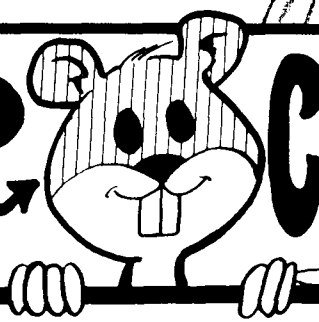




# GOPHER CHATTER

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## Stoll Pleased with Football Recruiting

Coach Cal Stoll is on record as being highly pleased with the results of the 1975 football recruiting campaign climaxed in February with the signing to tenders of 28 prospective student-athletes.

Stoll expressed particular satisfaction not only on the high quality of the recruits but also on the fact that 13 are from Minnesota high schools and five more are from neighboring states ("Minnesota's natural drawing area").

Said Stoll of these prospective Gophers, "I will not attempt to compare this group to any of those of past years. I'll simply say we are very pleased with the overall quality of these men and can see them playing a lot of football for us in the next four years."

The Minnesota high school graduates headed for UM are: GREGG CARDELLI, 6-4-1/2, 245 OT from Minneapolis (Southwest).

DON CLARQUIST, 6-3, 200 DB from Alexandria.

STEVE CUNNINGHAM, 6-4, 215 DE from Waseca.

SCOTT FARNESSE, 6-2, 215 LB from Albert Lea.

DOUG FRIBERG (FREE-berg), 6-4, 235 T from St. Paul (Hill-Murray).

KENT KITZMANN, 6-2, 200 RB from Rochester (John Marshall).

BRUCE KOTTOM, 6-3, 210 TE from Richfield.

GREG MURTHA, 6-7, 225 TE from Minneapolis (Southwest).

DOUG NELSON, 6-2, 220 LB from Richfield.

PAUL SANDERS, 6-3, 205 LB from St. Paul (Harding).

TOM SAPP, 6-3, 220 OG from Bloomington (Jefferson).

STEVE TOBIN, 6-5, 225 DT-FB from Moorhead.

STEVE WINNUM, 6-4, 189 QB from Bloomington (Jefferson).

(NOTE: High schools are noted, and positions reflect where they will be given a first look next fall at UM).

Another Minnesota product who has signed a tender is sophomore defensive back TOM LUCKEMEYER (6-0, 175) from St. Cloud. Luckemeyer enrolled at UM last fall and played varsity reserve football. His efforts in all areas were rewarded Wednesday when coach Stoll offered him a full athletic scholarship. Tom is a member of the varsity track team.

Student-athletes from neighboring states who have signed are:

STEVE BREAUT (as in BRO), 6-0, 198 RB from Hudson, Wis.

DAVE MOODIE, 6-3, 250 OT from Sun Prairie, Wis.

TOM MURPHY, 6-3, 210 LB-QB from Watertown, S.D.

LOUIS POTTER, 6-1, 185 QB from Germantown, Wis.

MARTY STEIN, 6-4, 235 DT from Eau Claire, Wis.

Five other top products from outside our natural area have also returned signed tenders. They are:

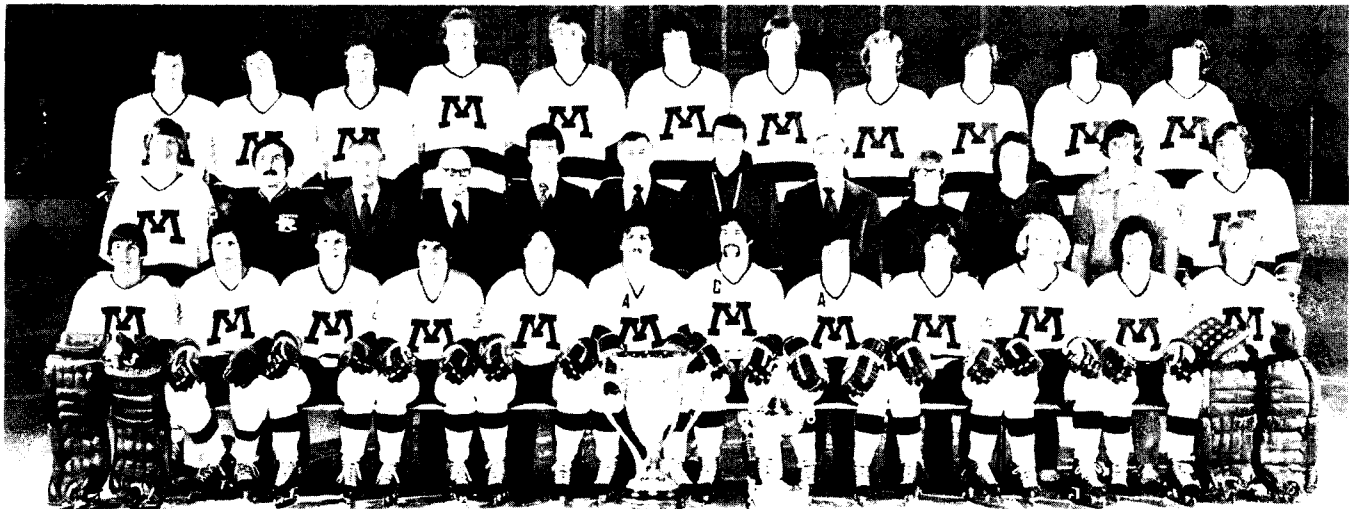
JEFF ANHORN, 6-4, 205 FL from Chicago (Eisenhower), Ill.

KEITH BROWN, 6-1, 205 RB from St. Louis.

BRIAN HAIRSTON, 5-10, 175 RB from Columbus (DeSales)

MARK HEBENGTREIT, 6-4-1/2, 235 DT from St. Louis

MIKE LAESEN, 5-11, 185 from Morton Grove, Ill.



Another "SUPER" season is the only way to describe exploits of the 1974-75 Golden Gopher hockey team pictured above. Coach Herb Brooks directed his third UM team to both the WCHA and Big Ten championships (trophies pictured), a runner-up spot in the NCAA championships, a record 31-10-1 season and a 24-8-0 WCHA finish good for a record 48 league points. Two players, Mike Polich and Les Auge, made first team All-American while Polich was also named Co-MVP of the WCHA. Numerous other honors were also earned by Gopher standouts.

Players and staff pictured are:

SEATED (L-R): 35-Jeff Tscherne, 2-Brad Morrow, 11-Pat Phippen, 24-Buzz Schneider, 20-Tom Dahlheim, 6-Les Auge (Alternate Capt.), 19-Robby Harris (Captain), 7-Mike Polich (Alternate Capt.), 25-Mike Virant, 18-Jim McCoy, 9-Tom Younghans, 30-Larry Thayer.

SECOND ROW: 23-Bryan Fredrickson, Gary Smith-Trainer, Dr. Norman O. Holte-Team Dentist, Dr. V. George Nagobads-Team Physician, Greg Hughes-Assistant Coach, Paul Giel-Athletic Director, Herb Brooks-Head Coach, Robert Geary-Assistant Athletic Director, Doug Anderson-Student Manager, Greg Scott-Equipment Manager, Jim Davidson-Student Manager, 10-Warren Miller.

THIRD ROW: 22-Ken Yackel, Jr., 15-Tom Vannelli, 14-Mark Lambert, 8-Tony Dorn, 12-Paul Holmgren, 5-Joe Baker, 17-Russ Anderson, 4-Robin Larson, 26-Reed Larson, 3-Joe Micheletti, 1-Bill Moen.

# TO OUR GOLDEN GOPHER SEASON FOOTBALL TICKET HOLDERS

## Everything You Want to Know About Ordering

Although our spring sports are still in progress, football season ticket buying is already under way. Each of you who purchased season tickets last season received your reorder application just prior to May 1.

It seemed a good idea to list the most frequent inquiries and supply the answers to you. We urge you to read and save this information for reference when reordering your season football tickets this month.

**The reorder application** — Your last year's locations, number of tickets purchased, and price extensions have been entered for your convenience. May we emphasize the importance of your signing the application at the *extreme upper-left* of the application. For your protection, the signature will be verified when received in our Athletic Ticket Office. Your reorder application is valid for your *personal use only*. This restriction is doubly important since all seat assignments are based on the longevity as a season ticket holder each of you has established through the years.

**The priority deadline** — We request your signed application and remittance reach us by *May 31*. Because of the processing time necessary to assure that your tickets are mailed to you on time, assignments must begin immediately after *May 31*. We can guarantee your application will be considered for an improved location (if requested) or that you will be assigned your last year's location *only* if your completed application has reached us prior to *June 1*. Seat locations for reorder applications not received by that date are assumed not to be desired for the coming season and they are subject to be reassigned to other ticket purchasers of record.

**How your seat locations may be improved** — If last year's seat locations listed on your reorder application are satisfactory to you, please check the appropriate box at the lower left corner of your application. The second box checked will tell us that you wish your seats moved nearer mid-field. Your height preference may be checked also, in conjunction with the request for yardage improvement. We should point out, however, that since "Medium" height (approximately from row 20 through row 45) is the preference of the majority of ticket holders, less vacancies do occur at that level. *One final note:* Patrons who do *not* indicate either a preference for last year's location or for improvement will be assigned the same seats held last year.

The procedure for assigning ticket locations is as follows: At the close of the reorder period, the patrons' name, from all applications received, is entered in our assignment charts. Those locations *not* reordered are then isolated and available for improvement to those reorder patrons who have indicated a desire for better seating. Those applications from our oldest priority date of record are assigned first, and so on down the line through those of you who were new patrons last year. Naturally, each time a location is improved, an additional vacancy is the most equitable to our many thousands of priority holders.

**New Season ticket locations** — When the above procedure has been completed and all reorder patron's tickets assigned, applications from new patrons are assigned based on the date (after May 1) each new order is received. Ticket applications for *additional* season tickets from present reorder patrons are processed as new orders. As a reorder patron, then, you may accumulate several groups of seat locations through the years, each with its own priority. We will assign your seats annually based on your instructions, considering each location by its individual longevity priority.

**Transfers of priority** — This situation is probably the most difficult to deal with. If our "longevity dictates seat locations" philosophy is to be meaningful, transfers of priorities must be minimal. If transfers were granted indiscriminately very few vacancies would occur in the more desirable season ticket areas. Priorities, once established, would run to perpetuity as one generation passed control to the next. The result would be that other patrons, ordering each year in good faith in an effort to eventually move into better seats, would not be given an equal chance to be improved. This would be unfair to those who through their con-

tinued financial and moral support make up the back bone of our football following.

