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## Dan Devine Assesses the Season

*Missouri's coach analyzes his team and its opponents  
for Missouri Alumnus readers*

REALIST DAN DEVINE has no delusions about the '66 team. He realizes that the loss of such key players as Johnny Roland, Francis Peay, Butch Allison, Gary Lane and Bruce VanDyke is not going to be made up easily. And the man whose overall record is third best in the nation among major college coaches knows that the early, tough non-conference schedule (Minnesota,

Illinois and UCLA before the frost is on the pumpkin) may not be a help either. In fact, Dan was pessimistic when interviewed by *Missouri Alumnus* shortly before season play got underway.

"I do think," he told us, "that the pre-season polls which picked us to finish fourth in the Big Eight conference (behind defending champion Nebraska, Colo-

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## Band and Parents' Day at M.U. October 15

A MAJOR ATHLETIC-SOCIAL EVENT on the campus will be Band Day and Parents' Day in connection with the Tigers' football game with the visiting Oklahoma State team on Oct. 15. Jack Matthews, Dean of Students, notes that for the first time last year, the University inaugurated an informal meeting for parents at which time selected administrative and faculty members met with them to answer "questions from the floor." He says a similar meeting is planned for this year but "since most of the questions in 1965 were not related to the academic 'side of the house,' we will have on the panel this year the University officials who deal mainly with 'out-of-class activities.'"

Appearing on an hour panel session, starting at 9:15 a.m. (Registration is from 8:30 a.m. to noon in the Student Union), will be:

Dr. William Galeota, Director of Student Health Service; Prof. Paul King, Director of Testing and Counseling Service; Dr. Charles W. McLane, Director of Admissions; Harold Condra, Director of Housing; Allan W. Purdy, Director of Financial Aid; and Col. James R. Johnson, Professor of Military Science.

Beginning at 10:30 a.m. and lasting an hour, an informal reception will be held in the main lounge of the Student Union. Chancellor John W. Schwada and all of the Academic Deans from the Student Personnel Services will be on hand to greet and meet the parents of new students. Dean Matthews says "it should be noted that October 15 is not a general Parents Day, but is a Parents Day for only the parents of our new students."

Other features of Parents Day: Lunch, starting at

11:30 a.m., with all food services of the Student Union, the Student Commons and the University Residence Hall made available to parents of the new students—in addition, many campus living units, fraternities, sororities and co-ops, will hold special luncheons for parents of members; the game, beginning at 1:30 p.m.; Open Houses, starting at 4:30 p.m., and a Touchdown Dance in the large ballroom of the Student Lounge, 8:30 p.m. on.

Mizzou's marching band, Alexander Pickard directing, will perform at half-time with a varied program in recognition of Band Day on Oct. 15.

### Dr. Weaver Pays Tigers Surprise Visit

COACH DAN DEVINE and his hard-working Tiger team had a surprise—and welcome—visitor in one of their opening drills. New University President John C. Weaver showed up unexpectedly on the afternoon of Sept. 1. Just that morning he had assumed the school's top administrative post. It was a case of the Big Ten meeting the Big Eight, so to speak—since Dr. Weaver came to Columbia from Ohio State.

The squad has his word that he wants "to excel in physics, in athletics, and in everything."

"I recognized Dr. Weaver from his pictures," reported Devine, "and invited him to speak to the team. He spoke briefly, then kept insisting that he didn't want to interfere with our work."

The very next morning, the Tigers had one of their best workouts.

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rado and Oklahoma) seem pretty accurate at this time, based on returning veterans, and I only can hope that we will embarrass the experts."

Devine admitted the Tigers have a sound number one backfield, but he indicated some shortcomings in other areas, noting:

"The quality of our offensive line is unproven, and we

are not deep in good halfbacks."

