Storybook Romance for NWSA Grad

It was a story-book romance. She sang at his first wedding. But she also sang at his second wedding, the ceremony where she married him. Clifford and Vivian Dahlsad were married on Valentine’s Day in 1986.

And they are “double-in-laws”. Cliff’s first wife’s sister is married to Vivian’s first husband’s brother.

"I never saw a coffin with a money box in it. I’m not taking it with me, so I want to give it where it will do some good."

After Clifford and Vivian’s first spouses died, they found they had much in common. They both like music. They both like to travel.

They enjoy their church and extended family. They join the snow birds in early October traveling to Apache Junction, Arizona, where they stay until the weather warms up enough to return to Moorhead, Minnesota for the summer months.

Vivian loves music and has played the piano for several churches. One of the highlights of her life was singing in the choir for a Billy Graham Crusade.

Among Vivian’s treasures is the violin yuke given to by her father when she was 11 years old.

"He bought it from a peddler for $18," she said.

Cliff grew up on a farm 10 miles from Georgetown, Minnesota, and moved to Moorhead in 1979. He was the oldest of six children, and lead the way to the Northwest School of Agriculture.

All of his four brothers followed and attended the NWSA -- Vernon, Orville, Emmanuel, and Herbert. He also has a niece Geraldine, Orville’s daughter, who graduated with the last NWSA class in 1968, and two nephews who attended -- Rodney and Edward, Herbert’s sons.

Cliff and his brother Vernon, who lives just six blocks from Cliff in Moorhead, attended school at the same time, and they both graduated from the NWSA in 1940.

Cliff remembers the plate of bismarcks he and his two buddies Leonard Hillebrand and Milton Finney could purchase. Six bismarcks for 15 cents. The regular price was 5 cents for coffee and 5 cents for one bismark. But these three figured out the bargain they could get if they pooled their 15 cents and got six bismarcks.

"I look forward to the last Saturday in June to go to Crookston and see all the changes and old friends that come back."

Cliff is proud of today’s campus.

"The university has got to go ahead. People have to be shown improvements. Today many farmers can grow vegetables and fruit and make more money per acre than those who grow wheat and barley," Cliff said.

Cliff has been a strong supporter of the White House Alumni Center restoration project, giving both of his time and money.

"I never saw a coffin with a money box in it," laughed Cliff. "I’m not taking it with me, so I want to give it where it will do some good."

Dayton and his Clarinet

Dayton Jacobson, ’40, holds the clarinet he played in the first NWSA band which started in 1937. Dayton donated the clarinet and his Debate Club pin to the Alumni Center.

Dayton remembers that Ben Bakkegaard came from Grand Forks to teach band at the NWSA. Dayton also remembers playing for football and basketball games in 1938. Dayton is semi-retired, having worked for the ASCS for many years in Perham, MN.

Mark your calendars! The NWSA Alumni Reunion is scheduled for Saturday, June 29
From President Proulx . . .

I have recently been reminded it is column time again for The Aggie. I shouldn't say recently, two months ago would be more accurate.

Recently, I have been contemplating retirement, but as the rest of my schedule has gone, I probably will forget that too.

Oh, how times flies -- does anyone else feel this way or have that problem?

One of the highlights of the year was the UMC Scholar-ship Recognition Banquet on October 18. Student recipients of NWSA Heritage Scholarships, their parents, and presenters were present.

Five students received scholarships from the NWSA Heritage Fund. This was a rewarding evening for those of us who have worked on the Heritage Fund Drive. We met the recipients and their parents who are NWSA alumni. It yields a satisfying continuity from the time we were NWSA students to see our children, and in a number of cases, our grandchildren, benefit from all our efforts.

I am grateful to all alumni donors to the Heritage Fund that make this possible. Read about the recipients of these two scholarships on page 3 of this Aggie.

Hope you all had an enjoyable summer and also have a good fall. Be happy, stay healthy, keep smiling, and grab a snooze whenever you can.

--Paul Proulx

Crosby's Comments . . .

When those memories include former NWSA classmates, roommates, friends, or faculty you have not connected with for some time, I’m going to ask you to take that few extra minutes this year to give that person a call or to send a card with a note.

Your NWSA experience was a unique time in your life and the lives of your fellow AGGIES. Don’t let the hustle and bustle of the season cause you to put aside renewing that relationship.

From all of us -- Allan, Ardis, Barb, Julie and myself -- we wish you and all your loved ones a blessed holiday season and a healthy, happy New Year!

--R. Blake Crosby

Chancellor's Column

It’s hard to believe that fall quarter over. Activities such as homecoming, football and volleyball games are nearly complete. For the most part we have had good weather and the building of the links between several buildings has not disrupted campus life to any great extent. We’ve progressed from holes in the ground to steel skeletons.

The enrollment of full-time students increased by nearly 75 from last fall. Most of the growth can be accommodated by additional students from North Dakota and to a lesser extent, Manitoba. Tuition reciprocity is quite helpful in each case. We have also seen an increase in the amount of research and training grants being conducted by UMC faculty.

UMC received a Title III grant for $199,990 for developing and improving academic programs and in particular to increase student success and to improve retention of high risk students, as well as develop the associate of arts degree.

