Swift ’62 Outstanding Faculty at School of Banking

Ernest “Ernie” Swift ’62 was only 12 years old when he and his older brother, Hugh, entered the Northwest School of Agriculture (NWSA) together as freshmen. “I consider my time at the Northwest School to be a tremendous growing-up experience,” Swift says. “It was a great time of getting to know people and learning to be responsible for myself.”

Swift knew he wanted to go to college, and after a year and a half working on the farm, Superintendent Bernie Youngquist called his mother to offer a scholarship for him to attend Moorhead State College in Moorhead, Minn. “I wanted to play college football,” Swift said, “but Coach Herschel Lysaker told me that maybe I shouldn’t; instead, he suggested I study and hit the books hard.” Swift heeded Lysaker’s words, and after graduating from Moorhead, he went on to the University of Oklahoma where he received his master’s in economics and his doctorate in economics and finance.

Prior to his retirement in 2002, Swift taught for 27 years at Georgia State University in Atlanta. He has consulted or presented training programs for many industrial corporations and commercial banks such as FinCEN, JPMorgan, Bank of America, United Parcel Service, Deloitte Touche, FDIC and the United States Treasury.

In addition, Swift has conducted executive education courses on commercial banking, risk management and corporate finance in many international settings. In cooperation with the American Bankers Association, he helped to develop BankExec, a computer program which simulates the financial activities of a bank.

In 2005, Swift received the T. Eugene Spragens III President’s Award from Louisiana State University’s (LSU) Graduate School of Banking. For over 20 years, Swift has served as the course coordinator for LSU’s senior capstone course, Bank Management Simulation.

Swift’s vita continues to grow even in retirement. Currently, he is managing a software development project which will reconstruct and write software programs addressing changes in the banking industry. He still travels about 20 weeks out of the year as a trainer in state banking schools across the country and the world, most recently in China.

Today, the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) offers students degrees in accounting as well as business management. UMC alumna Tiffany Hasbrouck ’04 recently began working at Deloitte Touche in Minneapolis, Minn., one of the world’s largest international public accountancy firms.

Another UMC alumnus, Adam Maruska ’00, is an assistant vice president at Crookston National Bank and recently attended the graduate school of banking at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. To learn more about all the programs available at UMC, visit www.UMCrookston.edu/academics.
From the Director of Development  Corby Kemmer

“Change is the law of life and those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.”

—John F. Kennedy

I t’s my pleasure to write to you and share all of the many exciting developments underway at the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC). I am delighted to report that my first six months on the job have been even greater than I ever imagined and filled with change.

So what changes have been occurring at UMC over the summer? Let’s begin with a brand new residence hall appropriately named, Centennial Hall, the Centennial Park Memorial Wall is built, Hafso Church has been moved, and major construction work and additions continue on the steam plant, just a few to make mention.

Key new hires joining the UMC family are Mark Koepe, director of facilities and operations and J. Eric Johnston-Ortiz, vice chancellor for finance; please welcome both gentlemen. Liz Tollefson has transitioned from Development and Alumni Relations to Communications. Chancellor Casey and his executive committee are working diligently on UMC’s Strategic Positioning Task Force Report and UMC Faculty and Staff Opening Week began August 21.

Our exceptional, engaged, and energetic students began fall classes on Tuesday, August 29. Another important event to remember is Torch and Shield on October 25, 2006. Let me take this time to invite you to the Arizona Social Friday, February 16, 2007, 11:30 am to 3:30 pm at Springdale Village in Mesa, Arizona.

As NWSA Alumni your history has left a lasting legacy on this campus and has taken UMC into our second century with momentum. It is vital to remember the past yet provide strong communication on happenings today and in years to come. Although difficult, change is critical to continued growth and success. Help make a positive and lasting impact upon countless lives by keeping the University of Minnesota, Crookston number one in your philanthropic giving. All financial gifts are greatly appreciated and make such a positive and profound impact on the lives of our students. Please don’t hesitate to contact me at: 218-281-8434, e-mail at: ckmmer@umn.edu or stop by my office located in 115A Kiehle Building on the UMC campus.

