"Campaign Minnesota," an unprecedented fund-raising effort for the University of Minnesota, will raise $1.3 billion. As part of that campaign, the Crookston campus announced its goal of $5 million last evening (Wednesday, November 3) at the annual Torch and Shield Recognition. The campaign is the largest ever raised on the UMC campus, and the University goal is among the largest ever raised for an American public university.

The massive fund-raising campaign, which will be completed in 2003, is described by University President Mark Yudof as "a defining moment" for the university as it strives to remain nationally competitive for top faculty and students, and to meet the needs of a burgeoning Minnesota economy.

"Economic success and growth during the next century - in Minnesota, as well as nationally - will be dependent upon developing the talent, creativity and knowledge of our people," said Yudof in summarizing the need for the campaign. "We are witnessing exciting breakthroughs in fields such as cellular biology, plant genetics, medicine and digital technology. As we begin the new millennium, the University of Minnesota has an unprecedented opportunity to become one of the world's premier land-grant institutions."

Major priorities for the Crookston campus include:

- $500,000 for the Center for Rural Economic Development which will act as a catalyst for connecting information with opportunity, creating jobs, producing income and serving the public good.
- $1.5 million for endowed UMC scholarships and $1.25 million for current UMC scholarships.
- $1 million for the Education and Technology Resource Center, a diagnostic clinic to assess technology skills and internet environment, which will also serve as UMC's Distinguished Teacher Academy and recognize faculty, staff and students for creativity and outstanding contribution in teaching and learning.
- $500,000 for Agricultural Research, in collaboration with the Northwest Research and Outreach Center, the former Northwest Experiment Station.
- $250,000 for Outreach to connect the University and Community for extending the University's reach to citizens and communities.

"This is an exciting moment in the history of the campus," said UMC's Chancellor Donald Sargeant. "To ensure that UMC can capitalize on this moment, we must enlist the support and talent of all who care about UMC."
From the President
All-School Reunion - June 22-24, 2000

Bill Gatheridge

Best Wishes for the New Year. May it be the best ever.

The wheels are turning for the 2000 All School Reunion. Make your plans to attend now as many different events are being planned so everybody will be able to have something to do.

Please remember our Heritage Fund which is being handled by the University of Minnesota this year. It was all explained in the fall issue of the AGGIE and repeated again elsewhere in this AGGIE. Any questions by all means call the office.

Remember honored classes, do be looking for classmates for the Top Aggie award. I know there are many out there who have done an excellent job since leaving the Northwest School campus.

The NWSA Centennial Project is well on its way. We would like to have the Gazebo built before the Reunion in June so if you feel you can help, again, please contact the office for more information.

The Board works hard to put on these reunions so every alumni has an enjoyable visit back on campus. If you have any ideas that you would like us to use, please let us know.

May the year 2000 be great for us all. See you in June.

---Bill Gatheridge

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From the Director

Campaign Minnesota - A Defining Moment

The breakdown for UMC's portion of Campaign Minnesota is summarized as follows:

- Rural Economic Development Center
  $500,000

- UMC Student Scholarships
  Endowments $1,500,000
  Current $1,250,000

- Outreach to Connect the University and Community
  $250,000

- Agricultural Research
  $500,000

- Education & Technology Resource Center
  $1,000,000

GRAND TOTAL: $5,000,000

In the opening paragraph of the All-University Capital Campaign Case Statement President Yudof stated "every institution has its defining moments - points in time when talented individuals, working cooperatively, can influence the course of events for generations to come." I believe that UMC is poised to make this a truly defining moment in the history of its development and service to the region.

I would like to conclude this article with a statement from Chancellor Sargeant in which he said (and I quote) "This is an exciting moment in the history of the campus. To ensure that UMC can capitalize on this moment, we must enlist the support and talents of all whom care about UMC. Please join me - along with the UMC students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends in gathering this support."

For more information on Campaign Minnesota - Crookston Campus, please contact me at one of the following phone numbers: 218-281-8438 or 1-800-232-6466 or stop by the office if you're in the area.

-Del Roelofs

Ye Editor Retires

It was 21 years ago that I joined the UMC faculty and staff in the Office of Institutional Relations. Over the years my duties have changed, and most recently I have edited The Aggie newsletter.

I have thoroughly enjoyed spending time at your summer reunions, giving the famous bus tours, and just visiting informally with so many of you.

I retired on December 10, right in the middle of the publication of this issue of The Aggie.

I will miss you, but the office will send me copies of the newsletters so I can keep in touch.

Have a wonderful All School Reunion this summer.

Barbara Weiler
Aggie Editor
The new millennium is finally here. It is a benchmark in history. At the turn of the last century, this campus was much, much different. A five-year-old ag experiment station and no educational programs. Now, 100 years later we begin this century with a University land grant coordinate campus with one of the most modern information age colleges in the country and a first rate research and outreach center. What will they say in the year 2100 about UMC!

Times change and yet they don't change. The campus focus has been on preparing students for careers and on applied research for our rural economy. This is reflected in the Capital Campaign that places emphasis on raising funds for student scholarships, for additional applied research, and for rural development initiatives. Students' financial, academic and personal needs remain a top priority. We want to make adjustments to better prepare them for their careers. Our faculty and researchers are great assets in helping in economic development in the region and want to do more. I hope you will consider a financial contribution to UMC as part of this Campaign.

I would remise if I did not mention that Barb Weiler who has been responsible for organizing the Aggie the past twenty years retired in December from UMC. She was the one in the background organizing picture taking, writing articles, planning special events, and contacting media to promote UMC. So thanks to Barb and we wish her and her husband Phil well in the years ahead.

