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Football

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Subject: Union College Football - 1968

Dear Union Football Alumni:

The 1968 Union College Football team broke new ground. Not since 1939 had a regular admission team performed so well. The team was the result of three years of intense recruiting by the then head football coach George Flood and his staff. You were part of those first three recruiting years and on the Varsity Roster for 1966, 1967 and/or 1968. The team set and still holds many Union College Football Records. I have put the rosters and team photos of the 1965, 1966, 1967 and 1968 teams on our Facebook site <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=156600141035893> For those of you who are new to this list, the reason I am writing is to tell you that we are being considered for the Union College Team of Distinction and possible induction into the Union College Hall of Fame. I also wanted to let you know that there are color video highlights of the 1968 team in action on YouTube.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L5jb9B-URe4> KINGS POINT GAME 1968

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=32Y4F3XbyOs> WILLIAMS GAME 1968

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H5sPadq_T0M ALFRED GAME 1968

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M2PBADvWtkE> HOBART GAME 1967 (Double Exposed)

Again, there is also a Face-book group site which contains dozens of newspaper articles and other documents related to the team. There are constant additions to the news articles about the team as we track down every source including the Albany Times Union, The Schenectady Gazette, The Union College Chronicle, and many article that appeared in local papers such as the Reported Dispatch in Westchester County and the Standard in New Rochelle.

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=156600141035893>

I would like to keep you up-to-date on developments and should be in a position in the next few months to let you know if we have been selected.

If anyone knows the email address of the following, please let me know.

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- Coach Ronald J. Coleman - Trainer
- Paul G. Costello '69
- Frank M. D'Antuona '69
- Martin DeMond '69
- Lawrence R. Ellis III '71
- Paul S. Forrest '70
- George R. Goth '69
- Richard R. Hamm '69
- Harold E. Heckman '71
- Michael A. McFarland '70
- Jeffrey W. Miller '69
- John Scanlan '70
- Coach Christopher Schmid
- R. Michael Schwartz '69
- Naysim X. Simon '70
- Vern L. Syverson '70
- Edward L. Valentine '70
- Roland H. Wickenden '69
- James Wojcicki '69
- Don Woodworth '70

Best Regards,
Tom Oberst

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Subject: Union College Football - 1968
Attachments: Union College Football - Purdue Workout.jpg

Hi Everyone:

Another addition to our document repository comes from Ed Blechner, '69 who found a copy of the infamous "Purdue Workout" and transcribed it for us. Thank you Ed. I have attached a copy and have put it on the **Union College Football - 1968** Facebook site <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=156600141035893> In the final quarter of the 8 games of the 1968 season, we outscored our opponents 61 - 13.

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Hi Everyone:

Our 1968 Football team has been nominated as a "Team of Distinction" and we have been providing materials to support the nomination.

http://www.unionathletics.com/sports/2005/12/16/Hall_of_Fame_Policy.aspx The selection committee should meet in late February and announce their selection in March. If we are selected we will be invited back in the Fall of 2011 for an induction ceremony. If anyone has any information they would like me to include about the team, please send it my way or upload to our Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=156600141035893> to share with the team. I will be compiling everything I have into some form of book for distribution to everyone. I just put on our Facebook site <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=156600141035893> a copy of the "Union College Football Statistics -- Final" for 1968.

I recently had an opportunity to look at the web site of the University of Pennsylvania and their football program and saw the resume of Coach Al Bagnoli, one of the most successful active college coaches of all time.

http://www.pennathletics.com/ViewArticle.dbml?SPSID=8569&SPID=537&DB_LANG=C&DB_OEM_ID=1700&ATCLID=51395&Q_SEASON=2010

Al laid claim to having coached both the best offense and the best defense units in Union's history. ***"While at Union, Bagnoli's 1991 team had the nation's top scoring offense, averaging 46.1 points per game, while his 1984 squad boasted the top defense, allowing a measly 4.6 points per game."*** That year 1984, Union played in 10 games so if Al's numbers are correct, Union's defense only gave up 46 points. Points allowed per game is certainly one measure of a football team. We were certainly close to that since our defense only gave up 58 points over 8 games (7.25 ppg). However, we only gave up two touchdowns in the air. Our outstanding secondary, perhaps the best in the history of the school, gave up only two touchdowns. That is right, only two touchdowns over the course of an entire season (8 game schedule). That has got to be a school record. Least number of touchdowns allowed passing over an 8 game schedule. That might be an NCAA record.

Another measure of a team is what it does in the 4th Quarter. In the fourth quarter we scored 61 points or 44% of all the points we scored all year. Our opponents scored 13. We scored nearly 5 times what our opponents scored in the 4th quarter. If you consider only scores against our defense, then it's almost 9 times. We scored 9 times more points than our competition in the 4th quarter. If you consider that the

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only score against the defense occurred after all the seniors were called off the field because it was their last home game and Alfred scored in the closing seconds, then you ave to conclude that the starting defense gave up no points in 8 4th quarters and you can't get much better than that.

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"Socialism is a philosophy of failure, the creed of ignorance, and the gospel of envy, its inherent virtue is the equal sharing of misery." - Sir Winston Churchill

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Attachments: Union Football Team - 1968_1.jpg


Charlie, Eric:

I have been successful at tracking down about 2/3 of the 1968 team thanks in large part to the great help I have gotten from Paul Ramsey. I believe I can locate all of the others by March. (For a few its going to take a lot of digging). If we are fortunate enough to be selected as a team of distinction, then I believe we will have an excellent turnout for any recognition event. The members of that team are EXTREMELY excited about the possibility of being recognized.

Best Regards,
 Tom Oberst

PS From 1886 to 1981, a period of almost 100 years, only 4 teams had a better records than the 1968 team:

1886 - start
 1898 - 8 wins 1 loss
 1914 - 8 wins 0 loss
 1939 - 7 wins 0 loss 1 tie
 1949 - 7 wins 0 loss 1 tie
 1968 - 7 wins 1 loss
 1982 - 8 wins 1 loss - First year of Al Bagnoli as head coach.

I cannot say that for the first 95 years of Union College Football, from 1886 to 1981, we were the best team. That would be too sweeping of a statement and I could not substantiate by stats. The 1983 and the 1984 teams were certainly outstanding. If Al Bagnoli had not shown up until 1987, and had we beaten Kings Point, we might have been able to lay claim to the "Best team in the first 100 years of Union Football" 

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Subject: Union College Football - 1968

Hi Everyone:

Continuing to make progress researching the 1968 Union Football Team and tracking down its members. I am starting to widen the search for all the members of the recruiting classes (Freshman Football Players) for 1965, 1966, and 1967 which comprised the 1968 team. I am also trying to make sure that we include not only any player in the team photo, but also any player on the roster as well as any player who should have been on the roster but through no fault of there were not around. I am hoping to track down every member of the team and related recruiting classes by March.

There have been some great new additions to the Facebook Site. Russ has added a photo of the Williams Game ball. I found an article that points to his interception in the Williams game as the final "nail in the coffin"

I have added about 26 additional documents to the Facebook site Union College Football - 1968 <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=156600141035893> including the most recent one which lists the 10 members of the 1968 team that were selected all league (ICAC) first team. 10 out of 22 is not bad. I found it on the Schenectady Gazette web site. The Albany Times Union requires a trip to the New York State Library since the Albany Times Union archive stops at 1986. Makes you feel old. 🙄

If anyone has email address for any of the following, please pass it my way.

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 Doug Werth '71
 George R. Goth '69
 Greg Leopold '69
 Harold Heckman '71
 Henry Wessman '71
 Jeff Weiner '71
 Jerry P. Ostrander '71
 Ken Jacoby '71
 Kent Picken '69
 L. Thomas Godfrey '70
 Larry Ellis '71
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Please join the Facebook Group and share and upload any facts about yourself or the team. It would be great to share on Facebook some of our memories.

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Fall/1967 Varsity Football (4-4 with w 4-1 start)
Fall/1968 Varsity Football (7-1)

Dear Charlie:

Thank you very much for allowing me to share with you my memories of UNION College as a student in the late 1960's and in particular my memories of the varsity football program from the fall of 1965 through the fall of 1968. This was a special time. It was an exciting time. It was a confusing time. There were many transitions taking place, everywhere.

After World War II the economies of all of the countries in the industrial world were in shambles. The manufacturing infrastructure of Japan, China and all of Europe was destroyed. The only country with an infrastructure still intact at war's end was the USA. At the conclusion of WWII, we, then 141 million Americans, produced 60% of the world's gross national product. This was unprecedented, astonishing and unheard of and even today hard to comprehend. After a brief recession, in the late 40's, caused by the transition from a wartime economy, the USA, and particularly the white middle class, moved into a period of prosperity and relative affluence. They also moved to the suburbs.

The return of millions of GIs at war's end fueled a massive baby boom in the USA. This baby boom would have a demographic "shock effect" for years to come and especially when these "baby boomers" started to matriculate from college.

In the late 1960's the demographics had changed. Culturally and politically, our country was in transition as the massive front wave of the baby boom generation were matriculating from colleges and universities having been taught to have a healthy disrespect for all institutions and authority. This huge bulge of students were often the first of their family to achieve a college degree and this generational gap in education and affluence also helped create a cultural and values divide. It also unleashed on America a huge and well educated work force ensuring our strong economic competitiveness.

Political assassination marred the landscape in the late 1960's and violent antipathy towards the Vietnam War led to massive protests. At times it felt as if the fabric of society was being torn apart as mobs of long haired college students scuffled with mobs of hard hats. It was an era of militancy.

Parts of the economy and parts of the country, like Schenectady were in an economic transition as well.

As the world was changing, so was the college. Academically, Union was transitioning from a two semester academic year to its current tri-semester academic year. Socially, the monopoly by fraternities on the content and character of student social activities was giving way and plans were being laid for the immediate admission of woman.

It was a time of great construction on campus.

Against this backdrop of transition and change and some would say, conflict and turmoil, there were great changes occurring in the football program at Union. These changes were very positive. They were, however, overshadowed by everything else and drew little notice. The changes in the football program at Union College would finally break a losing tradition that spanned nearly 30 years and would result in the formation of a nationally ranked (Division III) team and one the very best in Union College's history. It would take 3 years.

This is where most of my recollections are centered.

Very truly yours

Thomas P. Oberst
Union College – Class of 1969
BSEE and Co-Captain of the
1968 Football Team

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My Recollections of Union College

1965 - 1969

A Time of Transition

Fall/2008 Union College Varsity Football Team.

Union College - 1965-1969

Globally and Locally - What was happening, a brief summary.

The late 1960s were a time of transition. The return after World War II of 10 million servicemen in 1945 help spawn the largest spike in birth rate America has ever seen. This was the baby boom. Seventy-six million American children were born between 1945 and 1964. The first wave of these children were headed for colleges around or about 1963 and started graduating around or about 1967. This was a time of dramatic social change. Matriculating at colleges and universities in the late 1960's these students would be taught to think independently from their parents and to question authority. It was a time of the "cold war", the Cuban Missile Crisis, assassinations of JFK, Robert Kennedy, and Martin Luther King, Jr., political unrest, a walk on the moon, risk of the draft into the Vietnam War, anti-war protests, social experimentation and the counter culture, hippies, sexual freedom, the Great Society, Woodstock, drug experimentation, the civil rights movement, phase II of feminism, the equal rights amendment, burning bras, protests and riots. It was a time of individualism and free spirits. It was a time of environmental awareness. Sadly it was the time of Kent State. It was a mess.

Union was in transition, growing from a campus population of 600 all male students to 1200 by the mid 60's to 1600 by the end of that decade. Union grew by increasing the size of each succeeding freshman class. The campus would see the construction of large dorms (Fox & Davidson) and the first additional classroom space in 50 years (Humanities and Social Science). The old Biology building on North Lane, built in 1907, once the site of Charles P. Steinmetz's lab, still existed. It would be torn down in the summer of 1968 to give way to the new Science and Engineering complex which was just breaking ground in the summer of 1969. Also new that year were a series of new Comprehensive Courses. 1968 was also the year that the Faculty Board recommended a co-ed plan for Union.

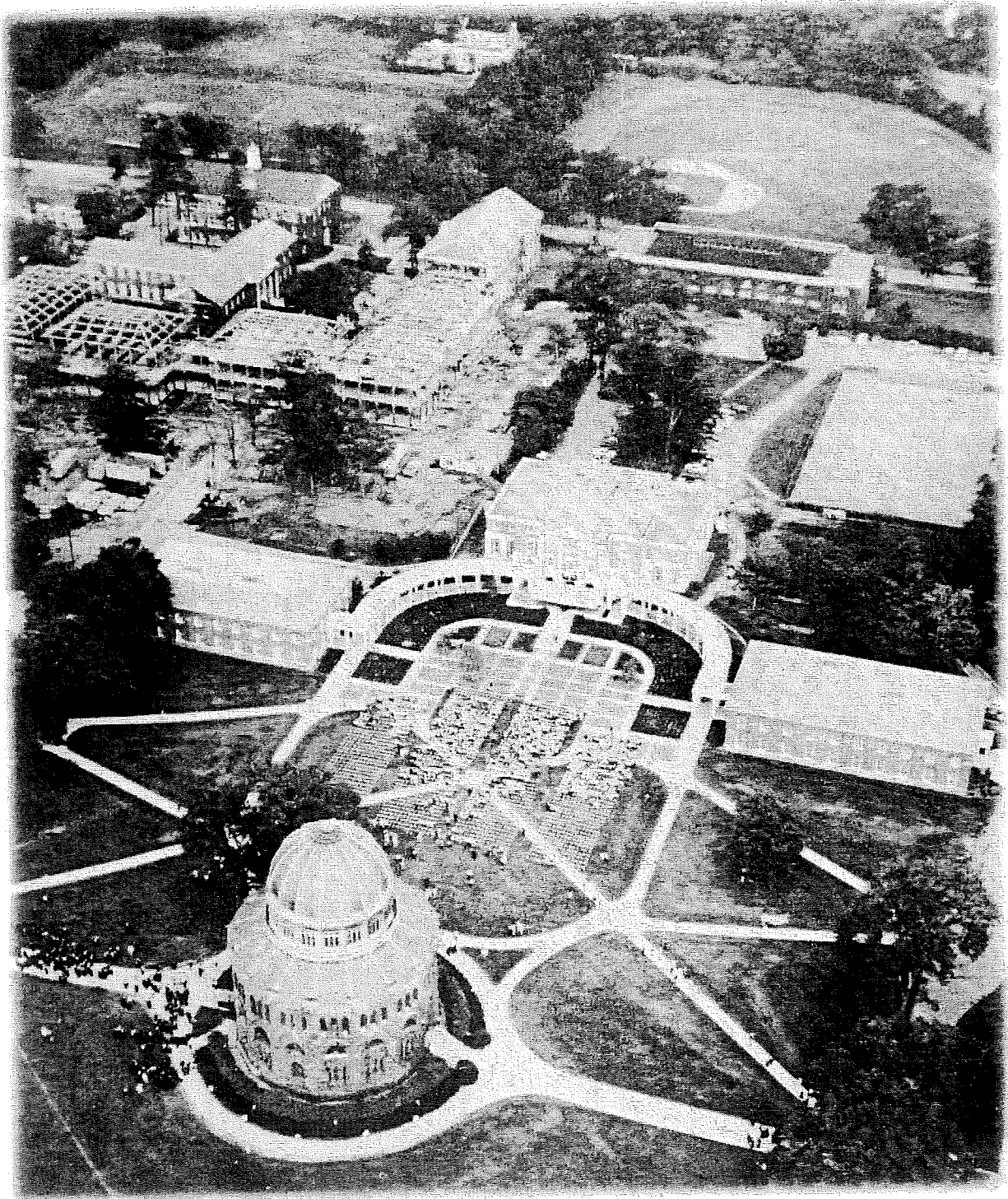


Figure 1 Construction of the New Science Center, June, 1969

Union welcomed this influx of new college students, many of which were the first generation in their families to attend college and attain a degree. The College opened for business in 1968 with the largest enrollment in its history, some 1521 students. This was the first time since 1795 that the student population topped 1,500. The previous

high of 1,499 was recorded in 1948 at the peak of the post war veterans wave in September of 1948. By 1968 the school's enrollment had climbed back to over 1500 (1521) after having dropped back to its usual size of 600 in the 1950s. The campus would shortly transition from an all boys school to a co-education institution and away from one where social life was dominated by Fraternities and the Greek life and big party weekends.

While Union was known as both a liberal arts and engineering school, its academic reputation in the early part of the 20th century was built on engineering and premed and greatly enhanced with its close ties to General Electric.

Most private colleges in America in the 1960s were single-sex as were most colleges in the Tri-City area (Albany, Schenectady and Troy, New York). Social activity at single sex schools required students travel to other campuses. Union College's social life revolved around its fraternities most of which were national in scope and many of whom were founded at Union.

The generation born right after World War II and especially those born from 1946 through 1950 were matriculating from colleges. Prior to World War I, less than 5% of American high school graduate population went on to college. College was out of reach for most Americans. The G.I. Bill helped introduce many returning WWII servicemen to post secondary school education. The economic prosperity of the 1950s allowed many of these parents to be able to offer their children the educational opportunity to attend college. By 1968, 24% of high school graduates were admitted to or matriculating from a college or university. This was a huge and abrupt jump.

Union had been an all men's school since its founding in 1795. In the late 1960s virtually all students were recruited by and welcomed into fraternities. The Greeks were the center of social life at the school. The social life revolved around a few long party weekends. Dating required traveling to other schools or inviting college coeds back to Union's campus. Being "fixed up" with a "blind date" was the rule rather than the exception. It was very different than today's "hook-up."

In 1966 the academic year was constructed around two long semesters. There was plenty of time as a student to recover from slow starts. Then came the change to a tri-semester, the same tri-semester system Union enjoys today. The transition only took a few years. By the 1969 academic year, this transition was complete with changes coming to courses and course content, course credits, degree and graduation requirements, and non-credit activities. Now the semesters were only 10 weeks long and were unforgiving if you fell behind.

Academic work load and attitude back then was more "Darwinian" than today. Colleges did not focus on minimizing freshman turnover and maximizing retention but rather planned on attrition taking place. It was assumed that some number of students would not be able to keep up with the academics and would leave school or transition to an easier major. For example, in 1969, Union's graduating class of electrical engineers contained only 9 of the original 44 that had started in that major 4 years prior.

The baby boom generation, separated from their parents in large numbers for the first time, were taught to question authority rather than blindly accept their parents values. World War II had bound the country together and forged shared values and trust in Government. The ongoing war in Vietnam was seen differently. This war required mandatory military service and over its course which ultimately left 50,000 members of the "baby boom" generation dead and another 250,000 wounded.

Political assassinations caused a tear in the fabric of American society that was generational in nature. There was rebellion, which surfaced in protests against the Vietnam War. "Don't trust anyone over 30" was a common refrain back then.

Schenectady was a vibrant industrial city and the home of General Electric in the 1950's and home to its massive Large Turbine Division and its affiliated Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory. By September of 1968 it employed some 2100 workers in the gas turbine business alone and many other workers in and around Schenectady. In 1890, Thomas Edison had brought together several of his business interests under one corporation to form Edison General Electric. At about the same time, Thomson-Houston Company, under the leadership of Charles A. Coffin, gained access to a number of key patents through the acquisition of a number of competitors. Subsequently, General Electric was formed by the 1892 merger of Edison General Electric of Schenectady, New York and Thomson-Houston Company of Lynn, Massachusetts. The company was incorporated in New York, with the Schenectady plant as headquarters for many years thereafter.



Figure 2 General Electric in Schenectady in 1968

By 1968, Schenectady's second largest manufacturing employer, American Locomotive Company (ALCO), was shutting down and its largest employer, General Electric, was planning a move of many of its assets to the south. Many of manufacturing jobs relocated to the Sun Belt and abroad. The American Locomotive Company produced steam locomotives for railroads for years, and then in the later years became famous for its "Superpower" line of high pressure locomotives. Corporate restructuring to cope with the changing locomotive procurement environment saw the slow downward spiral of ALCO and ALCO's operations fizzled as the company went through acquisitions and restructuring in the late 1960s. Its Schenectady plant closed in 1969.

As one would expect, the end of big-time manufacturing at GE and ALCO in 1969-70 ushered in the demise of Schenectady retail merchants Wallace and Barney's. The golden age of downtown retailing was over in Schenectady.

It was also the beginning of environmental awareness. 250 Helium -filled balloons filled the air over Alexander Field at halftime in the Hobart Game of 1967. These balloons were released to signify the end of "Clean Air" week in Schenectady. More importantly they were used to help with analysis of speed and wind direction of air currents in the area. The sponsoring group, the "Action for Clean Air" was supported by Union faculty and Schenectady's insurance organizations.

[PICTURE FROM 1969 YEAR BOOK]

In 1965 Union had an enrollment of 1250. In 1966 Union's enrollment rose to 1370. In 1967 Union's student population rose again to 1457. This population was growing and by 1968 Union's student population had eclipsed 1500 for the first time and had grown to 1511. For this period Harold Martin was the College President and Wilford Ketz was the director of Athletics. The Fall of 1968 was the 80th season of varsity football at Union dating back to 1886. There were no teams in 1906, 1943 and 1945.

Football was played on Alexander Field, the field directly in front of Alumni Gym.

[PICTURE OF THE PLAYING FIELDS]

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Union's Football Program - In Transition

Union College's football program was also in transition at this time. It was in transition from a program that seldom won games over the course of three decades to one that jumped to the top of Division III. Union was a member of the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC). Member teams were bounded by a broad geography that extended from Maine to Georgia and as far west as Illinois. The Lambert Trophy was established in 1936 to recognize supremacy in Eastern Collegiate Football. The schools that were considered for this trophy had a broader membership but a slightly tighter geography than the ECAC. Schools considered for the Lambert Trophy, or much later in the case of small schools, the Cup, were not required to be ECAC members. This made the Lambert Trophy more inclusive in terms of number of schools but it was still slightly more limited in geographically.

Now there are currently 238 ECAC Division III schools which sponsor football.

While the Lambert Trophy (Bowl) was established in 1936 for all colleges, in 1956, the Lambert Trophy was also established to recognize teams that were big schools but not major Bowl bound (what would be today's Division I-AA) and in 1966 a Lambert Award was created for Division III. In 1966 schools were generally classified into essentially "big and small" when speaking about football programs. The trophy for the smaller schools was often referred to as the Lambert "Cup" and later the Lambert/Meadowlands Cup. It was symbolic of eastern small school supremacy. It was not until 1982 that a Lambert Award was added for Division II. Consequently, between 1966 and 1982, what was considered "small" was very broad in scope.

In 1968, only 2 years after the establishment of the Lambert Cup, many Division III schools competed against much larger schools as well as many of today's Division II Schools.

The NCAA, a larger organization than the ECAC, established its statistical service in 1959. The NCAA Division III governance structure was not put in place until 1973. Prior to that date schools were classified as either University Division or College Division. Consequently the NCAA did not even establish statistics for Division III until 1973. The NCAA also did not establish a Division III football championship until 1973. There were no Division III All-American selections prior to 1973, they were just "small college" selections. Those players would have been included in the regular All-American selection process for either big or small schools.

History

This was also a time of transition for the Union College football program. The previous major transition occurred shortly after WWII. The academic years 1948 and 1949 saw a flood of returning GI's bolstered the ranks of students at the school and explode its student population from 600 to 1499. These GI's were seasoned military veterans. These older veterans were the engine that powered the Dutchman football team to a combined 14-1-1 record with a 7-1 record in 1948 and a 7-0-1 record in 1949. Ken Whalen, the Captain of the 1948 team, was rumored to have been recruited by the National Football League New York Giants.

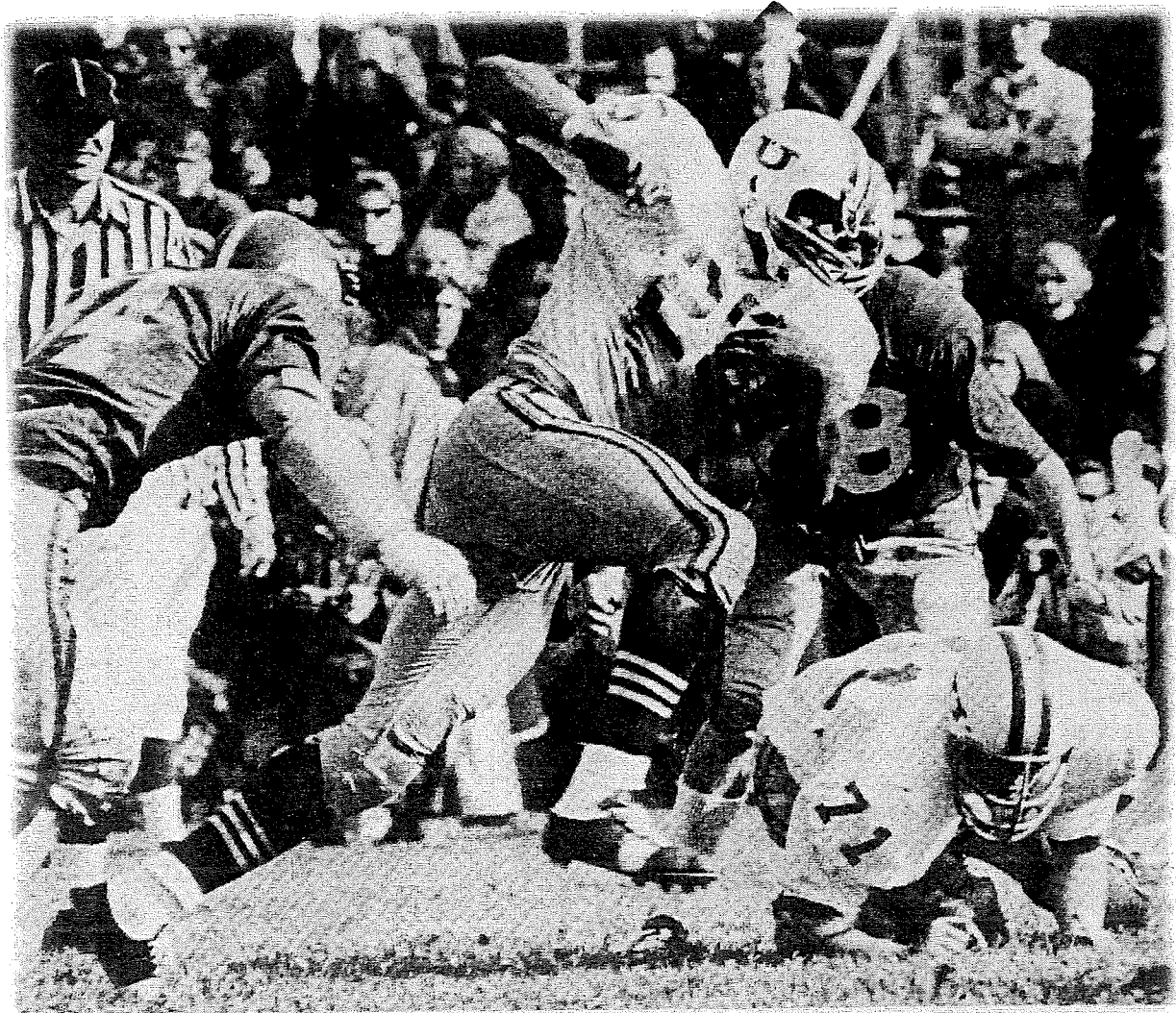
Coach Flood ... the recruiter

Since the 1948/49 teams, Union managed only one winning season until 1968. That season was 1956. In 1964 Union hired a promising and a very successful young high school coach from Rome, New York, George Flood. He took over the football program that year. With an undergraduate and graduate degrees from Springfield College and service in the Marines, and a father of six, Coach Flood went right to work recruiting players for the program. Coach Flood was an excellent recruiter. He was a great communicator, and was vibrant, dynamic, and enthusiastic and energetic. He was an excellent public speaker. He traveled the northeast during his first off season (Spring of 1965) contacting high school football coaches and prospective UNION students and selling them on Union College. Coach Flood was outstandingly successful in this endeavor. Recruiting was not Coach Flood's only strength. Matching players skills and the position they played was also a great skill. Many of Union's players would end up far removed from the position they thought they would be playing at College. Joe James, was a high school tight end before becoming an all-league fullback. Ron McAvoy was a running back before leading the 1968 Dutchman in tackles as an outside linebacker. Kevin Monahan was moved from fullback to defensive end. Joe Grabowski went from leading receiver to outside linebacker.

Union Football 1965 Recruiting and Playing

The results of Coach Flood's recruiting work showed up right away. The first group of players he recruited came to the campus as freshman in the Fall of 1965. They included players from some of the strongest high school programs in the State of New York and surrounding states of New Jersey and Massachusetts. These players had won league and conference recognition. **Vincent Ruhl** (5'10", 195) was an *All Westchester County* first string guard at powerhouse New Rochelle High School. **Jeff Miller** (6'3", 230) was a big strong tackle from Long Island. **Ted Jennings** (6'1", 220) was from Peekskill, New

York. **John Cower** (5'10", 205) was from Oneonta and **Kent Picken** (5'9", 195) was from Babylon, New York and both were powerful running backs and linebackers. **Joe James** (6'2", 220) was from East Orange, New Jersey and a tight end with enormous potential. The RPI Coach was quoted as saying "I cannot understand how the big schools missed him" when James set the then single game Union rushing record trampling his team in 1967. The Kings Point team, in 1968, planned their whole game strategy around trying to stopping him.



Powerful Joe James '69 adds to his record.

Figure 3 Joe James rushing against Kings Point in 1968.

Tom Oberst (6'2", 224) was an all league tackle at powerhouse Archbishop Stepinac High School, a member of the tough Metropolitan New York CHSFL. The current Archbishop Stepinac team (2010) is ranked 3rd in New York State after going 12-0, winning the CHSF Championship and beating White Plains.

<http://www.nychsfl.org/standings.html>. **Joe Grabowski** (6'3", 195), was a defensive standout at outside linebacker after starting out as a split end and being the third leading receiver in 1966. **Ron McAvoy** (6'1", 190) would lead the 1968 team in tackles from his outside linebacker positions after starting in the offensive backfield in 1966. **Doug Mele** (5'10", 205) would anchor the offensive line as a three year starter at guard. Others were **Dennis Moffit** (6'3", 208), **Vito Potenza** (6'0", 195), **Philip Conner** (5'6", 210), **Paul Costello** end (5'11", 185), **Jose DaCosta** (6'1", 190), **Frank D'Antuono**, **George Goth**, **Richard Hamm**, **Greg Leopold** (6'2", 195) end, **John Sickles**, **Michael Schwartz** (6'3", 242), **Rollin Wickenden**, **Edward Bleckner** (6', 215) and **John Denefrio** (5'10", 200) and a host of others took the field as the 1965 freshman team. This team defeated all but one of their freshman opponents including a heavily recruited Rochester freshman team.

As good as this 1965 group of freshman recruits were, they paled in comparison to the following years group of recruits. The freshman who appeared in 1966 were members of class of 1970. They ended up serving as the backbone for the 1968 varsity football team. Many of the skills players on this team were to step up and break Union College football records in just their sophomore year. The combination of both these two recruiting classes and outstanding talent from the next class would make up the 1968 team. Coach Flood rushed these new recruits into the starting lineup for Union College and many were starting as sophomores. At this time the usage of two platoons came into being for most Division III teams after having been first adapted by Williams College a few years earlier. By 1967 the football team had depth and the campus was rich in football talent. As time progressed season and career ending injuries took a toll on the team, however the large number of very talented football players on the school campus would ensure Unions gridiron success in 1967/1968.

Union Football 1966 Recruiting and Playing

By 1966 Coach Flood's first recruiting class were sophomores and his second recruiting class were freshman and he had lost his great 1965 passing offense through graduation. The 1966 Union Varsity football team was decimated by these graduations and unexpected transfers. The 1966 team then was a transition team. Over 50% of Coach George Flood's 1966 roster were sophomores (23 of 42) and he only had 12 lettermen returning. The 1965 team had a remarkable air attack. Gone were Tom "the Bomb" Hitchcock, ends George LaPorte and Marc Hurlbut (who combined for 130 completions and almost 1,400 yards in 1965). The loss of **Tom Hitchcock** was devastating. Tom held every game, season and career passing record up to this point. **George LaPorte** was the nation's leading small college pass receiver with 74 receptions. The loss of **Paul Woodell**, a bruising fullback, **Fred Hay**, **Bob DeMichele**

(Middle Linebacker extraordinaire) and **Tom Morgan** would decimate this team. This team did retain an outstanding center who would skip a year overseas but return to help anchor the 1968 defense unit as middle linebacker **Don DeMichele** (5'10", 185).

The 1966 team had only three letterman in the starting lineup. The offensive started 6 sophomores and the defense started 6 more. Some sophomores had to play both ways. This was a rebuilding year for Union football. After scrimmaging Cortland State and Wesleyan University, Union played its opening game against St. Lawrence.

This second recruiting class, perhaps the best in the school's history, up to this point, were newly minted freshman. This class would include center **Bill Birns** (6'0", 205), who would go on to anchor the offensive line. **John Burton** (6'3", 218), who terrorized QB's as a defensive end and who was so fast that he chase plays going away from him catching running backs from behind. Most teams ran away from John. It didn't matter. This recruiting class also included wing back **Craig Carlson** who shattered school receiving records in his sophomore leading many to believe that had he not suffered a career ending injury in the second game of his junior year, he would have broken them all. It also included **Russell Ciccotti** (6'2", 195) a tough inside linebacker and offensive tackle **Bill Dwyer** (6'2", 250), who as a junior was receiving inquiries from the Dallas Cowboys. **Frank Felts**, a defensive end who lettered every year since a sophomore, and **Skip Lynch** (5'11", 225), a bruising linebacker who would go on to captain the 1969 team. There was corner back **David Gray**, whose incredible speed was evidence when he picked up a blocked field goal attempt in the RPI game and ran 90 yards for a touchdown. The list goes on. The class included QB **Scott Kumpf**, who helped lead the 1967 team to a 4-1 record in their first 5 games, defensive end **Kevin Monihan** (6'3", 228), who dominated from his defense end position as a junior and ran over people as a fullback as a sophomore. It included record setting QB **Ken Pierce**, running back and safety **Francis Piscitelli**, safety **Paul Bauer**, place kicker and QB **James Sabella**. This class included split end **Richard Swan** who would go on to be nominated, his sophomore year, as an All American, and was voted as ECAC Sophomore of the year in 1967. Rich shattered and still holds Union reception records despite being double teamed throughout his career. This class included **Michael McFarland** and **Anthony Calandra** and **Joseph Minehan**, **Don Woodworth** and **Thomas Godfrey**. Last but not least, this recruiting class included corner back **Steve Ciesinski** whose season and career interception records are still Union Records. At one point in 1968, Steve lead the nation (all colleges) in interceptions. This was a remarkable class.

Union Football 1967 Recruiting and Playing

Coach Flood's third recruiting class, that showed up on campus as freshman in 1967, included many that would start for the 1968 team. It included offensive tackle **Paul Beadle**, guard **Tom Duffy**, guard **Steve French**, defensive tackle **Richard Gallucci**, (6'4", 218) tight end **Dan (Pup) Gould** (who would be the second leading receiver in 1968, **averaging 14 yards per reception**) running backs **Jerry Ostrander** and **Larry Sykes** who would both lead the 1968 ground attack and safety **Paul Ramsey (6'3", 195)** who would anchor the defense. Paul was as big and aggressive as a linebacker but as fast as a defensive back and was a cornerstone to the defense. Nothing got by him. He would Captain the 5-4 1970 team.

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Dan Gould '71 was the second-leading receiver as a tight end.

Figure 4 "Pup" Gould was the tight end in 1968 averaging 14 yards a reception.

The football team that coach flood put on the field in the fall of 1967 was heavily comprised of sophomores and juniors that he had recruited. This team was very young. Again, more than half of this team's roster consisted of sophomores. In total 30 of the 54 team members were sophomores. An additional 19 were Juniors. Of the five seniors

on the roster for the start of the 1967 season, only two had earned varsity letters and only one was a starter, Captain Sam Dill, a 6'3", 195lb defensive end.

