Bachelor's dream come true: UMC goes 4-year

Michelle Runyon
managing editor

Optimism and high hopes echo throughout the UMC campus as a result of the decisions of the Minnesota Higher Education Coordinating Board (MHCEB) at their meeting held in St. Paul, Minnesota, on Thursday March 18.

It was there that four of the twelve proposed baccalaureate degrees received vital approval. The four degrees approved were: agricultural industries sales and management, animal industries management, hotel, restaurant and institutional management, and plant industries management. These degrees will be offered as baccalaureate degrees at UMC effective this coming fall.

According to David Powers, Executive Director of MHCEB, the reason that the other eight proposed baccalaureate degree have not been up on the block for immediate approval is that the MHCEB staff members have recommended that UMC provide more clarification on such issues as program capacity, occupational needs, duplication of services, and evidence of collaboration and cooperation with neighboring universities, such as Bemidji State and Moorhead State.

Addressing these issues, UMC Chancellor Dr. Donald Sargeant remarked to faculty and staff, "Questions regarding approval of the other eight programs still deal with duplication, need and institutional readiness. We will need to do some work." Sargeant then added, "Our next goal is to get all eight of the other programs approved at the next MHCEB meeting on April 15.

The remaining eight proposed baccalaureate programs are: ag aviation, applied interdisciplinary studies, business administration, early childhood care and education, environmental and natural resources management, environmental and processing technology, health management, and technical communication.

One staff member of MHCEB indicated that at least five of these eight remaining programs have "a good chance" of being approved on April 15.

At the March 18 MHCEB meeting other discussion centered on continuing associate degree programs at UMC that would enroll a significant number of students, the transfer of some associate programs to other colleges for efficiency, continuing the ag aviation program as at an associate degree level, and continuing to define accountability bench marks as UMC moves forward.

The MHCEB also assured that current UMC students will be able to complete an associate degree in their chosen field and may go on to achieve a baccalaureate degree during the five-year transition period.

Speaking on behalf of UMC at the March 18 meeting was Richard Dawson from Cargill International in Winnipeg. Dawson spoke on UMC's proposal from an employer's standpoint. Dr. Kinsburg from Bemidji state also addressed the board, speaking on program sharing and collaborative activities between UMC and BSU.

Finally, current UMC student Paul Carrier gave a student perspective on the proposed degree.

The University Board of Regents passed a resolution that was issued a week earlier on March 12. That resolution (found on page two inside) showed strong support for UMC's strategic plan and also made some changes in certain proposed programs.

The next important date for UMC is April 15, when the MHCEB meets again. There is a strong possibility that at least five, if not all eight, of the remaining proposed baccalaureate programs will be approved by the MHCEB.

The important thing, according to Chancellor Sargeant, is to remain positive. "We definitely made a lot of progress," said Sargeant after the March 18 announcement, "and we're going to continue to work. There is no quitting this. We're going to make it."

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Hockey Team wins nationals

Chancellor Sargeant congratulated Trojan Hockey co-captain Scott Elder and received the trophy the team won at the national tournament. The team was honored with a special reception in Belel Ballroom on March 9. For more on the Trojan Hockey Team turn to page 10.
Earth Month activities announced

April has been designated UMC Earth Month. Each week in April will feature a Monday Lunch Break presentation in the Brown Dining Room open to all interested UMC faculty and students. The topics and presenters are:

April 5  "The Value of Trees to our Community" presented by Roger Wagner
April 12 "Energy Use on Campus Today and Tomorrow" presented by Kent Freberg
April 19 "Campus Clean-Up: a Piece of the Pride" presented by Pat Kelley
April 22 "Earth Day" presented by Steve Lawrence
Earth Day
April 26 "Recycling" presented by UMC students

Chancellor's Corner

Chancellor Don Sargeant
guest writer

We're in the home stretch for this academic year. Winter quarter was capped off by the Fighting Trojan's winning the National Junior College Athletic Association Ice Hockey Championship! That's a first for UMC - the first athletic team to bring home a national title. Congratulations to the coaches, the team, and other members of the staff!

Congratulations also to the women's basketball team for their good season and winning a playoff in the state tournament!