As we look ahead, the Minnesota legislative session this spring is a capital bonding session. The University bonding request includes $6.5 M for UMC to remodel Kiehle Hall with an addition for centralizing our campus technology services. Kiehle, built in 1910, obviously is in need of upgrading. The project includes remodeled space for the alumni service staff and for NWSA memorabilia. Kiehle Auditorium has been a place of many, many forums on issues of importance to this region for 90 years and it too is in need of refurbishing. So speak to your legislator on the importance of refurbishing Kiehle.

-Chancellor Sargeant

Heritage Fund Annual Drive Changes

In the fall issue of the Aggie the changes in the Heritage Fund annual drive were announced and outlined. By the time you receive this issue of the Aggie you should have received two letters on the 1999-2000 Annual Fund Drive, one from University President Mark Yudof and the other from NWSA Alumni President Bill Gatheridge.

As outlined in the fall Aggie, earlier this year the NWSA Alumni Association Board made the decision to do the annual Heritage Fund Drive in conjunction with the University of Minnesota Annual Fund Drive. All of your gifts will go for the same purposes and come to the Crookston Campus as they have in previous years. The only change being that the mailings will come out of the University of Minnesota Foundation Office rather than the Crookston Campus Development Office.

In the past your checks came to Crookston, we tabulated them and sent them on to the Foundation and had them put in the NWSA Heritage Fund. Now they will go directly to the Foundation and be put in the Heritage Fund. We then will request funds from the Foundation just as we have in the past for scholarships and NWSA operations.

The University of Minnesota Foundation staff will also conduct the phonathon portion of the annual fund drive. The NWSA Alumni Association Board intends to evaluate the success of this year's annual fund drive before implementing this change on a more permanent basis for future years.

If you prefer to send your donation to the UMC Development Office you are welcome to do so, we'll see that it gets to the right place and is used for the purpose you request. If you have any questions about this or other matters, please feel free to contact the Development Office 218-281-8438 or 8437.

Check out a new site on the Internet, just for NWSA alumni:

www.crk.umn.edu/people/alumni/NWSA-sch-life/index.htm
Arizona Seminars

Robert Peterson, Director of Planned Giving, University of Minnesota Foundation (UMF) and Del Roelofs, Director of Development, University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) will be hosting two planned giving seminars in the Phoenix area. Mr. Peterson is an attorney with UMF who has had extensive experience in estate planning, setting up trusts, planned giving, probate and related matters in private practice before joining the UMF staff two years ago.

**Arizona Seminars**

**Wednesday, February 23, 2000**
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Holiday Inn
777 North Pinal
Casa Grande AZ 85222
(520) 426-3500

**Friday, February 25, 2000**
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Holiday Inn Express
5750 East Main
Mesa AZ
(520) 426-3500

Arizona Social

**Tuesday, February 24, 2000**

Superstition Springs Center, Community Room
6555 E Souther Avenue • Mesa AZ

Del and Judy Roelofs and Allan and Kay Larson will again be hosting the Crookston/NWSA/UMC Alumni Association’s Winter Social to be held in Mesa, Arizona again this year. We encourage everyone to attend as we have had excellent turnouts throughout the years and hope you will be able to join us from 10:00 - 3:00 on Thursday, February 24, 2000. Please call the Development Office at 218-281-8437 or 218-281-8438 for further information.
Top Aggie Honorees

1970  Herschel Lysaker, staff
1971  Harry Soderburg, staff; William Strickler '30
1972  Andy Anderson and William Barron, staff; Edwin Widseth '32
1973  Noel Hanson '35; Iver J. Johnson '23; Oscar Knutson '19
1974  Berneil Nelson '43; Olaf C. Soine, staff
1975  Myrtle Brown; Walter Fehr '57
1976  Ole Flaat '16; Tillie Gebhardt, staff
1977  Ralph Hamrick '27; Charles Whiting, staff
1978  Rodney Mosher '51; Ruth Ann Kruta, staff
1979  Ted Peet '29; Bruce Beresford, staff

1980  Donald and Harlene Hagen Overgaard '55; B. E. Youngquist, staff
1981  Selvin Erickson '31; Eugene C. Miller, staff
1982  Allan Dragseth '57; Charles and Bonnie Vesledahl Holmquist '52
1983  Lillie Christianson, staff; Albert Kopecky '23; Richard Swenson '53
1984  Claudia Hanson Deery '64; William Menzhuber, staff;
      Ken '44 and Rose Marie Kochmann '47 Price;
      Rodney '49 and Jean Anderson '50 Webster
1985  Burnett Bergeson '35; Pauline Finkenbinder Purath '45;
      Stanley Sahltstrom (Honorary)
1986  Alton Knutson '41; Kenneth '61 and Judy Rivard '64 Schuster
1987  Marshall Evans '37; Harris Peterson '42
1988  Ernest Newhouse '28; Delsie Filipi Lofton '38;
      Walter '38 and Charlene Walters '43 Stromstad
1989  Dorothy Larson Billberg '39; Art Brandli '59; Orvis P. Engelstad '44;
      William L. Gatheridge '39

1990  Peter E. Fehr '49; Marvin E. Jensen '45; Milton O. Warner '20
1991  Herbert W. Schroeder '31; Dennis D. Warnes '51; Wayne L. Pedersen '66
1992  Lucille Hedlund Kildal '37; Wallace W. Miller '24; Leonard Yutrzenka '42
1993  Leonard Hapka '43; Clayton M. Isaacson '38; Charles R. Samuelson '43;
      John R. Thompson '38
1994  Dorothy Hanson Bender '39; Glen V. Holmquist '44; Robert W. Larson '29;
      Allan C. Magnusson '49; Grant E. Peterson '44
1995  Earl Lindberg '35; Donald Nelson '40; Gerhard Ross '45; Eunice Peterson Waterworth '50; Marilyn
      Balstad Melby '55
1996  Sanna Hanson Brovold '29; Joan Phillips Flaat '41; Clarence H. Sargent '41; Gerhard A. Ross '45;
      Paul M. Proulx '46
1997  Keith D. Bjerke '57; Morris R. Dahl '37; Elaine Johnston Maruska '37; Ernest W. Swift '62
1998  Ronald Filip '58; Robert Heckman Faculty '60-'68; Maynard Helgaas '53;
      Eva Mildred Mykleby Pearson '38
1999  John Drees '64; Forrest Mykleby '44; Hazel Stephenson Halvorson '29;
      Evelyn Bierbaum Peterson '29
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________________________________________________________
The NWSA Alumni Association Board of Directors will host an All-School Reunion June 23-24, 2000.

