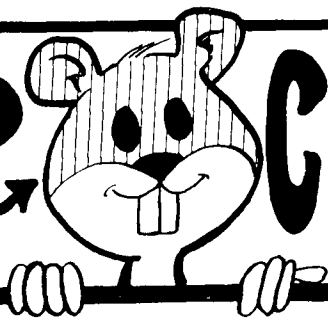




GOPHER CHATTER

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Brooks sees Minnesota preps key to UM hockey fortunes

"When asked to predict the future of our hockey program at Minnesota, my first response is that I'm not a fortune teller," says NCAA championship coach Herb Brooks.

"However, I can make one statement of fact . . . that if the Good Lord's willin' and the creek don't rise, and those excellent Minnesota high school products keep choosing our school to further their educational and athletic careers, then Minnesota will be all right.

"By that statement I'm not saying we are about to keep winning WCHA and NCAA championships year after year. But I do believe our program will continue to grow, prosper and be competitive as long as the Minnesota high school program keeps improving.

"In many ways our success is in direct relation to the constant improvement shown by our fine prep coaches. These are the men who instill the basic fundamentals of team play and teach youngsters the meaning of sacrifice and hard work.

"Without those items no hockey program can prosper.

"As long as young men learn and retain the values shown by members of this year's Minnesota hockey team—dedication, determination, unselfishness—our program has a great future."

By way of assuring the success of Gopher hockey in the near future Brooks has signed six real "blue-chippers" to UM tenders. They are *Steve Cristoff*, F (from Richfield's State champs); *Tim Harrier*, F, Bloomington Lincoln; *Peter Hayek*, D, Robbinsdale; *Rob McClanahan*, F, Mounds View; *Don Micheletti*, F, Hibbing; *Eric Strobel*, F, Rochester Mayo.



Brooks

Gopher basketball future bright IF

With all five starters and its top eight players expected to return next season, the University of Minnesota is looking at its basketball future with optimism.

Michigan already is being tabbed as a title-favorite in the Big Ten Conference, and Purdue is another club being given top priority. But Minnesota and defending champion Indiana rank high on the list of possible threats.

From this year's list of leading scorers in the conference, the top two returnees . . . Mike Thompson and Ray Williams . . . both are Gophers. Other starters back for Minnesota will be guards Phil Saunders and Osborne Lockhart and forward Dave Winey.

While Thompson and Williams reaped a pile of honors in '75-'76, Winey was named as Minnesota's most improved player and in the process drew a pat-on-the-back from Coach Jim Dutcher.

"Winey sat on the bench through much of the early season," Dutcher explained, "but when we got into conference play, Dave gained a starting assignment. He came on strong with a great game at Ohio State and was a key in our wins over Michigan and Michigan State. He's a big man in our future."

The Gopher coach figures Minnesota's experience will help a great deal next year. "Our players had to learn a new, more open, style of offense this season," he said, "and we went more man-to-man on defense than they had been used to. But after playing together for a year, we should have a big jump on things as far as preparations go next season."

Dutcher figures a good start will be important to his club but points to a pair of challenging non-conference road assignments next December.

The Gophers must play at Marquette and at Detroit . . . against two clubs that each won over 20 games this year . . . before coming home to shoot for their third straight Pillsbury Classic crown.



Minnesota's 1976 NCAA Champions

KNEELING (L-R): Bryan Fredrickson, Don Madson, Dan Bonk, Ken Yackel, Head coach Herb Brooks, Mark Lambert, Trainer Gary Smith, Jeff Tscherne, Tom Vannelli.

STANDING (L-R): Warren Miller, Asst. Coach Brad Buetow, Bob Fish, Steve Janaszek, Dr. George Nagabods, Jim Boo, Tom Mohr, Russ Anderson, Phil Verchota, Tim Rainey, Manager Jim Davidson, Tom Younghans, Joe Micheletti, Brad Morrow, Captain Pat Phippen, Tom Gorence, Reed Larson, Bruce Lind, Rob Larson, Bill Baker.

Football season ticket sales to open May 1

Although our spring sports are still in progress, the football season ticket sale will soon be under way. Each of you who purchased season tickets last season will receive your reorder application just prior to May 1. We urge you to read and save this information for reference when reordering your season football tickets this month.

The reorder application—Your last year's locations, number of tickets purchased, and price extensions will be entered for your convenience. May we emphasize the importance of your signing the application at the *extreme upper-left* of the application. For your protection, the signature will be verified when received in our Athletic Ticket Office. Your reorder application is valid for your personal use only.

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

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

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

Transfers of priority—If our "longevity dictates seat locations" philosophy is to be meaningful, transfers of priorities must be minimal. If transfers were granted indiscriminately very few vacancies would occur in the more desirable season ticket areas. The result would be that other patrons, ordering each year in good faith in an effort to eventually move into better seats, would not be given an equal chance to be improved.

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

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

Ken Buell Athletic Ticket Manager

32 lettermen in spring drills

When spring football practice opened April 17 an air of confidence came through from both the staff and players. A total of 32 lettermen dotted the roster of more than 80 candidates, meaning coach Cal Stoll and Co. may have more experience next fall than ever before.

Drills continue Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday each week through the spring. Stoll eagerly invites all alumni and other Gopher fans to come on out whenever possible.

A special day, May 15, has been scheduled in Rochester when the Gopher varsity will play an intra-squad game there as a part of spring drills. Bernie Lusk of KROC radio and TV is in charge of local arrangements at Rochester.

The big final to spring drills comes at Memorial Stadium Saturday, May 22 when the annual spring game has been scheduled. Again, all Gopher fans are invited as all proceeds go directly to the Williams Scholarship Fund.

So come on out and watch football in the spring. It just might be a sneak preview to one of the best seasons in Gopherland in many a year.

Recruiting results please Stoll

According to Gopher football coach Cal Stoll, Minnesota "may" have recruited its best freshman class ever in the 30 young men who signed national letters of intent back in February.

"Now I say that never having seen any of these men play a minute of college football," Stoll says. "So you can read into it what you want. What I am really saying is that these men appear solid on paper. If they all come through, then, yes, they will be the best group ever."

"But until they have proven themselves under fire we cannot make any concrete statements about their college ability."

"We simply base our beliefs on what they have done in high school, the type of competition they faced, and hopefully where they can fit into our program."

"On paper it looks like an exceptional group. I only hope our predictions are correct. We'll find out soon enough."

Of the 30 signees, 18 are from Minnesota's natural drawing area of Minnesota (14) and Wisconsin (4).

On the roster only two men, both defensive backs, are under six feet tall, while 21 of the 30 weigh in at better than 200 pounds. The biggest is tackle Kent Penovich (6-6, 260) of Muskego, Wisconsin, while the smallest is defensive back-place-kicker Paul Rogind (5-11, 175) from Farmington, Michigan.

The entire group averages out to 6-foot-3 inches tall and 213 pounds. And they're still growing.



Stoll

MINNESOTA'S 1976 FOOTBALL RECRUITS

Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	H. S.
Richard Armstrong	TB	6'2"	185	Minneapolis	West
Alan Blanshan	DT	6'6"	230	Mankato	East
Rick Bowen	LB	6'4"	222	St. Paul	Tartan
Mark Carlson	QB	6'0"	190	Deerfield, Ill.	Deerfield
Ray DiIulio	TB	6'1"	210	Boise, Idaho	Boise
Keith Edwards	DB	6'0"	185	Grand Rapids, Mi.	Creston
Tom Fitzpatrick	OG	6'5"	230	Rochester	Mayo
Ken Foxworth	DB	5'11"	185	St. Louis, MO	University
Roger Frazier	WR	6'1"	180	Richmond, Ind.	Richmond
Dave Gardner	DE	6'4"	230	Rochester	Mayo
Todd Goettsche	DT	6'5"	235	Plymouth	Armstrong
Scott Harms	LB	6'3"	220	Rice Lake, Wisc.	Rice Lake
Steve Heston	DE-LB	6'5"	215	Portland, Ore.	Jackson
Walter Jones	WR	6'3"	175	St. Louis, MO	Soldan
Craig Kirtland	DB	6'1"	190	Boise, Idaho	Boise
Ric Lager	DE	6'2"	210	St. Peter	St. Peter
Mark Larsen	QB	6'1"	180	Buena Park, CA	Kennedy
Don Meyer	LB-FB	6'2"	210	Arlington Hgts. Ill.	Mt. Prospect
Mark Owens	OG	6'4"	230	Rochester	Mayo
Pat Paquette	FB	6'5"	240	Superior, Wisc.	Superior
Kent Penovich	OT	6'6"	260	Muskego, Wisc.	Muskego
Bob Ryan	TB	6'0"	185	Rosemount	Rosemount
Paul Rogind	DB-K	5'11"	175	Farmington, MI	Harrison
Darrel Schwen	OT	6'4"	215	Great Falls, Mont.	Great Falls
Terry Simmons	WR-P	6'2"	185	Birmingham, MI	Brother Rice
Joe Smith	QB	6'3"	200	Richfield	Richfield
Randy Sonnenfeld	QB	6'5"	210	Robbinsdale	Robbinsdale
Jeff Thompson	FB	6'2"	205	Bloomington	Jefferson
Stan Werner	NG	6'1"	260	Norwood-Young Am.	Central
Ken Wypyszynski	TE	6'5"	225	Green Bay, Wisc.	West DePere

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Gopher spring sports coaches assess squads

—Baseball—

The Gophers have an excellent nucleus returning in 1976, along with some capable replacements at those positions which have been vacated by graduation, so there is no reason why the Gophers cannot make a strong bid to capture the Big Ten baseball title.

The pitching staff has three returning starters in senior Steve Comer (Minnetonka) and sophomore Dan Morgan (Superior, Wisconsin), both righthanders, and junior southpaw Perry Bauer (Red Wing). There are a number of possibilities for the fourth starting role, including senior Wayne Huepenbecker (Glencoe), junior Chuck Viskocil (Richfield) and freshman Jerry Ujdur (Hermantown), all right-handers.

Lindsay Hoyer, last year's regular catcher, has graduated. There is a four-way battle for the number one spot involving juniors Mike Bruss (Richfield) and Jeff Neutzling (Albany) and sophomores George Dierberger (St. Paul Brady) and Tom Jagiela (Fridley Grace).

Steve Shimek, who played first base last year, is gone. Sophomore Brian Denman (Richfield) looked impressive in the Metropolitan Collegiate Summer League, where he led the league with a .365 average, and should be a capable replacement.

Last year's second baseman, Paul Molitor (St. Paul Cretin), had a sensational freshman year, leading the Gophers in hitting (.343), triples (6), total bases (56) and stolen bases (23). He will undoubtedly move to shortstop this season, replacing Joe Kordosky, who completed his eligibility and signed with the Minnesota Twins. There are at least four candidates for the vacated position, including senior Bill Deblon (Austin), juniors Ken Mauer (St. Paul Harding) and Tim Loberg (Brooklyn Center) and sophomore Tarry Boelter (Sleepy Eye).

Third base is in the capable hands of senior co-captain Bobby Bolf (Keewatin), who had a fine year in 1975, hitting .288, and should do even better this season.

A veteran outfield is returning, with juniors Jeff Kendall (Richfield) a .317 hitter, in right field; speedy Tommy Mee, (Prior Lake), in center; and Jeff Neutzling, (Albany), who also catches, in left field, with seniors Mike Schultz (Wells) and Mike Svendsen (Rochester) capable replacements at any of the three positions.

All in all the outlook is bright. Hitting and defense should be good to excellent, and pitching, on the basis of returning veterans and promising newcomers, could be very strong.



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fers Gregg Andersson (Lakeville) and Terry Moores (North Oaks) will provide added depth, as will returnees Miles Prestemon (Minneapolis), Kevin Treacy (Dellwood), Mike Schwartz (Excelsior) and Bob Anderson (Minneapolis).

"All of my golfers have put in a lot of time at the golf gym, but there's nothing like getting out on the course," commented the coach. "We're limited in the amount of time we can play, but do rather well considering the climate. All of our players enter as many tournaments as they can over the summer, and many of them do well. Kevin Treacy won the Twin Cities Amateur and Mike Schwartz the Pre-School. Paul Strande took second in the Minnesota Amateur, with Leif Carlson (Minneapolis) the runnerup in the Minnesota Pub-Links Tournament."

All and all, the coach is optimistic. "The experience should help keep us in contention in most of our tournaments," Bolstad predicted. "Defending Big Ten Champ Indiana will again be strong, as will be Ohio State. And you can be sure Michigan will be tough to beat on their own course."



Bolstad

—Tennis—

With a strong group of returning lettermen, transfers and promising freshmen, coach Jerry Noyce is optimistic about improving Minnesota's 17-5 record of a year ago. The Gophers third place finish tied for their best ever, but this may be the year the team brings the championship to Minnesota.

Six lettermen return, including Bob Amis (Edina), Mark Branderberg (Rochester) and Bill Stark (Richfield). All three were first line singles players last year, and each showed well in the NCAA Tourney. Returnees Jim Lampi (Richfield) and Tom Nelson (White Bear Lake) add needed depth along with transfers Dixon Dahlberg (Edina) and Chris Beecroft (Bloomington). Another man heavily counted on will be freshman Mark Nammacher, who brings with him impressive prep credentials. Should Nammacher (Minneapolis) and fellow frosh Ken Sutherland (Minnetonka) be able to contribute this season, the Gophers should be in a strong position.

"Last year was one of the best in Minnesota history . . . but I think we can do better in '76," predicted Noyce. "Barring the unforeseen factors, we should present a strong challenge to Michigan." Other than the Wolverines, the mentor sees Iowa, Wisconsin and Ohio State as the leading contenders for the Big Ten title.



Noyce

—Golf—

"For the first time in awhile we'll have the luxury of experience," said coach Les Bolstad. "The majority of our golfers will be upperclassmen."

A look at the Gopher roster will point up the coach's words. Six of eleven squad members are seniors, and all but two of the remaining five are juniors. Co-Captains Paul Strande (Minneapolis) and Tim O'Neill (Minneapolis), who finished seventh and ninth in the Big Ten Championships will be a pair the coach can rely on. Trans-

—Track—

The fortunes of Minnesota's outdoor track squad should take a turn for the better in 1976. The Gophers will again be led by the distance runners and field event personnel, but should show improvement in the sprint, middle distance and hurdle events.

