

Dear Senator Rarick,

As a former Gopher Track and Cross Country Athlete and an M Club Member (lettering in cross country in 1971), I would like to see men's indoor track restored. The loss of the indoor season creates a doughnut hole in the men's year-long program that is disadvantageous to athletes and that has to have a debilitating effect on recruiting and retention. For 50+ years I have supported all three seasons of men's track, both financially and with my presence, including bringing my children and grandchildren to meets.

The higher education meeting on the future of men's track and field is tentatively scheduled for February 15<sup>th</sup>. I want to make sure it happens. Please know that I am carefully watching and want to see positive movement toward sports being restored.

Sincerely,

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