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## PAN AMERICAN GAME TRIALS

### INDOOR TRACK PROSPECTS GOOD Coach Griak Mildly Optimistic

Coach Griak is cautiously optimistic regarding his Gopher indoor track team's prospects for this winter. He feels his squad has the potential to improve on last year's fifth-place finish in the Big Ten.

Griak expects to have better depth down the line except in the shot put, pole vault and long jump events. He is especially pleased with his strength in the sprints where Capt. Mike Gillham, Hubie Bryant and Rich Simonsen all loom as Big Ten title possibilities.

Seven other lettermen are back, including one defending indoor champion - Tom Stuart in the high jump. Others are two-miler Tom Heinonen, high jumper Marv Top, Dean Anderson in the 440 and 600, Stan Gaffin and John Valentine in the middle distances and John Warford in the hurdles. Heinonen's availability, however, depends on how quickly and how well he rebounds from a case of mononucleosis which hit him in December.

Griak has some likely looking newcomers who should help. The best of the lot are Rod Amonett, St. Paul (Central), pole vault; Tom Bracher, St. Louis Park, shot put; Curtis Dockter, Osseo, and Steve Hoag, Anoka, mile and two-mile; Bruce Johnson, St. Cloud (Tech), long jump; Bill McNeer, Roseville (Alexander Ramsey), hurdles; Bob Neumer, St. Louis Park, and Ed Twomey, Golden Valley (Benilde), 880, 1,000; Jim Ohnstad, Faribault, 60, 300, 440; Bob Wagner, St. Louis Park, 880, 1,000, mile.



Captain Mike Gillham

The University of Minnesota and the Twin Cities area will be a virtual beehive of sports activities during the first three weeks of July, 1967. During this time the University of Minnesota will act as sponsor and host to the US Pan-American team which will be in the Twin Cities area to conduct and provide assembly, conditioning, practice, training, outfitting, processing and trials in several sports as the US Team prepares for its trip to Winnipeg for the Pan-American Games.

There are already 23 games committees being organized in our area, and an additional 11 administrative committees functioning to insure the success of the Pan-American Games Trials in our locality.

Mr. John Dewey, Assistant Commissioner of the Big Ten Conference, has set up an office in Centennial Hall on the University of Minnesota Campus as he will act as Executive Director of all local committees in making preparation for the arrival of the US Team. Literally hundreds of people from all the 23 sports are already involved in making preparation for the arrival of our team on July 1.

The first big Pan-American event to be held will be the basketball trials on April 7, 8 and 9 in Williams Arena. At that time, four all-star teams representing the NCAA, AAU, Armed Forces, and NAIA will play a round robin of games for three days in Williams Arena. This event promises to be a good kick-off to the grand circus of sports which will follow in July.

### CAGE FROSH DEEP IN TALENT

Minnesota's 1966-67 freshman basketball team has assistant coaches George Hanson and Jerry Kindall talking to themselves these days.

"Jerry and I are pretty excited about it," says Hanson. "We think it's a pretty good squad."

Hanson also notes, however, that Head Coach John Kundla is taking a wait-and-see point of view, adopted over many years of campaigning.

Whatever its other virtues, the current crop of Gopher frosh is largely home-grown. Of the 18 players on the roster, only six are from outside the state, and three of that six are from Wisconsin.

Roseville native Larry Overskei draws Hanson's vote as the top freshman.

"His shooting and all-around play are very good," says Hanson of the 6-5, 200 pound forward, but hastens to add that it's difficult to pick any top player with such a solid squad.

"This squad is so deep we don't even know where we stand yet. We have high class personnel, all of whom were outstanding high school players."

Other top names drawn from the reluctant Hanson are Larry Mikan, 6-6, 190 pound son of the former Mr. Basketball; Pat Fitzsimmons, 6-6, 206 pound Illinois native; Steve Danen, a burly 6-5, 200 pound guard; and Roger Schelper, 6-1, 165 pound veteran of the 1966 state high school champion Edina squad.

"Yessir, it could be a good one," says Hanson eagerly. But that's all he's saying right now.

### IMPORTANT

Tickets remain for all home basketball and hockey games. Call 373-3181 for application blanks or Winter Sports schedules.

# U of M FROSH ATHLETES EXCEL IN CLASSROOM

Seventy-three freshman student-athletes enrolled this fall in the Study and Educational Skills Program offered by the Athletic Department. The overall grade point average for the group was 2.315, a favorable comparison with the all-University freshman grade point average of 1.97.

The Fall Quarter grades revealed that 38 of the student-athletes achieved above their prediction. Special honors go to James Ahlfors and George Mikan (Basketball), and Michael Graham (Baseball) for exceeding their predictions by more than a full grade level.

In addition, the 12 student-athletes who earned a grade point average of B (3.0) or better are: Ron Bord and Bob Schnietz (Baseball); Steve Danen and Roger Schelper (Basketball); Teddy Burke, Jim Carter, Ken Mourer, Dave Nixon and Leon Trawick (Football); Dave Cross and Bill Drake (all A's), (Tennis); and Gary Miest (Track).

The five sports with the highest Freshmen grade point average for the Fall Quarter are Tennis: 3.833; Wrestling: 2.904; Gymnastics: 2.643; Basketball: 2.570; and Football: 2.300.

An indication of the seriousness with which the freshman athletes pursued their academic work is found in the fact that they invested a total of 4,203 man hours of work in the Study and Educational Skills program Fall Quarter. It seems clear that the program has achieved considerable success in aiding the student-athletes in doing their best academic work. They are to be congratulated!

## Gym Squad Faces Tough Row

Minnesota's gymnastics coach Ralph Piper is back after spending a year on leave at the University of Iraq in Baghdad and predicts one of the strongest Gopher gym squads in recent years. He warns that the Big Ten is especially tough this year, however. As a result, Minnesota may find it difficult to improve on last year's fifth-place finish.

Five lettermen return — Bill Armstrong, high bar and rings; Dick Hinrichs, parallel bars; Bob Hoehnerl, side horse; Capt. Dave Naftalin, trampoline, floor exercise and long horse; Jim Nelson, all-around.

This veteran nucleus will be bolstered by an influx of good sophs — Dave Stende from Minneapolis Roosevelt is a first-rate prospect in the all-around. Other top newcomers are John Hennessey, Anoka, in the side horse; Robin Linder from St. Paul (Washington), parallel bars and side horse; Bob Neumann, Minneapolis (Roosevelt), high bars and rings; Larry Peterson, Albert Lea, in the floor exercise. The Gophers will be without another strong sophomore all-around man, Greg Egan from North St. Paul, who is out with a jaw injury.

Piper expects to have more depth in most events this season, one exception being the trampoline.

### THE GOPHER CHATTER

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## Goalie Help on Way TO BOLSTER 67-68 GOPHERS

Goalies! Two of them!

They've got Coach Glen Sonmor looking longingly at his freshman hockey squad and thinking about next year.

"There's no getting away from the fact that the real strength of this freshman team is its two outstanding goal-tenders," says Sonmor. "Ron Docken (Roosevelt) and Murray McLachlan (a Toronto, Canada native) are both capable of playing excellent college hockey right now. They'll help us a lot next year."

Among the defensemen Sonmor singles out Steve Ross, son of International Falls coach Larry, as the outstanding player, but adds that he expects help from Henry's Charlie Brown; Roosevelt's Pat Westrum; and White Bear Lake's Scott Buchan, who also doubles as a wing when needed.

"Our forwards aren't flashy, but they're very solid," Sonmor notes. "If they lack in any one area, it's scoring. We don't have that sure-fire scorer there, but they may come along next year."

Tops among the forwards are Blake's Jim Hornig; Benilde's Tom Phillips; Larry Paradise, brother of Cretin graduate Dick; and Rich Yurich, a native of Sault Saint Marie. In addition, two transfer students — Benilde grad Gene Coffman, formerly at West Point, and Bloomington's Dave Roddy, back from Colorado College — could give some help.

"With only three men graduating, we'll have a lot of men to look over," says Sonmor, "but some of these boys may help us."

Two of them for certain.

We Thank Our Friends . . .

## Williams Fund Over Top

The 1966 Williams Fund campaign has gone over the top with a record-breaking total of \$74,200. This figure eclipses the campaign's goal of \$66,000 by over \$8,000 and exceeds by almost \$24,000 the previous high set in 1965.

"We are sincerely grateful to all our friends for helping to make the 1966 drive such a smashing success," said Athletic Director Marsh Ryman. "This represents by far the greatest response ever to a Williams Fund appeal. With such excellent support and the all-out effort of our campaign workers, we were able to surpass our stated goal six weeks before the end of the drive. We are now within sight of the day when we will be able to raise \$100,000 per year for the Williams Fund. This would put our program on a par with similar ones in more than half the schools in the Big Ten."

The Williams Fund is unique among Conference aid programs in that it requires scholastic as well as athletic ability in student-athletes who receive Williams scholarships.

The 1967 Williams Fund drive is scheduled to start June 1.

# Comments From Cooke

The St. Paul Williams Fund Stag at Mr. Joe's helped put us over the top in our 1966 Williams Campaign. Thanks to our St. Paul boosters who contributed over \$2,000 at this party.

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Two Winter Sports Days remain on our calendar - Saturday, February 4, 1967, and Saturday, February 11, 1967. On these days high school athletes are invited in to a full day of University athletic events at a reduced price. Details have been sent to the Athletic Directors at the high schools around the state. The first two Sports Days on Saturday, December 3, and Saturday, January 7, found some 1,500 athletes attending.

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The WCHA Hockey Playoff between Minnesota and North Dakota will be held at Williams Arena on Tuesday, March 7. If the Gophers win, the second playoff game on Saturday, March 11 will also be held here.

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In 1967 the football Gophers have quite a schedule. We play three Conference Champions - Southern Methodist University, champion of the Southwest Conference; Big Eight titlist, Nebraska; and Michigan State, the defending Big Ten champion. Of further interest to football fans is the fact that the University of Washington returns to the Gopher schedule in 1976-77.

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Another honor for Minnesota's Dick Siebert - He was named 1966 Coach of the Year by the National Baseball Congress.

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The trophy cases at Cooke Hall need to be enlarged. In winning the St. Paul Classic Hockey Tournament the Gophers brought home a four foot high championship trophy to match the championship trophy from last year. Congratulations.

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Coach Murray Warmath escaped a lot of our winter snow by coaching in the East-West Shrine game in San Francisco and the Hula Bowl in Hawaii. In between he made a quick stop to view the Rose Bowl Classic in Pasadena.

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The fourth annual GOPHER GOODWILL TOUR by athletic staff members and covering the State of Minnesota and some border communities will be June 14-23, 1967.

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Varsity members of the Baseball, Golf and Tennis teams will assist their coaches in putting on Clinics on Saturday morning, March 11. The following Saturday all three squads will leave for their week's Spring Training in Texas.

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Minnesota was represented in the Bowl games - Chet Anderson played in the Blue-Gray game and the Senior Bowl; Kenny Last, the other end, played in the East-West game and the Senior Bowl; linebacker Tim Wheeler played for Coach Warmath in the Hula Bowl. Captain Chuck Killian had been scheduled to play in some Bowl games but was prevented from participating by his injury.

