Nine Outstanding UMC Alumni honored

Nine recipients of the Outstanding Alumni Award were honored at the October 10 Champagne Brunch during Homecoming 87, bringing the number of UMC alumni who have been so honored to forty four. This select group is drawn from the nearly 4,000 graduates and many others who have attended the college since it began.

The brunch was a family affair. Representatives of the honorees' families came from far and near to share in the celebration of their accomplishments. Several of these families include additional members who have attended UMC, making it a family tradition.

What do these representatives of UMC alumni remember first about their college? The people. The caring, the concern for individuals expressed by the faculty and staff; meeting fun people – even instructors, faculty who inspired, challenged, motivated, relationships with teachers both inside and outside the classroom, and everyone knowing everyone else were memories shared by the honorees. Dan Motschenbacher said of his teachers here, "They made you feel special, that they were involved in part of your life." These alumni also recalled the wide range of opportunities to experience new things, the practical courses that gave a good professional start, the atmosphere of belief in the school and high standards. As Kris (Knut) Long put it, "I don't just remember the education from here, I use it."

Leif Aakre '74

Leif operates a 900 acre farm near Stephen, where he raises small grains, dry edible beans, and soybeans. He started in that area as a hired man and has consistently been on the forefront when new ideas and management principles come up. In addition to running the farm, Leif teaches marketing and crop production courses from November to April each year in the Farm operations and management program at the East Grand Forks Technical Institute.

Leif and Cheryl are the parents of two sons, Andrew 6, and Nathan 4, and expect another child in the spring. They are active in the local community with their church and community service projects.

Leif came to UMC in 1972 because he felt a two-year program was right for him, and he liked the personal atmosphere of UMC. He may also have been influenced by the fact that his brother, Paul, graduated from here in 1970.

Richard Tillotson and Gaward Cavaness influenced him while he was a UMC student with their high standards, their expectations, and the personal, caring atmosphere they provided. "That atmosphere really rubs off on the students" he told us at the brunch.

After graduating in 1974 with an Ag Engineering degree, Leif went on to North Dakota State University and earned a degree in Ag Economics.

Margaret Benson '76

Dr. Benson is currently an Assistant Professor of Animal Science at Michigan State University. She serves as the state sheep extension specialist, manages the purebred and commercial sheep flocks of MSU, conducts research dealing with forage utilization of ruminant livestock, and teaches sheep production, ruminant nutrition, and principles of animal science.

Margaret's brother Fred recruited her to UMC, and the Animal Science faculty remember her as a motivated, hardworking student. But, she was not on Truman's judging team! She did win the 1976 UMC Showmanship contest, and has since helped with planning, conducting and/or judging various 4-H, FFA and open class livestock events.

UMC professors Truman Tilleraas, Ernie Harman, and Don Keith had a strong influence on Margaret's career path. She finds herself trying to implement some of the techniques and procedures she remembers participating in during her UMC classes. "I think I got a real good start here at UMC. It provided a great beginning for me."

Margaret went on to NDSU in Fargo after UMC, and received a B.S. and M.S. from there in Animal Science. She has her Ph.D. from the University of Kentucky, also in Animal Science.

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From the President

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I'm Curt Petrich. I am married and have three children. We live southeast of Crookston and are in the farming business. I attended UMC during the years of 1975 to 1978.

A major goal of the Association Planning Council is to establish social functions and events throughout Minnesota for all alumni. (See picture and article about Nov. 30 meeting). The idea is to reunite old friends and strengthen the Alumni Association. I invite comments and ideas on what you, all members of the association, would like to do.

In closing, I would like to remind you that UMC is twenty years old, and on July 16, 1986 there will be an all school reunion with 5, 10, 15, and 20 year classes being honored. There will be a pig roast and other events that weekend.

PLAN ON IT!

Chancellor's message

We had a particularly beautiful and busy fall quarter as usual at UMC. There were several highlights, but I've selected a few to share with you.

