Top Aggies Honored at NWSA Reunion

Five Northwest School of Agriculture (NWSA) alumni were honored at the annual reunion held recently at the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC). Receiving the Top Aggie Awards were:

Earl Lindberg '35
Riverside, CA

Donald Nelson '40
Champaign, IL

Gerhard Ross '45
Crookston

Eunice Peterson Waterworth '50
Newfolden

Marilyn Balstad Melby '55
Bagley

These five join an elite group of other alumni honored as Top Aggies. Since the school's first class graduated there have been over 6,000 Aggies. Of these less than one percent, or 57, have been named Top Aggies.

Gerhard Ross '45 • Crookston

Gerhard Ross's work career was devoted to farming with the major crops being sugar beets, small grains and sunflowers. His partner in farming was his wife Norma (Hovelsrud) of Crookston. They had six children, one now deceased, and they have six grandchildren. In 1990 they moved off the farm, and their oldest son farms the land.

After leaving the NWSA, Gerhard went on to college and graduate school. He received a master's degree in agronomy from the University of Minnesota.

Learning was and continues to be a part of Gerhard's life. In his beginning farm years, he participated in a Farm Management Association. He attended seminars and classes dealing with marketing, futures activities, cycle theories, and joined a marketing club. Over the years he has taken classes at UMC, the latest being a computer course this past year. He completed the 12-week Dale Carnegie Course. He also taught an agricultural ethics course at UMC last year.

Prior to finishing college he served in the military achieving the rank of Master Sergeant. In Korea he served as a squad leader in an infantry platoon and later, as an infantry platoon leader, when the unit was transferred to Japan. He learned to fly, and while no longer a pilot, he maintains an interest in aviation.

He is active in the Sugarbeet Growers Association, serving on the executive committee. He also served on the hospital and Occupational Development Center boards. He is on the Red Lake Watershed District Board. In 1992 he was appointed to the Minnesota State Rural Development Board.

He and his wife are active members of Trinity Lutheran Church in Crookston.

Eunice (Peterson) Waterworth '50 • Newfolden

Eunice (Peterson) Waterworth claims she has one year of college and four "MOC" (mother of children degrees). She is a national and state registered emergency medical technician with 10 years' service. She teaches emergency medical courses for Tri-County Emergency Medical Services.

She met Earl at the NWSA, and they were married a few months after graduation. After he received his bachelor's degree, they moved to their 200 acre farm by Newfolden. When he began teaching, they hired farm help. It wasn't long before Eunice began doing the farm work. Thiers was a family farm where everybody pitched in and helped.

From a small flock of sheep they increased the numbers. At the peak of operation they lambed out 250 ewes. They also raised registered Shropshire and Columbia breeding stock. They bred and raised registered Arabian horses and belonged to the Arabian Horse Registry of America. In 1968 they purchased 10 Registered Polled Hereford heifers and have bred Herefords ever since.

Since her husband's death, she and her two sons have managed the farm -- now 1360 acres of land, -- and lease another 300 acres on which they raise small grain, sunflowers, corn and hay.

Eunice has been the major player in the farm operations. She still enjoys driving the tractor, and, until two years ago, did all the tillage ahead of the drill.

As a family they traveled to dozens of churches in northwestern Minnesota preaching and singing as a family. She is an active member of the Newfolden Evangelical Church, working with the mission, women, Sunday School, and music programs. She was a volunteer ambulance person with the Karlstad Rescue Squad, 4-H leader, member of Agassiz Swedish Heritage Society, and the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary.

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Larson's Notes

UMC has just begun its fall term and so many exciting things have happened since our last AGGIE. Following are a few of the highlights:

- Thanks to your gifts during the 1994-95 Heritage Fund Drive, and the carry-over from last year's funds, we have sufficient funds to support the NWSA alumni budget for 1995-96.
- The NWSA/UMC/Community Golf Classic generated over $5,000 for UMC Scholarship Funds.
- The NWSA Reunion was well attended, and again we extend our congratulations to the 1995 Top Aggies. Special thanks to the Class Leaders for their help in making the reunion a success.
- Several new baccalaureate degree programs have been approved and were implemented this fall: agricultural aviation, equine industries management, and information networking management. Two others were previously approved: early childhood management and health management.
- This fall, UMC began competing in athletics as a member of the North Dakota College Athletic Conference (NDCAC) in all sports except hockey. The hockey team will continue to compete as an independent for the next year or two.
- Scott Oliver was appointed head football coach for 1995-96. Jim Sims resigned in August after 19 years as head coach. Scott was head hockey coach and assistant football coach. The position will be advertised this fall, and a permanent head coach should be appointed shortly after this football season ends.
- UMC's fall enrollment looks like it will be up slightly from last year which is very encouraging as we continue to grow in our efforts to provide quality baccalaureate and associate degree programs.
- The UMC Teambackers annual membership drive is in full swing. If UMC is to be competitive in the NDCAC, the Teambackers must actively and aggressively solicit membership and donations from alumni and friends to support the Athletic Scholarship Program as we have the academic scholarship program. We encourage all alumni and friends to consider a gift which will provide the athletic director and coaches with a financial foundation for critical planning and student recruiting. A copy of the membership application is included in the newsletter. Please call if you want additional information.

