Kristjansson's goals include 'helping' others

By Barbara Weiler
News Service

When Americans say they want to be wealthy and successful, they are acclaimed as wanting to support the American way of life.

But when an Icelander wants to be wealthy and successful, and if that Icelander is Thrainn Kristjansson, there is a much deeper meaning in his philosophy.

Thrainn, a native of Reykjavik, Iceland, is a 1972 graduate of the hotel, restaurant and institutional management division.

He opened his first restaurant, The Round Table, in Winnipeg nine years ago. Grapes, a second restaurant, opened in May 1980, and a year later he opened Jonathan's in Eaton Place.

His goal for the future is to be wealthy and successful at living.

"Wherever I'm going to be, I'll still be learning," said Thrainn. "There is so much I want to do."

He explains his desire to be wealthy and successful, not in terms of wanting a higher standard of living for himself, but rather for added possibilities for helping people less fortunate than himself.

"You can only wear one suit at a time," said Thrainn with a twinkle in his eyes. "I want to be wealthy so I can contribute to those who are unfortunate."

He dreams of an institution, or "several institutions scattered across the world" that would seek out unfortunate children and teach them with a strong backing in basic moral values.

"A lot of people think money is bad. But I think money is good. Money is actually power you control. And power is dangerous if it is not controlled well."

Hard work and restaurants are not new to Thrainn. In Iceland he worked with his parents in the restaurant and hotel business.

Although his father was originally from a farming community, he moved to a fishing village on the ocean. He had very little education but was ambitious and went into the restaurant business, recalls his son. Both Thrainn's mother and father worked many long, hard hours, moving often to open new restaurants.

By the time Thrainn was 14, he had worn out two tuxedos working as a waiter. From this background Thrainn learned the hard work ethic and has little patience with those who are not willing to work hard.

"I would never be without a job, and I would never go out another day's work," said Thrainn. "If I can't find work, I will create it. I welcome these hard times. They had to come, and I feel they separate the men from the boys."

Thrainn Kristjansson was born in Reykjavik, the capital city of Iceland, in 1940. He lived in Iceland until he came to America in 1979. In 1964 he married Edda.

Restaurant-owning is not his only profession. While in Iceland he studied and became a musician, playing the piano and developing jazz bands. He was president of the Reykjavik Jazz Club for 11 years as well as promoting and scheduling many world famous musical groups.

He graduated from The Chefs and Waiters College in Reykjavik in 1963 and studied language in schools in Cambridge, England and

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New sports complex is dedicated...

The sports complex at UMC was dedicated on Friday, March 19 during the Region AA boys basketball tournaments. Present at the ribbon cutting ceremonies were the UND Army ROTC color guard; Fred Boven, University vice president for finance and operations; Dennis Bivens, Crookston Area Chamber of Commerce president; Doug Oman, Crookston mayor; Dr. Stanley D. Sahlstrom, provost, UMC; Marv Bachmeier, UMC athletic director; and Herschel

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Honored Class Chairmen

1972: Darrel Larson
811 Box 68
Royallton, MN

1977: Randy Radniecki
811 Box 106
Crookston, MN

Tim Keith
313 S. Nelson
Crookston, MN
A letter from the president

Spring has sprung in the valley (more than once since I wrote this letter!), I hope you have enjoyed the winter well.

The board of directors has plans well under way for a Homecoming '82. Due to budget cuts, the October 10 football game was cancelled, and Homecoming was rescheduled on October 15.

Nominations have closed for the 1982 recognition banquet awards and the selection process is underway. Awards will be presented at the banquet on Friday, October 15, 8:00 p.m., at the Augustana. Please attend the banquet and honor those alumni who make all UMC graduates proud that they attended this fine institution.

Weekend package prices are again being offered. For around $20 you will be able to attend the events on Friday, the game, post-game social and the dance on Saturday. The post-game social and dance are a $20 success last year and will be offered again in '82. Choose either a weekend or a Saturday package is a significant savings over singling events.

The honored classes this year are '72 and '77. Darrell Larson, Rt. 1, Box 48, Royalton, MN can be contacted for the class of '72. Chairpersons for the class of '77 are Randy Radniack, Rt. 1, Box 106, and Tim Keith, 313 S. Nelson, both of Crookston. If you need to contact other classmates or contribute items for a class reunion board, please contact these people or the alumni office at UMC.

