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MSU vs. U-M

MSU

By GARY SCHARRER
State News Sports Writer

For one team after Saturday's MSU-University of Michigan battle, there will be no tomorrow. This is the importance of the famous intrastate rivalry between the Duffy Daugherty coached Spartans and Bo Schembechler's Wolverines.

U-M enters the game, the No. 2 ranked team in the country and a favorite to take Big Ten honors and the Rose Bowl prize that goes with the championship. MSU, like U-M, is 1-0 in conference play, but has lost close games to Georgia Tech and Notre Dame in non-conference action. The Wolverines have rolled over Virginia, UCLA and Navy with impressive scores for a perfect 4-0 slate.

Kickoff for the annual classic is 1:50 P.M. Tickets for the game have sold out weeks ago but ABC television network will present national coverage of the game as NCAA's Game of the Week.

Both teams have practiced under tight security and secret sessions and neither Schembechler or Daugherty are offering many comments. Lineups for the game probably will not be announced until game time.

The last time U-M visited Spartan Stadium was two years ago and MSU upset the Rose Bowl bound Wolverines, 23-12. The defensive line played an important role in that game and the interior line remains quite similar. Senior linemen Ron Curl, Ron Joseph and Bill Dawson starred two years ago and will get a final crack at U-M backs and their strong running game. Ernie Hamilton was a freshman two years ago but has since blossomed into an impressive middle guard and will get his first taste of maize and blue on home soil.

The Spartan secondary is sophomore loaded but has proven itself against both the run and pass. The lone junior in the defensive backfield is 6-5, 225-pound Brad VanPelt and he demonstrated against Notre Dame last week why he is a prime all-America candidate. VanPelt seems to always know where the ball is and is a sure tackler with deceptive speed.

The other safety with VanPelt is Mark Niesen. Niesen was an all-American prep quarterback at Manistee Catholic Central but was switched to defense because of the Spartan depth at quarterback. Niesen is a fine athlete and likes to hit despite his relative small size, 6-0, 170 pounds.

The cornerbacks are sophs Mike Holt and Payl Hayner. Holt is the Highland Park speedster and Hayner is hard-hitting tackler from Detroit St. Ambrose. Because of Holt's speed Daugherty may utilize him on offense at various times. Senior Doug Barr will then play cornerback. Barr is a veteran with two letters won already and a competent replacement for anyone in the secondary.

The potent U-M offense against MSU's proud defense should make quite a contest.

Michigan

By RICK GOSSELIN
State News Sports Editor

Michigan may be the number two ranking team in the nation but for right now, it must settle for a mere tie in the conference race for the first place. Michigan State and Ohio State share the top rung with the powerful Wolverines. And Bo Schembechler doesn't like it.

Michigan has demolished its first four rivals of the 1971 season, scoring 161 points in the four matches and allowing a mere six. Sound awesome? Well, the Michigan Wolverines are awesome.

Michigan has five backs that have gained over 100-yards this year, eleven players that have put points on the scoreboard and seven defensemen who have picked off a combined total of eight passes. Michigan goes out on Saturday afternoons to play football and does it superbly.

Schembechler still must decide on a starting quarterback for this week's showdown. Every week he tells the press that all his quarterbacks are progressing well and all are about even in talent, and every week he starts sophomore Kevin Casey. But Casey didn't have what you might call one of his better games against Navy last week. Schembechler stuck Tom Slade in the QB slot and the Wolverine offense moved again. Slade may get the nod against MSU.

But Michigan doesn't necessarily depend on its quarterback as most other teams do. The Wolverines have such a potent ground game it doesn't need to pass much.

Billy Taylor, an A-1 all-America prospect at the tailback slot, has rushed for an average of 4.8 yards a carry for 389 yards. It doesn't sound as devastating as it really is. Taylor only played till half time in three of the four Michigan games this season.

Add Ed Shuttlesworth (4.8 average), Alan "Cowboy" Walker (5.8), Harry Banks (6.9) and fullback Fritz Seyferth (3.7) — and you have the top rushing offense in the Big Ten.

Michigan doesn't put the ball in the air much, but when it does, the receivers are there to pull the ball in. Glenn Doughty and Bo Rather could be wide receivers on any team in the conference, maybe even the nation.

Defensively, Michigan is tops in the conference in total defense, first against the run and third against the pass. Led by linebacker Mike Taylor, the Ann Arbor squad has mutilated the weak offenses of Navy, Virginia and UCLA. The Wolverines will head into the MSU game Saturday with a shutout string covering over three games.

Wolfman Frank Gusich leads the team in interceptions with two. Defensive back and another all-America prospect Tom Darden is also situated in the 'M' secondary.

Michigan is in the capable hands (or foot) of place kicker Dana Coin, who has kicked 21 extra points thus far this season. He also has two field goals to his credit.

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IN TWO MEETS

Sailors finish in second

The MSU Sailing Club sent four of its new intercollegiate racers to two Midwest regattas in hopes of giving them some experience against varsity competition last weekend. The sailors surprisingly came out with two second place trophies and one low point skipper.

Out of eight schools, host Ohio Wesleyan took its regatta

only after a determined MSU team of Pat Walker and Ray Munson ran into some unlucky wind shifts in the final two races.

Tom Trump and Ralph Blaiser travelled to Leamington, Ont., to an international regatta held by St. Clair College. The University of Windsor took home first place honors. MSU

landed its second runner-up spot of the weekend while St. Clair managed a third. Sudbury finished fourth and Henry Ford Community College of Dearborn, the only other United States team to enter, captured a fifth.

Trump under-scored all other skippers in the St. Clair regatta to take low point honors and claim his first major win as an intercollegiate sailor.

This weekend MSU will send veteran sailors Dick Davis and Chuck White to the University of Michigan to compete in the Cary Price Memorial Regatta, which will be the first of two regattas to decide who will represent the Midwest in the Sugar Bowl Regatta held over winter break.

The Sailing Club is always looking for new members and any students interested in joining are asked to contact either Chuck White or the Men's IM.