Anyone reading the team roster could see that more than half of the 1967 team were sophomores. However, they made up the backbone of this team. In the Fall of 1967 Union went 4-1 to start the year. Its only loss in the first five games coming by 1 point from Kings Point (14-13). Union went for a two-point conversion at the end of the game and did not succeed. The last three teams that Union faced that year (Williams, Alfred and Hamilton) would have a combined 21-2-1 season record. Union did not have the depth to recover from injuries and stumbled during the last three games of the season and finished the year 4-4.

This group of Juniors and Sophomores that comprised the bulk of the 1967 4-4 team accumulated many awards and none so telling as the numbers who were recognized as all league in 1967. Union came in second in the ICAC that year but placed the same number of players as the first place Alfred University. Twelve members of the 1967 team were recognized. Six members of the Union College football team were named to the ICAC All-Star first team picked by the coaches. These included split end **Rich Swan**, wing back **Craig Carlson**, fullback **Joe James**, defensive end **Sam Dill**, defensive tackle **Tom Oberst**, and linebacker **Skip Lynch**. Six union players were also named to the second team. Offensive tackle **Ted Jennings**, offensive guard **Doug Mealy**, quarterback **Ken Pierce**, defensive end **John Burton**, corner back **Stephen Ciesinski** and safety **Steve Bauer**. Rick Swan, who was also nominated for All-American that year, caught 50 passes for 735 yards and eight touchdowns and was named ECAC sophomore of the year. Craig Carlson had just as fine a season despite being injured for most of two games. Craig had 49 receptions good for 730 yards and five touchdowns. Rich Swan and Craig Carlson were being compared to the **George LaPorte** and **Marc Hurlburt**, who shattered school records just 2 years earlier. Rich and Craig were just starting out as sophomores. George and Marc had been seniors. Joe James came within 5 yards of setting the single-season rushing record. He did break the then single-game rushing mark against RPI with 143 yards rushing.

There is a video of this 1967 team in action on YouTube.com. It is double exposed so it's hard to see. This is a video of the Varsity Football Game played between Union College and Hobart College on Saturday, October 28, 1967 at 1:30pm. This was Homecoming Weekend at Union. Unfortunately the second half of the game was shot over the first half making the action very hard to comprehend.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M2PBADvWtkE>

This video was originally taken with a Bell & Howell Super 8mm home camera. It was taken in color, which at that time was new technology for this class of camera. The video was taken by my dad, Leopold P. Oberst, then an Executive for the New York Telephone Company. This was his first and only experience taking home video. Home video technology back then was not optimized for outdoor sporting events and low light conditions. The film lay dormant for over 40 years which is usually enough time for it to deteriorate. However, with the help of a lab in Arizona, the video was recovered and replicated.

Shooting sports/action video back then without a tripod was even more unforgiving than it is today. Adding to this complexity, my dad shot the second half of the game over the first half double exposing the film. You literally see, in this video, both halves of the game being played at once.

Union's record going into this game was 3-1. Union added its fourth victory by defeating Hobart 37-15. Union jumped out to a 28-0 lead in the first half. Union was ranked in the top 10 in the weekly Lambert balloting for best Division III at this point in the season. It is a tribute to the recruiting success of Head Coach George Flood and his staff that such a young team could have gotten out to such a great start (4-1) suffering only a 1-point loss. This team went on to great heights the following year when Coach Flood added another year of experience and another excellent recruiting crop to the varsity team.

In the Fall of 1967, Union was a member of the ICAC (Independent College Athletic Conference). The Conference membership consisted of privately controlled liberal arts and engineering colleges in Up-State New York, Clarkson, Alfred, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Hobart College and Union. This conference was constituted with many of the same teams that comprise the Liberty League today. These included Union, Hobart, St. Lawrence, and RPI. Today the Liberty League also includes Rochester, Worcester Polytechnic Institute and Kings Point. Alfred is now a power in the Empire 8 conference.

In 1967 UNION had an outstanding offense. Going into this Hobart game, Union's running back **Joe James** (6'2", 221) had already picked up 421 yards in 83 carries and had scored four touchdowns. The other running backs, **Kevin Monahan** (6'3", 228) and **Dennis Moffitt** (6'3", 195) were no slouches. **Joe James** was averaging 105 yards rushing per game. He would easily break Union's career rushing record the following year. Union's QB's, **Scott Kumpf** and **Ken Pearce**, were having great success tossing to wide receivers **Craig Carlson** and **Rich Swan**. Carlson was named ECAC Division III "Sophomore of the Week" for his play earlier in the season against RPI and Dick Swan

was picked for the same honor for Union's win over Rochester the week before. Both would go on to set many school receiving and records in just their sophomore year. As mentioned, by the time Joe James had completed 4 games he had picked up 421 yards rushing on 83 carries averaging over 5 yards per carry and had scored 4 touchdowns. He was averaging 105 yards rushing per game. The team statistics, after only the first 4 games:

RUSHING

Player	Rushes	Yds.	Avg.
Joe James (6'2", 221lb)	83	421	5.1
Dennis Moffitt (6'3", 195lb)	20	184	5.2
Kevin Monahan (6'3", 228lb)	39	95	2.4

PASSING

Player	Attempts	Comp	Yds.
Scott Kumpf	79	35	519
Ken Pearce	37	22	302

RECEIVING

Player	Caught	Yds.	Gd.	TDs
Craig Carlson	27	349		3
Rich Swan	19	421		6

Unions defense this year was lead by Senior Captain Sam Dill (6'3", 195), sophomore John Burton (6'3", 218), sophomore Skip Lynch (5'11", 225), junior Vito Potenza (5'11", 185), junior Ron McAvoy (6'1", 190) and junior Tom Oberst (6'2", 218)

Split end Rick Swan and wingback Craig Carlson were the primary pass receivers and all they did was to combine for 99 receptions when they were sophomores, Swan snarled 50 and Carlson was just one behind at 49 despite missing the final two games of the season.



Rich Swan 70 had his best day of the season against Hamilton, scoring on touchdown passes of 79 and 90 yards and returning a punt for good yardage. Field conditions were terrible, forcing Union to the air.

Figure 5 Rich Swan receiving against Hamilton in the final game of the 1968 season

By the time the 1967 season had ended Rich Swan had already broken two Union College Season Reception Records. These were Most yards by a pass receiver: 735 Swan (1967) and Most TD Passes Caught: 8 Swan (1967).

Ron McAvoy, a starting halfback his sophomore year, was converted to an outside linebacker and lead the Dutchman's defense in tackles for the next two years and Captained the 1968 team. **Skip Lynch** was a bruising inside linebacker who was also big and strong enough to play defensive line as well. Skip would go on to lead the 1969 team.

In 1967 the defense was describes as "big, strong, and fast"

Going into the Williams game in the 1967 season Joe James had set a single game rushing mark of 146 yards against RPI, Ken Pearce tied a single game record of 4 touchdown passes against Hobart, Craig Carlson caught 12 passes for 237 yards against Hobart to break the single game yardage mark and split end Rich swan caught 7 touchdown passes to set a season mark.

Union Football 1968 - The Payoff

By the start of the 1968 football season, the entire team comprised players whom Coach George Flood had recruited. The season began in August with the early return of the team for double and triple sessions. The first day of practice began with an assessment of the condition of the players. This meant a one mile run around Alexander Field with its oblong shape and its old cinder running track with a goal of finishing in under 6 minutes. It also meant housing and meals for the team in West College, then the freshman dorm. Each morning the team rose at 6:00 AM to run around campus before breakfast. We had double sessions until academic classes started in September. On our days off we sometimes hung out with the physical education majors at Skidmore College whom also had to return early for their junior year summer camp program at Lake Luzerne. The favorite local Schenectady hangout was Rupsis Tavern which served delicious roast beef sandwiches. During this time the Union Bookstore was located in the basement of Nott Memorial. The Remer Student Center was then called Carnegie Hall and was affectionately known as the Math Building. A hot fudge Sunday with three scopes of ice cream was only 25 cents at the Rathskeller which stayed open to 11:00pm. Those of us who studied in the library were able to make it to the Rathskeller after the library closed.

We had a huge number of returning Letterman in 1968. There were 61 players (sophomores - seniors) on the team roster at the beginning of the year with another 30+ on the freshman team. This was the largest team that anyone could remember. The previous two years the varsity roster counted only 42 and 54. During the preseason, Larry Sykes and Jerry Ostrander had battled into the starting lineup taking over for running backs from Dennis Moffit and Joe James, giving Union two powerful sets of running backs.

This team played at a time when there were neither ECAC Bowl Games nor Division III NCAA Playoffs. Many of the Division III teams in the United States were members of the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC) and most were included in the DIII Lambert (Cup) ratings which had just started in 1964. Since there were no NCAA Division III AP rankings back then, and since most of the small colleges with football programs were in the northeast quadrant of the US, the Lambert ratings were considered by some to be the defacto small college ratings in the country. The AP categorized colleges back then as simply large or small.

The 1968 Varsity Football team had, statistically, the best defensive unit in the history of Union College Football. The defensive unit gave up 8 touchdowns in 8 games (the

offensive unit gave up 3). The opponents were tough and the only loss was to Kings Point (Merchant Marine Academy) which finished as the number 2 team in the Division III Lambert Cup ratings in 1968 and went undefeated and won the Lambert Cup trophy outright in 1969. Parts of our game against them as well as our game against Alfred University and Williams College can be seen on YouTube.com.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L5jb9B-URe4> (Kings Point 1968)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H5sPadq_T0M (Alfred 1968)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=32Y4F3XbyOs> (Williams 1968)

Moreover, back in those days, the line between Division III and what is considered now Division I-A and I-AA was often blurred. The NCAA did not distinguish a Division II until 1973. Schools were either big or small. Kings Point had a number of football opponents who would now be consider Division I-AA teams, on its schedule, including teams like Temple University and Lafayette. During our game with Kings Point they returned an interception for a touchdown and set up a second touchdown with another interception. They intercepted us 5 times that day. We also played absent our injured 6'3", 232lb defensive end, Kevin Monahan though his backup, Frank Felts had an exceptional game. We still almost won because as we were on their 24 yard line when the game ended.

For that time frame, our defensive unit was very tall, very big and most of all very fast. The first string defense gave up no points in 8 fourth quarters, another Union record. The team gave up only 13 points in all 8 4th quarters. All those 13 points were scored against late game substitution or given up by the offense. Again, the first string defense gave up 0 points in the 4th quarter for the entire year. No team scored against the first string defense in the 4th quarter for the entire year. As one newspaper said, all year long, it was the defense. We also had a solid offense in 1968 and broke many Union Football records on offense up to that point in Union's football history.

An important component to that success defensively was the coaching expertise of Chris Schmid. Coach Schmid utilized the Notre Dame's defense. This defense was a modified 4-4 which consisted of pinching tackles, two inside linebackers, two outside linebackers who were lined up across the offensive tackle and two pinching defensive ends. It also included two cornerbacks and a safety. From this defense we would jump into a 5-2 defense to stop the run on third down situations. Coach Schmid's goals were called the "lucky 13" because there were 13 goals. One goal was to win on 50% of third down situations. We reached this goal in every game. Another goal was to sack the QB three times in a game. We succeeded here also in every game but one. Another goal

was for the defense to come up with 4 Big Plays. Again a perfect record. In seven of our 8 games we prevent any run over 25 yards.

"LUCKY 13"
UNION'S DEFENSIVE GOALS-1968

1. Shut out
2. Score on Defense
3. No Score vs Goal Line Defense
4. Bury passes 3 times
5. Intercept one out of every 10 passes thrown
6. Hold opponent to 45% or below completion average
7. Win on 50% of 3rd down situations
8. Cause 7 Fumbles and recover one
9. No pass over our heads for T.O.
10. No run over 25 yards
11. No kick off return past 35 yard line
12. 4 big plays
13. Get ball for offense 4 times over midfield

SEASON TALLY SHEET

	West	St. Lm.	Kings Pt.	Roch.	R. P. J.	Robert	Wms.	Alfred	New/Co	TOTAL YES
1.		NO	NO	YES 11	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	1
2.		NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO	2
3.		NO	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	3
4.		YES 5	YES 5	YES 8	YES 3	NO	YES 7	YES 7	YES 5	7-40
5.		YES 3/23	YES 2/12	NO 1/30	YES 6/46	YES 2/7	NO 1/25	NO 2/31	NO 2/37	4
6.		NO 12/23	YES 3/12	NO 17/30	YES 19/46	YES 1/7	YES 11/25	YES 11/31	YES 17/37	6
7.		YES 8/13	YES 9/16	YES 9/14	YES 7/12	YES 12/4	YES 10/7	YES 9/2	YES 9/6	8
8.		YES 5/3	YES 4/3	YES 5/4	YES 2/1	YES 2/1	NO 0/1	YES 2/1	NO 3/0	23/14
9.		YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES	6
10.		YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	7
11.		YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	5
12.		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	8
13.		YES 5	NO 1	YES 4	YES 4	YES 4	NO	YES 10	YES 5	6-38
		5	6	11	11	8	7	10	7	69-114

Figure 6 Coach Schmid's "Lucky 13" Scorecard

The year concluded with our game against Hamilton College on a field completely buried in mud. The statistics kept by Coach Schmid showed what a team effort we played on defense. Our defensive tally sheet for the year: For this game, the notes from Coach Schmid tell it all.

- We stopped their run 43 attempts for 35 yards (They completed 17 of 37 passes)
- We dumped the QB 6 times.

- Don DeMichele knocked down the 2 pt conversion pass and dumped the QB 4 times, once for what have should of been a safety
- Joe Grabowski and Paul Ramsey made interceptions to give the offense good field position
- Russ Cicotti caught a screen pass from behind
- Ron McAvoy and Paul Ramsey tackled to prevent a first down and force a field goal try

The season ending individual tackle stats showed it was truly a team effort on defense:

Player:	Position	Tackles YTD
Ron McAvoy	Outside LB	130
Don DeMichele	Inside LB	110
Russell Cicotti	Inside LB	102
Paul Ramsey	Safety	99
Steve Ciesinski	Corner Back	82
Joe Grabowski	Outside LB	77
Tom Oberst	Defensive Tackle	71
Tom Duffy	Defensive Tackle	69
John Burton	Defensive End	66
David Gray	Corner Back	59
Kevin Monahan	Defensive End	43
Frank Felts	Defensive End	31
Paul Gallucci	Defensive Tackle	26
Fran Piscitelli	Safety	22
Ladd Bethune	Defensive End	10
Guy Caruso	DHB	8
Ray Pike	LB	7
Vito Potenza	LB	5

Defensive play like this was a common sight.

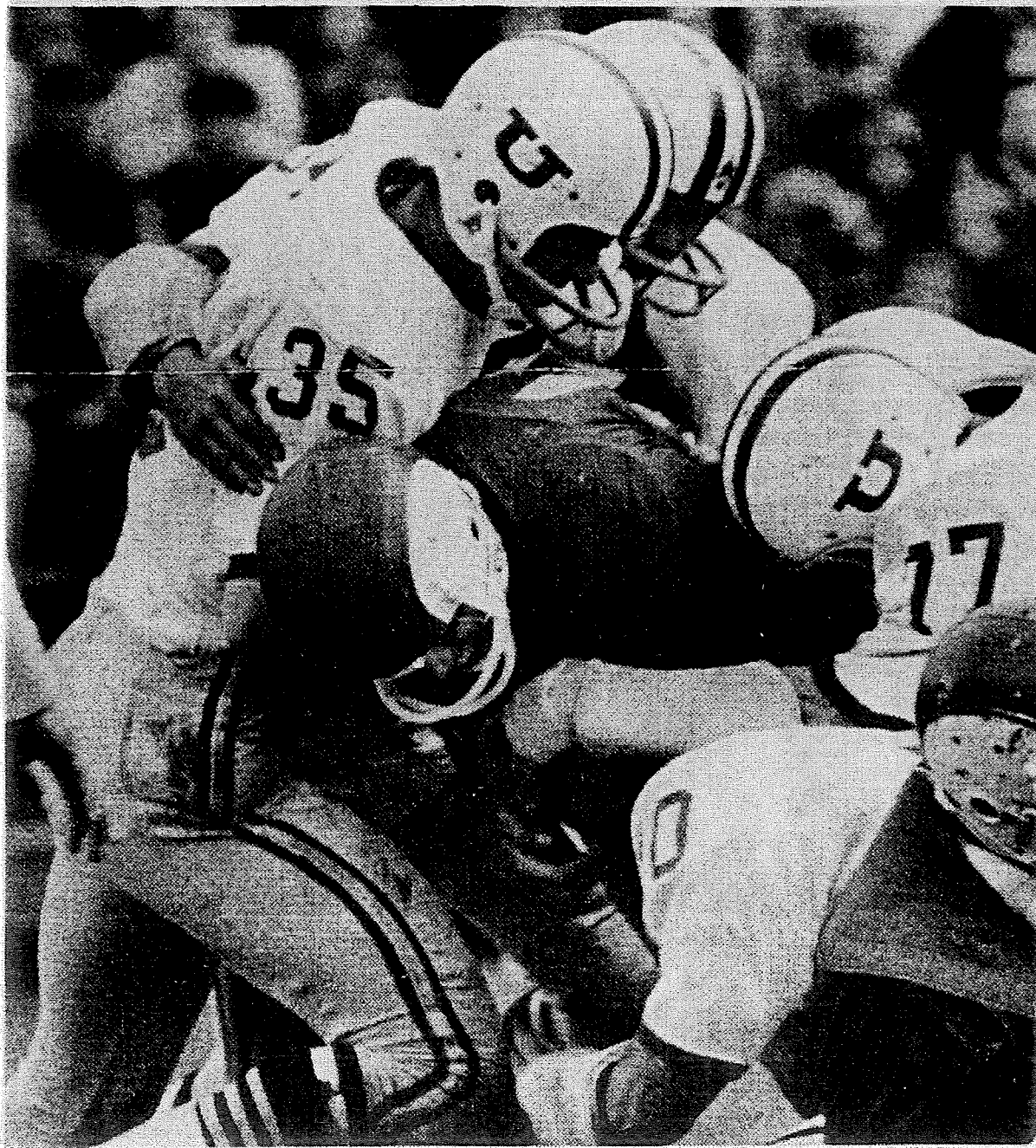


Figure 7 Paul Ramsey, Ron McAvoy, Richard Gallucci and Tom Oberst stop Kings Point RB

Union Football 1968 - The Coaches

1968 was a special year for the Union College football program. The seniors that year represented the first team that Coach George W. Flood (Springfield '53 Masters 56') had recruited and therefore the team was truly his own creation. Coach Flood was an indefatigable recruiter. He was the 38 years old. He worked tirelessly in the off-season. He was exceptional at selling the college to prospective applicants. Union was Coach Floods first college football coaching job. He had been an exceptional high school coach in Rome New York for seven years at upstate power Rome Free Academy in 1957. At Union he had compiled exceptional assistants. The defensive coach was Chris Schmid (Cornell 1956). Coach Schmid was very goal oriented. He created a list of goals for the defensive unit and took us to task when we came up short. Coach Schmid was relentless and drove us to never be satisfied with our performance. Much of the credit for our success that year belongs to him. The offense of line coach was Coach Arthur C. Lawrence (Purdue '34). Because Coach Lawrence smoke so many cigars Coach Lawrence was often referred to as "Art Cigar". Coach Leonard at one time was the head football coach at Union. He also was the head baseball coach. The freshman coach and scout was Bruce Allison who would gain status as one of the nations all time great lacrosse coaches and a leader in making lacrosse one of the leading college sports in America. Coach Flood, Coach Schmid and Coach Allison were all former Marines. As a result our teams were prone to rugged discipline and seldom suffered from lack of conditioning.



Figure 8 Coach Flood and Schmid

[Coaches Picture]

[Discussion of notion of playing against goals and objectives]

*Union Football 1968 - The Records (Game, Season, Career and Team)
Distinguished Achievements for this team*

The 1968 team was the first of its kind in almost 30 years and it took 3 years of very aggressive recruiting to build. I have nominated this team to be recognized as a Union College "TEAM OF DISTINCTION".

The circumstances and historical context for the 1968 team are important in understanding why I believe it represented a real milestone in Union College Sports and merits recognition as a "Team of Distinction" and selection and induction into Union's "Hall of Fame". This 1968 team was the first team that was totally recruited by a new coach, Coach Flood. It took him and the assistant coaches three years to build. The 1968 team was often noted as the best since the 1948/49 teams. The 1948 team was 7-1 and was captained by K. J. Whalen and the 1949 team was 7-0-1 and captained by Dave Strauss and Harold R. Shaffer. However, I don't think that comparison can be made between the 1948/49 teams and the 1968 team. In 1948/49 the student population of Union exploded from 600 to 1499 as the campus filled with returning GI's. This explosion of student athletes in their mid to late 20's was unique to Union and due to the war time significance of Union's engineering programs and huge wartime contractor General Electric. It was an aberration, as the campus shrunk back down to 600 students shortly thereafter. I am not taking away from the excellence of those teams or from the 1948 team captain Kenneth J. Whalen, who was rumored to have been recruited by the New York Giants. Those teams, due to their age, would not have been allowed to play in the NCAA today. You have to compare the 1968 team to the 1939 7-0-1 team with its great running back and captain and future Union Football Coach (1950-1957) Samuel C. Hammerstrom. The 1968 team was not a 1 year surprise but a three year effort to come up with the first sustainable winning football program at Union since before World War II. It succeeded. There is clear evidence of this building.

In the 1965 varsity football season, when Tom Hitchcock was setting school passing records at the varsity level, the freshman team represented the first team recruited by George Flood. 1966 was the first year his recruits reached the varsity and out of 42 players on the roster (sophomores - senior) that year, 24 or more than half, were his recruited sophomores. This was coach Flood's first recruiting class and he was making use of them. By the end of the year half of the starters were sophomores.

The next year, 1967, there were 54 players on the roster (sophomores - senior) and again, more than half (30) were sophomores. The 1967 team had only 2 senior

starter/lettermen. Every other player/starter was a junior or a sophomore, recruited by Flood. This 1967 team started out 4-1 having only lost one game by 1 point. Union then came up short after suffering injuries and facing three teams who finished the season with a combined record of 21-2-1.

The next year, 1968, the team was 100% Flood recruited. It took three years to build this 7-1 team and to put Union back on a winning track in football in nearly 30 years. This team was a real milestone in Union Sports.

Coach Flood was rewarded for this rebuilding and success by being named the Director of Athletics starting in July 1, 1969

I have been doing a great deal of additional research and have uncovered facts/documents to support my application. My research has also led me to compare the 1968 team records with those that are published on the Union College web site (UNION COLLEGE ATHLETICS - Sports Record Book - Football).
http://www.unionathletics.com/sports/2008/11/5/sidebar_495.aspx?path=football

I have also compared the teams records, when they could be uncovered, to the NCAA Division III records that are contained on the web at the following location:
http://fs.ncaa.org/Docs/stats/football_records/D2/2008/Division%20III.pdf

HERE ARE THE FACTS AND THE DOCUMENTS AND 27 REASONS COLLECTED THUS FAR AS TO WHY THE 1968 FOOTBALL TEAM SHOULD BE SELECTED AS A NEXT TEAM OF DISTINCTION AND THE NEXT TEAM TO BE INDUCTED INTO THE UNION COLLEGE HALL OF FAME. PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A WORK IN PROGRESS AND FURTHER RESEARCH IS ONGOING.

1. **WON-LOST RECORD:** The 1968 team had a record of 7-1 which was up to then, tied for the third best season/record in Union's entire history and the best season/record since 1949 and the first winning season since 1956. Six points separated this team from an undefeated season. It is my contention that, because of the makeup of the 1948/1949 teams, this team should really be considered the first winning season since 1939, a period of almost 30 years. How good was Kings Point in 1968? Here is a quote from Harry Gamble, the 1968 Lafayette football coach. *"It became clear the following game just how good the Lafayette defense was when the Leopards faced one of the toughest opponents of the season in Kings Point. Entering that game, Kings Point was undefeated and ranked in the top five among small colleges in team defense. The Kings*

Point defense had given up just five touchdowns all season. The Leopards handed Kings Point a 7-0 loss, thus ending the Mariners' undefeated season." <http://www.goleopards.com/sports/m-footbl/spec-rel/100608aaaj.html> Kings point went on the following year (1969) to be undefeated and win (first place) its only Lambert Cup Trophy for the best small college in the East. Video clips from our game with Kings Point can be found on YouTube.com at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L5jb9B-URe4>.

2. **TEAM - LAMBERT TROPHY RATING:** The Lambert Trophies signify eastern football supremacy. Most Division III schools are located in the Northeast. This 1968 team finished 4th in the ECAC Division III Lambert Cup balloting with its only loss to the #2 team, Kings Point. Kings Point only lost one game that year, (Division I Lafayette, 7-0). At that time there was no NCAA Division III and the ECAC only just started to recognize Division III in 1964. There were no post season tournaments or bowls for either the ECAC or the NCAA for small schools. Before 1964 schools were generally classified by the Associated Press as just big or small. Many of Union's opponents played against many teams that are now considered Division II and Division I-AA. Kings Point played against Temple. Wilkes played and beat back then the (Division I) University of Vermont. RPI played and beat the Army "B" team. It is my contention that back then the Lambert Trophy ratings in 1968 were the defacto national ratings for Division III. Of historical foot note: In 1969, the NCAA started two regional championship games for small college teams: the East Regional's Knute Rockne Bowl and the West's Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl. When the NCAA developed a national Division III championship game in 1973, the Stagg Bowl name was chosen. From 1964 to 1972, four regional bowl games were played that led up to a wire service poll to determine the final champion of Division II's predecessor, the **NCAA College Division**. Most of the participants in early national championship games have moved into Division I, the main catalyst for their moves being the creation of Division I-AA, now the Division I Football Championship Subdivision (FCS), in 1978.
3. **TEAM - INDEPENDENT COLLEGE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE (I.C.A.C.) LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP:** The I.C.A.C. was the league that Union Played Football in at that time. It was an organization of six upstate private colleges which Union helped to found in 1964. Union formally ended its affiliation five years later in June of 1969 but the other four football playing members of the conference continued on Union's schedule for the next four years. It was the precursor to the Empire 8 and the Liberty league and included the same core teams that exist in the Liberty League today including RPI, St. Lawrence, and Hobart. Union's 1968 team won the I.C.A.C. league championship for the first time and was the only member of the league up to that point ever to beat every

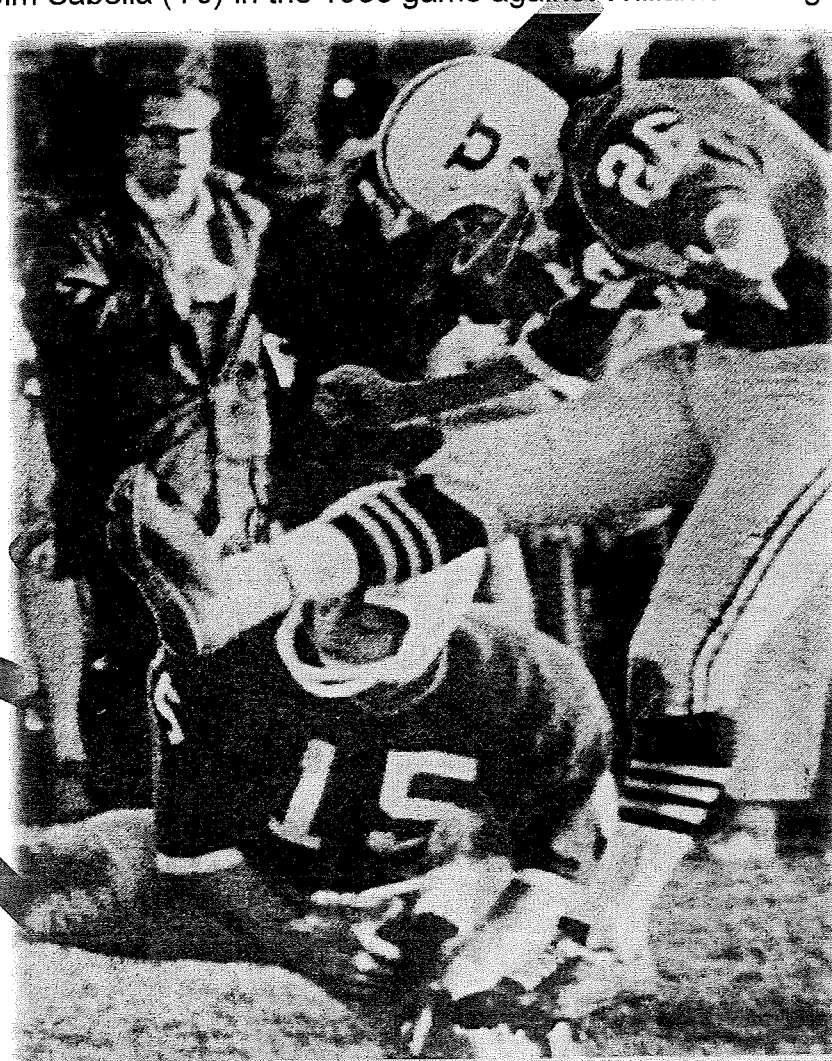
other member in one season going back in time to when the league was formed. Union has in its record books recognition for league championships **Liberty League Champions -- 2005, 2006**. The **Empire 8 Conference** and to a lesser extent, the **Liberty League** can both trace their beginnings back to 1964 with the founding of the **Independent College Athletic Conference (ICAC)**. At this 1964 inauguration, the conference was made up of (football) **Alfred University, Hobart College, Rensselaer, St. Lawrence University, and Union College**. After Union left the league in 1969, Ithaca College joined the ICAC. In 1991, the ICAC regrouped to become the Empire Athletic Association (EAA). Hobart, RPI, and St. Lawrence left in 1993, to be replaced by Utica College. Alfred University and St. John Fisher College joined the league in 1998. The EAA became the Empire 8 in 1999. The **Liberty League** was originally founded in 1995 as the *Upstate Collegiate Athletic Association*, and was renamed during the summer of 2004 to the current name, the Liberty League. Winning the ICAC conference back in 1968, especially since we played the **Merchant Marine Academy**, was the equivalent today of winning either the Empire 8 Conference or the Liberty League. Because today's Empire 8 Conference openly and proudly proclaims the ICAC in its genealogy, I would note above your record of Liberty League Champions -- 2005, 2006 and claim for the 1968 team, **Independent College Athletic Conference League Champions (Today Empire 8 Conference) -- 1968**

4. **TEAM - DEFENSE:** Opponent total yardage rushing given up by Unions defensive was, over the course of an 8 game season, 651 yards (81.4 yards rushing per game). This was the fewest average yards given up rushing in an 8 game season in the history of Union Football up until 1968 and still may be the best record in Union's football history.
5. **TEAM - DEFENSE:** Opponent average gain per rushing attempt was a paltry 1.9 yards per carry. This team gave up on average two yards per rushing attempt per game. This is reported to be the fewest opponent yards per carry in the history of Union Football up until 1968 and may still be the best in the school's history over an 8 game schedule.
6. **TEAM - DEFENSE:** Opponents scored 8 touchdowns against the 1968 Union defense in an 8 game schedule. The 1968 Union offense gave up 3 touchdowns. This is the fewest touchdowns given up by a defensive unit in an 8 game schedule in the history of Union College Football.
7. **TEAM - DEFENSE:** Opponent points scored in the 4th Quarter. Union's defense gave up 13 points in total in the 4th Quarter over 8 games. That is an average of less than 2 points a game. This is another Union College All-Time record. It is most impressive that the 13 points were scored after subs had been put in to recognize the seniors (Alfred Game) and against the offense. **In other words,**

the first string defense shutout every opponent faced in every 4th quarter (8) for the entire season/year. The measure of how well a defense performs and its true character is best displayed on how well it does in the 4th quarter of any football game. Regardless of how you cut it, this all time Union record needs to be recognized.

8. **TEAM - DEFEAT OF WILLIAMS COLLEGE:** The 1968 team beat Williams College for the first time in 12 years (1956). The Williams team was outstanding. Williams came into the game with a 11-1 record in their prior 12 games. They were #1 in the weekly Lambert Club balloting for best Division III team in New England. They featured four of the best running backs in New England. Williams lead all New England Colleges in rushing coming into the game. Their rushing attack was lead by junior All-American running back Jack Maitland <http://www.williams.edu/athletics/news.php?id=1825&sport=10&year=1999> who alone accounted for 615 yards in the five games played thus far in the season. This was more than the entire Union Team. The previous year both teams were also off to a great start and were also 4-1. In the 1968 game, with less than 10 minutes to go in the 4th quarter, Union was down 7-0. Jim Sabella's 47 yard field goal, in the muck and mud, electrified the crowd and sparked a ferocious comeback and prompted Union to score two more touchdowns for a 17-7 win. Parts of this game are on YouTube. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=32Y4F3XbyOs> In this game Union's defense held Williams' vaulted running attach to 65 yards rushing.
9. **TEAM - ALL WILLIAMS OPPONENT:** Five members of the 1968 team were selected by Williams College to be placed on the then yearly "All William's Opponent" team. This represented more players than any other team that Williams College faced in 1968. All five players were from the Union College defense unit, which shut down William's vaulted offense and their all American running back, Jack Maitland. It was a great honor to be selected as an "All William's Opponent".
10. **INDEPENDENT COLLEGE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE (I.C.A.C.):** So highly regarded was the talent on the 1967/68 team that 12 members of the 1967 team, (which went 3-1 in league play good for second place) made the 1967 ICAC All-Star Team. The six first team members were Dick Swan, Craig Carlson, Joe James, Sam Dill, Skip Lynch and Tom Oberst. Six were also named to the second team. These were Ted Jennings, Doug Mele, Ken Pearce, John Burton, Steve Ciesinski and Steve Bauer. Of this group only Dill was a senior. The following year seven players from the 1968 league championship team (4-0) were selected to the I.C.A.C All Star First Team, more than any other team in the league.

11. **FIELD GOAL RECORD:** The 1968 team distinguished kicked the longest field goal in the school's history to that point. Jim Sabella's ('70) 47 yard field goal against Williams set the school record. Jim was also selected in 1970 to be a member of the all time best Union Squad for the past decade. The current field goal record for Union is 51 yards. Many Union football records include the several top record holders. I am sure that it was because of unique circumstances i.e. the number of games in a season, etc. One record you should consider including, because of its unique circumstance, is the 47 yard field goal kicked by Jim Sabella ('70) in the 1968 game against Williams College.



Jim Sabella '70 kept the "foot"
in Dutchman football.

Figure 9 Jim Sabella was selected to the Union "All Decade" football team

Jim Sabella, ('70) broke his leg his sophomore year and only saw action against Hamilton where he kicked a 42 year field goal.

