Scholarships Honor the Past, Secure the Future

Bob Peterson had been thinking for years about how to honor his father and grandparents, but was unsure of what he would like to do. How to honor them became clearer after attending a seminar on value-based estate planning where the speaker asked, “How many of you know the first name of your great grandparents?” Bob explained, “I was not one of two people who raised their hands in response to the question.” The speaker went on to note that three generations is about the average length of the legacy of families in the United States. That started Bob thinking of how much he wanted his father and his grandparents to be remembered, not only by his children and grandchildren, but by others as well.

At approximately the same time, Bob’s mother mentioned that she wanted to do something to honor Bob’s father and her parents. The endowed scholarships in their names are what transpired as a tribute to these important people and as an effective way to include their belief in and support of education. “A college education today opens doors the same as a high school education from the Northwest School of Agriculture (NWSA) did for my grandfather and father.” Bob’s family is testimony to that fact.

Bob’s grandfather, Herbert Johnston, graduated from the NWSA in 1920, and he appreciated that education. He was able to attend high school and still be available on the farm for work in the spring and fall. His education not only helped him to be a good farmer, but also to serve on various boards, including 30 years on the board of the Angus Coop Elevator. There were other NWSA graduates in the Johnston family, Herbert Johnston’s brother, Wilbur, graduated in 1921. Bob’s mother, Elaine (Johnston) Maruska, ’37, along with her sister, Eleanor (’39), her brother, Stanley (attended ’37-’41), and her brother, Gene (’46) are all NWSA alumni. They have also had five family members graduate from UMC since 1960. At the NWSA reunion in 1997, Elaine was honored as Top Aggie, a credit to her belief in education.

Bob’s father, Leroy Peterson, graduated from NWSA in 1936. Then he worked at the NWSA as a beef herdsman until 1941, when he left to work for Lockheed aircraft plant in Los Angeles just before the start of WW II. In 1942, he was drafted into the Air Force.

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Scholarships Honor the Past, Secure the Future … continued

Leroy Peterson believed in education and took every opportunity to learn more by attending extension courses on new crops, by keeping abreast of the latest dairy production information, and by learning to use a welder to repair farm machinery. The fact that Leroy built one of the first open-house milking parlor dairy barns in northern Minnesota in 1955 showed his deep interest in using what he learned, as did his service to the local school board. Although he died in a farm accident when Bob was only twelve years old, the commitment his parents made to education did not die.

His mother, Elaine, became a single parent, and hard as it was, she never once suggested that her children do anything other than get as much education as possible. In fact, Bob’s brother, Dean, is a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and brother, Larry, holds a Juris Doctor’s degree as does Bob. “Education has opened doors for all of us,” Bob explains.

His law degree gave him the opportunity to help people with their estate planning and, thus, take care of themselves and their families. The ability to help people is integral to his role at the Minnesota Foundation, where he helps people realize their gifting goals. “It has also allowed me to give something back to education,” Bob reflects.

The scholarships are set up to benefit students from the Warren High School area first, and, if no one qualifies, then students from Polk County are eligible for the scholarships. The scholarship fund is set up so that others can contribute to them. Bob’s mother, sister, brothers and others may contribute whenever they want. The scholarship in honor of his grandparents allows all their children and grandchildren to contribute. Every one of the Johnston’s grandchildren is a Warren High School graduate. “It will be a great way to have our grandparents remembered whenever a scholarship is awarded to Warren High School area students,” Bob shares. The scholarship funds are a unique way to honor someone.

Herbert & Anna Johnston

Genuine, generous, enduring—these are the words that describe the spirit of scholarship giving. They describe the feelings that Bob Peterson shared with me that day in his office. He and his mother, Elaine, have created a legacy that will continue to give back to education and honor the people that they love. What a tribute to their heritage and to them.

—Liz Tollefson, contributing writer

Don’t Miss The
NWSA Reunion
June 29-30
2001

See Page 23 and Back Cover for More Details!

Herbert & Anna Johnston

The bachelor’s degree Bob received from the University of Minnesota allowed him to become an Air Force officer during the Vietnam War. Being an officer permitted Bob to take his family to various parts of the world. Through these experiences, the Peterson family came to appreciate all the privileges that belong to citizens of the United States.
From the President

Gerhard Ross

Dear NWSA Alumni,

Greetings from the tundra. We have had a cold winter, but it hasn't been too bad. We have had sun and the winds have been moderate. Most of us re-tired folks are into hibernation. If you count nap time, we would rival the bear.

That's not the situation on the UMC Campus. Activity abounds! The renovation of the Kiehle Building has begun. This caused the NWSA Alumni Room to be moved from Kiehle to Robertson Hall. Your Board members and some of their spouses volunteered to bring order out of the chaos of "stuff", and we again have a useful Board room.

The annual NWSA Heritage Fund Drive is well underway with the letters being sent out in December and January. The phonathon will commence toward the end of March and if you have not sent in your check, you will receive a call at this time. I hope you will continue your support. If you have not contributed in the past, please consider supporting the NWSA Heritage. We appreciate!

The next endeavor will be for the Centennial Project Committee to proceed with a vision and plan for the Gazebo and the surrounding park area. The goal is to have it in place by the time of our Centennial celebration in the year 2005. Hopefully, this plan will include input from at least some of you. We will keep you posted through the Aggie. I believe that all, who attended the NWSA, feel that the NWSA contributed to the vitality and leadership of the Red River Valley and beyond. The UMC Campus is certainly continuing that role. It is our hope that the Centennial Park Project will reflect on the foundation that was those early years, and also points the way to the future that the UMC so exemplifies.

Take care and enjoy!

