Keith Ramberg: Dominant Person Behind the Scenes in Food Service

Keith Ramberg

He serves Chinese dinners, French repas de dour, English style meals, hamburgers, pizza, salads, and special foods as requested. He serves students three meals a day, seven days a week. He serves faculty lunches and coffee. He serves children in the Children's Center noon lunches. Guests of all ages walk through his lunch line, or are served at one of his elegant buffets or dinners. Any food, any age.

Keith Ramberg is UMC's director of dining. He is also a graduate of the NWSA in 1961, a two-time graduate of UMC, and has worked for the college since he was a student.

Keith was born in Stephentown, but moved to Mentor at five where he grew up as a "lake rat"—in a home on the lake. While attending the NWSA, he was an assistant dorm proctor and taught swimming. When he enrolled in classes at the university during his first year of existence, he taught swimming and traveled with Herschel Lysaker to basketball and wrestling games.

Keith recalls the early days of the sports program at the school when "we used to book a game with anyone who would play!"—Red River, Winnipe, and Brandon in Canada, the range, and all over North Dakota.

In 1968 he graduated in UMC's first graduating class with a degree in business in marketing and small business management. When the hotel, restaurant, and institutional management program began, Keith took the required courses and again graduated in 1970. During his time at UMC, he served in the National Guard and was involved in the UMC alumni association.

After graduation in 1970, Keith began work full-time with the dining office as assistant director. At that time the director was hired part-time teaching in the hospitality, restaurant, and institutional management division.

In the middle of his second year with dining, his department took over housing. And by 1974 when the director moved to full-time teaching, Keith became director of housing and dining.

That was a time of change for the school and a time of change for the kids. We did away with segregated housing, created open hours for both males and females, discontinued live-in full-time house parents, moved to a total student operation with dorms totally run by students, and alcohol was allowed on campus," said Keith.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Anthony Kuznik recalls his first years with the campus, "Every morning during my first six years here, my first phone call was to Keith to see what happened in the evening hours."

Those were the years when the campus grew from 400 to 800 students in four years. If a dorm was built to hold two students, three were housed in that room. Much of Keith's time was spent recruiting off-campus housing for students who had overwhelmed the dormitories.

It was at that time that Brink and Lee Hall were built. The university was also instrumental in bringing apartment complexes to Crookston.

"It was really too big of a job. Keith often worked 12 to 16 hours a day," added Kuznik.

JoAnn Westburg, secretary for what is now called residential life, recalls the workload at the time. She was not just a secretary, but she quickly learned to switch from typewriter to dishpan. She remembers the many times she and Keith would work late into the evening finishing dishes.

Another part of his job was to coordinate the service staff. One of his many stories centers around the fire in the food service. The hospitality's catering class at that time prepared a special meal every Wednesday. They had planned an exceptionally beautiful Thanksgiving buffet, complete with all the good china and fire in the fire place. As the students brought in the hot dishes and placed them over the flames, one of the students opened a window. The breeze immediately caught the flames and the paper table cloths on fire. A well-meaning student grabbed the fire extinguisher—sawdusted the fire... and all the food.

In typical Ramberg style, Keith commented, "Well, it's back to Bar-B-Ques."

"Keith was a marvelous boss," said Westburg. "We had no work study students, so we did dishes many times. It was hectic, exciting, but fun."

Keith was overloaded. He not only coordinated the cooking and housing, but he was there to help solve student problems and coordinate staff. To split the responsibilities, Renée Wald was hired in 1974. Since then, the number of dining and housing employees has grown and Keith's role evolved to the current position of Director of Dining and Housing.

Keith has served as a mentor to many students who have gone on to successful careers in the food service industry. He is a member of the University of Minnesota Alumni Association and has attended every reunion since he graduated from UMC in 1968. His most recent responsibility is chairperson of the White House Furniture Committee.

"Our goal is to develop the White House as close as possible to the original shape as possible, not as a museum, but as a useful center. We want a place NWSA and UMC alumni can be proud of, a tie with the ongoing school, as well as a tie to our past," said Keith.

Most of the work on the first floor is finished. Now the restoration committee will move to the second floor to tie the offices to the 1920's. The basement will eventually become a home for past history.

Keith credits his days at NWSA and UMC as a time in his life when he grew up. "I was very important to me, to get along and on your own. It was a time of learning how to budget time, how to study, and how to grow socially."

Myrtle (Ma) Brown was really a mother to many students at that time. Keith recalls the times in the Old Aggie Inn, listening to her stories.

Keith's office walls hold several award plaques: the UMC Alumni Personal Service Award for 1981, an award for outstanding contributions to international students given in 1984 by the International Multicultural Club, and a handmade wood plaque given in special recognition at the UMC Faculty Staff dinner.

Keith and his wife Donna have two children: Kevin 12 and Darin 8.
SPECIAL THANKS to NWSA alumni who have contributed to the 1985-86 Annual Fund. To date we have received $5,400 from 150 NWSA donors and the number continues to increase daily. To these donors, on behalf of the association, we thank you. If the student callers have already visited you and you are considering giving, please do so today — the association needs support from all alumni.

From the President

Allan Drageeth '57
NWSA Alumni President

When the Northw. St. School of Agriculture was phased into the University of Minnesota Technical College in the mid 1960's, many of us felt a bit concerned — concerned about the school being lost. However, the University of Minnesota-Crookston (UMC) developed into an excellent technical college using many practices common to NWSA days. Dr. Donald Sargeant, the new chancellor at UMC, mentioned some of these traditions in his inaugural address. UMC through the NWSA, Northw. Experiment Station, and UMC has and is continuing to make an impact in northwestern Minnesota and eastern North Dakota. Chancellor Sargeant suggested UMC will be required to make some adjustments as society needs change. I hope as UMC makes these adjustments, the NWSA alumni will support and assist whenever possible.

