Sargents have good memories of NWSA

Clarence and Edna (Paulsrud) Sargent remember the Northwest School as one big happy family. They were a part of that caring family relationship which is still a part of their life today. Clarence graduated from the Northwest School of Agriculture in 1941 and Edna in 1944.

Clarence will complete a three-year term on the NWSA Alumni Board. During his term, many more scholarships were established and the board supported UMC's change to a baccalaureate institution. At first Clarence wondered if UMC's computer idea would work. "It is successful!" he beamed.

Clarence was raised in rural Crookston, Edna in Nielsville. They were married in 1945 and farmed in Fairfax Township for eight years. They have four children (James, Margaret, Diana and Janna) who are all college graduates, and four grandchildren.

After farming, Clarence worked with the Seventh Farm Credit District of St. Paul as an agricultural loan examiner. The family spent five years in St. Paul before moving to Osakis where Clarence was as an agriculture credit representative in the local bank. Clarence also served as treasurer of the State of Minne- sota Banking School.

Over the years the Sargents have been active in the community. Clarence served with the Salvation Army for 28 years, and he was on the original committee to build a nursing home in Osakis. Edna was the first woman to be on the board of directors. She was also activities director for 10 years after the children left home. He was an adult ag advisor for the FFA, president of the Chamber of Commerce, helped with Boy Scouts and a charter member/treasurer of the Lions Club.

Both were active in 4-H. He was elected State 4-H Federation president and won a gold watch for livestock achievement. She served as county 4-H Club agent before they were married.

"The Northwest School was one big happy family".

The Sargents are members of the Presbyterian Church where Clarence is an elder. Edna has held many offices in their local church and also was president of the St. Cloud Presbyterian.

Edna and Clarence Sargent

Retirement gave them the opportunity to enjoy traveling -- to Alaska, Hong Kong, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Europe and the United Kingdom. Clarence also has traveled in Africa and Tanzania to photograph wildlife.

They both like the outdoors, fishing, woodworking, gardening and flowers. They attended two International Flower Shows in 1992 -- Ameriflora in Columbus, Ohio, and Floriade in Holland.

The Sargents say they have many reasons for their interest in and support of UMC. Edna is a second-generation attendee of the NWSA. Her father, Julius Paulsrud, attended the school in the early 1900's. Clarence had one brother (Edward) and three sisters (Lois, Marian and Marlys) who also graduated from the NWSA.

"At the Northwest School we all felt close to each other. It was a good feeling to have while we were away from home," Edna said.

Clarence and Edna are new members of the Chancellors 2500 Club. Their gift will be used with the NWSA Heritage Fund for scholarships.

Edna's class celebrates its 50th anniversary at this summer's reunion. "She's looking forward to a great time with lots of her classmates."
Larson's notes

Northwest School of Agriculture Alumni Association, Paul Proulx decided it was time for him to relax a bit and turn the alumni board leadership over to someone else. I want to take this opportunity to thank Paul on behalf of the University and myself for his years of service and dedication in the promotion of the NWSA Heritage and UMC.

2. We are fortunate that Ken Schuster, another very capable Aggie, was elected by the board to assume the role of president. We look forward to working closely with Ken on your behalf in the months and years ahead.

3. Bonnie Stewart, a native of Fosston, MN has been employed on a one-half time basis as assistant director of development. We are happy to have her on board. I'm sure you will enjoy meeting and visiting with Bonnie in the near future.

4. Janelle Fischer was recently hired to fill the senior secretary position left vacant when Kathy Braukmann accepted a full-time position in the Career Development Center at UMC.

Stop by the White House Alumni Center to meet Bonnie and Janelle if you're in the area. The coffee is always on.

5. The Arizona Brunch and Social held January 28 was very enjoyable. More than 60 alumni, spouses and friends attended the event. We were happy to welcome Chancellor and Mary Beth Sargeant as well as Paul and Lois Proulx to be able to attend. Those in attendance and several pictures from the event are included in this newsletter.

