GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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OFFICE INFORMATION

✳ Important phone numbers:

Attendance: 406-268-6251
Counseling: 406-268-6330
Finance: 406-268-6317
Main Office: 406-268-6250
Records: 406-268-6315
Nurse: 406-268-6332

✳ Important To-Do's:

- **Update PowerSchool Information:**
  - Please remember to update phone numbers and addresses that may have changed over the summer.
  - Call or email Debbie at:
    - 406-268-6337 or
    - Debbie_Munson@gfps.k12.mt.us

Click here to read handbook:

- **Activity Participation Forms:**
  - If you do not want your student to participate in certain GFHS clubs and/or organizations, you need to complete the ACTIVITY PARTICIPATION form.

✳ **GFHS Events and Sports Travel forms**
Click Here
GFHS TRANSPORTATION FORM

✳ MT Law 20-5-201

Montana Code Annotated 20-5-201(4) authorizes school districts to withhold grades, diplomas, or transcripts if a student owes money for school materials, lost, or damaged property.

✳ Attendance Notifications:

GFHS Parents/Guardians
In order to receive attendance notifications regarding your student, you must be signed up with PowerSchool!
Call attendance for support!

REGULAR			PLCT			EARLY OUT			ASSEMBLY (40 MIN)		
PERIOD	START	END	PERIOD	START	END	PERIOD	START	END	PERIOD	START	END
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2	8:59	9:52	2	8:53	9:40	2	8:36	9:07	2	8:53	9:41
3	9:58	10:51	3	9:46	10:43	3	9:12	9:43	ASSEMBLY	9:46	10:26
4	10:56	11:49	4	10:49	11:36	4	9:48	10:19	3	10:31	11:18
LUNCH	11:49	12:19	LUNCH	11:36	12:06	5	10:24	10:56	4	11:23	12:10
5	12:25	1:18	5	12:12	12:59	6	11:01	11:33	LUNCH	12:10	12:40
6	1:24	2:17	6	1:05	1:52	7	11:38	12:10	5	12:45	1:32
7	2:23	3:15	7	1:58	2:45				6	1:37	2:24
									7	2:29	3:15

Principal's Message:

Dear Bison Family,
What a great week last week of Celebration! We celebrated students and teachers in the most amazing ways. We're in May, so there is a lot of celebrating to come, culminating in our very own GFHS Graduation on May 31st, 2026.
This week we have Leap Up Night for the 8th students and families on Wednesday at 5pm, and then we have the 3 Sport breakfast on Thursday. Our community High School House Ribbon Cutting ceremony is also on Thursday! A great week ahead.

Go Bison!
Geoffry Habel

✳ Large Amount of Student Fines:

- **Many of our GFHS students have fines! Parents, please work with us to recoup funds owed due to your student's lost or damaged school property.**
  - **We have a large number of SENIORS with fines!**
  - **Per MT law, diplomas and transcripts can be withheld**

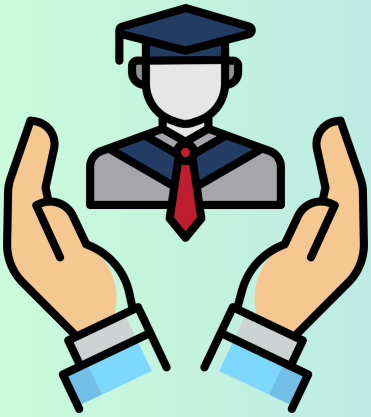
✳ LEAP UP NIGHT: WEDNESDAY 5:00 – 7:00pm

- **For all incoming 8th grade BISON and families!**

✳ Summer Virtual Academy Payments

- **Virtual Academy cash & check payments can be made in the GFHS Main office**
- **Credit card payments must be paid at the DOB**

Great Falls High School Counselor Corner



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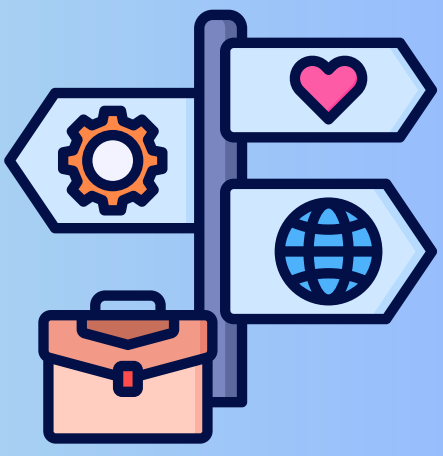