Breezing along

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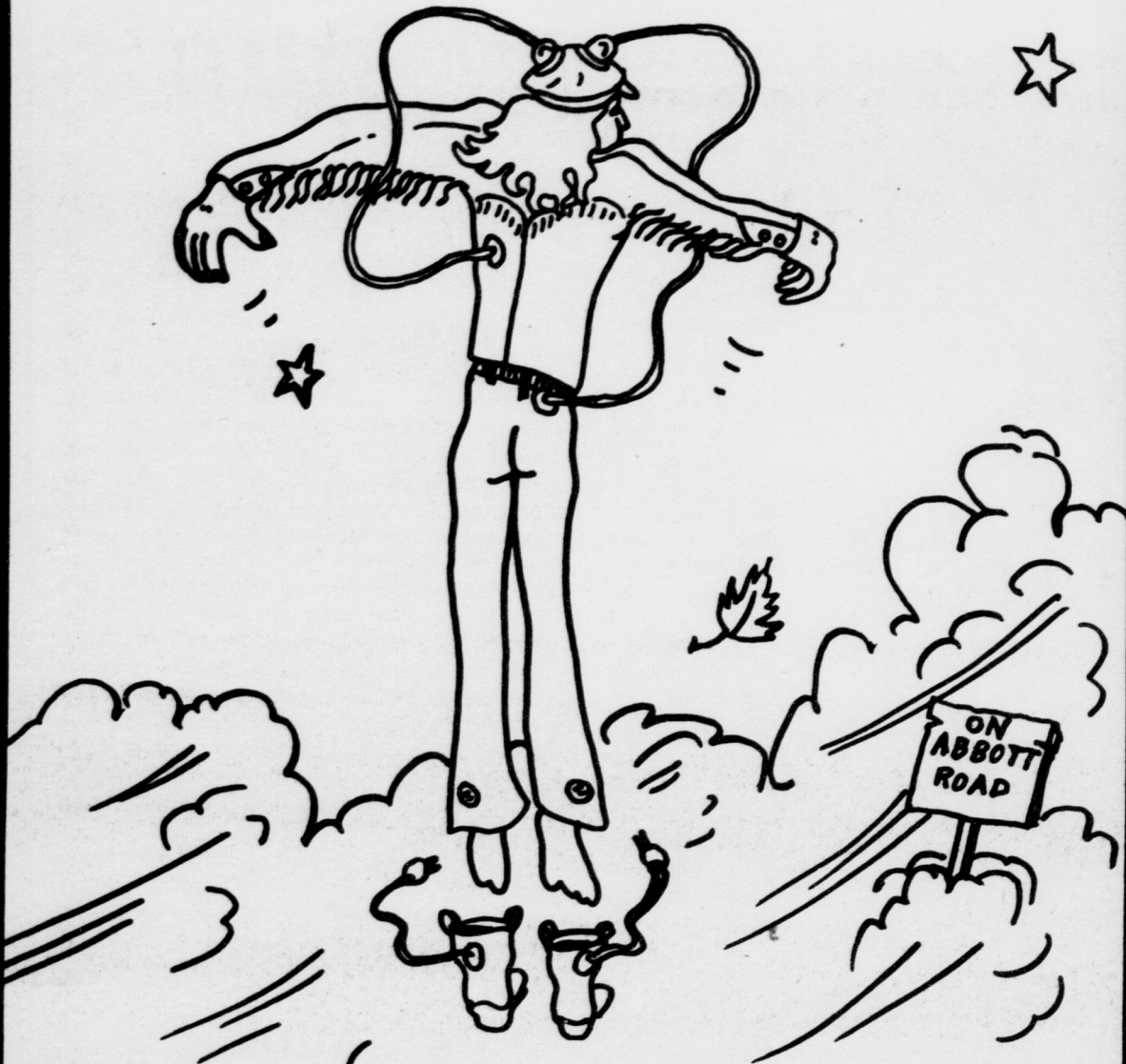
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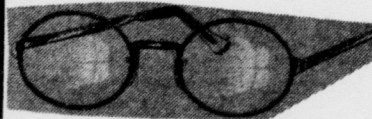


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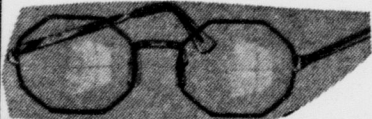
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Big guys ready for U-M

By GARY SCHARRER
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Three years ago three eager Spartan sophomores broke into the starting lineup for Coach Duffy Daugherty's defensive line. Considering the fact that they were green, Ron Curl, Ron Joseph and Bill Dawson turned in outstanding performances. As juniors they were the strength of the MSU defense. Last year all three standouts sat out their senior years because of injuries.

The Big Ten conference granted them another year of eligibility and now the seasoned veterans prepare for what could turn out to be their most important collegiate game — the Big Ten showdown Saturday with archrival University of Michigan.

All three share a common characteristic, that being an intense desire to win. And all three indicated that they have to make up for lost time last season. It's quite conceivable that Curl, Joseph and Dawson will all be drafted by pro teams.

Curl, a 6-1, 255-pound Chicago native has reaped the most publicity and is an all-America candidate. Playing tackle, Curl displays excellent agility at shaking off blocks and busting through the offensive line.

In the spring game of his junior year, Curl broke an arm and reinjured it in the fall to force him to the sidelines. And the football season turned out to be a long, agonizing one for Curl as he was forced to sit in the stands.

"It hurt very much," Curl said,

"especially away games when I had to sit by the radio. It was really bad. Tears came to my eyes at the first home game."

Curl, who has an all-Big Ten pick his junior year could have named the college of his choice because of his talent but chose MSU and said he has no regrets. He was voted team co-captain for leadership qualities and as one of the team's spokesmen emphasizes the key role of fan support.

"I really like the fans to cheer and support us," he said. "You have to expect boos at away games, but when you get it at home it hurts."

Saturday afternoon Curl will attempt to forget the miseries of last season with an MSU victory.

"I saw them on films and they're human," Curl said. "You can't really make a prediction in a game like this because there is too much pride involved. I feel that they're pretty ripe for picking though."

Joseph, at 6-3, 265-pounds, is the biggest of the three linemen. Joseph had weight problems last year, going up to 340 pounds and consequently could not play football.