Newcomers Cicero McGee (St. Paul), Bill King (White Bear Lake), Tom Wichelman (St. Louis Park) and Scott Langlie (Wayzata) should bolster the Gopher sprint contingent. Returnees

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At 73 Stillwater native reliving UM football glory

Minnesota's Golden Gophers have had many loyal followers over the years, but in 1976, our country's Bicentennial year, one fan stands out as something special.

He's Wilfred Poirer, a native of Stillwater and at age 73 on hand at every opportunity cheering for his University of Minnesota athletes.

Last week Wilfred donated 54 years of memorabilia embellishing Golden Gopher achievements to Paul Giel and the U of M men's intercollegiate athletic department.

Yellowed newspaper clippings, tattered souvenir programs, photographs, pamphlets . . . all are included in what has to rank as one of the most complete collections depicting Gopher athletics ever assembled.



Poirer shows Giel memorabilia

"It's my Bicentennial contribution to University of Minnesota athletics," Poirer said when making the presentation to Giel.

Poirer, a wood craftsman by trade, never competed in athletics himself. In fact, he had no formal education . . . which makes his loyalty to the University of Minnesota and its athletic teams all the more remarkable.

"Following Gopher athletics has been my life," Poirer said. "It has kept me going."

Deeply moved over that display of loyalty, Giel responded to the contribution by saying, "It just goes to show how important athletics are in our lives today. Whether you play or not is not important. It's the involvement. And Mr. Poirer has been involved. We at the University of Minnesota are very grateful."

Poirer, a self-proclaimed pursuer of the good times in his younger years, became a U of M follower when a friend urged him to attend a game . . . "to find something worthwhile to do in your spare time."

That game was the Michigan-Minnesota gridiron battle of 1924 (won by Michigan 13-0) and it was the beginning of a love affair which remains torrid today.

His second visit to the U of M campus was for the dedication of Memorial Stadium when the Gophers upset Illinois, and Poirer vividly remembers Minnesota's sparkling come-from-behind victory over Red Grange and Company.

He's had season tickets in football since 1940 and he expanded his loyalty program to include Gopher basketball with season tickets in 1955.

Although he's had hundreds of thrills in both sports while watching the Gophers over the years, two football games stand out in his mind as among the "most memorable."

One came in 1928 when Minnesota hosted and won over arch-rival Wisconsin 6-0. "Bronko Nagurski was a great player," Poirer pointed out, "and on that day he stood out defensively even more than on offense. It was something to see."

The second was in 1940 when the Golden Gophers upset highly-touted Michigan 7-6. "Bruce Smith made a run that afternoon that I'll never forget," Poirer said. "It won the game for us."

There are other big games, big plays and big players in Poirer's past. And he expects to add a few more in the future. Like next fall when he plans on returning to Memorial Stadium to help the Gophers celebrate the Bicentennial year with a winning season.

Big Ten championship tops UM's gym season

The 1976 Big Ten Gymnastics Championships held March 26 and 27 at East Lansing were seen by many as a cut-and-dried affair. Defending Champion Michigan, winner in five of the last seven years, was expected to have little trouble retaining the crown. Someone must have forgotten to furnish the Gophers with a script. They jumped to an early lead and went on to defeat the Wolverines by a score of 220.45 to 218.05. The title is Minnesota's first since 1948.

Leading the Gophers were Tim and Jeff LaFleur (Greenfield, Wis.), who garnered first and second in the All-Around competition. Jeff also won an individual title on the parallel bars. Other individual titles were won by Mike Wilbur (Champlin) on rings and Dan Jarosch (St. Paul) on pommel horse.

Minnesota's success did not end in East Lansing. The Gophers traveled to Philadelphia the following week for the NCAA Championships at Temple University. Despite the loss of Tim LaFleur (injured in Big Ten Meet), the Minnesota contingent garnered fifth place in the tourney against strong competition. Outstanding performances were turned in by Jeff LaFleur, who placed third on parallel bars, Dan Jarosch, who captured seventh on the horse, and Mike Wilbur, the seventh slot finisher on rings.

Coach Fred Roethlisberger was more than pleased by the team's showing. "They really performed to their potential at the Conference Meet," commented Roethlisberger, "and I knew then they would be ready for Philadelphia. I worked them hard all season long and it paid off. You don't beat a fine team like Michigan without hard work and concentration. The only fly in the ointment is Tim's injury. He was injured in his last vault at the Big Tens, and was unable to compete in the NCAA. Had he been healthy, we might have placed a little higher. But all things considered, we had an excellent season."

—Track— (Continued from page 3)

include Frank McLeod (St. Paul), Dave McDaniel (St. Louis Park) and John Nauman (Faribault).

Andy Bunge (Preston) and Jim Leib (Minneapolis) appear to be the best bets in the 600, with Dennis Julison (Elmhurst, Ill.) and Randy Beebe (Glen Ellyn, Ill.) the top Minnesota threats in the 880 and 1000.

Distance runners are one of Minnesota's strong suits. Stand-out Steve Plasencia (New Hope) returns to lead a fine contingent which also includes Brad Holmberg (N. St. Paul), Tom Fragelius (Minneapolis) and Dennis Fee (White Bear Lake).

The hurdle events should improve as a healthy Tim Luczak (Duluth) rebounds from an injury-plagued '75 season. Other entrants will be Dave Gaither (Wayzata), Steve Mahnke (Hudson, Wis.) and Andy Bunge.

Minnesota record holder Glenn Bullick (Brooklyn Center) will again carry the Gophers' hopes in the pole vault. Bryan Mortland (St. Louis Park) and Craig Lindman (Brooklyn Center) join Bullick in what coach Griak feels will be the squad's strongest field event. John Bohan (Minneapolis) and newcomer Bruce Beckel (St. Paul) will do most of the high jumping, with frosh Dave Eiland (Minneapolis) stepping in as the top threat in the long jump.

The triple jump is the domain of Vilbert Forsythe (Georgetown, Guyana). Jeff Wujek (St. Paul) will again be the team's premier weight man.



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WAYZATA SPORTACULAR GOAL UP TO \$50,000

For Williams Fund Giel Day at Winona June 10

Newest addition to the Williams Fund spring-summer schedule is the first annual Paul Giel Williams Fund Day to be held in his home town of Winona on Thursday, June 10.

Heading up the Winona event is Ev Edstrom, long time friend of Paul and his family. Ev is father of Steve Edstrom, WCCO Radio personality. He is being assisted by Bernie Wag-nild, Leon Nesbitt, Bill Wieczorek, Bob Weeks (tennis chairman), and Pat Shortridge, Winona C.C. professional.

Afternoon golf and tennis will be followed by a banquet. UM tennis coach Jerry Noyce will give a demonstration as part of the tennis activities.

"I remember Paul since he played trumpet in my brother Harold's high school band," recalled Edstrom. "I followed him through the park rec. program and then

high school. Paul is still the same person. Considerate. Sincere. Modest."

"We held a luncheon here April 6 for the committee members. Paul spoke and made a big hit with his straight-from-the-shoulder remarks and answers to questions from the group. We are eager to show Paul we appreciate him, and that we want to help him significantly with his program."

Tickets for the golf/tennis and dinner are \$25 with all but the \$6 dinner charge going to the Williams Fund. Giel, Cal Stoll, Jim Dutcher, Murray Warmath, Wally Johnson, Noyce, Roy Griak, and Bud Erickson will represent the UM Men's Intercollegiate Athletic Department.

Of the event Giel had this to say: "It is particularly gratifying to me to have my home town want to stage this Williams Fund raiser in my name. I was honored when they renamed the high school athletic field after me but now to have friends wanting to get involved in our total program is also tremendously satisfying. I am deeply grateful."



Giel

Fifth Annual May 17

Plans for the fifth annual WAYZATA GOPHER SPORTACULAR are well underway, and the 1976 event is expected to be the most ambitious fund raising event ever staged by a local organization for the benefit of University of Minnesota athletics.

On tap Monday, May 17, the Sportacular will include golf at both Wayzata and Woodhill courses and a noon luncheon at the Wayzata Country Club.

Featured speaker at the \$100 a plate luncheon will be Bob Griese, Miami Dolphin quarterback. Additional dignitaries will include U of M President Peter C. Magrath, Minnesota Governor Wendell Anderson and George Connor, a football Hall of Fame selection at both the college and professional levels.

Sportscaster Ray Scott will serve as the Master of Ceremonies, and Minnesota athletic director Paul Giel will have his entire coaching staff on hand.

Jim Dutcher, Gopher basketball coach and newest member of that staff, will be making his first appearance at a Wayzata Sportacular, and several other celebrities from the sports world are expected to be in attendance.

Jaye Dyer, chairman of the event, indicated that the goal for this year's Sportacular has been set at \$50,000 after the 1975 function raised \$37,000 for the Williams Fund.

The Gopher Sportacular concept originated in 1972 when University of Minnesota athletic director Paul Giel was invited to speak before the Greater Wayzata Area Chamber of Commerce.

Out of a series of meetings with Chamber officers and committee chairmen evolved a luncheon gathering which was attended by some 450 people and produced over \$5,000.

The result of the first gathering prompted the Chamber and Giel to make the Sportacular an annual event. The following year some \$10,000 was collected, and that windfall for the Williams Fund has increased each year.

"We are extremely grateful for the cooperation of so very many people who have been involved in past Sportaculars," Giel said. "Their participation is vital in a project such as this, and their efforts make it all possible. An expanded group of 'Hunt Captains' will be working on this year's program, and they are confident the 1976 goal of \$50,000 can be reached."

Previous Sportaculars have been well attended by M men and members of the University of Minnesota athletic staff to add an additional Gopher flavor to the occasion.

Information and tickets may be obtained by contacting Jaye Dyer at 545-2828.

4th Annual Williams Day at Oak Ridge May 24

The 4th Annual Oak Ridge Golf & Tennis Williams Fund Tournaments will be held on Monday, May 24 at Oak Ridge Country Club. The entry fee for golfing is \$75.00 per person and for tennis \$45.00 per person. Both events will begin at 1 p.m. at Oak Ridge Country Club. In the event of rain, provisions have been made for indoor tennis facilities. The \$75/45 fee includes a noon brunch, tennis/golf, golf cart, banquet and program, plus Gopher mementos. The banquet will begin at 6:30 p.m. at Oak Ridge. For further information regarding the tennis events call Bob Mahin at 935-7759. For information regarding the golf event call Lee Ann at 373-4216 or 376-4670. The overall chairman of the event is Pat Richie. Golf chairmen are Sid Cohen and Ralph Green. Tennis chairmen are Spencer Dean Sr., Bob Mahin and Jerry Noyce. Other committee members include Vernon Wexler, Dean Garrett, and Clare Overholt.

Celebrity Tournament July 26 at Midland C.C.

Applications are being accepted for the Williams Fund Celebrity Golf Tournament on Monday, July 26 at Midland Hills Country Club in St. Paul. Golfers have their choice of tee-off times—either 8 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. The \$100.00 per person fee includes golf, golf shirt, buffet dinner, program, and special surprises around the course. The fivesomes will include four golfers plus a special guest celebrity. Many celebrities from the Twins, North Stars, Vikings, and Gophers, as well as former Gopher stars have been invited. For further information call Lee Ann at 373-4216 or 376-4670.

Gophers gridders at Rochester May 15

Cal Stoll will preview his 1976 University of Minnesota football team in a Maroon and Gold intra-squad scrimmage at John Marshall High School in Rochester on Saturday, May 15 at 1 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$2 for adults and \$1 for students with proceeds going to the Williams Fund. Players and coaches will remain on the field after the scrimmage for a special photograph-autograph session with Gopher fans.

COMING WMS. FUND EVENTS

May 3—Les Bolstad Golf and Testimonial Dinner—Golden Valley Country Club; May 17—4th Annual Wayzata Williams Fund Sportacular—Wayzata Country Club, Woodhill Country Club; May 24—4th Annual Oak Ridge Golf & Tennis Williams Fund Tournament—June 1—Redwood Falls, Minn.—Dick Wildung Williams Fund Golf Tournament; June 8—Austin Williams Fund Golf & Dinner; June 10—Winona Williams Fund Golf & Tennis Tournament; June 14—Fox Crest Memorial Williams Fund Golf-A-Rama; June 16—Hibbing Williams Fund Golf & Dinner; June 21—Anoka Williams Fund Golf & Dinner; June 28—Faribault-Bruce Smith Golf & Dinner; June 29—New Ulm Golf & Dinner; July 26—Williams Fund Celebrity Golf & Tournament—Midland Hills C.C.

Jaye Dyer— \$50,000 Williams Fund “motivator”

Ever hear of someone with plutonium in his veins?
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Out at 1180 Shellard Tower is a person suspect. He is Jaye F. Dyer, president and chief executive officer of DYCO PETROLEUM CORPORATION.

His vast reserve of energy and enthusiasm goes far beyond that of any normal human. Which has proven to be a bonanza for the Williams Fund.

As a native of Moore, Oklahoma, Dyer was early exposed to big time and winning college athletics. Moore is just up the road from Norman, Oklahoma, home of the Oklahoma University Sooners.

Inspired by the feats of the O.U. football teams coached by Minnesota graduate Bud Wilkinson, Dye, despite size limitations, went on to win all-state high school honorable mention as a tailback for Moore H.S. After a short stint in the Navy he entered O.U. and graduated in 1951 with a B.S. in Geology. His first job in 1951 was with Cities Service as an exploration geologist. When an opportunity for job improvement came from APCO Petroleum Co. he joined that organization and was exploration manager from 1954-58 for the Rocky Mountain division in Denver.

It was while employed by APCO that Dyer became aware of the APACHE CORPORATION based in Minneapolis. Not by accident APACHE approached him in November, 1958. The opportunity offered by this young and rapidly expanding company appealed to Jaye. He spent a year in Tulsa with APACHE, then on to Minneapolis and Calgary.

In 1971 Dyer wanted to make a career change so he resigned as executive vice president and a director of APACHE. In the back of his mind was a desire to form an organization patterned after APACHE whose principal business was oil and gas exploration and the selling of limited partnerships. After checking out several possibilities in Oklahoma and Texas he returned to Minneapolis where he presented his ideas to brothers Harold and Bud Grossman. Thus was born DYCO. They formed limited partnerships and began marketing them. The company's principal areas of exploration for oil and gas were Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana, the Rocky Mountain area, and Alberta, Canada.

“My first exposure to Paul Giel came while he was sports director of WCCO radio,” recalls Dyer. “There was something about his air presence that appealed to me. I began to follow his broadcasts regularly. Then he moved to The University.”