Gerhard Ross

Campaign Minnesota News

The Crookston campus has raised $3,854,578 toward its $5 million goal. This total represents 77.1 percent of our Campaign Minnesota goal. The Capital Campaign is scheduled to run through June 30, 2003.

If you are interested in receiving information on the Campaign, or, better yet, wish to make a gift, please contact me at 218-281-8438 or 1-800-232-6466 extension 8438, or feel free to stop by our new offices on the second floor of Selvig Hall. And thanks to those of you who have already made a contribution!

Del Roelofs

How You Can Participate ...

All gifts, regardless of size, count toward Campaign Minnesota, and alumni may designate their gifts in support of the campus, college, or program of their choice. Gifts made through the Annual Fund also count toward the campaign, and alumni are encouraged to continue to make annual gifts. By making an annual gift in each of the four years of Campaign Minnesota 2000 through 2003, donors will receive special recognition at campaign close.

Campaign News

Campaign Surpasses $1 Billion
Gifts for Campaign Minnesota now total more than $1 billion, reaching $1,001,100,000 as of December 31, 2000, or 77 percent of the campaign's goal of $1.3 billion by 2003. Campaign Minnesota priorities include $540 million in endowment funds for faculty, students, and strategic investments, and another $760 million for research, ongoing academic programs, and outreach programs.

Arboretum Receives $10 Million
The University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum received a gift of $10 million from an anonymous donor for construction of its new visitor center. The center will serve as a formal entry point to the arboretum's gardens and collections, and will provide expanded space for interactive exhibits and demonstrations, classrooms, an auditorium, gift shop, restaurant, and outdoor terrace.

Faculty and Staff Give Generously
More than 6,500 faculty and staff have given $35 million so far to Campaign Minnesota.
From the Chancellor

Spring semester is off to a good start. Ag-Arama and Snow Daze continue to be important to more and more students at UMC; the UMC Student Association undertook the huge, important task of purchasing containers and implementing a first rate recycling program across campus; several classes have students involved in service learning activities, which are integrated into their courses; the sports teams are hustling; and student clubs are busy with some new and some of the usual projects. Add to this the continuing changes that occur in the academic courses, and students continue to benefit as UMC improves it educational environment.

Kiehle Hall renovations have begun. The 1910 historical building will be totally renovated with a new beautiful entrance on the south and an expanded technology center on the north. Plans are to be finished in time for classes in fall 2002.

Enrollment is up from last year. The programs in Information Technology, Business Management, Equine Industries, Early Childhood Education, and Natural Resources experienced the most growth. And of course, students are coming from farther distances, including more countries. So the opportunity to experience more of the world is easier at UMC than in previous years.

The legislative session is underway, and I'm sure that you know by now that the Governor's budget proposal for the University was dismal. It is particularly troublesome for UMC, as we have experienced significant student growth and need funds to hire more faculty. We cannot grow UMC on tuition alone. The last thing we need now is a double-digit student tuition increase, particularly since most students at UMC already depend on financial aid. So please do visit with the legislators in your region or that you meet and encourage them to support the University of Minnesota legislative budget request. We appreciate your support.

Editor's Note: For information on how to contact your legislator electronically, go to www.umn.edu/govrel.

Donald Sargeant

Alumni Room Moves to Robertson

The Kiehle Building renovation project is underway. But that doesn't mean the NWSA alumni have lost their heritage room. Members of the NWSA Board of Directors helped set up a cozy space on the first floor of Robertson Hall where NWSA items can be displayed and where meetings can be held. Pictured at left in the new space are NWSA Alumni President Gerhard Ross, NWSA Board member Arlone Thoreson Cymbaluk, and Del Roelofs, UMC Director of Development. Thanks also to Berneil Nelson, Marilyn and Darol Melby, and Bonnie and Chuck Holmquist.
From the Director of Development

Del Roelofs

My column in the AGGIE usually deals with NWSA and Development Office activity. However, because of the tragic and untimely death of Michael Chowdry, I want to dedicate my column to the memory of his life and pay tribute to this truly remarkable man.

Michael came to UMC in the fall of 1976 and enrolled in Agriculture Aviation. My first recollection of Michael was during this time when he occasionally attended the Presbyterian Church as a guest of Rev. Phil and Barb Weller. He was a congenial, unassuming young man who took his place in the pew with Barb and the children. Little did any of us know at that time that in just twenty short years he would become the founder, CEO and Chairman of Atlas Air, Inc. and be listed as one of America's elite as a member of the Forbes 400. Michael's achievements are astonishing in and of themselves, but when you couple them with the adversity that challenged him, you begin to understand that he was indeed a very special person. He was born in Pakistan on October 20, 1954. He set out for England at the age of 14 with dream of seeking opportunity that didn't exist in his homeland. While in London, his jobs ranged from delivering groceries on his bicycle to driving a minicab, to ferrying emergency blood supplies back and forth across the city. He often wore a hat pulled down low and chewed on a cigar to disguise his age.

As a boy, Michael would watch airplanes whenever he could and fantasize that he was piloting them across the sky. While in England, he began to check into colleges and universities where he could take aviation and decided he would have to come to America to realize his dream. At that time and in that process he decided to come to the U.S. and enroll at the University of Minnesota, Crookston. While in New York he was mugged and lost the small amount of money that he had managed to save up for college. When Dr. Irving Glick picked him up at the Grand Fords airport he was essentially wearing everything he possessed.

None of the adversity he had experienced deterred his determination to complete his aviation training and earn his commercial pilot's license. In fact, he became almost mesmerized by the idea that in America, anyone who was willing to work hard could succeed. To achieve his goal, Michael did any type of work he could get to pay for his college education. He pumped gas, washed River View Hospital windows, crop-dusted, drove the church bus on Sunday morning, did janitor work and performed any other job he could get to help pay his way. He also honed his negotiation skills during this time to get tuition and fees due date extensions. Jack Bywater could fill you in on a lot more of the details on this subject.

