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# Woog Builds On A Proud Tradition



Doug Woog, Head Hockey Coach

by Steve Peckham

Mariucci, Yackel, Nanne, Polich, Christoff, Broten, Micheletti... This is only a handful of names that will be tossed back and forth as the conversation turns to Gopher hockey tradition on cold winter nights across the state.

Ah yes, Minnesota hockey. If ever there was a constant source of hope and inspiration for the native sports fanatic, it is Minnesota hockey.

One would be hard pressed to come up with a sports program anywhere in the country that has produced more championships, Olympians, professional superstars and golden memories than Gopher hockey.

As we all know, behind every sports dynasty, there is superb coaching. From Doc Romnes to John Mariucci to Sonmor, Brooks and Buetow, all the way down the line, Minnesota has had masters of the game bring class and pride (not to mention a lot of championships) to the U of M campus.

The present day version of the Golden Gophers is no exception. Since taking over the head coaching position in 1985, Doug Woog has more than lived up to tradition—he's added to it.

Here's a trivia question: What Gopher hockey coach has the highest winning percentage in the past 60 years? Answer—Doug Woog. Before this season even started, "Wooger" had totaled 137 wins to only 48 losses and 4 ties. All of his teams have reached the NCAA Hockey Final Four and over the past two seasons, Woog's Gophers captured back-to-back WCHA conference championships.

Many of Woog's superstars have departed now. Besides losing three senior defensemen from last season (Dave Espe, Brett Nelson and Todd Richards), four standout '88-'89 juniors have also left the Gophers. Gone are Hobey Baker Award-winning goalie Robb Stauber, second team All-American defenseman Randy Skarda and 1988 U.S.



All of Doug Woog's teams have reached the NCAA Final Four.

Olympians, center Dave Snuggerud and left wing Tom Chorske. All four gave up their final year of eligibility to sign pro contracts.

"One has to remember that in collegiate hockey, just like in high school and juniors, you only have the same players so many years," said Woog. "Player turnover is nothing new to us. We would like, of course, to see every player fulfill his academic career more than anything else, whether he plays for us or some other team."

Woog is realistic. He expects no sympathy from opposing coaches because of the Gophers' departure of talent.

"I'm fully aware that no one is crying for us over our personnel losses," he said. "But I believe in the players we have returning and the individuals we recruited."

With good reason. The very young '89-'90 Gopher squad has somehow managed to find its way into a battle for the WCHA conference title.

If you lived in any other state, you might find that surprising, but not in Minnesota. The state has traditionally been and continues to be a hockey factory. No one is more aware of this, than Doug Woog.

"Naturally, recruiting Minnesota high school players is our primary aim," he said. "We are not 100% limited to this lone area. Whenever the correct time and candidate arrives, we will gladly recruit from other states and Canada."

While Woog is leaving the option of recruiting out-of-state talent open, he seems to be sticking with a historically successful formula.

In 1974, 1976 and 1979, Minnesota teams captured NCAA championships. 1988 and 1989 squads won back-to-back WCHA championships. What do these five teams have in common? All were made up exclusively of Minnesota players.

Even with the loss of several players to the pro ranks, Woog has some budding Minnesota products to work with (see photos on page 5). Ken Germander, a junior forward from Coleraine, has stepped up to become a scoring machine.

Scott Bloom, a senior forward from Burnsville, showed flashes of brilliance his first two seasons as a Gopher, then dropped off last year. In the '89-'90 campaign, Bloom is back among the scoring leaders.

Peter Hankinson, a senior right wing from Edina is a proven leader and an exciting performer who was deservedly elected Co-Captain this season.

Tom Pederson, just a sophomore from Bloomington, has become one of the country's premier offensive defensemen.

The list goes on and on.

So go ahead Wisconsin and UMD, sit back and rejoice over the mass exodus of superstar talent at Minnesota. If history means anything, Minnesota will be right in the thick of things come March. We'll see who's rejoicing at tournament time.

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## Gopher Gymnast Qualifies for U.S. National Team

U of M to host 1990 NCAA Championship meet



John Roethlisberger, All-Around Gymnast

Gopher freshman John Roethlisberger finished third at the Winter Nationals in Colorado Springs earlier this month to qualify for the 12 man U.S. Gymnastics team.

"We're really thrilled that John made it," said his father, Golden Gopher head gymnastics coach Fred Roethlisberger. "Most likely he'll now get to compete in an international competition sometime before next June."

No doubt about it, Roethlisberger had to earn his spot on the team. The 19-year old Afton native was in eighth place after the first night of competition. The second day Roethlisberger leaped up the standings with a solid performance finishing third with a score of 108.78.

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In other Gymnastics news, the U of M has been selected to host the 1990 NCAA Men's Gymnastics Championships in Williams Arena, April 19-21. It will be the first time the U has hosted the national meet.

"We're excited about it and want to put on the best national championship ever held," said Coach Roethlisberger. "We want to make it a real pleasant experience for spectators and competitors alike."

No matter how comfortable Roethlisberger will try to make the event, other schools will definitely be feeling pressure from the Gopher squad. At last year's NCAA Championship in Lincoln, Nebraska, Minnesota finished third and has a strong team again this year.

"The University of Minnesota is extremely excited about this honor and looks forward to conducting one of the best championships ever," said associate athletic director Dan Meinert. "We have an excellent tradition within our gymnastics program and are extremely proud of our coach, as well as our past and present student-athletes."



### THE SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 19  
7:00 p.m. Team & Individual Prelims

Friday, April 20  
7:00 p.m. Team Finals (Top three teams from Thursday's prelims, fresh start)

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I hope your paper is not a one year experiment. It's what's been needed for years. I am sending two checks for two subscriptions. My son and daughter-in-law live in Los Angeles and this gift will be their link with their family and friends in Minnesota. We have always been Gopher fans. This paper will allow our family to participate and not miss what's happening with the maroon and gold.

Roland Orbanson,  
Minneapolis

### WRITE ABOUT FRESHMAN ATHLETES

I have always been an avid basketball follower. One thing your paper could do is write about the freshman athletes. I'd like to know about their high school careers and what their prospects are in the Big Ten.

Sam Sartofsky,  
Minneapolis

Editor's note--Great idea! In issue number seven we featured three basketball freshmen. We intend to do more of that in the future.

### WRITER HAS HAD IT WITH POOR PUBLICITY

I am writing this letter to express my feelings concerning the University of Minnesota's sports programs. I generally am not a letter writer. It's something I just am not into doing. The reason I've written now is because I feel it is time for the "silent majority" to speak out. I've had it with the probes, scandals and poor publicity from a biased press as it relates to the athletic program at the University.

Someone took money and got caught. A President didn't have good oversight during the remodeling of his house. What's that got to do with a winning program? Every sport with the exception of football has been on or near the top of the Big Ten every year. Let's look at the bright side of things. Get off the backs of the Gopher sports program.

Gregory Tambucci,  
Golden Valley

### EXPAND SPORTSNEWS TO COVER ENTIRE UNIVERSITY

What a splendid idea. If ever a school needed a boost the University does. Your paper should be expanded to cover not only the sports program but the medical school, dental school and the rest of the University community.

Mrs. Sandra Peterson,  
White Bear Lake

### DEVOTE SPACE TO NON REVENUE SPORTS

I was a swimmer on the Gopher team a few years ago. It was rare to ever read about our sport in the local papers. We didn't bring in enough revenue. I hope your paper will give some coverage to sports other than football, basketball and hockey.

E.L.,  
Wayzata

Editor's note--Wesure will. In fact we have covered non revenue sports in every issue of SPORTSNEWS, and will continue to do so.

### TURN FOOTBALL PROGRAM AROUND

First of all I would like to say that I love SPORTSNEWS. It's a great idea. Let's keep it up.

Second I would like to talk about Gopher football. Somehow, someday, we must turn the program around.

I think maybe we should think about copying Michigan. They are a great example football-wise and academicwise. At Michigan they have a sports management course. We don't-how come? At Michigan athletes can transfer there after two years. We don't-how come? I could go on and on. We the people that love the "U" must get things changed. The Regents, the University administration and the faculty must change their ways to turn it around.

Carl Fruechte  
Caledonia, Minnesota

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## SPORTSNEWS Trivia!

Answer the following three SPORTSNEWS Trivia questions correctly and be eligible to win a \$25 gift certificate from SuperAmerica and two tickets to a Gopher basketball game. Winner's name will be drawn from among all correct respondents and announced in a coming issue. Good Luck!

1. In 1980, a record ten Gophers were part of the "miracle on ice" when the US Olympic hockey team won the gold medal. Name five of the ten "Golden" Gophers.
2. The 1988 and 1989 hockey teams won back to back WCHA championships. How many players DID NOT play high school hockey in Minnesota? (Come on, take a guess, you're probably right!)
3. Where did Head Hockey Coach Doug Woog play and later coach high school hockey?

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The SPORTSNEWS staff congratulates Doug Beck of Andover, Minnesota, our latest trivia winner! The Q's and A's were:

1. What two basketball Gophers are native Minnesotans? Answer: Bob Martin and Kevin Lynch
2. What was the basketball team's home record last season? Answer: 14 wins, 2 losses
3. Who is the basketball Gopher's all-time scoring leader? Mychal Thompson

## Where Are They Now?

Young boys growing up on St. Paul's East Side had one dream -- to be a hockey player. It was their life's goal from the time they were old enough to walk. The East Side of St. Paul is known for its strong hockey tradition. Over the years thousands of these young hockey hopefuls began living their dream as a part of the neighborhood Pee Wee hockey program and continued up the hockey ladder through Johnson High School. Some ultimately went on to play for the University of Minnesota, which was considered the pinnacle of hockey success.

Doug Peltier, who was born and raised on the East Side, was a typical example of how a young boy entered into this proud hockey tradition. Doug followed his older brothers, Skip and Ron, playing hockey for every neighborhood team, adding to the Peltier hockey dynasty.

"Hockey got into your blood," Doug told me recently. "It was in the air that we'd breathe. It was as natural to skate as it was to walk when we grew up. Everyone set their sights on playing for Johnson High School, and some even had bigger aspirations -- to play for the University of Minnesota."

Doug said he and his East Side friends admired and idolized the older hockey players who came from their neighborhood and went on to play for the Gophers. "To this day I have the highest regard for players like Herb and Dave Brooks, Wendy Anderson, Craig Falkman, Ralph Venais, and Gary Schmalzbauer. They were all such positive role models," Peltier said.

Doug Peltier graduated from Johnson High School in 1968 and was a part of the successful hockey program under Coach Lou Cotroneo. Following his boyhood dream he enrolled at the University of Minnesota and played hockey, earning a varsity "M" all three years of his eligibility. His sophomore season (1969-70) the Gophers, coached by Glen Sonmor, won the WCHA title, their first since the 1953-54 season. His junior year the Gophers won the NCAA playoff, losing to

by Len Levine

Boston College 3-2 for the National Championship. As a senior, he was co-captain of the team that was in transition -- a new coach, Ken Yackle, Sr., and riddled with injuries. He was the team's leading scorer with 22 goals and 14 assists,

Doug Peltier 1989



and was voted the MVP by his teammates.

The hockey Gophers of 1970-71 will always be remembered as a team of heart. They never gave up. They had to come from behind in more than half of their games.

Perhaps the most-memorable game in Peltier's career came that year against Wisconsin in Williams Arena (now Mariucci Arena). Trailing by a score of 5-0 with just six minutes remaining, Doug Peltier scored two quick goals. The Gophers scored another six consecutive goals to win the game 8-5.

Another game Doug says he will never forget occurred in 1971 against Harvard in the semi-final of the NCAA Championship played in

Syracuse, New York. Doug remembers his aggressive play that night which landed him in the penalty box for tripping with slightly under two minutes remaining in the game. Harvard was ahead 2-1 and the Gophers were forced to play short-handed. Gopher left-wing Dean Blais (from International Falls), who was the team's scoring leader and played on Mike Antonovich's line, scored the tying goal, putting the game into sudden-death overtime. With 30 seconds into the overtime period, the line of Ron Peltier (a year older than Doug), center, Craig Sarnier, left-wing, and Doug Peltier, right-wing, took the ice. Going to the face-off Doug remembers Ron nudging him and saying, "Let's end this. Let's get the goal and get out of here!" From the face-off the puck went to the Harvard zone. Doug got the puck in the corner and carried it around the net, passing to Ron who was in front of the goal. Ron's shot was wide of the net, landing near Doug's stick. He took it behind the goal again, once more passing to Ron, who instinctively fired it in with lightning speed to win the game.

"All of those years that we played hockey came to a head at that moment.

Ever since our days in Pee Wee hockey we could tell each other's moves. I always knew where Ron was and how he'd react. It was like a sixth sense.

That fraction of a second was probably the highlight of my hockey career."

After graduating from the University in 1972 Doug taught American history and coached hockey at Fergus Falls High School. The following year he began the hockey program at Forest Lake High School, and for the past five years has been that school's fulltime athletic director.

Doug and his wife, Carol, live in Forest Lake and are the parents of three children: daughters Nicole, 14, Andrea, 10, and son, Bryan, 7.



Doug Peltier in 1971

## After the Game

FIGLIO'S at Hennepin and Lake in the Calhoun Square complex is essentially an Italian-oriented restaurant. Having said that, you sports fans of Gopher athletics are going to come away with two views of this definitely upbeat, swinging, often noisy, sports bar and grill in the heart of Yuppiland.

I mean this is where it's at for the hundreds of people who dwell in the condos, apartments and restored houses circling the intersection.

For the Happy Hour, after work crowd the big oval bar with a window scene on Lake Street is where all the decibels are from 5 to 9 p.m. and later on weekend nights.

by Gary Hiebert (OliverTowne)



This is where John meets Mary and vice-versa.

But that's only one version of Figlio's.

The other view is in the large, somewhat old-Italian main dining room with its comfortable booths and nooks, where the barroom sounds are muted and the diners range across the entire spectrum of food lovers.

Oddly, while the concept of Figlio's may be on youth, my mother wound up there for dinner when she was 92 and loved the atmosphere and especially the blackened sword fish Cajun style. She liked the calamari (squid) lightly fried and served with a nice side of house garlic mayonnaise blended with sour cream.

With it she liked a side of fettuccini Alfredo.

Mother no longer is around, but her tastes at Figlio's are right on the money for the rest of us when we go.

The last time we were there as a threesome we roamed over the menu in varied fashion.

But for openers, everybody gets a basket of warm, fresh sour dough whole wheat bread.

No butter is on the table.

Instead your server will pour a blend of olive oil, touched with garlic and herbs into a saucer. You break pieces of the bread off in chunks and dip it into the oil.

The thought here is that olive oil has a low cholesterol level.

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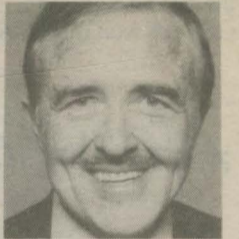
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## Remember When

by Don Riley



With hockey upon us, it is time to recall the University of Minnesota scoring phantom whose singular presence turned Gopher ice fortunes from cave man simplicity to high tech wonder.

Call it BM and AM: Before Mayasich and After Mayasich.

Never had there been another of his kind; nowhere, no time.

The late John Mariucci of puck legend put it this way to me: "John brought college hockey to a new plateau. He was the Wayne Gretzky of his time. And today if he were playing pro hockey, he would simply be a bigger, stronger, back-checking Gretzky."

Teammate Kyle Peterson put it his way: "You had to play with John to believe him. Even then you had to ponder how one young player could have so many gifts."

Ex-rough-houser and NHL defenseman and local stormy petrel, Bobby Dill says: "I saw them all. Mayasich was a master."

Ex-Fighting Saints coach Fred Shero who went on to Stanley Cup mentoring fame said, "Had he turned pro, seriously, he would have ranked with the greatest."

Twin Citians were not entirely thunder struck by John's avalanche of goals and assists and spectacular plays when he enrolled for four stardom-kissed seasons in 1951. After all, he led his Eveleth teammates to four state prep titles with his finesse. He was indeed the velvet man, smooth and graceful; a center who could wipe you out with darting inside maneuvers or raw explosions from the point or harass you into fatigue on the other end of the rink.

Imagine his contribution to Gopher annals if you might: A total of 144 goals and 298 assists in four seasons. These are marks that will probably stand for all time. That's an average of 1.4 goals and nearly three points a game. Give him a goal-tender and one defenseman and it's an even game.

But more. A statistical nut who keeps track of everything from a goalie's tooth brush to a forward's hair cream, points out that Mayasich's goals or passes were the key points in over 60 percent of the Gophers' victories. In other words, Mayasich batted .600 with the bases loaded.

"Those were wonderful years for me," John recalls. "But think how lucky I was. I had teammates like Willard Ikola and John Matcheffs in high school who went on to Michigan. I learned from them. And I had a magnificent coach in Doc Romnes my first year at Minnesota.

"Here was an absolute genius at teaching one-on-one fundamentals--the soft pass, the drop pass, passing to the areas instead of the man. Doc actually taught me more in one year than I had learned in all my previous experience. He was patient and kind--and never got upset. He was the perfect coach to break in under for a freshman.

"And then I was lucky enough to play three years under Mariucci. Maroosh taught me the team concept and great strategy and planning. He could psyche you up so that you were ready to face a National league team. So I had tremendous coaching from John Thompson in high school and Romnes and Maroosh in college. And then, when I played a few games with the old Fighting Saints under Fred Shero, I could say I had played under four masters of the game."

While John wears modesty like a pair of worn socks, it must be said that he was a quick learner and could improvise a symphony of execution on a dollar mouth organ.

What about that slap shot? I never saw it before you launched those rockets.

"Well, it just kind of evolved," John answers with a grin on his face. "You know, Matcheffs

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## HOCKEY Minnesota's Offensive Arsenal



#8-Ken Gernander

Above: #25-Scott Bloom

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and Ikoa and I would get together during the holiday break and work out and just fool around a little. I felt comfortable with the shot and it certainly put added speed on the puck. From the points, used properly, I think it was a great weapon. But it kind of got abused for a while and then with the advent of the curved sticks, well that took a lot of slappers out of business. But it got us a lot of goals."

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Mayasich was more than a Gopher star—he was the acknowledged spirit of the Gopher assault forces, the catalyst game after game.

"But I had great mates. For three years I was flanked by Dick Daugherty and Gene Campbell and then along came Dick Meredith. Think how fortunate I was to have guys like that to feed. They could make you look very good."

And what a line it was, carrying the Gophers to NCAA finals and contention nationally every year John played.

While John regrets missing a college jewel among the collegiate forces, he owns an Olympic silver and a prized gold.

"That gold always conjures up what spirit can do. That was the '60 outfit in Squaw Valley that had Jack McCartan in the goal. WE whipped the supposedly invincible Russians in the final. Hey, that was a miracle if there ever was one. It proved we could play with the best. And in my first Olympics try, we beat the Canadians—so I've been in some great places at the right time."

Of course, the obvious question: Why not an all-out effort to crack the National Hockey League?

"Well, in those days there were just six teams and notoriously low salaries. I had the chance to get in the radio profession and it offered far better opportunities. I did play high grade amateur hockey while working in Green Bay and I played those few games with the Saints. But I never regretted my decision to stay in radio. It's been a rewarding profession."

Today, as he has been for years, John is an executive with KSTP radio and he still keeps



Coach Mariucci helped Mayasich fine tune his skills.

on top of hockey in all sectors.

"My three sons all played either prep, amateur or collegiate hockey, so I've stayed close to the game. I'm thrilled with the North Stars whose young people seem to have so much desire. And I admire greatly the great anticipatory moves and intelligence of Gretzky. "It would be fun to play hockey today, with its great offenses. And I give Wayne credit. They say they don't hit like they used to, but they clutch and grab a lot more. He's a marvel to keep scoring as he does."

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Yet amid the tables alongside the Selby Avenue windows on any noon or night, you will likely find such names as Johnny Kundla of basketball fame; Mark Tierney, former Pioneer Press sports writer and his colleague Don Riley—all occupying the big round table in the northwest corner.

There are Gopher fans who have earned front line seats at football, hockey and basketball games and it would not be eyebrow raising to see a brace of Vikings walk into the establishment along with a few Timberwolves.

Add to that coterie the presence of August Wilson, Pulitzer prize winning playwright, and you've got a fairly lively, varied cadre of folks.

Hovering over all is Tommy K.—Tommy Kozlak of the Kozlak restaurant family.

The conversation humming in the bar and

grill on any day is filled with sports and the tables are filled with some creative dishes:

Bundle of burgers (miniature burgers served with your own choice of fixing on tiny buns); salad sampler (pastry shells filled with chicken and seafood salad); sauteed duck fingers (pieces of duck sauteed with peaches, wild rice and vegetables); frog legs, sauteed in olive oil, white wine, served on toast points; filet of pork Burgundy (white meat of pork, char broiled, topped with Bordelaise sauce); Kielbasa sandwich (Kielbasa Polish sausage from Northeast Minneapolis, charbroiled and served open face with onions and Swiss cheese); the Crocus Hill hamburger (burger patty served open face on toast with onions, mushrooms and Swiss cheese, topped with a fried egg) and the gigantic Benny Hill (a triple hamburger patty on toast with bacon, lettuce and tomato.)

And I don't know who is kidding who, but they claim to offer alligator meat sauteed in white wine, mushrooms and capers.

I haven't tried it, but I will for a second opinion.

What the boys at the big round table like is the Not Quite Mayslack's sandwich of roast beef, sliced thin, piled high on a toasted bun, served with garlic au jus and horseradish sauce.

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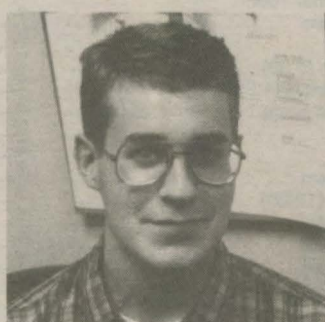
If you spend more than \$6 on any of the above mentioned food items, you are extravagant.

## Fan in the Stands Who is your favorite Gopher hockey player past or present and why?



Michelle Foulk, St. Louis Park

"I'd have to say the whole Broten family. Neil and Aaron in the late '70s and early '80s and then Paul a couple years ago. It's amazing how much talent is in that family."



Richard Dobinski, Minneapolis

"I don't have any particular favorite. But those who played in the 1980 Olympics went above and beyond the call of duty. They were all exceptional."



Stephen Dupont, St. Paul

"Tim Harrer! Because his agility and nuclear war-head-like slap shot helped make the Gopher hockey team the best show in town in the early '80s. Besides, he's my cousin."



Larry Ogden, Mankato

"Without a doubt—Dave Snuggerud. I remember one game in 1985 he had a hat trick in less than four minutes. Incredible!"



Sarah Brey, White Bear Lake

"Jon Anderson! No, not just because he's from White Bear Lake. He had an incredible couple of games last year in the NCAA finals against Harvard. This is his senior year and I think he's really going to make things happen in the playoffs."



Anne Stroh, St. Paul

"Definitely Robb Stauber! What a goalie. He was fantastic with the Gophers and he'll be even better for the Los Angeles Kings. He's just one of a kind."

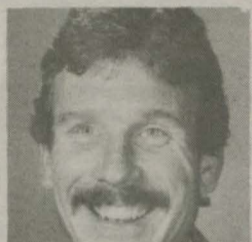
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## Aches & Pains

by Robert Hunter, M.D. Director  
University of Minnesota Sports Medicine Institute



**Q** I'm a 60 year old male who has always been active in sports. I've played basketball twice a week for many years. I recently was told that my knees would be the first to go from this kind of activity.

Is this true, and should I stop?  
R.G.  
New Brighton, MN

**A** First, if you are 60 years old and still playing basketball twice a week, congratulations! Second, don't stop if you are having fun. Basketball is a demanding sport that requires good cushion in the knees and good ligamentous stability of the knees in order for the knee to behave properly and to allow the participant to recreate without undue pain or risk of bodily injury. If your knees are essentially normal, with no past history of surgery and no ongoing arthritis processes, then there is absolutely no reason to change your activity level and no reason to be concerned about basketball in particular. There is no question that basketball represents a relatively high risk sport, relative to the more traditional "60 year old sports," such as tennis, golf, jogging, sailing and walking. Nevertheless, if you are enjoying yourself, I would strongly recommend that you continue playing.

**Q** I have a rotator cuff problem in my right shoulder. I've been injected with cortisone which has provided temporary relief. I do work around the house, including snow shoveling. Once the cortisone wears off, the pain returns as it was before.

Is there anything that I can do short of surgery to relieve the discomfort?  
J.O.K.  
Wayzata, MN

**A** Rotator cuff pathology can be treated with a spectrum of possibilities, from no surgery to aggressive surgery. There are specific exercises which we routinely recommend which can help to improve the mechanics of the shoulder joint and over time, help to reduce the inflammation in the rotator cuff tendons and surrounding tissues. If there is no frank rotator cuff tear, then these exercises can often provide good symptomatic relief of shoulder pain. If, on the other hand, there is evidence of chronic scarring of tendon damage, then surgery is generally required to completely decompress the shoulder and repair whatever tendon damage has occurred.

**Q** I go to a health and fitness club and use the Stairmaster. I'm told this is good for conditioning with a minimum amount of stress on the knees. I also walk the stairs at work and my knees hurt occasionally from this.

Should I quit stair walking and concentrate on the Stairmaster? Or is there something else that I could do to maintain my fitness?  
T.T.  
Edina, MN

**A** Stairmaster has become a very popular and effective aerobic exercise. If done properly, it can give a good aerobic workout and at the same time, minimize the stress to the knee area and in particular, the kneecap. This is not the case with stairs, where you are forced to use a standard stair height and cannot in any way vary the resistance that you are pushing against, given constant weight and constant gravity acting against you. Therefore,

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winter approaches don't forget the sport which burns the greatest number of calories and probably has the highest aerobic exercise potential of all, namely, cross country skiing.

If you have sports medicine related questions, please send them to:

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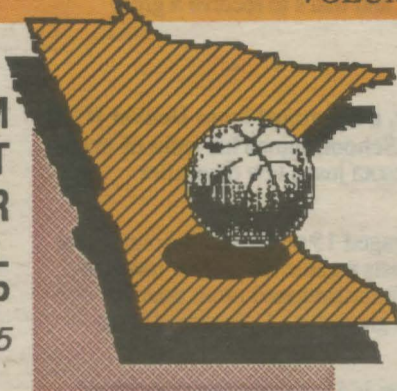
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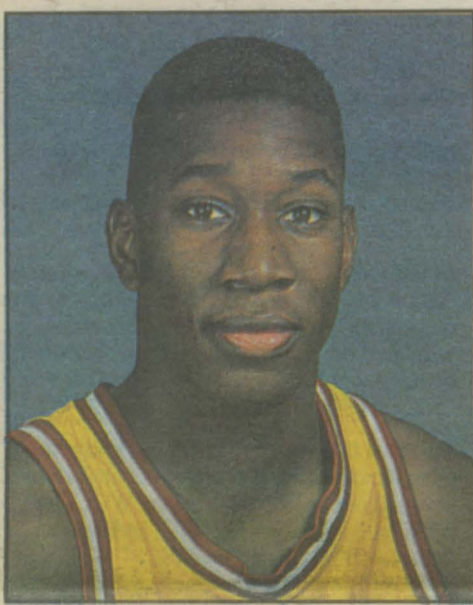
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## Burton's Confidence Is Contagious

Willie Burton  
by Steve Peckham

Just four years ago, the Golden Gophers basketball team was in the middle of a dreadful Big Ten season. A 57-78 defeat at the hands of Iowa in the third game of conference play was the beginning of a tailspin that wouldn't end until midway through the next year. When all was said and done, Minnesota would lose 21 straight Big Ten contests.

Willie Burton was a freshman that '86-'87 season. He remembers Clem Haskins telling him and his fellow rookies, how in four years they would be able to beat anyone in the Big Ten.

Burton smiles when he recalls his coach's prediction: "Sometimes, when you're a freshman and you hear that, you're like 'What? In four years we're gonna do what?' I mean, when you're losing by 20 every night. ... Man! Don't get me wrong, I believed in him, but I guess sometimes you had that doubt in the back of your mind."

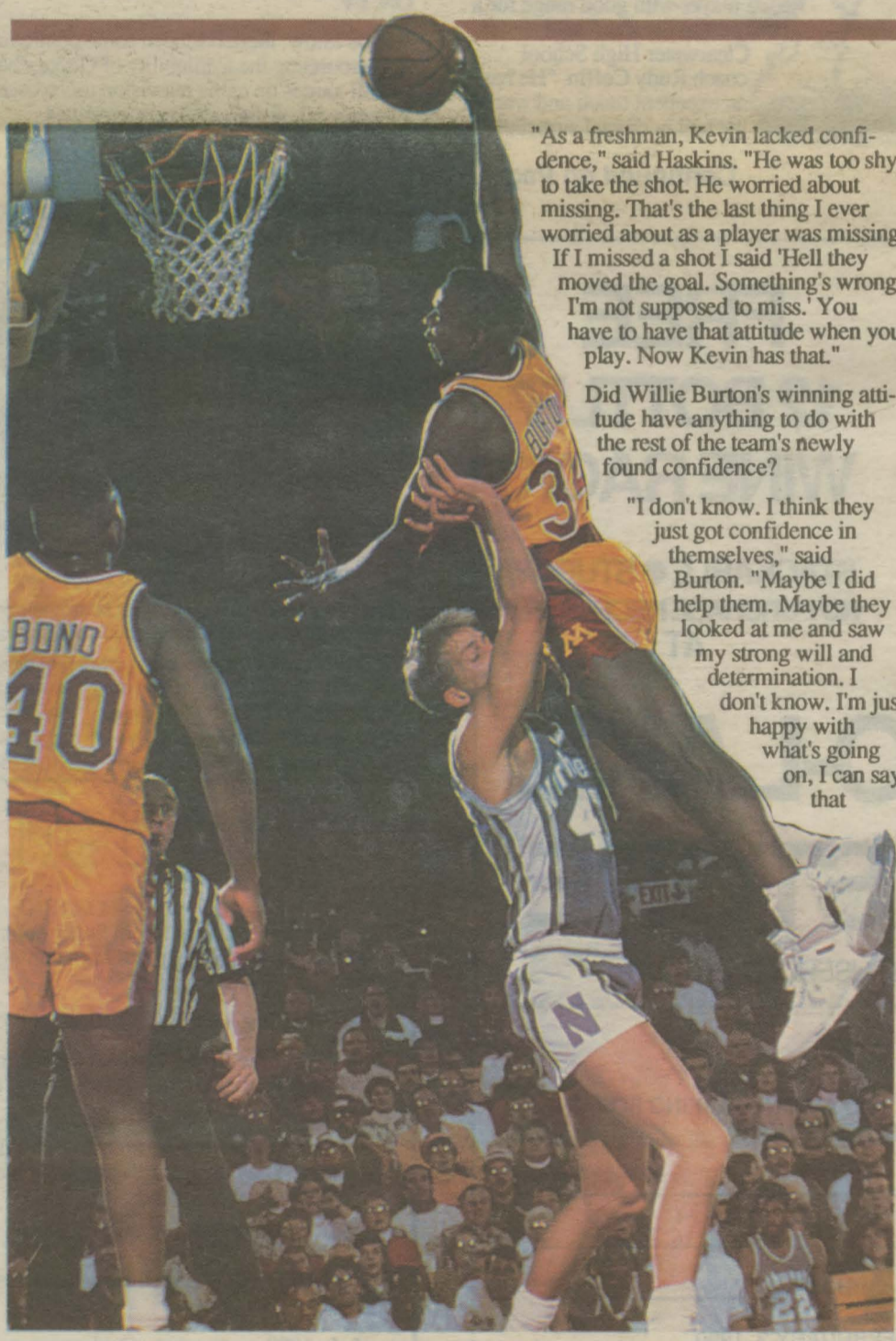
Slowly but surely, doubts gave way to potential. Then potential gave way to hope and hope gave way to confidence.

Willie Burton is the essence of confidence. Not cockiness. Confidence.

In the NCAA tournament last year, Willie Burton wanted the ball. He knew good things would happen if he had his hands on the ball. Every person watching knew Burton could make things happen.

"Confidence can make or break you," said Burton. "You have to have confidence going in. When you're confident and you have a bad game, next time you'll have a better game. If you miss the first shot, the second shot will go in. It's a big part of life."

It is also contagious. Peculiar things happen when confidence spreads throughout a team. Case in point, the season opening rout over Illinois. Melvin Newbern man-handles Kendall Gill. Sophomore Bob Martin calmly



With a healthy Willie Burton, how far can the Gophers go?

comes off the bench and stuffs an Illinois player.

Coach Haskins illustrates the importance of confidence when he talks about the development of junior guard, Kevin Lynch.

"As a freshman, Kevin lacked confidence," said Haskins. "He was too shy to take the shot. He worried about missing. That's the last thing I ever worried about as a player was missing. If I missed a shot I said 'Hell they moved the goal. Something's wrong, I'm not supposed to miss.' You have to have that attitude when you play. Now Kevin has that."

Did Willie Burton's winning attitude have anything to do with the rest of the team's newly found confidence?

"I don't know. I think they just got confidence in themselves," said Burton. "Maybe I did help them. Maybe they looked at me and saw my strong will and determination. I don't know. I'm just happy with what's going on, I can say that"

confidence? How do you protect against overconfidence?

"I don't know if you can be over-confident," said Burton. "I think your confidence can get out of control. Then it can be a problem, like trying to do too much, trying to score too hard. Just trying to take the game over by yourself. You can't do it."

Burton may not try to single-handedly take over a game, but last year when he did, the results were "Sweet." In last year's NCAA tournament, Burton had 29 points against Kansas State and 27 points against Duke.

Over the past four years, plenty has been written about the incredible athletic ability of Willie Burton. But his coach knows him better than the media does. Haskins' knows what Burton means to this team.

"Without a healthy Willie Burton," Haskins said, "we're not a top 20 ball club. It's as simple as that."

The question on everyone's mind is how good can the Gophers be WITH a healthy Willie Burton?

The senior replied without hesitation: "We can go as far as we want to. When you think about how far we've come in four years, it's almost scary. But as hungry as we are, we can go as far as we want to."

That's confidence.

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much. Everybody's confident. It feels good when you see freshmen walk around with their chest sticking out. Then you know good things are happening."

The obvious question: What about over-

## Haskins Signs Four Prep Stars For Next Year ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

As has been the trend since Clem Haskins came to Minnesota, the Gophers are having another superb season of recruiting high school seniors.

Minnesota has already signed four standout cagers. That was good enough for Basketball Times to rate the Gophers recruiting class No. 12 nationally.

One of Haskins' primary goals upon arriving at the U, was to sign the top player in this state every year. He kept his promise adding Kevin Lynch, Bob Martin and Ernest Nzigamasabo over the past three seasons. This year is no exception. Six foot nine inch Chad Kolander from Owatonna High School signed his national letter of intent on the first day of the early signing period, to attend the University of Minnesota.

Kolander led Owatonna to the 1989 Minnesota State Class "AA" Championship when he blocked 36 shots in three tournament games.

"Chad was genuinely impressed with the player-to-player relationship and coaching staff-to-players relationship at Minnesota," said his mother, Corky

Kolander. "Some of the recent events surrounding the University of Minnesota did concern us. But we didn't want that to overshadow the main reason why he chose Minnesota, and that's to receive a great education."

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**Jon Laster, a 6-5 guard from Denver (CO) East High School, signed his letter of intent with Minnesota just a few days after Kolander.**

Laster averaged 15 points, six rebounds and five assists a game as a junior last year. This summer averaged more than 20 points a game for a Colorado all-star team.

"Jon is a great perimeter shooter," said Denver East High School coach Jack Lohman. "He plays both ends of the court very well. In fact, he just loves to play defense. He is a gifted player who also jumps well. Minnesota has got a real sleeper."

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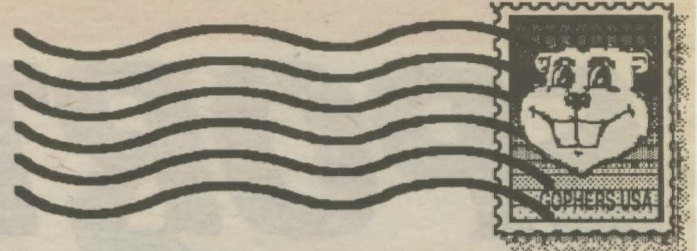
After signing a guard, Haskins and his staff went back to looking for big men to replace Richard Coffey and Willie Burton next year. One of the young men they are counting on is **Sean Pell, a 6-9, 235 lb. forward from Clearwater (FL)**

High School, who has also committed to attend the University of Minnesota.

"Sean is a great individual player with good range for a person his size," said Clearwater High School coach Rudy Coffin. "He has an excellent touch and wants the ball in crucial situations."

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## Letters



### GOPHER GYMNASTS WILL BE RESPECTABLE

This newspaper should be complimented because it gives attention to sports such as gymnastics. I am willing to bet that not very many sports fans in this area know that the Gopher gymnastics team of last season finished third in the NCAA championships. How fortunate we are to have the excellent coaching of Fred Roethlisberger. He is an expert on gymnastic technique and is an excellent motivator of young men. With Mark McKiernan and Jay Caputo leading the way I am sure the Gophers will be very respectable again this year.

Robert H. Newton  
Minneapolis

### CONVENIENT PARKING IS NEEDED

I haven't read or heard much lately about the new athletic facilities proposed for the University's Minneapolis campus. Being that it's winter and I attend every home basketball game I hope the University is making plans for adequate parking nearby the proposed Arena. Walking many blocks to my car after the game is the worst part of going. Mind you, I am and will continue to attend the games played in Williams but just want to point out that convenient and accessible parking will attract many thousands of additional fans and keep those that are going now.

Tom Sutherland  
South St. Paul

### GOPHER BASKETBALL GAMES ON TV

As you know, there has been some controversy surrounding the availability of Gopher basketball games on cable television this season. Virtually all of our games are on either WCCO Channel 4 or Midwest Sports Channel. For those games only on MSC, however, the cable company serving your area must have an agreement with MSC in order for you to see the games. If they do not, I

would encourage you to write and/or call them to encourage their striking a deal with Midwest Sports Channel as soon as possible. You may also want to contact WCCO since WCCO owns Midwest Sports Channel and determines which games should be carried over the air (on Channel 4) and which games should be limited to the cable operators who carry Midwest Sports Channel as part of their basic service.

For background, you should know that the University has no control over which games are available over the air. However, we have encouraged WCCO to televise as many away games as possible to maximize the exposure for our team. For the home games there are still tickets available for most of the contests in Williams Arena.

This scenario developed when the Big Ten Conference voted unanimously to sell the rights to many of our games to Raycom Communications of Charlotte, North Carolina. Inasmuch as Raycom will pay \$39 million over the next six years for these games, they felt obliged to make the best deals possible with local stations in every Big Ten market.

In the Twin Cities, WCCO was the winning station, and it is now their decision as to how our games will be distributed. Of course, we will have other games carried on either ESPN or ABC, but most will be available on WCCO and/or Midwest Sports Channel.

For what it is worth, you should know that once the conference season gets underway, seven games will be carried on WCCO TV, three on ESPN, one on ABC, and seven games will be carried on MSC.

I hope this communication helps clarify the television situation for 1989-90.

RICK BAY  
Director, University of Minnesota  
Department of Men's Intercollegiate  
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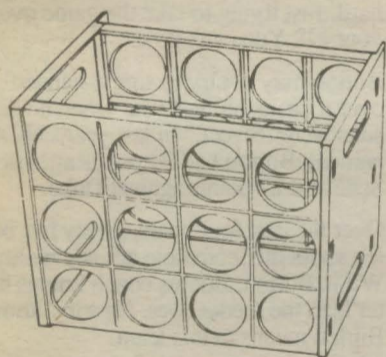
Answer the following three SPORTSNEWS Trivia questions correctly and be eligible to win a \$25 gift certificate from SuperAmerica and two tickets to a Gopher basketball game. Winner's name will be drawn from among all correct respondents and announced in a coming issue. Good Luck!

1. What Big Ten Basketball player led the conference in steals last year?
2. "Clem the Gem" Haskins was named the Ohio Valley Conference Player-of-the-Year three straight seasons. What school did Clem play for?
3. In the 1976-77 and 1977-78 seasons, these two Gopher basketball greats played together and ended up becoming the top two career rebounders in Minnesota history. They now play against each other from time to time in the NBA. Who are these Gopher legends?

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The SPORTSNEWS staff congratulates Don Viola of Egan, our latest trivia winner! The Q's and A's were:

1. In 1980, a record ten Gophers were part of the "miracle on ice" when the U.S. Olympic hockey team won the gold medal. Name five of the ten "Golden" Gophers. Answer: Bill Baker, Neal Broten, Steve Christoff, Steve Janaszak, Rob McClanahan, Buzz Schneider, Eric Strobel, Mike Ramsey, Phil Verchota and Herb Brooks.
2. The 1988 and 1989 hockey teams won back to back WCHA championships. How many players DID NOT play high school hockey in Minnesota? Answer: Zero.
3. Where did Head Hockey Coach Doug Woog play and later coach high school hockey? Answer: South St. Paul



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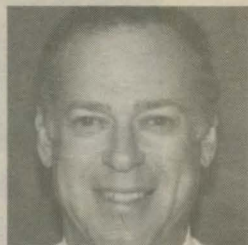
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## Where Are They Now?

by Len Levine

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

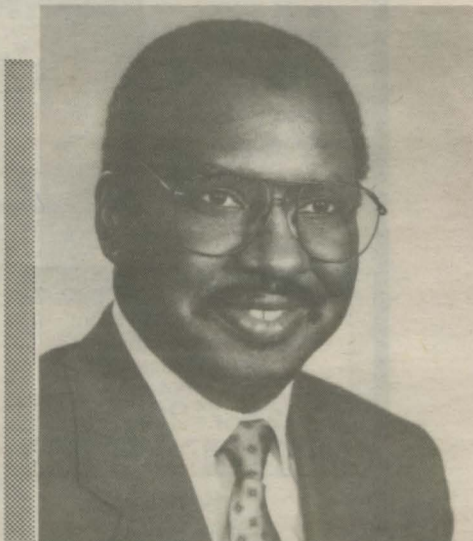


Al Nuness is considered one of the finest high school athletes ever to come out of Illinois. He played many sports, but was a prep standout in baseball and basketball. As a young baseball player, he threw three no-hit games. In basketball he was named to all-conference and all-state teams and is credited with leading his Provisio East High School basketball team to two conference titles.

After high school he enrolled at Fort Dodge (Iowa) Junior College (now called Iowa Central Junior College), where he scored 1,261 points in two years (30-point average per game) and was named first Team Junior College All-American his second year.

It looked like a sure bet that Nuness would be going to the University of Iowa the following year. In fact, Hawkeye scoring star, Sam Williams, boasted he had talked Nuness into transferring to Iowa, and Nuness himself says he would have become a Hawkeye had it not been for Minneapolis businessman and University of Minnesota sports booster, Harvey Mackay. Mackay was in Chicago on business and visited Nuness and his parents, Council and Fannie, in their Maywood, Illinois, home.

Nuness says, "What Mackay told me that day was like a prophecy -- it came true! He said the Twin Cities had a high quality of life. It was an area of many opportunities. He said there would be life after basketball, and compared Minneapolis to Iowa City. He asked me if I thought the opportunities for me would be the same in Iowa City. Harvey said if I wanted to be a farmer, then Iowa City was the place for me. But if I wanted more than farming, I'd have to go to either Chicago or Minneapolis. Mackay made a good point. At Minnesota you can build a reputation and you don't have to move. It made logical sense. Harvey Mackay changed the course of my life. What he said and how he said it made such a strong impact on me and my parents that it was a unanimous choice -- Minnesota; and never for one minute have I ever regretted it."



Right: Al Nuness, 1969/Above: Al Nuness 1990

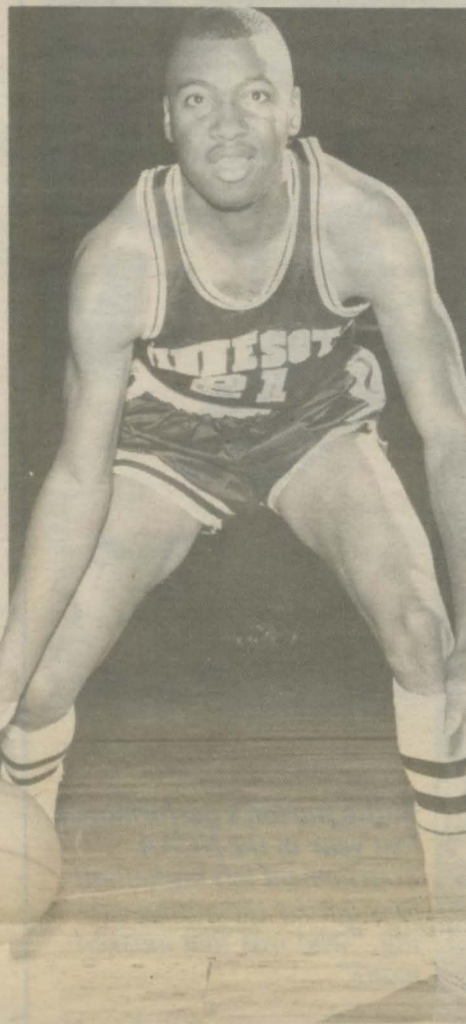
Nuness played two years at the University under two coaches -- first, John Kundla, and then Bill Fitch. He was elected captain his last year and was named All-Big 10.

He says his most memorable game was his junior year when the Gophers played Northwestern in Evanston, Illinois. Nuness says he'll never forget the homecoming he received from his friends and family. Two bus loads of people came from his old neighborhood to cheer him on. He had his best game ever as a Gopher that night, scoring 30 points, despite the Gophers losing in overtime.

After graduating from the University with a degree in physical education and public health, Nuness was drafted by the National Basketball Association's Phoenix Suns. After a brief stint with the Suns, he joined the Gopher basketball coaching staff as an assistant coach.

In 1971, Nuness began coaching basketball at Minneapolis Central High School. In 1976, his Pioneers were ranked No.1 in the state the entire basketball season, losing in the regional playoffs to Minneapolis North, a team they had beaten twice in the regular season. Nuness says he was heartbroken by that loss. He had dreamed of showing the world what a heavily-populated black school in those turbulent years was really like, but he fell short of his dream.

