Top Aggies Honored at NWSA Reunion

Four NWSA alumni were honored at the annual alumni reunion held recently at the University of Minnesota, Crookston.

Receiving the Top Aggie Awards were:

- Keith D. Bjerke '57
- Morris R. Dahl '37
- Elaine Johnston Maruska '37
- Ernest W. Swift '62

Since the school's first class graduated there have been over 6,000 graduates. Of these less than one percent, or 62, have been named Top Aggies.

Keith D. Bjerke '57
Bismarck, ND

Keith D. Bjerke is the Adjutant General for the North Dakota National Guard.

After graduation from the NWSA, Keith received his bachelor of science degree in animal husbandry from North Dakota State University.

His background is global. Keith has been chairman of the National Food and Agriculture Council for USDA; team leader for the USDA "Model Farm" Assessment Team in St. Petersburg, Russia; and a delegate to the United States-Euro- pean Community Conference on Agriculture in Dublin, Ireland.

He and his spouse Marian raised four "wonderful" children on the farm at Northwood. The children are all married and living in North Dakota raising families of their own. The Bjerkes have six grandchildren.

Morris R. Dahl '37
Drayton, ND

Morris Dahl farmed from 1940 to 1986 raising small grains and sugar beets. During that time he served on the local elevator board and the ASCA Board in Kittson County. He was a director on the Red River Valley Sugarbeet Growers Association and on the American Crystal Sugar Company board.

After graduating from the NWSA, he attended four quarters at the University of Minnesota, St. Paul, and returned home to farm in 1940.

Morris and his spouse Inez celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1990. Inez passed away in February of 1994. He assists his two sons in their farming operations, hunts, fishes, travels and enjoys visiting with his four children, 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Elaine Johnston Maruska '37
Angus, MN

Elaine Maruska worked in the Lockheed Air Craft Plant as a spray painter from 1942 to 1944.

After the death of her first husband, Leroy Peterson, a 1936 graduate of the NWSA, she continued to manage the farm and dairy herd from 1956 to 1971. She raised their four children, all of whom attended college.

Continued...
From The President

Bill Gatheridge

Summer's almost over, fall's around the corner. How time seems to fly by.

Hope all who attended the reunion had a good time and enjoyed the weekend on campus. The wheels will be in motion to plan next year's reunion, so if you have any suggestions to make it bigger and better, just let us know.

I want to thank those of you who donated to the Heritage Fund again as this is what makes us go. We need your help whether its big or small. A special thanks to the alumni who took part in the UMC/NWSA/Community Golf Classic which turned out to be well attended.

Congratulations to the Top Aggies that were selected this year. Makes me proud to be an "Aggie" when I see how well some of our alumni have done. Start thinking about somebody from "your" class who would be deserving of this honor for next year's reunion.

—Bill Gatheridge

Top Aggies Honored at NWSA Reunion Continued

Elaine Johnston Maruska '37

In 1971 she married Morris Maruska. The Maruskas have been active with the Presbyterian Church.

She was the first woman elder of the Angus Tabor Presbyterian Church, and has held almost every office in the church's women's group.

In 1994 she and Morris worked on a Jimmy Carter Habitat for Humanity project on an Indian Reservation at Eagle Butte, SD.

Ernest W. Swift '62

Kennesaw, GA

Ernest Swift has been a faculty member in the College of Business Administration at Georgia State University for 21 years.

He has published extensively, including several books on finance and management topics. Ernie has provided management training to many major banks and corporations in the U.S. and around the world, including in Hungary, Romania, Poland, Slovakia, Kazakhstan and Russia.

After graduating from the NWSA, he received his B.A. in economics in 1967 from Moorhead State University, M.A. in 1969 and PhD in economics from The University of Oklahoma in 1974.

Ernie and his spouse Sue have five children and three grandchildren.

Frances Klein-Fortie Scholarship Fund

In the 1996-97 Winter issue of The AGGIE, a story featured Frances Klein-Fortie '46. One of the highlights in the story included Frances's selection to represent the U.S. Marine Corp in a First Day of Issue ceremony for a three cent stamp honoring women in the Armed Services.

The ceremony presented President Harry S. Truman with the First Day of issue stamps and ended in a personal visit with the President.

The Class of '46 is proud to have Frances a member of their class and has established a scholarship in her name. Frances suffers from multiple sclerosis. Even though her health continues on a downhill trend, Frances is her same "smile s elf."

