She greeted us at the door. Petite, Prim and Proper. Dressed in a glittering gold top with matching shoes. A beautiful smile and a hug. We were welcomed to the new home of Gloria Hvidsten, wife of the late Earl Hvidsten, a 1941 graduate of the NWSA.

The Hvidstens were two of UMC’s most active volunteers and generous supporters. Their farm was located near Stephen where they raised small grain, sugar beets and potatoes. Today, Gloria lives at Park Place in Grand Forks. She has fond memories of the farm, but knew it was time to move to the city.

The Hvidstens attended many UMC events such as Restaurant Operations (a weekend where UMC hospitality students operate a model restaurant), Spring Tyme (a scholarship fundraising event), and Presidents Club dinners. Gloria is still an active supporter and attended the Presidents Club Luncheon held at UMC this spring with University President Nils Hasselmo.

Earl was on the Executive Committee of the UMC Development Steering Committee and was a member of the Northwest Educational Improvement Association Board of Directors, serving as its president for several years.

Gloria is a member of the Northwest Educational Improvement Association board of directors and was involved in the Alumni Center restoration and worked closely with the needlepoint project of dining room chair cushions.

They joined the Presidents Club of the University of Minnesota and Gloria donated a significant number of her designer clothes to the UMC fashion collection. When the fashion merchandising program was phased out of UMC’s curriculum, most of the collection was moved to the Crookston Historical Society.

Gloria volunteered her time for many years to help elementary children in the Stephen School with art projects. What a thrill it was for her to receive valentine cards from those children this year, telling that they loved her and missed her.

Gloria Hvidsten keeps her husband’s interest in supporting students in college through the Earl Hvidsten Memorial Scholarship Fund she established.

Hvidsten Endowed Scholarship Fund.

Two or three scholarships will be given each year, one to a student in the management division and one undesignated. Preference is given to a student from the Stephen, MN area.

This year’s recipients of the Earl Hvidsten Memorial Scholarship are:

- Landi Lewis, business management major from East Grand Forks
- Melissa Martinson, plant industries management major from Stephen
- Valerie Nowacki, animal industries management major from Marshall
1996 NWSA Reunion
Class Leaders

1921 Alumni Office --
1926 Alumni Office --
1931 Alumni Office --
1936 Betty McVeety Nisbet 218-773-2263
Myrtle Nisbet Peterson 218-773-9235
1941 Joan Phillips Flaat 701-772-3762
Jay Bergh 218-843-3584
Clarence Sargent 612-859-4365
1946 Paul Proulx 218-281-5176
Conrad Zak 218-773-9158
Robert Sorvig 218-964-5521
50 Seniors & Donald Mosbeck 218-964-5572
51 Advanced Ardis Overgaard Searies 218-736-7419
1956 Barbara Hylland Lunsetter 218-459-3379
Clare Olson Stolaas 218-796-5722
1961 David Tucker 218-773-1897
JoAnn Straus Carlson 218-478-3567
Ken Schuster 218-437-6638
1966 Bruce Stromstad 218-926-5774
Courtney Abel 218-478-2244

1996 TOP AGGIES
Sanna Hanson Brovold '29 Clarence Sargent '41
Joan Phillips Flaat '41 Paul Proulx '46

UMC Nominated for Leadership Award

The University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) has been nominated for the Pew Leadership Award for the Renewal of Undergraduate Education. This award is designed to recognize a select number of institutions that have made significant transformations in the way they are organized to support undergraduate education. Up to three institutions will ultimately be eligible for grants of $250,000 to support two-years of continued renewal work.

UMC implemented an applied technology component to its curriculum in 1993 as it moved from a two-year to baccalaureate institution. All full-time students are issued notebook computers with access to word processing, spreadsheets, databases, e-mail and the World Wide Web. At UMC, the mobile computer has replaced the barriers of time and space. Now technology goes wherever students go.

Fergus Fall Dentist:
Supports UMC's Health Management Program

Frank Veden, DDS

He was born in Wadena, graduated from Detroit Lakes High School and the University of Minnesota Dental School. He had a dental practice in Fergus Falls for 54 years -- Dr. Frank Veden, DDS, or "Doc" as he is called by his many friends.