You will find only one exception to our "No Transfer" regulation. The surviving spouse of an original priority holder will receive transfer of priority, if requested.

**Additional comments** — Season football tickets will be mailed in late August. If you should change addresses prior to this date, and after mailing your reorder application to us, please notify us immediately. If you have any questions not covered above, please let us know.

Ken Buell

Athletic Ticket Manager

### 1975 MINNESOTA FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 13	Indiana — Bloomington	1:30 p.m.
Sept. 20	WESTERN MICHIGAN — HOME (Band Day)	1:30 p.m.
Sept. 27	OREGON — HOME	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 4	OHIO UNIVERSITY — HOME	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 11	Illinois — Champaign	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 18	MICHIGAN ST. — HOME (Homecoming)	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 25	Iowa — Iowa City	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 1	MICHIGAN — HOME	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 8	NORTHWESTERN — HOME	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 15	Ohio State — Columbus	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 22	WISCONSIN — HOME	1:00 p.m.

## TRACK

"Judging from the results of our indoor season, I think the team is going to be a little stronger this spring than I had anticipated," says track coach Roy Griak whose team compiled a 4-1 indoor dual meet season record.

As always the Gophers will have their usual strength in the middle distance and distance events, a Griak trademark. The move outdoors adds an event that benefits Minnesota in the steeplechase where Steve Holl and Steve Croy placed in the Big Ten meet last year. The Gophers are shy again in the sprints but have added strength in the field events with Glen Bullick in the pole vault (He set a Minnesota record indoors clearing 16'-6"). John Bohan in the high jump and Steve Turnbull, Andy Walker and Jeff Wujek in the shot put.

The Gopher spring season features a dual meet at the Bierman Athletic Field Track against Wisconsin at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 3. Wisconsin is a strong favorite to finish second in the Big Ten behind annual champion Indiana.

The Gophers opened the outdoor season against Louisiana State and Drake at Baton Rouge, La., March 23 and followed with a week of practice in the sunny south during spring break.

### THE GOPHER CHATTER & TIME OUT

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# TIME OUT

## WAYZATA SPORTACULAR GOAL SET AT \$30,000

### Ten Other Williams Fund Events Planned

The Wayzata Gopher Sportacular leads off a series of events scheduled in the coming months as the 1975 edition of the Williams Fund Drive gets underway. The Wayzata extravaganza appears to be the most ambitious fund raising event ever staged by a civic organization for the benefit of the University of Minnesota's men's intercollegiate program. The event is scheduled to take place Monday, May 19 at the Wayzata Country Club under the direction of chairman Jaye Dyer in conjunction with the Greater Wayzata Area Chamber of Commerce.

A goal of some \$30,000 has been set for the fourth annual event which will combine a luncheon with golf and tennis activities.

The Gopher Sportacular concept originated in 1972 when University athletic director Paul Giel was invited to speak before the Greater Wayzata Area Chamber of Commerce. Out of a series of meetings with Chamber officers and committee chairmen evolved a luncheon gathering which was attended by some 450 people and produced over \$5,000.

The result of the first gathering prompted the Chamber and Giel to make the Sportacular an annual event. The following year some \$10,000 was collected from the Wayzata event. Last year over \$20,000 was raised.

Plans for this year's event include featured speaker Bart Starr, new head coach of the Green Bay Packers, while other invited dignitaries are Vince Lombardi, Jr., Governor Wendell Anderson and University President C. Peter Magrath.

Tickets for the event are \$25 per plate for the luncheon and \$100 for Golden Gopher Sponsorship.

Other Williams Fund events scheduled include:

#### GOLDEN VALLEY

A dinner held Tuesday, April 15 at the Golden Valley Country Club under the direction of Fred Carlson included wives of Williams Fund benefactors.

#### WEST SUBURBAN

A golf and tennis outing plus dinner is planned for Monday, June 2 for the West Suburban Williams Fund event at Oak Ridge Country Club under the direction of Pat Richie.



*THIS IS THE WEST SUBURBAN CHAMBER GROUP planning the annual Williams Fund event scheduled for Monday, June 2 at the Oak Ridge Country Club. They are (Front row L-R): Ralph Green, Spencer Dean, Bob Mahin, George Burton, Jim Childs, Pat Richie, Paul Giel. Back row: George Thomas, Williams Fund Chairman, Roger Johanson, Dean Garrett, Jerry Noyce, Frank Buetel.*

#### ROCHESTER

A golf and dinner outing has been scheduled for Monday, June 9 at the Rochester Country Club under the direction of Charles Pappas.

#### AUSTIN

Allan Krejci and Dick Knowlton will chair a golf and dinner outing on Tuesday, June 10 at the Austin Country Club.

#### HASTINGS

Robert Snyder and W. J. Crist are co-chairmen of a Williams Fund golf and dinner outing slated for Monday, June 16 at the Hastings Country Club.

#### ANOKA

On Monday, June 23 Jim Pfeider will direct a Williams Fund golf and dinner outing at the Anoka-Greenhaven Country Club.

#### FARIBAULT

Pete Boerboon will chair the first "Bruce Smith Williams Fund Golf Tournament" and dinner at the Faribault Country Club Monday, June 30. Lucius Smith, father of the deceased UM gridiron great and Heisman Trophy winner Bruce Smith, is honorary Chairman of the event.

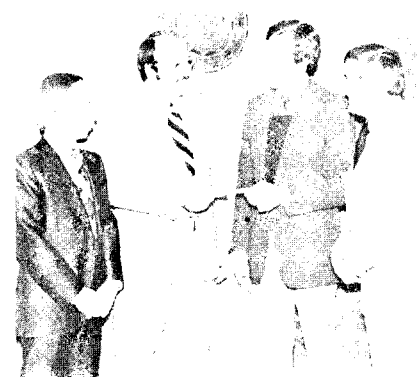
#### ST. PAUL

The annual Williams Fund Celebrity Golf Tournament and dinner under the direction of the Williams Fund committee of the University will be held Monday, July 14 at the Midland Hills Country Club in St. Paul.

Several other events are also in the planning stages at present which include a sports night dinner in St. Cloud in April and a golf and dinner outing in Duluth.

#### PILLSBURY CLASSIC NETS \$40,000 FOR WILLIAMS FUND

Although final figures have not been completely calculated, University of Minnesota assistant athletic director Bob Geary says it appears that the 1st Pillsbury Basketball Classic last December netted more than \$40,000 for the Williams Fund. The members of the Williams Fund Committee extend their thanks and appreciation to the Pillsbury Company for the support, time and work their employees gave to make the event a success.



*Members Of The University Of Minnesota Golf Club let it be known that they are firmly behind the Williams Fund and the UM athletic program by contributing \$150 to the 1975 Fund Drive. Pictured (L-R) are Phil Amery, 1975 Club president, Chuck Killian, 1974 president, Williams Chairman George Thomas, and Athletic Director Paul Giel.*

## Brooks Enthusiastic over 5 New Hockey Signees

Gopher hockey coach Herb Brooks has signed five outstanding athletes to national letters of intent to enroll at the University next fall. The five, all Minnesota natives, include two stellar players from the 1975 Minnesota State High School hockey tournament, — Bill Baker, a 6-foot-1, 190-pound defenseman from the state champion Grand Rapids team, and Steve Janaszak, a 5-foot-10, 175-pound goalie from the third place Hill-Murray team.

The remaining three are Phil Verchota, 6-foot-2, 200-pound forward from Duluth East; Tom Gorence, 5-foot-11, 175-pound forward from St. Paul Academy; and Bob Fish, a 5-foot-11, 195-pound forward from Warroad who played with the Fargo-Moorhead SugarKings of the Mid-West Junior League last season.

Brooks is hoping to sign two other athletes to hockey scholarships. The University has seven scholarships for hockey this season. An additional one was made available when junior forward Buzz Schneider left school to join the US National team.

"I think we are off to one of our best recruiting years ever," Brooks said. "All the players we signed were sought after by every major college in the nation."

The Gophers won their first NCAA hockey championship under Brooks in 1974 and finished with a 31-10-1 record last season which included the team's first Western Collegiate Hockey Association title since 1970, the Big Ten championship, and the runnerup position in the NCAA tournament at St. Louis.



UM pom pom girls added a Golden Gopher touch to the January 16 luncheon meeting of the St. Paul Optimists Club where they livened up the occasion with their routines.

One of the most appreciative of the Optimists members was Arthur Rusterholz shown here with Beth Hutton (left) and Debbie Suptak, pom pom captain. Mr. Rusterholz serves as a gatemanager at UM athletic events.

Paul Giel was the main speaker at the luncheon meeting.

## BIERMAN BRIEFS

PAUL GIEL has been named to the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame. He will be formally inducted into the Hall of Fame at the annual Awards Banquet in New York City on December 9. Former Gophers previously inducted are ED ROGERS, BOBBY MARSHALL, JOHN MCGOVERN, BERT BASTON, HERB JOESTING, BRONKO NAGURSKI, PUG LUND, ED WIDSETH, BRUCE SMITH, DICK WILDUNG.

The University of Minnesota hockey team will receive a handsome bonus for their winning ways this past season — a three-week trip to Europe July 24 — August 15. They will play in Switzerland, West Germany, Northern Italy, and Austria in a series of exhibition games and then will compete in the European Amateur Ice Hockey Tournament against the outstanding club teams in Europe.

RUSS ADAMS, University of Minnesota golf course maintenance supervisor, was recently honored by the Western Golf Association "For excellence in his respected profession and special service to the Game of Golf." The award was for the splendid condition of the UM golf course at the time the 1974 Western Junior Championship was played there last spring.

## Larry Zilverberg Making Gopher Wrestling History

In two seasons Larry Zilverberg, junior co-captain of the Gopher wrestling team, has compiled a 77-4-1 won-lost-tied mark and according to Coach Wally Johnson "Could very likely be the 'winningest' UM wrestler ever by the time he completes his senior season."

In the past two years, the 158-pound Hopkins native has piled up a stack of honors which include two Big Ten championships, two straight Midlands Tournament championships, and victories in the Bison Open and Air

Force Open. He was named outstanding wrestler of both tournaments, and won the Fastest Fall award in the Big Ten meet of 1974. He finished second in the NCAA tournament in 1974 losing a decision by two points to Rod Kilgore of Oklahoma. This year he finished third in the NCAA. He got behind 10-1 to John Janiak of Syracuse and battled back but lost 11-8 in the quarterfinals. Zilverberg then wrestled back defeating Dan Brink of Michigan 14-1 and gained a 5-4 rematch victory over Kilgore for third place.