Anyone interested in contributing to the scholarship may send the check to: Frances Klein-Fortie Scholarship Fund, White House Alumni Center, University of Minnesota, Crookston, 2900 University Avenue, Crookston, MN 56716-5001.
Learning: Anytime, Anywhere

Donald Sargeant

This summer it was great to see a large attendance at the NWSA reunion. Congratulations to the 1997 Top Aggies - Keith Bjerke '57, Morris Dahl '37, Elaine Maruska '37, and Ernest Swift '62. Their comments and reminiscing made the banquet a joy for everyone.

August brings the harvest for those in agriculture and a new year for those of us in education. The campus is busy as students return to their usual routine and with fall intercollegiate sports underway. Sport and Recreation Management, Scientific and Technical Communications, Applied Health Management and Applied Manufacturing Management are new baccalaureate degrees. Women's soccer is a new intercollegiate sport. There are about 12 new faculty and staff this fall. And a new 48-bed apartment building opened this fall with the new environmental science facility on target for opening in early '98. So we continue to evolve with changes that strengthen the campus as part of the University of Minnesota as a land grant university.

UMC continues to receive much attention regionally and nationally as a "Thinkpad" University whereby all full-time students and faculty are provided notebook computers. Colleages from across the country visit the campus nearly every week. Teaching and learning as well as searching for information has taken on new ways at UMC. The notebooks really enhance the anytime, anywhere notion for learning and for faculty and staff to enhance their productivity.

Student enrollment is about the same as last year. The freshmen enrollment is down slightly. The flood, full employment, and the continual decline in number of high school graduating seniors in most rural communities are all factors. Research dollars and outreach programming both continue to increase as the need for technology transfer increases in this information age electronic society.

Don't hesitate to stop by and visit and tour the campus. Thanks for your continued support.

—Donald Sargeant

Summer Technology Extension Projects

One-hundred UMC computers have supported extension activity in 20 Minnesota counties including the Pathways to Education project for White Earth and Red Lake Native American youth, the Helping Hands 4-H camp program in East Grand Forks, nutrition education for low income families in Hubbard County, and the development of web home pages in 10 northwest Minnesota counties.

The two projects were funded by Extension Program Grants that provided more that $30,000 to UMC for computer leases, training and student internships.

The project was coordinated by Barbara Muesing, director of Outreach and Continuing Education with help from UMC staff Don Medal and Peggy Sherven of the Computer Center; Vern Markey, hotel, restaurant and institutional management instructor; Dan Lim, director of the Instructional Technology Center; and Andrew Svec, UMC Webmaster.
New Baccalaureate Degrees

UMC is offering new baccalaureate degrees and making other changes this fall.

Bachelor of Manufacturing
This program will be offered in cooperation with Northwest Technical College. The program is an answer to the increasing demand for a workplace-centered education by employers and students.

Bachelor of Applied Health
This program involves three partners: Northwest Technical College, Red River Community College in Canada and University College. The program is designed as a distance education program and will be delivered through computer technology, ITV and the WWW. The program of study includes a fully integrated general education core curriculum, a clinical occupational field of study and a skill-oriented clinical management component.

Bachelor of Science in Sport and Recreation Management
This program is designed to provide students with the opportunity to develop knowledge and expertise in the world of sport and recreation with an orientation toward management.

Name changes
Bachelor of Science in Processing Technology was renamed Food Processing Management and the Bachelor of Science in Technical Studies was renamed Applied Studies

Degrees from other campuses
Scientific and Technical Writing will be offered by the Department of Rhetoric in the College of Agriculture, Food, and Environmental Sciences on the St. Paul Campus. Students at the Duluth campus will be able to access the Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Management major on the Crookston campus.

Dedications Set

For the first time in 13 years the University of Minnesota will hold three dedications on the Crookston Campus. The dedications include the Conference Center, the football field, and the Agricultural Research Center auditorium.

Sahlstrom Conference Center
The official naming of the UMC Conference Center as the Sahlstrom Conference Center, in lasting tribute to Dr. Stanley D. Sahlstrom, UMC's founding provost and former University Regent, will take place Thursday, September 11, 10:30 a.m. Reception, 11:30 a.m. Program on the UMC Mall.