As we look ahead we hope the snow will be gone shortly and we'll see more activity on the mall. I'm sure some of you are preparing for the NACTA and DECA conferences. These outside of the class activities are very important in developing skills needed for your career, so don't hesitate to get involved.

There will also be elections for Student Senate, and I hope you'll consider participating in the Senate, as well as other clubs and organizations as that continues one's career development.

As for courses next year, an informational session is planned for the evening of March 30. Everyone planning on possibly returning to UMC next year should attend as we'll have a number of counselors and faculty advisers in Brown Dining Room that evening at a pizza party to answer your questions. More than ever we want to be sure we can give you the most accurate information we can, so keep asking questions as UMC continues to strive to improve its teaching and learning environment. See you on the 30th!

Take time to enjoy the spring!
Computers, cash, and a complicated new aid system

Richard Jensen
staff writer

UMC's financial aid office is no stranger to change. Congressional changes are made at both the state and federal levels annually.

Some of the alterations for the 93-94 academic year are already being implemented. At the federal level, freshmen and sophomores will be eligible for Stafford Loans up to $3,500. Juniors and seniors may be eligible for loans up to $5,500.

Also, another change has been made in the Pell Grant program. To meet the financial needs of the growing number of students applying, the maximum award will be $2,300, compared to last year's $2,400.

But how will the addition of four-year baccalaureate programs affect UMC's financial aid office? Dr. Robert Nelson, director of this office said, "initially there will be no change. The methodology used to calculate a student's financial need will remain the same."

Nelson went on to explain that as UMC grows to meet the projected enrollment demands, there may or may not be a need to expand the office or its staff, but this remains to be seen.

What about UMC's scholarship program? With the financial contributions of faculty, staff, alumni, and benefactors of the Northwest School of Agriculture, freshmen and returning students are able to apply for scholarships. To give upperclassmen the same opportunity Nelson said, "a scholarship committee will be looking to expand and build on scholarships for juniors and seniors." This will enable UMC to continue offering competitive financial-aid packages to all students.

Another issue on the table is to require those enrolled in the approved baccalaureate programs to purchase their own personal computer systems. Possible avenues to keep this cost down are: bulk purchasing from manufacturers, grant funding, or increasing student service fees.

The student's cost of purchasing these PC's would be added into the cost of books and supplies, which is calculated into the student's overall cost of education," Nelson said. This means that financial aid may assist juniors and seniors in purchasing their PC's. This of course, depends upon the student's financial need.

Nelson encouraged students who have particular financial aid questions to stop by the financial aid office, located in the lower level of Hill Hall.

Even the cattle in the Experiment Station cattle yards were eagerly expecting the news of UMC's baccalaureate status on March 18. Bessie (above, head through fence) expressed her usual delight upon hearing the animal science major had been approved to be offered as a baccalaureate degree. The other cattle were more cautiously optimistic, only milling around in the mud and snow in their lots. Some were heard to voice a concerned "moo," indicating a sense of common support for the efforts of Chancellor Sargeant and the rest of the hardworking UMC administration, faculty, and staff.
UMC News

Which came first, parking or the lots?

Eric Sorenson
staff writer

You've heard that UMC is becoming a four-year school, right? Well, especially if you already commute to school, you’re probably wondering where everyone is going to park? Currently, there are times when people are practically parked on top of the buildings. Where's the room for more?

A big factor in answering that question is the placement of the extra 350 automobiles that are anticipated over the next few years. Another parking lot? Well, no. The most likely plan at this time is to move as many resident student vehicles from lot D by the gym over to lot E by the football field, since lot E isn't even half full most of the time.

The administration has been trying to encourage resident students to park in lot E by offering a less expensive permit for the lot. However, this has been met with little response.

Another part of the answer may come with a new, small parking lot, which is in the plans for the new ag operations extension center north of campus. Many faculty cars can park there, relieving some of the congestion in lots A, D and G. This should open up some extra space in these lots for commuters.

It might be a tight fit, but UMC officials don't appear to be too worried at the moment. However, if the population of UMC grows to what they hope it will over the next few years, a new full-fledged parking lot will become a priority.

Turning the tables through instructor evaluations

Richard Jensen
staff writer

Students are constantly evaluated on their academic performance throughout the entire quarter. Finally, at the end of the quarter the student is given a chance to evaluate the instructor by completing the "Student Opinion Survey Form."

