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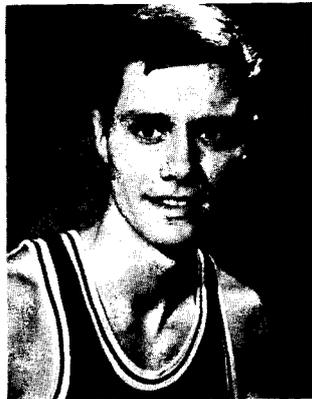
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Varsity Team Captains Set Scholastic Pace

The team captains have set the pace in scholarship among student athletes with a combined 2.7 grade average (a B minus) for the Fall Quarter.

The combined Fall Quarter grade average for the winter sports team members is a 2.5. Several individuals now engaged in winter sports activities are standouts. In basketball John Beyer (AF&HE) earned a 3.2, Larry Overskei (CLA) earned a 3.4, and Mike Regenfuss (IT) earned a perfect 4.0. In hockey Mike Kurtz (GC) earned a 3.0. Gymnasts of note are Irving Balto (CLA) with a 3.2, John Fryhofer (CLA) with a 3.2, and Mark Howell (CLA) with a 3.0. The wrestling squad has four boys who excelled: Jim Martin (IT) with a 3.1, Frank Nichols (CLA) with a 3.4, Gary Pelcl (CLA) with a 3.8, and Ed Sworsky (CLA) a 3.1.

The freshmen were not to be denied. Those in the study and educational skills program (65 student-athletes) earned a combined grade point average of 2.4 with 67% of them exceeding their end-of-year predicted grade averages. Thirteen of these freshmen earned at least a 3.0. A standout among this group was freshman basketball center, Tom Masterson (CLA) who earned a perfect 4.0. You can't beat that!



Mike Regenfuss

Star-Studded Frosh Promise Varsity Basketball Boost

Five All-Star high school selections will lead the Minnesota freshman basketball team this season. Coach Jerry Kindall's squad has three high school All-Americans and two All-State choices on the starting five.

The three high school All-America choices are Oscar Foster, 6-7 forward, San Diego, Cal.; Eric Hill, 6-3 guard, Indianapolis, Ind.; and Tom Masterson, 6-8 center, Walnut Grove. The All-Staters are Jay Kiedrowski, 6-3 guard, Edina; and Dan Fisher, 6-7 forward, Eau Claire, Wis.

The average height of the top five frosh is one inch more than that of the Gopher varsity squad.

For the first time, the Gopher frosh will play games with other colleges.

The schedule of remaining freshman games: Jan. 30, St. Cloud State Junior Varsity, 6:15 p.m., Williams Arena; Feb. 13, Intra-Squad, 6:15 p.m., Williams Arena; Feb. 15, Metropolitan Junior College, 8 p.m., Williams Arena; Feb. 17, Intra-Squad, 6:15 p.m., Williams Arena; Mar. 4, Fergus Falls Junior College, 6:15 p.m., Williams Arena.

Fine Frosh Hockey Squad Promises Help

Faced with the loss of five outstanding seniors from this year's Minnesota hockey team, Coach Glen Sonmor looks for many members of the current Gopher freshman squad to aid next year's varsity.

Promising members of the squad include Craig Sarnier, center, and Frank Sanders, defense, North St. Paul; Ron Peltier, center, St. Paul (Johnson); Bob Gustafson, defense, Edina; Steve Hall, center, Minneapolis (Roosevelt); Daryl Polley, goalie, Minneapolis (Henry); Walt Olds, defense, Baudette; Tom Sathre, wing, Minneapolis (Southwest); Mark Barbato, wing, Hibbing; Rick Nelson, wing, Grand Forks, N.D.

This year for the first time the Gopher yearlings are playing a limited schedule.

The remaining games: Feb. 9, Intra-Squad, 6:15 p.m., Williams Arena; Feb. 10, Wisconsin Frosh, 6:15 p.m., Williams Arena; Feb. 14, North Dakota Frosh, 8 p.m., Detroit Lakes Arena; Feb. 16, Intra-Squad, 6:15 p.m., Williams Arena.

Hopes High for Strong Indoor Track Showing

Coach Roy Griak expects to field one of Minnesota's strongest indoor track teams this winter, one which he hopes will be able to duplicate last year's fourth-place finish in the Big Ten.

The Gophers lost 10 lettermen, including such standouts as distance runner Tom Heinonen, pole vaulter Mark Henningsgaard, and 440-dash man Mike Gillham.

Among the 15 returning lettermen are many blue chip performers—Hubie Bryant, defending 60-yard dash champion; Steve Hoag, runnerup in the two-mile; John Warford, runnerup in the 70-yard low hurdles; Rich Simonsen, third in the 300-yard dash; Tom Stuart, third in the high jump and Big Ten indoor champion as a sophomore; and Bob Wagner, fourth in the mile.

Top sophomores include Pat Kelly, mile and two-mile, St. Paul (Monroe); Tim Turnbull, 880, 1,000, Minnetonka (Hopkins); Steve Eriksson, 440, 600, Minneapolis (Washburn); Peter Shea, 60, 300, Richfield; Dan Wicks, shot put, Watertown, S.D.

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Gopher Promise Strong Showing in Swimming

Bob Mowerson is optimistic about this winter's Minnesota swimming team. He feels it will be one of his best Gopher squads, one which has a chance to finish as high as third in the Big Ten if everyone comes through as hoped.

Mowerson would be even more optimistic if it were not for the loss of his best distance freestyler, George Wendt, who has decided to pass up swimming this season.

A group of eight letterman returnees will be led by Marty Knight who is expected to have a tremendous year in three events—200-yard individual medley, 200-yard backstroke and 200-yard freestyle. He holds the Big Ten record for the 200 IM event.

Returning lettermen are Rick Digatono, distance freestyle; Dave Doten, Jim Lindquist, Dave Lundberg and John Swanson, freestyle; Rog Hardy and Bruce Walker, breaststroke.

The best sophomores are John Tabbernor, breaststroke, Winnetonka; Chic Hanssen, butterfly, Rock Island, Ill.; Charles Bartholdi, backstroke, White Bear Lake; and Bob Graf, distance freestyle, St. Paul (De La Salle).

Wrestling Hurt by Loss of Key Athletes

Coach Wally Johnson's Gopher wrestlers are aiming for the first division but they will need maximum performance from all hands if they are to make the grade. Johnson admits that the outlook isn't bright.

The loss of four key performers and the lack of an influx of top-grade sophomore talent will hurt. Gone are Jim Anderson, last year's runnerup in the Big Ten at 123 pounds, and Terry Barrett, 137 pounds; Ron Ankeny, 152-160 pounds; and George Bradshaw, 167 pounds, all of whom placed in last year's Conference meet.

Johnson will build his squad around a nucleus of seven lettermen—Frank Nichols and Ken Stauch at 123-130 pounds, Jim Martin (152), Tony Sworsky (145-152), Mike Maas (160-167), Wayne Gordon (167-177) and Capt. Bill Curran (177). Martin and Maas each placed third in the Big Ten a year ago.

The best of a thin sophomore crop are Gary Pelcl, 130 pounds, Hopkins; Barry Bertrand, 130-137, Mankato; and Pat Pentz, heavyweight, Fridley.

Gymnasts Look to Sophomores for Help

There appears to be a second-division finish in Minnesota's gymnastics future. Coach Ralph Piper has lost three key men from last year's team which finished seventh in the Big Ten.

Dave Naftalin, trampoline, long horse and floor exercise; Bob Hoecherl, side horse; and Dick Hinrichs, parallel bars, have graduated. All were leading scorers in dual meets and Hoecherl tied for third in the Big Ten meet last season.

Returning lettermen are Co-Captains Bill Armstrong, high bar, and John Noer, side horse; John Babcock, still rings; Larry Peterson, floor exercise, long horse, and trampoline; Paul Welter, high bar; and Dave Stende and Jim Nelson, all-around.

Top sophomores are Mark Howell, trampoline, floor exercise, and long horse, Minneapolis (University High); Frank Harris, high bar and parallel bars, Roseville (Alexander Ramsey); Dave Chapman, still rings and parallel bars, Anoka; and Fred Kueffer, floor exercise, parallel bars, and still rings, St. Paul (Highland Park).

Minnesota's "Mr. Swimmer" . . .

Marty Knight "Does It All"

"Think of all the good things you can say about anyone and they apply to Marty Knight." These glowing words were spoken by Gopher swimming coach Bob Mowerson about his ace swimmer who is among the nation's best in three events this season.

"Marty is the most enthusiastic person I've ever known," Mowerson continues. "He has tremendous school spirit which permeates not only his swimming but everything he does. He is a solid student, an outstanding gentleman, an exceptionally diligent worker, a tremendous competitor and a wonderful swimmer. In short, he's the All-American boy."



Marty Knight

Knight won the Big Ten 200-yard individual medley title as a sophomore last winter, setting a new record of 1:58.77 in the process. This year Mowerson expects him definitely to be in the top six nationally in that event as well as the 200-yard backstroke and 200-yard freestyle. "He could win any of the three, too," the coach points out. "When you get in that class, the swimmers are

all so closely matched that whoever has a hot day will win."

It looks as if Knight is going to have a most challenging year. "We plan to use him against our opponent's strength," Mowerson explains. "Marty can swim anything but the breaststroke and long distance freestyle, so he will go against the opposing team's best in any event but these."

How good is Knight in comparison with standout Gopher swimmers of the past? Mowerson again supplies the answer. "He is one of Minnesota's all-time greats and the top all-around swimmer ever to compete here."

Many Gophers Receive All-Star Grid Recognition

It was a big year for University of Minnesota football players who received all-star recognition after the Gophers had tied for the Big Ten title.

Defensive end Bob Stein, St. Louis Park junior, was named to the LOOK Magazine All America team selected by the Football Writers Association of America and by the Walter Camp Football Foundation.

John Williams was a consensus All Big Ten offensive tackle, and Stein, McKinley Boston, tackle, and Captain Tom Sakal, defensive back, were consensus choices on "official" All Conference first teams. Williams was a standout at defensive end for the victorious East team in the annual Shrine East-West football game. Scouts for the Washington Redskins NFL team rated Minnesota right end Charles Sanders and punting specialist Dave Baldrige as "best collegians in the nation" at their positions.

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Comments From Cooke

Bob Jensen (basketball 1962-63) is now coaching and playing basketball in Belgium. His main duty is setting up a basketball curriculum in the schools for boys aged 7-15. He's also studying French and Dutch in hopes of becoming a linguist.

The 1967 Cross-Country Team ran 1,031 miles this past fall from August through November. Their efforts were rewarded with a second-place finish in the Big Ten Meet. Three of the top seven runners are Williams Scholars (Hoag, Aften, Twomey).