Ed Widseth Field
The football field will officially be named the Ed Widseth Field in lasting tribute to Edwin Widseth, Northwest School of Agriculture '32, All-American, All-Pro (MVP 1938) and College Football Hall of Fame recipient on Saturday, September 13, 1 p.m. at the entrance to the Ed Widseth Field.

Youngquist Auditorium
The Northwest Experiment Station Agricultural Research Auditorium will officially be named the Youngquist Auditorium in honor of Dr. Bernard E. Youngquist, superintendent 1956-1983 on October 29.

Winter Socials

As of September plans for our usual winter socials have not been finalized. Currently, consideration is being given to three locations: Mesa AZ; McAllen TX and Minneapolis, MN.

Final plans will be published in the January issue of the newsletter. If you would like information prior to January, you may contact the White House at 1-800-232-8466, extension 8436.

Visions For Change Grant

UMC has been awarded a Visions for Change Grant from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation to host an Institute to educate young women about career opportunities and leadership roles in traditional and non-traditional occupations related to agriculture and rural America.

This program is scheduled for summer 1998 and is targeted towards young women in 9th and 10th grades. A series of seminars, workshops and discovery activities will help participants identify their interest, goals and career opportunities.

Speakers from agricultural or rural-connected organizations, industry and helping professional services will mentor participants, and educational counselors will assist them in mapping out preparatory courses to meet their career goals.

Participants will be matched with mentors for on-going support and advising.

The Institute is a collaboration of UMC, University of Minnesota Extension Service and the Minnesota Agri-Women Organization. If you are interested in more information, call Jane Sims, assistant to the agricultural management division chair at 218-281-8101.
Alumni Development Activities

During the course of the year, the Alumni and Development Office is involved in numerous activities that are directly related to bringing in funds to support a wide variety of important programs.

Here is a summary of fund drives as of June 30, 1997:

**Northwest School of Agriculture (NWSA) Alumni Annual Fund Drive**

Funds raised during this drive are used to support the programs of NWSA Alumni Association.

Funds generated from 59 of the 3,529 eligible NWSA alumni equals $19,819. Income is $1,181 short of the proposed budget of $21,000.

**University of Minnesota Crookston (UMC) Alumni Association Fund Drive**

Funds raised support the programs of the UMC Alumni Association.

Funds generated from 432 of the 6044 eligible UMC alumni equals $10,356. Income is $1,644 short of the proposed budget of $12,000.

**UMC and Northwest Experiment Station Faculty/Staff Fund Drive**

Funds raised support a wide variety of university programs.

Funds generated from 47 of the 226 faculty/staff members equals $19,894, which includes Teambackers.

**Regional Scholarship Drive**

Funds generated from 63 business firms, organizations and individuals throughout the region equals approximately $36,000.

**Northwest Educational Improvement Association (NWEIA) Fund Drive**

The NWEIA is an organization of UMC/NWES friends whose membership contributions are used to support a variety of university programs and activities which are generally not funded in the university budgeting process.

The 1997 NWEIA Drive generated $5,530 from 143 members.

Elsewhere in this newsletter we report on the Teambacker Annual Drive and funds raised from the NWSA/UMC/Community Golf Classic.

Thanks to all of you who contributed to one or more of the drives.

—Allan Larson

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**Larson Retirement**

Allan Larson

Al Larson, director of External Relations for the past eight years, has announced that he will retire at the end of this year.

Al has given ceaseless hours working with the NWSA and UMC alumni associations, and will be missed.

Plans are to have a retirement dinner party in his honor on Monday, December 8. Save the date!

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**UMC Begins Exciting Year**

Although classes started at UMC on September 8, athletes began arriving on campus August 18, followed by the residential assistants the following week.

Faculty and staff opening events included a welcome breakfast on the day after Labor Day followed by a general session, “The Internet and Higher Education: Silicon and Fiber Replacing Bricks and Mortar” led by Burks Oakley II, associate vice president for academic affairs, University of Illinois. Other workshops and division and department meetings were held throughout the week.

New students arrived on Friday, September 5 for a time to meet other new students, receive important information, and get acquainted with the campus. A New Student Academic Convocation was held Friday evening to stress the importance of academics.
Distinguished Awards

Distinguished Awards Given to UMC Faculty and Staff
Three UMC faculty and staff received distinguished awards. From left, Owen Williams, director of library services, received the Distinguished Service Award; Glenice Johnson, assistant professor of sociology until July 1 when she was named education educator for Pennington County, the Distinguished Teaching Award; and Allan Larson, director of External Relations, the Distinguished Professional and Academic Award.