See you around campus!

Corby Kemmer

Dr. Bernie Youngquist (far right) and his son, Dave, joined Corby Kemmer, Dan Svedarsky, and Chancellor Charles H. Casey for a dedication of the Youngquist Prairie Garden.

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On the cover: The 2006 Top Aggies are pictured prior to the recognition banquet at the reunion on Saturday, June 24. Standing (l to r) UMC Chancellor Charles H. Casey, David Tucker ’61, and Corby Kemmer, director of development and alumni relations. Seated: Betty McVette Nisbet ’36, Daniel Lutes ’31, and Mary Randall Norgart ’50.
Passion for Writing Gives Alumnus a Life in the News

It's no surprise that Northwest School of Agriculture (NWSA) alumnus, Karlton "Jerry" Rosholt '41, Pelican Rapids, Minn., was a journalist. He had a penchant for research and for writing. "The best skill I learned at the NWSA was typing," he says. His research and typing skills led to an anonymously published gossip column entitled "Odd Twists by the Twister" in the school newspaper, the Aggie Rouser. In his final column, Rosholt revealed his identity.

Rosholt graduated from Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, following a stint in the military during WWII. For ten years, he worked as a writer and editor at the award-winning radio and television station WCCO in Minneapolis, Minn.

In 1957, Rosholt won the News Writer of the Year award. He moved to New York in 1960 to work for the National Broadcasting Company (NBC) as a writer, editor and field producer for the "Huntley and Brinkley Report" and the "NBC Nightly News." He would write for Nightly News anchors Tom Brokaw and John Chancellor, both respected names in news broadcasting. Often, he traveled as a field producer. "I would call into the station and cover the top story of the day," Rosholt explains. His coverage included stories on civil rights and anti-war protests, and his trips to Europe and Middle East were with presidents from Nixon to Reagan. He was responsible for NBC's news coverage of the India Pakistan War in the 1970s.

When asked what subject he would go back and study if he could, Rosholt replied, "I'd study lip reading. Then, I'd know the conversations of the President." Seems like a perfect twist for the "Twister."

Like the Northwest School, the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) is fostering the creativity of young writers. UMC senior and communication major Debra Altepeter has chosen an emphasis in technical and publication writing. Like Rosholt, she hopes her interest in news writing along with her skills in photography and interviewing will land her a job working in the media.

Altepeter came to UMC as a high school junior; she was a student in the Post Secondary Enrollment Option (PSEO) program where she was a full-time college student while still in high school. "I saw everyday as another new opportunity when I came out here," Altepeter said, "and when UMC offered a communication major, I knew I wanted to stay."

Jerry Rosholt '41 has written a book entitled Ole Goes to War, the story of Norwegian soldiers in the Civil War.
On a picture perfect weekend in June, alumni from the Northwest School of Agriculture (NWSA) gathered with classmates and friends to remember. The shared memories of school days are special ones, and it is what makes the NWSA reunion such a treasured time each year. The highlight of the weekend is honoring the NWSA's outstanding alumni, the Top Aggies.

Four alumni were selected as the 2006 honorees: Daniel Letnes '31, Grand Forks, ND; Betty McVeety Nisbet '36, East Grand Forks, Minn.; Mary Randall Norgart '50, Kings City, Ore.; and David Tucker '61, East Grand Forks, Minn. (Check out the cover to see these outstanding alumni!)

Daniel Letnes
attained bachelor's degrees in Laws and Juris Doctor in 1936 from the University of North Dakota. Letnes practiced general law in both state and federal courts and also practiced in federal tax court. For four years, Letnes was an assistant state attorney for Grand Forks County.