Zilverberg

Zilverberg, — Janiak, Kilgore and Rod Holm of Iowa who bested the Minnesota wrestler twice but lost to him twice in the Big Ten finals.

"Larry has a rare quality in which he doesn't alibi for any of his defeats," says coach Johnson. "In fact defeat serves as a stimulus to spur him on to do better the next time. He is a very pleasant individual to have around, a very enthusiastic person. In wrestling he has only one speed, super high . . . in practice or in a meet."

"As a competitor he has no equal," the coach added. "He respects his opponents but he goes out and gets after them. He wants to prove right away who's the better man. I'd have to say Larry ranks right at the top with the best of them in my 23 years of coaching at Minnesota."

Injuries hit the Gopher team hard this season but with the return of the injured, the likes of Zilverberg and some outstanding freshmen and recruits, could be top contenders during the 1975-76 season.

## UM's Bullick Vaults to All-America Recognition

University of Minnesota track coach Roy Griak has another All-American following the NCAA Indoor track and field meet at Detroit in late March. Pole vaulter Glen Bullick cleared 16-5 in the competition to tie for fifth place in the national meet and gain recognition as an All-American. Bullick's jump set an all-time Gopher varsity record surpassing his earlier indoor best of 16-3 4. The junior from Brooklyn Center wasn't satisfied with leaving his record intact. During the Texas Relays at Austin April 5-6, he cleared 16-6 to win the meet and push the UM varsity record up another notch.

"Glen is a real student of the vault. He came out of relative obscurity and won the Big Ten indoor meet as a freshman when some of the better vaulters had a bad day. I think that was the turning point for him. Since that time he has been steadily improving and I don't think 17-feet is out of reach for him. He made several attempts at 17-feet in Texas and didn't look that bad. He cleared 16-6 on his first try," said Griak. "I think he has a good chance to place in the NCAA outdoor meet, especially if he can clear 16-6 on his first jump," the coach added.

Bullick hasn't put all his efforts toward excellence at the vaulting pit alone. The 5-foot-11, 160-pounder is also a Williams Scholar majoring in biology. "He is an excellent student, athlete and an outstanding person," Griak said.

# Gopher Spring Sports Coaches Outline Prospects



Siebert

Bolstad

Noyce

Griak

## BASEBALL

Coach Dick (Chief) Siebert is openly optimistic as the baseball Gophers shoot for their third consecutive Big Ten title. If this goal is achieved, it will be the third time under Siebert's coaching. The

Gophers have an excellent nucleus returning in 1975, along with some top-notch replacements at those positions which have been vacated by graduation.

The pitching staff has three returning starters in senior Ken Herbst (Robbinsdale) and junior Steve Comer (Minnetonka), both right-handers, and sophomore southpaw Perry Bauer (Red Wing).

There are a number of possibilities for the fourth starting role, including freshman submariner Dan Morgan (Superior, Wisconsin), who looked very impressive during fall practice.

Both regular catchers from last year's nine, Jim Moldenhauer and Bruce Gustafson, signed professional contracts, leaving this position very thin. However, senior Lindsay Hoyer (Edina), who played in the outfield and first base the past two years, should be able to fill this position capably, since he was a catcher throughout his high school career and was drafted twice by the Minnesota

Twins at that position. Seniors first baseman Jim Karnas (Richfield), second baseman Steve Shimek (Little Falls) and shortstop Joe Kordosky (St. Paul Johnson) all return for another year. Shimek may be moved to first base, in which case there will be a wide open battle for second base between juniors Bill

Deblon (Austin) and Bobby Bolf (Keewatin), freshman Paul Molitor (St. Paul Cretin) and incoming junior college transfer Ken Mauer (St. Paul Harding). Mike Fitzenberger, who lead the Big Ten in hitting last spring, is gone, but his shoes are capably filled by Mike Bruss, a sophomore from Richfield. Last year's two center fielders, senior Jeff Hagen (Columbia Heights) and sophomore Tommy Mee (Prior Lake), both return, along with senior

John Dengel (Little Falls), junior Mike Schultz (Wells) and sophomore Jeff Neutzling (Apbany). Jeff Kendall another Richfield product who spent one year at Normandale J.C., was nothing short of sensational in the Metro Collegiate League last summer and intersquad games last fall.

## GOLF

"This is a rebuilding year for us," says Gopher Golf coach Les Bolstad. "We will have some new faces in the team positions this year and the tryouts among 10 or 12 golfers for the positions will be very competitive this season."

"I look for our team to have a lot of give-and-take in team positions. We have several veterans including senior captain Tim O'Neil, senior Randy Kawczynski, juniors Paul Strande, Mike Schwartz and sophomore Kevin Treacy. New faces include junior Steve Sondrall, junior transfer student Bob Anderson of Edina who is a transfer from Mesa Junior College in Mesa, Arizona, sophomore Tom Quinn and freshman Miles Prestemon of St. Paul," the coach said.

The Gophers will miss the presence of 1974 captain John Harris this season. He won the Big Ten individual title last year and gave the Minnesota squad a tremendous amount of leadership. In the past seven years, Minnesota has produced four individual Big Ten champions. Harris' younger brother, Robby, is listed on this year's squad.

"We are distinctly a question mark as a team this season," Bolstad says. "We will have to prove ourselves in competition even though we have put in some real hard licks in the golf gym this winter. It won't be for any lack of preparation on the part of the players. But to be a golfer you have to play golf on the course and we are limited in this part of the country."

## TENNIS

Although the Gopher tennis team lost four-year letterman and captain Carter DeLaitre through graduation, coach Jerry Noyce feels his 1975 team will be an improved squad with substantial experience. One bright note is the addition of two newcomers — freshman Mark Brandenburg and junior transfer student Bob Amis. Brandenburg won the Minnesota State singles championship two consecutive years for Rochester Mayo while Amis was a state high school singles champion for Edina. Amis started his college career at Southern Methodist University before transferring last year and having to sit out a season.

Another plus for the Gophers in '75 is the return of eight lettermen to the squad including senior captain Ted Taney, and senior number two singles Bob Van Hoef plus juniors David Barnes, Richard Lehman, Charles Puleston, Bill Stark and sophomore Steve Benson.

Noyce says the probable lineup for the squad is Amis at No. 1 singles, Van Hoef No. 2, Brandenburg No. 3, Taney No. 4, Stark No. 5, with Barnes, More and Benson battling for the No. 6 spot. Amis had an 8-0 record as this Chatter went to press.

The doubles teams appears to be Amis and Brandenburg No. 1, Van Hoef and Barnes No. 2 and Stark and Taney at their familiar No. 3 spot.

The Gophers opened their Big 10 season with a 6-3 conquest of Illinois, and followed with an 8-1 trouncing of Michigan State.

## Gopher Football, Hockey, Basketball Films Available

Gopher football highlight films of the 1974 season produced by Sports Films and Talents and sponsored by Control Data and Northwestern National Life are currently on hand for distribution to interested groups and individuals. Seven films are available at the University of Minnesota Sports Information Department (373-5236). Control Data and Northwestern National Life have 10 each to distribute. Frank Anton of Northwestern National Life says the 10 films in their possession can be made available to clubs and organizations throughout the state by contacting the local agent for the company. Control Data makes its films available through Ms. Pat Harms at 853-5096.

Control Data and Northwestern National Life have also helped to sponsor the Gopher basketball highlight film of the 1974-75 season. It is expected to be completed by May 1. The University Sports Information Dept. will have seven films on hand and Control Data and Northwestern National Life will have 10 copies each. These will be available for distribution through the same procedure as the football films.

Control Data also has contributed for the 1974-75 Gopher Hockey highlight film for the first time. Sports Films and Talents expects to have the hockey film completed by May 1. Five copies will be on hand at the Sports Information Office as well as 10 at Control Data which will make the film available to interested persons as with the football and basketball film.

## Musselman Signs Bluechippers

UM basketball coach Bill Musselman has already signed three outstanding high school prospects to national letters of intent. The young men signed are: James Jackson, 6-4, 195 guard from Pittsfield, Maine; Gary Korkowski, 6-8, 220 center-forward from Solon, Ohio; and Chris Weber, 6-7, 210 forward from Janesville, Wisconsin.

Jackson, originally from Chicago, Illinois, was named New England Prep Player of the Year, the same award won last year by varsity member Dave Winey. Jackson averaged 28 points and 16 rebounds per game. Korkowski was MVP of his prep league three straight years and owns every rebounding record at his school. He once pulled down 33 rebounds in a single game. He also averaged 18 points. Weber was a Wisconsin all-stater leading his team to the state finals this year. He scored 41 points in the state tournament semi-final game. All three signees were heavily recruited. Jackson was a 1974 Parade Magazine second team All-America selection along with our own Mark Olberding.



New equipment for this spring season is exhibited by golf captain Tim O'Neil (Edina) second from left, and tennis captain Ted Taney (Edina), second from right as they pose with coaches Les Bolstad (left) and Jerry Noyce. The personalized golf bags and shirts were purchased under the direction of athletic director Paul Giel from the department's Williams Fund, while the tennis outfits and racquet covers were gifts from Harvey Ratner and Marv Wolfenson, owners of the Northwest Tennis and Swim Club. According to coach Noyce, Ratner and Wolfenson also donated free use of their courts to the Gopher varsity team for winter practice and two early season dual meets. The 1975 Gopher golf and tennis teams are now as well outfitted as any other varsity squads in the nation.

## UM Spring Intra-Squad Football Game May 17

University of Minnesota spring football practice which began April 12 will be climaxed by the annual intra-squad game in Memorial Stadium on Saturday, May 17 at 3:00 p.m. It will follow a baseball doubleheader with Purdue at Bierman Field diamond.

Tickets in advance of the Spring Football Preview will be \$1.50 for adults and 75 cents for children, and \$2.00 and \$1.00 at the gate the day of the game. Tickets do not include the baseball games.

Cal Stoll, preparing for his fourth season as head coach of the Gophers, will conduct practices on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday with intra-squad scrimmages on Saturday each week until May 17.

