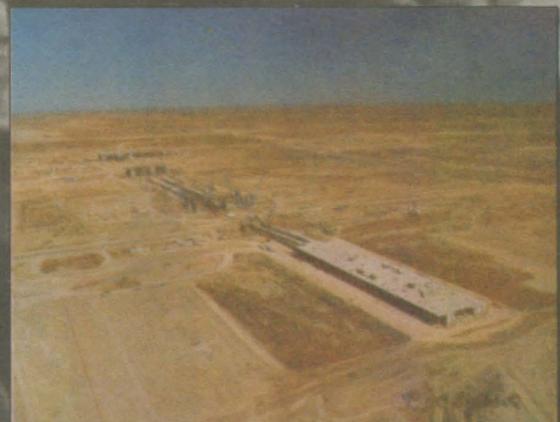
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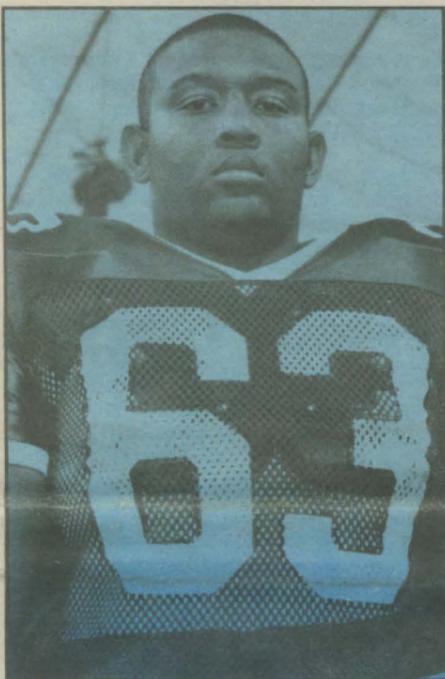
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ENDINGS AND BEGINNINGS

A Farewell to the Seniors

By Pat O'Regan



Guard Prince Pearson

A new era has begun in University of Minnesota football — the Wacker era. The first seniors of that era are leaving the program. How do they feel after the first year of the Wacker era? What do they think the prospects are for the football program?

There are 15 seniors. We spoke to three of them. We asked them about the start of the new era and about some other things as well, such as leadership and competition, injuries and disappointments, their futures and the fans.

The three are mature young men. They've all endured some hardship and come out on top, each in his own way. The stereotype of the pampered jock, unprepared for life, does not apply to these guys.

Several themes are constant in what they had to say: A love of the game. Injuries and losses notwithstanding, they are proud to have been part of the University football program. Coach Wacker is bringing something very special to the football program — a new attitude (they all say that) — an attitude about winning. Each senior can scarcely contain his excitement about this. Because of this attitude, the football program is having a new beginning. To talk to these three seniors is to believe that they believe this program will be a winning one. Representing all the seniors, here are the three seniors we interviewed.



Keith Ballard

Keith, a captain of the team, has been the starting left offensive tackle for the last two seasons. From Detroit, where he was an outstanding prep football player, Keith stands 6'3" and weighs 300 pounds. He played basketball in high school: "We had a two guard, three forward type of offense. Believe it or not, I was kind of a quick forward."

On the start of the Wacker era: "Coach Wacker has made a big difference already on a lot of things in this program. He's changed our attitude toward the game."

Keith thinks the program will turn around sooner than people might expect. "Coach will get more tools to put in the tool box of players — and pretty soon it'll be complete. He

knows how to work with players...motivate them...help them...and he also understands every position."

On leadership: "I'm not very vocal, so I've tried to lead by example. But when something needs to be said, I will stand up and say it."

His advice to younger players is, "Hang tough and learn the system. Accept the fact you may not get much playing time right away."

On competition: "I don't take a cocky attitude, I take a confident one. I don't think I can be beat. You have to think that way to put forth the necessary effort."

This positive attitude is reflected in his approach to injuries: "I had a knee injury. It wasn't bad...just hampered me for a while." (In fact, he had to sit out the entire '89 season.)

On the fans: "I must admit I do notice the fans. When we make a great play and the fans start screaming, I know they are there and it makes me feel pretty good."

Special memory: "Back in the winter, when Coach Wacker and the staff got their jobs, they really took us under their wings...really cared about us and helped us right away. They made us into a family."

On the future: Keith, a sociology major, wants to be a social worker. "I want to work with youngsters. There's a lot of young people who need a guiding force. I'll try my best to supply that for them."



Above and Left: Kicker Aaron Piepkorn

He likes the Twin Cities: "I'm going to stay up here after I'm through. It's a good area in which to bring up a family."

Do you ever think of pro football? "I'm thinking about it. I hope I get a shot...but if I don't...I've got other opportunities."

Aaron Piepkorn

Aaron is the Gopher's kicker. From Austin, Texas, where he was an all-conference soccer player, he is majoring in aerospace engineering.

Aaron's becoming a kicker is an example of something happening that was meant to happen: "I played soccer, so I thought I could kick a football, and I tried kicking one. I started kicking it pretty good, and so I got into football."

On the start of the Wacker era: "It's both exciting and disappointing for me" to be a senior on the University football team at this time. "It's the only year I'll get to play for Coach Wacker. He's been such a great influence on everyone; his enthusiasm carries over to the team. I wish I had a couple more years to play for him.... It's going to be really fun around here."

"Coach Wacker relies on his assistant coaches. He's a supervisor who knows what's going on with the offense and defense. The main thing is the enthusiasm and positive attitude he always projects."

On his mental approach to kicking: "I try not to think about it too much, because that's when I might screw up. My only concern is just...kick the ball." He restates this attitude in describing making a tackle on a kickoff: "The guy's gotta be brought down somehow. Don't think, react."

On the fans: "The fans have been tremendous. In the Colorado game especially...we played them close...I'm standing on the side-

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Student-Athlete Development

By Rufus L. Simmons

How do you define success? If we as educators aspire to assist students in fulfilling the slogan "Be all that you can be," then

our immediate challenge is to facilitate the full development of the student-athlete.

As a former athlete at the University of Cincinnati and football coach at Delaware State College, I have learned there is no substitute for talent, dedication, hard work and perseverance. As a director of college unions for twenty-five years, I have been involved with out-of-class educational development of students from a co-curricular perspective. The combination of these two careers has uniquely prepared me to assume leadership of two very important initiatives within the Men's Intercollegiate Athletic Program.

Assuming the role of assistant to the Men's Intercollegiate Athletics Director and com-



munity relations liaison to the Vice-President for Student Affairs, I am presented with the unique opportunity and challenge of developing the Town and Gown program to extend, strengthen and broaden the University's connection with the larger community, particularly our communities of color. The primary outcome of this initiative will be a much more engaged resource for supporting and enhancing community for our student-athletes.

Throughout my career I've gained a deep appreciation for the commitment and dedication necessary for an individual to succeed. Student-athletes bring with them their skills, abilities, attitudes and beliefs. It is crucial for institutions to provide programs and services that are designed to meet the students where they are at and to assist in their growth and development to achieve their highest potential.

The University of Arizona has pioneered in the area of establishing student-athlete development programs. Their model relies on the deliberate promotion of development "as students are exposed to a wide variety of academic and intellectual interest; social, ethical and physical challenges; and diverse attitudes,

values and cultures. A planned student life experience can influence how a student views the environment, communicates with others, responds to the many opportunities that are available in a university and can affect satisfaction and retention in the learning community." Correspondingly, we will be drawing on their model's framework of four categories of development to establish a learning center for student-athletes:

□ Developing a sense of belonging, feeling of acceptance, comfortableness in the "U" environment while developing effective social interaction skills.

□ Acquiring knowledge/skills — informed decision making, cognitive growth and applied problem solving.

□ Choosing informed attitudes — i.e., ethical behavior, appreciation of diversity.

□ Assuming self responsibility. Application of above tenets acting on informed beliefs and respecting individual rights.

Specific, proactive programs generated out of these categories will be guided by the following principles:

□ promotion of healthy, positive lifestyles;

□ maximum integration of student-athletes into the general student body population; and

□ attentiveness to the special needs of individual student-athletes.

I am excited to be part of such creative, challenging and important initiatives. I look forward to working with coaches, staff, and, most importantly, players, in developing a student-athlete learning center.



Calling the Turn with Jimmy Byrne

Dave Winfield has been the talk of the "towns" since the World Series.

Those "towns" include Toronto, Atlanta, Minneapolis, St. Paul and Little Old New York.

On the Monday following the Series a good sized picture and story about the ex-Gopher pitcher appeared on the front page of the *New York Times*. After all, Dave was a Yankee for a decade.

Winfield shared *Times*' front page honors with Ross Perot, a political novice from Texas. Perot had been campaigning in the east, trying to crash the Democratic and Republican Parties.

"If Winfield makes professional baseball, he will do so as a fielder and hitter, not as a pitcher," the late Gophers baseball coach Dick Siebert, Sr. remarked in the dugout one spring day in 1973.

At the time the Gophers baseball team was practicing in what is now called Siebert Field. Lanky, graceful-running Winfield was a senior and helped pitch the Gophers into another College World Series.

Pitching had been Winfield's strong suit through high school and University of Minnesota baseball. Dave also played in the field and hit well.

But Dave's pitching career ended at Omaha with the last out when the Gophers were eliminated in the NCAA tournament by USC. Siebert started Winfield on the mound that memorable night.

However, Siebert switched Dave to the outfield after the Gophers held a substantial early lead. With Winfield in the outfield and not wishing to return to the mound, Southern California rallied to beat the Gophers 8-7. Minnesota settled for third place in the tournament that year.

After the tournament, Winfield did not fly home with the Gophers. Instead he signed a major league baseball contract with the San Diego Padres and flew directly to California.

Siebert was correct again when Winfield signed into professional baseball as a hitter and fielder rather than a pitcher. But it is doubtful whether the "Chief" ever thought Dave's pitching days would end when and as abruptly as they did.

Winfield enjoyed an air all his own as he moved about the Omaha baseball scene during that '73 College World Series.

That air was evident when he was on the mound, or at home plate, or in the outfield. But Winfield had that unique air also when he was in the hotel lobby, coffee shop, and elevators.

Here was a college kid from St. Paul who was going to make something big happen for himself. But nobody knew for sure when, where, and how.

Most of the time a man introduced as "Bennett, a lawyer from Los Angeles," was in company with Winfield. They were seen together almost constantly.

Their company alarmed NCAA baseball tournament officials so much that they questioned Siebert about it. Was this man an agent for Winfield? Such an assistant was against the NCAA rules.

If so, the Gophers could have been disqualified from the tournament. Minnesota Athletic Department officials arranged a press conference in the late afternoon before the Minnesota-Southern California night game.

But almost as hurriedly as the press conference was called, it was canceled. Siebert, who was a respected veteran in NCAA baseball circles, came to the rescue and quenched the flames of suspicion.

Siebert and Winfield rode highly again.

That was 20 years ago last June, and Winfield is still soaring to new heights in the major leagues.

Dave Winfield, 1973

Jim Byrne began writing for the *Minneapolis Star* in 1936. His 43-year sports reporting career started with sailing and expanded to include a wide range of Minnesota sports at the high school, college, and professional levels.

Letters



DON'T FORGET

With all the talk about the Timberwolves, some people seem to have forgotten about Gophers basketball.

Last year, in spite of an overall losing record in the Big Ten, the U of M hoopsters provided more basketball excitement than the Minnesota pro franchise. They knocked off some of the nation's top teams, including Indiana and Michigan.

I hope the Timberwolves have a great year. But don't anybody forget our Gophers.

Bob Clark
Crystal

TENNIS TIME

Our Big Ten champion tennis team is starting a new season. Let's toot our Minnesota horn.

It would be fun to be able to brag about the winning achievements of our Gophers football team. In the near future we'll be able to do that.

But right now we can strut our stuff based on the accomplishments of our University of Minnesota tennis team, the defending Big Ten Champions.

Dick Harrison
Stillwater

FAMILY FUN

Due to all the marketing of the Gophers football team, our family attended a number of U of M games at the Metrodome this fall. The kids loved the bands, color, cheer leaders, and crowd involvement.

Thanks for helping us discover something we all can enjoy together...at a price we can afford. We recommend the experience to other Minnesota families.

Donald Plunkett
St. Paul

BEST RECORD

What sports team at the University of Minnesota has been the most successful in recent years?