Even though Nuness' record was 25-1 at Central, he felt he had to leave sports at that point in his life. He stayed in the Twin Cities



and started working as a sales intern for the Pillsbury Company. He worked his way up from an entry-level position to national products sales manager in 13 years -- the only black in the history of the company to have reached such a high level in the sales organization.

Nuness became known as a new leader in community affairs. Governor Rudy Perpich appointed him to a task force whose charge was to bring an NBA team to Minnesota, and then University of Minnesota president, Dr. Ken Keller, appointed Nuness to a citizens committee which was asked to redefine the athletic program at the University.

Bob Stein, was the Gopher football captain when Nuness was the basketball captain. They have remained steadfast friends. Stein says Nuness had the skills to help the Timberwolves' management build their new franchise and contacted him while he was working for the Pillsbury Company in Atlanta, Georgia. "He asked me to join the Timberwolves' organization in sales." It was another dream come true. "Imagine," Nuness said, "being in sales and basketball -- the two things that comprised a big part of my life -- and to get paid for it!"

He jumped at the chance.

Today Nuness is the Timberwolves' Director of Sales and is in charge of all community basketball operations. He oversees all youth camps and clinics, the Junior Wolves program with more than 10,000 youths involved to this date, and the Whiz Kids, a select group of 4th - 6th graders who perform fancy, precision ball handling warmups before each home game.

Nuness and his wife, Sherry, who met at the University, live in Eden Prairie and are the parents of three sons: Jason, 18; Jared, 10, and Jordan, 5.

Mackay's prophecy came true. It can be a lesson for all athletes who have ever thought about participating in sports at the University. "As Mackay said, I would get an excellent education and build a reputation," explained Nuness. "He said my future life would be made secure. He was right."

## After the Game

by Gary Hiebert (OliverTowne)

Stillwater claims to be Minnesota's oldest city (1843) and the MAD CAPPER SALOON AND EATERY at 224 S. Main Street certainly upholds that reputation.

If any place in the town is living history, the Mad Capper is it.

I was introduced to the place about 10 years ago, just after Kay and Dick Chilson took over what reputedly had been a saloon since the late 1800s. And I immediately adopted it as my favorite country pub, as have a lot of Gopher sports fans who dwell in the St. Croix Valley.

What drew me there in the first place wasn't the atmosphere-the long, long mahogany bar, the antique backbar, the slightly worn tables and chairs of dark wood; nor was the Victorian dark wood wainscoting what sold me, although it helped; so did the wall shelves, covered with scores of vintage hats of all styles and purposes-a sort of hat museum.

The comfortable feeling was aided by the Kellsons, the wait staff and the bar tenders, above all the kitchen people who turn out some of the best pub food in the area from a postage stamp sized kitchen.

And that brings me to the real reason I went there the first time.

I had been told that the best French onion soup this side of Paris was being served there. Having eaten French onion soup several times in the Parisian shrine of onion soup, Au Pied du Cochon brasserie, I was anxious to compare.

It was a cold day of zero weather when I sidled onto a stool at the warm end of the bar and called for French onion soup.

Maybe it was the chemistry of the weather

the crouton under the thick, melted wedge of Mozzarella.

Whatever, that onion soup was so Parisian, I almost burst into "La Marseillaise."

And since man does not live on French onion soup alone, I discovered next the famed Mad Capper sandwiches-thick slabs of fresh, crusty 9-grain bread, filled with a choice of turkey or tuna, ham, roast beef, pastrami, avocado and bacon or tomato, or cream cheese and cucumber with bacon.

Layered on top of the filling are sprouts, onions, tomato and cheese if you like, with just enough mayo to keep it all from being too dry.

I have never been able to eat a whole sandwich at one sitting. I always order one sandwich, half wrapped to go.

Sometime later I discovered the big burgers-the granddaddy of them all being the Matterhorn (a mountainous combo of sauteed mushrooms, onions with melted cheese, lettuce topping the burger.)

Much later I began to use a little variety and try the various grilled, skinned chicken breasts in varied forms and then the pork rib, sans bones.

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Thu. January 25	IOWA	WILLIAMS ARENA	8:30 CST
Sun. January 28	INDIANA	WILLIAMS ARENA	1:05 CST
Thu. February 1	Michigan State	Lansing, MI	6:05 CST
Thu. February 8	Illinois	Champaign, IL	7:05 CST
Sun. February 11	PURDUE	WILLIAMS ARENA	3:05 CST
Thu. February 15	MICHIGAN	WILLIAMS ARENA	7:05 CST
Sat. February 17	Northwestern	Evanston, IL	7:05 CST
Thu. February 22	WISCONSIN	WILLIAMS ARENA	7:05 CST
Sat. February 24	Iowa	Iowa City, IA	7:05 CST
Thu. March 1	Indiana	Bloomington, IN	7:05 CST
Sat. March 3	MICHIGAN STATE	WILLIAMS ARENA	1:05 CST
Sat. March 10	Ohio State	Columbus, OH	12:05 CST

**1990 GOPHER HOCKEY HOME SCHEDULE**

Jan. 26-27	NORTH DAKOTA	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 2-3	ALASKA—ANCHORAGE	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 16-17	WISCONSIN	7:00 p.m.
Mar. 2	WCHA PLAYOFFS	7:00 p.m.
Mar. 3	WCHA PLAYOFFS	7:00 p.m.
Mar. 4	WCHA PLAYOFFS	7:00 p.m.
Mar. 11-12	WCHA Championships - St. Paul Civic Center	

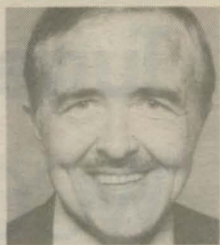
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January 24, Wed.	IOWA	TBA
February 9, Fri.	MICHIGAN	7:30 p.m.
February 10, Sat.	MICHIGAN STATE	7:30 p.m.
February 14, Wed.	NEBRASKA	TBA

CLIP & SAVE

## Remember When

by Don Riley



At a time when the national sports scene was firmly convinced that the University of Minnesota was a timberlands made up exclusively of huge, brawny Nordic types that did little except chop down trees and football rivals, a strange thing happened in the shadows of hallowed Memorial stadium:

A basketball team emerged. It was a strange, prodigious phenomenon; a collection of speed and intelligence and harmony that was a sight to behold.

And before the 1936-37 season was over, the Golden Gophers of Grit and Grace would be owning a piece of the Big Ten hoops title; something that hadn't been accomplished since Arnie Oss and his mates, 10 years earlier.

It was beautiful the way our guys synchronized," recalls John Kundla who would go on to become a coaching legend in pro basketball, leading the Minneapolis Lakers to five titles in two different professional leagues.

Of course this outfit stunned the world of basketball. After all, wasn't this game of slow and fire a finesse sport, born in the East, polished in the Midwest and later honed in the Far West? I mean where did Minnesota, this northern region of the

wolves, vast pit mines and bruising Northern European stock have any right to become accomplished at anything besides hockey and football?

"I guess it was kind of a surprise," Kundla muses. "We were really a football school and suddenly here is this unknown group of cagers doing a job on the Big Ten."

Naturally it was a home grown force. Kundla from Minneapolis Central High School. Then there was the sleek Gordy Addington from tiny Waukon. The only real player of height consequence was 6-4 Bob Manley from St. Paul Cretin.

But Dick Seebach of Red Wing had great hands, mobility and heart. And Minneapolis Edison's Marty Rolick supplied speed and shooting and dynamism. Another Red Winger named Art Lillyblad had the velvet touch and football hero Butch Nash was a steadying force and Guy DeLambert of St. Paul could be a tiger on the boards.

"But nobody really expected all of us to kind of jell and turn in the performance we did," Kundla recalls with a grin.



This 1936 - 37 Gopher squad put Minnesota on the basketball map.

"In fact, for a good period of time that season we weren't even that popular with the fans. You see our coach, Dave MacMillan, was actually catching heat over his offense."

The Bob Schnelker of his day?

"About that. Dave was the canny Scot and wonderful guy that the players loved. But the fans and some of the press were on him because of his deliberate style. They thought he should shoot more. But he had a great offen-

sive plan that screened and picked and worked the ball for the high percentage shot.

"But don't get me wrong. This was not a scoring game. If the winner got 35 points, it was a pretty good night's work. But on the night we had a showdown with co-leader Illinois, there were actually a few scattered boos when Dave was introduced. But he

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One night not long ago my wife and I sat meditating over big salmon steaks in T. WRIGHT'S restaurant on Hwy. 101 just off Minnetonka Blvd. in Wayzata.

We had just polished off samples from the longest, varied salad bar I've met in a long time, if ever. And I happened to glance across the aisle at the foursome sitting in a booth just opposite.

All four of them seemed to be slicing into the biggest, thickest cuts of meat I'd ever seen.

"What are they eating?" I said to the wait person.

"One of our prime ribs," she said.

"The 36-ounce prime rib."

"That's three pounds worth of beef," I said.

"That's right," she said.

For the rest of our meal, we were fascinated by their meal-albeit with hidden glances.

Would they eat it all?

Just for fun, I wondered how many calories and how much cholesterol were being ingested.

For the record let me say the beef eaters had plenty of beef of their own.

"Does anybody ever eat it all?" I said.

"Not really," said the wait person. "A lot of it goes home to dogs they don't have."

Prime ribs comes in smaller sizes at T. Wright's and steaks, too.

But if you're into sea food or fish, or even vegetarian fare, T. Wright's is for you.

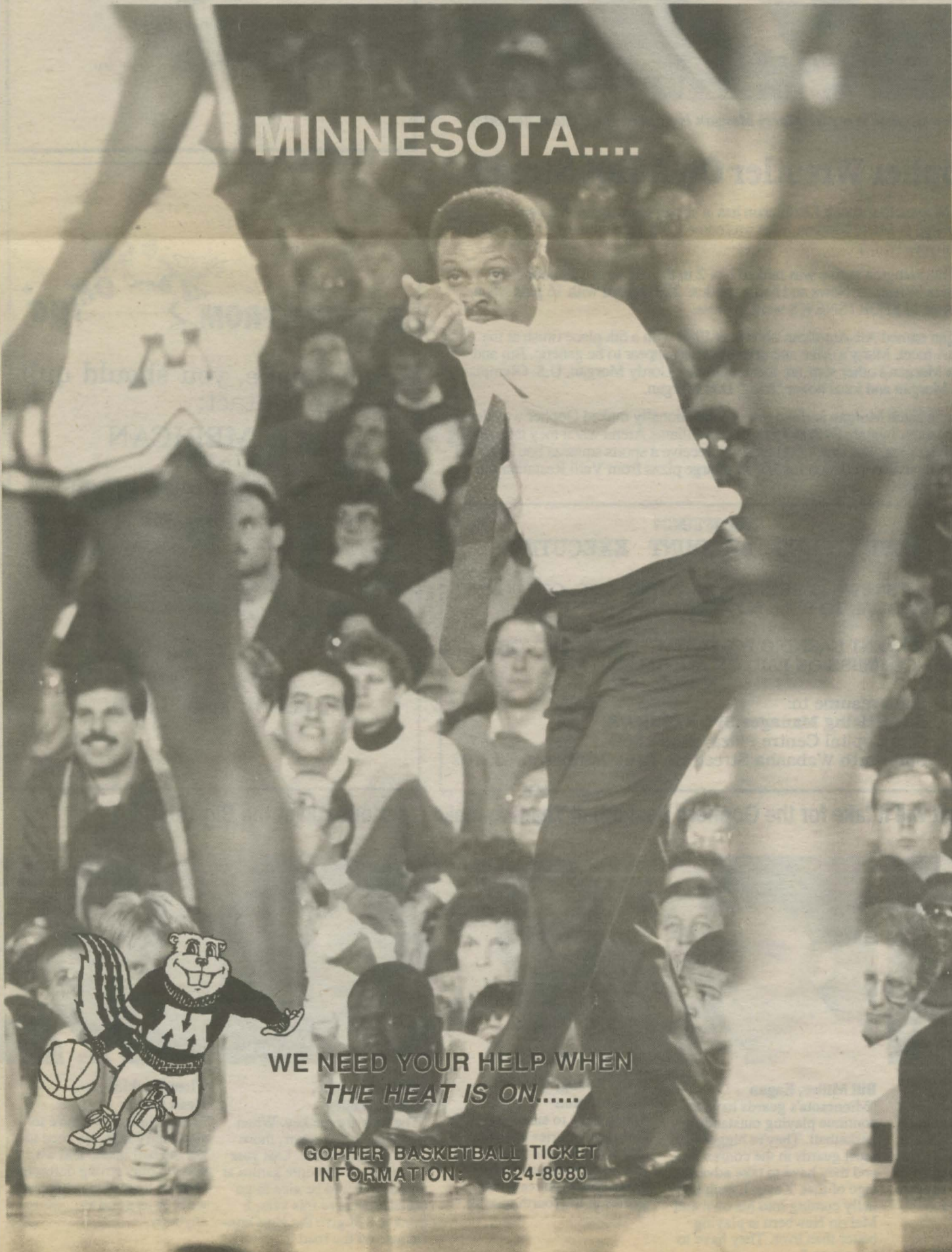
Our salmon, broiled and herbed, was perfect. And the salads- well, they say there are 64 or more salads on either side of the salad bar. I didn't try them all, but quit after putting dabs of ten or twelve on the plate. All kinds-peppers, cheese, pastas, cole slaw, tomato, cucumber, egg salad, tuna, I believe; vegies in vinagrette, salad dressings of many kinds or just plain oil and vinegar.

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## REMEMBER WHEN from page 5

knew this game inside out. He had a master plan. And just when you'd think we would be lulling them to sleep, we'd pull the fast break. And we had good overall team speed although we only averaged about 6-1 across the board.

"Anyways, the night of the big Illinois game at home we gathered together the guys and pledged to show the fans that Dave knew his basketball. And we caught Illinois flatfooted a few times with our breaks. We won and you didn't hear any more criticism about Dave or us that year."

It was a remarkable machine. Rolick was a firebrand who told the team in that huddle before the game, "Let's show the fans." Addington supplied the spearhead on the firewagon. He had a remarkable 32-inch vertical jump and most of the time out-leaped his taller protagonists on the jump balls which were so much a part of the game in those days.

Kundla, of course, was a stabilizer and playmaker and it was a team whose camaraderie made the Four Horsemen look like a sandlot pick-up gang.

"Yes, we were close. That's what makes and molds the really fine teams. Pride and ability to work together," Kundla emphasizes.

He should know. In fact, he could write a book on championship togetherness. It was Kundla's easy going, personal touch that would make the Minneapolis Lakers a dominant force and eventual dynasty in professional basketball.

"John could handle a variety of temperaments. He knew when to crack down and when to ride out the storm," ex-Laker and famed Kangaroo Kid Jim Pollard told me. "John had the knack of taking diverse personalities and shaping them."

Pollard was an individualist who became more than a leaping, twirling air threat under Kundla. And George Mikan, like Pollard, a man whose individual brilliance radiated in college, became the ultimate team player under John's tact and shrewdness. And fiery little Slater Martin and explosive Bob Harrison and edgy Elgin Baylor all found contentment and solid team relationships with Kundla.

"I always loved coaching young people whether I was at DeLaSalle High or St. Thomas College or the Lakers or the Minnesota Gophers. You heard a lot of stories why I quit coaching collegiates, but the truth is really quite simple," Kundla explains. "I just got tired of the recruiting. The pressures of recruiting take their toll. Everything else about it I loved."

That's why John did such a tremendous job coaching Morocco in international pro basketball circles. As well as leading the United States in World championship action.

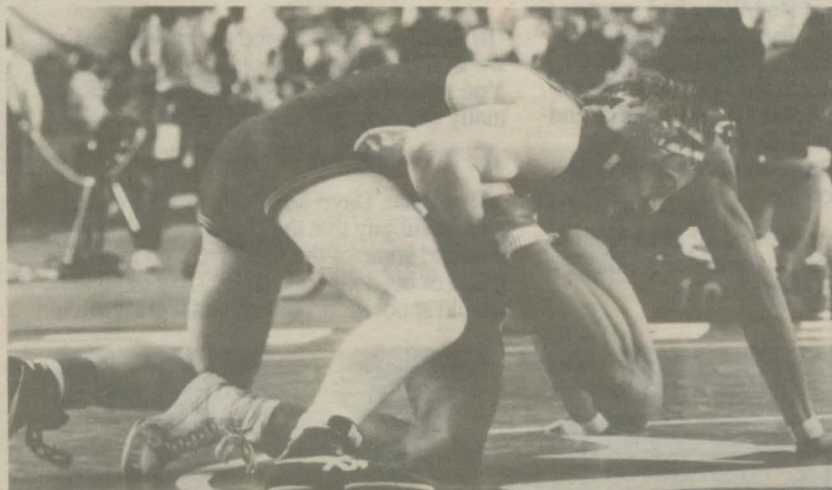
"The people I met and coached kept me going. I number people like Lou Hutson, the great all-time pro, and Bill Bradley among my friends. Bill was just here speaking at the University and we had a nice chat. I predict he'll be the President in the near future."

A great politician and great personality and what a competitor on the floor."

And where did it all start?

"Back there at Minnesota the night we beat Illinois. It proved that the right combination of good individuals can accomplish anything against the odds. When Minnesota went on to play teams like CCNY (City College of New York) in Madison Square Garden and Gordy Spear dazzled them with his two-handed set shots from far out, well we knew Minnesota basketball had arrived. And when some of us hooked up on an AAU team and played in the Nationals, well we convinced the nation that Minnesota knew something about basketball.

"That's why I believe you can accomplish anything in sports. They used to say Minnesota was too cold to turn out baseball champs and look what happened. It's what's in the heart—not what's on the weather charts."



Golden Gopher Wrestler Marty Morgan is hungry for a championship.

## Gopher Wrestler On A Hot Streak

U of M wrestling coach J Robinson has a strong team again this year. Leading the charge is Marty Morgan, who was named Big Ten Athlete of the Month for December.

The Bloomington native was ranked No. 2 in the nation at 177 pounds by Amateur Wrestling News and had a spotless 22-0 record with 16 pins when this issue of SPORTSNEWS went to press.

Morgan earned All-American honors in 1989 with a 6th place finish at the NCAA meet. Marty's drive and determination appear to be genetic. Jim and Olive Morgan's other sons are former Gopher Gordy Morgan, U.S. Olympian John Morgan and local boxer "Irish" Dan Morgan.

You can catch Morgan and the rest of the nationally ranked Gopher wrestlers Wednesday, January 24th at 7:30 pm in Williams Arena when they take on Big Ten rival Iowa. The first 1,000 fans will receive a sports squeeze bottle and all fans will receive a coupon for 1/2 off a large pizza from Valli Restaurant in Dinkytown.

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## Fan in the Stands

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Jon Gerlach,  
St. Paul

"They have to play well on the road this year. In here (Williams Arena) I think they may be unbeatable. But if we're going to win it all, we have to win away from home."



Kay Hennem,  
St. Cloud

"I think we're going to need a strong bench team. When we play Michigan and Indiana and Illinois again, we're going to need some people to come off the bench and play well."



Bill Miller, Eagan

"Minnesota's guards have to continue playing outstanding basketball. They're bigger than most guards in the conference and they have to take advantage of that. Kevin Lynch is finally coming into his own and Melvin Newbern is playing better than ever. They have to keep it up."



Doug Spong,  
Bloomington

"They have to stay away from key injuries at critical times. They have to play solid team defense and they have to win the really big games in the fourth quarter."



Carolyn Macke,  
Golden Valley

"The fans are the key. When this place gets rockin', those guys are incredible. Last year we only lost a couple games at home. It would be nice to go undefeated here this year. I think it will give the guys confidence on the road."



Clem Haskins,  
Head Coach

"Three things. We have to stay injury free, we need to get the ball inside and we need to play strong defense. If those three things happen, we'll be as good as anybody."

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## Aches & Pains

by Robert Hunter, M.D. Director  
University of Minnesota Sports Medicine Institute



**Q** I am confused about the proper use of heat and ice for treating injuries. Should I use heat or ice or heat and ice to help heal a painful injury?

**A** I would recommend the use of ice for an acute injury. This definitely has a good analgesic effect and can reduce the acute pain associated with the problem. In addition, there is some evidence that it might help reduce swelling as well. Therefore, ice is recommended for the first 24 to 48 hours, or until one is quite convinced that any acute bleeding has stopped. Thereafter one can begin using heat to increase the blood flow to the area, which in turn helps to carry away the edema from the injured site. If there is any question about whether to use heat or ice, it is always preferable to select ice as the initial management. To complete this picture of acute injury management, however, it must be said that the two most important aspects of acute management are probably compression and elevation. Compression can be performed with either a simple Ace bandage or if more sophisticated equipment is available, an air splint or a plaster splint with fracture padding. Elevation is of critical importance to reduce acute swelling. The injured extremity should be elevated such that the extremity is higher than the level of the heart. This will encourage fluids to be mobilized away from the damaged region rather than to pool in the damaged region if the extremity is allowed to hang down.

### PREP STARS from page 2

A tough banger inside, he made a wise choice to attend Minnesota where he can play in the Big Ten. We are extremely proud of him and feel that he will do well at Minnesota."

If past results mean anything, Coffin's prediction should pan out. Pell scored 20 or more points in 14 games last season and is on his way to become the all-time career scoring leader at the school.

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Minnesota rounded out its fall recruiting by signing yet another blue chipper. Randy Carter, a 6-8, 225 lb. forward from Central High School in Memphis, Tennessee, will also be sporting the maroon and gold next year.

Carter averaged 23 points, 15 rebounds and 4 blocked shots a game for Central a year ago and surprised the hometown folks when he chose Minnesota over Memphis State. Haskins may have quite a steal here.

"Randy is a young man who can shoot the three-pointer, as well as post-up inside," said Haskins. "We think that he'll be a very versatile player for us during his career."

"We have a very strong academic school and Randy has worked real hard both in the classroom and on the court," said Central High School principal Barry Owens. "He played on our AAU team that won the 15-and-under national championship a few years ago at Washington State University and then went to the NIKE camp at Princeton this past summer, so he's seen national competition. If he meets the challenge, he'll be a great Big Ten player."

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**Q** I am an active 55 year old former football player who has maintained a very rigorous exercise program for years. Lately I am having trouble with my knees and I also seem to urinate more frequently after playing squash. Am I starting to fall apart and should I begin to slow down or is it just the normal aches and pains of sports?

**A** There are two principal red flags that must be heeded in dealing with knees in the athlete. These two red flags are pain and swelling. If during competition or following competition knees swell or hurt more than would be expected from the simple exercise itself, then it is likely that something is wrong, either around the joint or within the joint. I would recommend that regardless of age, if there is a change in the basic pain patterns or swelling patterns in joints, that they be evaluated by an orthopaedic surgeon to rule out any of the more common problems that can be easily rectified. More frequent urination is not an unusual complaint in men who are approaching or exceeding middle age. This is generally felt to be a result of enlargement of the prostate, which in turn causes the increased urination problem. This can be a very benign process, which need be of no concern whatsoever. On the other hand, it can also be an early indication of ongoing problems within the prostate, which might be quite serious. It is felt that if urination patterns have undergone a change from what was an accepted baseline norm, that that issue be addressed by a urologist who could perform the proper examinations and lend more directed advice regarding appropriate management.

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# Bronko Remembered



Left to right: Tom Barron, Len Levine, Vince Okruch, Murray Warmath, Carl Eller, Butch Nash, Ed Widseth, Dan Meinert and Vern Gagne.

by Len Levine

On Saturday, January 13, I was one of nine people asked to represent the University of Minnesota Athletic Department at Bronko Nagurski's funeral in International Falls.

I was honored to be a part of such an impressive group! Murray Warmath, the football coach who took the Gophers to the Rose Bowl twice and a national title; Vern Gagne, a football player on the famous 1949 team and probably better known as a professional wrestler...he wrestled with Bronko; Carl Eller, a Gopher All-American and five-time All-Pro with the Minnesota Vikings; Ed Widseth, an All-American football player under Bernie Bierman who also played for the 1938-39 New York Giants against Nagurski; Butch Nash, a Gopher football star of the 1930's who became a legendary University football coach; Tom Barron, a recently-retired member of the Athletic Department staff who distinguished himself with his excellent work on the Williams Scholarship Fund; Vince Okruch, Gopher assistant football coach, and Dan Meinert, the University's Associate Athletic Director who was the travelling party's coordinator. Mark Davy, the University's Assistant Athletic Director, was in charge of putting the trip together. He called Mike Wright, a Gopher football star of the 1950's and now the C.E.O. of Super Valu, and invited him to make the trip. Wright was unable to attend but offered his company's high-speed jet.

We left Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport shortly after 7:30 that morning and arrived 39 minutes later at the International Falls Airport -- about 300 miles away, just on the Canadian border.

When we landed at International Falls, it was a blustery two degrees above zero with a wind chill hovering near minus 20 degrees.

Meinert and Okruch were our drivers. We went immediately to the Green-Larsen Funeral Home, directly across the street from the Falls Junior High School at 6th Avenue and 4th Street and just a stone's

throw from the Boise Cascade Paper Mill that has been experiencing so much turmoil over the past few months.

The streets of International Falls were deserted. There was, in fact, an eerie quiet there that morning. There wasn't a person to be seen anywhere.

We arrived at the funeral home before any of Bronko's family. One by one we went to the open casket to pay our last respects to this great University of Minnesota football star who was an All-American in 1929 and who later went on to play for George Halas' Chicago Bears, helping them win the first National football League title in 1933, and then again in 1943.

Bronko, Jr. told us that morning that his father, whose name is synonymous with tremendous force and extraordinary strength, had suffered from arthritis and other ailments in recent years. He had trouble getting around the past year or so; he used crutches and for longer distances needed a wheelchair. He said the family was shocked when their mother (Bronko's wife, Eileen, whom he married in 1936) died unexpectedly last October. He described his mother as a devoutly religious woman who spent virtually all of her time taking care of his father the past few years. Her death was devastating to the family and especially to the already-ailing Bronko.

For the past eight months Bronko lived in a nursing home.

As the Nagurskis began to gather, we broke off into small groups and visited with them. Eller, Meinert, Nash, and I spoke with sons Bronko, Jr., now living in Mobile, Alabama; Ron of Bismark, North Dakota; and Kevin of International Falls; and daughter Eugenia Jauma, of Houston, Texas.

We could see Bronko's open casket from where we were all standing in the hall outside the funeral chapel's sanctuary. The stories about his sports adventures seemed to swirl all around him.



Bronko Nagurski

Bronko, Jr. told us how in nine seasons of professional football his father had gained 4,031 yards in 872 attempts. He completed 38 of 80 passes and was named All-Pro in 1932, 1933 and 1934.



Vern Gagne

Gagne joined us at that point and told us about Nagurski, the wrestler, who had such a rough, tough style that the people loved him. Because of Nagurski, it wasn't unusual for more than 25,000 people to show up at a wrestling match, he said. He wrestled professionally until the late 1950's and then opened a gas station in International Falls, which he ran until he retired.

Gagne told the story about the 1955 Gopher Varsity versus Alumni football game. The Alumni had some of the greatest names in Gopher football history: Leo Nomellini, Gordy Soltau, Dave Skrien, Wayne Robinson, Billy Bye, Gino Cappelletti, Ken Yackle, and Clayton Tonnemaker.

"All the Varsity players wanted a piece of Bronko. He wasn't a kid any longer, and he only carried the ball a couple of times -- once for a 14-yard touchdown. I'll never forget how he hurt his calf muscle -- it was a real strain. He wouldn't let on that it hurt, but admitted later he was in pain," said Gagne.

Ron Nagurski said his father loved the outdoors. He was in heaven when he could hunt and fish, and spend time with his family. "He was a private man devoted to his family," Eugenia added. Ron said his father spoke so little about his sports career that when he and his brothers and sisters were growing up, they knew little about their father's accomplishments.

It was 9:30 and the funeral service was scheduled to begin in 30 minutes. The family was beginning to assemble for the ride to St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church. As we all walked by the casket one more time, Meinert commented about the commendation which Governor Rudy Perpich had sent. It was framed and displayed proudly immediately adjacent to the casket, just inches from Bronko's head. It read: "In recognition of his successful professional football and wrestling careers, throughout which he represented the best of Minnesota and in honor of this hardworking and dedicated man from International Falls, I hereby posthumously commend Bronko Nagurski on behalf of the people of the State of Minnesota."

We left for the church at that point, which was just a few blocks away. Our Gopher delegation was given special seating in a row just to the right of the casket and across the aisle from the immediate family. In death as in life,

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SPORTSNEWS EXCLUSIVE:

University President Speaks on Student Athletes

SEE PAGE TWO

## University President Links Academic Achievement and Athletic Success

Guest Columnist  
Nils Hasselmo  
University of Minnesota  
President



University presidents don't have the authority to invent their own statistical measures of athletic programs, but the sports world is full of such measures, so I'll add one.

Intercollegiate athletic teams on the Twin Cities Campus of the University are batting .688 this winter. That's based on 6 of 9 women's teams and 5 of 7 men's winter sports teams ranked in the top 25 in the nation. And when the men's gymnastics rankings come out, they're expected to be in the top ten.

Last year's hockey team was 2nd in the NCAA, men's basketball made it to the "Sweet 16," and the men's tennis team, two wrestlers, ten men swimmers, and two men gymnasts were Big Ten champions. In the women's program last year, the golf and gymnastics teams were Big Ten champions, the volleyball team and swimming teams were second in the Big Ten, and the cross country team was third. Seven of the nine teams were in the top half of the conference.

Obviously the big revenue sports get most of the attention, but I have charged Chris Voelz and Rick Bay with running total programs with good, competitive teams of student-athletes in twenty sports. I have to be pleased with the results. The records of competitiveness in their total programs speak for themselves.

And the best news to me is that Rick Bay, Chris Voelz, their coaches, and Dr. Elayne Donahue's academic counseling staff have delivered positive results on the academic side. Minnesota's student-athletes graduate at a higher rate than the rest of our undergraduates. In both the women's and men's programs, student-athletes are averaging 12 or more credits completed per quarter. That, too, is above the average for other students.

In the men's program, one-third of the student-athletes are maintaining a B average or above. In the women's program, more than one-half are maintaining B's this quarter, and 7% have been maintaining straight A records. So far this year, six women cross-country runners and three members of the volleyball team have been named Academic All-Big Ten.

In football and men's basketball, where the pressures are greatest, there's real progress. In the fall quarter -- during

the season -- 25% of our football players earned B's or better; 5 earned straight A's. Six Gopher football players (and six cross-country runners) were named to the Academic All-Big Ten team, more than any other school. This fall the basketball team also had 25% of its players earning B averages. And the team's grade point average improved from 1.74 last spring to 2.48 this fall, with the average basketball player completing 13.3 credits.

Contrary to popular wisdom, Minnesota's student-athletes are not enrolled in supposedly easy programs. In the men's program, the most popular majors, in order, are business and management, engineering, biology, and economics. In the women's program they're physical education, business, speech/communications, biology, and engineering. I find these very encouraging indications that Minnesota student-athletes are looking toward career opportunities beyond sports and professional athletics.

Both athletic directors are making impressive progress toward integrating their programs much more directly into the rest of campus life. Both have dramatically strengthened their rules compliance programs, and both are very active in drug education efforts. And both are taking their programs to communities throughout the state with amazing energy.

Minnesotans can be proud of these records, both in competition and in the classrooms. I am proud that neither the women's program nor the men's program is satisfied with them. They're proud, but not satisfied. They both have their sights set on higher athletic and academic standards throughout their programs, and I think that's what Minnesotans want to have and ought to have.

## Letters



### LAKEVILLE STANDOUT SIGNS WITH GOPHERS

When the Minnesota football team announced it had signed Todd Wolkow (the all-state Lakeville football star) I was happy for the University football staff. Todd was a great linebacker and I know had many offers from top schools the likes of Michigan State and Arizona State. I watched Todd play in high school. He is the best high school football player I've ever seen. It's good to see we're getting Minnesota athletes wanting to play for the University of Minnesota.

H.L. Battle  
St. Paul Park

### BARTH CORRECTS DON RILEY

In your January issue your articles on hockey were excellent. But I think one correction in Don Riley's "Remember When" column is in order. He quoted John Mayasich as saying he played for three great coaches; John Thompson in high school at Eveleth and Doc Romnes and John Mariucci at Minnesota. It was Cliff Thompson who coached those great Eveleth teams not JOHN Thompson.

Garth Barth  
St. Paul

### DON'T USE PARKING AS AN EXCUSE

I've read where people complain about going to University of Minnesota games played on campus because of parking. I've heard the complaints--it's cold windy and a long walk to your car after the game.

There are many parking lots within a few blocks and a couple of very convenient parking ramps also near the Arena. If you don't want to go don't use that as an excuse.

Al Perry  
Minneapolis

### PINKY McNAMARA SAYS THANKS

A sincere thanks for your nice article about me in the University of Minnesota SPORTSNEWS. It was accurate, well written, and flattering!

Many people have commented on the paper. Your circulation is reaching a large audience.  
Pinky McNamara  
Bloomington

### GOPHER WRESTLERS AMONG THE BEST

This newspaper has given some attention to the non paying sports such as wrestling. You are to be complimented. If your readers don't know, we have one of the best college wrestling teams in the country. Marty Morgan at 177 is the greatest! Chuck Heise at 142 is quick and very strong.

Congratulations also to Ben Morris and Dave Zuniga two very agile and determined wrestlers.

Betty Morgan  
Mankato



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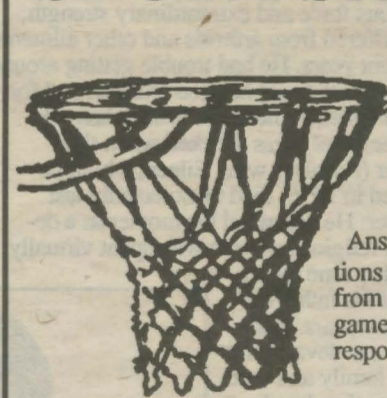
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1. In 1982, Coach Jim Dutcher led the Gopher basketball team to a Big Ten championship. Who did they beat to clinch the title?
2. What Gopher hockey coach has the highest winning percentage over the past 60 years?
3. What does standout gymnast John Roethlisberger have in common with his head coach?

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**The SPORTSNEWS staff congratulates Murray Schmidt of White Bear Lake, our latest trivia winner!**

The Q's and A's were:

1. What Big Ten Basketball player led the conference in steals last year? Answer: Melvin Newbern
2. "Clem the Gem" Haskins was named the Ohio Valley Conference Player-of-the-Year three straight seasons. What school did Clem play for? Answer: Western Kentucky
3. In the 1976-77 and 1977-78 seasons, these two Gopher basketball greats played together and ended up becoming the top two career rebounders in Minnesota history. They now play against each other from time to time in the NBA. Who are these Gopher legends? Answer: Mychal Thompson and Kevin McHale

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As we were winging our way back to the Twin Cities, there was a lot of sports talk on the plane. Left to right: Dan Meinert, Butch Nash, Vern Gagne, Ed Widseth, Murray Warmath, Vince Okruch.

### BRONKO NAGURSKI from page 1

the Gopher maroon and gold was close by. Just to the left of the casket was a wreath which Rick Bay had sent, measuring about 4 feet by 4 feet made with hundreds of maroon and gold carnations.

The Reverend Dennis Deis began the funeral mass, which he referred to as a celebration of farewell, at 10:03 a.m. with more than 300 people, including Nagurski's six children and many grandchildren. It was a simple service, consisting of Old and New Testament readings, various religious rites, and prayers of tribute, in honor of their grandfather, read by four Nagurski and two Jauma children.

Erin Nagurski said his grandfather's memory "should be a lasting inspiration to all," and Nicholas Nagurski said "God should comfort us all as we say goodbye to our grandfather." Marnie Nagurski, an exceptionally-talented vocalist, sang a variety of religious and spiritually-moving songs throughout the service. In her final song, "One Moment in Time," she was joined by ten cousins. It was a moving tribute. There was hardly a dry eye in the church as they sang these words: "One moment in time when I'm racing with destiny ... I lived to be the very best ... I was more than I thought I could be ... when all of my dreams were a heartbeat away ... I was racing with destiny."

There was no eulogy. Father Deis concluded his service by saying, "Bronko has run the race and now the Lord has called him home. We now pray for our brother, Bronko."

With that the pallbearers gathered to remove the casket, which was driven a short distance to the St. Thomas Aquinas Cemetery on the outskirts of International Falls, where Bronko was buried next to his wife.

As we were winging our way back to the Twin Cities, there was a lot of sports talk on the plane.



Ed Widseth

Widseth said Nagurski "was one of the best tackles in the game." He pointed out that Nagurski was named All-American at that position and also at end. Later, he said, Nagurski became one of football's most devastating fullbacks. "I'm 80 years old. I've seen alot. I don't think there ever was another football player as good as Bronko."

Nash told us how, as a 13-year old, he'd pay 25 cents to sit in Memorial Stadium's end zone so he could get a close look at Nagurski smashing over for a touchdown. "He always carried a few defensive football players on his back as he crossed the goal line," said Nash.

Warmath shifted the talk to football officials and said he still wakes up sweating when he thinks about the game his Gophers played in 1962 against Wisconsin in Camp Randall

Stadium in Madison, Wisconsin. "The referees were so bad they cost us the Big Ten title and a third trip to the Rose Bowl. The hometown boys took us. I was outraged," Warmath said. He said he was never as angry in his entire coaching career as he was that day. "I'm surprised I didn't hit someone. I'll never forget it. I still can't believe that game ever happened."

The usually soft spoken Nash turned to me and said, "I think the officials must have been bought off. I've never seen such one-sided calls."

Gagne, who on the flight to International Falls passed several pictures through the plane of Nagurski from his playing and wrestling days (he presented the pictures to the family before the funeral), described Nagurski as a bone crusher. "This guy meant business. He would never let anyone get the best of him, and at the same time, he was one of the nicest, warmest people I've ever met."

I will long remember that cold, icy Saturday morning when I was part of the Gopher contingent that travelled to International Falls to say goodbye to the greatest football legend and possibly the best all-around athlete ever to wear the maroon and gold: Bronislaw -- Bronko -- Nagurski.



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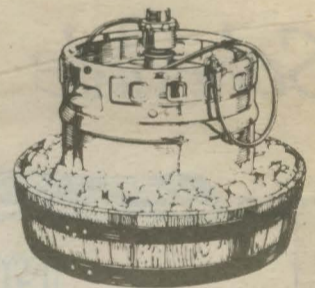
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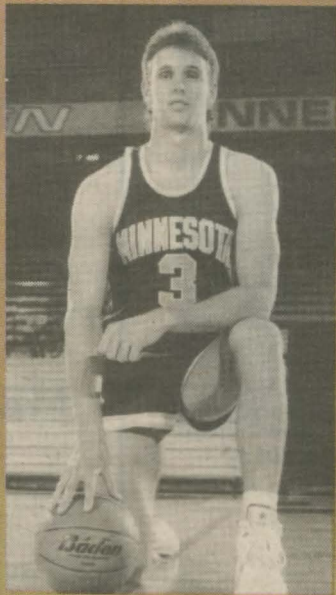
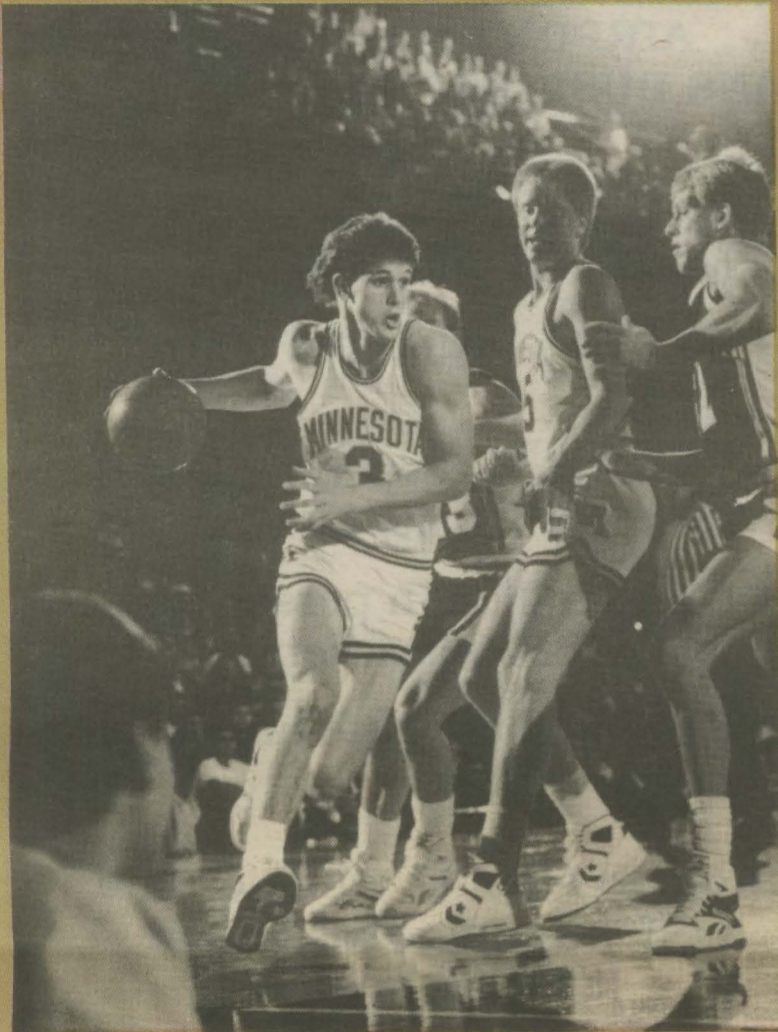
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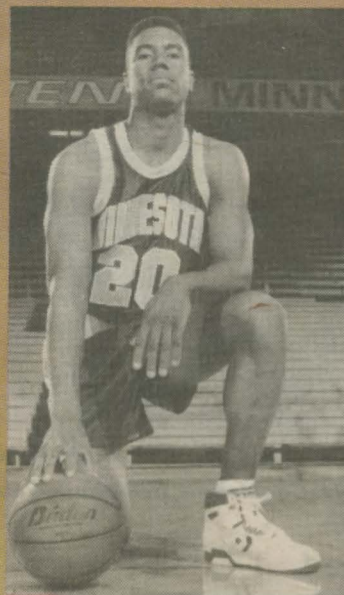
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**1990 Gopher Basketball Schedule**

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Sun. February 11	PURDUE	WILLIAMS ARENA	3:05 CST
Thu. February 15	MICHIGAN	WILLIAMS ARENA	7:05 CST
Sat. February 17	Northwestern	Evanston, IL	7:05 CST
Thu. February 22	WISCONSIN	WILLIAMS ARENA	7:05 CST
Sat. February 24	Iowa	Iowa City, IA	7:05 CST
Thu. March 1	Indiana	Bloomington, IN	7:05 CST
Sat. March 3	MICHIGAN STATE	WILLIAMS ARENA	1:05 CST
Sat. March 10	Ohio State	Columbus, OH	12:05 CST

**1990 GOPHER HOCKEY HOME SCHEDULE**

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SAT	FEB 24	at Iowa	7:00PM
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## Williams Arena: A Place Called Home

by Steve Peckham

*Home sweet home.*

It's easy to lose the true meaning of that phrase after hearing it over and over. That is, of course, until you look at what Williams Arena has meant to the Golden Gopher basketball team.

Last year Minnesota lost only two games at home compared to 14 victories. When this issue went to print, the Gophers had already chalked up 12 wins in the barn this season.

Williams Arena has become more than a place to play basketball. It has become a place to live it.

The floor is elevated some three feet above the surface of the building. The crowd is pressed together in maroon and gold wooden bleachers. Championship banners hang at the end of the building. When you walk into Williams arena, it isn't a sense of age you feel as much as it is a sense of tradition.

Two days after Minnesota upset Illinois here in the Big Ten opener, Willie Burton claimed he and his teammates could still hear the echoes of the crowd as they practiced.

"To be honest, if I were on another Big Ten team, I would not want to play here," said

Burton. "I'm not just saying that because I'm at Minnesota. Out of all the places in the Big Ten, this is definitely the loudest. When those people get going ... Man! It doesn't get any louder."

As Chuck Long left the barn after the Illinois upset, he and his brother were ready to add that game to the list of classics they had witnessed at Williams Arena. Long started going to Gopher games when he was five years old.

He was there when Al McGuire walked over and shook Jim Dutcher's hand with one minute still remaining to be played. He and his No. 1 ranked Marquette Warriors had conceded defeat to the Gophers and their arena.

Long is only 23 years old, but he has seen more than his share of basketball legends perfect their game in this historic structure.

He was there when Trent Tucker and company celebrated with the crowd after they had wrapped up the Big Ten title against Ohio State in 1982.

"When you consider the floor, the fans and the building itself, it's the premier arena in the country for basketball," said Long. "If they have to build a new arena, that's fine. But I really hope they raise the floor up three feet like it is here.



"Sometimes, if you come early and watch the visiting team's shootaround, you'll see half the team shooting and half the team looking over the edge of the floor to see how high it is."

Maybe there isn't just one thing that makes Williams Arena a playground for Minnesotans and a nightmare for opponents. Some say it's the low ceiling causing the thunderous crowd noise. Others maintain it's the elevated floor putting the crowd closer to the action and the officials.

Maybe it's simpler than all that. Maybe it's just the mystique of Gopher basketball that sets it apart.

Over the years, Gopher greats have come and gone, but when they go, each one leaves behind a few memories to add to Gopher tradition.

That tradition is alive and well in a building whose bleachers are too old, whose corridors are too narrow, whose exits are too frail.

But more than anything else, Williams Arena is a place called home.

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## After the Game

by Gary  
Hiebert  
(OliverTowne)



On a cold and wind swept night not long ago my wife and I sat by the blazing hearth in the PORT-OF-RED WING restaurant in the St. James Hotel at Red Wing.

We were well into our first hot popovers and trying the huge salads with the dilled buttermilk dressing when I said:

"You know if I were living in southern Minnesota like Winona, Wabasha or Lake City and going to a Gopher basketball or hockey game in the afternoon or evening, I'd arrange to eat dinner here on the way or going home."