## Gopher Football Tickets

ON SALE MAY 1  
Seven Home Games

Regular Reserved Tickets.....	\$49.00
Economy Plan (Seating in Section 16 only)	
Adult .....	\$35.00
Child (Under 18) .....	\$17.50
Golden Age (62 and over) .....	\$17.50

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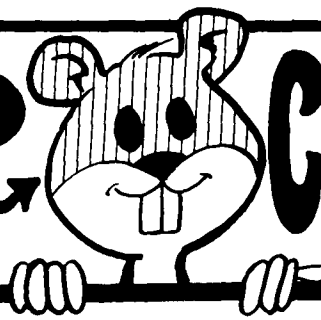




# GOPHER CHATTER

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Fans wonder —

## Can Gopher hockey success breed more success?

### Attempt to revive Homecoming tradition

The most energetic and comprehensive attempt in recent years to bring UM Homecoming back to its one-time level of participation, color, and excitement is being made by the 1975 Homecoming committee in connection with the Michigan State Football game in Memorial Stadium Oct. 18.

The slogan is "Annihilate State."

In the planning stage are the following events:

- A salute to Homecoming by the UM marching band in combination with the alumni band with a pre-game parade and show starting at 12:00 noon, and a half-time show with a Bi-Centennial theme.
- House decorations along sorority and fraternity rows.
- Button and balloon sales with profits to help defray Homecoming costs.
- Alumni Club "victory" dance Saturday night.
- M Club's annual Gold Country banquet Thursday, Oct. 16 starting 6:00 p.m. at Radisson So. Open to public. Tickets at door.
- Pre-game Homecoming Bar-B-Que 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. East concourse Williams Arena. Special pep band and cheerleaders. \$2.00 in advance. \$2.50 at door.

A Friday night pepfest is under consideration but uncertain at present.

Homecoming committee '75 is comprised of Ed Haislet, executive director, UM Alumni Ass'n., Bob Geary Ass't. A.D. for men's int. coll. athletics, Russ Tall, director University relations; Gary Nelson and Dick Devine for IFC, Dorothy Anderson, secretary.

What to do for an encore may be the biggest problem facing UM hockey coach Herb Brooks and his players in 1975-76.

Now entering his fourth year as boss of the Gopher ice program, all Brooks has done so far is to lead his squad to the school's first NCAA championship (1974), a runner-up spot for the same title (1975), a coveted WCHA championship (1975), and two Big Ten titles (1974 and 1975). He is rumored going into the hardware business.

With a new assistant coach at his side, Brad Buetow, who graduated from UM in 1974, and a tremendously successful European summer trip behind him, Brooks greeted more than 50 prospects for varsity jobs the first day of school, September 29.

Among the candidates are 15 lettermen, including one goalie, seven defensemen and seven forwards.

In Europe the Gophers compiled a surprising 8-1-2 record against some of the best amateur teams in West Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Italy.



Brooks

Two of the finest games played by UM were against Moscow-Spartak of Russia, which dealt Brooks and Co. their only defeat, a 5-3 decision, and the Polish National team which the Gophers tied 4-4.

The team from USSR contained six members of its famed Olympic and National squads, the same clubs that played Team Canada.

"We experienced an educational as well as an international competitive experience in Europe," says Brooks. "Meeting people from different cultures, societies and with far different customs was every bit as important to us as the stiff competition. It was a learning experience for each of us."

Meanwhile, back looking at 1975-76, junior Jeff Tscherne is the lone returning goal tender with any experience. He has a leg up on the job at this time, but could be pushed by rookie Steve Janeszak.

On defense Reed Larson, Joe Micheletti and Russ Anderson are the cream of the crop, but major contributions are also expected from Robin Larson, Brad Morrow, Joe Baker and converted wing Tony Dorn. A rookie, Bill Baker who led Grand Rapids to last year's prep state title, will also be in the thick of things.

The battle for the top six positions should be awesome.

Up front the top returning unit includes the line of junior Tom Vannelli at center and senior wings Pat Phippen, captain elect for this winter, and Tom Younghans. That line carried Minnesota the last half of 1974-75.

Other key frontliners coming back include center Mark Lambert and wings Bryan Fredrickson, Ken Yackel, Jr. and Warren Miller.

Miller was a sensation in Europe leading the Gophers in scoring and playing his best hockey ever. He is the same man who scored his first college hat trick in the dramatic come from behind 6-4 win against Harvard at this year's NCAA tourney.

Several outstanding recruits are expected to join the front lines this winter, including Bob Fish from Warroad, Tom Gorence from St. Paul Academy, Jim Korn from Hopkins, Don Madson from Grand Rapids and Phil Verchota from Duluth East. Fish and Madson were top scorers in the Midwest Junior A League last winter while the rest were preps.

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# Dutcher a winner

James D. Dutcher. He's the new head basketball coach at the University of Minnesota. And if early indications are accurate, the D. stands for Dedication. Or Determination.

His dedication to the game is obvious. He's been totally involved as a player or coach since his days at Lincoln Elementary School in Alpena, Mich. And he's determined to guide the Gophers through their current troubled waters back into championship contention.

Dutcher was selected to become Minnesota's new basketball coach late in August after Bill Musselman resigned a month earlier to join the San Diego Sails of the ABA.

He arrived on the Minnesota scene after three years as Johnny Orr's number one assistant at the University of Michigan and with a reputation for moulding individual players into winning teams.

"Basketball is a team game," Dutcher maintains. "It is not possible to promote certain individuals above others or to promote an individual over the welfare of the team. Whether it's the number 10 man or the leading scorer, the manager or equipment man, everyone must be in it together. Together a team can be successful."

And successful his teams have been. While in high school at Alpena where he won four varsity letters in basketball, gained all-state honors in football and basketball and was named team captain, Dutcher led his team to a 17-0 record as a senior and into the second round of the state cage tournament before losing.

As a student at the University of Michigan, Dutcher continued to compete and to win in both football and basketball until a knee injury shelved him as a junior and turned him to coaching.

During his senior year, Dutcher served as an assistant coach and, following his graduation, spent two years in the U.S. Army where he gained additional experience as coach of the Third Armored Division basketball team in Germany.

Then Dutcher took over as head basketball coach at Alpena Community College where his teams won 105 games and lost 70 during a seven year span. His 1965-66 squad posted a 22-5 mark and reached the finals of the National Junior College Tournament at Hutchinson, Ka.

That success was followed by a six year stint as head coach at Eastern Michigan University where his teams earned national tournament berths every season.

He directed five consecutive clubs to the NAIA Tournament in Kansas City, Mo., and into the finals of the 1971 meet. Then in 1972 his Eastern Michigan contingent reached the finals of the NCAA College Division tourney in Evansville, Ind.

In 1972 Dutcher returned to his alma mater and during that time saw Michigan win 55 and lose only 26, as well as gain a tie for the Big Ten Championship during the 1973-74 season and qualify for NCAA post season competition in both '74 and '75.

Twice Dutcher was named Conference Coach of the year at Alpena Community College. While at Eastern Michigan, he received the same honor in the NAIA's District 23 for his achievements during the 1971 season and in the NCAA's District Four during the 1972 campaign.

The 43 year old Dutcher and his wife Marilyn are the parents of four children: son Brian, 15, and daughters Diane, 14, Judith, 12, and Barbara, 9.

## UM Hockey — (Continued from Page 1)

The home openers are set October 27-28 against St. Louis University, just two days after the season opener at Eveleth against the U.S. Olympic Team.



Dutcher

# Dutcher assesses Gopher basketball outlook

Saying that Jim Dutcher faces a major rebuilding job in his first season as head basketball coach at the University of Minnesota may be the understatement of the year, but there aren't many other ways to describe it.

The Gophers finished in a tie for third in the Big Ten Conference last year and were expected to be in contention during the 1975-76 campaign with seven lettermen slated to return.

Since that preliminary analysis was made, two monogram winners have transferred to other schools and a third turned professional which means Dutcher must start all over with only four returnees who boast extended game experience.

"Obviously we will be a very young team," Dutcher admits. "We do not have any senior lettermen, and we return an average of only 24.2 points per game from last season. But people counting Minnesota out are wrong. We have some talent, and we'll make a run for it."

Among the team strengths listed by Dutcher are three quality guards in Phil Saunders, 6' 0" junior who scored 188 points last season; Osborne Lockhart, 6' 1" sophomore who played in 12 varsity games as a freshman; and Ray Williams, highly-touted 6' 2" junior who gained All-America Junior College honors last season.

Dutcher also regards Mike Thompson, 6' 10" sophomore, as one of the top big men in the conference. "Mike had to play against some very talented people last year," Dutcher pointed out, "and that experience should help turn him into one of the Big Ten leaders this season."

Biggest concern for Dutcher, in addition to Minnesota's lack of experience, is the need for depth up front. "Thompson and Dave Winey are the only people we have up there who logged any game experience last season," Dutcher said. "We will have to find some help in a hurry."

While Dutcher always has advocated a strong man-to-man defense, the talent available on this year's squad may require a change in those tactics. "I like pressure defense," he says, "but the personnel we have will dictate our ability to maintain that type of play."

Offensively Dutcher maintains "Everything should start with the fast break. It must be controlled and disciplined so the end result is a good percentage shot. But if it is there, we will take it."

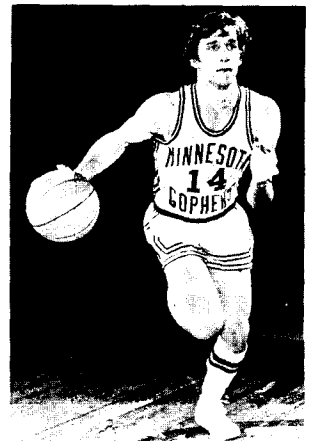
When looking ahead to the Big Ten Conference race, Dutcher figures that a good start will be imperative for the Gophers. "We have to play two of the top contenders early," he points out, "and we will have to have a solid start if we hope to do well."

Dutcher feels that the conference race will be a case of "The rest of us out to break Indiana's string of three straight championships."

But he admits that doing so won't be easy. "Indiana has four starters returning," he points out with envy, "and three of them are All-Americans. They have to rank as favorites for conference as well as national honors."

Michigan also returns three starters and five of its top seven players from a year ago which prompts Dutcher to tab that club as another solid contender. "Michigan has made two consecutive NCAA post season appearances," he said, "and the general consensus in the conference is that they had the best recruiting year of anybody around."

Minnesota's new coach also thinks Purdue, which tied with the Gophers for third last year, will be tough. "Like Indiana," Dutcher said, "Purdue also has four starters back. After that it looks like the conference is vastly improved and well balanced. Iowa and Northwestern both had good recruiting years, and Michigan State returns the Big Ten's top scorer. It should be a tough race."