“One day I was listening to WCCO on my car radio. I heard John Fischer of the Greater Wayzata Area Chamber of Commerce, a prime mover in starting up the Wayzata Sportacular, plugging the event. A luncheon appointment fizzled out so I decided to drive to Wayzata and buy a ticket. That was 1973. Bud Wilkinson was principal speaker. There I met Paul Giel. I told him I thought the event was being undersold at \$10 per ticket, and that he was working too hard for the financial results. We were giving value received for what was supposed to be a fund raiser.” The net was \$10,000.



Dyer

In 1974 Chairman Wayne Blackmarr and committee, of which Dyer was now a member, raised the tickets to \$25 for lunch only and \$100 for lunch and golf/or tennis. Over \$20,000 was netted for the Williams Fund. Wayne Jimmerson, one of the “founding fathers” of the Wayzata Sportacular, was continuing to play a key role in its success.

“By this time I had talked so much that Fischer and Jimmerson et al decided to make me the general chairman for 1975,” recalls Dyer. “Meanwhile a fundamental change had been made in the philosophy of the fund-raising. The Greater Wayzata Area Chamber was in no position to be involved in seeking large donations for this cause.”

As chairman Dyer prevailed on the Wayzata Country Club to be a prime sponsor. He found Manager Don Abel very receptive. He indicated that he and the club would be happy to be associated with The State University. He arranged with Wayzata C.C. pro Homer Martinson to make the golf free to the Williams donors. Abel gave a rock-bottom price on the meals.

Another Dyer innovation was to set up Hunt Captains for the 1975 sales drive, each with a quota of \$1,000. It is up to each Hunt Captain to recruit a “teammate.”

“I’m a motivator,” says Dyer. “We put out a weekly sales progress report. This made sales competitive. No one wanted to be at the bottom of the list. I found that many people who might not volunteer for such a project would willingly participate if asked and motivated.” Again the net results swelled. The 1975 goal was \$35,000. A sales team of 40 netted \$38,000 off a gross of \$42,000. The Hunt Captain concept was an established success. “They did a tremendous job” says Dyer.

Again chairman for the 1976 event, Dyer had a “motivation” dinner for the Hunt

Bolstad Testimonial May 3 at Golden Valley

A testimonial will be held in honor of retiring head golf coach LES BOLSTAD on Monday, May 3 at the Golden Valley Country Club in Golden Valley. Openings for golf have closed. However, there are still a few places available for the dinner and program. Tickets for the dinner and program are \$15.00 per person.

The Bolstad Testimonial committee is chaired by Fritz Rohkohl (golf '51-'53), and include: Bob Tickle (golf '51-'52), Judge James Johnston (golf '49-'51), George Reynolds (golf '52-'53-'54), Jim Carlson (golf '65-'66-'67), John Kohler (golf '51), Jody Gumlia, and Whitey Windahl (golf '48). Patty Berg has been invited to attend as have all M Men, Les' family and friends, and athletic department staff. Judge Jim Johnston will be the emcee.

Bolstad will retire at the end of June after serving as head golf coach at The University since 1946. He produced Big Ten championship teams in 1963 and 1972. He developed Conference individuals champions in Bill Brask, 1967; Dave Haberle, 1971; Jim Bergeson, 1972; and John Harris, 1974.

Anyone wishing information on the testimonial may contact Lee Ann at 373-4216 or 376-4670 by May 1.

BARGAIN!
**No increase in Gopher
football ticket prices**

Captains on April 8 at Pracna on Main. Jim Dutcher, Herb Brooks, Charlie Wade, Fred Roethlisberger, Roy Griak, and Murray Warmath were there from the UM men's athletic staff.

Participants in this year's Wayzata Sportacular will pay a flat fee of \$100 which will cover lunch and golf/or tennis. Dyer has arranged with the Woodhill C.C. to handle the overflow of golfers, thanks to President Kim Whitney, Golf Chairman Charles Crosby (a new Hunt Captain), and Professional Phil Reith. The goal is a net \$50,000 for the Williams Fund.

Fischer, who is P.R. chairman, is continuing to be a “h--- of a fund raiser,” as Dyer puts it. Sales Chairman Jimmerson has lost none of his zest and sales charisma which last year brought in \$9,000 in ticket sales.

“We can't forget our ‘Call Girls’ says the DYCO Dynamo with a characteristic grin. “My wife, Betty, Darlene Rapp and Kathy Mandy of our DYCO office force, and Mary Sagehorn, wife of Hunt Captain Dr. John Sagehorn, head a group that has spent untold hours on the phone helping with ticket sales.”

“One last thought I'd like to proffer,” concludes Dyer. “I can't help but feel that our getting so many people involved has a bonus effect for The University and its men's intercollegiate athletic program. More and more people are becoming Minnesota-minded. That is certainly a plus.”

With all his involvements, Dyer finds time to tangle once a week with Giel on the tennis court and to pursue his hobbies of golf, hunting and fishing.

NSP should check out his formula for generating energy.

Fishing Fun For Williams Fund May 15-16

Fishing Fun for the Williams Fund, newest venture designed to raise money for the men's intercollegiate athletic department at the University of Minnesota, has moved into high gear.

An energetic promotion with a new angle for the angler, Fun for the Fund centers around a button sale campaign and a fishing contest with hundreds of prizes slated for the winners.

Buttons currently may be purchased at various outlets throughout Minnesota following the kickoff of that campaign at the Sports Show in the Minneapolis Auditorium.

Anyone purchasing a \$1.00 button will be eligible to compete in the actual fishing contest on tap throughout Minnesota May 15 and 16, the opening weekend of the walleye season.

Prizes are numerous. The angler entering the heaviest walleye will choose between a 1976 Pinto and a \$3,800 boat-motor-trailer combination. The second prize will be what the champ does not select.

Other coveted prizes include an all-expense paid trip to any Gopher football game on the road next fall and similar excursions during the basketball and hockey seasons.

A pair of season tickets for each of those sports also will be given away as will a weeks' vacation for two at McArdles Resort on Big Winnie near Grand Rapids and a week's fly-in fishing trip into the Canadian wilderness.

Buttons, which will serve as an admission ticket to this year's spring football game at Memorial Stadium on May 22, have been distributed to more than 250 fishing "hot spots" around the state. Weigh-in stations will be selected and announced through the news media May 1.

All proceeds will go to the Williams Fund, a fund which U of M men's athletic director Paul Giel describes as having two distinct purposes.

"The Fund," Giel says, "enables the University to lend financial assistance to those student athletes from all of our 11 sports who attain and maintain a B average during their careers at Minnesota. It also is available, at our discretion, for use in augmenting the operating budget of the athletic department."

Giel stresses the fact that the University of Minnesota has pledged itself to maintaining a total program, a competitive program and a quality program in men's intercollegiate athletics.

"The success of a venture such as the Fishin' Fun contest is vital to our department which remains nearly 100-percent self-sustaining," Giel said.

Spearheading the Fishin' Fun for the Williams Fund promotion is Rollie Johnson, noted TV sports personality and Minnesota outdoorsman. Among his committeemen are Doc Wellman, Fred Carlson, Guy Wellman, Tom Baxter, Stan Morine and the U of M's Murray Warmath.

Actual rules of the contest include the following:

*The contest will open at 12:01 a.m. on May 15 and that each entry must be pre-



Harvey Spelkoman (far left) and Murray Warmath man "Fishing Fun For Williams Fund" booth at Sports Show.

sented for weighing at any officially designated weigh-in station no later than 5 p.m. on May 16.

*That in case of doubt concerning correct weight of each entry, that walleye may be opened and examined;

*That top entries at each weigh-in station will be officially reported to contest head-

quarters between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on May 17;

*That winners will be announced by press, radio and TV on May 19 and confirmed by mail as soon as possible thereafter;

*That only the weight of each entry will be considered in the contest competition.



A.D. Paul Giel (Left) is presenting a check for \$2,500 from the Olympia Brewing Co. (recent purchaser of Hamm's) resulting from the WTCN-TV program this past season in which the station picked a "Player of the Game" in each of the Gopher games it televised (3 hockey and 2 basketball). Each award was made in the name of the player selected and accrued to UM's General Scholarship Fund. Receiving the check is Sam Lewis, University of Minnesota Director of Financial Aids. Hockey Coach Herb Brooks looks on.

Peaslee family boosts Williams Fund

Mr. George Thomas, Chairman Williams Fund

Dear Mr. Thomas:

The intent of this letter is to acquaint you to some small extent with my dad and the reason for our selection of the Williams Scholarship Fund as the recipient of memorials in his memory. My dad, though never having the opportunity to complete high school, was successful, both in life and in business. Although never attending the University of Minnesota, he loved it as much as any alumnus, particularly the athletic program. I am sure if you will review your ticket records, season, single, out of town, and bowl games, you will find that my father was a season ticket holder since Memorial Stadium was built. He attended out of town games for many, many years in every city in the Big Ten. His interest has encompassed the glory, as well as the down years, of Minnesota athletics. He has reveled in the glories of Pug Lund, Bruce Smith, Minnesota's own Paul Giel, Sandy Stevens and to the pres-

ent. To my knowledge he has missed only one Minnesota home football game since the construction of Memorial Stadium, when some years ago, due to illness, he was unable to attend a Utah game.

The same devotion carried through to the basketball program. Dad was a true fan, never becoming personal, but so vitally interested in the game that at times he could not contain himself. Mr. Giel knows this as we have sat behind Paul during the last several years since he has become athletic director.

Regarding your paragraph three, I would appreciate the honor of meeting you, and hopefully Mr. Giel, to present to you a substantial donation to the Williams Scholarship Fund in memory of my dad. I would like the University to know of him. We would like to perpetuate this memory in some way through the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics at the University of Minnesota.

Sincerely,
E. M. Peaslee

St. Paul to honor UM gym, hockey teams May 13

A special noon luncheon honoring Minnesota's 1976 NCAA championship hockey and Big Ten championship gymnastics teams is set for Thursday, May 13, at the St. Paul Radisson Hotel. Tickets are priced at \$7 and tables may be reserved for \$56. The St. Paul Minutemen are sponsoring the luncheon and tickets are available at Gallivan's in St. Paul and at Midwest Federal offices.

Legion honors McCormick memory

The following letter was received by George Thomas, Williams Fund director, from Frank C. Momsen, department adjutant, The American Legion, Department of Minnesota:

"We are saddened by the death of Frank McCormick on March 24 at Fullerton, California. He was a pillar of strength in the athletic department at the University of Minnesota which he served as athletic director 1933-41 and 1946-50. He was a loyal and staunch Legionnaire. You may be aware that he was a past South Dakota Department Commander, as well as being credited with being the originator of American Legion Baseball.

"Frank was a member of the Minnesota American Legion King Tut Squad. The Squad is composed of Past Department Commanders from Minnesota and we honored him by including him on our own King Tut list.

"We are enclosing a check for \$25.00 payable to the University of Minnesota Williams Scholarship fund which we hope you will direct to proper office."

Gopher Football Tickets

ON SALE MAY 1
Six Home Games

Regular Reserved Tickets	\$42.00
Economy Plan (Seating in Section 16 only)	
Adult	\$30.00
Child (Under 18)	\$15.00
Golden Age (62 and over)	\$15.00

Single Game Ticket Mail Order Sale
Opens August 1, 1976

\$7.00 Reserve Economy Plan \$5.00 & \$2.50
Applications mailed from Ticket Office
the latter part of July.

For additional information, please write:
Athletic Ticket Office
Bierman Field Athletic Bldg.
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minn. 55455
Phone 373-3181

1976 MINNESOTA FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 11 **INDIANA—HOME**
Sept. 18 **WASHINGTON STATE—HOME**
Sept. 25 **WESTERN MICHIGAN—HOME**
Oct. 2 Washington—Seattle
Oct. 9 **ILLINOIS—HOME (Homecoming)**
Oct. 16 Michigan State—East Lansing
Oct. 23 **IOWA—HOME**
Oct. 30 Michigan—Ann Arbor
Nov. 6 Northwestern—Evanston
Nov. 13 **OHIO STATE—HOME**
Nov. 20 Wisconsin—Madison

1956 Big 10, NCAA baseball champs in 20th annual reunion

Members of the University of Minnesota's 1956 Big 10 and NCAA baseball champions will hold a 20th anniversary reunion on Saturday, May 1.

The Gophers meet Northwestern in a double-header starting at 1:00 p.m. at Bierman Field. A tailgate party will follow with sandwiches, snacks, beer, coffee, and soft drinks available at the field for about \$2.00 per serving. In the event of a rainout the reunion will be held on Sunday, May 2.

John Clark (612-853-2234) is chairman of the reunion committee which includes Jerry Thomas (646-2661), Doug Gillen (522-6742), and George Thomas (373-4216). Reservations will be appreciated to aid in planning.

Dungy, Luckemeyer praised

The following letter received by Athletic Director Paul Giel speaks for itself:

Dear Paul

"At yesterday's Rotary meeting, it was my pleasure to meet and talk with two very fine young men—Tony Dungy and Tom Luckemeyer.

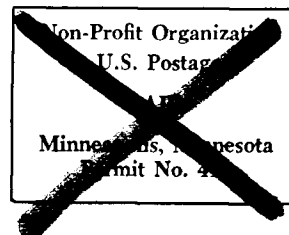
"These two young men represented your office and the University of Minnesota in a most competent and favorable manner. As a 53 year old father of eleven, it was most gratifying to be reminded as I was by these two men that by far the greater percentage of young people are very fine people.

"Thank you for allowing us to benefit from the visit of these two young men and we think you should 'use' them as often as possible.

"It was also a pleasure once again to visit with Bob Peterson. I am sure you people are realizing quite rapidly that our loss has been your gain."

Sincerely

Dick Statz
General Manager
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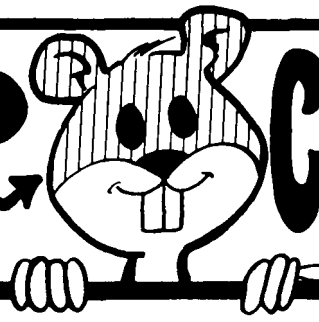




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Gophers aim at 3rd NCAA hockey crown

Two years ago Gopher hockey coach Herb Brooks wailed, "What do you do for an encore?", after winning the school's first NCAA championship at Boston, Mass. in March, 1974.