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The 1967 "M" identification cards have been mailed to all lettermen. If you haven't received yours, call the ticket office.

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Two Cooke Hall staff members received income tax deductions for 1966 when their wives presented them with new babies. Congratulations to Joe Walsh, Tennis Coach and Dennis Hunt, Ice Rink Supervisor.

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The Athletic Department's unique Study-Skills Program for freshmen athletes met with a great response Fall Quarter. Seventy-five athletes are enrolled in the program and expected to attend three three-hour sessions per week. The overall average attendance was 92% which speaks very well for the program.

## NEW GOPHER COACH MIKE McGEE Brings Fine Football Background



Mike McGee

The Gopher football staff has a new assistant coach. He is Mike McGee, 29, former member of the University of Wisconsin coaching staff and outstanding collegiate and professional lineman.

McGee, a native of Elizabeth City, N.C., received his undergraduate degree in economics and business administration at Duke in 1960. He was a top-flight guard on three Duke football squads in the late fifties. After graduation, he played three years of professional ball with the St. Louis Cardinals in the National Football League.

In addition to his experience on the Badger coaching staff, McGee served as an assistant coach at Duke for three years.

McGee also holds a master's degree in physical education from the University of North Carolina.

## Purdue Game a Hit with Kids

Park Board football teams were invited to the Minnesota Purdue football game at a reduced price admission. Some 1,340 boys and coaches took advantage of the opportunity.

The following is a letter from one of the coaches:

"On behalf of myself, my sons, our team and the balance of the 262 boys and adults from Brooklyn Center Youth Football who attended the Minnesota-Purdue game on November 12, a big Thank You.

Twenty odd years ago I attended my first game at Memorial Stadium, through the same type of opportunity, and because of this I think I realize some of the wonderful thrills, dreams and memories connected with it for young boys.

Personally I feel opening up this type of program to park board teams will go a long way to continue building the pride and loyalty of Gopher fans.

We are looking forward hopefully to next year."

Sincerely,  
L. H. Pryor, Coach  
Iten Peewees

Bud Garnaas and Bob Carlson have arranged a terrific "M" Club meeting, Monday night, January 23, at the Top Hat Club in Rochester. We're hoping for a large turnout of "M" men from the area.

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The department and all football friends will really miss Coach Bob Bossons. Best of luck to Bob at Rice University in Houston, Texas.

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Jay B. Sharp, former Gopher fullback, has begun duties as a field worker for Elyria's (Ohio) first Neighborhood Center program. He graduated from Minnesota in 1965 with a bachelor's degree in recreation leadership.

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Recruiting is already under way for our 1967 freshmen class. Our coaching staff would welcome recommendations from you on the outstanding high school athletes in your area.

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The Athletic Staff wishes all our readers a belated Happy New Year and best wishes for a prosperous 1967.

## Bucky Johnson Joins Expanding Athletic Dept. Official Family

Russell H. (Bucky) Johnson, former Director of Recreation for the Minneapolis Board of Park Commissioners, has joined the University athletic staff as an assistant to Athletic Director Marsh Ryman.

In his new position, Johnson, 55, will be responsible directly to Ryman and will perform a number of delegated duties. Among other things, he will deal with problems related to athletic facilities planning and expansion, public relations, departmental projects related to the M Club and Minnesota lettermen, the organization and coordination of a high school athletic directors' workshop, planning and promotion of the Williams Scholarship Fund and preparations

for the Pan-American Game Trials to be held on the University campus in July.

Johnson retired from the Minneapolis Park Board this month after 30 years of service. He had been Director of Recreation since 1954. A Minnesota graduate, Johnson lettered in hockey (1931-33-34) and baseball (1933-34). He received his B.S. degree in physical education in 1934 and added a master's degree in 1947, also in physical education. During World War II, he served four years in the Army Air Corps as a physical training and special services officer. He was discharged in 1946 with the rank of captain.

That Good New Sound Is

## GOLDEN GOPHER PEP BAND

From all our basketball and hockey fans, we're hearing many compliments on the "new sound" at home games this year. Yes, the Band and Athletic Departments got together this fall and conceived an idea for stimulating enthusiasm at home events in Williams Arena. The result was the new Golden Gopher Pep Band you have seen and heard.



Richard Jackoboice

This new band will be playing at 13 hockey games plus 9 basketball games. They have 75 members, and are directed by Richard Jackoboice, assistant director of the University Marching Band. They have added good music, enthusiasm and spirit to the Gopher hockey and basketball games.

## SWIM PROSPECTS LOOKING UP

Bob Mowerson's 1967 swimming squad is on the way up. A return to the first division appears possible after last season's seventh-place slump. Mowerson admits it will take a tremendous effort to oust Wisconsin from fifth place. Any higher finish appears unlikely. Despite these modest expectations, Mowerson thinks the Gophers could place in the top 10 nationally. This is an indication of the Big Ten's great strength again this year.

The 1966 Gopher freshmen squad was one of the best in history and losses from last year's varsity were light. Lettermen on hand are Rick Digatono, Dave Doten and Doug Felton in the freestyle; Co-Capt. Jerry Erickson, backstroke; Co-Capt. Don Spencer, butterfly; Don Grant, Rob Scott, Bruce Walker, breast-stroke; Denny Dale, backstroke and individual medley.

Sophomores who are sure to help include Marty Knight, St. Anthony Village (De La Salle), who can swim anything but is primarily a backstroker. Other top-notch newcomers are Jim Lindquist, Robbinsdale, Dave Lundberg, Hopkins, freestyle sprinters; Rolf Stoylen, Hopkins, John Swanson, Robbinsdale, George Wendt, River Forest, Ill., distance freestylers; John Madura, diver from Austin.

## NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

Edward B. Stanford, Dir. of  
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107 Walter Library

## Sophs Hold Wrestling Key

Sophomores in abundance will be in evidence on the Gopher wrestling scene this winter. Coach Wally Johnson has only three lettermen back from last year's squad which narrowly missed winning the Big Ten title.

Gone are six three-year stalwarts - co-captains John Klein and Jon Staebler at 167 pounds and heavyweight, respectively; Bob Henry, last year's Conference champ at 147 pounds; Lee Gross, twice Big Ten champ at 157 pounds; Bob Ramstad, last season's runnerup at 177; Larry Lloyd at 130. Back are Capt. Ron Ankeny at 152 pounds, Jim Anderson at 123 and Terry Barrett at 137. Anderson and Barrett both finished fourth in their respective weight classes in last year's Big Ten meet.

The best of the sophomores are Frank Nichols, Crosby-Ironton, 123-130; Ken Stauch, Albert Lea, 123-130; Bruce McClintock, Waterloo, Iowa, 130-137; Terry and Tony Sworsky, twin brothers from Fridley, 145-152; Jim Martin, Fergus Falls, 145-152; Mike Maas, Fridley, 152-160; George Bradshaw, Robbinsdale, 167-177; Bill Curran, Minneapolis (De La Salle), 167-177; Dick Enderle, Wendell (Elbow Lake High), heavyweight.

Johnson feels the squad has enough talent to challenge for a first-division berth.

## Remaining Home Schedules

- HOCKEY -

- BASKETBALL -

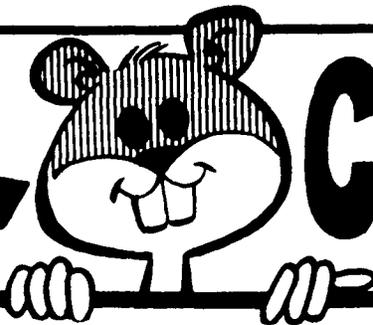
<b>JANUARY</b>		<b>FEBRUARY</b>	
Fri.-27	MICH. TECH	Sat.-4	INDIANA*
Wash. vs. Rbsdle.		Sat.-11	ILLINOIS
Sat.-28	MICH. TECH	Elswh. vs. Frid.	
	Orono vs. S'west	Tues.-21	IOWA
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		Sat.-25	Al. Lea vs. Gilbert
Fri.-17	COLO. COLL.*		MICHIGAN*
Sat.-18	COLO. COLL.*		
<b>MARCH</b>		<b>MARCH</b>	
Fri.-3	MICHIGAN*	Mon.-6	MICH. STATE*
Sat.-4	MICHIGAN*		
Tues. 7	WCHA PLAYOFF		

\*Freshman Intra-Squad Playing Preliminary

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## Spring Football Spotlight on Sophs

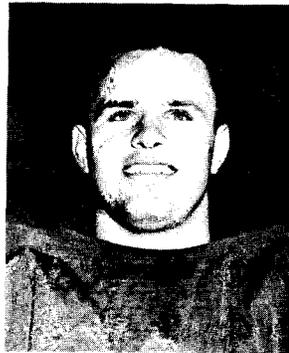
The first task confronting Coach Murray Warmath as he prepares for his 14th season at the Minnesota football helm is to replace such graduated standouts of the 1966 squad as end and flankerback Kenny Last, holder of virtually every school record in pass receiving; end Chet Anderson, an outstanding offensive blocker; Chuck Killian, rated by Warmath as the best offensive center he has coached at Minnesota; halfback-flankerback Ray Whitlow; and Jerry Bevan, placekicking specialist who was 10 for 10 in PATs.

Steve Lundeen who was considered heir-apparent to Killian's vacated post is extremely doubtful because of back trouble.

Minnesota's best chance of improvement over its '66 showing appears to be in defensive strength. Ten of the 15 returning lettermen who were considered "regulars" last season played with the defensive unit. They are ends Charles Sanders, Bob Stein, and John Williams; tackles McKinley Boston, Jerry Hermann, Ezell Jones, and Ron Kamzelski; middle guard Ed Duren; halfback Captain Tom Sakal; and safety Mike Condo. Dick Enderle, 245-pound junior middle guard, could be a big help if he makes full recovery from knee trouble that plagued him last fall.

Offensive returnees in the "regular" category are halfbacks Hubie Bryant and John Wintermute; fullback Dennis Cornell; quarterback Curtis Wilson; and tackle Ron Klick. The 155-pound Bryant, used as a flankerback last season, is the 1967 Big Ten indoor 60-yard dash champion.

Much interest in spring practice is focusing on Jim Carter, 6 foot 3 inch 215-pound sophomore halfback from South St. Paul; Phil Hagen, 6-2, 185-pound soph quarterback



Anthony Pahula



Phil Hagen

### SPRING SPORTS DAY

Saturday, May 6, 1967

Intra-Squad Football Game - 1:30

Tickets on advance sale through Friday, May 5 - \$1.00.

These tickets are available at 108 Cooke Hall on the campus; Downtown Ticket Office, Northstar Center, Minneapolis; and Field Schlick Ticket Office, St. Paul.

Gate admission will be \$2.00.

### GRIAK SEES MINNESOTA TRACK IN FIRST DIVISION FINISH



Hubie Bryant

Encouraged by a strong fourth-place finish in Big Ten indoor competition, Gopher track coach Roy Griak looks forward to another first-division performance outdoors, possibly a repeat of last year's surprising third-place effort.

Minnesota has better depth than last spring in all events except the pole vault, shot put and long jump. Its greatest strength lies in the sprints where four top-notch runners are available. The group includes lettermen Capt. Mike Gillham, Hubie Bryant and Rich Simonsen

along with newcomer Randy Jones, a transfer student from the Air Force Academy. They will combine to form a mile relay team which Griak thinks will be able to hold its own with the nation's best. Bryant is the Big Ten's 60-yard dash champ.

