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# THE GOLD LETTER

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Dear Alumni & Friends:

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all the members, new and old, of the Gold Club to Women's Intercollegiate Athletics at the University of Minnesota. The coaches and staff of our department are looking forward to an exciting new year of athletic competition and are pleased to have you share and support us in these endeavors.

This year we will host several events which we think will attract attention and support from the University and community as we have never had before. On October 17-18, 1981, the Gold Country Volleyball Classic will be held in Williams Arena. Playing in this year's Classic are North Texas State, Drake University and the University of Arizona, who is coached by former University of Minnesota coach, Rosie Wegrech. We will be seeing a highly skilled Gopher team, under the direction of Linda Wells, compete with the top competition of the country on this weekend.

Later, on November 5, 1981, the University of Minnesota is fortunate to be able to host the People's Republic of China Women's National basketball team. The game will be played under international rules and will be a different type of game than we are use to seeing. Coach Ellen Mosher and her team are excited to match their skills with the Chinese basketball team and look for the support that they will need in challenging this international team.

The cross country team with Coach Mike Lawless as meet director, will host the AIAW Region 6 Championship on November 7, 1981 at the University golf course. You will be able to see the best runners from all the institutions in our region at this event.

Ellie Peden, Tennis Coach, has put together one of the best home schedules ever for tennis this fall and is excited about her new talent this year. The golf team, recently returning from their pre-season trip to Scotland is comprised of many new faces. The University of Minnesota Golf Invitational has already been played with the Gophers finishing second only to last year's national champion, Texas A & M. In the fall softball season, we will host only one home event on October 3 and 4. Eight teams will be vying for championship honors with the finals being played at the new Bierman softball facility. You are all invited to attend. Field Hockey, under the direction of our new coach Cindy Ripsin, has just returned from a five game road trip on the East Coast in which they competed against the likes of Temple University and the University of Maryland. They have experienced the best and will continue to go against teams such as Northwestern and Cal-Long Beach. The sports of swimming and diving, gymnastics, and track and field will open up later this fall, but will play the majority of the season in the winter. More about them later.

As you can see, the department is already in full operation. We do have several new people with us and hope that you will take the time to come by and meet them. Marty Duda will be the acting Sports Information Director for this year and Susan Hallman, as the new receptionist, has recently joined our staff.

Please come and see Gophers in action as we start the 1981-82 sports season.

M. Catherine Mathison  
Interim Athletic Director



# News from the Board

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Dear Alumni and Friends,

The Gold Club starts its first year of operation with 191 charter members, making us one of the best represented groups, by percentage of our total potential members, in the Minnesota Alumni Association. All of you should have received your Gold Club pins and charter member certificates by now, but if you haven't please call the Alumni Association at 373-2466. Right now we are working on the plaque of charter members which will hang in the Bierman Building.

The Gold Letter is our first effort, since our inaugural reception last May, to keep you informed of what is happening in women's inter-collegiate athletics at the 'U' and to keep you up-to-date on what alumni of the program are doing now. We plan to publish The Gold Letter periodically to keep you informed of upcoming athletic and alumni events, as well.

In the coming months we will be working with the department on program ideas to promote women's athletics and to help make the experience of current student-athletes rewarding and enriching.

We hope you enjoyed the first issue of The Gold Letter. Please feel free to share your thoughts with us.

Rah!

The Gold Club Board

### SPORTS INFORMATION

The University of Minnesota women's basketball team will be hosting the People's Republic of China National Team Thursday, November 5 in an exhibition game at 7:30 p.m. in Williams Arena.

The China team will visit Minnesota for the second contest of their seven-game, 13-day tour of the United States. China will play the Gophers after meeting William Penn (IA) November 4. After leaving Minneapolis, they will play Rutgers November 7, Jackson State (MS) November 10, Mississippi College November 11, Wayland Baptist (TX) November 13, and Texas November 14.

A 12-player squad is expected to arrive at the University of Minnesota Thursday afternoon of the game before departing for Newark, NJ on Friday.

Tickets for the international exhibition will be available at the Bierman ticket office beginning October 1. Advance sale tickets will be available at \$5.00 for adult reserved seating. Advance sale reduced rate tickets will be available at \$4.00 student reserved and \$3.00 general admission. Tickets will be available at the gate (\$5.00 adults and reserved - \$4.00 general admission) the night of the exhibition game.

The University of Minnesota women's basketball team returns eight letter-winners from last year's 28-7 team that won the Big 10 Tournament and finished second at the AIAW Region 6 Championship.



Track & Field: Cathie Toomey held many race records while competing during 1974-78 for the Gophers. She has continued with victories as she toured Europe this summer competing. In the Oslo Games in Norway, she placed 3rd in 5000 meters; in Holland 5th in 1500 meters and took a first place in 3000 meters in London at the British Women's National Championships. Also this year, Cathie had the fastest time in the United States for 1500 meters. Currently she lives in Eugene, Oregon as she trains for the 1984 Olympics.

Volleyball: Patti Hagemeyer, 1980 Athlete of the Year for Women's Athletics, graduated with a degree in Physical Education. She now resides in Pullman, Washington where she accepted a coaching graduate assistantship and is working on her masters degree in Administration. Patti is coaching the Women's Reserve Volleyball Team at Washington State University.

Field Hockey: Cindy Ripin, a letter winner in field hockey, basketball and softball between 1974-78 graduated with a Physical Education degree. She continued her graduate studies at Northeast Missouri State and received her masters degree in Biomechanics. Currently, Cindy leads the Gopher Field Hockey Team as head coach of the 1981 squad.

Swimming: Cindy McCollum, 1980 graduate with a BA in Psychology, spent the last 5 months traveling in Europe. Her tour included London, Sweden, Norway, Italy and Spain. Cindy is currently working as a Psychiatric Technician at Fairview Hospital in Minneapolis and says her trip was a wonderful experience.

TENNIS: Pat Allar played Gopher tennis from 1971 to 1975 and graduated from the University of Minnesota with a BS degree in Physical Education. Currently, Pat, her husband Ron and children, Courtney and Aaron live in Eden Prairie. Pat is now a USPTA tennis pro working at Tonka Racquet Club and is also in her 5th year as girls varsity tennis coach at Saint Louis Park High School.

Basketball: After captaining the 1978 Gopher Basketball Team, Rachel Gaugert completed her BA degree in social work from the University. She worked for the Minneapolis Grain Exchange for one year as an assistant supervisor and decided to continue in the grain business. Currently, Rachel works for the Bunge Grain Company as a grain merchandiser. Rachel buys grain for the State of Minnesota.

Softball: Mary Owen, a 1980 graduate in Life Sciences from the College of Education was just chosen All-American from the American Softball Association Fast-Pitch National Tournament. One of fifteen players, Mary just competed in Japan for the first Tri-National Softball Championship. The United States team competed against Japan and the People's Republic of China in the Tournament and also competed in various friendship games. The U.S. Team has a record of 10-0 and received a gold medal.

Gymnastics: Leah Fuji Moto Hanson competed for the Gophers from 1973-1977. After graduating with a BA degree in Psychology, she attended William Mitchell College of Law and graduated this Spring. She will set up her law practice in the Twin Cities area. Leah was married August 22, 1981 to Dr. Mark Hanson, a surgery resident at Hennepin County Medical Center.

Cross Country: Maggie Munro is in her second year at the University of Minnesota Law School, where she is studying criminal law and receiving straight "A's". She is still running and competing in many local 10K races. This October she will be busy as race director for the "Gold Rush" 5 mile run, sponsored by the Women's Athletic Department (October 25). She plans to run her first marathon in October in St. Paul and claims she would just like "to finish."

Golf: Nancy Stevens Evertz, 1975-76 golf team captain, is now manager for Accounting Control and Analysis at Burlington Northern in the Twin Cities. A 1976 Business graduate of the University, she is a mother of a 6-month old boy, Nicholas Edward. Nancy, her husband Don and Nicholas do enjoy weekend trips to her parents cabin in Brainerd, MN.



# GOPHER ATHLETIC EVENTS

## VOLEYBALL/r/c/1

Sept. 14...at University of Indiana/1  
 Sept. 15...at Purdue University/1 W. Lafayette, IN/1  
 Sept. 16...at Purdue University/1 W. Lafayette, IN/1  
 Sept. 18-19 at University of Alabama/1  
 Sept. 23...at Iowa State University/1  
 Sept. 25-26 at University of Nebraska/1  
 Sept. 30...at Drake University/1  
 Oct. 2-3...at Southwest Missouri State/1 Invitational/1  
 /bOct. 6...at St. Cloud State-7:30 /r/1  
 Oct. 7...at University of Iowa/1  
 Oct. 9-10 at University of Texas Austin/1 Invitational/1  
 /bOct. 14 Iowa State University -/1 6:00 P.M./r/1  
 /bOct. 17-18\*Gold Country Classic -/1 6:00 P.M./r/1  
 Oct. 19...at St. Cloud State University/1  
 /bOct. 21 University of Iowa 7:30 P.M./r/1  
 /bOct. 21-24 \*Big Ten Championships /1 at Champaign Ill.  
 /bOct. 28 \*Drake University-7:30 /r/1  
 /bOct. 31 University of Nebraska -/1 Lincoln-7:00/r/1  
 /bNov. 6-7 \*Gopher Invitational/1 -4:00 P.M./r/1  
 /bNov. 19-21 AIAM Region 6 Championships/1 at Springfield, MO/1

\* Home matches played at Bierman Building/c/1  
 \* Home matches played at Williams Arena/c/1  
 /bGOLF/r/c/1

Sept. 14-16...at Susie Maxwell Bering Invita-tional, Oklahoma City, OK/1  
 /bSept. 19-21 Minnesota Invitational /r/1  
 Sept. 24-26...at Iowa State Invitational/1  
 Oct. 1-2...at AIAM Region 6 Championships/1 at Waterloo, IA/1  
 Oct. 14-16 at Lady Fat Invitational /1 Lexington, KY/1  
 Oct. 31-Nov. 1 at Lady Tar Heel Invitational,/1 Raleigh, NC/1

Home meets at University of Minnesota/c/1 Golf Course/c/1

## FIELD HOCKEY/r/c/1

Sept. 14...at University of Maryland/1  
 Sept. 15...at Towson State University/1  
 Sept. 16...at American University /1  
 Sept. 17...at Temple University/1  
 Sept. 18...at LaSalle University/1  
 Sept. 19...at St. Joseph's University/1  
 Sept. 29...at Carleton College/1  
 /bSept. 30 Wisconsin-Lacrosse 4:00 P.M./r/1  
 /bOct. 1...Minnesota Invitational 9:00 P.M./r/1  
 Oct. 9-10...at Iowa Invitational/1  
 Oct. 11...at St. Louis University /1  
 Oct. 16-17 at Big Ten Championships /1 at Iowa City, IA/1  
 /bOct. 20...Wisconsin-River Falls 3:30 P.M./r/1  
 Oct. 22...at University of Wisconsin-Lacrosse/1  
 Oct. 27...at University of Wisconsin-River Falls/1  
 Oct. 31-Nov. 1 at Northwestern University Classic/1  
 Nov. 6-7...at AIAM Region 6 Championships at/1 Grinnell, IA/1