Provost's message:

Spring has returned to the campus. We hope you alumni will return to visit UMC whenever it is possible.

This is the season of awards banquets and special events on the campus. We are extremely proud of the many outstanding accomplishments by our current students during the recent months. Our agricultural judging teams, OEA, DECA, and horse show participants have all taken state or national honors. And, of course, the hockey team's state championship title was a highlight of the winter sports season.

UCM has faced some major challenges and opportunities, and the state financial situation has necessitated a thoughtful review of curriculum, education, as well as all other state institutions when the needs are appropriate by the legislature. Over its first 16 years of existence, UMC has managed an excellent reputation for service to the basic industries of Minnesota, including agriculture, business, and higher education. As a result, there have been ample support both at the state level and within the University.

This college and the North-west Experiment Station are strong, viable institutions to the people of the state. However, it is essential that reenrollment take place as less state funds are available in the months and years ahead. The cutbacks that will be made at UMC will be primarily in the plant services and support areas. I assure you that the quality of instruction offered to UMC students will not be damaged. The reputation for high-quality technical collegiate education at UMC must be maintained and always a hallmark at UMC.

We are pleased that Wendal Moore, chairman of the Board of Regents will be the commencement speaker on May 21 at 2:00 at UMC. All friends of the college, all alumni, and members of the families of the graduates are invited to join in honoring the graduating class of 1982.

We welcome you back whenever you can visit, and we follow your professional growth with great interest. Keep us informed!

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Lyssaker, UMC's first athletic director.

Over half of the new structure is the gymnasium with three basketball courts (including provision for volleyball, tennis, and badminton) with a seating capacity of 3,200. Also included in the addition are two varsity locker rooms, in addition to the two located in the old gymnasium, to allow both women and men to have activities operating simultaneously; two racquetball-handball courts; training areas for therapy and treatment of athletic injuries; weight training areas; office space for all physical education staff; practice wrestling room with the incorporation of a wrestling gymnasium in the old building; a multipurpose classroom for instruction, squad meet-ups, and for use as a hospitality room; sauna; and an equipment and equipment storage area.

"We think the facilities are outstanding, and we are very pleased with the way they are working out. The gymnasium complex has been a great contribution to the college, community, and the area," said Bachmeier.

Thrainen

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Orstavik, Norway.

While he worked for many years as headwaiter and Maître D’ Hotel in some of the finest restaurants and hotels in Iceland, he became convinced that the high-quality, UMC-related training which he could not receive in Iceland, "Iceland, with its population of 215,000 makes it a small country with small opportunities," observed the Icelandic.

Thrainen’s work ethic and ambitions were evident as he searched for educational opportunities. He spent a great deal of time writing letters to Scandinavian countries and Canada as well as the United States.

In the late 1960s Arne Brekke of Brekke Travel,

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Grand Forks, North Dakota, visited Iceland and was interested in dining in Iceland. Through that meeting a friendship developed. And through that friendship Thrainen came to the Red River Valley—first for a year’s study in management courses at the University of North Dakota, and then in 1971 to the University of Minnesota at Crookston.

As Thrainen studied at UMC his heart was still in Iceland. As soon as his education was finished, he planned to return to his home country.

"Absolutely, for sure. I had no thoughts about not doing that."

However, when he was finishing his studies at UMC several jobs were offered to him in the United States. At the same time nothing was developing from his correspondence with restaurants in Iceland.

After graduation, but before the Kristjansons returned to Iceland for the birth of their third child, Thrainen accepted a job offer in Radisson’s management training program. They returned to Iceland in 1973, but discovered that they would not be allowed a work permit to return to the United States.

Word travels fast. When his application was denied, a Bismarck, North Dakota, firm called him and asked if he would be interested in opening a chain of steak houses in Canada. Within a month, a work visa was granted to Canada. And..."

"This is the outcome," said Thrainen, sitting at a table in his restaurant.

The Round Table seats 180 people in five dining rooms each with its own fireplace. Gracing the center of the lounge is an Indian wall hanging made for the opening of the Round Table.