Other key performers are three-miler Tom Heinonen, back in top form after missing most of the indoor season due to illness, last year's indoor high jump champion Tom Stuart, Marv Top in the same event, Steve Hoag, runnerup in the Conference indoor two-mile, miler Bob Wagner, pole vaulter Mark Henningsgaard and half-miler Stan Gaffin.

The Gophers suffered a severe blow during their southern trip in March when John Warford, who shares the Big Ten indoor low hurdles record, suffered a broken collar bone. It is hoped he will be back in action before May 1.

from Eau Claire, Wisconsin; and Jeff Nygren, 6-1½, 195-pound halfback newcomer from Fullerton, California. On the basis of their high school records and their freshman showing they could give Minnesota's offense badly-needed punch. Hagen may give the Gophers the passing and polished quarterback play that was lacking in '66. Carter, an all-state high school standout, is a power runner. Nygren is a strong runner with good speed.

Other sophomores counted on for substantial help are Bob Bethke, 225-pound offensive guard from Minneapolis (Roosevelt); Ted Burke, 6-6½, 228-pound offensive end from Stewart; Anthony Pahula, 220-pound guard and linebacker from Buhl; Leon Trawick, 6-4, 240-pound end from Washington, D.C.; and Vic Fechter, 190-pound offensive end from Red Wing.

The annual spring intra-squad football game will be played Saturday, May 6, as the feature of Spring Sports Day at the University.

# SIEBERT SEES PROMISE IN GOPHER NINE

## The Nation's Finest IN JULY PAN-AM TRIALS

The cream of men and women athletes from all over the United States — some 600 strong — will be in the Twin Cities area July 5 — 19 to compete in the USA trials for the Pan-American Games to be held July 22 — August 7 in Winnipeg.

Completed earlier this month were the U.S. Pan-American basketball trials, featuring many of the nation's finest performers. The all-star team selected from these trials, held at Williams Arena on the University campus, will engage in several exhibitions during the July 1 — 19 period.

The trials, hosted by the University, come to this area for the first time in history. The United States Olympic Committee estimates that at least three-fourths of the athletes selected for the United States team to compete in Winnipeg will represent this country in the 1968 Olympic Games in Mexico City. Thus, in effect, the trials are a "Little Olympics." They will afford a "once in a lifetime" chance to observe America's best amateur athletes in action.

A total of 31 committees are engaged in planning for the trials. Of these, 11 are special planning committees and 20 are individual sports committees. More than 600 persons are involved in the committee work, including some 25 University of Minnesota staff members.

Final trials in the following sports will be held in the Twin Cities area: athletics (track and field) for men and women, July 15-16; boxing, July 6-7; yachting for men and women, July 6-15; gymnastics for men and women, July 8-9; judo, July 7-8; wrestling, July 2-15.

Teams in the following sports will be determined by committee action: baseball, women's basketball, men and women's diving, men and women's swimming, men and women's volleyball, weightlifting.

Trials to be held elsewhere are: field hockey, rowing, shooting, soccer, water polo.

The track and field events will be held in Memorial Stadium, site of five NCAA championship meets. Times and places of other events will be announced through press, radio and television.

## TRACK AND FIELD NEWS CITES HEINONEN

Track and Field News has Gopher Tom Heinonen picked to finish sixth in the 6 mile run, and fourth in the 3 mile run during the 1967 NCAA Championships. Tom placed seventh in the 6 mile and fifth in the 3 mile during the 1966 NCAA Championships.

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Chances are Minnesota won't win the NCAA baseball championship this year. The Gophers only do that in presidential election years. But it looks as if Coach Dick Siebert has himself another Big Ten first-division squad, one which could be a title contender.

Siebert has pitching in abundance. Senior lettermen Mike McNair, Jerry Wickman and Jerry Sevlie are back, along with non-lettering juniors Dave Baldrige and Scott Norsted and sophomores Neil Weber from Appleton, Wis.; Jack Palmer, St. Paul (Cretin); and Jay Youngquist, Minneapolis (Washburn). This group should yield four first-rate starters and come capable relievers.

The Gophers are exceptionally strong behind the plate with two top-drawer receivers in Mike Sadek and Bob Micheletti. Sadek hit .471 on the Texas trip last month.



Capt. Dennis Zacho

The infield will be largely rebuilt, Capt. Dennis Zacho at first being the only holdover. Russ Rolandson and Mike House, both juniors, are contesting the secondbase job, while Bob Fenwick, an All-Big Ten outfielder last year, has been shifted to short, and sophomore Bill Kendall from Richfield is at third. Fenwick led the club in hitting in Texas with a .500 mark and Zacho was third with .421.

In the outfield, newcomers also are in evidence. Frank Stanek, a hard-hitting sophomore from Omaha, Nebraska, is the rightfielder. The leftfield spot is being fought for by letterman Gary Reiersen and sophomore Chris Farni from Robbinsdale, while the centerfield spot is being sought by junior Tom Boldt and Greg Wasick, a soph from Richfield.

## "U" Golf Fees Changed

Without doubt, one of the busiest places on campus during spring, summer and fall is the University Golf Course. All University students and staff are eligible to play there, along with alumni when time allows, generally in the summer.

A major change has been put into effect this spring with the elimination of free student golf. A \$1.25 greens fee now is being charged. The reason is the urgent need for improved and increased maintenance of the golf course, particularly an automatic irrigation system which would enable personnel to keep the course in top playing condition. Expanded facilities also are needed to meet the constantly increasing use of the course. Development of another nine-hole, par-three course is being considered. Last year, a record 43,000 rounds of golf were played on the long course and 24,600 on the short course.

The only alternative to institution of a greens fee for students would have been an increase in the incidental fee which University officials did not consider fair to non-golfers. The \$1.25 student rate still is only half that charged at local municipal courses. The University staff rate is \$1.50, while that for alumni is \$2.75 and \$3.75 for guests.

## Comments From Cooke

The Department of Intercollegiate Athletics has its own L.B.J. It's "Little Brenda Johnson" who answers the phone in the ticket office. Strictly non-partisan.

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The annual "M" Lettermen's Banquet will be held this year on Wednesday, May 31, 1967. The banquet will be held at Coffman Memorial Union and be preceded by a whole day of golf. Keep that date on your calendar open, "M" men.

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The ticket office, to cut costs and increase efficiency, is planning to sell student and staff athletic tickets in the spring. Plans are being made now to conduct the sale sometime in May.

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The Pan Am Basketball committee enlisted the services of Twin City businessmen to assist in the sale of season tickets for the basketball trials. Some thirty men sold \$3100.00 worth of tickets. Thanks to all who assisted.

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Congratulations to "M" men who joined the ranks of pro football. Bud Grant became the new Minnesota Viking head football coach. Ken Last was drafted by the Vikings and Chet Anderson was drafted by the Pittsburgh Steelers.

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Spring sports schedules are available at the ticket office. Call 373-3181 to have one mailed out. Also, spring sports brochures are on sale for \$.50 in the Sports Information Office. (Mailing address - 208 Cooke Hall, Univ. of Minn., Mpls. 55455.)

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Watch your home town papers for news of this years' Gopher Good Will Tour, coming to your community between June 14 and 23.

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We are all pleased that Tom Kondla won the Big Ten scoring title. Congratulatory telegrams came from many people but Tom was most proud of those received from his former high school principal and student council officers.

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Louis Brewster, "M" Board Vice-President, is representing Willens and Company on a trip to Russia and Eastern Europe. This is the first industry-sponsored trade mission to the U.S.S.R. ever approved by the United States and was promoted by the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce.

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Art Lentz, Executive Director of United States Olympic Committee, who approached Marsh Ryman about bringing the Pan Am Trials to Minnesota, was a former Sports Information Director at the University of Wisconsin.

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Minnesota "M" men are doing a great job at Edina High School. The principal is Roland Ring (Football - '41); head football coach - Stav Canakes (Football - '50, '52, '53); head basketball coach - Duane Baglien (Basketball - '43, '44 and Baseball - '47, '48, '49); asst. basketball coach - Jerry Rodberg (Basketball - '58); head swimming coach - Art Downey (Swimming - '53, '54). Hats off to a great sports year at Edina.

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We are continuing to acquire property in the Delta Field area and plan to have additional intramural fields there this fall. The Intercollegiate move to Delta is scheduled for the fall of '69.

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Our successful Pan American Basketball Trials were due largely to co-chairmen Pat Mueller and Vern Mikkelsen. They had a great committee with many hours being contributed by men like Ernie Anderson, Athletic Director at Augsburg College, and Ralph Turtnen acting as Press Steward.



## Out of the Gopher Hole

### Track Coach Roy Griak Runs into Trouble

It seems that Rosemary Griak likes to run. This isn't surprising since she is the wife of Gopher track coach Roy Griak. She and Roy frequently go out for a jog of a mile or two.

One night not so long ago, Roy returned home from a late meeting. It was about 11:30 but, despite the hour, Rosemary decided she would like to go for a jog. "Too tired," Roy protested. "Well then, I'll jog and you follow me in the car," came the rejoinder. Not being one to discourage athletic endeavor, Roy agreed.

Off went Rosemary with Roy in pursuit. The residential street was deserted except for them. Suddenly Griak became aware of a flashing red light. "What's going on here, fella?" the officer demanded. Roy offered his explanation somewhat sheepishly as the policeman eyed him suspiciously. After all, it did seem to be a pretty compromising situation - a woman running off into the night on a quiet street with a man following in a slow-moving automobile.

"I guess I was convincing," Roy explains. "At any rate, he finally bought my story and went on his way." So did Rosemary, with Roy still in pursuit.

### Eleven Gophers Demonstrate Sports Versatility

It is sometimes said that the day of the two-sport collegiate athlete is a thing of the past. A survey of the Minnesota athletic scene would indicate that reports of this demise have been greatly exaggerated. Eleven Gopher varsity athletes have participated in two sports during the current year.

The list includes: Tom Ashley, basketball and golf; Dave Baldrige, football and baseball; Hubie Bryant, football and track; Larry Carlson, football and baseball; Dick Enderle, football and wrestling; Noel Jenke, football and hockey; Chip Litten, football and basketball; Gary Reiersen, football and baseball; Bob Stein, football and track; Ray Stephens, football and basketball; Dennis Zacho, hockey and baseball.

Glen Reed and Wally Johnson made a trip to Winnipeg, Canada, to view Pan Am facilities and exchange ideas. They were very impressed with the site of the Pan American Games, July 22 to August 7, 1967.

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On May 6, the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics will host our first conference for high school counselors and principals. Dayton Hultgren, who has done an outstanding job advising Minnesota athletes, is in charge and has arranged an attractive program.

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Wally Johnson, our wrestling coach, received an international award, when Roger Coulon of France presented him with the F.I.L.A. medal for his contributions to amateur wrestling. We were so impressed, we named him Executive Director of the Pan Am Planning Committees.

## \$100,000 Williams Kickoff

A goal of \$100,000 has been set for the 1967 Williams Fund drive which will have its kickoff late in May. If attained, this figure will put the Williams Fund on a par with similar funds in more than half the schools in the Big Ten.