12. **E.C.A.C. ALL-EAST DIVISION III:** The 1968 team had four players nominated and or selected during the course of the season to the Eastern Conference Athletic Conference Weekly All-East Division III Team, more than any other team in the school's history up to that point (1968). These players included Tom Oberst (69'), Larry Sykes (71'), Doug Mele (69'), and Rich Swan (70'). Larry Sykes was selected three times in 1968. The other players once.
13. **UNION-STAR'S 10 YEAR UNION COLLEGE ALL-STAR FOOTBALL TEAM:** The Schenectady Union-Star newspaper, and its Sports Editor, Bill Arsenault, selected a 10 year Union College All-Star team for 1960 – 1970. This 1968 team placed 15 of 22 members on the Union-Star 10 year Union College All-Star team. These included: #1. **Rich Swan**, WR, #2. **Joe James**, FB, #3. **Dan Gould**, TE, #4. **Paul Beadle**, OT, #5 **Doug Mele**, OG, #6. **Bill Birns**, Center, #7. **John Burton**, DE, #8 **Tom Oberst**, DT, #9. **Skip Lynch**, DT, #10. **Don DeMichele**, ILB, #11. **Ron McAvoy**, OLB, #12. **Steve Ciesinski**, CB, #13. **Dave Gray**, CB, #14. **Paul Ramsey**, Safety, and #15 **Jim Sabella**, Kicker. **Joe James** finished his career with 1494 yards. **Rich Swan** was picked as the most exciting player of the decade caught 125 passes good for 1731 yards and 17 touchdowns. **Dan Gould** as a tight end averages 14 yards per reception.
14. **UNION-STAR'S 10 YEAR UNION COLLEGE ALL-STAR FOOTBALL TEAM: BEST SECONDARY:** The paper noted, in 1970, *"The past two seasons, Union has had its best deep backfield on defense in its schools history. Ciesinski who had 19 career interceptions and Gray were tough to beat while Ramsey, with another year of eligibility, is just tough."* The paper also noted how injuries had cut short promising careers. "Carlson would have ranked right up there with Swan in receptions and as an exciting performer, but his career was cut short by an injury. *Playing just 8 games in two years he caught 869 yards and five touchdowns.*
15. **CAREER RUSHING RECORD:** This team had on it the Union College Career rushing record holder, up to that point, despite missing most of one year and despite being hobbled by injuries his entire career (Joe James 69')
16. **CAREER PASS RECEIVER:** This team had on it the Union College Career receiver (number of career receptions 67 - 69) up to that point. (Rich Swan 70')
Most Catches, Career -- Rich Swan, 125,
17. **DEFENSE - INTERCEPTIONS:** This team had on it the season and career record holder for pass interceptions at Union, (Steve Ciesinski 70'). At one point in 1968, Steve actually lead the Nation in pass interceptions (all colleges). Steve's records on the 1968 team, Interceptions per season, are still all time Union Records. Steve had 10 interceptions in 1968 and 17 interceptions during his career (1967-1969) The NCAA did not keep records for Division III before

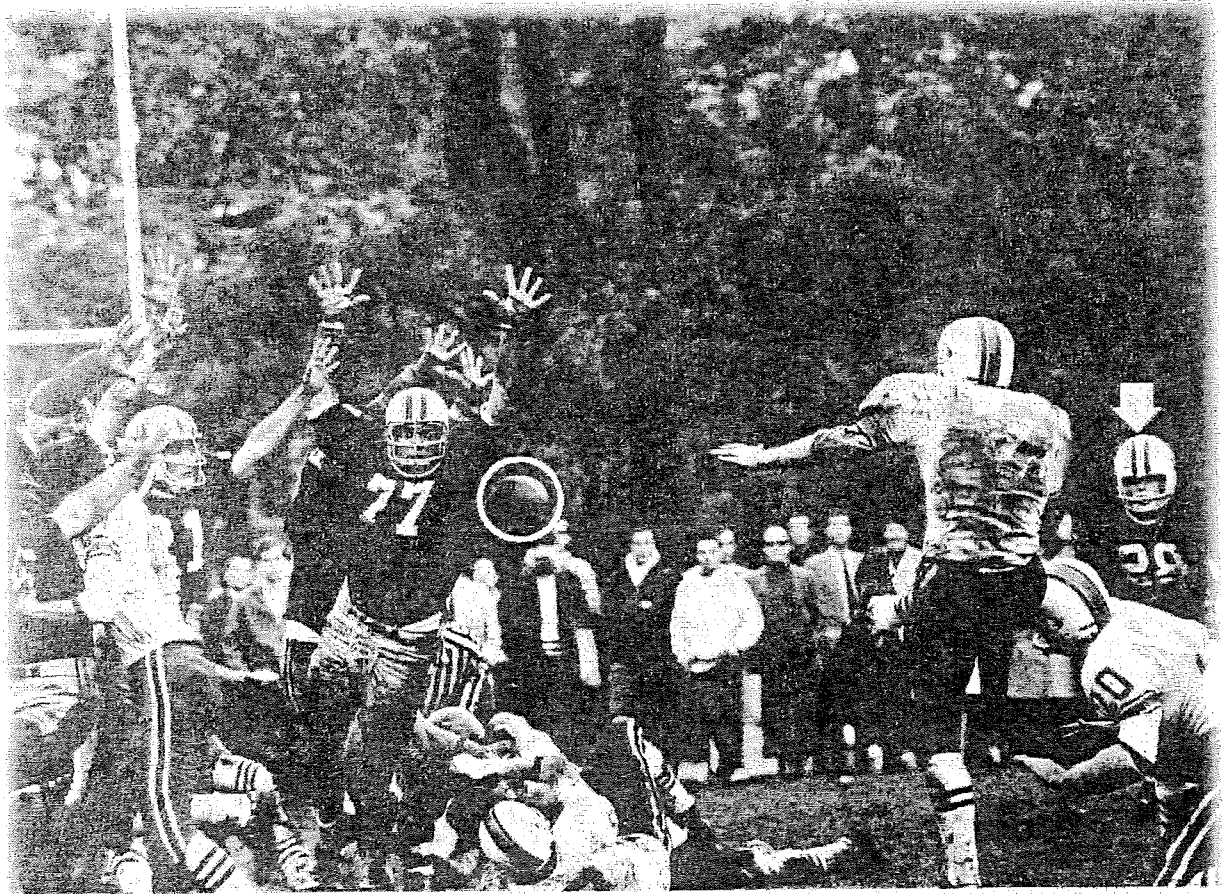
1973. However, they do record many different career, season, game, and team football records not shown in Union's record books http://fs.ncaa.org/Docs/stats/football_records/D2/2010/DIII.pdf For example, for pass interception over the course of a season, the NCAA Division III records are NCAA Team Records -

- Season Defense Pass Defense Most Passes Intercepted by --
 - Season 35 -- Plymouth State 87'
 - Season per game 3.4 per game -- Montclair State 87' (34 in 10).

Because of the outstanding play of Steve Ciesinski in 1968 with 10 interceptions and Paul Ramsey with an additional 5, we intercepted a total of 19 passes over 8 games or an average of 2.4 pass interceptions/game. While clearly not an NCAA Division III record, and probably not a Union Record there are many statistics for the 1968 team that compare favorable to the record books.

18. **PASS RECEPTIONS - NUMBER OF YARDS RECEIVING IN A SEASON OR MOST YARDS RECEIVING IN A SEASON** - This team had members who still hold the record for 1st and 2nd place for number of yards in receptions for an 8 game season (Rich Swan 70' and Craig Carlson 70'). **Most Yards, Season** -- Rich Swan, 735, 1967; Craig Carlson, 728, 1967;
19. **RECEIVING: - MOST YARDS RECEIVING IN A GAME** (Pass Receiver) This team had a member who still holds the Union Record for Most yards receiving in a game (over an 8 game schedule) Craig Carlson 237 vs. Hobart 10/28/67 . **Most Yards, Game** -- Craig Carlson, 237, vs. Hobart, An obscured video of part of that game that game in on YouTube <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M2PBADvWtKE>
20. **RECEIVING: - MOST YARDS IN A CAREER: Most Yards, Career** -- This team had a member who still holds the Union Record for Most Yards, Career, Rich Swan, 1,731, 1967-1969
21. **RECEIVING: - MOST TOUCHDOWN PASSES IN A SEASON** Rich Swan 8 in 1967. **TD Catches, Season** -- Rich Swan, 8, 1967
22. **RECEIVING - MOST TOUCHDOWN PASSES IN A CAREER** This team had the player who currently holds the record for most touchdown passes caught in a career over 8 games Rich Swan 17 (67-69). In 1967 Rick Swan was selected as the All ECAC Sophomore of the Year. 1967-69. **TD Catches, Career** -- Rich Swan, 17, 1967-69
23. **DEFENSE - LEAST POINTS SCORED** - The 1968 team only gave up 73 points. Unions opponents scored a paltry 73 points over an 8 game schedule against UNION in 1968. However, only 59 points were scored against Unions Defense Unit that year, the lowest over an 8 game schedule in the teams modern history.

24. **DEFENSE** - Scoring touchdowns on the ground. This team only allowed 4 touchdowns scored on the ground during an entire season. This was the second best of any Union Team. The record belongs to the 1983 team.
25. **DEFENSE AGAINST THE RUSH** - This team only allowed an average of 1.9 yards per carry over the course of a season. The current NCAA record for Division III is 1.0 yards per carry.
26. **TEAM - TOTAL TACKLES IN A SEASON: Total Tackles Season** -- Your Union College record holders for total (tackles and assists) are McMahon 132 89', Howell 125 83', Lainez 111 92', Lombreglia 111 '02, Champlin 106 96', Mosia 100 in 92', Maltese 100 in 96', Pellerito 91 in 06'. The leading tacklers for the 1968 football season were recorded on Coach Chris Schmid's "Defensive Tally Sheet" as "total tackles season to date" for the year 1968 as: **Ron McAvoy**, Co-Captain and outside linebacker 130 1968 team, class 69' **Don DeMichele**, Inside Linebacker 110 1968 team, class of 69' **Russell Cicotti**, Inside Linebacker 102 1968 team, class of 70' **Paul Ramsey**, Safety 99 1968 team, class of 71' (Captain of the 1970 team). As a point of reference, that same year, the fall of 1968, Bill Assenheimer, the linebacker extraordinaire from Alfred University, was selected as a second team All-American, leading small colleges with 138 tackles, and today his record ranks second highest in his school's history for tackles in a season. All four of these 1968 Union players should be in your record books for tackles in a season. Moreover, unlike the record holders you have recorded, the numbers for the 1968 team were for over only 8 games.
27. **TD PASSES/GAME** - Ken Pearce tied Tom Hitchcock's record for 4 touchdown passes per game in an 8 game season and that record still stands today. **TD Passes, Game** -- (4) Ken Pearce vs. Hobart, 10/28/67
- It looks like there are several records relating to this game with Hobart. Parts of this game are on YouTube. Unfortunately the second half of this game was filmed over the first half so it's difficult at best to make out what is going on. This was my Dad's first attempt at video and the home video camera technology back then was not designed for sports programming or ease of use. You can make out the score board which speaks to the progress of the game. Please keep in mind that you are seeing both half's being played at the same time. I can and will rework this video to make it clearer.
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M2PBADvWtkE>
28. **LONGEST RETURN OF A BLOCKED FIELD GOAL** - There can be no question that David Gray's 90 yard return of a blocked field goal in the RPI game. David, a sub 10 second sprinter, covered the distance so fast the RPI players were still at mid field when he crossed the goal line. This was known as the "play of the year" in 1968.



Football play-of-the-year came in the second quarter of the Homecoming contest. R.P.L. attempted a field goal from the Union seven-yard line, but the low boot was blocked. Defensive halfback Dave Gray

Figure 10 Dave Gray scores on the longest return of a blocked field goal in Union's History in 1968

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**Subject: 1965-1969 - A Time of Transition
Fall/1967 Varsity Football (4-4 with w 4-1 start)
Fall/1968 Varsity Football (7-1)**

Dear Charlie:

Thank you very much for allowing me to share with you my memories of UNION College as a student in the late 1960's and in particular my memories of the varsity football program from the fall of 1965 through the fall of 1968. This was a special time. It was an exciting time. It was a confusing time. There were many transitions taking place, everywhere.

After World War II the economies of all of the countries in the industrial world were in shambles. The manufacturing infrastructure of Japan, China and all of Europe was destroyed. The only country with an infrastructure still intact at war's end was the USA. At the conclusion of WWII, we, then 141 million Americans, produced 60% of the world's gross national product. This was unprecedented, astonishing and unheard of and even today hard to comprehend. After a brief recession, in the late 40's, caused by the transition from a wartime economy, the USA, and particularly the white middle class, moved into a period of prosperity and relative affluence. They also moved to the suburbs.

The return of millions of GIs at war's end fueled a massive baby boom in the USA. This baby boom would have a demographic "shock effect" for years to come and especially when these "baby boomers" started to matriculate from college.

In the late 1960's the demographics had changed. Culturally and politically, our country was in transition as the massive front wave of the baby boom generation were matriculating from colleges and universities having been taught to have a healthy disrespect for all institutions and authority. This huge bulge of students were often the first of their family to achieve a college degree and this generational gap in education and affluence also helped create a cultural and values divide. It also unleashed on America a huge and well educated work force ensuring our strong economic competitiveness.

Political assassination marred the landscape in the late 1960's and violent antipathy towards the Vietnam War led to massive protests. At times it felt as if the fabric of society was being torn apart as mobs of long haired college students scuffled with mobs of hard hats. It was an era of militancy.

Parts of the economy and parts of the country, like Schenectady were in an economic transition as well.

As the world was changing, so was the college. Academically, Union was transitioning from a two semester academic year to its current tri-semester academic year. Socially, the monopoly by fraternities on the content and character of student social activities was giving way and plans were being laid for the immediate admission of woman.

It was a time of great construction on campus.

Against this backdrop of transition and change and some would say, conflict and turmoil, there were great changes occurring in the football program at Union. These changes were very positive. They were, however, overshadowed by everything else and drew little notice. The changes in the football program at Union College would finally break a losing tradition that spanned nearly 30 years and would result in the formation of a nationally ranked (Division III) team and one the very best in Union College's history. It would take 3 years.

This is where most of my recollections are centered.

Very truly yours

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My Recollections of Union College

1965 - 1969

A Time of Transition

Fall/2008 Union College Varsity Football Team.

Union College - 1965-1969

Globally and Locally - What was happening, a brief summary.

The late 1960s were a time of transition. The return after World War II of 10 million servicemen in 1945 help spawn the largest spike in birth rate America has ever seen. This was the baby boom. Seventy-six million American children were born between 1945 and 1964. The first wave of these children were headed for colleges around or about 1963 and started graduating around or about 1967. This was a time of dramatic social change. Matriculating at colleges and universities in the late 1960's these students would be taught to think independently from their parents and to question authority. It was a time of the "cold war", the Cuban Missile Crisis, assassinations of JFK, Robert Kennedy, and Martin Luther King, Jr., political unrest, a walk on the moon, risk of the draft into the Vietnam War, anti-war protests, social experimentation and the counter culture, hippies, sexual freedom, the Great Society, Woodstock, drug experimentation, the civil rights movement, phase II of feminism, the equal rights amendment, burning bras, protests and riots. It was a time of individualism and free spirits. It was a time of environmental awareness. Sadly it was the time of Kent State. It was a mess.

Union was in transition, growing from a campus population of 600 all male students to 1200 by the mid 60's to 1600 by the end of that decade. Union grew by increasing the size of each succeeding freshman class. The campus would see the construction of large dorms (Fox & Davidson) and the first additional classroom space in 50 years (Humanities and Social Science). The old Biology building on North Lane, built in 1907, once the site of Charles P. Steinmetz's lab, still existed. It would be torn down in the summer of 1968 to give way to the new Science and Engineering complex which was just breaking ground in the summer of 1969. Also new that year were a series of new Comprehensive Courses. 1968 was also the year that the Faculty Board recommended a co-ed plan for Union.

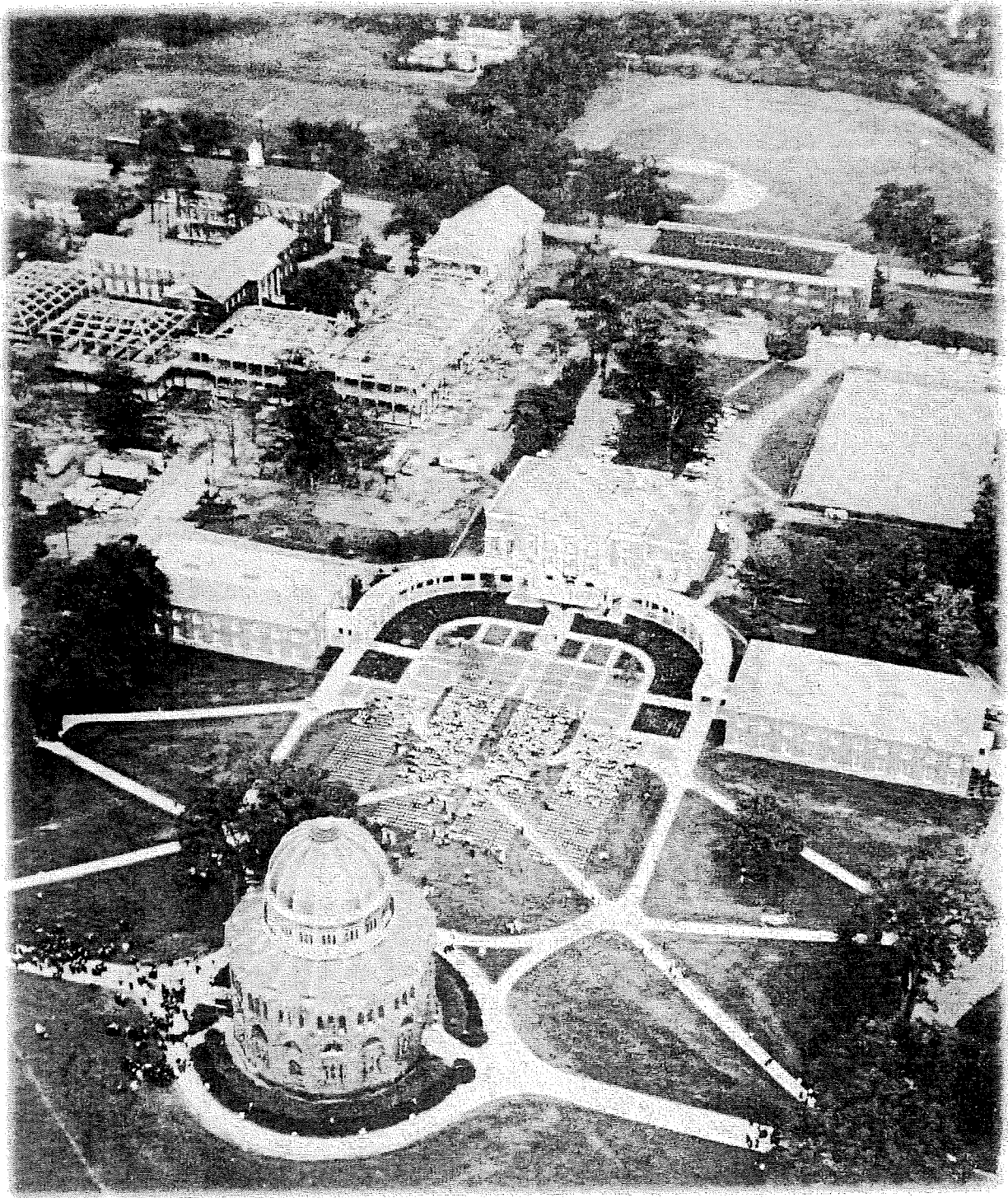


Figure 1 Construction of the New Science Center. June, 1969

Union welcomed this influx of new college students, many of which were the first generation in their families to attend college and attain a degree. The College opened for business in 1968 with the largest enrollment in its history, some 1521 students. This was the first time since 1795 that the student population topped 1,500. The previous

high of 1,499 was recorded in 1948 at the peak of the post war veterans wave in September of 1948. By 1968 the school's enrollment had climbed back to over 1500 (1521) after having dropped back to its usual size of 600 in the 1950s. The campus would shortly transition from an all boys school to a co-education institution and away from one where social life was dominated by Fraternities and the Greek life and big party weekends.

While Union was known as both a liberal arts and engineering school, its academic reputation in the early part of the 20th century was built on engineering and premed and greatly enhanced with its close ties to General Electric.

Most private colleges in America in the 1960s were single-sex as were most colleges in the Tri-City area (Albany, Schenectady and Troy, New York). Social activity at single sex schools required students travel to other campuses. Union College's social life revolved around its fraternities most of which were national in scope and many of whom were founded at Union.

The generation born right after World War II and especially those born from 1946 through 1950 were matriculating from colleges. Prior to World War I, less than 5% of American high school graduate population went on to college. College was out of reach for most Americans. The G.I. Bill helped introduce many returning WWII servicemen to post secondary school education. The economic prosperity of the 1950s allowed many of these parents to be able to offer their children the educational opportunity to attend college. By 1968, 24% of high school graduates were admitted to or matriculating from a college or university. This was a huge and abrupt jump.

Union had been an all men's school since its founding in 1795. In the late 1960s virtually all students were recruited by and welcomed into fraternities. The Greeks were the center of social life at the school. The social life revolved around a few long party weekends. Dating required traveling to other schools or inviting college coeds back to Union's campus. Being "fixed up" with a "blind date" was the rule rather than the exception. It was very different than today's "hook-up."

In 1966 the academic year was constructed around two long semesters. There was plenty of time as a student to recover from slow starts. Then came the change to a tri-semester, the same tri-semester system Union enjoys today. The transition only took a few years. By the 1969 academic year, this transition was complete with changes coming to courses and course content, course credits, degree and graduation requirements, and non-credit activities. Now the semesters were only 10 weeks long and were unforgiving if you fell behind.

Academic work load and attitude back then was more "Darwinian" than today. Colleges did not focus on minimizing freshman turnover and maximizing retention but rather planned on attrition taking place. It was assumed that some number of students would not be able to keep up with the academics and would leave school or transition to an easier major. For example, in 1969, Union's graduating class of electrical engineers contained only 9 of the original 44 that had started in that major 4 years prior.

The baby boom generation, separated from their parents in large numbers for the first time, were taught to question authority rather than blindly accept their parents values. World War II had bound the country together and forged shared values and trust in Government. The ongoing war in Vietnam was seen differently. This war required mandatory military service and over its course which ultimately left 50,000 members of the "baby boom" generation dead and another 250,000 wounded.

Political assassinations caused a tear in the fabric of American society that was generational in nature. There was rebellion, which surfaced in protests against the Vietnam War. "Don't trust anyone over 30" was a common refrain back then.

Schenectady was a vibrant industrial city and the home of General Electric in the 1950's and home to its massive Large Turbine Division and its affiliated Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory. By September of 1968 it employed some 2100 workers in the gas turbine business alone and many other workers in and around Schenectady. In 1890, Thomas Edison had brought together several of his business interests under one corporation to form Edison General Electric. At about the same time, Thomson-Houston Company, under the leadership of Charles A. Coffin, gained access to a number of key patents through the acquisition of a number of competitors. Subsequently, General Electric was formed by the 1892 merger of Edison General Electric of Schenectady, New York and Thomson-Houston Company of Lynn, Massachusetts. The company was incorporated in New York, with the Schenectady plant as headquarters for many years thereafter.



Figure 2 General Electric in Schenectady in 1968

By 1968, Schenectady's second largest manufacturing employer, American Locomotive Company (ALCO), was shutting down and its largest employer, General Electric, was planning a move of many of its assets to the south. Many of manufacturing jobs relocated to the Sun Belt and abroad. The American Locomotive Company produced steam locomotives for railroads for years, and then in the later years became famous for its "Superpower" line of high pressure locomotives. Corporate restructuring to cope with the changing locomotive procurement environment saw the slow downward spiral of ALCO and ALCO's operations fizzled as the company went through acquisitions and restructuring in the late 1960s. Its Schenectady plant closed in 1969.

As one would expect, the end of big-time manufacturing at GE and ALCO in 1969-70 ushered in the demise of Schenectady retail merchants Wallace and Barney's. The golden age of downtown retailing was over in Schenectady.

It was also the beginning of environmental awareness. 250 Helium -filled balloons filled the air over Alexander Field at halftime in the Hobart Game of 1967. These balloons were released to signify the end of "Clean Air" week in Schenectady. More importantly they were used to help with analysis of speed and wind direction of air currents in the area. The sponsoring group, the "Action for Clean Air" was supported by Union faculty and Schenectady's insurance organizations.

[PICTURE FROM 1969 YEAR BOOK]

In 1965 Union had an enrollment of 1250. In 1966 Union's enrollment rose to 1370. In 1967 Union's student population rose again to 1457. This population was growing and by 1968 Union's student population had eclipsed 1500 for the first time and had grown to 1511. For this period Harold Martin was the College President and Wilford Ketz was the director of Athletics. The Fall of 1968 was the 80th season of varsity football at Union dating back to 1886. There were no teams in 1906, 1943 and 1945.

Football was played on Alexander Field, the field directly in front of Alumni Gym.

[PICTURE OF THE PLAYING FIELDS]

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Union's Football Program - In Transition

Union College's football program was also in transition at this time. It was in transition from a program that seldom won games over the course of three decades to one that jumped to the top of Division III. Union was a member of the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC). Member teams were bounded by a broad geography that extended from Maine to Georgia and as far west as Illinois. The Lambert Trophy was established in 1936 to recognize supremacy in Eastern Collegiate Football. The schools that were considered for this trophy had a broader membership but a slightly tighter geography than the ECAC. Schools considered for the Lambert Trophy, or much later in the case of small schools, the Cup, were not required to be ECAC members. This made the Lambert Trophy more inclusive in terms of number of schools but it was still slightly more limited in geographically.

Now there are currently 238 ECAC Division III schools which sponsor football.

While the Lambert Trophy (Bowl) was established in 1936 for all colleges, in 1956, the Lambert Trophy was also established to recognize teams that were big schools but not major Bowl bound (what would be today's Division I-AA) and in 1966 a Lambert Award was created for Division III. In 1966 schools were generally classified into essentially "big and small" when speaking about football programs. The trophy for the smaller schools was often referred to as the Lambert "Cup" and later the Lambert/Meadowlands Cup. It was symbolic of eastern small school supremacy. It was not until 1982 that a Lambert Award was added for Division II. Consequently, between 1966 and 1982, what was considered "small" was very broad in scope.

In 1968, only 2 years after the establishment of the Lambert Cup, many Division III schools competed against much larger schools as well as many of today's Division II Schools.

The NCAA, a larger organization than the ECAC, established its statistical service in 1959. The NCAA Division III governance structure was not put in place until 1973. Prior to that date schools were classified as either University Division or College Division. Consequently the NCAA did not even establish statistics for Division III until 1973. The NCAA also did not establish a Division III football championship until 1973. There were no Division III All-American selections prior to 1973, they were just "small college" selections. Those players would have been included in the regular All-American selection process for either big or small schools.

History

This was also a time of transition for the Union College football program. The previous major transition occurred shortly after WWII. The academic years 1948 and 1949 saw a flood of returning GI's bolstered the ranks of students at the school and explode its student population from 600 to 1499. These GI's were seasoned military veterans. These older veterans were the engine that powered the Dutchman football team to a combined 14-1-1 record with a 7-1 record in 1948 and a 7-0-1 record in 1949. Ken Whalen, the Captain of the 1948 team, was rumored to have been recruited by the National Football League New York Giants.

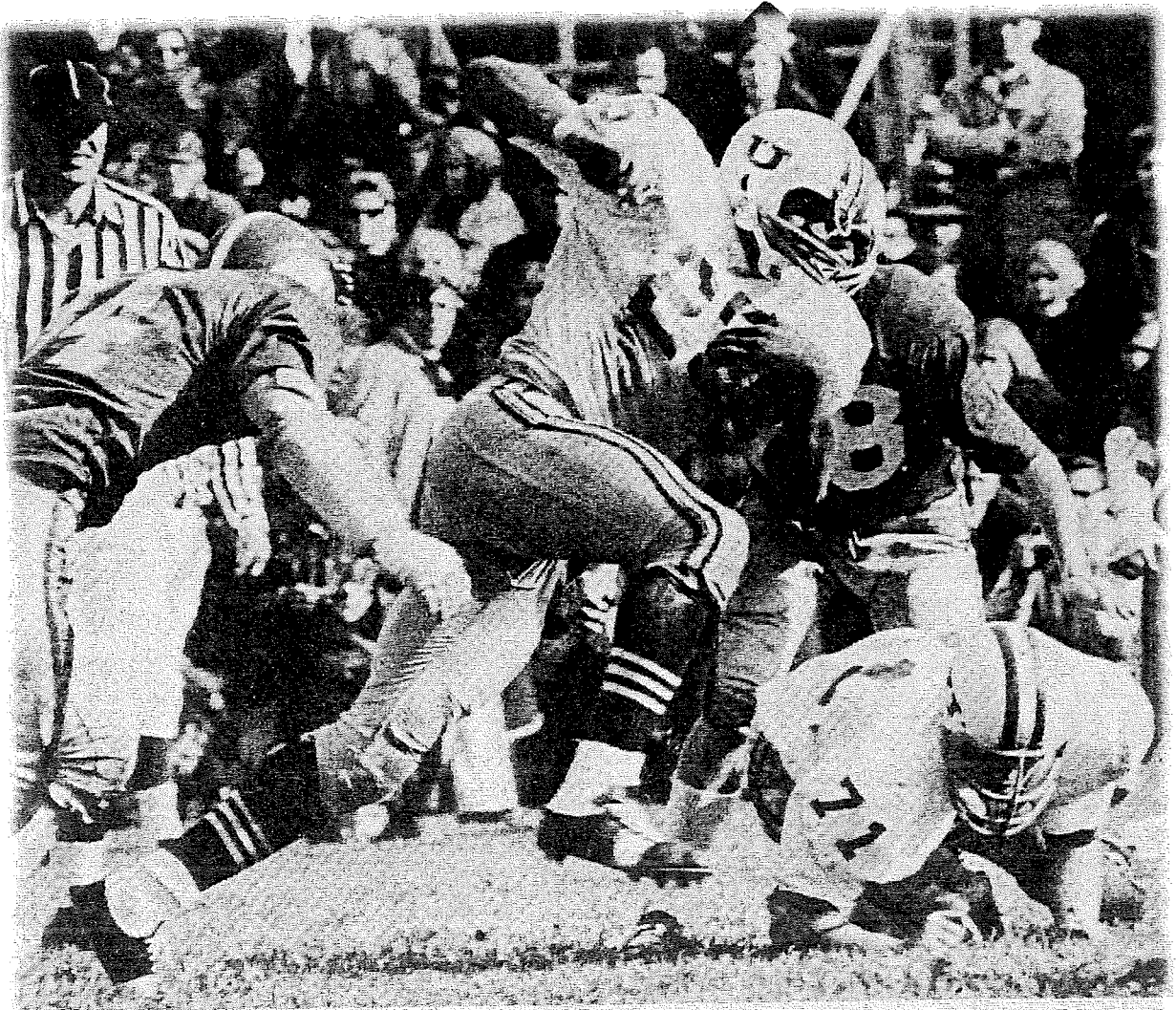
Coach Flood ... the recruiter

Since the 1948/49 teams, Union managed only one winning season until 1968. That season was 1956. In 1964 Union hired a promising and a very successful young high school coach from Rome, New York, George Flood. He took over the football program that year. With an undergraduate and graduate degrees from Springfield College and service in the Marines, and a father of six, Coach Flood went right to work recruiting players for the program. Coach Flood was an excellent recruiter. He was a great communicator, and was vibrant, dynamic, and enthusiastic and energetic. He was an excellent public speaker. He traveled the northeast during his first off season (Spring of 1965) contacting high school football coaches and prospective UNION students and selling them on Union College. Coach Flood was outstandingly successful in this endeavor. Recruiting was not Coach Flood's only strength. Matching players skills and the position they played was also a great skill. Many of Union's players would end up far removed from the position they thought they would be playing at College. Joe James, was a high school tight end before becoming an all-league fullback. Ron McAvoy was a running back before leading the 1968 Dutchman in tackles as an outside linebacker. Kevin Monahan was moved from fullback to defensive end. Joe Grabowski went from leading receiver to outside linebacker.

Union Football 1965 Recruiting and Playing

The results of Coach Flood's recruiting work showed up right away. The first group of players he recruited came to the campus as freshman in the Fall of 1965. They included players from some of the strongest high school programs in the State of New York and surrounding states of New Jersey and Massachusetts. These players had won league and conference recognition. **Vincent Ruhl** (5'10", 195) was an *All Westchester County* first string guard at powerhouse New Rochelle High School. **Jeff Miller** (6'3", 230) was a big strong tackle from Long Island. **Ted Jennings** (6'1", 220) was from Peekskill, New

York. **John Cower** (5'10", 205) was from Oneonta and **Kent Picken** (5'9", 195) was from Babylon, New York and both were powerful running backs and linebackers. **Joe James** (6'2", 220) was from East Orange, New Jersey and a tight end with enormous potential. The RPI Coach was quoted as saying "I cannot understand how the big schools missed him" when James set the then single game Union rushing record trampling his team in 1967. The Kings Point team, in 1968, planned their whole game strategy around trying to stopping him.



Powerful Joe James '69 adds to his record.

Figure 3 Joe James rushing against Kings Point in 1968.

Tom Oberst (6'2", 224) was an all league tackle at powerhouse Archbishop Stepinac High School, a member of the tough Metropolitan New York CHSFL. The current Archbishop Stepinac team (2010) is ranked 3rd in New York State after going 12-0, winning the CHSF Championship and beating White Plains.

<http://www.nychsfl.org/standings.html>. **Joe Grabowski** (6'3", 195), was a defensive standout at outside linebacker after starting out as a split end and being the third leading receiver in 1966. **Ron McAvoy** (6'1", 190) would lead the 1968 team in tackles from his outside linebacker positions after starting in the offensive backfield in 1966. **Doug Mele** (5'10", 205) would anchor the offensive line as a three year starter at guard. Others were **Dennis Moffit** (6'3", 208), **Vito Potenza** (6'0", 195), **Philip Conner** (5'6", 210), **Paul Costello** end (5'11", 185), **Jose DaCosta** (6'1", 190), **Frank D'Antuono**, **George Goth**, **Richard Hamm**, **Greg Leopold** (6'2", 195) end, **John Sickles**, **Michael Schwartz** (6'3", 242), **Rollin Wickenden**, **Edward Bleckner** (6', 215) and **John Denefrio** (5'10", 200) and a host of others took the field as the 1965 freshman team. This team defeated all but one of their freshman opponents including a heavily recruited Rochester freshman team.

As good as this 1965 group of freshman recruits were, they paled in comparison to the following years group of recruits. The freshman who appeared in 1966 were members of class of 1970. They ended up serving as the backbone for the 1968 varsity football team. Many of the skills players on this team were to step up and break Union College football records in just their sophomore year. The combination of both these two recruiting classes and outstanding talent from the next class would make up the 1968 team. Coach Flood rushed these new recruits into the starting lineup for Union College and many were starting a sophomores. At this time the usage of two platoons came into being for most Division III teams after having been first adapted by Williams College a few years earlier. By 1967 the football team had depth and the campus was rich in football talent. As time progressed season and career ending injuries took a toll on the team, however the large number of very talented football players on the school campus would ensure Unions gridiron success in 1967/1968.

Union Football 1966 Recruiting and Playing

By 1966 Coach Flood's first recruiting class were sophomores and his second recruiting class were freshman and he had lost his great 1965 passing offense through graduation. The 1966 Union Varsity football team was decimated by these graduations and unexpected transfers. The 1966 team then was a transition team. Over 50% of Coach George Flood's 1966 roster were sophomores (23 of 42) and he only had 12 lettermen returning. The 1965 team had a remarkable air attack. Gone were Tom "the Bomb" Hitchcock, ends George LaPorte and Marc Hurlbut (who combined for 130 completions and almost 1,400 yards in 1965). The loss of **Tom Hitchcock** was devastating. Tom held every game, season and career passing record up to this point. **George LaPorte** was the nation's leading small college pass receiver with 74 receptions. The loss of **Paul Woodell**, a bruising fullback, **Fred Hay**, **Bob DeMichele**

(Middle Linebacker extraordinaire) and **Tom Morgan** would decimate this team. This team did retain an outstanding center who would skip a year overseas but return to help anchor the 1968 defense unit as middle linebacker **Don DeMichele** (5'10", 185).