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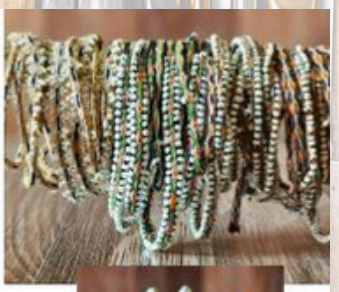
GFHS Fine Arts At A Glance

5/7-5/9 Drama Spring Production - "Loving Lives"
5/18 Band Awards Concert
5/19 Orchestra Awards Concert - "90's"
5/26 Choir Pop Concert - The Beatles "Blue & White Album"

FIVE X SEVEN

Annual Show & Sale

May 13th-15th, 2026
Great Falls High HUB
Before School, Lunch, & After School plus Leap Up Night!
Sales benefit the GFH Art Department. A huge thank you to all our student artists as well as YOU, the patron!



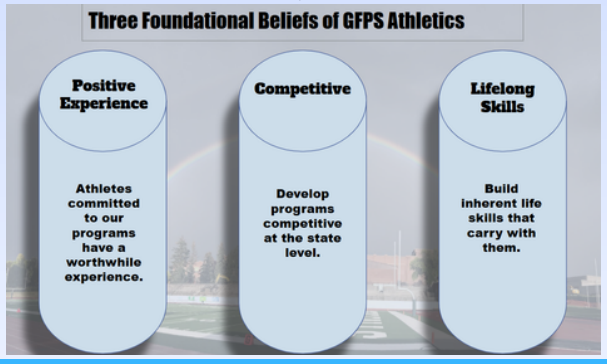
We will also have our bracelets from Peru on sale too! Thanks to Mrs. Rogstad's nephew who lives and works in the village where the women's weavers guild is located in the Andes Mountains.

GREAT FALLS HIGH BISON

ART

GFHS WEEKLY ATHLETICS

SPORT	DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	LEVEL	VARSITY	JV
SB	TUES	5/12/2026	GFH	GLACIER	GF MULTI SPORTS	V-JV	2:00 PM	2:00 PM
SB	TUES	5/12/2026	GFH	FLATHEAD	GF MULTI SPORTS	V	4:00 PM	
TF	TUES	5/12/2026	GFH	CMR	GF MEMORIAL STADIUM	V-JV	3:00 PM	
BASE	TUES	5/12/2026	GFH	CMR (GFH HOME)	OLSON	V-JV	5:00 PM	2:00 PM
TE	THURS	5/14/2026	GFH	CMR	CMR COURTS	V	4:00 PM	
SB	FRI	5/15/2026	GFH	CMR (CMR HOME)	GF MULTI SPORTS	V-JV	7:00 PM	4:00 PM
TE	SAT	5/16/2026	GFH	MISSOULA SENTINEL	MLCC/HURD	V	11:00 AM	
TE	SAT	5/16/2026	GFH	MISSOULA HELLGATE	CMR COURTS	V	1:30 PM	
BASE	SAT	5/16/2026	GFH	BUTTE	OLSON/WARREN	V-JV	2:00 PM	12:00 PM



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SENIOR STUDENTS

Great Falls High Class of 2026 All Night Graduation Party

May 31st
8pm-1am
@ the Montana Expo Park (right next door to the graduation ceremony)

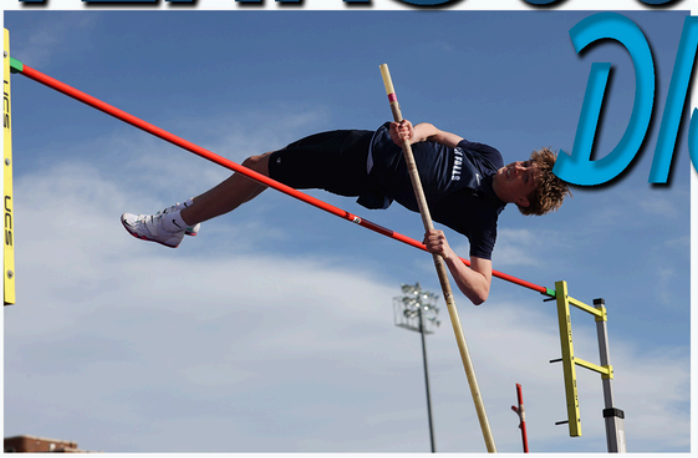
Tickets will be available to purchase during lunch April 28th, 30th, May 5th, 7th, and 12th As well as before school starting at 7:30 May 5th and 7th.