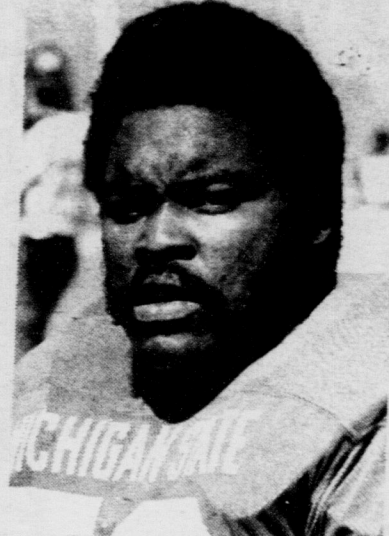
"I really missed the action," Joseph admitted. "I was kind of down on myself and just didn't have my mind together at the time."

Sitting on the sidelines caused Joseph to do some thinking and re-evaluating.

"I just realized how much I missed and enjoyed the game," Joseph said. "I worked hard even before I was granted the extra year of eligibility. The main thing



BILL DAWSON



RON JOSEPH



RON CURL

in losing the weight was putting my mind to it."

Joseph lost 75 pounds and won back his starting tackle position in fall practice. Joseph said he thinks the lay-off has hurt him because of the minor injuries he is sustaining this year. But he was quick to add that it feels good to be back with the team and praised the new attitude that he has absorbed in the team atmosphere.

"Because we have a real good team, we're going to beat U-M," Joseph said. "Just like a machine, sometimes it sputters. But this machine has been greased and I think we're going to click this week. I know the defense is ready."

"If we don't beat U-M," Joseph said, "I promised I'd eat my towel and I don't like the taste of it either so I know we're going to beat them."

The third star of the three giants is 6-2, 255-pound Bill Dawson. The Tuscon, Ariz. product is notorious for sticking opposing ball carriers and sometimes is called sadistic because of that desire to hit people.

"On the field I guess I am," Dawson said about being called sadistic, "But off the field I don't like being called that."

Playing middle guard and tackle this year, stopping ball carriers is part of Dawson's job. A tremendous competitive spirit compels Dawson to win and winning is constantly in his mind.

Dawson injured a knee in the first game last season and required surgery. He was lost for the season. And like Curl and Joseph, the fall was a long season last year.

Dawson said he felt so bad that

it was hard to go to games. Sometimes he even dreamed and broke out into cold sweats because he wasn't part of the action. Now he is back in uniform and says he feels more fired up than ever before, especially for the U-M game after being robbed last week.

Reiterating on his ultimate goal, winning, Dawson said that he would do anything to win, even if he has to sit on the bench and no matter how much it hurts because "winning is all that counts."

"Winning is the only thing," Dawson said again. "The fans, band, players all contribute to winning and everybody profits when you win."

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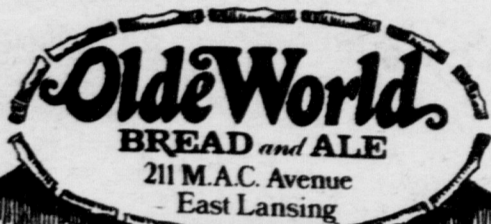
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Schembechler's quandry: go with Casey or Slade?

By RICK GOSSELIN
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Michigan has had its share of great quarterbacking. Don Moorhead, Bob Timbertake, Bob Chappius and Pete Elliott have all donned the maize and blue uniform and played on great days in Michigan Stadium.

There was always one signal caller that popped up when the Wolverines needed him most and tugged the line. This year, Bo Schembechler found himself in a quarterbacking quandry. He had a host of fine, young, talented athletes competing for the QB slot. But inexperience was abundant. It became a matter of choosing the right green apple and letting it ripen with an already established tree.

Early in the spring,

Schembechler squelched all rumors tht the quarterback slot may bog down his offense.

"I'm not worried about Michigan's quarterback position," the Wolverine coach said. "We may be inexperienced there, but not devoid of ability. I have no reservations about the passing ability of my quarterbacks."

It became a choice of three sophomores and two juniors. Who would be at the reins?

Schembechler finally decided on Kevin Casey, an all-State quarterback from Grand Rapids Catholic — also a sophomore. Casey was the passer in the lot of five. The others (sophs Tom Slade and Greg Koss and juniors Jack McBride and Larry Cipa) would be around should Casey fail.

Casey was a presentable collegiate quarterback against Northwestern, Virginia and UCLA. Outside of the traditional sophomore jitters, Casey was able to move the team with authority. He completed 13 of 30 passes for 155 yards. He was never really tested because of firstly Michigan's offensive line and secondly because the Wolverines have never been down in a game this year.

But Saginaw's Tom Slade has never left Casey's trail in an attempt to overtake Casey for the number one position. He may have finally done it in last week's



TOM SLADE

Navy game. Casey left at half with a slim 13-0 lead (at least for Michigan it's slim) and Slade went in to act as anchorman in the eventual 46-0 rout that Michigan administered.

Bo will have to decide between Casey and Slade for the game against MSU...the biggest game of the year for the two teams. Either way, he should remain in good hands.

TV to cover 'S'-'M' game

The game Saturday between the MSU Spartans and Michigan Wolverines will be televised by ABC-TV as the NCAA Game of the Week. The Spartans were on the regional telecast last week against Notre Dame whereas Michigan has yet to play on the tube this season. Game time is set at 1:50 p.m.



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Girls offered IM touch football

By GARY KORRECK
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Girls will no longer have to sit home Sunday afternoons while their male counterparts absorb hours of football. Beginning this fall the women's intramural (IM) program is offering touch football as a recourse.

Women's IM director Carol Harding, who feels most women are unoriented to physical education when they come to MSU, has helped start the new program.

"It's on an introductory, trial basis right now," she said. "We're still checking it out with regards to injuries and such." Spartan women may also

participate in intercollegiate field hockey but the emphasis on touch football is for those who are more interested in "just exercise."

Besides football, the IM program offers volleyball, basketball, fencing and swimming, to name a few. A "drop in" swim meet is set for October 21—appearance at the correct time being the only requirement.

Karate, at both beginning and intermediate levels, has been enjoying success this fall according to Ms. Harding. "We had 350 people at our first meeting," she said.

Also new is a co-educational IM sports service. A student interested in an activity who

can't find a partner, or opponent, will be cross-paired with someone interested in the same activity. Thus far, the program has satisfied needs from fencing to dancing.

The women's IM building services all types of court space and is available either by request or reservation. Ms. Harding added over 4,500 students made use of IM facilities during the first week of classes.