"And if it was at noon, I'd try the VERANDA restaurant upstairs," she said.

"In other words, make the St. James your eating stop, coming and going," I said.

"Exactly," she said, watching the flames dancing on the hearth and the candle on the table flickering cozily.

By now, I was well into my breast of chicken ala Oscar, topped with asparagus, crabmeat and hollandaise; she was concentrating on her pork tenderloin ala Normandy, pan braised chunks of pork served in an apple brandy cream sauce with cinnamon apples.

The wait person replenished our supply of hot popovers and we observed our kindred diners, busy at their tables in a series of cellar-like dining rooms that remind me of some Scottish or Irish castle, which is where the Port-O-Red Wing is located in the cellar of the castle-like Victorian hotel, with stone arched ceilings, raw stone walls, gleaming crystal and silverware on snow-white table cloths.

On other occasions (this is one of our favorite suburban restaurants), we had dined on the roast Long Island duckling and the loin of lamb served with fresh basil sauce. And once I had tried the salmon in fresh basil butter and the filet of walleye pike broiled with lemon butter and served in a sour cream and green onion sauce, topped with toasted almonds.

Another time we ordered an appetizer of shrimp and asparagus on puff pastry served with a light shrimp sauce. But appetizers, we

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## Remember When

by Don Riley



They are nights to remember; crazy, zany, improbable nights that defied analysis. Nights when odds were shredded by the fingers of Dame Fortune with such utter disregard for form that the University of Minnesota became a fantasy—a Midwinter dream.

Consider the outlandish proposition, for instance, that a young, unranked helter-skelter Gopher basketball team on New Year's evening in 1945 would dismantle 12-point favorite DePaul with its All-American tower of strength—the mighty, the one and only George Mikan!

If as many as two patrons in the crowd of 11,146 customers at Williams Arena were true believers in the cause, that was an overestimation by 100 percent.

Yet, before 1945's bewitching hour, the unbelievable Gophers with a rookie center named Jim McIntyre had handcuffed the supposed invincible Mikan, had thwarted the Blue Demons at every turn and had cashed in a 45-36 victory ticket that was the talk of the nation. The Cinderella coach had turned into a golden pumpkin. The scrubbing maid could look at the king. The sun might even rise in the West. Anything was possible.

Most athletic programs could feast on an upset of that proportion for at least a couple of decades. Those kind of performances save coaching jobs, retire jerseys and send bookies off for rehabilitation counseling.

But wait. Just five years later on the same spot before a pop-eyed crowd of 7,303 another edition of the Gophers, this time under the man with the red bow tie—little white-haired General Ozzie Cowles—the Gophers would again astound the cage world. So thoroughly, so unexpectedly, that years later in places like the lobby of New York's Paramount Hotel and Pasadena's Green Collussous, I would be asked by doubters with far reaching memory: "How did that ever happen?"

This time the Gophers would ambush the cream of American basketball—the haughty, title-bedecked Kentucky Wildcats of Adolph Rupp's dynasty. Only the year before, the awesome troupe of Lou Groza and Ralph Beard and Co. thoroughly dominated the NCAA matchups.

And the defending champions were expected to be as good or better with the likes of Bill Ramsey, Cliff Hagen and Ace Tsiropoulos.

Again it was the Gophers, laughing at a point spread that reached as many as 15 on some books, waylaying a prolific scoring machine. This time it was a thriller, 61-57 and once again a rookie center by the name of Ed Kalafat would perform most of the heroics, although ably backed by gifted, gutsy youngsters like Chuck Mencil, Dick Gelle, Dick Means and Glen Reed.

"In the DePaul game, we knew one thing from the scouting report—Mikan likes to spin and hook to his left. That was his trademark shot," remembered John Kundla. Coach Dave MacMillan knew he had to jam

up George in that direction. And McIntyre, who was just as big as George, did a magnificent job, following instructions to the letter. Eventually George had to hook the other direction, but he was not effective."

Helping on Mikan as they dropped in from the weak side for support were Tony Jaros and Swede Carlson. Among them, they limited George, an eventual Hall of Famer with the Minneapolis Lakers, to just 11 points. McIntyre, the spindly giant from Patrick Henry High School, would answer with nine points and blond gunner Ed Kernan would steal the scoring spotlight with 17.

"Dave concocted a masterful plan," John recalls.

I remember covering the game and when I returned to the office, few could believe the score. After all, Mikan and DePaul were to collegiate basketball that cold night what the Gophers were to hockey.

The Kentucky ambush may have had even greater significance because the Wildcats that year would return to the NCAA tourney on the same Williams court.

And if DePaul had a one-man gang in Mikan, the Cats could strike from all positions. Hagen was the consummate inside man. Ramsey could drive you crazy charging in from the corners and Beard's spread-eagled defenses with the Kentucky firewagon, truly a collection of southern thoroughbreds from Blue Grass country.

And wily old Kentucky Colonel Rupp was a man of such inspiration that many Kentuckians felt he might have turned the

Civil war around if he were permitted in the Rebels' locker room.

This, as he had whispered to friends, might be the best of all his creations. But like all great men, he had a weakness. As former St. Paul Hall of Fame coaching expert Tom Feely remembers, "Adolph hated the zone defense. It was man against man; nothing else would do. And that proved to be his downfall. Ozzie knew that. And he turned loose Kalafat against Hagen and the big Montana kid responded all night. Hagen never got any help. He was taken apart by Kalafat."

Responded? More like violated and assaulted. Hagen, as Cowles knew he would, played in front of Kalafat. The mobility and ruggedness of big Ed enabled him to continually get around Hagen and he piled up an incredible 30 points and hauled in 11 rebounds. So bedazzled was Hagen that he picked up three personals in the first half and another with nearly half of the second stanza remaining.

The entire Kentucky team was engulfed in the fire of the Gophers and they were continually called for fouls in vital situations.

Still Kentucky had so much firepower it was able to overcome adversity and maintain a small halftime lead. But the backboard skills of Kalafat and Gelle, who would get great picks from pink-cheeked frosh like Means and Mencil, kept the Gophers pressuring the Wildcats until they cracked.

Finally, in a withering one-man blast, Kalafat fired in 10 straight points for the Gophers, eventually pushing them to a 45-43 lead from which they were never dislodged.

"A thrill I'll always remember," explains Kalafat, a semi-retired bank president.

"It really put Minnesota on the map and made believers of us," Chuck Mencil used to say.

Ironically, Kundla points out, as fine a player as Hagen was to become in the pros, he still played in front of his man and rarely changed



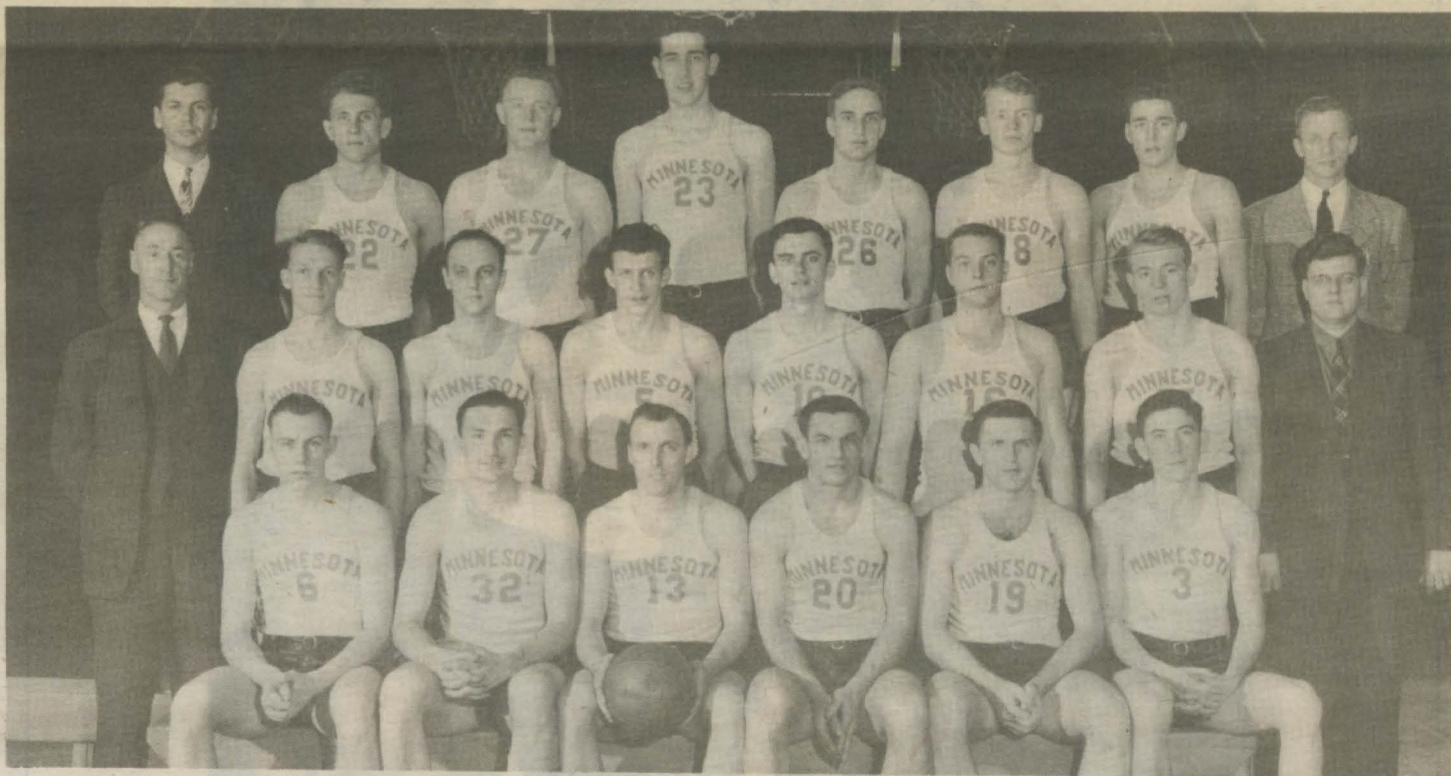
John Kundla was an assistant coach for the giant killing 1945 Gopher squad.

as the years went on.

"With the Lakers we played him when he was in St. Louis and I'd always adjust our plans to Hagen's style. I don't think he ever beat us."

So one of these chill winter nights when the going gets tough, Clem Haskins might point out to the Gophers that anything is possible; that odds are made to be shattered and that the dope bucket can be kicked into the next country.

Just ask DePaul and Kentucky.



Top (Left to Right): John Kundla, Assistant Coach, Bill Appenzeller, Don Mattson, Jim McIntyre, Frank Totzke, John Reimer, Roy Svec, Dick Seebach, Asst. Coach. Middle: Dave MacMillan, Coach, Ernest Gudridge, Phil Cotlow, Wayne Gilliland, Harlyn White, Don Olson, Charles Mohr, Robert Laraon, Manager. Bottom: Ed Kernan, Warren Ajax, Don Carlson, Tony Jaros, Louis Brewster, Dick Lawrence.

## Fan in the Stands

The basketball Gophers are playing the last home game of the Big Ten season against Michigan State. The score is tied with 20 seconds left. If they win, they're Big Ten champions. It's Minnesota's ball and you're the coach. What do you do?



Dave McElrone, Minneapolis

"I'd have Newbern take the ball up the court and run the clock down to 10 seconds. Then big Bob Martin would come to the top of the key and set a pick for Willie Burton who will take the ball from Newbern and fly in for



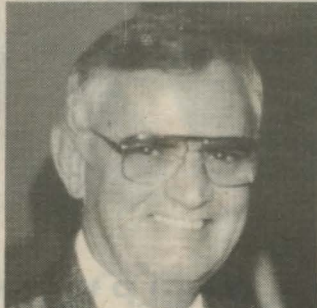
Christine Naylor, Minneapolis

"This is easy. You have to let the hometown boy be the hero. I'd work the ball over to Kevin Lynch and have him take one of his smooth jump shots for an easy two."



Mary Schouvieller, Minneapolis

"First I'd have Clem call a time out and get the crowd worked up into a frenzy, so the other team couldn't hear themselves think. Then Melvin Newbern would calmly bring the ball down the court and throw a perfect lob pass to Coffey for the dunk."



Bill Peterson, St. Paul

"You've got to go for one shot. I'd take the ball inside and let Lynch take the shot."



Patrice Smith, Edina

"Mel Newbern and Kevin Lynch run the clock down to three seconds. Then Lynch throws the ball up over the basket to Bob Martin for the alley-oop slam."



Wayne Freeman, Edina

"I'd make sure that Willie Burton gets his hands on the ball. He's the best shot on the team. I'd get him under the basket and let him take it."

### AFTER THE GAME from page 5

found, are too much and we ended up taking most of our dinner with us.

Desserts are super, but we seldom use them here because there isn't room.

As you may have guessed, this isn't any small town hotel chow house and the cooks rank with the best in the Greater Twin Cities. But the check is more small townish than big city.

And there are few of the posher places that do it better. Or are built into a more romantic setting.

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The VERANDA restaurant is a little simpler in decor and menu, but it has one plus the Port lacks—a tremendous view of the Mississippi from every table. It's sort of like eating on the deck of a river steamer.

The last time I ate there at noon, I ordered a chef's chicken salad, a huge affair of chicken, celery, grapes and pineapple blended with a special dressing and garnished with egg, tomato and toasted almonds.

I took half of it home.

Once last spring I was in Red Wing at lunch and ate the turkey divan—turkey and broccoli coated with a herbed cream sauce, fresh grated parmesan, baked in a casserole and topped with croutons.

Lots of burgers too and varied sandwiches.

At night, the menu is more akin to its big brother down in the cellar. That will give you an idea of what goes on in the Veranda.

One thing to remember. The coffee—decaf or regular—is super, real coffee taste.

Well, I happened to mention the reason for my sojourn at the St. James the other night to the hostess in the Port and she said, "Oh, we get all kinds of Gopher fans in here on game days." So I'm not telling you anything new. Red Wing, by the way, is exactly 65 minutes at 55 miles an hour to Williams Arena.

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by Robert Hunter, M.D.  
Director  
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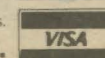
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Brent Herbel

## Minnesota Student-Athletes Sporting a "Brighter" Image

"The Men's Athletic Department is in Turmoil."

How many times have we heard that phrase over the past couple of years? While the media can't stop talking about the mistakes made by men who left the University campus long ago, a funny thing is happening.

University of Minnesota athletes are becoming leaders... in the classroom. It may come as quite a shock to certain doomsday media personalities, but the fact remains. This year has marked the best academic season in U of M Men's Athletic Department history.

The latest highlight: Senior punter Brent Herbel is named to the first-team Academic All-America football squad by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). Herbel joins former Gophers Bob Hobert (1956, tackle), Frank Brixius (1960,

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# Hankinson Strives For Perfection



"We grew up playing little league together and all the way up," said Peter. "We've played on a lot of teams together. I guess it's no different than playing high school baseball or hockey together."

After all the years of playing on the same team, the two have yet to skate on the same line together. That is something John and Bonnie Hankinson might like to see before Peter graduates this year.

You might remember John Hankinson from Gopher football stories. John was a quarterback for the Gophers in the mid-1960s.

"He really helped out when we were younger, coaching a lot of our teams," recalled Peter, the eldest son by 18 months. "He'd go out every night and freeze the little hockey rink we have in our backyard. He's always been there as a positive influence. He never pushed us though."

Like his father, Peter has been a two-sport athlete at Minnesota. Each year when the hockey season ends, he has been a crack shortstop for the Gopher baseball team. However, with some major decisions concerning his future on the horizon, Peter may decide to forgo baseball

this spring.

"I'm not sure what I'm going to do yet," he said. "I guess I'll kind of see how things go. Maybe take a week off and regroup. It's a long season."

Through four long seasons, Peter is still working on his game. That drive for perfection may be what makes him such an exciting player.

"I'd have to say that my skating has come along quite a bit," said Hankinson. "Jack Blatherwick, the team physiologist and conditioning coach has really helped me over the past four years. He's just got a great program going where if you work hard, you can really improve."

Striving for perfection. It's no surprise Hankinson's teammates elected him Co-Captain this year.

As the Gophers chase their third straight WCHA title and an NCAA Final Four birth again this season, one thing is certain. Little No. 9 will be out there playing his heart out.

Trying to shoot just a tad harder. Trying to cut just bit sharper. Trying to perfect the game he loves.



Peter Hankinson

By Steve Peckham

He stands only five feet nine inches and weighs a mere 170 pounds. He walks around with a friendly smile on his face and rarely has an unkind word for anyone.

Peter Hankinson is not a typical hockey player... he is an exceptional one.

No one expected great things from the compact right winger when he came to the University from Edina High School four years ago.

"I never really felt any pressure here," said the 21 year old senior. "I suppose it was easier for me not coming in here as the highly touted recruit."

Highly touted or not, this young man has developed into a tremendous hockey player.

After the 1986-87 season, his teammates voted him Rookie of the Year. The following season he was honored with the Mike Crupi Most Determined Player Award.

And it's no wonder. Time after time, Hankinson has come up with the right play at the right time. Few Gopher puck fans will ever forget his tying goal in the third period of last year's NCAA championship game vs. Harvard. As Minnesota prepares for the playoffs, Hankinson leads the team in total points. The NHL's Winnipeg Jets thought highly enough of him to draft him last year.

Peter isn't the only Hankinson to make a name for himself at Minnesota, or even the first.

Younger brother Ben has been bruising opponents in Mariucci Arena for close to three seasons. The two differ in personality almost as much as they differ in style of play.

Ben is the comedian. The reckless carefree type. On the ice? Well, let's just say he uses his 6-2, 200-plus pound frame to its full advantage.

Peter on the other hand. Well, he's the All-American type. Brainy, nice, but not a real loud talker. When he laces up the skates, he tries going around them instead of through them.

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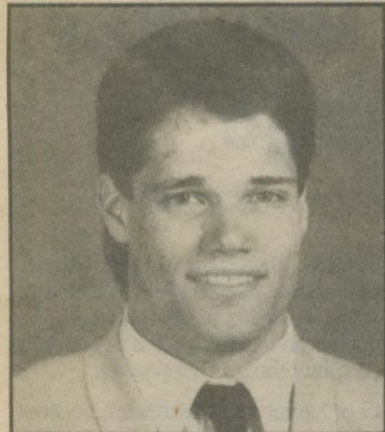
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### MINNESOTA STUDENT ATHLETES from page 1



**Brent Herbel,**  
Named Academic All-American

tackle), Bob Stein (1968, end) and Barry Mayer (1970, running back) as winners of the award honoring student-athletes for excellence both on the field and in the classroom.

Herbel is only part of the story. He was one of 12 U of M student-athletes who earned Academic All-Big Ten honors last fall, more than any other school in the conference. Gopher athletes passed an average of 13.4 credits last fall and 33 percent achieved a 3.0 or better grade point average over the quarter.

"I attribute that success to a lot of hard work, and a recognizing of priorities certainly first and foremost by the student-athletes themselves, the coaches and the academic advisors," said Elayne Donahue, Director of Academic Counseling.

Joining Herbel on the Academic All-Big Ten squad were fellow football players Pat Cummings, Dan Liimatta, Jon Melander, Scott Schaffner and Joel Staats.

Coach Roy Griak's cross country team also had six standouts honored with the prestigious award. Seniors Todd Beecher, Dan Hebl and Jeff Svedahl, junior Keith Eidman, and sophomores Sean Fitzgerald and Chris

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**Dr. Elayne Donahue**  
Academic Advisor, University of Minnesota

most everyone else," Donahue said. "Their desire, with no prodding, was to start right in on the classwork. That's where academics has to be, it has to become a personal responsibility. It was very gratifying to see such self-discipline."

A recent study of academic success may provide the most conclusive evidence. Statistics from the class that entered during the 1983-84 academic year, given five years to graduate, show the student-athletes from the men's athletic department graduated at a 28.6 percent rate, while the university average is 27.1 percent.

Some Turmoil.

Schmid received the distinction.

Elayne Donahue sites a specific example that illustrates the commitment to both athletics and academics. Following the big 108-89 victory over Bobby Knight's Indiana Hoosiers on Super Bowl Sunday, a number of Gopher players immediately returned to the Bierman Building to do classwork after the game.

"They didn't go out and celebrate or watch the Super Bowl like

## Letters



### HAWKEYE SUPPORTS GOPHERS

I recently received the November issue of SPORTSNEWS, from a friend in Minnesota.

I wish I had the earlier issues, but I am glad to see that you're accepting applications for the upcoming issues, for a nominal fee.

Because I reside in southern Iowa, which is predominantly Hawkeye Country, I have limited opportunities to hear or read about Golden Gopher athletics. What little news we receive, it seems as though the Iowa papers report only the negative happenings at the University.

Therefore, I was glad to hear about your publication and I am looking forward to receiving future issues of SPORTSNEWS.

As a suggestion, because I am interested in football and basketball recruiting, and subscribe to a couple of national recruiting reports, I hope your publication will devote some space to this topic.

Good luck and continued success with the publication of SPORTSNEWS.

Harvey E. Sprafka  
Knoxville, Iowa

### NCAA IS OUT OF TOUCH

I think the NCAA has gone far enough. Every once in a while I read what they do to athletes and their schools and I can't believe it. They might be trying to keep things under control, but they don't know how to go about it in the right way. The NCAA is out of touch with the rest of the world.

A.B. Houston  
Minneapolis

### YOUNG WRITER IS WORRIED ABOUT COACHES

We have some of the best coaches in the country. I have been watching Doug Woog and Clem Haskins put forth their coaching duties and I'm worried about their health. Mr. Woog has already had a scare but he's o.k. now. I watched Mr. Haskins in the Illinois game and I wondered if he could last the season without getting sick. Take it easy coaches. It is only a game. We want you around because you are important to all of us.

Robby Scheffer  
Grade 8  
St. Paul

### GOPHERS SHOULD STAY ON CAMPUS

I know there's been a lot of talk lately about playing Minnesota basketball and hockey off campus. One plan I've heard is to play basketball at the Timberwolves Arena and hockey at the St. Paul Civic Center. I really hope we never leave the campus. That's the home of the Gophers and that's where the teams belong. If the basketball team can no longer play in Williams Arena then I think a suitable arrangement should be negotiated with the Timberwolves which would guarantee the Gophers certain rights. They should never be second class tenants. As far as the hockey team is concerned, I would never recommend a move to St. Paul. It is a long distance from the campus and not centrally located. It would discourage fans from attending. Gophers--stay on campus. Thank You.

Spike Jensen  
Wayzata

### WINNING IS IMPORTANT

I see the pressures that "filling the stands" creates for coaches and it makes me ill. We want to encourage our young people to take part in sports and when I coached Little League I would always tell my athletes that winning was not the most important thing in sports. The truth, I've learned, is that winning is what everyone wants. The entire program can be built around a winning effort.

Doug Jankowicz  
Minneapolis

### HASKINS GETS PRAISE

I've wanted to say this for a long time. I watched the Minnesota basketball program go down to rock bottom because of the problem that happened in Madison, Wisconsin. I've always felt it was unfair when Dr. Keller presumed the athletes were guilty but were never given due process. Out of that tragedy--a tragedy for all involved--good has happened. Our new coach Clem Haskins has rebuilt the team into a family of great athletes. It is a team held together on friendship.

R.B. Fisher  
Minneapolis



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1. What was the score of last year's loss to Harvard in the NCAA Hockey Championship?
2. This Gopher hockey assistant coach is still recognized as one of the toughest defenders in Golden Gopher puck history. Who is this White Bear Lake product?
3. What Gopher won the John Mariucci Most Valuable Player award last season?

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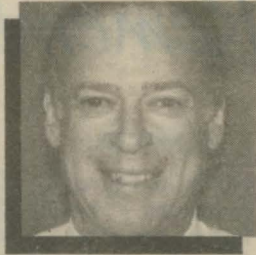
The SPORTSNEWS staff congratulates Tim Hukreide of Minneapolis, our latest trivia winner!

The Q's and A's were:

1. In 1982, Coach Jim Dutcher led the Gopher basketball team to a Big Ten championship. Who did they beat to clinch the title? Answer: Ohio State
2. What Gopher hockey coach has the highest winning percentage over the past 60 years? Answer: Doug Woog
3. What does standout gymnast John Roethlisberger have in common with his head coach? Answer: They are father and son.

## Where Are They Now?

By Len Levine



When Yackle returned to the United States, he and his childhood sweetheart, Gerry Daily, were married in New York City. He returned to the Twin Cities to seek a job, but John Mariucci, who had just become the Gopher hockey coach, promised Yackle he would find him a job if he would come back to the University.

"I was 22 and married. I had no parents to fall back on. What happened in my life wouldn't have been possible without Mariucci," Yackle says today. "Mariucci changed the course of my life forever."

Yackle started at the University again in the fall of 1952 and was granted an extra year of varsity eligibility. He is considered one of the greatest three-sport athletes ever to wear the Maroon and Gold. He played left field on the Gopher baseball team for three years under Coach Dick



played home games for Saskatoon St. Paul in the Western Hockey League, and was noticed by Lynn Patrick, General Manager of the Boston Bruins. He signed the 28-year-old Yackle to a two-year, no-cut contract. In 1959 Yackle played in the Stanley Cup which the Bruins lost to the Toronto Maple Leafs.

From 1960-63 he coached and played with the Minneapolis Millers of the International League. In the 60-61 season he was the league's scoring leader and a first-team All-Star at left wing. The Millers won the regular season title. The following season he had a career high 50 goals, and in the 62-63 season he led the Millers to the league finals with a 115-point season before losing to Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Age finally forced Yackle to hang up his skates. He then began a varied business career, first selling insurance and later developing hockey training schools.

When Gopher hockey coach Glen Sonmor left the University to become the head coach of the Minnesota Fighting Saints in 1971, Yackle was named the Gophers' interim coach.

In the mid-1980's Yackle began a new business venture - fundraising for groups such as schools, bands, choirs, athletic teams, and more.

Yackle reached the pinnacle of his sports career in October, 1986, when he was inducted into the U. S. Hockey Hall of Fame.

Yackle and his wife, an accomplished speed skater, are the parents of three children: Barbara, a champion figure skater and head coach of the Rosemount High School Precision Skating Team and Director of the Jump and Spin Skating School; Ken, Jr., a former South St. Paul High School and Gopher hockey star and a well-known artist living in California; and Chick, also a former South St. Paul High School hockey star who is a WCHA official and a partner in his father's business.

Ken Yackle typifies what life and sports are all about: commitment to family, unyielding determination, and a firm resolve to succeed.

He left school and joined the Olympic team in Boston. The American team had quite a performance, a 6-1-1 record, and Yackle did make a "real contribution."

In the win over Germany, Yackle scored a hat trick, the U.S.A. beat Norway 5-4, and tied the Gold Medalist Canadians in the final game to defeat Sweden for the Silver Medal.



I was born and raised on the West Side of St. Paul - just across the Mississippi River from the downtown - in what is now the Riverview Industrial Park.

Had it not been for Humboldt High School, it seemed the rest of the world would never have known we existed.

Harold Stassen, who was Governor at age 29, was a Humboldt graduate, and so was Ken Yackle, a star athlete at the school who graduated in 1949 and went on to become one of the all-time great athletes at the University of Minnesota, earning nine varsity letters.

Yackle's sports career began at the age of eleven when a neighbor built a backyard ice rink in the winter of 1941. That was Yackle's brush with destiny. He borrowed a friend's skates, which were two sizes too big, and made his first attempt at playing hockey.

At Humboldt High Yackle competed in three sports: an end and running back in football, outfielder in baseball, and forward and defense in hockey. He made the All-City hockey team three years under Coach Dick Kruger, and the Indians won the city hockey title in 1949.

After graduation he got a job with the 7-Up Company in St. Paul and also played for their amateur hockey team.

Yackle's life changed when Gopher hockey coach, Doc Romnes, saw him play with the 7-Up team. He discussed the importance of an education and urged him to enroll at Minnesota, which he did in the fall of 1951.

Shortly after, Connie Pleban, the Olympic coach, called Yackle when one of his skaters had broken a leg and asked him to join the team. "He convinced me that I could make a real contribution," said Yackle.

Right: Yackle in his playing days. Above right: Ken Yackle - Today.

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Siebert, had a .350 batting average with 21 stolen bases, and was named to the All-Big Ten team his junior year. I remember the way Dick Siebert, described Yackle. He called him an athlete's athlete who had tremendous desire and a fiercely-competitive will to win. Yackle played end in football under Coach Wes Fesler for one year, and fullback under Coach Murray Warmath for two years.

His high point in football came in 1955 when he gained over 100 yards in the Gophers' 21-13 loss to Illinois. Butch Nash, long-time Gopher end coach, remembers Yackle this way: "He had such a drive to do well that nothing would stop him. When he came out for football, he talked me into meeting him every day at 7:30 in the morning so he could work out before school started."

But it was in hockey where Yackle shined. He was considered to have one of the hardest shots in the league. He was also one of the most aggressive players ever to wear a Minnesota hockey uniform.

Over his four-year career he spent 255 minutes in the penalty box (or over four games in playing time), ranking him fifth in the Gopher record book.

Yackle was named to the All-American team in 1954, was a member of the WCHA All-Star team for three years, played in two NCAA tournaments and was named the Gophers' MVP by his teammates in 1956. He still ranks fifth in the Gopher record book for most goals (12) by a defensive player (1953-54 season).

Yackle graduated in 1956 with a degree in education. He was a teacher and coach for the next two years at Edina-Morningside High School. His Edina hockey teams won two Lake Conference titles and finished fourth in the State Tournament in 1957.

While coaching at Edina he

## Before he decides on his starting lineup...



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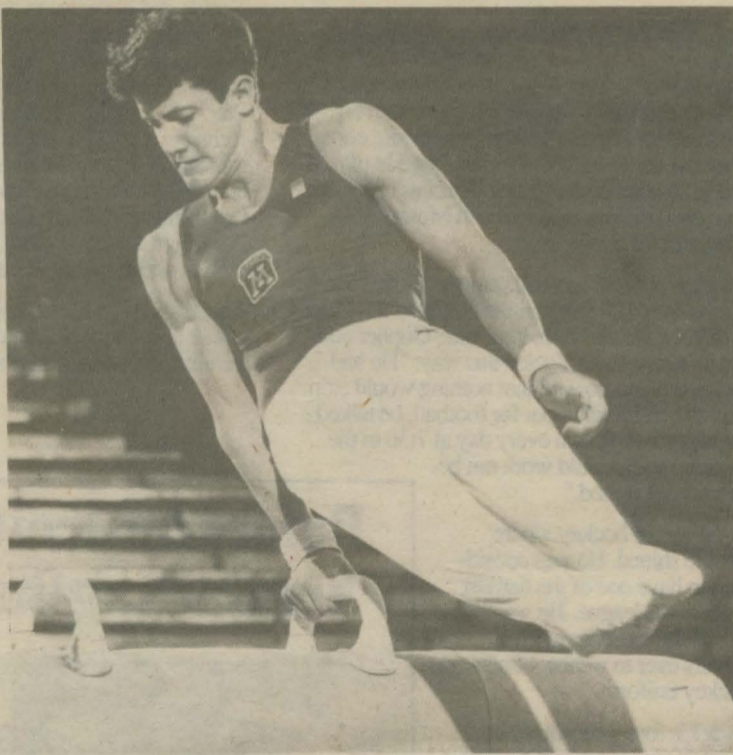
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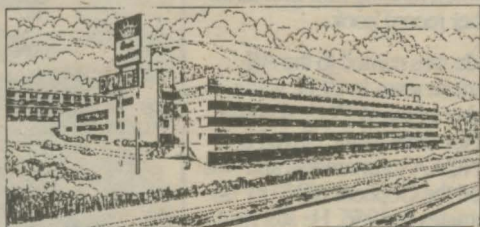
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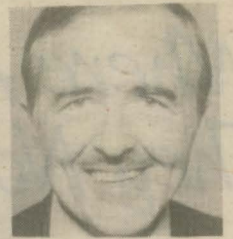


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## Remember When

By Don Riley



### FIRE, MEYER!

Never in University of Minnesota basketball history has a command from the always robust student section brought more hope.

It was not merely a command; a cold, calculated order. This was a plea, lovingly issued to that shy, quiet enigma of the court—that Brainerd cotton top—Meyer Whitey Skoog.

And how Skoog responded. Almost as if the fans' shouts pulled a hair trigger to destroy foes' defenses.

When you think of Skoog, you think of two things which indelibly stamped his style: icy cool and a stunning jump shot.

"That young man simply will not be flustered," his coach Ozzie Cowles would tell me in unabashed admiration. "No matter how big the game and no matter what the situation, he keeps his head and his poise. I don't think you could rattle him if you tied him to the railroad tracks in front of an oncoming train."

With some players, the signal for ferocious combat comes in a wild contorted scene like hair askew and blistered knees and diving, cursing, official-baiting tantrums. With Whitey it was masked in an incalculable calm; quiet above and sharks below.

"When he went on to play with us on the Minneapolis Lakers you always got what you saw: dead serious contributions. No frills and no outbursts, just steady, consistent offense and defense," recalls former Laker boss John Kundla. "You could put Whitey on the other guy's backcourt specialist and know he'd come through. And he'd get his 10-14 points just about every game."

But if Whitey's icy veins were appreciated most by his coaches it was his near-perfect jump shot that riddled foes from 12-20 feet that made him an All-Big Ten and All-American during the 1950-51 campaign.

You have to understand that until Whitey perfected and exploited the jumper, it was a rarely seen weapon. Perhaps only Jim Pollard on the west coast and later with the Lakers had a jumper trademark. This was a relatively new type of gun on the nation's courts and Whitey has a way of explaining it that makes it sound as if it were merely an accident waiting to happen.

"We were playing at Drake one night and I happened to go up for a shot and at the height of my extension, a big, towering 6-7 center appeared and I saw the trajectory couldn't make it. I sort of hung for a split second until he started downward and then I shot. I guess that's how it was born for me. After that, I worked on it and practiced until I could stay up there just a fraction longer and get my shots off over the big defenders."

Admirers swore Skoog hung in the ozone like a trapeze artist without a trapeze.

"He's got incredible feel," Cowles would explain. "Not only can he leap, but when at the peak of his leap he seems to stop; in mid-air. The young man has a sixth sense telling him to hold until the last possible moment. Like everything else he's done, he's a perfectionist with that shot."

And something else. Under Cowles' very deliberate spot-shooting offense, Skoog was the catalyst. Not a loud-talking, slap 'em on the back type of competitor, but rather an introvert who in affect told his mates to do as I do. Forget the gab.

At just 6-1, Skoog could never overpower the opposition or out-muscle the enemy. But with



Whitey Skoog

his keen mind and reflexes and that unstoppable jumper, he could demoralize a foe without taking a deep breath. On loose balls he struck like a viper on an unsuspecting goat. He didn't need to risk crashing through two or three defenders on a fast break, he could pull up at ten-feet and dead-eye the jumper; Bulls eyes while the storm was raging around him.

During his finest hours with the Gophers he kept them in title chases and virtually every game with a solid 15-point average which placed him among the top 25 scorers in Gopher history. I recall one night his barrage of four straight baskets demoralized a good Illinois team. Another time he shot 60 percent in 15 minutes to rip Michigan. The Iowa coach said after Whitey raked his zone with 55 percent jump-shooting, "You'd have to gun him down with a plane."

Nobody brought more fans to their feet quicker or filled more seats at Williams Arena than Skoog. And never once in his career did he abuse the privilege of being an athlete scholar. Performance not words made him the ideal athlete. He repaid the Gophers' faith in him by simply not having the off night.

"As a pro, he did everything you asked," Kundla remembers. "He didn't need to be yelled at or hyped. One time he thought I was being abusive and maybe using a little profanity. I was wrong and

Whitey set me straight. I always admired him for that."

It was a cruel blow to the Lakers and Twin Cities fans in general that chilly Philadelphia night in a train station when Whitey went over to pick up a heavy piece of luggage. Something snapped in his back.

"I could see the pain. He didn't have to say anything. Sadly that's how his career ended. In a cold Philly station. Basketball lost a great one that night," Kundla remembers vividly.

Whitey went on to become a successful Gustafus Adolphus basketball coach and still teaches the fine points of golf to his Gustie students while working in private business.

But on those long winter nights when the Gophers are battling adversity, I'm sure if you listen closely, the ghostly echoes will be heard.

Fire, Meyer! And somebody on that court will respond.



Ozzie Cowles,  
Basketball Coach, University of Minnesota

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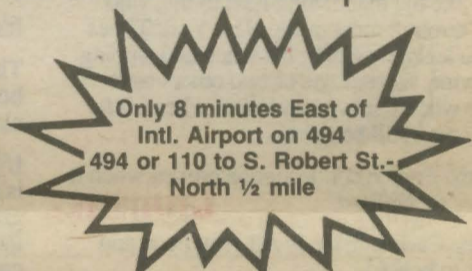
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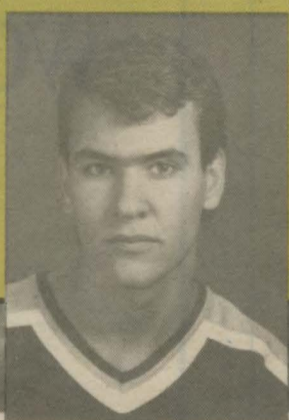
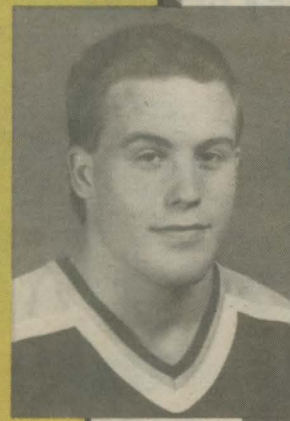
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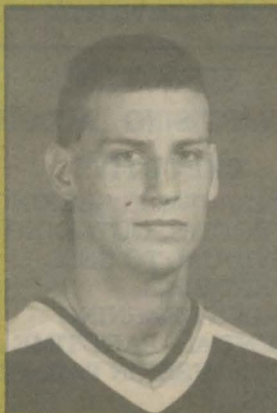
## Gopher Hockey's Homegrown Freshmen



Above: #14 - Trent Klatt - Center,  
Osseo, MN  
 Below: #28 - Eric Means - Defense/  
Forward, Rochester, MN



Right: #23 - Doug  
Zmolek - Defense,  
Rochester, MN  
 Below: #29 - Tom  
Newman - Goalie,  
Blaine, MN



Above/Right: #16 -  
John Brill - Right Wing,  
Grand Rapids, MN

## After the Game

By Gary Hiebert  
(OliverTowne)



The MONTE CARLO bar and grill in the Minneapolis warehouse district is about as far away from its namesake city and setting in France as you can get.

Yet if you closed your eyes to the outside, there could be the unmistakable feeling of being in some rather sophisticated French brasserie on or off the Riviera. Except that nobody on the Monte Carlo staff speaks French to the patrons.

There is the bar up front, ala every French brasserie I've been in during 25 visits to that country.

There is the colorful flocked wall paper, the antique clusters of lamps in the chandeliers styled 1900 France, the dark wood, simple tables set along one wall of the narrow main dining room and the slit mirrors behind the tables so that if you get tired of looking at your table mate, you can look at yourself or the folks behind you.

There are the big towels used for napkins and the cutlery stuck into a vase-like glass and all the waitpersons look like Camille or Suzette.

There are the regulars who must come every day, like the man sitting next to me, who read through most of the New York Times while leisurely eating his lunch and sipping red wine. He and one or two others were there when I arrived and there when I left. They may still be there.

But the French connection is broken when it comes to the food.

Monte Carlo cuisine is All-American and great to behold.

Like the corned beef hash casserole-fresh cut corned beef, baked with potatoes and onions and served in a skillet with chopped egg, grated cheese and apple sauce; or a pair of loin cut pork chops served with potato salad, garlic toast and apple sauce; Charlie's Kitchen sandwich, borrowed from the late Charlie's Cafe Exceptionale, comes out in slices of filet mignon on pumpnickel, horseradish sauce and potato salad.

Let it not be forgotten that Monte Carlo is long on big hamburgers and its special meat loaf sandwich with green peppers; also salads for the weight watchers-salads like chicken or salmon or big caesars.

There is an attempt at something French called French Sandwiches-individual open faced sandwiches of chicken salad, ham salad, salmon salad broiled and served warm.

Well, that'll give you a general idea. Incidentally, the same menu goes for lunch and dinner. The tab is medium.

The Monte Carlo, by the way, is at 219

Third Avenue N., just around the corner from Washington Avenue.

A word to the wise. Go early or late before or after the game. You'll get seated immediately. But waiting is no hardship. The line forms alongside the bar.

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The only similarity between the MONTE CARLO and the NICOLLET ISLAND INN is that both are less than ten minutes from the scene of Gopher hockey and basketball games and less than a half mile apart.

Nicollet Island Inn is on Nicollet Island, of course, a short 1880s bridge away from Riverplace.

When you sit in the porch-like main dining room, facing the river channel, it is as if you were dining with Mark Twain in some choice hotel in Hannibal, Mo. long ago. The Inn's general decor stays with this late 19th century styling, too. Should you happen to be seated in the cozy, snug and plush inner dining salon, it is as if you were on some elegantly-appointed riverboat.

Some of the food is mid-to-lower Mississippi, too. Like the catfish, lightly corn meal and juicy and flavorful. The first time I ate catfish in Minnesota was at the Nicollet Island Inn under its former owners. I am happy to say the current operators have kept the catfish recipe intact.

They have something at noon that is a real winner-called rotisserie chicken. This is a big skin-off chicken leg, turned on a spit, seasoned and juicy and served brown and crisp with al dente vegetables and rice like your doctor recommends to keep the calories, cholesterol and sodium down. With it comes a neat green salad with house dressing.

It's a dinner item, too.

They like their lamb at the Inn, too and the hot, fresh, whole wheat sour dough bread is almost worth the trip.

If you are a salad buff, the turkey salad plate is a work of art-covering a huge plate with grapes, mandarin orange slice mingling with the turkey, greens and special dressing. You can barely eat it all.

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## Fan in the Stands

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"It would have to be last year in the NCAA final against Harvard. It was a tough loss to take, but what a game. They really played their hearts out."



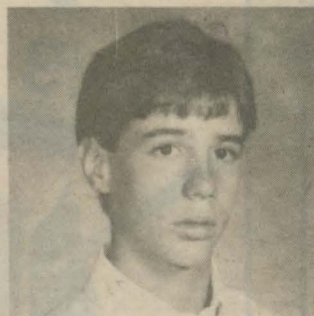
Karwyn Meyer,  
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"I'm not a big fan, but I really thought it was great when Minnesota had all those players on the Olympic team when we beat the Russians. They made Minnesota and the whole country proud."



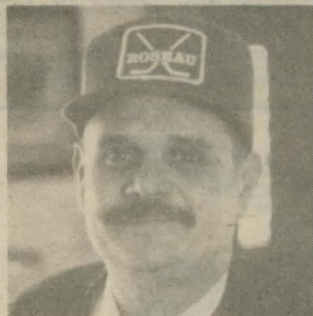
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"The years when Neil and Aaron Broten got to play together were my favorite years. Now they get to play together again with the North Stars. That's quite a family."



Fred Hennen,  
White Bear Lake

"Two years ago in the third-place game of the NCAA tournament, there was a huge fight. While the refs and coaches and everybody was trying to sort out the penalties, Robb Stauber and the Maine goalie were passing a puck to each other, the length of the ice. It was



Bud Hennen,  
White Bear Lake

In 1974, we went to a game against North Dakota and we happened to be sitting close to a couple from North Dakota. All of the sudden, a puck came flying over the glass. While this lady was talking away to someone, her husband ducked. The puck hit her right in the head."



Dave Viertel,  
Bloomington

"I'd have to say all the great games against Wisconsin. That's such a huge rivalry. No matter where both teams are in the standings, it always seems to turn out to be a great game."

## Aches & Pains

By Robert Hunter, M.D. Director  
University of Minnesota Sports Medicine Institute



**Q** About two years ago I was kneed in the testicles in a basketball game. It was so painful I doubled up and could hardly breathe.

Now when I go to the bathroom, I get a sharp pain there. In addition, I've also noticed a little swelling around the bottom.

I'm scared. What do you think?  
T.R.  
Golden Valley

**A** As an orthopedic surgeon, your question is outside of my area of expertise. However, having reviewed this with a urologist, I am informed that testicular pain can be at times a very benign issue, but at other times a very serious one. If there are persistent symptoms related to urination or pain that localizes in the testicles, it is very important that a complete urologic examination be undertaken by a qualified subspecialist who can fully evaluate and manage this issue.

**Q** I earned my first "M" in swimming almost 30 years ago. I have been in good shape for many years. Lately I notice that when I bend over on my

knees for even a short time, I have trouble getting up. Is that age creeping up on me?


**A** K.A.  
St. Louis Park  
Yes!

**Q** I am a very active 26-year old male who jogs 45 minutes every other day. I dance at clubs in the Twin Cities several nights each week. The past few weeks I have been having a sharp pain shooting across my lower back. What should I do to alleviate the pain?