Current plans are to hold the Alumni Social in the Phoenix, AZ area February 3, 1996. If you plan to be in the Phoenix area in February, let us know so we can get details of this event to you. Any volunteers to help me set up the event and assist with the arrangements would be greatly appreciated. Call me at 1-800-232-8466 ext. 8436.

Every year we receive several requests from individuals and organizations requesting names and addresses of individual alumni, specific alumni classes, as well as a variety of other classifications. In most cases, we cannot honor these requests. A letter from the Associate University Attorney in regards to this matter is located elsewhere in this newsletter.

Finally, thanks again for your support of the NWSA Alumni Association and the University of Minnesota, Crookston.

--Allan Larson

From President Schuster

It was great to see so many Aggies at the alumni reunion this year...to talk about memories and also to feel the excitement on the UMC campus. Judy and I both enjoyed sharing the time with you.

Thanks to each of you who contributed to the Annual Fund Drive this past year. Your help makes it possible for students to receive top notch education at UMC.

As UMC continues to maintain its position as a "top of the line" polytechnic institution, our help is needed more than ever.

I look forward to seeing you throughout the year, at alumni socials and then next summer at the annual reunion.

--Ken Schuster

NCA Recommends Accreditation

UMC received continued accreditation as a baccalaureate institution by the Commission of Institutions of Higher Education of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA) at its August meeting. The next comprehensive visit is scheduled for the years 2004-05. "Receiving continued accreditation as a baccalaureate institution is extremely important to UMC, and a continuing relationship with NCA will help the college improve its programs and focus," said Chancellor Sargeant.

A NCA team will visit UMC in 1999-2000 focusing on the transition to a baccalaureate institution documenting maintenance of quality and reporting on development which have helped or hindered these efforts.

Calendar

October 7 ................ Homecoming (Morris) 
November 1 ................ Torch and Shield Banquet 
January 19-20 .......... Ag-Arama 
January 22 .......... Scholarship Banquet 
February 3 .......... Winter Social in Arizona 
April 8-19 .......... Phonathon 
May 10 ................ Commencement 
June 28-29 .......... 1996 NWSA Reunion 
July 20 .......... UMC/NWSA/Community Golf Classic

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Chancellor's Comments

Fall quarter activities have us excited at UMC. Our enrollment is up slightly again this year and we have the largest number of new faculty and staff that we’ve had in years. We are invigorated by their enthusiasm.

The attendance at the NWSA reunion this summer was great as usual. Congratulations to the 1995 Top Aggies - Earl Lindberg ’35, Marilyn (Balstad) Melby ’55, Donald Nelson ’40, Gerhard Ross ’45, Eunice (Peterson) Waterworth ’50. Their comments about their NWSA educational experience and the faculty members that made a difference in their lives were extremely interesting. It was obvious that the NWSA helped instill values and friendships that truly made a difference.

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Technology continues to be a focal point at UMC. An instructional designer was appointed to staff the Instructional Technology Center to help faculty incorporate use of the notebook computers into all classes taught at UMC, and to help faculty develop multimedia uses for the classroom.

Not only do we provide training for faculty development, a major focus of our faculty workshops this fall was to discuss assessing student academic achievement. Faculty from Alverno College led sessions for our faculty. Assessment becomes more and more important to us at UMC. We need to know not only what we are teaching, but how and what students are learning.

Your help in supporting UMC scholarships makes a big difference on campus. Many of our students are able to take classes because of the scholarships they receive. We thank you for your continued support.

The campus was never more beautiful than it was this summer. All of the rains and warm temperatures produced colorful flowers and lush green grass. Visitors commented often and it brought many smiles and pride to all of us associated with the campus. Do stop by.

-Chancellor Sargeant
Donald Nelson '40 • Champaign, IL

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He spent eight years in a one-room country school, two-and-a-half miles from his home. He walked to school unless the temperature was lower than 20 degrees below zero or there was a blizzard. It was in the small school that one teacher pulled his ears, slapped his face and told him, "You’re so dumb that you’ll never amount to anything." You can imagine his parents’ pride, when years later, a newspaper article told of Don graduating magna cum laude from the University of Minnesota.