Betty McVeety Nisbet
received teacher’s training in East Grand Forks, Minn., and then taught in country schools for three years. Nisbet took a short business course and worked for a few months until marrying Herbert Nisbet. Nisbet served as a 4-H leader, a Sunday school teacher and church elder, and volunteered at Altru Health System Hospital in Grand Forks, ND.

Mary Randall Norgart
attended Bemidji State University and received her bachelor's degree in elementary education. Norgart took additional training from the University of Minnesota, St. Paul in teaching and working with individuals with disabilities. Norgart has helped serve individuals with special needs for some 50 years and is still an active volunteer.

David Tucker
entered barber school and worked as a barber for 11 years in Grand Forks, ND. He became chair of the North Dakota State Barbers Convention. This led him to spend 33 years in advertising and marketing. Tucker ran for the Minnesota House of Representatives in 1986 and 1988 and has been active in Minnesota politics.

The weekend was filled with highlights including the dedication of the Youngquist Prairie Garden, a garden talk and tour, fish fry and the reunion program highlighted by a video tribute. Plan now to attend next year’s NWSA reunion June 29-30, 2007!
My name is Amanda Munch, and I worked as the student intern for the Development and Alumni Relations office at the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) this past summer.

I began attending UMC in 2003. My first two years, I was enrolled full time as a Post Secondary Enrollment Option (PSEO) student. I was actually still in high school, but taking college classes. At that time, I lived at home in Beltrami, Minn., and commuted back and forth to the University each day.

Once I graduated from high school, I decided to continue attending UMC. The main reason was UMC’s new communication degree, which is now my major. Other factors which influenced my decision to stay at UMC were the friendly people and the credits I already earned counted toward my major.

My third year, I chose to live on campus. It was an experience living in Skyberg Hall with my roommate, Nicole Erickson, from Starbuck, Minn. We are excited to be roommates again in the new Centennial Hall apartments! Living on campus allowed me to have a job at the UMC Bookstore. If class schedules match up correctly, I plan to graduate in spring 2007, with a bachelor of science in communication.

Working in the Development and Alumni Relations office, I learned many things vital to my future success. One of the things I worked on was the video used at the reunion in June 2006. I learned a lot about campus history and enjoyed being involved with the reunion preparations. I hope those of you who were able to attend the reunion enjoyed the video’s look back at your campus. I know I did!

The Northwest School of Agriculture (NWSA) Alumni Association welcomes two new board members this fall. Barbara Hylland Lunsetter ’56 and Lowell Hamrick ’53 were nominated and approved during the annual meeting, which took place at the reunion in June. They will join current board members: Harvey Pulkrapek ’48, Bob Kresl ’53, Harlene Hagen ’55, Betty Erikson Floan ’47, Lorraine Zipoy Love ’54, Richard Widseth ’49, Don Holy ’53 and Gerhard Ross ’45.

Hamrick and Lunsetter replace the outgoing Wilford Dostal ’48 and Roger Odegaard ’60, who received special recognition at the annual meeting for their service to the Board.

“We really appreciate our board members,” said Corby Kemmer, director of development and alumni relations. “We are all looking forward to having Barbara and Lowell join us. The Board works hard on behalf of the alumni, and their input is invaluable. We sincerely appreciate all past and present members of the board.”
New Dorm Creates Excitement in 1946 and Will Again in 2006

Sixty years ago, there was a shortage of living space for students at the Northwest School of Agriculture (NWSA) making it necessary to convert classroom space to dormitory rooms to meet the growing demand. A plan was formulated to build a new facility for girls as soon as WWII ended.

When the new dormitory opened in February 1946, it housed 114 girls.

There was space for faculty, lab rooms, and home economics classrooms. It had all the latest conveniences incorporated, such as built-in wardrobes and study tables. The exterior was adorned in the school’s colors like the other campus buildings—gold brick trimmed with kasota stone, quarried in Minnesota, and topped by a maroon roof.

In 1959 the “new dorm,” as it was called for years, was renamed McCall Hall for former Superintendent T.M. McCall, who was a part of the NWSA from 1911 until his retirement in 1956. For 22 years, it housed students from the Northwest School, and today, University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) students continue to live there.