Arthur Kramer
Apple Valley

(ED: The Gophers Gymnastics Team has won three consecutive Big Ten Championships the last three years. It looks to be a powerhouse again this season.)

IMPRESSIVE STORY

I was very impressed to read the "Where Are They Now?" feature on former Gophers running back Alan Reid in the October SPORTSNEWS.

Reid suffered the stress of a long winning draught during his years (1982-83) at the U of M. But it sounds as if he was able to retain his spirit and prevail.

Hugo Fullmer
Hutchinson

WE WERE THERE

We were there when it began, and we're proud of that. We were at the Metrodome yelling for the Gophers football team this season. We were witness to the beginning of a new period in University of Minnesota sports history.

While events on the field didn't turn out the way we wanted, we will forever be able to say we were in the crowd when the new day dawned.

Kathryn Benson
Minneapolis

FOOD COSTS AT DOME ARE CALLED OUTRAGEOUS

Someone should tell the people at the Metrodome that they are discouraging families from attending the University of Minnesota football games because they charge too much for food.

I took my wife and four children to the Indiana game. We each had a bratwurst, coke and popcorn for a total of \$42.00 (\$2.00 for a small cup of popcorn, \$2.75 for a bratwurst and \$2.25 for the coke). That's outrageous!

Bob Braun
Minneapolis

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Where Are They Now?

Fate Changed Jessen's Life

By Len Levine and Randi Levine

One person can make a small town famous. Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania was unknown until Joe Namath rose to football fame. Uniontown, Pennsylvania was a small coal mining town until Sandy Stephens ran and passed his way into football history. And Hardwick, Minnesota was an unknown farm town of 290 people in Southern Minnesota until Gopher great Del Jessen gained the attention of sports fans across Minnesota.

Jessen, George and Rose Jessen's only son (in a family of seven children), began his impressive athletic career at Hardwick Grade School when his basketball coach pulled him aside after noticing his superb athletic ability and told him, "You can be as good as you want to be."

and paying for a college education was out of the question. He says he needed a scholarship "to go on to school."

Although it was his high school basketball career that brought him the most recognition, he knew that he was not tall enough to play center at a major college. He hoped that his football play had gained the attention of the Gopher football coaches. He waited patiently for the phone to ring. Weeks went by and no contact from the University of Minnesota.

While he waited, he also decided to apply to the Air Force Academy and received an appointment from a senator in South Carolina whom he did not know and never met. Because it was late in the season and Jessen still had not heard anything from the U of M, he accepted the appointment. It was at this point that fate entered into Jessen's world and forever changed the course of his life.

Sid Hartman, veteran *Minneapolis Star-Tribune* sports writer, had been impressed with Jessen's high school sport's career and wrote a story about his accepting an appointment to the Air Force Academy. It was this article which caught the eye of Murray Warmath, head Gopher football coach at the time. Warmath says he realized that "we were passing up an excellent athlete," and quickly called Jessen asking him to consider Minnesota. He offered him a scholarship and Jessen, who remembers being speechless, says he didn't take "very long to accept."

The rest is history. After a year of freshman ineligibility, Jessen started at defensive end as a part of the

feared defensive front five which included Ed Durand (nose-guard); Ron Kamzelski (defensive tackle); McKinley Boston (defensive tackle) and Bob Stein (defensive end).



Del Jessen, 1961

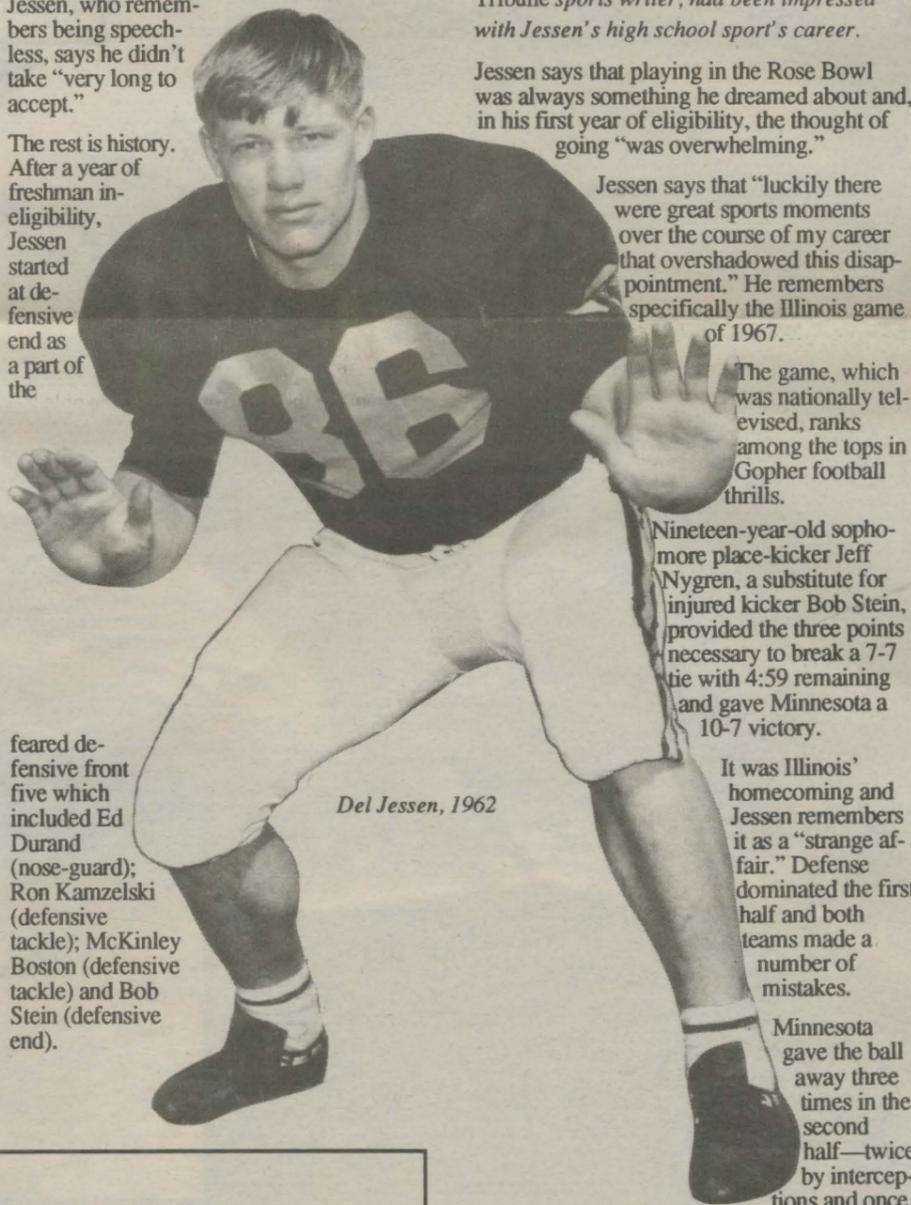
That advice stuck with Jessen as he entered Luverne High School, located eight miles south of his hometown, where he rose to fame as a three-sports star (football, track and basketball), earning considerable recognition.

As a halfback and linebacker on the football team, Jessen received All-Conference and All-State honors. In track, he competed in four events: the 440 yard dash, shot put, discus and high jump.

But, perhaps his greatest accomplishments were in basketball where the 6'1", 210-pound Jessen played center and earned All-State honors. His Luverne team won the state basketball title in 1964 and reached the semifinals the following year. He was named a High School All-American by both *Coach* and *Scholastic* magazines.

It was with this success that Jessen hoped to receive an athletic scholarship from the University of Minnesota. He says he always wanted to play for the Gophers and remembers listening to the radio every Saturday afternoon when the Gophers played football. "I actually used to dream of being a Gopher football player," he says today.

With nine mouths to feed, Jessen says the family never had much money to go around



Del Jessen, 1962

"Minnesota has a strong business community that follows Gopher sports and being an 'M' man has been a big help in my business career."

— Del Jessen

It was this devastating defensive unit that was credited in 1967 with leading the Gophers to a 6-1 Big Ten season, including impressive wins over Michigan (20-15), Iowa (10-0) and Indiana (33-7), placing them in a three-way tie for first place in the Conference along with Indiana and Purdue. Yet, this tie proved to be one of the biggest disappointments in Jessen's college career because it allowed Indiana to be chosen to represent the Big Ten in the Rose Bowl game.



Sid Hartman, veteran *Minneapolis Star-Tribune* sports writer, had been impressed with Jessen's high school sport's career.

Jessen says that playing in the Rose Bowl was always something he dreamed about and, in his first year of eligibility, the thought of going "was overwhelming."

Jessen says that "luckily there were great sports moments over the course of my career that overshadowed this disappointment." He remembers specifically the Illinois game of 1967.

The game, which was nationally televised, ranks among the tops in Gopher football thrills.

Nineteen-year-old sophomore place-kicker Jeff Nygren, a substitute for injured kicker Bob Stein, provided the three points necessary to break a 7-7 tie with 4:59 remaining and gave Minnesota a 10-7 victory.

It was Illinois' homecoming and Jessen remembers it as a "strange affair." Defense dominated the first half and both teams made a number of mistakes.

Minnesota gave the ball away three times in the second half—twice by interceptions and once

by a fumble. Illinois lost the ball four times, one of them an error of indecision on a kickoff.

Nygren's kickoff was short and the Illini receivers watched the ball flop around until Jessen picked it up on the 30 and weaved his way to the 25. The Gophers, ahead 10-7, tried to cement the victory but fell inches short of a first down. With about a minute to go and the Illini out of timeouts, it was clear the Gophers were on the way to a victory. Warmath says of Jessen's recovery, "It literally broke their back and then time ran out. It was a stunned crowd that left the stadium that day."

Jessen was hailed for his quickness and agility as demonstrated by that one "special" play. Butch Nash, the Gophers end coach, called Jessen one of the hardest workers he had seen. "It was this type of agility com-

bined with discipline that made Del such a great athlete," said Nash.

However, although the thrill of playing and earning three letters was unforgettable, Jessen says the one aspect of his Gopher playing days that continues to stick out in his mind is the "camaraderie amongst members of the team."

"The players on my team were the most diverse, most interesting, most active people that I have ever been associated with, and as a group, the most enjoyable," says Jessen. He says playing against some of football's greatest athletes, like O.J. Simpson and Bob Griese, ranks as one of his biggest thrills.

Jessen says playing football at the U of M was a "bonus" for him "as well as a stroke of good luck," because it gave him the opportunity to also receive a college education. He adds, "without that financial help, my dream of a higher education probably would not have been possible."

After graduating with a degree in Journalism, with an emphasis in advertising, Jessen considered offers to play pro ball with the



Del Jessen, 1992

Saskatchewan Rough Riders, the Green Bay Packers and the Cincinnati Bengals but decided to pursue a business career instead.

His first job was a sales position with A.B. Dick in Atlanta, Georgia. From there, he moved back to Minnesota and worked in sales for Hall Equipment, Peterson Motors and Air Power Equipment. For the past ten years he has held a management position with Computerland.

Jessen says that attending the University of Minnesota and participating in sports is the best thing a high school athlete can do. "It is beneficial for Gopher athletes because Minnesota has a strong business community that follows Gopher sports and being an 'M' man has been a big help in my business career."

Jessen says that although his days of playing for the Gophers has long since past, the experience of those years continues to play an integral role in both his personal and professional life.

"The major thing I learned was the importance of discipline, team work and consistency, and this has served me quite well throughout my business career and life in general."

Jessen and his wife Jan live in Minnetonka. They are the parents of three children: Douglas, a junior at Minnetonka High School, Amy Marshall, a graduate student in molecular biology at the University of Minnesota and Heidi, a junior at the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks.

Len Levine earned three varsity letters as a member of the Gopher track team and established several records, one of which (the 60-yard dash) stood for 17 years. He was the silver medal winner in the 1960 Big Ten 300-yard dash championship. Levine was President of the "M" Club in 1989.

Len's daughter, Randi, who contributed to this story, is a recent college graduate with a degree in journalism.

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line, trying to get the fans in the game. When they're involved in the game, it helps a lot.

"It'd be great to have 50,000 fans in the Dome. When we start winning, that'll happen. This program will bring them in."

On the lessons of football: "Going into the '91 season, I figured it was my year...but I was beat out. I was devastated. So I worked hard...off season and over the summer. I got the job this year....

Keep working hard, believe you'll get a chance, and it will happen."

On losses: "Learn from them...then put them out of your mind." (He adds: "We could easily have won several more games and be heading for a bowl game this year.")