In addition to the IM activities, MSU offers a women's synchronized swim team, Green Splash, which presents an annual program.

Touch football gets going

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Cross country at MSU reaches its 21st birthday

By GARY KORRECK
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Cross country, at MSU, has finally come of age. 1971 marks the Spartans twenty-first year of Big Ten competition and the harriers have good reason to celebrate. There'll be no waiting till January as MSU has done very little waiting in its 21 years, leaving everyone else out in the cold.

From 1950, the Spartans first in Big Ten cross country, to 1963 the MSU harriers ran to 11 conference championships. They've won 13 conference titles in all, including last year, along with eight NCAA crowns and 12 IC4A championships.

In addition, the Spartans have won five AAU sponsored meets and their own invitational last year.

The 1959 squad, led by the great Forddy Kennedy set a record low score (17 points) in the conference meet. Four three letter winners ran on the '59 team. Besides Kennedy there were Bob Lake, Bill Reynolds and Tony Smith.

There have been only two four letter winners in MSU cross country history. Jack Dianetti and Bob Sewell did it running from 1946 through 1949. Present harrier coach Jim Gibbard was around then, too. He ran on the '46 and '48 squads, the latter winning an NCAA title.

There have been rivalries, too. In their seven meetings with Minnesota, Spartan harriers have won only two but the point spread for the series is only 23, just over three per meet. MSU dropped a three point decision to the Gophers last season and edged them for the Big Ten title and in '68, MSU took a two point verdict on its way to the conference championship.

Miami (Ohio) has taken all four of its meetings with the

Spartans, but each gets closer than the last.

This season MSU gets its first shot at establishing the upper hand over its interstate rival, Michigan. U-M is the last team to officially adopt cross country for Big Ten competition. A record like the Spartans' may change their minds.

Ken Popejoy and Randy Kilpatrick head MSU's twenty-first Big Ten edition. Both will be out to become the Spartans fifth individual conference title holder, with rival Garry Bjorklund, of Minnesota, in their path.

Previous Spartan winners, in Big Ten conference meets, have been Henry Kennedy (twice, 55-56), Forddy Kennedy in 1959, and Jerry Young in 1960.

As records indicate it's depth that kept, and keeps, Spartan harriers on top. This year the Spartans appeared to be immersed in talent again, and it looks as though the dust will be in opponents faces rather than the MSU trophy case.



Cross country champs: 1970 Duffy, Bo have split two contests thus far

Duffy Daugherty has been the head football coach for the MSU Spartans for the past 17 years. Bo Schembechler has been the mentor at Michigan for two years. In their private series, the two coaches are deadlocked at one game a piece.

In 1969 in Bo's first year, the Daugherty-led Spartans upset the Rose Bowl-bound Wolverines in East Lansing. It was the only conference loss Michigan suffered all season and it prevented the Wolverines from winning the outright Big Ten championship that year. The Ann Arbor team beat the Ohio State Buckeyes on the final day of the season to give the Bucks their lone loss.

Last year, Michigan was not to be denied as the Spartans journeyed down to Ann Arbor to face the heavily favored Wolverines. The game was exciting but it was plain to see that Duffy's boys didn't have the horses to dispose of Michigan. The Wolverines won the game, 34-20, and claimed a second place finish in conference standings. The Spartans finished in a tie for fifth place.

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Big Ten slate looks to be a weekend of high scoring

By RICK GOSSELIN
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Regardless to what may have been said or heard, there actually is another game to be played in the Big Ten this week. In fact, there are four OTHER games in the conference this week. The Michigan State-Michigan game is not the only football game going on in the nation.

For what it's worth, there might as well be just one game in the Big Ten this week. On paper there should be three routs and one toss-up (to be generous).

Johnny Pont will lead his Indiana Hoosiers into battle against Wisconsin in Madison. Illinois will act as host to Ohio State. Alex Agase will send his battle torn Northwestern Wildcats against Iowa and Purdue will see to it that Minnesota has someone to play this weekend.

Wisconsin has been waiting to explode on a team ever since the Rose Bowl days of Ron Vanderkelen and Pat Richter. Indiana may provide the opportunity. Indiana has a weak defense. Worse yet, its offense can't seem to generate. Badger Neil Graff is getting tired of throwing against strong defenses like LSU's and Northwestern's. Indiana is Wisconsin's "pause in the schedule that refreshes."

Illinois has about as much chance of beating Ohio State as David would have had against Goliath without a slingshot. After a brief tour of the scoreboard against Washington last week, Illinois will probably float back to reality and get shutout by a tough Ohio State defense this week. Ohio State is trying to work its way back up the polls despite that one blemish on its record. The Bucks are getting in gear for a run at the Big Ten title and a crushing conquest at the cost of Illinois would be an excellent spot to prepare the rocket platform.

Iowa, like Illinois, hasn't seen the green pastures of victory this season. It isn't likely that the Hawkeyes will visit the promised land this week, either. Not against Northwestern. The Wildcats might lose to the good teams but not to the weaker members of the circuit. Agase doesn't go for that stuff. Iowa has the type of team that scores just enough points to lose. Northwestern's defense alone should be enough to turn the tap closed on Iowa.

Purdue could be in for another test as Minnesota travels to Lafayette on its annual junket this week. The Gophers left Kansas in the state of shock last week and would like to leave Purdue in the same condition. Purdue has lost too many close ones so far this season to super teams to let this one slip by. Gary Danielson will move the Boilermakers up-and-down the field, but so will Minnesota's Craig Curry. It all boils down to defense—and the home field advantage. Purdue has both

Easily the game of the week will be the Spartan shindig with Michigan on campus this week. Michigan's got the ranking, the press clippings, the point spread and just about everything else. . .

except for one thing. A victory over the Spartans. If they want that, they'll be forced to play for it—and play hard. The MSU team is always tough at home. Especially against Michigan.

The intra-state game will be decided by the breaks, and who makes their own breaks. The Spartans have had so many bad breaks this year that their luck is bound to change. Duffy is hoping and praying that the luck reverses tomorrow.

Michigan, on the other hand, has had everything go right this year. Everything. It has played four games and has given up a mere six points. Maybe the Wolverines' luck will change also.

Either way, whoever wins the game will know that they worked for it. MSU—U-M games are always classic hitting affairs.