This fall, UMC students once again had the opportunity to move into a new dorm, or rather a residence hall, as they are now called. Centennial Hall, named in honor of the campus Centennial, has 33 rooms each housing four students. It feels and looks much more like an apartment building, a trend prevalent on college and university campuses today. Amenities, like wireless Internet access, security cameras, dishwashers, and exercise equipment, are status quo in this new facility.

A drawing, held in spring 2006, determined who would live in Centennial Hall this fall.

One of those lucky students is UMC senior Amanda Munch, a communication major, who is enjoying her new student apartment. She appreciates having a dishwasher and exercise equipment available, “They are great time-savers and stress-relievers and help me to get right back to that homework!” After all, homework is what college life is all about.
Megan Kuznia

The granddaughter of alumnus Lawrence Kuznia '54 was a recipient of the Wallace and Hannah Miller Scholarship this fall. Megan Kuznia, a sophomore at the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC), is an agronomy and agricultural business major from Stephen, Minn.

The scholarship means a lot to this dedicated student. "For the alumni to give from their own funds to help UMC students succeed is remarkable," Kuznia said. "I am honored to be a recipient of this scholarship and grateful for every single penny I have been given. I will continue to remain a dedicated student and work extra hard to make those who contributed to my college career proud."

The scholarship given by 1924 NWSA graduate Wallace Miller and his wife Hannah helps free Kuznia to work on what is important to her. "The scholarship helps me focus more on studies and the other things that college offers, instead of worrying about how I am going to pay for it," she says.

Kuznia concentrated her first year on making the dean's list. Now that she is more comfortable with college life, she plans to become more involved on campus. "I would definitely recommend UMC to anyone interested in a college career," Kuznia said. "Coming from a very small town and school, I love the close relationships that UMC offers. Every teacher who I have had thus far has gotten to know me and really seemed to care about my career at UMC."

Wallace Miller was named a "Top Aggie" in 1992. Following his graduation from the NWSA, he went on to major in animal industry at the University of Minnesota. Miller worked at Red Lake with the Chippewa; with the resettlement administration, relocating South Dakota farmers who had lost everything; and as a county agent for Scott County in southern Minnesota. Miller passed away in January 2000.

The 1924 Aggie yearbook says that Miller was in the habit of using the word "absolutely." That comment would make an apt response when deciding to award Megan Kuznia with the Wallace and Hannah Miller Scholarship. The answer is very clear, "Absolutely!"

NWSA Yearbook Scanning Project Undertaken by UMC Library

The Library at the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) has begun scanning (digitizing) the yearbooks from the Northwest School of Agriculture (NWSA) and UMC. Yearbooks were printed for the campus from 1912 through 2000. The yearbook scanning project is part of an ongoing effort to digitize unique or hard to get materials from the UMC archives.

The intent of the project is two-fold: Accessibility — to allow users from around the world to view the yearbooks. Currently, the only complete collection of the yearbooks is located on the UMC campus.

Preservation — many of the older yearbooks are aging and becoming brittle. This project will preserve the yearbooks for future generations.

UMC Library staff and student workers will be scanning the yearbooks on an on-going basis, and they will be placed on the World Wide Web and burned to CDs when completed. Anyone with access to the Internet will be able to view the yearbooks and search them by name and keyword. The scanning is taking place at a high enough resolution so that it will be possible to print pictures with good quality.

This project is not the first one undertaken by the Library in an effort to preserve history. Previous scanning projects already completed by the UMC Library are Northwest Monthly, 1916-1968, UMC academic bulletins and UMC Commencement Bulletins.
UMC Hires Northwest School Alumnus as Vice Chancellor

Recruitment and retention efforts continue to gain strength at the University of Minnesota, Crookston with the hiring of northwestern Minnesota native and Northwest School alumnus Thomas Baldwin, Ed.D., as the senior vice chancellor for academic and student affairs. In this newly restructured position, Baldwin will serve a vital role at UMC and be responsible for overall leadership for campus life, both educational and social programs, striving toward excellence in teaching, learning and research across the disciplines. He began and rejoined campus this September 2006.