Home meets at Northrop Field/c/1

## SWIMMING

Oct. 10-11 NW Time Trials-6:30 P.M. /9:00 A.M.  
 Nov. 7...Northwestern University 1:00  
 Nov. 14...at University of Iowa  
 Dec. 19-30 at Winter Training in San Juan, PR  
 Jan. 15-17 at Texas Invitational  
 Jan. 23...at Ohio State University  
 Jan. 30...at Michigan State University  
 Feb. 6...University of Wisconsin 1:00 P.M.  
 Feb. 12...Iowa State University  
 Feb. 25-27 at Big 10 Championships at Milwaukee, WI  
 Mar. 17-20 at AIAM National Championships in Austin Texas

\*Home meets at Cook Hall

## SOFTBALL/r/c/1

Sept. 26-27...at University of Nebraska/1  
 /bOct. 3-4...Minnesota Invitational 9:00 A.M./r/1  
 Oct. 10-11...at Northwestern Invitational/1

Home games at Bierman Field/c/1

## BASKETBALL

Nov. 5...China National Team, 7:30  
 Nov. 15...at University of Iowa  
 Nov. 21...at University of Wisconsin  
 Nov. 28...Thanksgiving Classic- Louisiana State University 8:00 P.M.  
 Dec. 1...Drake University-8:00 P.M.  
 Dec. 5-6 at Pullman, WA (Wash. State) Mywing, San Francisco)  
 Dec. 8...at Iowa State University  
 Dec. 19...at California State-Los Angeles  
 Dec. 21...at University of So. California  
 Jan. 6...National College: 8:00 P.M.  
 Jan. 9...at University of Indiana  
 Jan. 16...University of Iowa-2:00  
 Jan. 23...University of Wisconsin 2:00 P.M.  
 Jan. 29...at Chicago Circle  
 Jan. 30...at Northwestern University  
 Feb. 6...at Kansas State University  
 Feb. 12-14 at Big Ten Championships, East Lansing, MI  
 Feb. 17...Iowa State University 8:00 P.M.  
 Feb. 20...University of Kansas 8:00 P.M.  
 Feb. 26-28 Northern Light Classic, Anchorage, AK  
 Mar. 3...University of Missouri 8:00 P.M.  
 Mar. 11-13 AIAM Region 6 Championships

Home games at Williams Arena

## TENNIS/r/c/1

Oct. 2-3...at University of Iowa with /1 Missouri/1  
 Oct. 9-10 at University of So. Illinois,/1 Edwardsville Invitational/1  
 /bOct. 14 \*Augustana, Sioux Falls -/1 2:00 P.M./r/1  
 /bOct. 16-17 \*Quad Meet-Iowa State /1 Nebraska, Wisconsin -Moon/r/1  
 /bOct. 20 \*University of Wisconsin-Rau Claire/1-2:30 /c/1  
 Oct. 23-24 at University of Kentucky with/1 Middle Tennessee and Eastern/1 Kentucky/1  
 Oct. 30-Nov. 1 at Oklahoma State Invitational/1  
 /bNov. 8 \* Alumni Match-4:00/r/1  
 /bNov. 15 \* Rullard Fundraiser-/1 4:00 p.m./r/1

\* Home meets at 4th Street Courts, /c/1 Bierman Building backup/c/1  
 \* Home meets at Como Tennis Club /c/1

## CROSS COUNTRY/r/c/1

Sept. 19...at Yellowstone Run, Bozeman MT/1  
 /bSept. 26 Minnesota 5-May - 11:00 A.M./r/1  
 Oct. 3...at Iowa State University/1 Invitational/1  
 Oct. 10...at Saluki Invitational, Carbondale, IL/1  
 Oct. 17...at TFA/USA Nationals, Madison, MI/1  
 Oct. 24...at Big Ten Championships, /1 East Lansing, MI  
 /bNov. 7...Region 6 Championships 2:00 P.M./r/1  
 Nov. 21...at AIAM National Championships/1 at Idaho State, Pocatello, ID/1  
 Nov. 28...at TAC Nationals Inc, Angeles, CA/1

Home meets at University Golf Course/c/1

## GYMNASTICS

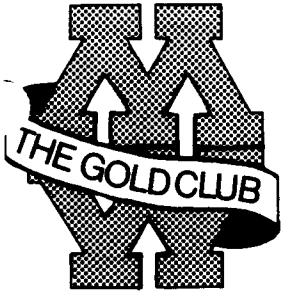
Dec. 6...at University of Missouri with University of Illinois and University of Oklahoma  
 Jan. 9...Winnona State-2:30 P.M.  
 Jan. 30...at Arizona State  
 Feb. 6...at University of Nebraska  
 Feb. 12-13 at Big Ten Championships Iowa City, Iowa  
 Feb. 25...at Florida State with University of Michigan  
 Mar. 6...at Iowa State University  
 Mar. 12...University of Wisconsin-Madison 7:30 P.M.  
 Mar. 20-21 AIAM Region 6 Championships  
 April 2-3 AIAM National Championships, Memphis, TN

Home meets at Williams Arena



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Dear Alumni and Friends,

As the winter months have come upon us, the Department of Women's Intercollegiate Athletics is continuing to change and develop.

Early in the fall, the department affiliated officially with the Big Ten Conference for women. By joining the Conference, we will compete with those institutions that have been traditional competitors with the University. Initially, the sports of volleyball, basketball, field hockey, and softball will have regularly scheduled in-season play with a conference champion determined either through that play or a play-off. All the other sports will have weekend championships to determine the conference champion with intra-conference in-season play being encouraged. The structured development of the conference has been slow but I anticipate that the problems can successfully be resolved.

We welcomed the crew team to our department as a varsity club sport this fall. The team has been competing under the auspices of the Recreational Sports Department. Under a new policy that was approved by the Assembly Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics last spring, the crew team will have the status of a varsity club sport and have the opportunity to compete in intercollegiate national championships. They will adhere to the eligibility criteria of our department and of the AIAW and will be eligible to receive the varsity "M" for their endeavors. I am pleased that we can provide these opportunities for the young athletes.

Please come and join us as the winter sports come into action!

Kate Mathison  
Acting Athletic Director

## WINTER QUARTER CAPERS:

**SIXTH ANNUAL SPORTSMANIA - FEBRUARY 9, 1982:** Along with the Alumnae of the Gamma Phi Beta Sorority, the Department of Women's Athletics at the University of Minnesota will host the Sixth Annual Sportsmania, February 9, at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Minneapolis. Once again the event will include the always popular fashion show and the silent and live auctions. The luncheon is slated for noon. Tickets are \$20.00. Please contact Women's Athletics 373-2255.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BERG FUND PHONATHON:** The Patty Berg Development Fund is seeking volunteers for its 1982 Phonathon, which will take place February 22-25 and March 2-4. Assistance will be needed to take pledges for the Patty Berg Fund which provides scholarships to women athletes at the University. Fun, food, and prizes will be part of the affair that originates from the offices of Women's Intercollegiate Athletics from 7-9 p.m. on Tuesday through Thursday of both weeks. Contact Jeanette Link at 373-2481 if you are interested in participating.

## ALUMNI RECEPTION DATES:

- \* **SWIMMING/DIVING** - Feb. 6 Gophers vs. University of Wisconsin  
Contact Gail Griffin at 379-2984 for information.
- \* **GYMNASTICS** - March 20 Gophers host AIAW REGION 6 MEET  
Contact Randi LaFleur at 781-3681 for information.
- \* **BASKETBALL** - February 20  
Contact Diane Scovill at 374-3316 for information.



# News from the Board

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Dear Alumni and Friends:

Just a note to keep you informed of the latest progress of the Gold Club. At our December 18 board meeting we discussed the following:

- Club By-Laws: Randi LaFleur explained changes.
- ACIA: Nominations for an alumna to be a committee member.
- Coaches: Coaches need help with recruits' tours of campus.
- Career Development Day: Have career days for present and future athletes.
- Receptions for Alumni: Winter Sports Dates.
- Phonathon: Volunteers needed. (Gold Club vs. present athletes???)

The Gold Club Board meeting dates for winter quarter are as follows: Tuesday, January 12, 5:30 p.m.; Tuesday, February 9, 7:30 a.m.; Tuesday, March 9, 5:30 p.m.. All meetings will be held in the "M" room of the Bierman Building. All are welcome.

Please keep us informed of your interest in the Gold Club and The Gold Letter: THE GOLD CLUB, MINNESOTA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, 100 Morrill Hall, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55455.

Hope your Holidays were happy.

Rah!  
The Gold Club Board

### FALL IN REVIEW:

**FIELD HOCKEY:** The Gopher Field Hockey team, under first-year Head Coach Cindy Ripsin, escaped a rugged schedule against the likes of numerous rated foes with a 7-14 mark. Carolyn Kerby led the Gophers in scoring with 16 of the teams 28 goals.

**CROSS COUNTRY:** The Gopher Cross Country Team placed **10th at the AIAW National Championships**, November 21, in Pocatello, Idaho. Although plagued by injuries the last half of the season, Mike Lawless' club provided the depth necessary for its finest national showing. Sue Alm, a sophomore from Bloomington, and Stacy Bant, a freshman from Racine, Wisconsin, paced the Gophers at the nationals with 39th and 42nd places respectively.

**VOLLEYBALL:** The Gopher volleyball team turned in a **7th place finish at the AIAW National Championships** in Tallahassee, Florida - highest finish for a Gopher team since the softball team placed 3rd in the 1978 World Series. Minnesota provided the biggest tourney upsets, topping No. 3 seed Utah State and No. 6 seed California-Berkeley in pool play. The Gophers then went on to defeat Big Ten Champions, University of Michigan, for seventh place. In addition 5-foot-8 junior Jill Halsted earned All-American honors, the first Minnesota player in the nine year history of the sport. The Gophers ended the season with a 37-19 record.



## FALL IN REVIEW Continued:

**CHINA BASKETBALL GAME:** On November 5 the People's Republic of China National Basketball Team and the Gopher women cagers engaged in an exhibition contest at Williams Arena. A 93-72 China victory was the showcase, but certainly there was more. Cultural exchanges were prominent during the visit. The teams exchanged gifts prior to the game, and there were a pregame reception and a postgame dinner. The exhibition marked the first athletic competition between the University and a People's Republic of China team.

**LINDA WELLS ENDS AS VOLLEYBALL COACH:** For eight years Linda Wells has coached the Gopher volleyball team. But given the demands of coaching two sports, softball and volleyball, Linda has chosen to coach softball. Linda was honored at a reception during the Gopher Invitation on November 7. Among friends, fans, and family, the Gold Club presented Linda with a pendant for her dedication to Gopher volleyball. Linda ended her volleyball career as the winningest coach in the Big Ten - 246-95-5.