Michael Chowdry graduated from UMC in the spring of 1978. For the next 14 years he started a number of different businesses all affiliated with aviation. Several of these businesses failed. In fact, on one occasion he actually sold the family home to meet the company payroll. In 1992, based on the premise that market demand for air cargo carriers was on the increase, Michael introduced the concept of outsourcing cargo capacity for the world's major international airlines and founded Atlas Air, Inc. Today, Atlas Air, Inc. is the third largest cargo carrier in the world for revenue tons carried.

On January 24, 2001 Michael died in a tragic accident piloting a Czech training jet that he loved to fly. "Michael is survived by his wife, Linda, who he met when she came to sell him a phone system for his first business. He was sold on more than just the phones and they were married in 1983. Together they raised Linda's daughters, Jennifer and Regan and had a son, Jimmy in 1989 and a daughter, Olivia, in 1991. Although Atlas Air was his passion, Michael's family was his foundation. Michael was able to accomplish great things both personally and professionally by taking risks and seizing opportunities. He lived an extraordinary life. With a warm heart and a welcoming smile, his family grew to include friends and colleagues around the world. He will be remembered fondly."

I will be forever grateful to have had the opportunity to know this wonderful, generous man.

"Reprinted from "A Celebration of the Life of Michael A. Chowdry"

Point of Information: In 1998, Michael established the Michael A. Chowdry Entrepreneurial Scholarship Fund. Each year eight scholarships are awarded, four students receive $5,000 scholarships and four additional students are each given $2,500 scholarships. The Chowdry Scholarships are the most sought after scholarships on campus, with more than 60 students competing for this coveted prize annually.
2000 Torch and Shield Honors

The 23rd annual Torch and Shield Banquet, held November 1, 2000, recognized several NWSA individuals for their gifts to the University of Minnesota Crookston. On behalf of UMC, we extend our deepest appreciation for the "Aggie Spirit" these gifts support. The event brought recognition to new members of the University of Minnesota Foundation Gift Clubs, Annual Giving Clubs, and UMC Gifts Clubs as follows. If you are interested in joining one of these clubs, please contact Del Reolofs.

UMF TRUSTEES SOCIETY
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Dr. Ernest Newhouse '28

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Please send your order and enclose your check to:
NWSA Alumni Association
2900 University Avenue
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Current UMC students and NWSA Alumni met for a round of Christmas Carols at the Harris Peterson Gazebo during the holidays.

The Centennial Project Committee met, and it was concluded that we needed agreement on the goals of the Centennial Park Project, before we could seriously consider the overall plan. This will require input from NWSA and UMC alumni. I am appealing to all of you to consider the suggestions that have come before the Committee and comment on those suggestions or add your own suggestions.

The gazebo exists on location. Drawings and photos have been generated. Many of you may have seen the photo rendition of the proposed park on requests for support made available in mailings. A nice collage of photos of the gazebo and grounds are available on UMC website: www.crk.umn.edu. However, there is a need for a specific plan that people widely agree on. These are some of the suggestions that have surfaced:

1. A sign, possibly granite, to identify the site, with the back as a place to recognize contributors.
2. A NWSA memorial garden that recognizes staff and associated written memories.
3. A time line of significant events parallel to an existing sidewalk.
4. A sundial (which you can see on the photo rendering) with time events around it.
5. Recognition of athletics.
6. Recognition of agricultural instruction and research.
7. The Park should be an educational tool.
8. The need to recognize the technology component of UMC plus evolvement from its roots to the present four year college. These limited suggestions are a starting point for you, I hope you will respond with your comments and any other suggestions.

Gerhard Ross

Check out a site on the Internet, just for NWSA alumni: www.crk.umn.edu/people/alumni/NWSA-sch-life/index.htm
Become a Sponsor of the Centennial Park Project

As we celebrate the dedication of the Harris A. Peterson Gazebo, we wish to thank you for your support. The Gazebo is the initial piece of the Centennial Park Project. Plans are to develop the Centennial Park which will encompass a NWSA Memorial Garden to the north and east of the Gazebo and a Centennial Plaza area to the south. This project will provide a “Town Square” atmosphere to this beautiful area of our Campus.

Where: On the northeast corner of the Campus Mall adjacent to the Sunken Gardens. This site has easy access to parking, Bede Hall Ballroom and Sahlstrom Conference Center which can provide catering and access to restrooms for special events. This site will provide a living historical link between the Northwest School of Agriculture and UMC.

Why: This facility will accentuate a “Spirit of Community” providing a meeting place while taking advantage of the beautiful surroundings that make our campus a special place. The Gazebo and surrounding area can provide a place to host reunions, weddings, concerts, talent shows and many other special events.

Construction of the Gazebo was made possible thanks to a generous donation by NWSA Alum Harris A. Peterson ('42). Harris is the owner and CEO of Minn-Dak Growers, Ltd., a world-wide supplier of mustard, buckwheat, and confection sunflower ingredients to the food industry. Harris says, “The NWSA was an important part of my life. My fellow classmates and I were like family, and I think we all had a tremendous advantage in realizing our dreams by attending the Northwest School of Agriculture.”

We wish to thank the UMC Facilities Management personnel for their hard work and dedication that made this project a reality: Kent Freberg; Paul Schultz; Bernie Elseth; Jerry Flude; Greg Benoit; Michelle Holman; Neil Vraa; Jared Robinson; Ted Paul; and Denny Kuzel.

I/We would like to support the Centennial Park Project. My/our commitment will be made as follows:

☐ With the enclosed sum of $_________. Please make your check payable to Centennial Park Project.