In addition to the 5- and 10-year NWSA Reunion held the last Saturday of June, the Board of Directors, along with assistance from volunteers, are expanding the Reunion to include an All-School Reunion for the year 2000. Please let us know if you are willing to volunteer on the committee, if you have ideas for Reunion activities, or if you have addresses of alumni or former teachers.

Joanne Carlson has agreed to chair the Reunion Committee along with Arlone Thoreson Cymbaluk, Ray Dusek, Betty Floan, William Gatheridge, Willie Huot, Irene Pulkrabek Larson, Marilyn Balstad Melby, Berneil Nelson, Ken Poole, Pauline Finkenbinder Purath, Gerhard Ross, David Tucker, Donna Babinski Kuta, Conrad Zak. Ex officio: Del Roelofs.

Some of the events tentatively scheduled include:

- Campus Tours with UMC Program Demonstrations
- Golf Scramble or alternate with community tours of Polk County museum, Inn at Maple Crossing (old hotel at Maple Lake), Huot Park, Natural History area, etc.
The committee will continue to meet and plan special activities, so please mark your calendar now, make hotel reservations and plan to attend your school’s Millenium celebration!

Make your reservations NOW by calling the following motels in Crookston: AmericInn 281-7800; Northland Inn 281-5210; Country Club 281-1607; Golf Terrace 281-2626. A block of rooms at Northland Inn have been reserved so make sure you indicate the NWSA Reunion.

For additional information or to submit ideas, call the NWSA Alumni office at 218-281-8437.

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Events I would like included at Reunion

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Stories and/or information I would like to share about myself or NWSA:

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(Continue on separate sheet)
After graduating from NWSA, Ray Johnson joined International Harvester Company (IHC) and became the youngest assistant zone manager in the history of IHC. During the Korean conflict, Ray spent four years in the Air Force as an instructor. After the Air Force, he entered the University of North Dakota and received a bachelor’s degree from the School of Engineering. He joined Sangamo Electric Company in 1958 and spent ten years in Texas as a sales engineer.

In 1968, he was promoted to district manager and moved to Kansas City. In addition to his normal work schedule, Ray became active in numerous civic and church activities. He was committee chairman of Boy Scout Troop 284 for five years, tripling the troop’s size and was instrumental in helping several boys attain their Eagle Scout rank. Because of this community involvement, Ray was recognized in Kansas “Who’s Who” in 1975. In 1977, Sangamo promoted Ray to regional manager and he transferred to Cincinnati, Ohio. In this capacity, he managed the sales activity for Schlumberger Industries, (which bought out Sangamo Electric Co.) in 12 states and supervised 10 district managers. He has conducted product training schools in many states and hired several people who later held key positions at Schlumberger. Ray retired in 1992 after 34 years with the company.

During his working career, Ray was honored for several achievements, including The Capacitor Salesman of the Year in 1971 and 1972, “Quota Buster” trips to England, Hawaii, Bahamas, Barbados and several U.S. resort locations. In 1987, he was awarded the Salesman of the Year for Schlumberger Energy Management Division North American and International operations.

Ray has been married to Joanne for 45 years. They have two children and four "lovely" grandchildren.

Retirement has not slowed Ray’s activities. He is active in his church and volunteers at the Cincinnati Museum of Natural History and Science, the City of Montgomery and the Tornado Memorial Committee. He also enjoys golf, flyfishing, collecting antique pocket watches and belt buckles, traveling and visiting grandchildren.

Ray’s NWSA memories center around music, the choirs, glee clubs, and small singing groups. He likes what UMC is doing and says that it is necessary for students today to learn computer skills.

Meet Your Newest Board Member

Arlone Cymbaluk of Crookston is the NWSA’s newest board member. Arlone is a ‘47-’48 graduate. After she graduated from the NWSA, she married Marvin Cymbaluk and became a homemaker. The Cymbaluxs have six children and 17 grandchildren. For 10 years Arlone ran the H & R Block company in Crookston while she lived on a farm north of Crookston.

Arlone’s husband died in 1990, and she moved to Crookston in 1995. She has traveled to Norway, and has spent time in Arizona with her son in Montana, and with a granddaughter in Texas.

Her good memories of the NWSA include dormitory life, good teachers and a family-like setting. She also recalls learning a lot. She was active in choir and gym.

Arlone hopes to help complete whatever has been started by the NWSA Board.
CLASS NOTES

Helen Hovland Erickson Jackson '28
Osceola WI
This picture was taken on my 90th Birthday on March 13, 1999. I made it to the '99 reunion and maybe I will make it again this year - hope so!

Norman Lorentzen '29
Fosston MN
Was sure we would make it to the Reunion this year - but there are three reunions coming up and we would like to go to all of them!

Williamine Cenfield Woolworth '29
Cresco, IA
My husband passed away in 1974. To be near my family I moved to Cresco IA and have lived in the same mobile in the same court for 18 years and with the same cat of nine years. "Kitty come", a long-haired, declawed, tame, and use to a collar, was aimlessly wondering the court in January. Inquiry I made brought no response so took the stray in. I found she is very well trained and lovable. We get on very well. My latest grandsons are a joy to me. 12 and almost 14, are being home schooled, in boy scouts, and do a good job mowing my lawn. One is interested in woodworking and is mechanically minded, the other loves books and is musical. Altogether they keep me so I don't realize my 86 years! Some of the best years of my life were spent at NWSA which never would have been except my Aunt DeEtie, a resident teacher, persuaded my dad to let me go there to school. I send greetings to all the class of '29.