A New Look
Do you like the new look of your newsletter?

The alumni newsletters published out of the White House Alumni Center have taken on a new look. We'd be interested in your reactions to the new look.

Do you like it?
Do you have suggestions for improvement?

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Ulseth Joins Staff

Rose Ulseth

A UMC graduate, Rose Ulseth, was hired as a secretary for External Relations in the White House. She replaces Becky who moved with her husband to southern Minnesota after he graduated from UMC.

Rose graduated from UMC in 1987 with an associate in applied science degree in legal and executive secretarial administration and word information processing.

While at UMC she met Marc. They were married in 1988 and live south of Crookston in his grandfather's house. They are the fourth generation to live in that home.

Rose was employed at TCF Bank which became American Federal Bank in Crookston for the past nine years where she was the senior sales and service representative. She was also an insurance agent where she specialized in selling annuities.

The Ulseths have three children: Allison 5, Nicole 4 and Jacob 1 1/2.

NWSA REUNION
July 26-27, 1998
Reunion Memories

The Class of 1947 Celebrates 50 years

Front row from left: Norris Pederson, Marian Lindstrom, Beverly (Kurtz) DenBaars, Phyllis (Magnusson) Teie, Ruth (Baird) Harker, Betty Lou (Erickson) Floan, Rose Marie (Kochmann) Price, Arlene (Thoreson) Cymbaluk, Joyce (Olson) Hunstad; second row from left: Ira Mjelde, Richmond Lapp, Glen Torkelson, Charles Korinta, Arnold Pearson, Raymond Stromstad, Earl Proulx, Richard Deschene; third row from left: Lee Nielsen, Neil Craigmille, Floyd Anderson, Wesley Madson, Merle Hennum, Earl Dahlin; fourth row from left: David Hamre, Harvey Pulkrabek, Donald Mykleby, Duane Swenson, Roy Stola.

Class of 1929
Robert Larson

Class of 1932
Left to right: Walter Lunsetter, Edwin Widseth, Arvin Gorden
Class of 1937 - The 60th Celebration
Front row from left: Gladys Worman, Lucille (Hedlund) Kildal, Elaine (Johnston) Maruska; back row from left: Marian Augustine, Morris Dahl, Alton Arness, Lynn Lokken, Eugene Prestegaard, Woodrow Evans, Marshall Evans

Class of 1942 - The 55th Celebration
Front row from left: Berneil Nelson, Evelyn (Baird) Epema, Alfred Hebert, Garnet (Balstad) DeVine, Berget (Torkelson) Taintor; back row from left: Harris Peterson, Leonard Yutrzenka, Harold Aasland, Edwin Pearson, Donald Milner, Jack Christensen, James Erikson
Class of 1952 - The 45th Celebration  Front row from left: Chuck Holmquist, Mark Chisholm, Robert Ricard, Keith Huard, Harland Bohach, Leo Ash; middle row from left: Patricia (Erickson) Sorenson, Yona (Magnusson) Urness, Dorothy (Didrikson) Grotte, Bonnie (Vesledahl) Holmquist, Betty (Johnson) Engelstad, Kathryn (Jensen) Boss, Darlene (Larson) Lewis-Lucas; back row from left: Rodney Mosher, Myron Torkelson, Edith (Bergeson) Lee, Lawrence Ricard, David Haugo, Orlan Stolaas

Class of 1957 - The 40th Celebration  Front row from left: Roger Tollefson, Keith Bjerke, Ray Dusek, Dalmon "Bud" Larson, Larry Kresl, Tony Filipi; middle row from left: Robert Hance, Marvin Magsam, Jeanette (Love) Filipi, Bonnie (Zipoy) Winkka, Toni (Hedstrand) Couch, Elaine (Wold) Anderson, Eloise (Wold) Sobotzak; back row from left: Michael Lundon, Leroy Grove, Allan Dragseth, Michael Vaneik, Arden Hoff, Keith Anderson, Edward Pester
Class of 1962 - The 35th Celebration
From left: Carol (Hotvedt) Wahl, Hugh Swift, Sandra (Risser) Reynolds, George Proulx, Kay (Haugen) Edwards, Ernest Swift

Class of 1967 - The 30th Celebration
Front row from left: Richard Stengl, Nancy (Porter) Rauser, Kathy (Vasek) Bushee, Gene Tiedemann, Dean Dahlman; back row from left: Dwight Rindahl, Paul Pederson, Thomas Friederichs, Gary Rocholl
The 1997-98 Golden Eagle Athletic Calendars came off the presses in late June and are available for purchase from the UMC Alumni Association or the UMC Teambackers. This year's calendar, which is dedicated to Stan Sahlstrom - the founding provost of UMC and former University Regent, includes considerable information about the UMC Athletic programs, the game schedules for all UMC athletic events and a Crookston High School sports calendar.

