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Dr. Sahlstrom's Message

This school year is rapidly drawing to a close, and we at UMC are looking forward to next fall and the continued challenges and rewards each school year brings.

We were particularly pleased to have had Governor Rudy Perpich visit our campus. While here, the governor visited with students, faculty and staff, and expressed his strong support of the fine educational programs at UMC and of the College’s demonstrated need for new facilities. He showed his concern for capital requests UMC will present to the upcoming session of the legislature, and he indicated firm support for funding of the $2,600,000 food service building, as well as for full funding of the physical education complex, the ag operations laboratory and the renovation of Owen Hall. While in town, the governor also spoke to a combined meeting of Crookston service clubs.

I am personally pleased and gratified with the sincere interest of Governor Perpich in the University of Minnesota -Crookston.

Another distinguished visitor was Regent David Lebedoff. He made his first visit to the campus a fruitful one by spending the entire day visiting each division and discussing legislative requests. The day at UMC concluded with Regent Lebedoff serving as main speaker for the biennial Torch and Shield banquet. Regent Lebedoff sat in on several classes in progress and manifested widely known interest in learning viewpoints of students by his perceptive questions and observations throughout the day. We appreciate his taking time to become well acquainted with operations at the college and at the experiment station.

Our judging teams have again done well in national competition. The livestock judging team, coached by Truman Tilleraas, participated in the National Barrow Show in Austin, Minnesota. UMC ranked fifth overall and team member Vicki Amiot placed as second-high individual. The crops team, coached by Chuck Habstritt and Bill Bohl, judged at national contests in Kansas City and Chicago, placing third at Kansas City and fourth at Chicago. UMC is the only two-year college to compete in those contests. The crops team especially has consistently done very well. Several of the team members also placed high individually. Such success speaks highly for the competency of training our students receive in these areas.

It's my hope that 1978 will be a fruitful and progressive period in your life. We look forward to hearing from you and trust that each of you will visit the campus whenever it might be possible for you to do so.

Stanley D. Sahlstrom
Letter from

the President

Wayne Amundson

The Alumni Association is incorporated now and has gone through the process of registering with the state of Minnesota. Our new title will be the University of Minnesota Crookston Alumni Association Incorporated.

Our membership is still growing, but we are hoping for more active members to help us get the ball rolling to become a strong association dedicated in promoting our alma mater. We are looking for ideas, so anything you can think of to do, please let us know at the Alumni Office, (218) 281-6510, extension 318.

Another concern we have is for the alumni member who has lost contact with the Alumni Association. Please let us know the names and addresses of classmates who would like to renew their membership. We are attempting to find people who would be interested in compiling a list of the graduates from their classes and help the Alumni Association and Board get in touch with all the graduates so we can grow in the years ahead.

In closing I would like to wish you and yours the best ever in health, wealth and happiness in the years to come.
The HRI Division is a rapid growing division on the UMC campus. It is under the guidance of Thomas Bloom, Division Chairperson, and instructors Sharon Stewart, Joseph Behm, and Emmett Hodgkins.

Due to the rapid growth of this division, the instructors and UMC are offering a hospitality education program which is designed to prepare students for supervisory positions in metropolitan and rural areas of Minnesota and the United States as well as preparing people of foreign countries.

Students taking this program learn specialized skills as well as knowledge of food, beverage, lodging, recreation, and business as well as the human relations aspect of an industry.

The HRI Division offers five major areas; hotel, restaurant, resort, institutional management as well as a dietetic technician program which leads to an Associate in Applied Science degree. Another program new to the working area is housekeeping which has been added to the curriculum of HRI. The requirements needed to fulfill a degree in HRI are to complete a minimum of 105 quarter hours of academic credit which includes an internship program of 10-12 weeks. This may possibly be changed to more credits in the future. At present, the program has approximately 100 students enrolled. The majority of students are from northwestern Minnesota, with a large number of students from the Twin Cities, North Dakota, and other states as well as the countries of Nigeria, Japan, India, Malaysia, Norway and Iceland.

The placement ratio for the HRI Division is about 95%. The reason for this is that 5% are in a specific field and would like a certain area to be employed in.

The division truly is one of great importance to UMC, with the hospitality industry being the third largest in the U.S. The demand for men and women in the trade of Hospitality is tremendous, thus giving UMC a wide area to filtrate into the working field of the United States. An exchange student in Northern Wales is attending HRI classes at Llandrillo Technical College. The student is Tim McGuire from Winona.

Hats off to the alumni of HRI as they have established a scholarship for their division. Truly a great achievement! Also, I'm sure they are anxiously awaiting the new Food Service Building which is now a reality for the members of the HRI Division.
The crops judging team at the University of Minnesota Technical College - Crookston (UMC) placed well recently in two national contests in competition against four-year college teams. The UMC team placed third overall at the American Royal Intercollegiate Crops Contest in Kansas City, and fourth at the Chicago Intercollegiate Crops Contest.