Last year's Williams drive raised a record-shattering total of \$74,714, eclipsing the goal of \$66,000 by over \$8,000 and exceeding by \$24,000 the previous high attained in 1965.

The Williams Fund has provided 489 scholarships to Minnesota student-athletes since its founding in 1949. It is unique among Big Ten athletic aid programs in that it makes high scholastic standing a prerequisite for a Williams scholarship, as well as athletic ability.

Williams Fund officials again appeal for the support of friends of University of Minnesota athletics everywhere to help make the coming drive a success. The gracious contributions provided in past years are sincerely appreciated.

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## Golf Squad Shows Promise

Les Bolstad's 1967 Gopher golf squad could be his finest since the 1963 Big Ten championship club. In terms of natural talent, it would seem to have the edge over that illustrious entry.

Bolstad takes a cautious view of the Conference race, however. He admits Minnesota will have more depth and better balance than last year but will not predict a possible finish, other than to say the Gophers hope to improve on their fourth-place position of 1966. The Big Ten is tough and the Gophers' playing season, as usual, will be short.

Four lettermen provide a good nucleus. This quartet is led by Capt. Jim Carlson and Bill Brask, the top northern golfers in last year's NCAA tournament and among the top six in the Big Ten championships. The others are Ward Johnson and Mike Lanigan.

Transfer student Tom Garrett from Duke should help, as well as sophomores Larry Tiziani from Ironwood, Michigan, and Bob Hildebrandt of Hastings.

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## BIG TEN TEAMS HELD OWN IN N.C.A.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS

Big Ten teams enjoyed a most satisfying winter in NCAA competition producing one national title, two runnersup, two thirds and two fifths. Michigan State won the wrestling championship and Michigan took second to give the Conference its best showing in the NCAA wrestling championships in 10 years. The Wolverines also finished second in gymnastics and fifth in swimming. Indiana was runnerup for the swimming title while Michigan State placed eighth and Minnesota tenth. Iowa captured third in gymnastics and Wisconsin was the top Big Ten entry in indoor track, taking fifth. Minnesota's best individual performance in NCAA competition was turned in by wrestler Jim Anderson who made it to the finals at 115 pounds.

In Big Ten championship competition, Minnesota came up with two individual titles and narrowly missed a third. Marty Knight broke the Conference record for the 200-yard individual medley as he won that event with a time of 1:58.77. Hubie Bryant annexed the 60-yard dash crown in indoor track while John Warford had to settle for second in the low hurdles despite receiving credit for a share of a new record (:07.6) in a photo-finish with Wisconsin's Mike Butler.

## JOE WALSH COUNTS ON BALANCE IN GOPHER TENNIS SQUAD

Balance is the key to Minnesota's tennis hopes for this spring. Coach Joe Walsh thinks it could possibly catapult the Gophers into the Big Ten's upper bracket for the first time since 1959.

"We lack the outstanding performer at No. 1," Walsh explains, "but our squad is extremely well-balanced and this should help." It helped during the Gophers' recent Texas trip which found them whipping such highly-regarded foes as Rice, Texas A & M and Houston.

Lew Smolin, a sophomore from Peekskill, New York, is heir to Jerry Noyce's No. 1 spot. He has talent but probably will take a while to develop. After him, there is little difference in strength from No. 2 through No. 5 with Co-Capt. Bucky Zimmerman, Denny Chez, Paul Krause and Co-Capt. Ron Keith battling for positions. Krause is a sophomore from St. Louis Park. The others are lettermen. The sixth man is Jack Nist, a non-lettering junior who did a great job in Texas.

The Gophers have an attractive home schedule, facing nine opponents, including such national powers as Michigan, Michigan State and Notre Dame.

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## "U" ATHLETES SHINE IN CLASS

Twelve freshman University student-athletes compiled grade point averages of 3.0 or better during winter quarter. A 3.0 GPA represents a B average. The group includes Teddy Burke, Phil Hagen, Dave Nixon, Leon Trawick, football; Dave Cross, Bill Drake, tennis; Steve Danen, Pat Fitzsimmons, John Stohr, basketball; Martin Johnson, track; Don Lewis, wrestling; Mike Rothweiler, swimming.

Overall, Minnesota freshman athletes produced a composite grade point average of 2.3770 (2.0 represents a C average), slightly better than their predicted academic performance. Tennis had the top grade point average of any Gopher freshman sport (3.2), followed by wrestling (2.9), basketball (2.6), hockey (2.4), and track (2.4).

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## REMAINING HOME SCHEDULES

### -BASEBALL-

Fri., April 28 Illinois (2)  
Sat., April 29 Purdue (2)  
Fri., May 19 Ohio State (2)  
Sat., May 20 Indiana (2)

### -TRACK-

Sat., May 13 Iowa (1:00 p.m.)  
Sat., May 27 Minn. State  
Federation  
Championships  
(12:30 p.m.)

### Doubleheaders at Delta Field

Weekdays: 2:00 p.m.  
Saturdays: 1:00 p.m.

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## Minnesota Host to Pan-Am Sports Spectacular in T-C Area July 2-19

More than 1,000 of America's finest men and women athletes will be here during those eventful days. They will participate in trials and training to select talent for the U.S. team which will compete in the fifth Pan-American Games at Winnipeg, July 23 - August 7.

The Trials will be a big event, one which has already enlisted the active support of over 600 Minnesotans working on 31 committees.

The University of Minnesota will open its athletic, housing and dining facilities to the athletes, coaches and trainers taking part in the event. Other athletic and housing facilities in the Twin Cities will also be utilized.

In effect, the Trials will be an "Olympic dress rehearsal." The United States Olympic Committee estimates that at least three-fourths of the athletes selected for this U.S. team will represent our country in the 1968 Olympics.

Among the highlights will be the thrilling wrestling competition, scheduled for July 3-4-5 at Williams Arena, July 7 at St. Cloud and July 8 at Mankato . . . boxing at the St. Paul Armory July 6 - 7 . . . tennis at the Minikahda Club July 12-13-14 . . . track and field at Memorial Stadium, site of several NCAA championship meets, July 15-16.

There will be exciting exhibitions, too . . . such as the great swimming attraction at Edina July 19 . . . and others in basketball for both men and women.

Those who saw the Pan-American Basketball Trials at Williams Arena in April will recall the outstanding male cage players who will be in action, stars such as All-American Sonny Dove of St. John's, Henry Logan of West Carolina, and Jay Miller of the Akron Goodyears.

Olympic swimmer Don Schollander, a gold medal winner, will be here too, headlining a great swimming contingent.

In track, we expect you'll see and thrill to the artistry of world record holder Randy Mattson in the shot put; and exciting Tommy Smith, a world record threat in three events - the 100, 200 and 400 meters.

Boxing? There will be some great ones, including such standouts from this region as "Boom-Boom" Miller of Wahpeton, North Dakota and Pat O'Connor of Rochester.

Still other trials will be held in judo, gymnastics and yachting. And, there will be training and probable exhibitions in baseball, volleyball, field hockey, soccer, rowing, water polo and canoeing. (See page 2 for detailed schedule of events.)

### PUBLIC SEASON FOOTBALL TICKETS

Public season football tickets go on sale July 1, 1967. Tickets will be \$30.00 this year, with six home games. The Big Ten Champion, Michigan State, and the Southwest Conference Champion, Southern Methodist, will be on the home schedule. A great season is expected. Applications will be mailed out the latter part of June. If you do not receive your application in time to return it during July, please call the Athletic Ticket Office, 373-3181.

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For Pan-American Games information write:

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Canada



Randy Mattson

Among the several world record holders expected to participate in the Pan-Am track and field trials July 15-16 is 6-6½, 262 pound Randy Mattson of Texas A. & M. who holds the world's shot put record at 71 feet 5½ inches. He also has a best discus mark of 213 feet 9½ inches.

# TRIALS ARE "OLYMPIC PREVIEW"

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS COMPETITIONS

<b>Wrestling</b> — Williams Arena St. Cloud State Mankato State	M-Tu-W July 3-4-5 Fri. July 7 Sat. July 8
<b>Boxing</b> — St. Paul Armory	Th-Fr July 7-8
<b>Judo</b> — Hamline University	F-Sa July 7-8
<b>Gymnastics (M/W)</b> — Williams Arena	Sa-Su July 8-9
<b>Track &amp; Field (M/W)</b> — Memorial Stadium	Sa-Su July 15-16
<b>Soccer</b> — Exhibition — Parade Stadium	Sat. July 15 10A.M.
<b>Swimming (M/W)</b> — Exhibition — Edina Pool	Wed. July 19 7P.M.
<b>Tennis</b> — Minikahda Club	W-Th-F July 12-13-14
<b>Volleyball (M/W)</b> —	W-Th-F July 12-13-14
<b>Yachting</b> — Lake Minnetonka	July 5-15

## PRACTICE-TRAINING-ASSEMBLY

Sport	Dates in Twin Cities	
<b>Baseball</b>	July 1-19	(Eliminations Here)
<b>Basketball (Men)</b>	July 2-20	
<b>Basketball (Women)</b>	July 12-20	
<b>Canoeing</b>	July 12-20	
<b>Cycling</b>	July 15-19	
<b>Equestrian</b>	July 16-19	(Riders Only)
<b>Field Hockey</b>	July 16-19	
* <b>Rowing</b>	Tues. July 18	7:00 P.M.
<b>Shooting</b>	July 16-19	
<b>Water Polo</b>	July 12-19	
<b>Weightlifting</b>	July 12-19	

\*Course on Mississippi River from 24th St., Minneapolis to U. of M. Showboat. Will pass Riverside Park which is best vantage point.

## TICKET INFORMATION

**TRACK AND FIELD** — Saturday, July 15 — Afternoon — Memorial Stadium  
Sunday, July 16 — Afternoon — Memorial Stadium

Reserved 2-Day Ticket (on advance sale only) ..... \$5.00  
Reserved (each day) ..... 3.00  
Adult General Admission (each day) ..... 2.00  
\*Child General Admission 2-Day Ticket (on advance sale only) ..... 1.00  
\*Child General Admission (each day) ..... 1.00

**BOXING** — Thursday, July 6 — Evening — St. Paul Armory  
Friday, July 7 — Evening — St. Paul Armory  
Ringside Reserved (each night) ..... \$4.00  
General Admission (each night) ..... 1.50

**WRESTLING** — Monday, July 3 — Evening — Williams Arena  
Tuesday, July 4 — Afternoon, Evening — Williams Arena  
Wednesday, July 5 — Afternoon, Evening — Williams Arena

Adult General Admission (each session) ..... \$1.50  
\*Child General Admission (each session) ..... 1.00

**GYMNASTICS** — Saturday, July 8 — Afternoon, Evening — Williams Arena  
Sunday, July 9 — Afternoon, Evening — Williams Arena

Adult General Admission (each session) ..... \$1.50  
\*Child General Admission (each session) ..... 1.00

**JUDO** — Friday, July 7 — Afternoon, Evening — Hamline U.  
Saturday, July 8 — Afternoon, Evening — Hamline U.

Adult General Admission (each session) ..... \$1.50  
\*Child General Admission (each session) ..... 1.00

**SWIMMING** — Wednesday, July 19 — 7:00 P.M. — Edina Municipal Pool

Adult General Admission ..... \$1.50  
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# Super-Star Schollander Heads Pan-Am Swim

The Twin Cities area will see a myriad of sports stars in action during the Pan-American Games Trials this summer, but none of them will be more brilliant than Don Schollander, winner of four gold medals in the 1964 Olympics and the world's greatest freestyle swimmer.