The purchase price of the calendar is $25, and starting October 2, each calendar purchased will be eligible for cash prize drawings ranging from $20 to $500. Throughout the year, October 97 through May 98, $5,000 will be distributed as prize money to the lucky winners.

If you haven't purchased your calendar yet, you may contact the Alumni Office at 218-281-8439 for more information or you can mail a check for $25 to the White House Alumni Center, 2900 University Ave., Crookston MN 56716, and we will send the calendar to you.

Thanks for your support.

Student Support Services Grant

UMC has received official confirmation from the U.S. Department of Education that our Student Support Services grant application has been funded in the amount of $180,000 a year for four years.

The project will provide counseling, faculty and peer tutoring and mentoring, and academic and supportive services to low income, first generation and disabled students in order to increase their retention and graduation rates.
Teambackers Results

The Golden Eagle Teambackers Membership and Fund Drive kicked off in May with a goal of enrolling a minimum of 350 members and raising $50,000 for 1997-98 Athletic Scholarships. More than 90 Teambacker members and UMC coaches were grouped into 11 teams who were asked to contact 1996-97 Teambacker members and new member prospects.

Teambacker President, Ed Olaland, chaired the campaign. Coaches Scott Oliver and Gary Senske were the campaign coordinators.

Team captains, coaches and players were as follows:

**Team 1**
Captains - Dave Nelson and Bruce Mjoen; Coach John Mitchell; Players - Ted Olson, Rose Ulseth and Jerry Wardner

**Team 2**
Captains - Dean McCleary and Nick Nicholas; Coach Mary Eichmeyer; Players - Karen Murphy, Jacquie Normandin, Gerry Henneberg, Jeff Dufault and Fred Parnow

**Team 3**
Captains - June Shaver and Joann Westberg; Coach Al Westberg; Players - Steve Biermaier, Dale Umlaut, Wayne Melbye, Ray Dusek, Dick Maves and Jack Bywater

**Team 4**
Captains - John Peters and Chuck Hiller; Coach Mark Huglen; Players - Kyle Pearson, Carol Royal, Mike Pufall, Ted Frey, Rich Johnson and Paul Hoff

**Team 5**
Captains - Pete Graham and Jim Ingeman; Coach Brian Miller; Players - Brian McDonald, Steve Sylvester, Jim Johnson, Dan Rust and Jim Murphy

**Team 6**
Captains - Duane Dumas and Andy Dumas; Coach Jeff Oseth; Players - KROX Sports, Myron Uttermark, Dave Kuehn, Greg Garman, Tom Anderson and Chad Ricord

**Team 7**
Captains - Margie Keller and Jeff Bergsgaard; Coach Stephanie Reck; Players - Todd Strem, Kari Thompson, MaryAnn Simmons, Greg Lerum, Heidi Christenson and Chris Melby

**Team 8**
Captains - John Reese and Nancy Hoerner; Coach Brenda Krogstad; Players - Marshall Olson, Ralph Pester, Tom Rongen, Brenda Finkenbinder, Jean Tate and Greg Wiseth

**Team 9**
Captains - Dave Hoff and Ted Paul; Coach Steve King; Players - Harlow Grove and Todd Klein

**Team 10**
Captains - Bob Nelson and Dave Aamoth; Coach Bill Tyrrell; Players - Karl Bornhoff, Mike Hanson and Tom Schmallen

**Team 11**
Captains - Mark Bruggeman and Cal Anderson; Coach Kelly Hollands; Players - Tuffy Hanson, Chuck Wilder, Carl Melbye, Bruce Arvidson, Chad Johnson and Paul Gregg

As of July 31, memberships had reached 203 and the dollars received totaled $35,635. During the months of August and September considerable time will be spent on follow-up calls and letters to past and prospective members in hopes that we will reach the Teambackers proposed goals.