Special thanks to the following Aggies who helped us put the event together:
- Emroy and Margaret (Forfang '41) Cameron
- Richard '45 and Marjorie (Karr '50) Riopelle
- Ken and Eleanor (Dufault '44) Bergeron.

The NWSA Annual Fund Drive will be conducted during March and April so each of you will be contacted in the near future to ask for your support of the Alumni Association.

On Thursday, April 14, we will hold a social in Minneapolis for NWSA and UMC alumni, the UMC Advisory Committee as well as friends of UMC. The social will be from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Nicollet Island Inn, 95 Merriam, Minneapolis, MN. Mark your calendars for this special event.

Plans are progressing nicely for the NWSA Reunion which is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, June 24 and 25. The honored classes this year are the classes of '29, '34, '39, '44, '49, '54, '59 and '64. Hopefully, many of you will be able to join us for the festivities.

If you enjoy golf be sure to mark your calendars for July 16 when we will hold our Fourth Annual UMC/NWSA/Community Golf Classic at Minakwa Country Club. Last year we had 92 golfers participate, so register early to reserve your place in the tournament. (More information is included elsewhere in the newsletter).

Thanks to all you Aggies for your continuous support and keeping the "Aggie Heritage" alive.

--Allan Larson

The White House Alumni Center was a celebration when the NWSA Alumni Board of Directors held a meeting and social. Board members are, back row from left: Al Larson, director of External Relations; Ken Schuster '61, NWSA Alumni Association president; Clarence Sargent '41, Pauline Finkenbinder Purath '45, Marvlyn Vesledahl Stromstad '48. Front row: Bill Moser '56, Don Mosbeck '50, Berneil Nelson '43, Ardis Overgaard Searles '51. Not pictured are: Dale Helm '61, James Olson '55, and Paul Proulx '46.
Chancellor's comments

Each year brings many changes for the University of Minnesota, Crookston campus. The past year was no different.

This year UMC enrollment is over 100 full-year equivalents (FYE) higher than last year. That is phenomenal since we didn't receive approval on B.S. programs until April, recruit students to B.S. programs until summer and print a new college catalog until October. Nearly half of the present full-time student body is enrolled in B.S. programs. This is a clear indication that UMC's revised mission is responding to a real need.

Applied research and grant activities have continued to increase and the College and Experiment Station have $1,000,000 in outside funds presently under contract.

The Agricultural Utilization Research Institute (AURI) is about to occupy a new office building on campus which will be the headquarters for the AURI state staff and the Alternative Agricultural Research and Commercialization Center (AARC) federal staff. The purpose of AARC is to identify, expand, and accelerate the commercial use of new agricultural and forestry products that are not food, feed or traditional fiber products. With AURI and AARC, we have been working to try to secure funding to construct an ag-processing business incubator. We are looking at federal, state and local dollars and hope to be able to get that project started this coming year.

We are pleased to report the new baccalaureate programs which we've initiated last fall are well accepted. There are over 300 students enrolled in the programs and in May there will be about 20 graduates.

The other big initiative last fall was the providing of notebook computers to all full-time students. That has really changed what and how we are teaching. We read more and more about "the information super highway, black fibers, fibersphere, gigabits, and hyper-learning." We will continue to do our best to bring information and technology to this campus and to the region.

Our goal of continuing to serve this region as a part of the state's land-grant institution continues to be extremely viable. Thanks for your continued support as we continue this journey.

--Donald Sargeant

Introducing President Ken Schuster

Meet Ken Schuster, the new president of the Northwest School of Agriculture Alumni Association. Ken is a '61 graduate.

A native of Warsaw, ND, he was born and raised on a farm. He is a partner and general manager of Rivard's Quality Seeds Inc. in Argyle, MN. He has been there since 1976. The firm is involved in seed conditioning, lawn and tuff products, livestock feeds, grain storage, and bird food products. Through his firm he is involved with many local, national and international markets.

Ken is active in many state and community activities. He is executive director of Minnesota Seed Conditioners Association and director of Minnesota Crop Improvement Association.