Through a strange series of events, Dr. Veden met Ken Broin, a member of UMC's All-College Advisory Committee. Through Ken, "Doc" became aware of UMC's health management baccalaureate degree program. In 1994 he committed $10,000 to support scholarships for that program, and recently he added an additional $10,000 to the endowment.

The Dr. Frank W. Veden Scholarship was established in 1994. It is given to students who express an intent to pursue a career in the health care field and indicate a desire to live and utilize their training in a rural setting. Preference is given to first-year students with a GPA in the 2.0 to 3.0 range.

Dr. Veden remains interested in the health field and wants to help students who are interested in furthering their education. "Not necessarily the smartest kids, just the normal kids who need help," he said.

Dr. Veden's love for travel has taken him to Europe 19 times, as well as Japan, the Middle East, Turkey, Italy, and he now wants to take in the stampede at Calgary, Manitoba. He served in World War II, and is a retired Colonel. During his travels and the war, he took many photos. One that stands out in his mind is a water reflection taken in Prague. He's a member of the Shrine and Masonic York and Scottish Rite.
Minnesota Spring Is On The Way
Reunion Plans Underway

It's spring quarter at UMC, and I was hoping that by the time I begin putting these notes together the snow would be melting and other signs of spring would be upon us. NOT SO. Yesterday I shoveled snow out of my driveway and snow flurries are predicted for today. This has been the coldest winter I can remember, and the amount of snowfall has been most abundant -- snow banks in my back yard are near 10 feet high. It's been a tough winter but good things have happened too, and nice weather is just around the corner.

During the coldest days in February, my wife, Kay, and I were fortunate to be in Arizona for our Spring Social and several days vacation. The social, held February 2 at the Superstition Springs Center in Mesa, was a most enjoyable event. More than 70 NWSA alumni and friends attended. It was great to have Herschel Lysaker join us and answer questions about many of the NWSA faculty. Thanks Hersch.

We had a nice visit in Casa Grande, AZ, where Walter '38 and Charlene '43 Walters Stromstad and Matilda Moe, Senator Roger Moe's mother, joined us for coffee. We also got together with Edwin Pearson '42 and his friend, Moe, in Bullhead City for a most enjoyable dinner. Believe me, after 10 days of 65-75 degree weather, it wasn't easy to return to the sub-zero temperatures in Crookston.

Your Alumni Board has been busy planning for the April Annual Fund Drive and the Summer Reunion, June 28 and 29, 1996. On March 25, the Board selected the alumni who will be honored this summer as the 1996 "Top Aggies." This was a tough job when you have so many excellent nominees. In conjunction with the NWSA Annual Fund Drive, we will be conducting a phonathon between April 8 and 19. Most calling will be done between the hours of 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

During the 1995-96 academic year at UMC, 51 students, who are descendants of NWSA alumni, each received $900 scholarships. Dollars awarded to these students equaled $45,900.

As of March 1, 1996, the UMC Teambackers membership reached 255. Membership income reached $24,907 of which $18,500 was earmarked for athletic scholarships. The Teambackers Spring Sports Kickoff was held at the Crookston VFW Club, Monday, March 25. Men's baseball coach Steve King and women's fastpitch softball coach John Mitchell introduced their players and talked about spring schedules.

The Teambackers have also scheduled a "Fun Night" for Friday, April 26, 1996 from 6 p.m. to midnight. Approximately 200 tickets will be sold for this event. The ticket price will include dinner and eligibility for a major gift drawing, where the winner will receive a boat and trailer. A variety of games and activities will be going on throughout the evening. It's designed to be a most enjoyable evening and a good fund-raiser of UMC's Athletic Program. Hope you can join us.

Since our last "AGGIE" newsletter, several major gifts have been received by UMC:

1. Gloria Hvidsten and her children, Lynn and Tim, established the Earl Hvidsten Endowed Scholarship. Earl was a '41 NWSA graduate.
2. Dr. Frank "Doc" Veden, DDS, a UMC friend from Fergus Falls, added $10,000 to the scholarship program he established last year.
3. The MINN-DAK Growers Association, under the guidance of Harris Peterson '42, established the MINN-DAK Growers Association Endowed Scholarship with a $30,000 gift.
4. The Crookston VFW Post 1902 contributed $25,000 to establish an endowment to support Veteran's programs, scholarships, and the UMC Teambackers.
5. The Crookston American Legion Nels T. Wold Post 20 contributed $2,500 to the scholarship program for veterans or veteran's descendants who reside in the Crookston trade area. The intent is to continue this program for five years.
6. A '20 NWSA alumni, Milton Warner, also advised us that he has included the Northwest Experiment Station (NWES) in his will for $25,000.