☐ With a pledge of $_________ to be paid as follows: _______ contributions commencing on _______ and completed on _______ (date).

Please send your contribution to:

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Senior Computer Workshop

When making plans to attend the NWSA reunion in June, schedule a few extra days to participate in UMC workshops on computers and the Internet. UMC has been hosting successful introductory computer training for seniors across the country, and is now scheduling training convenient to your reunion. Make your return to UMC a learning experience!

UMC will offer three workshop options. Come for a full week of beginning computing topics, or choose from two 2-day workshops. The week-long training is June 25-29. The two-day workshops are June 28-29. Each workshop includes six hours of hands-on classroom training on UMC's famous laptops with experienced, personable instructors.

Betty Floan, a NWSA alum who has been participating in the training every year as a volunteer, says "This is a great program you are offering and I hope many will take advantage." Her computing experience started with a class just like this, one designed for people with no experience. She now returns to UMC every year as a classroom volunteer for the Elderhostel Senior Computer Training and is a Foster Grandparent in her school working with computers. Betty adds "It has opened new challenges for me and I'm looking forward to helping others open up to the world of computers. I'm also thankful to Miss Hughbanks' typing class at NWSA."

Workshop topics and activities are designed for people with no experience. They are paced to help you learn. Several classroom assistants will provide individual attention, and handouts and materials will help you review and expand your classroom experience. The schedule and topics are listed in the chart below and on the next page.

Workshop attendees may participate as a commuter or reside on campus in UMC's comfortable West Side Apartments. The apartments are air-conditioned, two-bedroom suites with a kitchenette and living room. Each bedroom has two twin beds and a bath. The apartments also have connections for you to plug in your laptop anytime outside of class. Meals will be provided by UMC's excellent Dining Services staff.

Pricing is based on commuter or resident status. Pricing includes three meals each day.

**Five-day workshop**

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Senior Computer Workshop
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What is the impact of the computer on our lives? A study by Media Metrix revealed that women over 55 represent the fastest-growing age group on the Internet, a 98.1 percent increase over 1999. (New York Times, 29 June 2000). Many websites offer information for seniors.

Some, like, www.elderweb.com, offer links to health care and financial service sites, and www.caregiver.org/factsheet.html provides information on issues like Medicaid, power of attorney, and revocable living trusts. (Forbes, 22 May 2000). The computer has also made a difference in how we communicate with each other, from daily emails to family newsletters with digital photos of the grandkids and latest adventure.

✓ Specialized computer workshop for senior learners.
✓ Introductory level of topics.
✓ Hands-on training with personal assistance.
✓ You'll complete tasks and projects each day.
✓ Use a UMC laptop for the training.
✓ Choose from 5-day and 2-day options.
✓ Choose from campus residence or commuter options.

Make your plans now to attend the 2001 NWSA Reunion on June 29-30, 2001


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!
2000-2001 NWSA Scholarships
Awards and Recipients

NWSA Heritage Fund Scholarships are awarded to direct descendants of Northwest School of Agriculture alumni. Recipients who demonstrate high academic progress may renew this scholarship. Freshman and Sophomore (4 semesters full time) receive $450 per semester for a total of $900/yr; Juniors and Seniors (4 semesters full time) receive $300 per semester for a total of $600/yr.

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NatRsrc

Melanie Tiedemann, Euclid
Early Childhood Mgmt

Megan Tollefson, Crookston
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Alton & Otilda Anderson Scholarship was established in 1998 by their daughter, Phyllis Anderson Solee '47, and is awarded to a woman student majoring in agriculture with preference given to an Agronomy major. Recipient must maintain a GPA of 3.0 in all coursework attempted. Academic performance, scholastic aptitude, evidence of outstanding leadership, creativity and community involvement will be considered in the selection process.

Angela Muscha, Harvey ND
Plant Ind Mgmt

Dr. Benjamin Bakkegard '39-'42 established through a gift annuity the Ardelle Hamlett Bakkegard Scholarship.

Elrona 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.

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Arvin Gorden '32 established a Gift Annuity for the Arvin Gorden Scholarship.

Earl Hvidsten '41 Memorial Scholarship was established in 1995 by his wife, Gloria Hvidsten. Preference is given to graduates of Stephen High School.

Amy Kuznia, Stephen
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Laura Pikop, Stephen
Ag Ind Sales Mgmt

Lyle Kasprick '50 Scholarship recognizes direct NWSA descendants who are full-time students wishing to further their education at UMC.

Nathan Johnson, East Grand Forks
Hotel/Res/Ins Mgmt

Francis Klein-Forte '46 Scholarship was established in 1999 by her 1946 NWSA Classmates. This endowment was established for NWSA descendants with a 2.50 high school GPA or 2.5 post-secondary GPA.

Kelly Bisek, Mahnomen
Animal Ind Mgmt

Albert Kopecky '23 Memorial Scholarship is awarded to freshman agriculture majors who have demonstrated involvement in school/community activities or organizations.

Traci Graning, Becker
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Megan Tollefson, Crookston
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Wallace '24 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.

Matthew Fredrickson, Apple Valley Plant Ind Mgmt
Rebekka Haarstad, Rothsay Equine Ind Mgmt
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Tony Houdek, Fargo, ND InfoNetMgmt
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Amy Kovarik, Grand Forks ND InfoNetMgmt
William Lowder, Macon GA Undecided
Katie Mergenthal, Grand Forks ND DietTech
Annie Nelson, Nevis Equine Ind Mgmt
Jessi Piepkorn, Wadena Early Childhood Educ
Angela Pommerening, Oakdale Animal Ind Mgmt
Rebecca Seifert, Wahpeton, ND Environ/Nat Res Mgmt
Marc Strahm, Lisbon ND Golf Facilities/Turf Mgmt
Kari Visness, Karlstad DietTech

Dr. Ernest Newhouse '28 established the Ernest and Edna Newhouse Endowed Scholarship through a Bequest.