On the future: "I'm in Air Force ROTC. I want to be a pilot and fly the F15."



Offensive tackle Keith Ballard

Prince Pearson

Prince is a 6'2", 280-pound right guard who comes to the University from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. He is studying sport and exercise science (kinesiology). An avid weightlifter, he has personal bests of 300 pounds in the clean and jerk and 440 pounds in the bench press. In spite of a banged-up knee, he says of football: "I'd do it all over again."

On the start of the Wacker era: Being here at the beginning of the Wacker era "is both good and bad. I'm glad to have had a chance to work with Coach Wacker. We've laid the foundation for the teams of the future. We've set an example in hard work and enthusiasm for the game that other teams can follow."

"But I'm sad, because I wish I had another year. Because I believe Coach Wacker will

turn this program around.

"Coach Wacker is very enthusiastic and encouraging. He cares for his players and he loves the game. He wants your best efforts at all times."

Moreover, Prince says of Wacker, "At half-time and on the sidelines he makes great adjustments to the other team's play."

On competition: "You must be a competitor to play at this level. Coach Wacker expects every player to compete — in practices, as well as games. Any one of the players might need to step in at any time."

"The key," Prince asserts, "is to believe in yourself, no matter what. I never stop thinking I can beat anybody at any time. It doesn't always go that way, but if you think you're going to beat the other man, most likely you'll come out on top."

Memories of his senior year:

Prince's strongest memory was a poignant one: "Losing Ted Harrison (broken leg in the third game) from the offensive line was a great loss. He is a good friend and a great player."

On the positive side, he remembered the game against Purdue: "I faced a guy who was supposed to be all-world, and I had a pretty good game against him."

On the fans: Being intensely absorbed in the game, Prince claims he doesn't notice the noise of the crowd during play. He is focused on his assignment and catching tip-offs from the defensive line.

"It's nice to hear the crowd in the background, though — and it especially helps when we're not doing as well as we'd like."

He shuts out opposing fans completely: "I



And What Part Did I Play In The Golden Gopher Tradition?

I was born in Jackson, Mississippi and moved to Toledo, Ohio when I was six years old. I competed in football, baseball and track for Libbey High School and my shot put toss of 53' 3/4" still stands as a school record.

I was heavily recruited by football coaches from across the country but chose Minnesota because "black athletes were treated fairly, with respect and there were no racial problems evident in the community and coaching staff."

I had a great experience playing football for the University of Minnesota. As a junior I played defensive end where I finished second in tackles in the Big Ten Conference, ahead of the great All-American, Bubba Smith of Michigan State.



1967 Photo

As a senior, I made several All-American teams. After my eligibility was over, I played in the NFL for the Baltimore Colts and Los Angeles Rams.

In 1974 I entered the University of Maryland Dental School and today I practice dentistry on the north side of Minneapolis. WHO AM I?

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only notice them when they're so loud (as at Ann Arbor) that I can't hear Fleetwood's signals."

On the future: Prince has very definite goals based on his desire to work with young people. "I want to be a high school teacher and ultimately a principal, while coaching high school football along the way."

Pro football, Prince? "If the opportunity presents itself, I'll take full advantage of it. But I can close this chapter of my life and go on with new things."

And so, from the first seniors of the Wacker era to the fans and players in the years to come:

Keith Ballard:

"Stick behind my teammates. They will come

back and they will have a great season next year. We've built the foundation this year."

Aaron Plepkorn:

"I've had a great time being at the U of M. Down the road, when I think back, I'll remember the guys the most, especially the seniors."

"The fans will see this program turn around, and we'll start winning some games. In not too long at all, Minnesota will be one of the best teams in the Big Ten."

Prince Pearson:

"Keep believing in yourself. Believe in what you can do, no matter what. Play hard and you'll turn it around."

Their words express the attitude of the new era of Gopher football into which they and the other seniors have led the way.

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Left: Construction of new Mariucci Hockey Arena

Fantastic Facilities

The University of Minnesota (U of M) athletics complex continues to grow. Construction of the new Mariucci Hockey Arena and renovation of Williams Arena is "right on schedule," reports Steve Tollison, Sports Facilities Program Director at the U of M.

This season fans will be able to use the new primary entrance to Williams Arena on the east side (Oak Street) of the building. Training, equipment, and locker rooms will also open for use by student-athletes.

"Our goal is to complete work on the corridors and on the concession and seating areas of Williams Arena so that they will be ready for the 1993-94 basketball season," Tollison said.

The new Mariucci hockey facility should be ready for occupancy by August 1, 1993.

Fans attending Gophers basketball and

hockey games this winter will have easier access from the recently enhanced parking facilities on the north and east sides of Williams Arena.

While eliminating seats with partially obstructed views, the renovation of Williams Arena will retain the Arena's famous sense of intimacy, keeping the fans close to the action on the floor.



Below: Renovation of Williams Arena

Gophers Football: A Critique

By Guest Columnist George Holton, Eden Prairie

Sure, I'm disappointed, but I'm also encouraged by the development of the Gophers football program this year.

It's obvious there's serious need for more speed, more depth, and more talent. Certainly, the turnover tendency of the team this season has been killing.

But there were hopeful signs. The much-ballyhooed air attack did make for more exciting football. Offensive statistics and point totals improved. The positive team attitude seemed to prevail in spite of all the heart-wrenching losses. Players and coaches remained committed to the rebuilding process, focusing on the progress made. There was spirit, spark, and stamina.

While there may not have been a "whole new ballgame," there surely was a different, more entertaining ballgame. There were glimpses, however fleeting, of the good things that may be ahead. In other words, there was promise.

For those of us who have followed University of Minnesota (U of M) football for a long time, just the glimmer of hope is a big deal.

Frankly, the most disturbing aspect of the 1992 Gophers season has been the low attendance at home games. I'm surprised. Although I never expected standing-room-only crowds, I did think the renewed interest in U of M football statewide would result in crowds averaging around 45,000.

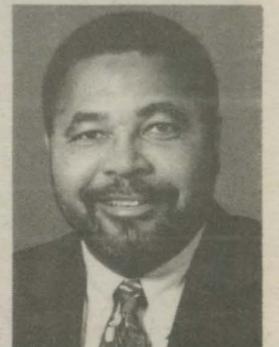
The early season game against highly-ranked Colorado was a terrific collegiate contest. The defense of the Gophers played with emotion and almost led the team to a major upset. But, unfortunately, there were lots of empty seats in the Metrodome that night. Even after people learned about this near-classic gridiron battle, they still didn't scramble to purchase tickets for future games.

Why? It seems that whereas fans are willing to wish for University of Minnesota football victories, they are not willing to attend games until the team has translated their hopes into actual triumphs on the field. Over the years the sentiment of fans has wavered. The Gophers' golden glow has dimmed for many, and they've become disbelievers.

Nonetheless, it is my opinion that given a competitive team with some field success, big crowds will return. Without a doubt, the ticket prices for this kind of family entertainment is very attractive.

There are a great number of factors which go into building a winning football program at a major school such as the U of M. Among these, and of paramount importance, are institutional commitment to the cause and skilled leadership.

The actions of the University of Minnesota administration during the past year have indicated the school's intention to do what is necessary to develop a successful program. With the employment of Dr. McKinley Boston as men's athletic director and Jim Wacker as head football coach, it's clear that competent leaders are in place to direct an effective rebuilding effort.



Dr. McKinley Boston

Also critical for success in this enterprise is the cultivation of a strong sense of self-belief on the team. Achievement in this area has been particularly impressive during 1992.

Starting anything new is always tough. Nothing ever goes perfectly from day one. Pain, defeats, and occasional condemnations are all part of the growth process.

Taking into consideration the complexity of the task, substantial progress has been made in paving the way for a brighter football future.

As a devoted fan, I'm sad with the 1992 win-loss record but eager for tomorrow.

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Gopher Tales

By Jim Mulrooney,
Managing Editor,
SPORTSNEWS

Hockey - Freshmen **Brian Bonin** (White Bear Lake, MN) and **Bobby Dustin** (Roseville, MN) recorded their first collegiate goals as the Gophers opened their 1992-93 season by splitting a pair of games with the North Dakota Fighting Sioux. The entire freshman contingent showed it has the talent to make a significant contribution to the team this year.

Junior **Jeff Nielsen** (Grand Rapids, MN) got off to a fine start, scoring a goal and five assists in the first two games. Also playing especially well were All-America candidate **Travis Richards** (Crystal, MN) and junior **Craig Johnson** (St. Paul, MN).

Richards, the team captain, was the leading scorer among the defensemen last season when he had 10 goals and 23 assists.



Craig Johnson, ↑
hockey

The Gophers take on Michigan Tech on November 27 & 28 and St. Cloud State on December 19 at Mariucci Arena.

Basketball - Official practice sessions began November 1. The team has 10 lettermen returning, including four starters from the 1991-92 squad that finished 16-16 overall and was chosen to play in the National Invitation Tournament (NIT).

Sophomore forward **Jayson Walton** (Dallas, TX), a standout defensive player, suffered a dislocated right shoulder in pre-season play.

The first annual Golden Gopher Playhard Coaches Seminar was held at the University of Minnesota (U of M) last month. Head Coach **Clem Haskins** and his staff conducted the all-day seminar for junior high, high school, and college coaches.

Following the Athletes in Action (November 21) and Ukraine National Team (November 25) exhibition games at Williams Arena, the Gophers open the season at home against Southern Illinois-Edwardsville on December 2.

Football - Wide receiver **John Lewis** (Miami, FL) and quarterback **Marquel Fleetwood** (Decatur, GA) earned the AT&T Long Distance "pass play" award in recognition of their 94-yard scoring play against Michigan last month. AT&T donated \$400 to the NCAA's Degree Completion Scholarship Fund to acknowledge their combined achievement.

The "Monster Bash" Halloween festivities were a success at the Indiana game on October 31. Promoted as the world's largest Halloween party, the event was sponsored by Pepsi, Frito Lay, Nestle, and Quaker Oats. In addition to a laser light show and halftime lights-out performance by the U of M Marching Band, children were invited to participate in a massive trick-or-treat session on the Metrodome playing field.

Eight Gophers have been nominated for the 1992 Academic All-Big Ten team. Qualifying as candidates with grade point averages of 3.0 or above were: freshmen **Justin Conzemius** (Fargo, ND), 3.82; **Chris Fowlkes** (Brown River, WI), 3.67; **Shawn Ehrlich** (Blue Earth, MN), 3.67; **Peter Hiestand** (Moorhead, MN), 3.22;



Jeff Nielsen, ↑
hockey

sophomore **Dan LiSanti** (Manalapan, NJ), 3.49; juniors **Jeff Rosga, Jr.** (Roseville, MN), 3.61; **Lance Wolkow, Jr.** (Lakeville, MN), 3.51; and **Omar Douglas, Jr.** (New Orleans, LA), 3.20.

Cross Country - Senior **Doug Milkowski** (Stevens Point, WI) finished 15th overall with a time of 24:55 for the 8,000 meter run at the Big Ten Championships. He has been a steady performer for the Gophers throughout the season.

Other team finishers were junior **Mark Narveson** (Mankato, MN) in 32nd, sophomores **Mark Gonzales** (La Habra, CA) and **Jason Rathe** (Maple Grove, MN), in 42nd and 45th, respectively.

Tennis - Among the bright lights of the future is freshman **Erik Donley** (Duluth, MN) who recorded victories in tournaments at West Virginia and Penn State last month. Donley had an outstanding senior year at Duluth East High School, finishing 24-1. He earned all-state honors.

Swimming & Diving - Junior **Matt Brown** (Beaverton, OR) won all three of his events in an intra-squad meet at the U of M Aquatic Center. He was first in the 100 breast stroke (58.18), 200 individual medley (1:53.26), and 200 breast stroke (2:05.82).

Senior **Paul Nelsen** (Lincoln, NE) triumphed in the 100 butterfly (:51.96) and 500 freestyle (4:40.15). Freshman **Patrick Bogart** (Mesa, AR) won the one meter (286.20) and three meter (332.70) diving events.

Last season the Gophers finished second in the Big Ten and sixth nationally. Twelve lettermen return this year.

The team has meets at the U of M's beautiful Aquatic Center on November 21 (against Indiana), November 22 (USS Invite), and November 28-29 (Minnesota Invitational).

Baseball - Junior shortstop **Bill Mobilia** (Ely, MN) and sophomore catcher **Darren Grass** (St. Paul, MN) were named recipients of scholarships from the Dick Siebert Memorial Endowment Fund.