Tickets are $25 (scholorships available, call Sarah at (406)899-5952)
you will get the cost of your ticket back at the party in the form of a gift card

Cash, check or Venmo available

Join us for food, games, music, prizes (including cash!!), photo booth, and so much fun!

YEARBOOK DISTRIBUTION



Distribution Day MAY 20

1:15 - 3:30
Upper HUB

Books are $68...and you can be purchase them at jostens.com or in the Finance Office at GFH

We will presale until May19.

No Yearbooks will be purchased on Distribution day. We will resume yearbook sales on May 21.

GFHS TITLE I STATUS

Great Falls High is a Title I high school, which means we receive federal support to help ensure every student has access to a high-quality education.

- Our goal is to improve academic outcomes for all students by providing the resources and support they need to succeed.
- If you ever have questions or concerns about your student's progress, please don't hesitate to reach out to their counselor or associate principal.
- We are here to partner with you and problem-solve together.

Paul Culbertson, Associate Principal	406-268-6322	Students A-G
Tami Faulkner, Associate Principal	406-268-6313	Students H-N
Shianne Currey, Associate Principal	406-268-6314	Students O-Z
Chad Getten, Guidance Counselor	406-268-6334	Students A-C
Amy Schoenen, Guidance Counselor	406-268-6338	Students D-G
Clint Houston, Guidance Counselor	406-268-6336	Students H-L
Rosie Rossberg, Guidance Counselor	406-268-6333	Students M-R
Dana Freshly, Guidance Counselor	406-268-6335	Students S-Z

MORE STUDENT SUPPORTS:

- **Saturday School:**
  - 5/16/26
  - GFHS HUB - 8:30-11:30
- **After School Support - 5/11/26**
  - **Math 3:20-5:10pm in South Campus 108**
  - **Mon. & Thurs. English 3:45-5:10 in Main Campus 211**

***Watch here for weekly updated information**

GFHS TITLE I STATUS

WE WANT ALL FAMILIES TO KNOW

- **We Care Deeply About Your Child's Success:**
  - **Our teachers and staff are committed to your child's academic achievement, personal growth, and well-being, striving to help them become confident, capable, and responsible individuals.**
- **We Foster Growth Beyond Grades:**
  - **We focus on developing lifelong skills like problem-solving, self-advocacy, responsibility, and work ethic, preparing students for future success in and out of the classroom.**
- **We Challenge and Support:**
  - **We hold high expectations, pushing students to grow while providing compassion, encouragement, and individualized support to meet their unique needs.**
- **We Build Relationships:**
  - **Our staff strives to be trusted mentors, creating a safe and welcoming space where students feel valued, heard, and motivated to succeed.**
- **We Invest Time and Heart:**
  - **We work with many students daily and pour our energy, compassion, and resources into helping each child progress, even when faced with challenges.**
- **We Work as a Team:**
  - **Your child's success is a collaborative effort. We need your support to reinforce expectations for your child to be in class every day so we create an environment where learning thrives.**

We are a Second Home: Our school is more than a place for learning—it's a community. We are here for our students and families from 7:00 a.m. until late in the evening, offering support, connection, and care.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Week of 05/10-05/16/26				
Night School/Academic Assistance	05/11/26	Monday	SC108, 211, & 304	3:15-5:15
Reality Fair	05/12/26	Tuesday	OG	8:00-12:00pm
All Night Senior Party Ticket Sales	05/12/26	Tuesday	HUB	11:50-12:19pm
Pre College Advisory	05/13/26	Wednesday	HUB	10:30-12:00pm
MT Air National Guard	05/13/26	Wednesday	HUB	11:36-12:06pm
Senior Assembly Auditions	05/13/26	Wednesday	AUD	3:00-5:00pm
Leap Up Night	05/13/26	Wednesday	AUD & FH	5:00-7:00pm
3 Sport Ceremony and Breakfast	05/14/26	Thursday	FH	7:00-8:00am
MTARNG Recruiting Table	05/14/26	Thursday	Learning Stairs	11:45-12:30pm
All Night Senior Party Ticket Sales	05/14/26	Thursday	HUB	11:50-12:19pm
Night School/Academic Assistance	05/14/26	Thursday	SC108, 211, & 304	3:30-4:30pm
Senior Writing Project	05/15/26	Friday	AUD	12:00-2:15pm
Saturday School	05/16/26	Saturday	HUB	8:30-11:30am