Mitch (Lien) Nielsen Memorial Scholarship was established in 1999 by Les '58 and June Nielsen, in remembrance of their son, Mitch. Students must be from the Clearbrook-Gonvick High School and maintain an average GPA of 2.1 and want to continue their education.

Rachel Sundbom, Clearbrook Marketing/Management

Edwin A. Pearson '43 Scholarship was established in 1993, a NWSA alumini, in memory of his wife, Dorothy. The scholarship is awarded to a direct descendant of a NWSA alumini who is in the top one-half of his/her graduating class.

Nicole Brault, Crookston Dietetic Technician

S Wilbur Peterson Memorial Scholarship was established in 1998 by the family of T. W. Odegaard and is awarded to an upper-division student studying in agriculture from northwestern Minnesota, average student who has demonstrated academic progress and participates in extracurricular activities.

Kevin Jacobson, Fullerton, ND Agronomy/Soils Mgmt

Lyle Roberts Memorial Scholarship was established by the estate of Edna Gudvangen in memory of her son, Lyle. The student must be a first year student either a freshman or transfer student.

Gatchang Duach, Nashville TN InfoNetMgmt

Michael Steinhauer, Thief River Falls Natural Resources

Clarence '41 & Edna '44 Sargent Scholarship was established in 1998 and is awarded to a needy second year student who is average or above with excellent potential in Ag related studies. Preference will be given to 7th Congressional District residents. If no Ag student available, music students may be considered.

Timothy Adams, Eleva WI Agricultural Aviation

Andrew '24 and Elmer '28 Wardeberg Memorial Scholarship is awarded to descendants of NWSA alumni and other deserving students who have maintained satisfactory academic standing.

Joell Diamond, Crookston InfoNetMgmt
Jeremy Gowan, Oslo Ag Ind Sales Mgmt
Nathan Johnson, East Grand Forks Hotel/Rest/Inst Mgmt
Brian Larson, Angus Ag Food Sys Mgmt
Grant Shane, Oslo Natural Resources
Melanie Tiedemann, Euclid Early Childhood Mgmt
Carrie Tollefson, Crookston Scientific/Technical Com

Ed Widseth '32 Memorial Scholarship will recognize those characteristics epitomized by Ed Widseth — outstanding athletic, leadership and academic achievements. Awarded to an incoming freshman or college transfer football player, renewable for up to four years, contingent upon the demonstration of athletic and academic excellence. A minimum GPA of 3.0 is required.

Justin Buzby, Palmer, AK Business Mgmt
Nicholas Buzby, Palmer, AK Undecided
Daniel Oberg, Isanti NatRsrc

Make your scholarship donations work for you.

Encourage a High School Senior to apply at UMC!
Texas Social

NWSA alumni enjoying the Texas Social on March 6, 2001. A special time was had at Mr. Gatti's Pizza in McAllen, TX.

Del Roelofs presenting a NWSA shirt to Orland Thoreson '47.

Ida St. Germain was in attendance and received a NWSA shirt from Del Roelofs.

Marjorie (Ofstedahl) '43 and Si Hanson, our host couple received a NWSA sweatshirt with thanks on behalf of the Alumni Association.

Del Roelofs, Joyce and George '49 Huard at the Texas Social.

Don and Anita Rivard enjoyed the beautiful Texas weather and the Alumni Social with Del Roelofs.
A Legacy of Memories of the Northwest School of Agriculture

By Dr. Charles R. Samuelson, Senior Class of 1943, Advanced Class of 1944

The Northwest School of Agriculture in Crookston, Minnesota, has been a part of the Samuelson family since 1907. My dad’s older brother, Youngve Samuelson, attended NWSA then. My father, Richard Samuelson, attended in 1912-1914 for only two years. When I asked Dad why he didn’t go back and graduate, he replied, “That’s the year we bought the car.” I guess parents had trouble with kids and cars way back at the beginning.

My dad said all men students had to take military training when he was in school in 1912-14. In 1920 Oscar Samuelson, my dad’s brother, graduated from the NWSA. School was only 6 months long. (It was still only six months long when I attended, 1940-1944.) The Fall Quarter consisted of October, November, and December. The Winter Quarter consisted of January, February, and March. School was in session during the off-season of fanning so when planting time came, everyone would be home to help on the family farm.

boarding school, it was decided that I should live in the dormitory. My parents took me there in early October of 1941. I was 14 years old. We all carried my stuff to my room, a single room on the third floor in the back of Stephens Hall. After making my bed, my mother kissed me goodbye, my father shook my hand, and then they left for home in that early October afternoon. My home was only 10 miles away, to the east of Crookston, but since there were very few school buses in our area at that time, parents had to transport their own children to and from school or rent a room for them in the city so they could attend Crookston high school. This was the case in 1941 for almost all the 400 students who attended the Northwest School from the Red River Valley.

I remember so very well that first night in Stephens Hall. I went to the dining hall for supper and sat in a vacant chair. I had not been assigned a seat because I had enrolled late, a week after school had started. After eating I went back to my room and looked at my books for awhile. Very few students had radios so there was very little to do other than to study that night. The praecceptor (dorm supervisor) came by my room at 10 p.m. for bed check and to turn the room lights off. He said good-night, closed the door to my room, and left me all alone, probably for the first time in my young life. I remember that it was very hot and uncomfortable. I lay in bed wide-awake. I don’t remember being lonesome, but I do remember the lonesome whistle of a train crossing Highway 75 about a mile away. The whistle of that train is just as real to me now as if it had happened yesterday instead of almost 60 years ago. However, within two weeks I moved in with two other students, Albert Machal and Jaroslav Kruta, and everything was fine from then on (even though they spoke Bohemian to each other much of the time).

