A Business Partnership That Really Works

With mutual respect and confidence in each other, two lifetime friends have built one of the industry's top distributorships. One of those people is Les Nielsen, a 1958 graduate of the Northwest School of Agriculture and president of Herc-U-Lift, Inc.

Les was born on a farm at Red Lake Falls and later moved with his family to a farm in Euclid when he was five years old. The sixth of nine children, he attended grade school at Euclid, and worked on the farm for one year after elementary school. He attended NWSA for two years, left school temporarily and worked two more years on the farm before returning to NWSA at age 19.

He married the former June Lien of Gonvick in the summer of 1958. They made their home in Minneapolis where that fall he enrolled at the University of Minnesota, while continuing to work part-time. He graduated from the U of M in 1967 with a major in business and accounting.

The following year, Les and his childhood friend formed the fork lift business they named Herc-U-Lift, Inc. The company is located in Maple Plain MN, 20 miles west of Minneapolis.

It was 40 years that these two friends arrived in the Twin Cities with very little money, but with a lot of ambition and foresight. They each worked at different jobs and continued their education. Later these two determined young men teamed up, by combining their talents and resources and formed the company which now employs 121 people, exceeds $30 million in sales and is one of the most respected distributorships in the material handling industry.

Herc-U-Lift, Inc., started in a 2,400 square foot building leased from former employer Clinton Bergman, who incidentally was Nielsen's instructor his last two years at the NWSA.

In December of 1985, Herc-U-Lift, Inc. moved into a new 54,000 square foot headquarters facility in Maple Plain. In 1992, a 20,000 square foot addition was built adjacent to the headquarters and in 1995 a new 20,000 facility was built in Sioux Falls SD.

In addition to its Maple Plain facility, the company operates branches in St. Cloud and Grand Rapids MN, Sioux Falls SD and has resident mechanics in 12 other cities in Minnesota, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

Les gives much of the credit for the success of his operation to the quality of the people they selected to join them. They chose people who truly care about the customer, who clearly take responsibility and pride in their own work.

"We look for good people, train them, treat them with respect, compensate them well and retain them," said Les.

Les and his spouse June celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary this summer. They had two children: Mitch, who worked with his father in the business until he was killed in a motorcycle accident at age 28 (in 1989), and R. Brian, a graduate of the University of Minnesota.

Les remembers the NWSA as a school of "good nurturing, good variety of learning and growing up habits."

He is amazed at the recognition UMC is receiving all over the United States. "With the laptop computer, UMC is an innovator and has received national recognition. I hear about UMC all over. It is amazing."

Les and June are in the process of setting up a scholarship fund to help a student from June's high school at Gonvick attend UMC.
Alumni Room is Ready

In the fall issue of the Aggie, I wrote about the pending move of the Alumni/Development/Institutional Relations staff to transition quarters in the University Teaching and Outreach Center (UTOC). That move is now complete and we are pretty well settled in our new accommodations. In addition, I'm happy to report that we now also have an alumni room in Kiehle Hall. In fact on Thursday, January 20th the NWSA Board of Directors held its regular board meeting in the new Alumni Room.

The new Alumni Room is located on the south side of the corridor on the first floor of Kiehle Hall in what was, I believe, part of the library and commonly known as the Fireside Room when most of you attended the Northwest School of Agriculture. I think I can safely report that the board was pleased with this development. One of the board member commented on the fact that this room and Kiehle Hall were a focal point for everyone who attended the NWSA. Another member stated that it was great to have the new Alumni Room so all of the NWSA furnishings and much of the memorabilia could be used and displayed immediately, rather than stored until the restoration of Kiehle Hall is completed in the future.

Planning continues to ensure the historical preservation, conservation and adaptive reuse of Kiehle Hall. During the last legislative session planning money was appropriated for this purpose. The Kiehle Hall Renovation Committee is currently working with an architectural and engineering firm on the development of plans to present to the next legislative bonding session for the funding of the Kiehle Hall Project. As the planning evolves it is our intent to provide an opportunity for the NWSA Board and interested alumni to review, comment and give input on the proposed plan. We will try to give you a progress report from time to time, however, you should know that you are welcome to share your ideas with me or members of the NWSA Board of Directors at anytime.