In October the University of Minnesota Board of Regents conducted their monthly meeting on campus. We were pleased that all 12 Regents, as well as the President and Vice Presidents were here. UMC had an opportunity to provide program updates, as well as share with the Regents changes viewed as important in being able to provide strong undergraduate programs here in northwestern Minnesota.

The athletic teams were successful as usual. In particular, the women's volleyball team won the northwest division conference, were ranked nationally and received everyone's attention as they won 35 straight games.

New signs have been installed which should help visitors to find their way around the campus. We think they are particularly striking and you are going to notice them on your next visit, I assure you.

Architects are in the process of developing plans for connecting Hill and Selvig, as well as Hill, Bede and Owen and a second floor connecting link between Food Service and Bede. Next summer construction will begin on these projects.

We're also busy working with engineers on specs as we get more involved with telecommunications. We are participating in a fiber optic hookup between UND, EGF TI, and TRF TI. Here again, we should see the cable go in the ground next summer and by fall we will be on line with several cable companies in this area. Also, we received a Title III grant which focuses on providing about 60 workshops and courses off campus over the next three years.

Each of these activities continues to enhance the learning environment here at UMC, but more and more we're striving to make connections and reach out to serve individuals off campus. As usual, if you have suggestions or know of individuals who would be interested in instruction provided by UMC, please let us know.

Graduates from 5, 10, 15 years sought

At the 1988 Summer Reunion, we would like to especially see the classes that graduated 5, 10, and 15 years ago get together. We need some grads from each of these classes to help us put together a letter to their classmates and identify their classmates. It will not take a lot of your time or cost you a lot of money. If you have a little time to spare, call Blake at the Alumni Center for more details.

Phone number is 1-800-232-6466 MN WATS or 218-281-6510, ext. 435. Call collect if you are out of state.

So far, Denise Goroski, '78, has been the only volunteer outside of the class of 1968!

A note from the Editor

We meant to get this issue to you with the holiday mail, but my desk-top computer ate half the copy one day for brunch! Truly a "growth experience" for me.

I'm Lynnette Mullins from the communication department. This year I'm helping the Alumni and Development office with newsletters, and learning to save and print material more often.

Even though some of us have been around campus for a long time and are familiar with most of the college's alumni, we still like to hear ideas from you about what's news with our former students.

Please let me know about events or topics you'd like to see in the Torch. Call or drop me a note at the White House.

UMC Alumni Assn. Planning Council

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Jerry Rude '83
Don Yutzenka '80
Allan Gustafson '68

The White House Alumni Center on the UMC Campus.
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Peggy (Johnson) Engh '68

Peggy Engh has been with 3M company for fifteen years. She is currently the Administrative Assistant to the Vice President for Packaging, and serves as Sales Service Administrator for the Packaging System Division. In these dual roles, she has regular contact with more than a hundred sales managers and representatives throughout the United States.

Dave Engh is also employed at 3M. They are active in a church bowling league, and in their church.

Peggy was not only a member of Mr. Beich's first college graduating class, she took typing from him when she was an 11-year-old Crookston public school student. He speaks proudly of her abilities and skills even then. Peggy was the kind of student Adolph said, "who had the ability and motivation to make a teacher look good.

She said her UMC education equipped her "to establish a high standard of performance in the workplace and earn the respect of my fellow workers." Peggy credits Betty Breto with providing her with the one insight she has used most often in her career - flexibility.

Allan Gustafson '68

Allan Gustafson, immediate past president of the UMC Alumni Association, is the District Conservationist representing the Soil Conservation Service in Pennington and Red Lake Counties, and technically advises the Soil and Water Conservation Districts in both counties.

Allan and Pauline are active in the Thief River Falls area community, and in professional organizations. They have one son, Derek, who is five.

The Gustafson family has a long association with the UMC campus. Allan's father and uncle attended the Northwest School, and his brothers and cousins have attended the college.

Al remembers those first college years as fun. UMC was a small group, everyone knew everyone else. He says that credit for the quality education received here should be given to the "faculty and the administration that had a vision for this school."