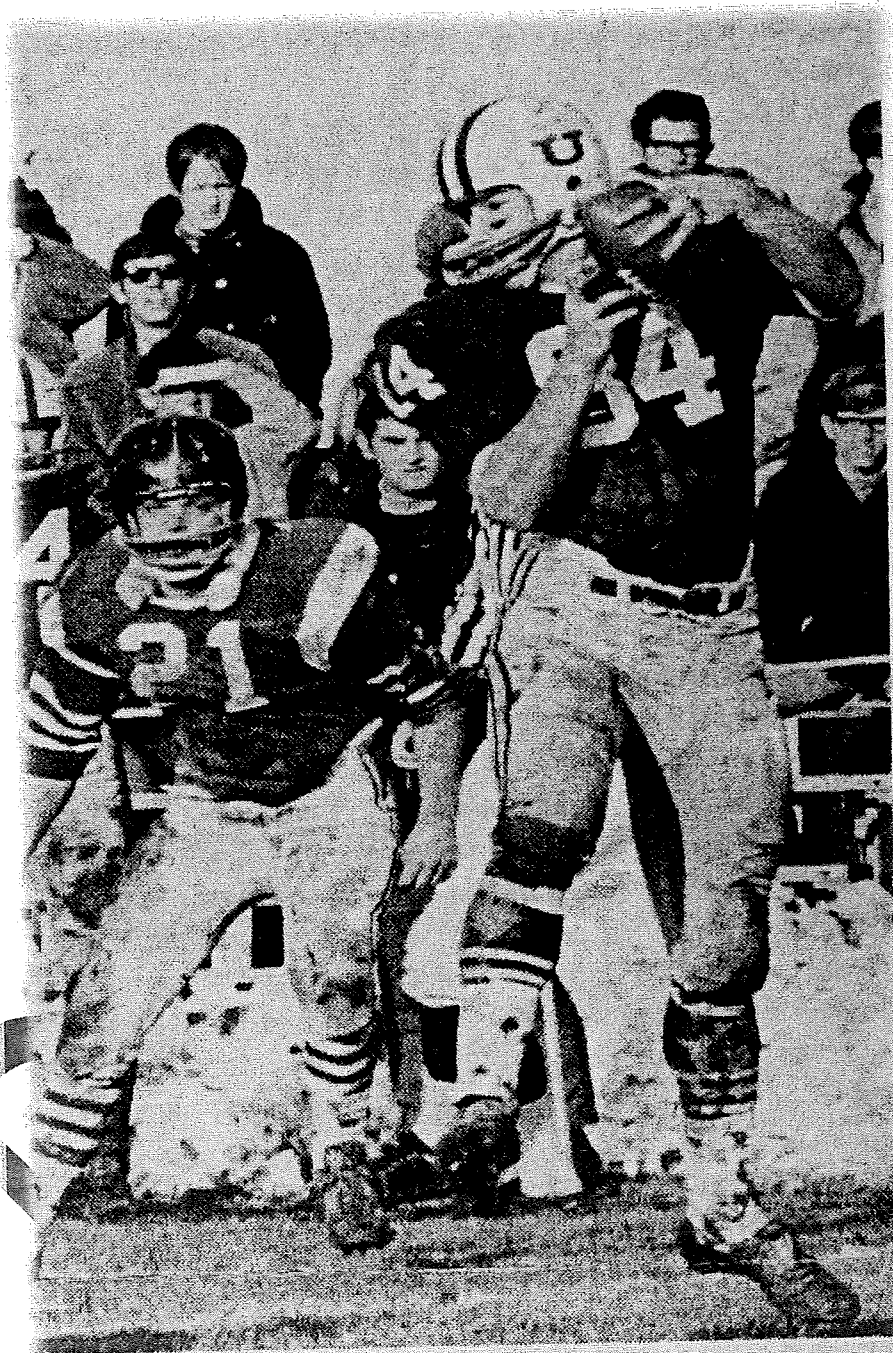
The 1966 team had only three letterman in the starting lineup. The offensive started 6 sophomores and the defense started 6 more. Some sophomores had to play both ways. This was a rebuilding year for Union football. After scrimmaging Cortland State and Wesleyan University, Union played its opening game against St. Lawrence.

This second recruiting class, perhaps the best in the school's history, up to this point, were newly minted freshman. This class would include center **Bill Birns** (6'0", 205), who would go on to anchor the offensive line. **John Burton** (6'3", 218), who terrorized QB's as a defensive end and who was so fast that he chase plays going away from him catching running backs from behind. Most teams ran away from John. It didn't matter. This recruiting class also included wing back **Craig Carlson** who shattered school receiving records in his sophomore leading many to believe that had he not suffered a career ending injury in the second game of his junior year, he would have broken them all. It also included **Russell Ciccotti** (6'2", 195) a tough inside linebacker and offensive tackle **Bill Dwyer** (6'2", 250), who as a junior was receiving inquiries from the Dallas Cowboys. **Frank Felts**, a defensive end who lettered every year since a sophomore, and **Skip Lynch** (5'11", 225), a bruising linebacker who would go on to captain the 1969 team. There was corner back **David Gray**, whose incredible speed was evidence when he picked up a blocked field goal attempt in the RPI game and ran 90 yards for a touchdown. The list goes on. The class included QB **Scott Kumpf**, who helped lead the 1967 team to a 4-1 record in their first 5 games, defensive end **Kevin Monihan** (6'3", 228), who dominated from his defense end position as a junior and ran over people as a fullback as a sophomore. It included record setting QB **Ken Pierce**, running back and safety **Francis Piscitelli**, safety **Paul Bauer**, place kicker and QB **James Sabella**. This class included split end **Richard Swan** who would go on to be nominated, his sophomore year, as an All American, and was voted as ECAC Sophomore of the year in 1967. Rich shattered and still holds Union reception records despite being double teamed throughout his career. This class included **Michael McFarland** and **Anthony Calandra** and **Joseph Minehan**, **Don Woodworth** and **Thomas Godfrey**. Last but not least, this recruiting class included corner back **Steve Ciesinski** whose season and career interception records are still Union Records. At one point in 1968, Steve lead the nation (all colleges) in interceptions. This was a remarkable class.

Union Football 1967 Recruiting and Playing

Coach Flood's third recruiting class, that showed up on campus as freshman in 1967, included many that would start for the 1968 team. It included offensive tackle **Paul Beadle**, guard **Tom Duffy**, guard **Steve French**, defensive tackle **Richard Gallucci**, (6'4", 218) tight end **Dan (Pup) Gould** (who would be the second leading receiver in 1968, **averaging 14 yards per reception**) running backs **Jerry Ostrander** and **Larry Sykes** who would both lead the 1968 ground attack and safety **Paul Ramsey (6'3", 195)** who would anchor the defense. Paul was as big and aggressive as a linebacker but as fast as a defensive back and was a cornerstone to the defense. Nothing got by him. He would Captain the 5-4 1970 team.

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Dan Gould '71 was the second-leading receiver as a tight end.

Figure 4 "Pup" Gould was the tight end in 1968 averaging 14 yards a reception.

The football team that coach flood put on the field in the fall of 1967 was heavily comprised of sophomores and juniors that he had recruited. This team was very young. Again, more than half of this team's roster consisted of sophomores. In total 30 of the 54 team members were sophomores. An additional 19 were Juniors. Of the five seniors

on the roster for the start of the 1967 season, only two had earned varsity letters and only one was a starter, Captain Sam Dill, a 6'3", 195lb defensive end.

Anyone reading the team roster could see that more than half of the 1967 team were sophomores. However, they made up the backbone of this team. In the Fall of 1967 Union went 4-1 to start the year. Its only loss in the first five games coming by 1 point from Kings Point (14-13). Union went for a two-point conversion at the end of the game and did not succeed. The last three teams that Union faced that year (Williams, Alfred and Hamilton) would have a combined 21-2-1 season record. Union did not have the depth to recover from injuries and stumbled during the last three games of the season and finished the year 4-4.

This group of Juniors and Sophomores that comprised the bulk of the 1967 4-4 team accumulated many awards and none so telling as the numbers who were recognized as all league in 1967. Union came in second in the ICAC that year but placed the same number of players as the first place Alfred University. Twelve members of the 1967 team were recognized. Six members of the Union College football team were named to the ICAC All-Star first team picked by the coaches. These included split end **Rich Swan**, wing back **Craig Carlson**, fullback **Joe James**, defensive end **Sam Dill**, defensive tackle **Tom Oberst**, and linebacker **Skip Lynch**. Six union players were also named to the second team. Offensive tackle **Ted Jennings**, offensive guard **Doug Mealy**, quarterback **Ken Pierce**, defensive end **John Burton**, corner back **Stephen Ciesinski** and safety **Steve Bauer**. Rick Swan, who was also nominated for All-American that year, caught 50 passes for 735 yards and eight touchdowns and was named ECAC sophomore of the year. Craig Carlson had just as fine a season despite being injured for most of two games. Craig had 49 receptions good for 730 yards and five touchdowns. Rich Swan and Craig Carlson were being compared to the **George LaPorte** and **Marc Hurlburt**, who shattered school records just 2 years earlier. Rich and Craig were just starting out as sophomores. George and Marc had been seniors. Joe James came within 5 yards of setting the single-season rushing record. He did break the then single-game rushing mark against RPI with 143 yards rushing.

There is a video of this 1967 team in action on YouTube.com. It is double exposed so it's hard to see. This is a video of the Varsity Football Game played between Union College and Hobart College on Saturday, October 28, 1967 at 1:30pm. This was Homecoming Weekend at Union. Unfortunately the second half of the game was shot over the first half making the action very hard to comprehend.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M2PBADvWtkE>

This video was originally taken with a Bell & Howell Super 8mm home camera. It was taken in color, which at that time was new technology for this class of camera. The video was taken by my dad, Leopold P. Oberst, then an Executive for the New York Telephone Company. This was his first and only experience taking home video. Home video technology back then was not optimized for outdoor sporting events and low light conditions. The film lay dormant for over 40 years which is usually enough time for it to deteriorate. However, with the help of a lab in Arizona, the video was recovered and replicated.

Shooting sports/action video back then without a tripod was even more unforgiving than it is today. Adding to this complexity, my dad shot the second half of the game over the first half double exposing the film. You literally see, in this video, both halves of the game being played at once.

Union's record going into this game was 3-1. Union added its fourth victory by defeating Hobart 37-15. Union jumped out to a 28-0 lead in the first half. Union was ranked in the top 10 in the weekly Lambert balloting for best Division III at this point in the season. It is a tribute to the recruiting success of Head Coach George Flood and his staff that such a young team could have gotten out to such a great start (4-1) suffering only a 1-point loss. This team went on to great heights the following year when Coach Flood added another year of experience and another excellent recruiting crop to the varsity team.

In the Fall of 1967, Union was a member of the ICAC (Independent College Athletic Conference). The Conference membership consisted of privately controlled liberal arts and engineering colleges in Up-State New York, Clarkson, Alfred, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Hobart College and Union. This conference was constituted with many of the same teams that comprise the Liberty League today. These included Union, Hobart, St. Lawrence, and RPI. Today the Liberty League also includes Rochester, Worcester Polytechnic Institute and Kings Point. Alfred is now a power in the Empire 8 conference.

In 1967 UNION had an outstanding offense. Going into this Hobart game, Union's running back **Joe James** (6'2", 221) had already picked up 421 yards in 83 carries and had scored four touchdowns. The other running backs, **Kevin Monahan** (6'3", 228) and **Dennis Moffitt** (6'3", 195) were no slouches. **Joe James** was averaging 105 yards rushing per game. He would easily break Union's career rushing record the following year. Union's QB's, **Scott Kumpf** and **Ken Pearce**, were having great success tossing to wide receivers **Craig Carlson** and **Rich Swan**. Carlson was named ECAC Division III "Sophomore of the Week" for his play earlier in the season against RPI and Dick Swan

was picked for the same honor for Union's win over Rochester the week before. Both would go on to set many school receiving and records in just their sophomore year. As mentioned, by the time Joe James had completed 4 games he had picked up 421 yards rushing on 83 carries averaging over 5 yards per carry and had scored 4 touchdowns. He was averaging 105 yards rushing per game. The team statistics, after only the first 4 games:

RUSHING

Player	Rushes	Yds.	Avg.
Joe James (6'2", 221lb)	83	421	5.1
Dennis Moffitt (6'3", 195lb)	20	184	5.2
Kevin Monahan (6'3", 228lb)	39	95	2.4

PASSING

Player	Attempts	Comp	Yds.
Scott Kumpf	79	35	519
Ken Pearce	37	22	302

RECEIVING

Player	Caught	Yds.	Gd.	TDs
Craig Carlson	27	349		3
Rich Swan	19	421		6

Unions defense this year was lead by Senior Captain Sam Dill (6'3", 195), sophomore John Burton (6'3", 218), sophomore Skip Lynch (5'11", 225), junior Vito Potenza (5'11", 185), junior Ron McAvoy (6'1", 190) and junior Tom Oberst (6'2", 218)

Split end Rick Swan and wingback Craig Carlson were the primary pass receivers and all they did was to combine for 99 receptions when they were sophomores, Swan snarled 50 and Carlson was just one behind at 49 despite missing the final two games of the season.



Rich Swan '70 had his best day of the season against Hamilton, scoring on touchdown passes of 79 and 90 yards and returning a punt for good yardage. Field conditions were terrible, forcing Union to the air.

Figure 5 Rich Swan receiving against Hamilton in the final game of the 1968 season

By the time the 1967 season had ended Rich Swan had already broken two Union College Season Reception Records. These were Most yards by a pass receiver: 735 Swan (1967) and Most TD Passes Caught: 8 Swan (1967).

Ron McAvoy, a starting halfback his sophomore year, was converted to an outside linebacker and lead the Dutchman's defense in tackles for the next two years and Captained the 1968 team. **Skip Lynch** was a bruising inside linebacker who was also big and strong enough to play defensive line as well. Skip would go on to lead the 1969 team.

In 1967 the defense was describes as "big, strong, and fast"

Going into the Williams game in the 1967 season Joe James had set a single game rushing mark of 146 yards against RPI, Ken Pearce tied a single game record of 4 touchdown passes against Hobart, Craig Carlson caught 12 passes for 237 yards against Hobart to break the single game yardage mark and split end Rich swan caught 7 touchdown passes to set a season mark.

Union Football 1968 - The Payoff

By the start of the 1968 football season, the entire team comprised players whom Coach George Flood had recruited. The season began in August with the early return of the team for double and triple sessions. The first day of practice began with an assessment of the condition of the players. This meant a one mile run around Alexander Field with its oblong shape and its old cinder running track with a goal of finishing in under 6 minutes. It also meant housing and meals for the team in West College, then the freshman dorm. Each morning the team rose at 6:00 AM to run around campus before breakfast. We had double sessions until academic classes started in September. On our days off we sometimes hung out with the physical education majors at Skidmore College whom also had to return early for their junior year summer camp program at Lake Luzerne. The favorite local Schenectady hangout was Rupsis Tavern which served delicious roast beef sandwiches. During this time the Union Bookstore was located in the basement of Nott Memorial. The Remer Student Center was then called Carnegie Hall and was affectionately known as the Math Building. A hot fudge Sunday with three scopes of ice cream was only 25 cents at the Rathskeller which stayed open to 11:00pm. Those of us who studied in the library were able to make it to the Rathskeller after the library closed.

We had a huge number of returning Letterman in 1968. There were 61 players (sophomores - seniors) on the team roster at the beginning of the year with another 30+ on the freshman team. This was the largest team that anyone could remember. The previous two years the varsity roster counted only 42 and 54. During the preseason, Larry Sykes and Jerry Ostrander had battled into the starting lineup taking over for running backs from Dennis Moffit and Joe James, giving Union two powerful sets of running backs.

This team played at a time when there were neither ECAC Bowl Games nor Division III NCAA Playoffs. Many of the Division III teams in the United States were members of the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC) and most were included in the DIII Lambert (Cup) ratings which had just started in 1964. Since there were no NCAA Division III AP rankings back then, and since most of the small colleges with football programs were in the northeast quadrant of the US, the Lambert ratings were considered by some to be the defacto small college ratings in the country. The AP categorized colleges back then as simply large or small.

The 1968 Varsity Football team had, statistically, the best defensive unit in the history of Union College Football. The defensive unit gave up 8 touchdowns in 8 games (the

offensive unit gave up 3). The opponents were tough and the only loss was to Kings Point (Merchant Marine Academy) which finished as the number 2 team in the Division III Lambert Cup ratings in 1968 and went undefeated and won the Lambert Cup trophy outright in 1969. Parts of our game against them as well as our game against Alfred University and Williams College can be seen on YouTube.com.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L5jb9B-URe4> (Kings Point 1968)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H5sPadq_T0M (Alfred 1968)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=32Y4F3XbyOs> (Williams 1968)

Moreover, back in those days, the line between Division III and what is considered now Division I-A and I-AA was often blurred. The NCAA did not distinguish a Division II until 1973. Schools were either big or small. Kings Point had a number of football opponents who would now be consider Division I-AA teams, on its schedule, including teams like Temple University and Lafayette. During our game with Kings Point they returned an interception for a touchdown and set up a second touchdown with another interception. They intercepted us 5 times that day. We also played absent our injured 6'3", 232lb defensive end, Kevin Monahan though his backup, Frank Felts had an exceptional game. We still almost won because as we were on their 24 yard line when the game ended.

For that time frame, our defensive unit was very tall, very big and most of all very fast. The first string defense gave up no points in 8 fourth quarters, another Union record. The team gave up only 13 points in all 8 4th quarters. All those 13 points were scored against late game substitution or given up by the offense. Again, the first string defense gave up 0 points in the 4th quarter for the entire year. No team scored against the first string defense in the 4th quarter for the entire year. As one newspaper said, all year long, it was the defense. We also had a solid offense in 1968 and broke many Union Football records on offense up to that point in Union's football history.

An important component to that success defensively was the coaching expertise of Chris Schmid. Coach Schmid utilized the Notre Dame's defense. This defense was a modified 4-4 which consisted of pinching tackles, two inside linebackers, two outside linebackers who were lined up across the offensive tackle and two pinching defensive ends. It also included two cornerbacks and a safety. From this defense we would jump into a 5-2 defense to stop the run on third down situations. Coach Schmid's goals were called the "lucky 13" because there were 13 goals. One goal was to win on 50% of third down situations. We reached this goal in every game. Another goal was to sack the QB three times in a game. We succeeded here also in every game but one. Another goal

was for the defense to come up with 4 Big Plays. Again a perfect record. In seven of our 8 games we prevent any run over 25 yards.

"LUCKY 13"
UNION'S DEFENSIVE GOALS-1968

1. Shut out
2. Score on Defense
3. No Score vs Goal Line Defense
4. Dury passer 3 times
5. Intercept one out of every 10 passes thrown
6. Hold opponent to 45% or below completion average
7. Win on 90% of 3rd down situations.
8. Cause 2 fumbles and recover one
9. No pass over our heads for T.O.
10. No run over 25 yards
11. No kick off return past 35 yard line
12. 4 Stg plays
13. Get ball for offense 4 times over midfield

SEASON TALLY SHEET

	Wash.	St. Law.	Kings Pt.	Roch.	R. P. I.	Robert	Mns.	Alfred	Ham. Col.	TOTAL YES
1.		NO	NO	YES 11	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	1
2.		NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO	2
3.		NO	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	3
4.		YES 4	YES 5	YES 8	YES 3	NO	YES 7	YES 7	YES 5	7-40
5.		YES 1/23	YES 2/12	NO 1/30	YES 6/46	YES 2/7	NO 1/25	NO 2/31	NO 2/37	4
6.		NO 13/23	YES 3/12	NO 17/30	YES 19/46	YES 1/7	YES 11/25	YES 11/31	YES 17/37	6
7.		YES 8/13	YES 5/16	YES 5/14	YES 7/12	YES 12/4	YES 10/7	YES 9/2	YES 9/6	8
8.		YES 5/3	YES 4/3	YES 5/4	YES 2/1	YES 2/1	NO 0/1	YES 2/1	NO 2/0	23/14
9.		YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES	6
10.		YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	7
11.		YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	5
12.		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	8
13.		YES 4	NO	NO 1	NO 1	YES 4	NO	YES 10	YES 5	6-98
TOTAL YES	6	6	11	11	30	7	10	7	60-114	

Figure 6 Coach Schmid's "Lucky 13" Scorecard

The year concluded with our game against Hamilton College on a field completely buried in mud. The statistics kept by Coach Schmid showed what a team effort we played on defense. Our defensive tally sheet for the year: For this game, the notes from Coach Schmid tell it all.

- We stopped their run 43 attempts for 35 yards (They completed 17 of 37 passes)
- We dumped the QB 6 times.

- Don DeMichele knocked down the 2 pt conversion pass and dumped the QB 4 times, once for what have should of been a safety
- Joe Grabowski and Paul Ramsey made interceptions to give the offense good field position
- Russ Cicotti caught a screen pass from behind
- Ron McAvoy and Paul Ramsey tackled to prevent a first down and force a field goal try

The season ending individual tackle stats showed it was truly a team effort on defense:

Player:	Position	Tackles YTD
Ron McAvoy	Outside LB	130
Don DeMichele	Inside LB	110
Russell Cicotti	Inside LB	102
Paul Ramsey	Safety	99
Steve Ciesinski	Corner Back	82
Joe Grabowski	Outside LB	77
Tom Oberst	Defensive Tackle	71
Tom Duffy	Defensive Tackle	69
John Burton	Defensive End	66
David Gray	Corner Back	59
Kevin Monahan	Defensive End	43
Frank Felts	Defensive End	31
Paul Gallucci	Defensive Tackle	26
Fran Piscitelli	Safety	22
Ladd Bethune	Defensive End	10
Guy Caruso	DHB	8
Ray Pike	LB	7
Vito Potenza	LB	5

Defensive play like this was a common sight.

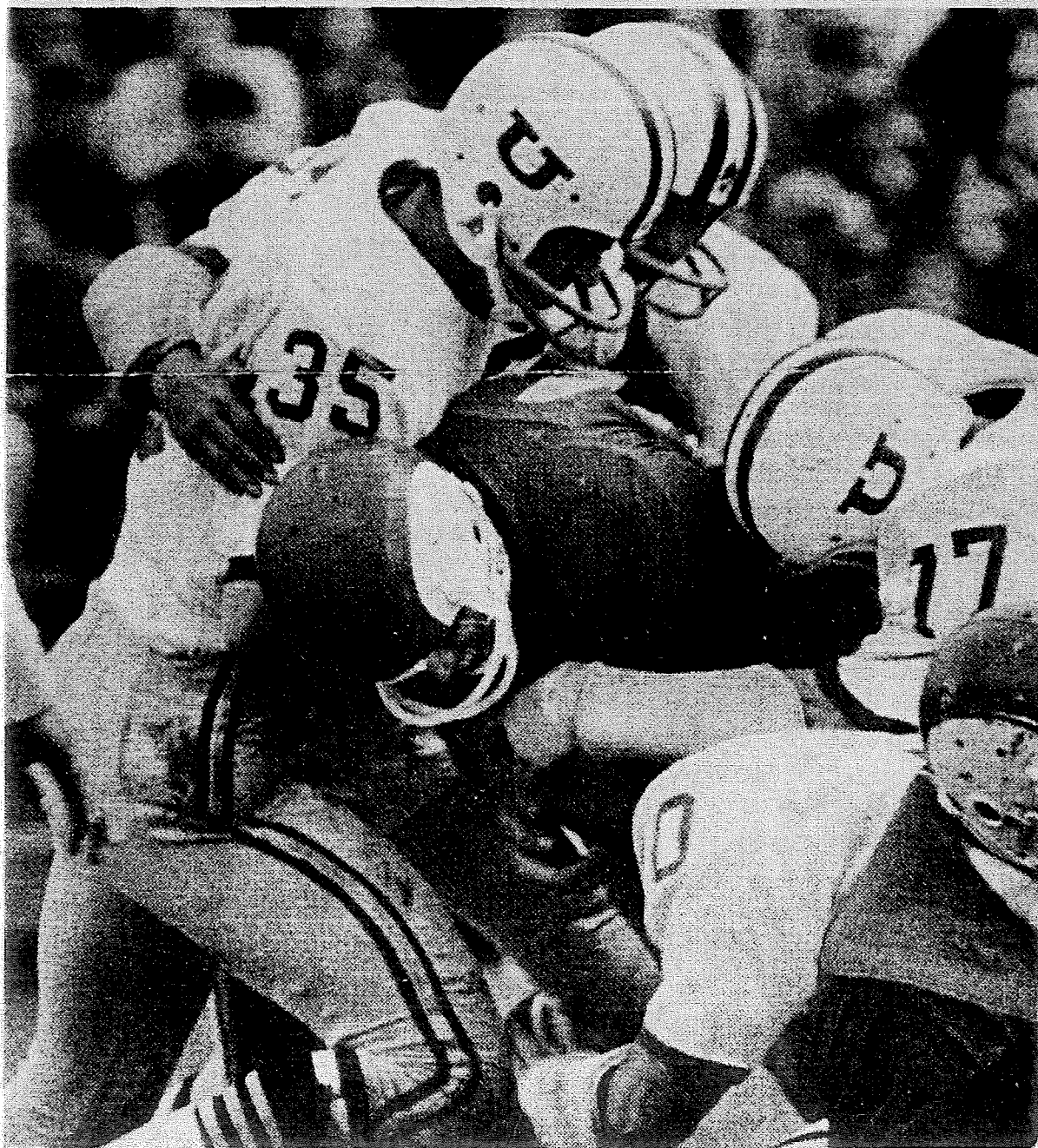


Figure 7 Paul Ramsey, Ron McAvoy, Richard Gallucci and Tom Oberst stop Kings Point RB

Union Football 1968 - The Coaches

1968 was a special year for the Union College football program. The seniors that year represented the first team that Coach George W. Flood (Springfield '53 Masters '56') had recruited and therefore the team was truly his own creation. Coach Flood was an indefatigable recruiter. He was the 38 years old. He worked tirelessly in the off-season. He was exceptional at selling the college to prospective applicants. Union was Coach Floods first college football coaching job. He had been an exceptional high school coach in Rome New York for seven years at upstate power Rome Free Academy in 1957. At Union he had compiled exceptional assistants. The defensive coach was Chris Schmid (Cornell 1956). Coach Schmid was very goal oriented. He created a list of goals for the defensive unit and took us to task when we came up short. Coach Schmid was relentless and drove us to never be satisfied with our performance. Much of the credit for our success that year belongs to him. The offense of line coach was Coach Arthur C. Lawrence (Purdue '34). Because Coach Lawrence smoke so many cigars Coach Lawrence was often referred to as "Art Cigar". Coach Leonard at one time was the head football coach at Union. He also was the head baseball coach. The freshman coach and scout was Bruce Allison who would gain status as one of the nations all time great lacrosse coaches and a leader in making lacrosse one of the leading college sports in America. Coach Flood, Coach Schmid and Coach Allison were all former Marines. As a result our teams were prone to rugged discipline and seldom suffered from lack of conditioning.



Figure 8 Coach Flood and Schmid

[Coaches Picture]

[Discussion of notion of playing against goals and objectives]

*Union Football 1968 - The Records (Game, Season, Career and Team)
Distinguished Achievements for this team*

The 1968 team was the first of its kind in almost 30 years and it took 3 years of very aggressive recruiting to build. I have nominated this team to be recognized as a Union College "TEAM OF DISTINCTION".

The circumstances and historical context for the 1968 team are important in understanding why I believe it represented a real milestone in Union College Sports and merits recognition as a "Team of Distinction" and selection and induction into Union's "Hall of Fame". This 1968 team was the first team that was totally recruited by a new coach, Coach Flood. It took him and the assistant coaches three years to build. The 1968 team was often noted as the best since the 1948/49 teams. The 1948 team was 7-1 and was captained by K. J. Whalen and the 1949 team was 7-0-1 and captained by Dave Strauss and Harold R. Shaffer. However, I don't think that comparison can be made between the 1948/49 teams and the 1968 team. In 1948/49 the student population of Union exploded from 600 to 1499 as the campus filled with returning GI's. This explosion of student athletes in their mid to late 20's was unique to Union and due to the war time significance of Union's engineering programs and huge wartime contractor General Electric. It was an aberration, as the campus shrunk back down to 600 students shortly thereafter. I am not taking away from the excellence of those teams or from the 1948 team captain Kenneth J. Whalen, who was rumored to have been recruited by the New York Giants. Those teams, due to their age, would not have been allowed to play in the NCAA today. You have to compare the 1968 team to the 1939 7-0-1 team with its great running back and captain and future Union Football Coach (1950-1957) Sammuel C. Hammerstrom. The 1968 team was not a 1 year surprise but a three year effort to come up with the first sustainable winning football program at Union since before World War II. It succeeded. There is clear evidence of this building.

In the 1965 varsity football season, when Tom Hitchcock was setting school passing records at the varsity level, the freshman team represented the first team recruited by George Flood. 1966 was the first year his recruits reached the varsity and out of 42 players on the roster (sophomores - senior) that year, 24 or more than half, were his recruited sophomores. This was coach Flood's first recruiting class and he was making use of them. By the end of the year half of the starters were sophomores.

The next year, 1967, there were 54 players on the roster (sophomores - senior) and again, more than half (30) were sophomores. The 1967 team had only 2 senior

starter/lettermen. Every other player/starter was a junior or a sophomore, recruited by Flood. This 1967 team started out 4-1 having only lost one game by 1 point. Union then came up short after suffering injuries and facing three teams who finished the season with a combined record of 21-2-1.

The next year, 1968, the team was 100% Flood recruited. It took three years to build this 7-1 team and to put Union back on a winning track in football in nearly 30 years. This team was a real milestone in Union Sports.

Coach Flood was rewarded for this rebuilding and success by being named the Director of Athletics starting in July 1, 1969

I have been doing a great deal of additional research and have uncovered facts/documents to support my application. My research has also led me to compare the 1968 team records with those that are published on the Union College web site (UNION COLLEGE ATHLETICS - Sports Record Book - Football).
http://www.unionathletics.com/sports/2008/11/5/sidebar_495.aspx?path=football

I have also compared the teams records, when they could be uncovered, to the NCAA Division III records that are contained on the web at the following location:
http://fs.ncaa.org/Docs/stats/football_records/D2/2008/Division%20III.pdf

HERE ARE THE FACTS AND THE DOCUMENTS AND 27 REASONS COLLECTED THUS FAR AS TO WHY THE 1968 FOOTBALL TEAM SHOULD BE SELECTED AS A NEXT TEAM OF DISTINCTION AND THE NEXT TEAM TO BE INDUCTED INTO THE UNION COLLEGE HALL OF FAME. PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A WORK IN PROGRESS AND FURTHER RESEARCH IS ONGOING.

1. **WON-LOST RECORD:** The 1968 team had a record of 7-1 which was up to then, tied for the third best season/record in Union's entire history and the best season/record since 1949 and the first winning season since 1956. Six points separated this team from an undefeated season. It is my contention that, because of the makeup of the 1948/1949 teams, this team should really be considered the first winning season since 1939, a period of almost 30 years. How good was Kings Point in 1968? Here is a quote from Harry Gamble, the 1968 Lafayette football coach. *"It became clear the following game just how good the Lafayette defense was when the Leopards faced one of the toughest opponents of the season in Kings Point. Entering that game, Kings Point was undefeated and ranked in the top five among small colleges in team defense. The Kings*

Point defense had given up just five touchdowns all season. The Leopards handed Kings Point a 7-0 loss, thus ending the Mariners' undefeated season." <http://www.goleopards.com/sports/m-footbl/spec-rel/100608aa.html> Kings point went on the following year (1969) to be undefeated and win (first place) its only Lambert Cup Trophy for the best small college in the East. Video clips from our game with Kings Point can be found on YouTube.com at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L5jb9B-URe4> .

2. **TEAM - LAMBERT TROPHY RATING:** The Lambert Trophies signify eastern football supremacy. Most Division III schools are located in the Northeast. This 1968 team finished 4th in the ECAC Division III Lambert Cup balloting with its only loss to the #2 team, Kings Point. Kings Point only lost one game that year, (Division I Lafayette, 7-0). At that time there was no NCAA Division III and the ECAC only just started to recognize Division III in 1964. There were no post season tournaments or bowls for either the ECAC or the NCAA for small schools. Before 1964 schools were generally classified by the Associated Press as just big or small. Many of Union's opponents played against many teams that are now considered Division II and Division I-AA. Kings Point played against Temple. Wilkes played and beat back then the (Division I) University of Vermont. RPI played and beat the Army "B" team. It is my contention that back then the Lambert Trophy ratings in 1968 were the defacto national ratings for Division III. Of historical foot note: In 1969, the NCAA started two regional championship games for small college teams: the East Regional's Knute Rockne Bowl and the West's Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl. When the NCAA developed a national Division III championship game in 1973, the Stagg Bowl name was chosen. From 1964 to 1972, four regional bowl games were played that led up to a wire service poll to determine the final champion of Division II's predecessor, the **NCAA College Division**. Most of the participants in early national championship games have moved into Division I, the main catalyst for their moves being the creation of Division I-AA, now the Division I Football Championship Subdivision (FCS), in 1978.
3. **TEAM - INDEPENDENT COLLEGE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE (I.C.A.C.) LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP:** The I.C.A.C. was the league that Union Played Football in at that time. It was an organization of six upstate private colleges which Union helped to found in 1964. Union formally ended its affiliation five years later in June of 1969 but the other four football playing members of the conference continued on Union's schedule for the next four years. It was the precursor to the Empire 8 and the Liberty league and included the same core teams that exist in the Liberty League today including RPI, St. Lawrence, and Hobart. Union's 1968 team won the I.C.A.C. league championship for the first time and was the only member of the league up to that point ever to beat every

other member in one season going back in time to when the league was formed. Union has in its record books recognition for league championships **Liberty League Champions -- 2005, 2006**. The **Empire 8 Conference** and to a lesser extent, the **Liberty League** can both trace their beginnings back to 1964 with the founding of the **Independent College Athletic Conference (ICAC)**. At this 1964 inauguration, the conference was made up of (football) **Alfred University, Hobart College, Rensselaer, St. Lawrence University, and Union College**. After Union left the league in 1969, Ithaca College joined the ICAC. In 1991, the ICAC regrouped to become the Empire Athletic Association (EAA). Hobart, RPI, and St. Lawrence left in 1993, to be replaced by Utica College. Alfred University and St. John Fisher College joined the league in 1998. The EAA became the Empire 8 in 1999. The **Liberty League** was originally founded in 1995 as the *Upstate Collegiate Athletic Association*, and was renamed during the summer of 2004 to the current name, the Liberty League. Winning the ICAC conference back in 1968, especially since we played the **Merchant Marine Academy**, was the equivalent today of winning either the Empire 8 Conference or the Liberty League. Because today's Empire 8 Conference openly and proudly proclaims the ICAC in its genealogy, I would note above your record of Liberty League Champions -- 2005, 2006 and claim for the 1968 team, **Independent College Athletic Conference League Champions (Today Empire 8 Conference) -- 1968**

4. **TEAM - DEFENSE:** Opponent total yardage rushing given up by Unions defensive was, over the course of an 8 game season, 651 yards (81.4 yards rushing per game). This was the fewest average yards given up rushing in an 8 game season in the history of Union Football up until 1968 and still may be the best record in Union's football history.
5. **TEAM - DEFENSE:** Opponent average gain per rushing attempt was a paltry 1.9 yards per carry. This team gave up on average two yards per rushing attempt per game. This is reported to be the fewest opponent yards per carry in the history of Union Football up until 1968 and may still be the best in the school's history over an 8 game schedule.
6. **TEAM - DEFENSE:** Opponents scored 8 touchdowns against the 1968 Union defense in an 8 game schedule. The 1968 Union offense gave up 3 touchdowns. This is the fewest touchdowns given up by a defensive unit in an 8 game schedule in the history of Union College Football.
7. **TEAM - DEFENSE:** Opponent points scored in the 4th Quarter. Union's defense gave up 13 points in total in the 4th Quarter over 8 games. That is an average of less than 2 points a game. This is another Union College All-Time record. It is most impressive that the 13 points were scored after subs had been put in to recognize the seniors (Alfred Game) and against the offense. **In other words,**

the first string defense shutout every opponent faced in every 4th quarter (8) for the entire season/year. The measure of how well a defense performs and its true character is best displayed on how well it does in the 4th quarter of any football game. Regardless of how you cut it, this all time Union record needs to be recognized.