**A** R. F.  
Hopkins

Although it is clear that you are definitely athletic and as such surely quite fit, the fact is that a general conditioning program often ignores specific training requirements for a healthy back. I would guess that this is not an arthritic or bone related problem, but rather is a soft tissue imbalance involving muscles that surround the back region. That being the case, I would recommend a specific ef-

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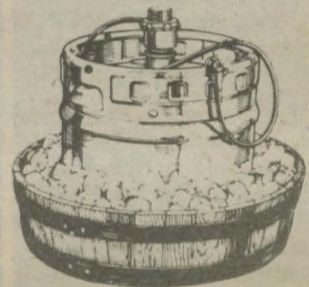
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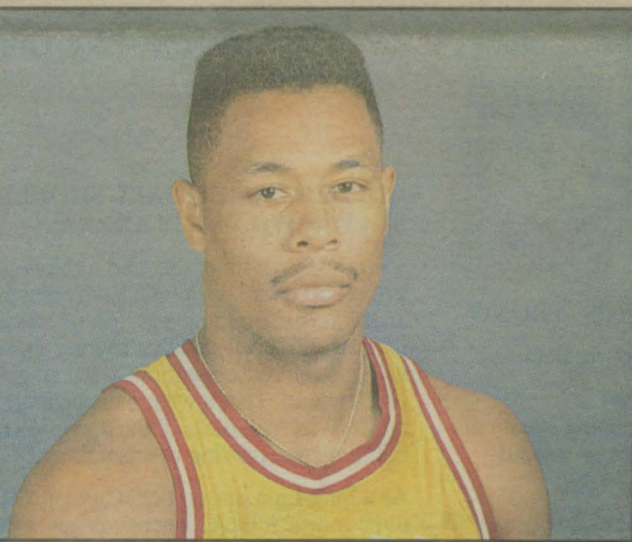
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## A Hero For The Times



**Richard Coffey**  
Photo By Wendell Vanderluis



By Steve Peckham

Once upon a time our children idolized big-time athletes. And that was OK. So did we. They were hard-working, clean cut men who played games with fierce intensity for one reason: The fun of it.

Somewhere along the line, our thinking changed. We saw the headlines on the sports page telling us another one of our heroes had fallen prey to society's evils.

We still go and watch them play. In fact, we're willing to pay big money to have talented superstars entertain us for a couple of hours. But the next day we wake up and read about drunk driving, drug-testing, holdouts, walkouts and lockouts.

Yesterday we thought of our heroes as exciting and invincible. Today it seems the public's perception of some athletes is arrogant, greedy cry babies.

Believe it or not, old-fashioned heroes still exist in the sports world. It takes only a short conversation with the Gophers' Richard Coffey to come to this conclusion.

We've all heard the stories of Coffey's days

as a paratrooper in the army. And while serving one's country is a noble act, it is not what makes this man hero material.

Richard Coffey is a truly selfless person. In a recent interview, the 24-year old senior spent the entire 20 minutes talking about people who had affected his life. The following are excerpts from that conversation.

**Coffey on the army:**

"It transformed me from a boy to a man. When you're 17-years old and you find yourself not only away from home, but in a foreign country, you don't have any choice but to grow up.

"I worked with a lot a different people. People who I really enjoyed working with and people I didn't get along with so well. You learn to talk when it's time and shut up when it's not."

**Coffey on his army buddies:**

"I found three buddies in Italy and we stayed together through thick and thin. If I needed a dollar, I had a dollar. If I needed a hundred dollars, I had it. When I went in the army and met McCallister, Hammons and White, we became close. That was the first time in my life I hugged a guy or cried in front of a guy. I remember when I was in the hospital with pneumonia. Those guys took care of me. I'll never forget them."

**Coffey on Wayne Golden, a teammate on the All-Army basketball squad who took Coffey**

under his wing and advised him to sign with Minnesota:

"I can remember when we were practicing twice a day. At night, around nine or ten we'd go back to the gym and he'd work with me on individual things.

"He told me if I ever got a chance to play for Coach Haskins, to do it because he was a good coach and a good person and he cared about his players.

"I haven't seen him since 1985, but we have stayed in touch through letters and the phone. Once he called me up after a game when we were on ESPN. He said, 'What are you doing? What do you think you were doing out there?' I said I was playing! He said, 'You only had three rebounds!'

"He's been a big influence on my life. Hopefully, someday I'll be able to repay him for all he's done for me."

**Coffey on his father who passed away last year:**

"He was a dragline operator for a company called Texas Gulf. He had a lot of friends. I look back and really feel blessed to have had the type of father I had. When I left to come to Minnesota he told me to never change and to treat everyone the same. That's what I grew up believing and it's what I believe to this day. I'm no better than you and you're no better than me."

**Coffey on God:**

"I definitely fear God. As easily as I've gained everything I have on the court and in the classroom, they can just as easily be taken

away. I try to do everything to meet his approval."

It is quite possible that the last game the Gophers play in the NCAA Tournament, will be the last basketball game of Richard Coffey's career. Not many experts project Coffey as an NBA prospect.

The Richard Coffey story will not end there, however. After he graduates in June, it's on to either law school or graduate school or straight into the business world.

Whatever the humble giant decides to do, there is little doubt he'll find a way to succeed. After all, heroes always live happily ever after.

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## Remember When



By Don Riley

I wouldn't somersault off a diving board if I were fifteen, fierce, fanatical and were being chased by an enemy brandishing a 45 caliber pistol.



Gil LaLonde

Then how come this friend of mine Gil LaLonde swells up his chest, grabs the first plane or train to distant places and proceeds to knock the judges dead with soaring, acrobatic dives into unknown variables in the water deep below?

And I mean at 61 years of age. And I mean in big time events; like the World's Masters Diving championships.

This ex-Gopher whose best Big Ten finish was fifth place some 41 years ago has come back to the diving wars after being away from the board for over 30 years. And at the moment he's king of the masters in the 60-64 year old class and there are critical experts who believe he may be approaching his best form ever.

The personable Gil, who originally hailed from Nicollet Island, explains with a grin, "Just call it the old Gopher spirit. It got the best of me last year."

Gopher spirit?

"Sure us old-timers still have it. I follow the Gophers in just about every sport they participate, particularly basketball and football and, of course, the swimming battles. Great things are happening at Gopherville.

"That tremendous new swimming complex on the site of old Memorial Stadium is going to turn this program into one of the nation's best. I get pumped up thinking about it—and then I want to compete again. Not for the Gophers, but for the old Gopher spirit that keeps bubbling up inside."

Of course the comeback's been tortuous. You don't come back to a sport where timing and precision are everything after a tremendous layoff.

"You build up to it," Gil explains. "I have to work out two or three nights a week at Hamline's pool. Fortunately I never got too far out of shape so the rigors haven't been overwhelming. But the next day after a meet I feel aches and pains in muscles I didn't know I even had. Particularly in the neck and back. But Lord, what a feeling to compete again. Just as if I never left it.

"But there are always doubts. The new boards have such a whip I sometimes feel they'll propel me into space. And you have lots of self doubts. But once you get a few

good scores from the judges your confidence soars."

Gil's got a repertoire that'd make Esther Williams envious. He throws in full twists and front 2 1/2 somersaults and back 1 1/2 somersaults and enough others to make him a classic performer, from boards ranging from one to three meters and occasionally trapeze-like aerials off the tower and the 71/2 meter board. "But the high ones are mainly for the younger competitors. Us old guys are happy to make it work off the three meter board."

With his usual sense of humor, Gil points out that it might be tougher coming back to pole-vaulting.

"As long as you can conquer fear, you're OK," he points out.

What makes this so amazing is that his comeback includes a world's senior Masters mark off the one meter board for 310 points in seven dives. Most old timers would be happy with half that figure.

Gil was a graduate of Minneapolis Marshall High which fed so many athletes into the Gopher fold, a prep school virtually in the shadows of the campus buildings.

"I was spurred on when somebody told me when I was about 15, that I was a terrible diver and should never take up the sport. But I became a state champion by just hard work alone. I worked so many long hours at the old John Ryan bath house.

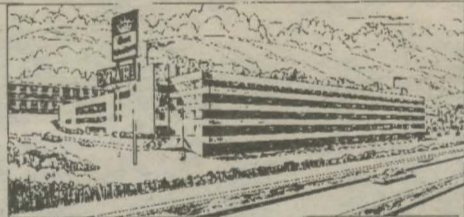
"When I made the Gopher swim team it was the proverbial dream come true. I was the only one in a large family that made it to college. Minnesota was the biggest and the best. Imagine palling around with Paul Giel and Bob McNamara.

"Then finishing fifth in the Big Ten had to make me feel happy. I certainly wasn't one of the nation's greatest. But I actually led Bob Clotworthy for a long time in the championship meet and he went on to become an Olympic champion."

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1. Where did Assistant Coach Al Brown serve as Head Basketball Coach before coming to Minnesota?
2. On this year's basketball squad, who is the shortest player on the team? Who's the tallest?
3. What team won the NCAA Basketball Tournament last year?

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The SPORTSNEWS staff congratulates Craig Newsome of Blaine, our latest trivia winner!

The Q's and A's were:

1. What was the score of last year's loss to Harvard in the NCAA Hockey Championship? Answer: 4 to 3, Harvard won.
2. This Gopher hockey assistant coach is still recognized as one of the toughest defenders in Golden Gopher puck history. Who is this White Bear Lake product? Answer: Bill Butters
3. What Gopher won the John Mariucci Most Valuable Player award last season? Answer: Dave Snuggerud

## Letters



### HASKINS PROVED CRITICS WRONG

The critics said it couldn't happen, but Clem Haskins proved them wrong!

He deserves our thanks for building a team of men who are double-A athletes — top attitudes and ability.

Congratulations, Clem and the entire team. You truly are champions!

Thomas Lafka  
Minneapolis

### TEAR DOWN MEMORIAL STADIUM WALLS

I've been watching the new swimming complex being built on campus surrounded by the old shell of Memorial Stadium.

I want to register my objection to the present arrangements. It's time for University officials to make a decision to tear down the old brick walls and get into a new generation.

Why not take the pictures of Memorial Stadium which were taken in its heyday, hang them up inside the new building, and get on with tomorrow?

T. G. Miller  
Anoka

### GOPHER BASKETBALL SHOULD STAY IN WILLIAMS ARENA

There's been a lot of talk about moving basketball off campus. People have complained about the old building and lack of adequate parking. It's been said that if you can win and give the fans entertainment, you can get people to attend. That's what's happening! Sold-out crowds regardless of the condition of the building, and parking in lots nearby.

As a long-time season ticket holder, I'll continue to watch the Gophers whenever they play. I hope they never move.

Peter Redman  
West St. Paul

### PARKING INSIDE WILLIAMS ARENA?

Tom Sutherland of South St. Paul wrote in the January issue of SPORTSNEWS that "convenient and accessible parking will attract many thousands of additional fans and keep those that are going now."

What's he talking about? There are many parking lots close by and ramps within two blocks of Williams and Mariucci Arenas. Many basketball and hockey games have been repeatedly sold out.

What does Mr. Sutherland want — parking inside the arena?

Harry Bergman  
Minneapolis



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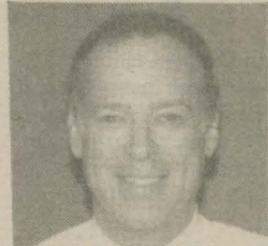
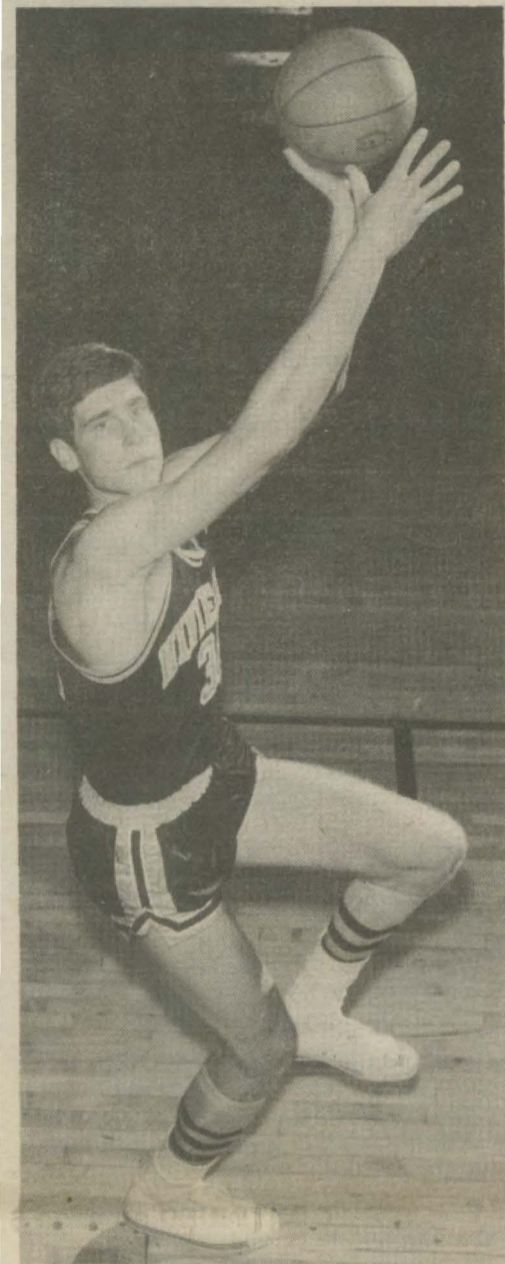
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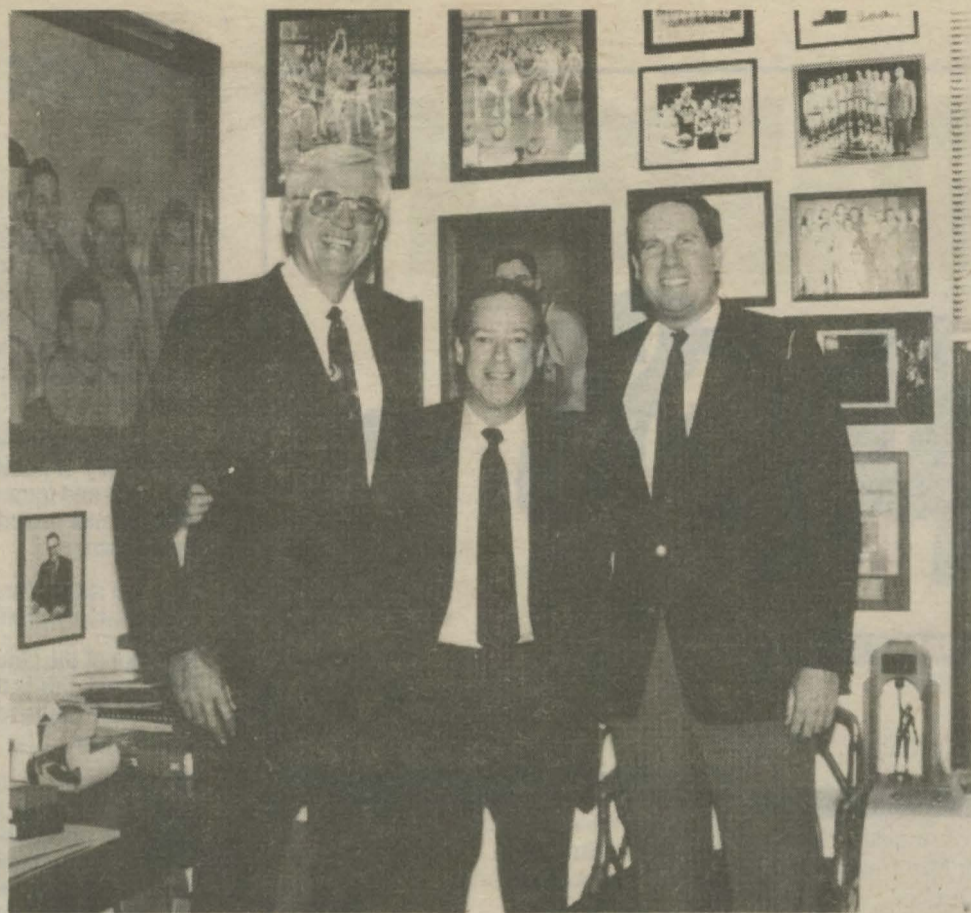
## Where Are They Now?



By Len Levine

Larry Mikan, 1969

Left to right: George Mikan, Len Levine, and Larry Mikan, 1990



George Mikan, the 6' 10", three-time All-American basketball player from DePaul University and a ten-time All-Pro with the Minneapolis Lakers, is considered one of the all-time great basketball players the game has ever seen. He recently was named "Mr. Basketball" for the first half of the 20th Century. Mikan says that in 1948 when he and his wife, Patricia, became parents of the first of their six children, a son, George Larry, all their friends said that the "Mikan basketball dynasty had an heir." From all early indications, it seemed they were right. Larry appeared destined to follow in his famous father's footsteps. George says today that from the time Larry was old enough to walk, he took his young son with him to Lakers' practices. George remembers the way Larry would run up and down the bleachers' stairs and onto the basketball court. He says Larry could hardly get the ball up to the rim when he shot baskets,

but "he took to it like a duck takes to water." When Larry and his brother, Terry, one year younger, enrolled at St. John the Evangelist Grade School in Hopkins, the "grand plan" appeared to go astray. The school had no gym, and most of the boys in the neighborhood played hockey. Larry says hockey "seemed to be the natural thing to do." In addition, there was an active Little League hockey program played on a neighborhood ice rink which drew crowds of interested followers. Larry and Terry played hockey throughout their years in grade school.

They continued when they entered Edina Junior High School.

George says he wanted the best for his children, and whatever they wanted to do was good enough for him. He says he never pushed his sons to play basketball. "If they liked what they were doing and gave their best effort, I was happy."

It was at Edina Junior High School that the transition from hockey to basketball took place. There was a very active basketball program and the opposite occurred here as compared to grade school. Most of the boys now were involved in the basketball program. Larry Mikan says he had fun playing basketball, and when he enrolled at Benilde (now Benilde/St. Margaret's) in St. Louis Park, he began playing basketball in a "serious way" By now he had grown to 6' 3". As a sophomore, he was beginning to get stronger, and he grew another inch. By his junior year he was 6' 4" and growing. As a senior, he had grown to 6' 6" and 180 pounds.

His basketball play was being noticed, and he was named to the All-State Catholic basketball team his senior year.

Larry says even though he was 18-years old, his body was like a 15-year old. "I knew I would get stronger and might even get as big as my father some day. With that in mind, I had hopes of playing basketball for the University of Minnesota."

Several Division I schools sent Larry recruiting letters. He says he never was really interested in going anyplace other than the University. "I

knew this was where I wanted to live, that there would be life here for me after basketball, and I was right!"

In his first year of eligibility as a Gopher (his sophomore year) Larry played under John Kundla, who had coached the senior Mikan with the Lakers. Larry played in all 24 games that season, averaging 6.4 points, and ranked third on the team in rebounds with 134.

He continued to develop. His junior year (1968-69) the Gophers had a new coach, Bill Fitch, who encouraged Larry to begin a weight-training program. The results were positive. As a 6' 7", 200lb. junior, Larry averaged 18.4 points per game and was credited with 252 rebounds, or 109 more than any of his teammates, as the Gophers finished 5th in the Big Ten.

As a senior, Larry scored 412 points, for a 17.2 average, and really shined in rebounding with 349, establishing a school record which has held for the past 20 years. That's quite an achievement when you consider that Mikan's record is still better than performances by Jim Brewer, Mychal Thompson, or Kevin McHale.

He also was named Most Valuable Player by his teammates and coaches.

Mikan calls his final home game against Michigan the best of his career. He was matched against Rudy Tomjanovich, the great All-American. They went head-to-head all night. In the end the Gophers won 93-82, and Mikan scored a personal best of 29 points and established a single-game record of 28 rebounds — another mark still on the record books today.

Mikan also has to his credit another school record: the most free throws made in a single game — 17 — against Purdue on January 25, 1969.

He ranks as a member of the prestigious Gopher 1000-Point Club with a total of 1007 points, one point behind Dick Garmaker, who played in the 1953-55 seasons.

Mikan's basketball career continued to advance upwards after leaving the University. He was drafted in the fourth round by the Los Angeles Lakers on a team which included Wilt Chamberlin, Jerry West, and Elgin Baylor. Early that season he joined the new Cleveland Cavaliers' team. Mikan set a single-game team rebound record of 18 in a game against the Lakers played in the Los Angeles Forum.

By now he had grown to a strong 6' 8" and weighed 220 pounds. "I was probably playing the best basketball of my career," Mikan says, and was shocked when informed by his former Gopher coach and then head coach of the Cavaliers, Fitch, that he was being cut from the roster. Mikan says he was devastated. He says today he believes he could have played ten more

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By Gary Hiebert (OliverTowne)



If you're looking for a southern eating adventure or a hot spot for those late afternoon gatherings along St. Paul's Grand Avenue, Dixie's at 695 Grand is a lively, cozy place for stoking up before or after a Gopher basketball/hockey game on a cold winter's night or day.

It's all done in an atmosphere of dim lights, the privacy of comfortable banquettes along the walls and terraces and background humming chatter mixed with piped in music to fit the scene.

This is a sports bar, folks, with overtones of Summit-Hill savoir faire.

For a lot of the Grand Avenue and Summit-Hill crowd, this is the place to eat the kind of Old South-Cajun foods rarely seen in the Twin Cities.

I'm talking about the Shack sandwich, which is typically country or roadside barbecue shack material—shredded pork, simmered in sauce with character, served on a bun with shredded cabbage, onions and Dixie's sauce. The pork is smoked and pungent. You get that with a side of fries or southern green beans and also a choice of pinto beans or blackeye peas. I always take the pinto beans.

You get the same sandwich using beef. I prefer the pork.

And the portions are huge.

For under six dollars, you have got yourself a deal.

Then there are Dixie's ribs, slow smoked with hickory logs, or the chicken smoked the same way. This is a big meal because it also comes with corn on the cob and cole slaw.

Another Good Old South item, as good as any served in the many barbecued rib spots around the area.

But some of the choicest items are soups—Cuban black bean, cream cheese, ham and leek, pinto's diablo chili, so hot it really doesn't need any heat.

Then they've come up with a smoked prime rib.

If you've got four or six in your group, you might want to try the Sample Platter, portions of baby back ribs, ckuntry style ribs, barbecued beef, a shack sandwich mixture, Cajun chicken fingers, coconut shrimp, Cajun meatballs, Cajun spiced barbecued chicken breast and jalapeno cheese.

This production will set you back \$18.95. But Wow!

By the way, Dixie's keeps the fires burning until 11 p.m.

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With all the hype about moving Gopher basketball and hockey into the St. Paul Civic Center, it may be time to dust off a few of my favorite Downtown St. Paul eateries.

One that comes to mind is among my two or three favorite Twin Cities seafood restaurants—FITZGERALD'S. Tucked into the northeast Skyway level corner of Galtier Plaza in Lowertown, this bright, terraced, spacious restaurant has as much class as any in the St. Paul Loop.

Up front is a New York-style bar where the Yuppies gather for drinks and canapes after 5 p.m.

Fitzgerald's has been a busy anchor in the Galtier complex, upholding the crowd census when almost everything else failed.

I go there as do fans of the finny critters for one of the half dozen daily lunch and dinner piscatorial offerings—blackened, cajun style catfish blackened or broiled swordfish, marlin, trout, shark and salmon.

Having tasted the seafood wares of highly touted restaurants in San Francisco, Washington, D.C., Philadelphia and Boston, I'll match Fitzgerald's against the best in variety and preparation.

The fish come sauced with meuniere, mustard dill, dusted with melted butter, hollandaise on the side and more. They are served with tiny boiled, buttered potatoes, al dente vegetables. They come with warm loaves of crusty sour dough bread or rolls.

Some diners prefer the shrimp fettuccini or linguini.

And a lot of people order lightly breaded calamari-squid for an appetizer. The garlic Mayonnaise for dipping is sinfully delicious.

All entrees also come with a crunchy, very green salad with a pleasant light buttermilk-based dressing.

This is a place where the wait persons—men and women—are almost black tie in attire and their style matches their appearance—polished, friendly and very professional.

Almost every table has a view out of the huge picture windows facing Mears Park and the Lowertown Victorian skyline around it. This could be Central Park in New York City.

But the prices are strictly St. Paul.

### MIKAN from page 3

years. "I was quick, could jump real well, and was finally strong. That's the irony of it. But in retrospect it was a pivotal point in my life. While it didn't seem so at the time, Fitch really did me a favor. As it turned out, those years were the most productive for me in the business world."

Today Mikan is heavily involved in real estate and as a part of a five-person partnership, he lists the building of the downtown Minneapolis Piper Jaffray Tower as one of his many accomplishments.

Mikan is the father of five children: twin daughters Melinda and Melissa, who recently moved back to Minneapolis from Florida; sons Mike, a senior at Benilde/St. Margaret's High School, Mathew, an 8th grader at St. Thomas Academy, and daughter Amanda, a 4th grader at St. Richard's School in Richfield.

Larry looks back on his career with no regrets. He says he's very proud to be the son of an outstanding person like his father. "He was not only a great athlete, but a real inspiration to me. He was always there when I needed him then, and he's there when I need him today. He never pushed his kids into anything. He let us be our own people and develop in our own way. He's been a wonderful father and friend to his children. Maybe that's why we're the best of friends today."

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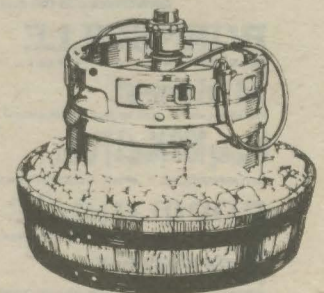


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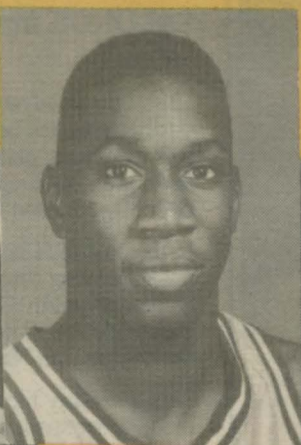
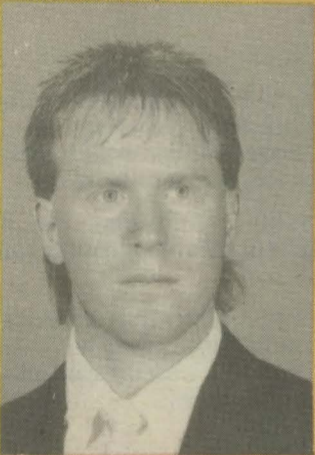
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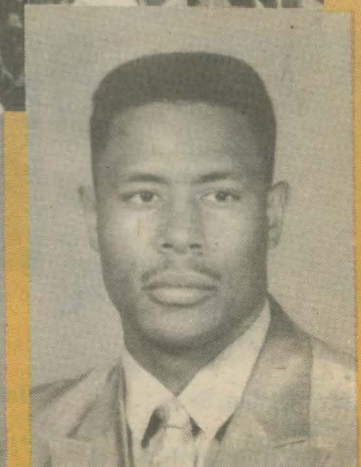
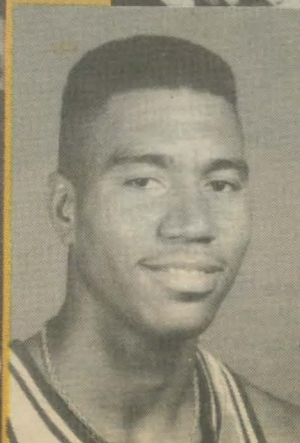
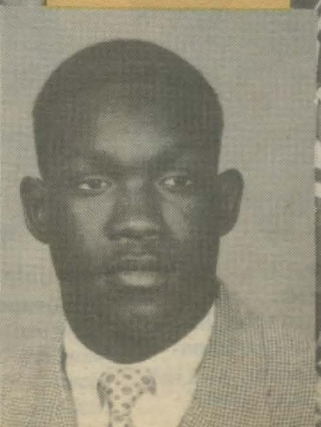
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### LaLONDE from page 2

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"I would have to say yes," Gil grins. "Hey, if I can crank it up at 61, I have to consider him just a kid."

What Gill may forget, however, is that in his own mind he's still a flaming gung-ho youngster of 20. And it's what the spirit tells the muscles that really counts.

Gopher spirit, that is.

## Fan in the Stands If you could put together a Gopher basketball "Dream Team," what five players would make your starting lineup?



Larry Ogden, Sr.,  
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"Mychal Thompson, Kevin McHale, Trent Tucker, Mark Olberding and Ray Williams."



Jamie Ogden,  
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Dennis Dorsey,  
Minneapolis  
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Kelly Lucente,  
Inver Grove Hts.  
"I'd just have the team that won the Big Ten championship in 1982. Tucker, Mitchell, all those guys were great."



Barb Johnson,  
Minneapolis  
"This team right here. Burton, Newbern, Shik, Coffey and Lynch. They've turned Gopher basketball completely around."



Greg Dahlager,  
Plymouth  
"Mychal Thompson, Kevin McHale, Tommy Davis, Mark Hall and Willie Burton."

## Aches & Pains

By Robert Hunter, M.D. Director  
University of Minnesota Sports Medicine Institute



portant part of life and no less so for a diabetic than those without that disease. Tremendous strides have been made in the management of diabetics and their insulin requirements for high activity situations. Further, there has been a great deal of work done on injury prevention and injury treatment, should a diabetic harm his or her self as a result of sports. Therefore, I strongly encourage you to be active in basketball and other team sports which you find rewarding. However, it is very important that you are dealing with a diabetic clinic which can counsel you on insulin management and can also deal with you should you sustain an injury that required intervention.

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J.T.  
Mendota Heights

**A** All back specialists will confirm the fact that a healthy abdomen is one of the most important prerequisites to a healthy back. The back and the muscles that surround the back are the structures that must support all the weight, either excessive or normal, that exists in the abdomen. Therefore, an abdomen that sticks out too far or is too fat simply overloads the back muscles which are being asked to support that excessive weight on a daily basis. By strengthening abdominal muscles and losing abdominal mass and strengthening and stretching back muscles, one can make major strides toward alleviating back pain and keeping it away in the future.

**Q** I am a 39-year old who has been insulin dependent for the past 28 years. I have always enjoyed sports, was careful not to get too actively involved because of my fear of injury and my understanding that diabetics heal more slowly than a non-diabetic person. I have heard that Wade Wilson of the Minnesota Vikings is diabetic and takes insulin on a daily basis for control. He has certainly been an inspiration for many thousands of diabetics across America. My question is: Can I play basketball with a company team? It is a rough league and I have always been concerned about injury. What is your advice?

F.R.  
St. Cloud

**A** Although it is true that tissues heal somewhat more slowly in a diabetic than a non-diabetic, it is also true that activities and sports are an im-

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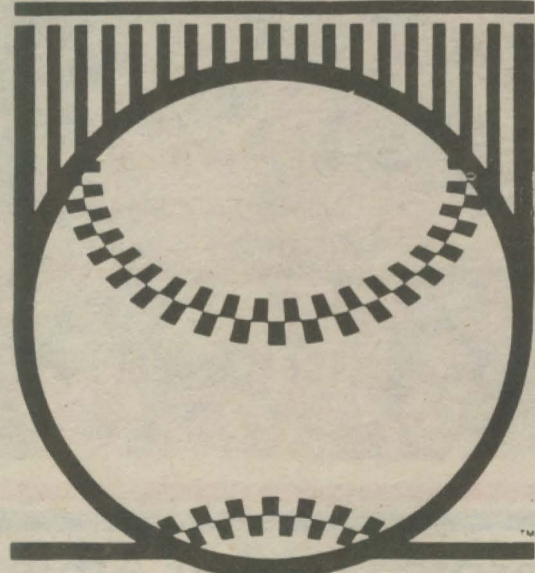
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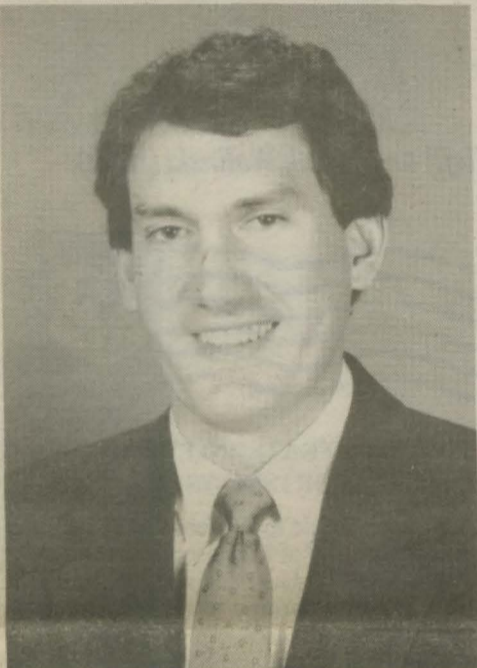
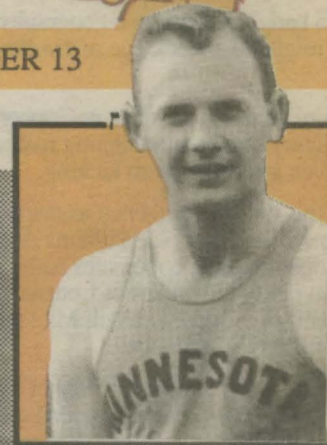
## BOXING WAS MAJOR GOPHER SPORT

By Don Riley  
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## CHANCE HAPPENING LED TO TRACK STARDOM

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John Anderson

# Anderson's Field of Dreams

By Steve Peckham

As John Anderson prepares the Gopher baseball team for another Big Ten season, he knows what his players are dreaming about: Have a stellar season at Minnesota. Catch the eye of a pro scout. Sign on with a minor league club. Put some impressive numbers up on the board and earn a shot to play in the show . . . the big leagues.

Anderson knows the dream well because his mind has wandered down the same road many times before. But as is the case 99 percent of the time, Anderson's dream was rudely interrupted.

In 1976 John Anderson was just a kid from the Iron Range trying to make the varsity team and play under Gopher legend Dick Siebert. Although back and arm trouble were the final roadblocks in his playing career, the promising pitcher could see the end coming.

Anderson explained: "I think I found out my first day of practice at the University when I saw Paul Moliter out there, that I better start working on my degree because my career was going to be shorter than I had ever imagined."

Anderson's playing days did end that year. Strangely enough, it may have been the best thing that ever happened to modern day Gopher baseball. He is entering his ninth year as skipper of the Gopher squad. He has yet to record a losing season.

But the real success story of the youngest baseball coach in the Big Ten really begins in the days following Anderson's cut from the 1977 team.

Young John went to Dick Siebert's coaching class that winter and scored the highest grade "Chief" Siebert had ever given out. Siebert's health was poor at the time and



Anderson asked if there was anything he could do to help out. Anderson's title became student manager, but took on coaching duties usually carried out by men twice his age.

That year, the Gophers won the Big Ten championship. A funny thing happened on the bus ride back from Iowa where Minnesota had clinched the title.

"We were all in back playing cards and Dick Siebert yelled out for me to pass out paper and pencils so the team could vote on the MVP," recalled Anderson. "So I passed everything out and collected the ballots and dropped them on the seat next to him and went back to play cards.

"Five minutes later he yelled at me to come back up front. He said the guys voted me Most Valuable Player. He told the guys to quit screwing around and made them vote again. So we did it again. It came back unanimous.

"We had a lot of great players. Eleven guys were drafted out of that team. It was really hard to pick one player out even though Paul Moliter was the most visible player on the team. The goal of the guys that year was to play as a team and win and lose as a team. I think that was a way of carrying that concept out."

The rest of Anderson's story is the stuff movies are made of.

After receiving his degree, he spent two seasons as a graduate assistant coach under Siebert and two more years as a part-time assistant under George Thomas. In 1982, John Anderson became Minnesota's head coach . . . at the ripe old age of 26.

Anderson still credits Dick Siebert with much of his good fortune.

"I think what I remember most is that he strived for perfection," said Anderson. "He was a fundamentalist. He was a teacher. He would drive you harder than anybody until you could execute the fundamentals. He took a bunch of great athletes and taught them how to play the game of baseball.

"I learned from him that the four most important words that exist are 'What is your opinion?' A guy could walk in off the street and tell him that he was running bunt defense wrong and he'd listen to the guy. The guy could have no background in baseball, no reason to, and if the guy was right, he'd take his idea and put it to work."

Anderson took all of his mentor's ingeniously simple ideas, added a few of his own, and ended up becoming a great coach in his own right.

This season he'll take another strong Gopher squad out to Siebert field to follow their own dreams.

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## Remember When

And how many of you dyed-in-the-wool Minnesota sports fans can remember when the glories of the Maroon and Gold were compacted into a left hook and right cross?

Or when a badge of merit in a geography class just might be a black eye or swollen jaw?

Yes, Virginia, there were days in Gopherville when a victory meant out-slugging rival collegians, even knocking them kicking.

That was the 1947-53 era when as many as 14,000 fans would jam old Williams Arena to see the Gopher boxing collegiates battle it out in the resin pit with the likes of Louisiana State, Miami of Florida, DePaul, Michigan State and mighty Wisconsin.

"And I doubt if any cheers for Gopher football or basketball or hockey exploded more loudly than those for the Gopher boxers," recalls Frank Wolinski, a former Golden Glove champion who coached the Gophers the last year and assisted original coach and founder Ray Chisholm.

"In those three-round battles you see some of the greatest athletes in the country in action. And particularly when we fought Wisconsin, the bouts would take on the aura of a professional title fracas. The intensity was something. Nowhere would you find better conditioned athletes."

By Don Riley

Frankie particularly liked the trips.

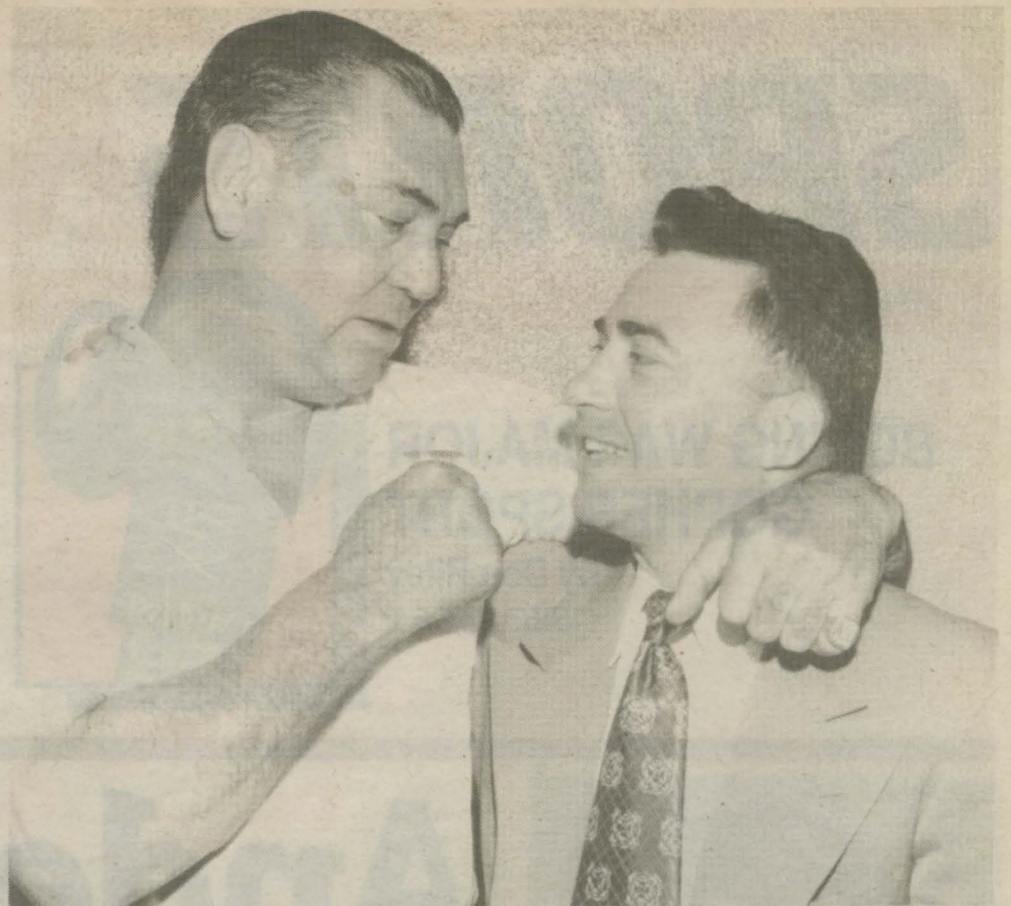
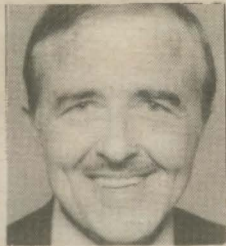
"Hey, we were happy that teams like Idaho and Washington State were in action. That meant some night jaunts for four or five days. But we had tremendous pride. And the training sessions under Ray Chisholm were something. Our kids did real well in the Golden Glove program because they were trained so well. We won in condition a good deal of the time."

Boxing in intercollegiate athletics?

Today you would have pickets and crusaders lined up for blocks to halt such action. But in that era it was a class sport. Not until two collegiate deaths due to head injuries in a two-year span occurred did critics mount forces to knock the sport out of college ranks.

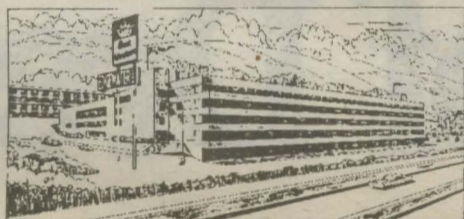
"That was a shame," Chisholm told me before an illness had crippled the fiery little former mentor. "Boxing taught lessons no other sport could. A young man had to dig into his reservoir of courage and intelligence to make the team. He learned more about himself in three rounds than many human beings ever learn in a lifetime."

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Two boxing champions: Jack Dempsey (left) and Frank Wolinski (right)

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1. What Gopher pitcher holds the record for most strikeouts in a single season?
2. What current Milwaukee Brewer holds the Gopher record for most career triples.
3. How many times have the Gophers won the NCAA Baseball Championship?

The SPORTSNEWS staff congratulates Rick Thompson of Plymouth, our latest trivia winner!

The Q's and A's were:

1. Where did Assistant Coach Al Brown serve as Head Basketball Coach before coming to Minnesota? Answer: Ball State
2. On this year's basketball squad, who is the shortest player on the team? Who's the tallest? Answer: Connel Lewis; Bob Martin
3. What team won the NCAA Basketball Tournament last year? Answer: Michigan

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## Letters



### ZUMBROTA READER LIKES SPORTSNEWS

On a recent visit to the Rochester Community College Library I had time to browse. I found and read the February issue of SPORTSNEWS.

Very good articles in it.  
Darrel Thomford  
Zumbrota

### SENIOR'S PROCLAMATION WAS MOVING EXPERIENCE

I was at the Michigan State-Minnesota basketball game and was impressed by the attention given to the seniors. It was a moving sight to see Coach Haskins embrace the parents of the players. The players were obviously touched by this showing of concern for them. It appeared to be the start of a new tradition and something we could all be proud of. When some fans booed the Governor's proclamation naming the day after each senior I think that was outrageous. Why don't these obnoxious people stay home? Fans like these sour the air and destroy the spirit that exists here. Thanks Governor Perpich, Rick Bay and Clem Haskins. I'm proud to be a Minnesotan.

Marvin Robinson  
Minneapolis

### COULD BASKETBALL GOPHERS CAUSE WARMER WEATHER?

Have you noticed how the weather in Minnesota has changed over the past few years. The winters are getting warmer and the sun appears to be shining more. Could it be that things began to change when Clem Haskins took over the basketball program? Who knows? Maybe in the big scheme of things this has been possible because of the Gophers and Haskins. In either case it doesn't hurt recruiting.

Peter Michael  
North St. Paul

### BRONKO'S FRATERNITY BROTHER THANKS SPORTSNEWS

Reference is made to the February 1990 issue of the University of Minnesota SPORTSNEWS. Our daughter came across this publication during a recent visit to the Twin Cities and passed it on to me for forwarding to my fraternity (Sigma Chi) of which Bronko was a member.

I wish to commend you for taking the necessary time to write the story which was published in the above mentioned issue of SPORTSNEWS. The piece is so well written and worded. It completely covered your entire day in such a fashion that I was mentally there with all of you.

Our daughter lives on 'The Range' near Eveleth, MN. When Mrs. Schneider and I visited her and her family in 1985, we took a trip to International Falls. At that time we made the request and were granted the privilege of visiting Bronko in his home.

It was an enjoyable time for all of us. Our daughter even took our picture. It was the last time I saw Bronko.

Thank you again for your excellent story.  
Harley R. Schneider  
New Ulm

### BAY SHOULD MOVE QUICKLY ON NCAA CHARGES

I see where the NCAA is critical of the Gopher wrestling and tennis teams. I hope Rick Bay moves quickly to correct these problems or inform the NCAA of their errors. We can't let our athletes be tainted by scandal. Both of these teams have had outstanding records. Let's get to the bottom of this as quickly as possible.

Tom Hanson  
St. Paul



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## Where Are They Now?

Harry Nash was one of America's premier track athletes in the early 1950's. His career began with a chance happening in the ninth grade at Wheaton (Minnesota) High School.

"My homeroom teacher lined all the kids against the wall and called our names as she assigned us events for the annual spring track and field day," recalled Nash. "You'll run the mile, she said, pointing to one boy. Another was told to run the 440-yard dash, and I was assigned the 100-yard dash."

Nash won the 100-yard dash event and took an immediate interest in sprinting. He went on to compete in track all four years in high school, as well as football, basketball, and baseball. As a senior, he won the state title in the 100-yard dash and finished second in the 220-yard dash.

Harry's mother, Nellie Hofer, who's lived in Wheaton (approximately 200 miles west of the Twin Cities) for 59 years, credits her son's track career with helping shape his life. She says Harry's father Paul, who died in 1964, was a good runner when he was younger and maybe that's where Harry got it from. She speaks with understandable pride when she recalls Harry's track achievements. "He worked so hard at it. I was so proud of him then and I'm still proud of him today," she says. I can see where all that hard work paid off.

After graduating from high school in 1951, Nash enrolled at the University. Because of the Korean War, America's male college student population was low and freshmen were allowed to compete in varsity competition.

Nash had quite a career, winning letters all four years. He was the team captain his junior and senior years. He still holds the University's 100 and 220-yard dash records (9.4 seconds and 21.0 seconds respectively), which he set in 1955. The world record for the 100-yard dash was 9.3 seconds at the time.

In 1955, his last year of competition, he placed second in the Big Ten Championship 100-yard dash event, behind Northwestern's superstar

By Len Levine

sprinter, Jim Goliday, and third in the 100-yard dash in the NCAA Championship held in Los Angeles.

Nash says one of the most memorable highlights of his career occurred in the 1955 Big Ten-Pacific Coast dual meet — a prestigious track event which was held in Berkeley, California.

Nash and the Big Ten's top sprinters were on the 440-yard relay team. The team got off to a small lead which was increased slightly with each succeeding runner. Nash ran the third leg and passed the baton to Northwestern's Goliday, who at the time was one of the world's fastest humans.

