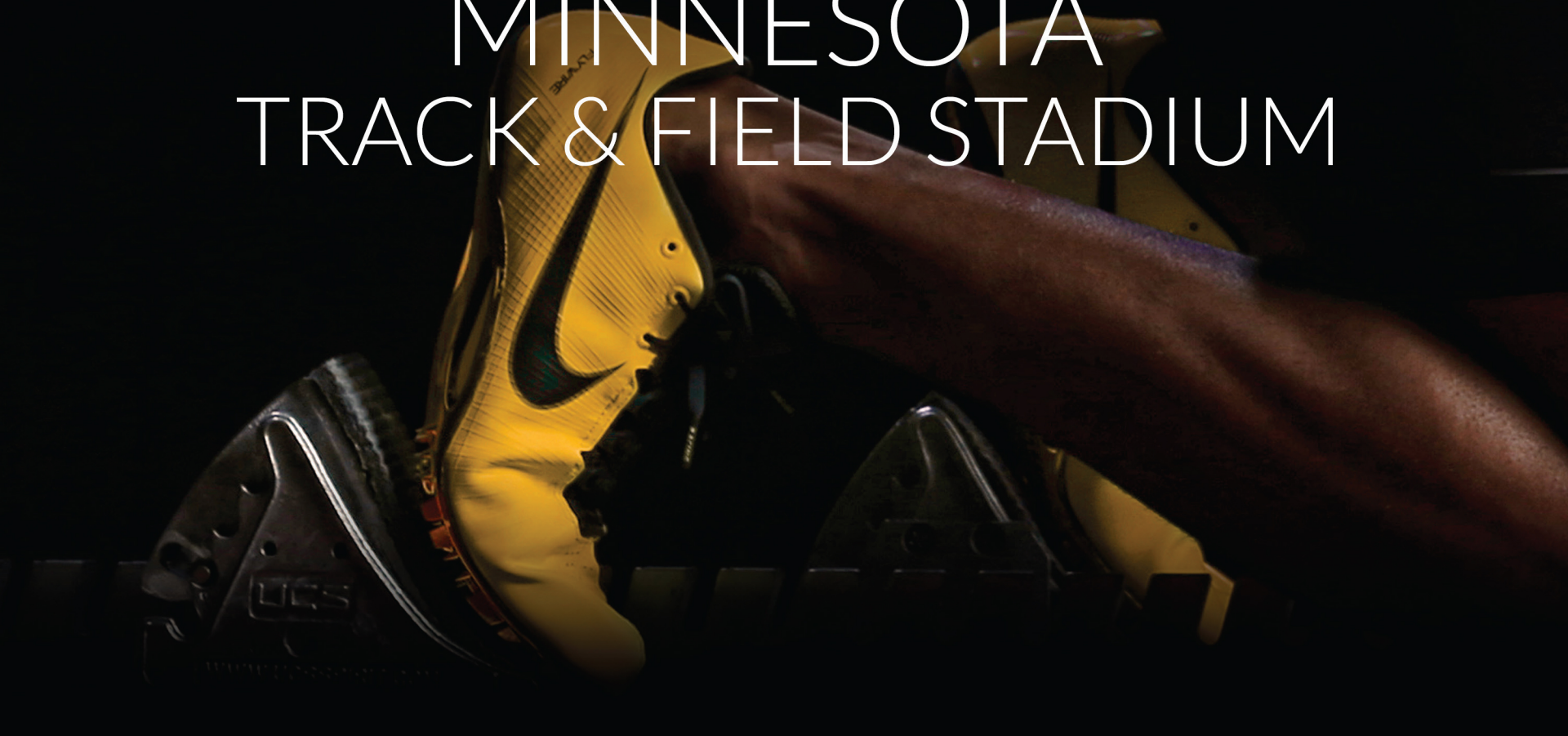




UNIVERSITY OF  
MINNESOTA  
TRACK & FIELD STADIUM



## // A LEGACY OF ACHIEVEMENT //

Numerous people have built the legacies of both the women's and men's track and field programs at Minnesota, but there have never been greater champions for these programs than Roy Griak and Gary Wilson.