--Del Roelofs

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From the President

Our 1999 Reunion on June 25 and 26 will be coming up fast so we need the honored classes to make sure you get your nominees in for Top Aggie Awards. There are many very deserving of this award and the selection gets harder every year.

In working with Claudia Hanson Deery on our 35th for the class of '64, we find we have quite a few classmates with no addresses. I would like to stress that if you move and your address changes, please let the Alumni Office know so our mailings will get to you. We do not want to miss anybody as I feel the reunions are a fun time to get together.

Please remember our Heritage Fund Drive as this is what keeps us going. Remember this is your reunion and the Board tries to make each year more interesting. If you have not been back for awhile, consider joining us this summer. See old classmates. See how the old campus has grown.

Best wishes to all for the new year of 1999. See you at the reunion class of '64. Let's have a great turnout.

--Bill Gatheridge
Legislative Session in Full Swing

These projects will provide UMC with first rate facilities that are important in student recruitment and in instruction.

The legislative session is in full swing and like most folks we are doing our best to be prepared for whatever occurs during the session. During the legislative session, state budgets including education will be established for the next two years. So our future is tied directly to the session outcomes. The University of Minnesota budget has five priorities:

- Maintaining Competitive Compensation
- Enriching the Undergraduate Experience
- Financing Health Professional Education
- Connecting the University to the Community At Large
- Promoting a Climate of Quality Service

Each area serves important citizen groups and adds to our teaching, research and outreach mission. If you would like more detailed information, just let me know. Your support of the University budget is important and appreciated.

--Donald Sargeant

Sargeant Recognized

Chancellor Sargeant receives recognition from Judy Kirk, executive vice president of the University of Minnesota Foundation. After just five years UMC has achieved the kind of recognition and reputation that led leaders in higher education at peer institutions to rank UMC as a 1999 Best College. Chancellor Sargeant was recognized as the individual who has provided the drive and the vision through these years of change and challenges, the person who always pushes faculty and staff to be more than they could think is possible.

From Education in Practice

American Productivity and Quality Center
Issue 4, 1998

Known as the original "ThinkPad U," the University of Minnesota, Crookston, in 1993 became the first to provide every one of its full-time students with notebook computers. The bold move came in response to employers and business leaders telling the university that the computer literacy skills they required job candidates to possess were lacking in university graduates.

The 2,000-student institution, recently ranked by U.S. News & World Report as one of the best public regional universities in the Midwest, is making sure its students aren't left behind in the rapidly evolving Information Age.

The active learning environment fosters student participation.

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Family Learns – At Last – How Ivan Torfin Died In War

Ivan Torfin, NWSA Advanced Class 1940

The young man named Ivan from northern Minnesota left his family and went off to war.

It's a common World War II tale, and this one turned unbearably sad a little more than a half century ago. A handsome young Army medic from the Roseau area landed in Europe on D-Day and served with an infantry division that battled its way across France beginning in June of 1944.

The Chicago Tribune even wrote about Pvt. Ivan N. Torfin of Wannaska MN in December 1944, and his perilous, heroic line of work. Ivan had been treating the wounded of the 110th infantry regiment of the 28th Division and carrying litters for three days and nights, the Tribune said.

"He was tired, but the wounded had been without food and water for more than 48 hours and so Torfin and another medic started down the hill to fetch water."

The Tribune story told how the medics encountered a German sentry, who apparently saw they were aid men. The sentry motioned them to an American who had been wounded, so Ivan Torfin and his partner dressed the wounds and prepared to bring the soldier back to American lines.

While they were working on the American, a battle broke out and a German soldier who'd had his arm shot away came stumbling down a nearby valley.

"Torfin waved him over. The two aid men applied a tourniquet and then led the German down the valley to where they knew a German aid station was located."

By sign language, the American communicated with the Germans and led them on a search for more of their wounded. The Germans, in turn, talked a patrol out of capturing the American medics. Later, out of gratitude for Ivan's humanitarian deed, the Germans provided a ladder the Americans used as a litter to bring the wounded American to safety.

That was what Ivan Torfin, 25, of northern Minnesota did for a living. And on December 20, 1944, his parents were notified that he was missing in action in the Battle of the Bulge. A year later he was declared killed in action, and it wasn't until 1948 that his remains were shipped back to northern Minnesota for burial.