Nash says when Goliday took the baton with a comfortable 50-yard lead, a win looked assured. In fact, he says the Big Ten team appeared to be on its way to a world record. Suddenly Goliday grabbed his right hamstring muscle. Nash remembers the look of pain on Goliday's face.



The Gopher 440 yard relay team that won the 1955 Drake Relays: L to R Harry Nash, Burie Carmichael, Jack Dryer and Bill Garner

"At that point it wasn't a world record we were thinking of, but whether we'd even finish the race." The lead was enough to sustain them, though, and Goliday limped across the finish line first, giving the Big Ten team a victory. Their winning time was still so good that by comparison it was faster than the Gophers' record-setting 440-yard relay win in the Drake Relays earlier that season.

Goliday's promising career ended with that hamstring pull. A few years later he died of sickle cell anemia.

To Nash's list of track victories he proudly but modestly points to wins over Duke's Dave Sime and Iowa's Ira Murchison, two of the world's fastest sprinters. Both Sime and Murchison went on to star in the 1956 Olympic Games held in Melbourne, Australia.

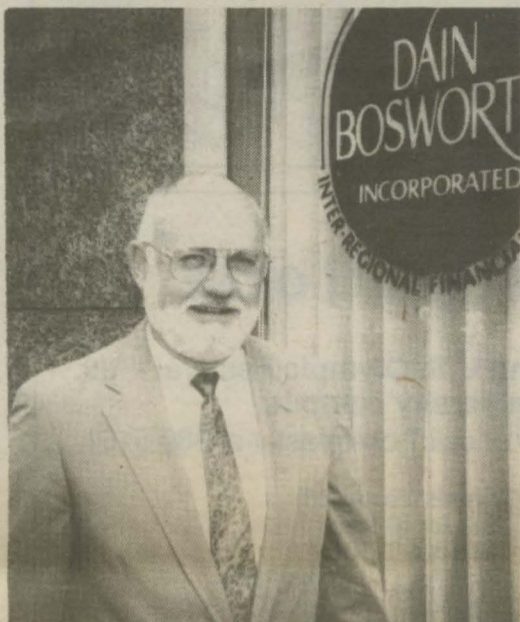
Nash says he has few regrets in his life, but had circumstances been different, he might have run in those 1956 Games.

Nash graduated from the University with a degree in Recreational Leadership in 1955. He had his sights on making the U. S. Olympic team. After graduation he had a year to maintain his high performance level of conditioning, but it was a dilemma for him. Minnesota had no track training teams. He was newly married and "financially strapped," and he couldn't afford to move to the West Coast and join a track club. It was at that point that Nash reluctantly decided to end his remarkable career.

Nash landed his first job as the Director of the Arlington Playground in St. Paul, where he worked for the next four years. He then became the Director of the Duluth Parks and Recreation Department, holding that position for sixteen years. In 1977 he joined the sales staff of the Bombardier Corporation selling

snowmobiles. Since 1982 he's been a stockbroker for Dain Bosworth in Duluth.

Nash and his wife, Mary, who's been a senior secretary in the Geology Department at the University of Minnesota - Duluth for many years, live at 853 Grandview Avenue in Duluth. Harry says that both he and Mary are physically active and enjoy daily jogging of at least three miles. The Nashes are the parents of four children: their oldest daughter Jean lives in Minneapolis, daughters Patty and Sara live in Duluth, and son Peter lives in Manhattan Beach, California. They have four grandchildren.



Harry Nash, 1990

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After the Game

By Gary Hiebert (OliverTowne)



The polished elegance of EDDIE WEBSTER'S supper club on the I-494 strip begins with the valet who parks your car and it carries into the foyer with the fire blazing on the big hearth on a cold night.

It carries to the efficient coat check attendant and into the spacious dark wood-paneled main dining room with deep pile carpets, comfortable chairs where the hostess turns you over to one of the grandmotherly, smiling women in formal black who serve your table as if you were the only people in the room that night.

It was a winter Wednesday night when nothing big was going on along the Strip. The room was almost empty at just after 6 p.m. and by 7:30 p.m., they were sitting in the adjoining bar waiting for their names to be called for a coveted table.

It was a crowd any restaurateur would die for.

How come?

Well, Eddie Webster's basks in the friendly shadows of a bevy of motels and hotels and you can just hear and picture the scene at the front desk of any one of them as the men and women who have jetted in from far flung places ask:

"Where's a good place to eat nearby?"

"Eddie Webster's," must be a popular reply.

So there they all are at tables--businessmen and women, in for sales meetings, seminars, lots of the last of the expense account crowd.

And filling in the rest of the tables are people like us and Gopher sports fans, according to our server.

"Oh, yes, we get lots of those, too," she says.

The menu at Eddie Webster's is duplicated in steak and chop houses across the country--a half dozen steaks, barbecued ribs, pork chops, chicken prepared in several ways, Long Island duckling, fish and seafood. Nothing out of the good, old American dinner mold.

Yet the secret is in how it is prepared and the huge portions that come out on piled high plates.

My wife will savor the memory of her huge slabs of ribs with sauce a long time and I was properly "ducked" by my big crispy bird, served on wild rice with fabulous flavor.

It is safe to say that you get two meals for the price of one--the dinner you eat and the one you take home in a people box.

That's a price you can't beat.

And for fun, the Peanut Bar is neat and noisy and musical.

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The man who turned St. Paul's GALLIVAN'S bar and grill at 354 Wabasha street into an Irish legend and a sportsmen's institution sat at one of the tables for four near the back the other noon.

"You know, I like to come down for lunch every week or so for old times sake and to see how things are going under the new owners (the second or third since he sold)," said Big Bob Gallivan, just turned 80, looking like 50.

"And the new owners (Lloyd Urban and Mike Mahmood) are staging a happy revival," he said, watching the lunch crowd arrive to be revived by a new menu. I joined him then and pretty soon Don (The Eye) Riley arrived. We hadn't been together for years and the reminiscing rolled back and forth across the tables and into the shadows, where ghosts of the sportsmen and fans of yore must have looked on appreciatively.

We culled the tales of Gopher greets who used to fill up the big round table back in the



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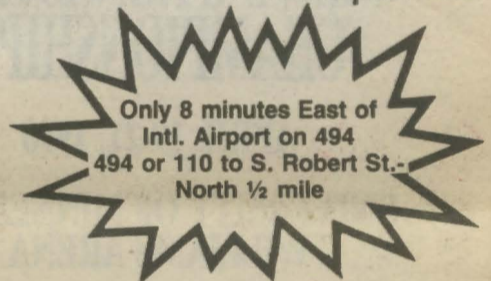
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1960s and 70s--first in "Old" Gollivan's a block north along Wabasha.

We shuddered back through the age of the two-martini or Manhattan lunch and sipped our coffee hot and black.

We meandered through a few St. Patrick's Days and then Bob called for a menu and it read like the Gollivan's of yore.

The big prime rib on open face, the traditional chicken strips, breaded deep fried and served with marinara sauce, cheese garlic bread, Gollivan's famed turkey almond salad.

I called for the dinner menu just to see and sure enough, some of the old favorites were there--part of the great revival:

That unforgettable 25-ounce T-bone steak we somehow used to eat upon an evening, along with a seafood salad, au gratin potatoes, baskets of bread sticks and dark rolls. And garlic toast.

There is the salmon filet with hollandaise on the side that was a Friday favorite in the days when fish on Friday still was a Catholic rule. But eating it at Gollivan's was never being austere and isn't now on any day.

Right there on the menu now is another Bob Gollivan creation--huge, Adriatic scampi, big as small lobster tails, broiled in the shell served with garlic butter.

Bob introduced that item when he decided the price of lobster was too high for the average diner.

Apparently the new owners think so, too, although they offer lobster "at market prices."

Then the wait person read off the noon's specials and we all picked the chicken Kiev served in a warm croissant, with a cup of beef, vegetable-mushroom soup--two good choices.

But do you know, two of these three trenchermen at the table took half their sandwich home? We who once put away a prime rib sandwich with fries and salad and maybe a cup of soup for lunch without second

But we succumbed to the white chocolate mousse cake, a pastry worth dieting for. (I only ate two bites).

And the hostess said that Gopher game goes and Downtown St. Paul theater audiences can dine before and when the game is over or the curtain goes down, the pastry cart will still be available for a nightcap until past midnight.

Worth stopping for--that white chocolate mousse cake.

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## Fan in the Stands Who would you pick as Most Valuable Player on this year's Gopher Basketball team?



**John Pascutti, Milwaukee, Wis.**  
"I'd have to go with Richard Coffey. Besides being an outstanding rebounder, the man just seems like such a humble, likable guy. That's pretty rare these days."



**Al Pascutti, Milwaukee, Wis.**  
"Willie Burton! He's a great team leader and such a positive role model for the rest of that team. You're damn lucky to have a guy like that."



**Bob Nelson, St. Paul**  
"Without question, Willie Burton. The guy can just take over a game when the heat is on. He's shown that in last year's tournament and this year's."



**Greg Orgern, Minneapolis**  
"Clem Haskins. I know he's not a player, but I'd have to make an exception. He took a program that was filled with scandal and turned it into a national contender."



**Lisa Jensen, Bloomington**  
"Kevin Lynch. He's a great shooter and really seems to spark the team when he gets on a roll. Besides, he's cute."



**Liz Roach, Minnetonka**  
"Willie Burton. He's just the best player out there. It's as simple as that."

### BOXING from page 2

"And it wasn't a cruel professional-like sport. We wore head gear and our officiating and training was great. We never had a boy seriously hurt at Minnesota. The sport exemplified all the good things about campus athletics."

Ironically, Chisholm brought the sport to Minnesota from Wisconsin. He originally enrolled at Wisconsin where Johnny Walsh had inaugurated a power-house slugging program and almost perennially claimed NCAA titles. Later, Chisholm transferred to Gopherville.

And another strange twist: Walsh, a Madison

lawyer who founded the Badger dynasty, was a former Golden Glove standout in Minneapolis, while boxing for the St. Thomas team of St. Paul.

Wolinski recalls: "The climax of a six or seven card season would be the NCAA tournament. You can't believe the quality. Future

professional boxers like Chuck Davey were spawned there. But mainly it was not a training ground for the pros. For most of the boys it was a one-shot effort in a sport they genuinely loved."

But the talent could be awesome. Featherweight Neil Ofsthun of Minneapolis became a national Golden Glove champion. Bob York of Brainerd was a lightweight who could compete on a national basis.

Heavyweight Bob Danielson of the Gophers was good enough to have professional boxing people make lucrative offers.

"But maybe the best of all was a big, powerful kid named Floyd Jaczewski of Minneapolis who, I believe could have been a heavyweight boxing champion. He had a great punch, mobility and that killer instinct we talk about," Wolinski explains.

"Let me tell you how good Floyd was. He met the NCAA champion from Miami who was considered to be a prime pro prospect. Floyd knocked him out cleanly in the second round.

"Ordinarily you wouldn't talk guys into becoming pros. But I really tried to convince Floyd he could become a champion. He was a great athlete; a fine tackle in football. He had all the moves. But his girl friend who later became his wife was dead against it. I couldn't blame her. But I often wonder how good he could have become. He was a once-in-a-million prospect."

Floyd changed his name to Jaye and today is a leading Ohio industrialist.

The guy I most remember was Cody Connel, a larruping, unpredictable slugger; a good-looking kid from St. Paul Murray High School.

Wolinski agrees. "Oh, he was something. Another Golden Glove winner. Cody could hit and box and take a punch. His fights were some of the most exciting we ever had. He might have made it in the pros, too."

Bring up boxing today and the average bystander thinks of stinking gyms, greedy managers, back-alley deals and broken dreams.

"But boxing at the U was what it was intended to be: a good, clean example of male aggressiveness fought under strict enforcement and with solid officials who cared for the kids. We probably had fewer injuries than the tennis team," Wolinski points out.

Will collegiate boxing ever return?

Probably not. The American Medical Association has put a stigma on boxing from which it will probably never recover.

But on cold winter nights as you drive down University Avenue you just might hear the ghostly echoes of roaring crowds, pleading on their sluggers in fiery exchanges with intriguing foes from Penn State, LSU, Miami and San Jose.

It was a thrill-a-minute while it lasted and the night the Gophers whipped Wisconsin in a major upset—well no national title ever made the fans feel better.

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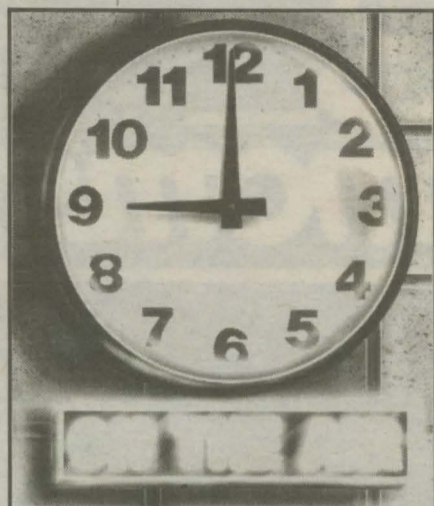
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## Aches & Pains

By Robert Hunter, M.D. Director  
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**Q** I have pain that occurs in my left foot along the outside of the foot, radiating into the foot or the ankle. I feel that my foot is tipping to the right and becoming progressively flatter. Is there anything I can do?

J.D.  
St. Paul

**A** Although the bones of the feet are set in their shape at a very early age, the shape of the foot itself can change over time with alterations in the supporting ligaments in the foot and alterations in the pull by the tendons and muscles across the ankle and foot. If this change in alignment is pain free and does not hurt, the foot, knee, hip, or back, then there is no particular reason why this needs to be treated aggressively. On the other hand, if foot, ankle, knee, hip, or back pain accompanies this apparent change in shape of one's foot and ankle, then help can be obtained with the use of orthotics, which are designed to support the arch and thereby support the foot from its abnormal and painful situation. These can be obtained through most orthopedic or podiatric offices.

Although the vast majority of these problems are relatively benign in their nature, there are nonetheless more serious spine related disease processes which can present with abnormalities or changes in the function of the calf and foot. Therefore, it is recommended that before a simple orthotic is made, a complete examination be undertaken.

**Q** I am the host of a local nightclub and as a result, shake hands alot. I am right-handed and each time I shake hands I get a sharp pain between my thumb and forefinger. What can I do to get rid of the pain?

A.S.  
Orona

**A** Before getting rid of the pain, one would have to determine what the cause of the pain is. There are several possibilities. One is arthritis in the various joints of the fingers and finger/wrist junction. Second is a nerve which is being pinched, either in the fingers or in the palm. The third would be tendon/muscle related discomfort. I would recommend that if this is a significant problem, that a complete examination be undertaken first with x-rays to determine the integrity of the bones in the hand and wrist. I would guess that this would be a problem that would lend itself to appropriate therapy, and perhaps an anti-inflammatory medication, and would be very surprised if such a problem required any sort of intervention in order to solve.

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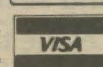
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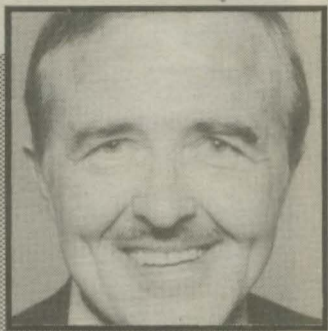
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## A COUPLE OF HUSKY BOBS

By Don Riley

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## SWEDISH TEEN TENNIS STAR BECOMES GOPHER GREAT

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# A Golden Season

By Steve Peckham

Four years ago this program was in turmoil. No one wanted to think about the Madison, Wis. incident. No one wanted to talk about Gopher basketball. No one wanted to play for the team.

Willie Burton, Richard Coffey, Connell Lewis, Melvin Newbern and Jim Shikenjanski came to Minnesota anyway. Five young men guided by a brand new coach from Kentucky.

The most optimistic experts could only bring themselves to label the group as one with "potential."

When Clem Haskins talks to his team, he often offers them an interesting statistic: "85 percent of you guys die with potential."

If this coaching thing doesn't work out, Clem could easily slide into the psychiatry business.

This year's Gopher squad didn't leave an ounce of untapped potential. They out-hustled, out-worked and at times just out-willed opponents.

Yes, this season meant a lot to the University, to the fans and to the basketball program. But this golden season meant more to those five seniors.

"I will always be thankful for the experiences we have shared together," Haskins said about his departing soldiers. "It has been gratifying to watch these young men mature physically, emotionally, mentally and academically during their four years. In the beginning it was difficult, and we suffered together. But we have grown together, and I will always be

proud of the way they played and of the effort they gave."

We all will.

Such a season deserves one more look back:

**November 28:** After a rout over the Brazilian National team, the Gophers travel to

Cincinnati and lose by two on a buzzer-beater. Haskins would later call it one of the most important losses of the year.

**December 12:** Minnesota turns the tables and beats Kansas State by a single point ON THE ROAD.

**January 6:** The Big Ten season opens with a bang. Minnesota trounces Illinois who was ranked No. 4 nationally at the time. Minnesota's guards emerge as a force to be reckoned with.

**January 22:** After trailing at halftime by more than this writer cares to admit, the Gophers rally to tie with a few seconds remaining. A alley-oop inbound pass seals the victory for Wisconsin as Badger backers mob the court in front of a national ESPN audience. Dick Vitale was in seventh heaven and he let everyone know it.

**January 28:** Super Sunday. Bobby Knight and company come to Williams Arena only to be blown out by a rejuvenated Gopher squad. Later that week, Minnesota handles Michigan State for a crucial road win.

**February 22:** Revenge never tasted so sweet. The Gophers beat Wisconsin by one after a Badger freshman misses two from the line as Williams Arena shook.

**March 3:** A loss to Michigan State is hardly noticed as the seniors take their last bow in the barn. It was an emotional send-off to say the least.

And then of course the tournament. The images of desire, confidence and determination will be hard for even the toughest cynic to forget.

Looking back, it seems certain that Clem has one, no, five less things to worry about: Burton, Coffey, Lewis, Newbern and Shikenjanski will not die with potential.



Willie Burton and Clem Haskins celebrate after a sweet sixteen win.

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## "THEY TOUCHED ALL OF US"



By Mark Levine

They touched all of us. Their determination, spirit, desire, and unity was an example of the pride we all have in Minnesota. All across the country that weekend, Minnesotans came together. We called back home to find out the score of the

Syracuse game when it wasn't televised where we lived. We called old friends in new cities to bite our nails together during the timeouts. A part of each of our hopes and dreams sailed with Kevin Lynch's last second shot against Georgia Tech. To some it was only a game, but to many of us it was much more.

Clem Haskins and his team reminded us how important it is to believe in ourselves even when others don't. Only four short years ago the men's basketball program was in shambles. The actions of some of the members of that squad disgraced the team, the University, and the state, but when Clem Haskins arrived, a new era of hard work and self-respect arrived too. He didn't only recruit men for how they play the game of basketball, but also for how they play the game of life. Clem brought in men who would contribute on the floor as well as in the community. Haskins created a family. He taught his players that by caring for each other and working together, success would come. Sure the Gophers had a great year and a great tournament. But more importantly, they showed the nation that the University of Minnesota is a first class institution with an Athletic Department that turns out leaders and role models. The rest of the country now knows that Minnesota is a basketball power. The only thing they don't know is how proud we all are.

## Remember When

By Don Riley



I'm often asked, "Hey, Riley, who were really the 'most colorful' characters you covered at the University of Minnesota sports spa?"

Lord. A volume couldn't handle the diverse, exciting, memorable and unpredictable sports Gophers. They came in all sizes, from all backgrounds and contributed everything from records to rhubarbs.

But a couple in the same era of the early forties made an indelible impression—real works of art chiseled into the stones of time. They were so different:

Bob Carle could hardly talk. Bob Graiziger had trouble stopping once he got started. A couple of husky Bobs out of St. Paul; different backgrounds, different slants on life. Both full of competitive dynamite, waiting to erupt. Both played hockey. Both played football. Both were craftsmen.

Throw in baseball and Graiziger ranks as one of the all-time Minnesota all-around athletes—right there with the Giels, McCartans and Yackels.

I simply couldn't believe Carle's ice talents. Then when he played end on the Gopher football teams, I just shook my head and accepted the fact: here was one of America's all-time sports legends—a living legend.

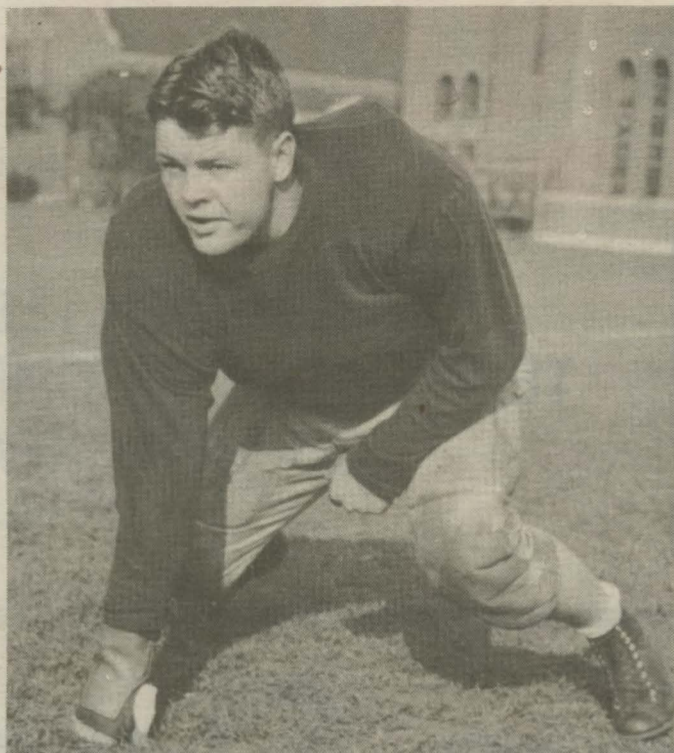
Imagine, a deaf and speech-impaired athlete playing in two sports where every nuance of their games is based on teamwork and timing.

How could a young man like Carle communicate with his mates since his command of the language only could be comprehended if you listened quietly and closely to his valiant efforts to speak? And how, if he were deaf, could he get the signals and commands?

But Carle, a St. Paul Academy graduate, had more than finely honed physical abilities. He had a keen mind, brilliant perception and a vast knowledge of his sports.

Right: Bob Carley - right end, 1945

Below: Bob Graiziger - guard, 1945



"The man's incredible. Amazing," U hockey coach Larry Armstrong would tell me. "He has another sense. God gave him the ability to 'feel' through the ice. He can sense passes coming his way."

And Carle would tell me, "I get vibrations through the ice . . . I know, Don...I know."

Yes, Bob knew.

In football he learned to read the quarterback's lips.

"A magnificent over-achiever," Gopher grid coach George Hauser called him. "He could do anything he set his mind to. Never call him handicapped."

I saw Bob set up the tying goal against Michigan on the ice one night with a dazzling pass to a teammate who could not possibly have been in his sight as the play originated. He was a bruising forward, capable of fore-checking a rival into the seats. He had a delicate touch around the net and in one span

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## Letters

## BRONKO WAS MY BROTHER

A friend of mine in St. Paul sent me a copy of the February issue of SPORTSNEWS which featured the beautiful article "Bronko Remembered" written by Len Levine.

Bronko was my brother and we all miss him very much.

If there are any copies of this paper still available, I would appreciate it very much if you would send me about half a dozen copies so I could send one to each of his children. As far as I know, none of them has seen this fine article.

Thank you very much.  
Jeannie Nagurski  
International Falls

(Ed. note: Thank you for writing. We have sent you ten copies of SPORTSNEWS.)

## HASKINS IS A CREDIT TO ENTIRE STATE

I was at the "Welcome Home" celebration for the Gopher basketball team when they returned from New Orleans. I was so excited I could feel my skin dancing. What a thrill to see Willie Burton and Co. just a few hours after they almost made it to the Final Four. We can all be proud of the Gopher team and their coaches. Clem Haskins deserves a big THANK YOU for all he's done. Haskins took a team from the bottom of the pile and lifted it up to the very top. Haskins is a credit to the University and the entire state of Minnesota.

Michelle Nelson  
New Brighton

## RESTAURANTS CLOSED IN ST. PAUL

I attended the WCHA tournament in the St. Paul Civic Center. It was not a pleasant experience. When we were between games on Sunday we wanted to get some-

thing to eat in downtown St. Paul and couldn't find a restaurant open. We walked over to Town Square and the only restaurant that was open was McDonalds.

I hope the powers to be listen to the "little people" who are the fans that pay the way. When the WCHA tournaments and the Final Four are played here next year I hope the St. Paul business community gets with it and opens up the restaurants and other related businesses in downtown.

Mrs. Mike Welsh  
Edina

## INSTALL PAY PHONES IN COOKE HALL

Before the University makes plans to build new buildings to house the basketball and hockey programs I have a suggestion: Install at least two more pay telephones in the Cooke Hall lobby. I was watching my son run in the outstate track meet on Saturday, March 17th and needed to make a call. I was told I couldn't use the phone hanging on the wall near the door leading to the Field House since this was for "emergency" calls only. I asked the ticket taker if they were expecting "emergency" calls since I could hang up quickly if told there was an emergency. I was told again that the phone was for "emergency" calls only. I then went looking for a pay phone. There is no pay phone in the Cooke Hall Field House so I had two choices: Either walk in the rain and snow to the Radisson Hotel or go down in the tunnel and walk up to the Cooke Hall lobby. I chose to do that and what did I see? A line of eight people waiting to use the one pay phone. I waited for 15 minutes. Certainly there must be a better way. Again, I suggest that the University look at installing at least two pay phones before they build a new 50 Million dollar building.

Robert Springer  
St. Cloud

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3. Name one new freshman the Gophers will have on their basketball squad next year.

The SPORTSNEWS staff congratulates Nancy Gorman of Hibbing, our latest trivia winner!

The Q's and A's were:

1. What Gopher pitcher holds the record for most strikeouts in a single season? Answer: Dave Winfield
2. What current Milwaukee Brewer holds the Gopher record for most career triples. Answer: Paul Molitor
3. How many times have the Gophers won the NCAA Baseball Championship? Answer: Three times

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## Where Are They Now?

By Len Levine



Sweden's top-ranked teenage tennis stars in the 1970's. As a high school senior he wrote letters to a dozen American colleges, hoping to land a tennis scholarship offer. Jerry

Noyce, who was the Gopher tennis coach at the time, recalls that he immediately recognized Almstrom's potential and offered him a scholarship. "He looked great. I was impressed with his consistent play. He was sound in the fundamentals and had good moves. I knew he would be a great one."

Almstrom began playing tennis at about the same time that he was able to hold a racket. By the age of ten he was playing in tournaments. He says he was at the right age at the right time in a country that was starting to see tennis emerging as a major sport.

"We didn't have teams in high school like in America, but tennis clubs were popping up all over and interest was spreading."

Almstrom's play in Stockholm attracted attention, and he was invited to play in tennis tournaments across Sweden. In 1975 he won the Swedish National School Doubles Championship. He was being touted as one of his country's top male athletes. His reputation spread and soon he was invited to tournaments in West Germany and Finland.

In 1976 tragedy struck. Almstrom was seriously injured in a car/moped accident. It appeared that his career was finished. He was riding his moped

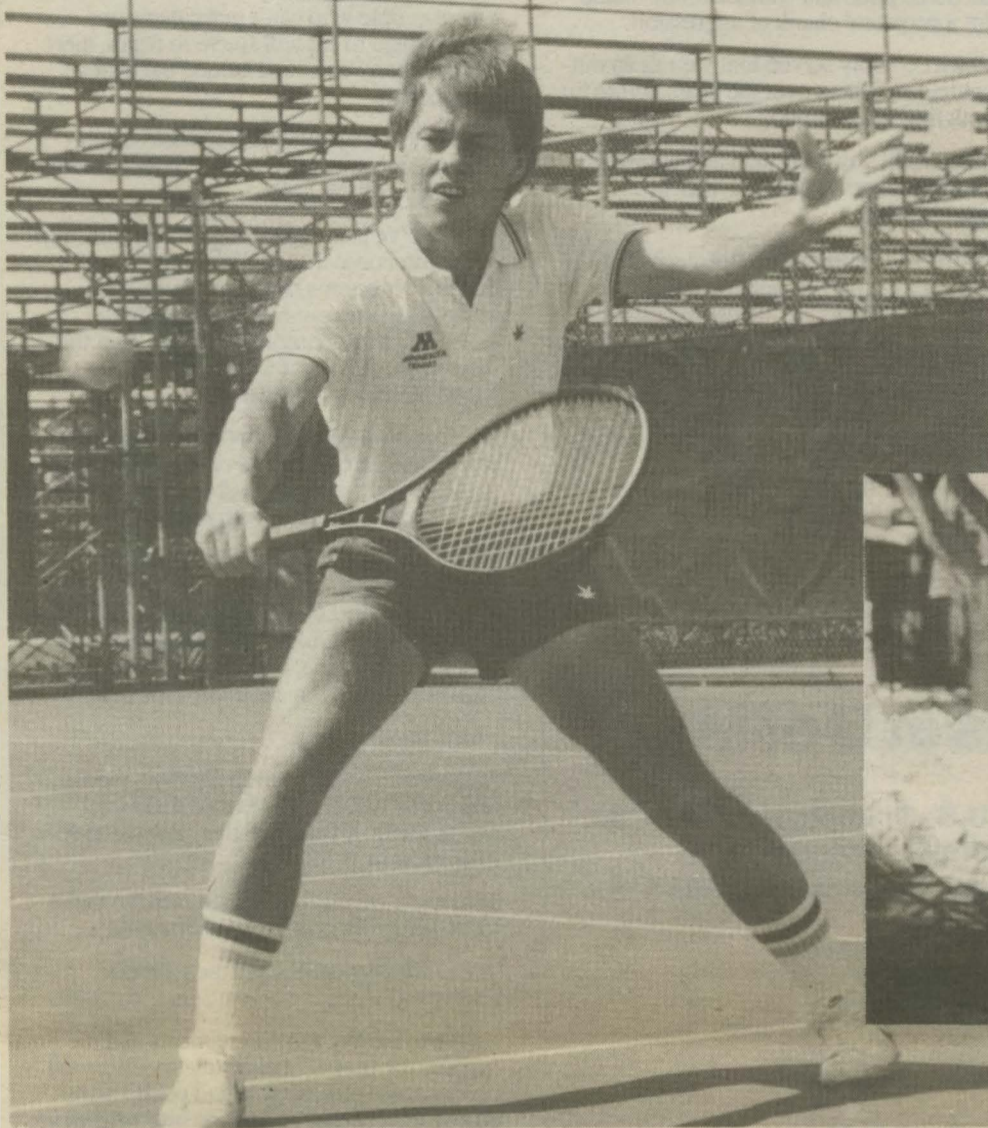
home from practice when a car swerved in front of him. Almstrom remembers being unable to stop and smashing into the car. He went flying off. "Had it not been for my helmet, I would have been killed," he says today. He suffered internal injuries and a broken foot. Almstrom underwent intensive therapy. The foot healed. He picked up the pieces of what had been a very promising career and resumed playing tennis. He travelled to Minneapolis in 1978 and enrolled at the University.

"I couldn't believe how nice it was. The people were friendly. The city was clean. I liked everything about the University. The faculty and other students made me feel welcome. But it was with Coach Noyce and the tennis team where I really found my home away from home."

During his first year as a tennis Gopher, the team finished third in the Big Ten. The following year they moved to second place, and Almstrom was both the singles and doubles champion. His junior year the Gophers won the Big Ten title, and Almstrom was named to the All-Big Ten team. He again won both the singles and doubles crowns. In 1982, Almstrom's senior year, the Gophers finished second in the conference. He was again named to the All-Big Ten team and

was an NCAA qualifier in singles play. He was ranked number 32 among all American collegiate players. Almstrom lists his 6-4, 6-4 win over Michigan star Michael Leach that year as "perhaps the biggest win" of his college career. Leach went on to win the NCAA singles championship.

During the middle of that year Almstrom met fellow University student Elizabeth Cichy from Fargo, North Dakota. They began to "do some serious dating," he says, only to



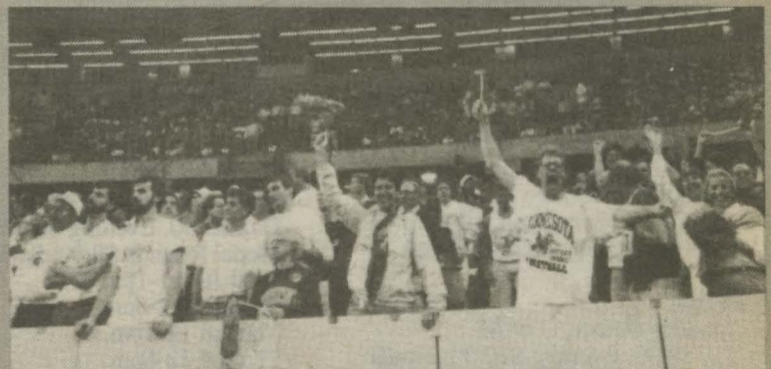
Left: Hokan Almstrom, 1982  
Above: Hokan Almstrom, 1990

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## Champions On And Off The Court



Gopher hoopsters enjoying their free time during the NCAA tournament.



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*Aches & Pains*

By Robert Hunter, M.D. Director  
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**Q** I am a sophomore on my high school basketball team. I am in pretty good shape and I believe am well coordinated. I am 5' 11" and weigh 164 pounds. Is there anything I can do to jump higher? I was once told that my hamstring muscles were very tight. Could this be a factor in keeping me from getting good lift?

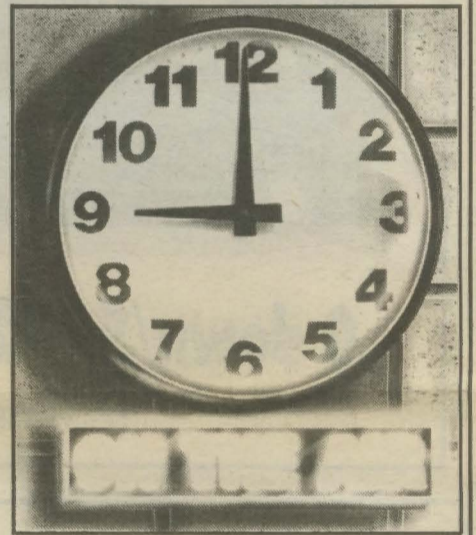
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**A** The muscles primarily responsible for height with jumping are the quadriceps muscle (or the thigh muscle) and the buttock musculature. Hamstrings are vitally important as a balancing muscle for the quadriceps but are not

principally active in generating the power for jumping itself. If you are concerned about your vertical jump and want to improve it, then the muscle groups that you should concentrate on would be the quadriceps muscles, or the muscles in front of your thigh, and your buttock musculature. This can be best done by exercises that simulate or replicate jumping. Further, jumping is a very explosive undertaking, and therefore, exercises should be done at high velocity to again replicate the jumping mechanism as carefully and as closely as possible.

I would recommend a program that works to develop basic muscle strength and endurance by working on a weight program in

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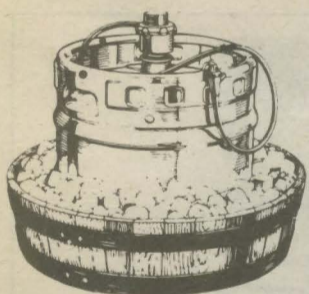
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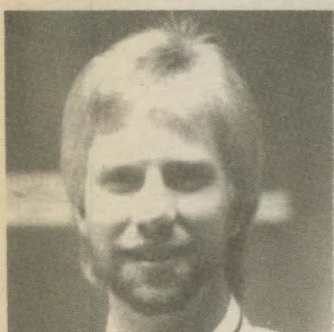
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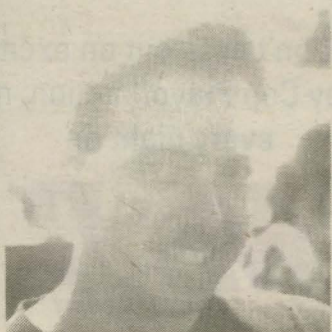
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**Joe O'Connor,**  
Bloomington  
"Had to be beating Syracuse. They had to play their best game that night and they did."



**Russ Payne,**  
North St. Paul  
"Being at Jose's watching the Syracuse game. As the time ran out and we knew the Gophers were going to win, the place just went crazy."



**Steve Foster,**  
Vadnais Heights  
"Definitely the Syracuse game. I mean they played great all year, but the emotion connected with that game was incredible."



**Pete Mueller,**  
St. Paul  
"Making it to the final eight!"



**Jeanie Mueller,**  
St. Paul  
"It was fun seeing Kevin Lynch perform so well. His dad is from St. Cloud and Kevin went to Bloomington. It was just nice to see a Minnesota kid do so well."



**Nancy Foster,**  
Minneapolis  
"Seeing the seniors that last home game against Michigan State."

the gym combined with exercise biking, Stairmaster, and/or rowing machine, working on your lower extremities. I would then combine that with exercises that are more ballistic in nature, such as rope jumping, interval sprints, and actual jumping drills, such as a rebounding drill. I would caution that efforts to maximize quadriceps strength at times run into difficulty with quadriceps and patellar tendinitis because the tendon becomes overloaded as one works to strengthen the muscle. Therefore, very careful attention should be paid to any pain in the front of the knee or in the area of the kneecap which is an important signal to reduce the intensity of the workout. I

would also recommend a day-on, day-off exercise program to allow the quadriceps and leg muscles to recover before subjecting them again to an intense workout program.

If you have sports medicine related questions, please send them to:

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have their budding romance interrupted because Almstrom's student visa expired and he was forced to return to Stockholm.

For the next one and a half years he worked for a commercial bank in Stockholm. "Elizabeth and I kept in close touch during that time," he says, and when he returned to America in late summer of 1983, they were married in Fargo, and then returned to Stockholm, where Hokan worked in a bank and Elizabeth attended college.

In the fall of 1984 they returned to Minnesota. Hokan was hired by Honeywell as a project administrator in corporate computer management. In January, 1986, he became a financial planner for IDS Finance Services.

In September, 1988, he joined the Minnetonka-based Cartier Agency, a property, casualty, and financial service agency concentrating primarily in the areas of corporate risk management and employee benefit programs.

Looking back, Hokan says it was fate that he wound up in Minnesota, and he has never regretted it. "I've enjoyed all the people I've met and will always be grateful for the support I was given. Because of the tennis program I was

able to settle into a new community, meet new friends which have been lasting, and get married to my best friend, Elizabeth. In addition, I became a part of a great family - the Cichys. All of this would never have been possible without the University of Minnesota and Coach Noyce. And I can't say enough about the support system like the "M" Club and the Baseline Club (the tennis booster club). I'm very lucky. I received a top quality education, and am doing well in the business world. Putting it all together and looking back, I was made to feel at home when I touched foot on University soil, and it was extended when I finished at the University. I'm satisfied with my life to this point. I'm in a position now to give something back to the University."

Almstrom, a member of the "M" Club Board for the past five years, is still considered the main recruiter of Swedish tennis players. It was because of his efforts that Stephan Ericksson, Jonas Svensson, Fredrik Pahlett, and Mathias Olsson played Gopher tennis. Almstrom and the other Swedish athletes have all been credited with bringing the Gopher program to national prominence.

The Almstroms live in Hopkins and are the parents of a son, Niklas, born on March 9 of this year.

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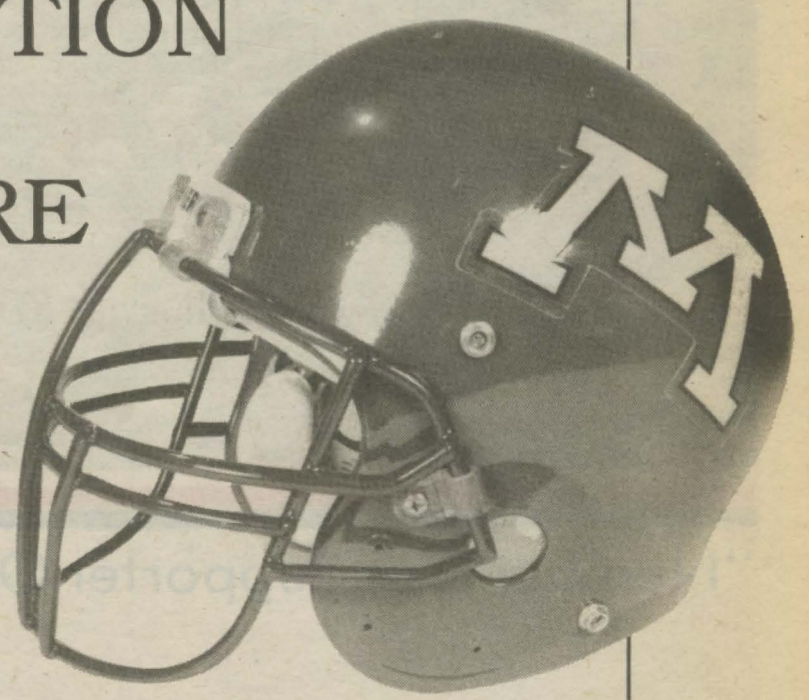
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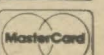
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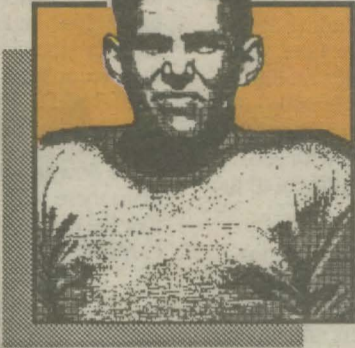
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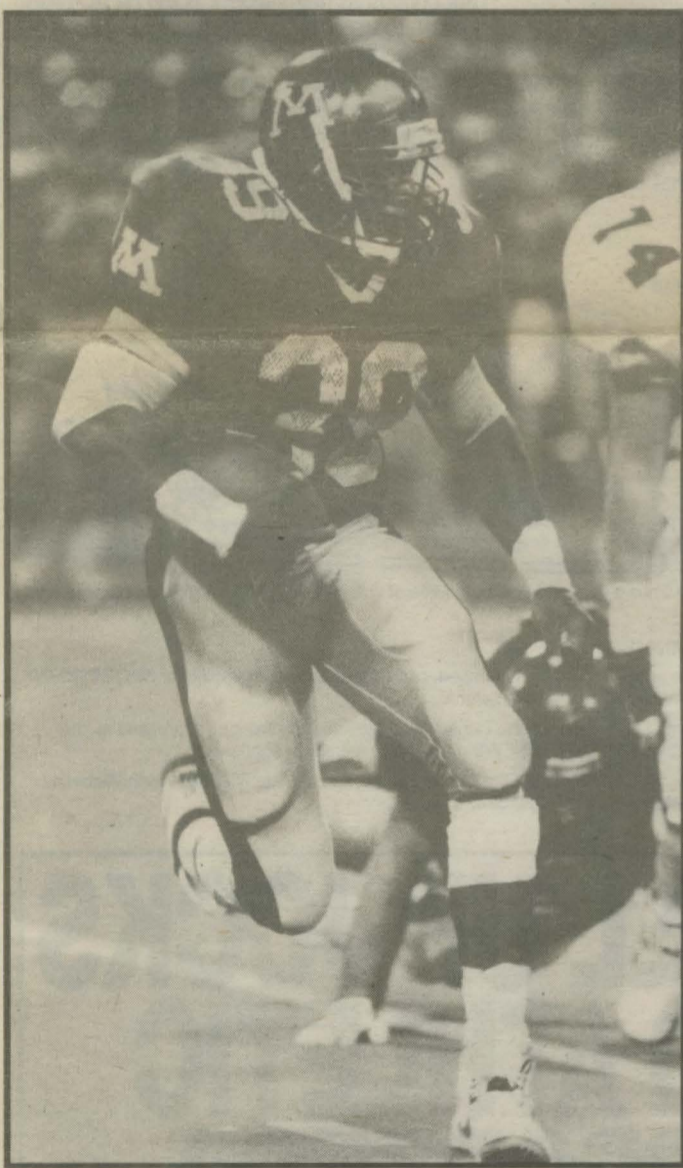
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By Len Levine  
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## Five Gopher Gridders Go Pro



By Steve Peckham

For those of us who are football fanatics, sitting down in front of the TV to watch the NFL draft last month wasn't all that stressful.

OK, so it can be a little frustrating. It's amazing how some teams can spend tens of thousands of dollars all year long scouting "blue-chippers" from coast to coast and then when it comes to draft day, they close their eyes and pick a number. That player instantly earns the title: "The best available athlete at the time."

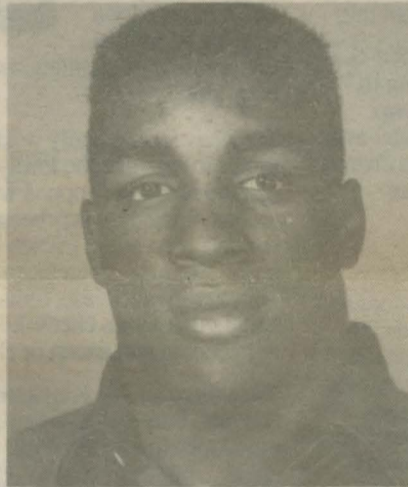
For the most part, though, we were able to relax.

Such was not the case for several University of Minnesota senior football players. Their future was on the line. Their childhood dream of playing in the NFL was at stake.

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Here's a look back at the Gophers' draft day:

Darrell, Darrell, Darrell. How could this happen? Of all the places to end up. Out of 28 teams . . . Say it ain't so, Darrell. Say it ain't so.



A Packer?

Jon Melander probably wasn't as nervous about the draft as some of his teammates. Melander has been through too much to let a little thing like "D-day" get to him.

When Jon was a sophomore at Fridley High School, his father developed pancreatic cancer. After extensive surgery, the family was told he had six months to two years to live.

Four years later, Jon's mother learned that her heart had

By some freak of nature, Minnesota's Darrell Thompson was drafted by the Green Bay Packers. The tragedy occurred late in the afternoon, Sunday, April 22nd. With their 19th pick in the very first round, the Pack swallowed up the most exciting runner the Gophers have had in many, many years.

