Top Aggies honored at 1990 reunion

Peter E. Fehr '50

Peter Fehr left the East Grand Forks, Minnesota, farm he grew up on in 1950 to become a physician. His dream was to serve as a missionary doctor.

That dream came true. In 1958 he and his wife Doris went to Cameroon, West Africa, where they spent 10 years at Barso Baptist Hospital. During that time he was the only doctor at the hospital of 120 beds.

A decade later he returned to Minneapolis for health reasons, went back to graduate school to get his specialty degree in OB-GYN, and practiced in Minneapolis for 12 years. During the next six years he directed a high risk pregnancy program in St. Paul.

Since he left training he has served as a clinical teaching faculty member.

"That means service without pay," Fehr said. For his many hours of service over the 18 years he was awarded the first clinical professorship in OB ever given to a person still actively practicing the specialty.

Peter has served his community through his church at the local, national and international levels. He has served on countless committees, boards, as a Sunday school teacher, deacon and moderator and is currently serving as chairman of the board of trustees of North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He is also completing a five year international term as vice president of the Baptist World Alliance.

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Following graduation from NWSA, Milton went to the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis where he worked and taught at the University for 10 years. He has both Minnesota and Iowa Morticians Licences. He spent a few years in Mankato, Minnesota, before settling in Spencer, Iowa.

Milton has been extremely active in the community and was named Citizen of the Year in 1981. He received the Governor's Award for Older Outstanding Citizen in 1982 and received Northwestern Iowa's Award for Outstanding Older Citizen in 1983. He is an active member of the Grace United Methodist Church serving on several committees in addition to singing in the church choir. His love of music dates back to his days in Minneapolis when he sang in the Twin Cities Civic Chorus with the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra. He was an active member of the Barber Shop Quartet group in addition to appearing in several plays for the Spencer Drama Club.

He is currently serving on the Clay County Council on Aging, Golden K Kiwanis, and the house committee of the Senior Citizens Center, The Masonic Order, and Meals on Wheels. He works with RSVP and is a member of SCORE, a group of older executives who serve in an advisory capacity for small business firms.

"Your ability to use the knowledge, discipline and integrity acquired at the Northwest School has lead to much success for you. We commend you for your compassion and dedication to your profession, family and community, and the inspiration you give to us all."

Milton states "There is absolutely no question in my mind that NWSA was a monumental influence in my life even though I did not follow agriculture in its various fields. The NWSA opened the door for me to get an education, learn how to get along with other people, and gave me confidence to meet the challenges of the tough outer world. I shall always be grateful for the opportunities the school provided me."
From President Proulx...

Another successful reunion has passed, as well as another year. I do hope everyone who attended the reunion found it enjoyable and heartwarming to visit with former classmates and friends.

My personal thanks go to Blake, Allan, Ardis, Julie, the staff who made this reunion happen, and to all of you who so admirably performed your duties. Thanks too, to Herschel and his band. These people seem like they can go on forever. We all appreciate you.

If a wide smile, a beaming face and a twinkle in the eye are indications of enjoyment, this was the happiness Berneil expressed at this reunion. She is a gem we have all appreciated through the years.

Also thanks from all the alumni to our Top Aggies: Peter Fehr, Marvin Jensen and Milton Warner. They have certainly made their donation to society. We are proud of you and even more because you are one of us from the NWSA. In my days at the NWSA we were known as "cow college" and hay seeds," but little did they know how tall hay can grow.

Thanks also to the alumni who made our Heritage Fund drive a success. Whatever amount you can offer to our fund is appreciated very much.

Have a good summer, stay healthy and be happy.

Paul Proulx

Chancellor's Column

Another Northwest School reunion is history. I was sorry to miss it for the first time in five years. But reports indicate it was a great time for those attending as usual. Congratulations to top Aggies: Peter Fehr, Marvin Jensen and Milton Warner. Thanks also to all the class leaders for encouraging and helping with the reunion, and a special thanks to Berneil Nelson for four decades of service. All of us at UMC will miss her, and I know her support of the annual reunion will be missed by all of you. Our best to Berneil in her retirement. The midsummer crops and soils day has passed with great success, and nearly all of the new students have registered for fall quarter. So we're excited about beginning the 25th year of the college. Full-time students should be up a little - about 50 students. So it will be another good year.