We are most grateful for all the gifts we receive from alumni and friends of UMC, but we do want to extend a special thank you to these exceptionally generous donors for their willingness to share their resources for the benefit of students and our University programs.

Along with all the good news there is one item of unfortunate news; Curt Almilé, who joined our staff last May as associate director of external relations, has resigned his position at UMC. He accepted a position as Economic Development Coordinator for the Fargo Business Improvement District. We're sorry Curt is leaving and we wish him well in his new endeavor.

--Allan Larson
Director of External Relations

CALENDAR

April 23 .................................................. Awards Reception
April 26 .................................................. UMC Teambackers Fun Night
May 7 ...................................................... Athletic Banquet
May 10 .................................................... Commencement
June 28 & 29 ............................................ NWSA Alumni Reunion
July 20 .................................................... UMC/NWSA/Community Golf Classic
NWSA Honored Classes

As you may remember, our photographer for the NWSA 1995 reunion class photos had problems with his film, and none of the pictures he took turned out. We were able to locate three class photos taken by alumni. Special thanks to the following for supplying the photo for these class pictures:

1940 - Don Nelson
1945 - Ruth (Norum) Ragsdale
1950 - Duane Wimpfheimer

We were not able to locate anyone who took photos of the other classes. If you sent $4 for a class photo for one of the missing classes and would like a refund, please send a self-addressed envelope by May 30 to:

NWSA Alumni
White House Alumni Center
University of Minnesota, Crookston
Crookston, MN 56716

If we do not hear from you we will donate the money you paid for your class photo to the NWSA Fund. Again, we apologize for this disappointment, and appreciate your patience as we tried to solve the problem.


The Big 50th Reunion


NWSA/UMC/Community Golf Classic
July 20, 1996
Arizona Social . . . A Huge Success

A great time was had by the 70 people who attended the Arizona Social/Brunch. It was held in February at the Community Room, Superstition Springs Center. Margaret (Forfang) Cameron '41 helped coordinate the social.

Those Attending:

Floyd '48 and La Vonnie Anderson, East Grand Forks
Eleanor (Dufault) '44 and Kenneth Bergeron, Argyle
Adeline (McKibbin) '44 and Mill Blomquist, Brooklyn Center
Roger '22 and Faith Breden, Crookston
Margaret (Forfang) '41 and Emory Cameron, Hallock
Darrel '53 and Shirley Christopherson, East Grand Forks
Richard '48 and Lorraine Deschene, Argyle
Harvey '38 and Helen Diamond, Humboldt
John Fladeland '53, Battle Lake
David '47 and Shirley Hamre, Cedar Rapids, IA
Manjorie (Ofstedahl) '44 and Silas Hanson, Thief River Falls
Leonard '43 and Marie Hapka, Argyle
Alfred '42 and Doris Hertel, Argyle
Tillie (Baird) '49 Empting-Hover and Larry Hover, Vancouver, WA

Joyce (Olson) '48 Hunstad, New Brighton
Merl '34 and Winnifred Jenkins, Incheiium, WA
Arnold and Maybelle Johnson, Gaylord
Bernice (Baird) '53 and Kirby Kline, Crookston
Allan and Kay Larson, Alumni Director, University of Minnesota, Crookston
James '47 and Phyllis Larson, Mesa, AZ
Rodney '33 and Genevieve Lindstrom, Detroit Lakes
Allen '51 and Lorraine (Zipoy) '53 Love, Euclid
David '48 and Bev '49 Lundberg, Kennedy
Herschel and Jeanette Lysaker, Faculty member, Crookston
Harris '44 and Evelyn Mortenson, Kennedy
Earl '36 and Gladys Newhouse, Crookston
Orin '32 and Aida Refling, Fertile
Joyce Reynolds, Crookston