This year he may begin uttering the same statement once his 1976-77 varsity squad gets into the thick of WCHA regular season play leading to a shot at the playoffs and a possible fourth consecutive trip to the national tournament.

You see, last March, after being all but counted out of the picture, Brooks' gritty 1975-76 Gopher squad won it all again.

Fighting against odds neither he nor his players would like to remember, Minnesota stormed out of the playoffs to deal Boston U. and Michigan Tech come-from-behind defeats to be named NCAA champions at Denver, Col.

"I'm not complaining about being national champs again," Brooks says quietly, "for winning the big one is what it's all about. But it sure doesn't help trying to stay out of the picture, or keep from giving your opponents something to shoot at."

"You can rest assured that every team we play this season will be higher than at any other time when they play us. Everybody loves to knock off the champion."

"However, there is another side to that. It gives our men a solid challenge, too . . . one of having something to be proud of, something to defend. It's now our job to uphold the great accomplishments of last year's team. I hope we can honor their magnificent efforts."

Don't bet against it.

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Photo Courtesy Minneapolis Tribune

A full house of 1,100 Gopher fans turned out in St. Paul for the civic luncheon honoring the University of Minnesota's NCAA championship hockey team and the Big Ten champion gymnastic team.

The St. Paul Minute Men sponsored the event, assisted by the St. Paul and Minneapolis Chambers of Commerce.

Shown (center) congratulating the victorious coaches Fred Roethlisberger (gymnastics) at left and Herb Brooks (hockey) is Governor Wendell Anderson, himself a former Gopher hockey luminary.

"Old fashioned" homecoming climax set for Oct. 9.

"FRENCH FRY THE ILLINI"

A traditional Homecoming culminating in the Illinois-Minnesota football game here October 9 will return to the University of Minnesota, complete with a queen, parade, and bonfire. The tradition started to return last year with the bonfire, but it's been many years since a homecoming queen reigned over the festivities.

The 1976 Homecoming Queen was chosen under completely new guidelines. First, all hopefuls competed in a football throw and half-mile run competition, held at Memorial Stadium on Friday, Oct. 1. The top seven contestants will be given final consideration by the Gopher football team and the queen will be chosen by the team.

With the beginning of the queen selection on Oct. 1, the 1976 Homecoming officially got underway. Festivities started in earnest on Monday, Oct. 4 with the West Bank Union Movie Night, the beginning of the co-ed football tournament and decoration of the fraternities and sororities. The West Bank Union Movie Night included the showing of "American Graffiti", the 1975 Gopher highlight film, an address by captain Tony Dungy, and a door prize give-away presented by Dungy and George Adzick.

Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 5 and 6, were days of continued decoration and the co-ed football tournament. One addition to the schedule is the pep fest in downtown Minneapolis at the First National Bank Plaza.

An open football practice is on the agenda for Thursday, Oct. 7, with the cheerleaders, a short speech by Gopher coach Cal Stoll, and the introduction of Saturday's starting line-up. Other festivities include the finals of the week-long co-ed football tournament and a rally at the Minnesota Federal Plaza in downtown St. Paul.

On Friday, Oct. 8, the more traditional events again take the limelight. A morning parade, which begins at the Bierman Building, a noon pepfest, and an evening bonfire, round out an entire day of activity. At the noon pepfest, Dungy will crown the 1976 Homecoming Queen and her first official duty will be to light the evening bonfire. Following the bonfire, a late evening rock dance will be held in Coffman Union.

Saturday, Oct. 9, a Homecoming Bar-B-Que in Williams Arena is set for 11:00 a.m. with speeches by Paul Giel, the winter sports coaches, and other dignitaries. And finally, the culmination, the big moment we've all been waiting for, the 1:30 p.m. kick-off against the Illini of Illinois.

The Homecoming theme: FRENCH FRY THE ILLINI!



Biermans inspect bronze bust

Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Bierman were guests of honor at a reception Friday, Sept. 10 at the University of Minnesota Alumni Club in the IDS Tower as a bronze bust of the renowned former UM football coach was unveiled.

The sculpture by famed Minnesota sculptor Evelyn Raymond was presented by Glenn Seidel, quarterback and captain of Minnesota's undefeated national champions coached by Mr. Bierman. Seidel and Francis (Pug) Lund chaired a committee of former Gopher football captains under the man who brought the "Golden Era" of football to Minnesota. Those assisting on the committee were Edwin Widseth, co-captain with Julius Alphonse 1936; Win Pederson, 1939; Bob Bjorklund, co-captain with Bill Johnson in 1940; Steve Silianoff 1947; Clayton Tonnemaker, co-captain with Howard Brennan in 1949; and Dave Skrien 1950. These are the captains still living in the Twin Cities area. Each was responsible for contacting his contemporaries on the squad.

The fund-raising was an impressive tribute by those who played under one of the all-time greats of college football. Of 277 letters sent out, 276 resulted in contributions from "Bernie's Boys" as they like to be referred to. Some funds came in unsolicited from friends other than football players.

Taking part in the presentation ceremony were Walter H. Bruning, UM vice president for Administrative Operations, and Paul Giel, director of men's intercollegiate athletics.

Lowell (Red) Dawson, Bierman's first backfield coach at Minnesota, came from Florida for the occasion.

The bust with appropriate legends will be on a pedestal encased in the lobby of Bierman Field Athletic Building.

The Biermans returned from their current home in Laguna Hills, California. They were present at the Indiana game. The Gopher Goal Post was dedicated to them.

For Bierman to be back in Minnesota and at the University is a thrill for anyone ever associated with the man. To this day three Minnesota regions, his birthplace, Springfield; his boyhood home, Litchfield; and Detroit Lakes claim

Ron Kullas praised

The following letter addressed to Athletic Director Paul Giel was received from Jim DeMars, athletic supervisor for the Columbia Heights and Dist. 13 Recreation Commission. It refers to Ron Kullas, Minnesota's record-breaking wide receiver who is a Columbia Heights native.

Dear Paul:

I wanted to drop you a note about one of your fine athletes and citizens, Ron Kullas. He has just finished his second year coaching in our traveling basketball league program. He has accomplished exactly what our youth basketball program has as a philosophy — his team learned the game while having fun and in the process has had two winning seasons. This year his 9th grade team won the league championship.

Ron Kullas took time out from his busy schedule at school and preparing for the football season to help us in our program.

He is a credit to our community, to the University of Minnesota and your athletic program.

him as their own.

The year was 1932 when Bierman became head coach at his alma mater Minnesota, where he earned all-conference honors in 1915. Bierman continued his coaching duties through the 1941 season when he reentered the service for a three-year stint. He returned for six more seasons following his second tour of duty. Retiring following the 1950 season was, by his own admission, the most difficult decision in his life.

It was in the ten seasons between 1932 and 1941 that Bierman gained national recognition. Following is a brief highlight of those years:

CONFERENCE TITLES: 1934, 1935, 1937, 1938, 1940, 1941

NATIONAL TITLES: 1934, 1935, 1936, 1940, 1941

UNDEFEATED SEASONS: 1933 (4 Ties), 1934, 1935, 1940, 1941

LONGEST STREAKS: 28 Undefeated (1933-36), 21 Victories (1933-36).

ALL-TIME COACHING RECORD: 162 Wins, 57 Losses, 11 Ties

MINNESOTA COACHING RECORD: 92 Wins, 34 Losses, 6 Ties.

ALL-AMERICANS: Ends — Butch Larson, Ray King.

Tackles — Dick Smith, Ed Widseth, Urban Odson, Dick Wildung, Leo Nomellini (2).

Guard — Bill Bevan.

Center — Clayton Tonnemaker.

Backs — Pug Lund, Sonny Franck, Bruce Smith.

MINNESOTA GOPHERS vs ILLINOIS ILLINI

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1976

PLAN A FULL DAY AT THE UNIVERSITY

HOMECOMING BAR-B-QUE

AT WILLIAMS ARENA BEFORE THE GAME - 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

A special Pep Band will provide music in keeping with the season. Gopher cheerleaders will be on hand to add color and zest to the occasion. Meet UM winter sports coaches.

All the atmosphere and fun of a good old tailgating party. Join the fun.

The menu will consist of bar-b-que beef sandwiches, baked beans, potato chips, salad, ice cream, and milk or coffee.

Tickets priced at \$2.50 will be on sale at the door.

Gopher Benefactor

Richard (Pinky) McNamara

Ask old timers around Hastings, Minnesota if they had ever heard of Richard F. McNamara and chances are they'd respond "Whose that?"

But substitute "Pinky" for Richard and no doubt the recollection would be immediate. "Oh yeh, he's that skinny little McNamara kid who was quite an athlete at Hastings high. Seemed like he was in to every sport — baseball, basketball, football, and track. Then he went up there to the University and played football just like his big brother, Bob."

To find out the "Why" of Pinky we must go back to a Catholic grade school. There were four McNamara first cousins in the same first grade class. Richard had five brothers. Money in the family was tight. They had to depend on some help from a relief agency which gave out color-coded clothing to help with identification. When Richard drew his outfit it was red. However, it shortly faded to pink whereupon the nun teaching the class found it expedient to identify him as "Pinky." It stuck, even at the University of Minnesota where he went on to win letters as a 160-pound halfback in 1954-55-56. He was in the same backfield with his All American brother, Bob, in '54. He received his B. A. in Business Administration in 1956 and spent 1957-58 in Service.

Following discharge from the Service Pinky went to work for Archer-Daniels-Midland in their plastics division. ADM sold it to Ashland Oil Corp. which sold the subdivision employing McNamara to the Valspar Corp. of Rockford, Ill. Valspar transferred him to New York City. When informed by Valspar that he was being transferred to Rockford, Ill. Pinky chose to resign and return to Minneapolis.

About this time a tiny plastics fabrication shop, Seelye Plastics, became available. Its work force totaled four people. That was nine years ago. Pinky came up with the purchase price and took over. Today he heads not only Seelye but also Aztec Industries, Glynco Plastics, and Citation Corporation. These related business housed in a new 64,000 square foot building owned by McNamara now employ more than 50 people and are expected to gross about \$4,000,000 in the coming year.

Probably the best known product of these companies are the "official" plaques of all 28 National Football League teams and 50-odd college football plaques turned out by the Citation division. This was a starter for bigger things. Now Citation's award and recognition business has national distribution. Not content to stand still, McNamara (now known among many business associates as "Mac") is looking at some small plastics-related businesses for acquisition.

The scope of his businesses has qualified Hastings' Pinky for membership in the Young Presidents Organization, a national group whose members must be under 40 in age and president of a business (es) grossing two million or more per year and employing 50 or more people.

Despite his time-consuming business interests McNamara keeps in excellent physical condition by playing handball, racketball, tennis, and skiing. Together with Brother Bob he has won two national racketball titles. His closest friends today, Paul Giel and Bobby Cox, date back to University days. Pinky finally found time a year ago to marry Sharon Russeth of Robbinsdale. They live at 7424 Hyde Park Drive in Edina.

Today Richard F. McNamara is one of the very most avid of all UM athletic boosters. A director of the Summit Banks of Richfield, he was influential in having these banks "pick up the tab" for the cost of Minnesota's football,

Industry Day Observed at Sept. 11 Game

Nearly 2,000 of the football fans on hand for the Indiana game were part of the special Industry Day delegation gathered in Memorial Stadium to support and enjoy University of Minnesota football.

A promotion organized by the U of M's Graduate M Club, the venture involved sale of tickets at several companies and business establishments throughout the Twin Cities area.

This first annual event generated ticket sales in 12 area concerns. They included 3M, Dayton's, Sperry Univac, General Mills, Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Gould Inc., U.S. Plywood, Thermo Serv and the semi-conductor divisions of Motorola, Texas Instrument, RCA and Fairchild.

Mike Svendsen of the Graduate M Club chaired the project, and apparently his enthusiasm was contagious.

"We felt very strongly that a closer relationship between business and athletics should exist," Svendsen said. "We encouraged industry representatives to purchase tickets and to promote in general the University of Minnesota men's intercollegiate athletic program. The men's athletic department at the U of M is a self-sustaining business activity that requires a balanced budget . . . and it must operate on revenue from ticket sales. By the same token, the industries' return on such a recreational investment in unmatched."

Working with Svendsen on the promotion were Paul Prestus, Bill Davis, Rick Seitz, Fritz Rohkol, Larry Johnson and Mike Wright, all executive board members of the Graduate M Club.

Paul Giel, director of men's intercollegiate athletics at the U of M, was in full support of the Industry Day promotion. "First of all we are delighted to have the Graduate M Club involved in and promoting such a major undertaking," Giel said, "and we are extremely pleased at the way members of industry and the business community responded. We join Mike Svendsen in hoping that this first annual event is the start of something really big."



Coach Cal Stoll, A.D., Paul Giel (L-R), McNamara, Ticket Mgr., Ken Buell examine new football tickets.

basketball, and hockey tickets (about a \$10,000 item). He recruits Golden Gophers, men who contribute \$1,000 or more annually to the Williams Fund. He is at Giel's beck-and-call to help in any way possible.

"I believe my enthusiasm for the Minnesota men's athletic program stems not only from what it has meant to me, but also what I have seen it do for others," says McNamara. "I have found that being an M man can be a big advantage. I know that my experiences under my high school coach, Lin Hildebrandt, and Murray Warmath at Minnesota helped me develop a competitive attitude. These experiences were great training for the business world. I just can't say too much for Murray and his influence on me."

In his final comment of the interview, McNamara said with great emphasis and conviction: "I can't visualize anyone who intends to live and do business in this area going away to school."

His experience gives considerable weight to this belief.

Gopher basketball outlook "all depends"

With a squad that includes last year's five starters, Gopher cage coach Jim Dutcher is obviously optimistic about the coming season and calls experience his team's greatest asset.

"Last year our weak link was depth, but we've overcome that now," Dutcher said. "With all five starters back and newcomers like Lewis (Tom), McHale (Kevin), Wallace (Ricky), and Lingenfelter (Steve), we have the personnel".

Dutcher is also pleased with the improved speed his team has acquired and feels a very potentially high-powered offense is imminent.

"We've gained in defensive quickness, something we needed in order to play a good man-to-man, and with the defensive quickness and faster tempo comes more loose balls, steals, etc., so we should gain offensively, too," Dutcher said.

When not using the fast break style of play the Gophers' set offense features the conference's number two scorer Mike Thompson and number four scorer Ray Williams. In post-season honors, Thompson was named first team all-Big Ten by both press associations and honorable mention all-American. Williams made both wire service's all-Big Ten second teams.