ParentSquare

PARENTSQUARE INFORMATION:

CLICK HERE!

ParentSquare is the new district communication tool.
Click on the links below for more information:

GFPS District Letter
Getting Started Guide

Free and Reduced paperwork makes a HUGE difference FOR EVERYONE connected with GFH.

Please CLICK HERE to apply!

CONNECT WITH US!

Social Media

- GFH Website: https://gfhs.gfps.k12.mt.us/
- Instagram: @greatfallshighbison
- Facebook: @GFHBISON

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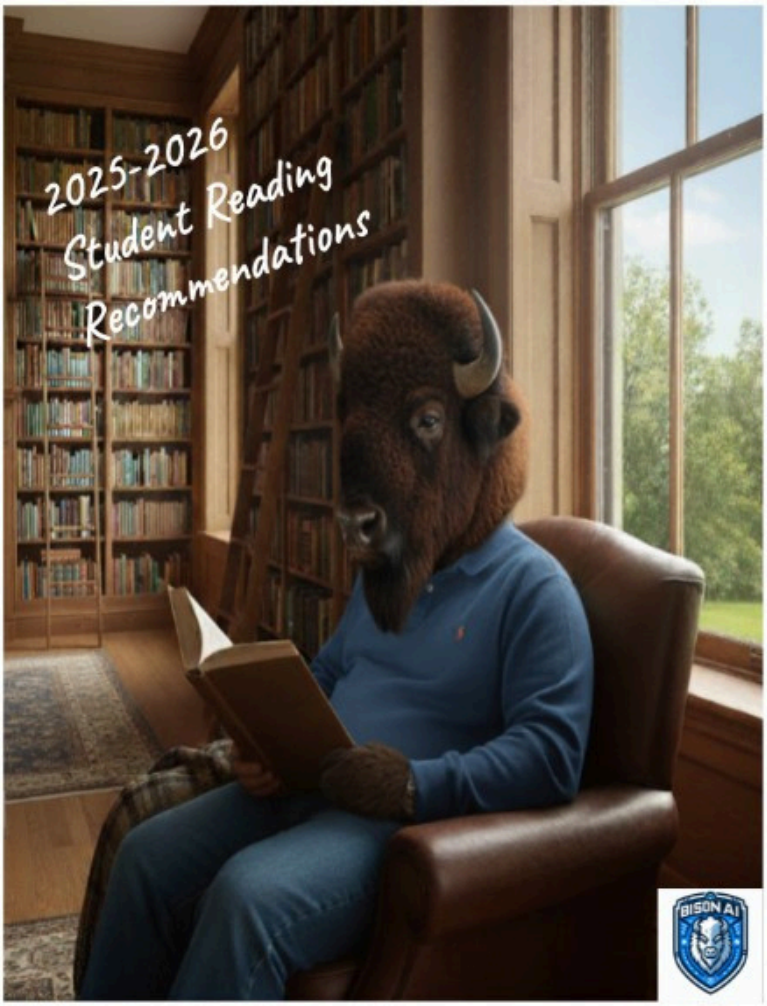

Have you finished a book from the Great Falls High Library this month that you want to share with the school?

Complete a "Student Recommendation" card to be placed by the book you read.

Include:

- Author
- Title
- A brief description of the book (we have examples)
- Why you recommend this book

On the Back:

- Your Name
- ID Number

When you complete the card, your name is put in a drawing to win a $10 gift card from Big Dipper Ice Cream, a $10 gift card to MacKenzie River Pizza, and a $20 gift card from Cassiopea Books. The drawing will be at the end of each month.