Mobilia is the first student-athlete to receive the Paul Molitor Scholarship. He turned down an offer to play professional baseball with the New York Mets. He is an outstanding fielder.

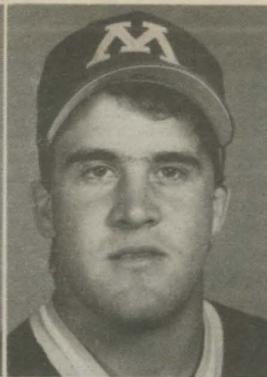
Grass is the first student-athlete to receive the Calvin Griffith Scholarship. He took over catching duties last season when senior **Brian Hartman** injured his shoulder. He batted .325 with eight home runs and 47 RBIs, winning Freshman All-American honors.

"This is the first full year of our scholarship endowment program," said Minnesota's Head Baseball Coach **John Anderson**. "We feel that it has tremendous potential for growth and that it is living testimony to the way in which Dick Siebert touched so many lives," he added. "Our goal is to eventually endow all of our scholarships and guarantee the future of Minnesota baseball and the tradition that Dick Siebert built."

Anderson has scheduled Arizona State, Arizona, and Ohio State for the 1994 Oscar Mayer Baseball Classic. Participating in the 1993 Classic at the Metrodome are Cal State-Fullerton, Georgia Tech, and Arkansas.



Bill Mobilia, ↑
baseball



Darren Grass, ↑
baseball

Gymnastics - The team is as strong as it has been during the past four years. Joining the talented returning veterans who helped the Gophers win their third straight Big Ten title last year are a number of fine freshmen. Among these are **Andrew Weaver** (Albuquerque, NM), **Chris Harrington** (Brookfield, WI), and **Shaun Deal** (Waukesha, WI).



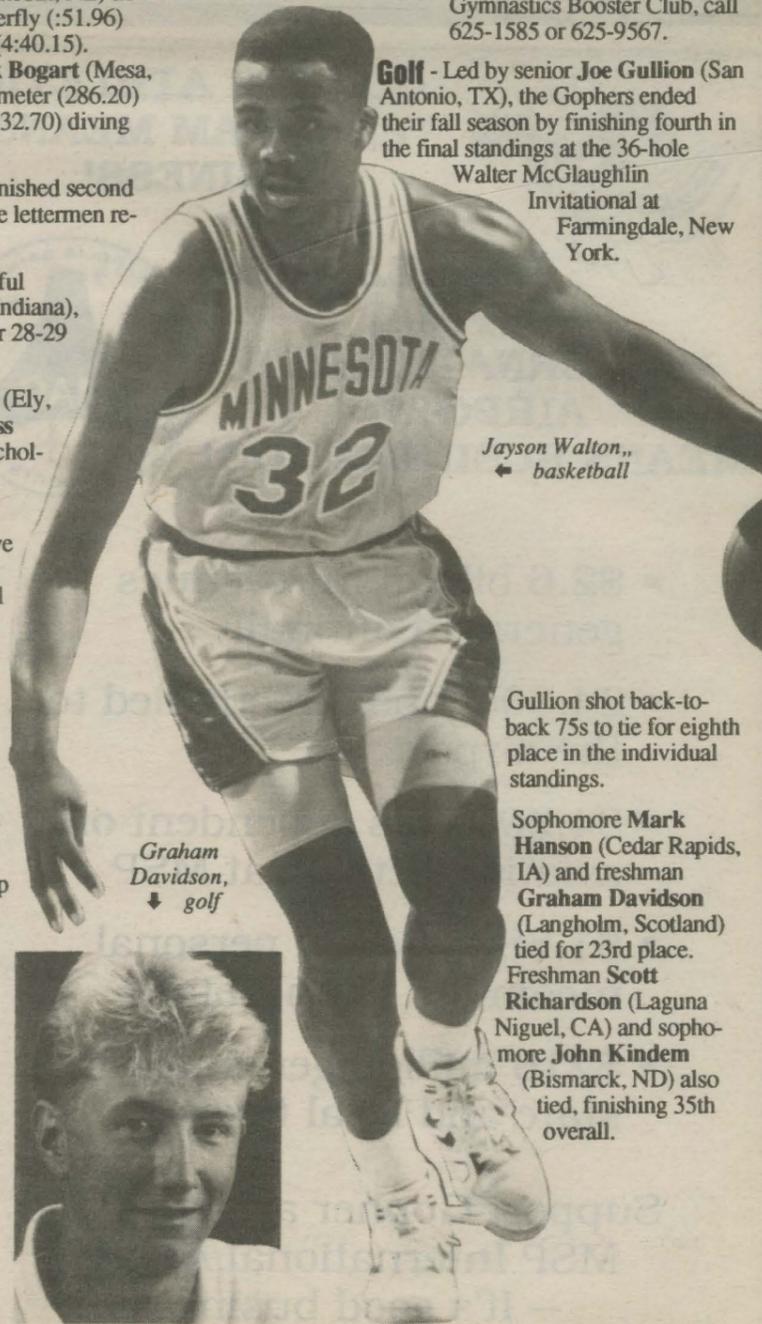
Mark Gonzales, ↑
cross country

The Alumni meet will be held at Williams Arena on November 22. Gymnastics great **Newt Loken** is being inducted into the University of Minnesota Men's Athletics Hall of Fame that weekend. A special banquet honoring Loken is planned for November 20 at the Radisson Metrodome.

The Big Ten Gymnastics Championships will be held at the U of M on March 20 & 21.

For information about becoming a member of the Gopher Gymnastics Booster Club, call 625-1585 or 625-9567.

Golf - Led by senior **Joe Gullion** (San Antonio, TX), the Gophers ended their fall season by finishing fourth in the final standings at the 36-hole **Walter McGlaughlin Invitational** at Farmingdale, New York.



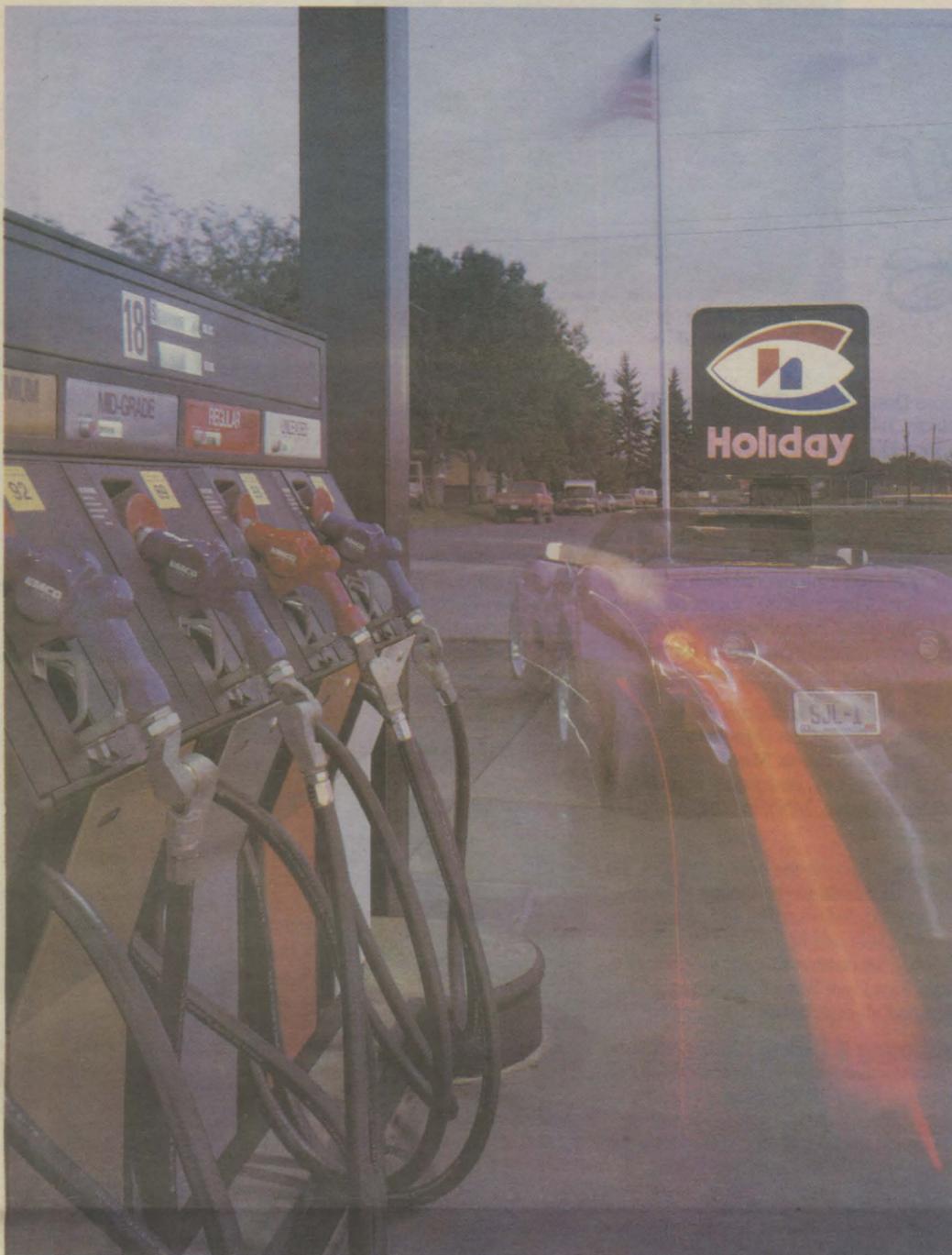
Jayson Walton, ←
basketball

Gullion shot back-to-back 75s to tie for eighth place in the individual standings.

Sophomore **Mark Hanson** (Cedar Rapids, IA) and freshman **Graham Davidson** (Langholm, Scotland) tied for 23rd place. Freshman **Scott Richardson** (Laguna Niguel, CA) and sophomore **John Kindem** (Bismarck, ND) also tied, finishing 35th overall.



Graham Davidson, ↓
golf



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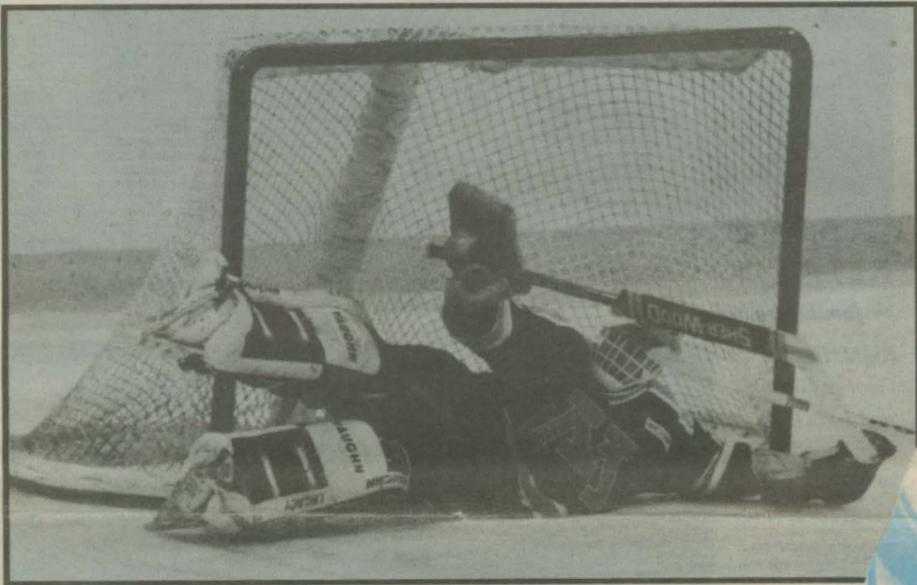
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Goal Bound

By Jim Mulrooney



Gopher Goalie
Tom Newman
(left)

It's tough to do an encore when you've been the very best.

That's the problem facing the 1992-93 Gopher hockey team. Last season the Gophers established a school record for the highest winning percentage (.813) they have achieved in the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA).

The Gophers were WCHA champions. They blasted pucks into the goal from all over the place. More than five a game. Flying, shooting, and scoring at one end of the rink, while limiting their opponents to less than three goals a game at the other end.

The good news is that the team lost only six players from last year's championship team. The bad news is those players include their top two scorers, the league's best goalie, and three letterwinning defensemen.

But Doug Woog, the winningest coach in Minnesota hockey history, juts his jaw at the doubters. He has confidence in his current squad. "We have established a tradition at Minnesota where the young players must wait their turn, and when the time is right, they step forward and blossom into the next group of offensive leaders."