A World War II veteran, a University alumnus, a former Gopher student-athlete and the heart and soul of the men's program for nearly 50 years, Roy embodied the ideals of the sport. His integrity, his passion and his commitment to inclusiveness continue to inspire countless athletes and coaches to achieve more.

For nearly a quarter-century, Gary led the women's program. While there were great accomplishments in competition, Gary focused on more than developing superior athletes. He focused his efforts on building strong, independent women, a foundation that has helped many of his alumnae grow into successful professionals and citizens.

Both Roy and Gary believed in the power of track and field to mold young athletes into leaders, a belief that will always guide the Gopher programs.

### **MEN'S TRACK & FIELD**

**NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS** 1948

**BIG TEN INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS** 1998, 2009, 2010, 2011

**BIG TEN OUTDOOR TITLES** 1949, 1968, 1969, 1998, 1999, 2003, 2009, 2010

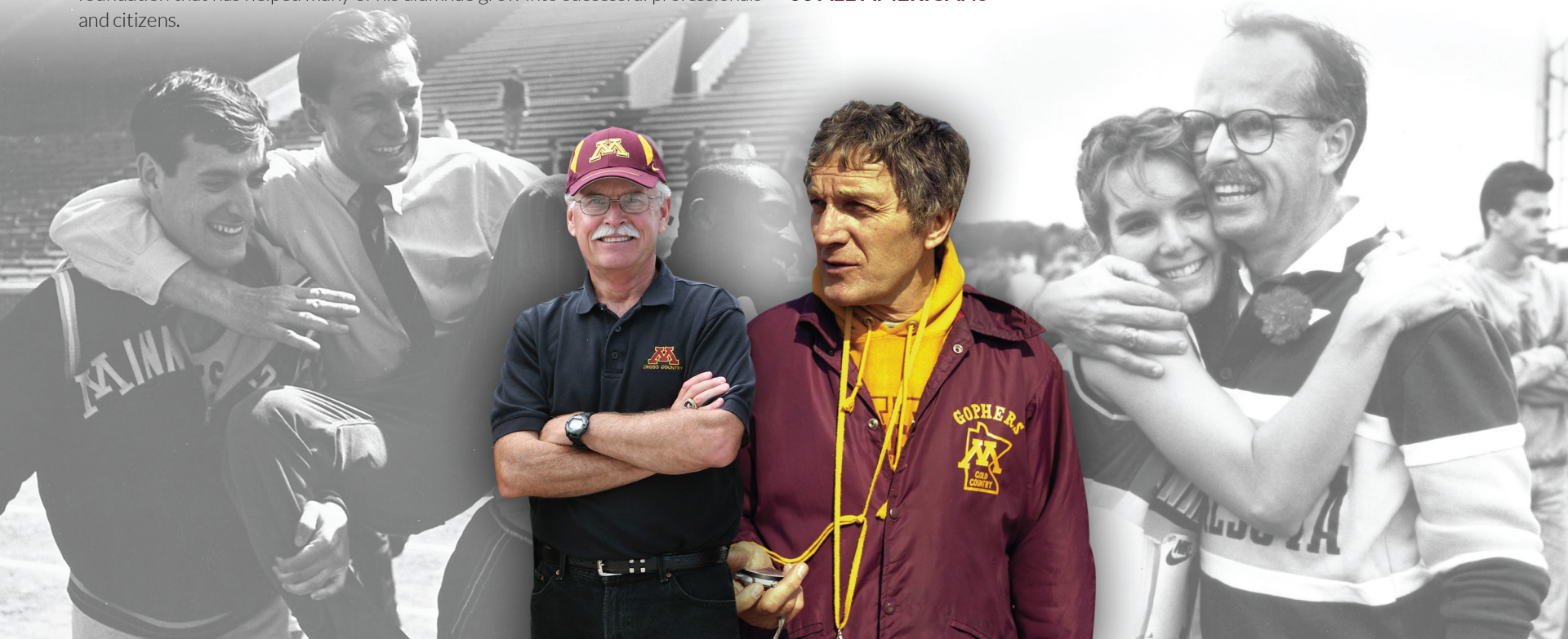
**230 ALL-AMERICANS**

### **WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD**

**BIG TEN INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS** 2007, 2008, 2009

**BIG TEN OUTDOOR TITLES** 2006, 2016

**66 ALL-AMERICANS**





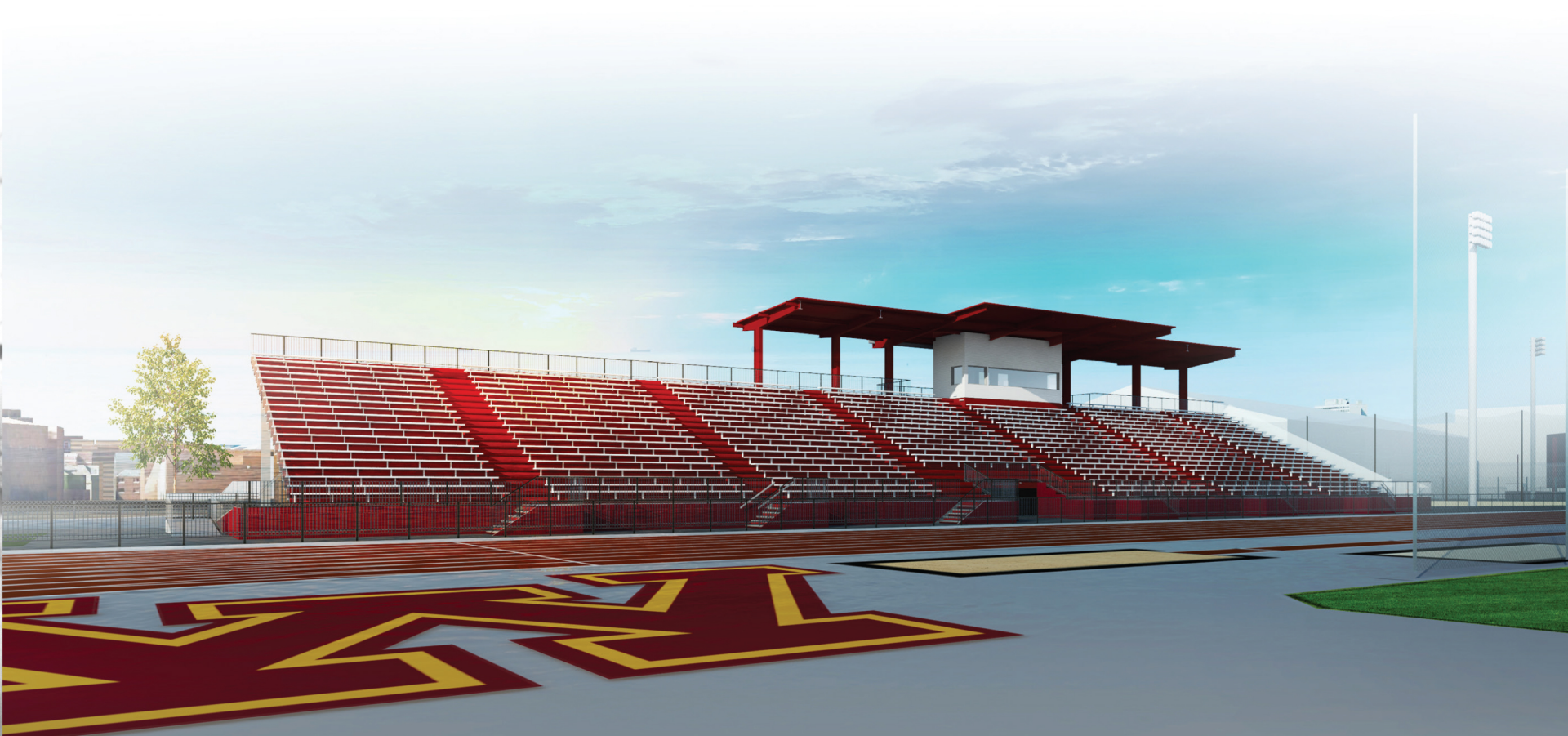
## // THE VISION //

Gopher Athletics is committed to building and sustaining a culture that stops at nothing short of greatness in the classroom, in competition, and in the community. The success of Gopher Track and Field has always been vital to achieving the athletics department's vision of greatness.