Excerpts from the Inaugural Address given by Chancellor Donald G. Sargeant, December 20, 1985

Donald G. Sargeant

Ninety years ago — the Experiment Station, eighty years ago — a regional high school, twenty years ago — a technical college. Each was a first for the University of Minnesota, each occurred here on the Crookston campus. Each exemplifies a responsiveness of the campus to changing times.

Institutions of higher learning today begin their college careers in two-year colleges. Two-year colleges will continue to be very important as less than 50% of the adult population in our society hold a bachelor's degree.

UMC's future is bright, for it is right in the center of two important forces in higher education — first: it is part of a major land-grant university in this country with a thrust in teaching, research, and service. Second, UMC is a two-year technical college. But even with this proud tradition, UMC can make no way rest on its laurels. It is apparent that the changes occurring imply that this University, in the years ahead, must continue, but needs to respond in a slightly different manner again. The response calls for rigorous, constructive, focused programs of study for those sixty percent of our high school youth who will not likely receive a baccalaureate degree. These students are often neglected, yet are the majority of the college students in an educational system.

This campus has served the state well for ninety years. I'm following a man that cut a pretty wide swath for twenty of those years. The challenges are many. I assure you I'll do my best. I am proud to be a part of the University of Minnesota.

I am pleased to have this opportunity to serve as Chancellor of the University of Minnesota, Crookston.

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Name          Address          City-State-Zip          Phone          Class Year
Nominee

Top Aggie nomination form

The Top Aggie Award is the highest honor given by the NWSA Alumni Association to its alumni. Since 1970, award recipients have represented agriculture, business, education, science, and human relations fields. Each award winner demonstrates the combined skills of community service, family commitment, and career achievement.

Nominations for the 1985 Top Aggie Awards are open to all alumni. Selection is made by the association board of directors and class leaders. Award recipients are usually selected from among the honored classes since the largest number of classmates and friends of the recipients gather together for the reunion. However, all alumni are eligible for nomination.

To place a name in nomination for a Top Aggie Award, please complete the card.

Nominee

Address

City-State-Zip

Phone

Class Year

Nomination by

On an attached sheet please describe the family, community, and career achievements which make this person an outstanding Aggie alum.

Send nomination to: White House Alumni Center
University of Minnesota - Crookston
Crookston, MN 56716
June 28 Reunion Schedule

10:00 a.m. Registration continuous until 5:00 p.m. in food service building.

11:00 a.m. Estate Planning Seminar, no charge.

12:00 noon Luncheon, dutch treat at $2.50

12:30 - 5:00 p.m. White House Alumni Center tours and open house.

2:00 - 3:30 p.m. Campus Tours

3:30 - 5:00 p.m. Class meetings and pictures. Make special effort to arrive for your picture. (5 x 7 color pictures for sale at $4).

5:30 p.m. Buffet Dinner

6:30 p.m. Alumni Reunion Program. Presiding: Allan Dragseth, NWSA president; Greetings from UMC and experiment station administration, Memorial Tribute, 1986 Top Aggie honors, prizes.

8:00 p.m. Memory Lane. Reminiscing in the student union and dancing to Ninth District American Legion Band featuring Hersch Lysaker.

Class Leaders

Class of 1915 - (70th) Bernell Nelson, Kittle Library University of Minnesota Crookston Crookston, MN 56716 (218/371-5010, ext. 3097)

Class of 1921 - (65th) Mrs. Carl Narveson (Sophia Krehbiel) 1920 10th St. S, Moorhead, MN 56560 (218/233-0715)

Class of 1926 - (60th) No class leader yet; if you are interested in helping, please contact the Alumni Office

Class of 1931 - (55th) Mrs. Cameron Gray (Marvin Yoder) Route #1, Climax, MN 56223 (218-857-2985)

Class of 1936 - (50th) Mrs. Dorothy Nickel (Bette McVey) Route #3, East Grand Forks, MN 56731 (218-773-2283)

Class of 1941 - (45th) Mrs. Myrtle (Nickel) Peterson Rural Route, East Grand Forks, MN (218/773-9283)

Class of 1946 - (40th) Mrs. Donald Myrhe (Travaglina Anderson) 705 E. Fletcher, Warren, MN 56757 (218/745-6521)

Class of 1951 - (35th) Donald Moenbeck, Route #2 Red Lake Falls, MN 56770 (218-964-5672)

Class of 1956 - (30th) Mrs. Orlin Skousen (Clarice Glass) Route #1, Oban, MN 56742 (218-786-8722)

Class of 1961 - (25th) Mr./Mrs. Ronald (John Strom) Carlson Box 386, Stephen, MN 56737 (218-479-3577)

Dear Friends:

Few short months away! We hope your summer plans include a visit to the campus on Saturday, June 28.

Your alumni board and class leaders are busy planning for a full day of activities. Attend all day, or just the afternoon or evening. Cost is $10 per person, which includes coffee, punch, and cookies available all day; buffet dinner at 6:30 p.m.; alumni program, dance band, and refreshments.

ALL alumni and former faculty members are invited, but the following honored classes are especially encouraged to attend. If you have not heard from your class leader as yet, be sure to contact the individual listed under your class.

Sincerely,

Bernell Nelson

Graduates - Former Students - Faculty - Alumni Day 1986 is only a

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NWSA Alumni Scholarships Presented at Recognition Banquet

NWSA Alumni funds provided scholarships for several UMC students. These scholarships were presented at the annual Scholarship Recognition Banquet held last fall in Brown Dining Room. The Scholarship for Outstanding Students (SOS) was established in 1982 and is awarded to those students in the top 20 percent of their graduating class who demonstrate outstanding leadership and community involvement. The Achievement Scholarship, established in 1983, is awarded to those students in the upper half of their class who demonstrate leadership and community involvement.