This form was created many years ago by the University Senate Committee on Education Policy. Instructors are required to have their students complete these forms one time each year in each course that they instruct. But most faculty ask that students fill them out at the end of each quarter.

The students complete the survey forms for each class, and the forms are collected and put into a sealed envelope to ensure anonymity. The forms are then taken to the division offices (i.e., Arts and Sciences, Business, or Agriculture) and then passed on to the computer center, where they are keyed into the computer for tabulation.

The tabulated results are then printed and sent back to the instructors. The instructors receive these printouts only after they have submitted grades for the class being evaluated.

Dr. Richard Christenson, Chairperson of the Arts and Sciences Division, explained, "The primary purpose [of the evaluations] is to provide faculty with student input on their methodology used to teach course content."

Faculty are not required to give the department chairpersons copies of these printouts, but they are "strongly encouraged" to do so. And faculty may or may not place the results in their employment files. This is left to the individual instructor's discretion.

Some students may answer opinion questions on the evaluations out of anger for the grades they are earning before the final exam. Others will be objective and take into consideration how much effort they, themselves, have put into the course.

But what happens if a faculty member receives consistently bad evaluations from students taking their courses?

Dr. Christenson explained that the instructor would sit down with his or her supervisor so that they could "visit, encourage and explore steps to increase effective teaching."

Consistently negative reports are not common, according to Christenson, because instructors take teaching seriously—they teach because that is what they want to do. Their desire is to have students digest all they, as instructors, and their courses have to offer.

In short, faculty are the ones who put the most emphasis on the Student Opinion Survey Forms.

For example, one instructor who has been teaching for many years may, through his or her professional reading or continued education, change certain teaching methods used in a course. With the aid of these evaluations and their student input, the instructor is able to measure the effectiveness of this alternate methodology.
Construction proceeding rapidly north of campus

Tim Marking
staff writer

This fall when most UMC students arrived back on campus, some of us may not have known what was being constructed at the north end of campus. Now, many months later, there is much more than a large pile of moved earth. The building will be the new agricultural extension building.

The completion date for the new extension is set for mid-to-late summer, just in time for use when fall classes begin.

The building will contain two classrooms, one lab room, a livestock showing arena, and plenty of space for offices.

The newly-constructed livestock barns, also located near the main extension building, will include a beef cattle barn, a swine barn, and a horse stable. The rumor that the beef and swine barns currently used, which are located off campus near the Crookston Winter Shows Area, will eventually be phased out is untrue. Just what exactly will be done with them seems to be up in the air at the moment.

Some ag faculty and staff have suggested that the current beef barn be used for storage, rather than being left sitting empty. On the other hand, no one really knows what will become of the swine barn, because of its poor condition.

Plans for the new extension which included a hay and straw storage building have had to be changed because of budgetary constraints. As a result, this storage building will not be built.

As far as Ag-Arama goes, there are two sides to the debate over where it should be held next year. Some say it should be left in its original place—the Winter Shows Arena. This has been suggested because the new arena lacks the proper space requirements. Others would like to see Ag-Arama moved to the new extension arena because it would be a more convenient site for students, who plan and promote the event. But at this point no final decision has been made. Ag-Arama may or may not continue to be held off campus.

Despite this debate, the new extension building should prove to be a great addition to the campus, especially as UMC makes the transition to a senior college offering baccalaureate degrees.
UMC Theater group to perform "Shadow Box"

Dirk Kurpiers  
staff writer

Coming this spring to a theater near you is another fine production by the UMC theater club. The UMC theater production this spring is an adult drama entitled "The Shadow Box." It is a tale of three people who are dying of terminal diseases. The story evolves as we learn of each character's life and of their relationships with family, friends, and lovers.

The cast includes: Josh Iverson, Vonda Jacobson, Fulya Karaguelle, Dirk Kurpiers, Gwendolyn Moen, Matt Myrold, Michelle Runyon and Doris Sterger.

The production will open on April 22 and run through the 24th with performances starting at 8:00 p.m. in Kiehle Auditorium. Tickets for the show are $3.00 for adults and $2.00 for students at the door. You can obtain tickets in advance from UMC choir members for $2.00 for adults and $1.00 for students. All proceeds from ticket sales go toward financing the annual UMC choir trip to Canada.