8. **TEAM - DEFEAT OF WILLIAMS COLLEGE:** The 1968 team beat Williams College for the first time in 12 years (1956). The Williams team was outstanding. Williams came into the game with a 11-1 record in their prior 12 games. They were #1 in the weekly Lambert Club balloting for best Division III team in New England. They featured four of the best running backs in New England. Williams lead all New England Colleges in rushing coming into the game. Their rushing attack was lead by junior All-American running back Jack Maitland <http://www.williams.edu/athletics/news.php?id=1825&sport=10&year=1999> who alone accounted for 615 yards in the five games played thus far in the season. This was more than the entire Union Team. The previous year both teams were also off to a great start and were also 4-1. In the 1968 game, with less than 10 minutes to go in the 4th quarter, Union was down 7-0. Jim Sabella's 47 yard field goal, in the muck and mud, electrified the crowd and sparked a ferocious comeback and prompted Union to score two more touchdowns for a 17-7 win. Parts of this game are on YouTube. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=32Y4F3XbyOs> In this game Union's defense held Williams' vaulted running attack to 65 yards rushing.
9. **TEAM - ALL WILLIAMS OPPONENT:** Five members of the 1968 team were selected by Williams College to be placed on the then yearly "All William's Opponent" team. This represented more players than any other team that Williams College faced in 1968. All five players were from the Union College defense unit, which shut down Williams' vaulted offense and their all American running back, Jack Maitland. It was a great honor to be selected as an "All William's Opponent".
10. **INDEPENDENT COLLEGE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE (I.C.A.C.):** So highly regarded was the talent on the 1967/68 team that 12 members of the 1967 team, (which went 3-1 in league play good for second place) made the 1967 ICAC All-Star Team. The six first team members were Dick Swan, Craig Carlson, Joe James, Sam Dill, Skip Lynch and Tom Oberst. Six were also named to the second team. These were Ted Jennings, Doug Mele, Ken Pearce, John Burton, Steve Ciesinski and Steve Bauer. Of this group only Dill was a senior. The following year seven players from the 1968 league championship team (4-0) were selected to the I.C.A.C All Star First Team, more than any other team in the league.

11. FIELD GOAL RECORD: The 1968 team distinguished kicked the longest field goal in the school's history to that point. Jim Sabella's ('70) 47 yard field goal against Williams set the school record. Jim was also selected in 1970 to be a member of the all time best Union Squad for the past decade. The current field goal record for Union is 51 yards. Many Union football records include the several top record holders. I am sure that it was because of unique circumstances i.e. the number of games in a season, etc. One record you should consider including, because of its unique circumstance, is the 47 yard field goal kicked by Jim Sabella ('70) in the 1968 game against Williams College.



Jim Sabella '70 kept the "foot" in Dutchman football.

Figure 9 Jim Sabella was selected to the Union "All Decade" football team

Jim Sabella, ('70) broke his leg his sophomore year and only saw action against Hamilton where he kicked a 42 year field goal.

12. **E.C.A.C. ALL-EAST DIVISION III:** The 1968 team had four players nominated and or selected during the course of the season to the Eastern Conference Athletic Conference Weekly All-East Division III Team, more than any other team in the school's history up to that point (1968). These players included Tom Oberst (69'), Larry Sykes (71'), Doug Mele (69'), and Rich Swan (70'). Larry Sykes was selected three times in 1968. The other players once.
13. **UNION-STAR'S 10 YEAR UNION COLLEGE ALL-STAR FOOTBALL TEAM:** The Schenectady Union-Star newspaper, and its Sports Editor, Bill Arsenault, selected a 10 year Union College All-Star team for 1960 – 1970. This 1968 team placed 15 of 22 members on the Union-Star 10 year Union College All-Star team. These included: #1. Rich Swan, WR, #2. Joe James, FB, #3. Dan Gould, TE, #4. Paul Beadle, OT, #5 Doug Mele, OG, #6. Bill Birns, Center, #7. John Burton, DE, #8 Tom Oberst, DT, #9 Skip Lynch, DT, #10. Don DeMichele, ILB, #11. Ron McAvoy, OLB, #12. Steve Ciesinski, CB, #13. Dave Gray, CB, #14. Paul Ramsey, Safety, and #15 Jim Sabella, Kicker. Joe James finished his career with 1494 yards. Rich Swan was picked as the most exciting player of the decade caught 125 passes good for 1731 yards and 17 touchdowns. Dan Gould as a tight end averages 14 yards per reception.
14. **UNION-STAR'S 10 YEAR UNION COLLEGE ALL-STAR FOOTBALL TEAM: BEST SECONDARY:** The paper noted, in 1970, *"The past two seasons, Union has had its best deep backfield on defense in its schools history. Ciesinski who had 19 career interceptions and Gray were tough to beat while Ramsey, with another year of eligibility, is just tough."* The paper also noted how injuries had cut short promising careers. "Carlson would have ranked right up there with Swan in receptions and as an exciting performer, but his career was cut short by an injury. *Playing just 8 games in two years he caught 869 yards and five touchdowns.*
15. **CAREER RUSHING RECORD:** This team had on it the Union College Career rushing record holder, up to that point, despite missing most of one year and despite being hobbled by injuries his entire career (Joe James 69')
16. **CAREER PASS RECEIVER:** This team had on it the Union College Career receiver (number of career receptions 67 - 69) up to that point. (Rich Swan 70')
Most Catches, Career -- Rich Swan, 125,
17. **DEFENSE - INTERCEPTIONS:** This team had on it the season and career record holder for pass interceptions at Union, (Steve Ciesinski 70'). At one point in 1968, Steve actually lead the Nation in pass interceptions (all colleges). Steve's records on the 1968 team, Interceptions per season, are still all time Union Records. Steve had 10 interceptions in 1968 and 17 interceptions during his career (1967-1969) The NCAA did not keep records for Division III before

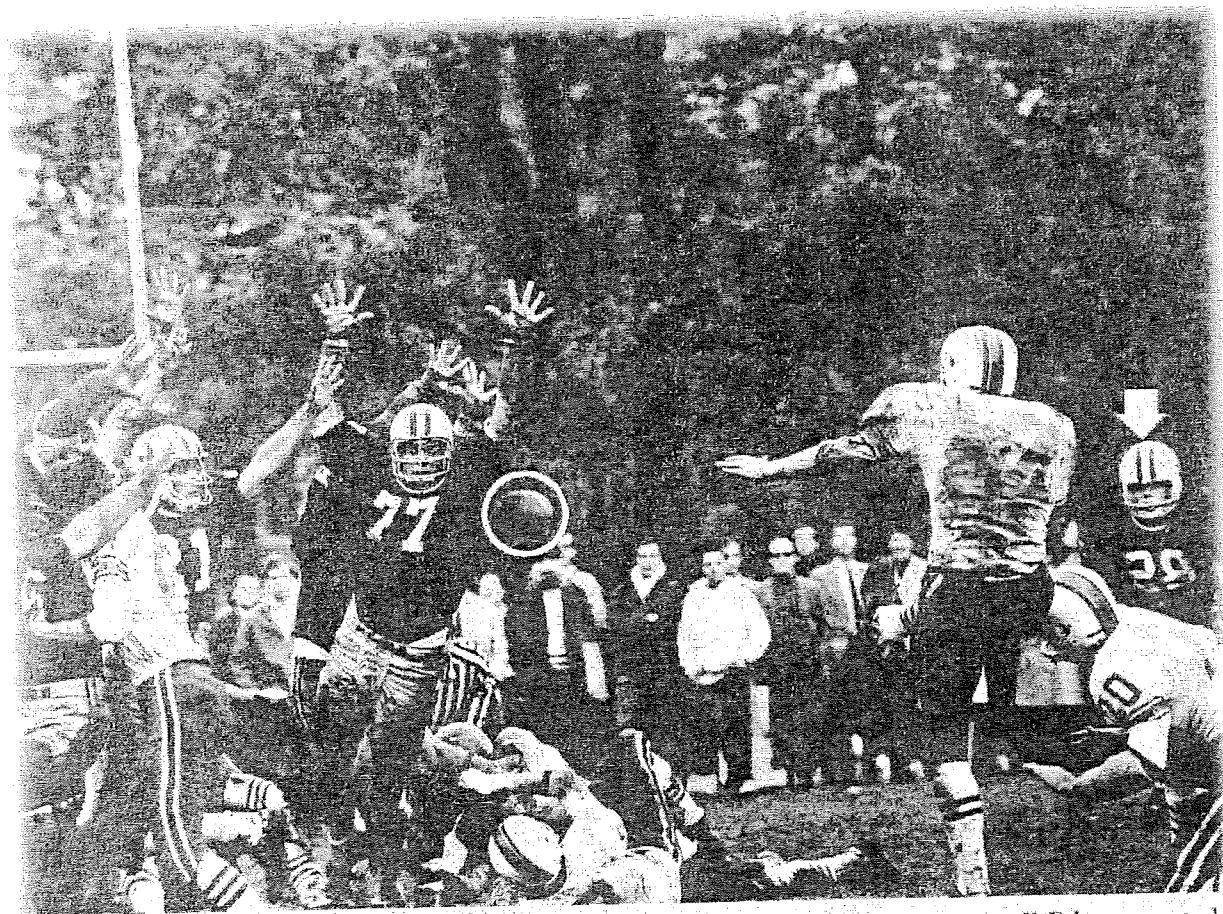
1973. However, they do record many different career, season, game, and team football records not shown in Union's record books http://fs.ncaa.org/Docs/stats/football_records/D2/2010/DIII.pdf For example, for pass interception over the course of a season, the NCAA Division III records are NCAA Team Records -

- Season Defense Pass Defense Most Passes Intercepted by --
 - Season 35 -- Plymouth State 87'
 - Season per game 3.4 per game -- Montclair State 87' (34 in 10).

Because of the outstanding play of Steve Ciesinski in 1968 with 10 interceptions and Paul Ramsey with an additional 5, we intercepted a total of 19 passes over 8 games or an average of 2.4 pass interceptions/game. While clearly not an NCAA Division III record, and probably not a Union Record there are many statistics for the 1968 team that compare favorable to the record books.

18. **PASS RECEPTIONS - NUMBER OF YARDS RECEIVING IN A SEASON OR MOST YARDS RECEIVING IN A SEASON** - This team had members who still hold the record for 1st and 2nd place for number of yards in receptions for an 8 game season (Rich Swan 70' and Craig Carlson 70'). **Most Yards, Season** -- Rich Swan, 735, 1967; Craig Carlson, 728, 1967;
19. **RECEIVING: - MOST YARDS RECEIVING IN A GAME (Pass Receiver)** This team had a member who still holds the Union Record for Most yards receiving in a game (over an 8 game schedule) Craig Carlson 237 vs. Hobart 10/28/67 . **Most Yards, Game** -- Craig Carlson, 237, vs. Hobart, An obscured video of part of that game that game in on YouTube <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M2PBADvWtkE>
20. **RECEIVING: - MOST YARDS IN A CAREER: Most Yards, Career** -- This team had a member who still holds the Union Record for Most Yards, Career, Rich Swan, 1,731, 1967-1969
21. **RECEIVING: - MOST TOUCHDOWN PASSES IN A SEASON** Rich Swan 8 in 1967. **TD Catches, Season** -- Rich Swan, 8, 1967
22. **RECEIVING - MOST TOUCHDOWN PASSES IN A CAREER** This team had the player who currently holds the record for most touchdown passes caught in a career over 8 games Rich Swan 17 (67-69). In 1967 Rick Swan was selected as the All ECAC Sophomore of the Year. 1967-69. **TD Catches, Career** -- Rich Swan, 17, 1967-69
23. **DEFENSE - LEAST POINTS SCORED** - The 1968 team only gave up 73 points. Unions opponents scored a paltry 73 points over an 8 game schedule against UNION in 1968. However, only 59 points were scored against Unions Defense Unit that year, the lowest over an 8 game schedule in the teams modern history.

24. **DEFENSE** - Scoring touchdowns on the ground. This team only allowed 4 touchdowns scored on the ground during an entire season. This was the second best of any Union Team. The record belongs to the 1983 team.
25. **DEFENSE AGAINST THE RUSH** - This team only allowed an average of 1.9 yards per carry over the course of a season. The current NCAA record for Division III is 1.0 yards per carry.
26. **TEAM - TOTAL TACKLES IN A SEASON: Total Tackles Season** -- Your Union College record holders for total (tackles and assists) are McMahon 132 89', Howell 125 83', Lainez 111 92', Lombreglia 111 '02, Champlin 106 96', Mosia 100 in 92', Maltese 100 in 96', Pellerito 91 in '06'. The leading tacklers for the 1968 football season were recorded on Coach Chris Schmid's "Defensive Tally Sheet" as "total tackles season to date" for the year 1968 as: **Ron McAvoy**, Co-Captain and outside linebacker 130 1968 team, class 69' **Don DeMichele**, Inside Linebacker 110 1968 team, class of 69' **Russell Cicotti**, Inside Linebacker 102 1968 team, class of 70' **Paul Ramsey**, Safety 99 1968 team, class of 71' (Captain of the 1970 team). As a point of reference, that same year, the fall of 1968, Bill Assenheimer, the linebacker extraordinaire from Alfred University, was selected as a second team All-American, leading small colleges with 138 tackles, and today his record ranks second highest in his school's history for tackles in a season. All four of these 1968 Union players should be in your record books for tackles in a season. Moreover, unlike the record holders you have recorded, the numbers for the 1968 team were for over only 8 games.
27. **TD PASSES/GAME** - Ken Pearce tied Tom Hitchcock's record for 4 touchdown passes per game in an 8 game season and that record still stands today. **TD Passes, Game** -- (4) Ken Pearce vs. Hobart, 10/28/67
- It looks like there are several records relating to this game with Hobart. Parts of this game are on YouTube. Unfortunately the second half of this game was filmed over the first half so it's difficult at best to make out what is going on. This was my Dad's first attempt at video and the home video camera technology back then was not designed for sports programming or ease of use. You can make out the score board which speaks to the progress of the game. Please keep in mind that you are seeing both half's being played at the same time. I can and will rework this video to make it clearer.
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28. **LONGEST RETURN OF A BLOCKED FIELD GOAL** - There can be no question that David Gray's 90 yard return of a blocked field goal in the RPI game. David, a sub 10 second sprinter, covered the distance so fast the RPI players were still at mid field when he crossed the goal line. This was known as the "play of the year" in 1968.



Football play-of-the-year came in the second quarter of the Homecoming contest. R.P.I. attempted field goal from the Union seven-yard line, but the low boot was blocked. Defensive halfback Dave Gray

Figure 10 Dave Gray scores on the longest return of a blocked field goal in Union's History in 1968

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Official Nomination Ballot



TEAM OF DISTINCTION

Team (Season/Year & Sport) Fall/1968 Varsity Football Team

Head Coach George W. Flood & Assistant Coach Christopher Schmid

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Key Players on this team Stephen Ciesinski, Don DeMichele, David Gray, Paul Ramsey, John Burton, Joseph Grabowski

Tom Oberst, Dave Ciccotti, Tom Duffy, Ron MacAvoy, Kevin Monahan, Doug Mele, Bill Burns, Dan Guild, Joseph James, Ted Jennings,

Scott Kumpf, Jerry Ostrander, Ken Pearce, Ray Pike, James Sabella, Richard Swan, Larry Sykes, Doug Werth, (many others)

Distinguished Achievements for this team The UNION College Fall/1968 Varsity Footballteam

distinguished itself in many ways. Here are a few. #1. The team was 7-1, the first winning team

in a 12 years and the best record since 1949. In 1968 there was no NCAA Division III ranking

system and there was no post season play for Division III schools. #2. The team finished 4th in the ECAC

Division III Lambert Bowl balloting. #3. The team won the ICAC League Conference. #4. The defensive unit broke

a number of school records and these records still hold today. #5. The team had on it the career leading

team rusher and pass receiver up to that point in the schools history, despite missing a season.

#6. The team had statistically the best defensive unit in the history of Union College Football.

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**Subject: Team of Distinction Nomination
Fall/1968 Varsity Football (7-1)**

Dear Eric:

It was a pleasure speaking with you earlier this week. Thank you for the opportunity to discuss with you the process of nominating the Union College Fall/1968 Varsity Football Team for the Union Athletics Hall of Fame. I was a Co-Captain of that team along with Ron MacAvoy.

I have completed the application form. However the honors which this team won exceed the space provided. As a result, I am attaching a list of the awards this team won and supporting documents, as well as the reasons I believe that nomination is warranted. I am sending the officially released Union College sports statistics for this team as well.

Please note that every claim is documented with official team statistics, newspaper clippings, news articles, Union College Chronicle articles, official Union Sports statistics, Game programs, etc. I will supply additional information as well as soon as I complete contacts with newspaper archives and others. I am also in the process of contacting teammates and classmates asking them to contact you as well.

As we proceed through this process, please keep me informed of the nomination's progress and any and all information that you need.

Team achievement is also individual achievement and I am still researching primary source documents for several other team/individual awards this team won and its members won.

I am claiming, and the evidence will confirm, that this football team was one of the all time best football teams in Union Colleges History AND that the defensive unit, was, without question, the BEST defensive football team in the history of Union College Football.

Very truly yours

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas P. Oberst". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a large initial 'T' and 'P'.

Thomas P. Oberst
Union College – Class of 1969
Co-Captain

Nomination to the Union College Athletics Hall of Fame Fall/2008 Union College Varsity Football Team.

I believe that the 1968 Union College Varsity Football should be selected for admission to the Union College Athletics Hall of Fame for the reasons enunciated below. This team played at a time when there were no NCAA Playoffs. Most of the Division III teams were members of the ECAC and the Lambert Bowl Ratings were considered the defacto Division III ratings in the country. My claim is that the 1968 Varsity Football team had the best defensive unit in the history of Union College Football. The defensive unit gave up 8 touchdowns in 8 games (the offence unit gave up 3). The only loss was to Kings Point (Merchant Marine Academy) which finished as the number 2 team in the ECAC Division III Lambert Bowl ratings. Back in those days Kings Point had a number of Division 1 teams on its schedule, including teams like Temple University. During our game with Kings Point they returned an interception for a touchdown and set up a second touchdown with another interception. They intercepted us 5 times that day. We still almost won because we were on their 24 yard line when the game ended. They scored fewer points against us than any other team they played that year. For that time our defensive unit was very tall, very big and most of all very very very fast. In 8 fourth quarters, we gave up a total 13 points. That is correct. All those 13 points were scored against the second stringers or given up by the offense. The first string defense gave up 0 points in the 4th quarter for the entire year. No team scored against the first string defense in the 4th quarter for the entire year. As one news paper said, all year long, it was the defense. We also had a solid offense and broke many UNION Football records on offense up to that point.

The Coaching Staff for this team included:

George W. Flood – Head Coach Springfield '53
Christopher Schmid – Assistant – Defense
Robert Leonard – Assistant – Offensive Line
R. Bruce Allison – Assistant – Freshman Coach and Varsity Scout.

HERE ARE THE FACTS AND THE DOCUMENTS:

1. RECORD: The 1968 team had a record of 7-1 which was up to that point, the third best season/record in Unions entire History and the best season/record since 1949 and the first winning season since 1956.

2. LAMBERT BOWL RATING: This team finished 4th in the ECAC Division III Lambert Bowl balloting with its only loss to the #2 team, Kings Point. Kings Point finished 18th in the country against many teams that are now considered Division II and Division I.
3. INDEPENDENT COLLEGE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE (I.C.A.C.) LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP: The 1968 team won the I.C.A.C. league championship for the first time and was the only member of the league ever to beat every other member in one season since the league's formation and during its entire existence. The I.C.A.C. was the league that Union played football in at that time.
4. DEFENSE: Opponent total yardage rushing given up by Union's defensive unit over the course of an 8 game season 651 yards (81.4 yards rushing per game). This is the fewest average yards given up rushing in an 8 game season in the history of Union Football.
5. DEFENSE: Opponent average gain per rushing attempt was a paltry 1.9 yards per carry. This team gave up on average two yards per rushing attempt per game. This is reported to be the fewest opponent yards per carry in the history of Union Football.
6. DEFENSE: Opponents scored 8 touchdowns against the Union defense in an 8 game schedule. This team (defense) gave up 8 touchdowns in an 8 game schedule. The offense gave up 3 touchdowns. This is the fewest touchdowns given up by a defensive unit in an 8 game schedule in the history of Union College Football.
7. DEFENSE: Opponent points scored in the 4th Quarter. Union's defense gave up 13 points in total in the 4th Quarter over 8 games. That is an average of less than 2 points a game. This is another Union College All-time record. It is most impressive that the points were scored after subs had been put in and against the offense. In other words, the first string defense shutout every opponent faced for the entire year.
8. DEFEAT OF WILLIAMS COLLEGE: The 1968 team beat Williams College for the first time in 12 years (1956).
9. ALL WILLIAMS OPPONENT: Five members of the 1968 team were selected by Williams College to be placed on the "All Williams Opponent" team. This represented more players than any other team that Williams College faced in 1968. All five players were from the Union College defense team, which shut down Williams' vaulted offense and their all American running back, Jack Maitland. It was a great honor to be selected as an "All Williams Opponent"
10. INDEPENDENT COLLEGE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE (I.C.A.C.): Seven players from this 1968 team were selected to the I.C.A.C. All Star First Team, more than any other team in the league.

11. FIELD GOAL RECORD: The 1968 team distinguished itself by kicking the longest field goal in the school's history to that point (Jim Sabella 47 yards against Williams)
12. E.C.A.C. ALL-EAST DIVISION III: The 1968 team had seven players nominated and or selected during the course of the season to the Eastern Conference Athletic Conference Weekly All-East Division III Team, more than any other team in the school's history up to that point.
13. UNION-STAR's 10 YEAR ALL-STAR TEAM: The Schenectady Union-Star newspaper selected a 10 year Union College All-Star team for 1960 – 1970. This 1968 team placed 15 of 22 members on the Union-Star 10 year Union College All-Star team.
14. CAREER RUSHING RECORD: This team had on it the Union College Career rushing record holder, up to that point, despite missing most of one year.
15. CAREER PASS RECEIVER: This team had on it the Union College Career receiver (number of career receptions) up to that point.

I am still researching many for verifiable facts around this team. Clearly this team should merit recognition in Unions Athletic Hall of Fame. I will be sending you these facts as soon as I receive them.

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Union College Football Statistics--Final

SCHENECTADY, N.Y.---Statistics of the Union College football team

after eight games:

Record: 7-1-0

Union 7, St. Lawrence 6
 Kings Point 19, Union 13
 Union 21, Rochester 7
 Union 24, R.P.I. 14

Union 14, Hobart 6
 Union 17, Williams 7
 Union 21, Alfred 7
 Union 22, Hamilton 13

RUSHING:

<u>Player</u>	<u>Rushes</u>	<u>Yds. Gd.</u>	<u>Yds. Loss</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Ave.</u>	<u>TDs</u>
Larry Sykes, FB-HB	137	505	-13	492	3.6	2
Jerry Ostrander, HB	114	536	-55	481	4.2	3
Joe James, FB	84	311	-10	301	3.6	3
Denis Moffitt, HB	5	20	0	20	4.0	0
Joe Kirkup, HB	1	11	0	11	11.0	0
Joe Minehan, FB	3	3	-1	2	0.7	0
Scott Kumpf, QB	1	1	0	1	1.0	0
Ron McAvoy, LB-P	1	0	-10	-10	-10.0	0
Ken Pearce, QB	<u>42</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>-192</u>	<u>-139</u>	<u>-3.3</u>	<u>1</u>
Union Total	385	1440	-281	1159	3.0	9
Opp. Total	346	1001	-340	651	1.9	8

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UNION COLLEGE FOOTBALL STATISTICS--FINAL

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PASSING:

<u>Player</u>	<u>Att.</u>	<u>Comp.</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>Had Int.</u>	<u>TDs</u>	<u>Conv.</u>
Ken Pearce, QB	210	105 (50%)	1183	14	8	0
Jerry Ostrander, HB	1	0	0	0	0	0
Jim Sabella, K	0	0	0	0	0	1
Scott Kumpf, QB	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Union Total	213	105	1183	15	8	1
Opp. Total	207	94 (45%)	1146	19	2	0

RECEIVING:

<u>Player</u>	<u>Caught</u>	<u>Yds. Gd.</u>	<u>TDs</u>	<u>Conv.</u>
Rich Swan, SE-WB	31	428	3	0
Dan Gould, TE	19	243	0	0
Art Jacobs, WB-SE	19	180	4	0
Jerry Ostrander, HB	18	144	1	0
Craig Carlson, WB	9	137	0	0
Steve MacKenzie, WB	6	28	0	0
Larry Sykes, HB	<u>1</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
Union Total	105	1183	8	1
Opp. Total	94	1146	2	0

PUNTING:

<u>Player</u>	<u>Punts</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>Ave.</u>
Ron McAvoy, LB	51	1843	36.2
Team	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-</u>
Union Total	52	1843	35.5
Opp. Total	56	1923	34.4

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UNION COLLEGE FOOTBALL STATISTICS--FINAL

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SCORING:

<u>Player</u>	<u>TDs</u>	<u>Conv. K</u>	<u>Conv. R-P</u>	<u>FG</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
Art Jacobs, WB-SE	4	0	0	0	24
Jerry Ostrander, HB	4	0	0	0	24
Jim Sabella, K	0	17-18	0	2-9	23
Joe James, FB	3	0	0	0	18
Rich Swan, SE	3	0	0	0	18
Larry Sykes, HB	2	0	1-1	0	14
Steve Ciesinski, DHB	1	0	0	0	6
Dave Gray, DHB	1	0	0	0	6
Ken Pearce, QB	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6</u>
Union Total	19	17-18	1-1	2-9	139
Opp. Total	19	7-10	0-2	0-3	79

PUNT RETURNS:

<u>Player</u>	<u>Returns</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>Ave.</u>
Dave Gray, DHB	1	90	90.0
Jerry Ostrander, HB	7	69	9.8
Rich Swan, SE	8	50	6.3
Steve Ciesinski, DHB	7	47	6.7
Craig Carlson, WB	2	11	5.5
Paul Ramsey, S	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1.5</u>
Union Total	27	270	10.0
Opp. Total	28	200	7.1

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UNION COLLEGE FOOTBALL STATISTICS--FINAL

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KICK-OFF RETURNS:

<u>Player</u>	<u>Returns</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>Ave.</u>
Rich Swan, SE	9	144	16.0
Jerry Ostrander, HB	4	51	12.8
Craig Carlson, WB	2	46	23.0
Larry Sykes, FB	1	16	16.0
Paul Ramsey, DHB	1	15	15.0
Dan Gould, TE	1	7	7.0
Steve French, G	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0</u>
Union Total	19	279	14.7
Opp. Total	29	552	19.0

INTERCEPTIONS:

<u>Player</u>	<u>Int.</u>	<u>Yds. Ret.</u>	<u>TDs</u>
Steve Ciesinski, DHB	10	151	1
Paul Ramsey, DHB	5	54	0
Joe Grabowski, LB	3	14	0
Russ Ciccotti, LB	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Union Total	19	219	1
Opp. Total	15	285	2

TOTAL OFFENSE:

	<u>Total Plays</u>	<u>Net Gain</u>	<u>Game Ave./Rush</u>	<u>Game Ave./Pass</u>	<u>Total Ave./Game</u>
Union	601	2,342	144.9	147.9	292.8
Opponent	553	1,797	81.4	143.3	224.7

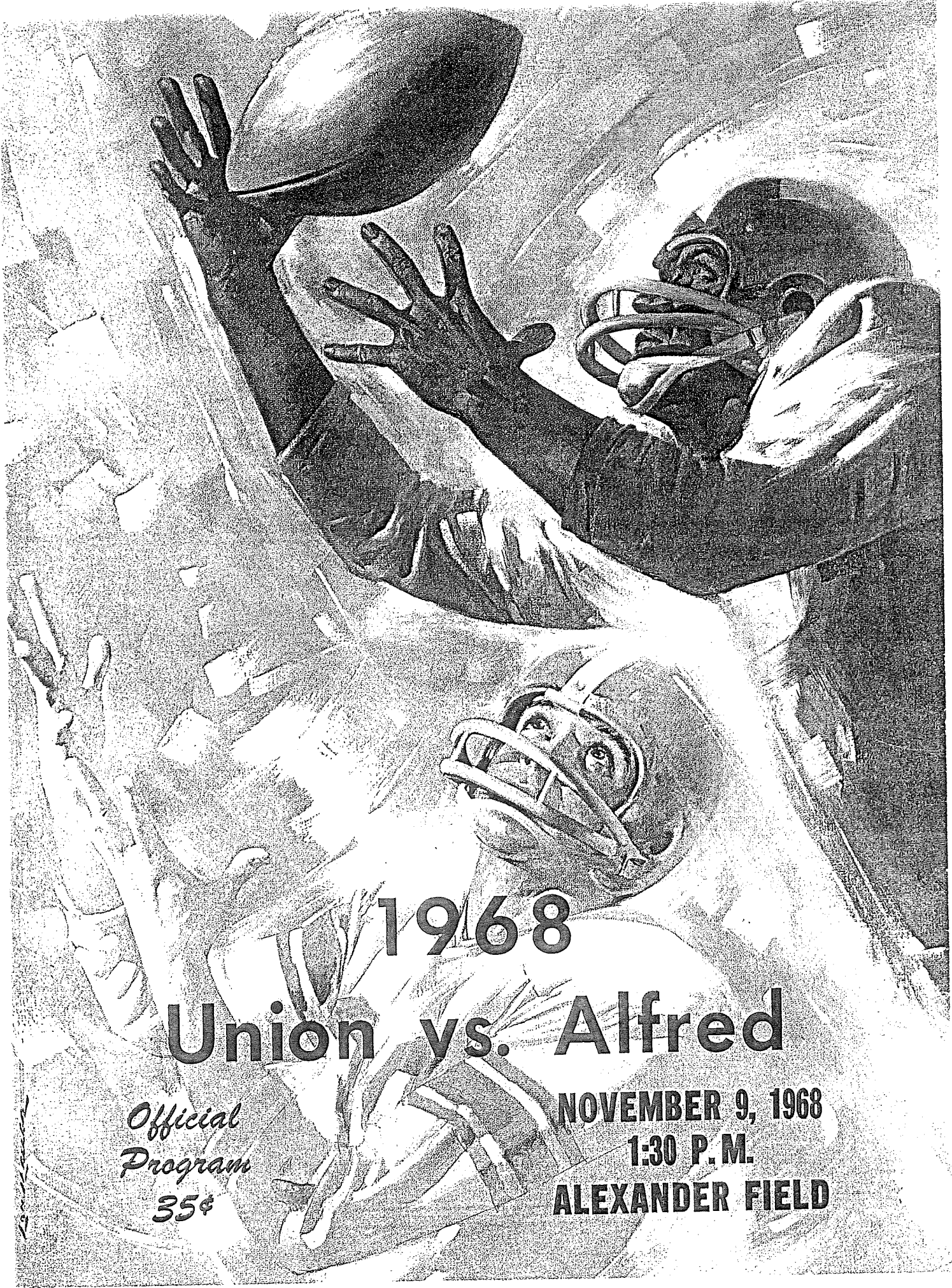
CUMULATIVE SCORE BY PERIODS:

Union	41-31-7-61	--	139
Opp.	20-26-20-13	--	79

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MISCELLANEOUS:

<u>Union</u>		<u>Opp.</u>
75	First Downs, Rushing	49
49	First Downs, Passing	49
8	First Downs, Penalty	9
132	First Downs, Total	107
27	Penalties	28
335	Yards Penalized	246
21	Fumbles	23
12	Fumbles, Lost	14



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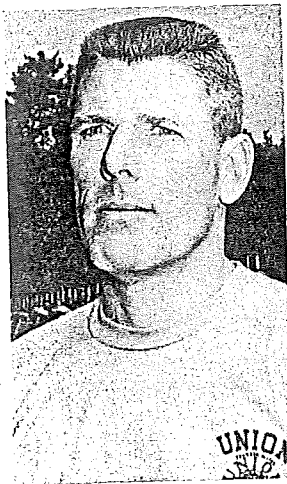
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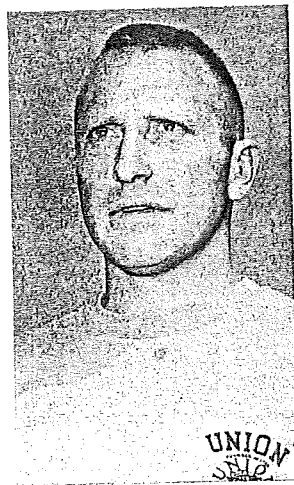
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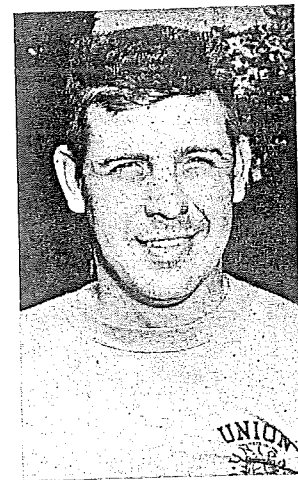
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COACH FLOOD



COACH FLOOD

Returning to Alexander Field for their last home game, Coach Flood and his team can only be in the best of spirits following last week's upset victory over Williams College, 17-7. That victory insured Union of its first winning season since 1956, also the last time they beat Williams.

Alfred would like nothing better than to pull the rug out from under our gridders so Coach Flood will have to keep the team mentally psyched.

George Flood, who is in his fifth year as head coach of football, began his college coaching career when he joined the Union staff in 1964. A veteran of seven successful seasons of high school coaching, Flood has compiled a record of 13 wins, 18 losses, and three ties with Union teams. Last year he had a 4-4 season. He is a graduate of Springfield (Mass.) College, where he was a defensive halfback and third baseman. Flood also took a master's degree at Springfield in 1956.

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TODAY'S OUTLOOK

Although admittedly it is difficult to consider this game important in light of last week's stunning victory, a win for the Garnet today will mark two achievements:

1) a tie for the most number of wins in a season since the undefeated 1949 squad; and

2) Union can become the first team in I.C.A.C. history to defeat each other team the same year.

Although Alfred is sporting a 2-4 record, the Saxons cannot be taken lightly. No Alex Yunevich-coached team is ever destined to be a pushover.

Union fans may remember last year's 14-0 loss to the Saxons.

Leading the Alfred offense is junior halfback Joe Kovacs, who has gained 509

of his team's 667 rushing yards. Senior end Fred Gross has 30 of Alfred's 52 pass receptions, good for 483 yards.

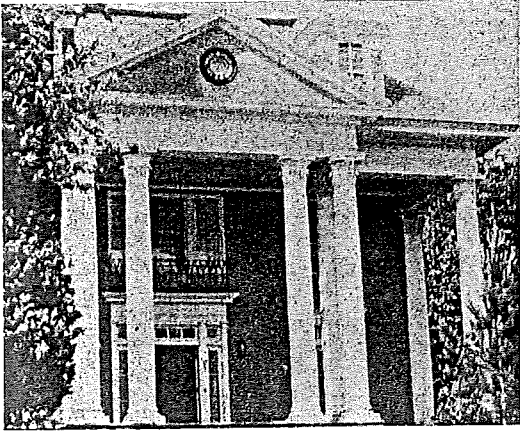
Bill Assenheimer, who braved a Union lacrosse onslaught last season as goalie, is the Saxons' defensive standout. Assenheimer plays middle linebacker.

With Union fresh from a great victory, and Alfred remembering last week's loss to Cortland State, psychology may play an important role in the outcome of today's game.

Larry Sykes and Jerry Ostrander, who are within two yards of each other in total rushing—at 403 and 401 yards, respectively—will probably have an opportunity to inch toward the Union season record of 607 yards. Each has a chance to break Jim Ramich's record.