Harry Haugen '31
Oroville, CA
I became 86 years old in March 1999. I'm in good health and walk at least five miles per day. Every week I go on a 12-15 mile hike - just to prove to myself I still have it!

Rosalie Srsny Gallery '44
Renton WA
Her e-mail address is: gallery@GTE.net

Bagstad, Patricia (Appelgren) '49
Grand Forks ND
Married in 1951. Lived in SC about two years, lived in CA fourteen years. Moved back to rural Grand Forks in 1968. Willy was a contractor until he retired in '92. He still works a little but doesn't let it interfere with golfing and bowling. I was secretary/treasurer/whatever for his company. I retired two years ago from St. Mark's Church as office manager. We have two children and five grandchildren. My fondest memory of NWSA days is the good memories, the fun in the dorms, the dances, a favorite teacher, Miss Kopree.

Battles, James '49
Cambria CA
I came to CA in December, 1950. Went to Northrop Aircraft Mechanic School in 1951; went to work for NACA at Edwards CA; worked on the X1 another research aircraft; was called on to active duty in the Navy from 1954 to March 1956. Went back to NACA worked on the X2 until August. Quit my job, got married and started college on the GI bill. My degrees are in physics. Worked at the China Lake Naval R&D Lab on radar research. Retired in 1986 and went to work for the Lockheed Palo Alto Research Lab. Retired again in 1997. We now live in Cambria. In January we went with our oldest son to Vietnam to pick up our fourth grandchild (third granddaughter) and she is grandpa's girl.

Boedeker, Henry '49
Little Falls, MN
Has it been fifty years? Seems only yesterday, graduation and then being tossed out into the old cruel world. In reality - I spent four years in the Air Force and then bounced around from job to job, until getting married in 1960. That's 39 years this June. Somewhere along the line I earned my teaching degree from Mayville State University and landed my first teaching job in Henning, MN in 1964. Five years later, 1969, I accepted a position in the Little Falls School System. In 1972 I received my masters degree in Information Media from St. Cloud State University. I ran media centers in Henning, MN and Little Falls MN for 29 years. I took early retirement (rule of 90) and have been retired for six years and enjoyed everyday being Saturday. This leaves me at home as the "domestic engineer"! Marilyn and I have two sons. Chad lives in Chicago, he works for a travel agency (comes in handy when you want to travel). Adam works for a remodeling business in the Minneapolis area. He is married and has a son. We have two grandchildren. Marilyn is still working in the Little Falls School System. Life is good!

My fondest memory of NWSA days is cooking chicken on Sunday afternoon in Maggie's room in Robertson Hall. Where did the chicken come from? We were not always angels!!!

Carlson, Clarence '49
Hibbing MN
Served four years in the Korean Conflict. Married Patricia James in 1953. Farmed at Grygla for 12 years. In 1967 moved to Hibbing and worked at Eveleth Tac for 19 years as an electrician. Retired and now working as an independent electrical contractor. We have six children and 11 grandchildren. My fondest memory of NWSA days is being on the swim team and all my friends I met there.

Chruszch, Alice (Swanson) '49
Warren MN
I've lived near where I grew up in Warren all my life. Worked as a secretary for a State Farm Insurance agent. Raised three boys who are all married and on their own, and we have five grandchildren. We spend our summers mostly on Lake-of-the-Woods in our cottage near Long Point. Since our retirement our winters are spent in McAllen, TX.

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Class Notes

Alice (Swanson) Chruszch '49...continued

My fondest memory of NWSA days is civic's class — I was the only girl. So didn't have to attend classes daily just had to read each chapter and answer the questions. How I passed — don't know!!

Dostal, Wilford '49
Angus MN
I spent two years in US Army serving in Korea. Kaye and I were married for 42 years and have three children and seven grandchildren. Kay passed away this past year. I've been in the manufacturing business for 18 years, also farming and insurance sales for 28 years. My fondest memory of NWSA days is that I could write a book — all fond memories!

Eisert, Gayan '49
Moorhead, MN

Finkenbinder, Dorothy (Bergh) '49
Hallock MN
After high school I went to Moorhead State Teachers College (now Moorhead State College) for two years to be an elementary teacher. After my first year of teaching 41 5th graders, Larry and I got married. My second year in Cass Lake, MN was my last year as a teacher. Larry was in the Navy, the submarine corps, and I went with him to the East Coast until he was discharged in 1955. We came home to farm with his dad. We have three children, two sons live in Hallock and a daughter in Crookston, and 12 grandchildren. In 1990 Larry was diagnosed with leukemia. He quickly went into remission and for two and half years was his normal self. We sold the farm to David early in that period of time. Larry relapsed as we'd been told he would. A year later it happened again. Another remission and another relapse. The 4th time he tried for remission it was not successful. In June 1995 he died. I have worked as a nurse's aid for many years so that fills a great deal of my time. I love to ski, which I can do alone, and to canoe, but that is tough to do alone. In May 1997 I moved to town, not happily, but probably I'll get used to it. Birds are scarce but people are plentiful. My fondest memory of NWSA days is the day I was inducted into the National Honor Society. I was doubly proud because Larry was also — the same day.

Update received 6-14-99
In between 1955 and 1995 many usual and unusual things happened to us as does to everyone. We were happy together in our activities and in spite of finances always being close we had few worries. John at 18 was diagnosed with kidney failure. Big time problems now. This eventually involved two transplants, one from each sibling. Larry was diagnosed in 1990 with leukemia and after several treatments and good remissions over the next four and a half years he finally accepted the inevitable. He died a few days before our 43 wedding anniversary. They were good years in my memory. I'm happy but I don't want you to think I'm happier alone. I have a job at local nursing home and that keeps me busy. In January I dropped one day off my usual schedule of 10 days. That one extra day off is noticeable in a pleasant way. I might do it another year before retiring.

