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DULUTH -- In his last six seasons at ~~Missouri~~ the University of Missouri, Dan Devine has turned out football teams that have consistently ranked among the nation's top twenty powerhouses.

He returns to ground and the ~~the~~/memories of his own playing days Wednesday when he speaks to lettermen and guests at the annual UMD Athletic Awards Dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m. in Kirby Student Center ballroom.

The captain and quarterback of the 1947-48 Bulldog eleven, Devine today holds a select niche among the nation's top five teachers of football on a percentage basis.

He takes a ~~ten~~-year college record of 77 wins, 21 defeats and six ties into the 1964 campaign. Under him~~ix~~ the Tigers have made three bowl appearances and are considered championship ~~sportsmen~~ contenders in the upcoming Big Eight season.

Devine will be joined for the dinner by his long-time friend, college comrade James Hastings, ~~the~~ Duluth Central High School basketball coach who will serve as master of ceremonies.

Provost Raymond W. Darland will welcome those gathered for the awards presentations. Rev. Fr. Whitney Evans, campus chaplain for Catholic students, will deliver the invocation and benediction.

Lettermen from UMD's eight intercollegiate sports will be presented and ~~five~~ trophies, including the Anderson-Dahle for combined scholastic-athletic excellence and the Alumni Letterman's Award to the year's outstanding senior athletic, will be awarded to five of the top athletes.

The public is invited to join in honoring the collegians. Tickets are \$3 per person and can be reserved by calling the UMD Athletic Department (RA4-8801, Ext 210).

Co-author of a book on "Missouri Power Football" with Al Onofrio, Devine came to Missouri in December, 1957 as Frank Broyles' successor. Now 40, he is in the third year of a new seven-year contract.

Devine's present offense - the Wing I T - has evolved from the multiple offense he was exposed to at Michigan State while serving as an assistant to both Clarence "Biggie" Munn and Hugh "Duffy" Daugherty.

He spent five years at State then took his first head coaching assignment at Arizona State University in Tempe in 1955. He prodded the Sun Devils to 27 wins, three losses and a tie. He was twice voted Border Conference Coach of the Year.