However painful it may be, except on those two very special Sundays next fall when the Green and Gold meet the Purple and White, we'll be pulling for you, Darrell.

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## Missed It By That Much



Gopher Mike Graham, made things close with a near perfect performance.

In case you haven't heard, the Gopher Men's Gymnastics Team came ever so close to taking home their first NCAA championship last month. Nebraska edged the Gopher upstarts by the slimmest of margins. You can catch all the

drama and excitement of the closest gymnastics championship in NCAA history in May on your local CBS affiliate. If you didn't make it to Williams Arena to see it live, don't miss it again.

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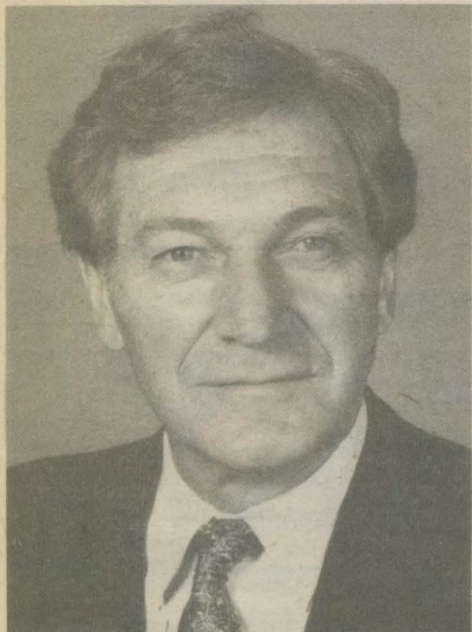
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## Track Notes



Roy Griak, Head Track & Field Coach

Head Track & Field Coach Roy Griak heads into the Big Ten outdoor season with a solid group of returning letterwinners and a healthy dose of optimism.

"We have some outstanding people returning and on top of that, we feel we've had our best recruiting year ever," said Griak. "We're very optimistic about the upcoming season."

Griak has seen steady improvement from his team this year and the 27 year veteran has even had a few surprises.

Freshman high jumper Chris Murrell, after being named Big Ten Track & Field Athlete-of-the-Month for March has continued to shine. The rookie had an amazing 7'2" jump last month at a triangular meet held in Iowa City. Recognized as one of the finest prep jumpers in the country a year ago when he won the Nebraska state high school crown for Grand Island with a state record jump of 7'1 1/4", Murrell is well on his way to making Gopher history.

Watch for more insights from Coach Griak in the next issue of SPORTSNEWS.

## After the Game

By Gary Hiebert (OliverTowne)



There's another place just off campus on the West Bank where the future Yuppies like to go to get away from the dormitory cooking.

This one is sneaky, tucked away at 1501 S. Sixth Street, which won't mean a thing to you. Better to say it's on the corner, two blocks south of the Mixed Blood theater and one block west of Cedar Avenue, in a charming, turreted brownstone late Victorian building.

The name is KNICKERBOCKER'S.

It is a smidgin like Grandma's, only more laid back, smaller and like a neighborhood club. Except on "game" days of nights when fans pack into the place and eat elbow to elbow or booth to booth and table to table. I mean when there is no big event going on anywhere near, when you walk in as strangers, everybody turns to look, appraise and then heads swivel back towards the drinks on the bar in front of them.

You get the impression they'd rather keep the place a secret.

Kinckerbocker's, it is claimed, introduced Buffalo wings to Minnesota some years ago. This may well be so.

They are mild, hot and nuclear, with blue cheese dressing to soothe the palate. I always order the nuclear, followed by two glasses of ice water.

If you want to eat with the gang in the barroom, opt for a table or booth there. Otherwise try the dining room in back with a mezzanine.

They have some really wild and wonderful things to eat—like the Philly cheesesteak (grilled roast beef topped with mushrooms, onions, melted Swiss cheese and green pepper rings served on French loaf). And the grilled veggie—(open faced veggie sandwich with seasoned cheese, tomato, sprouts, onion and melted Swiss cheese). Potato skins come with cheese and bacon or cheese and chili.

Then there are the Kinckerburgers, a sort of "all out" burger with many things and the mundane New York strip.

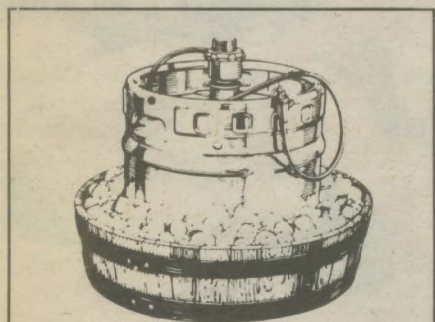
But we didn't eat any of those. We ordered the broiled whitefish that came with veggies and potatoes and a better than average clam chowder.

Almost as good as the item I recall from Grandma's in Duluth.

If you order the nuclear Buffalo wings and are driving, just lean out the front window and blow back and the car will propel itself.

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## Woog Signs Eight Minnesota Prep Hockey Players



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Minnesota's high school hockey program continues to feed the the University with a wealth of talent. Coach Woog announced the signings of eight Minnesota signees recently. Highlighting the list is Edina star Tom Nevers. The 6-1, 185 pounder was a fifth round pick of the Pittsburgh Penguins. Nevers, who will also play baseball for the Gophers' John Anderson, is expected to go high in the major league baseball amateur draft this summer.

The remaining signees include:  
Scott Bell, Forward, 5'10", 170 lbs. (Inver Grove Heights)  
Joe Dziedzic, Forward, 6'4", 212 lbs. (Minneapolis Edison)  
Craig Johnson, Forward, 6'2", 205 lbs. (St. Paul Hill-Murray)  
Chris McAlphine, Defense, 6'0", 175 lbs. (Roseville)  
Mike Mueller, Defense, 6'2", 205 lbs. (Wayzata)  
Jeff Nielsen, Forward, 6'0", 175 lbs. (Grand Rapids)  
Todd Westlund, Forward, 6'1", 180 lbs. (Burnsville)

## Letters

### ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SAYS KEEP SPORTS ON CAMPUS

During its March 8 national board of directors meeting, the Minnesota Alumni Association unanimously approved a resolution urging the University of Minnesota to keep its sports facilities on campus. Since we come from an organization that represents more than 300,000 alumni, including no small number of Golden Gopher fans, you might assume our position hinges on the Maroon and Gold, and on time-honored traditions. If so, you'll be surprised to learn the resolution has much more to do with economics, academics and a commitment to the University's mission.

Moving two sports off campus would not eliminate the need to finance and build on-campus facilities for women's athletics, non-revenue sports, intramural sports and physical education classes. Moving two revenue-producing sports would upset the balance between men's revenue and non-revenue sports and add another, non-university dimension to the control of those revenues.

Moving would also force student athletes to spend more time and effort shuttling to and from practices and games, diverting attention from academics. On-campus facilities are also important to keep a sense of community for all students, which is all the more important for students on a large, urban campus.

The MAA applauds the University for conducting the debate over athletic facilities in a public manner, allowing full consideration of options and opinions. Athletics are an integral part of the community that is the University of Minnesota. We only hope the University sees fit to keep it that way.

Steve Goldstein  
Minneapolis

(Ed. note: The writer is national president of the Minnesota Alumni Association).



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### GYMNASTICS TEAM from page 1

The .10 difference between first and second place is the closest margin in NCAA history. The Gophers' score of 287.30 is also the highest runner-up score the NCAA has ever recorded. It marks the third time in U of M history that the men's gymnastics program has brought home second place honors.

John Roethlisberger, Jay Caputo and Mike

### LEAVE GOPHERS ON CAMPUS

All this talk about playing in the Civic Center is absurd. I attended a WCHA tournament game there and the place is terrible. The Gopher Hockey team can't even win there—their record is 3-5 in total games in the Civic Center and 0-4 for the four tournaments they've played there.

If the downtown business interests want a team there why don't they back a new team like the old St. Paul Saints? Leave the Gophers on campus where they belong.

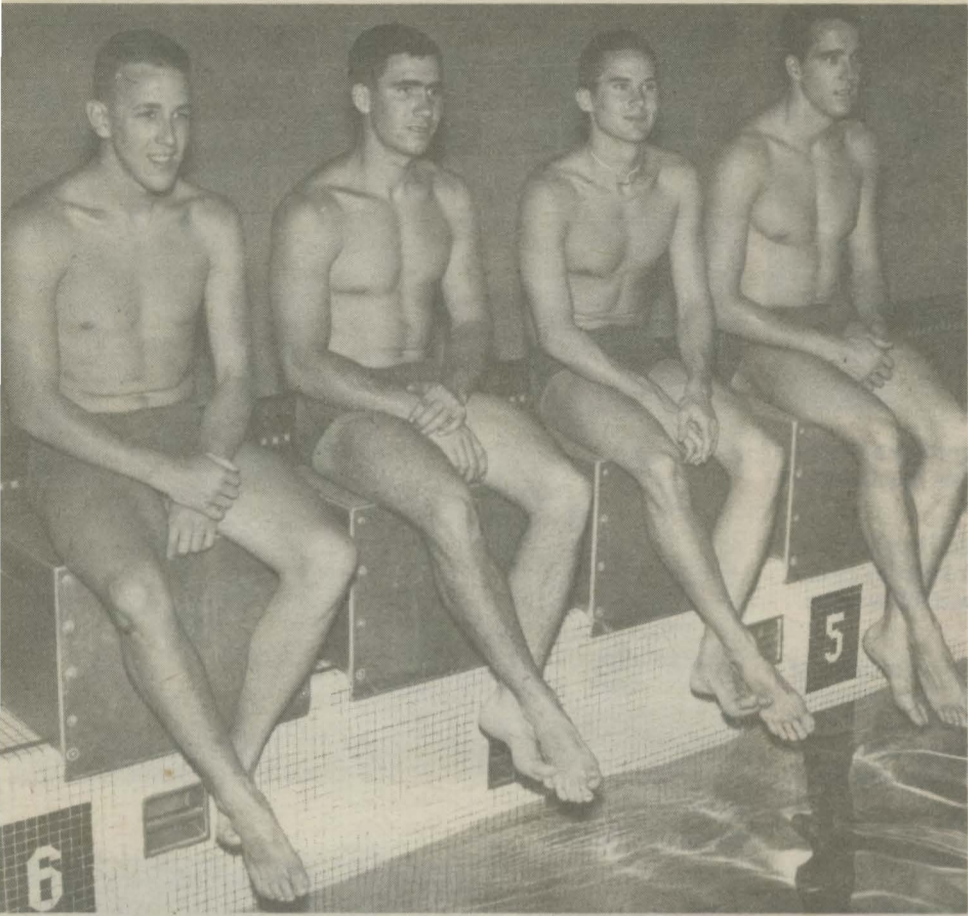
Bradley Davis  
Roseville

### PLAYOFF NEEDED FOR FOOTBALL

After watching the NCAA basketball tournament and the way a true champion is selected, I feel that college football should be patterned after basketball. If there would have been a football playoff, the Miami-Notre Dame situation could have been avoided. Instead a vote was needed. What if sportswriters would have voted for all the favorites in the NCAA basketball tournament? Where would Minnesota have finished? I'm sure the results would have been different. Although these playoffs could not contain as many teams as the NCAA basketball tournament, the national champion would become so by beating other top rated teams instead of having their victory handed to them by a vote. The NCAA basketball tournament is the best sports action in the country. Other sports could take lessons from it.

Tony Goldman  
Minneapolis

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1963 University of Minnesota record-breaking 400 Yard Medley Relay Team - Left to Right: Alfred (Bud) Ericksen, Virgil Luken, Wally Richardson, Steve Jackman.

## Where Are They Now? A Swimmer's Legacy

By Len Levine

When Alfred Ericksen was growing up in St. Paul in the 1920's, he had one dream: to become a competitive swimmer. He swam every chance he had. There were few indoor pools in those days, so Ericksen did most of his swimming during the summer months in Lake Josephine in the Roseville area.

As a student at University High School in Minneapolis, Ericksen was recognized as an expert breast stroker. It appeared that his dream was to be fulfilled, and he enrolled at the University of Minnesota and swam competitively for Coach Neils Thorpe in the Cooke Hall Pool.

When the Great Depression hit in 1929, Ericksen dropped out of school and began working in his family's small construction firm to help support the rest of the family, and never returned to the University. In 1933 he and Olive Hoban, a St. Paul Johnson High School graduate, were married. Soon they began to raise a family. First was a daughter named Maribelle; then a son, Alfred, Jr., known as Bud; and finally, another son, Jerry.

The elder Ericksen's dream would yet be fulfilled — only this time it would be through his sons.

Both Bud and Jerry were high school swimming greats. Both went on to star for the University of Minnesota swimming team. Jerry was captain of the team in 1967.

downtown St. Paul where he practiced twice a week. There were no high school swimming coaches then, he says, "but I had the best coach of all, my father."

Bud was elected captain of his St. Paul Central High School team, and he ran the practices.

In 1960 as a University of Minnesota freshman, he worked out daily with the varsity, but could not compete in varsity competition because of the freshman ineligibility rule of that time.

His competition came from swimming in "telegraph meets" (times were wired to other schools and then compared to determine winners).

For Ericksen's first two years as a Gopher swimmer, his coach was Bill Heusner. Bob Nowerson was his coach the last two years.

Ericksen's sophomore year, the Gophers placed third in the Big Ten and fourth in the NCAA. Ericksen and his all-sophomore medley relay team (Ericksen, Virgil Luken, John Bergman, and Ralph Allen) placed fourth in the NCAA championship. Ericksen became an All-American as part of that relay team.

As a junior, his medley relay team (Ericksen, Virgil Luken, Wally Richardson, and Steve Jackman) won the Big Ten and NCAA titles, establishing new University and American records. The Gophers as a team finished third in both the Big Ten and the NCAA that year, their highest national finish in modern times. Again Ericksen was an All-American.

As a senior, he was elected captain. The Gophers finished second in the Big Ten and third in the NCAA. Ericksen finished in the top six in the 100 and 200-yard backstroke events in the Big Ten Championship. Once again he was named an All-American — this time in the 100-yard backstroke and in the medley relay (Ericksen, Virgil Luken, Wally Richardson, and Mike Stauffer).

In 1965 Ericksen graduated with a degree in civil engineering. For the next 17 years he worked for Ellerbe Architects as a structural engineer. He developed quite a national reputation at Ellerbe as he led the design teams for the Rupp Arena in Lexington, Kentucky, and the reconstruction of the Hartford Coliseum in Hartford, Connecticut.

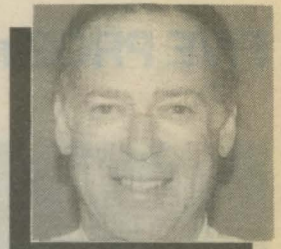
For the past five years Ericksen has been a partner in Ericksen, Roed and Associates, a structural engineering firm, and has already distinguished himself as the lead structural engineer for the 34-story AT & T Tower and the Timberwolves Arena, both under construction in downtown Minneapolis. His firm will soon begin work on the Utah Jazz Arena in Salt Lake City.

Since graduation from the University, Ericksen has coached competitive swimming at the AAU level, and from 1975-1981 was the head swimming coach at the University. He is credited with bringing the Gophers from last place in the conference to fourth, and a 17th place ranking nationally.

Ericksen and his wife, Sharon, also a Richfield native, who works at Richfield High School as an assistant to the school administrator, are the parents of two children: daughter, Dana, a junior at Richfield High School, and son, Brent, a 6th grader at Richfield Intermediate School.

Although Alfred Ericksen, Sr. was not able to achieve his dream, he left a legacy which lives on today. Not only did his sons succeed where their father was unable to, his granddaughter, Dana, finished sixth in this year's 200-yard girls' medley relay swimming championship. She also placed third in the girls' high school golf championship last spring. Grandson Brent is also actively involved in both the Richfield community baseball and hockey programs.

Bud Ericksen is a credit to the University of Minnesota and his community. In addition to his interest in sports, he's also been involved in a wide range of civic and community affairs, such as the Minnesota Engineering Society, Richfield's House of Prayer Lutheran Church, the Richfield Hockey Association (he's president this year), and the University of Minnesota's "M" Club Board of Directors, where he will become the president this July succeeding Carl Eller.



Bud Ericksen, 1990.

I had a nice talk with Bud the other day. He looked back. With nostalgia he told me how he began swimming at the age of 12 and developed into a highly-regarded competitive swimmer. He told me how his parents, both now deceased, never pushed him into swimming but were always strong supporters, making sure he got to practice. He says they always watched him swim in competition.

It wasn't easy to be a swimmer in those days. Just as Bud's father had difficulty swimming indoors, so did Bud. It was either go to the Midway Y.M.C.A. or the Wilder Bath House Pool (a less than regulation size pool) near

The SPORTSNEWS staff congratulates Rick Thorson of Minneapolis, our latest trivia winner! The Q's and A's were:

1. Who is the youngest head baseball coach in the Big Ten? Answer: John Anderson
2. Who did the Gophers beat to reach the final eight teams in this year's NCAA Basketball Tournament? Answer: Syracuse
3. Name one new freshman the Gophers will have on their basketball squad next year. Answer: Chad Kolander

1. This five-time All-American track star was the 1971 NCAA six mile champion and a member of the 1976 U.S. Olympic Team. Who was he?
2. Also a five-time All-American, this man was the 1986 NCAA Indoor Shot Put Champion. Who was he?
3. Where did Head Track Coach Roy Griak go to college?

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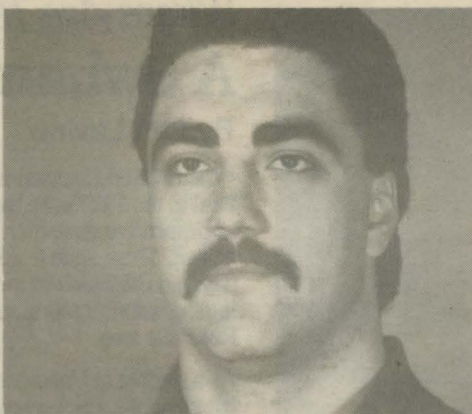
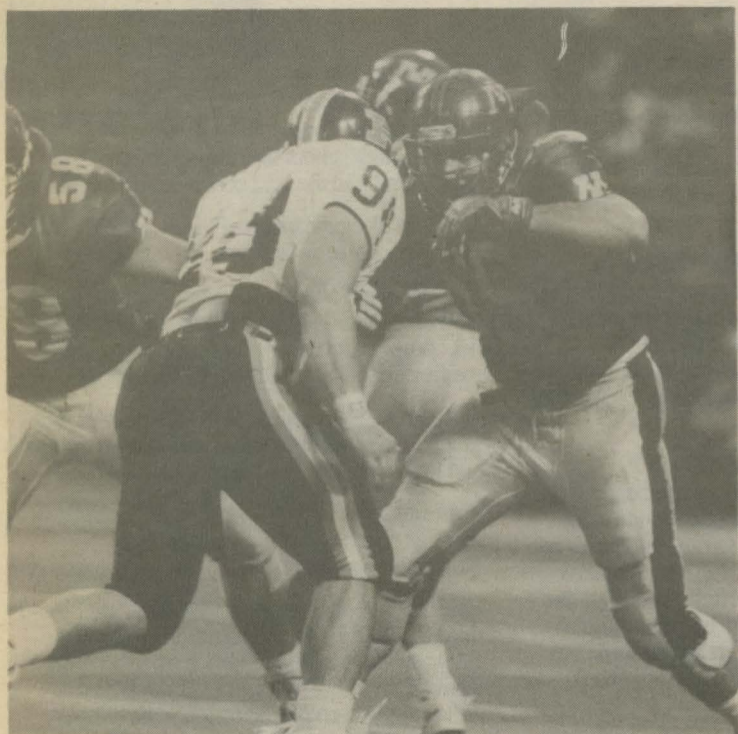
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*JON MELANDER,  
New England Patriots*



been enlarged and weakened by a strange virus. The family waited six months before she received a transplant.

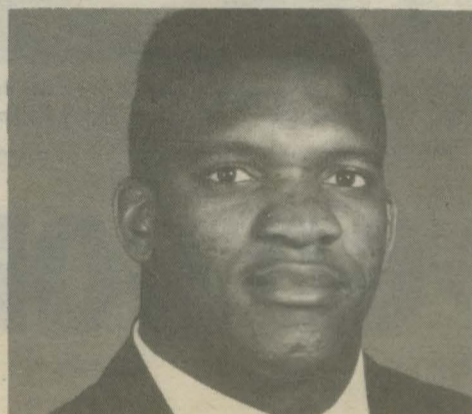
Between the two events Jon had his own health problems. A major knee injury that required reconstruction was followed by painful foot problems.

Jon endured it all and is now a member of the New England Patriots. They selected him in the fifth round. By the way, Keith and Emily Melander, Jon's parents, watched the draft and are doing just fine, thank you.

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*EDDIE MILES,  
Pittsburgh Steelers*



I suppose every college team has that one guy who has so much spirit and determination that the coach can't help but find a place on the roster for him.

Eddie Miles was the one for the Gophers. After being recruited out of high school as a quarterback, Miles was moved to defensive back and eventually to defensive end.

The Pittsburgh Steelers took him in the tenth round and now want him to be a linebacker. Mile's grew up in a nasty part of Miami, withstood the ridicule of being one of the first proposition 48 players not eligible to play his freshman season, and lost his father last year. If spirit and determination make up a solid back-up linebacker, the Steelers may have themselves a steal.

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No one ever really worried about Jon Leverenz. After all, he's pre-med. His future is taken care of. If the NFL doesn't work out, he can start his own practice and become a wealthy U of M alum.

Jon Leverenz deserves more than that, however. "Lev-dog" went through major knee problems throughout his career at Minnesota.



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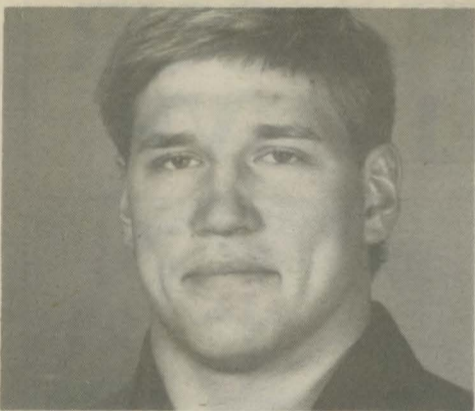
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**JON LEVERENZ,**  
Washington Redskins

around. Hearing the thunderous crowd in the imaginary bleachers as you picked up a fumble and ran into the end zone, diving head first in the mud just for the love of the game.

Leverenz still loves the game that much. He deserves a chance to become the All-Pro Gopher fans have seen glimpses of over the past five years. He certainly deserved to be drafted higher than the 11th round. That's where he went, though. To the Washington Redskins.

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Finally, the home favorite. Ron Goetz. The Waconia native had to wait until the 12th round to be taken, but Minnesota fans



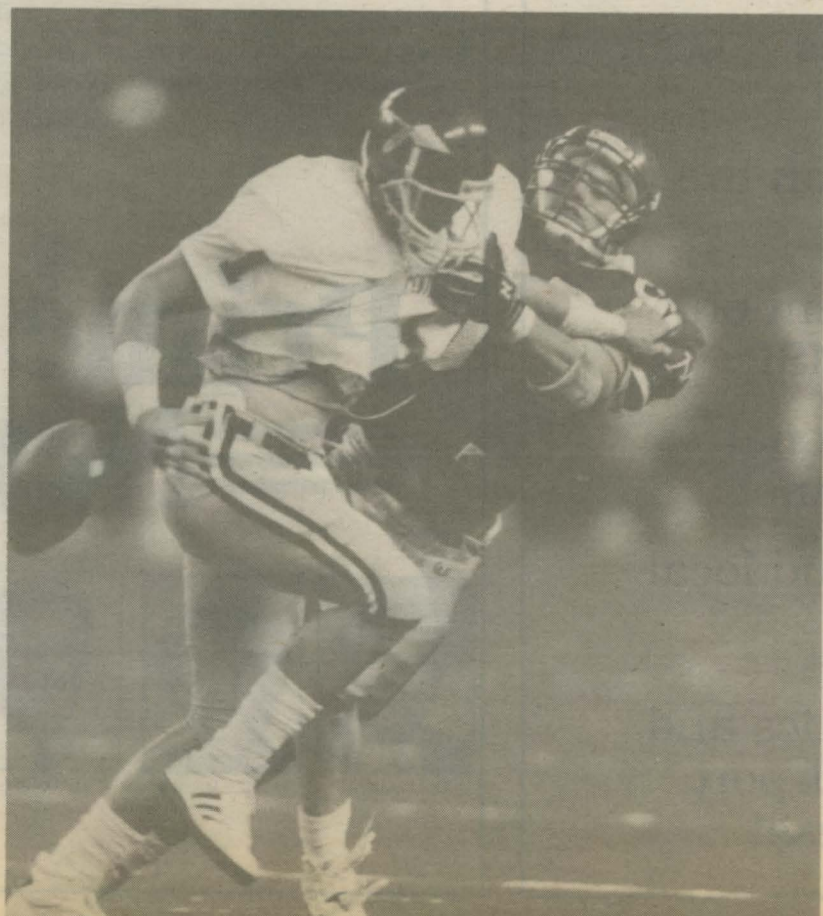
**RON GOETZ,**  
Minnesota Vikings

couldn't be happier that he was still available. Goetz is a Viking now.

And he'll be starting a different kind of school in August. The lessons will be taught outside in 90 degree heat twice a day for two, three, maybe three and one-half hours at a time. The teachers will be nice "gentle" men like Floyd Peters and Scott Studwell.

But for the time being all five Gophers can relax. They can sit back and remember the great plays they made as Gophers and keep dreaming about the unforgettable plays they'll make as pros. Come to think of it, so can we.

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## Remember When Wally Johnson Honed Champions

By Don Riley



I always said behind Wally Johnson's big grin and Norwegian jokes and hearty hand-shake was a guy who could break you in half.

Give me a pal with whom to walk through Central Park after dark and I'd want Johnson.

There's just something about the jeb of Wally's jaw. Or maybe it's the way he can peer at you with those eyes which seem to know which set of underwear you're wearing this moment. Or maybe it's the way those wide shoulders and elbows take up a place at the dinner table. All man. Unafraid. The kind of guy who'd volunteer to sneak into Fort Apache at midnight.



Wally Johnson

"I'm no tough guy," the affable Johnson explains. "But I do admire most the wrestlers and the boxers I've known at Minnesota. I like their hearts. Their stamina. I like how they'll work for hours to lose a pound or

starve themselves to make the limit. And I honestly think the great wrestlers and boxers have an intestinal fortitude that rises above most athletes."

Wally should know. He was a 175 pound lineman for Bernie Bierman. That's before coming back to Gopherville to develop one of the most powerful and consistent wrestling programs in the land.

In over 30 years in coaching Wally turned out two Big Ten team champions, ten individual national titlists and 40 Big Ten champions. He taught the Maroon and Gold hammerlockers what it meant to carry school pride and campus spirit onto the mat.

"And I learned from the kids as much as they learned from me," the still humble and happily retired Johnson points out.

"For instance, Dick Mueller was a 130 pounder who disciplined himself so brilliantly that he actually wrestled anywhere from 121 to 137 pounds and he became a national champion. What a tiger. In fact, we all called Dick "Tiger"—even his little daughter. But I learned just how dedicated a man can be from Dick.

"And Dale Hanson became my first national champion and what a pupil he was! He improved every day. You could just see it. Easiest man to coach I ever saw. He could make anyone a great coach.

"These fellows possessed aggressiveness and intelligence and enough ferocity in what may be the toughest man-to-man sport of them all. When you consider the battles they have with weight, discipline and the bevy of great collegiate opposition around, you have to love them."

You have to love Johnson, too. This guy wears the Maroon and Gold spirit on his cuffs.



Johnson was a 175 pound lineman for Bernie Bierman.

"Minnesota was great to me. I got hurt and couldn't help much in football. But I wrestled enough to finish third in the Big Ten one year. And I fought on the school's boxing team—like a club sport—and became a pretty good rough-tough middleweight."

You see, I knew Johnson could handle himself in all kinds of shadowy company if you needed an escort.

"I particularly remember Bobby Marshall. He was a great all-around athlete I definitely could NOT beat with the gloves. But I had fun battling a pretty good heavyweight named Tom Partridge in amateur circles. He was a Golden Glove champ and I always spotted him some weight and inches. But I think I did pretty well."

But what Wally remembers and respects most about his University association is what it meant when he joined the service in World War II.

"It was officers like Bierman and Moon Mullins from Notre Dame and later Babe LeVoir, the great Gopher quarterback, who helped me in the service because they respected sports and Minnesota."

Through their recommendations, Wally became officer material and recalls that "The service taught me how important discipline and conditioning were."

And that's what he imparted to his Gopher charges. It has been said that none of Wally's teams were ever out-conditioned. And no athletes in Gopherville ever taught themselves more self-discipline.

Wally coached on staffs at South Dakota State and Luther College in Iowa as well as assisting U of M mat coach Dave Barthelma before taking over the head duties on the Gopher mats.

"I had my rumbles on the mat, but actually the only time I really got hurt was when I sprained my ankle blocking Orville Freeman in a Gopher football scrimmage," Johnson recalls. Freeman, who went on to become state governor, was one tough cookie on the grid.

"I always loved wrestling and boxing most," Wally says candidly. "Any size athlete can find a spot. I thought it was a shame when the colleges had to drop NCAA boxing, but then maybe some of them were attracting the wrong kind of individuals. But I knew Minnesota ran a great, clean program,

"Even the few amateur bouts I had like boxing at the Athletic Club for smokers taught

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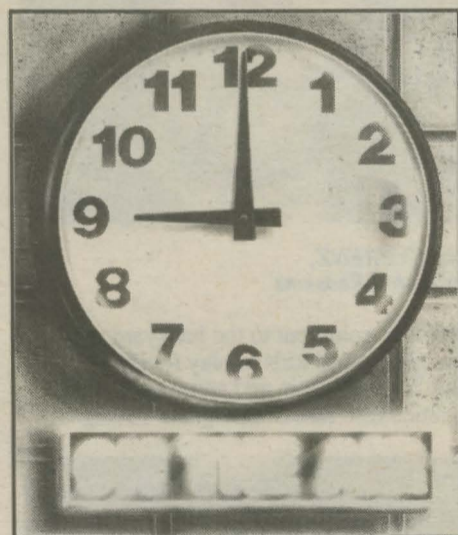


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## Aches & Pains

By Robert Hunter, M.D. Director  
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The arthroscope can be used by either viewing down the instrument itself using the naked eye or more commonly, by attaching a two to three ounce color camera to the end of the arthroscope which allows the image to be transferred to a television monitor for viewing.

The initial joint of interest was the knee because of its common injury tendency and because it was a fairly large joint and easily accessed. However, since then, arthroscopy has been done extensively in the shoulder, in the elbow, in the ankle and to a lesser extent, the wrist and hip.

There is a dark side to arthroscopy that must be kept in mind. It is limited to the problems that present themselves within the joint or within a body space and thus can not be effectively used for most tendon and fracture problems and many of the more severe injuries to joints.

The arthroscope can not in any way remove or improve arthritis or general wear and tear within a joint. Arthroscopy and arthroscopic surgery is very technically demanding. It requires a great deal of training and experience before it can be done well and consistently. Arthroscopic surgery requires post-operative healing and rehabilitation. Finally, like any surgery, arthroscopy carries with it inherent risks including infection, nerve damage, muscle damage as well as complications associated with anesthesia.

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**Q** I injured my knee in football last fall when I made a sharp cutting motion to my right. I couldn't get up and was helped from the field. I was in terrific pain. My doctor said I could play next season if I underwent arthroscopic surgery. I read about this surgery and heard about many athletes who have undergone this kind of treatment. Could you explain in some detail what arthroscopy is and where it should be used. Also—what's the downside to this kind of surgery?

H.E.  
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**A** The arthroscope is about one half the diameter of a pencil. It measures approximately nine inches in length and consists of fiber optic bundles and glass lenses. The arthroscope can be inserted into a joint through an incision measuring approximately one eighth of an inch. The fiber optic bundles allow for high intensity light to be transmitted down the bundles and into the joint.

### JOHNSON from page 6

me the value of learning to keep your hands up and think straight when you're in the ring. There are tremendous lessons to be learned from head to head combat. I never miss a Gopher wrestling match if I'm in town. These guys are terrific the way they give of themselves.

"Something else. On the mat or in the ring, you learn there is always tomorrow. And you find out there's always a style or opponent you can't handle. These sports really prepare you for life."

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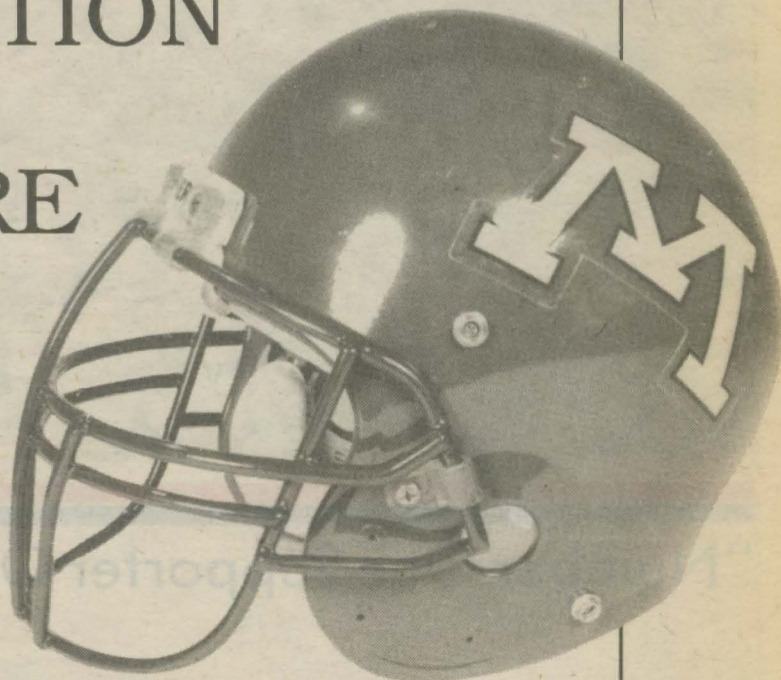
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## The World's Oldest Gopher



Dr. Howard Leahy

By Len Levine

When the Gopher football team takes the field in the season opener September 8th against Utah, Dr. Howard Leahy, the oldest living Gopher letterman, is planning to be there. For Leahy, 88, it will be the 398th game he has attended. He's only missed one game since 1920.

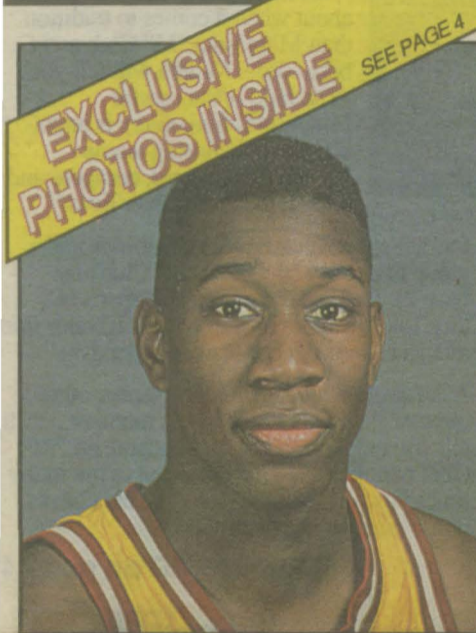
In addition to his record breaking football game attendance, Leahy also boasts with understandable pride about attending every "M" Club dinner (where first year letter winners are inducted into the "M" Club) since its beginning in 1927. He's planning to attend this year's event in the Radisson University Hotel on May 30th.

Leahy practiced dentistry in St. Paul for 55 years before retiring in 1981. He was a Gopher wrestler in the 127 pound featherweight class and lettered in 1922, '23 and '24. He captained the '24 team to a second place finish in the Big Ten. Leahy was quite an athlete. He was never pinned and never put on his back in 24 varsity matches.

Leahy's interest in the University began when his older brother took him to a football game in 1916 at old Northrup Field when the Gophers defeated Iowa 67-0. Leahy was there during all those exciting games of the 1920s and '30s. He watched the Gophers as they won three consecutive National Championships and remembers the "great upset" of Red Grange, the Galloping Ghost and his Illinois team, 20-7 in 1924. He can recite with vivid detail Gopher wins and losses over all those many years. Just as he was there during those "great" games he says he never booed or walked out early in those "disasters" of the 1980s such as the 47-0 loss to Ohio State and the drubbing by Nebraska, 84-14.

Talk to Doc Leahy today. He's a person with a vibrant personality, a sharp memory whose blood must be maroon and gold. He loves talking about Gopher sports and doesn't hesitate to say how he feels about the University.

"I love the University of Minnesota. It's meant a lot to me. My wife, Verna and I, used to go to my fraternity parties (Delta Sigma Delta) and I've been an avid follower of all Gopher sports. You know, I was only 5'5" tall when I was at the U but when I got my first letter I suddenly became ten feet tall. Honest to God, getting that letter meant the world to me. It gave me confidence. It changed my whole life."



**EXCLUSIVE PHOTOS INSIDE** SEE PAGE 4

# Pro Scouts Eye Burton

John Gabriel, head scout for the Orlando Magic, had projected Burton as a second round pick in the upcoming NBA draft before the camp. However, after the Classic, NBA scouts were unanimous that he could now be a lottery selection (top 11 picks in the draft).

Stu Inman, player personnel director for the Miami Heat said, "He helped himself more than anyone here. He came with some questions next to his name. Now I don't know if there is a serious downside about him. He's a lottery pick now."

NBA's scouting director Marty Blake said "Burton is a prospect. He showed everybody he could play big guard. He's probably going in the top 5 or 7 picks. LaSalle's Lionel Simmons and he are probably 1-2 now at small forward."

Timberwolves scout John Hammond said "The most impressive and surprising aspect of Willie's performance is that he played a different position. He's done a great job at

that. Watching him play in the Minnesota system, you didn't know that he could handle the ball as well as he can. You knew that he could shoot it, but some of the things that he can do have really impressed us. I don't think that there is any doubt that he has helped his stock. He is still getting some rebounds, posting players up, handling the ball and shooting from the perimeter."

Burton's confidence grew throughout the first week. He said after the final practice, "I think right now I have to work on my ballhandling, my decision making and helping the big guys out. I'm really trying to learn how to work with the big men, since I've never really had big men to work within college. I've had to learn to know where, when and how to get them the ball."

"I've been doing very well at the guard position; concentrating and controlling the ball, making good decisions. I knew I could do it, because I watched and learned for four years."

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Willie Burton  
by Chris Monter  
Orlando, Fla.

Willie Burton said before the Orlando Classic, a camp where 36 of the top college senior basketball players display their skills in front of 150 NBA scouts, "A camp like this won't hurt you. Wherever you are, you'll be there. They've watched guys all season and they know what they can do. You can not really hurt your stock at a camp like this, you can only help yourself."

Burton certainly helped himself in the eyes of NBA talent evaluators with his MVP performance at the Classic, despite playing the shooting guard position for the first time ever in a game. He also had the disadvantage of missing the opening day of practice on Monday April 9, due to the University of Minnesota awards banquet the night before.

Burton scored 23, 32, and 27 points in the three game tournament for the Midwest team, which was 2-1 in round-robin play. He shot 28 of 30 free throws (93.3%), making him the leading free throw shooter in the Classic. He also averaged 6.7 rebounds and three assists a game and was runner-up in the three point shooting contest, losing in the finals to Iowa's Matt Bullard.

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## If I Were a Rich Man...

Minnesota catcher Dan Wilson had another stellar year for the Gopher baseball team. The All-American junior from Barrington, Illinois was a standout both defensively and at the plate, helping lead the Gophers to yet another Big Ten playoff birth. Wilson is rated among the top catchers in the country and is expected to go very high in this summer's amateur baseball draft. The humble 21-year-old should be a very wealthy man in a matter of weeks. Wilson will be featured in the next issue of SPORTSNEWS.



## Where Are They Now?

### Track Was His First Love

By Len Levine

It was the spring of 1952 and Dave Odegard, a 7th grader at Ramsey Junior High School in Minneapolis, was catching the eye of area coaches because of his versatile athletic ability.

For the next three years he competed in many junior high sports and was a standout as a high jumper on the track team. As a Washburn High School sophomore, Odegard made the junior varsity football team, where he played end (or wide receiver). His junior year he also played end on the varsity team that was developing as a statewide power.

Odegard says that while he had an interest in all sports, track was always his first love. He says Connie Emerson, the school's track coach, asked him to go out for track and try the hurdles in addition to the high jump. Odegard says Emerson told him that he had all the ingredients for hurdling success — height, speed, spring, and coordination.

Emerson was right, and Odegard began developing into one

recruited by schools across the country, such as Kansas, Drake, Southern California, Minnesota, and others. He says that while he loved the state of Minnesota, he didn't have his mind set on going to the University until the Gophers' track coach, Jim Kelly, (who was the 1956 head Olympic track coach) took him out to lunch. Kelly impressed him. He made a good case about why the University was the place to get an education.

"There was a special aura about Coach Kelly that got to you. He was convincing about the job opportunities waiting for University athletes in the Twin Cities after graduation. I've never regretted making the decision to attend the University," Odegard says today.

Odegard's rise to track prominence was slow. He couldn't compete on the University's varsity as a freshman because of the rule in effect at the time. His sophomore year he lettered, and began to get "fine tuned" in the hurdles. In his junior year he won the high hurdles in the prestigious Drake Relays and was the Gold Medal winner in both the Big Ten Indoor and Outdoor Championships. Odegard calls the Drake Relays' win the highlight of his career.

Odegard's last year was a "photo finish" season. He finished 2nd "by about an inch" in the Big Ten High Hurdle Championship, losing to world-class hurdler Ben McRae of the University of Michigan. He went on to finish 2nd to UCLA's Olympian, Jimmy Johnson, in the NCAA high hurdle final. The race was so close the results were not known for more than an hour.

Odegard was picked as a candidate for the United States Olympic tryouts, held at Palo Alto, California the following month. He survived every qualifying heat, making it to the finals, where he finished 6th. The United States travelling team consisted of the top three finishers plus one alternate. There were only inches between the 1st-place and 8th-place finishers.

Odegard says he'll always remember how proud he felt to represent the state of Minnesota in these national meets. "It really was a privilege

that doesn't come to many people."

In 1961 Odegard graduated from the University's School of Journalism with an advertising specialization.

For the next 20 years he worked in a variety of positions for the Naegele Outdoor Advertising Company with the exception of 1978, when he became the president of the Institute of Outdoor Advertising, the marketing arm of the outdoor advertising industry. He held that post for one year before returning to Naegele Outdoor as vice president for national sales.

In 1981 he purchased a small outdoor advertising company in Kansas City, Missouri which he has built into an industry leader. In addition to Kansas City, Odegard Outdoor Advertising also has branch offices in Gary and South Bend, Indiana.

Odegard is actively involved in community affairs. He's chairman of the board of the SWOPE Parkway Health Center in Kansas City, one of the largest outpatient care facilities in Missouri specializing in care for low-income families. He's also on the Board of Trustees of the Kansas City Museum, Board of Directors of the Kansas City Red Cross, member of a community group working to combat crime, and Chairman of the Board of an eight-state outdoor advertising association.

Dave and his wife, Barbara, also a South Minneapolis native and Washburn High School graduate, have been married for 31 years and are the parents of two sons: Chris, who is married and lives in Minneapolis, and T. C., a student at the University of Kansas in Lawrence.



Below left: Dave Odegard, 1961

Above: Dave Odegard, 1990



of the greatest high school hurdlers in Minnesota history. He won the Sophomore City Title in the 120-yard high hurdles. The next year he placed 2nd in the high hurdles in the City Championship and 3rd in the State Championship.

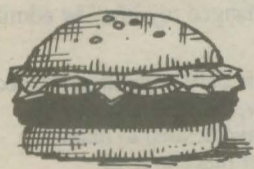
Odegard's senior track season was his best. He established a city record in the 120-yard high hurdles of 14.4 seconds — a record which stood for 30 years. He also won city titles in the high jump and the 180-yard low hurdles. He went on to win State titles in both the high and low hurdles, establishing new State records in both events.

Odegard also distinguished himself in football, being named All-Conference and Honorable Mention All-State his senior year. He was actively



1961 Track Team - First row. From the left: Head Coach Jim Kelly, Captain Dave Odegard, Bart Bontems, Chuck Colby, Dennis Albrecht, assistant Coach Bob Anderson. Second row: Bob Frisbee, Rick Kleyman, Gene Pelletier, Wayne Lazarik, James Fischer, Karl Pedersen. Third row: Tom Mueller, Bill Munsey, Vern McGonagal, Everett Smith, Levi Young. Fourth row: Manager Jack Ellis, Lyle Myers, Wayne Steffenhagen, Jim Kumpla, Charles Morrow.

