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Michaelson, Koopman ink professional contracts with Minnesota entry in new women's cage loop

Two of the most prolific scorers in the history of UMM women's basketball have signed professional contracts with the Minnesota entry in the new Women's Basketball League (WBL). Carol Koopman ('77) and Maren Michaelson, who returned to her Alma Mater following graduation in 1975 to teach and coach, have had inked pacts with the Minnesota Fillies.

In turning pro, Koopman fulfilled a longtime ambition. "Playing professional basketball has

always been a dream of mine, but I didn't know if it was very realistic," she says.

Michaelson admitted she had mixed feelings about leaving UMM where she taught physical education and coached women's volleyball. "But," she said, "I really love basketball and enjoy playing it. If I am going to do something like this I am going to have to try it now."

The Minnesota team is a charter member of the new WBL that

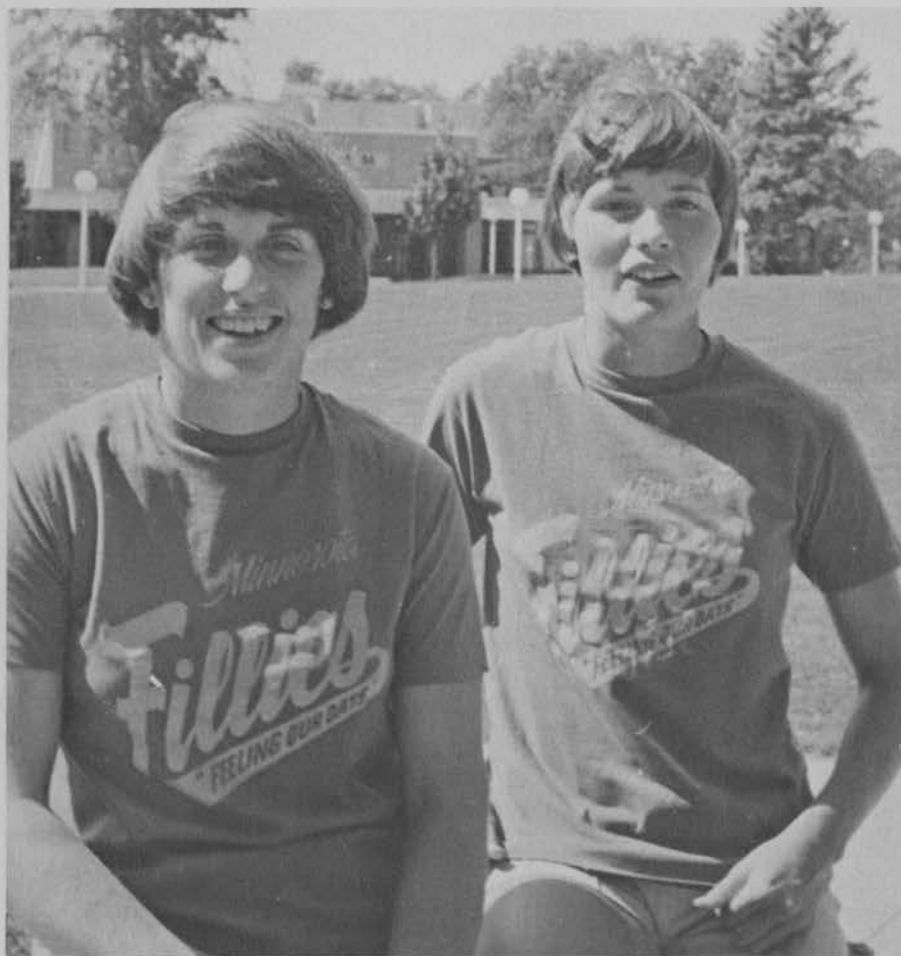
launches play in mid-December with teams in Seattle, Los Angeles, Houston, Milwaukee, Chicago, New York and Iowa. Tryouts were held early this fall with some 25 hopefuls taking part. Michaelson said 15 players in all would be signed to contracts, 10 for a traveling team, 12 for home games and three on a "taxi squad."

Koopman played four years of basketball for UMM, and amassed a number of individual records along the way. She scored 1,151 points, eclipsing the old mark of 670 established by Michaelson over the same time span but during a time when women's seasons were much shorter. In addition, she grabbed 1,061 rebounds, was All Minn-Kota Conference for three years and team captain for two. "Koop" also set an individual high game scoring record of 30 points and rebounding with 25.

