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The University of Minnesota is committed to the policy that all persons shall have equal access to its programs, facilities, and employment without regard to race, creed, color, sex, national origin, or handicap.
Spring has returned to the campus after what seemed to be an interminably long winter. We hope you alums will return to the campus whenever it is possible for you to do so now that the grass is turning green again. This is the season of awards banquets and special events on the campus.

A special testimonial dinner was held on Thursday evening, April 26, to honor Regent L. J. and Ferol Lee for their many years of outstanding support of the college. That event was cosponsored by the NWEIA, the Chamber of Commerce of Crookston, and by the University of Minnesota at Crookston. L. J. was a “man for this time” as a member of the Board of Regents. His tremendous support of the coordinate campus philosophy and of rural Minnesota was a major factor in the continued growth of UMC during his years as Regent.

Other events of note include the National Association of Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture judging contest held on our campus; special banquets honoring outstanding achievement in special areas such as DECA and OEA; and the activities associated with the introduction of our new Regent, William Dosland, to the college and to the community. Regent Dosland brings great depth of experience in legislative, as well as educational, matters to his role as Regent from the 7th Congressional District. I’m sure that he will continue the excellent work of Regent Lee in that role.

We’re pleased that Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland will be the commencement speaker on May 18 at 2 o’clock at UMC. We invite all friends of the college, all alums and members of the families of the graduates to join us for this special event as we honor those who are the graduates of 1979.

We’re delighted with continued progress on construction of the new library and the new food service building. In addition, the Governor has recommended full funding of the physical education complex and it appears we will be able to proceed with the construction of those facilities later this summer. Your college continues to grow in order to serve students more efficiently.

Welcome back when you can stop to see us. We follow your professional growth with great interest.

Dr. S. D. Sahlstrom, Provost
Letter from the President

Spring has Sprung! I do believe that winter is almost over. By the time this letter is printed in the Trojan Torch, spring should have shown definite signs of appearing. A welcome relief after this long winter.

As an incorporated organization, we are in the process of receiving a tax exempt status, as well as trying to help raise money for the sculpture that is to be built on campus. So, as members of the Alumni Association, please answer an appeal to send in a donation to the Sculpture Fund.

Another process taking place is the melding of the Northwest School Alumni Association and the University of Minnesota Crookston Alumni Association into one joint functioning unit with its respective boards. A contest will also be taking place concerning the changing of the newsletter name when the melding process is completed later on this year. More details in the future!

Our membership is still growing, but we are hoping for more active members to become a strong association dedicated in promoting our alma mater. We are always looking for ideas or suggestions, so anything you can think of to do to promote the association would be appreciated. Please let us know at the Alumni Office (218) 281-6510, ext. 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 receive memberships or the newsletter that we do not have on our lists. We are attempting to find key people who would be interested in compiling a list of the graduates from their classes and help the Alumni Association 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 health and happiness in the years ahead.

Wayne Omundson, President
Alumni Parties
Successful

Dr. Sahlstrom presents David Sorvig, Northwest School Alumni with a UMC card for traveling the farthest for our Alumni Dinner in Red Lake Falls. David came all the way from California!

Tilmer Johnson, Class of 1927, receives a UMC plate from Dr. Sahlstrom for being the earliest graduate at the Red Lake Falls UMC-NWS Alumni Dinner. Mr. Johnson lives in Plummer, Minnesota.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Austin are presented with a paper weight from Dr. Sahlstrom at the Moorhead Alumni Dinner. (Class of '36 NWS)

Dr. Sahlstrom presents Scott Bjornson with a UMC paper weight for being the most recent graduate at the Moorhead UMC-NWS Alumni Dinner. (Class of '77 UMC)
Everyone should remember the date, September 29, 1979. This is going to be the biggest and best homecoming ever seen on the UMC campus.

This year's homecoming will honor the graduating class of 1969. We hope to have a lot of these graduates here to help make our homecoming a big event.

We, the Board of Directors would like to see everyone back for homecoming to make it the biggest and best ever! Homecoming is for you, the graduates of UMC, to come back and reunite with old friends and memories.
UMC Crops Judging Team places Third

The Crops Judging Team from the University of Minnesota Technical College, Crookston, placed third in overall competition at both the American Royal Intercollegiate Crops Contest in Kansas City, Missouri, and the Chicago Intercollegiate Crops Contest in Chicago, Illinois. UMC's team was competing against four-year colleges throughout the United States.