Giese, Ruth (Lau, Jr) '49
Moorhead MN
Attended one year of college at Gustavus Adolphus and graduated. Worked in Fargo for Massey Ferguson until I was married in 1954. Moved to Spokane WA for four years where I continued to work for Massey Ferguson. Moved back to Moorhead in 1958 and bought our first home and raised six children. I operated a day care for almost 30 years out of my home. My husband, Bud, was an over the road parts sales man for semi trucking. He died in 1996. I'm living in Moorhead at the present time and enjoying my life, yard work, crafts, friends and most of all my children and grandchildren. My family really helps to fill the void that was made when Bud died.

My fondest memory of NWSA days are the very dear friends that were made and the special times in the Aggie Inn. Of course, dorm life was great. Our education wasn't bad either.

Hamrick, Warren '49
Warroad MN
I farmed until September 1952, then I went in the Army and served in Korea during the war. After the war, I returned to farming and dairy. I married Dorothy Flaten in 1951. We have four boys and one girl and ten grandchildren. The three older boys are married and the fourth son lives on the home place with us. Our daughter graduated from Concordia and is working in Fargo. I retired from farming the fall of 1992 and rent the land to four of our sons. The boys are still farming and have the dairy also.

My fondest memory of NWSA days is getting to meet people from all over the wereld part of the state and still meeting up with some of them at different events.

Haugen, Helen (Hamling) '49
Babbitt, MN
Going back to my younger years, I married my high school sweetheart. We were married 13 months when our little son was born. Six days later my husband Walter Weber Jr was killed by a gravel truck. When my son was 18 months old, I remarried Henry Wettstead. He gave me security, and was a good father to Allan. We added three daughters to our family, Mary, Kay and Laurel. When Laurel was 8 we took in foster children. One was an 18 month old girl, Elizabeth. She was a prize. We all loved her dearly but she had many medical needs. She is severely hearing impaired and had several surgeries including open heart. Now she is 33 and still a prize. I retired on April 1, 1993. Later that month Henry and I moved to our little dream home in Babbitt. We were there for three days when Hank had a massive coronary. He passed away 23 hours later. But life goes on.

I thank God for the 41 years we had of married life and then for our 5 children and 13 grandchildren. I met my neighbor and on July 2, 1994, we were married. We attended church together and in February 1998 he developed cancer and passed away on April 30, 1998. My goal now is to go to Japan and work with a Japanese Church and their conversational reading program. I have been approved, and am waiting to hear that enough funds and/or pledges have come in so I can go.

Godtland, Dean '49
Warroad, MN
After high school I worked at farming for a couple of years. In 1951 I entered US Air Force for four years. I was stationed in Iceland for 18 months the rest of the time was in the U.S. at several bases. I got married in 1958 but my wife passed away two years ago. My oldest son lives in Fosston and owns a Car Quest parts store. Our daughter lives in Grand Forks and works at Altru Hospital and they have three children. My youngest lives in South Dakota and works at a bank. I lived in Convick for 25 years and owned a garage, was mayor and retired from the fire department. Moved to Warroad in 1987 and retired in 1998. My fondest memory of NWSA days is all the good memories. I sometimes wish I could do it over again.

Holm, James '49
Hastings MN
After graduating, farmed with parents until 1954. Spent two years in Army, signal Corps. In 1956 met and married Janet and we have three children and nine grandchildren. Moved to Minneapolis, worked one year as elec... (continued on page 13)
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trician apprentice, quit and went full-time to Dunwoody. Graduated in 1960, worked two and half years for Hanna Mining Company in Hibbing. Got laid off and went to work for Reserve Mining Company at Babbitt for six and half years. Then moved to Hastings and worked for 3M Company for 27 years as an electrician. Now retired, we do a lot of hunting, fishing and snowmobiling and ride ATVs in summer. Got blessed with two wonderful daughters and a wonderful son. Then we got blessed with six wonderful grandsons and three beautiful granddaughters (two sets of twin grandkids). All live close by. My fondest memory of NWSA days is the many good friends I made over the four years and would like to do it all over again!

Jensen, Mavis (Heinzeroth) '49

Billings MT

After graduation I moved to Fargo ND to work where I met my husband, Loren. We were married in 1954. I continued to work until June 1958, when our daughter Kim was born. In 1961 we moved to Edina MN. Son Mark was born in 1962. In the fall of 1963 we moved to Billings MT. Son Cory was born in the fall of 1964. Three children born in three different states. However, all five grandchildren were born in Billings; two girls and three boys. I was a Tupperware sales lady for several years while the children were younger. I than went to work for the Best Western Ponderosa Inn as an office manager and sales manager. My job consisted of all office duties, bookkeeping, booking rooms, meetings and groups, including reunions, schools and bus tours. I went to convention for bus tours so was able to see some country and also meet a lot of people. I worked there for 19 ½ years retiring in 1995. Retirement and I get along well. My fondest memory of NWSA days is the friends I made, living in the dorm, the chance to take swimming lessons, etc. And of course, Miss Bede and “if the shoe fits, put it on”. Do you remember the big snow storm when we couldn’t get out of the dorm until the boys shoveled us out?

Johnson, Lorraine (Flaten) '49

Fergus Falls MN

I worked in a store for a year and a half. Then married Clifford in 1950 and we had five children, 10 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. We farmed until we moved to Fergus Falls where I worked at Penneys, Herbergers and Woolworth’s. Also worked in the lunch room at school. My husband passed away in 1991 and I still live in Fergus Falls. My fondest memory of NWSA days are the friends!