Michaelson was also all-conference and team captain, but had the disadvantage of playing when seasons were several games shorter.

"Both Carol and Maren are most deserving at being entitled to further their playing careers," observed women's coach Sandy Glas. "Carol's greatest attribute is her physical strength," offered Glas. "Maren at 5-8 and three inches shorter than 'Koop,' has lots of exciting moves and good jumping ability."

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New Fillies Michaelson (left) and Koopman

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Another summer has sped by and the football season is underway. It looks like the Cougs are powerful again this year; hopefully many of you will see a game or two. The "pre-game huddle" prior to the Mankato State game in Mankato was successful and from the feedback I have gotten everyone enjoyed the reunion. Many thanks to Walt Groteluschen for the idea and for serving as local coordinator. Homecoming is only a few short weeks away, Oct. 21, and a detailed flier will be going in the mail soon. Events will consist of the parade, annual alumni meeting at 10 a.m. in Humanities Fine Arts Center Recital Hall (open to all of you), a tailgate party for alumni (a keg will be furnished) in the baseball field area next to the football field, the Provost's reception following the game and the evening buffet at the Sunwood. Sounds like fun, doesn't it? Please take a moment to carefully read the note from the Admissions Office with the attached referral card. If everyone of us could send in one or two names, we would be doing a great service to our Alma Mater. We have a program of service in the planning stages for all of you Alums that could prove very beneficial. It involves exposure to various career opportunities; you will be hearing more about it in the near future. We have been asked to pass along the fact that the Iota Psi sorority is having an open house for former members and friends after the Homecoming game. We're sure other UMM Greek letter organizations are planning similar functions.

Connie

P.S. We do have **your** membership check, don't we??

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Koopman thinks she may be playing strong forward for the Fillies with Michaelson getting a crack at guard or possibly outside forward.

"I'm just glad women are getting a chance to compete professionally in more sports," said Koopman. "I'm impressed with the quality of the players on our team and at the other franchises. We just hope we can get the fans to support us. I think they might be surprised at the caliber of play."

Class of 1977

Debra Gandrud Dahlseng is married and living in Lowry with husband Allen and daughter Krista Lynn.

Keith Klawitter is teaching English and coaching basketball at Morgan.

Dennis Robinson is a student at the Pennsylvania College of Podiatric Medicine in Philadelphia.

Class of 1978

Jill Engebretson is Executive Vice President of the South Dakota Home Builders Association in Sioux Falls.

Greg Lanners is teaching in Salida, Colo.

Monica Schmidt began graduate study this fall in human genetics under a teaching assistantship at Rutgers University.

Randy Schwegel is head football and assistant basketball coach at Dunseth, N.D.

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UMMALUMNOTES

Former Students

Karen G. Blasingame has married Richard A. Shiman, and continues to make her home in Wilmette, Ill.

Joanne Halatsis Pontius is a graduate student in broadcasting on the University's Twin Cities campus. Husband *Demetrios* is an engineer with 3M. They have two children.

Leslie L. Wolff is a pharmacist in St. Cloud. He resides near Little Falls with his wife and daughters Karie Ray, Kay Marie and Kristi Lee.

Class of 1965

Arlene Johnson Baggs teaches eighth grade physical education in Delano, Calif. She has one son.

James A. Carlson has returned to his Alma Mater as assistant professor of music at UMM with emphasis in band. He was formerly Director of Bands at Augsburg College. Wife *Kay* will teach private piano lessons.

Class of 1967

Laura Stock Carrington is teaching fourth grade in Morris. She was recently re-elected to a second two year term as Stevens County DFL Chairman, was a delegate to the 1978 State DFL Platform Committee, State DFL Convention and Seventh District Convention.

Robert Dahl is a minister in Granite Falls where he resides with his wife Lois and three children.

Kay Douglas is a secretary for International Multifoods. She and husband William reside in Edina with their daughter.

Class of 1968

Gary Buer is athletic director and head football coach at Dakota State College in Madison, S.D. Gary guided his team to a perfect 10-0 season last year, and was named UMM's "Alumni Coach of the Year."