Students receiving the SOS from NWSA Alumni Association funds are, pictured from left: Lori Lapas, Little Falls, MN; and Scott Seel, Karlstad, MN. Presenting the scholarship are Berneil Nelson, '42 and UMC Librarian; and Allan Dragseth, '57 president of NWSA Alumni Association.

Lark Tucker, St. Thomas, ND received the NWSA sponsored Achievement Scholarship. She is shown here with, from left: Allan Dragseth, '57 NWSA Alumni Association president; and Berneil Nelson, '42 and UMC librarian.

NWSA Scholarship

The Northwest School of Agriculture Scholarship is awarded to a returning agriculture major based on the potential for substantial growth in knowledge and citizenship.

University of Minnesota-Crookston ELDERHOSTEL '86

Eldersonel will be one of the many workshops featured on the UMC campus this summer. Eldersonel is a program for people over 60 to spend an exciting week on campus. The cost for one week is $200. This includes 17 meals, six nights, and three courses plus special interest activities. Scholarships are available. For further information please contact Dalc Knotek at 218/281-6510, ext. 359.

The schedule for UMC's Eldersonel is as follows:

WEEK I - July 13 - July 19
We, The People: Law In Our Daily Lives
Chemicals? Land Use? What Are We Doing To Our Environment?
Those Crazy Days Of 'Ragtime'

WEEK II - July 27 - August 2
Indians In The American West: Their View Of Themselves
Indians In The American West: Whose Land Is This?
Indians In The American West: Hollywood's Indian

WEEK III - August 10 - August 16
The Struggle For Humanity: Agents Of Non-Violent Change In A Violent World
India: The People
Bytes That Don't Bite: An Introduction To Computers

UMC Hafslo Chapel Project

The UMC Hafslo Chapel Project Committee is happy to announce that Archbishop Henry Hooper, Episcopal Church Diocese of Minnesota, has recently donated a grant to the Christ Episcopal Church in Crookston to the Hafslo Project. This is particularly meaningful because of its historical value as well as its potential use in programming at UMC. The organ was originally a pump-organ which has been electrified. Other gifts include an altar and pulpit from Trinity Lutheran Church in Crookston.

Progress is being made in the renovation of the Chapel. Local approval of Branch #1073, Aid Association for Lutherans, has been given to the Hafslo Project for a $2,500 grant to replace front and back steps in split-foyer entry to the upper level and basement, and to provide an exterior ramp to the upper level to meet legal requirements for handicapped access by the public. This application needs home office approval from their headquarters in Appleton, Wisconsin. If approved, this improvement in accessibility will lead the way for future projects which include a new electrical system, insulation, and renovation of the interior.

The chapel, located across the street from the UMC White House Alumni Center, is being painted, exterior doors, and back doors installed. All of us on the committee are proud of the progress made in exterior renovations, and we invite you to stop by and visit.

Jan Solheim
Chairperson
LeClair's Caring Attitude Reaches Out To Alumni

As a Cincinnati Bengal, Jim was active in community projects -- on the board of directors for Cincinnati Teen Challenge where he helped raise a $300,000 annual budget. He was chairperson of the local area United Way and chairperson for Special Olympics in Northern Kentucky.

His dream of being a pro has been satisfied, but his caring and concern for others continues as he moves into his new position at UMC.

Jim's caring attitude became apparent as he played with the Bengals. Because he too was once a rookie, he was always open to the rookies and tried to help answer their questions. "I could sympathize with them. It is often difficult for a football player to realize that the friends they make on the team are the same friends they are competing against for slots on that team."

"Once I realized that I played well and competed well, I was more apt to open up and help others."

Jim was elected All-Pro in 1976, and alternate seven times. He played with the Bengals is the 1981 Superbowl in the Detroit Silver Dome. White Jim's skills in working with people were developed through football, his interest and knowledge in agriculture was enhanced when he owned and operated a 72 cow, 478 acre dairy farm in Paisley, Minnesota. This combination of agriculture and concern for people, makes him an ideal person for his new position.

Jim sits at his new desk in the second floor office of the White House Alumni Center. He looks the part of a young professional-three piece suit, cuff links, and shining shoes. His piercing blue eyes sparkle when he talks about football's most positive influence on his life. Jim and his wife Betty have committed their lives to the Lord and raise their children--Kelli 14, Jamie 10, and Andrew 7.

His life runs at high speed. He enjoys reading, not just for relaxation, but for informational reading. If he's interested in a subject, he'll go to the extreme, reading everything he can get his hands on.

Alumni work offers a major challenge to Jim. He says that alumni could be the strongest force on campus. "Alumni can be the heartbeat of the entire University."

As a larger network of alumni develops, so does enthusiasm, participation, and in return, student recruiting. Alumni could become the viable part of UMC to raise funds.

Since Jim arrived in Crookston, he's been on the speaking circuit--for the Crookston Area Chamber of Commerce Athletic Banquet, Devil's Lake Athletic Banquet, Boy Scouts, Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA), and residence halls on campus.

He does not get involved in the community just to get involved. "If I see a need, that's where I want to be."

His office displays the memories of football. A Bengal clock. Bengal's proboscis. Bengals helmet. A picture with coach Forest Gregg. But his walls also support his caring hands with a large photo of Jim giving the medal to the winner of the Northern Kentucky Special Olympics.

He is a member of the University of Minnesota Presidents Club, received the UMC Alumni Personal Achievement Award in 1982, and was inducted into the University of North Dakota Athletic Hall of Fame in 1984.

Enthusiasm Continues at White House Alumni Center

"What a beautiful place!" Similar comments are often heard from first-time visitors to the White House Alumni Center. Again this year, the holiday season was a busy time at the alumni center with several receptions being hosted here by University departments, community friends, and alumni groups. The center was one of the five houses featured in a "tour of homes" which was sponsored as a community fund raiser with well over a hundred people attending.