Saunders





# TIME OUT



## Williams Winetasting Thursday, November 6

The Third Annual Williams Fund Winetasting Festival is scheduled for THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6 at North Central Airlines Building, Highway 494 at 34th Ave. South. This annual event is sponsored by the UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA MEN'S ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT WILLIAMS FUND. It is open to all who wish to attend.

Winetasting takes place between 6:30-9:00 p.m. in the North Central cafeteria with several varieties of domestic and imported wines, cheese and crackers and other appetizers for snacking. Area professional athletes, television personalities, sportswriters and broadcasters will be on hand to pour the wine and visit with you. There will a short program featuring Men's Athletic Department staff and prize drawings. The U. of M. cheerleaders and danceline will also be in attendance.

Donations are \$5.00 per ticket with proceeds going to the Williams Fund. Tickets will be on sale at the door.

The committee arranging this third annual event is comprised of George Karnas for North Central Airlines, Tom Barron, Herman Lussan, Connie Hanson, and George Thomas.



Photographed at the first annual Bruce Smith Memorial Williams Fund golf tournament at Faribault June 30 were (L-R): Robert Johnson, president of Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Minnesota; Roger (Pete) Boerboon, general chairman; Lucius Smith, Bruce's father and honorary chairman; Paul Giel, D. W. Kaufman.

Photo courtesy Faribault Daily News



Even a heavy downpour during the afternoon couldn't dim the enthusiasm of the sports fans who turned out for the Williams Fund Golf-O-Rama at Hastings June 16.

Photographed prior to tee-off are (Kneeling L-R): Tom Moore, Norm Parker, Jim Marshall, Dick Moseley, Bruce Vandersall. Back: Tony Bour, Bob Niederkorn, Bill Crist, Cal Stoll, Paul Giel, Murray Warmath, Bob Geary, Roger French, Allan Krejci, George Thomas. Crist was event chairman.

Photo courtesy Mississippi Valley Star



A highlight of the Williams Fund outing at Anoka June 23 was a trip through the Thermo-Serve plant, one of the nation's largest manufacturers of plastic novelties including Gopher souvenir mugs.

Seen touring the plant (L-R): George Thomas, Jim Marshall, Roger French, Otis Dypwick, Paul Giel, Cal Stoll, Jim Pfleider, Bob Geary, Norm Parker, Murray Warmath. Pfleider, a UM letterman in golf, is president of Thermo-Serve. He was instrumental in organizing the highly successful event.

## St. Paul Stag Nov. 11

The annual St. Paul Stag 1975-style has been scheduled Monday, November 11 at the Midland Hills C.C. A buffet dinner at 7 p.m. follows the social hour. After dinner a short program will be headed by A.D. Paul Giel, grid coach Cal Stoll, ice boss Herb Brooks and new cage coach Jim Dutcher. Chairing this year's event are Paul Smith, Tom Barron and Jack Fratzke. See you in St. Paul Nov. 11!

## 300 at Little Jacks

More than 300 Gopher grid fans, another SRO crowd, jammed Little Jacks Cafe September 9 for another successful Minneapolis Stag. Those present heard Paul Giel, Herb Brooks and new head cage coach Jim Dutcher speak. Heavy thanks go out to co-chairmen Jack Reshetar, the resident boss of Little Jacks, and Jack Fratzke. And thanks one and all for your continued support of the Golden Gopher program!

## Williams Fund summer golf \$\$\$\$ scoreboard

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(First)	4,500.00	Jim Pfleider
New Ulm (First)	1,545.16	Carl (Red) Wyczawski
Faribault (First)	4,500.00	Pete Boerboon, Charlie Champlin
Wms. Celebrity	15,000.00	Paul Smith, Jack Fratzke
		NET \$88,043 plus
		And more to come in 1976!



The first annual Williams Fund golf outing at Hibbing was an outstanding success in every way. Climax to the day of fun and golf was the dinner at the Mesaba Country Club at which Paul Giel (standing right) accepted a check for \$4,000 from Bob Nickoloff (standing left). Cal Stoll is at far left and George Thomas, Williams Fund chairman, is at far right.

Photo courtesy Hibbing Daily Tribune



Three men who have played outstanding roles in the success of the Williams Fund over a period of the past 10 years were honored at the annual Williams Fund celebrity golf tournament and dinner at the Midland Hills Country Club in St. Paul July 14. They are (L-R): Jack Fratzke, Mike Zaccardi, Paul Smith.

## Bob Peterson brings strong credentials to UM SID post

Robert A. (Bob) Peterson who succeeds Otis Dypwick as sports information director at UM effective Sept. 30 brings impressive credentials with him from St. Cloud State University where he served as SID for 10 years.

Peterson is a native of Alexandria. He attended Hamline University and received a B.S. degree from St. Cloud State in 1955 and a M.S. degree from the University of North Dakota in 1962. He served as an enlisted man in the U.S. Army in 1951-52. He taught English and speech at Warroad high school, 1956-58, and taught English and journalism at Jefferson high in Alexandria 1958-65. He was sports editor of the Weekly Park Region Echo in Alexandria 1960-65.



Peterson

Peterson has won numerous journalistic awards and recognitions for his work at Alexandria and St. Cloud State. He was honored by the Minnesota Newspaper Association for outstanding sports coverage in 1962. He was presented with a Newspaper Fund Fellowship by the Wall Street Journal in 1962 for study at Syracuse University. He was awarded a Newspaper Fund Merit Award in 1963 by the Wall Street Journal for "Outstanding Teaching of Journalism." He received the All American Award from the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics in 1969 for "Outstanding Spring Sports Brochures," and the NAIA All American Award for "Outstanding Basketball Brochure" in 1970.

Peterson was elected to the national board of directors of College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) as college division representative in 1972. He was instrumental in bringing the CoSIDA national convention to St. Paul in 1974 and served as general chairman. He is currently second vice president of CoSIDA and is slated for the presidency in 1977.

Peter is 43 years old. He and his wife, Joy, have three daughters and one son.

Said Giel of Peterson's appointment, "We are extremely pleased to have a man with Bob's experience and outstanding record of achievement accepting this post so vital to our program. He has excellent rapport with the media of this area. He is well known throughout the Big Ten area and nationally for his activities within CoSIDA. His credentials are the very best."

## Cross country team faces strong challenge in Big 10

The 1975 University of Minnesota cross country team will attempt to improve upon a 1974 performance which resulted in a 13-2 dual meet record; a fifth place finish in the conference and NCAA District IV meets; and a 20th place finish at the NCAA meet in Bloomington, Indiana.

Emulating the above will be difficult, beginning at the dual meet level. Wisconsin handed the Gophers their two 1974 dual losses, and will again be one of the favorites for conference and national honors.

In the conference meet, the Indiana Hoosiers can be expected to make a strong bid to return to upper division status; and in the even more difficult NCAA District IV meet, where only the top five teams qualify for the NCAA. Defending conference champion Michigan, and the Michigan State Spartans return their 1974 squads virtually intact.

With the departure of seniors Brian Berkner and Steve Holl, Captain Tim Oliver returns for his 4th cross country season and will head a team nucleus that will include juniors Brad Holmberg and Jim Thomas, and sophomores Pete Bahe and Steve Plasencia.

Other Gopher harriers who could provide help in the coming campaign include senior Dennis Fee, juniors Steve Croy and Al Tappe, sophomores Dave Johnson, John Koscielak, and Dick Nelson, and freshman Larry Berkner, Tim Black, Tom Fagrelus, Dave Tappe, and Gordon Weaver.

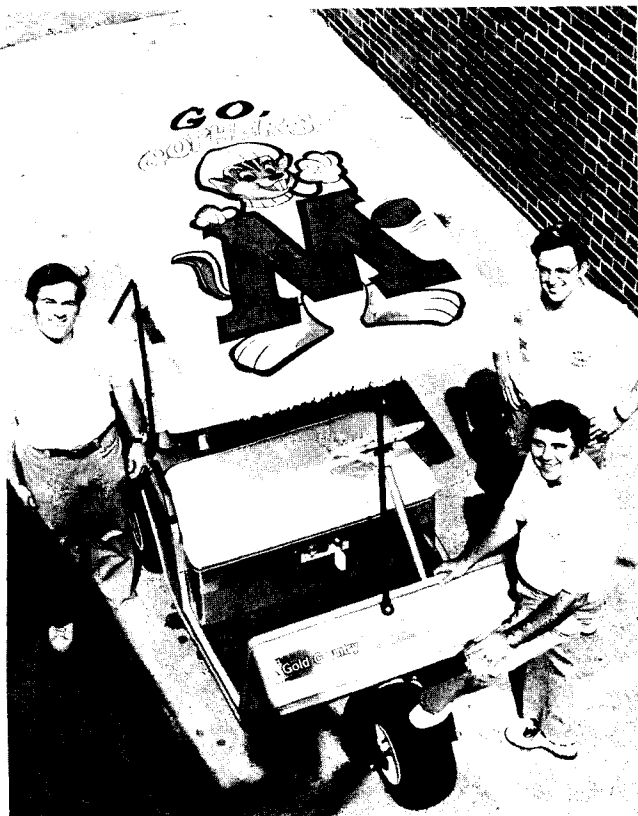
The only remaining home competition for the Gophers is the Gold Country Classic Saturday, Oct. 18 at 10:30 a.m. over the UM golf course. Guest teams are U. of Wisconsin, River Falls, Lakehead University, St. Thomas, Hamline, St. Cloud State, Moorhead State.

### THE GOPHER CHATTER & TIME OUT

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That fancy cart you see buzzing around Memorial Stadium at Minnesota's home football games was donated to the UM training staff by Vince Stegner of Ortonville and Dennis Munson of Fridley. Munson added the artistic touch on the top. Shown with the cart are (L-R): ass't. trainer Gary Smith, head trainer Jim Marshall, and ass't Jeff Monroe.

## 700 in tribute to Snapper

July 9 was a gala day at the Metropolitan Sports Center when more than 700 athletes and friends of the UM athletic department joined in for a farewell tribute to Lloyd "Snapper" Stein. On June 30 Stein retired after serving 41 years as head trainer to Gopher athletes. A highlight of the evening came when a new car was driven down the ramp and onto the floor, a gift to Lloyd and his lovely wife Agnes from organizers of the evening's festivities. Chairman of the event was Bob Bjorkland.