To compliment the pair are returning starters guards Osborne Lockhart and Phil Saunders and forward Dave Winey, all of whom Dutcher feels have scoring ability.

"We've got an awfully tough early schedule in playing on the road at Detroit, Marquette, and Nebraska. We also meet at home Kansas State which has been in the NCAA playoffs five out of the last six years."

Dutcher says he wouldn't be surprised if four Big Ten schools are in the top 20 during the season, including Michigan, Purdue, Indiana, and guess who?

The Minnesota basketball picture could change drastically if a final ruling by the NCAA makes Thompson, Saunders, and Winey ineligible for the season. This decision is pending as this publication goes to press.

Hockey (From page one)

Following the 1974 NCAA winner, Brooks' 1974-75 team won the coveted WCHA championship and reached the NCAA championships at St. Louis, MO only to lose to the same club they have met three consecutive years in the national final . . . Michigan Tech.

So how 'bout this year? Well, for beginners, 15 men who played in that wild series in Denver return. They are headed by captain Joe Micheletti, a senior defenseman, plus his alternates, junior defender Reed Larson and high scoring senior center Tom Vannelli.

Both Micheletti and Larson played flawlessly at the blue-line while Vannelli topped all performers in tourney scoring (7 points) and was a runaway selection as tournament MVP. Tommy led UM in scoring all season ending with 69 points, the third highest single season output in UM history.

Back in goal is the man who took the Gophers to Denver, senior Jeff Tscherne. It was he who had that brilliant three-overtime playoff win at Michigan State, and was also owner of the lowest goals allowed average in the WCHA. Soph Steve Janaszak is also back in nets.

At the blueline, besides Micheletti and Reed Larson, are junior vets Joe Baker, Jim Boo, Tony Dorn and Rob Larson, all proven WCHA performers.

Up front to go alongside Vannelli's talents are center Mark Lambert, plus wings Dan Bonk, Bruce Lind, Ken Yackel, Bob Fish, Tom Gorence and Phil Verchota.

Each of the above-mentioned players more than proved himself under duress last winter. Several were untried freshmen when the season started. Others lacked much game experience. But somehow they all came together at the end to make Minnesota the mightiest of them all.

Joining this crew in 1976-77 are several talented reserves back from last year, and, on paper, an outstanding group of incoming freshmen.

Pigskin Pork Day

Set For October 23

Saturday, October 23 has been designated as Pigskin Pork Day in Memorial Stadium.

And a fitting designation it is for the Gophers meet Iowa that day in the annual Floyd of Rosedale battle. Floyd, for the few who might not know, is the bronze pig who goes to the winner.

The Pork Day promotion is sponsored jointly by the Minnesota Pork Producers Ass'n., the South St. Paul Union Stockyards, and the UM athletic department.

More than 700 pork producers from throughout the State are expected to attend the game. Free pork sandwiches will be given the first 10,000 fans to pass through the gates.

Pork producer groups from 41 counties participated in this special promotion. Plans include donating a 600 pound "porker" to the UM athletic dept. with proceeds from its sale going to the Williams Fund.

An open letter to the Graduate M Club

Dear M Man:

The graduate M Club of the U of M needs your support! The M Club is a non-profit corporation, independent of the University, completely supported by your membership dues and a few fund raising projects. Our purpose is to develop, sponsor, and promote special projects and events evolving around all U of M Men's Intercollegiate Athletics as a service and support in stimulating interest and assistance to Golden Gopher Athletics. If we are to continue to fulfill our functions we need your financial support and encouragement by payment of your 1976-77 M Club dues!

Over a year ago your Board voted to increase the annual M Club dues from \$10 to \$15 in order to enable us to continue the programs and activities that we sponsor each year. We were able to delay putting the dues increase into effect for fiscal year 1975-76 by strict adherence to our budget and excellent support from the dues paying membership. Regretfully, this is no longer the case; our dues paying membership has dwindled and the effects of inflation have combined to make a dues increase to \$15 absolutely essential if we are to remain a strong, viable organization of M men the world over.

I know that each of you takes pride in a strong, active M Club and will help us remain an organization that is independent in voice and purpose by underwriting your organization through personal involvement and payment of dues.

I also would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who by payment of your dues and attendance at M Club functions have supported your Board of Directors in our attempt to be of service to our membership, the athlete and the University of Minnesota.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Presthus
President
Graduate M Club

P.S. We look forward to your comments and questions in order that we as a board might do a better job for our organization.



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TIME OUT

12 Golf outings aid record Williams Fund income

So you think members of the Minnesota athletic department sit around and relax all summer? WRONG!!!!

Beginning a few years back someone got the idea to hold a golf tournament with all proceeds being donated to the Henry L. Williams Memorial Scholarship Fund. Well, as good things go, this idea has grown into an almost full time summer occupation.

No less than 12 full fledged outings were hosted across the State this summer, not counting the huge Williams Celebrity Golf Tournament held each year at Midland Hills Country Club in St. Paul.

"Through the unselfish efforts of one heckuva lot of friends of the University, more than \$133,000 was donated to the Williams Fund this year, funds which came directly from these golf outings," says George Thomas, director of the Williams Fund.

"In all we were fortunate to set a new high in donated money to the Fund this year, a whopping \$338,412.63. But to reach figures like that it takes countless hours of donated time and sweat to make these events successful.

"So our hats go off to all those friends of Gopher athletics, with a particular wave from our outstanding student-athletes, the real benefactors from the Williams Fund."

At every event as many coaches and other staff members from the athletic department who could make it, and sometimes all of them showed up, were in attendance. Oh sure, a lot of fun and fellowship prevailed plus some mighty weird golfing, but most of all everybody joined together in a common cause to aid the Gopher athletic program and meet the men who put the teams on the field.

There are so many who pitched in that to mention all of them would take a complete edition. But we would like to single out those individuals who served as chairmen of their respective events.

Pat Whichello, Jim Pfeider and Mrs. Sharon Harris led the Anoka outing while Allan Krejci was the ramrod in Austin, Pete Boerboon in Faribault and Dutch Weber in Hibbing.

John Hildebrandt and Bill Crist headed up the Hastings gang. Mayor Carl Wyczawski topped the New Ulm crew as did Charlie Pappas in Rochester, Ev Edstrom in Winona, Jaye Dyer and Wayne Jimmerson at Wayzata and Frank Stevens in Redwood Falls.

At the Oak Ridge Club in Hopkins



That is a \$52,530 smile worn by the above gentlemen following the record-breaking Wayzata Sportacular fund raising event. They are (L-R): men's UM/athletic director Paul Giel; UM president Dr. C. Peter Magrath; Bob Griese, Miami Dolphins quarterback who was principal speaker; chairman Jaye Dyer; and Wayne Jimmerson, head of ticket sales.

Pat Richie, Spencer Dean, Bob Mahin and Sid Cohen were keys to the annual fund raiser. Charlie Herbst captained the final event of the year, the Building Industry's Golf Outings at Majestic Oaks Club in Anoka.

Old friend Rollie Johnson pulled double duty heading up both the Phoenix, Arizona gathering and the Fishing Fun For Williams Fund event during the opening of walleye season last spring, while George Karnas hosted the Wine Tasting night at North Central Airlines.

It was a team of seven men who may have undertaken the toughest assignments of all . . . heading up both the Minneapolis and St. Paul fall stags, plus the annual Celebrity Golf Tournament. Members of this crew included Tom Barron, John Bloomquist, Fred Carlson, Paul Smith, Jack Fratzke, Mike Zaccardi and Bob Keene.

The Winona, Redwood Falls and Industry outings were new events on the summer schedule this year.

Bolstads' Thank You

The following letter was received by Athletic Director Paul Giel from Les and Milly Bolstad following the full-house Bolstad retirement party at the Golden Valley Country Club:

On our calendar, May 3rd will always be a special date. Were Les to work a hundred crossword puzzles, he would never find the right words to say "Thank you" for a long to be remembered retirement dinner.

For the "Scramble" golf, the delicious dinner, the thoughtful work of the committee, the posters, the magnificent gifts, — and above all for friends, we are deeply grateful. It was truly an unforgettable, unusual day.

We sincerely wish all of you could go across the Atlantic with us this September. You could bring your golf clubs and play some of the famous golf courses with us.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Les & Millie Bolstad

Arizona-Minnesota Fund raiser starts Feb. 21

The second annual Arizona — Minnesota Williams Fund Golf Tournament will be held in the Scottsdale area of Arizona starting Monday, February 21. There will be five days of golf including a two-day 36-hole tournament at the Rio Verde course.

Rollie Johnson is event chairman.

Anyone wishing details may contact Murray Warmath at Bierman Field Athletic Bldg., University of Minnesota, Mpls. 55455. Phone (612) 373-4293.

Complete details of the Arizona fund raiser will be carried in the December issue of GOPHER CHATTER - TIME OUT.

1976-77 Williams Fund. events

NOVEMBER 1976
Monday, Nov. 1
Wednesday, Nov. 10

St. Paul Stag
Winetaster

Midland Hills Country Club
North Central Airlines Building

DECEMBER 1976
Thursday, Dec. 30
Friday, Dec. 31

Pillsbury Classic

Metropolitan Sports Center

JANUARY 1977
Tuesday, Jan. 18

Minneapolis Stag

Little Jack's Restaurant

FEBRUARY 1977
Monday, Feb. 21

Arizona Golf Tourney

Scottsdale, Ariz.

MAY 1977

Monday, May 2
Saturday, May 14
Sunday, May 15
*Monday, May 16
Monday, May 23
Tuesday, May 31

Les Bolstad Golf Tourney
Fishing Contest
Fishing Contest
Wayzata Sportacular
Oak Ridge Tourney
Redwood Falls Tourney

Golden Valley Country Club

Wayzata Country Club
Oak Ridge Country Club
Redwood Falls Country Club

JUNE 1977

Monday, June 6
Tuesday, June 7
Wednesday, June 8
Thursday, June 9
Monday, June 13
**Monday, June 20
Tuesday, June 21
Monday, June 27

Anoka Golf Tourney
Austin Golf Tourney
Rochester Golf Tourney
Winona Golf Tourney
Hastings Pat Crist Memorial
Stillwater Golf Tourney
New Ulm Golf Tourney
Faribault Golf Tourney

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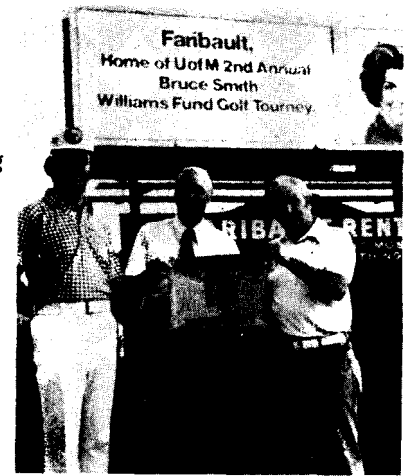
JULY 1977

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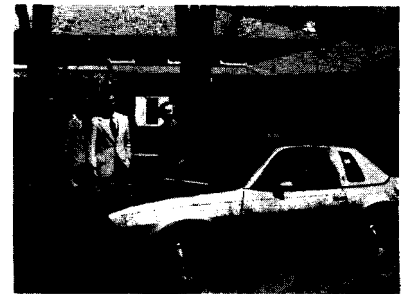
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Midland Hills Country Club

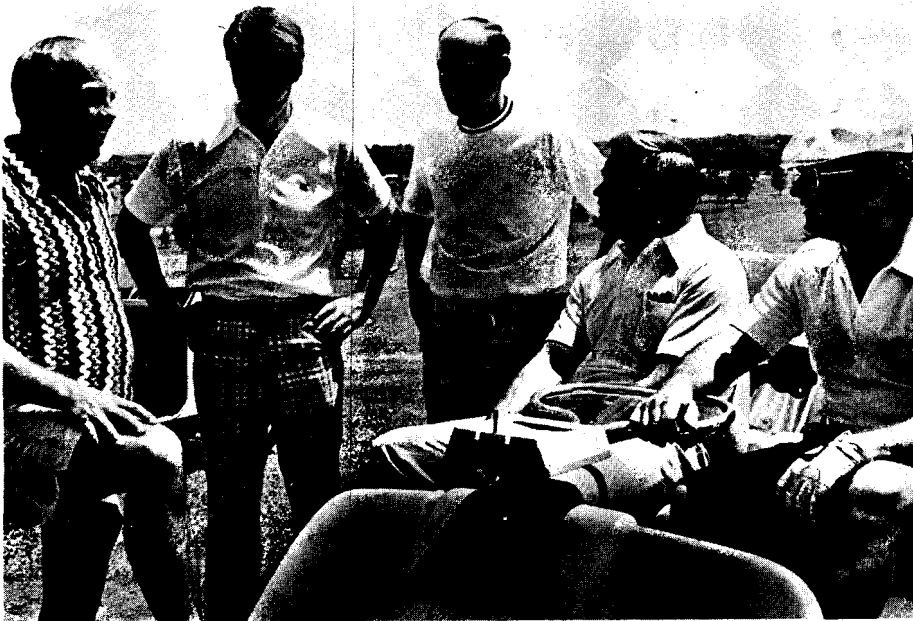
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** - new



Competitors in the second annual Smith Memorial Williams Fund golf event at Faribault were greeted by a large billboard on Hy. 65. Standing before the board (L-R) are Faribault C.C. pro Ken Gorg, and tournament officials Ray Sanders and Pete Boerboon.



A new twist to a Williams Fund golf event was added for the first annual Paul Giel Fund Day at Winona. Shown with the car to be given for a hole-in-one are (L-R) Bill Wieczorek, prize chmn., Ev Edstrom, general chmn., Paul Giel, and Bernie Wagnild, ticket chmn.



The Pat Crist Memorial Williams Fund Golf-A-Rama at the Hastings Country Club attracted 144 players and raised a total of \$5,656 from 178 donors, including the participants.

Gathered on the first tee awaiting their starting time were (L-R) John Hildebrandt, Golf-A-Rama chairman; Herb Brooks, UM hockey coach; Ken LaCroix, Hastings Supt. of Schools; Paul Giel; and Bob Caturia.



One of the pioneer Williams Fund events is the one held annually at the Austin Country Club. Shown ready to tee off in the 1976 event were (Back L-R) Cal Stoll, Del Blocher, manager of Settergren Advertising of Austin, and Don Fox, Austin h.s. football coach. Seated with Paul Giel is Al Krejci, event chairman.