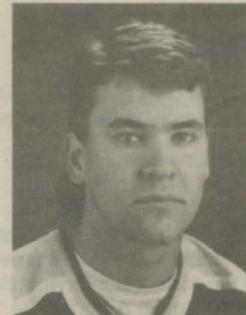
Travis Richards

There's no question about the excellent leadership the team's three seniors will provide this year.

Rock-solid defenseman and team captain Travis Richards (Crystal, MN) is an All-America candidate. One of the nation's finest two-way defensemen, he's had 23 goals and 72 assists during the last three seasons. In terms of goals and assists scored, when the season's over Richards should rank as one of the top two or three defensemen in Gopher hockey history.

"He will anchor the defensive unit this year...be a key member of our power play unit...and his leadership for our team...will be crucial," Woog notes.

Goalie Tom Newman (Blaine, MN) was co-rookie of the year in 1989-90. He's established an outstanding career record (36-16-4). Last year he was 5-1 with an impressive 2.44 goals against average and an .891 save percentage in 12 games.



Tom Newman

Newman played particularly well at the end of last season. He is one of the most experienced goalies in



(Inver Grove Heights, MN). They have the size, strength, and savvy to do the job.

The team relies on juniors Chris McAlpine (Roseville, MN) and Eric Means (Rochester, MN) to deliver bone-crunching checks and shore up the defense. They both had good sophomore seasons and played in 42 and 43 games, respectively.

Among the talented new players on the team are Minnesota's 1992 "Mr. Hockey," forward Brian Bonin (White Bear Lake, MN), and center Bobby Dustin (Roseville, MN), who had 65 goals and 107 assists in his outstanding high school career.

The Gophers' super sophomore, forward Darby Hendrickson (Richfield, MN), last year's WCHA Freshman of the Year, sustained a separated shoulder in a game against the Northern Michigan Wildcats on November 6th. The prognosis was that he would be out of action for approximately six weeks. His full recovery is, of course, very important to the U of M hockey team.

According to Doug Woog, Hendrickson "has all the physical talents to be...one of the elite players in the country."

the WCHA with more than 3,300 minutes in goal. "Tom will be our veteran goalie this year," Woog comments.

Forward John Brill's (Grand Rapids, MN) size (6'3", 203 lbs.), speed, and fighting spirit have established him as one of the league's most respected penalty-killers. "He plays in all types of situations...and he will be counted on," Woog states.

To provide goal-scoring punch, the team looks to two blazing junior forwards. They are Craig Johnson (St. Paul, MN), who had 19



John Brill

goals and 39 assists last year, and Jeff Nielsen (Grand Rapids, MN), who had 15 goals and 15 assists.

The Gophers' performance so far this season should not be considered a true indicator of the team's full potential. After starting slowly last year, the Gophers turned

The course is set. The players and coaches understand the challenge. They are geared up for the season-long pursuit of a place in the NCAA Final Four tournament.

It's not a rebuilding year. It's a period of strengthening and talent-blending. "We look at it as more a reloading year," Woog explains.



Joe Dziedzic

When it comes to Gopher hockey, there's no need for hype. The fans are already breaking the doors down to see the games. There's that boisterous enthusiasm and rambunctious loyalty that knows no bounds.

Oil the machine. Slick down the ice. Toss the puck. And

watch the men from Minnesota crash the boards and fly. Win, lose, or draw, there'll be no peace in Mariucci Arena this season.

into a powerhouse, rolling over opponents on their way to a record-setting string of victories in the spring.

Filling in for "bonus baby" Trent Klatt, who signed with the North Stars, are juniors Joe Dziedzic (Minneapolis,



Craig Johnson

Gibson-Nagurski Football Practice Facility

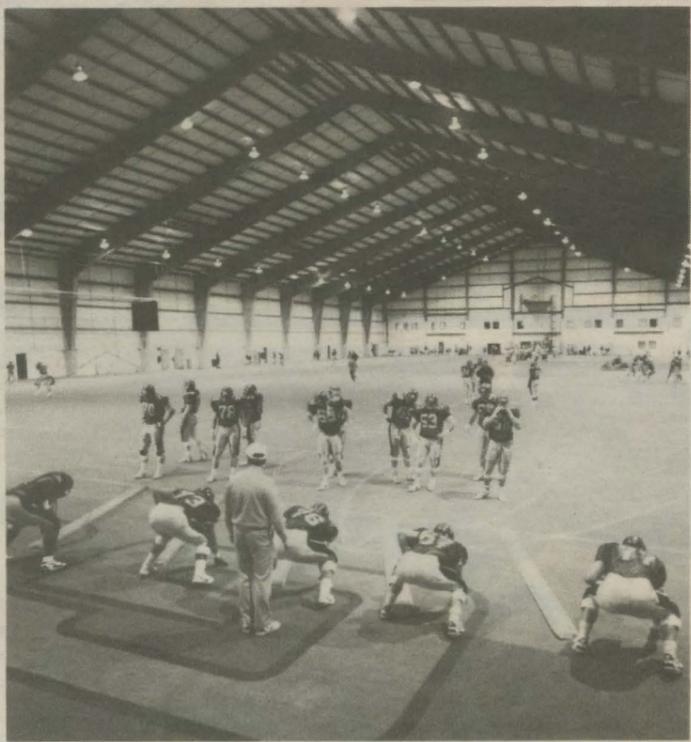
Following the recommendation of the All-University Honors Committee and the approval of the Board of Regents, the University of Minnesota (U of M) football practice facility has been named in honor of former Gopher All-Americans George R. Gibson and Bronko Nagurski.

Earlier this year Gibson announced his intention to donate \$500,000 toward retiring the debt on the practice facility.

"We are certainly grateful to George Gibson," said Dr. McKinley Boston, director of the Department of Men's Athletics. "The gift will be the largest single gift ever given to the department...George wanted to see Bronko honored, and we are excited about seeing George honored along with him."

The cost of the football practice facility, regarded as one of the finest in the nation, was \$5 million. The department continues to pay debt service on \$2.9 of that total. Another \$200,000 has been pledged to the facility in followup to its naming.

Gibson received his undergraduate (1930) and doctorate (1934) degrees in geology from the U of M. After teaching at the University of Minnesota, Carleton College, and Ohio State University, Gibson worked for several oil companies as a geologist. In 1952 he settled in Texas and established his own business as a geological consultant to oil firms.



Bronko Nagurski, 1929

Born in New York and raised in Oklahoma, Gibson came to the U of M in 1925. He played football from 1926 until 1928. He was the team captain in 1928 when he was also named to the All-America team.

Bronko Nagurski was recruited to the University in 1925 by Dr. Clarence Spears, the head football coach. Considered by many the greatest football player of all time, the "Bronk" was the only player ever named All-American at two positions in the same year (1929).

Nagurski went on to lead the Chicago Bears to several National Football League (NFL) championships. He was inducted into both the college and professional football Halls of Fame, and the U of M officially retired his number (72) in 1979.

The George R. Gibson-Bronko Nagurski Football Practice Facility contains a 65,000-square-foot practice area, including a full-sized football field with AstroTurf. There are classrooms, meeting rooms, film rooms, training rooms, equipment room, weight room, counseling and study rooms, and offices. This first-class, modern facility is dedicated to providing student-athletes with a top-quality college education.



George Gibson, 1928



Above: George Gibson (center) and his sister, Mrs. Norman Borlang (third from left), flanked by family members.

Right: (L o R) George Gibson and John Cox. Cox, a colleague of Gibson's in Texas, is also a major donor to the facility.



Letters



SALUTE TO SENIORS

Congratulations to the football players who concluded their U of M athletic careers in this first year of the Wacker regime. The November SPORTSNEWS ("Endings and Beginnings") conveyed an important message. These young men gave their all to start this new program. They endured the rough days. Unfortunately, they won't be here to enjoy the brighter days when their efforts will bear fruit.

Rodney Howe
Bloomington

ATHLETIC COMPLEX

It's sensational that the U of M is developing sports facilities which cater to the customer.

The changes in Williams Arena will transform the "barn" into a wonderful place to watch sporting events, while retaining the character of that famous building. Likewise, the New Mariucci Hockey Arena will provide Gopher fans with the perfect site to view the greatest collegiate hockey in America.

Tom Scott
Rochester, MN

TOWELS NEEDED IN DOME RESTROOMS

As a young boy I was always taught to wash my hands after going to the bathroom. It's something I have done for more than 40 years, that is until I went to the men's room across from suite 134C in the Metrodome during the Minnesota-Indiana football game.

All four towel dispensers were empty by the end of the third quarter. The crowd was a lit-

tle over 31,000. What's the matter with the Dome? Are they cutting back on paper towels?

Eugene Garcia
St. Paul

PARKING GRIPE

Sometimes it is very difficult to find a place to park your car when you come to buy Gopher tickets at the Bierman Building. I'm always fearful of getting a parking citation or being towed away.

Norma Nelson
Minneapolis

VOICE OF A FRIEND

Following Gopher sports for many years, I've grown accustomed to listening to WCCO Radio's Ray Christensen describe the action. Regardless of how the game is going, it's always better hearing a friend tell the story.

Jerry Thornton
St. Paul

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Dick Paradise: A Tribute "We Heard the Chimes at Midnight"



By Jim Mulrooney and Len Levine

When you met him, you were his friend. Fast. There was always that ingratiating grin. Nobody could get mad at a guy like that.

Last month a heart attack cut short the life of Dick Paradise. He was 47. But his heart had worked overtime for years.

Talk to one of Paradise's pals - and there are lots of them - and he'll entertain you for hours with stories about this sports character. Without a doubt, this fellow marched to his own tune.

A graduate of St. Paul's Cretin High School, Paradise won top honors in the Central Catholic Conference for his prep play in hockey, football, and baseball.

After a year of junior hockey in Canada, Paradise enrolled at the University of Minnesota on a hockey scholarship. He played defense under Head Coaches John Mariucci (1965-67) and Glen Sonmor (1967-68).

Following his senior year, he was named to



(Left to Right) Bob and Dick Paradise, hockey-playing brothers, 1991

the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) All-Star team.

At Dick's funeral service at St. Luke's Church in St. Paul, a standing-room-only crowd packed the place. But all these people didn't come to honor his deft skating or tenacious checking. They came because somewhere in the course of their lives he had touched them deeply. They came, some from great distances, because they remembered him fondly.

Paradise had excellent hockey skills. He skated and handled the puck well, and he had a blistering shot from the point. He had all the physical talents to play top-level hockey. But it was

his intensity, desire, and enthusiasm that set him apart.

His longtime close friend and teammate, Jack Dale, the team's leading scorer in 1966-67, says, "I played with a lot of talented people. But Dick had more than just raw talent. He was a leader, loyal, consistent, and dependable. You always knew he was going to be there. You could count on him."

Paradise was renowned for his aggressive, full-throttle play. He was an absolutely fierce competitor. Fierce doesn't really say it all. Try ferocious. As a result of his hell-bent-for-leather kind of hockey, he was called for more penalties and spent more time in the penalty box than any Gopher before him.

But Paradise's hard-hitting, wild-abandon style was without malice. "He felt it was his job to defend his goalie and his fellow players, and he fought to win all the individual battles within the game," Dale explains. "He was not going to get outmuscled by anybody who entered his zone. He played with fire. I never played with a better competitor nor a finer team player."

After leaving the University, Paradise played in the minor leagues of hockey at Johnstown, Buffalo, Seattle, and Omaha. He returned to his native St. Paul to play for the World Hockey League's Fighting Saints in the early '70s.

When his professional hockey career came to an end, Paradise entered the outdoor advertising business in the Twin Cities. But he kept right on playing hockey just for the fun of it.

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bered him fondly.

"Dick genuinely liked people a lot, and he didn't play favorites," Dale remarks. "He understood people and made them feel at home and important when they were with him."

Paradise was his own man, comfortable with who he was. "He had confidence in himself, and he presented himself just the way he was," Dale recalls. "He seemed to be saying to those he met, 'This is me, and this is who you're getting.'"

Fun-loving. High-spirited. Paradise held nothing back. He had an "I-can't-wait" attitude and a youthful exuberance.

"He wasn't the type to sit around and worry," Dale says. "He was always meeting with people or playing charity hockey games. The motor was constantly running."

Talk about the life of the party. "When Dick came into a room, the conversation got louder, and there was always more laughter," Dale points out. "He would really light up the place."