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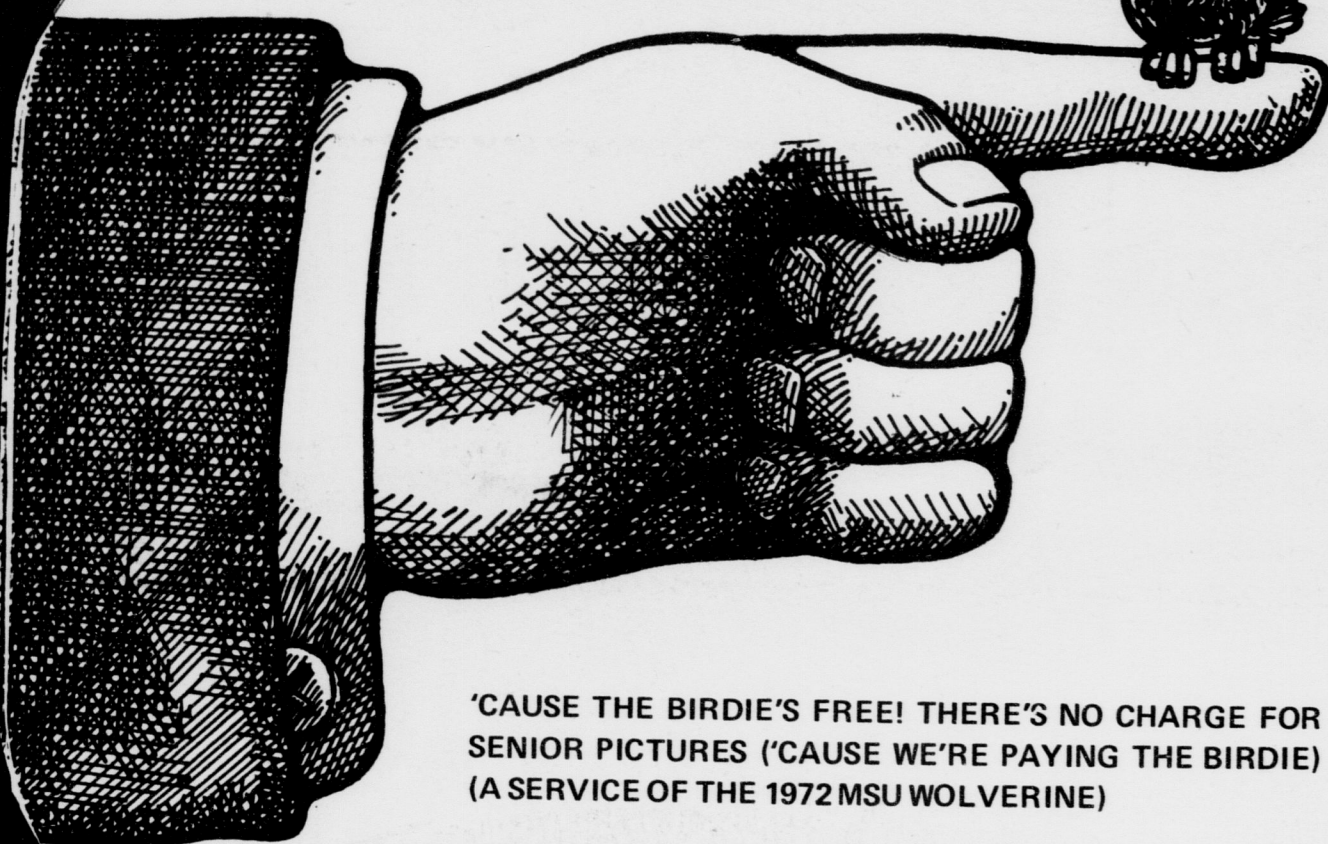
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Football predictions

Twellman means defense

By CRAIG REMSBURG
State News Sports Writer

Twellman is his name and defense is the name of his game. Or is it defense is his name and Twellman is the name of the game?

Either way, Steve Twellman, senior center halfback for the MSU soccer team, combines heady play with roughness to play a key part in the defensive backfield and in the success of the Spartan squad in general.

Twellman is proud, naturally, of this year's defensive corps and is confident they will get better as the season wears on.

"The defense is the best part of the team right now, the guys have been working real hard," he said.

"We were hurting for awhile because Buzzie was gone (Art "Buzz" Demling, first team All-American defenseman for the booters last year) but we are working real well now."

The newly-elected team captain, selected by his teammates for the honor, looks for some general improvement in the performance of the entire team in the next couple of weeks.

"We are in good shape talent-wise but we have not had enough time to work together," he said. We should begin to jell this week, following the

Michigan game."

Twellman is a superb athlete, lettering in football, baseball and soccer at St. Louis University High School in Missouri. He was such a fine catching prospect in baseball that he was drafted by the Minnesota Twins.

"They offered me the minimum salary of \$500 with no bonus, but I decided my education meant more to me," he said.

Besides being recruited by MSU, he was serenaded by the University of Southern Florida, the Air Force Academy, St. Louis University and Southern Illinois University.

"The recognition of soccer and quality of education was very high here and it has really been an experience for me (attending MSU)," he said.

"I've met many foreign kids by playing soccer here and it has broadened my knowledge about people in general," Twellman added.

He began playing soccer in grade school, but other than that offers no concrete reason as to why he plays the world's number one sport. He simply loves the game.

The 5-foot-11, 180 - pound Business Law major is concerned that soccer will ease to exist as a school sport at MSU in the near future.

As with many universities across the nation, sports

programs are feeling the monetary pinch and cutbacks in spending are being initiated. MSU is no exception. The soccer team no longer is supplied with scholarship money and just barely manages to finance their traveling and equipment expenses.

Twellman mentioned that the only true expenses the booters have to contend with are the high cost of soccer balls and traveling bills.

Why then the halt to charging admissions at each home game for those not attending MSU?

"The athletic department has the say on whether to charge admissions and it decided not too," Twellman said.

"Soccer is not an expensive sport - it's a cheap one. But the sport is slowly dwindling here and it will probably turn into a club sport in a couple of years."