Come out and enjoy an evening of intense drama.

Have you ever been out walking between Hill Hall and Owen Hall and noticed the signs that say "reserved parking for A.U.R.I.?" No, AURI is not the name of a special UMC administrator. A.U.R.I. stands for Ag Utilization Research Institute, and its state office is located on the second floor of Owen Hall. AURI is a recent addition to the campus, setting up just last spring quarter. Its main purpose is to assist local agricultural entrepreneurs and to provide a clearinghouse and experiment lab for certain developing ag research. According to Brenda Finkenbiner, Administrative Assistant for AURI, "We serve as a go-between, meaning, if we can't answer your questions, we will find someone who can help."

The fourteen staff members, many of which are scientists, at AURI are currently working on some cutting-edge experiments with creating new plastics from potatoes. Finkenbiner says that her favorite part of her job would have to be "working with different people and helping their dreams become reality."
Jamie Hodgson
UMC
finish out this academic year. After a shake up of a few members there are some new faces on the Student Senate at UMC: Jamie Hodgson is the new vice-president, Nancy Krueger is the new secretary/treasurer, and Paul Carrier is the new Representative.

The biggest issue of discussion in the UMC Student Senate has, of course, been the question of UMC's four-year status. The Senate is hopeful UMC will be granted approval for all twelve proposed baccalaureate degrees.

Another major issue facing the Student Senate (as well as every college student in the state) is the issue of a probable tuition increase. As it stands now, there is no definitely set increase, although a proposed increase may range from 7% to 24%. Hopefully, with some strong lobbying at the state capitol and a lot of student support the increase can be kept low.

Lobby Day for the University of Minnesota at the state capitol building is set for Friday, April 16. Members of the UMC Student Senate and members from the other campuses will be travelling to the Capitol to lobby the state legislature to keep tuition down.

Other issues raised at Student Senate this quarter have ranged from sanding the campus streets and sidewalks to prevent ice, to expanding the times Food Service is open, to keeping the mall lights on later into the evening for student security.

The Senate has also been dealing with funding student clubs and organizations and their activities. Many clubs will be doing special projects or sponsoring special events this quarter. The Student Senate meets every other Monday in the Trojan Inn Room 131 at 5:30 p.m. The next meeting is April 12. If any student has a concern or suggestion, he or she should inform a Senate member or attend one of these meetings.

**College Fund Finder is more than a wealth of information**

News Release
UMC Financial Aid Office

A new computer program called the College Cost Explorer-Fund Finder is now available for UMC students to use free of charge at the Kiehle Library.

The College Cost Explorer component of the program is already a familiar and helpful tool used in scores of guidance and financial aid offices. It explains how to apply for financial aid, uses interactive worksheets to help students estimate eligible aid at 2,800 post-secondary institutions, and also includes federal, state, and college sources of grants, loans and jobs.

Fund Finder, a completely new component, is the magic that makes this version of College Cost Explorer so special. Fund Finder allows users to search for scholarships and loans for undergraduate and graduate study based on individual student characteristics including academic and career interests, ethnic and minority background, military service, special talents, affiliations, and more.

The strength of Fund Finder is based on more than its comprehensive data base of aid sources. Equally important is its comprehensive criteria-selection process, which winnows down each student's list of potential scholarships and loans to only those for which he or she meets every specification.

The program starts by asking students to provide basic personal information, including age, gender, state of residence, citizenship, and high school grade level. If local scholarships have been added to the data base, students supply information in this category too.

The next computer screen requests information on minority background, religious affiliation, field of study, and talents and interests.

Within seconds, Fund Finder processes the information and comes up with a list of scholarships and loans for which the student meets every single selected criterion.

In addition to assembling a user-matched list of scholarships and loans, Fund Finder provides a screen of detailed information on each of the aid sources, including the minimum and maximum amount of the award, application deadline, additional criteria, and more. All of this information can be printed out.

Fund finder is available here at UMC in the Kiehle Library.
A tale of two campuses...