Converted Gopher Fan Stein Donates Display Cabinets

It is evident that Gopher booster Tom Barron has the "right kind" of friends and that he is a very efficient "salesman" for the Golden Gopher cause.

Thanks to these circumstances four very attractive display cabinets for the Bierman building lobby were recently donated by Tom's friend, Norman Stein, who is chairman of the board of Stein Industries, Inc. and Carlson Store Fixtures Co. both of Minneapolis. Tom was formerly associated with Stein in business and apparently some of his enthusiasm for UM athletics "rubbed off" on Stein, a University of Wisconsin graduate but now an avowed Gopher fan. Thank you Norm and Tom!

Equipment supervisor Mattson cheers, "dies" with Gophers

Who always runs on the field to grab the Gopher kicking tee during football games? Who is that guy who is a one man dynamo on the sidelines? Who is the guy with the maroon bowler who slings it on the ice whenever a Gopher skater scores a hat trick?

The above go under the heading of Dick Mattson, equipment supervisor for all athletic teams and possibly the most charged-up, Gopher-backer of them all.

A veritable whirling dervish in everything he does, "Matts," as athletes and coaches call him, has been doling out, repairing, inventorying, purchasing and guarding over all the equipment used by UM's 11 athletic teams since 1963.

"We try and keep a hard eye on the budget, too," Matts says, "and that sometimes may be our hardest job of all."

Matts first started as an assistant to Milt Holmgren back in "Milt's dungeon" in the basement of Cooke Hall. Except for a six month period in 1969-70 when he decided to try another field, Matts has been the man behind the cage.

Last spring Matts replaced his long time boss when Milt called it quits after 28 years on the job.

"The biggest mistake I ever made was trying to leave athletics," Matts says today. "I quickly realized I had left the best possible world of all . . . that of being associated with the people who make up the athletic world. Student-athletes, coaches, administrators, together they are the best people in the world. I never wanted to get back to a job I had held before so bad in my whole life."

Asked what is his toughest assignment, Matts answered quickly, . . . "Football all the way."

"The football season, including pre-fall camp, means seven work days and 60 to 70 or more hours each week. Oh, I have responsibilities in all other sports, too, but my able assistants carry a huge portion of the work load in these areas.

Matt cites the 1967 football season as possibly including his most memorable moments since joining the Gopher staff.

"I was much younger then and probably closer to members of that team than any other," he says. "I'll never forget the letdown we suffered just after whipping Wisconsin at Madison. We found out in the lockerroom after the game that Indiana beat Purdue and took us out of the Rose Bowl. We wept side by side. It's a scene firmly implanted in my memory."

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Plasencia tops Gopher CC

With the return of coach Roy Griak for the entire season and a healthy star, Steve Plasencia, the Gopher cross-country outlook is bright.

Last season, Griak attended only a few meets, following his return from coaching the Pan American team in Mexico. Assistant coach Dean Anderson did an admirable job in leading the Gophers to an 11-7 dual season mark, despite a plague of nuisance injuries.



Plasencia

Plasencia, ace junior from New Hope (Cooper), missed almost the entire season last year with a knee injury. Plasencia finished 19th in the 1974 conference meet. In order to reach the 1976 goal of a top division finish, Griak feels a healthy Plasencia is a must.

This year's co-captain Brad Holmberg enters his fourth harrier season and has finished 38th, 32nd, and 43rd in his three previous Conference meets.

The other co-captain is senior Rick Zbikowski, who finished 45th in the conference meet last year.

Other strong contributors include Larry Berkner, a sophomore who finished 39th last year in the conference showdown, and Gordon Weaver, a sophomore who finished 57th.

Possibilities for the squad include (senior) Al Tappe; (junior) Dave Johnson; (sophomores) Tom Fagrelus and Dave Tappe; and (freshman) Tim O'Donnell.

The upper division finish goal for the 1976 season will be no easy chore for the Gophers because defending champion Michigan returns its entire 7-man roster. Runner-up Wisconsin returns 5 of its 7-man conference contingent; 3rd place Indiana returns 6 of 7; and 4th place Illinois 5 of 7, including senior Craig Virgin, who will be seeking his fourth straight individual Big Ten championship. Virgin also placed first at the 1975 NCAA championships at University Park, Pennsylvania.

The 1976 cross-country schedule includes three remaining home meets:

- OCTOBER 9 — SATURDAY — 10:00 a.m.
GOLD COUNTRY CLASSIC — UM GOLF COURSE
- OCTOBER 23 — SATURDAY — 10:30 a.m.
University of IOWA — UM GOLF COURSE
- OCTOBER 30 — SATURDAY — 10:00 a.m.
ST. CLOUD STATE U. — UM GOLF COURSE

BFAB Briefs...

Dr. Merle K. Loken, UM faculty representative to the Big Ten Conference, has been awarded an Alumni Achievement Award from Augustana College in Sioux Falls, S.D. Dr. Loken is a 1946 graduate of Augustana. He is professor and director of the Division of Nuclear Medicine in the UM Medical School.

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Bob Peterson, sports information director in the men's intercollegiate athletic department, is currently serving as first vice president of the College Sports Information Directors Association of America. Bob will move up as COSIDA president at the 1977 annual meeting.

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Craig Thompson of Redwood Falls, sports writer for The Minnesota Daily, is the new student assistant in the sports information office.

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 Oct. 23 - IOWA - Pork Day
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13 HOME GAMES***

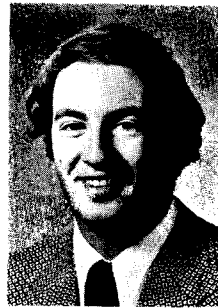
Sat., Nov. 27 North Dakota State
 Mon., Dec. 6 Northern Michigan
 Sat., Dec. 18 Vermont
 Thu., Dec. 23 Kansas State
 Sat., Jan. 8 Iowa
 Sat., Jan. 22 Wisconsin
 Mon., Jan. 24 Michigan State
 Sat., Feb. 5* Northwestern
 Mon., Feb. 7 Michigan
 Thu., Feb. 10 Ohio State
 Mon., Feb. 14 Indiana
 Thu., Feb. 24 Purdue
 Sat., Feb. 26* Illinois

*All games start at 8:05 p.m. except two afternoon games at 3:00 p.m. Preliminary games for all home games start at 6:00 p.m. for evening games and at 1:00 p.m. for afternoon games.

**1976-77 HOCKEY SCHEDULE
19 HOME GAMES**

Oct. 22-23 St. Louis University
 Oct. 29-30 U of M Duluth
 Nov. 12-13 Michigan State
 Nov. 19-20 North Dakota
 Dec. 3-4 Wisconsin
 Dec. 27 Harvard
 Jan. 14-15 Denver
 Feb. 4-5 Notre Dame
 Feb. 18-19 Michigan
 Feb. 25-26 Colorado College

Home varsity games start at 7:30 p.m. Prelims at 5:15 p.m. Preliminary Games on Saturdays only.



Ehrmanntraut



Kunze



Oman

Three former UM athletes have been added to the men's intercollegiate athletics coaching staff.

They are Rick Ehrmanntraut, a member of Minnesota's 1972 Big Ten championship golf team and 1973 captain; Terry Kunze, 1963-64 UM letterman in basketball; and Frank Oman, UM diving letterman in 1961-62-63. Ehrmanntraut succeeds Les Bolstad, his former coach, who retired at the end of June. Kunze served as a graduate assistant during the 1975-76 basketball season but is now a full-time assistant to Coach Jim Dutcher. Oman succeeds Craig Lincoln, former Gopher star.

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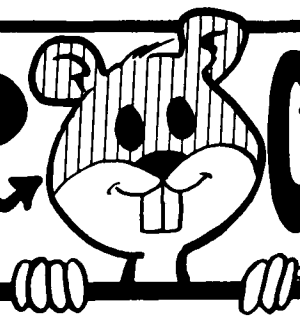




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Gophers seek 3rd Pillsbury Classic title



The University of Minnesota basketball team will be shooting for its third consecutive championship in the Third Annual Pillsbury Holiday Basketball Classic December 30-31 at the Met Center in Bloomington. Completing the invitational field will be Cornell and Montana Universities and Boston College. Both Cornell and B.C. are major eastern basketball powers. Montana is consistently one of the best in the Rocky Mountain area. Cornell will be Minnesota's first-round opponent at 9:00 p.m. Thursday.

All net proceeds of the tournament will accrue to the UM Williams Fund.

The event is sponsored jointly by the Pillsbury Company, the Gopher Backcourt Club, and the University of Minnesota's Men's Intercollegiate Athletic Department.

Montana is a member of the Big Sky conference. Cornell University is an Ivy League member. Boston College is independent. Games each night start at 7:00 and 9:00 p.m., feature all four teams.

Montana Grizzlies, led by first-team all-Big Sky selection Michael Ray Richardson, are an up-and-coming team and return three other starters along with Richardson. Michael John Richardson was the team's center and will be fed by guards Ben DeMers and Kirk Rocheleau. The Grizzlies are a sure bet to improve on last year's fifth-place conference finish.

Boston College's top returner is sophomore Tom Meggers. He will be joined by numerous junior college transfers. Three all-state preps will add depth as freshmen and the Eagles should rebound from last season's 9-17 record.

Cornell University's Big Red will return two starters from a team that went 8-18 last season and finished seventh in the Ivy. The long and short of the Big Red season centers around the two returnees, 6-11 Stan Brown and 5-9 Bernard Vaughan.

The Pillsbury Company, major sponsor of the tournament, (Continued on page 2.)

THESE GOPHERS DEFEND TITLE IN PILLSBURY CLASSIC

This is the 1976-77 University of Minnesota basketball squad that will seek a third straight championship in the Pillsbury Holiday Basketball Classic December 30-31 at the Met Center in Bloomington.

Kneeling (L-R): Mark Ashdown, Mgr., Ricky Wallace, Tommy Lewis, Ray Williams (C-C), Osborne Lockhart, Phil Saunders (C-C), David Carroll, Dan Kosmoski, Dave Korenchen, Mgr.

Standing: Terry Kunze, Ass't. Coach, Jim Williams, Ass't. Coach, Kevin McHale, Mike Thompson, Dave Winey, Steve Lingenfelter, Gary Korkowski, Jeff Monroe, Trainer, Jesse Evans, Ass't. Coach, Jim Dutcher, Head Coach.

Backcourt Club luncheons set

A series of Gopher Backcourt Club luncheons at Jax Cafe in Northeast Minneapolis has been announced by Bill Davis, Club president.

- The dates are:
- Tuesday, Dec. 14
 - Tuesday, Jan. 4
 - Tuesday, Jan. 25
 - Tuesday, Feb. 15

The post-season recognition banquet is scheduled for Monday evening, March 7.

The luncheons are open to the public. Anyone wishing additional details regarding the luncheons and the dinner may call Davis at (612) 370-5053.

Contributions sought for UM Athletic Fairness Fund

The administration of the University of Minnesota is determined to protect the legal and moral rights of UM basketball players Phil Saunders, Mike Thompson and Dave Winey against the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) which insists that the University rule these players ineligible for alleged rules violations of a minor and vaguely defined (if defined) nature.

After an exhaustive investigation the University's Assembly Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics (ACIA) decided not to declare these three student-athletes ineligible.

The NCAA responded by levying an indefinite probation against ALL University of Minnesota men's intercollegiate athletic teams. The probation would prevent these teams from participating in post-season meets and televised NCAA sponsored meets. The University is seeking a federal district court injunction which would prevent the NCAA from enforcing this unduly severe and restrictive probation.

To quote University president Dr. Peter Magrath in the matter: "I do not understand how you can have a hearing when the result is pre-ordained by someone external to the hearing process.

"I am convinced that the rights of Mike Thompson, Dave Winey, and Flip Saunders are fundamental. They must be defended regardless of the economic and other sanctions the NCAA is attempting to impose upon us. As we see it, they have not received due process of law.

"It's important for the student-athletes to know that the institution will stand behind them. I think we are running a program that is absolutely in compliance with NCAA rules and in the spirit we want on this campus."

It is estimated that the legal costs of taking the NCAA to court in this matter will mount to at least \$75,000. The University of Minnesota Alumni Ass'n. has thrown its support behind the administration's position by contributing \$7,500 to a "Fairness Fund" which has been created for this purpose. Anyone wishing to see full justice done for these three players and the University's intercollegiate athletics program may send a check or money order to:

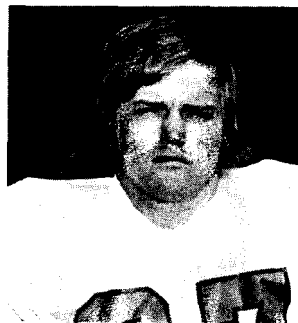
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Dungy rewrote Gopher football record book

Senior captain and quarterback Tony Dungy ended an impressive four-year span in a Gopher uniform, a career that saw him rewrite much of the Minnesota football record book. Dungy set new career records this fall for most plays, 999, and most yards, 4,742, total offense, most pass attempts, 586, most completions, 274, most yards passing, 3,577, and most touchdown passes, 25. In addition he scored 16 touchdowns (96 points) rushing and passed for five two-point conversions making him responsible for 41 touchdowns and 256 career points. Most of those Minnesota records are expected to stand for many years. In addition, his career marks make Dungy the fourth highest yardage producer in Big Ten history for all games played. He only trails the career totals set by Mike Phipps of Purdue (5,883), Archie Griffin of Ohio State (5,589), and Bob Griese of Purdue (4,829). Dungy's career passing totals are the sixth highest in completions and 8th highest in yards in Big Ten history.

Perkins sets TD, point records

Senior fullback Jim Perkins from Red Wing set two Minnesota individual single season scoring records this season. Called the team's "designated scorer", Perkins' 78 total points in 1976 broke John King's old record of 76. Perkins' 13 touchdowns broke King's mark of 12. By scoring nine of his 13 touchdowns in Big Ten play, Perkins tied the record held by King and Jim Carter.



Perkins

Perkins came very close to eclipsing numerous other marks, too. On two occasions, against Northwestern and Illinois, Perkins scored three touchdowns which is just one shy of the record four in one game. In his career at Minnesota, Perkins scored 19 times, just three short of the record held by Carter.

In four years at Minnesota, Perkins carried the football 99 times for 346 yards and 19 touchdowns. That's not a bad average, scoring one out of every five times you carry the ball!