One of Winnipeg’s most popular restaurants, a restaurant of Jonathon’s, is located in a mall behind Eaton’s. Renovated by Thrainen, it is located in River Heights area. Located in an office building, it is a family restaurant.

Although the enthusiastic restaurant owner in all three of his restaurants, creating them with his own efforts, The Round Table is closest to his heart.

"This was my first one. It was here I learned and developed my skills. But I am very proud of the others as well," said Thrainen with pride radiating in his voice and eyes.

A decade has elapsed since Thrainen graduated from UMC’s HRI division, but his memories are strong—“the closeness of a small campus with the caliber of education which Dr. Sahlstrom demands. The students in the area come to the Crookston campus, but they don’t understand what they have.”

He likes education unto athleticism.

"Artists must stand back and look at their work. So it is with educators. Until you get away from what you have, you don’t know what you have.”

Attitude and a willingness to learn and work hard are the qualities Mr. Kristjansons looks for in a new employee.

"When prospective employees have positive attitudes about themselves, I can teach them the specifics. Then an educational background like UMC’s HRI program is a beautiful bonus."

Anyone who looks for work who Thrainen’s restaurants will receive an application and get an interview.

A quality which Thrainen says is missing in most young people is the ability to make decisions on students that they cannot graduate with a "C" average and immediately without a high paying job.

"You have to have understanding. Graduation is the beginning of Life School is just the preparation. In the real world you start learning."

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Student explains how school helps

By Cathy Hensel

UMC Rural Communications Student

"UMC has helped me understand the whole field of agriculture—especially in the area of crops. I was always just dairy oriented," said Charles Norman, sophomore agriculture major in the dairy production program.

Norman comes from a dairy farm by Pine River, Minnesota, where his father owns and operates the dairy farm of 50 head of grade Holsteins, with a pipeline milker system and liquid manure system.

Norman's grandfather was also a farmer and sold the cream from his dairy animals.

The Norman farm consists of 480 acres, 200 acres of which are cropped land planted with alfalfa and corn for silage. The Normans raise all of this for their own consumption. The rest of the acres are wooded and pasture area.

Fashion show student event

"Hot Lines" was the theme of the winter quarter fashion show at UMC in which 35 models, both male and female, displayed clothes and accessories.

Fashion merchandising at UMC is designed to provide students with a knowledgeable background of the fashion field as well as a business background in marketing, sales, merchandising, and management. Study includes design, production and distribution of apparel, and accessorizing.

"All of the planning for the show is done by the second-year students in the Fashion Show Coordination class," said Ella Strand, business instructor and advisor of the Fashion Club. "The students plan the theme, select clothes and accessories and organize the stage routine as a class project."

Besides coordinating the show, students are involved in publicity, stage arrangements, script writing, selection of music, and plans for the reception following the show.

Lowell Larson's one of the TOYM

Lowell Larson, director of Institutional Advancement and the UMC-NWSA Alumni Association, was named one of the 1982 Ten Outstanding Young Minnesotans (TOYM) by the Minnesota Jaycees.

Nominees for the honors were selected from 13 different categories ranging from artistic to professional to political. Larson was nominated by the Crookston Chapter of Jaycees on the basis of his outstanding service to the community, to education, and for his personal accomplishments.

At 34 Larson is the youngest member of UMC's administration and has often been cited for his vigor. He was hired in November 1979 to be the institution's first director of institutional research and development. Since that time he has added alumni responsibilities and was instrumental in merging the development and university accounting office. Although he is director of a larger office, his main energies are directed toward development.

In the future Norman hopes to take over the home farm or else have his own dairy operation.

Norman has been involved in many activities at UMC which includes Ag Arama chairman and was elected Ag Arama king in January. He was the student representative on the student senate from the ag division last year and also won a scholarship from the North-west School of Agriculture.

He was on the judging team which traveled to the National Association of Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture competition in Kansas. He also has been on the judging team that went to Waterloo, Iowa—the first time as alternate. He was the second alternate to the top judge for the team.