His commitment to UMC is shown through his active role in the UMC Campus Master Planning Advisory Committee and the Agricultural Utilization Research Institute Advisory Committee. He is also president of the NSWA Alumni Association.

For 13 years he was secretary of the Argyle Volunteer Fire Department. He has been active in the Knights of Columbus, Argyle Lions Club, Argyle Redevelopment Corporation, Northwest Regional Development Commission, Northwest Regional Revolving Loan Fund and the Fiber Fuel Institute.

Ken is married to Judy Rivard, a '64 graduate. They have two grown children, Rhonda and Randy. Ken estimates that he spends 50,000 miles in a vehicle each year as well as eight hours a day in the office each week. Judy is a student at Trinity Bible College in Ellendale, ND.

Ken's goals for the alumni association are to get more people active and to continue to increase scholarships for alumni descendants.

"I'd like to see more people here for this summer's reunion," Ken said.

NWSA/UMC SPRING SOCIAL

Thursday, April 14
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Nicollet Island Inn
95 Merriam, Minneapolis, MN.
Memories from the Arizona social...

Father and daughter enjoy the Arizona Social. Harvey Diamond '38, and his daughter Nancy (Diamond) Muir '61 enjoyed the social. Harvey and his wife Helen live in Humbolt, MN in the warmer weather.

A great time was had by all at the Arizona Social/Brunch. From left: Bob Strand; Mary Beth Sargeant; Ella Strand, former fashion merchandising professor at UMC; and Donald Sargeant, chancellor.

Emory and Margaret (Forfang) Cameron '41 helped plan the 1994 Arizona Social/Brunch. They are pictured with Al Larson. Thanks Margaret and Emory for all your work. What a success!

Margery (Karr) Riopelle '51 enjoyed a good story. She and her husband Richard Riopelle '45 were both at the social.

Matching sweaters were a big hit. Paul Aasland '42 (right) and his wife Ruth both enjoyed the Arizona Social.

Joyce Lee received a calendar from Al Larson. Joyce spends summers in Fargo, ND and winters in Chandler, AZ.

Are these gentlemen having a great time? From left: Al Larson, Earl Newhouse '36, and Merl Jenkins '34. Earl is from Crookston, and Merl is from Inchelium, WA.

Mother and daughter enjoy the social/brunch. Mother Gladys (Rice) Landre '24 from Duluth, enjoys time with her daughter Lois (Landre) Mann.

Irene and Richard Miska '40 took a minute to relax at the Arizona Social/Brunch.
Who's Who
from the Arizona Social/Brunch

The Arizona Social/Brunch held in January was a fun time for all who attended. Following is a list of those who were there:

Harold '42 and Ruth Aasland
Floyd '48 and La Vonne Anderson
Sherwood Berg
Adeline (McKibbin) '44 and Melton Blomquist
Margaret (Forfang) '41 and Emory Cameron
Bernie '41 and Margaret Davis
Harvey '39 and Helen Diamond
Darwin '42 and Florence Ferrier
Dennis Filipi '38
Laverne (Swenson) '45 and Donald Gibbins
Anna (Jenson) Gonpag
Paul '33 and Amelia Hansen
Alfred '43 and Doris Hebert
Meri Jenkins '34
Gladys (Rice) Landre '24
Allan and Kay Larson
James Larson '48
Joyce (Anderson) Lee '50
Rodney '33 and Genevieve Lindstrom
David '48 and Beverly '49 Lundberg
Irene (Kliner) '40 and Richard Miska
Nancy (Diamond) Muir '61
Earl Newhouse '36
Earl '50 and La Donna Peterson
Paul '46 and Lois Proulx
Orin '32 and Alda Reffling
Richard '45 and Margery '51 (Karr) Riopelle
Ida (St Germain) '44 and Bert Rivard
Chancellor Donald and Mary Beth Sergeant
Louise (Krogstad) '40 and Arvid Schon
Ann (Jensen) '39 and Art Sontag
Vernon '32 and Anne Stenerson
Bob and Ella Strand
Walter '38 and Charlene (Walters) '43 Stromstad
Elden Thompson '50
Moris Webster '45
Verne and Crystal Drum

James Larson '47-48 (right) received a cup from Al Larson. Jim lives in Arizona year-round.