Baldwin, who received his doctorate in industrial education from Texas A&M University in College Station, Tex., is a tenured full professor of vocational-technical education at Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, Kan. He is the former dean of the College of Technology and director of the Kansas Technology Center at Pittsburg State, where he served from May 1996 to July 2006. He has developed recruitment and promotion plans for students and faculty; has experience in economic development and fundraising; and has supervised the building of a $30 million technology center. Baldwin brings a strong background in working with universities in other countries and serving the needs of international students.

UMC Chancellor Charles H. Casey designed the senior vice chancellor position so that one person would oversee and be responsible for the student experience from recruitment to graduation. “Dr. Baldwin has a broad range of experiences working with students and faculty from many academic areas and integrating academic programs and extracurricular interests for students in order to keep them engaged throughout their university career. We welcome him to the University of Minnesota, Crookston and the community and look forward to his leadership in working to enhance the student experience on campus.”

As senior vice chancellor, Baldwin will guide academic planning, program development, faculty development and accreditation and assessment; support faculty in pursuit of research activities; sustain a comprehensive portfolio of student services that enhance student achievement resulting in graduation; and foster a positive campus climate and a diverse faculty, staff and administration within academic and student affairs.

Thomas Baldwin holds a master’s in industrial education from Kansas State College of Pittsburg, Kan. and a bachelor’s with a double major in industrial arts and speech from Moorhead State College, Moorhead, Minn. He attended the Northwest School of Agriculture in 1959-61. His experience, along with his connection to this region and our campus history, makes Baldwin an exceptional addition to the UMC team.
UMC Advances in Rankings and Named “Best College” for the Ninth Consecutive Year

*U.S. News & World Report* named the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) one of the best comprehensive public colleges in the Midwest for a ninth consecutive year, as UMC advanced to second in the standings. UMC is among the top colleges in the category “Top Public Midwest Comprehensive Colleges – Bachelor’s” for 2007.


UMC Chancellor Charles H. Casey said the campus community is pleased with the move up in the U.S. News rankings. “This recognition as a ‘best public college’ is a credit to the dedication of our exceptional students, faculty and staff. The University of Minnesota, Crookston is committed to offering the best education while fostering a culture that supports a positive learning environment and outstanding experience for our students. This is an affirmation of our continued progress and our commitment to helping our students succeed.”

The campus has celebrated a number of accomplishments over the past year including the recent full 10-year continued accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission, which gave UMC the ability to expand e-learning offerings. New online degrees in business and manufacturing management are scheduled to come online in spring 2007.

Enhanced on-site bachelor’s degrees in horticulture and agronomy are also being offered this fall, and Centennial Hall, a new residence hall with apartment-style living, welcomed its first students this fall. In addition, after much work by the Strategic Positioning Task Force, UMC has drafted recommendations and is working on a plan to put those into place to strengthen the core education, research and outreach mission of the University.

UMC’s category in the *U.S. News* rankings, Top Public Comprehensive Colleges – Bachelor’s, is comprised of institutions that focus on undergraduate education and offer a range of degree programs – in the liberal arts, which account for fewer than half of their bachelor’s degrees, and in professional fields such as business, nursing and education.