The 1968 Homecoming football game will be with Illinois on Saturday, October 12th.

Three sons of "M" man Jack McNeil (Football - 1946) are starring in hockey at Hopkins High School.

The St. Paul Williams Fund Stag at Midland Hills in November netted \$4,000 for the 1967 campaign. A big Gopher Thank-You to Paul Smith and his outstanding committee.

Six former Gophers have been outstanding members of the U.S. National Hockey Team this winter: Len Lilyholm, Lou Nanne, Gerry Melynychuk, Larry Stordahl, Herb Brooks and Craig Falkman.

The "M" Club-Alumni meetings on the West Coast in late December were very successful. San Diego and San Francisco had good turnouts, but Los Angeles won the attendance award with over 200 ex-Gophers.

The new voice on the public address system at Minnesota hockey games belongs to Greg Wong, a student here who played Q-B at Minneapolis Central High School and has worked as student-assistant in our Sports Information Office.

The University of Minnesota is believed to be second only to Notre Dame in the number of its former players who have participated in the Shrine East-West football game in San Francisco. John Williams, all Big Ten offensive tackle who played this year, brought the Gopher total to 59. The first Minnesota star to play in this "Daddy of All Star Football Games" was All American halfback Earl Martineau in 1925.

Herb Weyer, former officer in the "M" Club, writes: "Yes, definitely, I and friends have noticed the bill boards boosting Gopher football. I was surprised at the one on Highway 16 just at the west limits of Blue Earth because it is located at the northwest corner of my farm."

This year the Big Ten Track is scheduled to be held at the University of Minnesota. The dates are Friday, Saturday, May 17, 18, 1968. It was originally scheduled for Michigan but had to be changed. Let's keep those dates open, and plan to attend.

The 1968 "M" identification cards have been mailed to all lettermen. If you haven't received yours, call Sally, at 373-3181.

One big Winter Sports Day remains on the calendar—Sat., Feb. 17, 1968. These days are for high school athletes who can attend University events at a reduced admission price. Information has been sent to the Athletic Directors of the high schools around the state. The first sport day on Sat., December 2 had 526 athletes and coaches attending.

Greg Hughes Shines in Hot Gopher Hockey Start

Greg Hughes likes to play hockey and he shows it. "Why you can see his enthusiasm even in the way he goes over the boards to get on the ice," notes Mrs. Glen Sonmor, wife of the Minnesota coach, a man not known for lack of effervescence himself.



Greg Hughes

"He looks as if he can hardly wait."

Hughes got off to a remarkable start this season, scoring 11 goals in his first nine games. "He got some very big goals for us, too, goals we needed to win," Sonmor declares. "His fine play has been a big factor in our greatly improved performance this season."

"Greg is an instinctive hockey player," Sonmor says. "He steals the puck and makes his own opportunities. When it comes to shooting, he has a real golden touch around the net and a good, quick shot. It's fun to watch his face when

he scores. He grins from ear to ear and is really pleased with himself."

Another encouraging development in Greg's play has been his improved forechecking. This stems at least in part from his all-out approach to the game. He can never be accused of slackening his effort.

Hughes, a senior center, was a member of St. Paul Johnson's 1963 state championship hockey team as well as the Governor's 1964 runnerup squad. He was a linemate of current Minnesota teammate Rob Shattuck and former Gopher Mike Crupi on those great teams.

Hughes' brilliant all-around play has been an outstanding factor in getting Minnesota hockey off to an 8-1 early record. The Gophers are co-favored with the University of North Dakota for the Western Collegiate Hockey Association title. They played impressively in defeating Michigan State and Michigan for the championship in the first annual Big Ten Ice Hockey Tournament at Williams Arena.

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At times one might get the idea that Coach Roy Griak's Gopher cross country meets are incidental to his workouts. They aren't, of course, but you'll never convince members of the official Minnesota party which went to Champaign for the football game and cross country meet with Illinois last fall.

It seems that Griak took his boys out for a workout late Friday afternoon after the party's arrival. Their departure was duly witnessed by several members of the official group. So was a second departure that evening, ostensibly for a walk. One wag couldn't resist commenting: "Hey, Roy! Those kids are going to be all tired out. You'd better run well tomorrow, or you'll be in big trouble."

Run well they did, whipping the Illini 25-31. But when the race was won, instead of repairing to more leisurely surroundings, the Gophers, of all things, went for another run. As Griak explains: "Our post-game workout is probably harder than the meet itself. We don't like to waste the day!"

All this hard work has paid off as the Gophers enjoyed another successful season. The squad's standout was junior Steve Hoag who has broken five-mile course records both at Illinois and at the University of Minnesota Golf Course. "Steve is extremely tenacious," Griak declares. "He has a built-in timer and sets his own pace, an extremely even one."

Hoag who hails from Anoka is captain-elect of the 1968 Minnesota cross country squad and is counted on as a mainstay of the Gopher indoor track and field squad this winter and spring.

Gopher Benefactor . . .

CLARENCE BRISKY

It was indeed fortunate for the University of Minnesota's intercollegiate athletics program that Clarence ("Bozo") Brisky was a neighbor of Ed Burke in northeast Minneapolis where the two grew up together.

Burke became captain of the 1933 University of Minnesota baseball team coached by Frank McCormick (1931-41) and made a Gopher fan of young Brisky who was then in charge of the commissary for Walgreen Drug Stores. He had earlier completed a course in baking at Dunwoody Institute and worked for Graham Catering Service.

Brisky and McCormick, who retired as A.D. in 1950 and lives in the Los Angeles area, developed a close friendship. The former became Minnesota's No. 1 sports fan—particularly in football, baseball, and track. Each of the five times the University of Minnesota hosted an NCAA Track and Field Championship (1938-40-46-48-50) Clarence conducted a ticket sales campaign of his own and accompanied McCormick and



Clarence Brisky

visiting coaches, athletic directors, and other officials and sports personalities on fishing trips into northern Minnesota.

For many years prior to the travel restrictions caused by World War II Brisky didn't miss a single Minnesota football game at home or away. In 1940, in partnership with his brothers Harry and George, Clarence purchased the Huddle Restaurant and Lounge on East Hennepin Avenue at Main Street. They are still in business together in this location but the new Hennepin County, State, and Federal highway programs may dislodge them within a few years.

It was not long after the Brisky brothers had taken over that The Huddle became a popular gathering place for sports writers and sports fans.

From that time until this day Clarence has thrown his personal support behind many U. of M. sponsored projects, including the Pan American Games Trials last spring and summer. His contributions to the Williams Scholarship Fund have been particularly notable. Benefit parties held at the Huddle and vigorously promoted by Brisky in recent years have raised more than \$15,000 for this fund to aid worthy student-athletes at Minnesota. An employee, Sam Guzy of a well-known northeast family of athletes, has also pitched in.

The Minnesota athlete who stands out most vividly in Brisky's mind is Bronko Nagurski whom he saw in action many times. However, the 1941 Northwestern football game and the famous "Talking play" which enabled the Gophers to pull out an 8-7 verdict on the way to an undefeated season and Big Ten and National championships provided Clarence with his biggest thrill as a Gopher fan.

The advent of several major league sports to the Twin Cities area has not in any way dimmed Clarence's enthusiasm for intercollegiate sports. "Heck, I've seen only one pro game in the past 10 years," says Brisky, "and that was because Father Tom Meagher sold me a couple of tickets for his pet charity. Those other guys just can't match the spirit, atmosphere, and color of college ball" he concludes.

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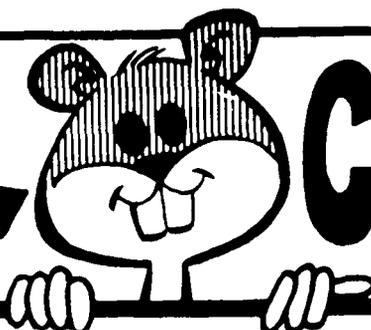
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Gophers Start Spring Grid Drills

Spring football practice is underway at Minnesota and Coach Murray Warmath and his staff are busy fashioning a Gopher squad which will defend its share of the Big Ten championship this fall. The annual spring intra-squad game will be played Saturday, May 4, at 2 p.m. in Memorial Stadium.

It will be a veteran team with 27 returning lettermen but revitalized by an influx of fresh talent from last year's freshman team. The Gophers will need all the help they can get for the schedule is a rugged one, including such national powers as Southern California, Nebraska, Purdue, Indiana and Michigan State.

Warmath is confronted with the discomfiting prospect of having to replace punting specialist Dave Baldrige; offensive quarterback Curtis Wilson; offensive tackle John Williams; flankerback Hubie Bryant; tight end Charley Sanders; defensive tackle McKinley Boston; safety Mike Condo; middle guard Ed Duren; and defensive halfback Tom Sakal.



Coach Warmath

On the positive side of the ledger, the 27 returnees include offensive 1967 regulars Chip Litten, end; Ezell Jones, tackle; Dick Enderle and Tom Fink, guards; Steve Lundeen, center; George Kemp and John Wintermute, halfbacks; Mike Curtis who alternated with Hubie Bryant at flankerback; Jim Carter, fullback; and defensive regulars Bob Stein and Del Jessen, ends; Ron Kamzelski, tackle; Dave Nixon, Wayne King, and Capt. Noel Jenke, linebackers; and Dennis Hale, halfback. Two 1966 lettermen who sat out last season because of injuries are expected to help substantially. They are offensive guard Bill Christison and linebacker Dennis Cornell.

Warmath considers replacing Wilson at quarterback as his No. 1 problem. Phil Hagen and Ray Stephens, both with limited experience, are the leading prospects for the job. Sophomores Walter Bowser and Greg Mitchell also are possibilities.

Other top sophomore candidates are fullback Barry Mayer; flankerback Terry Addison; tackles Alvin Hawes, Jan Nelson, John Thompson, John Harris; and tailbacks Henry Tasche and Fran Paquette.

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Minnesota to Host Big 10 Track Meet

The University will host the 1968 Big Ten Conference outdoor track meet in Memorial Stadium Friday and Saturday, May 17-18.

Originally scheduled to be held at the University of Michigan, the meet was switched to Minnesota due to a construction project in the vicinity of the Wolverine track facilities.

Preliminaries will be held Friday and finals Saturday.

Minnesota was last host to the Big Ten outdoor meet in 1963. Memorial Stadium was the site of last summer's U.S. Pan-American Track and Field Trials.

Among the array of stars in action will be Wisconsin's Mike Butler, two-time indoor champ in both the high and low hurdles and world co-record holder in the lows, along with the Gophers' John Warford.

Defending outdoor champs who will compete include Iowa's Mike Mondane in the 440 and Rollie Kitt, in the 3,000-meter steeplechase, Aquine Jackson and Ray Arrington of the Badgers in the 100 and mile, respectively.