The theme for the 25th year is "Education With A Vision". The planning committee is working to incorporate this theme into college events throughout the year. A bit of history and tradition will be included along with a look to the future in the activities. If possible, attend an event at UMC sometime during the year. We know you'll enjoy being on campus, and we enjoy having you.

Donald Sargeant, Chancellor

HERITAGE FUND ROLL CALL

| Class of 1920 | $150.00 |
| Class of 1921 | 250.00  |
| Class of 1922 | 60.00   |
| Class of 1923 | 40.00   |
| Class of 1924 | 365.00  |
| Class of 1925 | 20.00   |
| Class of 1926 | 40.00   |
| Class of 1927 | 120.00  |
| Class of 1928 | 440.00  |
| Class of 1929 | 215.00  |
| Class of 1930 | 675.00  |
| Class of 1931 | 275.00  |
| Class of 1932 | 425.00  |
| Class of 1933 | 110.00  |
| Class of 1934 | 300.00  |
| Class of 1935 | 215.00  |
| Class of 1936 | 295.00  |
| Class of 1937 | 705.00  |
| Class of 1938 | 475.00  |
| Class of 1939 | 409.00  |
| Class of 1940 | 885.00  |
| Class of 1941 | 330.00  |
| Class of 1942 | 725.00  |
| Class of 1943 | 400.00  |
| Class of 1944 | 175.00  |
| Class of 1945 | 1105.00 |

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"The reunion was everything I expected. Many of the 1930 class were enthusiastic to be there, enjoying renewals of friendships and recalling events and places at the campus in former days and now. The staff was a great plus and did everything possible to make our stay and reunion a complete success. They gave us a warm reception of themselves and were most cordial at all times."
--Rose Anderson

The Celebration Begins...

During the past year, plans began for UMC's 25th Anniversary Celebration. "Education With a Vision" was selected as the theme and an anniversary logo was designed. The theme and logo will be highlighted throughout the 1990-91 academic year at all major activities, on correspondence, printed materials, advertising, press releases, newsletters and brochures. Promotion items will also feature the logo and theme. The theme carries on the tradition of "Education With a Vision" begun many years ago by the NWSA.

A number of events will be highlighted during the 25th Anniversary Celebration. We hope you will have an opportunity to participate in one or more of the activities.

It was a fun day of talking and relaxation. Albert Kopecky (right) '23 of Angola revisited a few minutes with his nephew and driver Joe Novak.

POEM

In response to requests from several of you, here is the poem Milton Warner sent to be read at the reunion.

WHAT A WORLD

Since I was born some years ago, the world has changed somehow.
We now use milk and butter that has never seen a cow.
We have instant coffee, instant tea, instant this and that.
We have so many instant foods, not fit to feed a cat.
A substitute for sugar, a substitute for salt.
We have so many substitutes we don't know who to fault.
The boys and girls both look alike, can't tell one from the other.
Same way, too, with mom and dad--you can't tell dad from mom.
I'm not sure how far this will go -- but, up until this minute.
I love this good old world of ours, cause we can still live in it.
There's one thing though, that I don't like. I think it's a sin --
They've moved the cookstove out-of-doors, and moved the outhouse in!

Anonymous

ALL THE WAY FROM GERMANY! Clarence Grove '55, second from left, came all the way from Stuttgart, Germany, to be part of the reunion festivities. Also at the table are Jean Stromstad Vigness '55, Clarence's twin brother, Ed Grove '55, and the twin brothers' wives.

The Norwegian Bible located in the Haflo Church on the campus. Norah is related to Julie Hamre, secretary in the White House Alumni Center.