Team members for the Kansas City event were Gregory LeBlanc, Crookston; Ronald Miller, Little Falls; and David Schafer, Red Lake Falls. LeBlanc placed as second high individual in commercial grain grading, and as third high individual in identification. He was named third high individual overall for the contests. Schafer placed fifth in commercial grain grading, eighth in seed analysis and fifth high overall. Miller placed as seventh high individual in seed analysis. The team placed third in each of the three contest areas - seed analysis, commercial grain grading, and in crop and weed identification at the Kansas City meet.

Team members in Chicago were LeBlanc, Schafer and Craig Davidson, Crookston. In that contest, Schafer placed as third high individual, as well as placing third in commercial grain grading and ninth in analysis. LeBlanc placed fourth in seed analysis, fifth in identification, and as 10th high individual. The team placed third in seed analysis, fifth in grain grading and seventh in identification, winning them the fourth high-placing overall. Of the 5,400 possible points available in the Chicago contest, UMC's team claimed 5,156 points, or a 95 percent average.

The three contest areas present stiff competition. In seed analysis, the team studies a crop seed sample mixed with varieties of primary and secondary noxious and common weeds. The team analyzes the sample, locating the weed seeds and classifying them. In commercial grain grading, teams grade grain samples that would be marketed. The samples are graded according to USDA standards. Crop and weed identification involves identifying field crops and weeds by genus and species name, and recognizing plant diseases.

According to advisors Charles Habstritt and Bill Bohl, UMC is the only two-year college represented in the contests. "Competition is very stiff," Bohl commented. "The students did an excellent job and performed very well in difficult contests."
Placement Report

In spite of the tight economy in Minnesota this past year, job opportunities for graduates of the University of Minnesota Technical College, Crookston, continue to rise, said Don Cavalier, UMC Counseling and Placement Director, in his annual report of 1976-77 college placement activities.

Jobs reported to the College during 1976-77, he said, totaled between 800-900, an increase of about 10% over the previous year. This is comparable to the employment boom years of 1973-74, but it does represent a strong steady growth of opportunities that reflect positively the overall economy of Minnesota and several other surrounding midwestern states, he said.

The Annual Placement Report shows that ninety-nine percent (99%) of the students seeking employment found jobs. Twenty-eight percent (28%) transferred to other colleges, ten percent (10%) became homemakers and less than one percent (1%) were unemployed. Only one student out of two hundred six (206) graduates had not found employment as of January 1, 1978.

UMC placed eighty percent (80%) of its graduates in Minnesota this past year as compared to seventy-five percent (75%) the previous year, indicating that more graduates are staying in Minnesota.

We actually helped one hundred nine (109) graduates find jobs in the state this past year compared to seventy-four (74) the previous year, which shows a thirty-three percent (33%) increase.

Other bright spots in the 1977 UMC Placement Report were:

- Graduates found jobs in 11 states other than Minnesota.
- More graduates are furthering their education.
- Ninety-eight percent (98%) of the graduates indicated that they were either very satisfied or satisfied with the educational program they received while attending UMC.
- On campus job recruitment increased this past year.
- Most of the jobs came from mid-management and technical occupational areas.

Mr. Cavalier sees a bright future for graduates with marketable skills. Students who are well prepared in these areas will always have the pick of the jobs. The most promising occupational areas according to studies and research for 1977-78 are in:

- accountants
- bookkeepers
- clerical workers
- clerks
- computer programmers
- dairy and swine herdsman
- dietetic technicians
- diversified agriculture
- electronic banking
- financial specialists for general business
- geriatrics
- manager trainees
- marketing
- record keeping
- restaurant & institutional managers
- turkey farm managers
- typists
The most active occupational areas for UMC graduates, in terms of opportunities were:

- accounting
- agricultural business
- dairy production
- dietetic management
- diversified agricultural production
- herdsman
- mechanized agriculture management
- restaurant management
- sales and marketing
- secretarial positions
- services for children and aging
- small business and retail management

The University of Minnesota Technical College Placement Office encourages employers to contact their office if they have a need for students in the areas of agricultural, business, hotel, restaurant and institutional management, and home and family services at 218-281-6510, extension 318. During the school year we also provide a listing of part-time jobs within the community for our students. You can also call UMC's Placement Office to hire students for part-time work.

**WHERE THEY'RE AT....**

Mary Barnard  Manager, Lerners Clothing Store, Sioux Falls, SD. Continuing education at Morningside College, Sioux Falls. BS in Business. ('74)

Gary Borgendale  Going to school at U of M, St. Paul, majoring in Ag Business. ('77)

Carter Charles  Farming & operating Charles Aerial Crop Spraying Service. ('73)

Roland Cortese  Glass glazer for Roy Olson Glass Co., Montana. ('71)


Kim Krueger  District Technician for the Pope Soil & Water Conservation District. ('74)

John Stanley Sproat  Banquet cook - Radisson Plaza, Charlotte, N.C. Wife-Kathy, daughter born 12-4-76. ('75)
Timothy D. Johanning: Farming & working out in spare time. Wife-Jeri Flanagan. ('77)

Sister Jeanne Maria Campeau CSJ (Verna Campeau): Pastoral ministry. ('73)