Gopher Goodwill Tour To Sport New Look

A new format will be used for the 1968 Gopher Goodwill Tour June 10-14. In this fifth year of the Athletic Department's promotional travels throughout the state, two groups, each comprised of six staff members, will present Gopher luncheon/dinner programs in two dozen cities throughout the state. Each of the two traveling units will tell you what's current on the Minnesota sports scene, and show the 1967 Gopher color-film Football Highlights of last fall's Big Ten Championship season.

Director Marsh Ryman will travel with five coaches to at least twelve of the larger communities south of the Twin Cities, and his assistant Glen Reed will also be arranging programs with his group of coaches in the northern half of Minnesota. Such staff members as Glen Sonmor, John Kundla, Jerry Kindall, Otis Dypwick, Jerry Annis, Denver Crawford, Lloyd Stein, Wally Jasper, Mike Reid and Don Grammer are expected to be a part of the 1968 Goodwill Tour. Sponsoring organizations will be contacted to assist in local arrangements, and the selected city's press, radio and television media will be sent detailed press releases for their area meetings.

In the previous four years of this tour, 59 coaches have traveled 54,700 miles to 581 Minnesota communities to meet with you and talk about our Gopher Athletic Program.

It's Election Year Again

NCAA in Gopher Nine's Future?

This is the year that will prove whether there is anything more than coincidence to the Minnesota baseball team's tradition of winning NCAA championships in presidential election years. The Gophers turned the trick in 1956, 1960 and 1964, but Coach Dick Siebert says it isn't likely to happen this season.

Not that the Gophers don't have a good team. Siebert thinks it will be a representative Big Ten entry which has a chance for the first division, but he isn't talking in terms of titles, least of all the national crown.

Siebert lost his top four hitters and three of last spring's four starting pitchers. Among the departed standouts were second-team All-American first baseman Denny Zacho and All-Big Ten

catcher Mike Sadek and shortstop Bob Fenwick. But all is not gloom. Nine lettermen are back, including captain and catcher Bob Micheletti, infielders Russ Rolandson, Mike House and Bill Kendall, outfielders Chris Farni, Greg Wasick and Frank Stanek and pitchers Jack Palmer and Jay Youngquist.

Fresh talent is on hand, too, in the person of firstbaseman Mike Walseth and pitchers Dave Carey, Dave Cosgrove, Al Hoffman and Gary Petrich.

Minnesota opens its Big Ten season April 26 at Indiana. Its opening home weekend is set for May 3-4 with doubleheaders against Northwestern and Wisconsin.

Griak Sees Strong Gopher Track Entry

Gopher outdoor track prospects this spring are the brightest in many seasons. Coach Roy Griak hopes his team will be able to equal the indoor squad's third-place performance in the Big Ten meet.

Griak has plenty of blue chip performers among his 15 returning lettermen, including Rich Simonsen, this year's Big Ten indoor 300-yard dash champion; Hubie Bryant, 1967 60-yard dash champ; and Tom Stuart, 1966 high jump kingpin. Bryant tied for third in the indoor 300 this winter and Stuart placed second in the high jump.

Other Gophers to place in this year's indoor meet were John Warford, runnerup in the low hurdles and fifth in the highs; Randy Jones, second in the 440; Richard Landwehr, a transfer student from Mankato State, second in the 440; Bob Wagner, fourth in the mile; sophomore Steve Eriksson, third in the 660; Steve Hoag, fourth in the two-mile; Ed Twomey, fifth in the 880; and sophomore Tim Turnbull, fifth in the 1,000-yard run. In addition, there was the great effort of the mile relay team of Bryant, Jones, Eriksson and Simonsen which finished first, only to be disqualified when the baton was knocked from Simonsen's hand at the wire.

Bolstad, Golfers Seek Return to First Division

Still smarting from last year's sixth-place finish, the Minnesota golf team hopes for better things this season. Coach Les Bolstad feels his squad is a good first-division bet in the Big Ten.

The Gophers will feature an outstanding golfer in Co-Capt. Bill Brask and have four other capable lettermen in Co-Capt. Ward Johnson, Bob Hildebrandt, Mike Lanigan and Larry Tiziani.

Three sophomores figure to add just the right amount of "new blood." Steve Johnson, 1966 state high school champion, is rated by Bolstad as "a winner," the type of player who is at his best in tournament competition. Other sophs who will help are Tom Ihnot and Greg Harvey. Johnson had the best five-round average of any player on the squad during the recent southern trip.

Simonsen Is Gopher Via Norway, England

One of the top contenders for a Big Ten individual outdoor title in the Conference meet here in May is also one of Norway's leading Olympic hopefuls. His name is Rich Simonsen and he is the Big Ten's indoor 300-yard dash champ and a major factor in Gopher track fortunes for three years. He also was recently selected as the University's nominee for an NCAA scholarship for post-graduate study.



Rich Simonsen

Simonsen came to the Gopher campus from his Norwegian homeland by way of England where he attended grammar school (English equivalent to high school). His primary reasons for choosing Minnesota were his desire to enroll in a first-rate dental school and at the same time compete in track at a major university.

"Rich has done a wonderful job for us," Coach Roy Griak reports. "He is an outstanding runner in several events and a fine student. No one on the squad works any harder. He has had an extremely tight schedule since entering dentistry school this year but still manages to work out every day. In fact, if my memory serves me right, he has missed only one day in the four years he has been with us."

A three-year Williams Scholar, Simonsen has placed in at least one event in every Big Ten Conference meet since his sophomore year, climaxed by his indoor title last winter. Outdoors, he is a threat in both the 100 and 220 and is a member of the contending 440 and mile relay teams.

Simonsen, a former English grammar school champ in the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes, has participated in Europe in a number of international meets during his summer vacations.

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Comments From Cooke

Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce Sports and Attraction Committee will host a noon luncheon on Friday, May 3, in conjunction with the '68 High School Football Coaches Clinic. Paul Giel is committee chairman.

"It was a pleasant surprise to see my name in big letters and a story about my being at the Michigan Game. . . . You folks are getting nicer to me all the time. . . . Never before have I predicted, but I am thinking Minnesota will be better in '68 than '67. Kindest regards and best wishes."

*Jim Kremer, Great Falls, Montana
Football 1903 and player in first
Little Brown Jug game (6-6 tie)*

Tom Masterson, 6'7" freshman basketball center from Walnut Grove cracked off his second straight 4.00 GPA winter quarter.

Coaches on the Move: Dick Siebert and Jerry Kindall with baseball in Texas; Roy Griak with track in New Orleans; Les Bolstad (golf) and Joe Walsh (tennis) at Houston; footballers Bob Gongola, Don Grammer and Mike McGee recruiting in Illinois, California, and Tennessee; John Kundla meeting recruits and attending the NCAA basketball meet at Los Angeles as member of the National Basketball Federation Rules Committee, Glen Sonmor recruiting hockey players on the Range.

The Williams Scholarship Fund received a \$100 donation from the Undergraduate "M" Club in memory of 1966 cross country captain Mike Elwell, killed in action in Vietnam.

The department will miss Mrs. Dorothy Murphy, secretary to A.D. Marsh Ryman, who is moving to Silver City, New Mexico, with husband, Dr. Ed, who was in practice at Southdale.

Gopher coaches and players were hosted by Minnesota alumni at Houston during the spring baseball, golf and tennis trip, Dick Siebert's 21st.

Walt Chapman (basketball 1927 and '28) sends a note along to A.D. Marsh Ryman telling of Wally Salovich's glowing reports of the Los Angeles "M" meeting at Rose Bowl time. Wally (basketball '47 to '50) and wife, Ann, dined with the Chapmans in January.

Tennessee daily, The Appeal, quotes sophomores Alvin Hawes and Terry Addison on Minnesota: ". . . the greatest place in the world to play football," said Addison. "It seems when I visited some of the other schools they wanted me as an athlete, not as a student. At Minnesota, the emphasis is on being a good student first, then a football player." ". . . "I've never regretted coming to Minnesota," Hawes added. Hawes does the "50" in 5.9, weighs in around 260 and passed by Purdue, Wisconsin, Michigan and Notre Dame offers to come to Minnesota. The Memphis article also noted that Minnesota tackle Ezell Jones achieved Williams Scholarship rank with a 3.0 GPA in mathematics. The academic success of Jones, Hawes and Addison has been most helpful to coaches Warmath and McGee in signing Curtis Mayfield for Minnesota, midst stiff opposition from rival conferences.

The Department's Spring Clinics for high school baseball, tennis and golf coaches and student-trainers hosted 710 registrants on March 9.

Balance Is Keynote

Tennis Hopes on Rise

Minnesota's tennis future appears to be definitely on the upswing. Coach Joe Walsh feels the Gophers could finish in the Big Ten's upper division for the first time since 1959.

Balance is the key factor in Walsh's hopes. While the Gophers lack an outstanding single individual, they have nine players of Big Ten caliber, a far-cry from some years when they have been hard-pressed to come up with an adequate sixth man.

So close is the competition for the top six spots that Walsh expects his lineup will be constantly shifting during the course of the season. Five men are in the running for the No. 1 spot — Lew Smolin, last year's top man, Denny Chez, Bucky Zimmerman, Dave Cross and Bill Drake. Cross and Drake are highly-regarded sophomores, the others lettermen. Battling for the sixth spot are Paul Krause, Jorge Herrera, Jack Nist and Ken Peterson. Herrera hails from Lima, Peru.

Gopher captain Gary Gambucci was named All-American during the NCAA hockey championships at Duluth. Defenseman Dick Paradise and WCHA scoring leader Bill Klatt (a junior and elected captain by his mates for '68) were named to the Denver Post second All Star squad.

"M" regional meetings are slated for football captain Noel Jenke's home town — Owatonna, April 29, and Willmar, May 20.

Williams Fund mentor George Hanson reports that special projects accounted for \$28,376 of the \$68,522 total 1967 contributions. Also \$11,258 came from write-ins on football ticket orders. Better yet, 876 "M" men contributed — almost triple '66!

Mayo Clinic, Rochester and Gopher tracksters, gymnasts, wrestlers and basketballers combined in research on "basal oxygen consumption" recently. Following vigorous exercising on a no-breakfast schedule, the athletes tour the world famous medical center. Research was headed by Dr. Ladislav Novak of Mayo's Whole Body Counter and Body Composition Laboratory.

Nancy Ranelle brightens the football offices as secretary to head coach Murray Warmath and his staff. Nancy was assigned 224 Cooke from Office Services, liked the coaches so much she decided to stay. Good recruiting fellows . . . Welcome Nancy!

Grad "M" Board prexy Louis Brewster . . . a man on the go! West coast "M" meetings in January, reffing the 56th state basketball tourney — now leaving for Australia and New Zealand . . . all this plus an outstanding job heading the "M" Board.