Currently a senior at Yale, Schollander won his gold medals in the Tokyo Games at the tender age of 19, the summer before enrolling at "Old Eli." He set an Olympic record (:53.4) in the 100-meter freestyle and both Olympic and world records in the 400-meter freestyle (4:12.2). He also was a member of the U.S. 400 and 800-meter relay teams which shattered Olympic and world records (3:33.2 and 7:52.1 respectively).

Don Schollander Schollander will compete in the Pan-American Games in Winnipeg in three events - the 200-meter freestyle, 400-meter freestyle relay and the 800-meter freestyle relay. The personnel of the U.S. team was selected earlier in the year.

When queried as to what makes Schollander such a magnificent freestyler, his coach at Yale, Phil Moriarity, explained: "A flawless stroke, more than average strength, an intense desire to win and willingness to condition himself to make the sacrifices necessary to become a great champion."

Schollander feels that a large amount of his success is due to the muscles in his arms and legs. Those in his arms are reputed to reach down to his fingers and those in his legs, from the knees to the ankles. He does not have the bulging calves characteristic of many athletes. Instead, they are extraordinarily straight, even by accepted standards for swimming champions.

"Their development gives me an extra edge over my rivals," Schollander declares. "I have a stronger kick and my stroke is better coordinated."

Schollander and his muscles will be in action at the Edina Pool July 19 when the U.S. team swims in an exhibition, starting at 7 P.M.

The eleven Outstanding Athlete Awards of the Minnesota Alumni Association were given out at the Annual "M" Banquet. The winners are as follows: Baseball, Dennis H. Zacho; Basketball, Paul M. Presthus; Cross Country, Thomas G. Heinonen; Football, Kenneth Last; Golf, William J. Brask; Gymnastics, Richard C. Hinrichs; Hockey, John B. Dale; Swimming, Donald E. Spencer; Tennis, Ronald A. Keith; Track, Thomas G. Heinonen; Wrestling, James W. Anderson.



A group of prominent USA journalists and United States Olympic Committee officials stopped off in the Twin Cities May 15 to inspect facilities for the Pan-American Games Trials before continuing on to Winnipeg, Canada to be briefed on preparation for the Pan-American Games there July 23-August 7.

One of the Twin Cities area stops was at the Edina municipal pool where the USA team will stage an exhibition at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 19.

In the group shown above are (kneeling from left) Bob Kojetin, assistant recreation director of Edina, Frank Litsky of the New York Times, Glen Reed, assistant to Athletic Director Marsh Ryman and chairman of the General Arrangements committee for the Trials.

Standing (from left): John Mooney, Salt Lake City Tribune, Otis Dypwick, U. of M. sports information director and publicity co-chairman for the Trials, Bob Paul, USOC, Steve Weller, Buffalo Evening News, Ed Chay, Cleveland Plain Dealer, Bill Drake, editorial director of Golf & Travel magazine, Marion Miller, USOC, Maury White, Des Moines Tribune, Norm MacDonald, chairman of men's tennis Trials, Royal Brougham, sports editor Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

## Williams Fund Drive Seeks \$100,000 Goal

The 1967 Williams Scholarship Fund drive is underway. Early returns are encouraging, but it is much too soon to make any realistic predictions as to whether the campaign will reach its goal of \$100,000. Williams Fund workers are hopeful it will. To do so, it will need the generous support of Gopher athletics everywhere.

The goal seems an ambitious one, and there is no denying that \$100,000 is a lot of money to raise by public contribution. When contrasted with some of the comparable aid funds around the Big Ten, however, it certainly is not excessive. Wisconsin, for example, raised \$168,000 for its fund last year. Illinois received \$135,541 from 786 persons, an average of slightly over \$172 each. Purdue's total was \$120,000.

Minnesota's Williams Fund is the only Big Ten program of its kind which makes both academic and athletic ability mandatory for the awarding of scholarships to student-athletes.

Like to help? It's easy. Just mail your check or money order to Athletic Department, Cooke Hall, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis 55455. Please make all remittances payable to University of Minnesota.

# Grid Gophers Ready for Rugged Schedule

## Comments From Cooke

Mary Spalding, part time ticket office employee, is presently revising the "M" Directory for publication in the fall. "M" men - does Mary have all the info about you?

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The U.S. Olympic Basketball Committee and all participating teams have sent complimentary letters regarding the staging of the Pan Am Basketball Trials in April. We appreciate their kind comments.

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Have you seen the new water-filled steeplechase pit put in the stadium for Big Ten Track Meets? It was christened when the track team dumped Coach Griak in it after the dual-meet victory over Iowa. It is now a favorite foot bath for 6'10" high jumper, Tom Stuart.

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Former Basketball player, Don Linehan, is now coaching the Olympic Basketball Team in Tehran, Iran. His travels have included visits to Bangkok and Russia.

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A familiar face is back on the staff. Mrs. Russell Anderson, who was secretary to Bernie Bierman, is back now working for Pan Am. We begged "competent Hazel" to help us out.

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The Baseball team says "Wait until '68" after losing the Big Ten Title to Ohio State for the second year in a row. It's O.K. boys, we're still behind you.

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"Minnesota Football", an annual publication put out by Sports Publications, Inc., of Bloomington will appear on July 21. It will feature ten pages about the Golden Gophers and the Big Ten.

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The Summer Collegiate Baseball League will be playing again this year. Four teams from the Twin City area will be playing at local sites.

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Seventeen staff members will visit 150 Minnesota communities between June 14 and 23 in our 4th Annual Gopher Goodwill Tour. The new 15 minute, 16mm. sound film "Gopher Action" which highlights 1967 Gopher football and basketball action will be shown in most towns.

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H. Robert Giles is in London, England attending an International Conference on Recreation. He writes that he has met representatives from twenty-one countries.

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With this issue we conclude our fourth year of publishing Gopher Chatter (18 issues). Your enthusiastic comments lead us to believe we should continue.

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### THE GOPHER CHATTER

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Optimism stemming from the University of Minnesota's spring football practice concluded May 13 ranged from extremely high on the part of some sideliners and members of the press to "guarded" on the part of Coach Murray Warmath. This despite the absence of 10 squad members either sidelined with injuries or participating in another sport. Like Hubie Bryant who was busy winning the 100-yard dash (in 9.5 seconds) and the 220-yard dash against Iowa while the final spring football scrimmage was in progress not many yards away. Bryant figures to be the no. 1 candidate for the starting flankerback assignment when the Gophers open their 1967 schedule against the University of Utah September 23 in Memorial Stadium.

As a matter of fact, the Gophers had better be "ready" for a rugged campaign. Their schedule includes no less than three conference champions - Nebraska (Sept. 30 at Lincoln) of the Big Eight; Southern Methodist (Oct. 7 here) of the Southwest Conference; and Michigan State of the Big Ten (Oct. 21 here). This will be the homecoming feature. Other dates are Illinois at Champaign Oct. 14; Michigan here Oct. 28; Iowa at Iowa City Nov. 4; Purdue at Lafayette Nov. 11; Indiana here Nov. 18; and Wisconsin here Nov. 25.

Our top track star was Tom Heinonen who placed first in the three mile event at the Big Ten Track Meet. On the following day, Tom ran ten miles in a marathon, just to keep in shape. This kind of dedication is one of the reasons Tom was named Conference Medal Winner.

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Lt. Bruce Michels, Baseball, 1961, now on a mine sweeper in Viet Nam, recently wrote for a copy of the "History of Minnesota Football" film to show his shipmates.

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## EXCITING HOME SCHEDULE IN STORE FOR GOPHER GRID FANS

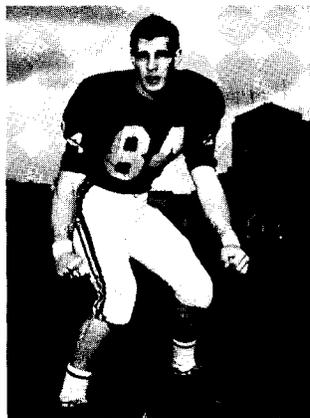
### ★ ★ ★ ★ Promising Newcomers Boost Prospects

Gopher football fever is expected to soar high this fall. What promises to be one of the most exciting Minnesota squads in recent years will tackle a rugged schedule which includes the defending champions from three major conferences — Nebraska of the Big Eight (Sept. 30 at Lincoln), Southern Methodist of the Southwest Conference (Oct. 7 here) and Michigan State of the Big Ten (Oct. 21 here). The Spartan clash will be the Homecoming feature.

Other home attractions will be Utah Sept. 23, Michigan in the "Little Brown Jug" battle Oct. 28, Indiana Nov. 18 and Wisconsin Nov. 25. Additional road contests will be Illinois at Champaign Oct. 14, Iowa at Iowa City Nov. 4 and Purdue at Lafayette Nov. 11.

Considerable optimism, not all of it shared by the Gopher coaching staff, was generated by the team's showing in spring drills, climaxed by the Maroons' 63-7 romp over the reserve Whites, in the annual intra-squad game. The high hopes are due in part to the presence of 29 lettermen on the roster, several of whom did not take part in spring practice. In addition, some eye-catching sophomore performers indicate a strong injection of fresh talent.

The veterans are offensive ends Chip Litten and Charley Sanders, offensive tackles Ezell Jones, John Williams, Bob Bedney and Ron Klick; offensive guards Bill Christison, Dick Enderle, Tom Fink, Andy Brown and Bill Laakso; quarterbacks Larry Carlson and Curt Wilson; offensive halfbacks Hubie Bryant, Maurice Forte, Dick Peterson and John Wintermute; fullback Dennis Cornell; defensive ends Del Jessen and Bob Stein; defensive tackles McKinley Boston, Ron Kamzelski and Jerry Hermann; defensive guard Ed Duren; linebacker Noel Jenke; defensive halfbacks Capt. Tom Sakal and Dennis Hale; safety Gordon (Mike) Condo and punt-



Bob Stein

ing specialist Dave Baldrige.

The best sophomore bets are offensive end Ted Burke (6-6½, 236); centers Anthony (Jim) Pahula (6-1, 224), Ken Maurer (6-0, 219) and Don Kukowski (6-2, 219); quarterback Phil Hagen (6-2, 180); halfbacks Ragland (Rags) Cooper (6-3, 215), Mike Curtis (6-0, 183), Jeff Nygren (6-1½, 204) and George Kemp (6-0, 196); fullback Jim Carter (6-3, 215); defensive guard Bob Bethke (6-0, 220) and defensive end Leon Trawick (6-4, 230). Hagen, Curtis, Cooper and Carter all were impressive in the spring game and both Pahula and Trawick are considered top prospects.

In addition, some non-lettering returnees showed considerable improvement last spring — quarterback Ray Stephens, flankerback-end Bobby Lee, linebackers Wayne King and John Darkenwald.