The tables were filled at the Arizona Social/Brunch in January.

Charlene (Walters) Stromstad '43 received a calendar from Al Larson. Charlene and her husband Walter '38 enjoyed their winter in Arizona. In the warm weather the Stromstads move back to Beltrami, MN.

Remember the NWSA Reunion
June 24 & 25
The Fourth Annual
UMC/NWSA
Community
Golf Classic

The Golf Committee is busy developing plans for the Fourth Annual UMC/NWSA Alumni and Community Golf Classic which will be held at Minakwa Golf Club on Saturday, July 16, 1994. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. Activities will begin with a golf clinic at 10:00 a.m. by a golf professional. A tournament orientation will be held at 11:15 a.m. Tee-off time is 11:30 a.m. (shotgun start).

Plans are to utilize a Texas Scramble format with five golfers on each team. Golfers will be permitted to set up their own teams using the following criteria:

1. The five member team handicap must equal 45 or more for 9 holes.
2. Not more than two members of the team can have 9 hole handicaps of five or less.

Individuals who wish to play in the tournament, but are not included in one of the pre-established teams, will be assigned to teams made up by the Golf Committee. Both men and women are invited to participate. If you do not have an established handicap, the Golf Committee will establish one for you.

Registration costs for the tournament will be $50.00 per golfer. These fees will cover green fees, participation gifts, dinner, prizes and a contribution to the UMC Scholarship Fund or Program Development Fund.

Participation will be limited to the first 90 golfers who pay their registration fees. Fees must be paid by July 9.

The Golf Social is scheduled for 5 p.m. with the Golf Award Dinner at 6 p.m. at the Minakwa Country Club.

If you would like additional tournament information, contact Allan Larson at the White House Alumni Center 218-261-8436 or one of the following committee members: John Peters, Jerry Hasbrouck, Kyle Pearson, Dave Bang, Rob Jacobson, Ralph Pester, Mike Siekas, Harold Opgrand, John Carlson, Marv Bachmeier.

Mark your calendar--start planning now to join us for this fun-filled event -- Saturday, July 16.

A registration form is provided below and should be completed and returned to the Golf Committee, White House Alumni Center, University of Minnesota, Crookston, MN 56716. Checks should be made payable to the UMC Golf Classic.

University of Minnesota, Crookston Campus Golf Classic - July 16, 1994

Name _______________________________ Telephone _______________________________

Address ________________________________________________________________

University Relationship (circle one):
NWSA Alumni  UMC Alumni  Faculty/Staff  Donor  Friend

9-Hole Handicap _____ (optional but helpful--no handicap required)
9-Hole Estimated Score _____ (optional but helpful)

I would like to rent a riding golf cart (circle one): Yes  No

Registration Fee -- $50.00. Registration fee includes green fees and dinner but does not include costs associated with cart rental. Fees must be paid by July 8.

The enclosed registration fee(s) is/are for the following golfers:
1. ____________________________  2. ____________________________  3. ____________________________
4. ____________________________  5. ____________________________

Return registration form and check to: The Golf Classic, White House Alumni Center, University of Minnesota, Crookston, MN 56716. 218-261-8436 or 8437.

1994 Top Aggies to be honored June 25
Dorothy Hanson Bender '39
Glen Holmquist '44
Robert W. Larson '29
Allan Magnuson '49
Grant Peterson '44

UMC names assistant director of development

Bonnie Stewart

Bonnie Stewart of Fosston was named assistant director of development for the Crookston campus. She will work closely with Allan Larson, director of external relations, focusing first on scholarships.

Bonnie brings to the campus a strong background in fund development, particularly in grant writing. Over the past 10 years, she had worked with both public and private non-profit agencies raising over $5 million. Those agencies include the White Earth Reservation Tribal Council; Cities of Fosston, Longby and Waubun; and People Count, Inc.