However, even though everyone is delighted with the progress we have made in the past three years of restoring the White House, it is still incomplete! Approximately 80 percent of the first floor is complete but additional gifts of cash and small furnishings such as lamps, coffee table, clocks, china, replacement, etc. are needed. Do you, or any of your friends, have furnishings from the 1920 era that you would consider as a gift to the alumni center? The committee is striving to complete the first floor in time for the reunion on June 28, 1986.

The summer of 1986 will see other renovations with the improvement of parking lots and roads around the White House. Also, the exterior of the house will be repaired and painted. These two projects are funded by the University, not alumni gifts. The University is responsible for general maintenance and repair while the alumni are responsible for specialized furnishings of the interior.

Yes, I want to help complete the first floor of my alumni "home" by contributing in the following way:

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Return to: White House Alumni Center
University of Minnesota-Crookston
Crookston, MN 56726
A reception for the county recipients of the Valley Farmers and Homemakers Award was held at the White House Alumni Center. This recognition event was held during the winter shows for the 76th consecutive years. Many NWSA alumni have received this recognition during that time.

Builder of the Valley Award

The Builder of the Valley recognition award was developed by the Minnesota Red River Valley Development Association, a nonprofit corporation including 15 counties in northwestern Minnesota, to encourage resource development through the Red River Valley Winter Shows. This top-level award is intended to recognize grass roots leadership and creativity which has contributed to the enhancement of the quality of life on the land in the Red River basin and beyond.

The idea was developed by the directors about five years ago and is known as the 'Builder of the Valley'. It is considered to be among the top honors given at the winter shows. This award recognizes people who work rather quietly, and through their steadiness, creativity, and community involvement, really do build the quality of life economically, socially, and spiritually in the Red River basin. The honor is awarded to those involved in production agriculture or in related industries of the region.

First American National Bank of Caribou

Showing livestock is a big part of the winter shows. A 4-H member shows her Angus calf.

76th Red River Valley
February 14-23, 19...
Walter Ross of Fisher and the late J. Howard Sargeant of Crookston were inducted into the Red River Valley Winter Shows Hall of Fame. Both were leaders of the Valley and had children attend NWSA. Clarence Sargeant '42 accepted this award on behalf of his father at the February 19 banquet.

Red River Valley Winter Shows Board Member, Charles Malarkey (right), visited the University Agriculture Division booth.
Future Dairy Plans

Staff members from the Northwest Experiment Station and UMC met with a dairy support group that was organized this past year. This group is assisting University personnel with building suggestions and fund raising activities to secure a new dairy research and education building that would replace the current 80-year old structure at Crookston. A comprehensive study of research and collegiate instruction needs predicated a much-expanded facility.

UMC's agricultural division chairman Gary McVey states, "Educational needs must be met if dairy persons in northwest Minnesota are to keep up with the latest methods. Requests for graduate herdsmen and technicians who are familiar with new technology in dairy are received weekly. At the present time, there are not enough graduates in dairy science available to fill the many positions that are now open."

It is hoped that the new dairy facility will incorporate computerized milk records and other daily information on each cow. Over 100 specific techniques are taught each term in the dairy facility ranging from hoof trimming to artificial insemination.

In 1985 the Minnesota Legislature appropriated funds for part of this project. In an early agreement, experiment station and technical college administrators agreed that the University would make a major effort to secure private funds to help complete the "high-tech" facility where 15-20 cows will be used exclusively by students.

Alumni who are interested in this project are asked to contact Lowell Larson at the White House Alumni Center.

Owen Hall & Annex

Owen Hall and Annex building has a new look. The $1.5 million addition and remodeling project is attached to the east side of old Owen Hall, covering some of the large parking lot.

This project replaces an inadequate facility, according to Dr. Gary McVey, chairman of the agriculture division. "The addition provides modern metals and structures laboratories, and the remodeling of the old Owen Hall will update a structure built in 1906, with adequate electrical, ventilation, and teaching facilities.

The new addition includes approximately 9,400 usable square feet, with the remodeled area of both floors of the old Owen Hall totaling approximately 15,000 square feet.

Alumni Return for Annual Winter Dinners

In cooperation with the Red River Valley Winter Shows, two alumni dinners were held on the University of Minnesota-Crookston campus. At each of these events, a wine and cheese social was held at the White House Alumni Center with the meal and program being held in the Food Service Building. Highlights of these dinners was the interaction of NWSA and UMC alumni visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Larson, NWSA '70, and Linda Weiss Moreno, UMC '79, visit during one of the receptions.

COMING!
HHE Dinners
May 3-4, 1986

Sargeant Inauguration Held December 20

Before a crowd of 800 people, Donald G. Sargeant, 44, was officially installed as chancellor of the University of Minnesota-Crookston by University President Kenneth Keller.

Sargeant joined the UMC faculty as assistant professor and chairman of the agriculture division in 1970. He was promoted to associate professor and assistant provost for academic affairs in 1973, and to provost in 1978. He was appointed chancellor of the Crookston campus in May, 1985.

UMC, Sargeant said, will continue "to serve people in rural communities with programs in agriculture, business, hospitality and home economics." As chancellor, Sargeant said, he wants course work which is built on a solid base of general education and technology which prepares for a career cluster, rather than narrow job training. This ensures not only preparation for entry level employment but preparation for life-long learning.

"This campus has served the state well for 90 years. I am pleased to have this opportunity to serve as chancellor of UMC," Sargeant concluded.