The family wanted to know more, but it was not until just recently that Ivan's nephew, Gary, submitted an inquiry to the "Bulge Bugle," a newsletter for Battle of the Bulge survivors. He immediately received a response from a veteran who said he had been waiting for over 53 years for someone to let me know where Ivan was from. He wrote that he didn't even know Ivan's first name, but said everyone called him "Swede" or "Tor." The two medics were a team, and he was with Ivan when he died.

The two were standing in a barn when Ivan said they should go out and see if they could help anyone. About 100 yards out of town Ivan was shot. His friend crawled to him, put a bandage on his back and gave him a shot of morphine, but he was gone.

The questions have been answered for Ivan's family. The only regret is that Ivan's parents never knew the circumstances of their young son's death, before they died.

Ivan attended the NWSA from 1938 to 1940. He was a member of the Basketball team both years and played in the band.

Much of this article was written by Don Boxmeyer, Staff Columnist St. Paul Pioneer Press

UMC Offers New Degree To Greater Minnesota Via The Internet

This fall, the University of Minnesota launched a unique project that brought together the resources of UMC, University College and Minnesota Extension Service to deliver an online degree – the Bachelor of Applied Health to four pilot sites in greater Minnesota.

For more information, call program director Arlyss Grosz at 218-281-8340, or e-mail at agrosz@mail.crk.umn.edu
### NWSA SCHOLARSHIPS

**NWSA Heritage Fund Scholarships** were established in 1989. This Scholarship is awarded to direct descendants of Northwest School of Agriculture alumni. Recipients who demonstrate high academic progress may renew this scholarship.

- Kristina Altepeter, East Grand Forks
- Scott Anderson, Clearbrook
- Robert Balstad, Fosston
- Joshua Barrett, East Grand Forks
- Ryan Benbo, Winger
- Darren Carlson, Angus
- David Clauson, Crookston

**Elenora and Ben Filipi Memorial Scholarship** was established in 1990. This endowment provides scholarships to direct descendants of Northwest School of Agriculture alumni or other deserving students. Recipients who demonstrate high academic progress may renew this scholarship.

- Benjamin Diamond, Humboldt
- Jamine Goodyke, Crookston
- Steven Hannah, Fisher
- Neal Johnson, East Grand Forks
- Shane Kolling, Gully
- Amy Michaels, Fertile
- Kristi Pederson, Gary
- Sheila Roux, Ada

**Earl Hvidsten Memorial Scholarship** was established in 1995 by his wife, Gloria Hvidsten. Preference is given to graduates of Stephen High School.

- Bradley Rivard, Argyle
- Anthony Safranski, Argyle
- Alvin Salazar, Stephen

**Lyle Kasprick Scholarship** recognizes direct NWSA descendants who wish to further their education at UMC.

- Matthew Safranski, Strandquist
  Business Management

**Albert Kopecky Family Scholarship** is awarded to freshman agriculture majors who have demonstrated involvement in school/community activities or organizations.

- Randy Nelson, Nelson
  Plant Industries Management
- Rana Scanlon, Minneapolis
  Animal Industries Management
- Delbert Schindele, Lakota, ND
  Agricultural Industries Sales & Management

**Wallace and Hanna Miller Scholarship** was established in 1991. The scholarship recognizes NWSA direct descendants and other deserving students who wish to further their education at UMC. Recipients who demonstrate high academic progress may renew this scholarship.

- Stacy Schulz, Euclid
  Dietetic Technician
- Ryan Schwenzeifer, Hallock
  Agricultural Industries Sales & Mgmt
- Dana Solvik, Warren
  Business Management
- John Tiedemann, Euclid
  Early Childhood Program
- Eric Wittman, Warren
  Plant Industries Management
- Scott Younggren, Hallock
  Plant Industries Management

**Clarence and Edna Sargent Scholarship** is awarded to a needy second-year student who is average or above with excellent potential in agriculture related studies. Preference will be given to 7th Congressional District residents. If no Agriculture student available, music students may be considered.

- Brent Mattson, Lake Park
  Agricultural Industries Sales & Management

**Andrew and Elmer Wardeberg Memorial Scholarship** is awarded to descendants of NWSA alumni and other deserving students who have maintained satisfactory academic standing.