Team members were Gregg Regimbal, Stephen; Mark Magnusson, Roseau; Tim Backman, Herman; and Bruce Dahl, Felton, was an alternate. Advisor for the group is Charles Habstritt, Associate Professor of Agronomy.

The contests were divided into three phases: identification, grain grading, and seed analysis. The students had 90 minutes to correctly identify and spell (by both common and Latin name) 100 field crops, weeds, seeds, and plant diseases. They had another 90 minutes to commercially grade eight samples of grain and a final 90 minutes to analyze ten samples of seed admixtures.

Placings in the Kansas City contest were: West Texas State University, first; University of Minnesota, St. Paul, second; UMC, third; and University of Wisconsin-Platteville, fourth. Crookston placed second in seed analysis, third in grain grading, and sixth in crop identification.

The students had spent hours of time preparing for the judging events last fall. "During the first three months of school, each team member spent over 64 hours of time on crops judging, besides carrying a full academic load, said Habstritt.

UMC's Crop Judging Team placed third in overall competition. Pictured from left: Bruce Dahl, Felton; Tim Backman, Herman; Mark Magnusson, Roseau; and Charles Habstritt, advisor from UMC. Also on the team, but not pictured, is Gregg Regimbal, Stephen.
Hope to fly to Louisiana in April

Ag Aviation is a growing program on campus. Fall quarter there were more than 30 students enrolled.

The students have put their training to good use. UMC's Flying Trojans competed, last October, in district contests for the National Intercollegiate Flying Association. St. Cloud hosted the event which brought in four colleges from around the area. The only two-year colleges competing were UMC and a Wisconsin representative.

The teams were judged on three main events: accuracy landing with power on and power off, cross country navigation and bomb drop. After the results were totaled, UMC's Flying Trojans had taken second place only to be topped by the University of North Dakota. What an accomplishment for our students to do so well against teams with more experience!

Larry Leake and Tom Hruby, Ag Aviation instructors, have done a great job in preparing the team.

The second place finish hopefully will result in an invitation in April to compete in the national event at Northeast Louisiana University.

UMC's "Flying Trojans" display the fruits of their labors from the National Intercollegiate Flying Association district competition. The team includes, back row from left, Robbie Johnson, West Concord; Dave Damiani, Rosemount; Ken Peterson, Danube; Perry Schermerhorn, Callaway; and fron row from left, Mark Merickel, Wadena; Pete Johnson, St. Paul; and Steve Krogman, Danube.
Job opportunities for graduates of the University of Minnesota Technical College, Crookston, Minnesota, continue to rise, according to Don Cavalier, UMC's Placement Director.

"We have had more personnel directors and recruiters on campus this past year as compared to when I first started as placement director three years ago," Mr. Cavalier stated. One of the reasons that recruiters have become interested in UMC's graduates is because these students have the technical skills, managerial skills, and attitudes that help make them successful on the job. There seems to be a swing back to on-campus recruiting, especially on the University of Minnesota, Crookston's campus.

We follow-up all students after graduation to obtain information concerning employment status, category of present occupation, level of present occupation, salary information, location, relationship of present employment field to college major, and satisfaction with UMC's education.

Last year's Annual Placement Report of UMC graduates shows that all graduates, 100 percent, who were actively seeking jobs found them. Twenty-two percent transferred to another college, 3 percent became homemakers, 77 percent who are employed remained in the state of Minnesota, 87 percent of the working graduates are employed in rural communities of less than 50,000 people, and 95 percent of the graduates indicated that they were either satisfied or very satisfied with the education they received while attending UMC. Other bright areas in the 1977-78 Placement Report include:

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- Graduates found jobs in 33 states other than Minnesota.

- Graduates are furthering their education.

-- Intern Seminars are helping students prepare for the interviews systematically, methodically, and successfully.

- On-campus recruitment increased this past year.

- Most jobs came from midmanagement and technical occupational areas.