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1. This Gopher was voted Most Valuable Player on the Minnesota baseball team in 1977. Who was he? A) Paul Molitor B) Dave Winfield C) John Anderson
2. What midwestern city did Willie Burton play high school basketball in? A) Detroit B) Chicago C) Ann Arbor
- 3) These two brothers played hockey together for the Gophers. They still play together on an NHL team. What is their last name? A) Micheletti B) Broten C) Christian

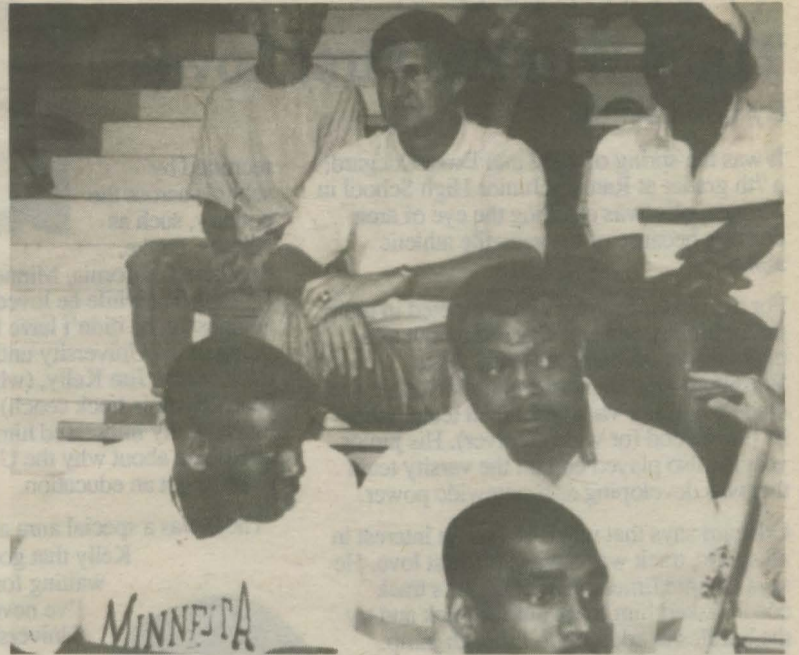
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### The Q's and A's were:

1. This five-time All-American track star was the 1971 NCAA six mile champion and a member of the 1976 U.S. Olympic Team. Who was he? Answer: Gary Bjorkland
2. Also a five-time All-American, this man was the 1986 NCAA Indoor Shot Put Champion. Who was he? Answer: Ron Backes
3. Where did Head Track Coach Roy Griak go to college? Answer: U of M

**BURTON IMPRESSES NBA SCOUTS**



Above: Clem Haskins & son, Brent. Behind them are Jerry West, General Manager of the LA Lakers and Elgin Baylor from the LA Clippers.  
Above left: A local reporter interviews Willie Burton after practice.  
Left (L to R): Jerry Tarkanian, coach of the West, 6-6 Steve Bardo-Illinois, 6-8 Derek Strong-Xavier, 6-7 Willie Burton-Minnesota, 7-1 Felton Spencer-Louisville. All played for the Midwest team.

**PRO SCOUTS from page 1**

"When the coach talked to the guards, I listened," Burton continued.

"After the first day of practice, I knew I climbed 3 or 4 spots. The next day, I knew I climbed another 3 or 4 spots. Each time I went out I improved. I felt more comfortable and made things happen."

He said that he has done alot of weightlifting and swimming and playing to get ready for this camp and will continue his training until the Chicago camp, June 6-9. "Working out and playing basketball, that is about all I'll be doing. I want to be ready to put it all on the line. I want to be able to make an impact."

Burton will find out just how much he improved his status on June 27, draft day. Home town fans are hoping he goes in round six. "Willie the Wolf!" Kind of has a ring to it, don't you think?

**THE "M" CLUB from page 2**

I recall that while attending the University I became friends with an obscure member of the Gopher track team. He was a quiet, low-profile, almost shy individual. But from the day he became an "M" Club man, he was suddenly transformed into a confident, aggressive leader on campus.

"The "M" Club changed my life," he admitted to me.

Any organization is only as good as the people in it. Somehow, the vast majority of Gopher athletes have desired to make the community a better place to live.

Long after the "M" Club members have forgotten their tackles and that winning basket and tie breaking goal, they will have accomplished many more important works on the various plateaus of life.



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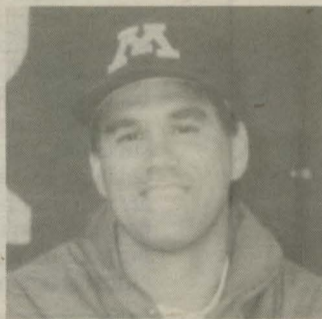
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**Tom Schmidt**  
LaCrosse, Wisc.  
"I like the idea of lights, because without them I would not be able to see my son (freshman pitcher Jeff Schmidt). It takes me about 3 hours to get here. I like day games too, because with the weather, it is a little chilly for the fans at times. We come on the weekends, sit in the sun and watch a Big Ten game. There's nothing better."



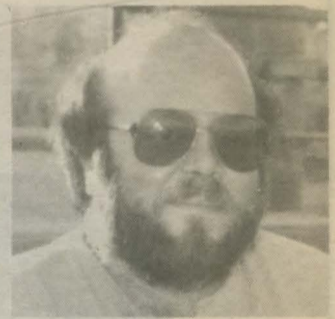
**Randy Skarda**  
St. Paul  
"I probably have a preference for night baseball. It's fun to get outside under the lights and watch a baseball game. The dome has taken traditional baseball out the window."



**Eileen Schaller**  
Minneapolis  
"I like them both the same. The night games can be a little colder, however."



**Bridget Hughes**  
Minneapolis  
"I like day games better. I like sitting out in the sun."



**Mike Engler**  
St. Louis Park  
"I like night games better. It is a little more comfortable out and more convenient from work."



**... And Then There Was Light**  
First it was Wrigley, now it's Siebert Field. The University's athletic department took steps this year to insure that more Minnesotans could enjoy baseball outside, the way God intended (editor's commentary). Night baseball was a reality for the first time at Gopher home games this year. See "Fan In The Stands" above to see what people are saying about the new twist to a legendary ball field.

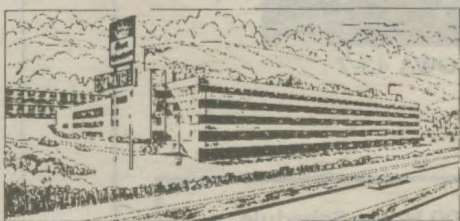
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- **DON RILEY** looks back at Michigan All-American Tommy Harmon when he came to Memorial Stadium.
- **LEN LEVINE** in his WHERE ARE THEY NOW Column writes about one of the University's greatest two sport athletes.
- An inside look at Gopher baseball star Dan Wilson.
- **DR. ROBERT HUNTER** answers reader's questions in his regular column, **ACHES AND PAINS**.

• **GARY HIEBERT** (Oliver Towne) describes his dinner at a St. Paul restaurant as "a slice of the old fashioned Italian way of life."

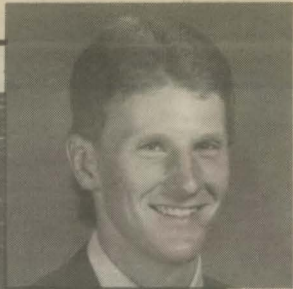
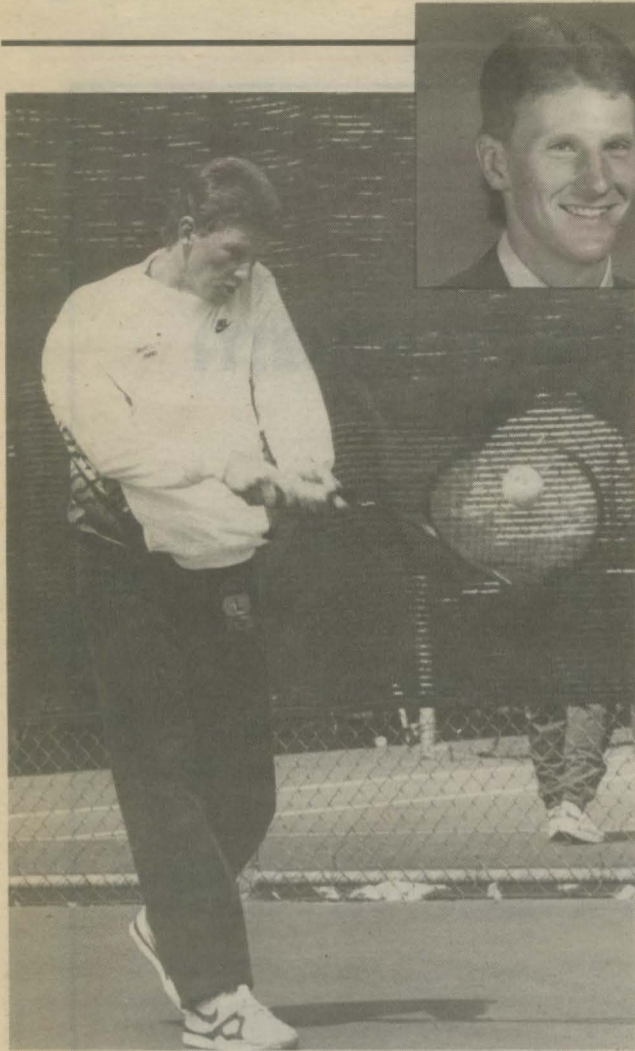
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**Boris Who?**  
Kevin Werwie made it look easy this past season posting the most singles wins among all Gophers for the second consecutive year. The Sheboygan, Wisc. native also recorded a 20-11 mark in doubles, including a perfect 7-0 mark at the No. 3 spot. Werwie was justly named to the All-Big Ten Team.

**Smooth as Silk**  
Golf team co-captain Paul Keller kept his cool this season on some very tricky courses. "We play on probably four or five of the nation's best courses every year," said the Dickinson, North Dakota native. "For someone who wants to go on and become a pro and make a living at the game of golf, it's a tremendous opportunity." Keller hopes the experience pays off as he takes aim at an NCAA Tournament berth.



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## Aches & Pains

By Robert  
Hunter, M.D.  
Director  
University of  
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**Q** I'm an avid golfer. I played five times a week during the winter while in Phoenix and have been playing the past few weeks since I returned home. For the last three weeks I've been experiencing a sharp pain in my right hand (between my thumb and forefinger). What do you think can be causing this?

R.V.  
Rochester, Minnesota

**A** There are several possibilities. One is arthritis in the various joints of the fingers and finger/wrist junction. Second is a nerve which is being pinched, either in the fingers or in the palm. The third would be tendon/muscle related discomfort. I would recommend that if this is a significant problem, that a complete examination be undertaken first with x-rays to determine the integrity of the bones in the hand and wrist. I would guess that this would be a problem that would lend itself to appropriate therapy and perhaps anti-inflammatory medication and would be very surprised if such a problem required any sort of intervention in order to solve.

**Q** I am having sharp pains in my lower back. I've never had this before. I've played tennis for years. Last week I stretched to my right to return a shot and suddenly the pain struck me. I could hardly move afterwards. Now I have pain when I walk, cough, etc. What caused this sudden pain and what can I do to get rid of it?

W. G.  
White Bear Lake

**A** It sounds as if you are quite fit but need to concentrate on a specific training program for a healthier back. I would guess that what you've described is not an arthritic or bone related problem, but rather a soft tissue imbalance involving muscles that surround the back region. That being the case, I would recommend a specific effort designed at stretching and strengthening your back musculature. The absence of symptoms that radiate into your buttock or legs suggest that the nerves and in all likelihood the disks involving your back are healthy and need no specific management.

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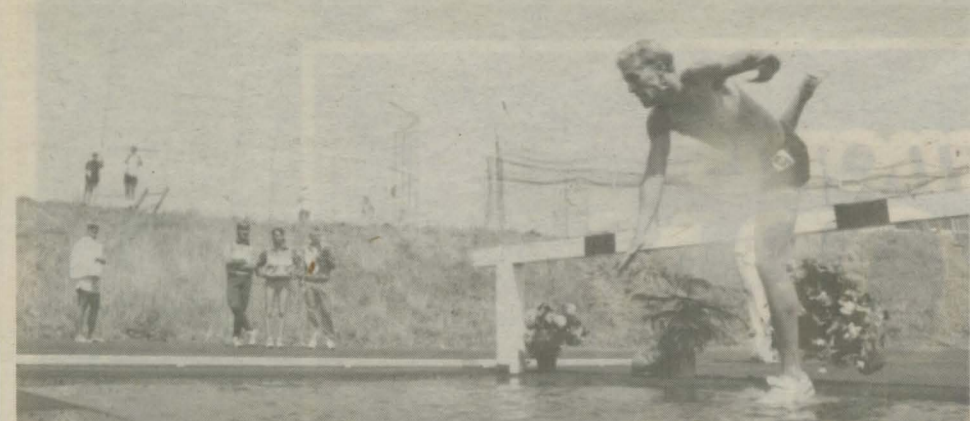


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By Gary Hiebert (OliverTowne)



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While burly chefs in white wrestled with big joints of meat over the coal or log fires on the hearth, we renewed a friendship with an eatery long neglected.

It had been a favorite of my parents in years gone by and our children and when we sat down at a cozy table along one divider, it was like a reunion.

But although waiters swirled by us carrying those huge slabs of prime rib, we changed courses and ordered the broiled walleye pike and the charcoaled baby back ribs with the barbecue sauce and decided to save the prime ribs for an encore.

We were not disappointed.

The portions of both were huge. So was the caesar salad, seasoned to a turn with a neat caesar dressing.

But with one item we would not compromise nor change course—the popovers.

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Dan Wilson took a long look at his situation when he was drafted out of high school...



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## More Than a Numbers Game

By Steve Peckham

Ninety-two percent of all young men drafted by big league ball teams never make it out of the minors.

Dan Wilson was drafted by the New York Mets when he was a senior in high school. A \$100,000 signing bonus wasn't enough for him to make that kind of life changing decision, so he turned them down. Earlier this month, the Gopher All-American was drafted again. This time by the Cincinnati Reds in the first round. This time he's ready and will turn pro.

Dan Wilson knows about numbers. He's a mechanical engineering major with a 3.0 grade point average. But \$100,000 was and is a lot of money. Few people are ever offered

that much money to sign a piece of paper. Even fewer have the self-confidence to turn it down.

Young Tom Nevers from Edina High School recently faced a similar and possibly more difficult decision than Wilson's.

Earlier this spring, Nevers signed a letter of intent to play hockey for the Gophers. He had also planned on playing baseball at Minnesota. The Houston Astros who made him their No. 1 pick offered the teenager over 200,000 to play ball for one of their farm clubs.

Remember kid, it's not whether you win or lose, it's how much money they give you up front to risk missing out on a quality education. In the movie *Wall Street*, Gordon Gecko made a memorable statement: "Greed is good." Then again, by the end of the show the man was in prison.

That's not to say pro baseball is an unreachable goal for someone like Nevers. Hardly!

The youngster is one of the finest shortstops this area has ever produced.

Former Gophers Dave Winfield and Paul Molitor have done quite nicely playing baseball for a living. Like Nevers, both of them were drafted in the first round. Both of them also received an education before making it in the big leagues.

At last, a new trend with the players welfare in mind, has started in pro baseball. In addition to signing bonuses, teams are offering athletes guaranteed money for college after baseball. Luckily for Nevers' sake, the Houston Astros included this in his deal. Nevers has decided to delay his college experience to play in the big leagues. And with the offer they gave him, it's hard to blame him.

Maybe more important than the decision of when to go pro is the decision to get an education one way or another. That decision will have to come from deep inside Nevers, the way it did with the rising stars that came before him.

Dan Wilson's idol is Terry Steinbach of the Oakland Athletics. Like Wilson, Steinbach didn't go pro until after his junior year at Minnesota. In 1983 Steinbach was only worth a \$15,000 bonus and \$600 a month to the A's. Today, he's a two-time All-Star catcher.

There is more to the Steinbach story, though. The New Ulm native didn't cut it at third base where he had starred for the Gophers. He was slow.

What Steinbach lacked in speed, he made up for with his heart and his bat. Wilson admires that. Experts say Wilson's fate will depend upon the same qualities. No one has ever questioned Dan Wilson's heart. And after three years under Gopher coach John Anderson, the 21-year old batted .370 this season. Wilson was the seventh pick overall in the draft.

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## Gopher Student-Athletes Getting Noticed

By Chris Monter

The quality of University of Minnesota student-athletes has been mentioned frequently in area newspapers lately. Is this discovery of rains reality or simply the per-good news" reporters?

ception also," said Dr. Elayne who has been the University's academic counseling for the Athletics since 1983. Actually, the data bears it out. Fall quarter,

(Gopher athletes) had the best academic record since I have been here. That includes number of credits taken plus the GPA that they earned."

Donahue credits the hard work of the athletes themselves, their coaches, the athletic department, academic counselors and school administrators for the recent high marks.

Speaking of perceptions; what about that popular belief that college athletes get an easy ride through the classroom compared to their peers sitting in the stands?

"General students have luxuries that student athletes do not have," answered Donahue. "Student-athletes have to be full-time students, graduate in five years and admit to a degree plan in a timely manner. Entrance requirements are tougher for student-athletes than that of general college students."

While recent results are promising, Donahue knows there are more rules stressing academics still to come. In fact, she can see

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## Gopher Tales

by Steve Peckham  
Managing Editor



### Minnesota Named All-Sport Big Ten Champs

Who has the best athletes? Michigan? Illinois? Guess again.

The University of Minnesota was recently named the unofficial Big Ten All-Sport Men's Champion for the 1989-90 season. While the league does not officially sponsor the award, it is very similar to many others around the nation like the Commissioner's Trophy in the Big East Conference.

The scoring is based on final regular season standings for all sports. Ten points for a first place finish, nine for second, eight for third, etc. Under this system, Minnesota edges out Ohio State by one point. The Gophers picked up seven points from both the golf and basketball teams. Cross country and wrestling added eight points each and baseball and swimming both pitched in nine points a piece. The men's gymnastics team made the difference with their own Big Ten championship last month.

Illinois, Iowa and Indiana rounded out the top five schools.

### Dutcher Takes Transition Game to Dain Bosworth

In a way, Jim Dutcher is still in the coaching profession. Except now, the former Gopher basketball coach formulates game plans to score big bucks instead of big points.

Dutcher recently joined Dain Bosworth as a vice president and investment officer where he will assist clients with a wide range of financial services. After

leaving the U with 12 seasons under his belt, he has remained an active member of the community. Dutcher is a member of the Minneapolis Dunkers and the Bloomington Rotary Club.

### Cross Country Senior Takes Home Honors

Senior Carson Hoeft ended an outstanding collegiate career in style by finishing seventh in the 1500 meter final at the NCAA Track & Field Championships held at Duke University earlier this month. Hoeft crossed the finish line with a time of 3:42.35, good enough to earn All-America honors.

The Plymouth, Minn. native needed a hair raising kick down the stretch after battling traffic the entire race. The top eight runners all finished within two seconds of each other.

### Roethlisberger To Be Honored In Wisconsin

Gopher Gymnastics Coach Fred Roethlisberger will be inducted into the Wisconsin Athletic Hall of Fame in Milwaukee this fall.

Roethlisberger will be in good company as other inductees include speedskater Eric Heiden, Green Bay Packer legend Paul Hornung, tennis star Robert Stuckert and football/baseball great Red Wilson.

The Gopher coach has led teams to eight Big Ten titles since coming to Minnesota in 1972. Roethlisberger was honored by his colleagues earlier this year when he was named Big Ten Conference Coach-of-the-Year.



Athletic Director Rick Bay and President Nils Hasselmo are joined by Scott Schaffner, Melvin Newbern and Willie Burton in an exchange of presentations at the University of Minnesota. The three Golden Gophers were winners of Outstanding Player of the Game Awards during telecasts of U of M athletic events this past season, and were presented with their plaques and \$1,000 checks from Chevrolet and ABC-TV. In addition, the athletes each gave their checks to President Hasselmo for the University's general scholarship fund.

## Letters



### Gopher Hockey Success is No Surprise

Everyone seemed to believe that the Gopher hockey team did so well that it was a real surprise. What are all these people thinking? The Gophers, under our great coach Doug Woog, are as good as any team in the United States.

I believe that one main reason the Gophers faltered on their way to the NCAA championship was that they travelled by bus to Michigan Tech and to Northern Michigan. I believe it wore them out for the games.

The Gophers are consistently very good. They have been the most consistent winner in the past decade even though they have failed to win one NCAA title.

Watch the Gophers next season. Coach Woog will have a wealth of talent returning at every position. The Final Four will be played in St. Paul and the always enthusiastic local crowds will be there cheering Minnesota on.

Nick O'Brien  
St. Paul

### Thanks For Lights at Siebert Field

I always have been a follower of Minnesota Gopher baseball. I would watch a Gopher game before a Twins

game anytime. There's a certain freshness and excitement that one gets from watching college baseball. With the short season in this climate, I have never had the chance to watch as much of the Gophers as I'd like because of other daytime activities.

I can't tell you how happy I am that the U now has a lighted field. I will always remember that inaugural night under lights at Siebert Field, when the Gophers defeated Hamline 16-8. Brent Gates hit a home run and triple to lead the attack for the Gophers and because of the lights I could see this game where otherwise I would have been unable.

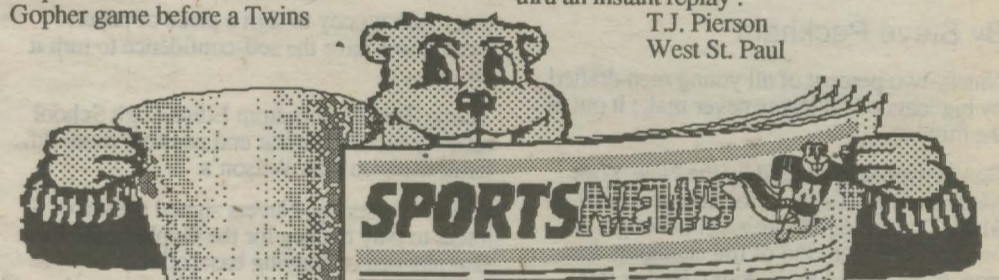
Thanks to all those involved in getting lights for University baseball.  
Kevin Carlson  
Minneapolis

### Instant Replay For Baseball

I am becoming more concerned that baseball umpires and referees are often the cause of winning or losing the game.

I think the time has come that baseball fans demand more accountability from the umpires. One way this can be accomplished is thru an instant replay.

T.J. Pierson  
West St. Paul



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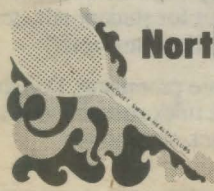
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## Where Are They Now?

### Richfield Native Became Two-Sport Gopher Great

By Len Levine

Some athletes are made and some are born, the saying goes. For Arthur W. Davis, Jr. of Richfield, Minnesota, athletics just seemed to happen. Davis, known as Bill, was born and raised in Richfield. His parents, Art and Elaine, still live there. Bill says there were no sports "genes" in the Davis family, and his father, who grew up in the depression, spent most of his time working to help support the family during those tough times.

When Bill was eight years old, he became involved in the city of Richfield's recreation program. He says the boys he became most friendly with were all athletes, and because of those relationships he took a liking to sports. Davis says, "Whenever we were together, we were playing some kind of sport." As Davis got taller and stronger, he improved, and he says the better he became, the more he enjoyed participating.

Davis was a standout on both the baseball and basketball teams all three years he was at Richfield High School. On the baseball team he played first base and pitcher, and maintained a remarkably consistent .350 batting average over his three years. For each of those years Richfield won the Lake Conference Championship. The summer between his junior and senior years, Davis played on the Richfield American Legion team which won the State American Legion baseball title.

Davis was also a basketball star. In 1960, his senior year, he was credited with leading the Richfield High School team to the Lake Conference Championship (he led the Lake Conference in scoring for the second consecutive year) and a third-place finish in the state, losing in the second round to tiny Edgerton 63-60 in overtime. Edgerton went on to defeat Austin for the title. Davis was named to the All-State team.

Davis says he grew up in a time when high school athletes from throughout Minnesota had one dream: to eventually play for the University of Minnesota.

When John Kundla, the Gopher basketball coach at the time, recruited Davis and offered him a Williams Scholarship, Davis says he was

Below: (L to R) The late Bob Jensen, Coach John Kundla and Bill Davis in 1964.



thrilled and accepted immediately, with one condition. -- that he also be allowed to play baseball for Coach Dick Siebert. Kundla agreed and Davis went on to letter three years in both sports.

Davis played forward on the basketball team. His sophomore and junior years the Gophers had "fair seasons," Davis says. "Things improved alot my senior year." As a 6' 7", 215-pounder, Davis led the Gophers to a third-place finish in the Big Ten, their best showing in a decade. Davis was elected captain and Most Valuable Player that year on a team that included basketball greats Archie Clark, Lou Hudson, and Don Yates.

Kundla often referred to Davis as the best rebounder on any of his teams.

Davis says the high point of his Gopher basketball career came in his senior year in the upset victory over Michigan at Minnesota. The Wolverines, considered one of the best in the country that year (they made the NCAA Final Four), were led by stars Cazzie Russell, Oliver Darden, and Bill Buntin.

As a Gopher baseball player, the left-handed Davis didn't blossom until his senior year. His 12 for 15 hits, including 3 homeruns, propelled the Gophers to a 9-game winning streak and Big Ten Regional and NCAA titles.

Sportswriters of the day called Davis one of the best baseball players in Minnesota history and among the best in the country. He led the Gophers in every offensive category except triples and won the prestigious Big Ten Conference Medal for academic/athletic excellence.

Davis graduated in 1964 with a degree in education. For the next five years he played professional baseball with the Cleveland Indians and the San Diego Padres, until an Achilles tendon injury required surgery and ended his career.

For the past 20 years, Davis has been in the mortgage banking business, specializing in commercial real estate.

Davis says life has been good to him. He was privileged, he says, to attend the University of Minnesota and fortunate to have had the



Above: Bill Davis, 1964.

Below: Bill Davis, 1990.



chance to compete in Gopher sports. "John Kundla and Dick Siebert were great coaches. They taught the fundamentals of the game and treated their athletes as if they were family."

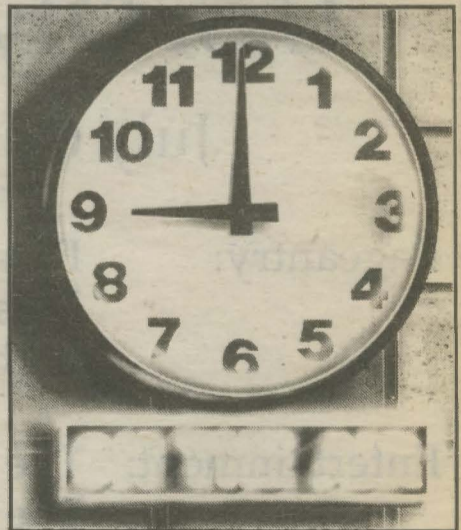
Davis says being a student/athlete at the University taught him sound lessons in life. "I was given a chance to compete in sports at the highest collegiate level and I was able to get a very good education at the same time. So many doors were opened for me because of those four years at the U of M. I'll forever be grateful. I'll always remember those days -- both in the classroom and on the playing field. When my wife and I get together with friends, they usually are the ones we made at the University. It was an important part of my life and I've tried to give something back to the University and the rest of my community ever since."

Davis is active in a wide range of community activities. He is a director and coach in both the West Richfield Little League and Richfield Basketball Association, and has been an active member of the "M" Club for many years. He is currently serving on the Board of Directors for the second time. He was president in 1977.

Davis and his wife, Meg, a Richfield elementary school teacher, are the parents of two sons: Drew, a sophomore at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota; and Ryan, a sophomore at Richfield High School.

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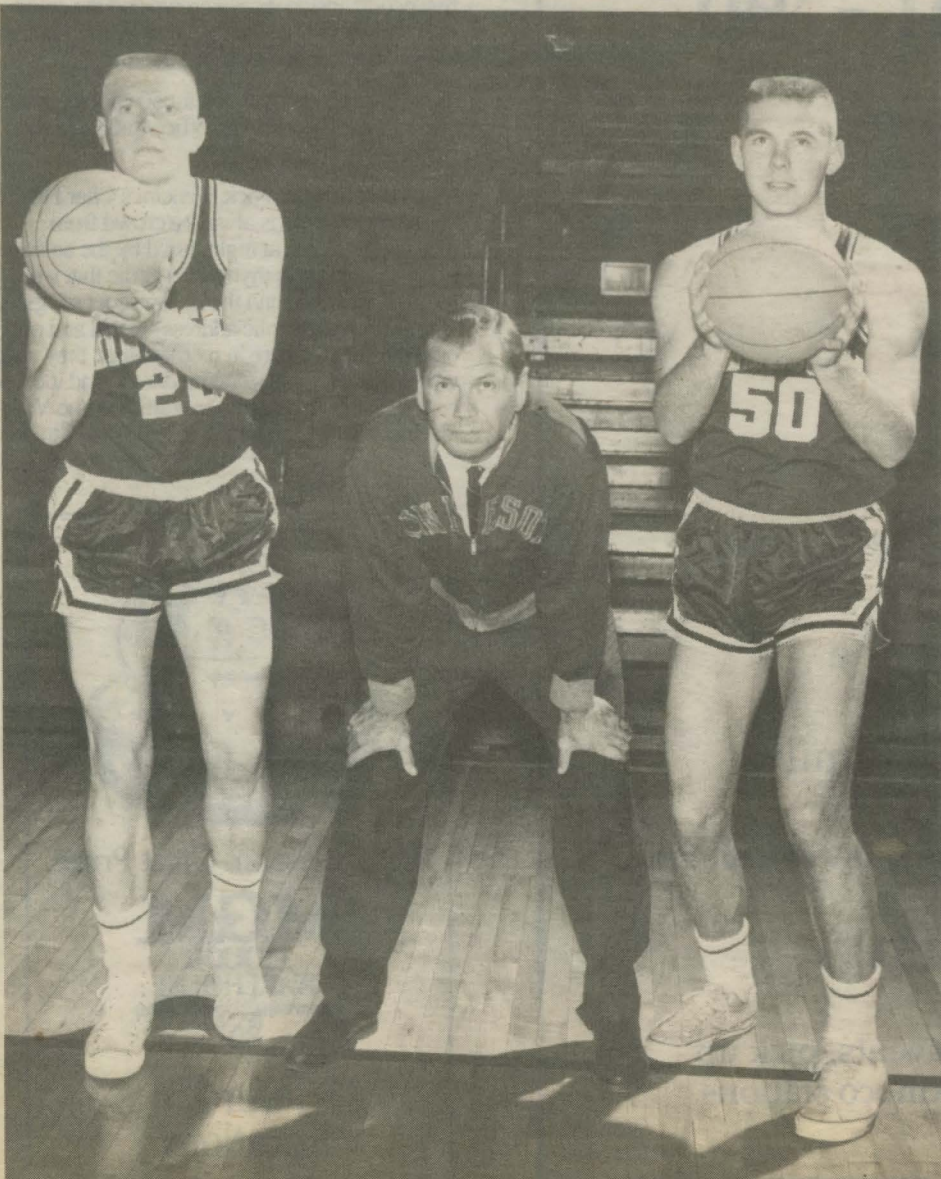
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Left: Paul Molitor was drafted No. 1 out of Minnesota by the Milwaukee Brewers and hasn't looked back.

Right: Dave Winfield was an ace pitcher for the Gophers before being drafted by the San Diego Padres.



## After the Game

By Gary Hiebert  
(OliverTowne)



If you believe the polls (or your taste buds), the best pizza in the Twin Cities usually is found at COSSETTA'S restaurant-deli at Fort Road/West Seventh and Chestnut on the west edge of Downtown St. Paul.

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You'll discover the always hot, freshly baked Italian bread just out of the big ovens.

You'll discover that Cossetta's is more than an Italian restaurant-deli.

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The raw wooden walls are hung with photos of the old Levee, the people who lived there with names like Mancini, Fritz, DeGidio, Vanelli, Fanelli, Maurizio, Marzitelli, Cossetta. There is a model of the entire Upper Levee settlement with all of its little houses and stores and taverns.

And on any given morning, noon or afternoon, you will find the oldtimers gathering to reminisce, drink coffee, eat a big thick deli sandwich, or sip a glass of vino.

They will watch from a corner table as the yuppies and Downtown business people line up along the buffet counter, waiting for their hot pizzas to be shoveled out of the ovens.

Sometimes Dave Cossetta, fifth generation and owner, whirls through the place, chatting, doing a stint at the pizza ovens, running up and down the big stairs from dining areas to dining areas.

He has little time to remember how it was barely a half dozen years ago when Cossetta's was down on Chestnut and Ryan, so small that five people inside were a crowd and the entire staff consisted of his grandfather Frank, his aunt Nancy, himself and Bob, the butcher.

Now, he presides over at least 50 people, from an upstairs office with an office staff of several persons.

Like his compadre Nick Mancini's Char House up the street, there is always a crowd from morning until late at night, lured by the aromas of fennel, oregano, thyme and garlic that waft through the scene and the Italian street songs sifting from the public address system and out onto the street, where in nice weather, they sit at tables under awnings and meditate. And it could be the Piazza San Marco in Venice or the Via Veneto in Rome and not West Seventh Street.



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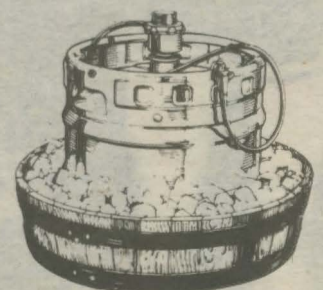
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### Fan in the Stands Do you think that the Big Ten conference should expand?



**Larry Addison**  
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 "At this point, I'm really against it. I don't see that it would do us any good to expand at this point. It is such a long distance to travel. It would cause havoc for the students. I'm just not in favor of it, due to the academics."



**Chuck Raabe**  
 New Ulm  
 "It will be alot longer distance to travel and will take athletes out of the classroom for longer periods of time. I concern myself anytime that the kids have to be out of school, since my son is the second baseman for the Gophers. But I do think that it would enhance the competition. So there are goods and bads."



**Bill Sherman**  
 St. Paul  
 "I think it would be nice to add to the Big Ten. It will give us an outlook of what they have in the other part of the country. I think it will also draw bigger crowds."



**Craig Nortsen**  
 Bloomington  
 "I think that they should not expand, since the schools they are looking at like Penn State, are not in the Midwest district. We could not call it the true "Big Ten", since it is currently just schools in the Midwest. I don't think it would be right to have schools out East, or anyplace else but the Midwest in the Big Ten."



**Heidi Oberle**  
 Eden Prairie  
 "I think that there are pros and cons. I think the travel would be difficult. But, I think that it would increase the attention to Minnesota games."



**Elizabeth Stocco**  
 Bloomington  
 "I think that it would bring even more attention to the conference, particularly in football. Penn State is well respected as a strong sports school. There are some problems, such as travel, but I think the good outweighs the bad."

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1. Name the pro baseball teams former Gopher Dave Winfield has played for.
2. What position did John Anderson play when he was voted the baseball team's MVP in 1977?
3. What two baseball teams have drafted Gopher catcher Dan Wilson?

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The SPORTSNEWS staff congratulates Jane Simpson of St. Paul, our latest trivia winner!

The Q's and A's were:

1. This Gopher was voted Most Valuable Player on the Minnesota baseball team in 1977. Who was he? A) Paul Molitor B) Dave Winfield C) John Anderson Answer: C
2. What midwestern city did Willie Burton play high school basketball in? A) Detroit B) Chicago C) Ann Arbor Answer: A
- 3) These two brothers played hockey together for the Gophers. They still play together on an NHL team. What is their last name? A) Micheletti B) Broten C) Christian Answer: B

### WILSON from page 1

Dan Wilson and Terry Steinbach both took the time to grow physically, mentally and emotionally. Both are richer men today because of it. Nevers is already a richer man. With their offer of a guaranteed college education, the Astros have given him an opportunity to develop his mind as well as his body.

Tom Nevers has the potential to make a very comfortable living playing either of the sports he loves. And he's holding a lot of cards right now. Gopher or not, here's hoping that he's got a winning hand.

## Remember When Gophers Waylaid the Harmon Myth

By Don Riley

To say I was shook up and left fuming is to put it mildly.

Here in my own two hands was the usually reliable Los Angeles Times sports page with a headline story by the heralded award-winning columnist Jim Murray saluting former Michigan grid great Tommy Harmon.

A nice eulogy, sure. But when Murray said he was never in a room with Harmon, but that person would approach the old hero and say, "Boy you always beat us at Minnesota . . ." Well, hey Jim. Get off the poppy seed.

Jim's untethered praise for another Hollywood type like Harmon is understandable. But let's check the facts. They certainly interfere with a great story. Fantasy is one thing. How Harmon made out against the Gophers in '38, '39 and '40 is another story—and a dire one.

The truth is that Harmon never scored a touchdown against the Gophers. His touted Wolverines were banged around 7-6, 20-7 and 7-6 in the famed Memorial Stadium classic fought in the chilly rain and treacher-



ous mud.

In that one, Harmon completed one touchdown pass. But then missed the conversion and later missed Bruce Smith when he was fainted out of his shoes before landing face first into the grime on Smith's magnificent 80-yard run which set up the one point victory.

"Really?," a Southern California grapefruit type was saying. "But Harmon must have had an off day . . . or three off days."

He merely didn't have an off day, he was drilled by Gophers defense which limited him to about three yards rushing in all three battles. He never broke away for a significant run of over 14 yard. Defensively, he missed several key tackles.

As I point out to the non-believers, Harmon was a living legend at the time and only rarely was his image tarnished. But like the fabled Red Grange, the Illinois ghost of the twenties, he never ran into anything like Minnesota's aroused Gophers. Like Grange, he was battered and bruised. Like Grange, he was shorn of his killer instincts inside the 20yard line. Like Grange, Harmon ran into a mountain of pride; a Gibraltar of spirit and tradition. No team in

that era hit like the Gophers.

But to say the Gophers adopted a "Stop Harmon at all costs" defense would not be fair to the Bernie Bierman legions. They pulverized the entire Michigan team. And to say the Wolverines were a one-man operation with the sole catalyst named Harmon would be demeaning to the fine Maize and Blue outfit. It had the balance of a tight-rope walker and the versatility of a chameleon. And the '40 clash was a classic confrontation.

Tough, fierce quarterback Forest Evashevski led a talented Michigan backfield and the line had three potential All-Americans. In one drive, Harmon tried vainly four times from the five to score and wound up a yard short. The gang tackling Gophers hounded the Michigan defense all over the field. In particular tackle Dick Wildung pursued

with an intensity that intimidated the precision Wolverine attack.

The 4,000 Wolverine fans who had come to see the Wolverines and Harmon gain revenge from two previous beatings felt that they had all the implements to win this one. The silence in the Michigan entourage as the game wore on became deafening.

Harmon, who went on to gain World War notoriety by parachuting from a burning plane over jungles, admitted later that Smith and the Gophers were too much. He would have loved a way to bail out in Memorial Stadium.

Of Bruce, he said, "At 205 pounds he was a powerful, tough-running back and a magnificent specimen of a man. Not only was he a great football player, but a wonderful, religious, honest man. I'll never forget our 7-6 loss, a heart breaker which probably cost us the national title. It was a tremendous football game played by two tremendous teams.

"It was the biggest disappointment of my life. George Franck, too, was magnificent. I'll always feel in my heart that we had the better team and that the mud and rain foiled us. But I also felt that the 80-yard touchdown by Smith, twisting and driving through the open field was one of the finest I ever saw."

Even laying in the mud.

This is not to cast stones on Harmon's career. He was a game-breaker in life, too. Always grabbing headlines, marrying a Hollywood glamorous girl and spawning beautiful and talented children.

But in the fateful head-to-head showdown with Smith, Harmon admitted that Bruce out-gunned him.

"Yeah," he said later. "I guess Bruce made about seven of us miss him. I don't know how he got through on the touchdown run."

And Tommy was downright likable when he saluted Bruce after the Faribault hero's early death at age 47.

"I was happy to know him as a friend. Happy to have played against him and I feel so much richer for having known him."

Of course Tommy had his great moments. It's just that they weren't against Minnesota, no matter what the West Coast media says. And I think we'll all agree on one thing: If Tommy's joined Bruce in the Elysian fields and Heavenly grid stars, they've got a tremendous one-two punch.

### STUDENT-ATHLETES from page 1

automatic freshman ineligibility on the horizon.

"In some sports, such as football and basketball, the better programs can afford to red-shirt their players anyway. However, in sports like women's gymnastics and swimming, the freshmen may be your better athletes, they may be in their prime. When I vote, I vote against it. It is not the answer. It is a small refinement."

Donahue feels that the bigger issues rest in the sacred area of high school recruiting.

"When looking at the reforms proposed, there is nothing to raise the standard of the athlete," she explained. "I have no problem with saying that the high risk student-athlete should have some restrictions, such as amount of practice time."

Apparently, Donahue's views are getting noticed around the country. She was recently honored with the John Taft Award for excellence in Academic Advising. Donahue credits the award to the hard work of Minnesota's student-athletes. 137 of those young people were honored at a scholar athlete banquet last month for having a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better.

Good news or reality? Sounds like both.

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## Aches & Pains

By Robert Hunter, M.D. Director  
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**Q** I have a rotator cuff problem in my shoulder. When I use my shoulder, particularly with overhead positions or exercises, it begins to ache very badly. When I rest it at my side it seems to make it feel better. I have been thinking of putting it in a sling and keeping it immobile. If I do this what will happen? My friend had a similar problem and after she put her arm in a sling the shoulder became stiff, requiring months of therapy to get it back to normal again. I am confused and it hurts!

Tom L.  
Eagan, Minnesota

**A** When the problem as you describe incurs on the top of the shoulder with pain radiating into the large deltoid or shoulder muscle, it is referred to as shoulder impingement. Impingement comes in three forms: 1) the tendon and the bursa covering the tendon are inflamed but there is no structural damage and scarring, 2) the tendon undergoes slight breakdown with scarring and adhesion formation in conjunction with the overlying bursa which can be-

come quite thickened and stiff and 3) where the tissues have been subjected to high loads or chronic stress, the tendon can rupture completely creating what is called rotator cuff tear.

The treatment depends on the severity of the problem but never includes complete immobilization. When the arm is placed at the side, the pain can resolve but at the same time the muscles, tendons and supporting structures that surround the shoulder become stiff, resulting in what is termed a frozen shoulder. This problem can require months to resolve only after extended work with a physical therapist.

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## Davy Leaves Gopher Athletic Department

By Dubi Fishler

Mark Davy, Rick Bay's assistant for External Operations has left the University of Minnesota. Davy, a successful, long time fund raiser for the University will start his own fundraising consulting firm.

Davy said it was a difficult decision for him



to leave the Gopher athletic program. He said he enjoyed his seven years at the University and especially the last four which he spent in the Athletic Department. Davy said, "The years that I worked with Paul Giel and Rick Bay have meant a great deal to me. Minnesota has a great athletic program, and although we have gone through some difficult periods, I feel strongly that under Rick Bay's leadership the program will prosper."

Bay, who called Davy "a valued member of our staff" credited him with "helping to introduce a number of new programs to network with key donors. Bay added, "I have been aware of his plans to begin a fundraising consulting business and although the athletic department will miss his leadership, we wish him success with his new venture."

Davy's new firm, Mark Davy & Associates, located in Edina, will specialize in conducting capital campaigns for schools, churches and hospitals. In addition, Davy's firm will provide hiring and training services for non-profit organizations.

Mark Davy

## Fortune Gordien Dead At 67

Fortune Gordien, world record holder in the discus throw from 1949 to 1959 and a three-time Olympian, died April 10 at a hospital in Fontana, California. He was 67.

Gordien, a Minneapolis native, was a three-time NCAA discus champion while wearing the Maroon and Gold of Minnesota and won the national AAU title six times. He never won a gold medal in the Olympics, even though he competed in the 1952 and 1956 Games as the world record holder.

At the London Games in 1948 Gordien won the bronze medal with a toss of 166 feet, 6 inches. At Helsinki in 1952 Gordien finished fourth with a toss of 172 feet, 9 inches. Gordien improved at the Melbourne Games in 1956 with a toss of 179 feet, 9 inches.

After Gordien retired from competition he coached high school and college track and field. He also was a professional escape artist and illusionist. During the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles, he performed at the Magic Castle in Hollywood.

Gordien was inducted into the Helms Foundation Hall Of Fame in 1953 and was a charter member of the Minnesota Sports Hall of Fame.



Fortune Gordien  
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the discus  
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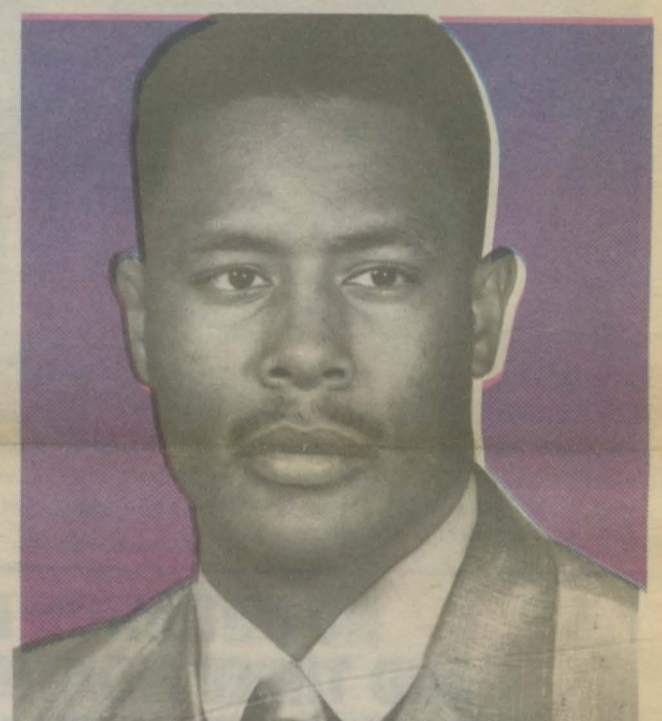
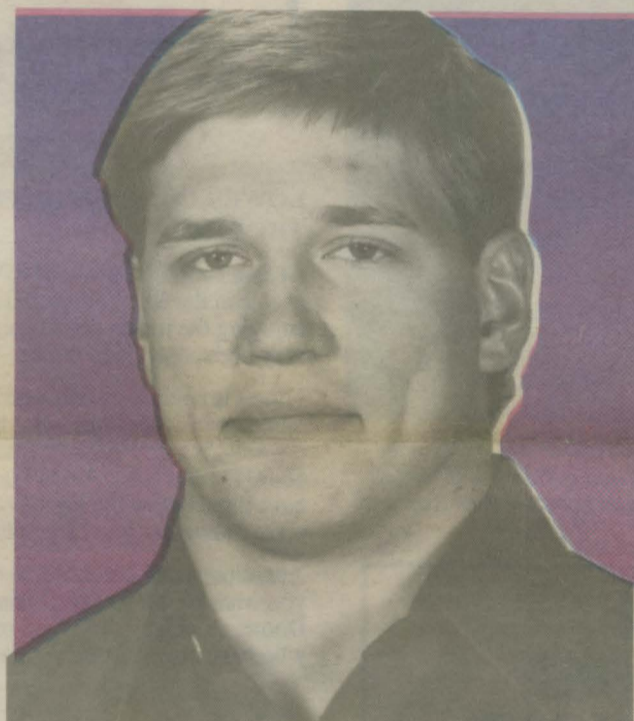
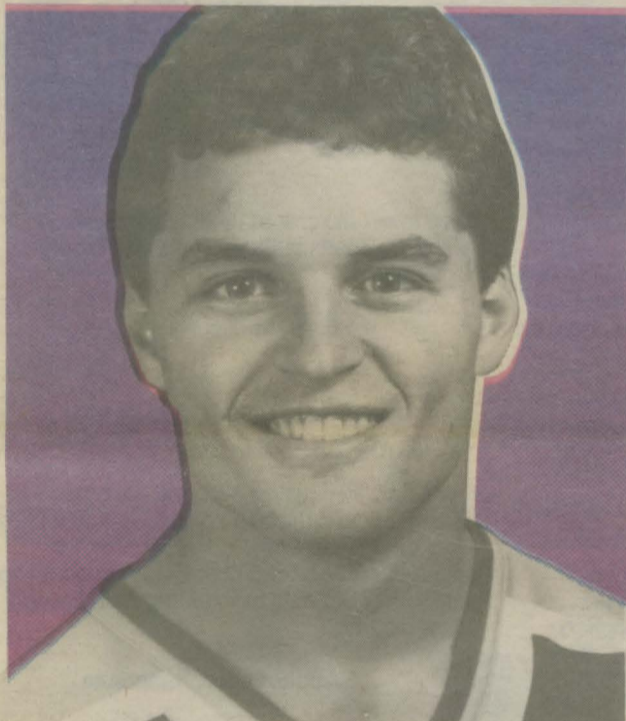
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## Born To Be "Made Great"



### Hankinson, Leverenz and Coffey add fuel to an age old argument

By Steve Peckham

*What lies behind us and what lies before us, are small matters compared to what lies within us.*

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

The debate of whether great athletes are born or made has probably been argued as long as grown men have been playing little boys' games.