In the event we missed making contact with you during the campaign, a membership application form is included in this newsletter. We need the support of all our alumni and friends to help the UMC Athletic Program continue its winning tradition.

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**UMC Teambackers Club Application**

Firm ____________________________
Name ____________________________ Spouse ____________________________
Address ____________________________ Home Phone _____________ Business Phone _____________
City ____________________________ State _____________ Zip _____________
Do you want EVENT PASSES? YES NO _____________

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**BILLING INFORMATION ($100 or more)**

GIFT: PAID IN FULL $ _________ MATCHING GIFT $ _________

PLEDGE: Pledge Amount _________ SIGNATURE: Donor: _________ Date: _________

Payment with application _________ Membership secured by: _________ Date: _________

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Make checks payable to: TEAMBACKERS ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND
UMC, White House Alumni Center, 2900 University Avenue, Crookston, MN 56716-5001 • (218)-281-8436
NWSA/UMC/Community Golf Classic
Nets $5,000

Eighty-five golfers participated in the sixth annual UMC/NWSA/Community Golf Classic this summer at Minakwa Golf Country Club. 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.

Golf professional Terri Benson 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 the American Legion.

Seventeen local business firms sponsored the golf teams and 24 firms made contributions as hole sponsors.

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 would have won one of two cars or a pickup.

Coast to Coast/Rooters won first place honors. Second place — Crookston Implement, third — KROX Radio, fourth — Edward Jones Co., fifth — FIRSTEL Communications.

Closest to the pin on Hole #4 was Paul Hoff. Drive closest to the Line on Hole #2 was Jerry Wardner. Closest to Hole in two shots on #7 was Team 14 with Pete Graham, Bob Clauson, Rich Clauson, Mark Bruggeman and Bill Tyrrell. Longest putt on Hole #9 was Team 1. The Room for Improvement Award went to Team 15 (names withheld by request).

Hole sponsors ($100 donation or more) were: American Crystal; Associated Plumbing and Heating; Crookston Building Center; Crookston Daily Times; Dahlgren’s; Dee Inc.; First American Bank; Villa St. Vincent; Widseth Smith & Nolting.

First place honors in the 1997 UMC/NWSA/Community Golf Classic went to Coast to Coast/Rooters. From left: Greg Larum, Don Fourney, UMC Athletic Director Marv Bachmeier presenting the award, Mark Lyczewski, Wayne Melbye and Bruce Hanson.

Team Sponsors ($50) were: Anderson Beverages; Big "A" Auto; Blake Industries; Coast to Coast/Rooters; Coca-Cola; Crookston Implement; Crookston National Bank; Edward Jones Co; First American Bank; FIRSTEL Communications; Happy Joe’s/Sub Shop; KROX Radio; McKinnon Co; Munns Jewelry; The Pit Stop; Villa St. Vincent; Ye Ole Print Shoppe.

Members of the Golf Committee were: Marv Bachmeier, Kent Freberg, Jerry Hasbrouck, Chuck Hiller, Rich Johnson, Allan Larson, Harold Opgrand, Kyle Pearson, Jerry Schultz, and Mike Siekas.
U of M's New President: Mark Yudof

University of Minnesota President Mark Yudof toured northwest Minnesota cities to see first hand the effects of the spring floods, thank those who helped in the recovery and assure citizens that the U of M would be there for them.

Yudof took the reins from retiring Nils Hassliemo on July 1, becoming the 14th U of M president.

His trip to NW Minnesota was one of a series of visits throughout the state to get to know the people.

"It's very wise to listen to the people of Minnesota, to hear what they expect from the U of M," Yudof said on his visit to UMC.

"Having a vision is a good thing, but only if the vision is based on first-hand knowledge of a community and its people."

Yudof praised UMC for its bold leap into the future with its laptop computers for each student and polytechnic concentration.

The digital world has put UMC on a worldwide map.

"The highway goes right by your house no matter where you are," Yudof said.

Reunion Memories...

Remember when... From left: Class of '57 Homecoming Queen Jeanette (Love) Filipi, Senior Snow Day King Edward Pester, and Senior Snow Day Queen Eloise (Wold) Sobtzak.