Richard Riopelle '45, Argyle
Ida (St. Germain) '45 and Bert Rivard, Angle Inlet
George '49 and Eileen Roberts, Groveland, CA
Evelyn (Meskaske) '50 Stolmski, Ardock, ND
Anna (Jensens) '39 and Arthur Sonlag, Ada
Orlan '52 and Clarice (Olson) '56 Stolais, Oklee
Walter '38 and Charlene (Walters) '43 Stromstad, Beltrami
Mary (Przekwas) '44 and Harvey Swenson, Viking
Klon '50 and Mary Ann Thompson, Barnesville
Ron Thorson '63, East Grand Forks
Irene Vesledahl (husband Joel '50, deceased), Winger
Vincent '44 and Lorabelle Wallenberg, Phoenix, AZ
Lillian (Jensens) '42 and Knut Wefald, St. Louis Park
Bonnie (Zipoy) '57 and Ruben Winkka, Osage
Franklin '46 and Gloria Zak, Grand Forks, ND

The Arizona Connection Worker Bees -- Richard Riopelle '45, Margaret (Forfang) '41 and spouse Emory Cameron.

Earl '36 and Gladys Newhouse were all dressed up for a great day.

Al Larson, UMC's alumni director struggles to get everyone's attention. There is just too much to talk about with special friends.

Class of '47/48 enjoyed a great day. Class members: Jim Larson, Floyd Anderson, Richard Deschene, David Hamre, Joyce (Olson) Hunstad, David Lundberg and spouses had a fun time.
University President Says UMC A Model

"UMC has become a model..." University of Minnesota President Nils Hasselmo.

President Hasselmo was on campus for a press briefing, student convocation, faculty technology demonstrations and a Presidents Club Luncheon.

Dozens of schools across the country and from other countries have visited the campus in the past few years to see how the laptop requirement is working.

President Hasselmo talked about UMC's move from a two-year college granting associate degrees to a baccalaureate degree-granting institution in 1993. Not everyone believed it could be done, he said. But UMC is on target with its benchmarks and even a bit ahead on projected enrollment for next fall.

Minn-Dak Established

UMC's Development Director Allan Larson accepted a check from Harris Peterson '44 on behalf of Minn-Dak Growers Ltd. to establish an endowed scholarship with a gift of $30,000.

The scholarship is for a third-year Minnesota or North Dakota student majoring in agriculture (excluding animal industries management and equine industries management). Need is a factor and intent to remain in the region in an agriculture-related occupation may also be a selection factor.

In 1967 about 40 canary seed growers from the northern Red River Valley of North Dakota and Minnesota founded the Minn-Dak Growers Association cooperative. Their goal was to gain more marketing control of their highly select quality canary seed crop.

Since the original canary seed venture, Minn-Dak has added diversity to its marketing strategy, which has led to tremendous growth. With four plants located in Grand Forks, Dickinson, and Drayton, ND, and Donaldson, MN, the present grower base numbers 1,200 growers and includes producers from three states and Canada. The company is in the process of establishing an (Employee Stock Ownership Plan) ESOP Company.

The first scholarship from the MINN-DAK Growers Association Endowed Scholarship will be awarded in the fall of 1996.

Endowed Scholarship

Harris Peterson, right, general manager of Minn-Dak Growers Ltd. presented a check for $30,000 to Allan Larson, UMC's development director to establish the MINN-DAK Growers Association Endowed Scholarship.
First Member of Widseth 1st Down Club

Rolland Gustafson becomes the first member of the Widseth Scholarship 1st Down Club. Pictured from left are, Avis and Rolland Gustafson along with Jim Higgins, another member of the Widseth Development team from New Brighton.

Rolland Gustafson of Minneapolis became the first Widseth Scholarship 1st Down Club member, reserved for those donating $7,500 or more. The Widseth Student-Athlete Development Fund was formed in 1994 to honor NWSA graduate Ed Widseth, one of the greatest football players in the history of Minnesota.

It was a happy evening for Widseth Scholarship Development Committee Chair Dan Svedarsky when he received a call from Rolland inquiring how to make a donation of stocks to the Widseth Fund.