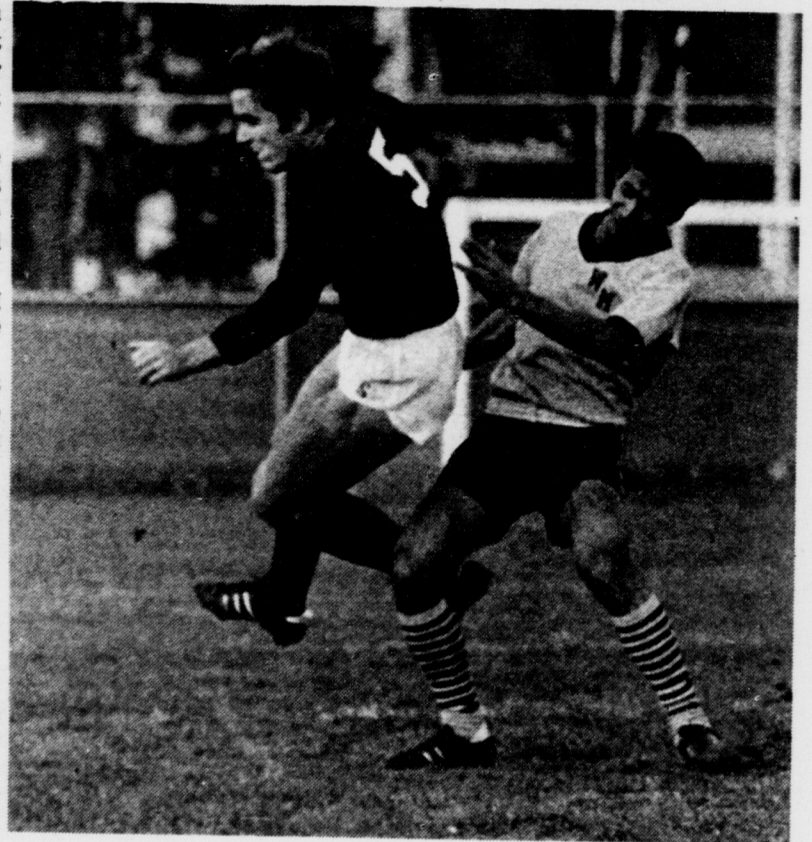
Washington University Law School in St. Louis is included among Twellman's plans for the future, but right now his main concern is anchoring the booter defensive unit.

The combination of Cassard, Blalark, Nugent and Twellman, with either Goldman or Stone in goal, is counted heavily upon by Coach Payton Fuller to keep the Spartans in each game until the offense can get untracked.

Fuller knows he can count on

Twellman for a fine job each time out. Don't be too surprised at the end of the year if

Twellman is selected to the All-American squad. Remember that you read it here first.



Flying Spartan

Steve Twellman, with determination showing all over his face, has just stopped an opponent in his tracks. Twellman is a key cog in the booter defense.

Football

(Continued from page 3)

this week of practices Dawson said, and indicated that the frustrations of last week will soon explode.

"Beating U-M is the only way we can redeem these frustrations," he said. "We have to right a wrong."

Sometimes I wish I had four more years," Dawson continued. I'd like to start all over again and see how many we would win this time."

But maybe another Dawson will enroll at MSU. Bill has a brother Mike who is 6-5, 240-pounds and a senior prep all-America standout in Tuscon.

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Winter fun for 'S' sports

By RICK GOSSELIN

If paperwork could guarantee a winning season, the winter term sports on this campus would all be right up near the top. Many of the teams lined up for NCAA competition are artfully balanced and outstanding performers will abound.

When you talk about winners, you've just got to begin with Grady Peninger's wrestling team. The MSU grapplers are the reigning Big Ten powerhouse as well as a national threat every time they take to the mats.

The entire team that claimed the Big Ten championship last season (the sixth straight year that Grady's boys managed to turn the trick) will be back in the run for not only the conference title but the national title as well. Weight champions of the Big Ten Greg Johnson, Tom Milkovich, Gerald Malacek, Dave Ciolek and Ben Lewis will anchor the wrestling depth chart.

Over in Dem Hall, Amo Bessone is smiling again. He's got a sleeve full of aces in addition to a full house in his playing hand.

All-American center Don "Zippy" Thompson will be back to make winter's exciting for hockey fans. Center Gilles Gagnon, the highest goal scoring pivotman in the nation last year, will also be back with his booming slap shot. Add Jim Watt

in the nets and Bob Boyd on the defense and opposing coaches are soon to see why Bessone is smiling.

Gus Ganakas will have his MVP from last year's squad, Bill Kilgore, in an attempt to put a few more wins under his belt. Guard Mike Robinson off of last year's freshman team will be a welcome addition to the 1971-72 edition of the MSU cagers. Pat Miller, Brian Breslin and Brad VanPelt will also be back.

The freshman team should have a fine ball club with Lindsay Hairston on the roster.

Dick Fetters will have some capable hands left over from last winter's team and a lot of new faces. Ken Winfield and Al Dille will be back in an attempt to give Indiana a run at the league championship. How much of a run MSU, or any other school for that matter, can give the mighty Hoosiers is still to be decided.

Fran Dittich's track team could in all possibility be the top indoor team in the country. Herb Washington is a fine name to start off with when you list all-Americans, but how do the names of Marshall Dill, Bob Casselman and Ken Popejoy sound as all-Americans also? Dittich will have little worry in the sprints with Washington, Dill and LaRue Butchee. MSU could

present a Spartan showing at the NCAA meet at Cobo Hall in Detroit if the above mentioned players put out half of their known talents.

The gymnastics team will again be first division material, but displacing the University of Michigan as the circuit's best could take some sort of an upset. Wolverine coach Newt Loken was

voted "Coach of the Year" for 1971 and his players returning this year could easily make him the top coach for 1972.

The fencing team, the Big Ten champions of last season, will be seeking MSU's third conference title. Coach Charles Schmitter has a young nucleus to work with. Included in the list of returnees is

league champion in the epee Bill Mathers; Ira Schwartz in foil; but only one front liner back in the sabre class, Fred Royce. If Schmitter can bolster his sabremen, he might have his second consecutive title.

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All Star play

Lansing All Star Safety Art Berry, a former MSU Spartans, moves in for the tackle against a Michigan Hawk runner in a game last weekend. Berry leads the All Stars in interceptions with eight and is one of many former Spartans on the team.