UMC has also received other grants focusing on developing the Red River.

--Chancellor Donald Sargeant

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Scholarship Recipients and Donors Recognized

The Northwest School of Agriculture Merit Scholarship was awarded to Laurie Lamm, enrolled natural resources conservation in the agriculture division, from New York Mills. Paul Proulx presented the scholarship.

Local students and donors were recognized at the annual Scholarship Recognition Banquet at UMC October 18. Approximately 130 students received scholarships totaling over $100,000.

The theme for the recognition banquet carried out the 25th anniversary celebration of "Education With a Vision."

Presidential Scholarships were awarded to 18 students who are in the top five percent of their graduating class. The number of students in this category had doubled since last year, according to Gayle Schuster, coordinator of the recognition banquet.

The Scholarship for Outstanding Students 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. This year 70 scholarships were given.

Two new scholarships were offered this year. The hospitality division alumni have established a scholarship in honor of Darlene Charron, secretary for that division since the program began.

The business division has established a BAB Scholarship which was given by three business division faculty members -- Adolph Beich, Roger Aspevig, and Betty Brecto. This scholarship will go to a Crookston student enrolled in office management systems.

Master of ceremonies for the evening was Cheryl Pankow, math instructor in the arts and sciences division. Chancellor Sargeant gave a welcome. The donor response was given by Mary Louise Jorgenson of Crookston, and the student response was given by Ruth Anderson, scholarship recipient from Inkster, North Dakota. Closing remarks followed by Robert Nelson, vice chancellor for student affairs.

The NWSA Heritage Fund Scholarship was established in 1989 and is awarded to direct descendants of NWSA alumni. Recipients this year were Jacalyn Durand, arts and sciences; Argyle; Scott Larson, arts and sciences; Gatzke; Diana Love, hotel/resort management; Crookston; Robert Miller, animal science in the agriculture division, Twin Valley; and Greg Porter, agriculture, Hillsboro, North Dakota. Pictured with Paul Proulx is Robert Miller.

How to Choose an Executor

How do you choose an executor? This is a question more and more alumni are asking.

Here is some friendly advice to help you:

Look first to a close friend or family member. Such people are ideal candidates, because they know you and your feelings, and can usually be counted on to follow through. The next best choice is a corporate executor at a bank or trust company.

Avoid naming co-executors, particularly if they are family members. One executor is usually more efficient than two.

However, two executors or additional advisers may be helpful in certain circumstances, such as when dealing with a closely held business.

Recognize the difficulty of the executor's job. The job includes getting appraisals, ascertaining cash requirements, negotiating the sale of assets, paying claims, filing estate/gift/income tax returns, paying legacies, and more. Consequently, select a person with the energy, time, and health to handle all those tasks.

Recognize that your attorney's job is to give advice; the executor's job is to act on that advice. Do not assume that because you have a good attorney you can take lightly the matter of choosing an executor.

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Are you looking for a special holiday gift? How about a NWSA plate or mug? Cost is $15 for the plate and $7 for the mug.

Holiday Greetings from the White House Alumni Center staff (Al, Ardis, Barb, Blake, Jared and Julie). Stop in this holiday season to enjoy a cup of coffee with us.

Mark your calendars!
UMC All-Class Reunion and Crookston Campus Golf Tournament will be July 19 and 20. During Saturday's golf tournament there will be a special fashion show and brunch for non-golfers.

Watch for additional details.

1990-91 NWSA Alumni Association Officers:
President: Paul Proulx, '46
Secretary: Pauline Finkenbinder Purath, '45
Board Members: Donald Mosbeck, '50
James O. Olson, '55
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Ardis Overgaard Searles, '51
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Marilyn Vesledahl Stromstad, '49
Ken Schuster, '61
William "Bill" Moser, '56

Attention! Phoenix Snow Birds
Plans are in the making to hold a social or brunch in the Phoenix area sometime during the week of January 7 to 12, 1991 for NWSA and UMC alumni and friends. If you plan to be in the Phoenix area during that week, let us know so we can keep you informed regarding the specific time and place of the get-together.

Anyone willing to help the alumni office put this social or brunch together would be greatly appreciated. Please call Al Larson at the White House Alumni Office at 1-800-232-6466. This is a toll free number. We hope to hear from several of you Arizona folks, soon!

In Memoriam
1924 - Andrew Wardeberg, McIntosh, MN, August 22, 1990
1928 - George M. Lee, Hendrum, MN, August 29, 1990
1938 - Elvera (Anderson) Johnson, Fosston, MN, October 4, 1990
1938 - Earl (Bud) Rivard, Baudette, MN, August 9, 1990
1939 - Walter W. Schulz, Fergus Falls, MN, August 8, 1990
1942 - Marion (Wells) Sjulstad, Goodridge, MN, October 9, 1990
1943 - Cleo M. Engelstad, Inver Grove Heights, MN, May 18, 1990
1948 - Jeanette (Bergh) Bedard, Hallock, MN, Sept. 20, 1990
1950 - Glen Poppenhagen, Babbitt, MN, July 9, 1990