It's the first time these two gentlemen have seen each other in 55 years. From left: Donald Milner '42 of Virginia Beach VA, and Harold Aasland '42 of Tucson AZ.

Prizes given throughout the Reunion evening were received by:

- Oldest Alumni Cheerleader ............................................................. Beverly Kurtz DenBaars '47, Tuscon AZ
- Oldest Alumni Captain of Athletic Team ..................................... Frances McKibbin Vaughn '32, Cathedral City CA
- Most Senior (oldest) Alumni ...................................................... Ed Widseth '32, Minneapolis MN
- Couple (both alumni) Married to Same Spouse Longest .............. Betty McVeety '36 and Herb Nisbet '30, East Grand Forks ND (54 years)
- Youngest Alumni Wearing NWSA Memorabilia ......................... Myrna Anderson Tucker '61, East Grand Forks ND (class ring on chain)
- Oldest Alum who was Homecoming Queen ............................... Marvie Vesledahl Stromstad '48, Beltrami MN
- Oldest Class Officer ................................................................. Ed Widseth '31-32, Minneapolis, MN
Allan Larson, left, received the NWSA Distinguished Service Award in recognition of his eight years of service to the Alumni Association. Allan plans to retire at the end of this year.

**NCA Accreditation**

UMC’s last North Central Association (NCA) accreditation statement of affiliation status indicated that a report be filled out as soon as possible indicating that an external audit be completed. UMC received a letter indicating that NCA had accepted the external audit report by coopers & Lybrand.

Therefore, no further reports are required. A focused visit on the transition from a two-year to a four-year status documenting maintenance of quality and reporting on developments which have helped or hindered these efforts will be scheduled in 1999-2000 with the next comprehensive evaluation scheduled for 2004-2005.

**Groundbreakings**

Not one, but two ground-breakings were held this spring. It was a busy day for the campus as dignitaries gathered on UMC’s commencement day to break ground for the new Controlled Environment Science Facility to replace the former greenhouse and for the West Side Apartments to meet the growing need for housing for UMC’s students.
**Have we heard from you lately?**

If you have not been featured in the AGGIE Class Notes for a few years, we want to hear from you! Please complete and return this as soon as possible.

Name ____________________________ Middle Initial __________ Last __________________________

Maiden ____________________________

Year of Graduation __________________ or Attendance __________________________

Address __________________________

Phone Number (_______) __________ E-mail __________________________

Information/news that you wish to share with your NWSA classmates and friends. (New job, retirement, family achievements, hobbies, etc.)

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**Class Notes**

Please send items for CLASS NOTES to: Rose Ulseth, White House Alumni Center, University of Minnesota, Crookston, 2900 University Avenue, Crookston, MN 56716-5001.

Phone: 218-281-8439. FAX: 218-281-8433. E-mail: rulseth@mail.crk.umn.edu

**Glenn '27 & Alice (Brule) '27 Smith Hudson WI**

Will be married 67 years in October. Both retired in 1968 at a lake home in Nevis, MN and traveled west for 6 months every year from 1969-88. They have been to Hawaii, Mexico, Europe and Alaska to name a few. Currently they are in a retirement home since Glenn broke his hip in September 1996. They have one daughter, three grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

**Maurice Bergh '47**

Oro Valley AZ

Active in both state and national Senior Olympics in swimming and archery. Owns our own business. Busy hunting, fishing and woodworking.

**Lindley Johnson '56**

Argyle MN

Owner/Operator of Johnson Airspray, Inc. in Argyle MN and Grafton ND. Has four airplanes, four children, seven grandchildren and one dog.

**Bonnie (Zipoy) Winkka '57**

Osage MN

Retired on Straight Lake at Osage MN.

**Sharon (Hanson) Ballweber '58**

Nenana AK

Has lived in Alaska for 23 years. Currently works as a Member Services Representative Clerk on a part-time basis for local electric utility. Also doing some sales work. Has six children and five grandchildren.

**Kenneth Beauchane '59**

Thief River Falls MN

Retired in November 1994. Enjoys his 29 acre hobby farm. Operates an adult foster home for the handicapped out of his home. Received "Friend of Education" award from Thief River Falls Education Association in 1996.

**Dan Erdman '65**

Crookston MN

Has joined the Farm Credit Services of Grand Forks team as a financial services officer for the office in Crookston. For 35 years, he owned and operated Burnham Creek Ranch, Inc., a family farm south of Crookston.

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