We all learned to be self-reliant very quickly. If you wanted to eat breakfast, you had to get out of bed in the morning all by yourself, stand in line to get washed up, get dressed, and get over to the dining hall before it was too late. We found out very quickly that no one cared if you got breakfast or not. It was no fun to be hungry, so I hardly ever missed a meal.

Looking east at Stephen’s Hall from the Kiehle Building. Bede Hall (then the Dining Hall) is visible in the distance.

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At the dining hall, we all were assigned seats at the tables. Everything was family style with boys and girls seated at each table. Each table had an upper-class boy as a host and an upper-class girl as a hostess. Girls employed as waitresses would bring the food to each table. The host would put the spoon in the dish and pass it to the hostess, who would take the first portion from the serving dish and pass the dish on. Each student helped himself as the bowls and platters were passed around. The last person to be served was the host, and often times there was very little left for him so we would send out for seconds. (This was called 'starvation corner'). When seconds arrived, the host served himself and passed the dish around in reverse order so the last person served was the first to get seconds, which, in reality, might have been his first.

The girls came in the girls' entrance and the boys came in the boys' entrance and all left the same way.

We all sang table grace (the Doxology) before we sat down. The food did not come until we had finished singing. We were hungry and we seemed to eat quickly. The rule was that you could not leave the table until everyone at your table had finished. The dining hall matron determined when most tables had finished and would then ring a bell. A stampede to exit usually followed much to the chagrin of the dining hall matron. She never could solve that problem, although she tried many things without avail.

I learned very early that whenever there was a good dessert someone would distract you and another would steal your dessert. So to protect your dessert, you would pick it up, and while everyone was watching, you would spit it in it. No one would steal it then! We often sang "Happy Birthday" to someone at our table or another table while we were eating. Sometimes we would sing "Happy Birthday" to the same person every couple of weeks.

Social hours were held on Tuesday evenings from 7-8 pm in the Aggie Inn, which was on the first floor of the dining hall. Records were played, and dancing was the main event. It was here that I learned to dance. It seemed to me that all the girls knew how to dance while very few boys, including me, knew any of those social graces.

We had all-school convocations every Wednesday and Friday at 10 a.m. These get-togethers always began with Bible reading, which was usually one of the Psalms read responsively by the school superintendent, T. M. McCall and the student body. This was followed with everyone singing a hymn that had been chosen from the hymnbook at each seat. A Movietone newsreel about the war was usually shown, followed by programs consisting of music, choirs, plays, speakers, speech choir, speech contests, pep tests, song contests, visiting speakers, faculty presentations, etc.

We were expected to be in our respective dorms by 7 p.m. each evening of each school day and no later than 11 p.m. on Saturdays and 9 p.m. on Sundays. After 7 p.m. a student had to get a pass from the praeceptor in order to go to the library. The time a student left the dorm was put on the slip and noted upon arrival at the library. When the library closed at 9 p.m., the slip was retrieved from the librarian, signed with the time noted, and returned to the praeceptor when you arrived back at the dorm. Failure to do so could result in disciplinary action, which meant restriction to the dorm and/or campus for a week.

The school emphasis was on scholarship. The teachers were all employees of the University of Minnesota, and it showed. Many had been at the Northwest School for years, and many had made a name for themselves in the field of agricultural education in northern
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Minnesota as well as throughout the state.

The Northwest School was structured like a college. The classes were just like college classes. A student had a class schedule, roll was taken, and then 45 minutes of class. If a student had an open period, he was free to go to the Aggie Inn, the dorm, the library, or just stroll around the campus with his friends. The instructors were very well-educated. We had top-notch teachers, and this resulted in top-notch educations.

Grades were important. If one did not do well in a test, the instructor would give a "below grade." Below grades were blue slips that were sent out from the registrar's office and put in your mailbox on Tuesdays. This meant you were failing and were restricted to the dorm. One could leave to go to the library only, was excluded from athletic and social activities, and was restricted to the campus for two weeks. It was always interesting to go to the mailboxes in Kiehl Building at 11 a.m. when the below grades came out. Each mailbox had a small window, and you could see the slip inside. How humiliating it was to remove that slip while your friends were watching! It helped a lot if they got one, too.

Classes at the Northwest School were held Monday through Friday for the first time when I enrolled in the fall of 1940. Prior to that and since the beginning of the school in 1905, classes were held Tuesday through Saturday. No classes were held on Sunday or Monday. I never did learn why classes were held on Tuesday though Saturday all those years. Maybe someone else knows.

At the Northwest School students were classified as Freshmen, Juniors, Seniors, and Advanced. A student completed the curriculum and graduated as a senior in late March of the third year. In order to get a high school equivalency, students returned for the forth year as a member of the Advanced Class. Both Seniors and Advanced wore caps and gowns and at the spring graduation ceremony, I always considered myself to be a member of the Senior Class of 1943 and Advanced Class of 1944. It was the Senior Class that really counted as far as we were concerned.

Editor's note: Be sure to read the next issue of the Aggie, where Dr. Samuelson's recollections will continue. If you would like to share your memories of NWSA life, submit them to Ardis Thompson, 205 Selvig Hall, UMC, 2900 University Avenue, Crookston, MN 56716.

T.M. McCall and Margret Fylling. McCall was the NWSA School Superintendent from 1937 - 1956.

Have We Heard From You Lately?

Let us know any information or news you'd like to share. Photos are welcome. Please include year of graduation.