Chancellor Donald Sargeant, second from right, follows mace bearer Karl Berndt, associate professor and business manager, on the platform following Inauguration Ceremonies. Sargeant is followed by special escort, Professors Emeriti The Honorable Stanley K. Sababshin (left), first provost of UMC and member of the Board of Regents, and Bernard E. Youngquist, chief superintendent of the Northwest Experiment Station in Crookston.
We’re looking... and looking... and looking...

Alumni Day is approaching, and we are trying to locate some of the alumni from the classes planning special reunions. Some have not been heard from since graduation—some have moved and not sent us a forwarding address—others are married, and we do not know their married name—some may have died. WE NEED YOUR HELP!

If you know the whereabouts of any of these people, please drop a line with address or date of death to Bernell Nelson, Kiehle Library, University of Minnesota, Crookston, MN 56716. Alumni are listed by last address and year graduated.

1916
Cora Peterson (Mrs. Albert Raman), Chippewa Falls, WI
Lloyd Stewart, Luck, WI

1921
Gladys Erickson (Mrs. Ben Gunderson), The Dalles, OR
Eva Ferguson, Clearwater, MN
John Fasy, Grand Forks, MN
Martin Swenson, Grygla, MN

1926
Annie Plathke, Thief River Falls, MN
Naomi Forer (Woo), Middle River, MN
Ellen A. Johnson, Garfield, MN
Hazel Koerner, Eictol, MN
Hara Lewis, Watertown, SD
Earl Locht, Champlin, MN

1931
John Anderson, Grygla
George Beatty, Kielit
Arthur Hendrickson, Fauton
Verner Karlson, Hawley
Emma Nodgard, Govtch
Raymond Peterson, East Grand Forks
Hilda Swenson, Kennedy, MN

1936
Gilmare Aaberg, Willmar
Vema Christensen, Crookston
Glade Gustafson, Tran, MN
Edith Barlaxen, Crookston
Betty Holm, Climax
Abiha Olsen, Oslo
Larry E. Peterson, Thief River Falls
Elmer Thompson, Malby
Pearl Thompson, Hawley

1941
Sergio Anderson
Herbert Anderson
Alfred L. Johanss
Dora Johnson, Grygla
Eleanor Ochard
Glade Schmidt
William J. Waters, Fortis

Searching For China

ANTIQUE COLLECTABLES, TREASURES are some descriptions of the many items desired to complete our alumni “home.” One of these items is the Furnishings Committee searching for are replacement pieces of the china that was used in the NWSA Home Management Program. The china is Northlake, with the pattern of Elroy. Please let the Alumni Center know if you can help locate some replacement pieces. Also, as you are antique hunting, please keep us in mind!

One of the many social events (1941) held in the Home Management Dining area in which this china was used.

UMC Hires New Coach

Herschel Lysaker (retired NWSA coach and faculty member) recently celebrated his 75th birthday. Congratulations were extended by some 250 friends attending a special party sponsored by his three sons. Among the many surprises was the performance of the Grand Forks Elks Band (which Herschel plays in). HAPPY BIRTHDAY HERSCH FROM ALL YOUR NWSA FRIENDS!!

In Memoriam

A. J. Anderson (staff)
10-31-85
Crookston, MN

Lowell J. Johnson ’56
1-8-85
Crookston, MN

Carol (Petter) Jore ’60
1-10-85
Grand Forks, ND

Bruce Knudavig ’53
7-9-85
Zehnepah, PA

Clarence Minick ’60
12-16-85
Lancaster, MN

Maxine (Mortiz) Nelson ’51
10-1-85
Kennedy, MN

Carol (Fehr) Peterson ’63
11-28-85
Anoka, MN

Myra (Hoiseit) Shannon ’37
1-7-86
Crookston, MN

Wesley Sheldrew ’27
10-28-85
Oregon City, OR

John Swiers ’20
1-1-86
Beju, MN

Clifford Trangrud ’37
12-18-85
Badger, MN

Roland F. Westell ’36
11-13-85
Fortuna, CA

TOM KOCH

Tom Koch accepted the position of head hockey coach, assistant football coach, assistant baseball coach, and instructor in the health, physical education, and recreation department at the University of Minnesota-Crookston (UMC).

His education includes a master degree in physical education with a minor in administration from the University of North Dakota and a bachelor of arts degree in physical education from the University of Minnesota-Morris with a strong background in secondary educational psychology and speech communications.

Tom is also the Coordinator of the UMC Fitness Center.

Herschel Lysaker, now retired, is a former NWSA coach and faculty member. He recently celebrated his 75th birthday with a special party sponsored by his three sons. Among the many surprises was the performance of the Grand Forks Elks Band, which Herschel also plays in.
1912
BERTHA B. (BJOIN) HANSON, Redlands, CA: Celebrated her 90th birthday July 11, 1965 with a luncheon hosted by Phyllis (Henry) Frechich, (36) - Mrs. Hanson's daughter. Was registrar of deeds for Polk County from 1931-1943. Maintains her own home in Redlands.

1920

WALTER V. SPRUNG, Ada, MN: Seven years in Porter Grandparent Program. Recovered recently from major operation. Did not attend 1985 alumni reunion but will try next year.

1921
LAURA G. (KJALBERG) BAKER, Clearbrook, MN: My husband, (Erick) and I are still on the farm but do no farming ourselves. It's 14 years since I (Alma) retired from teaching. We have 17 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren so that keeps us busy. I'm sure I'm not as busy as Alex! 22 years old is sure creeping up fast!

MYRTLE (ERICKSON) WHITTEMER, Yakima, WA: Happily retired at 82 - living with only child, daughter and 4 grandchildren. Have 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. I correspond with my living classmates that I have the addresses of.

1922
GRACE (OSWALD) ANDERSON, Fortuna, MN: I own my own orchard and farm. Manufacture solar collectors but don't actively work at it. I hire it done.