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UNION COLLEGE FOOTBALL STATISTICS

SIX GAMES — RECORD 5 - 1

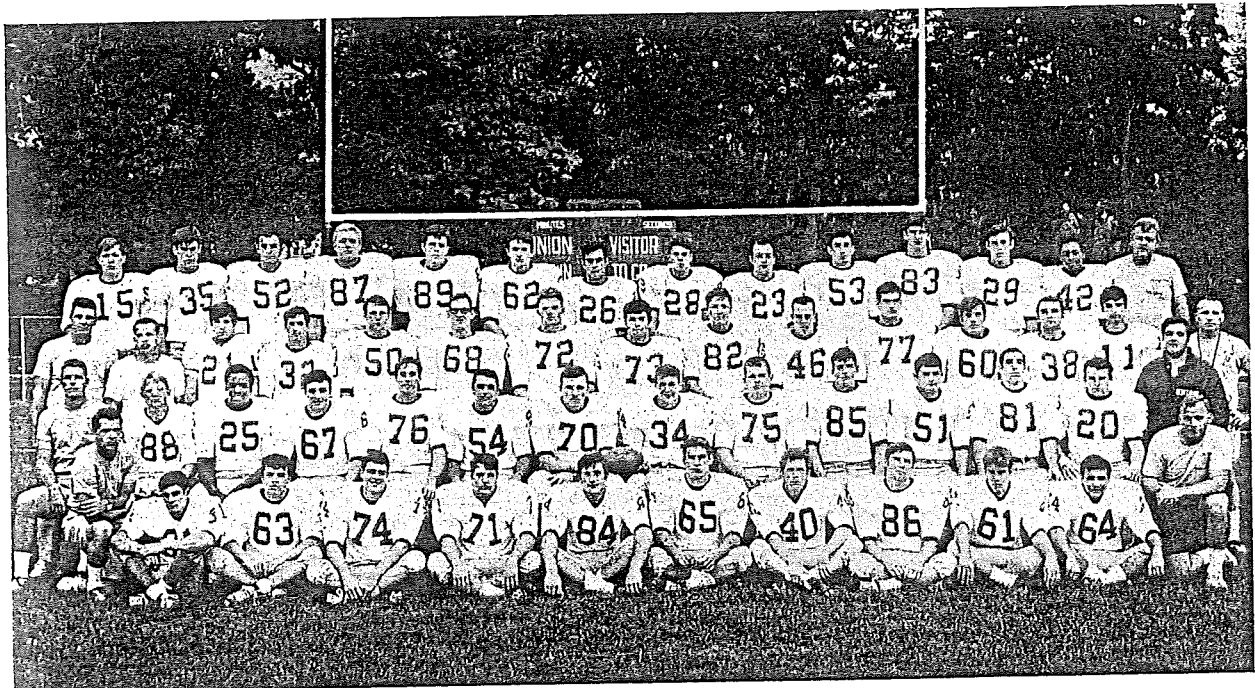
RUSHING			
Player	Rushes	Yds.	Avg.
Larry Sykes	107	403	3.8
Jerry Ostrander	88	401	4.6
Joe James	68	235	3.5
Denis Moffitt	3	10	3.3
Joe Minehan	3	2	0.7
Scott Kumpf	1	1	1.0
Ken Pearce	30	-78	-2.6
Union Total	297	974	3.3
Opponent Total	269	591	2.2

RECEIVING		
Player	Caught	Yds. Gd.
Rich Swan	28	264
Jerry Ostrander	14	104
Dan Gould	13	157
Art Jacobs	11	105
Craig Carlson	9	139
Larry Sykes	1	23
Union Total	76	790
Opponent Total	64	732

PASSING			
Player	Att.	Comp.	Yds.
Ken Pearce	160	78	790
Scott Kumpf	2	0	0
Union Total	162	78	790
Opponent Total	139	64	732

SCORING				
Player	TD	Pat	FG	Pts.
Joe James	3	0	0	18
Jerry Ostrander	3	0	0	18
Jim Sabella	0	12-13	2-7	18
Art Jacobs	2	0	0	12
Larry Sykes	2	0	0	12
Dave Gray	1	0	0	6
Ken Pearce	1	0	0	6
Rich Swan	1	0	0	6
Union Total	13	12-13	2-7	96
Opponent Total	9	5-8	0-1	54

1968 UNION FOOTBALL TEAM



Left to right, back row—Pearce, Ramsey, Ciccotti, Burton, Monahan, McFarland, Sabella, Gray, Piscitelli, Birns, Kerkoff, Ostrander, Sykes, Coach Lawrence. Third row—Trainer Leonard, Manager Sickles, Ciesinski, Carlson, Werth, Felts, Dwyer, Simon, Woodworth, Minehan, Gallucci, Jacoby, Mackensie, Kumpf, Coach Tauebner. Second row—Coach Allison, Swan, James, Mele, Blechner, DeMichele, Oberst, McAvoy, Jennings, Grabowski, Potenza, Jacobs, Pike, Manager Ball. First row—Coach Flood, Caruso, Duffy, Rapalje, Beadle, Gould, Arnold, Kirkup, Bethune, French, Calandra, Coach Schmid.

UNION—1968 TEAM ROSTER

<i>Name</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Pos.</i>	<i>Ht.</i>	<i>Wt.</i>	<i>Home Town</i>
Arnold, Edward	So.	G	5:10	185	Saratoga Springs, N.Y.
Beadle, Paul	So.	GT	5:11	195	Annapolis, Md.
Bethune, Ladd	So.	DE	6:1	180	Locust Valley, N. Y.
Birns, Bill	Jr.	C	5:11	195	New Rochelle, N. Y.
*Blechner, Ed	Sr.	G	6:1	215	Great Neck, N. Y.
*Burton, John	Jr.	DE	6:1	205	Eggertsville, N. Y.
*Calandra, Anthony	Jr.	LB	5:7	160	Utica, N. Y.
Caruso, Guy	So.	DHB	5:7	146	Locust Valley, N. Y.
Ciccotti, Russell	Jr.	LB	6:0	180	Rome, N. Y.
*Ciesinski, Stephen	Jr.	DHB	5:10	170	Schenectady, N. Y.
*DeMichele, Don	Sr.	LB	5:9	175	Utica, N. Y.
Duffy, Tom	So.	DT	5:10	175	Oneonta, N. Y.
Dwyer, Bill	Jr.	T	6:2	235	Albany, N. Y.
*Felts, Frank	Jr.	DE	6:0	190	Albany, N. Y.
French, Steve	So.	G	5:8	165	West Long Branch, N. J.
Gallucci, Richard	So.	DT	6:4	210	Schenectady, N. Y.
Gould, Dan	So.	TE	6:0	190	Stamford, N. Y.
Grabowski, Joe	Sr.	LB	6:2	185	Johnstown, N. Y.
*Gray, David	Jr.	DHB	5:8	165	Hamilton, Mass.
*Jacobs, Arthur	Sr.	WB	6:1	185	New Rochelle, N. Y.
Jacoby, Kent	So.	G	5:10	182	Roslyn Heights, N. Y.
*James, Joseph	Sr.	FB	6:2	220	East Orange, N. J.
*Jennings, Theodore	Sr.	T	6:0	215	Peekskill, N. Y.
Kerkhoff, Dan	So.	DHB	6:3	180	Holyoke, Mass.
Kirkup, Joe	So.	FB	5:10	167	Bay Shore, N. Y.
*Kumpf, S. Scott	Jr.	QB	6:0	160	Cortland, N. Y.
MacKenzie, Steve	So.	LB	5:10	170	Ridgefield, Conn.
*McAvoy, Ronald	Sr.	LB	6:0	180	Clayton, N. Y.
*McFarland, Michael	Jr.	G	5:11	175	Gasport, N. Y.
*Mele, Douglas	Sr.	G	5:9	180	Schenectady, N. Y.
Minehan, Joseph	Jr.	HB	5:11	170	Binghamton, N. Y.
*Moffitt, Denis	Sr.	FB	6:2	196	Florence, N. Y.
Monahan, Kevin	Jr.	DE	6:2	225	Croton, N. Y.
Oberst, Tom	Sr.	DT	6:3	210	Scarsdale, N. Y.
Ostrander, Jerry	So.	HB	6:0	170	Schenectady, N. Y.
Pearce, Ken	Jr.	QB	5:10	185	Cheektowaga, N. Y.
Pike, Ray	Sr.	DE	5:7	180	Newburgport, Mass.
Piscitelli, Francis	Jr.	S	5:9	165	Seneca Falls, N. Y.
*Potenza, Vito	Sr.	LB	5:11	185	Utica, N. Y.
Ramsey, Paul	So.	DHB	6:2	175	Longmeadow, Mass.
Rapalje, Dan	So.	DE	6:2	205	East Aurora, N. Y.
Sabella, James	Jr.	K	5:8	165	Pleasantville, N. Y.
*Swan, Richard	Jr.	SE	5:11	180	Elmira, N. Y.
Sykes, Larry	So.	FB	5:9	180	Schenectady, N. Y.
Werth, Doug	So.	C	5:10	185	Seneca Falls, N. Y.
Woodworth, Don	Jr.	TE	6:2	190	Garden City, N. Y.

*Returning lettermen (20, DeMichele lettered in 1966, spent 1967 studying in Europe)
Sickles, John—Head Manager

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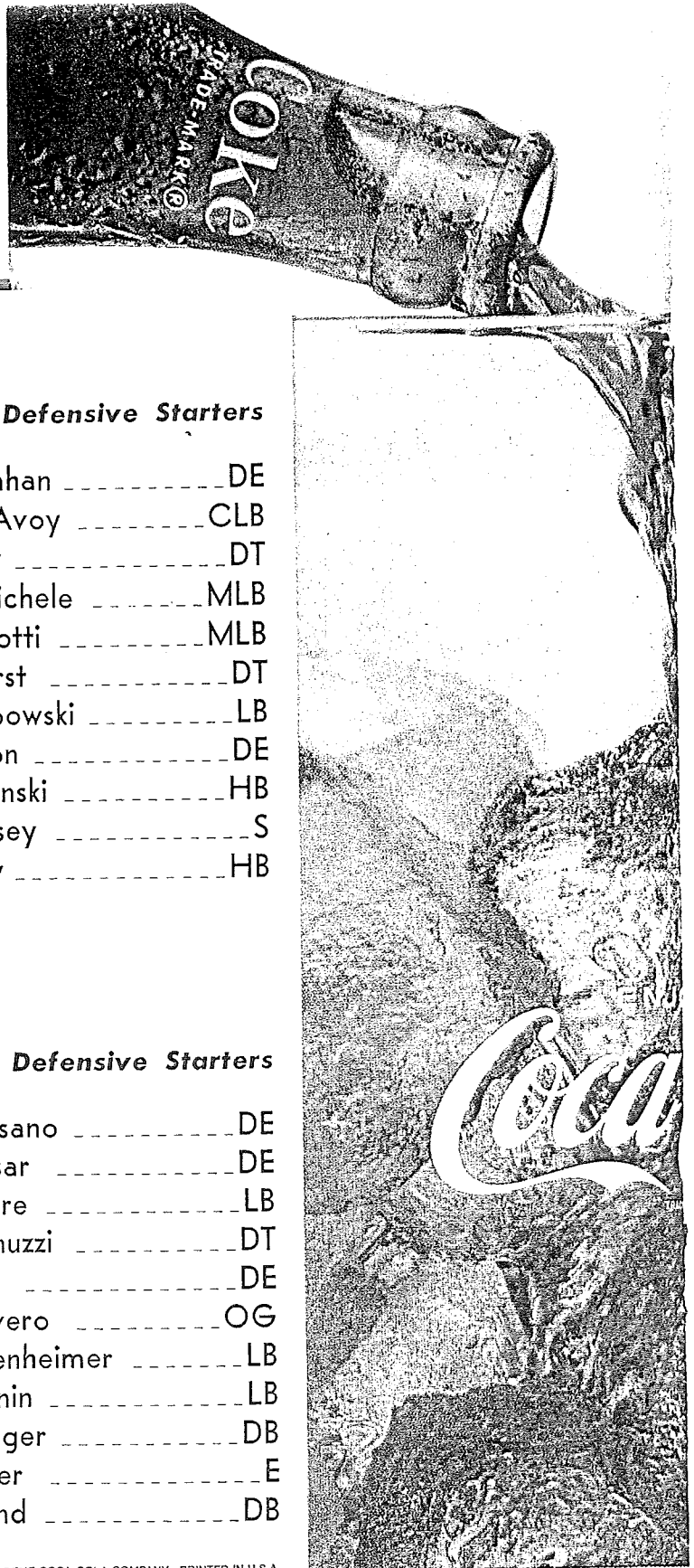
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67	Mele	LG
53	Birns	C
61	Arnold	RG
75	Jennings	RT
84	Gould	RE
15	Pearce	QB
42	Sykes	HB
25	James	FB
29	Ostrander	WB

Probable Defensive Starters

89	Monahan	DE
34	MacAvoy	CLB
63	Duffy	DT
54	DeMichele	MLB
52	Ciccotti	MLB
70	Oberst	DT
85	Grabowski	LB
87	Burton	DE
21	Ciesinski	HB
35	Ramsey	S
28	Gray	HB

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Probable Offensive Starters

82	Mee	LE
79	Maurer	LT
63	Boyd	LG
61	Wilt	C
60	Indivero	RG
63	Norcross	RT
83	Gross	RE
12	Eckert	QB
18	Kovacs	LH
17	DeSocio	RH
23	Enos	WB

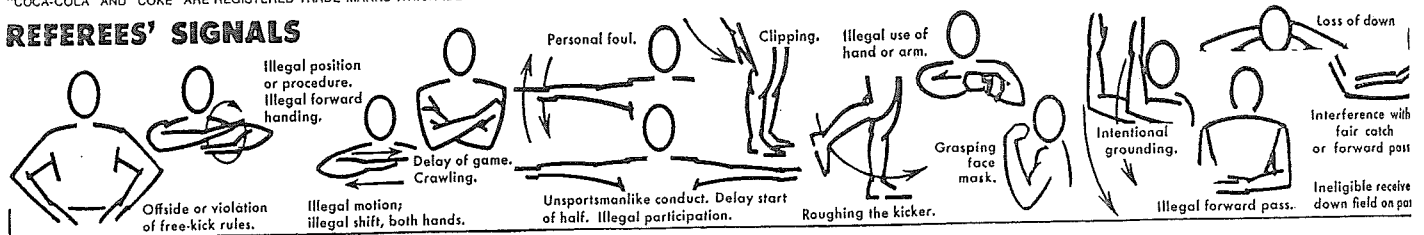
Probable Defensive Starters

87	Cerisano	DE
77	Nassar	DE
72	Moore	LB
73	Yannuzzi	DT
82	Mee	DE
60	Indivero	OG
55	Assenheimer	LB
64	Cronin	LB
21	Brunger	DB
81	Ryder	E
10	Friend	DB

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UNION ALL-TIME FOOTBALL RECORDS

Most wins, season—8 (8-0 in 1914)
 Most losses, season—9 (0-9 in 1902)
 Most consecutive wins—11 (8 in 1914, 3 in 1915)
 Most consecutive games without a loss—
 13 (2 in 1938, 8 in 1939, 3 in 1940; one tie in
 1939)
 13 (5 in 1948, 8 in 1949, one tie in 1949)
 Most win, coaching career at Union — 33 by
 P. E. Leary
 Most years coach at Union — 11 by P. E. Leary
 (1920-1930)
 Most consecutive losses — 14 (2 in 1957, 8 in 1958,
 4 in 1959)
 Most consecutive games without a win — 19 (2 in
 1957, 8 in 1958, 8 in 1959, 1 in 1960; 1 tie in
 1959)
 Most points, game—96-0 (over Hamilton, 1894)
 Most points allowed, game — 130 (lost 130-0 to
 Williams, 1889)

INDIVIDUAL FOOTBALL RECORDS

I. Game

Most TD Passes: 4, Hitchcock (Hamilton, Nov.
 13, 1965); Pearce (Hobart, Oct. 28, 1967)
 Most Passes Attempted: 56, Hitchcock (Alfred,
 Oct. 2, 1965)
 Most Passes Completed: 30, Hitchcock (Williams,
 Oct. 30, 1965)
 Longest Field Goal: 47 yds., Sabella (1967-68)

Most Pass Yardage: 322, Hitchcock (Williams,
 Oct. 30, 1965)
 Most Total Offense: 357, Hitchcock (Williams,
 Oct. 30, 1965)
 Most Passes Caught: 19, G. LaPorte (R.P.I.,
 Oct. 16, 1965)

II. Season

Most Yards Rushing: 607, Ramich (1965)
 Most Passes Attempted: 326, Hitchcock (1965)
 Most Passes Completed: 183, Hitchcock (1965)
 Most Passing Yardage: 1944, Hitchcock, (1965)
 Most Touchdown Passes: 16, Hitchcock (1965)
 Most Passes Caught: 74, G. LaPorte (1965)
 Punting: 29, 1,220/42.0 yd. Avg., Hurlbut (1964)
 Most Yards by Pass Receiver: 735, Swan (1967)
 Most TD Passes Caught: 8, Swan (1967)
 Total Offense: 1,995, Hitchcock (1965)

III. Career

Most Passes Caught: 101, M. Hurlbut (1963-65)
 Most Yards Gained Rushing: 1428, James —
 (1966-68)
 Most Passes Attempted: 606, Hitchcock (1963-
 65)
 Most TD Passes Caught: 9, M. Hurlbut (1963-65)
 Total Offense: 3,757, Hitchcock (1963-65)
 Most Passes Completed: 317, Hitchcock (1963-
 65)
 Most Passing Yardage: 3,639, Hitchcock (1963-
 65)

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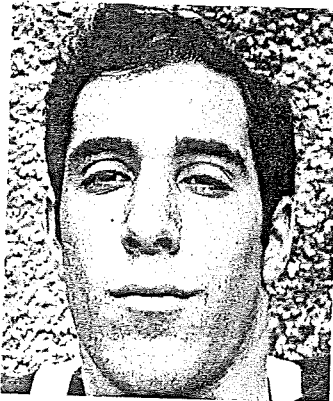
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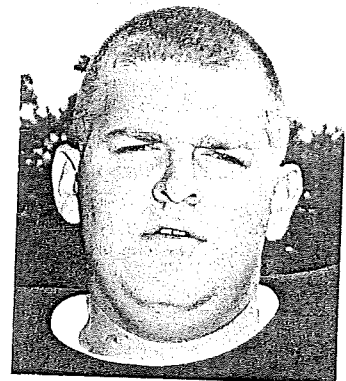
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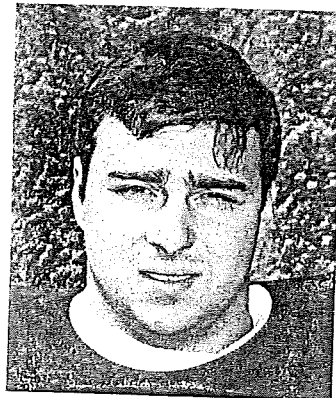
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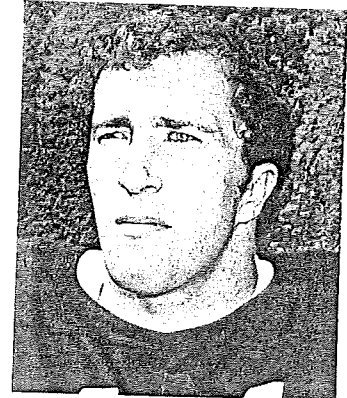
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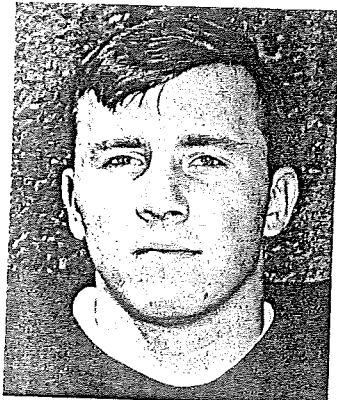
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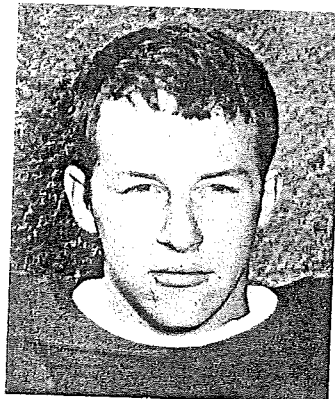
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UNION'S DEFENSIVE GOALS-1968

1. Shut out
2. Score on Defense
3. No Score vs Goal Line Defense
4. Bury passer 3 times
5. Intercept one out of every 10 passes thrown
6. Hold opponent to 45% or below completion average
7. Win on 5% of 3rd down situations.
8. Cause 2 fumbles and recover one
9. No pass over our heads for T.D.
10. No run over 25 yards
11. No kick off return past 35 yard line
12. 4 sig plays
13. Get ball for offense 4 times over midfield

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4.		YES 5	YES 5	YES 8	YES 3	NO	YES 7	YES 7	YES 5		7-4
5.		YES 3/23	YES 2/12	NO 1/30	YES 6/46	YES 2/7	NO 1/25	NO 2/31	NO 2/37		4
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8.		YES 5/3	YES 4/3	YES 5/4	YES 2/1	YES 2/1	NO 0/1	YES 2/1	NO 2/0		23/1
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DEFENSIVE TALLY SHEET

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HAMILTON 13

	<u>TACKLES</u>	<u>TOTAL FOR SEASON TO DATE</u>	<u>EXTRAS</u>
Burton	8	66	
Felts		31	
Bethune		10	
Monahan	4	43	Dumped QB for loss
Oberst	8	71	Dumped QB for loss once
Gallucci	4	26	Assisted on a dump of QB
Duffy	5	69	
Cicotti	16	102	Batted down 1 pass. Dumped QB for loss, caught screen pass from behind
DeMichele	13	110	Knocked down 3 passes, dumped QB for loss 4 times, once for what should have been a safety
Potenza		5	
Grabowski	9	77	Knocked down screen pass Intercepted a pass
Pike		7	
McAvoy	17	130	
Piscitelli	4	22	
Ramsey	9	99	Interception, good run back. 2' good hits to prevent reception
Gray	3	59	
Ciesinski	14	82	
Caruso	2	8	
Calandra			

NOTES - OBSERVATIONS HAMILTON

1. Hamilton had ball 16 times and scored twice
2. Hamilton sustained 2 long drives on us which no other team was able to do.
3. Hamilton kept ball for 34 minutes - we had it 26.
4. We stopped their run - 43 attempts for 35 yards.
5. We had our poorest pass rush even though we dumped the QB 6 times.
6. Some big plays:

DeMichele - knocking down the 2 pt. conversion pass - dumping QB 4 times - once for what should have been a safety

Grabowski & Ramsey interceptions to give offense good field position

Cicotti - catching screen from behind

McAvoy & Ramsey tackle to prevent a first down and force field goal try.

" VIKINGS "
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4 major bowls seem set

By CHARLES RICHARDS
UPI Sports Writer

Four New Year's Day bowls will match members of the nation's top 10 football teams, it appeared today, from commitments extended and accepted Monday—and the probable outcome of games left to play.

The probable pairings are Southern California (8-0) and No. 2 Ohio State (8-0) or No. 4 Michigan (8-1) in the Rose Bowl at Pasadena, Calif.; third-ranked Penn State (8-0) and sixth-ranked Kansas (8-1) in the Orange Bowl at Miami; fifth-ranked Georgia (7-0-2) and ninth-ranked Texas (7-1-1) and eighth-ranked Tennessee (6-11) in the Cotton Bowl at Dallas.

A pair of teams—Texas Tech and Texas A&M—could change that lineup in games this Saturday and on Thanksgiving Day.

Formal invitations were extended by the Orange Bowl to Kansas and Penn State, and they were promptly accepted. Georgia and Tennessee also agreed to requests to play in the Sugar and Cotton Bowls, respectively.

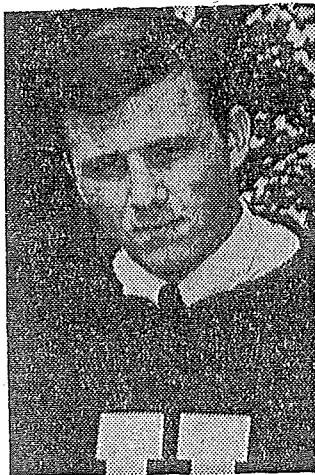
Fourteenth-ranked Oklahoma and 19th-ranked Southern Methodist voted to accept invitations to participate in the Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl at Houston Dec. 31. Auburn agreed to go to the Sun Bowl at El Paso, Tex., Dec. 28, and Missouri gave its approval to play in the Gator Bowl at Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 28.

Southern California has clinched the Pacific Eight representation in the Rose Bowl but, although Ohio State is favored for the Big Ten spot

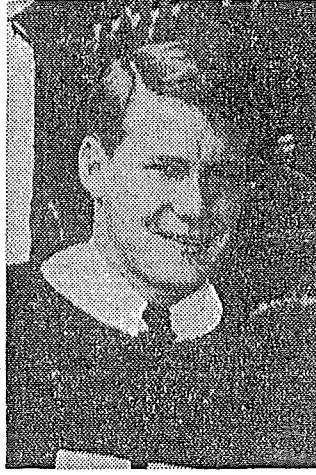
Bill Arsenault
Staff writer



Flood explains Union's 7-1 mark



Tom Oberst



Ron McAvoy

... helped instill pride in Garnet



"WE TOOK THEM one at a time," Coach George Flood said of his 7-1 Union College football team at yesterday's weekly Northeastern New York Sportswriters' luncheon at Sleasman's Restaurant. "Each Saturday was a challenge to the players."

The Garnet record, the best at the school since 1949, included victories over St. Lawrence University, the University of Rochester, RPI, Williams College, Alfred University and Hamilton College, the final six in succession. The only loss came in the second game, a 19-13 setback to Kings Point. The Mariners, ranked 18th in the nation's small college ratings, finished with an 8-1 record.

Union stood fifth in the Lambert Bowl ratings last week, but are a cinch to finish fourth. Only Wilkes (8-0), Kings Point and Albright (8-1) finished with better records in

Tropical perfecta pays 26G

By United Press International
That extra something thoroughbred racing has been engineering to stimulate attendance and betting struck it big at Tropical Park.

The "big perfecta" was initiated at the Florida race

Racing roundup

track last Saturday and turned up a payoff of \$26,055.80 Monday as it gathered popularity.

Bettors are required to pick the first two finishers in order in the fifth race and, if successful, choose in the same manner in the seventh race.

Derby Trial and Singing Forest crossed the line as the one-two finishers in the fifth race and Dr. J. Lee led Love Bandit in winning the seventh.

Cambridge Stable's Hand to Hand romped to a seven-length triumph in the \$28,475 Walt Whitman Handicap at Garden State Park, paying \$12.60 and gaining a winner's purse of \$17,509.

Rulero found a muddy track to her liking at Aqueduct as she beat Boilinasclip by a length and a quarter in the \$7,500 feature. The daughter of Bolero paid \$7.60.

Mud also splattered the track at Bay Meadows, but it proved no difficulty for Windsor Honey as she sped to a two and a half length win in the Pacifica Purse and paid \$12.40.

In other features, Sir Hickory (\$7.80) won at Laurel, Copper Canyon (\$10.20) scored at Churchill and Bol N Ball (\$4.60) triumphed at Lincoln.

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The Southwest Conference champion will meet Tennessee in the Cotton Bowl, and the runnerup has been tabbed the opponent of Georgia in the Sugar Bowl, but the SWC title is still up for grabs.

Texas is favored to defeat Texas A&M Thanksgiving Day and thereby wrap up the Cotton Bowl host position, with the Sugar Bowl representative coming from the winner of the Arkansas-Texas Tech game in Lubbock, Tex., Saturday.

But should Texas A&M's Aggies win in the traditional holiday clash, the Arkansas-Texas victor would go to Dallas, and either the loser or Texas to New Orleans.

Sun Bowl officials listed Wyoming and Arizona State as the teams being given most prominent consideration as an opponent for Georgia.

Other bowls still to be filled are the Liberty Bowl at Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 14 and the Peach Bowl at Atlanta, Ga.

Smaller bowls are the Pecan, Camellia, Mineral Water and Tangerine. Ohio University has accepted one spot in the Tangerine Bowl and North Dakota State has agreed to play in the Pecan Bowl.

Lafayette takes

Lambert Cup lead

NEW YORK (UPI)—Lafayette's 14-10 victory over Colgate Saturday gave it extra impetus in voting for the Lambert Cup—awarded annually to the best middle-sized college football team in the East—and into first place ahead of Amherst, last week's leader.

Lafayette, now 7-2 for the year, drew first place votes from three members of the eight-man committee of athletic directors, sportswriters and sportscasters. Delaware (6-3) defeated Boston University 41-13 and also passed Amherst, getting two first-place votes and finishing just two points behind Lafayette.

Amherst, which defeated Williams 24-17 Saturday for its seventh win in eight games, got two first-place votes and was third in the balloting. Next, in order, are New Hampshire (6-2), Springfield (7-2), C.W. Post (7-2), Northeastern (6-3) and Bucknell (5-4).

McPhail's son named Reading Phillies GM

READING, Pa. (UPI)—Leland McPhail III has been named general manager of the Reading Phillies of the Eastern League.

McPhail is the son of Larry McPhail, general manager of the New York Yankees.

to want that 7-1 record and they went out and got it."

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FLOOD USED ALL of the adjectives to describe this year's team, saying that the biggest assets were tremendous balance and depth. He also patted his coaching staff on the back.

"When I look back over the season," Flood said, "I can see how much the entire staff helped out."

Union had its best defense in years, thanks to Coach Chris Schmid. The Garnet offensive line, coached by Art Lawrence, has to rank with the best ever at the school.

"Our scouting reports were great all season long," Flood said. Al Prazniak, a former Niskayuna High coach, scouted the teams two weeks in advance and then Bruce Allison watched the opponent a week prior to its game with Union and handed in the final report.

Allison, the freshman coach, and Carl Taeubner rounded out the staff and helped give the team part of its esprit de corps.

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WHEN IT COMES TO pride, the Garnet had it all down the line. Co-Captains Tom Oberst and Ron McAvoy played a big part in this phase of the game, both with their leadership and play on the field.

McAvoy, who called the defensive plays, was an outstanding linebacker, leading the Garnet in tackles with 130 in eight games. Oberst, a tough, tough defensive tackle, led the line with 71 tackles. Both went out in fine style, playing standout games against Hamilton.

Oberst and McAvoy joined Flood and Schmid at yesterday's luncheon and were presented the Independent College Athletic Conference trophy by RPI Athletic Director Henry Kumpf. The Garnet won the title with a 4-0 record.

"It goes without saying that this is the top spot in my coaching career," Flood said. "I had a couple of unbeaten teams as a high school coach, but you can't look in the past. It's the present and the future that counts."

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UNION'S FOOTBALL FUTURE looks bright, too. Joining Oberst and McAvoy as departing seniors will be the likes of Don DeMichele, Joe Grabowski, Doug Mele, Ted Jennings, Art Jacobs and Joe James, but the Garnet will still have plenty of solid returnees to make next season another good one.

Of this year's offensive starters, Center Bill Birns, Quarterback Ken Pearce and Wingback Rich Swan were juniors, Guard Ed Arnold, Tackle Paul Beadle, Tight End Dan Gould, Halfback Jerry Ostrander and Fullback Larry Sykes were sophomores.

On defense, Ends John Burton and Kevin Monahan, Linebacker Russ Ciccotti and Defensive Halfbacks Steve Ciesinski and Dave Gray are juniors, Tackle Tom Duffy and Safetyman Paul Ramsey, sophomores.

This makes 15 of 22 starters returning. Add to this four ineligible players slated to return, plenty of reserves who could stand in and do the job and some good-looking freshman and you can see that the Garnet will have to be reckoned with again in 1969.

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WHILE UNION IS BASKING in the spotlight of a great season, RPI Coach Dick Riendeau is looking to the future and trying to forget 1967. The Engineers started the season with two straight wins, but lost seven straight to finish with a 2-7 record.

RPI loses just eight members of this year's team and the Engineer frosh squad is the best ever at the school. Things could be looking up for Riendeau and his crew.

Riendeau complimented the play of his departing seniors, John Centento, Dennis Lawrence, Steve Smith, Don Wagner, Dave Burkhart, Vince Spitzer, Hank Rowett and Jack Hart.

Hart, incidentally, stands third in career receptions in the history of the NCAA College Division. He has 166, including a school record 74 this season.

Those 74 receptions tie him with Union's George LePorte for the most passes caught by an area player. Hart needed nine games for the mark, LePorte catching his passes in seven games in 1965.

Pharmacy opens tonight

Albany Pharmacy opens its per game clip. will be at a for-

ALBANY—Tickets are available for the annual sports smoker sponsored by the Holy Name Society of Blessed Sacrament Church. The event will be held at 8 p.m. Friday, with Detroit star Dick McAuliffe the main speaker.

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Penny Ann Early relaxes at p... storm swirls around her in Louisi... —UPI

Brown second in Met AAU run

NEW YORK—Former Colonne High and Providence College distance runner Barry Brown finished second in the Metropolitan AAU cross-country championships Sunday at Van Cortlandt Park.

Bob Fitts, formerly of Cortland State and Buffalo State, finished first in 30:14.6 over the

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HARRISBURG—The Pennsylvania mission failed decision Monday ing of licenses fo the state.

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Letters

Sir:

In the June issue of the *Chronicle*, Mr. Duncan '36 voiced his fears of a dominating the mind of the college student and anarchy desecrating the system in this country. I would like to take this opportunity to voice my opposition to Mr. Duncan's opinion.

One of Mr. Duncan's concerns is conformity to "burning issues" of the day. (Personally, I have more faith in a politician who turns his back on the issue in order to conform to support the party's candidates.) There are many who share most of Mr. Duncan's fears of conformity of youth:

1. The reason that Mr. McArthur has been considered "O.K." is that he has been the only one willing to stand up to a bloody mistake that some politicians have made causing 30,000 American deaths for no reason. I may be biased though because I am of draft age, but I think I am able to look at my choice of a career or possibly being killed more objectively because I am of draft age than an older veteran whose thoughts have been served, now it's their turn."

2. I have never heard prejudice against a "clean-cut" student; many have long hair, but no one is persecuted for it. I hope it was not the "23 Skidoo" crowd.

3. Twelve percent of the enrollment at the college does not have to be in the military. I would be satisfied with 20 or 30 percent. However, 2 percent is not to be considered. How can a person completely oppose the purpose of integrating a college as an end but as a means to bring education and leadership to Black communities?

4.5.7. It is a shame that you are violent at times. Could this be partly the fault of a society which progresses fears making strong gun laws the cause of the National Rifle Association and whose news reports are full of stories of Americans dying in this country.

6. Dr. Benjamin Spock, Eugene McCarthy, and Pete Seeger are all 40 years old, and neither "indifferent" nor "idiotic." Others like Dean Rusk, Wayne, and George Wallace have spoiled the reputation of the over-the-hill crowd.

8.9.10. Anarchy may stink; but it may be preferable to living in a society dominated by the goals of the wealthy, mistakes and aspirations of power, and a racist history. To many, a peace, science, justice and anarchy are preferable to war, racism, and a stable government.

Most Union students are concerned about their futures, not as revolutionaries, but as citizens. There is really little need for the worry about a revolution at this time, no matter how many times the administration tries to change the system. However, a revolution is in the air in many colleges across the country. Students conform in ideology and their power in order to make their heard.



Senior strength on the 1968 football squad is coached by George Flood (right). They are, left to right, guards Tom Oberst and Ed Blechner, fullback Joe James, tackle Ted Jennings, linebacker Don DeMichele. The seniors anchor a talented and experienced team, described by the coach as "my best at Union."

Seasoned Garnet Squad Could Win Big

A basically experienced team, incorporating only a few sophomores in the starting lineup, is George Flood's reason for optimism for the coming football season.

Flood could have started the same offensive backfield that played all last season, but chose to move Kevin Monahan '70 to defensive end, replacing Sam Dill '68.