After UMC graduation, Al went to NDSU, receiving a B.S. in Soils. During the summer of 1988, UMC will host its first summer reunion, which Al is helping to organize. He hopes many people from those first years of the college will come back for that reunion.

Joel Lillquist '75

Joel Lillquist is co-owner of a special events production firm based in Long Beach, California. He is also an instructor, placement advisor, and Delta Epsilon Chi coordinator at the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising, Los Angeles.

He has taught at the high school and junior college level in North Dakota, and has managed retail clothing stores.

Joel tells us he was not a good high school student, but says UMC "gave me the opportunity to find my niche. The education, personalized attention and DECA provided me with the career and personal direction I needed." He remembers the different perspectives he learned about from life in the dorm, and particularly two instructors - Rod Nelson and Merv Monley. "They inspired, challenged, and motivated me. I try to use these talents in my classroom."

After UMC, Joel went to UND, and earned a B.S. degree in Marketing and Distributive Education, and a M.S. in Vocational Education.

Kristina (Knute) Long '77

Kris Long is currently an educator/instructor with the Moorhead Technical Institute Adult Education Program. She is designing and teaching Marriage and Family living classes, Parenting classes, and researches and presents workshops for area businesses. She has also been a counselor, a day-care director, and has worked with resource centers for women.

Kris and Chuck have one son, Jackson, age 3. She is active in state and national associations of counselors and educators, and has been recognized in her community for her volunteer efforts.

When Glenice Johnson was presenting Kris's award at the homecoming banquet, she said that the first thing she recalls about Kris is "giggles." That was her nickname here, and Kris says she still does giggle. She also was an excellent student and a responsible one.

Kris feels the practical application of knowledge and the hands-on methods of teaching at UMC were "among the most valuable benefits I received from UMC."

The hands-on experiences in learning gave students the chance to touch, to do things. She shared a story at the Homecoming banquet about the HFS club preparing for a bake sale at Glenice's house, and in all her neighbors' kitchens too.

Kris Long received her B.S. in Special Education from Moorhead State, and her M.S.Ed. in Counseling and Guidance from Northern State College.

Dan Motschenbacher '68-'70

Dan Motschenbacher is currently football coach and physical education teacher at the Glyndon-Felton school. He has been a very successful high school football coach. His 9-man team from Norman County West won the state championship in 1984, and was runner up in '83 and '85.

Do you remember the annual blood drive sponsored by Natural Resources? These two willing donors may be photographic proof that you can get blood from a ...

Dan and Bev have three sons, Kurt, Casey, and Chris. They are an active family interested in athletics and community service projects.

When Mary Bachmeier presented Dan with his award, he told us that he was pretty tough on Dan during the two years he played basketball. He knew Dan had potential and wanted to get everything out of him. Dan commented that the people of UMC and the way they treated each other were some of his strongest memories of college. "Education became something I wanted to pursue. In large part, because of the staff, and the caring, and the concern that was here at UMC." One example was being invited to Provost Salstrom's home for pizza, another was how Herch Lysaker always found time for you, anytime you ran into him, even after college. After winning the state football title, Herch's congratulations made the day extra special.

Dan earned his B.S. degree from Bemidji State University in Health and Physical Education.

Nancy Tish '70

Nancy Tish is a technician in the Betty Crocker Food and Publicity Center at General Mills in Minneapolis. She tests and develops recipes for General Mills products.

Nancy is a very active member of the Crystal Evangelical Free Church. She has served on councils, has helped to plan and conduct worship services at home for severely handicapped children, and has sung in the choir. She has done extensive overseas traveling including six months in 1972 in Sweden with the International 4-H Youth Exchange (IFYE), and the IFYE World Conference in New Zealand in 1977. She visited missionaries in Hankok, Hong Kong, and Nepal in 1983.

She is remembered as an active student, a dedicated student, and one who related very well to her fellow students as well as to faculty and staff at UMC. Nancy has carried through with the same type of involvement at General Mills.

Nancy recalled Ralph Nestor teaching the basics of food preparation, which helped her to keep her goal of a food career in sight. She learned from Dorothy McCulla, yearbook advisor, that "hard work, organization and determination are essential ingredients for anyone entering the work force."