Via US Mail: NWSA Alumni Association, University of Minnesota, Crookston, 2900 University Avenue, Crookston, MN 56716 or E-mail: ardis@mail.unk.edu or Phone: 1-800-862-6466 ext. 8437.

Dr. Charles "Doc Sam" Samuelson and his wife Idella in a photo taken for their 45th wedding anniversary on April 6, 2001. The couple met in Thief River Falls in 1955 and have lived there since. Doc Sam, now retired, was a biology teacher at Northland Community College - one of the first four hired when the college was founded in 1965.
In Memory Of...

NWSA Alumni who are no longer with us. Throughout their lifetime, these individuals developed a rich heritage, traveled many pathways, and encountered numerous experiences. Their memory will remain as part of the Northwest School of Agriculture.

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Wannaska, MN
October 30, 2000

Alma Holmen Amundson '33
Bagley, MN
November 29, 2000

Arnold Anderson '33
Greenbush, MN
November 26, 2000

Merton Anderson '42
Crookston, MN
February 14, 2001

Duane Balderston '49-'50
Lake Bronson MN
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Harvey Degerness '46
Eagan, MN
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Herman Gilbertson (staff '53-'87)
Crookston, MN
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Martin Hanson '36
Thief River Falls, MN
February 6, 2001

Maxine Glass Hanson '41
Crookston, MN
November 30, 2000

Nora Howard Hanson '33
Trail, MN
July 23, 2000

Almer B. Hedahl '23-'24
Twin Valley, MN
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Oliver Labine '38
Argyle, MN
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Rev Obert J. Landsverk '38
Spokane, WA
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Ruby Hanson MacDonald '27
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December 21, 2000

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Thief River Falls, MN
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Winger MN
January 10, 2001

John Stanko '36
Menomonie, WI
July 7, 2000

Joseph Vonasek '38
Angus, MN
November 7, 2000

Evelyn Anderson Aasboe
(School Nurse '42-'44)
Sioux Falls, SD
March 23, 2001

Mrs. Bernice Youngquist
St. Paul, MN
February 16, 2001

Mrs. Youngquist was married to Dr. B.E. Youngquist, superintendent of the NWSA from 1956-1968 and the Experiment Station from 1956 until his retirement in 1983.

They have three children with families who live in the Twin Cities.

After attending nursing school at Grand Forks and then at Moorhead, Evelyn married Gerald Aasboe on June 11, 1943 at Osakis, MN. During the time that Gerald was away serving his country, Evelyn worked as a nurse at the Northwest School of Agriculture. After he returned they moved to Minneapolis for five years and Evelyn did private duty nursing. She served in many nursing positions including the school nurse at Osakis Public Schools, Health Nurse for Pope County, Director of the Community Memorial Home and returned as school nurse in Osakis until her retirement in 1981.
E-mail Addresses

Thanks to the following NWSA Alumni, the following E-Mail Addresses were received by the Alumni Office. Please keep us informed whenever you get a new E-Mail address, update your old E-Mail address, and we will include it in the next AGGIE newsletter.

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Take UMC'S Virtual Tour and See How The Campus Has Changed!!

WWW.crk.umn.edu/campusinfo/tour/tourhome.htm
Bob Hance '57
Baxter, MN
(info from online). The pictures look good. Hope to be in some of the future ones. Good to see the Alumni of the NWSA online. Checked out the Alumni discussion page, but noted that not too many (especially those of my age) are making use of it. I'm currently retired after 35 years with the Minnesota DNR and living in Baxter, MN, with my wife Sharon. Have many fond memories of my years at the NW School of Agriculture.

Camilla Ecklund Johnson '40
Hopkins, MN
We have just returned from Liberty, MO, to attend the funeral of my sister's (Rosella Ecklund Moritz '36) husband. Liberty is close to north Kansas City, MO. Greetings to all my '40 classmates as well as others.

Dr. Ernest Newhouse
Whittier, CA
As you know I'm 92 now. My policy all through life has been (still is) the "Golden Rule". Also, it is good to remember that one should NEVER give up hope, vision, gratitude, and being optimistic.

John Sannes '62
Thief River Falls, MN
My wife and I still live in Thief River Falls. I worked for a local gas company for 25 years and in '89 had a change of career. I'm an owner/operator for HARTZ Truck Line, driving interstate and hauling produce. I'm in McAllen, TX, once in awhile but I'm sure I won't be there for the social. My wife works for the NRCS and always said I would put my Ag school training to good use!

Rosella Ecklund Moritz '36
Liberty, MO
I have many fond memories and have seen a lot of change over the years. The beautiful Gazebo is such a nice addition to the campus. I graduated in 1936 — kinda dates me — but am so grateful for the love, caring, and sharing of good teachers to all us farmer children and the many good classmate friends continued over the years. We all turned out pretty good! Must tell you I lost my dear husband Orville Moritz last January 28, 2001 with cancer of the throat. Fought it over a year with many, many radiation treatments. We did all we could with God and doctors and wonderful nurses. He was a great guy — been married 58 years and two wonderful children living close by. We all miss him. I'm so grateful for so many blessings. Missouri has had its share of ice storms and some snow all this winter and cold weather too — spring can't come too soon!

Martin Chilson '36
Tucson, AZ
I appreciate the newsletter very much. I was an orphan of the farm near Dalton, MN. Mostly people at Northwest School of Agriculture were very kind to me, helped me along. There were six men instructors who helped me along from 1933 to 1936 when I finished the three-year course in agriculture.

Evelyn Erickson '29
Baudette, MN
Lives at Lakewood Care Center at Baudette MN and is 92 years old.