Minnesota's track and field community is among the largest, most engaged and innovative in the nation. Despite this, no single facility serves as a centerpiece for this community, a beacon to welcome athletes and host the region's biggest events.

### **Together, we will change this.**

We will build a competition-level track and field stadium at the University that reflects our state's passion and our heritage of developing elite talent from the Upper Midwest, and from countries around the world. This facility will become synonymous with track and field excellence in the Midwest, a state-of-the-art venue that will serve as the new home of the Gophers and define Minnesota as the preeminent track and field destination in the region.



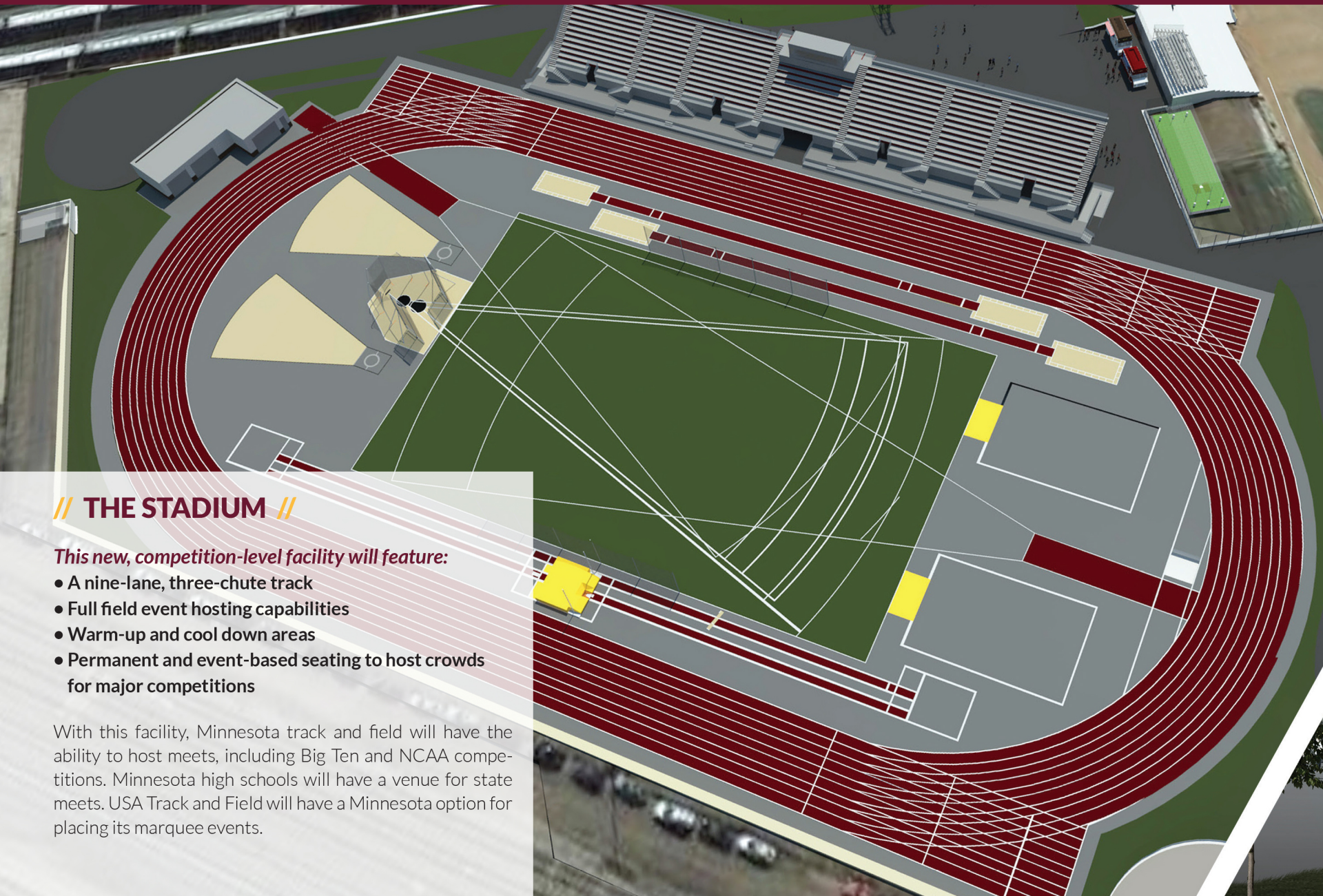


## // THE STADIUM //

*This new, competition-level facility will feature:*

- A nine-lane, three-chute track
- Full field event hosting capabilities
- Warm-up and cool down areas
- Permanent and event-based seating to host crowds for major competitions

With this facility, Minnesota track and field will have the ability to host meets, including Big Ten and NCAA competitions. Minnesota high schools will have a venue for state meets. USA Track and Field will have a Minnesota option for placing its marquee events.





## // A NEW HOME FOR GOPHER TRACK & FIELD //

We have identified a location for the track on the East Bank campus, in the heart of the new Athletes Village area.

The Track & Field Stadium will be steps away from the Land O'Lakes Center for Excellence which will provide all track and field student-athletes access to the brand new Academic, Nutrition and Leadership centers.

The project is a multi-use venue that will accommodate the needs of Gopher Track and Field, provide benefits to other sports using adjacent facilities, enhance the experience of thousands of fans and visitors, and serve as an important resource for track and field in Minnesota and throughout the Upper Midwest.





## // THE CULTURE //

Above all else, Gopher Track and Field is a culture built on empowerment. Our programs prepare young people to pursue excellence, graduate with meaningful degrees, and then go out and conquer the world. Our alums have become leading executives, doctors, judges, teachers, engineers, politicians, entrepreneurs, coaches, and community leaders - almost any profession you can imagine.

We foster this development while our student-athletes are on campus. Our programs and our student-athletes are regularly celebrated for their academic