Norman is a hard worker both in extracurricular activities and academically. He has been selected for this year's edition of Who's Who Among Junior Colleges in America. He is presently carrying 33 credits and his average per quarter is 2.25 credits. Norman will be graduating from UMC at the end of winter quarter after completing five quarters.

Besides carrying 33 credits he also tutors students who are having problems in different classes, such as English, basic math, and technical chemistry, college algebra, field crops and animal science.

Norman was one of the founders of FFA in Pine River High School. After two years of meetings and planning FFA was started during Norman's senior year.

Norman found out about UMC from his high school counselor and also his uncle who is a counselor at Sebeka. Then Norman and a friend visited UMC along with other colleges. While visiting UMC Norman was impressed with the faculty, especially Don Keith who makes all prospective students feel at home while touring the campus.

Norman feels the classes at UMC are excellent, especially the crop production classes and dairy production classes.

He is now looking for employment off the farm for experience, before going back to the home farm.

Campus is 'coping' with 'cuts'

For 16 years UMC has been riding the wave of prosperity, but enrollment has increased from 175 students its first year to 1,200 this fall. Faculty and staff personnel have increased to 200, making UMC the third largest employer in Crookston. Construction took place consistently over the Norman years—most recently the library, food service building, physical education complex, bookstore and Varisty Shop.

Suddenly, somewhere between 1979 and 1981 UMC, along with the entire university system, began to face some major crises due to a growing state deficit.

At first the word was reeducation. Then retrenchment. Now cutbacks. By whatever word, the meaning is the same. But because of the overall planning began several years ago, UMC will survive, according to Provost, Stanley D. Sahlstrom. And not just UMC, but the whole University system.

"In spite of the cuts, UMC will be in a strong position to offer courses in agriculture and agriculture-related fields," added Sahlstrom.

From the State Legislature, Speaker of the House Roger Moe speaks confidently about UMC. "At Crookston the strength is not in the budget, but in the quality of individuals who attend—the students, faculty and administration. UMC has a fine reputation in northwestern Minnesota and our future is bright. They will keep the institution going in rough times. And we will never lose less of a demand for technically related fields in agriculture. I'm optimistic about UMC's future," said Moe.

University president C. Peter Magrath summed it up this way: "The University of Minnesota at Crookston will continue to be an important component in the landscape of Minnesota higher education for years to come."

The 1981-82 TROJAN HOCKEY TEAM— captured the Minnesota Community College State Hockey Championship with a season record of 17-3. Under first-year coach Jim Clason, the team was led by captains Bob Clason and Bob Landry.

Kermit Genereux—(above) received an alumni prize as a member of the oldest UMC class represented at the Brooks Alumni Dinner. Below, Hersch Lysaker presents Grace Strohn with a Trojan pennant as the UMC grad with the youngest child. They were guests at the East Grand Forks dinner.

Computer classes showing growth

In the past computers were hidden behind massive doors, spoken of in hushed terms, and operated by a select few. In contrast, today's computer may be a home model, a desk-type video display terminal, or a tele-receiver transmitting signals via a standard telephone line.

At the University of Minnesota—Crookston the demand for classes in the operation and application of computer programs outdistances available class space. The divisions of agriculture and business demonstrate a coordinated effort to teach computer usage to students.

The first computer access in the ag division was a 1986 gift from a former student of a terminal. Since then a second terminal has been acquired and a microcomputer is on order. Pieces of computer equipment are used in the classroom to teach skills in using packaged programs for decision making. The type of decisions made might determine which is the "best crop" by a comparison of required yields, available cash flow, and past crop performances.

Welcome to the Alumni Association

"With the cutback in state funding from the legislature, more monies are needed from the private sector," said Larson.

Other Minnesotans honored with Larson include: Rondell Berkeland, New Prag; Matt Blair, Minneapolis; Jon Evert, Barnesville; Mario Fernandez, Control Data Corporation; Dr. Rodney Helm, Park Rapids; Diane Lenke, Brooklyn Center; Sally Mortenson, Bemidji; Gary Reiver, Redwood Falls; and David Winfield, St. Paul.
1968
STEPHEN DANIELSON, Campbell, MN
Owner—manager of Fieldcrest Fertilizer. Has two children.