"He enjoyed kidding, and joking, and needling people," Dale adds, "and those around him liked being ribbed by him."

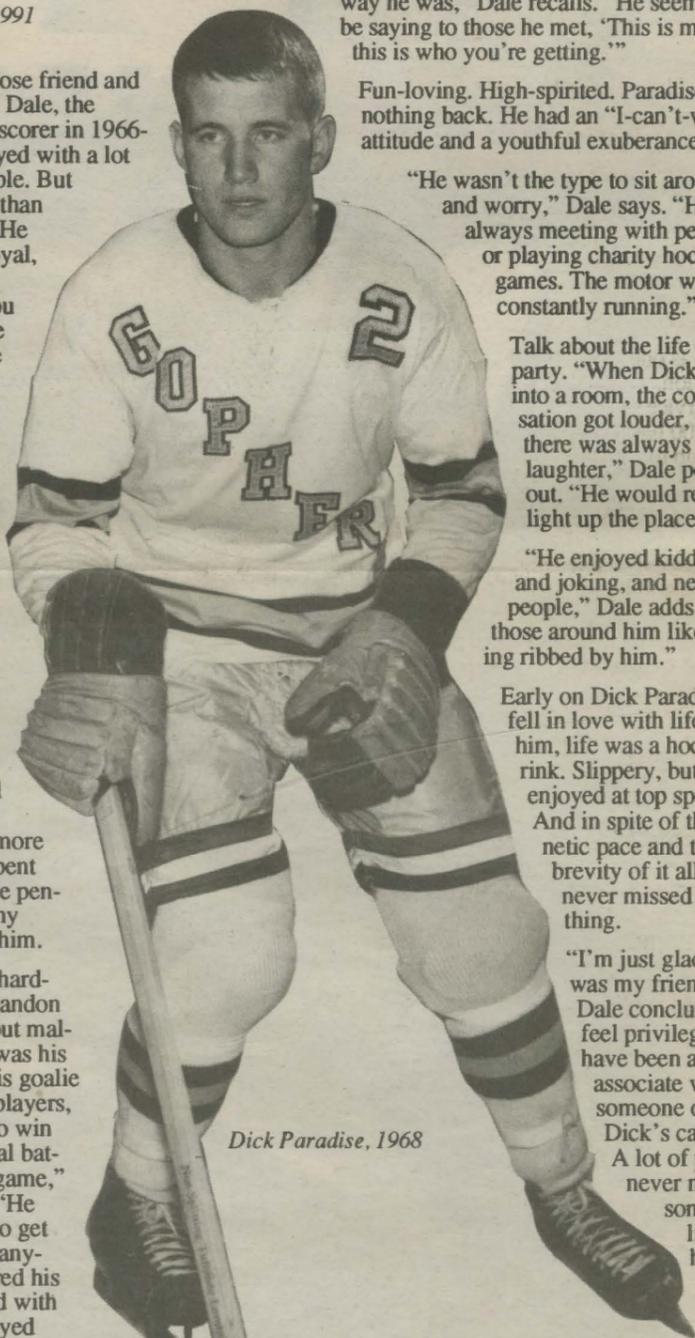
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"I'm just glad he was my friend," Dale concludes. "I feel privileged to have been able to associate with someone of Dick's caliber. A lot of people never meet someone like him."

And so, at the end, his many friends filled the church. They came because they remembered the merry times, the times they'd played together and laughed together. As Shakespeare's Falstaff said of his dear friend Prince Hal, "We heard the chimes at midnight."

So powerful was Dick's presence for those who knew him that in spite of the personal pain of the moment one of his buddies could say, "When I think of Dick, I smile." What a tribute.

Jim Mulrooney, Managing Editor of SPORTSNEWS, and Len Levine, Publisher, extend their deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Dick Paradise.



Dick Paradise, 1968



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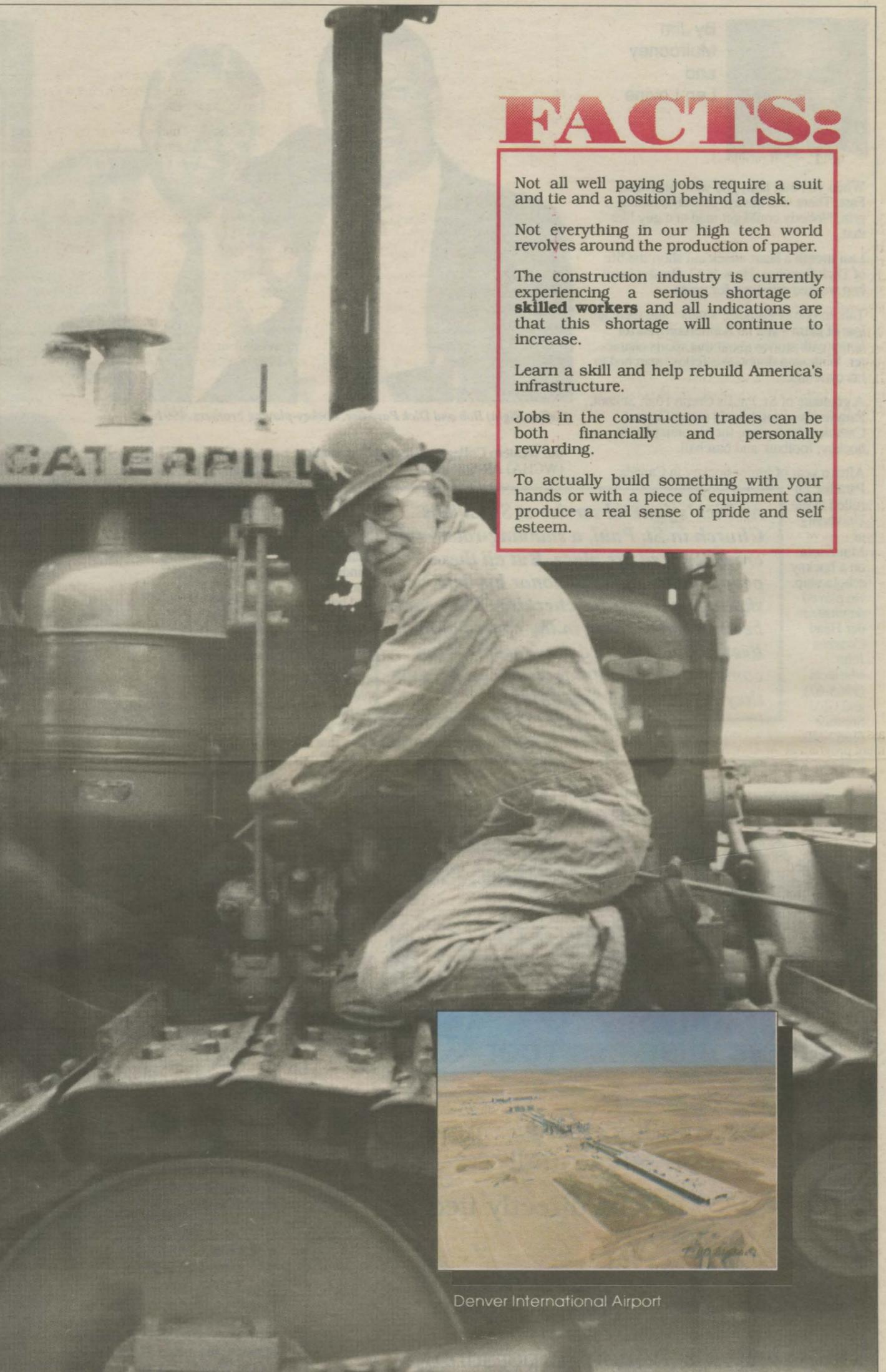
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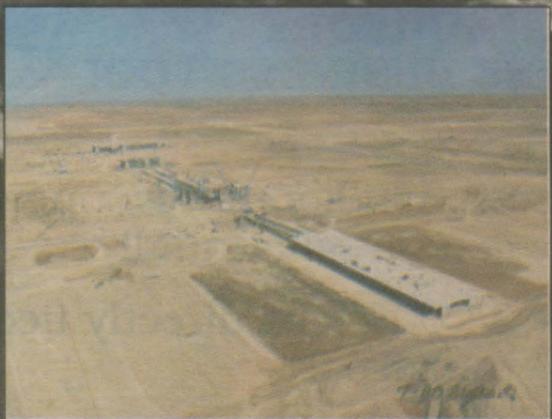
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Words with the "Bos"



Dr. McKinley Boston, Men's Athletic Director, shares his views.

The victory over the Iowa football team was like a shot of vitamin C when you're getting over a head cold. It provided a real boost for everyone.

I don't want anyone to think that we were dissatisfied with the performance of our Gopher players or coaches. Just the contrary. How could anybody be unhappy with winning more conference championships during the past year than any other school in the Big Ten? But the reality is that the football win-loss record affects us all.

While disappointed with our overall football record, I have been extremely pleased and proud of the effort put forth by Head Coach Jim Wacker and his staff and players. The team has fulfilled Coach Wacker's pledge to work hard, play exciting football, and never quit.

I commend the Coach for the professional manner in which he has handled the transition in the football program.

It has been enjoyable for me reestablishing relationships throughout Minnesota and the University of Minnesota (U of M) community. Of course, the fiscal austerity necessitated by our financial problems has made this a difficult first year.

Much of my time during the past year has been focused on the structure of the Department of Men's Athletics. The overriding goal of our department is to help coaches do their jobs so that we can properly pursue the mission of educating the student-athletes with whom we work. The addition of Rufus L. Simmons to our administrative staff will assist us in building a model student development program at the U of M.

In the near future I will be making a report to the Assembly Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics concerning my visit to the Tokyo Bowl earlier this month. We are investigating the possibility of moving one of our home football games in the 1994 season to Tokyo so that we can participate in the Tokyo Bowl (as Kansas State and Nebraska did this year).

We will be carefully evaluating the financial ramifications and potential educational benefits which would accrue to our student-athletes as a result of such an international learning experience.

We have also been discussing with the U of M Alumni Association the development of a travel package to Tokyo for alumni and friends should the decision be made to take part in this special game.

Coach Wacker believes this kind of educational/athletic enterprise would be attractive to student-athletes being recruited to the University of Minnesota.

Under the excellent leadership of co-chairs Stanley S. Hubbard and Kathleen Ridder, the campaign to raise funds for on-campus facilities is proceeding very well. Pinky McNamara, Billy Bye, John Mayasich, Bruce Telander, and Charley Mencil have done outstanding work in soliciting funds. We have raised \$3.4 million of the \$5.5 needed. I also wish to tip my hat to Jan Unsted for her fine staff assistance to these superb volunteers.

The construction of the new Mariucci Hockey Arena is on schedule, and the roof should be completed by the first of the year so that interior work can continue during the winter.

There has been positive response to the renovation of Williams Arena. People especially like the idea of the Club Room there. It is still possible to secure a membership (\$250) by contacting Vince Fuller (612/625-1001), Director of the Williams Fund.



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And What Part Did I Play In The Golden Gopher Tradition?

I was born and raised on the East Side of St. Paul. My friends and I began our hockey careers in the neighborhood Pee Wee program where I followed in the footsteps of my two older brothers, Ron and Skip.

I played hockey under Coach Lou Controneo at St. Paul Johnson High School where I graduated in 1968. My boyhood idols in hockey were kids from my neighborhood such as Herb and Dave Brooks, Wendy Anderson, Craig Falkman, Ralph Venais and Gary Schmalzbauer.

I always dreamed that one day I would play hockey for the Minnesota Gophers and I fulfilled my dream as a member of the Gopher varsity team from 1969-1972, earning three letters.



1971 Photo

My Gopher teams won the WCHA title and the NCAA playoff (losing in the final game for the National Championship). My senior year I was the team's leading scorer with 22 goals and 14 assists.

As I look back on my Gopher playing days, I'll always remember the game against Wisconsin my senior year. We were trailing by a score of 5-0 with just six minutes remaining when I scored two quick goals. My teammates scored another six consecutive goals and we won the game, 8-5.

In 1972 I began a career of teaching and coaching at the high school level. For the past six years, I've been the full time athletic director at Forest Lake High School. WHO AM I?

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Starting in January Vince will be charged with implementing the recommendations of a committee which has been studying football marketing, promotions, and ticket sales.

It is essential that we address the issue of overall football game attendance. This will include an examination of ticket sale procedures and possible external ticket sales (perhaps using Ticket Master for individual games).