Johnson, Theodore '49

Park Rapids MN

Entered the US Army during Korean War; discharged in 1953. Also married Laura Dostal in 1953. We have six children, one deceased and 15 grandchildren. I worked for State of MN Forestry Department for 33 years. Have had two by-pass heart surgeries, have no more veins to use so that’s the last one! Enjoying retirement. My fondest memory of NWSA days is going undefeated in football senior year, sports and class dances.

Lapp, Elizabeth '49

St. Vincent, MN

Graduated Deaconess School of Nursing, Grand Forks ND in 1951, Mpls School of Anesthesia 1956. Worked at Graton ND, Midland TX and Fargo ND. Moved back to St. Vincent in 1987. My fondest memory of NWSA days is all the musical opportunities I had in band, choir and the trio and piano. Too bad I didn’t practice more.

Magnusson, Allan (Buddy)'49

Roseau MN

Following graduation I served two years in the military during the Korean War. Came back to farm with my father and bought the farm. Donna and I were married and we have eight children and 12 grandchildren. We sold the dairy herd in 1981 and rented the land out. Have since sold most of the land to our sons. Presently I am semi-retired. I have a part-time job as the county veterans service officer. Do some woodworking and enjoy my senior citizen status.

My fondest memory of NWSA days is the comradarie and wonderful people who became life long friends — that started out as strangers and classmates.

Matson, Quentin '49

Hopedale MA

Farmed with my dad for two years, spent four years in U.S. Navy, then graduated from UND in Grand Forks ND in 1969. Taught high school electrical shop in Hawaii for four years. Taught high school industrial arts in FL, AL, NC an MA. Retired in 1992 — started teaching again in ’94 in Bethany Christian Academy where I still teach wood shop to grades 1-12. My wife Helen teaches pre-school and kindergarten at the same school and we enjoy the manifold blessings of God. We have seven children and 15 grandchildren.

My fondest memory or NWSA days is walking the girls back to their dorms after supper.

Mjelde, Marjorie (Ophus) '49

Pasadena CA

Where have the years gone?? This year is a year of change looking toward full retirement from real estate and doing some traveling. Irr and I spent five years on the farm at Beltrami, the next 20 years in the Moorhead area, 10 years at Erskine (back to the farm) and since 1984 we have been in the Los Angeles area. During the years the children were younger, I played “suzie homemaker” and full time volunteer in church, politics, nursing home and 4-H. However, when I grew up, I joined the ranks of the employed and have been working in real estate for 12 years. It has been interesting but totally time consuming and it must be soon time to retire! Our three daughters are in CA, Jan a realtor; Elizabeth an art historian; and Dawn, newly married, is a nurse practitioner. Our sons are in the midwest where Kent is in construction and Mark with a lovely new Thai wife is with the Federal Reserve bank. We have two delightful college age grandchildren. All have been warned that we plan to make the rounds in our travels!

My fondest memory of NWSA days is friends, friends, friends! I enjoyed seeing many of you at last year’s reunion.

Nelson, Duane '49

Moorhead MN


Nordquist, Vernie (Alvstad) '49

Ashby MN

After graduation I worked in Fargo until Lyle and I were married in 1950. Through the years we’ve lived at our farm at Ashby and for 12 years in Moorhead. Besides raising our five children and helping on the farm, I also did the office work for my husband’s construction company and for 24 years he’s also been Grant County Commissioner. We’ve done a lot of traveling, twice to Norway, and because three of our children live in Maryland, Missouri and the state of Washington we’ve seen a lot of the US also. Our oldest daughter works at the Department of Agriculture in DC, our oldest son runs the farm, the middle daughter works for...
Vernie (Alvstad) Nordquist '49...continued

Starbuck Coffee Company and the youngest daughter is an R.N. and our youngest son is a driver for a trucking company. My five grandchildren and community activities keep me busy and I enjoy flower gardening, crafts and reading and my hobby of doing family history research. We also learned to read and write Norwegian. It's been a good 50 years. My fondest memory of NWSA days is the opportunity to learn a lot of the things that have benefitted me all my life.

Perkins, Mary (Yearous) '49
Cottage Grove, OR

After graduation I worked in Fargo, ND as a cashier. Moved to Oregon in May of 1951. Met my husband, Everett in January of '52 and we were married in July of '52. We have had a great life together and have four children. Our oldest, Delores, married a man from Sweden and they live there, giving us the opportunity to travel there four times and to see several other European countries. Julie, our second daughter, and her husband live in Bozeman, MT with four children and one grandson. Our oldest son, David and his wife have three daughters and live in Bozeman also. Jim, our youngest son lives in Bellevue, WA with his son. Everett's favorite pass time is to work, so we still run our business in forest products. This year is the time I was given my heart's desire from my childhood. That is a trip to the Holy Land and a cruise on the Mediterranean Sea. Our plans for this summer is another trip to Europe which will be at the same time as the Reunion. I send my greetings to each one in our class. May God bless and keep each of you always. My fondest memory of NWSA days is Miss Bede comes to my mind first and the home extension classes. Also only six months of school, having great teachers like Miss Peterson and Miss Larson.

Raymond, Joseph '49
Las Vegas NV

After NWSA, I attended Dunwoody Institute in Minneapolis, MN in mechanics, International Correspondence School and took basic principles of civil engineering, Northwestern Electronic Institute in Minneapolis MN where I took all electronics. I've farmed for family and neighbors. From 1950 to 1958 I worked at the MN Health Department in Minneapolis, MN; in 1959 to 1960 I worked on electronics for Viking Tape Recorders; 1962 to 1965 I did electronic work for TRW at Canoga Park, CA; and in 1965 I went to West Los Angeles CA and worked for Scientific Data Systems (purchased by Xerox) in electronics; and finally to El Segundo CA where I worked for Xerox and retired as a computer test engineer in 1995. I had a fall three years ago and am now confined to a wheelchair. On the Internet, I am Minn-Joe on IRC. I use the Undernet Channels #65plus and #Nevada. Do you like jokes? E-mail me at iraymond@wizard.com.