In addition to writing grants for organizations, she has also worked with staff and board members in the development of planning strategies. And she is also the owner of Nellie's Attic of Fosston.

Bonnie fills the position left vacant by the death of Sam Bigger. Her one-half time position is funded jointly by UMC and the Northwest Experiment Station.

Bonnie is a graduate of St. Cloud State University where she majored in urban affairs and has taken additional classes in urban and regional planning at Mankato State University.

Having lived in northwest Minnesota for almost 25 years, she is familiar with the region and with the concerns and needs of its residents. Since moving back to the area in 1986, she has developed a strong network with state and private funding agencies.

She is active in several volunteer activities including the Fosston Economic Development Authority, Fosston Education Foundation, On Wings of an Eagle Youth Program, and Fosston Youth Hockey Association.

"We are pleased to have Bonnie join the UMC external relations staff and look forward to the contribution she will make to our campus," Larson said.
The next time you purchase your license plates, remember you can support the Academic Excellence Scholarship program at UMC. For more information, call Al at the White House Alumni Center at 218-281-8436.

REUNION CLASS LEADERS

1919 Alumni Office
1924 Alumni Office
1929 Robert Larson - Route 2, Crookston, MN 56716, 218-253-4159
1934 Lois Sargent Smith - 425 Bay Avenue SE, Box 386, Baudette, MN 56623, 218-634-2539
1939 William Gatheridge - PO Box 53, Humboldt, MN 56731, 218-379-3265
1944 Kenneth Price - PO Box 472, Stephen, MN 56757, 218-478-2453
1949 Marvie Vesledahl Stromstad - Route 1, Box 99, Beltrami, MN 56517, 218-926-5540
Clarice Widseth - 909 Groveland, Crookston, MN 56716, 218-281-4732
1954 Lorraine Zipoy Love - Route 1, Box 21, Euclid, MN 56722, 218-773-1507
Evelyn Holly Bancroft - 1261 N 12th Avenue, St. Cloud, MN 56303, 612-252-3294
1959 Terry Dahl - Route 1, Drayton, ND 58225, 701-455-6298
1964 Bill Gatheridge - 302 4th Avenue South, Crookston, MN 56716, 218-281-5353

Reunion Schedule

Friday, June 25, 1994
7:00 p.m. Social at Northland Inn

Saturday, June 26, 1993
Conference Center, University of Minnesota, Crookston

10:00 - 5:00 p.m. Registration and Refreshments
11:00 a.m. Campus Tours: Walking and riding tours of the most beautiful campus in the midwest
11:30 a.m. Lunch: Visit with your classmates while you enjoy a delicious lunch
1:30 p.m. Campus Tours
2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Class Meetings
3:30 - 5:00 p.m. Class Picture: Make a special effort to arrive for your 5x7 color picture of your class. These will be mailed to you.
5:30 p.m. Buffet Dinner: Sit back, relax, enjoy a wonderful buffet and keep visiting!
6:30 p.m. Annual Business Meeting and Alumni Program Honoring 1994 Top Aggies
8:00 - 12:00 a.m. Memory Lane Reminiscing in Bede Ballroom (refreshments and dancing). Get some exercise while you socialize!

Thanks to you, Paul, for the many hours you gave to the NWSA Alumni Association. We all appreciate your work.

Paul Proulx
AGGIE - Class Notes...

LILLIAN (BAKKEN) LILLEMØE
'28, Golden Valley, MN
She did a lot of traveling last year.

EARNEST J. NEWHOUSE
'28, Whittier, CA
"I'd like to say I'll never forget the "Top Aggie" Achievement Award given me five years ago (1988). The walnut plaque is mounted in a special place in our home. NWSA instilled the incentive to conquer adversity during the depression years and throughout my career as an author, industrialist and consultant. Our Newhouse foundation wills a special gift in grateful appreciation. Thank you University of Minnesota!"

