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DULUTH--By unanimous action, the UMD Stadium Advisory Committee last night voted to set a goal of \$180,000 in its drive to build a 4,000 seat, all steel football stadium on the new campus.

The higher campaign goal was set following new cost estimates which were presented by Robert W. Bridges, principal engineer at UMD.

Bridges said it will cost about \$108,000 for 3600 seats which, he added, is close to the original \$100,000 goal. But in order to have a modern, completely equipped stadium "which we can be proud of," Bridges said further items should be included.

Toilets and concession stands with their utilities will cost \$49,000; primary electric service to the stadium, \$15,000; and sewer and water connections to the stadium \$2,300. Bridges said this brings the total to \$174,000.

University engineers in Minneapolis agreed that enough savings probably could be achieved to add another 400 seats so that UMD could have a 5 ramp stadium with 4,000 seats for an estimated \$180,000, including a 40 foot long press box.

A check for \$2,324.51 was turned over to UMD Provost Raymond W. Darland by Arno Goethal, Duluth News Tribune sports editor. Goethal has administered the newspaper fund which was started by Reidar Lund, former sports editor in Duluth and now with the St. Paul Pioneer Press-Dispatch in a similar capacity. The money came from 1,100 contributors.

University Regent Richard L. Griggs sent the committee a pledge of \$1,000 which, along with the cash, checks and other pledges (including one for \$10,000 from Minnesota Sports, Inc.) already received, brings the UMD Stadium fund grand total to date to \$13,666.51.

Dick Whitney of the Junior Chamber of Commerce said his group is planning a \$50. a plate dinner sometime in March with the proceeds of the affair to go to the stadium fund. A new car and other prizes will be given away, Whitney said.

UMD freshmen will hold a giant rally at 7:45 a.m. Monday(Feb.8) to officially kick off the Stadium fund drive on campus. The more than 600 freshman salesmen hope to raise \$4,000 among students and campus organizations by next Thursday night. A dance at Kirby Student Center will climax the campaign that evening.

UMD students who make a dollar donation get into the dance free as will two dollar donors who also will qualify for a prize drawing Thursday night. The Student Association will award a cash prize equivalent to spring quarter tuition to the winner and also is to buy a steak dinner for the freshman group which, out of 39 such units, raises the most money for the stadium.

The faculty and staff drive at UMD will kick off on Monday, February 15 and the UMD alumni and friends of the University campaign will begin on February 22.

Working committee chairman Robert Murray, Duluth, said he will soon announce a list of 25 district captains who will aid in the alumni campaign throughout northeastern Minnesota. Stadium advisory committee co-chairmen Glen Weld and Robert S. Mars, Jr., both of Duluth, are bringing up to date lists of donor prospects and making final organization plans.

All donations to the UMD Stadium Fund will be made out to "University of Minnesota, Duluth" and mailed to STADIUM, University of Minnesota, Duluth 12.