Did you know — The Coldstream Guards, Black Watch massed bands, Chicago Black Hawks and the Soviet Hockey team have all performed in "Williams!"

350 scouts, police, ushers and sellers were used to assist the state basketball crowds at full sessions . . . attendance of 85,705, slightly under the 87,951 of '62, ranks Minnesota's tournament as the largest in the nation by more than 10,000.

Murray McLachlan won WCHA Sophomore of the Year and Big Ten Tournament honors in his first year in the Gopher nets . . . led WCHA in total stops, 605, and came up with an overall 3.3 GPG.



WILLIAMS SCHOLAR CITED—Defensive end Bob Stein is pictured above receiving congratulations from Minnesota football coach Murray Warmath during a recent ceremony in which Stein received several All-American awards. Stein, a two-year Williams Scholarship recipient, and Warmath are flanked by four other Williams Scholars—Leon Trawick, football, on the left, Mike Lanigan and Larry Tiziani, golf, and Dave Lundberg, swimming, on the right.

Williams Fund Set To Open '68 Drive

June 1 is kickoff day for the University's 1968 Williams Scholarship Fund campaign.

Williams Fund workers hope to top last year's total of \$68,522, the second-highest in the 19-year history of the program. The total of 11,655 contributors was the most ever.

"We greatly appreciate the support our many friends have given the Williams Fund in the past," says Minnesota athletic director Marsh Ryman. "We appeal to all backers of Gopher athletics to help our drive to an even greater success in 1968."

Three Groups Boost U's Spring Sports Day

There's something new in promotion for Spring Sports Day May 4. The Athletic Department is being ably assisted by the Williams Booster Group, Red Owl Stores, Inc., and the Sertoma service clubs in the sale of tickets for the event.

A total sales force of 100 persons from the three groups is pushing the Williams Scholarship Fund benefit which will feature the annual spring intra-squad football game and a baseball doubleheader between Minnesota and Wisconsin. It is hoped attendance will be considerably higher than in past years.

Freshman Student-Athletes Score High in Classroom

Excitement has been generated by Dayton Hultgren's recent report on freshman athlete winter quarter grades—24 students with a 3.00 plus GPA—including 11 in football, four each in hockey and basketball, two in baseball and swimming. Basketballer Tom Masterson and John Peterson, baseball candidate, each scored a perfect 4.00.

"Basketball had the highest freshman GPA, with a 3.069 average, followed by golf," Dayton noted. "Twenty General College students having a year-end predicted GPA of 1.81 achieved a winter quarter combined GPA of 2.701. Thirty freshman football students achieved a combined 2.561 as compared with the year-end prediction of 2.13. Overall, 60 freshmen exceeded their year-end prediction with their winter quarter results."

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Wisconsin Baseball (2) — 11:00 a.m.
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GOPHER CHATTER

University of Minnesota

Volume 5, No. 5, June, 1968

In Gopherland...

It Was a VERY Good May

Maybe the weather left something to be desired, but from the point of view of the University of Minnesota's intercollegiate athletic program it was a beautiful month. For instance...

BIG 10 TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONS

BIG 10 BASEBALL CHAMPIONS (6th Time)

BILL BRASK BIG 10 GOLF INDIVIDUAL CHAMPION

TENNIS TEAM 7-2 IN BIG 10, 17-4 FOR SEASON, 3rd IN BIG 10 TNMT.

and, Don't Forget the Tie for the Football Title
NOT BAD!

June 14 Kickoff Date for

WILLIAMS SCHOLAR FUND

June 14 is the new kickoff date for the 1968 Williams Scholarship Fund campaign. Athletic Department officials are optimistic that the drive will surpass last year's total of \$68,522.

The kickoff, originally scheduled for June 1, was pushed back two weeks to coincide with the mailing of a new Williams Fund brochure to 9,000 former contributors.

This colorful publication explains the origin and purpose of the fund which has been making scholarships available to top student-athletes for 20 years. The brochure also contains the names of scholarship recipients for the past year as well as contributors to the 1967 campaign. Handy enrollment cards for 1968 contributions also are included, along with return addressed envelopes.

Watch for the brochure! It will be coming soon.

A GREAT SCHEDULE IN '68!

Season Tickets — \$33.00 — on Mail

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**Also New Family Plan with
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Seating in Sections 15 and 16

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**Single Game Ticket Sale Opens August 1
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Order tickets early. An outstanding schedule.

Applications for season tickets will be mailed the latter part of June and applications for single game tickets are mailed the last week of July. For specific information call 373-3181 or write:

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Brask First Gopher Since '42 to Win Big 10 Golf Title

In winning the Big Ten individual golf title last month, Minnesota's Bill Brask became the first Gopher to turn the trick since 1942 when Jim Teale tied with two other players and only the third in history.

Bill's coach, Les Bolstad, was the first Gopher individual champion. He won the title twice, in 1927 and '29. Only one other Conference coach, Northwestern's Sid Richardson, has had the honor of winning the title himself and coaching a subsequent winner, John Seehausen who won in 1966. Like Bolstad, Richardson won twice in 1937 and '38.

Bolstad praises Brask "as the best golfer we have ever had at the University and also the most consistent." Brask averaged 75 strokes per round in his sophomore and junior years and 73 as a senior.



Bill Brask

Brask, who came to Minnesota from his hometown of San Diego, overcame an early deficit and bad weather to capture the title with what Bolstad describes as an exhibition of "superb control golf." The victory ended a series of near misses for Brask. He finished fifth in the Big Ten tournament as a sophomore and was runnerup last year. He also finished second in this spring's Northern Intercollegiate Invitational Tournament.

OUTSTANDING PLAYER AWARDS

Winners of the Minnesota Alumni Association's Outstanding Player awards for the 1967-68 school year were announced at the annual "M" Club banquet May 28 in the following sports: basketball — Tom Kondla; cross country — Steve Hoag; football — Charley Sanders; golf — Bill Brask; gymnastics — Dave Stende; hockey — Gary Gambucci; swimming — Marty Knight; tennis — Dave Cross; wrestling — Mike Maas; baseball — Michael Walseth; track — Hubert Bryant.

GOPHER GOODWILL STAFF GROUPS TO TOUR 3-STATE AREA JUNE 10-14

The University of Minnesota athletic staff will divide up in to two groups for the annual Gopher Goodwill Tour June 10-14.

One group comprised of athletic director Marsh Ryman, basketball coach Bill Fitch, football coaches Denver Crawford and Mike Reid, tennis coach Joe Walsh, and sports information director Otis Dypwick will head south and has the following stops scheduled: Monday noon — WINONA Lions Club luncheon with other service clubs invited; Monday evening — RED WING Lions Club dinner; Tuesday noon — LA CROSSE Kiwanis Club luncheon at Stoddard Hotel; Tuesday evening — Afternoon golf and dinner as guest of AUSTIN Daily Herald and Hymel, and 8:00 p.m. meeting with Austin Athletic Club; Wednesday noon — SIOUX FALLS, S. D. Rotary Club luncheon at Sheraton Hotel; Wednesday evening — twilight golf and dinner meeting with FARIBAULT Country Club; Thursday noon — combined luncheon meeting ROCHESTER Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs in Heritage Hall of Kahler Hotel; Thursday evening — MANKATO LIONS Club dinner at Michael's; Friday noon — NEW ULM Club luncheon with Lions and Rotary Club members invited, at Kaiserhoff.

The second group which includes assistant to the director Glen Reed, football coaches Don Grammer and Jerry Annis, hockey coach Glen Sonner, athletic trainer Lloyd Stein, and assistant to the director Wally Jasper will visit northern cities as follows:

Monday noon, June 10 — DETROIT LAKES. D. L. Booster Club at D. L. Country Club. Ralph Anderson and Al Leighton contacts; Monday night — FARGO-MOORHEAD 7:00 p.m. Elks at Red River Room. Open meeting. Jim Adelson KXJB-TV contact; Tuesday noon — GRAND FORKS — East Grand Forks. Rotary at Ryan Hotel; Tuesday night — BRAINERD 5:00 p.m. Open meeting at Brainerd. C. C. Gene Steiger contact; Wednesday noon — BEMIDJI. Lions at Elks Hall. Open meeting; Wednesday evening — Crookston. Open meeting at Country Club. Jerry Dahlberg contact; Thursday evening — DULUTH 5:00 p.m. at Northland C. C. Open meeting. Bill Bye and Don Crassweller, contacts; Friday noon — HIBBING. Booster Club host. Open meeting. Mario Retica contact; Friday evening — VIRGINIA. Sports-O-Rama host at Coates Hotel. Open meeting.

Dr. George Hauser Expresses Thanks

The following letter was received recently by athletic director Marsh Ryman from Dr. George Hauser

"I wish to thank you for your kind letters. It was so nice to hear from you. It brought back many fond memories of the past.

"I follow quite closely the Minnesota athletic activities in our daily papers, TV, 'M' Gazette, and Alumni News. I surely feel you are doing a wonderful job. The 'M' Regional meetings cannot help but produce good results.

"I was quite ill recently. In the hospital for six weeks. Am now feeling better all the time. My trouble was a pulmonary embolism complicated with the flu.

"I am afraid Minnesota will suffer some from the increase in professional sports in Minneapolis. They have a tendency to overshadow the Minnesota athletic program.

"I did receive many letters from friends in Minnesota area and they were very welcome. They helped a lot when I was sick and feeling quite low.

"I live near the University of Washington. I can look out the window and see the campus, including the Field House and stadium. I have attended all home football games and am hoping I can do the same this fall.

So thanking you again,

Sincerely."



It was a wild scene as Gophers won first Big 10 track title in 19 years. A deliriously happy Coach Roy Griak holds championship trophy aloft.

THE IMPOSSIBLE HAPPENED

The impossible happened. The Gopher track team needed a perfect day from all hands to win the Big Ten outdoor title. It didn't have one but won anyway. That, in a nutshell, is the story of Minnesota's first track championship since 1949 and second in history.

Even after the victory had been won, it seemed incredible to Roy Griak, who in his five years as Gopher coach also brought Minnesota its first cross country title in 50 years in 1964.

"I felt the odds we had to overcome were so great that it would be almost a miracle if we were to win. It depended on all our top boys scoring the maximum number of points which they were capable of getting. This didn't happen, but some of the boys we weren't counting on scored some unexpected points."

Griak singled out Hubie Bryant, winner in the 220 and second in the 100, for special praise, along with Rich Landwehr, who captured the 660-yard title, the members of the 440-yard relay team — Rich Simonsen, Randy Jones, Pete Shea and Bryant — and, of course, those unexpected point-getters — Bruce Hella, fourth in the long jump; Dan Wicks, fifth in the shot; and Marv Top, third in the high jump.