UMC Faculty, Staff Visit China to Work on Cooperative Agreement

Four faculty and staff members from UMC were in China to work on details of a cooperative agreement between the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) and the Zhejiang Economic and Trade University (ZETP) in Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province. UMC faculty members Eric Burgess, Christo Robberts and Jingpeng Tang worked with faculty from ZETP to develop curriculum that will be taught in China and will transfer to the UMC. Graduates of two-year programs at ZETP will take courses online from UMC for their third year and spend their fourth year as resident students on campus, earning a bachelor of science degree from the University of Minnesota, Crookston. Technology consultant Steve Hannah worked with ZETP network administrators on the installation, configuration and management of several instructional technology softwares and trained ZETP faculty in their use.
UMC Collaborates with UMD to Offer Online Psychology Degree

Degree offerings at the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) continue to expand with the addition of a psychology major this fall 2006. The new program is made possible through collaboration between UMC and the University of Minnesota Duluth (UMD), both University of Minnesota campuses. UMC students can earn a bachelor of applied science degree in psychology by taking their general education courses and beginning psychology courses onsite at UMC and the advanced courses online through UMD. UMC’s top-level technology efforts make these types of activities possible.

ThinkPad Computers Return to UMC

The University of Minnesota, Crookston rolled out the custom-built ThinkPad (R-60) laptop this fall 2006 as a result of our recently finalized two-year agreement with IBM/Lenovo. The laptops were designed and engineered to meet the demands of a university environment.

ThinkPads made their debut on campus in 1993 with our leading-edge ThinkPad-U initiative. Today we are proud to be the only University of Minnesota campus providing laptops to all students and faculty and are pleased to welcome IBM back to campus as we aim higher, reach further, and dream big dreams in this new academic year.

J. Eric Johnston-Ortiz Named Vice Chancellor for Finance and University Services

The University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) has filled a key role with the recent hiring of J. Eric Johnston-Ortiz as vice chancellor for finance and University services. He will oversee UMC’s annual budget process of more than $20 million, serving some 1,200 full-time students and 220 faculty and staff. Johnston-Ortiz began his new role at UMC in mid-August.

Rob Golembiewski to Lead Golf and Turf

Assistant Professor Rob Golembiewski, Ph.D., will lead the golf and turf management program at the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC). Golembiewski has his doctorate in agronomy, specializing in turfgrass science, from Ohio State University and a master's and bachelor's from Michigan State University. For the last five years, he has been president of Paramount Landscaping and Maintenance in Tempe, Ariz.
Mark Koepke Named Director of Facilities and Operations

The University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) is pleased to announce the appointment of Mark Koepke as the new director of facilities and operations. Koepke comes to UMC from the Fargo Public Schools where he served as the director of maintenance and operations and managed more than 100 staff members and took care of some 25 buildings. He began his new duties at UMC in July, 2006.

Koepke brings extensive experience in facilities management including improvement planning, construction and renovation. As the new director, he will oversee the services and functions of the campus physical operations - buildings, grounds, and facilities - and lead ongoing maintenance and upgrade efforts.

Associate Professor Harouna Maiga Named Distinguished Faculty of the Year

Associate professor of animal science Harouna Maiga, Ph.D., has been honored with the UMC Distinguished Faculty Award for 2006 at the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC). A member of the Agriculture Department, Maiga received the annual award that honors a faculty member demonstrating outstanding commitment and dedication to the students and mission of the University.

UMC Tags Monarchs to Support Migration Monitoring in North America

No other butterflies in the world migrate like the Monarchs of North America, which roam up to 3,000 miles in a two-way journey every year. To help monitor these treks, the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) Natural Resources Department participates in Monarch tagging. A small adhesive tag containing a unique number is attached to the Monarch's wing. When the butterflies arrive at the wintering grounds in Mexico, researchers then recover the tags and use them to better understand Monarch migration.

The UMC Nature Nook is registered as a certified Monarch waystation since it is designed with the right plants in the Butterfly Garden, including milkweed, which attract butterflies. A joint effort between the UMC Natural Resources Club and the Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society, the Nook is located between Owen and Hill halls on campus.

Laura Bell, lab services coordinator in the Natural Resources Department, works on tagging a monarch butterfly.
Buy a Brick to Commemorate NWSA/UMC History

Alumni and friends of the Northwest School of Agriculture (NWSA) and the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) have a unique opportunity to recognize people and events special to them by having a brick engraved in the Centennial Park Memorial Wall.