Even today, each side has ample evidence to back up its claim. When Charles Barkley was in junior high, he was fat, slow and couldn't jump to save his life. He is now one of the most feared forces in all of basketball. On the other hand, you have Bo Jackson who knows... Well, we all know what Bo knows. The point is that Bo was born a great athlete and Sir Charles made himself into one.

Last year, the University of Minnesota added three new pieces to the puzzling argument in

Peter Hankinson, Jon Leverenz and Richard Coffey.

Three different young men, playing three different sports, but who might be more alike than anyone realizes:

Peter Hankinson is 5' 9" on a good day. With all his equipment on, he weighs less than the stuffed turkey most American families gorge themselves with every Thanksgiving.

But Peter Hankinson, without question, became a great hockey player. The spry little Edina native used to come home after school and practice on a rink his dad made in the backyard for him and his brothers. Even after a stellar high school career, critics gave him less than half a chance to make it big in WCHA hockey.

"I suppose it was easier for me not coming in here as the highly touted recruit," Hankinson would say in his senior year. "I'd have to say that my skating has come a long way. Jack Blatherwick, the team physiologist and conditioning coach has really helped me over my

four years here. He has a great program where if you work hard, you can really improve."

Improve, he did. Young Mr. Hankinson became a crafty playmaker earning him the respect of hockey circles from here to the east coast.

Chalk one up for the "MADE Great" argument.

And then there's Jon Leverenz. Three knee surgeries can't stop the man from playing football.

Before the 1989 season, Coach John Gutekunst had this to say about the middle linebacker. "If ever there was a man who deserved to play the game of football, it's Jon Leverenz. It's amazing for a young man, who's got the compassion to be a doctor, and yet is so driven on himself to be such a tremendous contact football player."

"Lev-dog" as his teammates call him, was born a football player and will die a football player. Even standing along the sidelines his senior year with a cast on his knee, the instincts were as alive as ever, bellowing words of encouragement and frustration as the season wore on.

In actuality, Leverenz didn't play all that much when he was with the Gophers. He sustained major injuries throughout his five years at the U. But the Washington Redskins of the NFL know pure talent. Leverenz will report to their training camp next month.

This leads us to Richard Coffey. Let's face it, the man is big. The man is strong. The man probably could have made a nice tight end for Gutey's Gophers. Richard Coffey was born a

great athlete. Or was he?

"The army transformed me from a boy to a man," said Coffey in an interview this season. "When you're 17-years old, and you find yourself not only away from home, but in a foreign country, you don't have any choice but to grow up.

"I feel blessed to have had the type of father I had. When I left home to come to Minnesota he told me to never change and to treat everyone the same. That's what I grew up believing and it's what I believe to this day. I'm no better than you, and you're no better than me.

"As easily as I've gained everything I have on the court and in the classroom, they can just as easily be taken away. I try to do everything to meet (God's) approval."

After only three short interviews, it would be foolish for any reporter to say that he knows these three exceptional men. But a common denominator can be drawn from each of them. Each has been given the inner drive, the heart and soul if you will, to make himself into the best possible athlete he can be. A drive that is contagious to teammates and fans and even reporters.

Are great athletes born, made, or born to be made? Let the arguing continue.

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# Harvey Mackay: Mister Make Things Happen

By Mark Levine

The name Harvey Mackay is synonymous with the University of Minnesota. As a student, he was a varsity golfer, president of the Intra-Fraternity Athletic Council and the singles champ on the bowling team. In the past few years Mackay has helped shape University policy as National President of the Alumni Association and president of the "M" Club.

Today, Mackay, the son of a newspaper reporter, has become one of this state's premier businessmen and considered by many to be the most prominent sports booster the State of Minnesota has ever had.



Mackay is noted for his determination, hard work, and vision. When he was 26 years old, he bought a failing envelope company with 12 employees and \$200,000 in annual sales. Working virtually nonstop for many of those early years, he built the company, Mackay Envelope Corporation, into a \$35 million a year business, employing 350 people.

Mackay will be remembered as the sports enthusiast who organized the Twins ticket buyout, a community-wide effort that stopped the Minnesota Twins from moving to Florida.

Fortune Magazine once called Mackay "Mister-Make-Things-Happen," and he continues in that role. He was a catalyst in bringing the NBA franchise to the State of Minnesota, and together with Governor Rudy Perpich played a key role in attracting the 1992 Super Bowl to the Twin Cities.

Most recently Mackay was a major force in an effort to keep the hockey North Stars from moving.

Because of Mackay's phenomenal record of accomplishment, he is often invited to share his views on sales, marketing, and business philosophy all across America and in many foreign countries.

He so motivates his audiences that when he's finished speaking, he generally gets feedback in an unfiltered way. People used to come up to him and ask if he had a book, to which he'd answer, "No." And then they'd invariably ask, "Why not?"

He says his good friend and a person he considers his mentor, Ken Blanchard, author of *The One Minute Manager*, also kept urging him to write a book. And finally Mackay, the consummate teacher and coach, decided to tell all in a book called, *Swim With the Sharks Without Being Eaten Alive*. It is a book about getting ahead in business and in life. Published just two years ago, "Swim With the Sharks" has sold over two million copies in 80 countries.

It was on the New York Times' best seller list for 52 weeks and was the second

biggest selling non-fiction title of the year. The book's message, "Anyone can swim and you don't have to be a shark to do it," captured the attention of people from all walks of life and from every age group.

To this date Mackay has received close to 150,000 letters from readers, and they're still pouring in.

Mackay is off and running again. Last February, 400,000 copies of his second book, *Beware the Naked Man Who Offers You His Shirt*, hit bookstores across the country. Again, another gigantic success which has been published in 16 languages worldwide, "Naked Man," like "Sharks," is filled with anecdotes about Mackay and other famous people.

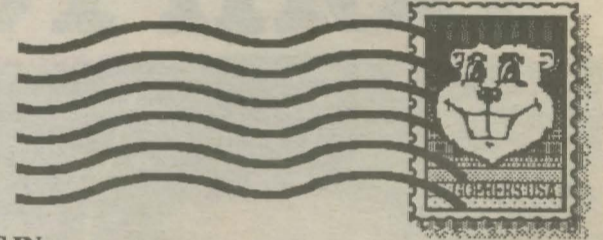
Harvey Mackay is a credit to the University and this community, and an excellent example of what a Gopher student/athlete can accomplish in Minnesota.

Mackay and his wife, Carol Ann, are the parents of three children and live in suburban Minneapolis.'s



More than 1000 people attended Harvey Mackay's book signing party which was held on the main floor of the City Center in downtown Minneapolis. Pictured at that event were, from left to right: Harvey Mackay, Denise Bay and her husband U of M Athletic Director Rick Bay and Harvey's daughter Jo Jo Mackay.

## Letters



### LOWER CONCESSION PRICES IN THE DOME

At first I couldn't get used to watching sports events in the Metrodome and now that I'm enjoying the inside I must complain about the very high concession prices.

I like a bratwurst loaded with sauerkraut, raw onions, relish and mustard. I like to wash it down with a soft drink. It cost me almost \$6.00 for that food. When I take my kids (I have three below the age of twelve) I wind up spending close to fifty dollars for food.

Attention sports commission members. If you want people to attend games in the Dome, especially the Minnesota Gophers who have not won many games,

then lower the cost of the food and make watching sports in the Dome a true family experience.

D.G.  
Hastings, Minnesota

### UNIVERSITY NATATORIUM IS WORLD CLASS FACILITY

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Mrs. T.G.M.  
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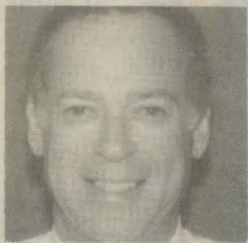
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## Where are They Now? The San Antonio Connection...



By Len Levine

### "M" HELPED SHAPE 112 POUND SKATER'S LIFE

Fred Gould showed up at the Radisson University Hotel after a 5-1/2 hour flight from San Antonio, Texas to attend the recent Gopher "M" Club Dinner (where first year letter winners are inducted) and said "It was worth the effort and the connection in Memphis. I feel like I'm home and with friends."

Gould enrolled at the University in 1928 after graduating from Minneapolis Marshall High School. He calls himself "a pretty good skater" in high school and decided he'd give hockey at the University a try. He weighed only 112 pounds but says he felt his determination would far outweigh any other shortcomings he might have had. Gould described himself as a first year player who "was just a scrub." The following year he says he got the break he was hoping for. He got his chance when one of the starting wings was declared ineligible. He says that once he got to play there was no stopping him.

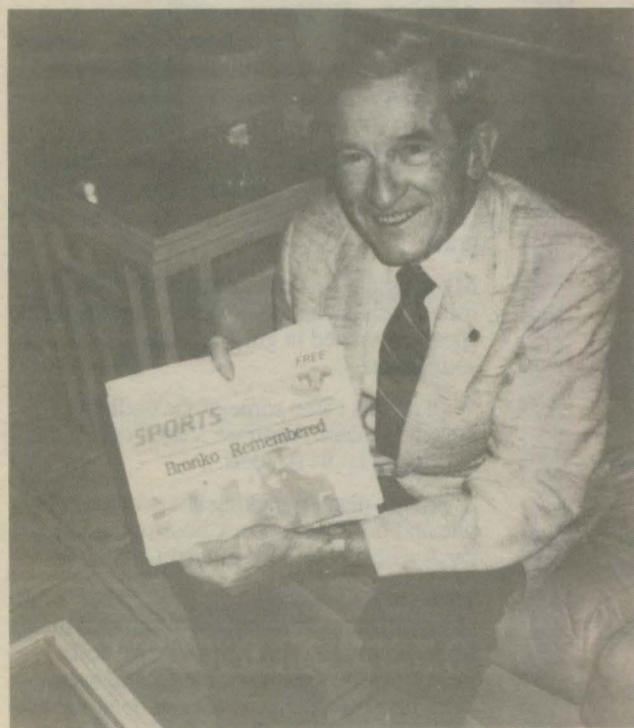
Gould lettered in 1930, '31 and '33. He was the team's captain in 1933 and was credited with leading the Gophers to the Conference Championship.

After graduating from the University with a degree in Physical Education, Gould taught at Bemidji High School. He joined the Minnesota National Guard and went on active duty during World War II. He continued with his military career, again seeing active duty in 1952. Gould retired from the Army in 1966 after being stationed in El Paso, Texas for many years.

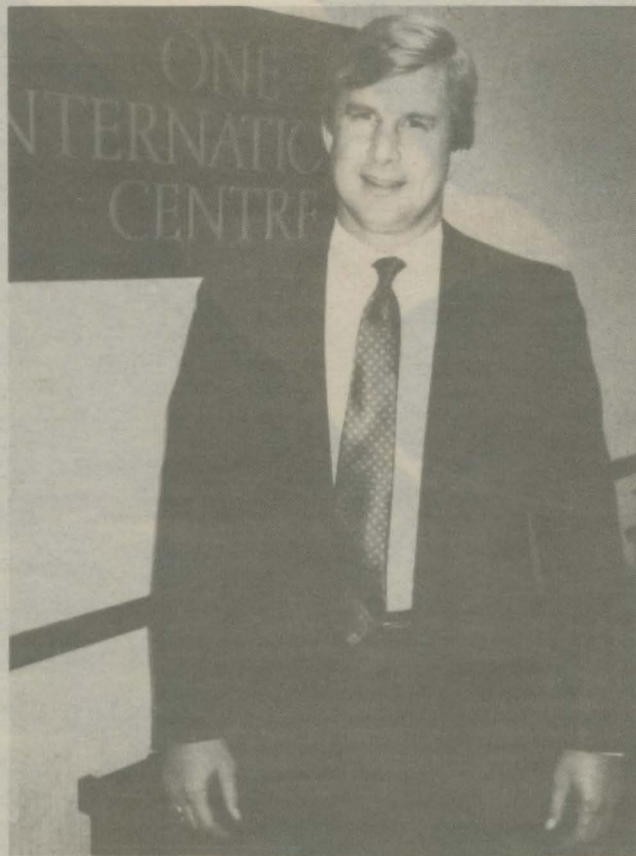
Gould and his wife Clara, whom he met in Bemidji, have been married 54 years. They are the parents of a daughter, Joni who also lives in San Antonio and a son, Jim, a physician, who lives in Paducah Kentucky.

About his "M"—Gould says, "Getting my first letter was one of the greatest things that ever happened to me. It was the happiest time of my life—until I got married. It capped off a lot of hard work. It was a thrill beyond description. Winning that letter helped me get confidence and that carried me all through my life. It's taught me patience, persistence and loyalty. I learned a lot about team work and team spirit as a Gopher athlete. Even after all these years I'm still very proud to be an "M" man—it's a great family."

Gould flew back to San Antonio the morning after the "M" dinner.



**GOULD—**  
Fred Gould of San Antonio, Texas, is pictured holding the issue of SPORTSNEWS which carried the story about his good friend Bronko Nagurski's life. Notice Gould's lapel. He "rarely" goes without the "M" he won sixty years ago. Gould credits his athletic achievement as a Gopher hockey player, going from "scrub" to team captain with helping shape the rest of his life.



### CHANDLER—

Tom Chandler is seen standing in the outer office of his executive suite in San Antonio, Texas, where he directs a real estate management empire which oversees the operation of more than one million square feet of commercial real estate.

### TOM CHANDLER: A REAL ESTATE TYCOON

Tom Chandler came to the University of Minnesota from Arlington Heights, Illinois to play football in 1968. He was an outstanding defensive end under Coach Murray Warmath and lettered in 1969, '70 and '71. After graduation with a degree in education he was drafted in the early rounds by the Atlanta Falcons. An injury put him on the waiver list and he was picked up by the New York Stars of the old World Football League. From the Stars he went to the Canadian Football League and played for the Toronto Argonauts for the next six years.

After selling real estate for the Coldwell Banker and Rosewood Corporation in the Twin Cities for many years, he left for Texas in 1984 because he says there were new and expanding opportunities there.

Today, Chandler is one of San Antonio's most successful businessmen and recognized as a community leader. As the senior vice president and principal partner of the Orion Company, he is responsible for the direct control of more than one million square feet of commercial real estate in the San Antonio area.

Chandler and wife Barbara, his high school sweetheart, have been married for 19 years. They are the parents of four children: Corey 15, Ben 10, Luke 6 and Annie 2.

Chandler calls the university a great school with "great people." He says, "I'm proud to have gone to Minnesota and to have lettered in football. I have a great feeling about the University of Minnesota."

### A LIFE FILLED WITH ACHIEVEMENT & SUCCESS

Ken Dollarhide won his varsity "M" in 1938 and counts that high up on his list of personal accomplishments. He's had a life filled with achievement and success.

As a 14-year old in 1929, he became the first Eagle Scout west of the Mississippi River. In 1933, as a Montevideo, Minnesota High School senior, Dollarhide was called "Minnesota's all time greatest high school athlete by the Minneapolis Tribune. He starred in football, basketball and track. He was named to the All Central Minnesota High School Football team, the only unanimous choice, gained all-state honors as a basketball player and was a track sensation. In the 1933 State High School Track Meet he won three first places, the 100 yard dash, 220 yard low hurdles and the javelin throw. His three winning finishes propelled Montevideo High into the Meet's runner-up spot.

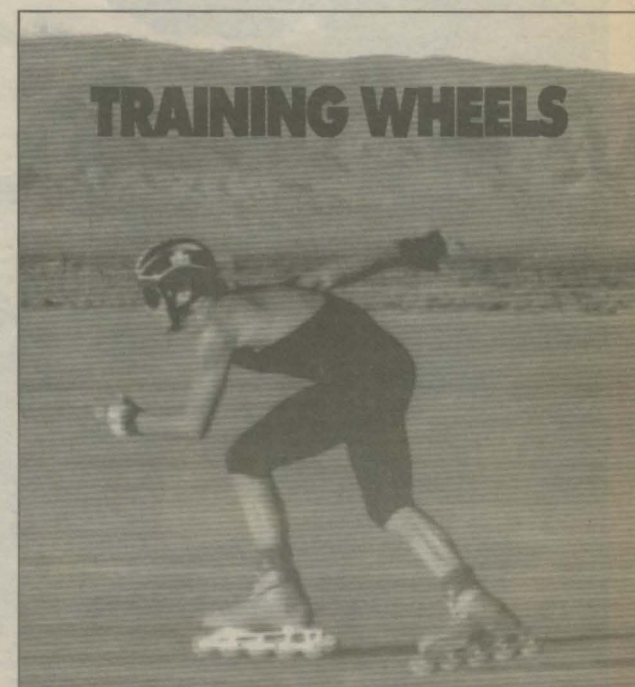
Dollarhide went to work for U.S. Steel after graduating from the University and after World War II, joined Reynolds Metals Co. working out of offices in Kentucky, Alabama, Manila and Mexico City. He rose to vice president and managing director of the Reynolds plant in Mexico where he stayed for fifteen years.

Dollarhide lives in San Antonio, Texas and is an avid follower of all Golden Gopher sports. He's a charter subscriber of SPORTSNEWS and says when he reads about Gopher athletic triumphs his spirits are lifted. "I feel so good when Minnesota does well that I brag to all who will listen that I was from Minnesota and am an "M" man." Dollarhide, a tall and well built man with a ready smile adds that winning his varsity letter was a great accomplishment. "It meant a lot to me then and still does today. I'm very proud of it—it's always been a highlight of my life."



### DOLLARHIDE—

Athletic great Ken Dollarhide of San Antonio, Texas, proudly holds a picture taken of him as a Gopher throwing the javelin in an Ames, Iowa dual meet with Iowa State in 1938. Notice Dollarhide's "M" tie and his 50-year "M" pin in his lapel. Dollarhide, once called "Minnesota's all time greatest high school athlete," says he still brags about being a Minnesotan and an "M" man.



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## Gopher Tales

by Steve Peckham  
Managing Editor

### Former All-American Returns To U

SPORTSNEWS has learned that former University of Minnesota gymnast Brian Meeker is coming back to the U to work on his MBA and help coach next year's Gopher squad.

The Big Ten champion and All-American might be remembered more for his 1981 accident at the Sports Festival in Syracuse. Meeker was running full speed towards the springboard when his foot slipped, sending him "chest-first" into the vault. He still receives calls from television stations asking permission to use old footage of the accident.

Meeker recently returned from Japan where he has been working for Endotronics. He will continue to work for the company's domestic marketing division here until school begins in the fall.

### Meeker Impressed With Roethlisberger

Meeker's homecoming will reunite some old friends. When Brian was at the U under coach Fred Roethlisberger, he used to babysit little Johnny Roethlisberger, now a freshman sensation on the Gopher squad.

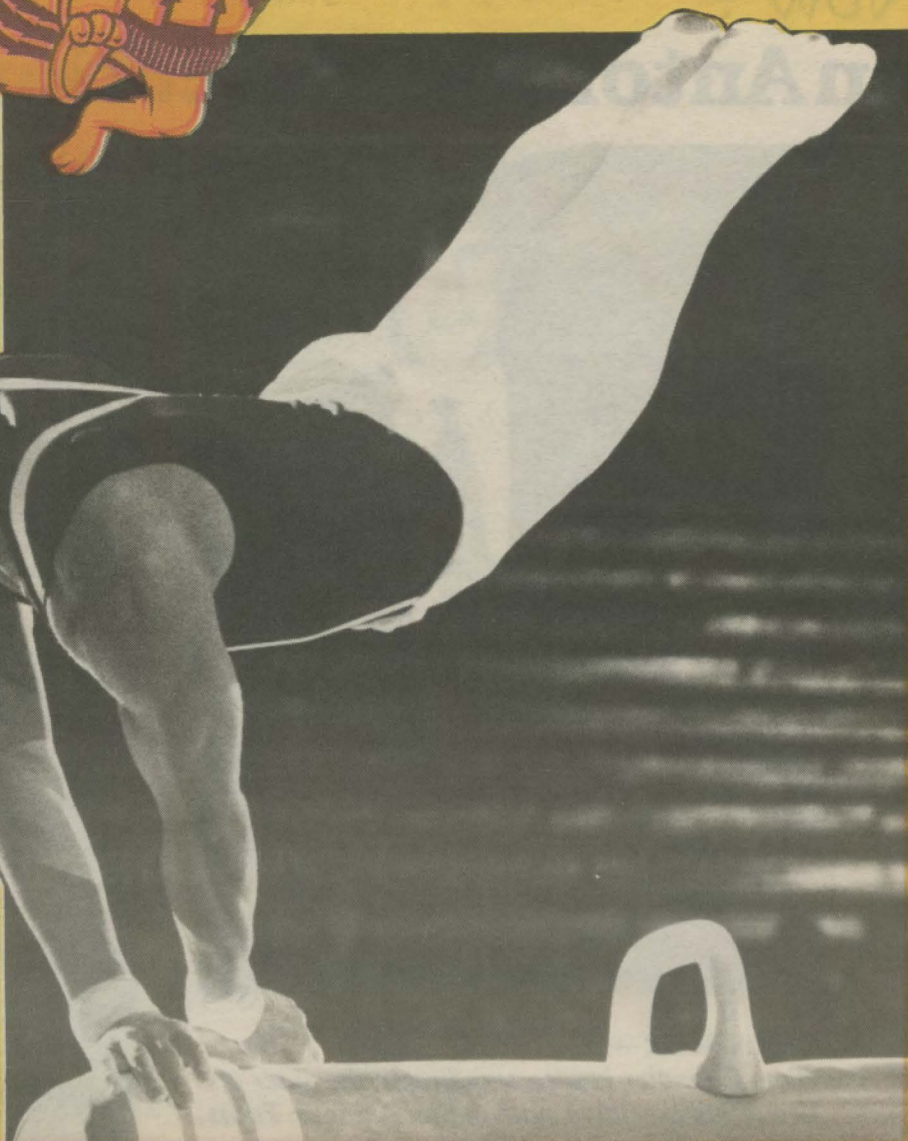
"John is probably the most mature 19-year-old competing gymnast that I've ever seen in the United States," said

All-American Brian Meeker is back!

Meeker. "Any pressure that a meet brings, he is able to channel into energy he uses to compete extremely well.

"We both have a fairly similar style. We both have pretty much the same body line, but he's probably a little more of an all-around gymnast than I was. He really has no weak events at all. He's got a great future ahead of him."

Roethlisberger will try to live up to his new assistant coach's build up at the upcoming Goodwill Games in Seattle, Wash. later this month.



### Lynch To Seattle?

No, our local hero hasn't gone to the Super Sonics of the NBA. But it looks like Kevin Lynch may be headed out west for a busy summer vacation. After being named one of 16 finalists for the 1990 USA National Basketball Team, sources are saying Lynch is almost certain to make the final cut to 15.

USA coach Mike Krzyzewski, who has been impressed with Lynch's overall play, will make the roster move sometime before the Goodwill Games begin in Seattle on July 23rd.

If Lynch makes the USA team, we'll all get a chance to see him play when the Americans take on the Soviet Union August 4 on national television.

Lynch averaged 13.4 points, 2.8 rebounds and 3.2 assists for the Gophers last season.

### Wanted: 6'5", 240 lb. Summer Intern

Pat Lavin, a retired business executive who now works in the Gopher football office, has been busy this summer checking on all his intern placements with Twin Cities businesses.

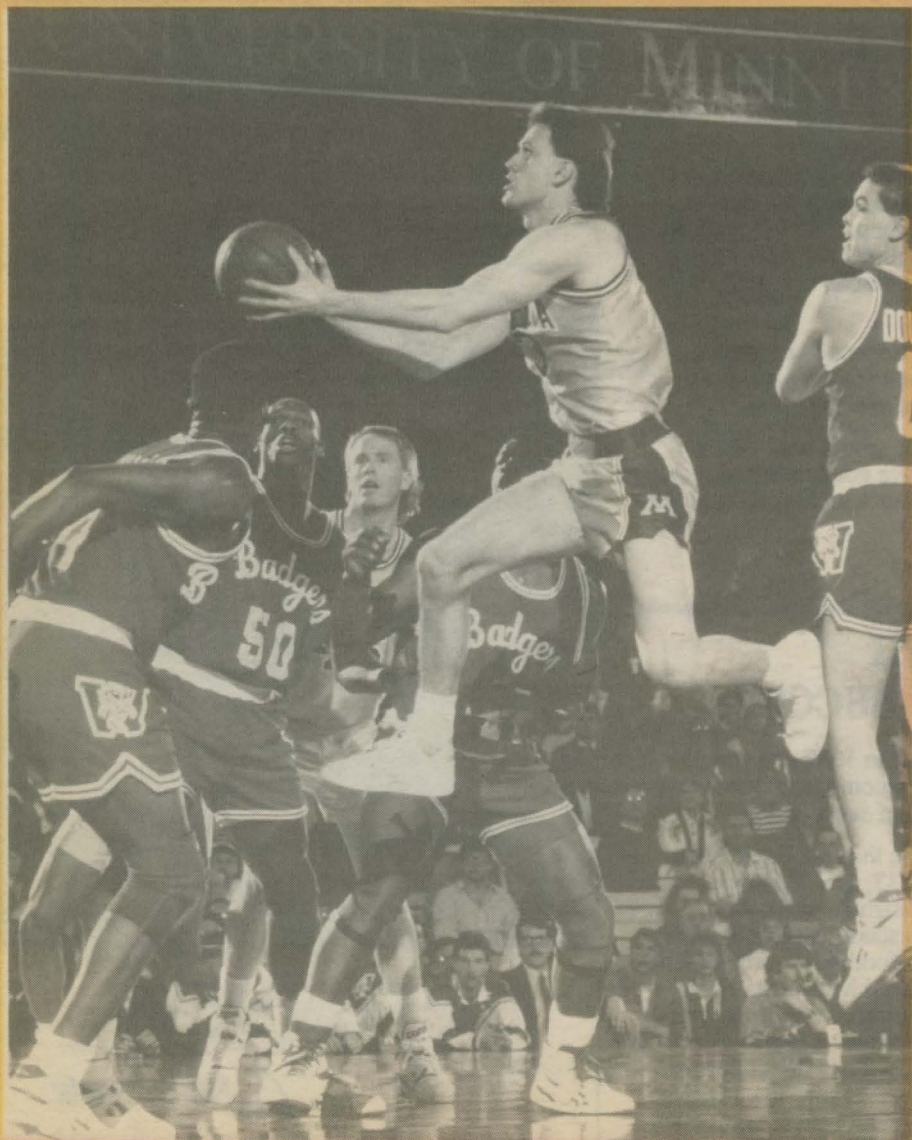
Lavin spends a good portion of his own time trying to connect Gopher football players with internship and summer job openings.

"They're really at a disadvantage because they get out so late and have to report back so early," explains Lavin. "I'm happy to help out and build up some of the credibility the program lost in earlier years."

Here is a partial list of football players interning at Twin Cities businesses this summer: Scott Schaffner, Skeeter Akre and Steve Recksiedler, Medtronic; Les O'Hara, First Star Metro Bank; John Selvestra and Kevin Sutton, 3M; Frank Jackson and Sean Lumpkin, General Electric Capital Flt. Services; Paul Hopewell, Accredited Investors; Fred Foggie, Insight News.

If your business could use a motivated intern next summer, call Pat Lavin at the University football office.

Kevin Lynch heading west



## After the Game

By Gary Hiebert  
(OliverTowne)



While we're waiting for the Czechoslovakians in the old country to get their act together for tourism, you can get there without leaving Minnesota. In fact, Central Europe is only 36 miles from the Twin Cities, at a place called Schumacher's New Prague Hotel.

Right on New Prague's Main Street, a slice of rural Czechoslovakian charm, tranquility and serving the kind of food they wish they could in Prague and offering rooms for the night that are still being dreamed about over there.

Which thoughts we reflected upon one warm, summer evening, just about twilight, sitting in the Garden Dining room, facing the old world landscaped patio, with the tiny lights glowing on the pines lined up along the fence.

You cross through the old-fashioned lobby of the old-fashioned Central European-styled hotel that has been a part of New Prague life since 1900. And maybe enroute you sink down in one of the easy chairs to shake the tension of the city and order an aperitif before you find your table.

Owners John and Kathleen Schumacher have kept adding culinary and visual touches to match the changing moods of the world.

You can leave your calorie counters and cholesterol count at the door or take them along. The menu has something for everybody, including, believe it or not, something called Healthy Heart Cuisine.

Now, the menus, please and let's order for the three of us at our table:

Folks who acquaint Czech cooking with Schnitzels, Czech homemade sausage, sauerbraten in rich sauce, the flagship roast duck, big cuts of beef and pork chops and oodles of noodles, won't be disappointed. But neither will those who opt for a lighter style.

There are five versions of fresh trout swimming in the tank near the dining room. One is Heart Healthy served, the Trout Bleu, poached and served with juice, garden salad drizzled with oil and vinegar and baked potato plus the restaurant's famed red cabbage.

I chose the slightly more calorific trout with shrimp and dill sauce with rosti potatoes (hashed brown with cheese crisped on top) and the red cabbage, of course. But I skipped the heftier soups for a chilled blueberry and pear soup.

My wife talked about eating hunter's style roast rabbit all the way to New Prague and that's exactly what she ate, roasted with carrot, onions and mushrooms, baked in brown gravy.

My daughter tried the beef rouladen, beef rolled with bacon, onions, frankfurters, pickle spears, browned in gravy and garnished with sour cream.

With all this came some of the traditional kolache (kolacky) and we shared one of the celebrated apple strudels.

If you go, plan on making it a two-hour respite and bring your check books or credit cards with ample lines of credit.

Then on your way out stop in Kathleen's fabulous gift shop, filled with the choicest things from Central Europe: toys, Menzel dolls from Bavaria, glassware, baubles of every kind, furniture, lampshades and hand-painted porcelain dishware, the work of a local lady.

Kathleen Schumacher personally does all the buying on trips to Central Europe. If you go in July, they are celebrating Christmas in July at the gift shop and you can really do your Christmas buying early, early, early.

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There are some things to be said for a Central European vacation at home.

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### Fan in the Stands

How important is it for basketball and hockey to remain on campus?



**Becky Alamat**  
 Minneapolis, MN  
 "I believe that it is important for basketball and hockey to stay on-campus. I think that it is a great way for camaraderie to build between the students. It allows a lot of school spirit. If you were to move it off site, you would lose attendance and some of that camaraderie built at the school. To move it off location would be to say that the sporting event is not part of the school."



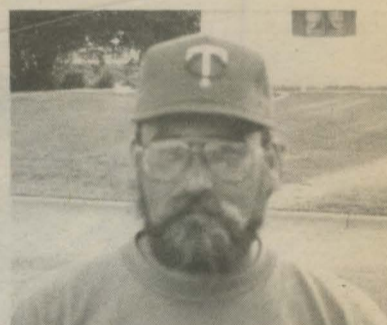
**Jessica Vanderscoff**  
 Minneapolis, MN  
 "College sports are meant for the students. It helps keep student attendance high and keeps morale and school spirit up. Visitors and alumni who are coming to the games would not be able to see the campus anymore if the games were located elsewhere. They would not be able to see all the changes that are being done and would not know what a great campus it is. Having games off-campus would greatly detract from the overall spirit."



**Dean Doiney**  
 Anoka, MN  
 "It is very important. It would be closer for me. If it was at the St. Paul Civic Center, it would be hard to go back and forth."



**Sandi Continenza**  
 Apple Valley, MN  
 "It is a collegiate sport, not a professional sport, so it belongs on-campus. This is where the college kids go and where the students can enjoy and participate in the games."



**Mark Bergstrom**  
 Richfield, MN  
 "It is important to keep the school's activities on-campus. I think it is important for the students to not have to leave the campus. Most universities have all their activities on their campus, so that is why I feel it is best for the students."

The SPORTSNEWS staff congratulates Milt Hanson of Hopkins, Minnesota, our latest trivia winner!

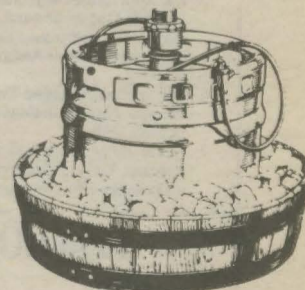
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2. Where did Darrell Thompson defect to?
3. What year did they put lights up at Siebert Field?

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The Q's and A's were:

1. Name the pro baseball teams former Gopher Dave Winfield has played for. Answer: San Diego, New York, California
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3. What two baseball teams have drafted Gopher catcher Dan Wilson? Answer: New York Mets, Cincinnati Reds



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## Remember When Northrop Was True "U" Jewel

By Don Riley

I was just a sophomore at Minneapolis Roosevelt High School when I was introduced to Northrop Baseball Field on a bright, warm, sunshine-filled Saturday morning in June.

Gopher athletic director and baseball coach Frank McCormick was greeting 200 preps to his one-day baseball school. Even before I swung a bat or chased down a grounder in infield drills, I knew my three bucks fee was well worth it.

That meant mowing six lawns for two weeks. But hey, wasn't I stepping onto the same field where Big Ten heroes played? And wasn't I right next to the Northrop greensward where the mighty Gopher football machines were honed and polished? And wasn't I in the heart of Gopherville?

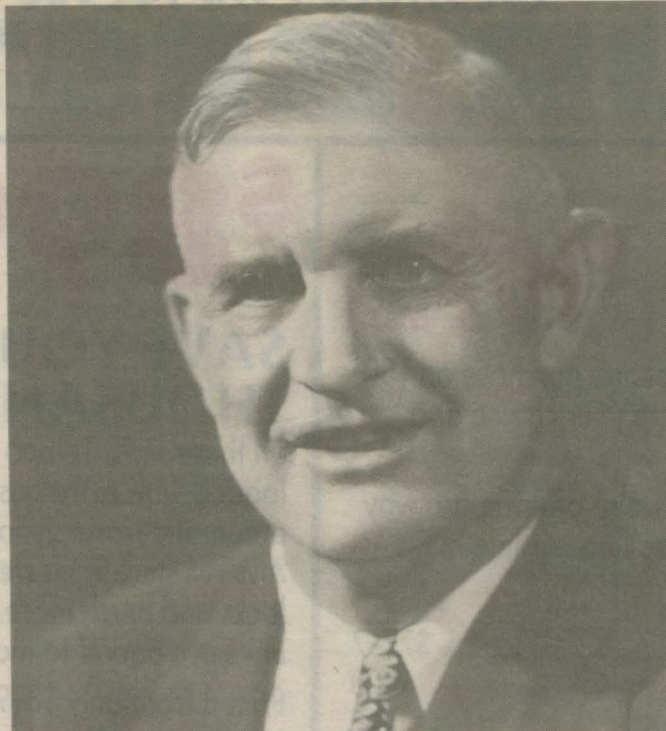
Seven years later I'd return to cover these Gophers on the same diamond and laugh and die and win and cry with the likes of crafty Dick Kelly of St. Paul and the irrepressible Matthew (Mutsie) Nolan of Minneapolis, the powerhouse southpaw who also could kick a football higher than any man in captivity while booting for the Maroon and Gold.

Northrop's old baseball diamond was situated in a lovely spot, the main gate right on University Avenue, just West of Memorial Stadium.

It always looked like a blooming, fresh garden. They'd play the Twin Cities prep baseball titles there and on a few Saturdays each spring you could glimpse a rising baseball star on its manicured turf. I recall interviewing Indiana grid and baseball star Ted Kluzewski there enroute to his famed and legendary homerun clouts in the majors.

"It was a fun place, right in the middle of everything," ex-Gopher infield whiz George Sweeney recalls. He went on to become a well known sports official and worked the majors during the umpires' strike.

"Who can ever forget coach McCormick chasing down foul balls. Our budget wasn't very big and one day he ran across University Avenue and right into a fraternity house where some brother had attempted to make a getaway with the horsehide. 'Bring 'em back alive Frank' got that ball while we held up the game, laughing at the crazy situation."



Frank McCormick  
The late U of M Athletic Director and Baseball Coach

In those late thirties, the Gopher players looked forward to trips south. "That spring trip to the south to face the likes of LSU and Mississippi State and Tulane was really a great thrill for the Gophers.

"You must remember, McCormick knew his baseball and the value of early conditioning. He started American Legion baseball in North Dakota. And while we didn't win any championships in my tenure, the Gophers produced some fine ballplayers like Bill Kane and Tom Gallivan and Ted Brissman. John Kundla played great first base and went on to Minnesota's Softball Hall of Fame.

"I recall running into an LSU team with the great Phil Caveretta who became a pro immortal. He got to first base and asked me how much we got paid. I told him nothing. He says that's crazy. He was making ten bucks a game. It was a real education. I think Alvin Dark was on that team, too.

"I recall one year we had a terrible season, but the guys could always laugh under McCormick. We called ourselves the Gas Meter Gang because we were always in the cellar. But just playing for the Gophers at Northrop meant so much to us."

People forget how many grid heroes played for the Gophers on Northrop. "We had some big hitters," football All-American Ed Widseth remembers. "Unfortunately, they were better hitters on the football field."

The powerful Widseth was a south-paw strong armer with a flameballer he could fire, but not control. "Wildness was my undoing," he grins.

"But I had a moment in an All-Star amateur game up north against several of the Minneapolis Millers when I found the target and actually won a low-hitter. I guess I was the game's MVP, much to my surprise.

"But I must have done something right. A couple of months ago somebody from the Dakotas left a big chunk of meat as a gift at my home with the note saying I had given him much pleasure with my pitching. I don't know if I beat him or if he pulverized the ball off me."

The Gophers in the thirties were loaded with the likes of football standouts like George Roscoe, Joe Mernik, Babe LeVoir, Frank Stanton and Milt Bruhn.

"When some of those guys connected, the ball sailed," explains Ed. "But we never seemed very deep in pitching. The main thing, a lot of the footballers figured it got them out of those tough spring drills."

By the time I was covering the Gophers, the lovable basketball genius Dave MacMillan was running the baseballers. He knew baseball and was a fiery competitor, stressing solid defense and fundamentals.

"All sports are alike," Dave would tell this neophyte reporter. "It's all in the basics. Teams with the best fundamentals win."

Dave's teams always made a run during the season. They were close to an even bet against anybody in the Big Ten with the likes of Kelly and Nolan on the mound and Bob Graiziger behind the plate.

But Dave had no idea of what the future would be like. I recall when they named Dick Siebert to replace Dave, he mused: "Don't really know why anyone would want this job. The springs in Minnesota are killers. By the time we're ready to play, the season's over."

He had no idea they would be building indoor facilities, taking prolonged practice trips to the south and playing in special summertime leagues for another 75 games.

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But even John I'm sure would appreciate those hot spring afternoons at Northrop when the pressure was less, but the spirit soared.

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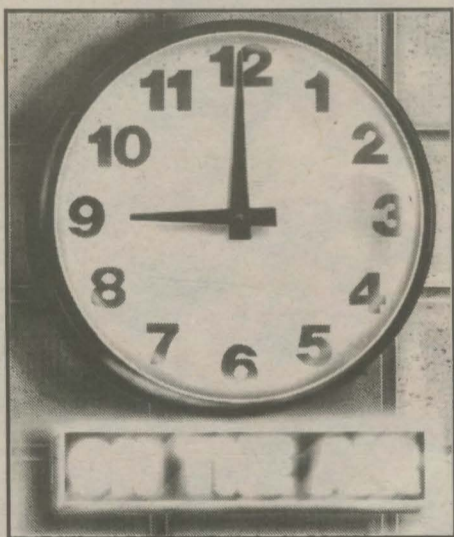
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## Aches and Pains

By Robert Hunter, M.D. Director  
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**Q** I am a fifty-eight year old male who has been doing thirty minutes of morning calisthenics for the past twenty-five years. My work-out consists of push-ups and sit-ups. When I get to work in the morning I walk five flights of stairs. Lately I have noticed I am winded about half way through both the calisthenics and stair walking. What could be causing this?

T.H.-Edina

**A** First let me congratulate you for maintaining what sounds to be a very good daily fitness program over a prolonged period of time. Certainly, a daily exercise program such as yours is the best way to insure a good, healthy body. If there has been a change in your response to exercise, then I would pose several questions. One, has there been a change in your social habits including either smoking or drinking? Both can adversely affect your fitness and performance. Two, have you changed your diet and therefore has there been a weight change? Three, has there been a change in the stress level in your life and has this affected your sleep patterns?

By going through a brief check of each of these areas you might find there is something you can easily identify that has changed which could be corrected and thus improve your performance. On the other hand, if there is nothing obvious, then it becomes time to be thoroughly evaluated by your family physician or an internist looking specifically at your heart, blood vessels, lungs and other vital organs. A complaint of lack of breath or lack of energy can implicate important organ systems in the body which should be very carefully evaluated and treated.

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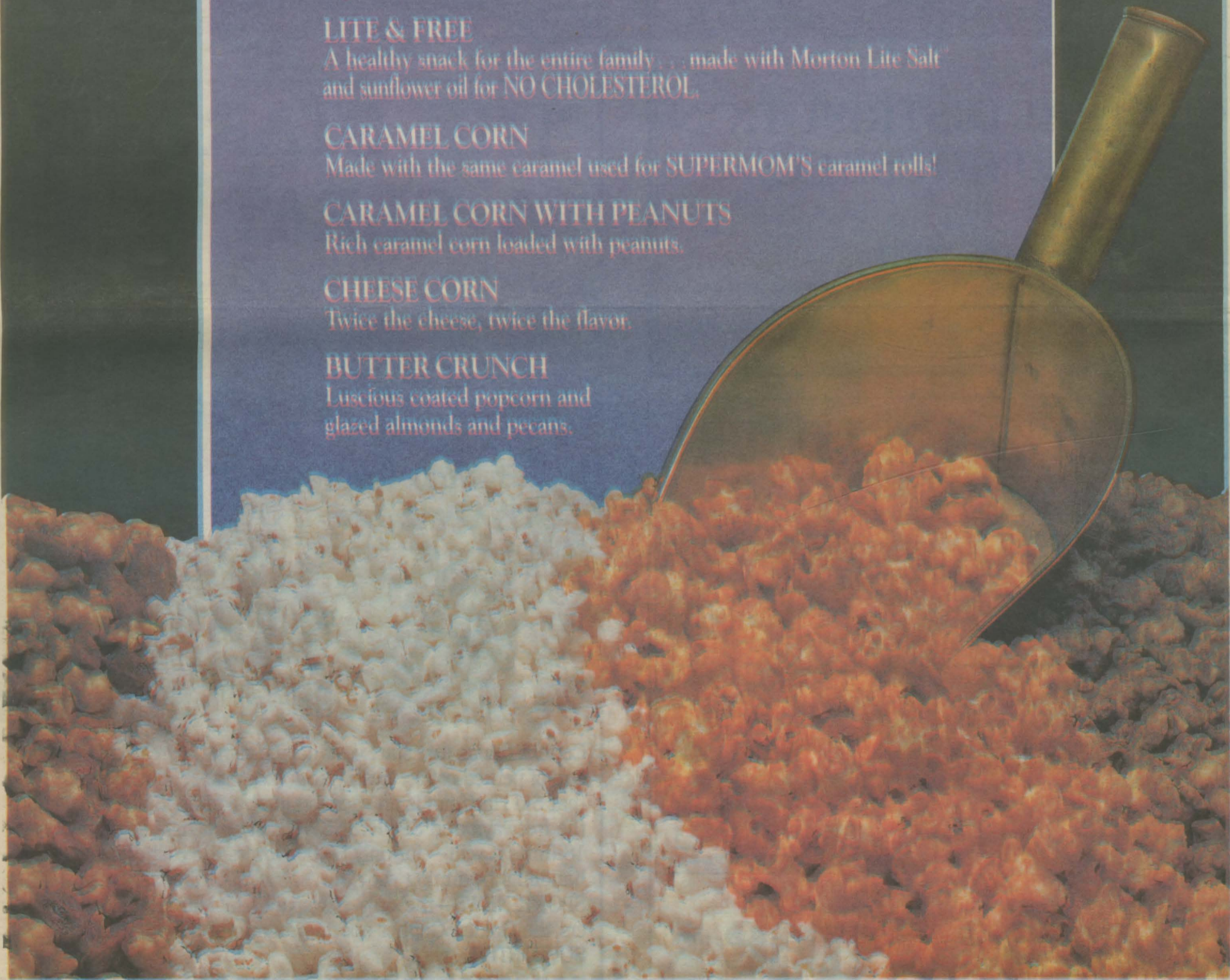
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