Siebert's U. of M. Baseball Clinics in 20 Communities

University of Minnesota baseball coach Dick Siebert will conduct summer baseball clinics for boys 9-18 years old in 20 Minnesota communities again this year during a four-week period, starting June 17. The clinics, sponsored by the University, are free to participants and are designed to help youngsters learn baseball fundamentals.

THE GOPHER CHATTER

The Gopher Chatter is published five times annually by the University of Minnesota Department of Intercollegiate Athletics. The publication's purpose is to provide information of interest which is not generally available through other media. It is mailed without charge to University athletic ticket purchasers of current record, M Club members, Minnesota high school athletic directors, and University personnel. Circulation: 29,000. Editorial staff: Marshall W. Ryman, Otis J. Dypwick, Shirley Korblick, Glen Reed, Marion Raihala, Mike Lyons. Address communications to GOPHER CHATTER, Room 208 Cooke Hall, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn. 55455.

Comments from Cooke

Speaking in Augusta, Jerry Kindall met a Wisconsin father whose son needed to wear a football helmet as protection from falls caused by diabetic comas. Following an explanation to AD Marsh Ryman, Norman Anderson and father visited Mr. Ryman at Cooke Hall.

Recently a letter followed: "Enclosed is a letter from my son Norman thanking you for your part in his obtaining the helmet he received from you folks. . . . If you could only see the falls that he has you would appreciate why such a sturdy and padded helmet is needed. . . . One of his last falls broke the helmet and required 14 stitches to close the wound. . . . Again thanks to you and the wonderful people at the University of Minnesota. . . . Albert H. Anderson."

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The First Annual Basketball Camp for Boys opens July 8 at Battle Lake, Minnesota, north of Fergus Falls. Headed by Fergus Falls coaches . . . Dennis Anderson in charge . . . the camp features recreational sports, including boating and swimming lessons, and two leading basketball personalities in the state: Djane Baglien and George Hanson. The camp runs through to August 2.

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President, Football Coaches Association of America, Murray Warmath and his 15th Gopher squad host National and Rose Bowl champion Southern Cal Saturday, September 21.

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Leon Trawick caught a number of passes in the final Saturday scrimmage of Spring Practice. One reason may have been an interested onlooker who had come to see first-hand "the school, coaches and the teammates Leon enjoyed being with so much" . . . his mother, Mrs. Trawick of Washington, D.C.

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An Invitation:

Family Plan reserved seats for Football — \$21 adult, \$12 child under 18 — for the season in Sections 15 and 16. No Rush seat \$2.50 General Admission this season.

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Metro Collegiate Baseball League gets underway June 15. Coaching the 42 game schedule will be 4 Minnesota "M" men (2 former All-Americans): Dewey Marcus, Rick Smoliak, Bob Sadek, and Jerry Kindall. The four sponsored teams each represent an area: St. Paul, Bloomington, Minneapolis, and University of Minnesota.

Gopher Benefactor

HERMAN J. LANGE

Most major college athletic departments in the United States probably have special friends and benefactors who generously assist coaches, athletes, and the athletic program as a whole.

However, it is highly improbable that ANY university athletic program has been more enriched by the personal relationship of one man than that of the University of Minnesota through Herman J. Lange's many years of interest and munificence. His scores of friends among Gopher coaches and student-athletes, past and present, bear testimony to this fact.



Herman J. Lange

Mr. Lange's interest is somewhat different from the frequent pattern and motivation in that it comes from the heart and a genuine, sincere concern for young men. He had no ulterior motives. He was not a "do-gooder" or camp follower — simply a doer. The individual — white or black — and what he could do to make him happier and more successful at Minnesota mattered most to Herman Lange. Many from distant points who could not return home for a holiday were guests in his home

and at his dinner table. Any student-athlete who matriculated at Minnesota because of his encouragement became Herman's friend, and one not to be forgotten even though he may have failed to attain stardom.

Mr. Lange was born in Henningsdorf, Germany in 1898 and came to the United States with his family at the age of seven. It was at Jackson grade school in St. Paul where he developed his first fascination with athletics. He became the outstanding star on the Jackson baseball team that won the St. Paul grade school championship and in winning the title played before a crowd of 10,000 in old Lexington Park.

To help defray his expenses as a student at Mechanic Arts high school in St. Paul, Herman carried papers in the Dale-Selby area. He left Mechanic Arts after his sophomore year to work and play semi-professional baseball.

In 1918 Herman and his brother started Marquette Manufacturing Company which was later to become Marquette Corporation now headquartered in St. Louis Park.

On March 31 of this year, 50 years and 13 days after founding the Company, he retired as chairman of the board of this multi-million dollar concern. His half century of pioneering accomplishments and subsequent innovations in the automotive service equipment field made it possible for Marquette to establish itself as a recognized leader in the industry. His personal integrity, inspirational leadership, and competitive drive won for Mr. Lange the respect and affection of his employees, competitors, and customers.

Mr. Lange's friendship and counselling has had a marked effect on many former Minnesota student-athletes. One of these is Chuck Mencil, all America guard in 1955, who is vice president and director of marketing for a Marquette division.

Mr. Lange and his wife whom he first met as a 3rd or 4th grader in St. Paul live at 1111 Sibley Memorial Highway in St. Paul. They have two sons and a daughter. One son, Richard I. Lange, is president of Marquette Corporation.

1968-1969 HOME BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Preliminary Game — 6:15 p.m. Minn. Game — 8:00 p.m.
 Tuesday, November 19 — Intra-Squad Preview
 Saturday, November 30 — Iowa State University
 Tuesday, December 3 — Marquette University
 Tuesday, December 17 — University of North Dakota
 Monday, December 30 — University of Detroit
 Saturday, January 11 — University of Michigan
 Saturday, January 25 — Purdue University
 Saturday, February 1 — Northwestern University
 Tuesday, February 11 — University of Wisconsin
 Saturday, February 22 — Indiana University
 Tuesday, March 4 — University of Iowa
 Saturday, March 8 — Michigan State University

WHAT A SCHEDULE!

Six Home Football Games

Sept. 21	So. California
Sept. 28	Nebraska
Oct. 5	Wake Forest
Oct. 12	Illinois (Homecoming)
Nov. 2	Iowa
Nov. 9	Purdue (Dad's Day)

Away Games

Oct. 19	Michigan State
Oct. 26	Michigan
Nov. 16	Indiana
Nov. 23	Wisconsin

Gophers Great in '68!

Sophomores Shine

IN GOPHER BASEBALL BID

Sophomores came through like veterans for Dick Siebert's Gopher baseball team this spring. They played a big part in Minnesota's success.

"We would have been in bad shape without them," Siebert admits. "Sophomores carried the load for our pitching staff when it was hit by injuries and illness and did a great job. Firstbaseman Mike Walseth gave us excellent hitting."

Sophomore hurlers who won starting assignments were Dave Carey, Hastings; Bob Fisher, St. Paul (Highland Park); and Al Hoffman, Bloomington (Kennedy). Gary Petrich, Minneapolis (South); and Dave Cosgrove, Richfield; saw action in relief. Carey started off the Big Ten season by pitching three straight shutouts, two and one-hitters.

Walseth won Siebert's praise as the best hitting prospect he has ever coached and repaid the compliment by leading the club in extra-base hits and RBI.

Gary Gambucci is Big 10 Conference Medal Winner

Minnesota's Big Ten Conference Medal winner for 1968 is Gary Gambucci, one of the all-time great Gopher hockey stars.

The medal is awarded each year to one student-athlete at each Conference school on the basis of proficiency in both scholarship and athletics.

Gambucci won All-American honors as well as a position on the All-WCHA first team last winter. He missed the Association scoring title by one point, being nosed out by his linemate, Bill Klatt. His 22 assists were tops in the league.

Coach Glen Sonmor described him as "the most exciting collegiate hockey player in the country." He was a crowd-pleaser who combined electrifying speed and brilliant stick-handling to score the unlikely goal, but he also was a team man as attested by his assist output.

The former Hibbing High School standout was named WCHA "Sophomore-of-the-Year" in his first season and won the Gopher scoring title.

Gambucci, who scored a total of 108 points during his three-year career, has scored in the classroom, too. His major is economics. His ambition is to be a stock broker.

Micheletti Arm Death to Enemy Base Thieves

Don't try to steal on Bob Micheletti. He's not called "The Arm" for nothing. In fact, the Gopher catcher has the best arm that his coach, Dick Siebert, has seen in his 21 seasons at Minnesota.



Bob Micheletti

Never a terror with the bat, Micheletti also came alive in that department in the Iowa series this spring. He was a major factor in both victories, collecting five hits in seven appearances and drove in six runs.

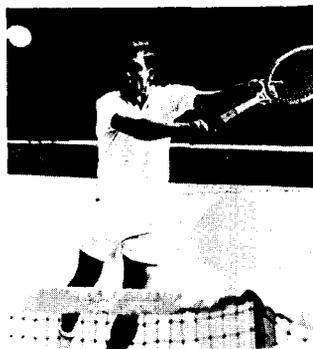
"No one throws like Micheletti," Siebert declares. "I've had some extremely fine catchers who could really fire the ball to second, but none of them had an arm like that cannon of Mick's. He actually can keep the ball no higher than five feet above the ground all the way to second."

In fact, Siebert says flatly that he has never seen a player in the majors who can throw any better than Micheletti.

'68 Minnesota Tennis Team Establishes Outstanding Record

The 1968 University of Minnesota tennis team was the best in Gopher history. It placed third in the rugged Big Ten race, the highest finish since 1938, another third-place year.

Minnesota compiled a 7-2 record in dual meets against Conference foes and pulled the upset of the season by beating de-



Bill Drake

fending champion Michigan State 5-4. Overall, the Gophers finished with a 17-4 mark. "There is no doubt in my mind that this was the finest team ever to compete for Minnesota," declares Coach Joe Walsh. "We had excellent depth and balance, great competitive spirit and got exceptional help from our sophomores, Bill Drake and Dave Cross."

Minnesota did not come up with any Big Ten champions but had five third-place finishers in Bill Drake, No. 1 singles; Lew Smolin, No. 5 singles; Paul Krause, No. 6 singles; Denny Chez and Bucky Zimmerman, No. 1 doubles; and Smolin and Jack Nist, No. 3 doubles. Cross, Chez and the No. 2 doubles team of Drake and Cross made it to the semi-finals.

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NATION'S TOP TEAMS TO CHALLENGE STRONG MINNESOTA FOOTBALL SQUAD

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TOP-RANKED PURDUE, SO. CAL. ON HOME SCHEDULE

Coach Murray Warmath would like to say that "things are looking up" for the University of Minnesota football team as it faces the 1968 season, but where do you look up to from a tie for the Big Ten Conference championship which the Gophers managed last season?

