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DULUTH -- William G. Selman, University of North Dakota hockey coach the past two seasons, today (April 1) was named head hockey coach and instructor in physical education at the University of Minnesota, Duluth (UMD).

The announcement was made by UMD Provost Raymond W. Darland, who has recommended Selman's appointment to University of Minnesota President Malcolm Moos for action at the next meeting of the Board of Regents.

Darland also announced appointment of Ralph A. Romano as UMD assistant athletic director for 1968-69. Romano will succeed present athletic director Lloyd W. Peterson when he retires July 1, 1969.

Selman, the WCHA Coach of the Year in 1966-67, takes over the coaching position from Romano who has served nine years as Bulldog head coach.

"I am delighted that Bill Selman has accepted our invitation to join the staff at UMD," Provost Darland said today. "He has proved himself to be one of the most able young hockey coaches in America."

"Ralph Romano has done an outstanding job in the past nine years in bringing UMD hockey to its present high level of activity in the nation's top hockey conference. I am sure that he will be of great assistance to Mr. Peterson this coming year in further improving our program in all varsity sports."

As Dakota headman, Selman led the Sioux to a combined record of 39 wins, 20 defeats and three ties and into two NCAA Championships, finishing as runnerup to Denver in the 1968 NCAA tournament held two weeks ago in the Duluth Arena.

Selman served three seasons as Sioux freshman and assistant coach before being elevated to the top post in April, 1966. He holds a BA degree in physical education from North Dakota and is nearing completion of the Master's degree.

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A former Sioux defenseman, Selman played on the Sioux sextet which won the 1963 NCAA title.

A native of Ft. Frances, Ont., he is married to the former Anne Lenore Houghton of Ft. Frances. They have two children--William George, Jr. and Lisa Lee.

Romano became UMD head coach in 1959, succeeding John (Connie) Pleban. Romano's first two clubs won undefeated Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference crowns.

In 1961-62 Romano led the Bulldogs out of the MIAC into a major independent schedule. After four years as an independent, UMD joined the Western Collegiate Hockey Association.

Romano also has held the responsibilities of athletic ticket manager for the past five years and was co-manager of the 1968 NCAA Hockey Championships.

Active in the national coaching fraternity, Romano served two years on the Board of Governors of the American Hockey Coaches Association.

Romano is married to the former Barbara Pederson of Duluth. They have five children: Ralph, Jr., Elaine, Jeffrey, Kevin and Paul.

Peterson, who played fullback at Minnesota in the early '20s, began his coaching career at Owatonna High School. He became football coach at UMD in 1931 and athletic director in 1958. Peterson was presented the first Distinguished Service Award in 1961 by the UMD Alumni Association and the UMD graduate M Club for his long service to Duluth State Teachers College and UMD.