Heidi Runyon
guest editorial

Which is better, the small university or the large university? The debate rages on!
I can't, nor can anyone I suppose, answer that question with a simple answer, since it ultimately depends on the individual and his or her needs and expectations. But I do have some insight on the subject since I have spent time at both a smaller institution, UMC, and at a considerably larger institution, Saint Cloud State University (SCSU).

As with most things in life I have found there to be advantages and disadvantages to attending both the large and the small college.

First, let's examine the "people aspect" of both sizes of college. What I mean by "people aspect" is this: You've probably heard that students tend to be treated like a number (generally the student's I.D. number) at a larger college, where at a smaller college students tend to be treated on a more personal, first-name basis. There definitely is some truth to this.

For example, I have had a couple general ed courses at SCSU, my current college of choice. In each of those lecture classes there were over 500 students to one instructor (who may have had three or for teaching assistants). Naturally, all of the students' names (or faces for that matter) could not be learned by the instructor in a ten week period.

When I attended UMC, on the other hand, the largest class I was ever in consisted of just over 60 students to one instructor, who usually made a great effort to learn all his students' names.

But is this a fair comparison? Once someone at a larger college chooses a major program of study and gets into higher level courses the student/teacher ratio gets considerably better in most cases.

The classes for my major at SCSU, for example, range in size from about 10-45 students to one instructor (who is, by the way, on a first-name basis with me and the other students). A lot of this can be said to fall into the "quality of instruction" aspect of the university, although the basis of the issue seems to lie with the individual efforts of the college's instructors, staff, and faculty. A small school can still have an instructor who is poor with names.

Another issue in the large college/small college debate deals with which of the two offers more opportunities—both academically and otherwise? At both a smaller and at a larger institution it is up to the student to decide how many and which of her interests she is going to pursue.

I remember writing an article for The Fourth Estate my sophomore year. The article outlined the many activities UMC had to offer for students and stressed the fact that opportunities and good times are out there—it is up to the individual student to go after them.

I find this to be true at SCSU as well. I guess the main difference would be that there is more of a variety of activities to choose from at a larger school, but there are also more students which often times leads to more of a variety of interests maybe more competition in certain areas.

There are also the so-called "minor" or "service" points that affect the small college/large college debate. Lines for picking up financial aid, paying tuition and fees, and buying or selling books take longer at SCSU than at UMC. On the other hand, the student center on the SCSU campus offers a convenience store, a bowling alley and arcade, several popular eating establishments, and a nightclub that offers dancing and comedy several nights a week. While UMC does hold several special events and activities throughout the year, it can't offer these services to students because of its size.

So, which is better: the smaller college or the larger college? In my opinion, neither is better nor worse as both have their own significant advantages and disadvantages. Again, it is more what a student is looking for and expecting from the college that is important.

I have been lucky because in my college career I have had a good taste of both, and I have had, and am still having, one hell of a great time!!

Editor's note: Heidi Runyon is a former UMC student who transferred to SCSU after her sophomore year. She also served as the editor for The Fourth Estate from 1991-92.
Boredom is not poetic

Rob Erickson
staff writer

Being bored is a necessity
Not a way of life, however.
If you’re bored for just an hour
No harm has been done.
If you are bored for a day or more
Well, you have no life.
This is not to say
That if you’ve been doing something boring
You have no life.
You are forgiven for this,
But don’t make it a habit.

It’s your decision
To be bored or not to be bored.
Weather it is smarter to be seen doing
Or just to be seen,
You would not be any more of a person
If you did nothing,
But you would if you did something.
To die is to be bored.
To sleep is to dream.
To dream is to create.
To create is to be entertained.
If you are staring at a blank wall,
What do you see?
If nothing is seen you have lost
For there is something on that blank wall.
What is it? Some may ask.
It is the movie screen to your imagination.

Boredom is a matter of personal choice.
There are thinkers and dreamers.
Then there are doers.
But somehow there is a bridge,
between these two.
To be bored or not to be bored
That is the question.

Don't just whine about it... do something!
Write a letter to the editor!
If you're disgusted, pleased, bored, happy, disgruntled... write it down and send it to:
UMC BOX 990
All letters must be signed. Normal standards of decency apply.

UMC’s loss is Twin Cities’ campus gain

Michelle Runyon
managing editor

The end of winter quarter marked a sad occasion for The Fourth Estate, for UMC’s Admissions Office, and for the faculty, staff and students of the entire campus. Jean Antelman, Admissions Counselor, moved on and up to the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis campus to work in the Admissions Office there.