Truth of the matter is that Minnesota's football outlook for the coming campaign is excellent, but improving on the title tie and an overall mark of 8 - 2 may be something else again, especially in view of the schedule. It's a fan's delight and a coach's nightmare. The Gophers open at home against National Champion Southern California with super-star O. J. Simpson, 1967 Heisman Award runnerup, and then entertain power-house Nebraska's Big Eight Conference favorite the following week. Following on the home schedule are Wake Forest, Illinois, Iowa, and Purdue's

Big Ten co-champions, already picked by one football magazine as No. 1 nationally in '68. Back again to haunt the Gophers will be All-America halfback, LeRoy Keyes. Michigan State, Michigan, Indiana and Wisconsin will be met on hostile fields.

The Gophers must face this challenging schedule minus the service of blue-chippers Tom Sakal, defensive halfback; John Williams, offensive tackle; McKinley Boston, defensive tackle; Ed Duren, middle guard; Curt Wilson, quarterback; Charley Sanders, two-way end; and Dave Baldrige, punting specialist.

However, Coach Warmath who is heading into his 15th season at the Minnesota helm has a solid foundation of 26 lettermen, plus a large crop of promising sophomores.

The return of offensive halfbacks George Kemp, Maurice Forte, and Rags Cooper; right halfbacks (flankerbacks) Mike Curtis and John Wintermute, plus fleet sophomore Terry Addison; and fullback Jim Carter together with highly rated newcomer Barry Mayer of Fargo, N.D. (6-2, 210) will give the Gophers a strong running game. Phil Hagen, junior quarterback from Eau Claire, Wisconsin, indicated by his play during spring practice that he is ready to do an adequate job as pilot, with senior Ray Stephens in reserve.

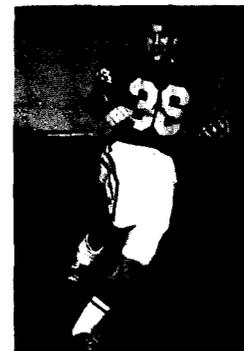
The end positions are in capable hands with veterans Bob Stein and Del Jessen manning the defensive outposts and Chip Litten and Leon Trawick starters on offense. Sophomores Fran Paquette and Vernon Winfield playing behind Litten and Trawick were impressive in spring practice. Winfield was subsequently severely injured in an automobile accident and his status is uncertain.

Sophomores figure prominently in the tackle picture where large gaps were left by graduation. Veterans Ezell Jones and Ron Kamzelski are set at offensive right tackle and defensive left tackle, respectively. Jones is receiving considerable pre-season All America mention. Newcomers counted on for substantial help are Alvin Hawes of Memphis, Tenn. (6-5, 240); Jan Nelson up from Minneapolis Washburn High (6-3, 235); Steve Thompson from St. Louis Park (6-3, 220); and Mike Goldberg of Tulsa, Oklahoma (6-3, 245). The coaching staff considers this the finest crop of sophomore tackles in many years.

The guard prospects are bright with veterans Tom Fink and Dick Enderle rated with the Big Ten's best on offense, and



Ezell Jones



George Kemp

Bill Laakso and Jim Pahula available as middle guards on defense.

A pleasant surprise of spring practice was the impressive manner in which Ted Burke (6-6, 220) made the switch from end to center, a move necessitated when Pahula was moved from offensive center to defensive guard and senior Steve Lundeen continued to be plagued by back trouble. Bob Eastlund, sophomore from Isanti (6-2, 215), proved in spring practice that he will help at center.

Minnesota's defensive secondary should be highly competent manned by veterans Dave Nixon, John Darkenwald, Wayne King, Dennis Hale, Jeff Nygren and Doug Roalstad who will be bolstered by such capable sophomores as Jeff Wright, Edina, and Henry Tasche from Elk Grove, Illinois.

If Walt Pribyl, junior from Heron Lake, continues to show the punting form exhibited in spring practice, he will be a worthy successor to Dave Baldrige.

All of which adds up to an exciting season for Gopher fans.

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Order your tickets early. Seats assigned on "first come, first served" basis. Only \$5.50 each to see the best in Collegiate Football.

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BOB STEIN MAKES HIT

Bob Stein, Minnesota's fine senior defensive end, was the recent guest of a national magazine together with a group of 21 other college stars being named by the magazine to its pre-season All America football team.

After Bob's visit the following letter was received in the Athletic Department from the magazine staff member in charge of the football group:

"I wanted to drop you a note to let you know how much we enjoyed having Bob with us this past weekend.

"As usual, we were somewhat surprised with the group of guys we had in. It somehow amazes me to see how well these kids can get along. Even those who play against each other and butt heads are the greatest of friends off the field. There can be no finer tribute to organized, college athletics than the way these players conduct themselves when they get together.

"I'd like for you to tell the coaches and others concerned that they can be very proud of Bob. He was a perfect gentleman the entire time and is a real credit to his school and those who have worked with him. Also, please give him the attached note and tell him that he is always welcome to visit us whenever he is in this area. In fact, we'll be upset if he doesn't give us a call when he is near Chicago."

Gopher Star of Early 20's

DR. RUDY HULTKRANS DECEASED

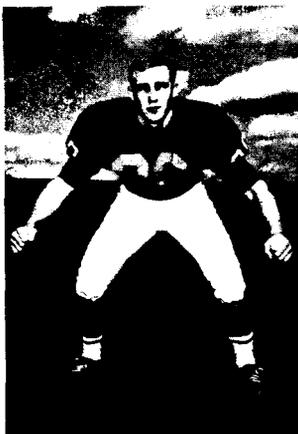
Word has been received by the Gopher Chatter of the death on June 11 of Dr. R. E. (Rudy) Hultkrans, former outstanding Minnesota athlete and Big Ten Conference medal winner in 1923. Dr. Hultkrans was an all-around performer in Gopher sports. He lettered in football, track and basketball in the early 1920's, setting a varsity record in the 220-yard dash with a time of :22.1 which stood for many years. Dr. Hultkrans was a distinguished physician and surgeon. He served as a major in the U. S. Army Medical Corps in 1943-46.

Dr. Hultkrans resided in Minneapolis where he had been a practicing surgeon for many years.

NOEL JENKE BRINGS VERSATILITY TO FOOTBALL CAPTAINCY

If "monster" man Noel Jenke continues from where he left off last fall, he should be due for an outstanding football season, even better than the highly-successful one he enjoyed in 1967.

Jenke plays the "monster" linebacker or "strong-side" safety position and he plays it very well indeed. The Gopher captain and all-around athlete had an exceptional game against Wisconsin in the finale to the '67 championship season. He tied a varsity record set by Dick Anonsen back in 1949 by intercepting three passes, giving him a total of four for the campaign. The last of his trio of thefts ended a Badger drive which threatened to knock the Gophers out of their share of the Conference title.



Noel Jenke

"Noel has the tools to be effective against both running and passing plays," says Gopher defensive backfield coach Bob Gongola. "He is big enough to be a real good hitter on end runs. His size also enables him to sort through heavy traffic and find the ball carrier. He is an excellent pass defender because of his speed and agility. In addition, he gives 100 per cent effort. He learns quickly and has the intelligence to lead opposing formations and to adjust to the changes in them."

Gongola expects Jenke to be a good captain, too: "He has leadership and intelli-

In U.S. Olympic Trials GOPHER HOAG THRIVES ON DISTANCE

The longer the race, the better Steve Hoag likes it. The slightly-built (5-7, 132 pounds) Gopher distance runner and cross country captain proved this at Berkeley, Calif., last month when he captured a surprising third-place finish in the 10,000-meter run in the NCAA meet.

Hoag's feat won him All-American recognition and the satisfaction of having beaten two of the favorites in the race - Greg Brock of Stanford and Ole Oleson of Southern California. It also earned him a trip to the Olympic Trials at Los Angeles.



Steve Hoag

"Steve is well-suited for the 10,000 meters," explains his coach, Roy Griak. "He doesn't have great leg speed but he is tenacious and has the ability to extend himself while maintaining good tempo. He is very strong over a long distance. His best race would probably be the marathon."

For the uninitiated, the 10,000-meter run is six miles, 376 yards, one foot and two inches long. It definitely is not for the faint-hearted.

To give an indication of Hoag's improvement in the past year, it is only necessary to compare his performance in the six-mile run in the 1967 NCAA meet with his effort in the 10,000 at Berkeley. Steve ran the six-mile event in 31 minutes, good for 13th place. He negotiated the 10,000-meters in 30:00.4. En route, he passed the six-mile mark at 29:03.

gence, and his actions on the field speak louder than words."

An all-around athlete at Owatonna High, Jenke has continued to be just that at Minnesota. He lettered as a wing on last winter's hockey squad. This, in itself, was quite a feat since Owatonna does not have a high school hockey program. He got his background in the sport by playing in "kid" leagues while lettering in basketball at Owatonna High.

"Jenk" also was quite a prep baseball player and has been doing very well as an outfielder on the Minnesota team in the Metropolitan Collegiate Baseball League this summer. He plans to try out for next spring's Gopher team and the chance to become the first three-sport letterman at the University in a long, long time.

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Comments From Cooke

Fifteen-year-old Paul Siebert (son of Coach Dick) just recently pitched four consecutive no-hitters for the Edina Legion Baseball team — and he is going to be a sophomore this fall.

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Assistant Sports Information Director Mike Lyons will be leaving the Athletic Department in August. We will miss Mike, but wish him well in his new position as a History teacher for the Wisconsin State University at Whitewater. He expects to receive his Ph.D. degree in December.

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A truly great gopher fan, Ron Bach, passed away last month. Few fans attended as many games as Ron did over the years, and he will certainly be missed.

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Thirty-two outstanding high school football prospects have signed tenders of financial assistance to attend the University of Minnesota next fall. Watch your November issue of the Gopher Chatter for a complete list of all incoming freshman student athletes.

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New cage coach, Bill Fitch, his wife Margaret and three girls, have just moved into their new home in the suburb of Bloomington. Bill, it's a healthy drive to the campus—but handy to the airport.

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With over 200 outstanding collegiate golfers entered in the NCAA Golf Tournament at Las Cruces, New Mexico, our own All-American, Bill Brask, finished third. A great season for Bill after winning the Big Ten crown.

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Promotion time: Dr. John Schultz will leave for Laramie, Wyoming, to head up the Recreation Department at the University of Wyoming this fall. Mr. Ed Dorey becomes the department head of Physical Education at Fond du Lac Junior College in Wisconsin. Bruce Anderson in the Intramural Department has completed all the work for his Ph.D.

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Congratulations to Jim Soltau (football 1952-53-54), the new Graduate "M" Club President. Jim succeeds Louie Brewster who contributed so very much to the "M" Club, the Athletic Department and the University of Minnesota in 1967-68.