NWISA President Paul Proulx takes the microphone to lead in reunion festivities.


1925 — Members of the NWSA class of 1925 include: Anna Hoper Davids and Benneth Sharpe.

1945 — Members of the NWSA class of 1945 include, left to right, first row: Melvin Capistran, Marvin Jensen, Anna Mae Ecklund Blade, Pauline Finkenbinder Purath, Deores Hamre Grant, Margaret Johnson Seeman, Gordon Lyberg, Roger Ophus. Second row: Robert (Buck) Schneider, Norman Torkelson, Jack Blom, Herschel Lysaker (instructor), Harold Younggren, Lloyd Dufault, Arnold Egtvet, Robert Davids.

Fehr

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Professionally, Peter serves as an advisor to the State of Minnesota Welfare Board and spends time in continuing education teaching nurses and physicians. His publications and presentations number more than 87, and he has participated in over 250 other lectures and hospital committees.

"Your success as a renowned medical expert in the field of obstetrics and gynecology is a lasting tribute to the Northwest School heritage. Your career achievements, your genuine concern of humankind, and your dedication to your family have exemplified the traditional Aggie spirit."

Peter states "It's been a long way from the farm and NWSA but life has been very fulfilling. The Northwest School provided me a chance to attend high school while still being available to work on the family farm during the busy spring and fall harvest times. Every experience in a person's lifetime makes its mark on that individual and affects the future activities and reactions of that individual. Looking back I'm convinced that the faculty and staff, everyone in their own way, shaped us, encouraged us, and left a mark on our lives that we can never repay."

Jensen

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exists in research projects in Yugoslavia, Egypt and Pakistan, and he has consulted for the World Bank and many other institutions throughout the world on irrigation water management problems. Marvin has made numerous presentations, authored several publications, belongs to many diverse membership groups and affiliations and has received an impressive list of honors and awards.

Marvin grew up with a very large family in Bong, Minnesota, and did not have access to a local high school. Two of his sisters, Alma and Lilian attended NWSA before him. He was able to attend only two years, 1942-43 and 1943-44 as he enlisted in the Navy in 1944.

During 1946-47, Marvin took the GED tests at Moorhead State Teachers College and with credit received for several military training courses, he received his high school equivalency certificate through NWSA. In the fall of 1947, he enrolled in agricultural engineering at North Dakota State University, and earned his bachelor of science and master of science degree. He received his doctorate in 1965 in civil engineering from Colorado State University.

He is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, served on the church council, was president of the congregation, is a Rotarian, a member of Toastmaster International and is active in the yearly United Way Drive.

He and his wife Doris have three children: Connie, Jeffrey, Eric and five grandchildren.

"The foundation of the NWSA was built on strong traditional values in education, religion and family. You have demonstrated those same values through your family and career in water management. We commend you for these achievements, your inspiration and enrichment of humankind."

Marvin states "The NWSA offered an excellent opportunity for farm students. I greatly appreciate the highly-qualified instructors. Many of them were U of M Experiment Station research staff with many years of experience. The courses in farm shop, motors, agronomy and animal husbandry provided excellent background to college agricultural courses. The scheduling of classes and campus life were well suited in preparing students for college life."
"A time to celebrate the past with all its successes and the future with all its possibilities..." Bernell Nelson '42 received a watch and plaque from the NWSA in recognition of her 47 years of dedicated service to the school and college.

Dear NWSA Alumni Association,

What a wonderful day! Thank you for your presence—in person or in your thoughts, your greetings, and your gift of a beautiful watch. It will remind me many times of Northwest School days and the many friends associated with the alumni association.

Thank you, too, for your continuing support of our summer reunions and the NWSA Heritage Fund which keeps the association going and our memories alive! I hope to continue working with you in the years to come so as to keep in close touch with the "good old days".

Thank you again!

Your fellow alumni,

Bernell Nelson '42

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**NWSA Alumni participate in Phon-a-thon**

Alumni volunteers added a new dimension to the Heritage Fund Annual Drive which was conducted in March.