Before coming to UMC, most of us students had some sort of contact with Jean, whether is was a phone conversation to answer a question about UMC, a campus tour, or a meeting with her during Orientation. Students found her to be positive, easy-going and fun to be around.

Faculty and staff say that Jean always had good ideas, was open-minded, professional and fun.

For us “Fourth Estaters” Jean not only helped establish this student newspaper, but she also used her bachelor’s degree in journalism to help teach us our p’s and q’s in writing, editing and newspaper ethics.

For myself, Jean was more than a teacher or an admissions counselor. I found Jean to have a tremendous insight into life. We sometimes talked about our pasts, dreamed our futures and looked realistically at the present. Jean truly cared for all human beings and was always optimistic about UMC and about making it a better place for all of us.

The thing I admire most about Jean, though, is her independence. She is definitely her own person and a unique woman.

We will remember and miss her. On behalf of the Fourth Estate, we wish Jean Antelman luck and success in whatever comes her way.
Number One!

Scott Oliver coaches team to varsity as well as academic victories

Chad Seipkes 
staff writer

The UMC Trojan Hockey Team finished the season with a 24-3 record as they swept the NJCAA tournament en route to the national championship. The championship tournament was held at UND Bottineau March 5, 6, and 7, and it was the Trojans’ second trip to a national tourney in as many years. Last year the Trojans played at Lake Placid, New York.

Unlike last year, however, the team took the national trophy with its third tournament win over Erie Community College. The third game gave UMC the long sought after title when Ryan Driedger scored the winning goal—a play that Driedger had mirrored from another game earlier in the season.

Congratulations also go to Pete Nordell for being selected as Most Valuable Player and being selected to the All-Tournament Team along with Scott Elder, Ryan Driedger and Jeff Malawski. The national title was a sweet win as UMC readies itself to enter the Division One Inter-Collegiate Competition in the near future. Entrance into this four-year level of league competition will mean some subtle changes in hockey strategy and player recruitment, retention and eligibility. Hopefully, Coach Scott Oliver can carry on the tradition of excellence he and the Trojan Hockey Team have begun these last two years.

Originally from Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, Oliver was involved in football, hockey, track and rugby in high school. A well-rounded scholar, he was also involved in plays and musicals every year, and a "Reach for the Top" club. Oliver went on to receive his bachelor’s degree from Moorhead State University. While there he met his future wife, Denise, who happened to be an education student and a cheerleader. He says that meeting Denise, along with other friends he still remains in touch with, was the best part of his college career.

Coach Oliver first came to UMC in 1987, and spent the next six years recruiting for and building the kind of team that recently won him a national trophy. He also spent some time building a family and just became a father to Nicholas Oliver almost two years ago.

Oliver credits not only his team’s performance on the ice but also their performance in the classroom for this year’s strong tournament showing. He said, "This team is perhaps the best group I’ve had academically. You can tell them something once and they are on task." The team did have the highest average GPA from among all UMC athletes.

Coach Oliver went on to say that "this year’s team, from an individual standpoint, may not be as talented as individuals on the team in past years. However, the team chemistry is better. There was a lot of depth, and we relied on many different team members. We developed an exceptional team concept."

That team concept is what Oliver refers to as most as a factor in this year’s national tournament win—UMC’s hockey program’s first ever.
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UMC Women Hoopsters go to state

Kim Hassel
staff writer

Congratulations to the UMC women's basketball team. Jana Hjelseth and her team went all the way to state this basketball season. The women did a great job all the way through to the state level.

The state tournament was held in Willmar on February 26, 1993. The Trojan women Anoka-Ramsey 99-57. Leading scorers were Joey Spanier, 11, Sabrina Flatland, 9, and Kari Klassen, 8.

The women's second game was a lot closer, but the lady Trojans couldn't seem to pull it off; they lost to Rochester 84-74. Leading scorers in this game for the lady Trojans were Tricia Swenson, 17, Gina Warner, 16, Joey Spanier, 14, and Amy Blackmun, 11. Good Job, girls! We're all proud of you.