Theresa Trocke '80

Theresa is an Account Supervisor with Simmons Advertising, Grand Forks, ND. She supervises advertising and marketing teams for McDonald's in North Dakota, Bridgeman Creameries in ND and northern MN, Columbia Mall, and Mankota Power Cooperative.

She is President of the Valley Advertising and Marketing Association for 1987-88. Theresa volunteers on the Board of Directors of the North Dakota Ronald McDonald House, the UMC Marketing and Management Advisory Committee, and Grand Forks Chamber of Commerce committees.

Sue Bronson, in presenting Theresa with her award, remembered her starting college as a shy, quiet student, who grew as she developed confidence in her academic and social skills. She was someone Sue could count on to get things done.

Theresa "says UMC is a wonderful place to go to school. She met so many fun people, and the relationships with the teachers both inside and outside the classroom were positive. "My education at UMC helped me gain confidence, motivation, and business skills necessary to move upward. The experience I gained in DECA enhanced my people presentation, and organizational skills."
Northwest shared Alumni joined Board.

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On December 14, 1987, the UMC Alumni Association Planning Council shared a holiday social evening with the Northwest School Alumni Association Board. Chancellor Sargeant and several representatives of the present staff also joined the group. The festive evening started with a social hour held in the White House, which was decorated for the holiday season by Horticulture students. Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Rita Meyer, provided a delectable choice of hors d'oeuvres for every taste. The social was followed by dinner and conversation in the Brown Dining Room. Several people returned to the White House after dinner to continue visiting.

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Presidents, Council hold meeting

Past presidents of the UMC Alumni Association and the 1987-88 Planning Council met on November 30, 1987 to discuss the direction and function of the Alumni Association.

Old friends like to reunite, to remember the fun, the place, the people of college years. The UMC Alumni Association can help past students of your college to feel connected to each other and to the campus, to feel a part of the friendly college life they recall. A regular newsletter is one method to help people keep up on who's where, what's happening on campus, what's coming. Homecoming, which brings people back to the campus is another, as is the new summer reunion.

But, UMC friends want to see each other in other settings too. The Planning Council discussed the idea of helping to facilitate alumni social events throughout the state. This could mean we announce gatherings in newsletters, or we set up alumni events where UMC athletic teams are playing, or we set up alumni trips to events such as Vikings or Twins games, Gopher games, North Stars. What would you like to do? Do you see other UMC alumni at professional gatherings? Would you like to invite others to look for you at the event? How about a UMC weekend at a resort?

Let the members of the Planning Council know what you think about these ideas. And let the White House staff know about professional and social events you'd like to have announced in the Torch.

Alumni Center wants visitors

Festive, comfortable, "just like someone's home." Those are some of the admiring comments heard about the White House Alumni Center during the holiday season. These two pictures indicate the fine job and the detail work that Glenice Johnson's Floral Design class did to prepare the White House for the holiday season. It did look and feel festive and comfortable. Just like someone's home.

Your Alumni Center projects this friendly, warm feeling all year long. We welcome your visits, even when it's not homecoming or a reunion, that's one way we can all keep in touch.

Please stop in when you come to the area, the coffee pot is always on, the people are friendly too.
Members of the class of 1968, and other homecoming socializers pose cheerfully for the UMC camera. How many of these people can you identify? It will really be fun to see everyone this summer.

1987 Homecoming King David Bauer, Bismarck, N.D., and Queen Cindy Lapos, Little Falls, in their royal finery. Dave is a business major and Cindy is majoring in hotel/resort management.

**Reunion Schedule**

The 1988 Summer Reunion Committee has moved the reunion to SATURDAY, JULY 16, 1988. They felt that this date would interfere less with those alumni who are farming.