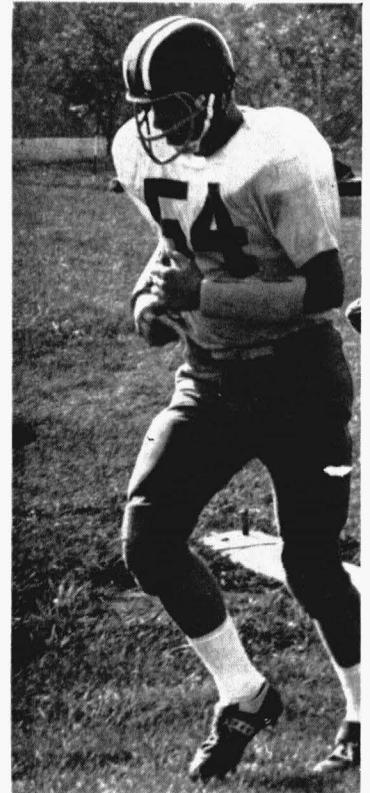
Getting into specifics regarding the conference, the popular Tiger coach (85-23-7 in eleven seasons: three at Arizona State and the last eight at Mizzou) gave us this assessment:

"Within the Big Eight, I think there are far more tougher teams this year—better balance throughout.



Tiger Line Coach and Dan Devine's Number One Assistant Al Onorfrio gives linemen a few fine pointers on how to win the game "up front" during a recent practice session.

Senior center Richard Kistner (54) goes through a running drill in one of the pre-season practice sessions.



## *Much may depend on how 'Little Gary' does*

But Nebraska still looks to be in a class of its own. They are big, strong and experienced at Lincoln—not to mention, deep."

On the positive side of the Tiger gridiron ledger, Devine has high regard for his senior halfbacks—Charlie Brown and Earl Denny.

"I don't think anybody has a better tandem of halfbacks," he said of his two threats who have had knee operations, "but if either one gets hurt, you'll notice the difference."

Of Danny Sharp, the sophomore quarterback from Kansas City, Kan., Devine commented:

"I think he's a brilliant prospect. I suspect he'll play."

THE COACH obviously has much confidence in his defensive unit, led by Co-Captain Bill Powell, the former guard who was switched to tackle last spring. Others include ends Russ Washington and Dan Schuppan; guard Don Nelson; halfback and Co-Captain Jim Whitaker; and safety Skip Grossnickle.

A key man on offense promises to be junior signal-caller Gary Kombrink of Belleville, Ill., being counted on to replace Lane in the starting backfield.

"Gary has a big advantage," Devine told sportswriters and sportscasters on their annual pre-season tour of all