A four-way struggle for the regular signal-caller's post is in prospect for this fall with both Hagen and Stephens looming as top challengers to returnees Wilson and Carlson. Hagen com-

pleted eight of 12 passes in the spring game for 229 yards and four touchdowns.

There will be no shortage of halfbacks with sophs Cooper and Kemp vying with lettermen Peterson, Wintermute and Forte for the left half spot and newcomer Curtis pressing veteran Bryant at flankerback. Nygren also can play flanker but may be used as a defensive back. Carter is as exciting a fullback prospect as any in memory.

Chief problem spot is center where junior Steve Lundeen is the only returnee with any experience and his availability depends on recovery from surgery for removal of a disc. The linebacker spots also show a dearth of experience, the lone exception being Jenke.

Capsule analysis: It should be a highly interesting year. It could be a highly successful one.

### Gopher Profile . . .

## FOOTBALL CAPTAIN TOM SAKAL

Gopher football captain Tom Sakal doesn't like to lose and, if he is any judge of Minnesota's 1967 squad, he won't be feeling blue very often this fall.

"I think we're going to have a good team," he declares, "one with a lot of confidence, plenty of talent and great spirit. We're going to surprise people before this season is over."



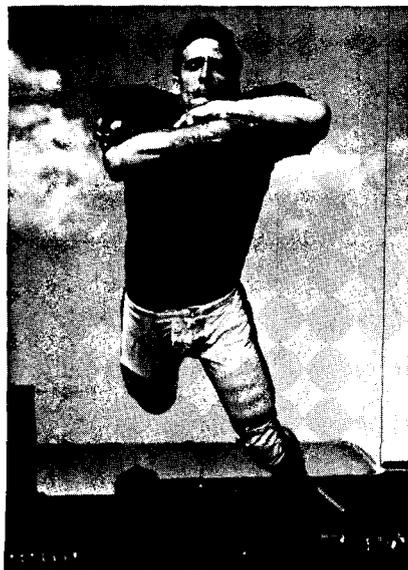
Tom Sakal

Sakal, a good-looking, friendly senior, came to Minnesota as a quarterback but was shifted to defensive halfback before the start of his sophomore year in 1965. He has been a regular ever since and is ranked as one of the finest defenders in the Big Ten. He hails from Aliquippa, Pa., the same town which gave Minnesota Willie Costanza, a regular guard on the 1964-65 Gopher squads.

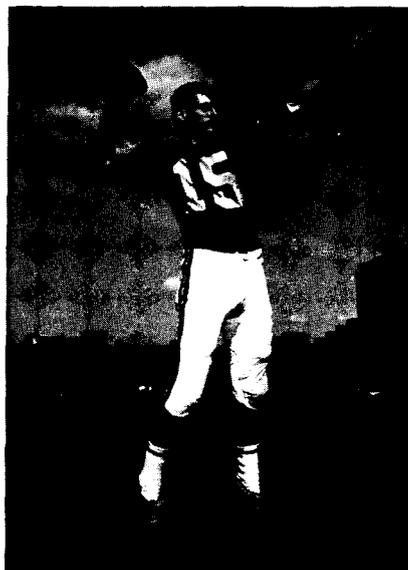
Tom is the product of a football family. Two older brothers lettered at Kentucky and Pittsburgh, respectively. Despite his prep background as a quarterback, he has adapted readily to his defensive assignment and now allows that he is glad he made the change. He is especially adept at picking off enemy passes, accounting for four interceptions in each of his first two campaigns. He'd like to make it at least an even dozen for his career.

Most of all, however, he wants to make this a team and a season to remember. He and the Gophers will be aiming high.

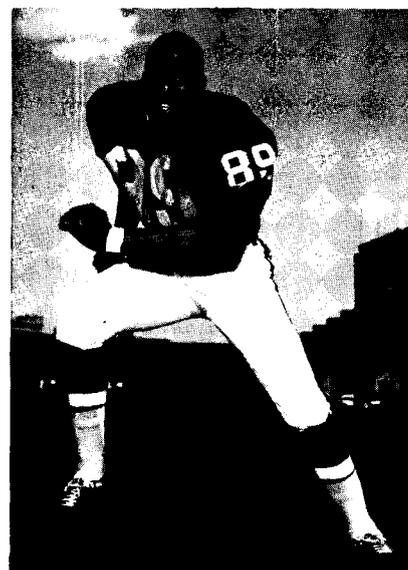
## You'll See a Lot of These New Gophers This Fall



Jim Carter



Phil Hagen



Leon Trawick

# GOPHER COACHES REPORT RECRUITING SUCCESS

With over a month of the recruiting season remaining, the Gopher coaching staff already has received signed tenders from 47 outstanding student-athletes for next year's freshman squads. The total of tendered freshmen will reach 70 by the time classes start in September with all 10 sports being represented. The list to date:

**BASKETBALL:** Daniel Fisher, Eau Claire, Wis.; Oscar Foster, San Diego, Calif.; Eric Hill, Indianapolis, Ind.; Jay Kiedrowski, Edina; Thomas Masterson, Walnut Grove; Albert Nuness, Maywood, Ill. (junior college transfer).

**FOOTBALL:** Terry Addison, Memphis, Tenn.; Ron Anderson, Robbinsdale; Thomas Bienemann, Wilmette, Ill.; Walter Bowser, Newport News, Va.; John Cranston, Rochester; Richard Crawford, Marietta, Ga.; Robert Eastlund, Isanti; Michael Goldberg, Tulsa, Okla.; Alvin Hawes, Memphis, Tenn.; Thomas Lavaty, LaGrange, Ill.; Jeffrey Lotz, Eau Claire, Wis.; Gregory Mitchell, Garden Grove, Calif.; Barry Mayer, Fargo, N. D.; William Minor, Joliet, Ill.; Scott Mullen, West Mifflin, Pa.; George Murray, Santa Ana, Calif.; Jan Nelson, Minneapolis (Washburn); James O'Brien, Rice Lake, Wis.; Francis Paquette, Superior, Wis.; Donald Skay, Bloomington; William Steinbauer, Edina; Henry Tasche, Elk Grove Village, Ill.; John Thompson, Hickory, N. C.; Stephen Thompson, St. Louis Park; Vernon Winfield, Minneapolis (South); Jeffrey Wright, Edina.

**HOCKEY:** Mark Barbato, Hibbing; Richard Nelson, Grand Forks, N. D.; Ronald Peltier, St. Paul (Johnson); Frank Sanders,

North St. Paul; Craig Sarnier, North St. Paul; Thomas Sathre, Minneapolis (Southwest).

**SWIMMING:** Michael Fisher, Rochester; John Lunsford, Monroe, Mich.; Ralph Peterson, St. Paul.

**TENNIS:** Dave Stearns, St. Cloud.

**TRACK:** Dan Ewing, Minneapolis; Bernard Grokett, Minneapolis; Philip Hanks, Arcadia, Calif.; Timothy Heikkila, Superior, Wis.; Greg Lokken, Sabin.

## Griak Sees Strong Gopher Entry in Cross Country

Roy Griak expects another strong Gopher cross country team this fall despite the loss of a top-flight runner in Tom Heinonen, along with the departure of four other lettermen.

Five of last fall's top seven runners will be back, led by Capt. Dick Aften, the squad's only senior. The others are Curtis Dockter, Steve Hoag, Ed Twomey and Bob Wagner. The only members of last year's first seven who will not be back are Heinonen and John Valentine.

Newcomers who look promising are Pat Kelly, St. Paul (Monroe); Doug Kozad, Edina; Doug Edmondson, Richfield; Heinz Moesler, Northfield; John Meyers, Rochester; and Tim Turnbull, Hopkins. Kelly is the best bet among the sophs to make the top seven.

## ORDER YOUR PUBLIC SEASON FOOTBALL TICKETS NOW

**Season Priority Ends July 31**

Remember, those season orders received in the Ticket Office after July 31 must pay the sales tax of 90¢ per season ticket. Six games this year and individual books of tickets again. Price \$30.00. Put your check in the mail today.

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Phone 373-3181

## Comments From Cooke

Another honor for trainer Lloyd "Snapper" Stein! At the Annual "M" Letterman's banquet, Lloyd was presented with the "M" Club Distinguished Service Award. Congratulations from all your friends.

Excerpt from a recent letter from the General Sales Manager of the A. B. Dick Co. — "the young men that we looked at from various campuses were above average, but the group from Minnesota seemed to be more mature, have an understanding of 'who they were,' and a sense of responsibility of giving as well as an interest in receiving. I would guess that someone in the leadership row of the athletic department at the University of Minnesota has spent some time counselling, directing, and providing a sincere interest in the future development of these men beyond their athletic involvement."

Watch for the new design on Gopher billboards this fall. The design was the inspiration of Donald C. Benson, "M" letterman in swimming — 1946, '47, '48, '50, now Advertising Manager at Toro Manufacturing Co. Don is presently on the "M" Board of Directors.

KEZY Radio of Anaheim, California will be broadcasting three Gopher football games next fall — Southern Methodist, Michigan State and Michigan.

Our congratulations to Eldon W. Mason, Baseball, '25, '27; Football, '25; Basketball, '25, '27, who recently received the University of Minnesota Outstanding Achievement Award.

"Tug" Wilson, former Big Ten Commissioner, has much about Minnesota athletics in his new book "The Big Ten." It has just been published by Prentice Hall and has over 1,000 illustrations.

"M" man, Bruce Neuman, (Basketball — '64, '65) is working on his doctorate at Stanford University and was recently awarded a fellowship in Business Administration by the Ford Foundation.

Over 500 local volunteers served as committee members and gave many hours to the U. S. Pan American Trials held in the Twin Cities and some surrounding communities. Words cannot express our gratitude for their enthusiastic efforts in this Olympic endeavor.

The entire "M" membership and the Athletic Department have a big "thank you" for Dick Heeb, outgoing "M" Club President. His capable leadership and ever present good humor made it a pleasure to work with him. Louis Brewster was named his successor.

At the time of printing, \$18,000 had been contributed to the 1967 Williams Fund campaign. The goal is \$100,000. You can help by sending your checks to Williams Fund, Cooke Hall, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55455.

John Dewey, of the Big Ten Office, recently married, spent part of his honeymoon helping out on Pan American Trials events. How dedicated can you get?

Dr. Richard Siebert, Jr. (Baseball — '55, '58, '59) just returned from a medical tour of duty in Viet Nam. Welcome back, Dick.

Thanks for three big Pan Am. Days. One, courtesy of the Twins at Metropolitan Stadium, one, on WCCO Radio and one on KTCA TV.

## Football Info. Books Available

The University of Minnesota football information brochure for Press-Radio-TV is due off the presses in the near future. Copies priced at \$1.00 each may be obtained by writing to the Sports Information Office, Cooke Hall, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn. 55455.

## Gopher Benefactor . . .

### ROY W. LARSEN

A "small town boy" who came to the Twin Cities to build and become chief executive officer of one of the nation's largest savings and loan associations has been a consistent and generous benefactor of the University of Minnesota's athletic program in time, energy, and fund-raising "know-how."

He is Roy W. Larsen who was born in Grand Forks, N. D. raised in Crookston, Minnesota and is today chairman of the board of Twin City Federal Savings and Loan Association with assets of more than \$620 million — the largest savings and loan firm in 49 states.

