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DULUTH--UMD Alumni Association President Roy Teppen, Duluth, today announced completion of the mailing of 7,000 brochures and letters in the group's second-phase drive to raise \$180,000 for a 4,000 seat football stadium on the new campus.

This mailing to UMD, DSTC and University of Minnesota alumni represents "a kind of milestone in the history of our organization," Teppen said. "After we re-organized two years ago, we asked for and got the stadium fund campaign project in order to prove beyond any doubt that our alumni support UMD, its faculty, students and staff to the fullest."

"We believe a stadium is needed to make UMD a complete campus and we intend," Teppen added, "to see that it's built. And when other projects involving campus needs are started in the years ahead, the alumni will give equal and enthusiastic help."

Teppen recalled that the old Duluth State Teachers College Alumni Association was an active, going organization which set up the E. W. Bohannon Scholarship and Loan fund.

When the college became the Duluth Branch of the University of Minnesota, alumni matters, for a time, centered around the Minnesota Club which held Saturday luncheon meetings and sponsored coffee hours at basketball games. Such men as Edwin Martini, Raymond Chabot, Tom Kohlbry and Gordon Eddolls took active roles in this organization.

Talk of an official UMD Alumni Association gathered strength during the 50s and with the help of officials of the University of Minnesota Alumni Association office in Minneapolis, the organization was brought into being.

"The stadium project," said Teppen, "is our first opportunity in years to do something truly worthwhile for UMD. We believe physical and academic quality both will be needed by our future college graduates in order to meet the tremendous challenges of this nuclear age. A contribution or a pledge to build a stadium, therefore, is buying more than just a steel seat, as I see it."

Thirty-six campaign captains in and around Duluth and along the Mesabi range are initiating their own "home town" campaigns to further success of the drive.

Working committee chairman Robert Murray, Duluth, said the captains "are responding with real enthusiasm and I know we'll reach our goal and have that new stadium by the fall of 1961, at the latest."

Murray reminded alumni and captains that all contributions or two year pledges should be sent to STADIUM, University of Minnesota, Duluth 12. Checks should be made out to the "University of Minnesota, Duluth."