A top priority for us will be the aggressive promotion of ticket sales among our U of M student body. We need student support of our Gopher football program.

Best wishes to everyone for a happy and healthy holiday season and New Year. We thank you for your ongoing support of men's athletics at the University of Minnesota.

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Gopher Football Parents Travel to Wisconsin



Gopher football parents attending the Minnesota-Wisconsin game on November 14th were: Front L to R, Juan and Martha Salas (Omar #40), Carol Osterman (Aaron #30), Ellen Dalen (Eric #87), Harriet and Marvin Levine (Tony #85). Back L to R, Mark Dalen, Jim Osterman and Neal Dalen.

When the University of Minnesota Gopher Football team went to Madison, Wisconsin to play the Badgers, a contingent of football parents went along. But, instead of travelling with the team by airplane, they made the 270 mile trip in a double decker bus chartered by the Goal Line Club.

It was a long day. The more than sixty people (nine parents) met at the Thunderbird Motel in Bloomington in the early morning darkness and the bus pulled out promptly at 6:30 A.M. arriving at Camp Randall Stadium one hour before kickoff. The Goal Line Club made sure there was enough food and re-

freshments on board. An attendant served a continental breakfast, gourmet box lunch and a hot catered dinner.

The sky over Camp Randall at game time was overcast with a cold northerly wind sweeping across the field in near freezing temperatures throughout the afternoon.

While everyone was disappointed with the Gophers lopsided loss, 34-6, the bus passengers all said they enjoyed the experience as they walked off the bus on their return to the motel parking lot at 11:00 that night.



Football, basketball, hockey and baseball are cornerstones of Men's Intercollegiate Athletics at the University of Minnesota (U of M).

It's that way at many schools of higher learning.

Football is king. Those who argue with that should just ask the guy who pays the bills.

At Minnesota over the past 30 years, hockey and baseball have won the most championships of the "Big Four" sports.

They are also the teams which are primarily made up of student-athletes from Minnesota or the surrounding states.

Presently, the Gophers have just completed



Dr. John Najarian



Dr. Nils Hasselmo,
University President

Calling the Turn with Jimmy Byrne

another disappointing football season. The "wait until next season" cries are many, loud and understood.

Basketball may present a better team than last season. But many Big Ten teams are also improved over a year ago. The Big Ten is projecting to be one of the best basketball conferences, if not the best, in the land.

Doug Woog's hockey Gophers were again picked as the WCHA favorite. But they're off to a rough start. Darby Hendrickson's early loss through injury had much to do with that.

Of course, the baseball Gophers are awaiting their turn as defending conference champions.

Minnesota has not won the Big Ten football championship for a long while. Therefore, it may seem remarkable that there are still many prominent citizens who remain steadfast supporters and regularly attend U of M football games. Their loyalty provides real food for thought.

Dr. and Mrs. Nils Hasselmo, Dr. and Mrs. John Najarian, Bob Bjorklund, Dr. Harvey O'Phelan, Murray Warmath, Billy Bye, Dick Ames, and John Quinlivan were among the diehards at home games this fall.

It has been my good fortune to be in the same press box booth with Warmath for every home game since the Gophers moved into the Metrodome in 1982.

Warmath has watched each game with keen interest and corresponding intensity. Not once has Murray offered a hint of criticism of any player, coach or game. Yet, he's had many an opportunity to do so in the confines of the football press box.

Warmath wore many hats during his 18 seasons as head football coach at Minnesota. One of them was going east and south to successfully recruit black student-athletes.

That was in the latter '50s and early '60s, and Sandy Stephens, Judge Dickson, Bill Munsey, Carl Eller, Aaron Brown, and Bobby Bell were attracted to the University of Minnesota.

That was also the time when black student-athletes were just coming into their own for national recruiting and not as many of them were available.

But times change and maybe it's time to refocus our recruiting efforts which haven't paid such big dividends in a number of years.

Perhaps it's time to go back to recruiting student-athletes who live nearer to the school. Don't forget, three of our most successful recent Gopher athletes were home grown. Football running back Darrell Thompson (Rochester, MN), defensive back Sean Lumpkin (Golden Valley, MN), and basketball guard Kevin Lynch (Bloomington, MN) were all-stars and all are now playing on professional sports teams.

Rob St. Sauver, the 222-pound, six-foot-five-inch sophomore from St. Paul Johnson High School, might be another good example. St. Sauver stepped into the quarterback spot midway in the Iowa game, the finale for 1992. He made Coach Wacker's passing offense click, just as it was advertised.

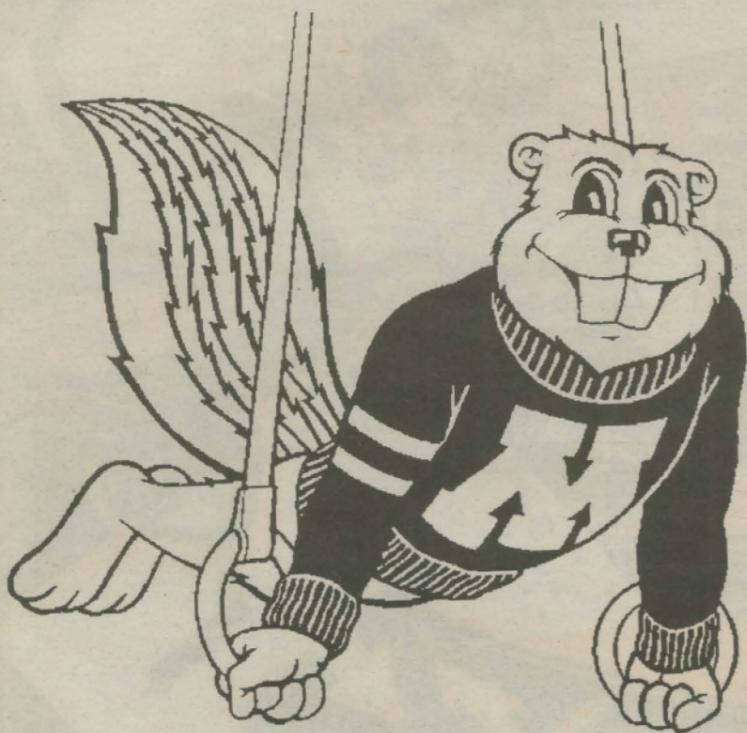
This enabled the Gophers to end their otherwise dismal season on a winning note.

The message is clear. Scrutinize the Northland before looking elsewhere.

Jim Byrne began writing for the Minneapolis Star in 1936. His 43-year sports reporting career started with sailing and expanded to include a wide range of Minnesota sports at the high school, college, and professional levels.

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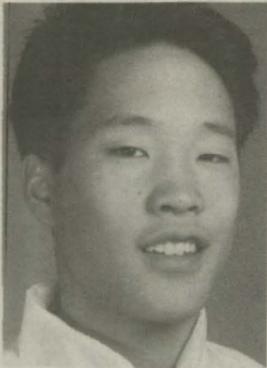
Gopher Tales

By Kalley Lisam



Damon Johnson (right), wrestling

Gymnastics - It's hard for a team to improve when it has been so dominant. The Gophers have been the Big Ten Gymnastics Champions three years in a row. Last year they swept conference honors: Gymnast of the Year (senior **John Roethlisberger**, Afton, MN); Freshman of the Year (sophomore **Kerry Huston**, Spring, TX); and Coach of the Year (**Fred Roethlisberger**).



Brian Yee, gymnastics

This season Minnesota returns seven lettermen. In addition to Roethlisberger and Huston, these include senior **Rob Hanson** (Ramsey, MN) and sophomore **Brian Yee** (Houston, MN).

No true fan of athletics should allow the year to pass without seeing this remarkably talented team. In the history of University of Minnesota (U of M) sports, few teams have equaled this group in consistent top-level performance.

Certainly, John Roethlisberger ranks as one of the nation's most exceptional athletes. He was a member of the U.S. Olympic Team that competed in Barcelona last summer. He alone is reason enough to come and cheer for this gymnastics squad.

The team competes against Michigan on January 9 (1:00 p.m.) and Oshkosh on January 23 (8:00 p.m.) at Williams Arena.

Swimming & Diving - The U of M has finished second at the Big Ten Championships the past three seasons. Last year the team had its best place finish (sixth) since 1965 at the NCAA Championships.

The Gophers expect junior **Can Ergenekan** (Beaverton, OR) to be a major contributor in the butterfly races this season. Ergenekan participated on the Turkish Olympic Team in Barcelona. He won the 1000 freestyle, 200 butterfly, and 500 freestyle, leading the team to a victory over Indiana at the Aquatic Center.

Junior **Matt Brown** (Beaverton, OR) was the Big Ten champion in the 200 individual medley last year. He also was a Big Ten finalist in both breaststroke events.

In the season-opening meet against the Iowa Hawkeyes in Iowa City, Ergenekan won the 1000 freestyle, and Brown the 200 individual medley and 200 breaststroke.

The team has an outstanding sprinter coming back this season in junior **Eric Jorgensen** (Rochester, MN).

Other returning lettermen who scored at the 1992 Big Ten Championships are: senior diver **Dave Zarns** (New Brighton, MN); senior **Chris Carlisle** (Arlington, TX); senior **Paul Kaump** (Rochester, MN); junior **Andy Kurtz** (Coon Rapids, MN); sophomore **Darren Heydanek** (Hawthorn Woods, IL); sophomore **Alan Boelk** (Embarrass, MN); and sophomore **Paul Domer** (Eau Claire, WI).

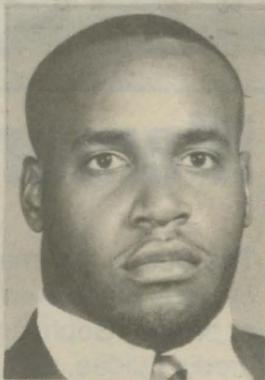
Eight freshmen who may make their marks this year, include: **P.J. Bogart** (who earned his first collegiate victory in the three-

meter diving event in the Iowa meet); **Leo Gomes**; **Derek Williams**; **Bernd Zeruhn**; **Lance Hoff**; **Kenji Suduh**; **Matt Connolly**; and **Jeff Bloomer**.

Football - Coach Wacker said, "I couldn't be prouder of this team. They never stopped fighting and believing. Against Iowa, something good finally happened, and I'm really happy for our players, especially for the seniors. We'll have a fine nucleus returning, and we'll have the makings of a good football team."

Junior defensive end **Dennis Cappella** (Miller Place, NY) was named to the All-Big Ten second team. Receiving honorable mention were senior offensive tackle **Keith Ballard** (Detroit, MI), junior wide receiver **Omar Douglas** (New Orleans, LA), junior linebacker **Russ Heath** (Aurora, CO), and senior punter **Dean Kaufman** (Sauk Centre, MN).

Captains of the 1993 team will be Cappella, Heath, junior running back **Antonio Carter** (Columbus, OH), and junior offensive guard **Rob Rogers** (St. Louis, MO).



Raobert Rogers, football

Ballard received the Bronko Nagurski Award as the most valuable player on this year's team; Heath the Butch Nash Award for competitiveness on the field and in the classroom; Cappella the Carl Eller Award as outstanding defensive player; Carter the Bruce Smith Award as outstanding offensive player; senior **John Lewis** (Miami, FA) the Bobby Bell Award as

outstanding special teams player; and senior running back **Ken McClintock** (Chagrin Falls, OH) the Paul Giel Award for unselfishness and showing most concern for the University.

Wrestling - The Gophers have lots of talent. Hopefully, the patience of Head Coach **J Robinson** will begin to payoff this season as his contingent of redshirts have the opportunity to contribute to the team.

Amateur Wrestling News ranked the team 15th on its Division I Top 40 list.

Competing unattached at the Bison Open in Fargo, North Dakota last month, seven Gophers won championships.

Dave Zarns, diving

Returning All-American senior **Mike Marzetta** (Liberty Lake, WA) claimed the 167-pound title.

Others winning championships were: sophomore

Steve Baer (Agoura Hills, CA) at 126 pounds; senior **John Meyers** (West Hartford, CT) at 134; junior **Damon Johnson** (Mustang, OK) at 150; sophomore **Brett Colombini** (Redwood Valley, CA) at 177; sophomore **Jason Klohs** (Maple Grove, MN) at 190; and freshman **Billy Pierce** (Minneapolis, MN) at heavyweight.

Runners-up in their respective weight classes were freshman **Brandon Paulson** (Anoka, MN) at 118 and sophomore **Tim Harris** (St. Louis, MO) at 126.