- Kris Folland, Karlstad
  Plant Industries Management
- Jami Johnston, Warren
  Early Childhood Program
- Annette McNamee, Mahnomen
  Early Childhood Education
- James Miller, Twin Valley
  Agricultural Industries Sales & Management
- Aaron Peterson, Warren
  Agricultural Industries Sales & Management

**Ed Widseth Scholarship** was established in 1995 to support UMC athletic scholarships. Ed graduated from the NWSA in '32 and received numerous honors including All Pro and Best Player in NFL in '38; National Football Hall of Fame in '54; University of Minnesota Sports Hall of Fame in '91.

- Derek Detloff, Bertha
  Agricultural Industries Sales & Management
- Mark Olsonowski, Hallock
  Plant Industries Management
- Charles McKinnon, St. Petersburg, FL
  Information Networking Management

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**Make your scholarship donations work for you!**

**Encourage a high school senior to apply at UMC!**
UMC Faculty/Staff Accolades

Paul Aakre, assistant professor of mechanized agriculture, received the Region I Honorary FFA Degree for putting together excellent mechanized agriculture contests over a number of years, and for his contribution to contests at Ag Activities Day.

Don Cavalier, director of Counseling and the Career Center, was presented a Certificate of Appreciation for exemplary service as chairperson of the U of M Civil Service Committee.

Doug Knowlton, vice chancellor for Academic Affairs, is a co-author of an article, "Family Violence: Children are Always the Victims" in the Just in Time Research: Children, Youth & Families recently published by the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs and the U of M Extension Service. It is a compendium of research that is being presented to legislators and other policy-makers in the state.

Dan Lim, director of the Instructional Technology Center, presented a paper, "Just-in-time self-learning development for teachers" at TIES '98 which was held in Minneapolis. He shared with the conference attendees how UMC uses Toolbook interactive templates to develop interactive web modules.

Chancellor Donald Sargeant was recognized with an award for his support and visionary leadership of the campus. The award was presented to him at the Torch and Shield Banquet.

Sharon Stewart, Dietetics Technician program manager, received her Ph.D. in education from the University of North Dakota.

Dan Svedarsky, program manager and professor of natural resources, was selected into membership in the newly created University of Minnesota Academic of Distinguished Teachers.

Ardis Thompson, Development secretary, was named Outstanding Employee of the Quarter by the United Staff Association.

University Plans Sesquicentennial Celebration

The University of Minnesota will celebrate its 150th anniversary beginning in August 2000 and continuing through the 2000-2001 academic year. A series of community and statewide events are being planned to reflect on the University’s rich history throughout the entire celebration.

Several sesquicentennial events are in the planning stage. Four to six signature events will be included. Events such as a prelude event at the Minnesota State Fair, August 24-September 4, 2000, a kickoff event at the University shortly after the beginning of the fall semester in the year 2000, commemoration of the signing of the University charter on February 25, 2001, and a grand finale event in May, 2001.

More information will be forthcoming in the future. If you have any suggestions as to how the University of Minnesota, Crookston Campus might participate in the celebration, please contact the Office of Institutional Relations. If you would like further information, please refer to the official website: http://www.umn.edu/sesqui

UMC Visits Communities

Would you like to have someone talk to your organization about UMC and the exciting new programs and recognition given the Crookston campus?

Curt Almilie has visited several organizations throughout northwest Minnesota, and he would like to visit your community. To schedule him for a meeting, contact him at 218-281-8436 or E-mail: calmilie@mail.crk.umn.edu
Crookston Airport Holds Open House

An Open House was held for the Crookston Airport in January. Through the joint efforts of the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) and city of Crookston, the airport was remodeled to allow for better air service to the region and for enhanced learning opportunities for UMC's aviation students.

"It is important to partner with the city wherever we can, and improving our aviation resources is a good example" said Richard Nelson, chair of the Center for Agriculture and Natural Resources. "Both the city and the University will benefit."

Taking part in the Open House was: Donald Dubuque, UND director of Extension Programs; Donald Sargeant, UMC chancellor; Donald Osborne, Crookston mayor; Richard Nelson, chair of the Center for Agriculture and Natural Resources; Larry Leake, Agriculture Aviation program manager; and John Walberg, Agriculture Aviation flight training manager.