Alvina Urbania Tulibaski '35
Stephen, MN
Sorry I am in no condition to help financially or otherwise due to very deteriorating health. I'm confined to indoors — bed or crutches or wheel chair due to my 2 hip joint replacement surgeries, 2 knee joint replacement surgeries, and 2 angle joint replacement surgeries and at my age only am able to feed myself. Need help with most of everything else I want to do. I had suffered with a bad spell of cancer for about 20 years but am alive and here. Just enjoy the day I'm here! Good luck to all of you!

Don Streeter 36-38
Staff 1936-38
I have enjoyed hearing about things for many years. I taught history and English there in 1926-38 when Jack Milinar was Registrar. I lived in the dorm with the other proctors, Bill Rust and Bill Promersberger, and Retta Bede was there. Dr. Dowell hired me. So long ago...

Marvin E Jensen '45
Fort Collins, CO
I have retired twice and have been very busy consulting on water issues. Now I am trying to retire, beginning with disposing of my technical library.

Dr. Charles Samuelson '43
Thief River Falls, MN
I have been retired from Northland Community College since '92. We travel now and then — went to Germany fall of 2000. Have 8 grandchildren and keep busy with aerobics, piano lessons, and ice skating. This year I am Commander of TRF American Legion Post.
**Wall Street Journal Features UMC**

The University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) and its ubiquitous—or anytime, anyplace—computing environment are the focus of a feature appearing in the Monday, March 12, 2001, edition of the Wall Street Journal. The feature, entitled "A Campus Connected," is written by Wall Street Journal staff reporter Evan Ramstad and is part of a special section focusing on technology, e-commerce, and the Internet's revolutionary impact on education.

In an introductory line the reporter asks, "What will college look like in the not-so-distant future? Crookston, Minn., provides an early glimpse." The article provides examples of how faculty members have incorporated computer and Web-based technology into their courses and examples of how students use the UMC-issued notebook computers for learning and entertainment. Several UMC students and faculty are quoted. The article goes on to trace the history of UMC's technology initiatives, and the benefits and challenges the college's unique learning environment are discussed.

"UMC is extremely pleased to have been selected by the Wall Street Journal to be the subject of a feature about our campus and its connection to people, technology and their careers," said Curt Almli, Director of University Relations at UMC. "Mr. Ramstad's willingness to spend three full days thoroughly examining our ubiquitous computing environment in preparation for his feature also shows that UMC truly has demonstrated leadership in integrating technology into the educational process. The article was very comprehensive and informative, and we are proud to be featured."

Widely regarded as the first college to provide every student and faculty member with a notebook computer, UMC began its technology initiatives in September of 1993 and recently received the "Pioneer Award" at the Fourth Annual Conference on Ubiquitous Computing held in New Jersey. UMC was also recently the focus of a feature produced by Minnesota Public Radio. More information about UMC's technology initiatives and academic programs is available at the college's website: www.crk.umn.edu.

**MPR Focuses on UMC**

Minnesota Public Radio (MPR) has done a special online feature called The Universal U. The series includes several features about the many faces of the University of Minnesota. It is available online at http://news.mpr.org/programs/specials/u/.

Within the feature, MPR's Bob Reha has done a special focus on the Crookston Campus: http://news.mpr.org/programs/specials/rehab_crookston/index.shtml. The feature focuses on the unique mobile computing learning environment that exists at UMC and how it affects teaching and learning.

**Online Learning Highlights UMC**


The article debates the merits and challenges of colleges providing notebook computers to students. Doug Knowlton, UMC's Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, relays UMC's success in infusing technology into the curriculum. The end result is that UMC students gain a very high level of technological skill along with their college degree.

The article is available in print and online at www.onlinelearningmag.com. Photos of UMC's technology-rich campus environment are also featured prominently in the print version of the article.

**UMC Appears in Converge**

UMC is in the December 2000 issue of Converge Magazine, a national educational technology publication. The focus of the feature, entitled "ThinkPad U: The E-volution of Education at UMC," is on UMC's integration of notebook computers into its day-to-day curriculum.

In the article Dan Lim, director of UMC's Instructional Technology Center, discusses four critical paradigm shifts experienced in the eight years of technology immersion at UMC. He also presents data from research he has conducted to document the utility and value of technology on campus. His data suggests UMC's notebook computer initiative has increased students' social interaction and learning.

The article is available online: www.convergemag.com.
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!

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NWSA Reunion...2001

June 29-30 2001

Additional Events Have Been Added To The Schedule:

Friday, June 29, 2001
• 9:30 a.m. Golf Scramble, Minakwa Country Club
• 7:00 p.m. Social, Northland Inn

Saturday, June 30, 2001
• 9:00 a.m. Registration
• 10:00 a.m. Campus Tours
• 11:00 a.m. Campus Tours
• 11:30 a.m. Pig Roast Luncheon
• 1:30 p.m. Class Meetings
• 3:30 p.m. Class Pictures
• 5:30 p.m. Banquet
• 8:30 p.m. Barbershop Singers

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.

The NWSA Board has been planning special activities for your enjoyment. Please make plans now to attend your Reunion.
Alumni Reunion Participation Form

In order for us to get an idea of what your tentative Reunion plans for June 29 and 30, 2001 are - please indicate what you will be participating in and return form to the NWSA Alumni Office.

_____ YES, I PLAN TO ATTEND THE REUNION ON JUNE 29 AND 30, 2001
(Registration information will be sent later)

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   _____ Workshop 1 (June 25-29)
   _____ Workshop 2 (June 28-29)
   _____ Workshop 3 (June 28-29)

Friday, June 29

_____ I/We plan to participate in the Golf Scramble
_____ I/We plan on attending Social, Northland Inn

Saturday, June 30

_____ I/We plan on attending Luncheon Pig Roast
_____ I/We plan on attending evening Banquet

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