Coach Robinson and his staff hosted the two-day Minnesota Fall Coaches Clinic for high school wrestling coaches. The Gophers' intra-squad meet at Williams Arena on November 14 was part of the clinic.

The high-caliber clinic staff included former Gopher All-Americans **Dave Zuniga** and **Marty Morgan** and former University of Iowa All-American **Chuck Yagla**. Morgan, an NCAA champion at 177 pounds and three-time All-American, is in his first season as a Gopher assistant coach. He was an alternate on the 1992 U.S. Olympic Team.

At the intra-squad meet, winners were freshman **Zach Taylor** (Sandpoint, ID) at 167; Meyers; Johnson; freshman **Carl Carlson** (Pennock, MN) at 158; Marzetta; Paulson; and junior **Darren Andy** (Billings, MT) at heavyweight.

Jeremy Goeden of Grand Rapids High School has signed a national letter of intent to come to the University of Minnesota. He placed fifth at 189 pounds at the Minnesota State Class AA Wrestling meet in 1992 as a junior. Goeden, an excellent student with a 3.8 grade point average, will likely wrestle at 190 pounds for the Gophers.

"Jeremy is one of the top big kids in Minnesota," said Assistant Wrestling Coach **Dave Grant**. "He should be a contender for a state title this year. He's a very aggressive and talented wrestler. We are excited to have him join our program."

The first home dual meet for the Gophers will be January 16 against Wisconsin.

Tennis - The Gophers were ranked No. 22 in the ITA pre-season Top 25 in the nation.

Six singles players and two doubles teams competed at the four-day Rolex Midwest Intercollegiate Tennis Championships at Madison, Wisconsin.

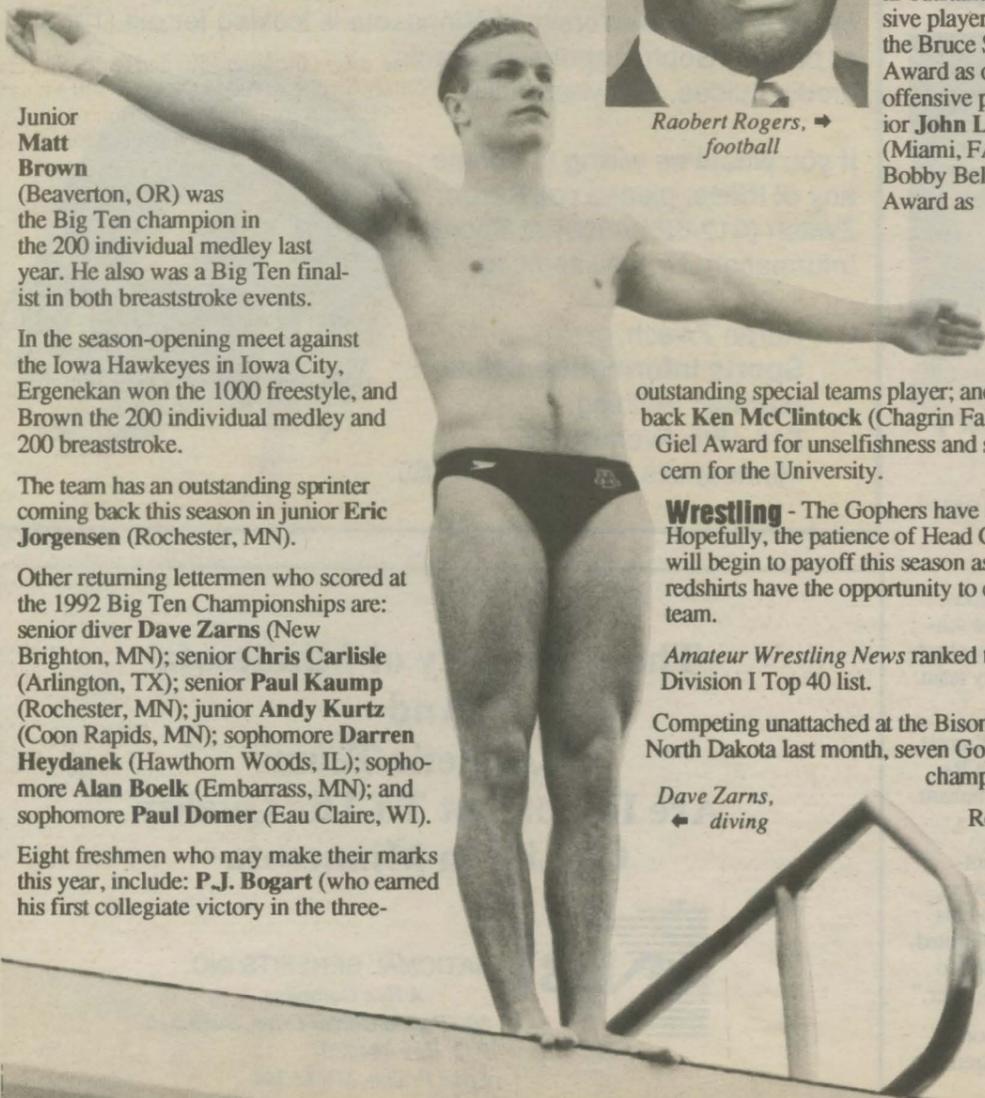
Seniors **Rick Naumoff** (Columbus, OH) and **Mehdi Benyebka** (Oran, Algeria) reached the semifinals of the 96-player singles field.

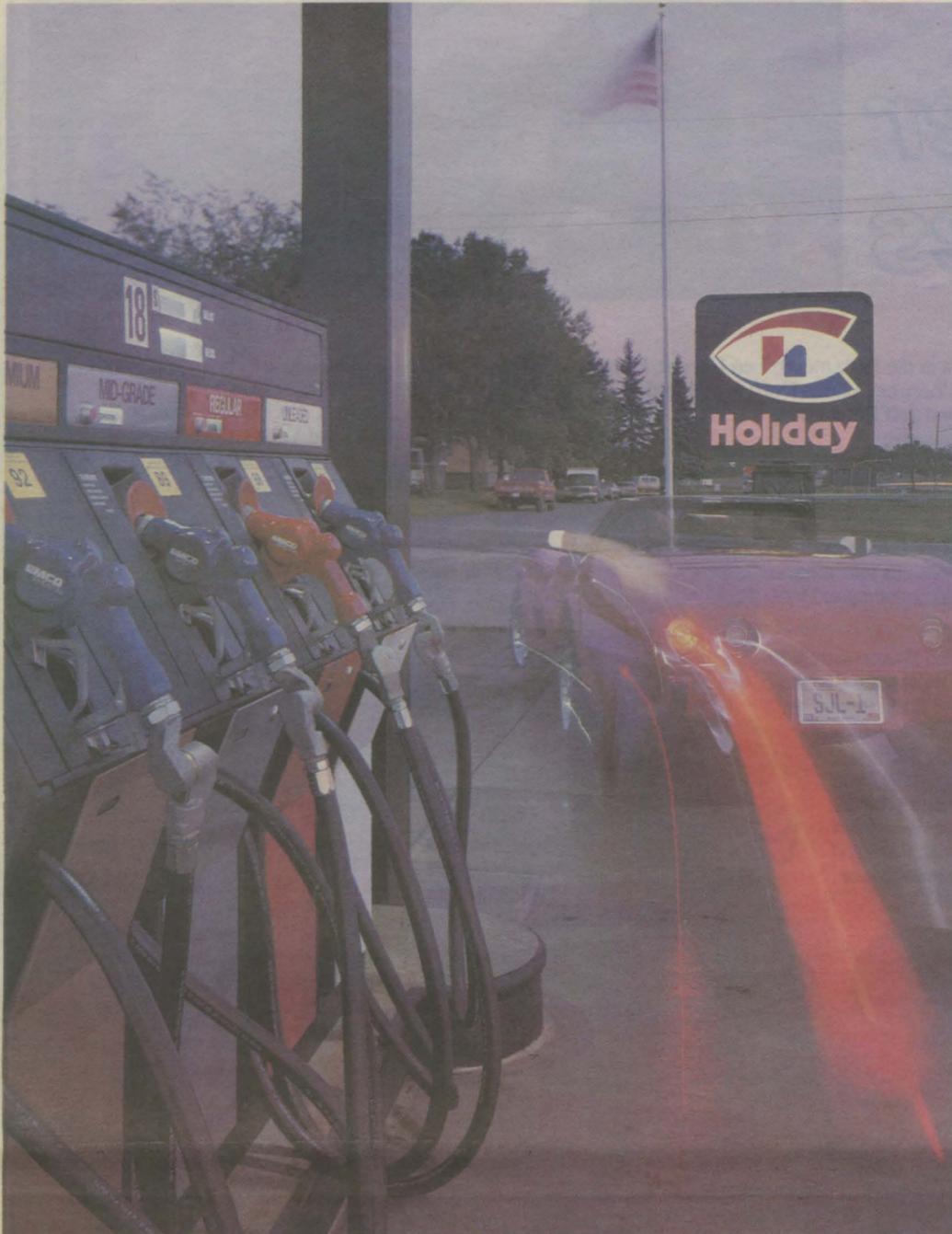
The Gopher doubles teams of juniors **Adam Krafft** (Saginaw, MI) and **Paul Pridmore** (No. Aurora, IL) and seniors **Roger Anderson** (New Hope, MN) and **Dean Hlushko** (Arden Hills, MN) advanced to the quarterfinals in the 32-team field.

Krafft defeated top-seeded **Chris Decker** of Indiana in the



Paul Pridmore, tennis





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third round of singles competition.

The home opener will be a nonconference dual meet against Drake on January 23 at the 98th Street Racquet Club.

Cross Country - Led by senior captain Doug Milkowski (Stevens Point, WI), the Gophers ended their season by finishing 12th in the 35-team field at the District IV Championships held in Indianapolis last month.



Jason Rathe, ↑ track

Milkowski narrowly missed qualifying as an individual for the NCAA meet. He completed the 10,000 meter course in 32:11.1 to finish 16th overall.

For the second straight year, Milkowski was named the team's Most Valuable Player.

Other U of M cross country student-athletes participating in the District IV meet were: junior Mark Narveson (Mankato, MN); sophomore Jason Rathe (Maple Grove, MN); sophomore Mark Gonzales (La Habra, CA); and freshman Jason Boon (Cottage Grove, MN).

Narveson has been selected as next year's team captain.

Collecting Academic All-Big Ten honors were Narveson, with a grade point average (GPA) of 3.30, and Rathe, with a 3.91 GPA.

Basketball - Coach Clem Haskins was encouraged by the performance of sophomore transfer David Washington (Albion, MI) in the Athletes in Action exhibition game at Williams Arena. It is anticipated that this 6'10" forward/center will have an impact this season.



David Washington, ↑ basketball

John Thomas (6'9", 245 pounds), from Minneapolis Roosevelt High School, signed a national letter of intent to attend the University of Minnesota.

Thomas averaged 15 points, 11 rebounds, and four blocks a game as a junior last season to help lead the Teddies to the city championship. He was named to the all-city team.

Before signing with the University of Minnesota, Thomas also considered Kansas, Notre Dame, and Seton Hall. He has a B+ average in school and may study journalism at the U of M.

"John exemplifies what being a student-athlete is all about," Coach Clem Haskins said. "He is an outstanding student and his potential on the basketball court is unlimited. We are very excited that he has decided to stay at home and become a Golden Gopher."

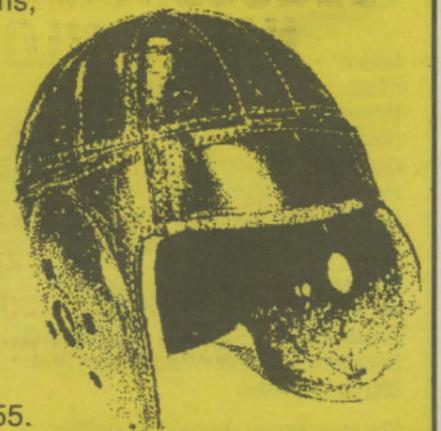
The Gophers open their Big Ten season against Michigan State at Williams Arena on January 6.

Memorabilia Needed

The Sports Information Office at the Bierman Building on the campus of the University of Minnesota is looking for old (1960 or before) Gopher sports programs, media guides, and yearbooks.

If you would be willing to donate any of these, please call Karen Zwach (612/625-4090) at Sports Information. Or mail items to:

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