- The Career Education Center on campus was used as a resource to help give students information about specific jobs and other colleges.

The most active occupational areas in recruiting UMC graduates, in terms of opportunities, were accounting, agricultural business, dairy production, dietetic management, diversified agricultural production, herdmens, mechanized agricultural management, restaurant and institutional management, sales and marketing, secretarial positions, services for children and aging, and small business and retail management.

Mr. Cavalier sees a bright future for graduates with marketable skills. Students who are well prepared, not only with job skills, but with the proper attitude, will have the pick of the jobs.

Alumni who are thinking about a job change or wishing information about job opportunities are encouraged to contact the Placement Office.
### Where They’re At...

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<td>Donald Hollermann</td>
<td>Donald has been employed as a Sales and Service Technician for Midwest Breeder’s Cooperative since 1973. He and his wife Theresa and their daughters, Shelly 3½ years and Stacy 4 months, live at rural Little Falls, Minnesota. ('71)</td>
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<td>Deb Huot</td>
<td>Deb is currently attending Moorhead State University where she is majoring in special education. ('77)</td>
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<td>David Hurlbut</td>
<td>David is presently working as a Park Technician at Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore. He will be attending the National Park Service Academy in Santa Rosa, California in September, 1979. ('77)</td>
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<td>Terry (Austreng) Lamppa</td>
<td>Terry is working as an administrative secretary in the Department of Pharmacology at the University of North Dakota. Her husband, Reid, is attending UND as a chemical engineering student. ('77)</td>
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<td>Sue Porter</td>
<td>Sue is employed at a Walker Scott Department Store in Escondido, California. She will complete the requirements for a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in October, 1979 at National University, and plans to continue into the Masters Program there. ('77)</td>
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<td>Colleen Thompson</td>
<td>Colleen is majoring in recreation at Moorhead State University. ('77)</td>
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<td>Julian Yerbich</td>
<td>Julian is working for the International Harvester Company in Hutchinson, Minnesota. ('75)</td>
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CONTRIBUTIONS

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Glenn Fladmark '78
Donald Hollermann '71
Deb Huot '77
David Hurlbut '77
Colleen Thompson '77
Julian Yerbich '75

SCULPTURE FUND

David Hurlbut '77
Lu Miller '74
Helen M. Selvig NWSA
Walter Sprung NWSA
The Board of Directors of the UMC Alumni Association urge you to put on your thinking cap for an important assignment! Coming up this fall is the election of three new directors for the Alumni Board. We need your help in choosing candidates for the fall elections - we need your nominations. Please return the bottom portion of this page with as many nominees as you can think of and who would be active if elected to the Board. All nominees will be contacted before their names are put on the ballot.

Please return or call 281-281-6510, extension 318, with your nominations. Complete as much of the following information as possible: Name of nominee, address, telephone number, where he/she works and business phone number. Thanks! Hope to hear from you soon.

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Nominee’s Name __________________________________________ Telephone No. ________________________

Address ________________________________________________ Class of ___________________________

Business Name & Company Address __________________________ Telephone No. ________________________

Your Name (Optional) ______________________________________

RETURN TO: Placement Office
Dowell Hall, Room 119
University of Minnesota Technical College
Crookston, Minnesota 56716
Alumni, 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.

The UMC Alumni Association has decided to initiate a fund raising program to help defray expenses that we are incurring. With over 1400 members, if everyone donated $1 to $10, this would help to cover expenses and set up a yearly scholarship fund that would help some student with their college expenses. Also, a donation of $1 to $5 from each alumnus would go a long way in meeting the cost of UMC's sculpture.

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.

Please detach this portion and return!

MAIL TO: Don Cavalier, Alumni Relations, Dowell 119, University of Minnesota Technical College, Crookston, MN 56716

I am enclosing my donation to the UMC Alumni Association in the amount of: ____ $1 ____ $5 ____ $10

I am enclosing my donation to the Sculpture Fund in the amount of: $________

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

NAME ___________________________ GRADUATING CLASS ___________________________
Maiden Name ___________________________ PRESENT ADDRESS ___________________________
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? ___________________________
SOMETHING ABOUT YOURSELF - ACHIEVEMENTS, ETC. ___________________________
FAMILY ___________________________