The University is not the only recipient of Mr. Larsen's selflessness. He has been an untiring worker in local, state and national civic projects. These activities comprise a list that would fill the columns of this publication. However, his contributions to the University of Minnesota include serving for 15 years as chairman of the fund raising committee for the Williams Scholarship Fund, and as a former director of the University of Minnesota Alumni Association. He was also co-sponsor of the fund-raising effort to send the Minnesota band to the 1961 Rose Bowl game when it appeared that this organization might be unable to make the trip because of lack of funds. Twin City Federal has given generously to the University of time on radio programs it sponsors.



Roy W. Larsen

As monumental as his own personal responsibilities are Roy Larsen is the kind of rare individual who always finds time to assist a worthy cause.

Mr. Larsen's first experience with the University of Minnesota was as an undergraduate student. Following graduation from Minnesota he went on to George Washington University Law School.

After a public accountant's job with Bishop-Brissman, CPA's in St. Paul, he got a start in savings and lending as assistant cashier of the Polk County State Bank of Crookston. In 1923 he was one of a group of three men who founded Twin City Federal Savings and Loan Association in a two-room office in the Plymouth Building, Minneapolis. The success of this organization under Mr. Larsen's direction is attested to by its current assets and national ranking.

The esteem in which Mr. Larsen is held within the industry is readily apparent for he serves in the highly prestigious capacity of chairman of the 2,300-member Savings and Loan Foundation which headquarters in Washington, D. C.

The University of Minnesota and the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics are extremely fortunate to have been among the recipients of the largesse of this dynamic and generous man who has reinvested in his own success in the community that made it possible.

## "Gopher Action" Film Is Available without Charge

"Gopher Action," a new 16mm sound film featuring highlights from the University of Minnesota's 1966 football and 1967 basketball seasons now is available to organizations for public showing free of charge. The film was photographed in black and white and runs 15 minutes. It is narrated by WCCO Radio sportscaster Ray Christensen. Copies of the film may be obtained by calling (373-4277) or writing Bert Kingsley, Cooke Hall, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis 55455.

# Minnesota Athletic Dept. Pushing High School Relations

Efforts of the University of Minnesota Athletic Department to bring the University athletic program into closer contact with high schools and students within the state is graphically illustrated in the following report prepared by Dayton Hultgren, scholastic counselor for the department:

## I. PERSONAL CONTACTS

### A. Special

Individual appointments by Department Staff members with students and/or parents about educational opportunities at the University of Minnesota 200

### B. Regular

Four winter sports days on campus where High School student-athletes are invited (on a reduced price ticket) 3,250 students

Three football games to which High School football teams are invited (on a reduced price ticket) to attend 9,100 students

One football game to which High School bands are invited (on a reduced price ticket) to attend 4,900 students

One football game to which Community Recreation youth groups are invited (on a reduced price ticket) to attend 3,000 youth

Other sports events to which High School students-athletes are invited (at a reduced price ticket), events related to their respective sport 12,100 students

Student athletes visits to campus to talk with faculty and staff regarding the possibility of coming to the University of Minnesota 300 students

**GRAND TOTAL 32,850 students**

## II. CORRESPONDENCE AND PUBLICATIONS

Departmental Brochure (1 mailing) 650 High Schools

"Gopher Chatter" (5 mailings per year) 650 High Schools

"Gazette" (5 mailings per year) 2,800 "M" Club members

Ticket Office Mailings to High School staff and students 153,000 total pieces in 18 mailings

Scholastic Counselor brochure (1 mailing) 650 High Schools

Individual correspondence with prospective student-athletes during the year 700 letters

## III. USE OF MASS MEDIA

The Department has a Sports Information Office to handle press, radio and television releases and relationships. The office has a director, assistant director, and secretarial staff.

The following is a summary of Departmental Staff public appearances:

Radio	82
Television	90
Breakfasts	18
Lunches	218
Dinners	303
Meetings	180
Clinics	29
Film showings	142

**TOTAL APPEARANCES 1062**

(Total audience count for public appearances — 8,075,550)

## IV. USE OF ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

### FACILITIES FOR HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS

Practice events of all types	181
Competition and Tournaments	60
<b>TOTAL HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS</b>	<b>241</b>

## SINGLE GAME FOOTBALL TICKETS

Single game ticket applications will be accepted the first of August. Schedule and prices below:

### SIX HOME GAMES

Sept. 23 — Utah	\$5.15*
Oct. 7 — Southern Methodist	5.15*
Oct. 21 — Michigan State (Homecoming)	5.15*
Oct. 28 — Michigan	5.15*
Nov. 18 — Indiana (Dads' Day)	5.15*
Nov. 25 — Wisconsin	5.15*

### FOUR GAMES AWAY

Sept. 30 — Nebraska at Lincoln	\$5.25
Oct. 14 — Illinois at Champaign	5.00
Nov. 4 — Iowa at Iowa City	5.00
Nov. 11 — Purdue at Lafayette	5.00

\*\$.15 sales tax.

Best schedule in years. Mail your order on July 31. Seats assigned on a "first come, first served" basis. For more information, call 373-3181.

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# GOPHER CHATTER

University of Minnesota

Volume 5, No. 2, November, 1967



## Rising Basketball Fortunes Seen *Newcomers Boost Prospects*

### Gopher Back Court Club Plans 5 Luncheons

The Gopher Back Court Club which is heading into its ninth season has scheduled 5 luncheon meetings for Tuesday, January 9; Tuesday, January 30; Tuesday, February 13; Monday, February 26; and Monday, March 4. The meetings are held at Jax Cafe, 1922 University Avenue N.E. in Minneapolis.

The Club is devoted to creating interest in high school and college basketball. The programs feature John Kundla and an outstanding Gopher player; the Minneapolis high school player of the week and his coach; coaches of Big Ten teams. The Club has contributed \$5,750 for financial aid to such former student-athletes as Dave Nelson, Bill Davis, Mel Northway, Dean Lopata, Tom Ashley (current varsity), and Jay Kiedrowski of the U. freshman squad.

Club hosts are Dick Cullum, Tony Jaros, Marty Rolek, and Vern Mikkelsen. Tickets for the 5 luncheons are \$13.50 including tax. Checks and applications for Club memberships should be sent to Gopher Back Court Club, c/o Jax Cafe, 1922 University Ave. N.E., Minneapolis, Minn. 55418.

### BASKETBALL AND HOCKEY SINGLE GAME TICKETS ON SALE

**RESERVED \$2.25**  
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**Order Early for Better Seating**

**Athletic Ticket Office, 108 Cooke Hall  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55455  
Phone 373-3181**

### Alumni — "M" Gatherings Planned for California

The University of Minnesota Alumni and "M" men in the California area will soon be invited to attend one of the three combined Alumni Association — "M" Club dinner meetings in late December. The tentative schedule:

Tuesday, December 26, 1967 — San Diego

Wednesday, December 27, 1967 — Los Angeles

Thursday, December 28, 1967 — San Francisco

Those planning to attend any one of these functions will have an opportunity to meet Ed Haislet, Alumni Association Executive Director, Louis Brewster, President of the Graduate "M" Club; Marsh Ryman, Athletic Director; Glen Reed, Assistant to Director; and Head Football Coach Murray Warmath.

It looks as if the basketball Gophers will be on the way up this winter. Coach John Kundla believes he has the makings of a contender, one which will make the fans forget last year's ninth-place finish. The Big Ten again appears well-balanced without a team which threatens to dominate the race.



**Tom Kondla**

the best sophomores are centers Larry Mikan, 6-7 son of former Minneapolis Laker pro great George Mikan, and Pat Fitzsimmons, 6-6, guards Mike Regenfuss, 6-0, and Steve Danen, 6-5, and forward John Beyer, 6-5.

Center Tom Kondla, 6-7, who last winter broke the Minnesota scoring record for one season and led the Big Ten in scoring by a wide margin, again will be the key man in the attack. He is a prime All-American candidate.

Other returning starters are forward LeRoy Gardner, 6-4, and guard Wayne Barry, 6-1. They are expected to be joined in the top five by a pair of newcomers — forward Larry Overskei, a 6-6 sophomore, and guard Al Nuness, a 6-3 transfer from Fort Dodge (Iowa) Junior College. Both can hit from the outside and are expected to take some of the pressure off Kondla.

Additional lettermen who return are rebounding whiz Ray Stephens, 6-3 forward, Bill Moore, 6-6, also a forward, and guard Jimmy Johnson, 5-11. In addition to Overskei, the best sophomores are centers Larry Mikan, 6-7 son of former Minneapolis Laker pro great George Mikan, and Pat Fitzsimmons, 6-6, guards Mike Regenfuss, 6-0, and Steve Danen, 6-5, and forward John Beyer, 6-5.

### SEE U. S. OLYMPIC HOCKEY TEAM

**Friday, December 15**

**8:00 P.M.**

**U.S. Olympic team vs. Minnesota**

**6:15 P.M.**

**Prelim: Freshman Intra-Squad**

**Reserved Seats \$2.25**

**General Admission \$1.50**

**This special event is not included in our regular season ticket. Applications are in the mail. Watch for them and order early. For information call 373-3181.**

*Coach Sonmor Optimistic . . .*

# IMPROVED DEFENSE BRIGHTENS HOCKEY OUTLOOK

*No kick on*

## **DAVE BALDRIDGE'S PUNTING**

Dave Baldrige has been punting for a long time, ever since he was in grade school. All that kicking has paid off, too. His punting has been one of the highlights of this year's Gopher football squad. He has been one of the top booters not only in the Big Ten, but in the nation as well. His 88-yard punt against Utah was good for a school record.

An All-City performer in football, baseball and basketball at Minneapolis West, Baldrige started his punting career in a small vacant field behind his home when he was "about 10." It was at this same juncture in his life that he started playing Cub League football. Later he graduated to Midget League ball. While at West, he did both the punting and the placekicking and once got off a punt of "about 80 yards."

Baldrige credits his great improvement this fall to the fact that he has changed his style somewhat. He now uses a one-hand drop when he releases the ball on punts instead of the two-hand drop he used last year. Actually, he had used the former method as a sophomore, but switched to two hands last season. "I just didn't feel natural that way," he admits. "I wasn't consistent using the two-hand style." Needless to say, he's been consistent this season.

Minnesota football fans will have opportunities to see Baldrige in action as he closes out his brilliant collegiate career against Indiana (November 18) and Wisconsin (November 25).



**Dave Baldrige**

Coach Glen Sonmor is optimistic. He foresees his 1967-68 Gopher hockey squad vacating last season's basement accommodations and heading toward the penthouse. It may not make it, but Sonmor is certain it will settle in a better neighborhood.

For one thing, last winter's chronic goalie problem appears solved with the advent of widely-heralded sophomore Murray McLachlan, backed up by another strong soph, Ron Docken.

The Gophers lost two regular defensemen, Jim Branch and Jerry Christenson, and will be without a third, Don Fraser, until winter quarter, but Sonmor feels that veteran Dick Paradise and sophs Steve Ross, son of International Falls hockey coach Larry Ross, Scott Buchan and Pat Westrum, can hold the line until then. Footballer Jim Carter also will be available after the end of the grid season.