The tentative schedule of events is:

- **9:00-5:00:** Registration
- **9:00-6:00:** Whitehouse Alumni Center Open
- **11:30-1:00:** Noon Lunch $3.50
- **2:00:** Class picture(s)
- **$4.00 each, color**
- **2:30-4:00:** Tours
- **1:00-5:00:** Varsity Shoppe Open
- **3:00-5:30:** Lawn Social
- **6:30:** Pig Roast
- **9:00-1:00:** Social
- **Dance and Reminiscing**

Food Service Building (Main floor)
Ma Brown Dining Room (2d floor)
On the mall
UMC/NW Experiment Station
Mall
Ma Brown Dining Room
Trojan Inn

Remember to mark the July 16th weekend on your calendar!
On a visit to Crookston, Phil and Ethel Buckley show Dale Knotek where they are living this year. Dr. Buckley is on leave from UMC to serve as senior advisor to the Faculty of Syiah Kuala University, Bandar Aceh, Indonesia. The project he is working on is through the University of Kentucky, funded through the U.S. State Department’s Agency for International Development.

31 dairy producers have registered for ‘Mahnomen County Program’

The “Mahnomen County Livestock Grant Proposal” was developed under the direction of Mr. Phil Nesse, County Extension Director in Mahnomen County. The proposal has been funded by the Northwest Minnesota Initiative Fund.

The UMC Agriculture Division provides continuing education coursework and consultants in the Dairy and Beef Production and Management areas. Thirty-one dairy producers registered for the program, which started in November of 1987 and will conclude June 30, 1988.

Twenty-five of the class members are active dairy farmers and are being visited by Mr. Ron Curran, Dairy Instructor from UMC. Dr. George Marx, Dairy Scientist and Professor at the Northwest Experiment Station, has assisted in teaching the coursework. Herd size ranges from 4 to 80 cows with milk production per cow varying from 10,000 to over 19,000 pounds of milk per year.

Emphasis is being placed on the value of DHIA testing, quality forage production, nutrition, herd health, and financial management. Financial management assistance is being provided by Phil Nesse, Mike Lochart and Peter Revier. Dr. Harvey Peterson, Head of Animal Science at UMC, has completed teaching 24 beef producers a course dealing with the latest management techniques in the field.

He has been visiting the farm or ranch of each participant to review the operations and assist in establishing improved procedures.

An attendance center will be established in Mahnomen as the needs for continuing education courses are assessed.

Micro-computers, video equipment, and specialized teaching materials are available for use in the attendance center.

New Continuing Education Director arrives at UMC

Dr. J. Patrick Wagner came from Billings, Montana to join UMC as Continuing Education Director in December. Pat received his education at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and Stout, so the Minnesota area was familiar to him.

As a private consultant Pat has designed, developed, marketed, and taught more than fifty workshops in human resource development. He directed a center for continuing education and community service in eastern Montana.

The Continuing Ed office is open to your ideas about courses, services, programs that you think would be useful. “We stand ready to respond.” Along with program ideas, Pat wants to hear about topics that you could teach in the area too.

Call the CE office at (218) 281-6510, Ext, 336, or stop in when you’re on campus. They’re on the second floor of Selvig Hall.

Marketing Research Center open

The Northwest Minnesota Marketing Research Center is operating out of UMC under the direction of Bruce Brorson, assistant professor in the business division. The project, which is made possible through a grant from the Northwest Minnesota Initiative Fund, provides marketing research services to entrepreneurs and organizations.

The center meets a need for service in the research area. “Entrepreneurs lack the money to pay for the professional services of a private consulting firm,” said Brorson. “There is no business service in northwestern Minnesota specializing exclusively in marketing research. The consulting firms that provide marketing advice usually specialize in advertising or marketing material production and not marketing research.”

The center’s first goal is to provide marketing research services to the entrepreneurs of northwestern Minnesota that will effectively supplement existing business services. A second goal is to develop a structure that will provide a computer technology linkage for securing accurate secondary data available from economic and census information services. Third, is to provide a center for coordination and development of marketing research services in northwest Minnesota. Finally, the fourth goal is to contract research for several organizations including area chambers of commerce, city and county economic development organizations, enterprise development centers, small business development centers, and local entrepreneurs.