## 1957-58-59 FOOTBALL REUNION

After the Michigan State Homecoming game on Saturday, October 18, the 1957, 1958, and 1959 players and wives will gather at the Mariott Inn on Interstate 494 and Cedar Avenue South (next to Metropolitan Stadium) in Bloomington for cocktails, dinner, and socializing.

The Vikings play Detroit at 3:05 p.m. on Sunday, October 19, so plan on making it a football weekend. Approximately 100 people are expected. The committee urges an immediate response by telephone or letter as to whether you are coming and if you would like a room reservation at the Mariott Inn (612-854-7441). The detail planning is just starting so we will get more information to you in early October.

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## UM homecoming luncheon Saturday, October 18

The annual University of Minnesota Homecoming Bar-B-Que luncheon will be held in Williams Areen Saturday, October 18 prior to the football game with Michigan State.

A menu of bar-b-que beef sandwiches, baked beans, potato chips, salad, ice cream, and milk or coffee will be served between 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Game kickoff time is 1:30. Luncheon tickets purchased in advance are \$2.00 each. At the door price is \$2.50. Tickets may be ordered in advance at the Athletic Ticket Office, Bierman Field Athletic Bldg., University of Minnesota, Mpls. 55455.

UM winter sports coaches will be present to mingle and visit with the guests. A pep band will provide music.

## Griak USA Pan Am coach

As this issue of GOPHER CHATTER goes to press University of Minnesota track coach Roy Griak is in Mexico City as head coach of the U.S.A. track and field team entered in the Pan American Games at Mexico City.

Griak and the 48 athletes from the United States left for Mexico City via charter plane Sept. 29. Opening ceremonies for The Games are scheduled for October 12 with competition starting October 13 and continuing through the 22nd. Garry Bjorklund, former University of Minnesota distance run star, is included in the contingent.

Involvement in international track and field competition is nothing new to Griak who is in his 12th season at UM. He was with the U.S. Nationals team in 1973 that toured Italy, Germany, Russia, and Africa, and was manager of the 1972 United States Olympic team.

## Dypwick steps down after 32 years as SID

After 32 years on the job Otis Dypwick has requested and been granted early retirement from his position as Sports Information Director at Minnesota effective September 30.

"This was definitely the most difficult decision of my life" said Dypwick whose relationship with UM goes back to 1928 when he enrolled as a freshman. "Unless Paul Giel had been receptive to my request to continue on in a part-time situation I might have tried to remain to compulsory retirement age (68) because of a very deep sentimental attachment to the University and the wonderful people in this department," said the publicity-public relations veteran. "However, I requested early retirement from full-time work on advice of our family physician."

Dypwick, a graduate of Washburn high school (first graduating class) and the University of Minnesota, was a "stringer" for The Minneapolis Tribune while in high school and college. He was on the sports staff of the old Minneapolis Journal in 1931 with Jack Quinlan, Dick Cullum, and Halsey Hall. Before coming to the University in 1944 he held positions with Fawcett Publications, a national ad agency, and the Twin Cities Ordinance Plant as director of employee services.

While University SID Dypwick has been editor of the M Gazette, publication of the graduate lettermen's M Club. He has written numerous articles for national magazines and has authored and co-authored many sports books with famous sports figures, particularly in the field of golf. His Winning Golf with Byron Nelson was a best seller. He has co-authored books with his close friends Patty Berg and Bud Wilkinson. He has been media relations and promotion director and program editor for every major golf tournament held in the Twin Cities area since 1935, including the 1966 USGA Women's National Open and the 1970 USGA Men's National Open, both held at Hazeltine.

Dypwick will continue to edit the M Gazette and Gopher Chatter and will assist in various public relations and publicity projects on a substantially reduced work schedule.

*In 1972, Cal Stoll's first year as head coach, an untried rookie was in the starting lineup at Indiana for the first game at defensive tackle.*

*This fall that same young man is now the senior captain who has started every single game since that first day of action. Of course the man in question is Keith Simons, Minnesota's quiet leader in 1975.*

*An amazing athlete who moves his 6-foot-4, 249-pound frame with the grace of a much smaller man, Simons has proved that today's college football star is durable, too.*

*In fact if the Good Lord is willing and Keith remains healthy all season, he could, by starting all scheduled 44 games during his career at Minnesota, set a modern-day NCAA record. To our knowledge no other man has accomplished that feat.*

*A native of Belleville, Michigan, Simons came to Minnesota with a "can't miss" label . . . and has lived up to every expectation.*

*In addition, he is also a star in the classroom carrying a high B average in education which makes him, for the third straight year, a Williams Scholar.*

*"I'm not certain I have ever coached a more natural leader, one who leads by example and not by being just a holler guy," says coach Stoll. "I am much the richer in having the opportunity to be his coach."*

*When Simons came to Minnesota his first goal was to never have a bad practice. According to defensive line coach Norm Parker, Keith has accomplished that goal with flying colors.*

*"I would dearly love to coach a whole line full of men just like Simons," Parker states. "Every day is a new challenge to him. Every practice is something special.*

*"He never loaf and has taken on the responsibility of being the team's captain and leader with ease. He has not changed in any way except possibly to be more mature than before and stand just that much taller among his teammates.*

*"The only sad thing about Keith is that he has not been fully recognized in receiving post season honors for his excellence of play. If he is not named first team All-Big Ten and All-American following this season a major crime will have been committed."*

*It has recently been rumored that Simons may be a first round choice in the 1976 NFL draft. According to Keith he would like to give professional football a try, but is not planning his entire future in this area.*

*The contentions of doom sellers who say today's youth is going to hell in a hand cart is blown right out the window by men like Keith Simons. He and thousands like him on today's college football rosters are the leaders of tomorrow.*

*In that light we have to say our future looks pretty solid.*

## Captain Simons modern-day "iron man"

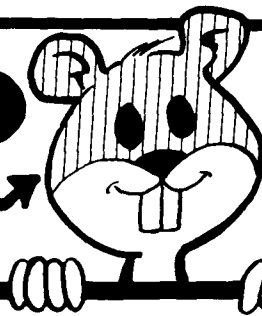




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## Gophers defend Pillsbury title Dec. 26-27

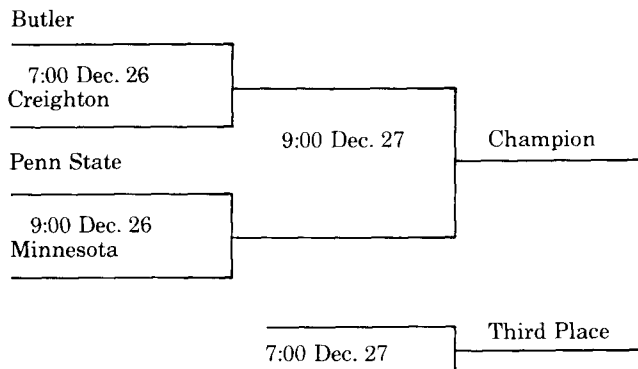
The second annual Pillsbury Holiday Basketball Classic December 26-27 at the Metropolitan Sports Center in Bloomington will attract unusual interest among area basketball fans inasmuch as the Gophers will defend the title they won a year ago in the meet's inaugural.

Sponsored jointly by The Pillsbury Company, the Gopher Backcourt Club and the University of Minnesota Men's Intercollegiate Athletic Department, the tournament is a major fund-raising event for the U of M's Williams Fund.

In its inaugural year, the Classic contributed more than \$50,000 to the Williams Fund which honors outstanding student-athletes by awarding scholarships to those who excel both academically and athletically.

Last year's tourney found Minnesota finishing ahead of the field by downing Navy 68-35 in the opening round and Clemson 66-52 for the title. Clemson, after nudging Auburn 63-59 in its first assignment, topped Navy 73-69 for third place honors.

This year's pairings show Butler facing Creighton and the Gophers taking on Penn State in the first round. The guest teams are consistently rated among the nation's best in college basketball with long and strong winning traditions. The pairings:



### Capsule sizeup of competing teams:

#### BUTLER

This year's Bulldog squad will be experienced but still young. Four of the five starters will be underclassmen. Much depends on how some of the younger players develop in the front court. The backcourt, with Burris and Dunn available, backed up by Lynch and Jon McGlocklin, will be strong. Among the freshmen, Tom Orner, a deadly outside shooter, appears the most likely to see action. Coach Theofanis feels if Butler can survive the back-breaking December schedule which includes Ohio State, Auburn, Western Kentucky, Toledo and a holiday tourney at the University of Minnesota, the team should be ready for conference play.

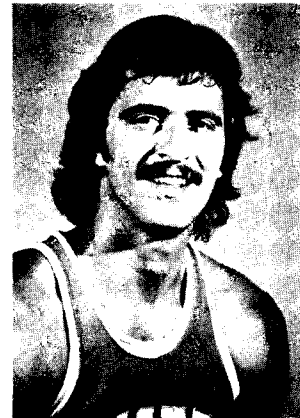


Dunn

#### CREIGHTON

Coach Tom Apke looked upon his 1975-76 Creighton University basketball team during early season workouts with a sense of quiet anticipation. He was beginning his second year as head coach with new personnel and a more-or-less new game plan.

Last year Apke's team was a big, sound defensive team, in fact, one of the nations leaders in that category. Coach Apke stressed defense and it was one of the key factors enabling the Bluejays to break into the lime-light of major college basketball with a 20-7 record. A school record of 14 consecutive victories and a second straight appearance in the NCAA tournament were highlights.



Heeke

But the Bluejays are a different ball club this year in many respects. They are much quicker and faster than in previous years, and this has brought on a brand new dimension to the Apke game plan. Creighton will count on a full-court pressing defense. Working at the head of the press may well be 6-5 Cornell Smith and 6-3 Robert Scrutchens, both quick, agile guards. The front line seems to be solid. Senior Daryl Heeke and sophomores Rick Apke (coach's brother) and Tim McConnell are leaders under the boards.

Heeke, at 6-8 and 226 lbs., developed into a consistent inside player last season and should not have trouble manning the post.

Rick Apke, as a freshman finished fourth on the team's final scoring charts with a 6.4 average. The 6-7 sophomore also averaged 4.2 rebounds.

Bluejay fans have begun looking to another exciting season in Creighton basketball. The slogan on bumper stickers around Omaha exhibits this. They read — "hAPKEness is Bluejay Basketball!"

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### 1975-76 Basketball Schedule HOME GAMES

Preliminary Game Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Varsity Game Time: 8:05 p.m.