State News photo by Don Gerstner

By STEVE STEIN
State News Sports Writer

Lansing's semi-pro football team, the Lansing All-Stars, lead their Central Division of the Midwest Football League with an 8-1-1 record, and their success is due, in part, to all former MSU players on the All-Stars' roster.

The Columbus Bucks, who currently reside in first place in the Lakes Division, have beaten and tied the All-Stars for the only blemishes on an otherwise perfect season.

Quarterback Charley Wedemeyer leads the group of former Spartans as he is the All-Stars starting quarterback, and is third in the league in passing. He has completed 46 of 93 passes for 671 yards and seven touchdowns. Wedemeyer is also the fourth leading ground gainer on the squad.

Halfback Ken Hines didn't play much in the first four games, but against the Michigan Hawks last Saturday night, he gained 60 yards as a starter. He has also scored five touchdowns this year.

Starting halfback Kermit Smith had his finest game against Columbus this year, gaining close to 60 yards.

Ernie Pasteur, who starts at fullback, was injured for the first three games, but he played "real well" against Columbus, according to Lansing Public Relations Director Dave Coehlo, scoring a touchdown and also gaining 90 yards in 12 attempts.

Joe Gavel goes both ways. He started the season at defensive halfback, but has recently seen more playing time as wide receiver. He started against both Pontiac and Wyoming, and scored three touchdowns against them.

On the defensive side, defensive back Art Berry has six interceptions from his starting position.

Lou Bobich is also a starting defensive halfback and safety. Bobich leads the league in interceptions with eight, and he also has the distinction of being the first soccer style placekicker to come out of MSU.

Bobich is second in the league in punting with an average of 38.4 yards, and has only missed two extra points this season.

Chuck Bailey started the year at linebacker, was switched to defensive tackle, and has started every game this season.

Leader of the defense which has scored four shutouts this season is left-side linebacker Ron Goovert.

Bob Viney is the starting defensive end and the anchorman of the defense, according to Coehlo.

George Chatlos started the year at right outside linebacker, but has moved to tight end in the last couple of games, and has scored five touchdowns.

Two new acquisitions, Cal Fox and Mike Hogan, have each only played for a couple of weeks. Fox plays offensive tackle and defensive end, and Hogan plays linebacker and defensive tackle.

The Midwest League employs a cross-divisional playoff system, where the first place team of one division takes on the runner-up in the other.

If the All-Stars can hold on to their lead, they will take on the second place finisher in the Lakes Division on November 6.

Coehlo predicted that the All-Stars would meet Columbus at Columbus on November 13 before almost 20,000 fans for the League championship.

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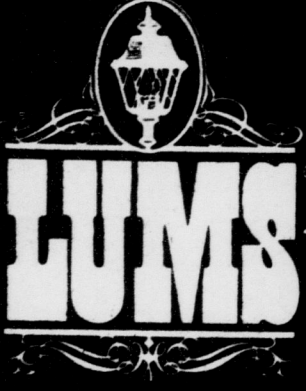
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More teams get a chance with IM playoff change

By STEVE STEIN
State News Sports Writer

Larry Sierra, associate director of intramural sports, has said that there will not be an all-University playoff to determine the champion of the football program, but rather a new system to give more teams an opportunity to get into the playoffs.

This year, there are approximately 352 teams participating in the football program at MSU. This includes 154 independent, 64 residence hall, 28 fraternity, and six Ag Tech teams.

With this new system, more than one team from each block will be able to qualify to compete in their own playoffs, may it be independent, residence hall, or fraternity.

Every team from each block with one loss or less during the regular season can now be in the playoffs.

Another option is now open to the losers of first round playoff games. If they desire, they can play in a single-elimination consolation round to have the opportunity to play more games. No prize is offered for the winner of this division.

Under this new system, at least

twice as many teams will be able to be in the playoffs, because there will more than likely be more than one squad qualifying from each block. At playoffsend, there will be three winners, one from each division.

Sierra was not certain, but he said that the playoffs should start right after the regular season ends in about four weeks.

"The playoffs should take two to three weeks, and we hope to finish before Thanksgiving. The weather is so unpredictable, though."

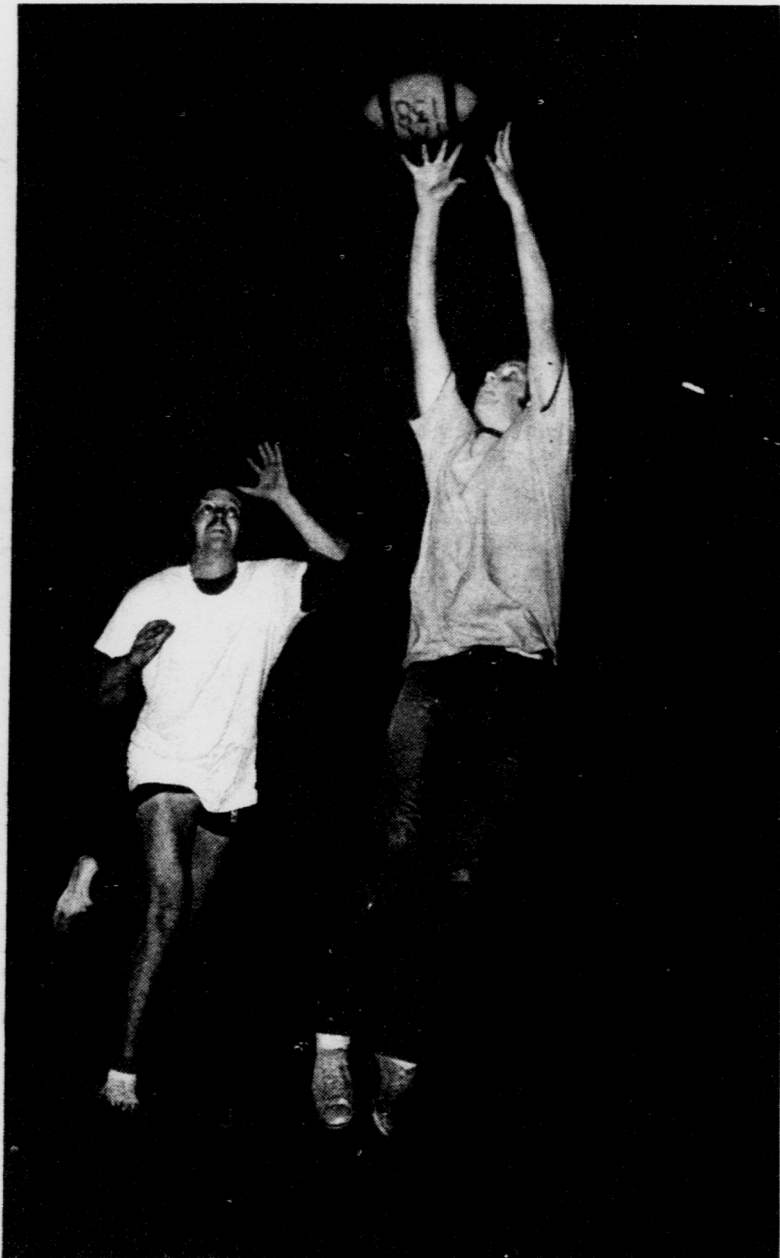
Asked why the new system was put into effect this year, the associate director replied that the reason was "to give more opportunity for students to participate in more active organized competition."