## THE 1966 FOOTBALL ROSTER

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Class	Hometown
Adams, Sam	FB	6-0	200	18	Soph.	Midland, Tex.
Alton, Jack	HB	6-1	185	22	Sr.	Centralia
Anderson, Jim	T	6-1	220	19	Soph.	Webster Groves
Bailey, Harold	E	6-4	215	20	Soph.	St. Louis (Riv. G.)
Barnett, Gary	HB	6-0	210	19	Soph.	St. Louis (Parkway)
Barnes, Michael	T	6-2	210	19	Soph.	Canton, Ill.
Bates, William*	HB	6-1	195	21	Sr.	Storm Lake, Ia.
Benhardt, Elmer	E	6-3	200	19	Soph.	St. Louis (Riverview)
Berg, Marty*	E	6-3	218	19	Jr.	Riverside, Ill.
Bernsen, Rich**	FB	6-0	200	21	Sr.	Ferguson
Boyd, Roger	T	6-1	220	20	Soph.	Butler
Brewer, Richard	G	6-1	220	20	Jr.	Southfield, Mich.
Brown, Charlie*	HB	5-8	185	20	Sr.	Jefferson City
Butler, Gary	G	5-11 1/2	205	19	Soph.	Jefferson City
Chettle, Alan*	G	6-3	222	21	Sr.	St. Louis (U-High)
Cook, Greg	HB	6-0	190	19	Soph.	Seneca
Danilko, Jim	HB	6-0	190	19	Soph.	Rhineland, Wis.
Deneault, Conrad	QB	6-1	190	20	Soph.	New Bedford, Mass.
Denny, Earl**	HB	6-1	205	21	Sr.	Golden City
Elzea, J. Garth	HB	6-1	210	19	Soph.	Springfield, Ill.
Ewing, Michael	HB	6-0	188	20	Jr.	Ladue
Frieders, Gary*	G	6-0	205	20	Jr.	Bay City, Mich.
Garber, Carl	G	6-0	212	20	Soph.	St. Louis (Cleveland)
Grana, David	FB	6-0	202	21	Sr.	St. Louis (S.W.)
Griffin, William	QB	6-0	175	21	Jr.	St. Louis (CBC)
Grossnickle, Gary*	HB	6-1	185	21	Sr.	Kirkville
Hall, James	E	6-1	195	23	Sr.	Springfield (H)
Hauptman, Joe	E	6-1	195	19	Soph.	Granite City, Ill.
Hiles, Joe	FB	6-1	205	19	Soph.	Granite City, Ill.
Hobik, Wayne	G	6-0	190	19	Soph.	Chicago, Ill. (Weber)
Jonaitis, Edward	E	6-2	195	19	Soph.	Hesperia, Mich.
Jones, Curtis	T	6-2	230	20	Jr.	St. Louis (Summer)
Jost, Jim	G	6-1	210	21	Jr.	St. Louis (B. D'bg.)
Judd, Jim	E	6-2	200	19	Soph.	St. Louis (Roosevelt)
Juras, Jim	E	6-0	195	20	Jr.	St. Louis (McBride)
Kazyak, John	T	6-0	220	18	Soph.	Auburn, Mich.
Kahl, Frank	FB	6-0	190	19	Soph.	Shipman, Ill.
Keith, Jim	G	6-0	200	19	Soph.	Oklahoma City, Okla.
Kemperman, Steve	E	6-1	204	20	Jr.	Grand Rapids, Mich.
Kistner, Richard*	E	5-10	200	22	Sr.	Kansas City (St. P-X)
Kombrink, Gary	QB	5-10	180	21	Jr.	Belleville, Ill.
Lang, Larry	HB	5-10	190	20	Jr.	Lee's Summit
Lewis, Mearle	G	6-0	200	19	Soph.	Mahomet, Ill.
Lischner, Barry	FB	6-1	210	20	Jr.	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Melton, Bobby	T	6-4	205	19	Soph.	Belleville, Ill.
Meyer, John	HB	5-11	190	19	Jr.	St. Louis (U-High)
Moore, Larry	HB	5-11	195	19	Soph.	Timewell, Ill.
Mungai, Lee	G	6-0	215	21	Jr.	Berwyn, Ill.
Murphy, Brian	HB	5-11	198	22	Jr.	Peoria, Ill.
Nelson, Don**	G	6-0	210	23	Sr.	Fairmont, Minn.
Parker, Bob	T	6-3	215	19	Soph.	Taylorville, Ill.
Pepper, Alan	G	6-0	200	20	Jr.	Ladue
Pera, Michael	E	6-3	205	18	Soph.	Hinsdale, Ill.
Phelps, Garnett	QB	5-11	180	19	Soph.	Louisville, Ky.
Powell, Bob*	HB	5-11	198	19	Jr.	Collinsville, Ill.
Powell, Bill**	T	6-1	215	21	Sr.	Jefferson City
Rees, Conway	C	6-2	199	19	Soph.	Sedalia
Sangster, William	QB	5-10	165	19	Soph.	Columbia