Thu., Dec. 18	Marquette
Sat., Jan. 3	Purdue
Thu., Jan. 8	Illinois
Sat., Jan. 10	Iowa
Sat., Jan. 24* (Aft. TV)	Indiana
Mon., Jan. 26	Ohio State
Sat., Feb. 14	Northwestern
Mon., Feb. 16	Wisconsin
Sat., Feb. 28* (Aft. TV)	Michigan State
Mon., Mar. 1	Michigan

\*Afternoon game 1:10 p.m.  
Reserved Tickets \$4.00. General Admission \$2.50

# Pillsbury Classic

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## MINNESOTA

Jim Dutcher, in his first year as head basketball coach, must depend on a young Gopher squad without a single senior letterman to defend the title won by Minnesota in the Pillsbury Classic a year ago. That is a tough assignment against this quality field of teams that are perennial leaders in their respective areas.

Despite a lack of experience on the squad Dutcher says "Don't count us out. We have talent and we'll make a run for both the Pillsbury tourney and the Big Ten titles."

Among Gopher strengths Dutcher points out are three quality guards in Phil (Flip) Saunders, 5-11 junior who scored 188 points last season; Osborne Lockhart, 6-1 sophomore who played in 12 varsity games as a freshman; and Ray Williams, 6-2 junior who was a Junior College All American last season. Williams is an exciting player with tremendous scoring potential.

Dutcher regards Mike Thompson, 6-10 sophomore, as one of the very best tall men in the Conference last year when he was off to an outstanding season until injured. He could become one of the very best players in Minnesota's history — talented, quick, and versatile. Thompson will receive help up front from 6-9 sophomore Dave Winey whose play is vastly improved over a year ago when he lettered.

Gopher fans may expect to see a style of basketball similar to that executed successfully by the University of Michigan where Dutcher served as assistant coach before coming to Minnesota.

## PENN STATE

The pressure is on the veteran members of the Penn State basketball team.

"Our freshmen have promise and they may be able to help us right away in some cases, but I don't want to put that pressure on them," Nittany Lion coach John Bach says.

Bach, beginning his eighth year at Penn State and 26th in collegiate coaching, is optimistic about his team.

"This could be an interesting team to watch," he says. "We should be quicker than we have been. We picked up the tempo last year and we should be able to do more things."

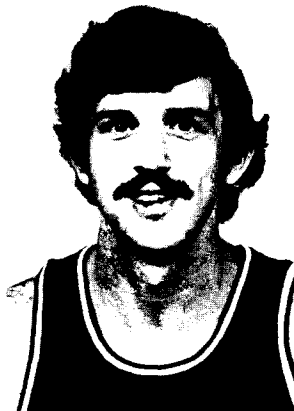
One of the keys for improving last year's 11-12 record will be the play of the front court. Only 6-6 junior Chris Erichsen, who averaged 16.7 points and 10.7 rebounds as a starter in the last six games last year, returns. Gone are co-captains Randy Meister (15 points and 10.6 rebounds per game) and Kevin Burke (12.8 points per game).

Junior Romel Raffin, who backed up Meister at center for two years, could be in the pivot. Hopefuls for Burke's spot are senior Dave Angstadt and freshmen Carvin Jefferson, Bob Kinzer and Harvey Wooten.

Depth is not a problem in the backcourt where four guards, all of whom started at various times last year, are returning. Jim Ouderkirk, State's long-range threat who averaged 12.7 points last year, and ball-handler Tommy Doaty played most of the time last year. But they will be pressed by junior Kevin Cadle and sophomore Jeff Miller.



Saunders



Erichsen

# GOLD COUNTRY GOPHER BACKCOURT SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Dec. 16  
 Tuesday, Jan. 6  
 Tuesday, Jan. 27  
 Tuesday, Feb. 17

All luncheon meetings are at Jax Cafe on Northeast University Ave. and start at 12:00 noon. Memberships are available, as are single meeting admissions. All meetings open to public.

# GOPHER BLUELINE LUNCHEON SCHEDULE

Dec. 19 (Colorado College) Normandy Inn  
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# TIME OUT

## Arizona-Minnesota Williams Event Jan. 19 at Scottsdale

An attractive and exciting event leads off the Williams Fund schedule for 1976.

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The small difference in price between the 8-day and the 5-day packages results from the fact that the excursion air fare, used in the 8-day package is such an attractive price — and, of course, for those who have the time, the 8-day package affords a much better value.

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Leaving Minneapolis 8:30 am  
Arriving Phoenix 10:28 am  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 16

Western Airlines Flight 548 (non-stop/dinner)  
Leaving Minneapolis 5:45 pm  
Arriving Phoenix 9:25 pm

### Details

**TYPE:** Shotgun start (limit 144 players). No official club handicaps required. Peoria system will determine handicaps by the score shot.

**PRIZES:** A great many!!! both by golf scores (Peoria system) and door prizes (drawing at dinner). Every member of this year's tournament will receive a Munsingwear shirt and a Maroon & Gold windbreaker, among other things.

**TEE TIME:** 12:30 sharp!!!

**PAIRINGS:** If you have not entered as a foursome, you will be assigned to a foursome at the Pima Golf Club. Those needing assignment should report to the committee no later than 11:30 AM. Each foursome will be given a number and a starting tee which will be attached to your golf cars (which are mandatory at the regular course rate).

**DINNER:** As all of those who have played in the WCCO-Minn-Ariz Open the past 3 years will attest, the Pima Country Club puts on the finest buffet in Arizona. It will be buffet because folks like to have time to visit and relax after golf and still be certain of a really hot meal.

**U OF M PEOPLE:** President C. Peter Magrath, Football Coach Cal Stoll, Athletic Director Paul Giel, Asst. Athletic Director Murray Warmath, and others from the Athletic Department will play and be at the Head Table.

**ENTRY:** Your \$100 check for your entry reservation, made payable to "University of Minnesota Williams Fund" (exactly that way) should reach PAUL GIEL, U of M Bierman Field Ath. Bldg. Mpls. MN 55455. Entry this year will be limited to the first 144.

Co-chairmen for the event are Waldo Hardell of Sun City, a former president of the UM Alumni Association, and George Kreutzer, Scottsdale-Phoenix. They are receiving very active support from Frank Pond.

The Minnesota committee chaired by Rollie Johnson, WCCO-TV, is comprised of Don Knutson, Murray Warmath, Fred Carlson, Henry Dornseif, and George Thomas, Williams Fund chairman.

## St. Paul Stag nets \$3,000 For Williams Fund Coffers

The Annual St. Paul Williams Fund Stag at the Midland Hills Country Club on November 17 contributed approximately \$3,000 to The Fund. An exact accounting is not yet available.

The Stag committee was comprised of Tom Barron, John Bloomquist, Bob Camparoni, Tony Felicetta, Dave Gilman, Charles Herbst, Bob Keene, Bill Lynch, Ralph Nardini, Gene Pulju, Don Roisum, and Terry Vasterling. Jack Fratzke, Paul Smith, Mike Zaccardi whose status is listed as "Emeritus" were honored at the gathering for their long and effective service in behalf of the Williams Fund.

## WINE TASTING



The big winner in the Williams Fund Wine Tasting event November 6 at North Central Airlines was Bill Braman who won the "Win your weight in wine" drawing. With him checking out the prize is Connie Hanson of Ed Phillips & Sons.



Testing the scores of wines available at the tasting party were (L-R) Harold Miller of Ambassador Motor Lodge, Roy Griak, Minnesota track and field coach, and Milt Sunde, former Gopher and Viking luminary.

## Wine Tasters Contribute \$3,000

The Third Annual Wine Tasting Event held Nov. 6 at the North Central Airlines headquarters building attracted a record turnout of more than 400 Gopher boosters and raised approximately \$3,000 for the Williams Fund.

The committee in charge of this most successful event was comprised of George Karnas, Jack Daub, and Jack Kohrer of North Central Airlines; Connie Hanson, Eleven Cellars Wines (Ed Phillips); Tom Barron, Display Fixtures; Herman Lussan, Ed Phillips (retired).

North Central donated over \$2,000 in facilities, food and incidental costs. Nabisco donated crackers. Brede Inc. donated signs. Feinberg Meats contributed sausages and cold cuts, and Land O' Lakes donated a variety of cheeses.

## Mike Thompson: Rates with best

Mike Thompson is a man in the middle . . . in more ways than one. The 6-10 sophomore plays the post for coach Jim Dutcher, so he finds himself in the thick of things both on offense and defense. Thompson knows that much of the hope Minnesota followers have for the coming season rests on his shoulders. As the only forecourt returnee with extended game experience, he is expected to carry much of the scoring and rebounding for the Gophers. Thompson looks forward to the challenge.

"I came to realize in the off season that I would have to improve in both scoring and off the boards," he stated.

Though he had a good year last season with 14 points and 8.3 rebounds per game in conference play, most Big Ten coaches and observers believe Thompson has yet to reach his full potential. Coach Dutcher commented that Thompson "should be one of the Big Ten leaders this season."

Thompson passed up a chance to represent his native Bahamas in the Pan American Games, figuring the time lost on schoolwork and practice would be difficult to make up. "It's not easy to go from a deliberate style of play to a running game, but I'm looking forward to the faster pace," said Mike. It's fun for the players and the fans will enjoy the quicker style."

Like most observers, Thompson believes that Indiana will be difficult to catch in the Big Ten title race. "Most of their top players are back, so they will be tough. Michigan also looks strong, along with Purdue. From what I've seen in practice, though, I believe we can crack the top three."



Thompson

## Bill Baker shines as frosh

Last March at the Met Sports Center one player all but single handed led the Grand Rapids Indians to the state high school hockey championship. Today that same young man, freshman defenseman Bill Baker, has already made his mark with the Minnesota varsity squad.

At 6-foot-1 and 185-pounds, Bill stepped right into a starting role in the first Gopher win against the U.S. Olympic team and has not missed a single shift since that evening. He is big, rugged, not afraid to throw his weight around, but also smooth and a smart player who rushes the puck like an experienced vet.

"I'm almost amazed at how fast Bill had adapted to WCHA hockey," says head coach Herb Brooks. "Oh, I was never worried about Bill playing good hockey for Minnesota, but did not expect him to come along this fast. He has all the potential to become one of the best there is in a short time."

Through the first nine games Bill had scored two goals — one a game winner against Minnesota-Duluth — and three assists for five points. But more important is his defensive play in the UM end. Steadiness appears to be the real key to Bill's style of play.