CAL KRUPA, Osseo, MN
President of Custom Thermoform which manufactures plastic packaging for food and OEM trade. Has one daughter.

STEPHEN T. SIMONES, Sauk Rapids, MN
A self-employed landscaper with Simones Turf Service. Has lived 12 years, three children. Shoots compound bow in league competition.

MICHAEL J. STELTON, St. Paul, MN

GREG RANZ (Grip), Fertile, MN

1979
ROBERT F. HANSEN, Walker, MN
Presently assistant county assessor, Cass County. Serves on state ag committee of MAAO. Church council member and officer in Jaycees. Two boys and two girls.

DONALD KRUNMUIEDE, Maple Grove, MN
A food systems consultant with Littman Microwave in Minneapolis since 1979. Former instructor in chef's training at AVTI in White Bear Lake. MN.

MICHAEL D. SUBLET, LeSueur
Fifth child expected in September.

1979
STEVE ROTHERTZ, Dent, MN
A dairy farmer near Vergas, MN.

1979
MICHAEL T. RUTTEN, Shakopee, MN
A planning and zoning administrator in Scott County for five years. Previously worked with Dept. of Natural Resources Central Office, Division of Parks and Recreation. Very active in youth work with church and a music outreach ministry at church.

JOAN (KELENBERG) SCHWARTZ, Wadena, MN
Presently working as a LPN at Tri-County Hospital in Wadena. Is a Red Cross Blood Mobile volunteer with two daughters. Likes cross-country skiing, knitting, sewing, and family activities. Husband is dairy farmer.

1979
LAURIE (FISCHER) MUNDZEL, Moorhead, MN
Currently a homemaker and mother of two sons after three years of work in sales. Married to a custom cabin maker.

1974
BETH (MATTSON) BAKKE, Gonvick, MN
Worked in Fargo after graduation, food courses through RCA; ASA; St. Cloud, B.S. Foods. Has just finished two units in agricultural technology from University of Minnesota. Has been field representative for several years.

1979
BOB HUFELAND, Duffield, MN
Manages Pizza Hut restaurant and has two children.

ALLEN WHITEHITTS, Brownsville, MN
A local for Weyerhauser Co., Onalaska, WI. Currently starting a bog operation and preaches monthly at Church of Christ in LaCrosse, WI. Two children.

1976
SCOTT WELCH, Prior Lake, MN
Trains walking horses at Valley Oaks Stables since UMC graduation.

Notes about UMC Classmates

1977
NANCY BAGNE, Fergus Falls, MN
An administrative assistant at Westside Mall. Travels, assembles in leasing mall, member of softball team, and editor of Ottertail I.R. newsletter.

BRYCE AND CINDY (KASENBORG) CHRISTENSEN, Wadena, MN
Married on Homecoming—October 17, 1981. Cindy is a county secretary in Wadena County. Two children.

MICKELSON, Frazee, MN
A part-time secretary, member of Jaycees and President of the Frazee Chamber of Commerce. Married to a turkey farmer and has one daughter.

PORTIA L. OLSON, Northeast, PA
Graduated in 1981 from Mercyhurst College, Erie, PA with a B.S. in accounting. Spent a year in the United States Army. Returning to college to complete degree.

1978
DIANE CIRKS, Moorhead, MN
Works as a legal secretary in Fargo. In June will marry alumnus FRANK SCHINDLER and live in Barnsville, MN.

BETH L. CORRELL, Jordan, MN
An assistant manager of Wilderness, INC. Hunting Preserve. Has two boys and fishes, hunts, traps, and trains hunting dogs.

ELLEN RENEE TERSTEEG, Olivia, MN
A secretary at the Renville County Courthouse in Olivia since 1978. Engaged to be married to LITA (BUSCHETTE) WOLBECK, Ada, MN
Secretary-bookkeeper at First State Bank of Ada. Member of bowling league, sews, knits and crochets.

1978
TIM G. BACKMAN, Herman, MN
Attends NDSU, farms, and works in family-owned seed processing plant. Manager of 1982 Little 1 Crop Show at NDSU.

PATRICK DAUGHTRY, Bird Island, MN
Works two years for BBA seeds. Considering opening a greenhouse in 1983-84.