On the wall, constructed this spring, are the names of more than 250 alumni, faculty, staff and friends of both the NWSA and UMC.

You can have a brick engraved with your name or the name of someone you would like to recognize.

To get your brick, contact Sue Dwyer in the Office of Development & Alumni Relations at sdwyer@umn.edu or 218-281-8401.

From the Northwest Monthly, newsletter of the Northwest School of Agriculture

1910s
Did you know?
In 1917, the booklet "School Life" was printed. The entire booklet was intended to give an account of actual work done at the school, and it shows students at both work and play.

1920s
Did you know?
In 1923, plans for the completion of a museum room in the Kiehle building were made. The room was to be located in the southwest part of the first floor and contain exhibits of grains, grasses, feeds and other material of interest in connection with the work of the experiment station. Each department contributed specimens.

1930s
Did you know?
In 1934, Ed Widseth was a well-known football star for the University of Minnesota Golden Gophers, but did you know that U of M baseball coaches expressed the opinion that Widseth was "one of the most promising pitchers to report for practice for the Gophers in years."

1940s
Did you know?
The Northwest School squad was awarded the Sportsmanship Trophy during a hockey tournament held at the Crookston arena in February 1943. Warroad High School was in possession of the award until the NWSA hockey team earned it.

1950s
Did you know?
The Northwest School received an "All-American" rating on its 1952 yearbook "The Aggie." The yearbook, entered in the enrollment classification of 300-449 students, shared All-American honors with only three other schools of that size in the rating given by the National Scholastic Press Association.

1960s
Did you know?
The United States Weather Bureau presented a 50-year certificate to the Northwest School of Agriculture and the Experiment Station in recognition of service in maintaining "complete and legible records of accurate weather observations."
Consider Taking a Class Online!

Creative delivery of courses and exceptional service given to our online audience has enabled us to grow our enrollment by 50%. Online courses and degree offerings are a trend expanding across the country, and we are excited to tell you about it.

We would like to welcome you and your peers to come back to UMC. There are many classes for consideration if you are looking to learn more about a topic or wish to enhance what you already know. There are many students enrolled as non-degree seeking students who are completing a course here and there to fulfill workforce certification, enhance technology skills, and strengthen their resume or portfolio or learn something new.

Did you know you could come back, virtually at minimal cost, by inquiring to see if you would be eligible for a Berland Grant? The Berland Grant provides a financial incentive for enrollment in academic college classes for adults who have been out of school for at least five years and for adults needing retraining. And if you are 62 or older, you could enroll in a class and pay only $10.00 a credit. That is a huge savings, think about it, $30 or $40 for a three or four credit class. Give us a call to see if you are eligible.

In January, UMC will have four online bachelor's degrees available completely online. So whether you are interested in taking one class or an entire degree, give us a call. You will be surprised at how easy it really is.

For more information, contact the Center for Adult Learning cal@umcrookston.edu or 800-862-6466 ext. 8679.

Do you recognize these campus kids?

In June, we were privileged to have Donald and Ruth Pilkey Faleide and David and Leona Pilkey stop by for a visit. David and Ruth were campus kids. We had a great time with them, and hope they will stop again. You should too! You are welcome in the Office of Development and Alumni Relations any time. We are located on the first floor of the Kiehle Building in Room 115.

Would you like to own a copy of the 2006 “Memories are Made of This…” reunion video?

YOU CAN!

Send $10.00 along with your name and address to

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Take a look at this group of children who called the Northwest School of Agriculture home back in the late 1920s. If you recognize someone, please contact Liz Tollefsen by e-mail at ltollefs@umn.edu or by phone at 218-281-8432. I did my best linking the different names to the right faces, I hope I am close. Thank you!


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Honoring classes include: 22, 27, 32, 37, 42, 47, 52, 57, 62 and 67

Contact the alumni office if you would like to be a class leader by contacting Rose at rulseth@umn.edu or call 218-281-8439. Your help will make the 2007 Reunion more fun than ever!