## ALUMNI UPDATE:

**CROSS COUNTRY:** **Michele Vogel, '78**, continues to compete in races. Michele placed 2nd in the City of Lakes Marathon with a time of 2 hours and 49 minutes this past fall. She has been living in Oregon for two years, and returned home not only to run, but to prepare for her marriage to Peter G. Davis of Australia. After a month long vacation in Australia, they will return to the United States and reside in Oregon.

**SOFTBALL:** **Lee Biersdorf, '79**, continues her education at William Mitchell Law School. Lee is in her 2nd year working toward a business degree in corporate law, with interest in professional athletic contracts. Lee has written articles on Title IX and NCAA and AIAW for the Junior Paper at William Mitchell and works full time as an Assistant Program Director for the Business Economics Education Foundation.

**VOLLEYBALL:** **Jill Meilahn, '76**, is currently a Research Associate in the College of Veterinary Medicine at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa. She is a current faculty advisor to the Iowa State Volleyball Club and is also

playing volleyball herself. Jill is expecting her first child in April 1982.

**GOLF:** For **Carol Issacs Davy**, women's golf coach from 1974-78, this time of year is a busy one. She is presently preparing taxes for people. Since leaving her university position, she has married and is currently living in Roseville with husband John. Her interests have shifted from golf to downhill skiing, motorcycling, and stockmarket investing.

**TRACK & FIELD:** **Kathy Omodt (Wight)** competed for the Gophers from 1975-80. Kathy is now in Dental School at the University and will receive her doctor of dental surgery degree in 2½ years. She also is the girls track and field coach at Bloomington-Lincoln High School.

**TENNIS:** **Sue Ritter, '76**, a former Gopher captain, spent three years as the director of intramural sports at Macalester College. Sue is a tennis teaching pro at the Midwest Tennis Center and teaches at various other clubs. She has recently become a member of the United States Professional Tennis Association. She has also completed a year's work toward an MBA.

**SWIMMING:** **Maureen Theilien**, a Gopher swimmer from 1975-79, and Gopher co-captain 1978-79, is leaving January 7 for Tahiti, Australia, and New Zealand. She and her sister have work passes and plan to work their way across Australia while sightseeing. They will not return to the United States until December 1982.

**BASKETBALL:** **Jenny Johnson**, head women's basketball coach from 1974-77, was recently in the Bahamas to be inducted as the first woman to the USSSA SOFTBALL HALL OF FAME. Jenny, women's athletic director at Franklin College in Indiana, teaches physical education classes and is the women's field hockey and softball coach.

**FIELD HOCKEY:** **Annette Margarit, '78**, played field hockey at the U from 1975-77, basketball from 1974-76, and track & field in 1976. She is presently in her fourth year of teaching social studies at the Academy of Holy Angels in Richfield. She is also head coach of soccer and basketball. Annette is serving on the City Council for Richfield Redistricting Committee.



# GOPHER ATHLETIC EVENTS

## WINTER QUARTER HOME EVENTS:

### BASKETBALL

- Jan. 6..... National College 8 p.m.
- Jan. 16..... Univ. of Iowa 8 p.m.
- Jan. 23..... Univ. of Wis. 2 p.m.
- Feb. 17..... Iowa state 8 p.m.
- Feb. 20..... Univ. of KS 8 p.m.
- Mar. 3..... Univ. of Missouri 8 p.m.

### GYMNASTICS

- Jan. 9..... Winona St/Iowa St 2:30 p.m.
- Mar. 12..... Univ. of Wis. 7:30 p.m.
- Mar. 20-21.... AIAW Region 6 Meet

### SWIMMING

- Jan. 7..... Hamline Univ. 7 p.m.
- Jan. 29..... Univ. of No. Iowa 7 p.m.
- Feb. 6..... Univ. of Wis. 1 p.m.

### TENNIS

- Jan. 8-10..... NWPT Tournament
- Feb. 5-6..... Arden Hills Classic
- Mar. 12..... All-Star-Como Tennis Club

### TRACK & FIELD

- Jan. 29-30.... Northwest Open 4:30/noon
- Feb. 20..... U of M Invitational noon

\*For more information call:  
Women's Athletics 373-2255.

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT:

In her second year with the Women's Athletic Department, Academic Advisor Kathy Jones provides students with eligibility information and regulations as specified by the AIAW. She acts as a liason between the department and the AIAW in regards to eligibility questions and student and institutional appeals. Kathy has organized a "Big Sister" program to help assist new athletes in adjusting to the University, and an orientation program to inform new athletes about scheduling, University regulations, general department information, study skills centers, and tutoring seminars for study techniques. A future project for Kathy is a career development program in which athletes will have the opportunity to discuss resume writing, interviewing, career problems, and accomplishments with women in various professions. Kathy graduated from Northwest Missouri State with a BS in history/english and Southern Illinois University with a masters in higher education college personnel. Still continuing her education, she attends night classes at William Mitchell Law School in St. Paul.



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## WINTER IN REVIEW: ALL WINTER SPORTS QUALIFY FOR NATIONALS

BASKETBALL: The Gopher basketball team, 17-9, heads for the first round of the AIAW National Basketball Championship where they will meet St. John's, at Piscataway, N.J. The Gophers recently captured the AIAW Region 6 title, to add to their other tournament titles at the Dial Classic in Washington and the Alaska Northern Lights Tournament. The Gophers' senior **Marty Dahlen** is a nominee for the Wade Trophy, one of thirty players in the nation to be nominated. Gopher freshman standout **Laura Coenen**, was named to the All-Freshman First Team by Women's Basketball News Service.

SWIMMING/DIVING: The Gophers completed their best season ever qualifying 10 swimmers and divers to the AIAW National Championships in Austin, Texas. The Gophers finest effort came at the Big Ten Championships, where they broke 12 varsity records and made the national qualifications. Diver **Chris Curry-Gentz** will try to repeat her 1981 3-Meter Diving Title.

GYMNASTICS: The Gopher gymnastics team has continued to better its scores as they head to the 1982 AIAW National Championships. Ending their season at home, the Gopher team captured the AIAW Region 6 title, thus qualifying for the national championships. The best individual effort for the Gophers has come from junior **Robin Huebner**, who set three school records - vault, floor exercise and all-around, at the sch 12 dual meet with Wisconsin.

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## SPRING SPORT RECEPTIONS:

Members of the Gold Club Board and the Women's Athletic Department are sponsoring alumni receptions after the following events. Alumni who participated in these sports are cordially invited to attend and talk with Gopher and visiting athletes, their parents, and prospective Gopher competitors.

SOFTBALL: April 24 - Gophers vs. Augustana (2), 11:30 a.m.  
\*\*\* For more information contact: Mary Owen 935-4176.

TRACK/FIELD: April 17 - Gophers host Quadrangular, 12:30 p.m.  
\*\*\* For more information contact: Jane Oas 830-8536.

GOLF: To Be Announced  
\*\*\* For more information contact: Sue Jaqua 572-1347.

TENNIS: To Be Announced  
\*\*\* For more information contact: Mona Klimmek 529-2754.

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## GOPHER ALUMNA CATHIE TWOMEY SETS WORLD RECORD

**Cathie Twomey**, former Gopher track star, set a women's world record with a time of 1 hour, 6 minutes, 52 seconds, to win the 20-kilometer Chunichi race in Japan, March 7. Cathie also holds the American 5,000-meter record. Best of luck to Cathie as she continues her running career. She also set a meet record in the USA Track and Field Championships in New York's Madison Square Garden, winning the women's mile run in 4:32:92.



# News from the Board

# 1981-82

## U of M Athletic Alumni Board

Dear Alumni and Friends:

To cap the Gold Club's first year, you're all invited to a gala reception at the Minnesota Alumni Club on May 12. As those of you who attended last year know, the view of the city sunset from the Club is a rare treat. This 2nd annual reception will be an opportunity to hear about the progress of the Women's Athletic Department and to renew old friendships. Linda Wells will be among the guest speakers. In addition, we'll introduce new board members and update you on the Club's activities. The reception begins at 7:00 p.m., May 12, at the Minnesota Alumni Club on the 50th floor of the IDS Tower in downtown Minneapolis. If you have questions or would like to make reservations, call Cindy Kommers at 376-5259. Gold Club members interested in assuming leadership positions on the board should also call Cindy.

Rah!  
The Gold Club Board

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### SPRING EVENTS FOR THE WOMEN'S ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT:

**COACHES RECEPTION:** The Patty Berg Development Fund will host the Coaches Club Reception on April 20, at the Bierman Building, 6 p.m. Those who donate \$25 will have an opportunity to meet with the Women's Athletic Department coaching staff.

**100 WOMEN \$100 RECEPTION:** This wine and cheese reception will be the conclusion of the 1982 "100 Women \$100" campaign for scholarships for athletes. On April 27, at the home of University President C. Peter and Diane Magrath, those who have donated \$100 to the Patty Berg Scholarship Fund will have the opportunity to meet the scholarship recipients.

\*\*\* For reception information call Jeanette Link, Director of the Patty Berg Development Fund at 373-2255.

**PATTY BERG ATHLETIC BANQUET:** The 8th Annual Patty Berg Athletic Banquet will be held to honor the 1981-82 Gopher Athletes. This year's reception will be held at the Sheraton Northwest on June 2, and will honor athletes with ACIA, Patty Berg, and Minnesota Alumni Association awards. The 1982 Athlete of the Year award will be given by the Student Athletic Council. If you wish to attend, or sponsor an athlete for the banquet, call the WOMEN'S ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT for more ticket information 373-2255.

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## ALUMNI UPDATE:

**SWIMMING/DIVING:** **Kory Kaye, '80**, swam for the Gophers from 1976-80. She was a Big Ten finalist in '78, '79, and '80, and AIAW Region 6 finalist. Kory is the diving coach at the College of St. Thomas and volunteers as an Emergency Medical Technician with Sowashco Ambulance. She starts medical school next fall and has been accepted as one of three nonresident students for the University of South Dakota, but is also waiting to hear from other schools.

**FIELD HOCKEY:** **Kathy Gates, '75**, is now living in Inver Grove Heights and is Athletic Director for Women at Inver Hills Community College, where she also coaches volleyball, basketball, and softball. To add to her busy schedule, she teaches courses in physical education.

**TRACK/FIELD:** **Jackie Looney, '78**, a sprinter for the Gophers in 1974-75, works as a Coordinator of Academic Affairs for INROADS. Jackie continues her education at the University in industrial relations.

**GOLF:** **Kathy Williams, 1981 Athlete of the Year**, recently completed her degree in Recreation, after an internship in San Diego. Kathy is spending time in Tucson, Arizona, sharpening her golf skills before she travels to Florida to join the 'mini-tour' of professional golf.