My fondest memory of NWSA days is how the class treated me like a king!

Ruich, Jerome '49
Albion IN

Married Jeannette in 1952 and farmed until 1953. Worked for auto parts co and school until 1954; TV repair until 1956; moved to Indiana in 1956; military electronics at ITT and Magnavox until 1965. Then GTE until 1987 and retirement. Then part-time work as contracting engineer.

My fondest memory of NWSA days is EVERYTHING! It was great!

Sargent, Marlys (Engelstad) '49
Florence AL

Upon graduation I worked as secretary in the West Polk County Extension Office. I attended the University of Minnesota for two years. Orvis (class of '44) and I were married in 1952. We lived in Warren, MN for two years, Ames IA for five years, and have lived in Florence AL since 1960. We have three children and two granddaughters. I have remained active in several musical groups in Florence. Orvis retired in 1988 and we have done considerable traveling, both nationally and internationally.

Swenson, Diane (Arnold) '49
Osage, MN

Bob and I were married in 1950 and have three children, nine grandchildren and one great grandson. Bob was called to active duty in Air Guard during the Korean Conflict. We lived in Georgia, Texas and California during that time. Bob began teaching in 1952 in Lake City. Our third son was born there. We moved to Richfield where we lived 27 years. Then moved to a townhouse in Bloomington for 10 years. Bob taught school 20 years (was MN Teacher of the Year in '55), was MIA president for two years. After that, was the Director of the MN Elementary Principals Assn for 20 years. We retired at our lake home in 1981 in Northern MN where we live near two of our sons and six grandchildren. I am active in my little country church, homemakers club, book club. Have made new good friends and having the two families close is special. Life is good! My fondest memory of NWSA days is good friends made there is the best memory. Also dorm life, class play (Little Women, I was Amy) being Homecoming Queen was exciting as well. I loved going to school there and six of us still maintain a round robin and see each other often.

Schei, Mary Ann (Olsen) '49
Asotin WA

50 YEARS—can't be!! I am blessed with good health so time has gone by quickly. R. E. (Pug) Olsen and I were married and have three children, three grandchildren, and one great grandchild. We moved to Clarkston, WA five years after graduation. Worked up to office manager for a distributing company, then seventeen years for a grocery chain in Lewiston, ID and recently retired from the position of Municipal Clerk/Treasurer for the city of Asotin. Pug and I visited MN several times and attended one Reunion. Pug still talks of the great people he met. We celebrated our 39th anniversary and we love traveling and meeting people.

My fondest memory of NWSA days is the tea at T. M. McCaul's residence. I remember how gracious the McCaul's were in making everyone feel so comfortable. I have tried to follow their example.

Taus, Wilfred '49
Strathcona MN

I stayed on the home farm; am now retired. I retired from Polaris Corp, Roseau five years ago. I started there in 1967 and I enjoyed over 26 1/2 year at Polaris. My farming was mostly cattle and some grain. I sold the cow's last fall. I am still recovering from a complete hip replacement on January 13. My experience over all, went back to NWSA. I really have been planning to go to this Reunion but still not sure I'll make it as my wife has to be (continued on page 15)
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at the University on the 23rd for annual checkup. She had cancer about 8 years ago so it is very important to have that checkup. My fondest memory of NWSA days was getting to know a lot of very nice people. Also, when I went in service it was like going back to school.

Thoresen, Lavonne (Johnson) '49
Fairdale ND

We are retired farmers (10 years ago) and our land is planted into grass (CRP). We have five married daughters living in AZ, CO, and MN with seven grandchildren, all in MN. This is our first winter in Apache Junction, AZ, love the sunny days of winter. Our AZ phone # is 602 671-1260 and our address is Sunrises Resort #56, 1403 W Broadway Avenue, Apache Junction, AZ 85220. We will be celebrating our 41st anniversary in June. My fondest memory of NWSA days is the dorm life and walking across the lovely campus in all the seasons.

Torgerson, Ada (Wagstrom) '49
Rifle CO

We have four children, 11 grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. I graduated from the Advanced Class in '49 and Herb and I were married that next September. Herb was farming near Underwood MN. We had all four of our children, Linda, Neil, Mark and Leon while we lived there. We moved to CO in April 1983. Herb got a new job in family housing at the University of Colorado and worked there for 23 years. I worked as a nurse’s aid at the hospital during this time. We moved to Boulder until 1965 and I got a job in the print shop. At the University of Colorado I learned a whole new trade and worked there for 21 years. We retired in May 1986 and moved across the mountains to Rifle, CO. There really are mountains all around us. Our elevation is 5,432 ft. Our children had all moved over here so we have them all close. We love it here and feel God has richly blessed us! We are sorry we can’t attend but send our greetings to all. Best wishes! My fondest memory of NWSA days is being in the play Little Women. It was the greatest! I wish I could see all those friends again!

Truhn, Duane '49
Champlin MN

I have two children and six grandchildren.