The offensive backfield now shows Don Pearce '70 at quarterback, Jerry Ostrander '71 at halfback, Craig Carlson '70 at wingback, and Joe James or Larry Sykes '71 at fullback.

Although James was the odds-on favorite before pre-season practice began, Sykes came to training camp determined to play fullback rather than end fiddle. In the two pre-season scrimmages, in which Union was victorious against Montclair State and Wesleyan, Sykes looked much sharper and ready for the regular games.

James, who lacks about 200 yards rushing for a Union career record, appeared somewhat sluggish, though the 215-pound senior did outrush Sykes in both contests.

Flood will continue with the deadly passing attack that was shown last year. Rich Swan '70, all-East sophomore-of-the-year in 1967, will join with Carlson and Ostrander to provide a strong set of receivers.

Swan and Carlson last year accounted for 99 receptions and more than 1,400 yards. Ostrander, the fastest man on the squad, has demonstrated his pass-catching ability by nabbing three for scores in pre-season play.

Defensively, Union will be fielding a large front four, backed by fair experience at linebacker and good experience in the secondary.

At the ends will be John Burton '70 (205) and Monahan (225). The tackles will be co-captain Tom Oberst

'69 (210) and Rit Galluci '71 (210).

Linebackers will be co-captain Ron McAvoy '69, Don Demichele '69, Russ Ciccotti '70 and Joe Grabowski '71.

The Garnet defensive backfield snagged seven interceptions in two scrimmages. Leading the pack will be Steve Giesinski '70, Fran Piscitelli '70, and Dave Gray '70.

A major scoring threat this season will be kicker Jim Sabella '70. Sabella broke his leg last season and only saw action against Hamilton, when he booted a 42-yard field goal.

Co-Education

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Discussions of co-education will be held with members of the student body during the fall, Prof. Niemeyer indicated, with final faculty action on the recommendation expected sometime during the first term. The final decision on the report will be made by the Board of Trustees.

Members of the Committee were: Dr. Niemeyer; Dr. Henry M. Butzel, Jr., Professor of Biochemical Genetics; Dr. Charles C. Gati, Assistant Pro-

Rules Change Proposed for Electing Alumni Trustees



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Capital Fund Nets \$1,720,467 in Schenectady Drive

Stage set for successful Glens Falls-Saratoga effort

Money raised in Schenectady toward the Union College Capital Fund now totals \$1,720,467. President Harold C. Martin told campaign Oct. 21.

Included in that total is \$1,005,389 collected in the recently-completed campaign, the first local campaign of Union's drive to \$12 million by the 175th anniversary of the College in 1970.

"Because our near neighbors know us best—our faults as well as our virtues—their generous support has been a source of special pleasure," I said.

"I am happy to announce that the total gifts and pledges from Schenectady surpassed the campaign's million-dollar goal."

The \$1.7 million total, Dr. Martin noted, includes gifts since 1965 from General Electric Company and from Trustee Henry Schaffer. GE's computer is valued at \$388,110; Trustee Schaffer's gift totaled \$320,000 in addition to his donation for the library in 1960.

"The victory in our home community, Dr. Martin said, "is especially significant since it not only reflects the concern of those closest to our day-by-day operations, but it also is the first area in the nation to put on a drive.

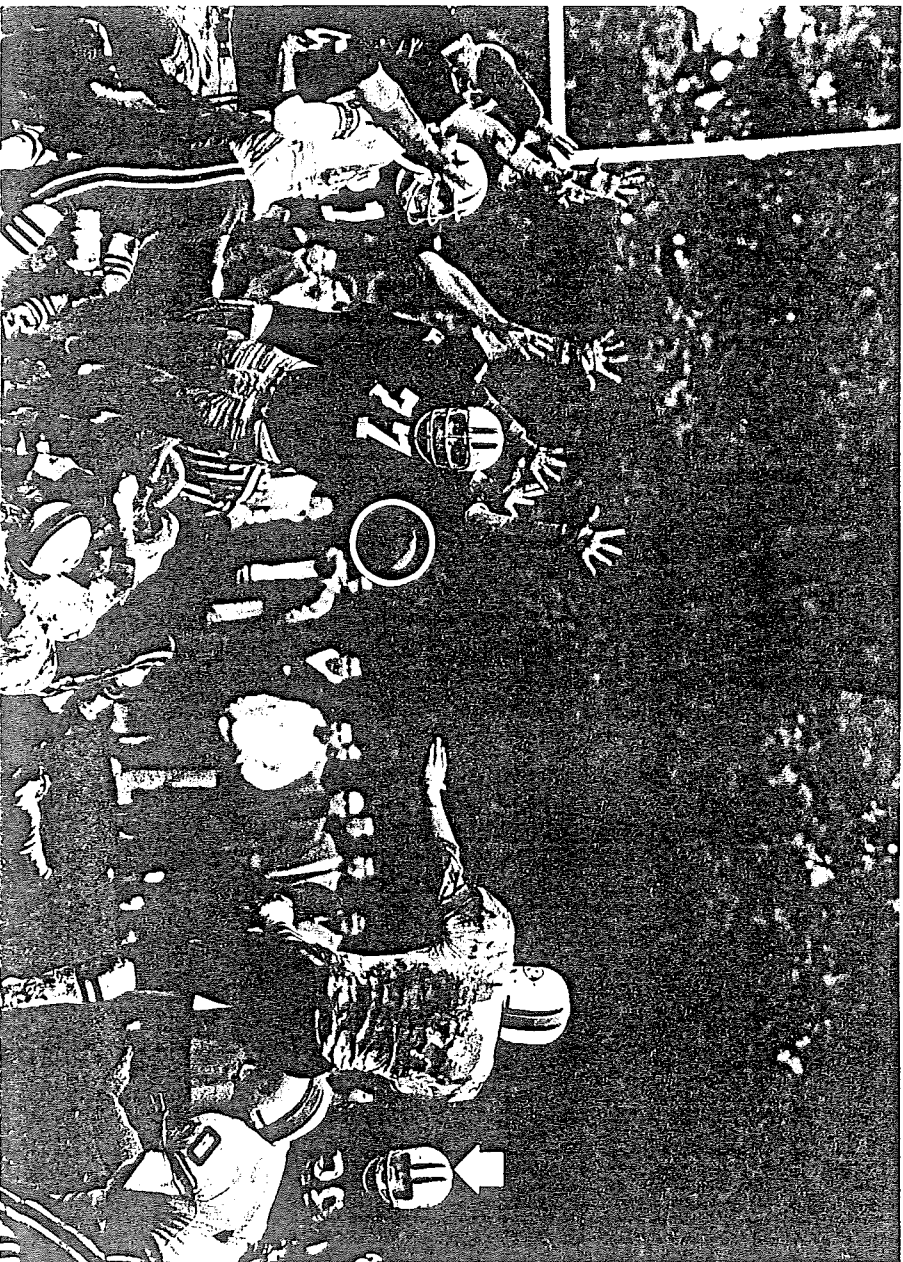
"We believe other alumni elsewhere will now respond generously."

Roy W. Peters, a local attorney, headed a committee of 40 special gift workers, James Penrick, manager of finance at GE's Large Generator and Motor installation, and Clinton A. Bratwood, vice president at Schenectady Chemicals, Inc., recruited and managed a force of 200 general gift workers.

Parker-Sele Annual Fund National Headquarters

Henry B. Parker '34, vice president of The Schenectady Trust has been named national chairman of the 57th Annual Fund campaign at Union College.

As national chairman he will be the Society of Class Agents of volunteer solicitors seeking gifts to support the College.



Football play-of-the-year came in the second quarter of the Homecoming contest. R.P.I. attempted a field goal from the Union seven-yard line, but the low boot was blocked. Defensive halfback Dave Gray '70 (No. 28 at far right) grabbed the loose ball and went 90 yards for a touchdown. Union won 24-14.

Alumni Trustee Election Rules Are Changed

Rules for the election of Alumni Trustees were changed by the Alumni Council at its annual fall meeting held Homecoming weekend, Oct. 19.

The new rules still provide an opportunity for candidates nominated by petition to oppose the candidate selected by a committee of the Council.

The total number of candidates is limited to three, one of whom is the Council candidate. In the event that petitions are submitted by more than two others, the two with the highest number of certified alumni signatures on their petitions will go on the ballot.

The other major change permits the Council President and Secretary to have the ballots counted in secret by a Certified Public Accountant, if the number of votes cast is too great

to permit the normal procedure of counting votes between noon and 1 p.m. on Alumni Day. Results of the CPA's count will not be delivered until the polls have closed at 1 p.m. on Alumni Day.

Other major provisions of the election rules were carried over intact. They permit any alumnus of the College to be a candidate for the Trustee post, either by Council nomination or by a nominating petition carrying the names of at least fifty (50) alumni.

Petitions must be sent by registered mail to the Alumni Office, no later than Feb. 1 of the year in which the election is to be held.

All alumni of the College are eligible to vote in the election, either by mail ballot or in person.

Named to the Council's trustee nom-

inating committee at the fall meeting were James H. Erceg '61, chairman, Charles B. Chandler '56, and Theodore Reinhard '55, all of Schenectady.

At the Spring meeting of the Council, to be held April 19, they will present the name of a proposed Council candidate. Alumni may suggest names for committee consideration by writing in care of the Alumni Office, Lamont House, at the College.

The incumbent Alumni Trustee whose term expires this year, Dr. Robert E. Murray '33, is not eligible for re-election as he has served two four-year terms, the limit of eligibility.

Gridders Off to Fast Start; Collect First League Crown

A great win over the University of Rochester, followed by Union's 50th win since 1886 over R.P.I., has given the Dutchmen a good chance to garner its first winning season since 1956 and its first I.C.A.C. title since the league was founded five years ago.

Balance, between the offense and defense and among the individual members of the offensive team, is the reason for the fine start this season.

The only loss to date has been to Kings Point, 19-13. The Mariners are rated in the top five among Eastern teams in Union's division. Union is listed 10th.

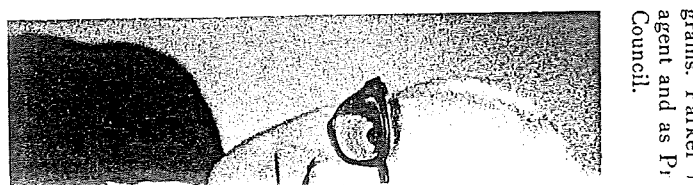
Union's defense has already pounced on 12 of the opponents' fumbles, only one less than all last season, and intercepted 14 passes, one more than in 1967.

Steve Ciesinski '70 has grabbed eight errant passes to lead the team. Dave Gray '70 is credited with one assist (he tipped a pass to Ciesinski) and a 90-yard return of a blocked R.P.I. field goal attempt for a touchdown.

Donald E. Craig, vice president and general manager of GE's Large Steam Turbine and Generator Division, assisted by H. L. Reed and W. A. Barton of the firm's community relations operation, visited many GE management personnel.

The success of the Schenectady campaign has brightened hopes for new area campaigns to be staged. A drive in the Saratoga Springs-Glens Falls area is underway with a \$100,000 goal. A campaign in the Amsterdam-Johnstown-Gloversville area has been announced, with Robert D. Everest '37 of Gloversville as general chairman.

Further area campaigns are in the planning stages for other sections of New York State.



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The defensive line, although plagued by injuries, completely stopped Rochester and St. Lawrence, while containing Kings Point to its lowest point output of the season. R.P.I., with its wide-open offense, was a little more difficult to contain, although, the defense made the "play" when the chips were down.

Jerry Ostrander '71 is the most pleasant surprise on offense. Running from the halfback spot, he leads the team in rushing and is second in pass receiving. Although Joe James '69 has been hobbled all season with foot and ankle injuries, he has broken Jim Ramich's '66 career rushing record of 1,352 yards. James still has three games in which to better the mark.

Larry Sykes '70, a teammate of Ostrander at Schenectady's Mont Pleasant High School, has been an ample replacement for James. All three running backs are within 60 yards of each other in total rushing statistics.

Union's lately-discovered running

Wallace Aid's, Wire Service Report Refuted by Official College Statement

Did Union College refuse to permit Presidential Candidate George C. Wallace to speak on the campus?

No.

Would the College permit Wallace to speak?

Yes.

Did Wallace or his organization ever ask?

No.

The question of a Wallace appearance here arose when a national organizer from his staff, speaking at an Albany press conference, alluded to the College.

He was variously reported as having said that the Wallace group was "unable to arrange," "unable to secure permission for" and had been "refused permission" for the former Alabama governor to appear at Union.

Apprised of the fact that a national wire service had mentioned the reference in its account of the press con-

ference, the College issued a statement:

"To the best of our knowledge, the Wallace organization has made no request for permission to schedule an appearance by Governor Wallace on the Union College campus. Certainly no such request has been turned down by any officer of the College.

"Union College has a long-standing commitment to free and open debate. Acting under that policy, one organization on the campus is attempting [unsuccessfully—Ed.] to arrange an appearance by a supporter of the Wallace candidacy. We will take this opportunity to extend our welcome to Governor Wallace himself.

"If he wishes to appear at Union College, he need only ask."

He didn't.

The former Alabama governor's area appearance finally took place on the Capitol Building steps in Albany.

grams. Parker is agent and as P.I. Council.

A native of a 1934 graduate was graduated from the College of Bankers and Merchants of Schenectady. He worked for the I-way Department Parker's first Trust Co. was at same year he joined department the auditing and the rank of assistant treasurer In 1954 he was president and as following year vice president. Named to the of the Society of recent meeting cil were Frederick of Garden City, Vost III '52 Jack B. Hirschfeld's Bay, Mas-

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Football

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attack has taken the spotlight away from last season's potent passing offense. Rich Swan '70, who caught 50 passes last season, has 13 so far this year, but has been used as much as a decoy as a target.

Craig Carlson '70 sustained a dislocated knee against Kings Point and will sit out the remainder of the season.

In addition to Swan and Ostrander, quarterback Ken Pearce has been hitting wingback Art Jacobs '69 and tight end Dan Gould '71.

The soccer team, under Gary Brown '65, is off to a 3-2 start, dropping decisions to St. Lawrence and Middlebury. The loss of Robert Okello '70 for the remainder of the year has put pressure on the younger members of the squad.

Jim Wilson '69 and Bob Dodd '71 have been doing most of the scoring, while Mike Pitt '71 has been handling the goal chores because of an injury to the regular goalie.

Although the cross country team has not won yet this season, coach Ron Coleman has reason for hope for the future. Myron Fribush '69 is the only non-sophomore on the team. And Coleman, who also coaches the frosh squad, has seen Bryant Moeckel win all four starts so far this season. The frosh are 2-2.

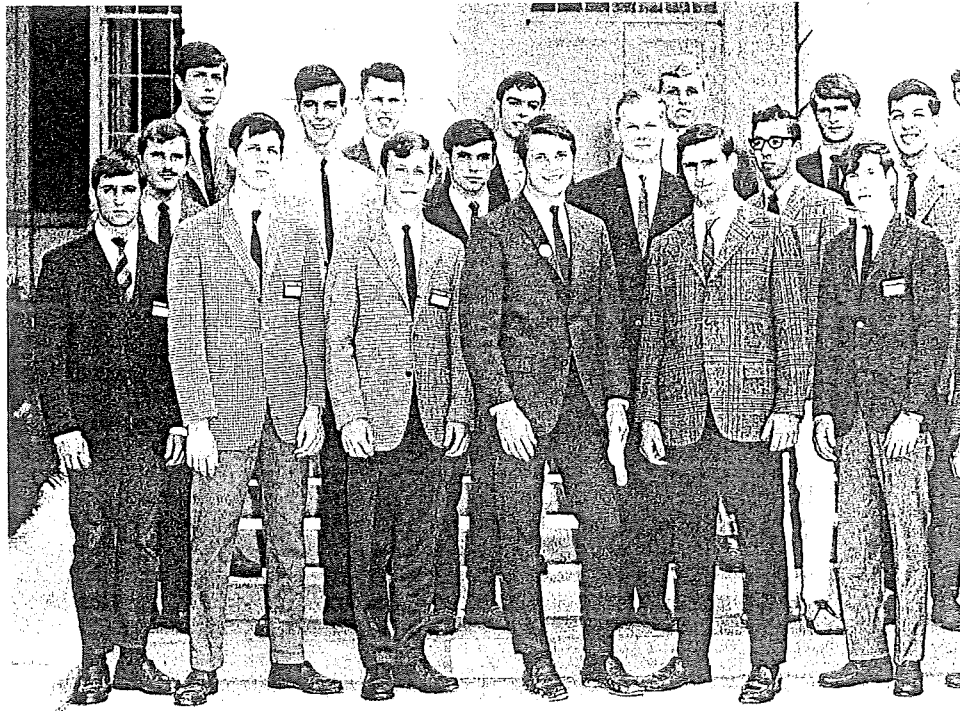
Union One of 25 'Outstanding Colleges' Named in New Watson Fellowship Program

Union College is one of 25 "outstanding liberal arts colleges of moderate size" in the nation selected to participate in the new Thomas J. Watson Foundation fellowship program.

The fledgling program will enable college graduates of outstanding promise to engage in an initial postgradu-

Fulbright Scholars From Austria Here

After many years of having Union students selected for Fulbright schol-



A representative sample of alumni sons in the Class of '72 gathered during orientation portrait. Left to right, front row: Douglas W. Ackerman (son of M. J. Ackerman (Robert D. Arnold '41), Robert K. Baas (John C. Baas '42), Henry L. Bar Connell '42), Kevin N. Clowe (David Clowe '42), John W. Daly (J. N. Daly '35) Jr. (Henry G. Duchscherer '36), William L. Fox (Dr. T. W. Fox '37). Second row (Douglas H. Geer '39), Robert J. Grant (Everett Grant '50), Keith Jamba (Leonard, Jr. (Dr. W. E. Leonard '38), James M. Leib (Joseph Lieb '47), Jonathan Nathan '31), Eric H. Poggenpohl (E. H. Poggenpohl '31). Third row, Edwin T. Low '49), Harry B. Schultz III (Harry Schultz '44), Scott L. Simons (S. M. Simson (P. W. Simson '29), Douglas S. Tosh (Dr. W. S. Tosh '40), William V. werp Waldron '36), Bruce M. Wohl (D. B. Wohl '36). In all, the class has 36

First in Class of 1973 on 'Early B

Harold Young Jr., a senior at New York City's Bronx High School of Science, is the first to be admitted to the Class of 1973.

Young participated in Union's "Early Bird" program, which permitted him to make his decision well before the usual senior year rush of high school students.

The "Early Bird" program is conducted prior to the more widely-

known "Early Decision" program.

An applicant in the "Early Bird" program must have his credentials into the Admissions Office by Sept. 15 of the year preceding his intended enrollment. He will be notified before Oct. 1 whether or not he has been accepted.

Union requires that it be the first choice of "Early Bird" applicants.

"Early Decision" candidates must have their complete applications into the Admissions Office by Nov. 30. Decisions are announced before Christmas. Candidates for admission under the normal admissions program at Union must apply by Feb. 1, with decisions announced by April 15.

Jonathan Pearson III '42, Director of Admissions, noted that an applicant rejected for the "Early Bird" is still eligible for "Early Decision." And, those rejected in the "Early Decision"

Trustee Emeritus Belanger, 67, Dies

John W. Belanger, 67, of Rexford, N.Y., a trustee emeritus of the College, died Sept. 24 in Ellis Hospital,

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The Union-Star Sports Editor

COLLEGE FOOTBALL'S 100TH season is coming to a close and with it will be the end of all those all-star, all-everything teams that have been picked by just about everyone.

Union College has had football since 1886, but picking an all-time Dutchmen team would be impossible. But, having covered sports at the college for almost 10 years, a 10-season all-star team is in order.

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ON OFFENSE, THE unit lists Tom Hitchcock, quarterback; Jim Ramich, halfback; Rich Swan, wingback; Joe James, fullback; Marc Hurlbut and Da Gould, ends; George Thompson and Paul Beadle, tackles; Tom Morgan and Doug Mele, guards, and Bill Birns, center.

Defensively, the team is made up of Sam Dill and John Burton, ends; Tom Oberst and Skip Lynch, tackles; Bob and Don DeMichele and Ron McAvoy, linebackers; Steve Ciesinski and Dave Gray, halfbacks, and Paul Ramsey and Dave Eales, safetymen.

In a special category are Jim Sabella and Art Marshall, kickers; George LaPorte, Craig Carlson and Terry Dutton.

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HITCHCOCK'S RECORD speaks for itself. During the 1963 to 1965 seasons, "Tom the Bomb" hit on 317 of 696



Swan



Hitchcock



B. DeMichele

passes for 3,639 yards and 30 touchdowns, all Union records. Ken Pearce was the only other quarterback to receive consideration.

Ramich was a herky-jerky runner who was hard to bring down. He picked up 1,352 yards during his career including 607 in 1965. James finished his career with 1,494 yards, including some great days against rival RPI. Bob Marquis, Jerry Ostrander and Larry Sykes were other running backs gaining consideration.

Swan, picked as the most exciting Union footballer the past 10 seasons, caught 125 passes good for 1,731 yards and 17 touchdowns. He also ran back punts and kickoffs and did some running from scrimmage this season.

Hurlbut finished his career along with Hitchcock and

Davis' 784 Gives Gals Gray Hairs

Marilyn Davis of Albany bowls six nights a week. She takes Wednesday off to rest up for the Women's Individual League at Schenectady's Boulevard Bowl.

"Boy this league is tough," Miss Davis said. "I think I'm starting to get a few gray hairs."

Actually, Miss Davis is giving the rest of the league gray hairs with her fine bowling. Last night, she led the league with a four-game 784 and took three games out of four from average leader Barb Spain.

The effort, which included games of 171, 214, 219 and 180, also lifted her past Mrs. Spain in the team standings. Miss Davis is 27-13, Mrs. Spain, 26-14.

Dot Jobin took runnerup honors for the night with 210-769 followed by Mrs. Spain, 212-768, and Carol Peckham, 732. (RAVELLA)

Leffingwell, Weaver Top Pinner

Top spot on the Schenectady bowling score board was shared today just as it was yesterday.

Both Ray Leffingwell of Mont Pleasant Merchants League and Mike Weaver of Carmen Merchants loop hit triples of 644. Cal Smith of Thunder Road Mixers was one pin back with 643.

Women's honors went to Carol Dutcher who rolled 568 in the Lucky Belles circuit.

POST OFFICE — Jack Burch 246-601, Bill Lachanski 563, NITE OWL MIXED — R. Ecobelli 543, B. Becker 538, BELLEVUE MERCHANTS — Joe Manfredi 240-592, Pete LaMalfa 206-566, 20th CENTURY MIXED

Reply For

By RON ARMSTRONG

It just has to be a year for Albany State's basketball team.

Coach Dick Sauers is three starters from last year's 18-6 team that captured place in the NCAA collision regional tournament at LeMoyne.

The big loss, of course, is Everything Rich Margis averaged 22.1 per game area collegians in scoring voted the ECAC Division Player of the Year and tied eight school records. Center Scott Price averaged 11.4 and hard-work Jim Caverly have also

Despite the losses, Sauers hopeful two returning seniors, three other lettermen, transfers and two sophomores enough to produce a "representative" team. Translated, means a winner. Sauers never had a team under 14 previous seasons.

The returning starters captain Jack Adams (Voorhiesville) and Jack Jordan (Salle). Sauers expects the Adams to direct the team season from his guard position and 6-0 Jordan to improve last year's 12.5 scoring average. Jordan led the team in rebounding while Adams averaged 10 points per game.

The other lettermen are Jim Sandy, 5-10 Ed Arsenault and 6-0 Les Newmark. Sandy a good shooter and tosser

Siena Gridder Rated No. 19

Picking interior linemen on offense is tough, especially at Union where the turnover has been so great over the years. Birns is by far the best center over the past 10 seasons. Mele and Morgan both were two year starters. Beadle, injured in an off season accident, played just one season for Union but was a main cog in last year's 7-1 campaign. Thompson was a fine two-way tackle in the early 1960s.

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DILL, ANOTHER TWO-WAY star, started for three seasons, captaining the team in 1967. Burton, who passed up his senior season, was outstanding the two he played. Oberst was the best of a number of tackles, Lynch getting the nod at the spot although playing his final season there after being a sophomore standout at linebacker.

The DeMichele brothers had everything going for them except size and that didn't bother either of them. Bob, who ranked second as the most exciting player for the past 10 seasons, was a hitter and an inspirational player. Don, a little smaller, also liked to hit and was quick. McAvoy, called by many as "the brains" of last season's fine defense, did it on desire and football knowledge.

The past two seasons, Union has had its best deep backfield on defense in the school's history. Ciesinski, who had 19 career interceptions, and Gray were tough to beat while Ramsey, with another year of eligibility, is just tough.

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SABELLA WOULD KICK extra points and field goals for this all-star team, but Marshall would do the kicking off. He always seemed to put the ball in the end zone.

Carlson would have ranked right up there with Swan in receptions and as an exciting performer, but his career was cut short by an injury. Playing just eight games in two years, he caught 58 passes good for 869 yards and five touchdowns.

LaPorte was a two-year benchwarmer who got a chance to start in his senior year when an injury sidelined the regular. He responded with 74 receptions, including 19 against RPI. He led the nation's small college receivers and his performance against RPI set a new small college one-game record.

Dutton, along with Carlson, was one of the most disappointing things that have happened to Union football the past 10 seasons. A sensational freshman, Dutton scored three touchdowns in his first varsity game. His career ended in his second game when, after being injured, it was found that he had an old head injury.

Willis to Tulsa

ST. LOUIS (UPI)—Ron Willis, former relief pitcher with the Cardinals, was re-acquired by St. Louis from the Houston Astros and was immediately assigned to Tulsa in the Central League.

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Australians Win

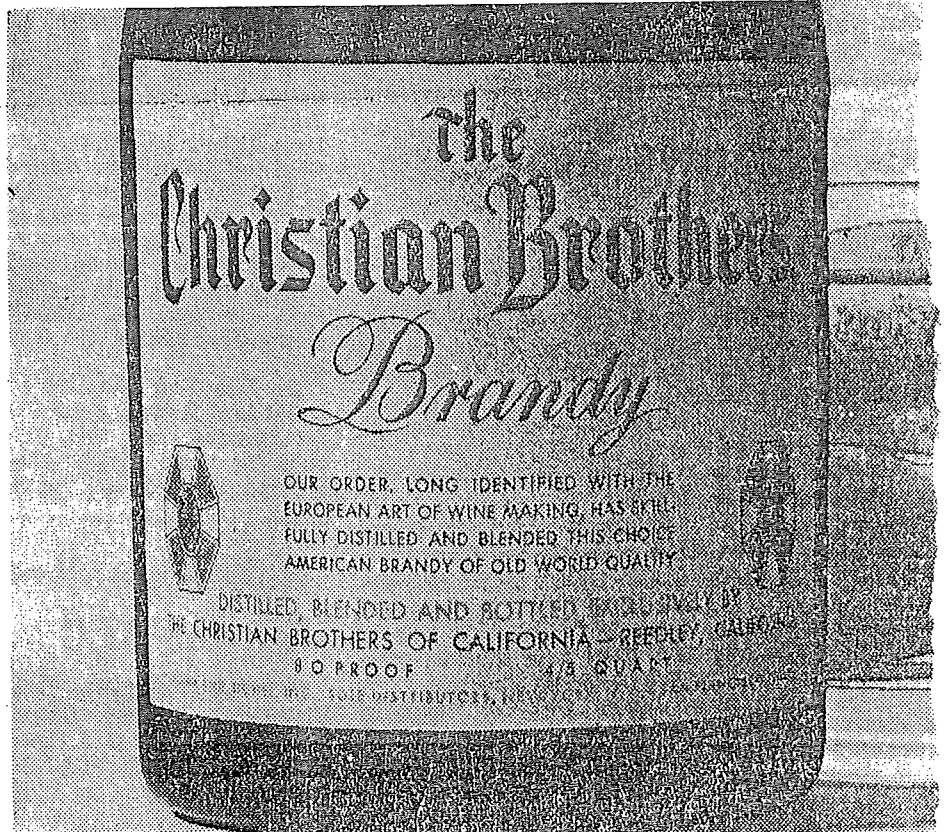
WEMBLEY, England (AP) — Rod Laver and Roy Emerson of Australia won the doubles final Thursday in the British Open Covered Courts Tennis Championships. They defeated Pancho Gonzales, Los Angeles, and Bob Hewitt, South Africa, 5-6-3, 6-4, 6-3.

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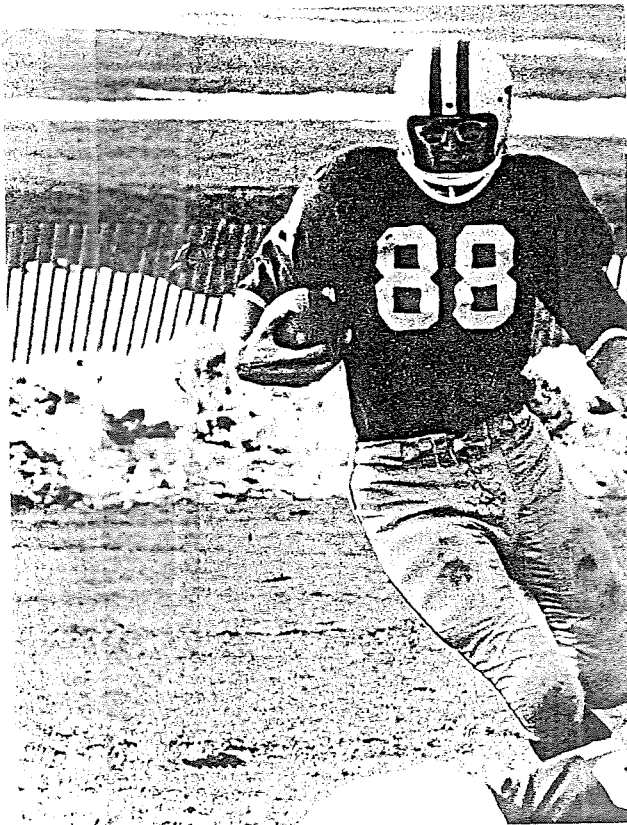


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Football Team Posts Best Season



Rich Swan '70 had his best day of the season against Hamilton, scoring on touchdown passes of 79 and 80 yards and returning a punt for good yardage. Field conditions were terrible, forcing Union to the air.

Grievance Clearing House Begun

Under the direction of President [Name], a committee has been formed at the college to serve as a clearing house for student grievances.

He said the committee's primary functions: to facilitate communication between students, faculty, and administration.

The committee has three main functions: to act as a line of communication between students, faculty, and administration; to receive complaints from individuals or groups; to refer complaints to the appropriate bodies.

The newly-formed group, known as the Liaison Committee, views its role as that of an "ombudsman" in government, Prof. Bick said.

He added that such an office is able to restore a sense of accessibility to the student, furnish alternatives to confrontation, help form administrative decisions, offer a place for a student to go when he feels he is not being heard, and give some hope that real concerns are not being bound up in red tape.

Assisting Prof. Bick on the committee are Donald L. DeMichele '69, Robert B. Saltzman '69; Peter A. Prosper, lecturer in economics; and Hugh Allen Wilson, associate professor of music.

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Season Since 1949 7-1 Record Worth 4th Rank In East and an I.C.A.C. Crown

Destroying jinxes in its wake, the Garnet football team came away from the 1968 season with a 7-1 record, the best since the 1949 team went undefeated with one tie.

Known in the past as primarily a home team, this year's edition of the grid squad won all four games on the road and lost only to powerful Kings Point in a home contest. George Flood had never won at Rochester or Hobart and had never beaten Williams.

Union finished fourth in Lambert Cup balloting, the highest ever. The Lambert Cup symbolizes supremacy among the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference's Division III. Kings Point was runnerup this year to Wilkes College. Albright was third.

The Garnet also won its first I.C.A.C. championship, becoming the first team other than Alfred to have sole possession of the crown in the five-year history of the league. The Dutchmen also had the distinction of becoming the first I.C.A.C. grid team to defeat all four other football-playing members in a season.

Coach Flood saw his career record at Union reach the .500 mark at 18-18-3 for five years.

The fine season was truly a team effort. None of the games were won by lopsided margins, never permitting the defensive platoon to let down. The defense permitted the opposition an average of only 81.3 yards per game rushing.

Much of the damage to opposing offensive units was inflicted by the "front four" — ends John Burton '70 and Kevin Monahan '70 and tackles Tom Oberst '69 and Tom Duffy '71.

Steve Ciesinski '70 intercepted 10 passes, two short of an NCAA record, to pace the defensive backs. He was ably assisted by Dave Gray '70 and Paul Ramsey '71.

At the linebacking positions were Ron McAvoy '69, Don DeMichele '69, Russ Ciccotti '70, and Joe Grabowski '69. All were instrumental in keeping quarterbacks either on their toes or their backs.

Union exhibited more offensive balance this season than perhaps any time since football was begun here in 1886. Final statistics show that the total passing gain (1,183) was only 24 yards more than the rushing gain (1,159).

Rushing chores were divided among Larry Sykes '71, Jerry Ostrander '71, and Joe James '69. Sykes led the team with 492 yards net, only 11 yards in front of Ostrander. James, although third this season, ended his career with 1,492 yards gained, a new school record.

Ken Pearce '70 did all of the passing, completing 105 of 210 throws. He had four prime receivers, led again by Rich Swan '70 with 32 receptions. Tied at 19 catches each were Dan Gould '71 and Art Jacobs '69. One behind them was Ostrander.

Jacobs and Ostrander tied for the scoring lead at 24 points each.

A point behind was kicking specialist Jim Sabella '70, who booted 17 of 18 extra point tries and two field goals, for 23 points. Nine players scored for Union this year, six of them in double figures.

The Dutchmen were not "ironmen" this season, and injuries permitted a few previously unheralded players to win recognition. After Craig Carlson '70 was injured in the Kings Point game, Jacobs came off the bench to become the second leading pass receiver and the leading scorer. He was named to an E.C.A.C. weekly all-star team for his play against Alfred.

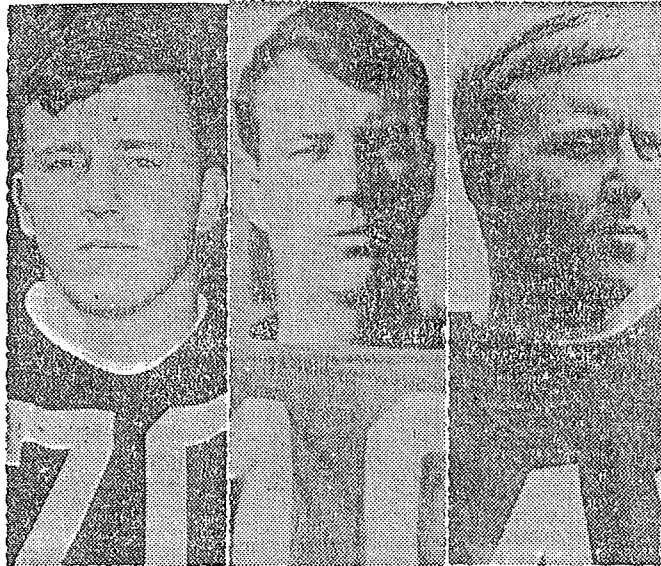
Fran Felts '70 replaced both Monahan and Burton at times during the season and turned in a great job at a tough position.

Steve MacKenzie '71 came off the bench in the Alfred game, when Swan was out with the mumps, and caught six passes. Others could be mentioned, although Jacobs, Felts, and MacKenzie stood out.

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to the Committee in time for its perusal prior to the Trustees' meeting in June."

Unlike the previous questionnaires, the proposed study will be concerned not with opinion, but with data con-



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... honored for weekend play

Oberst, LaMore ECAC all-stars

SENIOR DEFENSIVE Tackle Tom Oberst of Union College and Sophomore Quarterback Steve LaMore of RPI were named to the weekly Division 3 All-Star team announced today by the Eastern College Athletic Conference.