1927
ENRIET J. NEUHOUSE, Whittier, CA: Last year the California Lutheran College presented Edna and myself with a 'Bronze Leader's Award' plaque at the college dinner/concert held in the Marie Skoegg, Whittier, Los Angeles. This award compliments the appreciated "Fellowship" given me in August 1961 by the California Lutheran Education Foundation (CLEF).

1930
EARL S. SULKIVI, Lisbon, ND: Graduated from NDSU; Taught Va. Ag. 3 years and 51 years as County Extension Agent. State president of Kiwanis 40 years and president of club. Two grown children and 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Visiting son in Norway, Alaska and Hawaii. Hobbies: Grandfather clock building, fishing in oil, scry, and charcoal.

1931
DR. ART GROVE, Ventura, CA: Retired from Mankato, MN State Extension Service as organizer of 1948 geography for 25 years. Pioneered in teaching by TV. Taught for state dept. in Pakistan (Greg teacher). Traveled in 77 foreign countries; have seen all 50 states. Lived in China for two years. There was a book published: A Historical Study of the Lakewood Lutheran Church (Rosewell, MN), was at one time in Who's Who in the Midwest and Who's Who in America. Have an arrangement of The Lord's Prayer ready for publication. Now growing orchids as a hobby.

1932
ANN (THORESON) ANDERSON, Hamet, CA: We attended the 1986 reunion - visited friends and relatives in MN, and MI. Have many hobbies. I am president of "DOES," which is a ladies club. We celebrated our 52nd anniversary in 1988. Have two daughters, 3 grand and 2 great-grandchildren.


1936
ALICE (JOHNSON) HANSON, Cooper Landing, AK: (Mr. Noel S. Hanson, '35) Both currently retired from careers. Two children, a son and daughter. Both were active as Boy Scout and Girl Scout leaders. Alyce makes Hawaiian baby quilts and pillows.

1937
JORGEN L. (HALGREN) KOSTEKIE, Minneapolis, MN: I am the widow of Emil Halgren. Retired from his business in 1965. I have 2 children now married. My daughter-in-law, Rosemary, is a homemaker. We have 4 grandchildren.

1938
J. RUSSELL CUMMINGS, East Grand Forks, MN: Worked for Bert Truck & Equipment for 36 years. Married in 1943. Have been living in two places, Minnesota and Florida. Have an arrangement of The Lord's Prayer ready for publication. Now growing orchids as a hobby.

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1939
EARL RIVARD, Baudette, MN: Graduated from St. Louis and the last six months in Anchorage, AK summer of '33. Made another trip to Anchorage, AK this summer for 6 weeks (that makes the 4th trip there). We have a son and his family. We spent 2 winters in California with 2 sons and last winter in Florida with a daughter and also went to Texas.

1941

1943
DONALD E. CARLSON, Crookston, MN: Worked at farming for awhile and married Bernice Sperling of Langdon, ND. Have two sons and a daughter and two grandchildren. I started on the railroad in 1948. Retired now as welder foreman with 36 years service. Been to California, Texas, Chicago, and Montana. Handy man for my children's home repairs and like all sports, gardening and home upkeep.

1943
MABEL BAGGETT, Portland, OR: Retired bookkeeper, church treasurer. Sixteen year member of American Business Women's Association--delegate to Nat'l Convention-Minneapolis, 1979. Currently a hospital volunteer 2 days a week. Two sons, four grandchildren. I am an army veteran, WWII.

1949
BARTON (JULIAN) BAGGETT, Portland, OR: Retired bookkeeper, church treasurer. Sixteen year member of American Business Women's Association--delegate to Nat'l Convention-Minneapolis, 1979. Currently a hospital volunteer 2 days a week. Two sons, four grandchildren. I am an army veteran, WWII.
1939
HENRY D. PAULSON, Flays Del Rey, CA: I am president of Beavertale Corp. We buy, sell, and lease high tech equipment. Family consists of my wife, Bonnie; daughter and son-in-law Steve Fowler; granddaughter, Kathy, a sophomore at U of M; and grandson, Dan, sophomore in high school. Hobbies: Jogging, golf.

1940
HOWARD HEITMAN, Ada, MN: Semi-retired farmer. Have one daughter and 4 sons. Three are farming, one is in college. Spend summers at Big Elk Lake and winters in Florida.

JOHN L. HOGLAN, Lansing, MN: Used to raise turkeys. I am now employed by Motor Coach Industries of Pembina, ND (16 years). Hobbies: Quartet singing, hunting, music in general.

CAMELLA L. (ECKLUND) JOHNSON, Hopkins, MN: M.N. (graduate of U of MN School of Nursing) Five children graduated from or now attending U of MN. Traveled the world in Mexico, Hawaii, Nova Scotia, Alaska and Scandinavia. Working at Methodist Hospital, St. Louis Park, MN, as orthopedic nurse. Like golf, travel, and doing genealogy research.

FRANK B. EVANS, Minneapolis, MN: I am a retired commercial artist currently doing landscape, fine art; and teaching pastel painting. A few of your classmates may remember that I did sketches for our NWSA bulletin while I was a student. Best wishes to all.

ED MCCILLAN, Cloquet, MN: Interior Architect, Chippewa County Hospital, Hallock, MN. Was head administrator at Cloquet Community Memorial Hospital for 16 years. Ed and his wife, Beverly, have five children.


1941
HARLAN L. BEUCHLER, Willow River, MN: Divide my time between our MN ranch and marketing consultant. Presently at Analco, CA. Retired from Cargill, Inc. 1976 after 20 years.

JOHN B. GRENIER, Red Lake Falls, MN: Class of '48, BS degree in agr. ed. at U of M. One year grad. school with agronomy major in 1950. Worked on many jobs until 1956 when I returned to home farm. Seven grandchildren, 2 sons, 3 daughters, 2 step-grandchildren. Step-son youngest is a senior in college. NWSA is still the best school I've seen. Glad to hear may make some comeback.