Minnesota will have seven lettermen forwards — Capt. Gary Gambucci, Pat Dufour, Pete Fichuk, Greg Hughes, Bill Klatt, Chuck Norby and Rob Shattuck. They will be challenged by such talented sophs as John Jesky, Tom Phillips, Ricky Yurich and Larry Paradise, brother of defenseman Dick.

### **A Great First**

## **BIG TEN HOCKEY TOURNAMENT**

**Thurs., Fri., Sat., Dec. 28, 29, 30, 1967**

**5 BIG TEN HOCKEY TEAMS PARTICIPATING  
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MICHIGAN STATE — OHIO STATE**

**Williams Arena — 2 games each night  
7:00 and 9:00 p.m.**

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**SEASON TICKET — 3 sessions \$3.00  
reserved seats ONLY \$6.00**

**Reserved tickets at \$3.00 and \$2.25  
General Admission at \$1.75**

**MAIL ORDERS OPEN NOW**

**Season Ticket Purchasers SAVE \$3.00 over  
individual session prices.**

**For more information call 373-3181**

### **WTCN-TV to Carry 6 Gopher Cage, 2 Hockey Games Live**

WTCN-TV has contracted with the U. of M. Athletic Department to carry live six Minnesota basketball games and two hockey games. The schedule:

- Saturday, November 18 —  
8:00 p.m. — Hockey . . . UMD at Duluth
- Tuesday, December 5 —  
8:00 p.m. — Basketball . . . Kansas State (Home)
- Wednesday, December 20 —  
8:00 p.m. — Basketball . . . Creighton at Omaha
- Saturday, January 6 —  
6:30 p.m. — Basketball . . . Indiana at Bloomington
- Tuesday, January 9 —  
8:00 p.m. — Hockey . . . Wisconsin at Madison
- Tuesday, January 16 —  
8:00 p.m. — Basketball . . . Northwestern at Evanston
- Saturday, February 17 —  
8:00 p.m. — Basketball . . . Ohio State (Home)
- Tuesday, February 27 —  
7:30 p.m. — Basketball . . . Wisconsin at Madison

### **3 WINTER SPORTS DAYS SET**

Three Winter Sports Days will be held this winter. Schedule is as follows:

- Sat., Dec. 2, 1967 — Intrasquad Swimming, A.A.U. Wrestling, Colorado College Hockey and South Dakota Basketball
- Sat., Jan. 13, 1968 — Freshman Hockey with Augsburg, Iowa Wrestling, Iowa Swimming and Illinois Basketball
- Sat., Feb. 17, 1968 — Mankato State Gymnastics, Track (opponent not known at present), Iowa State Wrestling, Michigan State Swimming and Ohio State Basketball

High school athletes are invited to attend these events at a special combination price. Applications must come through the high schools and Athletic Directors will be sent information. We expect large turnouts for all three days.

# Comments From Cooke

During the 1966-67 school year the Gopher Intercollegiate staff made 984 public appearances at luncheons, dinners, meetings, and on radio and television. This group of 27 coaches and other staff members appeared before a total audience of 22,382,000.

Wally Jasper is the latest addition to the athletic staff at Minnesota. He is an assistant to Marsh Ryman the Athletic Director and comes to us from his position as press liaison officer for the Pan-American Games in Winnipeg. We know you will enjoy meeting Wally who will be working in the area of departmental promotions and public relations.

On November 4th, the University of Minnesota staff hosted the first High School Athletic Directors Workshop at Coffman Memorial Union. This workshop is an outgrowth of the newly formed High School Athletic Directors Association. The current president is Ted Meinhover of Perham, Minnesota.

Former basketball captain, Mel Northway, is spending this year over in Belgium coaching the Belgium National Team and also playing himself for one of the top European squads.

Former football All-Americans will receive a special invitation to participate in a half-time ceremony at the Wisconsin game, November 25th in Memorial Stadium.

In an attempt to stimulate student interest in the Intercollegiate Athletic Program, films of all Gopher football games this fall are being shown at Coffman Memorial Union on Monday noons in the Main Ballroom. The attendance at these Gopher film showings has been encouraging this far and we think this is a program that will be continued.

Monday, November 20th, is the day of the "M" Club Regional Meeting in Duluth. "M" men in the area should mark their calendars.

Dr. Phil Kernan, Gopher Team Physician, attended the Junior Olympics from October 14-29th in Mexico City as a member of the U.S. Olympic Committee Medical Staff. This trip is an outgrowth of the fine work that Dr. Kernan performed in connection with the Pan-American Trials here on the campus during July. In February of this coming year another of our team physicians, Dr. George Nagobads, will be a busy man since he will be the U.S. Olympic Hockey Team Physician at the Games in Grenoble, France.

This fall the city of Pittsburgh held a "Big Ten Day" with a great response from local sports dignitaries. The Minnesota Club of Pittsburgh was represented by Henry Carlson, an alumnus, and also by John Campbell, former football player, who is presently with the Pittsburgh Steelers Professional Team.

Accompanying the U.S. National Hockey Team on its European tour in October were two prominent "M" men — Dr. Dick Anonsen and Bill Bloedel.

Grant "Spike" Johnson (basketball 1937-38) has a new position this year as Superintendent of Schools at Buffalo, Minnesota.

Following a freshman athletes' dinner this fall Mr. Ryman received the following letter from the freshman football squad — "On behalf of the freshman football squad, we would like to express our thanks to you and the members of the Graduate 'M' Club who made Sunday night's dinner and movie possible. The dinner was excellent and the movie proved to be a much needed outlet for relieving our tensions and anxieties. Your hospitality brought us to appreciate more fully the guardianship the University of Minnesota and the 'M' Board has to offer their athletes. We hope to live up to your expectations."

## WE NOW HAVE FRESHMAN COMPETITION

The freshman hockey team will play three games: Saturday, January 13th with Augsburg; Saturday, February 10th with Wisconsin Freshmen; and Wednesday, February 14th with the North Dakota Freshmen. This game with North Dakota will

# Williams Fund Lagging; Urgently Needs Boost

Help! The Williams Scholarship Fund needs help. With only November and December remaining, the 1967 campaign is just half-way to its \$100,000 goal. The total money raised to date is slightly over \$50,000.

In addition to individual contributions from friends of Gopher athletics, the proceeds from William Fund parties in both St. Paul and Minneapolis and from the hockey Intra-Squad and Alumni games have enabled the drive to reach its current figure. Our thanks to those who have provided their generous support. Still remaining is the basketball varsity-freshman game Tuesday, November 21, at Williams Arena. This contest also is a Williams benefit and starts at 8 p.m.

The Williams Fund has been providing scholarships since 1949 to University student-athletes who couple ability in the classroom and in athletics. Anyone can contribute, simply by mailing a check or money order, payable to the University of Minnesota, to the Athletic Department, Cooke Hall, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis 55455.



Again the Williams Fund party at The Huddle was a big success. Shown (from left) Glen Reed, assistant to the director, Athletic Director Marsh Ryman, and guest.

inaugurate the new Ice Arena in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota. (Other games are at Williams Arena.) The Freshman Basketball Team has also scheduled three games: on January 30th with the St. Cloud State JV's, on February 15th with the Metropolitan Junior College and on March 4th against the Fergus Falls Junior College Squad. (All games at Williams Arena.)

This year's group of freshmen tendered athletes bring with them the highest academic credentials of any squad we have had on the campus. This group of 58 student-athletes has an average high school rank of 73%. Sixteen of these boys ranked over the 90th percentile in their high school class and this group includes two valedictorians. Their ACT and SAT scores were also well above the average of the entering students at the University of Minnesota.

A Bruce Smith Memorial Trust Fund has been established. Contributions to this Fund can be sent to the Northwestern National Bank of Minneapolis, Trust Collections, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55440. This Fund is to insure the college education of Bruce Smith's four youngsters.

The Williams Arena Ice Rink is now open for skating. Call 373-4212 for information as to available times and prices.

A good friend is missing from our football press box this year. Russ Lingen, who has guarded the press box at all home games for the last 39 years, had a stroke and is recovering now at home. He is coming along well and is hopeful of returning next year. We miss you, Russ.

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## Gopher Benefactor . . .

# E. E. (Bert) ENGELBERT

The University of Minnesota athletic department, like that at any college or university, often finds itself in need of a friend upon whom it may call for assistance in a wide variety of categories. Not just a "do-gooder" but a dependable and willing individual who will get the job done efficiently and quietly.

Such a person is E. E. (Bert) Engelbert of St. Paul, president and manager of St. Paul Book and Stationery Co. with which he has been identified since 1925.

Born in Stephen, Minnesota Mr. Engelbert graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1920. He took post-graduate work at the University of London and George Washington University, Washington, D. C. As an undergraduate at the "U" Bert was business manager of the 1919 Gopher, reportedly the first issue to show a cash surplus of \$1,400. He had a part in initiating the Student Loan Fund and was a member of Grey Friars, senior service organization.



**Bert Engelbert**

Mr. Engelbert has spearheaded the Williams Scholarship Fund drives in St. Paul for many years and has been a trustee of the Greater University Fund since its inception. As such he has been active in the growing movement sponsored by The Fund to provide scholarships for deserving students and educational facilities for The University not otherwise attainable.

Mr. Engelbert's generous contributions in time, energy, and leadership have by no means been confined to The University. He is a past president of the St. Paul Rotary Club, and the National School Service Institute, an organization devoted to giving educators and businessmen a better understanding of their mutual problems, and to educating the public to the problems of education. In 1953 he was invited by President Eisenhower to participate in the White House Conference on Education, and in 1954 was chosen as one of the "Men of Minnesota." He is a past president of the Committee on Education of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce; is presently on the board of the St. Paul Association of Commerce; has been awarded the Outstanding Achievement Award by The University of Minnesota; was one of the founders of Downtown, Inc. and its first president; has served on the board of trustees of Macalester College, and on Governor Levander's Civic Center Planning Board.

Always an enthusiastic sports fan, Mr. Engelbert was one of the founders of the Minnesota State High School Hockey tournament. He is an ardent football fan and gardner, and has sponsored the St. Paul Quarterback Club every Monday for 25 years. He has missed very few Minnesota football games at home or away. He is notorious among his friends for his football trips commonly referred to as the "Engelbert Tours." He has employed many University students.

Mr. Engelbert has three children and 12 grandchildren, five of whom he recently took to New York for a week of fun and education.

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Of particular interest this year is the fact that the layout and art work for the billboards were donated by Don Benson ("M" letterman in swimming — 1946, 47, 48, 50) who is advertising manager at Toro Manufacturing Co. in Bloomington. Thanks to Don Benson, Jack Strong of Austin, who did much of the preliminary work and to all the billboard companies.

If you have noticed the billboards and liked them, why not let us know?

## It's Bierman Field Now

The University of Minnesota's Delta Field was renamed Bierman Field — in honor of Bernie Bierman, former football coach and professor of physical education — at a ceremony in Williams Arena prior to the SMU game October 7. Stanley J. Wenberg, vice president for educational relationships and development, presided.

Bierman Field, which covers approximately 15 acres just north of the Minneapolis campus, has baseball diamonds for both the varsity and freshman teams, nine softball fields, most of which are lighted, and four lighted touch football fields. Plans call for expansion of the field to 32 acres.

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