**BASKETBALL:** **Barb Sell, '75**, works for Dayton's Credit department. Barb is also the Assistant Volleyball and Basketball Coach at Washburn High School. She also plays summer slo-pitch softball.

**SOFTBALL:** **Deb Gieger, '79**, has recently formed the company of Health Fitness Consultants, Inc. The company offers a wellness program, dealing with businesses and the industrial community. Deb is a 'Fitness Specialist' and 'Exercise Test Technologist' and also directs the marketing program for the company. Deb plays summer softball, racquetball and squash.

**CROSS COUNTRY:** **Anita Macias** was accepted to the University graduate program last fall and plans to get a degree in Adult Education. She is currently working for the University Upward Bound program, a new federally funded program called "The Connection" which will link programs at South High School to the University, filling job development, chemical dependency, etc. Anita still enjoys running and cross country skiing.

**GYMNASTICS:** **Randi LaFleur, '77**, continues her education at the William Mitchell Law School. With work, school, and being a Gold Club board member, Randi is always busy. She still goes to the gym for workouts, but says "I'm not as flexible as when I was competing, but I still enjoy it."

**VOLLEYBALL:** **Terri Erickson, '74**, recently competed her Divinity degree at the theological seminary at Boston University. She is a chaplain for the Air Force.

**TENNIS:** **Dr. Belmar Gunderson**, Women's Athletic Director at the University until 1975, resides in Springfield, Missouri, and coaches tennis at Southwest State University. Dr. Gunderson continues to play tennis and works on the farm she owns.



# GOPHER ATHLETIC EVENTS

## 1982 SPRING SPORT SCHEDULE:

- March 31..... TENNIS vs. St. Cloud State, 2 p.m., (4th Street Courts)
- April 9-10..... TENNIS vs. Illinois & Iowa, noon, (Como Club)
- April 17..... TRACK Minnesota Quadrangular, 12:30 p.m., (Bierman Track)
- April 18..... TENNIS Beauty and the Beast Match, 4 p.m., (Como Club)
- April 20..... SOFTBALL vs. North Dakota State, 3 p.m., (Softball Stadium)
- April 20..... SOFTBALL vs. Mankato State, 7 p.m., (Softball Stadium)
- April 23..... SOFTBALL vs. Augustana, 7 p.m., (Softball Stadium)
- April 24..... SOFTBALL vs. Augustana (2), 11:30 a.m., (Softball Stadium)
- April 26..... SOFTBALL vs. Minnesota-Duluth, 5 p.m., (Softball Stadium)
- April 27..... TENNIS vs. St. Olaf, 3 p.m., (4th Street Courts)
- April 30-May 1..... GOLF Big Ten Championships, (University Golf Course)
- April 30-May 1..... TENNIS Minnesota Invitational, 9 a.m., (4th Street Courts)
- May 4..... TENNIS vs. Gustavus, 3 p.m., (4th Street Courts)
- May 30..... CREW Women's NWRA Regionals, (Lake Nokomis)
- May 31..... CREW Memorial Day Regatta, (Lake Nokomis)

\*\*\* For more information call the Athletic Department 373-2255.

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT:

In her third year with the Women's Athletic Department, Business Manager Nancy Adams, is responsible for the department budget and supervision of office staff. Nancy handles all the budgets for each sport, sports information, Patty Berg Fund, and administration. Nancy graduated from Rockford College with a B.A. in political science in 1969. She has also been a volunteer for the Peace Corps in Ethiopia. At present, she continues her education at Hamline University, and will complete a Master of Arts & Liberal Studies in August. Nancy is an avid Gopher fan and enjoys fishing, canoeing, traveling, and reading.



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# THE GOLD LETTER

## ALUMNI UPDATE:

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### SWIMMING/DIVING

Dear Alumni and friends,

As the Department of Women's Intercollegiate Athletics enters the new year, we look forward to many new and exciting changes. First, Merrily Dean Baker, former Associate Director of Athletics, Physical Education and Recreation at Princeton University will assume the directorship of the department on September 1st. Also, Karen Smith, formerly of Williams and Mary College, will join the staff as the Director of Sports Information and Promotions. Stephanie Schleuder has returned to her home state to serve as head volleyball coach, after Linda Wells stepped down from that position, and other coaching appointments will be made prior to the start of the school year in the sports of golf and diving. We welcome all the new staff to the University of Minnesota.

This year we begin in-season scheduling for Big Ten competition in the sports of volleyball, basketball, field hockey and softball. Volleyball will play, for the first time, their entire season in Williams Arena. Schedules for the fall sports are listed on the back page of the Gold Letter. I invite all of you to join us for some exciting intercollegiate competition this year.

Congratulations are to be extended to senior diver Chris Gentz who was awarded the first Big Ten Conference Medal of Honor and the Senior Athlete of the Year at the Patty Berg Awards banquet this past spring.

Hope all of you will join us this fall as we enter into a new period of growth and expansion.

Sincerely,

Kate Mathison, Interim Director

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## FALL SPORT ALUMNI GAMES:

Members of the Gold Club Board and the Gopher Coaches are sponsoring alumni games and those that participated in the sports listed below should join in the fun. Bring your friends and family and meet the 1982-83 Gopher teams.

- \*VOLLEYBALL: Sunday, Sept. 13 - 3:00 p.m. at Bierman Building
- \*SWIMMING: Friday, Oct. 15 - 7:00 p.m. at Cooke Hall Pool
- \*TENNIS: Sunday, Nov. 7 - 7:00 p.m. at Como Tennis Club
- \*BASKETBALL: Saturday, Nov. 20 - 8:05 p.m. at Williams Arena

For more information contact Cindy Kommers at 376-5259.



# News from the Board

Dear Alumni and Friends,

Hope your summer has been enjoyable. The Gold Club Board would like to welcome new Gold Club members and promise another year of exciting activities. As the fall season approaches and we begin our second year as an Alumni affiliate, the Board and Department of Women's Athletics are anxious for the '82-'83 sport seasons to start. The Gophers need our support - with new athletes, new coaches in volleyball, golf and diving, and a Big Ten conference schedule our involvement is more important than ever. The Gold Club hopes you support the Gophers of the '80's as they begin another year.

Rah!  
The Gold Club Board

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## ALL EVENTS FOR THE WOMEN'S ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT:

2nd ANNUAL "ROCKY RUN": The 2nd Annual "Rocky Run" will be held this fall, in honor of Rocky Racette, Gopher track star who was killed in an auto accident in the fall of 1981. The donations from the "Rocky Run" go to a Track & Field Scholarship in her name. If you are interested in running in the race or donating, contact the Women's Athletic Department at 373-2255.

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## ALUMNI UPDATE:

SWIMMING/DIVING: The Gopher swimming alumni are planning ahead for the next generation of Gopher swimmers: Patty Freeman Beckmann, '76-'80, and her husband Chuck (also former swimmer), announced the birth of Katherine Nicole on July 5th. She weighed in at 8 lbs., 9 oz., and reports are that perhaps she already has strong arms. (A future butterflyer perhaps?) Assistant Coach Terry Ganley Neizner, '73-'77, and her husband Tom can also join the ranks of swimming parents if they want. The expected arrival is due in January 1983.

VOLLEYBALL: Ellen Andreson Youssif, '71-'74, is now married and the mother of two children. Ellen still keeps her interest in volleyball by officiating high school matches in the Twin Cities area. She recently started a business of her own with the Cambridge Diet business after losing 53 lbs. on the diet herself.

FIELD HOCKEY: Ruth Schmidt Delin, '74-'78, and Track & Field '76, works for the St. Paul YWCA as a Fitness and Swimming Instructor for ages 3 to 83. Ruth and husband Jeff recently gave birth to a son, Benjamin Jeffrey on May 22. Ruth is also currently serving on the Gold Club Board as Field Hockey representative and Vice-President.

SOFTBALL: Judy Knight, '77-80, former Gopher Shortstop and '81 University grad of the Institute of Technology is working as a Civil Engineer for Northern State Power. Judy works in the Plant Engineering and Construction department, designing and modifying plans for factories and plants. Judy stays involved with summer softball and she and her "Spooks" teammates will participate in the ASA Slo-Pitch Nationals in Georgia this September.

TENNIS: Leslie Larm, '76-'80, a '80 graduate in Home Economics from the University, is currently working in New York City, NY, as a designer with fabrics and textiles for the summer.

GYMNASTICS: Yvonne Brutger Hamnargren, '75-'77, a graduate in Biology from the "U", and an '81 graduate from the University Medical School, is currently working at Hennepin County Medical Center in Emergency Medicine.

BASKETBALL: Diane Scovill, '74-78, graduated spring of '80 with a degree in physical education. Diane now teaches physical education at Minneapolis Community College and also is Head Basketball coach. Diane continues to play AAU and has returned to the "U" for graduate work.

TRACK & FIELD: Peggy Cayemberg, Gopher sprinter, '75-'79, graduated with a BS in Education. Currently with Northwest Orient Airlines, as a flight attendant she has worked both domestic and International flights.

ALUMNI: Please keep the Gold Club informed about yourself and your current interests.

You can do so by writing to:

Cindy Kommers-Gold Club  
c/o University of Minnesota  
Alumni Association  
100 Morrill Hall  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55455



# GOPHER ATHLETIC EVENTS

## FALL QUARTER EVENTS:

### FIELD HOCKEY

Sun. Sept. 5... Alumni, 3pm  
 Tues. Sept. 21.. Carleton, 4pm  
 Sat. Sept. 25... Iowa, TBA  
 Tues. Sept. 28. Wis-River Falls, 4pm  
 Thurs. Oct. 21 Wis-LaCrosse, 4pm

### VOLLEYBALL

Sun. Sept. 13.. Alumni, 3pm  
 Wed. Sept. 29. Drake, 8pm  
 Fri. Oct. 1.... Illinois, 8pm  
 Sat. Oct. 2.... Purdue, 2pm  
 Wed. Oct. 6.... Wisconsin, 8pm  
 Fri. Oct. 15... Indiana, 8pm  
 Thu. Oct. 21... Ohio State, 8pm  
 Fri. Oct. 29... Northwestern, 8pm  
 Wed. Nov. 3... Iowa, 8pm

### CROSS COUNTRY

Sat. Sept. 25... QUADRANGULAR,  
 10:30am

### TENNIS

Fri. Oct. 15.... Nebraska, Iowa State  
 Sat. Oct. 16.... Wisconsin  
 Wed. Oct. 20.. Wis-Eau Claire, 2:30pm  
 Sun. Nov. 7.... Alumni, 7pm  
 Sun. Nov. 14.. Bullard Fund Raiser, 4pm

### SWIMMING

Fri. Oct. 15.. Alumni, 7pm  
 Fri. Oct. 29.. Time Trials, TBA  
 Sat. Oct. 30.. Time Trials, TBA

Sat. Nov. 6... Iowa, 1pm  
 Fri. Nov. 12.. Nebraska, 7pm  
 Sat. Nov. 13.. Time Trials, 9am

### BASKETBALL

Sat. Nov. 20.. Alumni, 8:05pm  
 Fri. Nov. 26.. Dial Classic  
 Sat. Nov. 27.. Dial Classic  
 Wed. Dec. 1.. No. Illinois, 8pm  
 Sun. Dec. 5.. Chicago Circle, 2:30pm  
 Tues. Dec. 7. No. Dakota St., 8pm

### GYMNASTICS:

Fri. Dec. 10... Missouri, 7pm

### STAFF SPOTLIGHT:

Starting her fifth year with Gopher teams, Leah Wollenburg, Women's Athletic Trainer, is always kept busy. Leah cares for the athletes on all 11 Gopher sports teams. Leah is certified by the National Athletic Trainers Association, and also teaches training techniques and first aid clinics throughout the Midwest. Leah also enjoys sports herself--swimming, skiing, running and racquetball.