Baker

### Home Hockey Schedule 197576

Prelim. 5:15 p.m. (Sat. only) • Varsity 8:00 p.m.

Dec. 19-20 .....	Colorado College
Jan. 2-3 .....	Michigan Tech
Jan. 16-17 .....	Denver
Feb. 6-7 .....	Michigan State
Feb. 27-28 .....	Michigan

\*Afternoon games 2:00 p.m.  
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Seating preference:	Amount
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— Medium	
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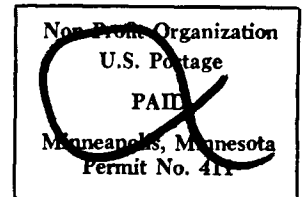
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## TIME OUT



George Thomas

Since joining the University of Minnesota Athletic Department staff in January, 1972, George Thomas has worn two hats.

As assistant baseball coach to Richard "Chief" Siebert, Thomas helped guide the Minnesota Gophers to Big Ten championships in 1973 and 1974. The first club mentioned went on to finish third in the NCAA Championship Tournament at Omaha, Nebraska.

His duties as director of the department's Williams Fund have been equally rewarding. The last fiscal year (July-June 30) saw a record \$314,044.34 realized through donations and fund raising events under George's leadership, thereby exceeding the goal of \$300,000. These monies are used primarily for additional scholarship aid to deserving student-athletes who attain at least a 2.8 grade point average (4.0-A) after their freshman year.

Thomas came to the University following an exceptional professional baseball career that included major league stops at Detroit (twice), Los Angeles, Boston, and with our own Minnesota Twins where he completed his career with the 1971 season.

A regular shortstop for the 1957 Gopher baseball team as a sophomore, Thomas led the Big Ten infielders in fielding with a .943 average. He batted .278. A teammate that season was his brother Jerry an All-American who pitched the Gophers to the 1956 NCAA championship.

Following the 1957 Gopher season George signed his first professional contract with Detroit passing up his final two years of eligibility.

Before coming to the University as a freshman Thomas was an all-conference performer in baseball, football and basketball for Bloomington High.

George and his wife Diane reside in Burnsville, Minnesota and are the parents of daughters Leslee, 9, Kristin, 7, and Jennifer, 5.

Noted for his stylish attire, George is the "resident humorist" of Bierman Field Athletic Building. He is never without a handy quip or retort.

## "Doer" Jimmerson & Co. Put \$\$\$\$ in Williams Fund Treasury

"Talkers" are a dime a dozen when it comes to getting a job well done. "Doers" are solid gold.

Thanks to the fact that Wayne Jimmerson and associates are "doers" the Williams Fund is \$72,324.71 richer. Jimmerson, John Fischer, and the Greater Wayzata Area Chamber of Commerce have spearheaded four annual Wayzata Gopher Sportaculars at the Wayzata Country Club which have raised this amount. Jaye Dyer came aboard in 1974. He did such a superb job that he was made chairman for 1975 and 1976. If this dynamic trio and their fellow workers meet their goal for the '76 event that total will top \$100,000. They are shooting at \$50,000. Based on past performance it is a solid bet that this will be accomplished.

How did this all get started?

First of all, Jimmerson, a Granite Falls native, attended the University of Minnesota. As an alumnus, he had more than average interest in his Alma Mater.

The Sportacular was born of an invitation by John Fischer to A. D. Paul Giel to speak before the Greater Wayzata C. of C. Giel asked a \$50.00 fee to be donated to the Williams Fund. This sparked an idea on the part of Fischer, Jimmerson, and associates. The first annual Sportacular was held in 1972 with 450 guests in attendance. A check for \$5,000 was turned over to the Williams Fund. This figure doubled in 1973 and again to \$20,714.57 in '74. With Dyer as chairman in 1975 the figure zoomed to \$36,375.14 as an overflow crowd turned out. This is by far the

largest amount ever turned over to the Williams Fund from a single event. And now Chairman Dyer advises that his group intends to put at least \$50,000 into the Williams treasury.

One gets the impression while visiting with Jimmerson that he is highly motivated. This he credits in a large measure to the stimulation provided by Paul Giel whom he greatly admires. (Ed: Needless to say, this is distinctly mutual). "That guy is a dynamo," says Jimmerson. "His enthusiasm is contagious." "Also, our group is trying to set an example for the rest of the State. We want to show them what can be accomplished through good organization and hard work." "Of course," he adds, "We believe in the value of competitive athletics and what they mean to boys and young men. We want to help provide as many opportunities as possible."

"This is by no means a two or three man operation," stresses Jimmerson. "We have a group of highly interested and motivated people involved. Tom Mulcahy, a newcomer to our organization, sold \$1,800 in tickets last spring and won a football trip with the Gophers. It is people like him who make our goals attainable."

Jimmerson who lives in Minnetonka is associated with Koronis Mills of Paynesville. He lists as his hobbies the University of Minnesota, community activities, hunting, and fishing. On the basis of what he has helped achieve for UM his heart is in his hobbies.



Mr. and Mrs. Jimmerson were guests of UM director of men's athletics Paul Giel at the recent Minnesota-Wisconsin football game.

# Coaches Assess Winter Sports Prospects

## — Gymnastics —

Over the last four years the Minnesota Gymnastics squad has developed into a perennial contender for the Conference championship. The Gophers were the bridesmaids to a tough Michigan team in 1974-75, but coach Fred Roethlisberger believes the Minnesota gymnasts will make it to the altar this season.

The Gophers look strong in most events, with only the rings as a question mark. Jeff LaFleur (Greenfield, Wisconsin) will be the strongest All-Around performer, with Dan Jarosch (Roseville), Jim Johnson (Grand Rapids) and Jim McHattie (Roseville) the promising performers on the pommel horse.

Curt Adams (Minneapolis) will try to improve on his third place Big Ten finish in the floor exercise, while Mike Wilber (Champlin) and Tim Baardson (Bloomington) carry the Gopher's hopes on the rings. Vaulting will be a strong event with Jeff LaFleur, Jay Lowinske (New Ulm) and Tim LaFleur as the returning veterans.

Jeff LaFleur and Dave Rosenbloom, who placed fourth and seventh in last year's Conference meet will make the Gophers tough to beat on the parallel bars. Tim LaFleur may emerge as the Big Ten Champion on the horizontal bar, and will have a strong supporting cast with Jeff LaFleur, Jay Lowinske and Jeff Stockwell (Minneapolis).

With a good blend of veterans and promising freshmen, the Gopher Gymnastics team should prove to be a strong contender for the Big Ten title.



Roethlisberger

## — Indoor Track —

After a tenth place finish in 1974-75, the cindermen have nowhere to go but up. Last year was given to rebuilding, and now many of last years novices are ready to make a contribution. Coach Roy Griak believes the experience gained will pay off.

The sprints will be bolstered by newcomer Terry Lewis (Minneapolis) Cicero Magee (St. Paul) and Bill King (White Bear). Vets Frank McLeod (St. Paul) and John Nauman (Faribault) will provide the experience.

Andy Bunge (Preston) and Lee Branville (Virginia) will pace the middle distance runners, with Steve Holl (Minnetonka) and Steve Plasencia (New Hope) leading Gopher hopes in the long events.

Tim Luczak (Duluth) will probably be the top hurdler, and Captain Glan Bullock (Brk. Ctr.) who placed 5th in the NCAA, will again be the top pole vaulter. John Bohan (Minneapolis) and Tim Cummens (Waukesha, Wisconsin) are the most promising entrants in the high jump, with talented newcomer Dave Eiland (Minneapolis) competing in the long jump.

Triple jumper Vibert Forsythe (Gorgetown, Guyana) is back after placing 6th in the league meet last year. A strongpoint will be the weights, where Jeff Wujek (St. Paul) and Steve Turnbull (Eden Prairie) will be back to improve last year's strong performances.

Although there should be some improvement in the sprint, mid-distance and hurdle areas, the Gophers will again be led by the distance runners and field event personnel in their attempt to produce an improved team performance in 1976.



Griak

## — Swimming —

The University of Minnesota Men's Swim Team will be featuring many new faces in 1975-76. First year coach Alfred "Bud" Ericksen will be using 13 freshmen this season, and will be relying on many of them to develop quickly. If the young swimmers come through the Gophers should improve on last years eighth place finish.

Minnesota should be strongest in the free style events. Jeff Bynum (St. Paul), Herb Schoening (Minneapolis) and Dave Borning (Thief River Falls) have all shown well in practice. Larry Tracey (Minneapolis) and Bill Freeman (Billings, Montana) will carry the Gopher hopes in the backstroke. Chuck Beckman (Brooklyn Center) and Jerry McCall (Excelsior) should be Coach Erickson's best breast stroke, with Mark Schneider (Minneapolis) and Larry Spiczka (New Brighton) giving good performances in the butterfly. Dan LeVasseur is expected to pace the Gophers in the longer events.

Coach Craig Lincoln's divers will be improved with three strong lettermen returning. Pete Foster (St. Paul), Craig Polson (Bakersfield, California) and Tom Casey (Minneapolis) will be expected to carry much of the load.

"We're a young team and we'll undoubtedly make some mistakes, but we can all grow together," said Ericksen.



Ericksen

## — Wrestling —

Gopher wrestling coach Wally Johnson can't wait to open the 1975-76 season. "I think Minnesota will be the best home grown team in the country," he stated. There is good reason for his optimism. Most of his top grapplers are returning, led by Larry Zilverberg (Minnetonka) and Mike McArthur (Brooklyn Park). Larry was the Big Ten's top performer at 167, and Mike was second wrestling at 118.

John Hughes (Minneapolis), who was a walk-on, will be the top wrestler at 126. Pat Neu (Eden Valley) will carry the Minnesota hopes at 134, and Steve Egesdal (Minnetonka) should head the list at 142. 150 is the domain of Bob Schandle (Burnsville), with Jim Andre (Bloomington), who was injured last year, eager to make up for the layoff at 158. Jim Lunde (Albert Lea) will be top man at 177, with Steve Tobin (Moorhead) the probable number one heavyweight.

Johnson sees Iowa as the team to beat. The Hawks are defending national and Big Ten champions, but the coach believes they can be beaten.

"I'm not conceding them a thing," he said. "Iowa recruits heavily . . . only three of their guys are natives. All our boys are Minnesotans. They'll be tough, but we'll give them our best shot."



Johnson