Ruben R. Mendez: Locomotive engineer for Burlington Northern Inc., Dilworth, MN. ('75)

Bruce Pantzer: Attending Trinity Bible Institute, Ellendale, ND ('76)

Randy Senst (Bullwinkle): Forestry Tech. U.S. Forest Service. Married, son-Paul age 2, expecting no. 2 early '78. ('71)

Janet Sax Olson: Housewife. 2 boys: Randy-5 & Brian-6 mo. ('69)

Allen Lee Whitesitt: Cutting logs for Buffalo Lumber & Tie, Cochrane, WI. Married 12-3-76. ('75)

Deborah Huot: Attending Moorhead State University. ('77)

Colleen Thompson: Attending Moorhead State University. ('77)


Jeffrey Rigstad: Route salesman for Eddys Bread, Greenbush, MN. ('73)

Greg Johnson: Working at a lumber mill in Foreston, MN. Supervisor at work. ('76)

Portia Olson: Assisting in the training of Morgan horses at Bonnie Lee Farm, Willmar. ('77)

Thomas A. Feiro: Natural resource technician, Ag Division UMC. ('75)


Howard Weckworth: Farming 800 acres of wheat, corn & soybeans. Received BS degree from Colorado State University 1974 in Ag Econ. ('70)

Timothy Steen: Continuing education at NDSU. Working part-time at American Sportsman. ('74)

Robert Noss: Salesman for Radio Shack in Grand Forks, ND. ('76)
Contributions

Mary Barnard ’74
Carter Charles ’73
Sister Jeanne Maria Campeau CSJ (Verna Campeau) ’73
Bruce Pantzer ’76
Janet Sax (Mrs. Vernal Olson) ’69
Deborah Huot ’77
Nancy E. Beresford (Nancy Martin) ’68
Greg Johnson ’76
Thomas A. Feiro ’75
Howard Weckworth ’70
Robert Noss ’76

Gary Borgendale ’77
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Lost Alumni

The UMC Alumni Association would appreciate your help in locating the following Alumni who are “lost.” We would like to send them a membership card and a copy of the Alumni Newsletter.

We have listed their year of graduation and division, as well as their last known address.

Please send information to:

University of Minnesota Technical College
Alumni Association
Dowell Hall, Room 119
Crookston, MN 56716

Bruce Bemis ’72 - Recreation & Conservation
RR 3
Lakeville, MN 55044

Diane Peterson ’74 - Natural Resources
RR 2, Box 98
Austin, MN 55912

Steven Brasel ’73 - Park & Rec
RR 2
Moorhead, MN 56560

Merle Plante ’70 - Business Finance
108 Belleville Ct.
Thief River Falls, MN 56701
Deborah Donkers '70 - Secretarial
311 ½ East Robert
Crookston, MN 56716

William Schultz '75 - Restaurant Management
2570 13th Avenue South
Fargo, ND 58102

David Geo '75 - Sales & Marketing
1116 26th Ave. S. 30th
Grand Forks, ND 58201

Steven Smith '70 - Agriculture
Lot A7 Brandondale
Willmar, MN 56201

Angela Moritz '75 - Hotel Management
Heath Park
Northfield, MN 55057

Janet Utech '75 - Fashion & Retail Mgt.
1220 North Front
Crookston, MN 56716

Homecoming '78
Something for Everyone

The Alumni Association Board of Directors feel that we can make Homecoming Weekend more meaningful for a greater number of Alumni.

We are planning a ten-year reunion for the Class of 1968 and would also like to welcome the Class of 1969 to join us. A recognition banquet and ceremony are being planned for Friday evening of homecoming weekend. We are planning to honor graduates who have made outstanding contributions in their field.

Gene Dufault, Minneapolis, is the coordinator who will get in touch with the members of the Class of '68. If you have information on the whereabouts of any class member, please contact Gene at 1346 La Salle Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55403 or the University of Minnesota - Crookston Alumni Office.

Spring Dance
Sponsored by Alumni

Last year, you'll remember the Alumni Association Board organized a Spring Dance sponsored by the alumni as a fund raiser. It turned out well and approximately $100 was raised on the dance.

This year we plan to have a dance again. A date hasn't been set, but it will most likely be some time in March. If anyone is interested in helping with this project, let us know. The dance will be advertised, and we would like to see many alumni. We would appreciate any comments or suggestions for this dance or for future projects. Have a good year everyone! We hope to see you at the dance.
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Alumni, We Need You!

We Need You!

All of us on the UMC Alumni Board are concerned about the Alumni Association. We need your support and membership in order for its continuance.

Without it our association will not be as effective as it should be.

Alumni Association has decided to initiate a fund raising program to help defray expenses that we are incurring. With over 1200 members it is

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NAME

Maiden Name

PRESENT ADDRESS

GRADUATING CLASS

In order to include you in our alumni news and also update our address records, we need the following information: 

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Please detach this portion and return.

A donation of $1, $5 or even $10 per year would help greatly. Below is a form for you to fill out and return to the UMC Alumni Association.

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