GFHS PROFILE OF A LEARNER

LEARNER TRAITS, SKILLS AND CHARACTERISTICS (9TH – 12TH GRADE) THAT WE BELIEVE WILL MAKE EVERY STUDENT BETTER:

GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL IS COMMITTED TO TAKING STEPS EVERY DAY TO INSTILL THESE QUALITIES INTO OUR STUDENTS:

CRITICAL THINKER

- Investigate a question with an open mind
- Evaluate sources of information for reliability
- Integrate different viewpoints
- Synthesize information to take action

STRONG COMMUNICATION SKILLS

- Articulate ideas to a targeted audience effectively
- Use conflict resolution strategies effectively
- Actively listen for understanding
- Collaborate with others
- Reflect on their communication with others

WORK ETHIC

- Persevere to complete difficult tasks
- Understand how to balance time and priorities
- Use intrepersonal skills and seek resources to help complete tasks
- Complete activities to the set standard and show pride in work
- Integrate academic skills with workplace skills to demonstrate readiness for life beyond high school

PROBLEM SOLVER

- Integrate other points of view into the problem-solving process to generate an optimal solution
- Evaluate information and compromise to reach a solution
- Identify healthy risks and take them when needed

INTEGRITY

- Behave empathetically to others
- Self-regulate
- Follow through
- Consider the good of the whole and act accordingly
- Do the right thing while demonstrating grace, pride, and kindness, even when it is difficult
- Apply talents to better their community

Great Falls High School Historical Article Of The Week

Tribune articles from 1964 & 1967

Terry Casey Earns Starting Post With North Dakota U Hockey Team

Terry Casey of Great Falls has earned a starting berth on the hockey team at the University of North Dakota, a perennial collegiate hockey power.

TERRY CASEY

Casey, a 1962 graduate of Great Falls High Schol where he was an outstanding football quarterback, is the only American sophomore on North Dakota's varsity hockey team.

He is currently tied for the scoring lead on the North Dakota team and scored the only goal as the Sioux lost to the U.S. Olympic team 3-1 earlier in the season and the lone goal in losing to Denver 2-1 a week ago.

The following article appeared in a recent issue of the Grand Forks (N.D.) Herald:

Figure Skater

"A former figure skater who had never seen a college hockey game before coming to the University of North Dakota ranks as one of the top prospects on the young 1963-64 Sioux club.

"He is Terry Casey, a 5-8, 151-pound sophomore and native of Great Falls, Mont.

"The western athlete, who came here on the advice of the sports editor of a Great Falls newspaper, had some trouble collecting his first collegiate goal, but since he flashed the light against Denver Dec. 7, he has been one of the Nodaks' top men.

"With little hockey background, Casey said 'I didn't know exactly what to expect at North Dakota. Early in the season I was a little discouraged at not scoring, mainly because I was having trouble getting the corner of the net. But it was a real thrill when that first goal went in.'

Works as Center

"He operates as center flanked by Granger Evans and Will Stirett.

"Casey recalls he was figure skating at the age of 6. It seems to run in the family. His older and a younger sister is also making strides in the sport. Terry entered the dancing competition in the Northwest Meet one year, but gave up the figure work to devote full time to hockey when he was a senior in high school.

"He is still able to do a few of the 'tricks,' but says he doesn't own a pair of figure skates presently. 'When practice sessions get a little lengthy, we take a break and have Terry cut a few capers for us,' Coach Barry Thorndycraft said.

"There is no high school hockey in Montana, but Casey did play with a fifth grade Pee Wee team. In his freshman year in high school he played with the Great Falls Americans, a team made up mainly of Canadians, which played clubs north of the border. He became a regular as a junior and senior.

Railroad Switchman

"Last summer the Nodak skater worked as a railroad switchman in Great Falls and pitched some softball. He is majoring in elementary education with a minor in physical education.

"Prior to enrolling here, Casey had an opportunity to play with the Edmonton Oil Kings. How about the future?

"'I want to play hockey as long as possible, and of course the ultimate goal is a tryout with the U.S. Olympic team in 1968,' he said."