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The 1992-93 Trojan Men's Basketball Team. Although the season seemed to start of slowly, the men worked hard and came on strong, with Jason Yutzenka breaking several standing UMC scoring records.
UMC Sports

UMC women to play in softball "league of their own"

Val Weaver works in the UMC Admissions Office in the lower level of Hill Hall and has been keeping very busy lately.

Not only does she work as a division recruiter, but she also serves as the coach for the UMC Trojan Women's fast-pitch softball team.

UMC hasn't had a women's softball team for the last three years, and at this time, according to Weaver, the team consists of nine women. She would like to see at least eleven to fifteen women so that the team has a cushion for players with injuries, other commitments, and academic conflicts.

Actually, this is the first fast-pitch team that has played for UMC. In 1989 Sonia Spaeth coached a slow-pitch team, but since then, spring quarter has done without a women's varsity sport because of lack of participation.

This is only the fourth week of practice, so the goal is to start and finish the season. Weaver said, "We are going to go slow this month. In April we will take bigger steps, and in May we will take large steps.

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UMC 1993 Softball Schedule

| April 14 | at Fergus Falls Community College (c) |
| April 21 | Northland Community College (c) 3:00 p.m. |
| April 23 | at Brainerd Community College (c) |
| April 28 | Fergus Falls Community College (c) 3:00 p.m. |
| May 1   | at Itasca Community College (tourney) |
| May 3   | at Northland Community College (c) |
| May 5   | Brainerd Community College (c) 3:00 p.m. |
| May 14-15 | State Tournament at Hibbing Community College |

(c) denotes a conference game

Degree Program Information Session

Tuesday, March 30
6 to 7 p.m.
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- Learn how the credits you have completed will apply to one of the new 4-year baccalaureate programs
- Hear Chancellor Sargeant provide an update on the current status of UMC's 4-year baccalaureate program proposal

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Rain or shine, NACTA to take Kansas by storm

Bill Thielke
staff writer

Also involved in the national NACTA competition are four-year schools which form the senior division. The senior division includes schools like Cal-Poly Pomona and the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

The teams from both divisions not only compete among their own division, but also to be the best overall.

UMC has done very well in overall competitions, taking first place nationally in 1990 and in 1991. Last year UMC students traveled to El Reno, Oklahoma, and took third place overall. This is still an accomplishment considering UMC students were competing with four-year college students.

The NACTA competition is not just a judging contest, however. It also provides a chance for students to meet other students with different backgrounds and ideas that are unique to their areas.

The eight NACTA contests are open to all interested students, not just ag majors. They are (listed with their UMC faculty coaches): Dairy Contest (Lyle Westrom), Horse Judging (Lyle Wick), General Livestock Judging (Harvey Peterson), Soils Judging (Bobby Holder), Animal Evaluation (Harvey Peterson), Ag Computers (Dave Hoff), Crops Judging (Chuck Habstritt), and Ag Mechanics (Paul Aakre).

Students interested in any of these contests should contact the ag division faculty that is the coach for that contest.

Finally, students involved with NACTA this year are sponsoring a fund raising car wash. The NACTA car wash is held every Saturday until April 17, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Kaiser Building. The cost is $10.00 for a wash and $20.00 for a wash and wax. The proceeds are to be put towards the expenses for the trip to the national contest held in Hutchinson, Kansas this April.
A conversation with Yukiko

Yukiko Kawahara, a current UMC student, points toward home.

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Q. What do you think of American Clothing?
A. It is very colorful. Americans can dress for the mood that their in. I like that.

Q. Why did you decide to come to UMC?
A. First of all, because not many colleges offer travel. Also because last year Yuko Nagae, also from Japan, called me and told me what a great college it was. So I thought about it and decided to attend college here instead of anywhere else.

Q. What besides the food and clothing attracts you to America?
A. The people, they are so nice to you. For example, you can say hello to almost anyone. Also the holidays are sometimes in the middle of the week. Whereas, in Japan, they are on the weekends only.

Q. Since you have been in America what cities have you traveled to?

Q. What did you think of these cities in general?
A. In New York City the people are so unfriendly to you. I felt a sense of danger in the air at all times. In Washington D.C. it is very beautiful, but there are not many people to be seen. Los Angeles is great, it is warm and very beautiful.