Pillsbury Classic —

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is co-sponsoring the tournament because the company "believes the educational experience can be enhanced through participation in athletics. By supporting the athletic department's Williams Fund, more worthy students who excel in the classroom as well as in athletics can realize the benefits of a college education."

The Gopher Backcourt Club, composed of University of Minnesota basketball enthusiasts and some former players, also raises money for the Williams Fund and works to stimulate interest in the Minnesota basketball program.

TICKET INFORMATION

Prices — Advance sales available on two-night series, only, basis. \$12.00 (Two nights, four games) — All seats. Please add \$1.00 for postage and handling to all advance sale applications.

Seating — Tournament series ticket holders of record from last year received first priority on seating for the 1976 Classic by ordering prior to November 12, 1976. All other seating will be determined on a "first-come, first-served" basis by order of applications received in the University of Minnesota Athletic Ticket Office. Future Tournament priority seating will be determined by continuous purchase of tournament series tickets. ALL TOURNAMENT SEATING IS RESERVED.

Over the Counter Ticket Sale — Open at the U of M Athletic Office, Met Sports Center and Dayton's (downtown Mpls. and St. Paul) on a two-night series basis, only.

Single Night Tournament Tickets — If available, will go on sale at the Met Sports Center on December 30, 1976 — the night of the opening round of the Tournament. Single night ticket price is \$6.00

Student Discount — U of M Twin Cities Campus students and all high school and younger children will receive a \$1.00 discount for each night of the Tournament, upon request at the Met Center box office and with proper identification. Available on Tournament nights only.

Mail Order Deadline — Ticket orders received after December 22, 1976 will NOT be filled by mail. The tickets will be held at the Met Center WILL CALL window.

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Ericksen assesses swimmers

Last year "freshman" swimming coach Bud Ericksen, a former Gopher letterman, initiated some innovations in practices. He believes that grueling workouts of up to 10 miles per day by mid-season are preparing the team members to break numerous varsity and freshman records.

Already this season, the Gophers' Chuck Beckman broke a varsity and Cooke Hall pool record in the first meet. Combining with Beckman to score big points will be upperclassmen Mark and Herb Schoening, Larry Tracy, and Dan LaVasseur. The diving leader will be Craig Polson.

Two freshmen who are expected to contribute heavily are Phil Wilk (Tampa, Fla.) and Tim Gibbons (Los Angeles, Calif.). Both were high school all-Americans and will swim in the sprint races for the Gophers.

With a very young, but relatively experienced team, Ericksen is realistically looking for a top finish in the lower division of the Big Ten for his team.

A big meet the Gophers are pointing for is a home encounter with defending Big Eight champs, Iowa State. The meet will be held at Cooke Hall on Saturday, Jan. 15. Ericksen hopes to have the stands filled for the meet and is depending on alumni, especially former swimmers, to turn out.

Another interesting series of meets will find the Gophers competing in the Rainbow Classic in Hawaii on January 3, 1977. Prior to that invitational, they will compete against the University of Hawaii in a dual meet.

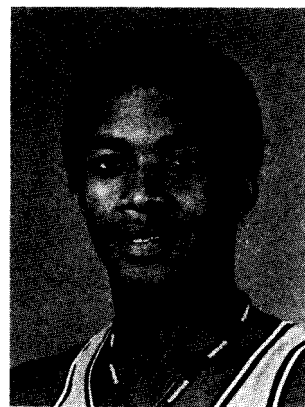
The Big Ten championships will be held March 3-5 at East Lansing, Michigan.

Top Gopher performance in the Big Ten Relays Nov. 20 in Iowa City was the record-setting freshman freestyle relay team of Phil Wilk, Tim Gibbons, Jeff Swanum, and Rich Harwood.

Lockhart made big switch

Gopher basketball guard Osborne Lockhart just didn't seem to fit the mold. A native Bahamian who had never seen snow until three years ago. For comparative Big Ten standards a small 6-1, and a past devotee of a game called soccer that was as foreign to Minnesota a few years ago as Minnesota and basketball were to Osborne.

Five years ago, Osborne had never played basketball, but instead was an excellent soccer player. At the age of 16, he was a member of the Bahamian Pan American games team. It was then he felt he needed a change.



Lockhart

His second year at Miami Jackson High School, Osborne's natural athletic ability led him to be named the team's outstanding junior, despite his having only played basketball for a little over a year. He was named the team's MVP his senior year and led the team with 209 assists. Along with Gopher teammate Mike Thompson, the two led Jackson to the Florida state championship in 1974 with a perfect 33-0 record.

Osborne's freshman year at Minnesota, he combined both his soccer and basketball skills in the pregame warm-up. He would kick a basketball into midair and by alternating legs, keep it there to the delight of the fans. That was about the extent of his performing in front of the crowd, though, as he only played in 12 games and averaged less than two points per game.

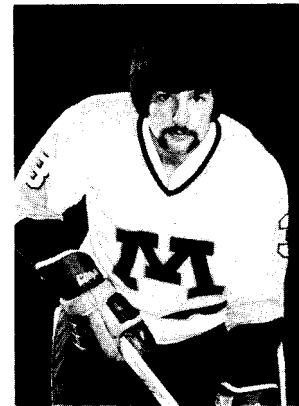
In 1975, Osborne played in all 26 games and ended up the Gophers third leading scorer with a 12.8 average. He also ranked 21st in the Conference in total scoring. With the past being just that, Osborne is expected to be a key figure in the guard play this season. With teammates co-captain Ray Williams and co-captain Phil Saunders, the Gophers will have three of the best guards in the Big Ten.

J. Micheletti "Does It All"

for Hockey Gophers

"I knew being a senior defenseman and captain would entail a lot of work this season, but not THIS much," says hockey ace Joe Micheletti, senior from Hibbing.

The heavy work load Joe speaks about consists of skating 45 to 50 minutes out of every game. This situation was brought on by injuries on consecutive nights to fellow blueliners Reed Larson (knee) and Bill Baker (shoulder). Both the latter were sidelined in mid November and are not expected back in action until late December.



Micheletti

But regardless of how much time Joe has to spend on the ice, his performance has been nothing short of spectacular. Besides pulling his regular shift, he doubles on the power play and is always the first one out on the penalty killing unit.

When elected captain by his teammates last spring, it was already known the players chosen a wise and dedicated leader. Those factors combined with his heady style of play have given coach Herb Brooks a whale of a captain.

Now in his fourth year of varsity competition at Minnesota, Micheletti, after playing in a reserve role his freshman year, has been termed the steadiest blueliner on the Gopher varsity the last two seasons. His play has been instrumental in leading UM to the WCHA championship in 1975, and the NCAA title last spring.

At the latter tourney in Denver last March, a pro scout stated, "I do not believe (Joe) Micheletti made a single mistake in the two games played out here." Well deserved praise.

Asked which honor was bigger, winning the NCAA or being elected captain, Joe said: "You can't compare the two. One is a team thing, the other an individual thing."

"But being named captain by the guttiest bunch of guys I ever played with, last year's team, is easily the highest individual honor I have ever received. Just playing at Minnesota was enough for me. But this honor, well, it was something I never expected. It sure was a way to make me feel awfully proud and humble at the same time."

How well Joe was playing during the stress time when several regulars were sidelined is seen after the first eleven games. He led all Gopher scorers with 17 points on four goals and 13 assists. That's some impressive figures for a defenseman.

But Joe is not alone in providing good, solid, exciting hockey for Gopher fans this season. Although it's by far coach Brooks' youngest club the 1976-77 team has already shown promise and could become a strong challenger for honors as the season goes on. As long as Joe's legs hold up and his teammates get healthy soon, that is.

BFAB Briefs . . .

Wally Johnson, entering his 25th season as Gopher wrestling coach, has the distinction of being the NCAA Coach of the Year. The Gophers finished second in the Big Ten last season and fifth in the NCAA.

New assistant wrestling coaches include former Gopher wrestlers Larry Silverberg (three-time Big Ten champ), and Dan Chandler (former captain) and Brad Rheingans (former NDSU star). Both Chandler and Rheingans have proven themselves as world-class Greco-Roman wrestlers after having competed in the 1976 Olympics. Silverberg recently won the 180-pound championship at the Great Plains Tourney held in Lincoln, Neb. He won seven matches in the tournament.

Wrestlers face tough repeat

It might be a hard act to follow (last year's second-place Big Ten finish and fifth-place NCAA finish) but this year's Gopher wrestling team has all the makings of a team capable of bettering those marks.

With two champions, co-captain Mike McArthur and Evan Johnson, there is the potential for top finishes again. Add the fact that the Gophers will wrestle nearly every team that will be ranked in the final top 10 in the nation and the championship picture is bright.

Wally Johnson, in his 25th year as wrestling coach, is the 1976 NCAA Coach of the Year. Two seniors, McArthur (Big Ten champion at 118 pounds) and Johnson (NCAA champ at 190 pounds) will be top-line performers for the Gophers, but a new twist for Wally Johnson is that unless injuries hit hard, he will have more depth than in the past few seasons.

Along with McArthur and Johnson, the Gophers have seven other lettermen returning. Steve Egesdal, James Lunde, James Menne, Pat Neu, Tom Press, Robert Schandle, and Jeff Hermann all have plenty of varsity experience.

Top freshmen include four scholarship athletes — Brian Ayers, Ken Saba, Mark Obrycki, and Joe Zemien. All four freshmen wrestled in last year's Minnesota state tourney, with Obrycki and Saba winning championships.

Travel will be on the agenda for the wrestlers, too, as they have matches in Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, and Colorado in addition to the usual Midwest trips.

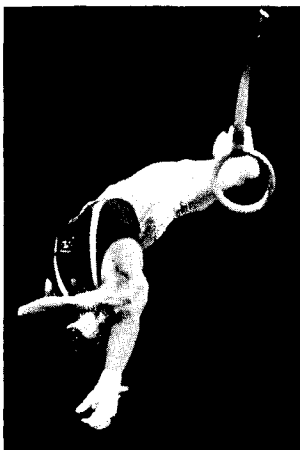
Johnson looks for Iowa, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota to battle it out for the Conference championship, in a race that will be closer than recent past championships.

In an early season flex of muscles, Minnesota opened its season Nov. 20 with a quadrangular meet at Williams Arena. Perhaps a foreshadowing, the Gophers and Iowa each had finalists in six out of the 10 weight classes. Overall, Iowa won six championships, Minnesota three, Mankato one, and Northern Iowa none.

Gymnasts defend Big 10 championship at home

The gymnastics team will have one sure advantage in defense of their 1976 Big Ten title. The 1977 Big Ten meet will be held in front of a home crowd at Williams Arena on March 11 and 12.

With six of last year's ten team members graduated, the four remaining include only one senior, Curt Adams. Adams will be joined by Tim LaFleur, the Big 10 all-around champ last year, and Jay Lowinske, who was a four-event qualifier in last year's Big 10 meet. Both LaFleur and Lowinske are considered national team members by coach Fred Roethlisberger.



Tim LaFleur

Experienced returners include Shawn Hayth and Joe Wickert, both all-arounders and in Roethlisberger's opinion, only a step behind LaFleur and Lowinske. Top freshmen include Reid Goldetsky, Tom Haines, Kevin Prady, and James Flavin.

A new rule calls for six men in each event, four all-arounders and two specialists, with four scores counting. With this rule in mind, Roethlisberger feels his team's lack of stars, but good depth, should put strength in each event. His team should be solid in all events, with the exception perhaps of the pommel horse.

Roethlisberger sees Minnesota, Michigan, and Illinois fighting it out for the Big Ten title.

In early season meets, the gymnastics team won a dual at home against St. Cloud State University and placed high in the 13-team Windy City Classic in Chicago. LaFleur finished third in the all-around against some of the top all-arounders in the nation.

Griak looking for improvement

After low finishes in both the 1976 indoor and outdoor Big Ten meets, Gopher track coach Roy Griak is looking to move up in 1977.

Improvement will as usual depend on the variables of luck, injuries, individual improvement, and contribution of newcomers.

The distance events will be the strongest area for the team, with Steve Plasencia leading the way. Plasencia was named an all-American in the 5000 meters last spring and he is fresh from a super cross-country season in which he was the highest Gopher finisher in every meet he ran in. Plasencia has the second fastest three mile time in Gopher history and is the most successful distance runner since Minnesota all-American Garry Bjorklund. Other top distance runners should be Brad Holmberg and Dave Johnson with Larry Berkner adding points.

Among sprint returnees, Frank McLeod has the most experience, but newcomers Roger Frazier and Elwin Burditte, both football wide receivers, will give the Gophers new strength. Frazier was named the prep track and field "athlete of the year" at Richmond, Indiana by Coach and Athlete Magazine and was also his high school's MVP his senior year. Burditte, a Minnetonka High School graduate, was a Minnesota state champion in the 100-yard dash in 1976. Other top sprinters will include lettermen Bill King, Jay Sidie, and Tom Wichelman, who with freshman recruit Ikem Okolue from Enugu, Nigeria, will run the 440-yard dash.

The middle distance runners include captain Andy Bunge, Al Tappe, and Wichelman.

Top hurdler is Dave Gaither, former state champ, and last year's 5th and 3rd place finisher in the Conference's two meets. Gaither holds the second fastest 70-yard high hurdle time in Gopher history.

The field events find Bryan Mortland, who missed last year with a shoulder injury, and Craig Lindman in the pole vault, and Andy Walker, who did not attend school last season after lettering his freshman year, in the shot put.

John Bohan and Bruce Beckel in the high jump and Bobby Weber in the long and triple jump are the returning veterans in their respective events. Beckel tied a freshman high jump record in the indoor season last year.



There has long been a special working relationship between the University of Minnesota and University American Legion Post 548 which sponsors the American Legion Memorial Heart Research Professorship in the UM Medical School.

The Ohio State-Minnesota football game was designated American Legion Day. In this connection Post 548 presented the Men's Intercollegiate Athletic Department a new American flag to fly before Cooke Hall. Shown at the presentation to A.D. Paul Giel (are (L-R) Marvin Severson, Roy Thompson, Post commander, John Blaisdell, Bill Harris, John Poshek, and Ken Buell, UM athletic ticket manager. All except Giel and Buell are Post members.



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TIME OUT

Arizona-Minnesota Williams Fund Outing tees off Feb. 21

A week of "Fun and golf in the sun" is planned for the Second Annual Arizona - Minnesota Williams Fund Golf outing in the Scottsdale, Arizona area starting Monday, Feb. 21 with an 18-hole shotgun Williams Fund Tournament at the Pima Inn and Golf Resort, Scottsdale.