Rolland graduated from the University's School of Business and went into the jewelry business with his father on Central and 22nd in Minneapolis. This was just a couple of blocks from Janet Widseth's father's Fairway Foods grocery store which Ed and Janet operated for many years. Rolland and his wife Avis live in Minneapolis.

"Probably got acquainted with Ed in the early 40's, but, being an avid sports fan, I had followed Ed's sports career from the Gophers to the Giants," noted Rolland. "I always admired him in his great career. He was so conscientious and always gave 110 percent."

Rolland shares a story about the legendary gopher football coach Bernie Bierman, on a recruiting trip to northwest Minnesota back in the 1930's. Coach Bierman was looking for Crookston and got turned near Gonvick. He stopped to ask for directions from a strapping young Norwegian out working with a one-horse, single-bottom plow.

"Where's Crookston?" asked Coach Bierman. The blonde-haired farmhand named Ed, paused momentarily, picked up the plow at arm's length and pointed to the west. "That way," he said. Reportedly, Ed was signed on the spot!

Widseth Fund at $34,000

As of January 1996, a total of $34,000 (towards our goal of $75,000) has been raised to launch the Widseth Fund. The fund includes 42 members of the Kick-Off Club, 8 Ground-Gainers, 15 Yard-Markers, and one new distinguished member, Rolland Gustafson of the 1st Down Club.

Scholarship Recipients Recognized

Over 400 awards were given to students at UMC this academic year. Awards ranged from $300 to $1,900 for a total of approximately $320,000. Following is a list of the NWSA Scholarship recipients:

**NWSA Merit Award** - Awarded to returning agricultural majors based on the potential for substantial growth in knowledge and citizenship.
- Gregg Bauman, Moorhead (65-67)
- James Johansen, Underwood (65-67)
- Carol Sand, Avon (65-67)
- Jeremy Seng, Hallock (65-67)

**NWSA Heritage Fund** - Established in 1989. Scholarships are awarded to direct descendants of NWSA alumni.
- Amy Landgraf, Crookston; Father, Ed Landgraf (65-67)
- Marc Lubinski, Euclid; Father, Lyle Lubinski (65-67)
- Charles McNamara, Mahnomen; Father, Robert McNamara (49-53)
- Karl Nisbet, Grand Forks; Father, Ray Nisbet (61) and Grandparents, Herb Nisbet (27-30) and Betty (McVetty) Nisbet (34-37)

**Andrew & Elmer Wardeberg Memorial Scholarship** - Scholarships are awarded to descendants of NWSA alumni and other deserving students who have maintained satisfactory academic standing.
- Trevor Dale, Fertile; Grandfather, Melvin Dale (30)
- Kathleen Dyer, East Grand Forks; Father, Ray Anderson (54-58), Mother Elaine Wold (55-67)
- Jeremy Engelstad, Gotze; Grandfather, Lynn Steen (47)
- Joey Gibbs, Grand Forks; Grandmother, Adeline Sorenson (48)
- Shannon Hendrickson, Argyle; Father, Gary Bergeron (58-59)
- Janelle Huot, Red Lake Falls; Father, Leonard Huot (56-60)
- Jared Hutton, Grand Forks; Father, James Hutton (46-52)
- Anne Oowski, Oslo; Father, Orin Oowski (65-68)

**Wallace & Hanna Miller Scholarship** - Established in 1991. This scholarship recognizes deserving students who wish to further their education at UMC.
- Amanda Benbo, Wing; Grandfather, Joel Vesledahl (46-50)
- Amy Bergeron, Grand Forks; Father, Francis Bergeron (43-44)
- Andrew Bergeron, Hallock; Grandfather, Frances Bergeron (45-46)
- Michael Bleneck, Warren; Grandfather, Dacian Bleneck (62-66)
- Tonya Brase; Ulen; Grandfather, Clinton Klementson (33-34, 36-37)
- Tara Brule, Crookston; Father, David Brule (58-62)
- Chris Chandler, Crookston; Father, Jim Chandler (65-67)