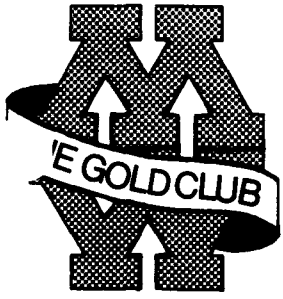
Assisting Leah in the Gopher Training Room is Dusty Rippelmeyer who starts her fourth year as Assistant Athletic Trainer. Dusty graduated from St. Cloud with a BS in physical education in 1976 and has a MS in physical education from Arizona. Dusty also enjoys running, in addition to water skiing and reading.



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# THE GOLD LETTER

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Dear Alumnae and Friends:

First, let me tell you how pleased and excited I am to become part of the Minnesota tradition of excellence in athletics. As we continue in pursuit of that excellence in the 80's, our goals and needs are many ... but our resolve and commitment are strong!

Each of you can play a vital and on-going role in helping us to achieve our goals and I look forward to your active involvement and support on behalf of all women student-athletes. Increased promotions and development comprise a primary goal focus for us right now and those efforts require help from a lot of people who care about women's athletics at Minnesota ... I hope we can count you among those many people.

One large step forward will be taken early in 1983 with the initiation of individual Friends Groups for each of our women's sports programs. The primary purpose of each Friends Group is three fold: First, to increase the relationship and interaction between women's teams and the community; second, to increase spectator support at women's events; and, third, to develop resources to provide each team with special needs which cannot be met within the constraints of their operating budget. I look at the Gold Club as an umbrella of the Friends Groups and will be working with the Gold Club leadership to determine what direction coordinative efforts should take. Successful promotions and development necessitates a multi-prong approach and refinement of that approach is one of the things we are focusing on this year.

Big Ten competition among women is also providing an exciting focus for our women's teams. We want to be at the top of the Big Ten ... and we're going to get there! We have an excellent coaching staff, a group of talented student athletes, and strong commitment from the University; in other words, all the right ingredients to Go-pher It!

Do join us and help to make it happen.

Sincerely,

*Merrily Dean Baker*

Merrily Dean Baker  
Director

## FALL IN REVIEW:

10th ANNUAL WINE AND CHEESE, held at Republic Airlines on November 10, was a great success! Many wine representatives displayed their best, as celebrities from the athletic departments, professional sports teams and local community poured for the 700 in attendance.

GOPHER COMPETITORS FOR FALL QUARTER FARED WELL... Cross Country placed eighth at the NCAA District IV meet. Freshman Jody Eder from Stillwater was the top finisher placing 22nd for the Gophers. Eder paced the Gophers all season being the top finisher for Minnesota in seven of eight events...Golf, under new coach Anne Zahn, chipped in many successful tournaments this fall, taking 1st place three of five tournaments and second in another. Gopher junior Nancy Harris from Roseau, Minn., led the team with a 75.8 average, capturing medalist honors twice...Volleyball, under new coach Stephanie Schleuder, ended its regular season play with a 23-8 record. The Gophers, led by the powerful blocking and hitting of All-American Jill Halsted from Brooklyn Park, defeated five nationally ranked teams. They received a bid to the Big Ten Championship by placing second in the West Division.



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# News from the Board

Dear Alumni and Friends:

Winter is here! And along with the new season, a new group of Gopher athletes begins competition. The Gold Club will continue to host its sport receptions and alumni games throughout winter and spring quarters. We encourage you to attend these receptions as they provide a unique opportunity to show our support, meet the athletes and renew friendships with former teammates. Your sport representative will contact you with specific dates and times.

February will be a critical month for the Gold Club, as we have tentatively scheduled a membership drive for the early part of the month. After a successful initial drive the Gold Club membership unfortunately dropped a large percentage. We want to encourage former members to rejoin the Club and it's activities.

Show your support by giving back to the University what it gave you.

All the winter quarter sport schedules are listed on the back of the Gold Letter, and more information can be obtained by calling 376-5259.

We hope the Holiday season has been an enjoyable one.

Rah!  
The Gold Club Board

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## WINTER QUARTER CAPERS:

SPORTSMANIA: The Department of Women's Athletics and Gamma Phi Beta Sorority will together host the 7th Annual Sportsmania fashion show and silent auction. The proceeds from this event go to the Patty Berg Scholarship Fund for women athletes. For more information call Jeanette Link, Patty Berg Development Fund at 373-2481.



## ALUMNI UPDATE:

**SWIMMING/DIVING:** Gail Cording, '76-'80, is currently working as a naturalist at the Jack L. Boyd outdoor school in Fish Camp, California. The camp is for underprivileged inner-city children. Gail says she is not swimming, but with hikes, archery, volleyball, square dancing, softball and gold panning, it doesn't sound like she needs much extra exercise. Latest word is she is sorry she missed the alumni meet, but hopes to visit with old friends during the Christmas Holidays in Minnesota.

**TRACK/FIELD:** Ce Ce Cox-Terlouw, '75-'79, after graduating from the University with a B.S. in Therapeutic Recreation and Dance minor, worked for a treatment center in the Twin Cities. Now she is busy caring for her daughter Nicole, and is also coaching track and field at Moundsview High School.

**TENNIS:** Mona Klimmek, '72-'76, a graduate in Recreation from the University, is presently teaching in West Germany. Mona is at the Frankfurt Instructional School in Oberirsel, Germany. Along with teaching, Mona is coaching volleyball at the elementary level.

**GOLF:** Julia Gumlia, '75-'78, is teaching physical education and coaching volleyball and golf at Breck High School in Minneapolis. This past summer, Julie enjoyed weekends at her family's cabin, along with jogging, walking or biking around the Twin City lakes.

**BASKETBALL:** Brenda Savage, '75-'79, a 1980 graduate of the College of Education, is currently working as a processor for Republic Precious Metals in Robbinsdale, Minnesota. Brenda begins her second year as assistant women's basketball coach at the College of St. Thomas. She keeps active by playing AAU basketball, slo-pitch softball, running and wind-surfing. She also recently obtained her private pilot's license.

**SOFTBALL:** Peggy Bradley, '73-'76 (softball and field hockey), graduated from the College of Education in 1976. She is employed by the University of Minnesota Hospitals as an assistant supervisor for film file services. Peggy has remained active in both field hockey and softball. She plays fast-pitch softball for the Shimers of Bloomington and is involved with the Minnesota Field Hockey Club. Peggy has put her other athletic skills on ice, as a member of the Minnesota Bluejays, a metro women's ice hockey team.

**CROSS COUNTRY:** Sharyn Schelske, '74-'75 assistant cross country coach, graduated in 1969 with a B.A. in English and Spanish. Sharyn is presently Co-Director of the University Upward Bound Program, which helps the low income and educationally disabled from the Metropolitan area. She is on the Board of Directors for the Mid-American Association of Education for Opportunities in Programs and the Gold Club. Since assisting with the cross country team, she still competes in 10K races.

**ATHLETIC TRAINER:** Jan Schultz, '78-'82, a recent graduate of the College of Nursing, is at the University of Illinois on a graduate assistantship in athletic training. "Jan the Trainer" is in charge of caring for the volleyball and gymnastics teams at Illinois. This past summer, Jan passed both her Nursing and Athletic Training Boards. She is an avid runner and competes in any road races when time permits.

**VOLLEYBALL:** Kathy Berven, '74-'76 and softball manager '74-'78 studied in Food Science. Kathy is Co-Owner and President of the Calamity J. Contractors Company. In addition to the carpentry work she does in the Metropolitan area, she acts as 'crew-chief' for the sites. A recent hobby for Kathy is swimming for the Masters Hamline Swim Team.

# GOPHER ATHLETIC EVENTS



## WINTER QUARTER EVENTS:

### Indoor Track and Field

Sat. Jan. 22 ... Minnesota Time Trials 10:00 a.m.  
 Fri. Jan. 28 ... Northwest Open 4:30 p.m.  
 Sat. Jan. 29 ... Northwest Open NOON  
 Sat. Feb. 26 ... Minnesota Invitational NOON

### HOME MEETS AT FIELDHOUSE

#### Home Gymnastics

Sun. Jan. 9 ... Ohio State & Nebraska 2:00 p.m.  
 Mon. Jan. 24 ... Utah State University 8:00 p.m.  
 Sun. Feb. 13 ... Winona State University 2:00 p.m.  
 Sat. Feb. 26 ... Iowa State & Michigan State 4:00 p.m.

### HOME MEETS AT WILLIAMS ARENA

#### Home Swimming and Diving

Fri. Jan. 7 ... Foxjet-Eden Prairie Swim Club 7:00 p.m.  
 Sat. Jan. 15 ... Mankato State & St. Catherine 1:00 p.m.  
 Fri. Feb. 4 ... Northern Michigan 7:00 p.m.  
 Sat. Feb. 5 ... South Dakota State 4:00 p.m.  
 Sat. Feb. 12 ... Iowa State University 1:00 p.m.

### HOME MEETS AT COOKE HALL POOL

### Home Basketball

Fri. Jan. 14 ... Michigan 8:05 p.m.  
 Sun. Jan. 16 ... Michigan 2:05 p.m.  
 Fri. Jan. 28 ... Wisconsin 8:05 p.m.  
 Fri. Feb. 4 ... Indiana 2:05 p.m.  
 Sun. Feb. 6 ... Ohio State 2:05 p.m.  
 Fri. Feb. 25 ... Northwestern 8:05 p.m.  
 Sun. Feb. 27 ... Iowa 2:05 p.m.  
 Thur Mar. 10 ... Purdue 8:05 p.m.  
 Sat. Mar. 12 ... Illinois 2:05 p.m.