The idea of a new system began during the last couple of years, when students have asked for a system that would give more teams the opportunity to participate in post-season play.

Sierra also expressed the hope that the new system would also equalize the competition, so that the teams which were not tops in their block have a chance to play teams of their own calibre.

Also, teams now will still want to play hard and show up for every game, even though they have lost one already. This can stop many of the forfeits which occur during the season.

Sierra concluded that he wasn't sure how well the new system would work, but that he hopes that it will be successful.



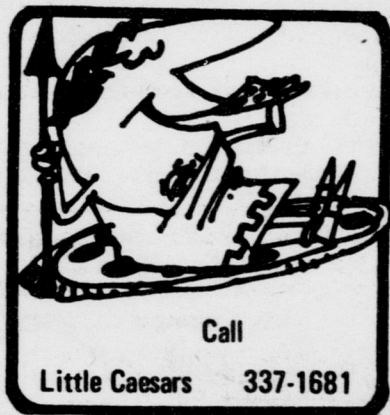
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The intramural program has really caught on at MSU, evidenced by the fact that 350 teams are competing in block play this fall. In the new system, the all-U playoffs have been dropped.

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U-M leads in grid series

In the 72 year old series between gridiron rivals MSU and Michigan, the Wolverines hold the series edge with 38 wins, 20 losses and only five ties. Michigan won last year in Ann Arbor, 34-20.



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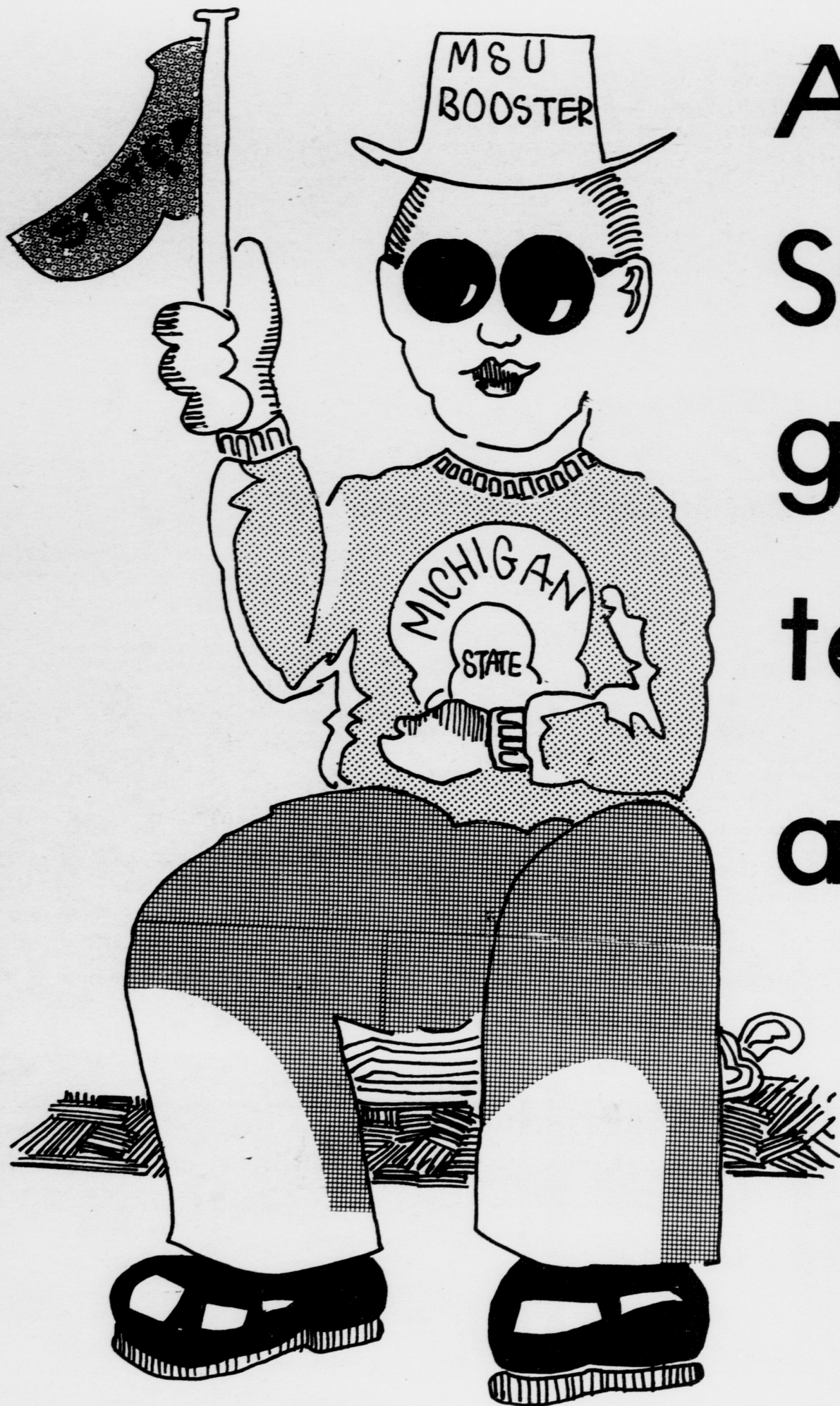
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