RICHARD L. LEE, Carlson, ND
Received BS in soil science at NDSU in 1981. Now a soil scientist with ND State Soil Conservation Committee. Secretary in Carson Jaycees.

1978
GRANT NORDICK, Moorhead, MN
Employed by Red River Trails bus company. In 1978-80 was exchange student to Berkshire, England.

JANET DOREEN AND DIANE RICE
SCHOPPEHOFER, Parkers Prairie, MN
Married in August 1980. Kurt works as Adult Farm Management instructor in Parkers Prairie. Diane is former Director of Greek Life.

KEVIN AND MARY (BRULE) SIMONSON, Hayfield, MN
Kevin currently works for Dodge County as a D.H.A.I. supervisor. Also covers sports for Hayfield Herald. Mary attended UMC in 1976 and graduated from UND in political science.

RANDY TERPSTRA, Ogilvie, MN
Played football for Macalester College when first game was won after 50 straight losses. Work at Ogilvie Co-op Ex. Enjoy softball, fishing, and hunting.

1980
PAUL M. ASH, Milaca, MN
Presently adjusting to a new dairy barn and getting married in August 1980.

DONALD BRAUKMANN, New York Mills, MN
Studying for the Catholic priesthood and will enter major seminary (final 4 years) in 1982 at St. John's University.

JEFF GOOS, Roseau, MN
Attending Concordia College, Moorhead, majoring in business administration. Plays hockey for the Cobbers.

KATHLEEN A. ROEBENSKY, St. Peter, MN
Majoring in geology at University of Southern Minnesota. Is considering joining Peace Corp after 1983 graduation.

JOYCE KOOPMAN, Sioux City, IA
Working as a dietetic technician at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center.

SHARON (SAURDUFF) KOZJED, Marshall, MN
While at UMC she had three children in college. Now holding full-time job and working on BS degree from Southwest State.

1981
WENDY PARADIS, Fargi, ND
Recently completed a minor in women's studies and is pursuing a mass communication degree.

KENNETH JAMES PETERSON, Benson, MN

DOUGLAS E. SUBLET, Mankato, MN
A research technician with Pioneer Hi-Bred International at Mankato.

1981
ESTHER DE LACRUZ, Menomonee, WI
Majoring in ag education. Serving as secretary of Hispanicos Club and secretary of the adviso-

ROBERTA HANSEN, Park Rapids, MN
Since graduation worked at both a wilderness camp and one for mentally retarded. Now a youth leader at church with part-time job.

RANELL HANSON, Minnetonka, MN
Works as a medical staff secretary at Methodist Hospital and member of the hospital's bowling league.

Presently attending school at St. John's University.

ROGER ISDAHL, Brooten, MN
Farms.

KENNETH SEIM, Detroit Lakes, MN
Farms with his father, raising grain and livestock.

ANTHONY VIGEN, Erhard, MN
A dairy herdsman owning 120 acres of land. Married DAWN RENEE HAUGRUD, an LPN, and expecting first baby in April.

LYNN WEBSTER, Fargo, ND
Studying child development-family relations at NDSU.

Crop judging teams have
good records

In 1970 University of Minnesota—Crookston (UMC) sent its first judging team to a general livestock competition where the team placed second in the nation. Since that time teams have expanded to compete in seven agriculture categories and have consistently placed among the top five teams in national contests.

A judging team consists of five students competing in one of four events: beef, sheep, horses, and swine. Each member is allowed 12 minutes to evaluate specific animals and place them accordingly to various qualities. The student must then justify his reasoning in a presentation to judges. This portion is limited to two minutes. The student is then awarded points toward the overall score awarded.

Training for competition begins in the classroom where students study basic and advanced evaluation. Judging skills are tested in practice sessions using UMC swine. The North West Experiment Station dairy cattle, and animals on local sheep, dairy, and beef farms.

Coaches for the UMC judging teams are: TRUMAN MILLER, Sibley, Iowa; CHUCK HABSTRIT, crops; CAROL COLLYER, horses; TIM KEITH, dairy; HARVEY MILLER, Hills; and DAVE HOFF, general livestock and livestock evaluation; and KENT FREBERG, farm mechanics.

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