All research and searches are done on a cost recovery basis with a secondary search costing approximately $25. For more information, contact Bruce at UMC.
The Fighting Trojans take to the field on Homecoming Day 1980. Who are these people? Where are these people now?

Do you happen to remember any of this?

UMC students have always been doers, have always enjoyed each others' company. The pictures on this page are part of an uncatalogued collection of items from the twenty-plus years of the college, and we'd like to get some order to the boxes. We'll be running other pictures in later editions of the Torch to continue this journey down memory lane. Drop us a note at the White House if you recall stories about these events, or think of people or events you'd like to think about again. When you come to the summer reunion, you'll be able to look at some more of these jewels, who knows where you might find yourself, or your friends!

One member of a Halloween group at UMC. The rest apparently got away from the camera. Who were they?

What's going on here? One for all, all for one? Must be the three musketeers of Lee Hall.

UMC's Vocal Force group — Where were they off to? Do you suppose any of them will be singing at the reunion?
Class Notes....

1987
Julie (Boushee) Lindgren, East Grand Forks, MN, married Chad Lindgren Nov. 7, 1987. Julie is working at UND, and Chad is engaged in farming.

Nancy (Kemnitz) Jenson, Cavalier, ND, was married on Sept. 5 to John Jenson. Nancy is employed by Hillman's Jewelry Store and Patricia's of Cavalier, and John is working in the Refrigeration and Air Conditioning field in Cavalier.

Danielle (Tesmer) Erickson, Walhalla, ND, married Randy S. Erickson on Sept. 12. Randy is currently employed at Cedar Inn, Inc., Cavalier.

Angela (Kraft) Sele, Fargo, ND, married Scott Sele (86) on Sept. 12, 1987. They are in Tea, SD, where Scott is employed at a pheasant farm.

1986
Carol (Austin) Nelson, Crookston, MN, married Brian Nelson on Jan. 10, 1987. They are both employed at the Northland Lodge, Crookston.

1984
Kary Strandell, is teaching Social Studies for grades 7-12 at Hallock, MN, and is the varsity hockey coach there. Kary completed his Bachelor's degree at North Dakota State University in Fargo, ND.

1977
Thomas Skjel was married on August 8, 1987 to Dawn Ecklund in Crookston. Tom and Dawn are both employed at the First American National Bank of Crookston.

1973
Tim Sebenaler, Mentor, received a Doctor of Chiropractic degree from Northwestern College of Chiropractic in August, 1987. Tim was named to Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges in 1986-87, and was a teacher's assistant in the clinical sciences division of the college.

1970
Dan Motschenbacher, is the head football coach, assistant boys basketball coach, and physical education-health instructor at Glyndon-Felton. He is married to Bev, and they have three sons Curt, Casey, and Chris.

Paul Aakre, Angus, MN, teaches full-time in the Mechanized Agriculture department at UMC, and operates a 460 acre small grain and sunflower farm with his wife, Jan. Their four children help too.

Action from the winning 1987 season of the UMC volleyball team which won the Northwest Division Conference title.

U of M fund raising efforts continue
As many of you are aware, the University of Minnesota system started a $300 million capital campaign about two and a half years ago. As part of the campaign, the University has contracted with an organization called IDC to call about 90,000 University alumni to request support for the Minnesota Campaign. 1,590 UMC Alumni are scheduled to be called as part of this effort between March and June, 1988.

If or when you are called, please remember that you will not receive another annual fund call, and that you can designate your contribution to UMC. Every $10 or $15 helps!

In Memoriam:
Mildred Polley, wife of John Polley, retired Ag Division faculty member, passed away in October.

Alumni Social
Are you within 50 miles of Fergus Falls? We're planning a late March social in conjunction with the alumni of the Northwest School of Agriculture to be held in Fergus Falls, and hope to see many of you there. The White House Alumni Center will be sending the particulars to alumni within 50 miles of Fergus.

UMC Summer Reunion
July 16, 1988

"Clown Day" at the UMC Children's Center was enjoyed by young and old alike.

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