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The coaching staff gives public thanks to the Amateur Sportsman Club for the tremendous day July 9 at Hazeltine. In spite of the astronomical golf scores, we enjoyed the golf and dinner.

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Bob Culp (the athletic business manager at Western Michigan, not the star of "I Spy") dropped us a note to say that he enjoys reading the Gopher Chatter. Bob, you are permanently on the mailing list.

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Friday, November 1, 1968, is the date of the free U of M Winter Sports Clinic for high school coaches in basketball, hockey, swimming and wrestling. There will also be a high school athletic directors' Workshop held on this same date.

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Want to show a sports film to your church, school or civic club? Call or write B. E. Kingsley at Cooke Hall on the campus (373-4277) and inquire as to the free Gopher films available through his office.

GOPHER GOODWILL TOUR IS SUCCESSFUL IN NEW FORMAT

On this Fifth Annual Gopher Goodwill Tour, the format was changed to visit the larger cities in Minnesota and border states with a contingent of staff members and coaches who could make an impact on the community. Every town visited had a daily newspaper, at least one radio station, and many had television studios. Many sports columns were written about the 1968 Tour, and our athletic staff made 31 television appearances and held 41 radio interviews during the busy week of June 10th to 14th. All of these media gave us excellent coverage/publicity before, during and after our tour-visit to their city. This area publicity to the masses we felt was very important and much appreciated.

The group that headed south of the Twin Cities included Marsh Ryman, Bill Fitch, Joe Walsh, Otis Dypwick, Denver Crawford, and Mike Reid. These men visited Winona, Red Wing, LaCrosse, Wis., Austin, Sioux Falls, So. Dak., Faribault, Rochester, Mankato and New Ulm.

The northern contingent consisted of Glen Reed, Glen Sonmor, Lloyd Stein, Wally Jasper, Don Grammer and Jerry Annis. They made successful stops in Detroit Lakes, Fargo, No. Dak., Grand Forks, No. Dak., Brainerd, Bemidji, Crookston, Duluth, Hibbing and Virginia. In all, eighteen communities were visited during the week with luncheon/dinner programs presented to over 1300 sports fans. Our sincere thanks to the many Gopher boosters, alumni, "M" men and Press-Radio-TV friends who made our 1968 Gopher Goodwill Tour so successful.

Cross Country Prospects Bright

It appears that Minnesota will be right in the thick of the Big Ten cross country race again this fall. Coach Roy Griak says prospects are excellent for another strong team. The Gophers finished second to Indiana a year ago.

Griak will welcome back six of his top seven men from the 1967 squad. The only man lost was Dick Aften. The returning delegation will be led by Capt. Steve Hoag, who finished third in the conference meet a year ago and must be considered a leading contender for the individual title this season.

Other top men back are Bob Wagner, ninth in the '67 Big Ten Meet, Ed Twomey, Curtis Dockter, Tim Turnbull and Pat Kelly. Kelly missed most of last fall's campaign due to knee surgery. Leading candidates to fill Aften's spot are Doug Edmonson, a non-lettering junior, and a pair of promising sophomores — Ben Grockett, from Minneapolis Roosevelt, and Tom Page, Edina. Both newcomers are fine runners. Grockett is rated a "tremendous" prospect.

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Gopher Athletic Director, Marsh Ryman, who served as general chairman of the Pan American Trials last summer, recently sent \$12,655.27 to the United States Olympic Committee to be used for the 1968 Olympic Games. This figure represents the profit from last summer's U.S. Pan American trials held at the University of Minnesota.

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Hockey Coach Glen Sonmor is still beaming from his "hole-in-one" achieved at the Fargo Country Club on the Gopher Goodwill Tour. Glen had the necessary three witnesses who claim it was a "slap shot" with a 2-iron.

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Quite a football weekend coming up November 9 and 10 — Gophers with Purdue on Saturday and the Vikings play Green Bay on Sunday.

1967-68 BIG 10 ALL-SPORTS STANDINGS

SCHOOL	FB	CC	BB	FN	GYM	SW	WR	IT	OT	BA	TEN	GO	TOTAL POINTS	QUALITY POINTS
MICHIGAN	5	5	4	*	9	9	8	9	9	7	10	8	83	7.55
MICHIGAN STATE	5	3	4	6	8	8	10	7	4	9	9	9	82	6.83
MINNESOTA	9	9	1½	*	5½	5	2	8	10	10	8	5	73	6.64
INDIANA	9	10	1½	*	3	10	6	6	3	4	6	10	68.5	6.23
WISCONSIN	1½	6	6	9	5½	7	5	10	8	8	4	2	72	6.00
OHIO STATE	7	7	9½	8	4	6	4	5	7	6	2	6	71.5	5.96
IOWA	1½	8	9½	7	10	1	8	3	5	2	5	4	64	5.33
ILLINOIS	5	1	4	10	7	4	3	2	6	5	3	3	53	4.42
NORTHWESTERN	3	4	7	*	*	3	8	1	2	3	7	1	39	3.90
PURDUE	9	2	8	*	*	2	1	4	1	1	1	7	36	3.60

*Did Not Compete

KEY - FB - Football, CC-Cross Country, BB-Basketball, FN-Fencing, GYM-Gymnastics, SW-Swimming, WR-Wrestling, IT-Indoor Track, OT-Out-door Track, BA-Baseball, TEN-Tennis, GO-Golf

CHAMPIONSHIPS WON BY SCHOOL: Indiana - Football (Tie), Cross Country, Swimming, Golf; Minnesota - Football (Tie), Outdoor Track, Baseball; Iowa - Basketball (Tie), Gymnastics; Wisconsin - Indoor Track; Purdue - Football (Tie); Michigan - Tennis; Mich. State - Wrestling; Illinois - Fencing; Ohio State - Basketball (Tie)

BROADENED PARTICIPATION SOUGHT IN '68 WILLIAMS SCHOLAR DRIVE

The 1968 Williams Fund Campaign is underway. Gifts of any size will be greatly appreciated. They all will go to provide scholarships for top-caliber University of Minnesota student-athletes.

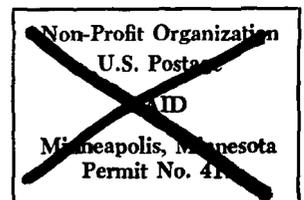
One increasingly popular method for contributing is the matching-gift program. A number of firms, recognizing the value of educated personnel, have adopted the practice of matching alumni contributions by their employees to their respective alma maters. The Williams Scholarship Fund is included under such programs.

If you are interested in this approach, check with your company to determine whether it sponsors a matching-gift plan. If you would like to receive a Williams Fund brochure containing information on all aspects of the scholarship fund, please write to: Henry L. Williams Scholarship Fund, Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, Cooke Hall, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis 55455. You can receive information by phone, too. Just call 373-4823.

BIG '68 HOMECOMING PLANNED

Plans are already under way for 1968 Homecoming festivities in connection with the Illinois-Minnesota football game October 12 which opens the Conference schedule for the Gophers.

Homecoming chairman Jim Hemak and his committee promise "the biggest and best ever" and plans to bring back the spirit of Homecoming with programs for student and alumni alike on an area-wide basis. Something new in the form of a series of lectures will start off the week of festivities. The highlight of the week will be the crowning of the '68 Homecoming queen on Wednesday evening following a concert in Northrop Auditorium. The week concludes with a dance in Coffman Union.



SCHEDULE GREAT IN '68

6 HOME GAMES

Sept. 21	U. of So. Cal.	\$5.50
Sept. 28	Nebraska	\$5.50
Oct. 5	Wake Forest	\$5.50
Oct. 12	Ill. (Homecmg.)	\$5.50
Nov. 2	Iowa	\$5.50
Nov. 9	Purdue (Dad's Day)	\$5.50

AWAY GAMES

Oct. 19	Mich. St.	\$6.00
Oct. 26	Michigan	\$6.00
Nov. 16	Indiana	\$6.00
Nov. 23	Wisconsin	\$5.00

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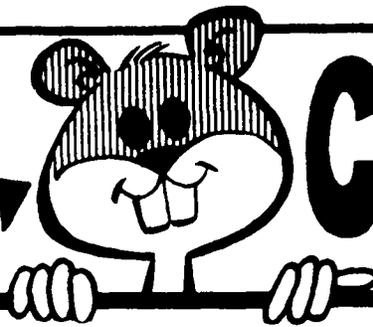
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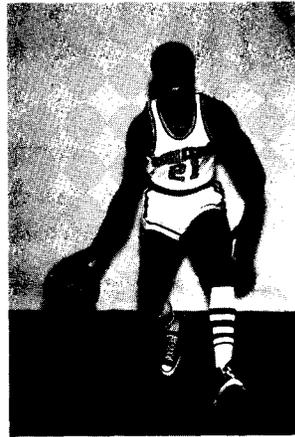
COACH BILL FITCH APPRAISES BASKETBALL GOPHERS

Coach Bill Fitch has not been easy on his gopher basketball squad during early practice sessions. Says Fitch, "Some of the boys have complained about too much work and not enough play. But that's the name of the game. It's too early to say how we'll be. I'm not overly impressed by our kids' talent, but I like their hustle and desire. Injuries and illness have slowed our practice so much so that we haven't had any real scrimmages. It would be a heads or tails decision right now to name a starting five."

One man that Fitch will rely heavily upon is guard and captain Al Nuness, out right now with torn abdominal muscles. His coach calls Al's leadership the brightest spot of the early going. Says Bill, "Al didn't have to get hurt to prove his importance. He's a better than average shooter, and if he improves his dribbling and moves, he could be an excellent one."

Returning lettermen include captain Nuness, LeRoy Gardner, Larry Overskei, Larry Mikan, Mike Regenfuss, and Roger Schelper.

Sophomores looked to for considerable help are 6 - 8 center Tom Masterson from Walnut Grove and 6 - 3½ guard Eric Hill from Indianapolis, Indiana. It is entirely possible that both could earn starting assignments early in the season. Hill is probably the quickest man on the squad. Masterson, a near straight-A student, uses his intellect to advantage on the basketball court.



Captain Al Nuness

Sonmor Sees Tough Defense as Gopher Hockey Hope

Minnesota Hockey Coach Glen Sonmor's main job this season is to replace 5 of the top 7 scorers who graduated from a squad that finished 5th in the WCHA.

"We lost so much scoring punch," says Glen, "that we'll have to rely heavily on our goalkeeping and defense. I don't expect us to score as much as last year, but our experienced defensemen and goalie should do the same to our opponents. We expect another great year from goalie Murray McLachlan."