ALTON KNUTSON, Forest Lake, MN: Retired in 1985 after 33 years of Lutheran Missionary work in Japan. Now working part time at local Lutheran church. Have new home on a lake - door is always open. Stop in.

ERNST A. NELSON, Detroit Lakes, MN: Professor Emeritus and former Becker County extension director. Now operates his own consulting and landscape service in Detroit Lakes, MN.

HAROLD E. HODAGLE, Silver Bay, MN: Married, very active yet in my carpenter and shop work. One son, Kim, president of Quality Builders in Duluth, MN. My two granddaughters, a beautiful in Duluth, and a precocious granddaughter, age 2. Activities and Hobbies: Carpentry, carpenter work in our court in Texas. Travel, and shop, plus pool, riding, and carpenter work and church.

MELVIN MELINS, Red Lake Falls, MN: Named Pennington County's Conservation Farmer of the Year for 1984, through the County Soil and Water Conservation District. The Melin farm, located about 11 miles southwest of St. Hilare, is one of a few "Century Farms" recognized through the MN State Fair. Such farms must have been in continuous family ownership for 100 years or more with continuous ownership among family members.

HEIMANN SWANSON, Pipestone, MN: Teach farm business management at Pipestone A.V.T.

1942
DONALD MILNER, Virginia Beach, VA: Completed 25 years as a produce broker. Thirty-four years as chairman of firm. Married 40 years to Lucille Whitehurst. Have 2 sons, 1 daughter. I love to work in my garden and orchard. I travel up and down the Eastern seaboard, Florida to Maine, but Minnesota is my favorite state.

1943
LEONARD HAPKA, Argyle, MN: Honored at the 40th annual meeting of Red River Valley Potato Growers. He is preparing the recipient of the Meritorious Service Award. This award recognizes his contributions to the local and national potato industry. He and his wife, Marie, have five children. He and his son, Leon operate Hapka Seed Farm. They also operate a Minnesota approved seed grain conditioning plant, and produce registered and certified wheat and barley.

EDWIN A. PEARSON, Grand Forks, ND: Just retired from city of Grand Forks as superintendent of wastewater department. Wife and I plan on traveling in the western states and Europe. Came home live at the lake. May spend some time in Nevada and Arizona when winter grabs me in this area. See you in the spring.

VIOLET (BATTLES) THOMPSON, Bemidji, MN: Eight children - 4 sons, 4 daughters. Two of the daughters are adopted. Three grandchildren. Husband and I are interested in the politics. Love to travel and use the motor home as often as we can. I enjoy people, books, reading and above all, Jesus Christ.

1945
ELIZABETH "LIZ" (OSTAD) ELLERTSON, Blaine, MN: Employed at Blaine, MN & former dishwasher. Two daughters, both married, one husband, one love to travel - have been to Scandinavia twice. Bowl, took golf lessons this year. Keep busy with work and many friends.

WILLIAM E. MOBLE, Red Lake Falls, MN: I am a farmer, sunflower, bean farmer. Member of church council and township chairman. Married Lorraine Peterson, (near) Thief River Falls, MN. We are the proud parents of 3 grandchildren.

NORMAN R. MOSES, Fergus Falls, MN: Engineering assistant with Otter Tail Power Co. 36 years employment in numerous capacities. One son - married. Two grandsons, ages 7 & 6, Member of Fraternal Order of Eagles. Love to camp and travel, have motor home.

JEANNETTE (JOHNSON) TOLLRED, Hood River, OR: Divorced and living in a valley of fruit and lumber. Irf is retired after 31 years as a fruit board plant. At present, we own and operate a ceramic studio at our place. I was to the Holy Land Egypt in ‘95.

1947
SIMMON E. DAEHLE, Atwater, CA: After graduation - school teacher in ND for 2 years. Then entered the Air Force and served in WWII. Was one of first pilots to graduate. In 1947, have been enjoying retirement life since. Have two children and four grandchildren. Don’t know if divorced or not - 26. I’ve remarried - haven’t remarried.

EDWARD PAYVEK, Waunum, IN: In the farming business. Married Dolores Pristler in 1962. Have 2 daughters, Mary Beth Spry, R.N. in Detroit, Lakes; Joan; student at MSU. By the way, my wife is also a nurse, she worked a while at the Mahoneem Community Hospital after 1962.


DAWN HOWARD RIOUX, Circle Pines, MN: Retired from Honeywell, Inc., 17 years in the Air Force plus 5 years in the MN Air Nat. Guard. After retirement I moved to Baudette, MN and worked for the sheriff’s office. I had a stroke - I’m now unemployed.

DUANE TRUEW, Mesa, AZ: I am no longer self-employed as a farmer. My wife and I have been to Mesa in April, 1985. I am now maintenance supervisor at the Chase Bank, Mesa, AZ. My son works full time as a L.P.N. We are really enjoying our new life style and new jobs.

1950
VIOLA (JENSBRUD) KAUS, Bemidji, MN: Been married for 35 years to a good husband, 4 grandchildren. My husband and I have been retired for 3 years and enjoying the "good life!" We have a motor home and go south in the winter—also travel around the county to see our friends.

IVAN LINDSTROM, Arroyo, MN: I am farming and doing carpenter work. I have 5 children which are all married and I have 8 grandchildren.

JANET (SCHAFFER) MELGARD, Janesville, WI: 18 years as an instructional and clerical aide in an elementary school in Janesville. Family: Married, one child, a girl. Have one grandchild, a boy, Richard (Rush) medically retired from General Motors. Hobby: Love to garden, do small crafts, read. Community activities: Have retired from them (Girl Scouting, 4-H Leader, Sunday School teacher, etc.).