Agricultural Aviation at UMC is a joint program with the University of North Dakota. The program provides flight and ground aeronautical training together with agriculture, business and technical studies coursework. FAA flight certificates available include private pilot, commercial pilot, instrument rating, certified flight instructor, instrument flight instructor, multi-engine rating, and multi-engine instructor.

Reunion Memories Shared

Glenn Ellinger '34 and Fern Field Christopher '35 of Grand Forks share good times. Fern has attended "many, many" reunions.

Annual Fund Drive provides dollars for the NWSA Heritage Fund Scholarships and NWSA Alumni Association's annual on-going operations.
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Top Aggie Nomination Form

Deadline for return of this form is: March 5, 1999

The NWSA "Top Aggie" award is the highest honor bestowed on NWSA alumni. The award recognizes exemplary commitment and service to community, church, family, and work.

I wish to nominate __________________________________________

Please provide a brief description as to why you believe your nominee deserves to be honored as a NWSA "Top Aggie." Use the back of the form or additional sheets if needed.

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Nominator's Signature __________________________________________
Have we heard from you lately?

To submit an item for Class Notes just fill out this form and send it to: Ardis Thompson, 2900 University Ave., Crookston MN 56716 or E-mail: ardis@mail.crk.umn.edu

*Photos of you and/or your family are welcome!

Name ____________________________
First ____________________________ Middle Initial ___________ Last ____________ Maiden ____________________________________

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Phone Number ( ___ ) ____________ E-mail address* __________________________________________________________________________________________

*Can we post your E-mail address in the next issue of the Aggie? Yes ______ No ______

Information/news that you wish to share with your NWSA classmates and friends. (New job, retirement, family achievements, hobbies, etc.) PLEASE SEND A PHOTO!
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Building Dedication

Taking part in the Dedication of the Controlled Environmental Science Building this fall were from left: Donald Sargeant, UMC chancellor; Julie Bleyhl, chair of the University of Minnesota Board of Regents; Warren Larson, U of M Regent; Bernie Lieder, Minnesota State representative; and Larry Smith, head of the Northwest Experiment Station.

UMC Hockey Moves to Conference Competition

UMC hockey will play with the Midwest Collegiate Hockey Association beginning fall of 1999. It's a big move for UMC because now they can play for a conference championship. Currently, the teams in the conference are: Benedictine University of Lisle IL; University of Findlay OH; Lawrence of Appleton WI; Marian College of Fond du Lac WI; Milwaukee School of Engineering; and Northland College of Ashland WI.

1998-99 Gift Annuity and Scholarship Endowments

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Pilots Along The Red River Valley

Pilot graduates still flying along the Red River Valley are eligible for entry into a new book being written by E. C. "Gene" Miller, former staff member (1954-86). This book will be a pilot's career record and historical collection.

Over 200 "grass roots" pilot records are now in computer. Pilots going back to the NWSA Aeronautics Class as well as UMC graduates with 1,000 hours, should contact Gene if they would like to be included. The book, now 300 pages in hard cover, is scheduled to be available in June 1999.

For a questionnaire and information, contact Gene at:
304 Golf Terrace
Crookston MN 56716
Phone: 218-281-3024
E-mail: ecmiller@means.net

New/Renovated Buildings Update

Owen Hall

Owen renovation creates a One-Stop Student Service Center. Easy access to a variety of services and people will be the feature of the newly remodeled Owen Annex. Students can develop a relationship with a specific staff person or can see any of a number of staff if desired. Information and services are easily obtained from the following offices comprising the Center: Academic Assistance Center, Counseling & Career Center, Disability Services, Student Support Services, Admissions & Financial Aid, Multicultural/International Programs, and the Registrar.

Knutson

Knutson renovation involves vacating a swimming pool and converting it into a multipurpose space for wellness and physical education programming and instruction.

Early Childhood Development Center

The Early Childhood Development Center construction is designed specifically for the needs of the children as well as the professionals and student teachers who instruct and practice there.

Kiehle Hall

Planning funds for Kiehle Hall renovation were provided in the last legislative session. Improvements are planned on the 2nd floor in the auditorium and fine arts with addition and elevator or handicap access. The 2nd floor improvements will be to accommodate the alumni, development and technology support services and involve an increase in scope from the original project intent.