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NWSA Alumni Association

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Irene (Pulkrabek) Larson '44 Conrad Zak '47
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Ex-Officio .................................................. Allan Larson, Bernell Nelson '43

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Release of Alumni Addresses

The White House Alumni Center often receives requests for a list of NWSA alumni home addresses. As much as we would like to send them to you, we have to adhere to the following University guidelines:

Alumni addresses should not be released outside the University, except with the written consent of the alumni or pursuant to a subpoena or court order. This standard applies regardless of who is requesting the information.

Since alumni are former students of the University, their records are governed by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. §1232g and the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minn. Stat. §13.32. Under these laws, a student's campus or local address during the term of enrollment is public data. However, the permanent home addresses of students while they are enrolled and the addresses of former students (i.e., alumni) are considered private data.

Bookmarks from the White House Alumni Center are available! Stop by for a cup of coffee and get a free bookmark!

PHONATHON

A special thank-you to the following Aggies for their help with this past phonathon:

Dorothy (Finkenbinder) Bergh '48
JoAnn (Straus) Carlson '61
Allan Dragseth '57
Glen Finkenbinder '55
Marlys (Love) Finkenbinder '55
Bill Gatheridge '64
Phil Hamre '49
Gary Hooper '61
Willie Huot '63
Allen Love '50
Don Mosbeck '50
Bill Moser '56
Berneil Nelson '42
Roger Odegard '60
James Olson '55
Kenneth Poole '48
Ken Price '44
Paul Proulx '46
Pauline (Finkenbinder) Purath '45
Gerhard Ross '45
Roger Samuelson '50
Ken Schuster '61
Ardis Searles '50
Roy Stola '47
Bruce Stromstad '66
Marvie (Vesledahl) Stromstad '48
Glen Torkelson '47
Charles Vind '48
Conrad Zak '46

1995-96 PHONATHON DATES

April 8-19

If you're willing to spend a few hours phoning your classmates, call Allan Larson at 1-800-232-6466, ext. 8436.

Thank you to the

1995 NWSA Reunion Class Leaders

1930.... Bill Strickler, Herbert Nisbet
1940.... Donald St. Marie, Don Nelson
1945.... Pauline (Finkenbinder) Purath, Gerhard Ross, Willis Wagner, Margaret (Johnson) Seemann
1950.... Duane Wimpfheimer, Philip Hamre, Wayne Purrington, Arlene (Solberg) Bergman
1955.... Glen and Marlys (Love) Finkenbinder, James Olson
1960.... Roberta (Bohnnaack) Haggett
1965.... Ralph and Cheryl (Lund) Kotrba

Boarding the bus for a campus tour. The highlight for many was the new University Teaching and Outreach Center located north of the campus.

Margaret (Johnson) Seemann '45 from Bemidji received a small Indian doll. Many years ago, she gave the doll to her first boyfriend, John Lapp. He sent it to the White House Alumni Office to give to Margaret this year.

NWSA Alumni Reunion - June 28 & 29, 1996
Golf Classic Nets $5,000

One hundred golfers participated in the fifth annual UMC/NWSA/Community Golf Classic this summer at Minakwa Country Club.

Golf professional Jim Bzoch of the Grand Forks Golf Center held a golf clinic before tee-off and after the tournament a golf social and awards dinner were held at Minakwa.

Twenty local business firms sponsored the golf teams and 21 firms made contributions as hole sponsors.

About $5,000 in net income from the tournament and contributions from the hole sponsors and team sponsors will be used for scholarships at UMC.

Unfortunately, no one won a new vehicle in the Hole in One Contest sponsored by the local car dealers -- Brost Chevrolet, Nelson Motors, and Salem Motors. If a golfer had been fortunate enough to hit a hole-in-one on hole #4, he or she should have won $14,000 toward the purchase of a car.

Coca-Cola won first place honors.


Closest to the Hole on #4 was Jack Bywater. Closest to the Line on #2 was Pam Neil. Closest to the Pin in Two on #7 was the Firstel Communications team. Longest putt on #8 was won by KROX. Longest Drive, approximately 250 yards, was won by Eric Schultz.

Hole sponsors ($100 donation or more) were: Crookston Building Center; Crookston Daily Times; Dahlgren's Pit Stop/Ron's Lawn Care; Dee incorporated; First American Bank; Firstel Communications; Happy Joe's Sub Shop; KROX; Medicine Shoppe; Munn's Jewelers, Inc.; NewTech Computer Systems; North Fore Tee; Northern Lumber; Northern Paving, Inc.; Northland Inn; Odland, Fitzgerald, Reynolds & Remick; Otter Tail Power Company; Phoenix Industries; Red Power International; Villa St. Vincent; and Widseth, Smith, Notling & Associates, Inc.

Team sponsors ($50) were: Anderson Beverages, Inc.; Big "A" Auto Parts; Blake Industries; Coassto Coast Rooters; Crookston Coca-Cola; Crookston Implement Company; Crookston

From left: Teambackers Jim Ingeman and Kent Freberg help cook brats for the tailgater.