Thirty-three alumni devoted their time in the ten evenings from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. to call hundreds of other Aggie alumni throughout the nation. The purpose for the calls was two-fold: 1) to make friends and answer questions about the Heritage Fund and the Crookston campus, and 2) to solicit contributions for the Heritage Fund.

As you will recall, the dollars contributed to the Heritage Fund are used to support a variety of activities or projects: THE AGGIE newsletter, alumni reunion activities, board activities and expenses, alumni recognition and awards, scholarships and upkeep of the White House Alumni Center.

The Alumni Board and the development staff are very pleased with the phon-a-thon results. In addition to answering numerous questions and providing alumni with general information, the fund-raising results were significant: The number of donors increased from 476 in 1989 to 565 in 1990—an increase of 18 percent. Dollars contributed increased from $13,224 in 1989 to $16,894 in 1990—an increase of 28 percent.

The 565 donations from the approximately 3,300 alumni contacted during the fund drive reveals that 17% of the Aggie alumni on the active membership list made a contribution to the NWSA "Heritage Fund" in 1990—a three percent increase.

Hopefully, with the help of additional volunteers, we will be able to increase all of the above figures substantially in 1991.

A sincere thank you goes to all of you who made contributions in 1990 to keep the "Aggie Heritage Alive", and to the following volunteers who so generously devoted time to participate in the phon-a-thon:

- Kathy Ross '51
- JoAnn Carlson '61
- Arlone Cymbahuk '48
- Don Diedrich '56
- Darwin Ferriar '42
- Glen & Marlys Finkenbinder '55
- Robert Larson '29
- Don Mosbeck '50
- Billy Moser '56
- Bernell Nelson '42
- Roger Odegard '60
- James Olson '55
- Hazel Perriss '31
- George Proulx '62
- Paul Proulx '46
- Pauline Parath '45
- George Schulz '31
- Ken '61 & Judy '64 Schuster
- Ardis Searle '51
- LeRoy Sondrol '55
- Allen St. Germain '56
- Roy Stotka Jr. '48
- Allan Stromstad '63
- Bruce Stromstad '66
- Raymond & Marilyn Stromstad '48
- Neilvo Thoroymn '44
- Glen Torkelson '47
- Dick & Clarice Widseth '49
- Conrad Zak '46

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**PRIZES FOR NWSA REUNION 1990**

Alumus coming the farthest distance in the United States (excluding Hawaii and Alaska) - Clara Seeger Lantz '40, Fallbrook, CA

Alumus coming the farthest distance in North Dakota - Bette Thompson Lind '46, Bismarck, ND

Alumus coming the farthest distance in Minnesota - Cliff Nybo '41, Webster, MN

Most newly married alumus - Gary Wold '60, Roseau, MN

Alumus couple married the longest time (to the same spouse!) - William '23 and Myrtle Hope, Stephen, MN - 62 years

Oldest alumus in attendance - Albert Kopecky '23, Angus, MN - 95 years

Alumus with the most children (or grandchildren) that have or are attending UMC - Albert Kopecky '23, Angus, MN

These "young" gentlemen were the 1930 first place Crops Judging team at the Red River Valley Winter Shows. They competed against eight other teams to receive top honors. After 60 years the three-member team is as healthy as ever.

Members of the NWSA Crop Judging Team are, from left: Robert Larson '30, Lawrence Omundson '36, and Marvin Warden '30.
NWSA Heritage Fund continues to grow

In Memorium
1922 - Helen Cameron Jansen, Hallock, MN, May 13, 1990
1926 - Lester O. KenKnight, Clearbrook, MN, May 18, 1990
1941 - Norman J. Hveem, Wolf Point, MT, October 5, 1988
1942 - Oscar Pearson, Minneapolis, MN, October 18, 1989

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William "Bill" Mosher, '56

Fall 1990

"I am accepting this award as a member and representative of my friends and classmates of the class of 1950. A lot of them deserve this."

Peter Fehr
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