accomplishments and their community service. We focus on details, on being different and on always doing the right thing. This simple concept helps us empower our student-athletes to become leaders.

Our unwavering focus on culture and personal development is why we graduate student-athletes who are outstanding people and exemplary citizens. They leave the U equipped to chase their dreams and make a positive difference in the world.





## // AN INVESTMENT IN GREATNESS //

Now is your time to play a major role in securing the future of Gopher Track and Field. The University of Minnesota is engaging alumni and friends to consider gifts towards this important initiative.

### Be a part of the future of Golden Gopher Track & Field

Your advocacy and support for this project are critical to its success. We need leaders to discuss the need for this facility and the need for support. We need all of us, working together, to build our new University of Minnesota Track and Field Stadium and give the state's track and field community the facility to continue building its legacy.

We invite you to be a part of this historic opportunity. To learn more about the track campaign, including information on how to make a gift towards this new facility, please contact:

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Intercollegiate Athletics  
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*Having a modern, on-campus facility to call home will be an immeasurable asset for our program and for the Minnesota track and field community, but most importantly for our student-athletes. This facility is an important piece to providing every one of our student-athletes with the best possible experience at Minnesota, one where they receive a world-class education and opportunities to compete at the highest levels of track and field.*

– STEVE PLASENCIA, Director of Men's Track & Field/Cross Country



*The new facility is going to be great for the daily lives of our student-athletes. It's going to have a tremendous impact and make their lives simpler by having all their academic, training and competition facilities in one area. We always talk about developing our student-athletes and empowering them for a lifetime of success. This facility is critical to helping us continue accomplishing that goal.*

– MATT BINGLE, Director of Women's Track & Field/Cross Country





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