Glen Sonmor

Sonmor added, "The league will be very tough this year. Last year's top two teams, Denver and Michigan Tech, will be just as strong. And the weaker teams will be better. We're going to have to be ready for everyone—there won't be any easy games. But, with a little luck, we could have a successful season. We'll have to play tough defense, score when we have the opportunity and just not have any big breakdowns. With all our young forwards, it'll be an interesting year, anyway."

BASKETBALL AND HOCKEY HOME SCHEDULE

BASKETBALL (11 Games)

Sat., Nov. 30	Iowa State
Tue., Dec. 3	Marquette
Tue., Dec. 17	No. Dak.
Mon., Dec. 30	Detroit
Sat., Jan. 11	Michigan
Sat., Jan. 25	Purdue
Sat., Feb. 1	N'western
Tue., Feb. 11	Wisconsin
Sat., Feb. 22	Indiana
Tue., Mar. 4	Iowa
Sat., Mar. 8	Mich. St.

HOCKEY (13 Games)

Wed., Dec. 4	Wisconsin
Fri., Jan. 3	No. Dak.
Sat., Jan. 4	No. Dak.
Fri., Jan. 17	Mich. State
Sat., Jan. 18	Mich. State
Fri., Jan. 24	Mich. Tech
Sat., Jan. 25	Mich. Tech
Fri., Feb. 7	Duluth
Sat., Feb. 8	Duluth
Fri., Feb. 14	Michigan
Sat., Feb. 15	Mich. Coll.
Fri., Feb. 28	Colo. Coll.
Sat., Mar. 1	Colo. Coll.

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Tom Masterson

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HERB BROOKS
Ass't. Hockey Coach



BOB YOUNG
Ass't. Athletic Trainer



DON MEYERS
Ass't. Wrestling Coach

GOPHER BACK COURT AND BLUE LINE CLUBS ORGANIZING FOR SEASON

The Gopher Back Court Club, under the direction of Minnesota basketball coach Bill Fitch, and the Gopher Blue Line Club, headed by hockey mentor Glen Sonmor, will be in operation again this year. Both clubs will meet at Jax Cafe in northeast Mpls., with emphasis placed on honoring high school athletes at each meeting.

The Back Court Club will hold 10 meetings, beginning on November 12th. Because of the fine cooperation of general manager Vern Mikkelsen and public relations director Max Nichols, the Minnesota Pipers of the ABA will provide guests and support for the club. There is also a strong possibility that the Minnesota North Stars will provide the same function for the Blue Line Club.

Tickets for both the Back Court and Blue Line Clubs will be available at Jax Cafe, Duff's in Mpls, and Gallivan's in St. Paul. Individual luncheon tickets are priced at \$3, with the 10 meeting Back Court season ticket priced at \$25.00.

WILLIAMS SCHOLARSHIP FUND BENEFIT GAMES

Tuesday, November 12 – Hockey Preview
Friday, November 15 – Alumni Hockey
Tuesday, November 19 – Basketball Preview
Adults \$1.00 – Child (Under 18 yrs.) 25¢



*Out of the
Gopher Hole*

COACH FITCH A JEKYLL AND HYDE

After four weeks of running with the cross-country team for pre-practice conditioning, the Gopher basketball squad trudged wearily into coach Bill Fitch's office for a scheduled Sunday afternoon jaunt. To their astonishment they were instead treated to a huge cake labeled with the names of all the Big Ten schools. However, Fitch's practices since then have been devoid of any frosted goodies.

Comments From Cooke

A big Gopher thank you to WCCO's Rollie Johnson, Chairman of the Gopher Pre-Game Club Luncheons held so successfully every Thursday in St. Paul prior to the Minnesota football games — and to Bill Elliott, Chairman of the "M" Club Luncheons held on Fridays before home games in Minneapolis during the football season. These two men have been the "Key" figures responsible for the success of these St. Paul and Minneapolis luncheons.

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The baseball, track and swimming teams at the U of M contributed to the Homecoming festivities last month by taking over the sale of Homecoming Balloons. They sold nearly 10,000 balloons that were released in the traditional fashion at the kick-off of our Illinois game.

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Congratulations to Dr. Perry Gehring (football-1956, '57, '58) who has been Group Leader in Biochemical Research at the Dow Chemical Company. Perry attended the Michigan State game and announced that he was to move on November 2 to Michigan State University as associate professor in the department of Pharmacology.

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Mrs. Jean Myers is the attractive face you now see in the Sports Information Office. She is the new secretary to Otis Dypwick and Jack Lavalier in the publicity area of Cooke Hall.

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Gopher football lost a great fan when Angus Worthing died this fall. For many years Angus was a "regular" at Minnesota football practices.

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The Minnesota Alumni Association had over 600 people in attendance at its first annual Homecoming Luncheon on October 10th. Nice going, Ed Haislet.

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Over \$6,000 was raised at the fall Huddle Cafe Williams Stag function. Again, we are indebted to Clarence Brisky and Sam Guzy for their wonderful work on this party which has now contributed over \$20,000 in four years to the Williams Fund.

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The Gopher football team plays their first game on an artificial surface when they travel to Madison on November 23rd to face the Badgers on their Tartan-turf field.

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The combined grade point average for 324 varsity athletes this past year was 2.39 which is a healthy C+ average. The basketball team led all other sports with a combined 2.79 (B-) average as a squad.

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U of M greenskeeper, Russ Adams, won the annual Minnesota Golf Course Superintendent's Association Golf Tournament at Rochester in September. Russ shot a 79 despite cold weather and constant rain. This makes the third time Russ has been the champion of this group.

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Six defensive "starters" on the Gopher football squad are also Williams Scholars — Captain Noel Jenke, Bob Stein, Ron Kamzelski, Bill Laakso, Jeff Wright, and Wayne King.

WORTHY STUDENT-ATHLETES NEED YOUR WILLIAMS FUND ASSISTANCE

This year's Williams Fund distributed \$74,355 among the 66 recipients for the 1968-69 school year. This means that we must raise at least a total equal to that amount. With two months left, we still have some work to be done. Could you pitch in and help?

The purpose of the Williams fund is to motivate scholarship—to provide an athletic scholarship fund based on the same or higher competitive academic standards than other University departmental scholarships. This program has given tremendous encouragement and incentive to young men participating in intercollegiate athletics. LET'S NOT LET THEM DOWN NOW.



Three sport letterman Clark D. Shaughnessy (football, basketball and track between 1910 and 1918) recently wrote Athletic Director Marsh Ryman and congratulated him and the Department on the wonderful way in which "M" men are kept informed as to what's going on back at the campus. Clark said between mailings from the Athletic Department and letters from Bernie and Clara Bierman he is well-informed as to the progress of Gopher athletics.

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Another successful Twin City Iron Rangers Association Dance was held the weekend of the Iowa game at the Radisson Hotel. We certainly appreciate the efforts of their Board in having this Annual Scholarship Dance in benefit of our Williams Fund.

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Several outstanding Gopher athletes had remarkable academic records during the past year. Among the top student-athletes are Tom Masterson-basketball with a straight A average; Barry Mayer-football, with a 3.41 average in the Institute of Technology; Walter Olds-sophomore in hockey with a 3.52 average also in IT; and Track Captain Ed Twomey with a 3.63 average in the Arts College.

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Over the weekend of the Purdue-Minnesota football game the ten varsity captains and co-captains served as male escorts for the Big Ten Queens who were here as guests of ABC-TV and Chevrolet. Tough duty, eh men?

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Thanks to the St. Paul Williams Scholarship Committee, editor Allan Krejcki, and Minnesota Federal Savings for the fine new TIME OUT publication which is printed in support of the Williams Fund. The fall issue was mailed to Williams contributors last month and the winter issue will be coming out in December.

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In the fall of 1967 there were 56 incoming freshman student-athletes who were awarded financial aid. This year as the group enters their sophomore season, all but one of these athletes has been eligible for the renewal of his tender. A fine academic record when 55 out of 56 first year student-athletes "make their grades."

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Minnesota fans will be pleased to know that WCCO of the Twin Cities will carry virtually the entire Gopher basketball schedule at home and away this winter.

WARMATH, BROYLES JOIN TOP 20 COACHES

Murray Warmath of Minnesota and Frank Broyles of Arkansas take their places on the list of the nation's Top 20 Football Coaches as Warren Woodson of New Mexico State and A. T. (Buff) Donelli of Columbia retire, Woodson with 239 victories for his career. Broyles, a 1947 Georgia Tech grad, has a record of 81 wins, 33 losses and 2 ties in 11 seasons at Missouri and Arkansas for .707 and 10th place on this national honor roll. Warmath, a 1935 Tennessee grad, in 16 years at Miss. State and Minnesota is 80-62-8 for .560 and 19th place prior to the start of the 1968 season.

SHIRLEY KORBlick RESIGNS

Miss Shirley Korblick, athletic ticket manager since 1963, has resigned her position at the University of Minnesota Department of Intercollegiate Athletics. She has done an outstanding job throughout the years she has been employed by the University of Minnesota.

All of her friends and fellow workers will miss Shirley and wish her the best in her future endeavors.



Shirley Korblick

3 WINTER SPORTS DAYS SET FOR HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES

High school athletes are invited to attend the three Winter Sports Days scheduled for early 1969. They are:

Sat., Jan. 25 - Frosh-Varsity Track, Utah wrestling, Michigan State & Indiana State gymnastics, Ohio State and Illinois swimming, Michigan Tech hockey, and Purdue basketball.

Sat., Feb. 1 - Arizona State, Nebraska & Northern Iowa wrestling, Michigan & St. Cloud State gymnastics, Indiana swimming, Illinois track, and Northwestern basketball.

Sat., Feb. 8 - Wisconsin, Indiana, Illinois wrestling, Wisconsin & Purdue swimming, Wisconsin gymnastics, and U of M Duluth Hockey.

Information and applications will be sent to Athletic Directors. All high school athletes are invited to take advantage of Winter Sports Days. These special days have generated a great deal of interest among the student athletes. As in the past few years, we again expect large turnouts for all three days.

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HOCKEY CAPTAIN KLATT PREDICTS "TOUGH YEAR"



Bill Klatt

For Minnesota hockey captain Bill Klatt, the 1968-69 season will be quite a challenge.

"We've lost so much of our scoring punch (six of the top eight scorers) from last year that our defense and goalkeeping will have to hold us together," Klatt says. "But we do have a lot of talented sophomores. They are inexperienced, but they should improve through the year. They're going to have to come through if we're going to have a good season."

And if the Gophers are to have a good year, Klatt, a wing, must at least duplicate last year's performance. He was the WCHA's scoring leader, Minnesota's top scorer, and was named to the All-WCHA second-team.

"Bill is a fine hockey player and leader," Coach Glen Sonmor says. "He leads by his actions - on the ice and off."

"It's going to be a tough year," Klatt says. "All the other teams are improved so we'll really have to skate well as a unit. We can do it - I hope."

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