GEORGE H. SCHULZ
'31, Fergus Falls, MN
He lives on the family farm. His health is fair, and he feels pretty good. His wife has heart problems. They both help out at the YMCA and with the senior citizens, gardening, and other things. He is presently on the board of directors of the YMCA's Folks Club.

HARVEY NIELSEN
'33, Hallock, MN
He is still retired in Hallock, MN

HELEN C. (CARLSON) LEE
'34, Hayfield, MN
She is looking forward to her 60th Anniversary Reunion in 1994. She has been retired for a number of years from RN Nursing. Her husband, Rev. Allen Lee, died in 1980. Her son, Jim, is employed in Minneapolis and her daughter, Becky, is a student at the Lutheran North Western Theological Seminary. She is still the church organist and her music is still very important to her.

REV. OBERT J. LANDSVERK
'38, San Diego, CA
Retired from Pastoral Ministry in 1988 after 40 years as a missionary to India. He has been a hospital chaplain from '85 to present. He has four grown children: Paul in Spokane, WA (two grandchildren); Carol, San Francisco, CA (one grandchild); Mary, Seattle, WA; and Lois Kay Banberg, Germany.

WILBERT R SWANSON
'41, Mechanicsburg, PA
He works part-time for a business he created and built up from scratch, and used to own. He is also working at building another business and puts in many hours of work a week. They have six children, 12 grandchildren, five step grandchildren and two great grandchildren. In May 1993, he had some major surgery, but after 30 days, he went back to work.

DARWIN FERRIER
'42, Baudette, MN
Left for Arizona in November. He saw some of his fellow graduates at the social in Phoenix, AZ area. Received an award for outstanding support of the Lake of the Woods High School hockey team which placed second in the state tournaments in 1993.

CHERYL (BJELLA) HORTON
'45, Fremont, NE
She just returned from a 12-day tour in China. She visited many locations, and saw many famous landmarks, such as the Great Wall, Forbidden City, Jade Buddha, and many pieces of art.

PAUL M. PROULX
'46, Crookston, MN
He is still around and his health is still good. He is very busy. He hopes to finalize his retirement plans by May 1, 1994. (Then watch him kick up his heels at this year's reunion!)

DAWN H. RIOUX
'48, Osseo, MN
Joined the Air Force in 1950, and retired in 1974. Also taught electronics.

MARDELL L. BOYUM
'55, New London, WI
He is currently the senior manufacturing manager at Curwood New London Plant of Bemis Tape and Bemis Specialty, in the Oskosh plants.

RONALD L. SHARP
'58, Hamilton, ND
He is still on his farm, farming with his sons, Kevin (UMC graduate, '82) and Craig (UMC graduate, '94). He and his wife have three grandchildren with one more due in 1994. Their daughter, Sue, and her family live in Chanhassen, MN. Their sons make the fifth generation of farmers.

EDDIE G. BIWER
'61, Omaha, NE
Living in Omaha, NE. Any 1961 classmates, call when you go that way.

EARL A. REDMANN
'62, Aneta, ND
He is disabled because of trouble during heart surgery. His blood pressure dropped seriously and affected his brain. He loves company and his mother forwards all letters to him. He liked high school here at Crookston.

WILLIAM J. GATHERIDGE
'64, Crookston, MN
He moved back to Crookston in 1987, as a parts manager at a Ford-Chrysler dealership. He is active in the Methodist Church, where he is treasurer. He is also a part of the Masonic Lodge and Order of Eastern Star. He has two sons and four daughters. His wife has one son and one daughter. They have five grandchildren.

In Memory

Orlie R. Hofdahl '24
October 19, 1993

Olaf M. Stengard '27
November 8, 1993

Everette Lecy '43
August 29, 1993

CALENDAR

April 14 NWSA/UMC Spring Social, Minneapolis
April 19 UMC Student Awards Reception
May 10 UMC Athletic Awards Banquet
May 20 UMC Commencement
June 25 NWSA Reunion
July 15 UMC Outstanding Alumni Banquet
July 16 UMC/NWSA/Community Golf Classic