Schmitt, Bill	E	6-3	200	19	Soph.	Imperial
Schmitz, Bill	HB	5-9	190	19	Soph.	Lakewood, Colorado
Schuppan, Dan**	E	6-0	195	21	Sr.	Columbia
Scott, Keith	T	6-2	225	20	Soph.	St. Louis (CBC)
Sharp, Danny	QB	6-1	180	19	Soph.	Kansas City, Kan.
Short, Roger	T	6-3	215	21	Jr.	Ferguson
Stevens, Gil	E	6-3 1/2	210	19	Soph.	Joplin
Stoeckel, Ron	QB	6-0	180	18	Soph.	Belleville, Ill.
Thomas, Jon	HB	5-10	195	19	Soph.	St. Louis (Mehlville)
Tiefen, Larry	HB	6-0	180	19	Soph.	Excelsior Springs
Tinsley, Austin	HB	5-11	185	19	Soph.	Alton
Thorpe, Ray*	HB	5-8	175	21	Sr.	Overland
Valentik, Jim	HB	6-1	195	22	Sr.	Hannibal
Veech, James	G	6-1	200	21	Sr.	Normandy
Vereecken, Rene	FB	5-11 1/2	190	19	Soph.	Berwyn, Ill.
Washington, Russell*	E	6-6	250	19	Jr.	Kansas City (S.E.)
Weber, Charles	FB	6-0	180	19	Soph.	Jefferson City
Weber, James Leroy	C	5-11	215	20	Jr.	Perryville
Weber, Jim Leonard	T	6-0	220	21	Jr.	Jefferson City
Wehrli, Roger	HB	6-0	185	19	Soph.	King City
Wempe, Michael	T	6-3	225	20	Jr.	Lawrence, Kan.
Whitaker, Jim*	HB	6-0	190	21	Sr.	Kansas City (R)
White, Henry	FB	6-2	230	19	Soph.	Carrollton
Wiley, Gary	HB	6-1	165	19	Soph.	Columbia
Willsey, Jim*	G	6-0	215	20	Jr.	Gary, Ind. (Calumet)
Wilson, Bob	C	6-2	205	19	Jr.	Jefferson City
York, Larry	T	6-3	218	19	Soph.	Quincy, Ill.
Ziegler, Bob*	HB	5-11	185	20	Jr.	St. Louis (B. D'bg.)

\*—Indicates number of years lettered

## THE SCHEDULE

Sept. 17	MINNESOTA at Columbia (2-3-1)	1:30 p.m. CDT
	(The Tigers won, 24-0)	
Sept. 24	ILLINOIS at Champaign (1-2-0)	1:30 p.m. CDT
Oct. 1	UCLA at Los Angeles (0-1-1)	1:30 p.m. PDT
Oct. 8	KANSAS STATE at Manhattan (34-13-4)	1:30 p.m. CST
Oct. 15	OKLAHOMA STATE at Columbia (10-2-0)	1:30 p.m. CDT
	(Band/Parents' Day)	
Oct. 22	IOWA STATE at Columbia (36-16-6)	1:30 p.m. CDT
Oct. 29	NEBRASKA at Lincoln (25-31-3)	2:00 p.m. CST
Nov. 5	COLORADO at Columbia (21-6-3)	1:30 p.m. CST
	(Homecoming)	
Nov. 12	OKLAHOMA at Norman (18-33-5)	1:30 p.m. CST
Nov. 19	KANSAS at Columbia (35-30-9)	1:30 p.m. CST

Tickets are \$5, \$25 a season. Write the Athletic Department, Ticket Office, 125 Rothwell, Columbia, Missouri 65201.

The University Freshman Football team will play two at-home games and two on the road during the '66 season. The first contest will be on Oct. 14 at Columbia against the Missouri Valley "B" team and the second game—also at home—will be on Oct. 21 against the Iowa State University yearlings.

The first away game will be played Oct. 28 at Lincoln against the University of Nebraska freshman eleven and the second on Nov. 11 at Lawrence versus the University of Kansas first-year players.

the Big Eight camps. "He thinks like I do . . . and he's a spunky, little guy."

Rated a strong option runner but just a so-so collegiate passer, the 183-pounder, who stands only 5-10, worked as a summer counselor at a boys camp in southern Missouri and managed to get in some extra-curricular help from St. Louis Cardinal Quarterback Charley Johnson, in the art of tossing the football. Johnson and teammate Sonny Randle co-managed the camp.

Kombrink, an all-stater at Belleville Township High under Bob Frala, newly-appointed Missouri freshman

coach, said Johnson helped him a lot. "He changed my motion by stressing that I get more body into my passes. Like a baseball catcher, I was just throwing with my arm."

So how little Gary "pitches" in comparison to big Gary (Lane, three-time Big Eight quarterback) may well be the answer to the Tigers' football fortunes.

Back of it all is a brainy coach with organizational genius who gets the utmost out of players dedicated to keep Mizzou in the gridiron limelight. It looks like a long but interesting season with Dan Devine at the helm. □