John Wilgen is a research associate for the Oak Ridge (Tenn.) National Laboratory. He and wife Dianne have four children.

Class of 1970

Joel Swanson is sales manager for radio station WQPM in Princeton, Minn., and is a captain in the Marine Corps Reserve. He, wife Donna and children reside near Princeton.

Class of 1971

September was a big month for *Charles L. Folkstad*. After completing a three year residency in family practice in St. Paul, he married and joined the medical staff of the Red Cedar Clinic in Menomonie, Wisc.

Charles Gahm married the former Laurie Swanson in July. He teaches at Milaca High School, and she is a nurse.

Michael ('63) and *Pamela Murphy* are parents of a second child, Shaun Patrick, born last April. Mike is a programmer analyst for Control Data in Bloomington.

Steven C. Olsen has begun medical practice in Atwater after finishing a family practice residency in Minneapolis.

Rose Till is teaching English in Janesville.

Class of 1972

Bonnie Briscoe is office manager for the Villa of St. Francis nursing home in Morris. She was recently accredited by the American Medical Record Association as a record technician following a qualifying examination. Husband Mick is a junior high librarian.

Irene Koval/Campanaro is assistant director of admissions for Portland (Ore.) State University.

John Miller is a music teacher and band director in Clark, S.D.

Class of 1973

Jerry Martinek was married in September to Marlene McCoy. They make their home in Marshall where he is regional marketing coordinator for the Northwestern Banks of Southwest Minnesota.

Leon and Elaine Oman are parents of a son born in June. They reside in St. Paul.

Pamela Pearson is pursuing a master's degree in journalism/print at Wheaton (Ill.) College.

July Wartman Schmidt writes from Anchorage, Alaska that a fellow alumnus recently sent her a copy of the *Morris AlumNews*, and that she enjoyed catching up on news of fellow grads. Judy is teaching at Mt. Spurr School at Elmendorf Air Force Base.

Jim Staebler has been re-elected to the board of directors of the Minnesota Permit Truckers Association.

Class of 1974

Rolf Kopperud is head baseball and assistant basketball coach at North Dakota State University. He and his wife, the former *Barbara Caspers*, reside in Fargo.

Dan Studelska Jr. is the senior author of an article recently published in the *Journal of Comparative and Physiological Psychology*. He is residing in Minneapolis.

Nancy Telschow has complete her law degree at Loyola University in New Orleans, and is now an attorney in private practice in St. Paul.

Kay Wernsing teaches physical education and mathematics at Hoffman. She is also girls' basketball and volleyball coach.

Class of 1975

Joyce Krueger was married in August to Efrain Deocampo, and is making her home in Texas.

L. Lani Jacobsen has completed her law degree at the University of Minnesota, and has assumed a position as the first women's sports information director at North Dakota State University.

Randall Ulbricht is a nuclear submarine engineering officer with the U.S. Navy based in Charleston, S.C.

Class of 1976

Myron Engebretson has completed his MBA at the University of Minnesota, and is now a project analyst with Information Science, Inc. in Oak Brook, Ill.

Mark Palmquist and *Nancy Jo Driscoll* ('75) were married in April, and are making their home in Tyler, Tex. where Mark is a geologist and Nancy is a speech pathologist.

Donald "Twig" Webster has received the John J. Bittner Acting Award from the University's Twin Cities campus where he earned an MFA degree last summer. He and his wife, the former Jodi Sherstad, are making their home in Minneapolis.

The existence of the University of Minnesota, Morris depends on one important factor...PEOPLE! As a graduate of UMM, the greatest contribution you can make to your Alma Mater is the referral of a prospective student. You have an opportunity to contribute now. Below you will find an "Alumni Referral Card." Its purpose is to enable you to refer prospective students to the Admissions Office. Admissions would appreciate a student referral at any time. The staff will provide the prospect with materials regarding UMM's liberal arts programs and information about our people oriented campus. The staff is always looking for volunteers to help with the recruitment effort. If you are able to cooperate, please contact Robert J. Vikander, Director of Admissions, UMM, Morris 56267 (612) 589-2116. Thank you very much for your time. We hope to hear from you this fall.

UMM Alumni Referral Card

(Please Print)

Alumni Name _____ Phone _____

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