### HOME GAMES AT WILLIAMS ARENA

#### Home Tennis

Fri. Jan. 28 ... at Arden Hills Qualifying 6:00 p.m.  
 Sat. Jan. 29 ... at Arden Hills Qualifying TBA  
 Fri. Feb. 4 ... at Arden Hills Winter Carnival 6:00 p.m.  
 Sun. Feb. 6 ... at Arden Hills Winter cArnival TBA  
 Fri. Mar. 11 ... All-Star Match (Como) 6:00 p.m.  
 Wed. Mar. 30 ... St. Cloud (Bierman) 2:00 p.m.

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT:

Barb Kalvik begins her third year as coordinator of promotions for the Women's Intercollegiate Athletic Department. Her duties as coordinator include promotion of women's sports through ticket sales, sponsorship, and media awareness. Barb graduated from the College of Home Economics and is presently chairing the Civil Service Committee for the University. Kalvik and her husband Jeff, a photo lab technician at the University, have a son Jesse, and two daughters, Jenny and Jillian.



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# THE GOLD LETTER

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Dear Alumni and Friends,

With two-thirds of the 1982-83 academic and competitive year now behind us, we can say that it has been a good year of continuing development and success.

Congratulations are in order for all winter sport athletes and coaches. Basketball finished 3rd in the highly competitive Big Ten, set attendance records for women in the Big Ten, and set a new single game scoring record (for men and women at Minnesota) with a 115-88 win over Purdue. Gymnastics finished 2nd in the Big Ten, set a new single meet scoring record of 180 points, and is preparing to compete in regionals and, hopefully, nationals. Swimming finished a fantastic 3rd in the Big Ten (the highest ever) and is currently competing at nationals. Track had some fine individual performances, most notably, a 3rd place finish in the 2-mile relay and a 5th place finish by Jody Eder at NCAA nationals. As the spring season is about to begin, we are excited about equally successful seasons in crew, golf, softball, tennis and track ... do come and support the teams in action.

On the development front, we have also made good strides in the right direction this year which will have a positive impact on the program in the future. Fund-raising efforts have been fruitful, promotion efforts have been increased significantly with very positive results, and increased efforts in the area of sports information have produced results which bode well for the future. Initiation of the Friends Groups has also been extremely successful and has had a definite and positive impact on each team program with an active and operant friends group. Attendance at events has increased significantly this year as has community interest and involvement with our programs ... all of which is exciting and important to our longer range goals.

Finally, there will be two personnel changes upcoming this year -- in tennis and volleyball. After a long and successful coaching career, Ellie Peden has decided to retire from coaching to pursue other interests; a national search has recently been initiated to find and appoint a replacement for her. Jean Marconnet has completed a year's leave-of-absence from Rochester Community College during which we were fortunate to have her serve as assistant volleyball coach; she will be returning to Rochester this summer and a replacement will be appointed during the next few months.

YOU all are an important part of this program and we look forward to your continued involvement and support ... we thank you for your continuing efforts!

Sincerely,

*Merrily Dean Baker*

Merrily Dean Baker  
Director



# News from the Board

# 1982-83

Dear Alumni and Friends:

As the winter cold passes, we welcome the warmth of the spring sunshine. We also welcome the competition of the five spring sports---tennis, crew, softball, golf, and track/field. The competition ahead for the Gophers from local, regional and Big Ten teams promises to be exciting. Check the back of the newsletter for home events this spring.

We also welcome three new sport representatives to the Gold Club Board of Directors --JeNelle Johnson, Tennis (78-82); Bernie Morris, Volleyball (73-77), and Anita Macias, Cross Country (75-79.) We look forward to their donation of time and enthusiasm for the alumni athletes.

This past few months, the Gold Club Board has been updating alumni lists for our future membership drive. Please help us by keeping us informed of your current interest and updated address. If you know of any alumni or friends of women's athletics interested in the Gold Club, please keep in contact at UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, "GOLD CLUB", 100 MORRILL HALL, 100 CHURCH STREET SOUTHEAST, MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55455.

Enjoy the spring sunshine watching the current version of Gopher athletics!

Rah!  
The Gold Club Board

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## WOMEN'S ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT SPRING EVENTS

**LADY GOPHER GOLF INVITATIONAL:** The 2nd Annual Lady Gopher Golf Invitational will be held May 23 at the Majestic Oaks golf course in Anoka. The Lady Gopher is held to raise money for the Patty Berg Athletic Scholarship Fund. For more information about the golf outing, contact Jeanette Link at 373-2481

**PATTY BERG ATHLETIC BANQUET:** The 9th Annual Patty Berg Athletic Banquet will be held May 31 at Republic Airlines in Bloomington. The banquet is held to honor participants and letterwinners of all Gopher women's athletic teams. Other awards that will also be presented are from the Alumni Association, Senior Athlete of the Year (presented by the Student Athletic Council), Big Ten Conference Medal of Honor, ACIA Graduating Senior Awards, and Patty Berg Awards for Academic Achievement. If you wish to sponsor an athlete or join in honoring the 1982-83 Gopher athletes, call 373-2255 for ticket information.

**100 WOMEN \$100 RECEPTION:** This wine and cheese reception will be the conclusion of the 1983 "100 WOMEN \$100" campaign for scholarships for athletes. On April 28, at the home of University President C. Peter and Diane Magrath, those who have donated \$100 to the Patty Berg Scholarship Fund will have the opportunity to meet the scholarship athletes. For reception information contact Jeanette Link at 373-2481.

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## ALUMNI UPDATE:

**GOLF:** Jane Jensen, '77-'78, recently accepted a position as an assistant golf pro at Dellwood Country Club in White Bear Lake. Jensen spent the latter part of March in Florida visiting her family and fine-tuning her golf game. Her duties at Dellwood include working in the proshop, teaching private lessons, club repair and assisting with corporate and club tournaments. Jensen is also assistant coach for an adaptive floor hockey team for the Fridley school system. In Jane's spare time, she is completing the construction of a sail boat.

**SWIMMING:** Carole Williams, '78-'82, is currently a first year law student at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. In addition to studying law, Carole is training for this year's Boston Marathon.

**TRACK/FIELD:** Anne Phenegar-Shaw, '75-'80, received a B.S. in the College of Education from the University in 1980. Anne has taught at Fridley High School and has added coaching duties in track and field. Currently, Anne is a manager for Tupperware, Inc. Husband Gene is a former Gopher wrestler.

**SOFTBALL:** Linda Arford, '77-'80, is currently working for the Bloomington Park and Recreation Department. As supervisor, she must help plan, promote, and publicize various activities for the park board. Arford is also tournament director for the 'Crystal Frolics', a two-weekend softball tournament featuring some of the area's best men's and women's teams. Despite a hectic work schedule, Arford still finds time for fast-pitch softball, basketball, ice hockey and broomball. She is now living in Waconia, MN.

**TENNIS:** JeNelle Johnson, '78-'82, will receive a B.A. in June from the University Business school in accounting. She is presently employed by Taylor, McCaskill Accounting firm working on taxes and audits. JeNelle

recently joined the Gold Club Board of Directors as Tennis representative. She looks forward to summer to play some tennis and enter some local tournaments.

**VOLLEYBALL:** Bernie Morris, '73-'77, competed in volleyball, basketball, softball, and field hockey as a Gopher. Morris graduated in 1978 from the University, with a degree in Physical Education. After graduation, she worked for a human services organization transporting senior citizens. Recently, Morris worked on the 1982 Perpich campaign. Bernie is active in summer slo-pitch softball and a bowling league.

**BASKETBALL:** Janet Rodge-Steinhagen, '76-'78, completed a B.S. in Physical Education in 1980 and a B.S. in Math Education. Currently, Janet is teaching science at Visitation Middle School. Still active in basketball, swimming and skiing. Married Pete in December 1982.

**FIELD HOCKEY:** Holly Burkard, '77-'82, played field hockey and softball as a Gopher. A 1982 graduate of the University, Burkard now is an Engineering Technician for the Dakota County Hwy. Department. Burkard is active in the Minnesota Checkers ice hockey team and during the summer plays slo-pitch softball with the Anoka Spooks.

## ALUMNI SPORT RECEPTIONS:

**TRACK AND FIELD,** April 9  
Minnesota host Quadrangular, Noon  
CONTACT Jane Oas-Benson, 636-6994.

**SOFTBALL,** "Alumni Game" and Reception  
April 27, 7:00 p.m.  
CONTACT Mary O'Brien ---377-6930.

# GOPHER ATHLETIC EVENTS



## SPRING QUARTER EVENTS:

### SOFTBALL --

Sat. Apr 2 ... U of Michigan,	1:00 p.m.
Sun. Apr 3 ... U of Michigan,	11:00 a.m.
Wed. Apr 13... Augustana,	7:30 p.m.
Thur. Apr 14... Augustana,	1:00 p.m.
Mon. Apr 18... Iowa State,	3:00 p.m.
Wed. Apr 20... Winona State,	3:00 p.m.
Sat. Apr 23... Northwestern,	1:00 p.m.
Sun. Apr 24... Northwestern,	11:00 a.m.
Wed. Apr 27... Alumni,	7:00 p.m.
Thur. Apr 28... Univ. of No. Iowa,	2:00 p.m.
Sat. Apr 30... Ohio State,	1:00 p.m.
Sun. May 1 ... Ohio State,	11:00 a.m.
Mon. May 2 ... U of M-Duluth,	3:00 p.m.
Tues. May 3 ... Mankato State,	3:00 p.m.
Thurs. May 5 ... No. Dakota St,	6:00 p.m.

Home events at Gopher Softball Stadium

### TENNIS

Fri. Apr. 1 ... Ohio State,	6:30 p.m.
Fri. Apr. 8 ... Iowa,	Noon
Sat. Apr. 9 ... Northwestern,	Noon
Sat. Apr. 16... Wisconsin,	8:30 a.m.
Tues. Apr. 19... Drake Univ.,	2:00 p.m.
Tues. Apr. 26... St. Olaf,	3:00 p.m.
Tues. May 3 ... Gustavus,	3:00 p.m.

### TRACK AND FIELD --

Sat. Apr. 9 ... Minnesota Quadrangular,	Noon
Sat. Apr. 23... Minnesota Triangular,	11:00 a.m.

Home events at Bierman Field Athletic Track

### CREW --

Mon. May 30 ... Memorial Day Regatta

Home event at Lake Phalen, St. Paul

**\*\*FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT 376-5259\*\*\***

### STAFF SPOTLIGHT:

M. Catherine Mathison, Associate Athletic Director, hails from Pittsburgh, PA, where she earned a B.S. in physical therapy and M.S. in athletic administration from the University of Pittsburgh. After joining the Gopher athletic staff in September 1980 as assistant director, Kate spent 1981 as interim director. Presently, Kate is responsible for all internal operations including budget and event management, personnel management, athletic scheduling and eligibility. Kate enjoys racquetball and golf.



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# THE GOLD LETTER

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Dear Alumnae and Friends:

Happy New Year to each of you...and may 1984 be a pleasant, productive and prosperous time for us all.