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TERRY CASEY
GFHS CLASS OF 1962

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Montana Olympic hockey player Terry Casey of Great Falls is like good wine — he gets better with age. Casey has just wound up another season in the bruising ice sport and again hockey fans in Great Falls and the Pacific Northwest are saying "this year was a dandy. He can't top this one." But he can, he has done so with consistency in the past, and will undoubtedly do so again. Casey will have great incentive to make 1967-68 his greatest season ever. In February next year Casey will be on the U.S. hockey team when it plays in the Winter Olympics at Grenoble, France. This is a goal Casey set for himself several years ago and when little Terry Casey sets a goal he attains it — no matter what the cost. Casey has long been a story of not only pure talent (which he has in abundance) but of safrifice and dedication. He is constructed of the stuff of champions and athletes like this are rare indeed.

TERRY CASEY

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This column was first conceived, and partially written, over a month ago but then, your writer, knowing the Casey reputation, decided to wait until the 1967 World Championships in Vienna were over. It is well I did. Casey continues to rewrite his own record book and his performance in Vienna, despite an injured knee, was normal — just a shade better than anything that went before. When one considers that the young Great Falls stickman was operating with a wealth of bruises and injuries in the Vienna meet his fine performance must be lauded. His courage in taking the ice against some of the huge men now performing in international hockey circles is praiseworthy in itself. Sending little Casey onto the ice is like sending Eddie Arcaro out to stop Lew Alcindor. But such a size differential has never bothered him before and it didn't bother him in Vienna.

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Now that his season is over Terry will stay in Europe for a time and then will be in Great Falls for the summer to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Casey. His wife, the former Nancy Tracy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Tracy, will accompany him to Great Falls for the summer. In the fall Casey will go back to St. Paul where he will teach school and get ready for the 1968 Olympics. After that — perhaps professional hockey, or a teaching career. Whatever it is Terry Casey will make a success of it.

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Articles courtesy of:
The GF Tribune and
Newspapers.com

Casey, a Great Falls native, has been skating since he was six years old. He comes naturally by his ability. An older sister, Kathy, helped him early in his career. She was a double gold-medalist as a figure skater and now teaches this sport in Tacoma. A younger sister, Myrna, still in school, is also an outstanding skater. The young man first concentrated on figure skating and once entered the dancing competition in the Northwest meet. However, he gave this up for hockey when he entered high school. He can still cut some mean figures on the ice, however.

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Casey started his career as a stick boy for the Great Falls Americans when he was nine years old. Then, during his freshman year, he joined the Americans' roster. During his junior and senior years he was a regular and a star for the Americans in the tough league the Great Falls club competed in. Perhaps his finest game came during his junior year in high school on Feb. 25, 1961 when he scored six goals against Taber in the semifinals of the ABCM Hockey League playoffs. Taber managed only four goals among its entire team that night so Casey won the contest by himself. A feat seldom seen in hockey.

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Another high point in his career came in 1962 when he led the Americans to a 9-7 victory over Calgary that featured his three goal "hat trick" plus a one-sided fight in which the normally mild-mannered youngster displayed some amazing fisticuffs. Casey pummeled a much bigger foe in a fight that proved he might have made a fine boxer had he not taken to the ice sport.

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He capped his career with the Americans by being named to the second team right wing position on the 1962 Big League Schenley Honors All-Star team. The first American player ever to be so honored.

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When Casey, then weighing only 151 pounds and standing 5-8, entered the University of North Dakota on a hockey scholarship in 1962 he had never seen a college hockey game but he found shortly that it is all the same game and made a home for himself at Grand Forks. Casey was fourth in scoring on the Sioux hockey team in his junior year when the North Dakota club copped third in the NCAA tournament. In his senior year he was captain of the team, and was second in scoring in the powerful Western Collegiate Hockey League that includes such tough teams as Minnesota and Michigan. He capped the year by being named to the All-Western Collegiate Hockey Association team and later was selected to the first team All-American.

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Casey was a standout in other fields of athletic endeavor also. He was one of the better quarterbacks in the hostory of Great Falls High School football and in 1965 pitched a perfect, no-hit, no-run game in the Great Falls fastpitch softball league retiring all 21 men in order.

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With the complete dedication which he brings to anything he attempts Casey would probably have been among the greats in any sport he undertook. The United States can be thankful he chose hockey. The Great Falls skating demon might well be the difference between victory and defeat next year at Grenoble. One thing is certain, he won't fail because he wasn't trying.

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