CLEMENT L. RICARD, Brookfield, WI: Home improvement contractor - trim, roof, gutter, insulation, etc.; family: four daughters, two boys.

1951
SYLA (FINNEY) CARSON, Las Vegas, NV: Owner of Castle Realty from 1971 to 1987. Owner of las Vegas real estate for the National Women’s Council of Realtors. has 5 grandchildren. Active in the "golf world", PGA-LPGA. Also have a business arranging golf tournaments for the Union Plaza Hotel in June and November.

EDITH (BERGENSOR) LEE, Fertile, MN: We own and operate a garden and farm near Fertile. We have 4 children; Gary, married and lives in Savage; MN. Linda, married, living in CA; Tom, a student at NDSU; Ryan, a freshman in Fertile-Beltrami high school. Involved in church and Gideon activities and do all the workbook for the nursery.

DARLENE (CARSON) LEWIS, Alexandria, MN: Divisional manager with Jewels By Park Lane. Love to travel and we have no hobb名字. Seven children, 8 grandchildren. Active in church and Lions. Oldest son, Dan, who went to U of M is a pilot for Northwest Airlines in Minneapolis. Resides in Minneapolis, Terry is a New York City Agent.

"ROY D. STEINER, St. Paul, MN: ad maintenance engineer for St. Paul public schools administration including and Bridgeview, school for handicapped students. Hobbies are gardening and fishing. Two daughters and one granddaughter."
1953

MARTYL A. (HOVET) DENLING, Lake Oswego, OR: After living in Albert Lea, MN for 10 years (1973-1983) - moved to Lake Oswego, OR. I am employed full time in nurse anesthetics at the Kaiser-Permanente Hospital. My husband is a retired World War II veteran. We have two grown daughters, Hobbies: Gardening, sewing, fishing.

1958

GERALD L. HALLIN, East Grand Forks, MN: I am manager/buyer in the Feed and Seed Department at Home of Economy in Grand Forks, ND. My wife's name is Vivian. Our boys are Chad, a student at UND and United Hospital in Grand Forks and Todd, a senior in high school in East Grand Forks. My hobbies are collecting farm tractors and implements and implementing and setting up displays and sales. I have 700 tractors in collection. (Vivian collects clowns). Trips consist of London and Spain.

DONALD BOEGER, Scottsdale, AZ: Employed by Lystads Pest Control as a regional vice president. My wife, Yvonne and I celebrated our 25th anniversary last October with a trip to New Zealand and Fiji. We have two daughters, Vicki and Dawn. As hobbies, I enjoy golf, a little fishing and we both enjoy traveling.

NORMAN S. LARSEN, International Falls, MN: Married the former Norma Marie of Golden Valley. We have four children. Nancy is an Avid sports fisherman and an advocate of the Koochiching County Hospice. I have operated and owned the Great Northern Funeral Home in International Falls since January of 1969. I am also a member of the board of directors of the MN Funeral Directors Association.

1967

KATHY (VASEK) BUSHE, Mandan, ND: I will be married 18 years in November. My daughter, Dawn is 15 and a sophomore. My son, David, is in 7th grade and is 12 years old. (I feel like I should be in high school!) In December, 1984, I have invested my new McDonalds in Mandan. I love my job. So far, I've bought a new piano, a new oven for my kitchen and have bought some new clothes.

MICHAEL R. LUNNING, Spring Park, MN: Director of marketing services for Minneapolis company. Travel extensively. Married and have one daughter. Live on Lake Minnetonka. We spend much time in warm weather. I am an assistant for Minneapolis Agriculture Company. Four years USAF, flight engineer. Returned from S.E. Asia in May '75. Detached in Asia. Do much boating, fishing, fall hunting, active in VFW, Mtka, sportsman Club, and Amicus, Volunteer to state prison system.

WILLIAM F. "BILL" NEISEN, East Grand Forks, MN: Married to Sandra Kay. Three children: Tanya, 16, Adam, 14, and Jay. General contractor specializing in insurance claims repair, especially fire damage. My father is a State Specialist (esp. Lake Michigan salmon) and deer and elk hunting. Enjoy other outdoor activities like lake home near Battle Lake.

LLOYD A. PETROE, Rochester, MN: Occupation: Landscaping/placement specialist for the MN State Board of Vocational/Technical Education. Also currently President of the National Association of Vocational Education Special Needs State Administrators.

1953


1954

JIM WINKLER, Neche, ND: Farm along the Canadian border north of Neche. I spend my winters in Reno, NV. I golf every chance I get--also like to hunt in the fall and do a little flying.

JAMES A. PAULSON, Trail, MN: Self-employed farmer--dairy, feeder pigs and beef, small grains, corn. Married in September 1964 to Janice Anderson of Trail. We have 2 sons, Daniel, now at NSDU, and Darald, now 10th grade at Fosston High.

1955

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1959

WARREN E. OHARA, East Grand Forks, MN: Works for Jerry Driscoll. Married to Patricia Brunette and they have two kids: Carrie, age 22; and Kelly, age 18. Two grandchildren, Eric and Amber.

DUANE RECK, Grand Forks, ND: Bill's son-in-law. I enjoy fishing, hunting, moving into fire restoration. Two kids; Kim, second year at UND; Glen, a junior in high school.


1966

TERRY NELSON, BETT (HOVET) NELSON, The Dalles, OR: Terry owns and operates Brown Roofing Company. Likes to go salmon fishing and elk hunting. Plays fastball. Betty keeps books for Terry and is an R.N. at clinic (afternoons). Terry and Betty have 3 daughters, ages 14 to 21. Active in church and school activities. We both like traveling: have been to Virginia and, a small town in Arizona, and Mexico.

LEO C. JASZCZAK, Bloomington, MN: Single, works construction trades.

ROGER ODEGAARD, Crookston MN: Single, works construction support group.