A dinner with prize awards for the day's golf will follow. Head table guests will include UM President Dr. Peter Magrath, Paul Giel, Cal Stoll and presidents of the Sun city, Phoenix, Tucson, and Scottsdale chapters of the UM Alumni Association. Murray Warmath will emcee.

A special itinerary has been planned for those wishing to "make a week of it." It is as follows:

Sun. Feb. 20 — Leave Twin Cities via Western Airlines Flight 541 non-stop to Phoenix, with breakfast en route. The Flight departs at 8:00 a.m., arriving at 9:58 a.m. Please check in at the Western Airlines Group desk ONE HOUR before departure. Upon arrival in Phoenix, your rental car will be awaiting you at National Car Rental service desk. After check in at the hotel of your choice, the rest of the day is open for you to have a practice round at Pima in preparation for tomorrow's tournament.

Mon. Feb. 21 — ARIZONA — MINNESOTA WILLIAMS FUND GOLF TOURNAMENT
Shot-gun start at 12:30 p.m. SHARP. Please be prompt!!! For those wishing lunch before the tournament, plan to arrive at Pima in plenty of time!! The tournament will begin on schedule!!

Tues. Feb. 22 — Starting times have been reserved at the very interesting and beautiful Fountain Hills Golf Course today for those wishing to play this much talked about lay-out. Green fees are \$8.00 and carts are \$9.00.

Wed. Feb. 23 — Free green fees for those of you who are participating in the Ray Scott Invitational Golf Tournament at Rio Verde. Others will be accommodated as time and space permit, upon the payment of the usual fees.

Thurs. & Fri. Feb 24 - 25 — Ray Scott Invitational Tournament at Rio Verde. All participants in the Williams Fund Tournament are invited to enter. But early registration is suggested since space is limited. Information concerning this will be found elsewhere in this brochure. For those not entering this second golfing event, these days can be spent in any one of a thousand ways, soaking up the sun and enjoying the fun of Scottsdale and its environs.

A \$60.00 entry fee for the Ray Scott Invitational includes 3 days of golf,

green fees & carts included. Cocktails & dinner follow the final round with prizes for the lucky ones.

There are a limited number of openings available so that those who are interested should get their reservation request in as soon as possible. This Tournament was a big success last year and again this year many of Ray's friends from the world of sports will be participating. Contact . . .

Don Volk, Golf Pro Rio Verde C.C., P.O. Box 1, Rio Verde, Arizona 85255

Sat. Feb. 26 — Time to turn in the car and report at the Airport for the flight home. But we've given you another full day to enjoy Arizona. Our flight leaves at 7:15 p.m., the dinner non-stop to the Twin Cities. Western's flight 548 arrives at 10:55 p.m.

You may stay over as long as you wish at no extra airfare, but are not allowed to change the routing.

For information on this program, please call or write to:

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Tom Barron new Williams Fund Director

Tom Barron became the newest member of the Men's Intercollegiate Athletic Department staff at the University of Minnesota when he joined Paul Giel's team October 1 as Director of the Williams Fund and Development Office.

Barron will work with fund raising, foundations, corporate gifts and special promotions. He also will assist women's intercollegiate athletics in an advisory capacity to the Patty Berg Fund and have a strong relationship to the University of Minnesota Development Office.

"We are delighted to have Tom on our staff," Giel said. "His experience and expertise in the business world, and the knowledge he has gained during the past 10 years when closely associated with Williams Fund projects, will be a real asset to us."

That experience and expertise have been gained by Barron through 30 years of sales, marketing and management in the Twin Cities area.

For five years Barron served as sales representative with National Biscuit Co., for 22 years as sales representative, sales manager, vice-president and general sales manager of Ed Phillips & Sons Co., and for two years as executive vice-president of Display Fixtures Co.

Barron was born in Duluth in 1922 and raised in Cloquet. He graduated from St. Paul Murray High School in 1940 and, following four years of service in the U.S. Navy during World War II, graduated from the American Institute of the Air in 1947.

"I have long had a great interest in athletics and a particular interest of the Gophers," Barron said. "To indicate I'm thrilled to be a part of the Gold Country team would be an understatement. I am excited and optimistic about the program and truly delighted to be in a position to serve the University of Minnesota," Barron concluded.

"Income generated through the Williams Fund has grown from \$100,000 in 1972 to \$350,000 this year," Giel pointed out. "We in men's athletics remain nearly 100% self-sustaining, and it is our strong desire to increase our Williams Fund revenues to \$500,000 within the next couple of years. That will be Tom's primary task."



Tom Barron

Gopher Benefactor . . . ROLLIE JOHNSON

Rollie Johnson might never have become one of the Twin Cities area's best known radio and TV sports personalities had it not been for a basketball game between the Harlem Globetrotters and Minnesota College All-stars at the St. Paul Auditorium in 1934. Nor might he today be one of the staunchest backers of the Williams Fund.

After two years at St. Thomas College Johnson married and took a salesman job with a hardware company. He left this occupation to get a temporary teaching certificate so he could coach football and teach physical education at St. Paul's Monroe and Murray Junior high schools. He enjoyed outstanding success at coaching as he led Monroe to two city championships and two second place finishes in four years. He also coached two years at Mechanic Arts, finishing No. 2 each year, and teamed with Claire McMann at Humboldt high to bring that team a city title in 1939. His physical education programs were considered models to which student teachers were frequently referred.

Now, to get back to that basketball game. Quite by accident Rollie found himself one of the promoters. One of the last-minute arrangements for the game was the installation of a public address system. Trouble was, no one could be found to do the announcing. Johnson took the assignment as a last resort.

Seated in the sellout crowd were Lou McKenna, a St. Paul sports editor, and "Doc" Jenks, a veteran of the Associated Press. Jenks knew of an opening on the WCCO announcing staff. He was so impressed with Johnson's handling of the PA job that he called him out of class at Monroe high school to suggest he audition in competition with more than a score of would-be sports announcers. The audition consisted of broadcasting an imaginary football game with several WCCO officials as the listening audience. He got the job.

Minneapolis Miller baseball was just a few weeks ahead. WCCO officials had found a sponsor for a five-minute spot to precede Halsey Hall's broadcast of Miller games. Johnson's subject matter was pitter-patter about baseball oddities. He was so well received that he was assigned a sports review program following Cedric Adams' nighttime news on WCCO. Then it was on to football covering the Golden Gophers of 1934. One of Johnson's first games turned out to be probably the greatest college football classic of the decade as the Gophers downed Pittsburgh 13 - 7, a victory that established Minnesota as the nation's best.



Rollie Johnson, chairman of the Arizona - Minnesota Williams Fund Golf Tournament and week-long golf outing, is shown (Seated) going over final arrangements and plans with (L-R) Murray Warmath, special assistant to AD Paul Giel; Tom Barron, recently named Director of the Williams Fund and Development Officer; and Giel.

All this time Rollie was taking courses at St. Thomas and Minnesota for credits toward a teaching certificate which he achieved in 1936 with a B.A. degree from St. Thomas and a B.S. degree from Minnesota. And he continued to coach.

A complicated shift in ownership of WCCO and WTCN radio found Johnson moving to the latter station during World War II. He also served as head of the War Effort program in the Ramsey County school systems, including parochial. He left coaching in 1941 and the school system in 1945. It was at this time that he decided to go into private business (lounge and restaurant) while continuing to broadcast. Then it was back to WCCO in 1948 and to WCCO-TV in 1949. In 1951 he became full-time director of News, Sports, and Public Affairs for WCCO-TV. In this capacity he hired such local WCCO-TV personalities as Dave Moore and Hal Scott, also Phil Jones and Bob McNamara now with CBS and Tom Pettit of NBC. WCCO-TV News under Johnson's direction won the prestigious National Peabody Award in 1960. He retired from his director's position in 1969 at age 65. Two of his favorite projects had been the Sunday Murray Warmath football show and the hunting and fishing show he staged for 12 years on WCCO-TV. He moved to WCCO's St. Paul office as Director of Special Projects and became very active in St. Paul civic affairs. While no longer based in St. Paul, Johnson still carries this title.

It is the good fortune of the University's Men's Intercollegiate Athletic program that one of Rollie's favorite projects is the Williams Fund.

Now a winter resident of Fountain Hills, Arizona he conceived the Arizona-Minnesota Williams Fund golf outing. The second annual event is scheduled to start February 21, 1977 at the Pima Inn & Golf Resort, Scottsdale, Arizona. Activities continue through the week in the Scottsdale area.

Rollie was chairman of the first annual Golden Gopher Walleye contest held last spring. He reports the second annual Walleye event is scheduled for May 14 - 15, 1977. Now a third Williams Fund oriented Johnson proposal is "in the works." It's the Golden Gopher Hunters' Special Trapshoot to be held at the Minneapolis Gun Club, August 31, 1977. Working with Rollie on this project are Win Stephens, Dave Yaeger, Bob Haag, Jimmy Robinson, and Murray Warmath, special assistant to Paul Giel, and Tom Barron, Williams Fund director. Warmath, a close friend of Johnson's since the days of their Sunday TV shows, also works with him on the Arizona and walleye events.

So what next, Mr. Johnson?

Building Industry sets Williams Fund golf date

Newest addition to the 1977 lineup of Williams Fund golf events is the Big Gold Building Industries Golf Tournament set for Wednesday, June 29 at the Bunker Hills course in Coon Rapids, site of the 1976 U. S. Public Links championship.

Co-chairmen for the event are Charley Herbst of U. S. Gypsum Co. and Dick Hogan of Boise Cascade Co.



It was evident that a "good time was had by all," at the annual St. Paul Williams Fund Stag held at the Midland Hills Country Club Nov. 1.

Just about everyone present carried away a prize. On the PA handling the presentation ceremonies is former Williams Fund Director George Thomas with Bob Geary, assistant UM athletic director assisting. Crouching in foreground at left is Bob Allison, former Minnesota Twins baseball luminary.

Williams Fund events for 1976-77

DECEMBER 1976

Thursday, Dec. 30
Friday, Dec. 31

Pillsbury Classic

Metropolitan Sports Center

JANUARY 1977

Tuesday, Jan. 25

Minneapolis Stag

Little Jack's Restaurant

FEBRUARY

Monday, Feb. 21

Arizona Golf Tourney

Scottsdale, Ariz.

MAY

Monday, May 2

Patty Berg—Les Bolstad
Golf Tourney

Golden Valley Country Club

Saturday, May 14

Fishing Contest

Sunday, May 15

Fishing Contest

Monday, May 16

Wayzata Sportacular

Wayzata Country Club

Monday, May 23

Oak Ridge Tourney

Oak Ridge Country Club

Tuesday, May 31

Redwood Falls Tourney

Redwood Falls Country Club

JUNE

Monday, June 6

Anoka Golf Tourney

Anoka Country Club

Tuesday, June 7

Austin Golf Tourney

Austin Country Club

Wednesday, June 8

Rochester Golf Tourney

Rochester Country Club

Monday, June 13

Hastings Pat Crist
Memorial

Hastings Country Club

Wednesday, June 15

Hibbing Golf Tourney

Hibbing C.C.

**Monday, June 20

Stillwater Golf Tourney

Stillwater Country Club

Tuesday, June 21

New Ulm Golf Tourney

New Ulm Country Club

Thursday, June 23

Winona Golf Tourney

Winona Country Club

Monday, June 27

Faribault Bruce Smith
Memorial

Faribault Country Club

Wednesday, June 29

B.I.G. Gold Golf

Bunker Hills C.C.

JULY

Monday, July 11

Celebrity Golf Tourney

Midland Hills Country Club

AUGUST

**Wednesday, August 31

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Among the celebrities at the Wine Tasting fund raising event November 10 at the North Central Airlines building were Rod Carew of the Minnesota Twins (center) and his wife, and Pete Cirrantano, former graduate student assistant on the UM football coaching staff.

**REMAINING UM HOCKEY
HOME GAMES**

Dec. 27 Harvard
 Jan. 14-15 Denver
 Feb. 4-5 Notre Dame
 Feb. 18-19 Michigan
 Feb. 25-26 Colorado College
 Home varsity games start at 7:30 p.m.

AWAY GAMES

Dec. 17 Lake Superior
 at Sault Ste. Marie, MI
 Dec. 29-30 Notre Dame
 Jan. 7-8 Wisconsin
 Jan. 21-22 Michigan State
 Jan. 29-30 Michigan Tech
 Feb. 11-12 U of M Duluth
 Mar. 4-5 North Dakota
 Mar. 9-10 and 12-13 WCHA Playoffs
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 Thu., Dec. 23 Kansas State
 Sat., Jan. 8 Iowa
 Sat., Jan. 22 Wisconsin
 Mon., Jan. 24 Michigan State
 Sat., Feb. 5* Northwestern
 Mon., Feb. 7 Michigan
 Thu., Feb. 10 Ohio State
 Tue., Feb. 15 Indiana
 Thu., Feb. 24 Purdue
 Sat., Feb. 26* Illinois

All times subject to change for TV games.
 Starting time 8:05 p.m.

*Televised starting time is 1:05 p.m.

AWAY GAMES

Tue., Dec. 21 Marquette
 Thu., Dec. 30 Pillsbury Classic (1)
 Fri. Dec. 31 Pillsbury Classic (1)
 Thu., Jan. 13 Illinois
 Sat., Jan. 15 Purdue
 Thu., Jan. 27 Indiana
 Sat., Jan. 29 Ohio State
 Sat., Feb. 12 Iowa
 Thu., Feb. 17 Michigan State
 Sat., Feb. 19 Michigan
 Thu., Mar. 3 Wisconsin
 Sat., Mar. 5 Northwestern

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Shown at the presentation are (L-R): Bill Lurton, Josten's president, Jerry Thayer, Josten's sales rep., Coach Herb Brooks, and Athletic Director Paul Giel.

NOTE!

Gopher hockey fans receive an added bonus this season as a scheduled road series at Notre Dame December 29-30 has been switched from South Bend, IND. to the St. Paul Civic Center. The St. Paul Chamber Orchestra is serving as local sponsor for this series as Notre Dame is the home team. Tickets are priced at \$5, \$4 and \$3 each night with all seats reserved. This series IS NOT a part of the Gopher home season ticket. Game time both nights is 8 p.m.

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