Van Raden, Chester '49
Orlando FL

Born 7/11/29 at home on the farm. Enrolled at NWSA in 10/45. Employed by American Crystal Sugar Company, EGF, MN in 9/47 until 60. Enlisted in US Navy in 11/50 during the Korean Conflict. Was selected to attend Class “A” Engineer School after boot camp. Graduated first in a class of 43 navy students. Honorably discharged in 9/54 with a rate of EN2. Awarded the National Defense Medal and the Good Conduct Medal. Enrolled at UND, Grand Forks, ND in '55 in the School of Engineering. Continued employment at American Crystal and advanced to a position of Assistant Chemist. Enrolled at NDAC, Fargo, ND in '57 to take some courses I was not able to take at UND. Returned to UND in '57. My lovely wife Betty and I were married in '58. She and her two daughters moved to EGF, MN where we lived until I finished college. Our third daughter Michelle was born 11/59. I graduated from UND in 6/61 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. During my senior year I was elected to Sigma Tau, a national engineering honorary fraternity at UND. Accepted a position with General Electric Company on their three-year Manufacturing Training Program consisting of six, 6-month assignments at different geographical locations. We were at Philadelphia, PA; Syracuse, NY (our fourth daughter Melissa was born here in 1962) and Burlington VT. When the training program was completed I accepted a position as a Quality Control Engineer at Erie, PA. Mfg., Co, Erie, PA. Resigned after 10 months and accepted a Quality Engineering position with Westinghouse Electric Corp. at the Astronomical Laboratory, Pittsburgh, PA. After four years was transferred to the Heat Transfer Division, Philadelphia, PA as Manager Quality Control. In April '71 was advanced as a Senior Engineer in the Source Assurance Department. In 6/82 was transferred to Orlando, FL as Source Assurance Engineer for the Steam Turbine Generator Division. While on this assignment I had an opportunity to visit manufacturing facilities in 12 different foreign countries and every state in the US. Retired in '89 after 22 years with Westinghouse. In '87 started part-time with H & R Block as a Tax Preparer and also taught the Basic Tax Course starting in 1989. Retired in '97 and have been on vacation ever since.

Vesledahl, Marilyn (Stromstad) '49
Beltrami MN

Raymond and I were married in 1950. We were blessed with six children, three boys and three girls. We now have 17 1/2 grandchildren but none are close around to spoil. We have to go to Minneapolis, MN; Pensacola, WA; Corona, CA; or Costa Rica to see them. The good part is we do get some traveling done. We have farmed all our married life — dairy for 22 years, then beef, then just grain farming. I do some part time work as cook in a local café and also work for Tri-Valley Opportunity Council.

My fondest memory of NWSA days is: there are so many — Saturday morning at the Aggie Inn. Special musical programs we were in. I cherish all the friendships started there.

Vind, Charles '49
Fertile MN

At the present time I am semi-retired and work part-time at Fair Meadow Nursing Home in Fertile. Merna and I were married in 1951 and we have five children, 11 grandchildren and one great grandchild. I spent two years in the Army — 1951-1953 and 20 years in the National Guard. We lived in CA from 1959-1970 and worked for Streator Store Fixtures. In 1970 I purchased the Fertile Locker Plant which we operated for 14 years. I am a past president and member of the Fertile Community Club and received the Fertile Citizen of the Year award in 1982. I am also past president of the Fertile Lions Club (26 years as a member), the Fertile Conservation Club, and Past Commander of the Fertile Am Legion Post 238. I spent two years as the Am Legion District Adjutant and am the American Legion District Finance Officer a position I’ve had for two years. We live on a farm three miles south of Maple Lake and I enjoy hunting in our area. My fondest memory of NWSA days is the undefeated football team that we had in 1948 and also all the friendships that were built during my years at NWSA.

Vind, Gordon '49
Crockston MN


Donald Carlson '39
Glendive, MT

I will not be able to come to the '99 Reunion according to Dr. orders. He says I might fall as I am handicapped.

Donald LaPlante '39
Hayward CA

My wife was recently re-elected as Director of the Retired Division of the California State Employees Association. She works with the California Legislature and California PERBS (the largest retirement system in the world with management of $150 billion dollars) to secure benefits, COLA, health plans for retirees. We enjoy going to spring training for the Oakland A's and have gone for 15 consecutive years.
Lamar A Anderson '44
Hallock MN
Served in WWII. Then took up flying. Crop sprayer for 20 years also took on some machinery and started road construction for 48 years. Owned and operated Anderson Land Fill and Refuse Collection Service for 24 years. Retired Jan 1, 1996 and live in Hallock.

Alice Rundell Lomen '50
Port Angeles WA
Moved to Port Angeles, WA in 1998 after retiring from St. John's Hospital in Longview, WA October 1996. It's on the Olympic Peninsula. Only minutes from home to the mountains or the ocean. Hobbies include writing poetry (perfect place to write), reading, sight-seeing and visiting family and friends in Longview.

Duane Wentzel '55
Leesburg FL
Three children—Karl, Karin and Todd (deceased in 1991) and five grandchildren. Worked with JC Penney for 30 years at 9 locations. Started in Fargo ND and served as district merchandise President Manager for 13 years. Retired in 1997.

Wayne Odegaard '64
Brooksville, FL
Just a few words about what has happened with me. I've been married for 25 years. My wife Susan is a nurse and we have two children. My son Matt is 18 years old and will be attending North Dakota State University this fall. He's in for a surprise because he has never experienced cold weather. My daughter Kate is 11 years old and attends a private school. Every year our family looks forward to vacationing in Minnesota. Most of our time is spent on a farm we purchased several years ago near Alexandria. I plan to retire in approximately three years. We would like to spend the summer months in Alexandria, which I hope to become a gentleman farmer. For the past 27 years I have been working for the Cooperative Extension Service. The last twenty years have been spent here in FL where a majority of educational programs relate to urban problems and needs. I'm currently serving as the Hernando County Extension Director, which means that I devote a majority of my time to administrative matters. Five years ago we built a new house on twenty wooded acres near the town of Brooksville. Brooksville is located approximately thirty five miles north of Tampa. The welcome mat is always out to members of the class of '64 who happen to be in this part of FL.

The University of Minnesota is celebrating its Sesquicentennial. It promises to be a magnificent affair, a unique blend of honoring historic accomplishments and looking to the 21st century at the University of Minnesota. As a coordinate campus, the University of Minnesota, Crookston is sharing in this once-in-a-lifetime celebration! Hats-off to the University of Minnesota!