UMC has become an internationally recognized institution in notebook and ubiquitous computing. It is imperative that UMC group the technology activities for efficiencies and the importance of these services continues to grow exponentially each day. Technology has become the backbone for all instruction, student, and administration services. Most of the technology support functions have been added in the past few years, and they have been placed in various locations on campus. The Kiehle project is an opportunity to meet a major campus goal of centralizing & improving the Technology Center's physical facilities.
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Reunion Memories

Two bus trips were packed to capacity by alumni to tour the campus. Alumni toured the new Controlled Environmental Science Building and the University Teaching and Outreach Center and enjoyed a riding tour of the campus.

Athletic Scholarship Program Changes

The 1999-2000 school year marks yet another milestone for UMC. In just six years, UMC has moved from playing at the two-year college level to four-year NAIA in Division II. This is a giant stride and one that will take everyone's best effort to become a competitive conference member.

Attracting and retaining students of the caliber and quality for the appropriate level of competition is definitely one of the top priorities. In an effort to accomplish this goal, UMC will embark on several new athletic scholarship fund raising efforts over the next year.

Beginning with the fall 1999 semester all annual scholarship donations of $500 or more will be named in honor of the donor. The donor must approve of this recognition. Currently, all the money goes into the scholarship pool. As a result, none of the student athlete recipients have any idea who provided their scholarship dollars. The same statement applies to donors; they have no knowledge of where their gifts are going other than to athletic scholarships. By making this change, the student athletes and donors will have an awareness of each other's involvement. As a result, it is our hope that some relationships and bonds will develop between them.

Another reason for this change is to increase the number of donors supporting athletic scholarships. We hope to double the number from 25 to 50 next year and then double again two years later. Some may wonder why all the effort on this scholarship strategy? If you look at Crookston's business and industrial base in comparison to most of the other conference communities, it's quite obvious that we have to involve more alumni and community members to raise the equivalent number of scholarship dollars.

If you are interested in this program, please contact either Curt Almlie or Del Roelofs at 1-800-232-8466 at ext. 8436 or 8438 respectively.
New Alumni Room in Kiehle Building

NWSA Alumni Director Del Roelofs (left) and UMC Chancellor Donald Sargeant place the sign near the new Alumni room door in Kiehle Building.

Teaching Positions Open

The Center for Agriculture and Natural Resources is accepting applications for two tenure-track teaching positions. These positions are in the Animal Science and Agricultural Business departments.

The positions are open due to faculty relocations and retirements. Harvey Peterson, Animal Science, recently joined the North Dakota Extension Service, Golden Valley County, in Beach, ND. Erman Ueland will be retiring from the Agricultural Sales and Management department at the end of August.

UMC's polytechnic focus utilizes advanced classroom technologies and hands-on experiences to prepare students for rewarding careers. Not only are agricultural graduates experiencing an overwhelming demand for their talents, many agribusiness recruiters come to UMC first when filling positions.

For more information about the positions, please contact Richard Nelson, Center Director, at 218-281-8100, or rnelson@mail.crk.umn.edu.

The application closing date is April 10.

U of M Alumni Gathering

The UMC Alumni Association and the University of Minnesota Alumni Association are holding an alumni gathering on Tuesday, April 27, at the Plains Art Museum in Fargo. Details are now being worked out, so mark your calendars. For more information, contact Rose Ulseth at 218-281-8439 or E-mail: rulseth@mail.crk.umn.edu

Join us at the NWSA REUNION

June 25-26, 1999
Ed Widseth Dies at 86

Ed Widseth ’32, a farm boy from northwestern Minnesota who was an All-American football player at the University of Minnesota in the 1930’s died in early December.

Ed was a starting tackle under legendary Gophers Coach Bernie Bierman from 1934 through 1936. He also played for the New York Giants for five years. In 1953 he was inducted into the National College Football Hall of Fame and was the only Minnesota player on the National Football Foundation’s 11-man All-America Squad for the 25 seasons from 1924 through 1948.

In the fall of 1997 the football field at the University of Minnesota, Crookston was named the Ed Widseth Field.

All honorariums received at the time of Ed’s death were given to the Ed Widseth Scholarship Fund, which was established earlier at UMC.

Anyone wishing to contribute in memory of Ed, may send check to the Ed Widseth Scholarship Fund, UMC Development Office, University of Minnesota, 2900 University Avenue, Crookston MN 56716. For more information, contact Del Roelofs, Development Director at 218-281-8438.

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