Time brings change and we have several changes to share with you. Three personnel changes have occurred which will impact on women's athletics. In September, Dr. Elayne Donahue joined us as Assistant Athletic Director for Academic Services for both women and men... The merger and expansion of this important support service will enable us to better serve all student-athletes at Minnesota. In December, Lou Holtz was named head football coach... Since studies have shown that the top ten women's teams in each sport all are located at schools with a good football program, the success of the Gopher Football program is important to all of us. In January, after ten years of excellent service to WICA, Barb Kalvik resigned to care for Jessie, Jenny and Jill while Jeff began a new fulltime position in photography... We are in the midst of a national search for a new Director of Promotions and Public Relations and hope to have a replacement for Barb by mid-March.

Another change is in the visibility of women's athletics. We are close to signing a cable television contract which will take Gopher women's athletics into the homes of thousands of Minnesotans next year. Meanwhile, plans are continuing for live TV coverage of several women's events during the next few months. Entry into television is an important step for us and one that excites us all.

Finally, I expect to see some change and growth in the Gold Club which is equally exciting to all of us. Your executive board has been working hard to develop several initiatives and long-range plans which will have a positive effect on our program goals and objectives. I hope you are as excited as we are... and that you will squeeze in some time to be part of the effort. We need your help as well as your friendship.

Warm regards,

Merrily Dean Baker  
Director

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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PATTY BERG FUND SCHOLARSHIP PHONATHON:

The Patty Berg Scholarship Fund is seeking volunteers to take pledges for the fund which provides scholarships to women athletes at the University of Minnesota. Fun and food will be part of the affair which originates from the offices of the Women's Intercollegiate Athletic Department. The Phonathon will be held February 15 & 16, and 22 & 23, from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. both weeks. Telephone Jeanette Link for more information (373-2481).



# News from the Board

# 1983-84

## U of M Athletic Alumni Board

Dear Alumni and Friends:

Again another year is upon us. The new year also brings many new and exciting activities for the Gold Club membership.

The Gold Club Board will continue to host its sport receptions and alumni games throughout the winter and spring quarters. We encourage you to attend these receptions as they provide a unique opportunity to show our support, meet the current Gopher athletes and coaches and renew old friendships. Specific dates and times can be acquired by contacting your sport representative.

Since the Department of Women's Athletics will be celebrating their 10th Anniversary the fall of 1985, the Gold Club Board and membership will be compiling information for an anniversary yearbook. The Board is organizing many committees and would like to solicit the help from the Gold Club membership. We need writers, people interested in advertising and researchers. If you are interested please write or telephone:

Mary O'Brien, Gold Club President  
University of Minnesota  
Minnesota Alumni Association  
100 Morrill Hall  
100 Church Street S.E.  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55455  
(612) 373-2466

We hope the New Year brings the best to you and your family!

Rah!  
The Gold Club Board

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### FALL IN REVIEW:

**CROSS COUNTRY:** The Gopher Cross Country Team placed 10th at the NCAA National Championships, November 21 in Bethlehem, Penn...The highest finish yet for a Gopher team in NCAA competition. Leading the Gophers through Big Tens (3rd place) and NCAA Districts (2nd place), was sophomore Jody Eder who placed first for the Gophers in every event.  
CONGRATULATIONS!

**VOLLEYBALL:** Closing out the season with a 3rd place tie in the Big Ten West Division, the Gopher Co-Captains were honored as All-Big Ten Academic (Chris Donnell, senior setter, Battle Creek, Mich. and Martie Larsen, senior middle blocker/hitter, Marshall, Minn.) Larsen was also named to the first team All-Big Ten and was honored as the 1983 Player of the Year.  
CONGRATULATIONS!

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**ALUMNI UPDATE:**

**CROSS COUNTRY:** Kimman Harmon '81, education communication, is doing freelance video work for the Bernhart Company. She also produces the sports portion of "Women Making News" on public access cable television. Kimman is still active in University of Minnesota sports. She is on the "A" team of the U of M Women's Ice Hockey Club.

**FIELD HOCKEY:** Betty Fuchs-Beall '76, IT, is now employed by General Mills as a Project Manager in data processing. Betty enjoys community volleyball and boating.

**GYMNASTICS:** Katie Stevens-Adams, CLA, is now working for the Dan Dolan Company as a realtor. Katie and husband Curt, also a former Gopher gymnast, have a daughter, Bryana. Katie is an active member of the "10.0 Club", boosters for the women's gymnastics team.

**SOFTBALL:** Denise Erstad-Falls '79, PE, teaches in Wayzata and also coaches volleyball and basketball. Denise and husband Bob recently welcomed their first child, Jennifer, born in November.

**TRACK & FIELD:** Jane Oas-Benson '77, PE and MBA, is now a Senior Marketing Specialist for a computer company in Edina. She now resides in New Brighton with husband George, who is a professor for the University.

**VOLLEYBALL:** Joni Hagemeyer '82, Elementary Education, now resides in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Joni teaches 4th grade and coaches volleyball. Hagemeyer still plays USVBA volleyball and also summer slow-pitch softball.

**'U' PEOPLE MAKE THE DIFFERENCE**

With the help of the Gold Club, the Minnesota Alumni Association recently hit a membership high of 30,700 members. The Gold Club will continue to play a part in this winning effort as we plan sports receptions, help the Patty Berg Fund and publish this newsletter. Normally, the **Gold Letter** would go to MAA members only. If you want to be assured of continuing to receive the **Gold Letter**, and to have the benefits of the MAA membership such as University of Minnesota library privileges, eligibility for Outdoor Store membership and the **Minnesota** magazine, fill out the membership form on this page.

**I'd like to make a difference. Please enroll me as a member in the category I've checked below.**

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# GOPHER ATHLETIC EVENTS



## GOPHER ATHLETIC EVENTS WINTER QUARTER HOME EVENTS:

### BASKETBALL

Jan. 6	Illinois	8:05 p.m.
Jan. 8	Purdue	2:05 p.m.
Jan. 20	Iowa	8:05 p.m.
Jan. 22	Northwestern	2:05 p.m.
Feb. 10	Ohio State	8:05 p.m.
Feb. 12	Indiana	2:05 p.m.
Feb. 17	Wisconsin	8:05 p.m.
Mar. 2	Michigan State	8:05 p.m.
Mar. 4	Michigan	2:05 p.m.

(ALL GAMES HELD AT WILLIAMS ARENA)

### GYMNASTICS

Jan. 27	Michigan State	8:00 p.m.
Feb. 26	Wisconsin	3:00 p.m.
Mar. 18	Iowa State	3:00 p.m.

### INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

Jan. 21	Intrasquad	10:00 a.m.
Jan. 27	Northwest Open	4:00 p.m.
Jan. 28	Northwest Open	Noon
Feb. 25	Minn. Invitational	Noon

(MEETS HELD AT FIELDHOUSE)

### SWIMMING/DIVING

Jan. 6	USS Senior Meet	TBA
Jan. 7	USS Senior Meet	TBA
Jan. 28	Wisconsin	1:00 p.m.
Feb. 10	Kansas	7:00 p.m.

(MEETS HELD AT  
COOKE HALL POOL)

### TENNIS

Mar. 9	All-Star Match	TBA
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# THE GOLD LETTER

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Greetings:

I do so hate to be a harbinger of bad news, but for those of you who haven't noticed -- summer is over. That's the bad news. Now for the good news. Fall is here and things are in high gear on campus and in the Women's Athletic Department. The fall sports season is well underway.

The Gold Club Board, after a brief summer break, is also back in action and we have several events planned for the upcoming year.

Our annual meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 13th. Please pull out your "week-at-a-glance" calendars, your month-to-month datebooks, or your 1984-the year in pictures, and mark this down as "A MUST ATTEND" social event. The meeting, complete with guest speaker, will be followed by a volleyball match at Williams Arena. Invitations for this event will be mailed in September, but if you have any questions or need info call the department at 373-2255.

The Board also has plans to continue its alumni-sports receptions. If you want to volunteer to help organize such an event, contact your sports representative. Our other major project for 1984-85 is a yearbook project which would highlight the "pioneer years" of the department. Once again, if you would like to be involved in any of our projects, contact our sports rep or call the department.

One final note. This fall a new executive board will be elected, and six new positions (four sports and two-at-large) are to be filled. We are anxious to welcome the new people to our organization. At the same time, we will miss those outgoing members who devoted time and energy to our organization. We hope you'll stay in touch and remain involved with Gold Club.

Respectfully,

Mary C. O'Brien  
Gold Club President



# News from the Board

## 1983-84

### U of M Athletic Alumni Board

Dear Alumni and Friends:

Hello! We hope your summer has been relaxing, full of sunshine and enjoyment. But now is the time for Gopher action to begin. As September approaches, so do many of the fall sporting events for the women's athletic department -- including golf, volleyball, tennis, swimming and diving, cross country, basketball and softball. The dates and times of all fall home events are listed on the back page of the newsletter.

Many more events are offered to you: the 12th Annual Wine and Cheese Party at Republic Airlines, the 4th Annual Rocky Run and the Gold Club highlight, the 4th Annual Gold Club Meeting.

Please take the time to read the Goldletter from cover to cover. The Board of Directors for the Gold Club works hard with the Alumni Association to organize many events for you. This letter offers information about the women's athletic department and Gold Club activities. The Board is constantly planning and participating in these events and hopes you will also become active.

Be an active alumna in '84.

Rah!  
The Gold Club Board

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"FALL" INTO A GOLD CLUB OR WOMEN'S  
ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT EVENT:

4TH ANNUAL GOLD CLUB

MEETING...October 13th, Saturday, the Gold Club will hold their 4th Annual Meeting at the Williams Arena Gold Room at 6:00 p.m. Following the reception, all are invited to attend the Minnesota vs. Iowa volleyball match at 7:30 p.m. Featured speaker for the event is Kim Kostron, former Olympic speedskater. Cost is \$5.00. Contact Minnesota Alumni Association at 373-2466.

NOVEMBER -- THE 12th ANNUAL WINE  
AND CHEESE PARTY...

Many wine representatives will display their finest as celebrities from the men's and women's athletic department pour for you. All donations help fund athletic scholarships for men and women athletes. Call Jeanette Link at 373-2481 for more information.

NOVEMBER 4, -- 4TH ANNUAL ROCKY

RUN...The Rocky Run is held in honor of Rocky Racette, Gopher track star who was killed in an auto accident in 1981. Proceeds from the run go to a track and field scholarship in her name. If you are interested in running in the event, or making a donation, call 373-2255.

**ALUMNI UPDATE:**

CROSS COUNTRY: **Linda Strand, '75**, graduated in Fashion Merchandising and Design from the University. Linda is a manufacturer's representative with her own company for office furniture. Linda says she isn't doing much in the way of athletics, "just" training for a triathlon. Linda was married in early May.

FIELD HOCKEY: **Patty Doenges**, a 1978 graduate in Physical Education, is currently a district manager for the Burger King Corporation. After graduation, Doenges spent six months in Europe backpacking. She continues to be active in golf and tennis.