Q. What do you think of Bill Clinton?
A. I think he is too young to be the President of the United States, but he has some good ideas that may aid in a better society. For example, he really cares a great deal about education.

Q. What clubs are you active in here at UMC?
A. Multi-Cultural Club and Collegiate secretaries International.

Q. In Japan is it hard to get into college?
A. Yes, because it takes money. You also have to take an entrance exam that is very difficult. If you pass this exam you can get into the college. Once accepted to a college it is very easy to do well.

Q. In Japan where do you go for vacations?
A. Hiroshima to remember the dead. Osaka and Tokyo to do some shopping, camping, and fishing.

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Variety

A conversation with Yukiko

Tim Marking
staff writer

Yukiko Kawahara, one of UMC's international students, is from Nagoya, Japan. She is 21 years old, and plans to work at an airlines company someday. Her family consists of her father, Yoshinori, her mother, Shigeko, and her sister, Akiko. The following text is from an interview with Yukiko:

Q. Do you call home often?
A. Once a month unless there is an emergency.

Q. If you could have an American name, what would it be and why?
A. Lorleli, because is a very pretty name.

Q. Do you have a man in your life?
A. No, not at the moment.

Q. What characteristics do you look for in a man?
A. First of all, he must be a funny, humorous guy. Also he must be smart, outgoing, must love his family, and must be taller than me.

Q. What do you think of American Food?
A. It's okay, it takes some getting use to because it is so full of sugar, unlike Japan's. It's quite interesting.

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Short fiction: Super Cowboy Man

Rob Erickson
staff writer

On the afternoon of Tuesday, December 8, 1992, a poor innocent student was cleaning his stall at the UMC stables when suddenly, out of nowhere his instructor hi-jacked his watch. Unphased, the poor innocent student finished his work and left, only to return an hour later to find that his watch had vanished from his instructor's possession.

When all hope of retrieving the watch had vanished, out of nowhere he appeared. "Who appeared?" "Who said that?" He was the fearless super hero we all know as Super Cowboy Man. From out of thin air he came dashing in on his famous mount and sidekick, Watch For Twister, known to the common people as Twist the Amazing.

Supes and Twist tried going in the back way, but the door was locked. So they flew to the front of the building and crashed through the front glass doors (super heroes and their side-kicks have protective shields around them to keep them from getting cut by flying shards of glass—do not try this at home).

After the list of suspects was in hand our super hero dashed out of the tack room, and with his trusty side-kick steed Supes started poking around the barn in search of the missing watch. The intrepid hero started interviewing the suspects, hoping someone would confess.

He had no lead after talking with five of the equiners. But then Super Cowboy Man found Kathy grooming her horse. Feeling scared and guilty, Kathy confessed that she and her partner, Nikki, had used the watch in class. But Kathy said that Nikki was the one with the watch now. "Ah ha! So it was Nikki who stole the watch," said Super Cowboy Man dramatically.

It was then that both heard a frightful scream coming from the Winter Shows Building. Hopping on Twist's back, S.C.M. was off to the rescue.

Super Cowboy Man boldly. "So it was the kitten and not Nikki that stole the watch." Reading the kitten its rights, S.C.M. then asked the beautiful woman if she would return the watch to its rightful owner. He then handed the mischievous kitten and the watch to the woman.

Gratefully she replied, "Thank you for being so nice to my kitten. Malibu Shots (a.k.a. the kitten) and I will return the watch.

Then, as quick as they had appeared, Super Cowboy Man and Twist vanished on the horizon. Not more than a minute later, the poor innocent student from earlier in the story appeared, looking in awe at the glassy mess.

Still dreamy-eyed, the beautiful woman gave the guy his watch back. The kitten was sentenced to eight weeks in obedience school. The innocent student and the beautiful woman started dating. And as for Super Cowboy Man and Twist, they are out there solving simple crimes and mysteries with obvious answers—all the while making the world a better place in which to live.
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\text{VANCE JOHNSON, left, was crowned Mr. UMC in ceremonies held Wednesday, February 10. The annual}
\text{contest had ten participants this year, one of which was Doug Larson, right, shown above in the}
\text{swimsuit competition. The event was held in the Kiehle Hall auditorium. Photo: Kim Houck}