Oberst, from Scarsdale, is a six-foot-three, 215-pounder and co-captain of the Garnet squad. He's been a three-year starter and was named to the team for his steady play in Union's 19-13 loss to Kings Point Saturday on Alexander Field.

LaMore, from Utica, hit on 21 of 43 passes good for 278 yards and two touchdowns in RPI's 35-32 loss to Hamilton College Saturday in Clinton. It was only LaMore's second start.

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NOMINATED FOR THE TEAM were Defensive Halfback Steve Ciesinski of Union and Swingback Don Martin of St. Lawrence University, both of Schenectady. Martin was also named Independent College Athletic Conference's Player of the Week.

Union returns to action against the University of Rochester Saturday in Rochester, RPI meeting Drexel Tech Saturday on '86 Field, Troy.

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Hewritt Builds Up AFL Lead

NEW YORK (AP) — Hewritt Dixon, Oakland's bulldozing fullback, continues to build his lead as the American Football League's top rusher, according to league statistics released Wednesday.

Dixon has picked up a total of 463 yards in 81 carries—179 more than second-place Bob Holmes of Kansas City.

Kansas City's Len Dawson, who has hit 50 of 85 passes for 666 yards and four touchdowns, replaced San Diego's John Hadl as the top passer. Hadl, who dropped to second, has 63 of 124 for 1,048 yards and eight touchdowns, but has had six interceptions.

Lance Alworth of San Diego, who has caught 21 passes for 389 yards, and New York's George Sauer, 21 for 295 yards, are the top pass receivers, while Kansas City kicker Jan Steinerud is the leading scorer with 61 points on 16 field goals and 13 conversions.

LEADING GROUND GAINERS

	Aff.	Yds	Avg.	TDs
Dixon, Oak	81	463	5.7	1
Holmes, KC	39	284	7.3	3
Gregory, Buff	50	268	5.4	1
Granger, Hou	72	261	3.6	3
Post, SD	43	215	5.0	1
Snell, NY	48	214	4.5	1
Boozler, NY	59	205	3.5	3
Robinson, Cin	69	197	2.9	1
Banaszak, Oak	35	190	5.4	2
Csonka, Mia	55	171	3.1	2

LEADING PASSERS

	Aff.	Com.	Yds.	TDs	Avg. Gain
Dawson, KC	85	50	666	4	7.84
Hadl, SD	124	43	1,048	8	8.45
Namath, NY	65	65	998	8	7.62
Lamonica, Oak	115	49	817	9	7.10
Beathard, Hou	125	61	912	4	7.30
Leclair, Den	55	28	391	1	7.11
Stoia, Cin	99	47	571	2	5.36
Griese, Mia	97	44	571	4	5.89
Taliaferro, Bos	110	46	609	2	5.54
Darragh, Buff	116	47	565	2	4.87

LEADING PASS RECEIVERS

	Recd.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs
Alworth, SD	21	389	18.5	2
Sauer, NY	21	295	14.0	2
Moses, Buff	20	287	14.4	1
Whalen, Bos	19	238	12.5	1
Garrison, SD	18	411	22.8	4
Noonan, Mia	17	263	15.5	3
Maynard, NY	16	415	25.9	4
Blietnikoff, Oak	16	259	16.2	0
Taylor, KC	15	272	18.1	3
Reed, Hou	15	272	18.1	0
Sherman, Cin	15	191	12.7	0
Crabtree, Den	15	186	12.4	1

LEADING SCORERS

	TDs	FG	PAT	PT
Slenerud, KC	0	16	13	61
J. Turner, NY	0	9	14	41
BLANDA, Oak	0	6	20	38
Wells, Oak	5	0	0	30
McCappelle, Bos	0	7	8	29
Livinston, Cin	0	6	10	28
Parlee, SD	0	5	11	26

Union's Tom Oberst Named To ECAC All-East Eleven

Union College landed its initial first team Division III All-East football selection of the season yesterday when tackle Tom Oberst was named by the sponsoring Eastern College Athletic Conference.

The 6-foot-3, 210-pound senior was selected for his defensive play in Union's 19-13 loss against Kings Point here last Saturday.

Oberst, who among other things turned in a key fumble recovery, has been one of the chief weapons in Union's four-man defensive front for two seasons.

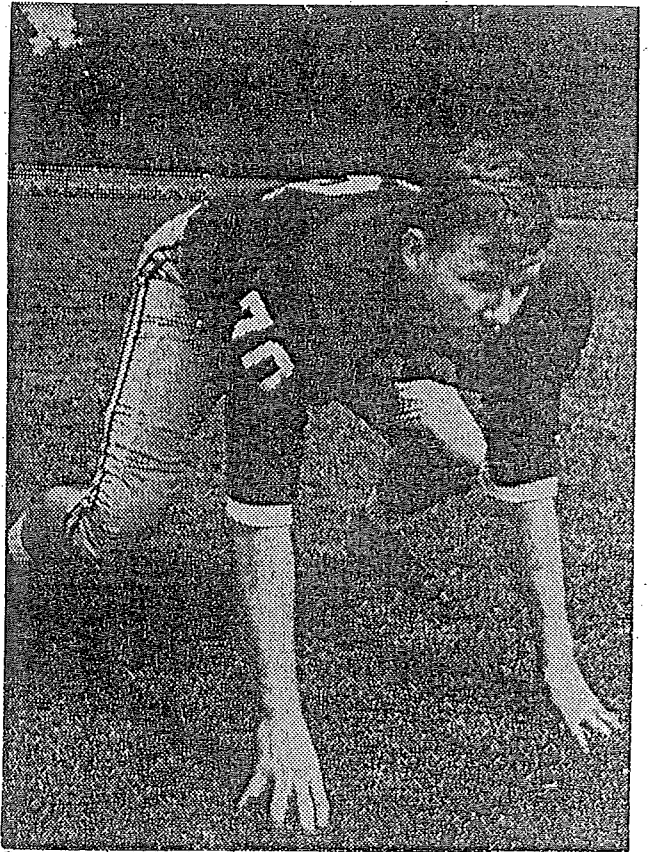
The Garnet lineman played his scholastic football for Archbishop Stepinac of White Plains.

Sophomore of the Week was RPI sophomore quarterback standout Steve LaMore. The former Utica Free Academy signalcaller, forced into the starting lineup due to the injury to veteran John Contento two weeks ago, completed 21 passes good for 278 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

However, despite LaMore's performance, an all-time completion record at the Troy college, the Engineers wound up on the short end of a 35-32 game at Hamilton after watching a 19-point fourth period lead evaporate.

Joining Oberst on the first team were tackle Bob Morris, Lebanon Valley; guards Jim Simonelli, Penn Military; Joe Asconi, Wagner; center Bill Assenheimer, Alfred; ends Dick Knight, Norwich and John Cook, St. Lawrence; quarterback Jay Bernadoni, Trinity; halfbacks Ted Yeager, Wilkes and Wayne Huntsinger, Drexel and fullback John Nice, Delaware Valley.

Other area gridders who received nominations in the balloting included ex-Niskayuna



TOM OBERST
Selected for Defensive Play

High athlete Don Martin, who scored two touchdowns in St. Lawrence's 42-6 rout of Hobart; ex-Bishop Gibbons' standout and Union defensive back Steve Ciesinski and RPI halfback Jack Hart.

Elsewhere on the college grid front, RPI fell out of the ratings in the Lambert Bowl. The Engineers, ranked 10th last week on the strength of their 2-0 record, were displaced by Albright. Kings Point, eight in last week's poll, used its conquest of Union to move its 3-0 record to

the No. 5 slot in the Lambert ratings for small colleges.

Mrs. Roberts Tops At Mohawk Tourney

Mrs. Richard Roberts won the 'A' Division title at the weekly Mohawk Golf Club Ladies Day 18-hole tourney, a "tin whistle" event.

Mrs. Ray Kelly was runner-up in the 'A' group. Class B laurels went to Mrs. James Burns.

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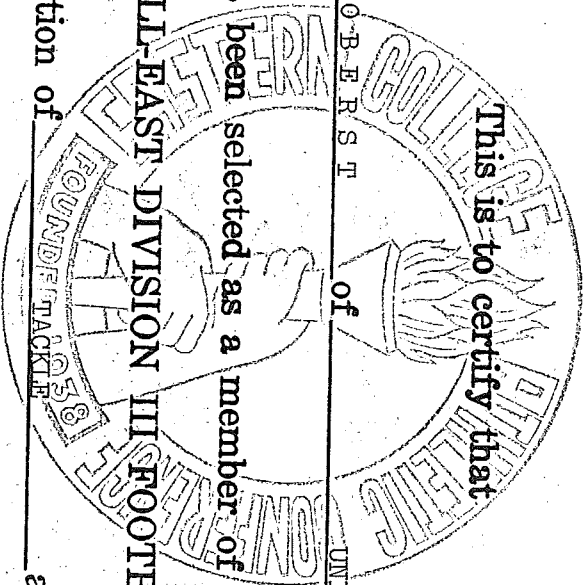
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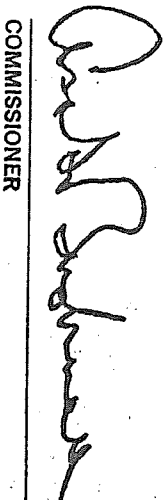
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Before a single class in the program has met. The whole faculty body has in one way or another had its say about this program, and more than a third have for some time been actively engaged in designing the courses. If the courses work as planned — and we believe they will — the main change will be in the demand they make for direct and vigorous participation. They attack the single toughest problem in collegiate education — learning the language, the modes of inquiry, the substantive and procedural tests of different disciplines. Simply talking about those matters will not elucidate them; they have to be wrestled with, and intellectual wrestling is what we hope will most characterize the courses of this new program: each man a Jacob, and his dark angel the mysteries of a discipline unfamiliar to him.

The third condition has to do with faculty and staff. There will be twenty-
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Football Fortunes:

Inexperienced Garnet '11' Counts on Ground Attack

1967 Season

This year's Floodmen will have a tough time matching last year's 4-4 record.

Hard-hit by graduation, it will be a relatively inexperienced eleven which will take to the field. Only seven seniors and eleven juniors are on the 43-man squad. Injuries further cloud the horizon.

Losses Hurt

Greatest loss was the quarterback Tom Hitchcock who held every game, season and career passing record and ranked second nationally among small-college passers. George LaPorte and Marc Hurlburt, the former number one small college receiver, were Hitchcock's favorite targets and their loss will also be hard to make up. Paul Woodell, Fred Hay, Bob DeMichele and Tom Morgan also graduated. One unexpected loss came in the transfer of Jim Williams to Carleton College.

Among the returning players, Jim Ramnich and Bob Marshall seem likely to be among the top players.

Five-foot-nine, 190 pound Ramnich will hold a berth as halfback. The only returning backfielder, he may see two-way action before the year is out. He will probably get more of a chance to run this year than in his two previous varsity seasons, because the loss of Hitchcock will force the team to stay on the ground more than it has in the past. Last year Jim carried for 607 yards in 110 carries, a 5.5 yard average, and picked up 78 points in

thirteen touchdowns, 24th among small-college runners.

Quarterback Question

Bob Marshall has tied up a spot at tackle. At six-foot-one and 215 pounds, he is almost a sure bet to see a lot of action while going both ways. He has speed and stamina to last the full 60 minutes, both rare for a player his size.

The big question mark is the quarterback slot, with three candidates trying to fill Tom's big shoes. Williams was expected to be the prime candidate but now the names are Bob Utecht and Frank Pizzica, both juniors, and soph George Gohb.

Junior Sam Dill and Sophomore Tom Oberst look like probable men of the line. Dill follows a father and brother on the Union gridiron. He caught 16 passes for 222 yards and three t.d.'s last year. Oberst was a stand-out on last year's frosh team and seems to show the potential to become one of the school's all-time line-men before he graduates.

Near the Top

Doug Horan will be the probable starting center for the Garnet. Other top men on the team will include Chris Cassels, Jim DeNitto and Frank Fusick.

The team will probably do a lot more running than in the days of the mighty Tom. This seems to suit Coach Flood's style better than the passing game he has used to take advantage of Hitchcock.

When the class of 1967 first unpacked its regulation study lamps and busily set about papering the walls of West College cubbyholes with "Playboy" fold-outs, we were dripping with time-honored tradition as much as any bunch of freshmen.

Some of us were even gun-ho tradition. Everybody, from the admissions officer — whom we strove to butter-up at our interview — to the orientation counselors raved endlessly about things like Chester Arthur and the Terrace Wall. It was pretty impressive to be at a college whose gray-aging buildings literally oozed with goey ceremony and ancient ritual.

Tradition

But the class of '67 was probably more aware of tradition than any to follow it, largely because of one practice in particular that somehow surpassed all others in keeping the past alive and school spirit tingling. That, for all you unknowing pioneers of the next decade, was hazing.

In September 1963 a forthright organization known as "The Sophomore Discipline Committee" was preparing, for the last time, to work its devilish inhumanity. Freshmen beanies were required to be worn at every occasion, and were expected to be dutifully doffed whenever the humble wearer crossed paths with a man of superior rank. Freshmen, further, were charged with learning the printable lyrics of our school's more popular songs for the purpose of performing them in robust voice upon request by any upperclassman. In addition, Frosh were directed to make their way about campus without touching a foot to even one tender blade of grass. In sum, freshmen were kindly asked to prepare themselves to accept harassment with amiable good nature — something no self-respecting freshman class would do without a fight.

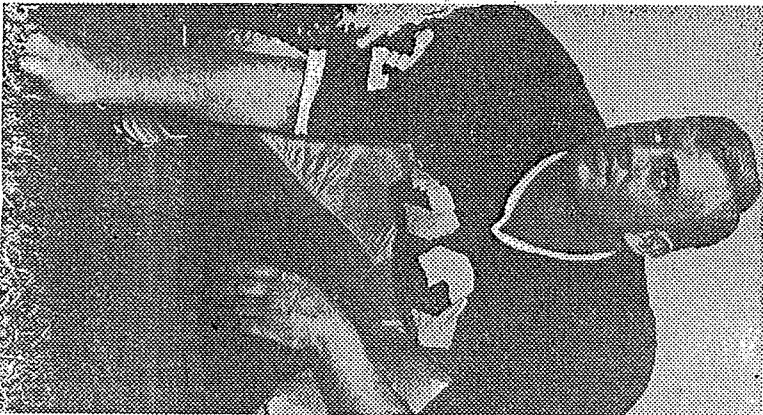
Orientation

On the first day of orientation, the sophomores were deployed in full force. Frosh waiting patiently on line for their sheets and towels found themselves charming out expurgated renditions of "If You Want to Go to Union" for every hateful sophomore in sight.

The resentment rose, and the inevitable rebellion flared against the sophomore tyranny. The result was a number of bushy, pre-beatle haircuts, rent deeply by Block U's or "C's" to be worn ignominiously for weeks to come.

Abolition

Hazing was abolished the next year, and the class of '67, graduating this year, will carry with them the last living memories of that wondrous tradition we all loved so dearly.



Doug Horan, a senior, will hold down the Garnet offensive center post. Last year he was a tackle regular.

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Union Places Six On ICAC All-Star Team

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BY BILL ARSENAULT
Union-Star Sportswriter

Six members of the Union College football team have been named to the Independent College Athletic Conference All-Star team picked by the coaches and announced today by the league office in Schenectady.

Named are End Dick Swan of Elmira, Wingback Craig Carlson of Huntington, L.I., Fullback Joe James of East Orange, N.J., Defensive End Sam Dill of Pittsburgh, Defensive Tackle Tom Oberst of Scarstate and Linebacker Skip Lynch of Snyder.

Swan, recently nominated for Little All-America and a clinch to gain Eastern College Athletic Conference honors, caught 50 passes good for 735 yards and eight touchdowns to help the Garnet record a 4-4 record and a 3-1 ICAC mark. The speedy receiver was named ICAC Sophomore of the year.

Carlson had just as fine a season as Swan and may have topped his teammate's effort had he not been injured for most of two games. He had 49 receptions good for 730 yards and five scores.

James just missed setting the modern Union one-season rushing record. He picked up 602 yards in 153 carries for a 3.9 average. The unofficial modern record at Union is 607 yards, set by Jim Raminch in 1965. James had his big day against league rival RPI, picking up 143 yards, a new school one-game mark.

Dill, Oberst and Lynch were mainstays of the Garnet defense, which had plenty of high-points during the season and finished strong. Dill was a weekly ECAC selection for his play against ICAC foe Hobart College.

To make things bright for Coach George Flood and Union football is the fact that only Dill is a senior. James and Oberst are juniors, Swan and Carlson, sophomores.

Six Garnet footballers were also named to the second team. They are Tackle Ted Jennings of Peekskill, Guard Doug Mele of Schenectady, Quarterback Ken Pearce of Tonawanda, Defensive End John Burton of Snyder and Defensive Halfbacks Steve Janski and Steve Bauer, both of Schenectady. Mele is a former Draper High

footballer, Ciesinski and Bauer playing at Bishop Gibbons and Niskayuna, respectively. Alfred University, which captured the league title with a 3-0 record, placed eight men on the 22-man first team including Player of the Year Mike Johnston. Johnston, a 60-minute performer, made it as a quarterback, but also got votes as a defensive back. He was named to the second Little All-America team as a safetyman earlier this week.

Joining Johnston on the squad from Alfred are End Bill Knott and Guard Pat Inthvero on offense and End Chris Rodgers, Tackle John Yanzuzi, Linebacker Bill Assenheimer and Halfbacks Bill Tatro and Bob Friend on defense.

RPI, which posted a 1-1 league record, placed three men on the squad. Guard John Johnson made it on offense, Linebacker Chip Seaburg and Halfback Ron Ceannal on defense.

Rounding out the first team are Tackle Pete Baish, Center Al Ward and Halfback Mark Perkins of Hobart and Tackle Bill Chadwick and Middle Guard Bill LaRock of St. Lawrence University.

Besides Jennings, Mele and Pearce, the second team offensive unit is made up of Fred Gross, Alfred and Jack Hart, RPI, ends; Kevin Carlisle, RPI, tackle; Dick Cavallaro, Hobart, guard; Craig Battle, St. Lawrence, center; John Centeno, RPI, quarterback; Dave Bain, St. Lawrence and Bill James, Hobart, halfbacks, and Joe Kovacs, Alfred. Pearce and Centeno tied for the quarterback spot.

Joining Burton, Ciesinski and Bauer on the second defensive unit are End Tom Crane, St. Lawrence; Tackles George Klaus, Alfred and Rich Dible, St. Lawrence; Middle Guard Phil Nazzari, Alfred; Linebackers Joe Sliwancic, Hobart, Mike Slippo, Hobart and Chuck Clark, St. Lawrence, and Halfback Larry Kiler, St. Lawrence.

Gaining honorable mention from Union were Defensive Tackle Andy Anderson, Linebackers Ron McAvoy and Vito Potenzo, Defensive Halfback Fran Piscotelli, Guard John Scanlon, Center Russ Cicotti, Quarterback Scott Kumpf and Fullback Kevin Monahan.



DICK SWAN

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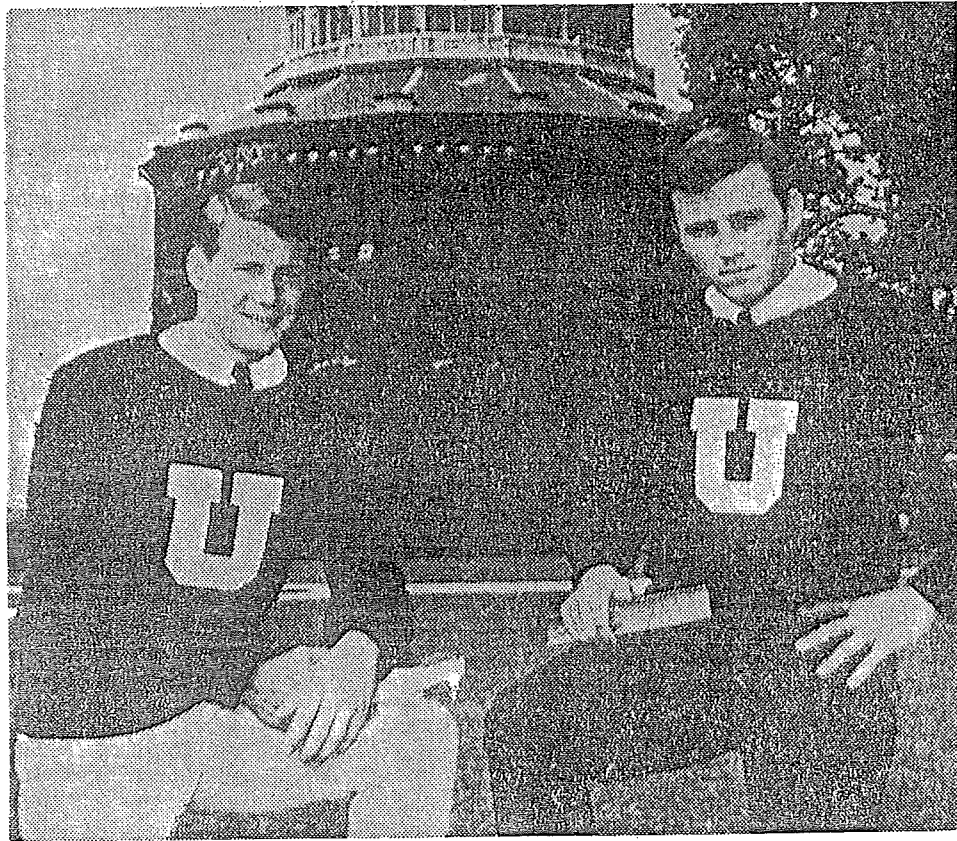
JOE JAMES



SAM DILL

TOM OBERST

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—(Gazette Photo)

BOOKS & FOOTBALLS MIX — Union College co-captains Ron McAvoy, left, and Tom Oberst take time out between classes with the backdrop Nott Memorial. McAvoy, a linebacker, and Oberst, a defensive tackle, will be in the thick of things tomorrow afternoon when the Dutchmen footballers take their 1-1 record to University of Rochester.

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Season Roundup: We Looked Good

UNION 7, ST. LAWRENCE 6

Union marched up and down the field, almost at will, with the exception of crossing the final white line. St. Lawrence was unable to mount an offense in the second half, leaving the drama as to whether or not Union could increase its lead — it didn't. Jerry Ostrander '71 scored on a pitch out for the only Garnet score.

UNION 24, R.P.I. 14

Three pass interceptions by Steve Ciesinski '70 paced the Dutchmen. James broke the career rushing record in this game, besting the 1,352 yards achieved by Jim Ramich '66. Most spectacular play was the 90-yard touchdown return of a blocked R.P.I. field goal attempt by Dave Gray '70. Other Union TDs by James and Ken Pearce '70.

UNION 14, HOBART 6

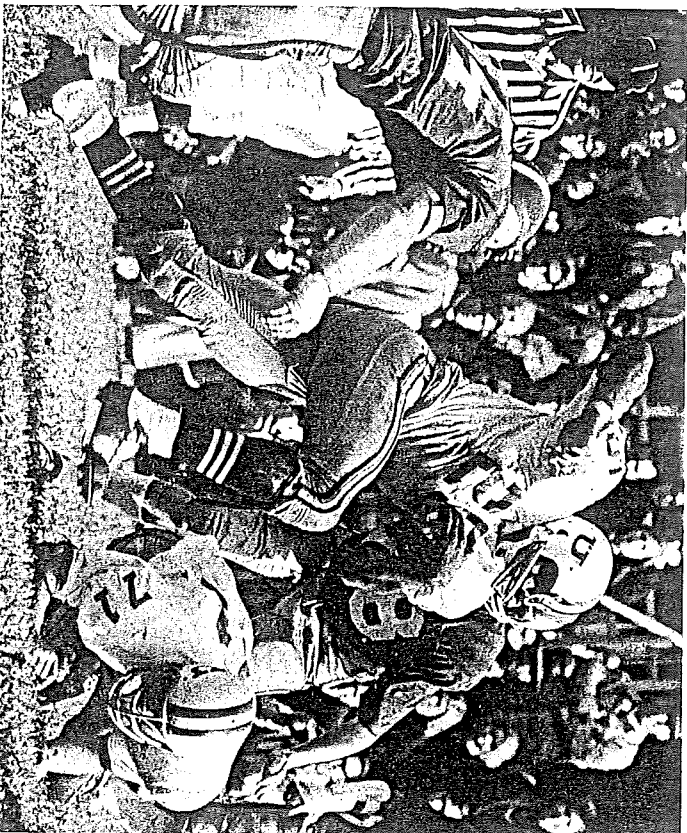
Touchdowns by Ostrander and Jacobs, coupled with another fine defensive effort, brought Union its fourth win of the season. Although Union could not totally muffle the Hobart running attack, the Garnet only permitted one score. Union neither fumbled nor threw an interception. Sykes, with 105 yards rushing, made the E.C.A.C. team.

UNION 17, WILLIAMS 7

Down 7-0 in the final period, Union rebounded with a record 47-yard field goal by Jim Sabella '70. Rich Swan '70 grabbed a pass from Pearce for the winning margin, and Sykes scored with :20 remaining in the game. Union's defense was superb, holding the Williams running game to 65 yards. There was no question, Union won the game. Sykes again made the E.C.A.C. team.

UNION 21, ALFRED 7

The Garnet scored all three touchdowns on passes, two from Pearce to Jacobs and one on an interception by Ciesinski. Union so dominated the game that 84 yards on the last two plays from scrimmage Alfred accounted for almost one-half of its total gain. Sykes again made the all-East weekly all-star team.



Powerful Joe James '69 adds to his record.

KINGS POINT 19, UNION 13

Five pass interceptions by the visitors and an injury which may force Craig Carlson '70 out of football were added to the disappointment of losing a close game. Joe James '69 and Art Jacobs '69 scored for the Dutchmen.

Defensive play like this was a common sight.



Jim Sabella '70 kept the "foot" in Dutchman football.



participation in university "European city planning," welfare program," and "the state of Viennese medical re-

Tom Oberst '69 made the weekly E.C.A.C. all-star team for his play in this game.

UNION 21, ROCHESTER 7

The return of a pass interception was the only thing that kept this game from being a Union rout. The Garnet defense attacked at will. Paul Ramsey '71 had the play of the day, throwing a certain Rochester TD for a one-yard loss. James, Larry Sykes '71, and Ostrander each scored on running plays. Doug Mele '69, offensive guard, was named to the E. C. A. C. weekly team.



College Aids Drive for Housing

Union presented Better Neighborhoods, Inc., a \$10,000 check to be used in BNI's drive for \$400,000 in local money to renovate dwellings and provide ownership for lower and middle income tenants in Schenectady.

In exchange the College received a non-interest bearing bond. President Martin, in making the presentation, noted that "Because Union College is bound by many ties to Schenectady, it recognizes its responsibility when social, economic, and political problems arise in the city.

"For the past two years, the College has sponsored a series of community conferences. It has long opened its lectures and concerts to the Schenectady public. Over a hundred of its students work each year in community agencies, and many members of its faculty and administrative staff serve on civic boards and committees.

"In joining other non-profit organizations along with commercial interests in the city to support the Better Neighborhoods program, the college is simply acknowledging in another way its duties of citizenship.

Dan Gould '71 was the leading receiver as a tie!

UNION 22, HAMILTON

Field conditions could have been worse, with the surface all appearances of a hippo wallow. With the running game standstill, Pearce uncocked 80-yard bombs to Swan to the Continentals. Ostrander accounted the other Union TD on a pigskin. Swan was named to the E. C. A. C. weekly team.

Area Clubs Operating a New Slate of Officers

Officers are directing alumni New York City, Albany, N. D.C., and Schenectady. The New York group named it spring, to take over this expanded executive committee Nov. 18, the New York approved its new officers. Escalante '53 is president of the club. Raymond S. McCoy '60 is treasurer.

I. Erceeg '61 is president of the club. Nelson A. Ripley '60 is vice president; Louis D. secretary; and Clement B. '60, treasurer.

D. Mathews '56 is president of the Washington club. John '51 is vice president; Benjamin '51, is secretary.

Hirschman '57 is president of the club. Mitchell W. Rab- '57 is vice president; Henry M. '58, secretary; Norman L. '47, treasurer; and Morton

R. Ruden '58, assistant secretary-treasurer.

William B. Bowman '64 is chairman of the New York club's scholarship committee. E. Decker Adams '62 is Bowman's assistant. Clifford J. Benfield '46, retiring president of the New York club, was selected to represent the club on the Alumni Council.

Pearson Addresses Admissions Group

"Put Some Students on Your Admissions Staff" was the topic of an address by Jonathan Pearson III '42, Director of Admissions at the National Conference of the Association of College Admissions Counselors in New York City in September.

He has been Admissions Director at Union since 1950. Pearson feels strongly that students know their college well enough to make significant contributions to the decisions on who should be admitted and rejected.

"At the same time it takes special pleasure in supporting this program because students at this college, as at others, are deeply interested in programs looking to general human welfare and particularly to the welfare of those whose circumstances are less favorable than their own."

Alvin J. Price, a member of the group's board of directors, noted that BNI is trying to allow low-income families to rent their own homes, with an option to buy. The immediate

Cadet Major F. William Brinkman, Jr., '69, whose parents live in West Babylon, is commanding the Air Force ROTC cadet corps for the fall term.

During the past spring term, Brinkman led the Arnold Air Society and was executive officer of the cadet corps. He has received numerous awards and recognition for outstanding achievement.

Under his direction, the Arnold Air Society unit at Union was recognized as the outstanding unit in an area including New York State. He was

objective of the group is to create 250 two-family homes over the next five years—starting immediately and progressing as quickly as become available.

He added that the whole is local: local banks are under the mortgages, the Schenectady Industrial Development Council contributed \$100,000, and remainder of capital is being used by many sources such as and local churches.

Brinkman '69 Commands ROTC

chosen Outstanding Cadet same area. Brinkman plans to pursue degree before going on active duty.

Fund Gifts Matched

During the past year Union has received \$1,261 in matching gifts by Connecticut General Life Insurance Company.

The unrestricted gifts received from contributions by Union alumni played by Connecticut General Life matched by company grants.

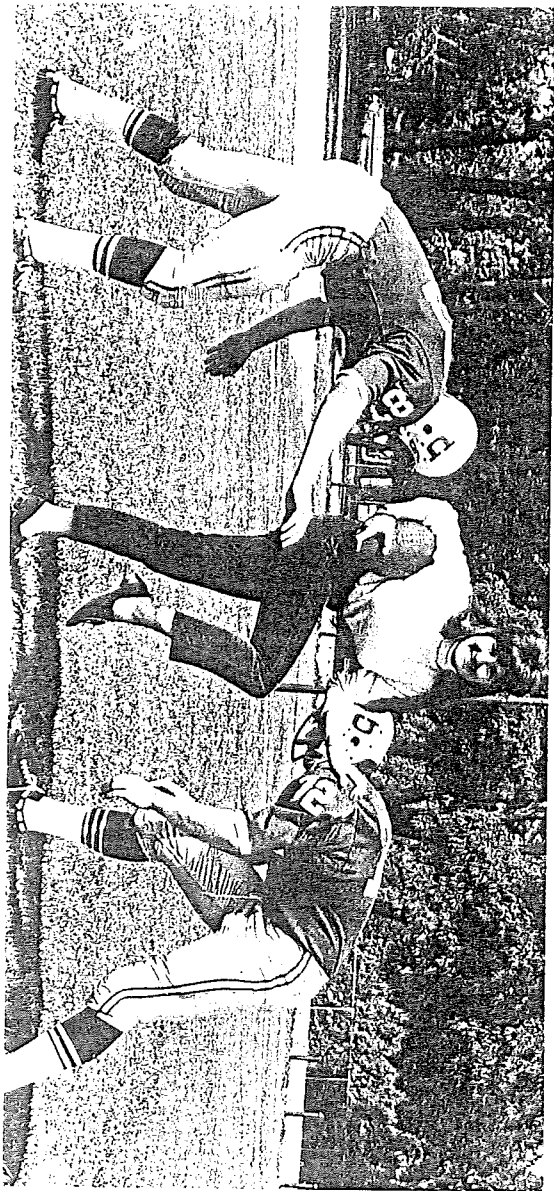
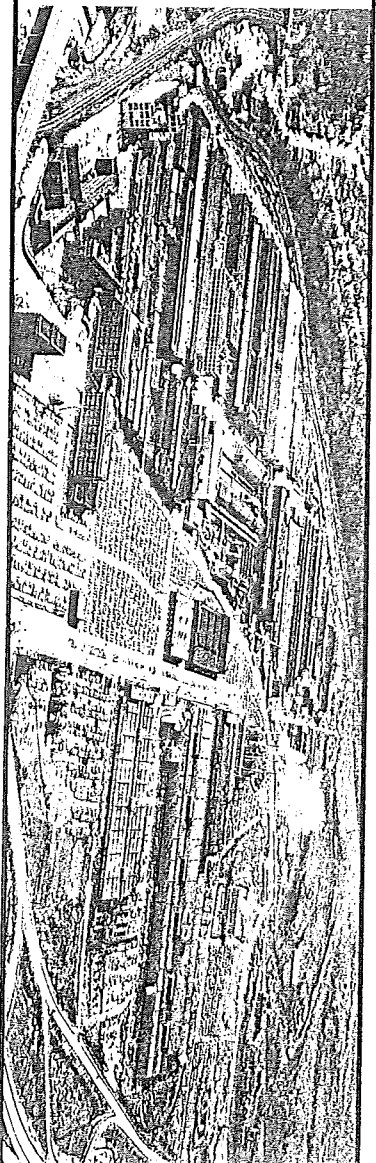
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IT'S GRIDIRON TIME and time for the GE News Football Guessing Game. And look out men, for new employee and football fan Sharrell Terrell, Bldg. 285, is out to compete this year. Even Union College's Tom Oberst, right, and John Burton had to admit, Sharrell Terrell could be a real peril on the gridiron. So, if you want to get started now, see page eight for details on the guessing game.

Moore Elected Vice President; Organizational Changes Listed

Organizational changes planned Monday. The new...

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Gas Turbine 'Day'

4500 See What It Takes For a Successful Business

"This is an exciting business, and one which has grown rapidly in recent years. And the future looks even brighter!"

So declared Gas Turbine Department General Manager Whitman Ridgway last Sunday in welcoming employees to Family Day at the Main Plant.

And for the 4500 adults and children attending the gala affair, it was indeed a day to celebrate.

Because in 1960, employment was at 829 and the gas turbine

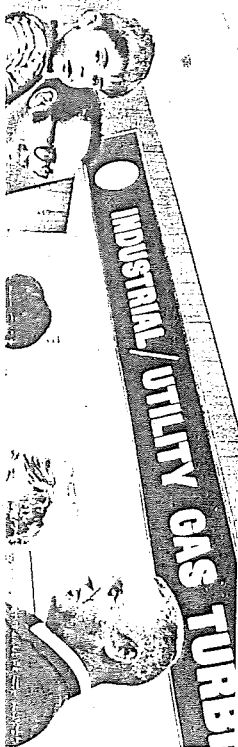
business was just coming out of a ten-year struggle for survival. Today, employment is over 2100. That's 1300 new jobs in less than eight years.

So when employees pointed out the facilities to their families, they had plenty of reason to be proud.

The story of the Gas Turbine Department here is really a story of faith.

Faith on the part of General

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UNION COLLEGE'S football picture this year could be the brightest in 11 seasons, with Westchester boys accounting for a large part of the glory. County players' picture above are, kneeling, left to right, head coach George Flood, a native of Peekskill; Ted Jennings, a senior tackle from Lakeland, and Bill Birns, a junior center from New Rochelle. Standing, from left, are Kevin Monahan, a junior defensive end from Croton-Harmon; Fred Schrull, a senior linebacker from Lakeland; Jim Sabella, junior kicking specialist from Pleasantville; Art Jacobs, a senior end from New Rochelle, and Tom Oberst, a senior defensive tackle from Scarsdale. A back injury after the picture was taken has sidelined Schrull for the season. — Union College Photo.

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