VOLLEYBALL: **Eda Schmidt**, a 1982 Business Administration graduate is currently a marketing consultant for a small business firm. She previously worked as a commodity trader for Cargill. Schmidt is active in softball, racquetball and biking.

TRACK/FIELD: **Tammy Stack, '76**, a middle distance runner for the University, graduated with a political science and international relations degree. She is currently working at the National Association of Employers on Health Care Alternatives.

TENNIS: **Peggy Chutich**, a 1981 University graduate in History, received a scholarship to study Croatia in Zagreb, Yugoslavia in 1981-82. Chutich entered law school at Michigan, and is currently doing a clerkship for Federal District Judge Diana Murphy in Minneapolis. She has also worked in law firms in San Francisco and Minneapolis.

# GOPHER ATHLETIC EVENTS



## GOLF

Sept. 22-23 Gopher Golf Invitational TBA  
(at Les Bolstad University  
Golf Course)

## TENNIS

Sept. 22 Intrasquad Match 7:00 p.m.  
(at 98th Street Courts)  
Oct. 27-28 Minnesota Quadrangular TBA  
(at 98th Street Courts)

## VOLLEYBALL

Sept. 22 Indiana 7:30 p.m.  
Sept. 24 North Dakota State 7:30 p.m.  
Oct. 6 Illinois 4:00 p.m.  
Oct. 12 Northwestern 7:30 p.m.  
Oct. 13 Iowa 7:30 p.m.  
Oct. 27 Wisconsin 4:00 p.m.  
Nov. 5 Drake 7:30 p.m.  
Nov. 10 Ohio State 7:30 p.m.

(At Williams Arena)

## SWIMMING/DIVING

Oct. 27 Alumni Meet 1-4:00 p.m.  
Nov. 2 Minnesota Time Trials 5:00 p.m.  
Nov. 3 Minnesota Time Trials 10:00 a.m.  
Nov. 9 Michigan State Univ. 5:00 p.m.  
Dec. 1 (Northwestern (Co-Ed) 3:00 p.m.

(At Cooke Hall)

FOR MORE TICKET

## BASKETBALL

Nov. 30 Dial Basketball Classic TBA  
Dec. 1 Dial Basketball Classic TBA  
Dec. 9 Drake 5:00 p.m.

(At Williams Arena)

INFORMATION CALL: 376-3529.

## CROSS COUNTRY

Oct. 6 Minnesota Quadrangular 11:30 a.m.  
(At University Golf Course)



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# THE GOLD LETTER

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Dear Alumnae and Friends:

It hardly seems possible that the 1983-84 year is upon us already... but, the State Fair is over and that means it is time for volleyball, cross-country, tennis, and golf to move into high gear for the fall season.

Our first year at the State Fair was a huge success and I hope many of you had a chance to stop by the booth and visit. With each successive step we take, more and more people are becoming aware of what women's athletics at Minnesota are all about... and the more friends we accrue, the better we'll be able to meet our program goals. Each of you is a part of that program and we need your continuing help and support, too --- so come join in the fun.

Last year was a good year competitively (with 5 of our teams finishing in the top 3 in the Big Ten) and we are hoping to build upon that success this year. The Class of '87 is a talented one and those incoming freshmen promise to add a lot of excitement to our program.

The season officially opens soon... mark your calendars and come help us cheer the Gophers to victory!

Warm regards,

Merrily Dean Baker  
Director

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## Special note of thanks...

To the Gold Club:

On behalf of many members, I would like to take this opportunity to openly thank a special member of the Minnesota Alumni Association. The thanks goes to Jim Day, Associate Director of the Alumni Association, who has been the Gold Club Board advisor for three years. I can't say enough about his guidance and honest concern for the development of the Gold Club. He had patience through our initial organization and confidence in us now through our success. Please, to those of you who attend the Annual Meeting, say thank you. We'll miss 'U' Jim!

Sincerely,

Cindy Kommers  
Gold Club Vice President



# News from the Board

# 1983-84

## U of M Athletic Alumni Board

Dear Alumnae and Friends:

We hope you had an enjoyable summer. As the fall quarter approaches, so do many Gopher sporting events. To start off, the Gold Club Board of Directors welcomes you to the 3rd Annual Gold Club Meeting to be held Saturday, October 22. Those of you who have attended in the past know that this occasion gives you time to reminisce with old teammates and coaches, and to hear about the progress of the Women's Athletic Department.

The meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. in the Library at Coffman Memorial Union. Also, as a special treat this year, the Women's Athletic Department has asked us to join them at an evening of volleyball as the 1983 version of Gopher volleyball takes on Big Ten rival Purdue University, 8:00 p.m. at Williams Arena.

Join in the fun! For more information call Cindy Kommers at 373-2255.

Come back to the University and cheer!  
Rah!

The Gold Club Board

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### "Fall" into a Women's Athletic Event:

**"100 MEN \$100 RECEPTION"** This wine and cheese reception will be the conclusion of the 1983 100 Men \$100 campaign for scholarships for athletes. At the reception, those who donated \$100.00 to the Patty Berg Athletic Scholarship Fund will have the opportunity to meet the scholarship recipients. For more information contact Jeanette Link, Patty Berg Development Fund Director, 373-2255.

**October 22: 3rd ANNUAL GOLD CLUB MEETING** The Gold Club will hold their 3rd Annual Meeting at the Library of Coffman Union on the campus. The reception will start at 6:00 p.m. and will be followed by the Minnesota vs. Purdue volleyball match at 8:00 p.m. at Williams Arena. For more information contact Gold Club Vice President Cindy Kommers, 373-2255.

**November 9: 11th ANNUAL WINE AND CHEESE PARTY** Many wine representatives will display their finest, as celebrities from the men's and women's athletics departments pour... for a good time call Jeanette Link, 373-2255.

**November 6: 3rd ANNUAL ROCKY RUN, Sunday 11:00 a.m.** Held in honor of Rocky Racette, Gopher track star who was killed in an auto accident in 1981. Donations from the "Rocky Run" go for a track and field scholarship in her name for a woman athlete. If you are interested in running or donating, call 373-2255.

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## ALUMNI UPDATE:

**GOLF:** Sue Moline '82 BSB with a marketing emphasis, is currently working for Team Electronics in Duluth. Sue is a Sales Representative for the Apple Computer. Still playing golf, she won a tournament in Duluth this summer. In June of '84, she will wed Rod Murray, former UMD hockey player.

**VOLLEYBALL:** Kathy Kraemer '83, Food Science and Nutrition, is employed by Lund's. She still enjoys playing USVBA in the winter along with many other sports. Kathy recently won the Aquatennial trip to Mexico.

**TRACK & FIELD:** Mary Ochs Milner '77, Education, ran in Grandma's Marathon and successfully completed it. She has an 18 month-old son, Mark, and recently Mary and her husband Steve opened a grocery store in Rosemount, Minnesota.

**SWIMMING:** Gail Griffin '78, lives in Grand Rapids, Minnesota where she is presently finishing requirements for her Doctor of Medicine. While attending the U of M Medical School, she was the sport representative for the Gold Club Board of Directors for 3 years, and also President of Women in Medicine.

**SOFTBALL:** Cathy Hedberg (softball '74-'77, volleyball '74, '76) is currently working towards a degree in psychology, with an emphasis in child psychology and public health. From 1977 until 1982, she worked as a supervisor at Pillsbury Manor, a home for retarded adults. Cathy was responsible for a unit of ten women, and worked as a liaison between their parents and social workers. This past summer, Cathy played slow-pitch softball for the Greenhouse, an 'A' Minneapolis league team. In her spare time, Cathy works on a rather unique hobby--she collects clocks.

**FIELD HOCKEY:** Shelly Medernach '81, Art Education, (field hockey '75, '80-'81; softball '76-'79), is starting her second year of coaching at Sibley High in St. Paul, where she is the assistant varsity soccer coach and the ninth grade basketball coach. This past spring she was Moundsview's assistant softball coach. Despite an active coaching schedule, Shelly is an avid Gopher fan and still finds time to play softball. This past summer she played for Hi-Fi Sound, a fast-pitch team in Minneapolis.

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT:

**Jeanette Link**, Director of the Patty Berg Development Fund, starts her 4th year with the Women's Athletic Department. Jeanette coordinates the solicitation of contributions from individuals, corporations and foundations. With the Patty Berg Advisory Committee, Jeanette also plans, develops and implements fundraising efforts for the Women's Athletic Program.

A 'U' graduate with an elementary education and a master's degree in curriculum and instruction, Jeanette is also serving as liaison for the Women's Athletic Department to the Gold Club Board of Directors.

She is an avid fan of all Gopher sports, and especially enjoys boating on the St. Croix.



# GOPHER ATHLETIC EVENTS

## FALL QUARTER EVENTS:

### CROSS COUNTRY:

Sat. October 8	Minnesota Five-Way	11:15 a.m.
Sat. October 29	Gopher Open	11:00 a.m.

Home events held at University Golf Course.

### GOLF:

Fri. September 16	Minnesota Invitational
Sat. September 17	Minnesota Invitational

Home events held at University Golf Course.

### VOLLEYBALL:

Mon. September 26	Iowa State	8:00 p.m.
Fri. October 7	Michigan State	8:00 p.m.
Sat. October 8	Michigan	8:00 p.m.
Wed. October 12	Drake University	8:00 p.m.
Wed. October 19	North Dakota State	8:00 p.m.
Fri. October 21	Illinois	8:00 p.m.
Sat. October 22	Purdue	8:00 p.m.
Fri. October 28	Iowa	8:00 p.m.
Sat. October 29	Northwestern	8:00 p.m.
Sat. November 5	Wisconsin	3:00 p.m.

Home events held at Williams Arena.

### SWIMMING & DIVING:

Sat. October 15	Alumni Homecoming Meet	TBA
Fri. October 28	Minnesota Time Trials	6:00 p.m.
Sat. October 29	Minnesota Time Trials	9:00 a.m.
Sat. November 12	Northwestern Co-Ed	3:00 p.m.
Sat. November 19	Hamline University Co-Ed	6:00 p.m.

### TENNIS:

Fri. October 14	Minnesota Quadrangular	
Sat. October 15	Minnesota Quadrangular	
Sun. October 16	Minnesota Quadrangular	
Sun. November 6	Alumni Match	3:00 p.m.
Sun. November 13	Bullard Fund Raiser	4:00 p.m.

### GYMNASTICS:

Thur. December 8	Stanford University	8:00 p.m.
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Home events held at Williams Arena.

### BASKETBALL:

Fri. November 25	Dial Classic	6 & 8:00 p.m.
Sat. November 26	Dial Classic	1 & 3:00 p.m.
Wed. November 30	Iowa State	8:05 p.m.
Fri. December 16	South Dakota State	8:05 p.m.

**\*\*For more information, call 376-5259\*\***



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