Nominate a Top Aggie today!

Nomination form is available online on our Web site at www.UMCrookston.edu/alumni or use the form provided in this issue of the Aggie.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!
The NWSA "Top Aggie" award is the highest honor bestowed on NWSA alumni. The award recognizes exemplary commitment and service to NWSA Alumni, education, 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." Feel free to use additional sheets if necessary.

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Nominator's Signature

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Class Notes

Clifford Thomforde ‘36,
Cohasset, MN
Clifford and his wife, Evelyn, recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary.

Marge (Ofstedahl) Hanson ’43
Thief River Falls, MN
Marge and her husband, Silas, were recognized as the 2006 Pioneer Family by the Pennington County Historical Society. A ceremony on their behalf was held on June 24 at the Peder Engelstad Pioneer Village in Thief River Falls.

Gerhard Ross ’45
Crookston, MN
Gerhard was honored as one of this year’s Outstanding Senior Citizens for Polk County during Senior Citizen Day at the Polk County Fair in Fertile. He is currently president of the Crookston Noon Day Lion’s Club as well as being involved in numerous other volunteer activities. He is particularly proud of his contribution to the Library of Congress Veteran’s History Project. He interviewed three veterans—two via video and one audio—who told of their war experiences. After conducting the two-day interviews, he transcribed the tapes, a daunting task. The finished project, however, is now at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., which he says made it all worth the effort. (For more information on the project, visit the Web site: www.loc.gov/vets/stories).

Floyd Anderson ’47
East Grand Forks, MN
Floyd and his wife, LaVonne, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 11, 2006.

Lloyd Holy ’55
Grafton, ND
Lloyd retired after 30-plus years as the John Deere dealer in Grafton and recently in Grand Forks, ND, and Kennedy, Minn.

In Memory

Marie (Austin) Anderson ’21
Thief River Falls, MN
February 11, 2006

Edward Lorentson ’29
Fosston, MN
February 21, 2006

Elmer C. Martinson ’33
Mandeville, LA
June 7, 2005

Harvey Nielsen ’33
Hallock, MN
April 28, 2006

Nelda (Mjelde) Thompson ’33
Fargo, ND
May 16, 2006

Albert O. Peterson ’36
Crookston, MN
June 25, 2006

Dorothy (Abbott) Higgin ’37
Minneapolis, MN
February 9, 2005

Robert Parnow ’38
Thief River Falls, MN
June 7, 2006

Leslie Bushee att ’38-’39
East Grand Forks, MN
June 6, 2006

Edward McMillan’40
Cloquet, MN
January 11, 2006

Paul Auer ’41
Fallbrook, CA
April 6, 2006

Carlton Knutson ’42
Dalton, MN
July 19, 2006

Ione (Peterson) Hagen Aune att ’42-’44
Grygla, MN
May 6, 2006

Joseph H. Lee ’43
Mahnomen, MN
May 30, 2006

Glenn Olson ’44
Yuma, AZ
July 1, 2006

Marvin E. Johnson ’46
Crookston, MN
June 16, 2006

Arlan McFarland ’46
Oslo, MN
May 26, 2006

Mary Ann (Salentin) Reich ’46
Princeton, MN
June 30, 2006

Gaylan “Ike” Eisert ’48
Moorhead, MN
February 13, 2006

Joseph G. Raymond ’48
Las Vegas, NV
June 6, 2006

Charles “Casey” Brantner ’50
Moorhead, MN
February 17, 2006

Bonnie (Vesledahl) Holmquist ’52
Crookston, MN
September 27, 2006

Thomas Sczepanski ’54
Stephen, MN
July 24, 2006

William “Sam” Saxman ’63
Wautoma, WI
September 15, 2005
ARIZONA SOCIAL

February 16, 2007 - 11:30am to 3:00pm

Springdale Village
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Mesa, Arizona 85208

Dutch Treat Lunch

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