**Elenora & Ben Filipi Memorial Scholarship Fund** - Established in 1990 through a bequest from the Filipi estate to assist students who attend UMC to achieve their educational goals.
- Karl Anderson, Twin Valley; Great Grandfather, Francis Skavruj (18)
- David Clausen, Crookston; Grandfather, Earl Proulx (44-48)
- Steven Hannah, Fisher; Father, Alfred Hannah (11-15)
- Kristie Palmer, Crookston; Father, Robert Boucher (47)
- David Peterson, Nicaragua; Father, Allen Peterson (60-65)
- Jared Peterson, Warroad; Grandfather, Franz Peterson (89-90)
- Ryan Rivard, Argyle; Father, Royal Rivard (63-67)
- Sheila Roux, Ada; Step-mother, Clara (Margaret) Lindfors (16)
- Anthony Safranski, Argyle; Grandfather, Maurice Dulsart (41)
- Robert Sip, Crookston; Father, Loyal Sip (60-61)
- Lisa Skjeld, Noyes; Grandmother, Della Fowler (37-38)
- Bryan Soulak, Burnsville; Grandfather, Dayle Miller (43)
- Scott Stavaas, East Grand Fork; Grandmother, Jean Nisbet (50-54)
- Penelope Stet, Roseau; Father, Henry Stet (61-65)
- Michael Steiner, Foshome; Father, Charles Steiner (65-68)
- Kenneth Vasek, Angus; Grandfather, Harold Kasprick (38-40)
- Dale Vatthauer, Red Lake Falls; Father, Donald Vatthauer (60-61)
- Scott Younggren, Hallock; Grandfather, Harold Younggren (41-43)
- Beth Younggren, Beltrami; Father, Robert Vuogren (years unknown)

**Edwin Pearson Scholarship** - Was established in 1993 by Edwin Pearson in memory of his wife, Dorothy. The scholarship is awarded to a direct descendant of a NWSA alum who is in the top one-half of his/her graduating class.
- Theresa Benbo, Wing; Grandfather, Joel Vesledahl (47-50)

**Lyle Kasprick Scholarship** - The scholarship is awarded to a direct descendant of a NWSA alum.
- Shane Kolling, Guity; Father, Calvin Kolling (40-45)
**REUNION SCHEDULE**

**Friday, June 28, 1996**
7:00 p.m. Social at Northland Inn

**Saturday, June 29, 1996**
Conference Center, University of Minnesota, Crookston

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Registration and Refreshments
11:00 a.m. Lunch
2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Class Meetings
3:30 - 5:00 p.m. Class Pictures
5:30 p.m. Buffet Dinner
6:30 p.m. Annual Business Meeting and Alumni Program Honoring 1996 Top Aggies

**UMC Fun Night**
UMC Fun Night will be held Friday, April 26, from 6 p.m. to midnight at the Crookston National Guard Armory. Approximately 200 tickets will be sold by UMC Teambackers at $30 per ticket which will include a meal prepared by Head Football Coach Scott Oliver and his committee.

There will also be a chance to win a boat and trailer and other prizes throughout the evening. For tickets call the White House Alumni Center at 1-800-232-6466.

**In Memory**

Anna (Heddan) Carlson '26-27
Warren, MN
January 24, 1996

Anna M. (Erickson) Olson '27-28
Bemidji, MN
October 21, 1995

Evert Peterson '29
Osseo, MN
October 19, 1995

Kenneth Johnstad '30
Detroit Lakes, MN
November 4, 1995

Ames Holte '32-33
Hastings, MN
January 14, 1996

Harold Nabben '36
Thief River Falls, MN
November 1, 1995

Wendell W. Hanson '37
Moorhead, MN
October 21, 1995

Lorraine (Capistran) Johnson '41
Robbinsdale, MN
January 9, 1996

Virgil J. Capistran '41
Red Lake Falls, MN
January 31, 1996

Earl Maurstad '42
Dayton, MN
January 17, 1996

Frances Barrett Thompson '44
Roy, UT
June 30, 1995

Arnold Egtvet '45
Pinewood, MN
January 19, 1996

Larry A. Venem '53
August, 1995

Dorothy (McArthur) Kuster
White Earth, MN
June 15, 1995

Elsworth H. Meine
Crookston, MN
October 28, 1995

Boyd Knutson '40
Fisher, MN
February 12, 1996