Teambackers Update

As of August 15, 1995, gifts and pledges totaled $16,087 with $11,670 awarded in athletic scholarships. There are 103 members and 65 spouses for a total of 168.

UMC Teambackers Club Application

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Make Check Payable To: TEAMBACKERS ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Date             | Signature

Mail completed form and check to: UMC Development Office/White House/Crookston, MN 56716

For more information please call: UMC Athletic Department (218) 281-8415
UMC Development Office (218) 281-8436

NWSA/UMC/Community Golf Classic

July 20, 1996

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"NWSA was a great place to get an education, and it provided a good foundation for living and working in the real world."

—Eunice (Peterson) Waterhouse '50 • Newfolden, MN
The cut-off date for the 1994-95 contributors listed in this program was June 30, 1995. To date, $17,422 has been contributed.
1994-95 Heritage Fund Contributors

- Sharp, Bennett '25
- Short, David '46
- Simmons, Richard '43
- Skaar, Andrew '40
- Skeie, Arnold '55
- Smith, Gerald '60
- Smith, Glenn '27
- Smith, Lois (Sargent) '34
- Snustad, Eleanor (Olson) '40
- Storter, Anna (Jensen) '56
- Sparby, Geneva (Verson) '45
- Sprung, Walter '20
- St. Germain, Allen '56
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- Stadstad, Terry '60
- Stanislowski, Robert '58
- Staake, John '36
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- Steer Jr., Henry '65
- Stoba, Roy Jr. '47
- Strickler, William '30
- Strom, Lynn '52
- Stromstad, Allan '63
- Stromstad, Marvin (Vosdahl) '48
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- Swanson, Bernard '38
- Swanson, Helmer '41
- Svenson, Besse '27
- Swenson, Carl '46
- Swenson, Lunds '48
- Swenson, Rev. Gordon '54
- Szymborski, Patricia '70
- Tantau, Berge (Torkelson) '42
- Tangen, Lorine '38 (in memory of Orsay)
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- Washburn, Edson '34
- Waterworth, Eulicie (Peterson) '49
- Webster, Jean (Anderson) '50
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NWSA Annual Fund Drive • 1994-95 Roll Call

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1994-95 NWSA Major Gifts

- Allan Drags'thn '57 .. Center for Rural Development
- Marjorie Olfsdahl '43 and Si Hanson .. UMC Endowment
- Lyle Kasprick '49 .. NWSA Endowment
- Gloria Hvidsten .. Hvidsten Memorial Scholarship (in memory of husband, Earl Hvidsten '41)

In Memory

- Lloyd H. Christianson '21
  October 3, 1994
- Hilda (Torgerson) Germo '21
  February 10, 1995
- Arthur E. Senske '21
  April 4, 1995
- Rev. Alex G. Tamm '22
  January 1, 1995
- Arthur J. Johnson '23
  April 17, 1995
- Harold Amundson '25
  May 25, 1995
- Stella Carlson '25
  March 28, 1995
- Agnes (Anderson) Hanson '26
  April 29, 1995
- Olivia (Rinerson) Wasfaret '27
  May 4, 1995
- Chester J. Engman '28
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- Thelma (Evenson) Odegard '28
  December 17, 1994
- Norah (Hamre) Norman '30
  February 3, 1995
- Emma (Krogstad) Olson '30
  January 25, 1995
- Robert Bursheim '31
  March 20, 1995
- Clinton F. Donley '31
  December 7, 1994
- Tumma Sielke '31
  Date Unknown
- Eva (Parduhn) Solberg '31
  Date Unknown
- Orville Hovelson '33
  June 10, 1995
- Llewelyn A. 'Low' Reese '34
  April 29, 1995

- Henry N. Hendricks '35
  April 17, 1995
- Omer Nesland '35
  March 25, 1995
- Oray Tangen '38
  March 9, 1995
- Adeline (Thoreson) Strobbe '37
  April 13, 1995
- George A. Anderson '39
  June 3, 1995
- Ernest Brandl '39
  March 3, 1995
- Harold E. Erdman '40
  December 3, 1994
- Maynard Mard '43
  April 6, 1995
- Frances (Barrett) Thompson '44
  June 30, 1995
- George Vasilakes '44
  September 7, 1989
- Pearl (Trontvet) Dalziel '45
  May 30, 1995
- Leslie Ness '48
  April 17, 1995
- Leslie O. Nelson '48
  April 14, 1995
- Larry Bergh '49
  June 13, 1995
- Adelle Kostrowetzki '49
  October, 1993
- J. Robert Glass '51
  June, 1995
- Owen Lee '58
  May 19, 1995
- Thomas McKenzie '60
  December 8, 1994
- Roger Lautt '65
  October 16, 1994