Environmental and wildlife concerns an important part of UMC graduate’s life

With the unusually warm weather this spring, several species of birds could migrate earlier than usual, according to Tom Feiro (class of ’75). Tom is the natural resources technician in the agriculture division.

Tom says there are some species of birds that have been seen a little bit earlier, such as the sparrow hawk, the short-eared owl, the starlings, and even a meadowlark. There have been sightings of robins, the horned larks, and a flock of snow geese flew over the campus in March.

Some of the factors that affect the birds’ survival in early migrations are severe weather patterns, late winter or early spring snowstorms, freezing rain, and the lack of a food source.

“Birds need a lot of energy when they’re migrating, and they need to stop frequently and fill up on food reserves,” said Tom. “With our mild winter following a drought, the seed sources may not be on trees, shrubs, grasses and flowers. And the birds and animals that live around here or come during the wintertime may have depleted a lot of the source,” Tom said.

Migrating birds have to alter their diets to eat something different to help them get through.

Another factor that may pose a problem in early migration is the lack of open water at this time of year, especially for the water fowl.

To attract more wildlife to your yard, Tom suggests four things to keep in mind: food, water, shelter, and space. The first thing for homeowners to do is to provide feeders for the birds. The key time of the year is during the winter, late fall and in the early spring, when there’s a lot of migration, or the severe weather.

However, feeding birds can be done any time during the year. Feed can be available either on a ground feeder or something that’s off the ground—hanging from a clothesline or a post. Suet is a very popular food source especially during the winter.

For those who live in the country or have a tree in their yard, Tom suggests putting a deer carcass from hunting season up in a tree.

“In town I put a deer carcass up, and I get woodpeckers, nuthatches, and chickadees that will come and pick on it,” Tom said.

Choice of feeders and food depends upon what you want to attract. Sunflower seeds are the most common food source used in feeders around here. They attract a wide variety of common birds.

A thistle seed feeder attracts smaller birds, such as pine siskins and redpolls.

“You get more variety of birds by adding different types of seed to your food supply,” Tom said.

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Tom Feiro of UMC’s ag division maintains several bird feeders and houses in his yard.

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UMC'S 25th CELEBRATION 1990-91
Message from Pres. Persson

April 5, 1990 brought another addition to my family — a little girl, Danielle Rae. Everyone is doing great.

It seems like the days are flying by with graduation coming upon us on May 18. All alumni are invited to attend this year’s festivities which will be held in Lysaker Gymnasium at 2 p.m. The gym will be used this year until the final seeding is complete on the mall renovation.

We held our first phone-a-thon at UMC this year for fund raising. Overall it was a major success. The phone-a-thon was done from the White House Alumni Center with mostly volunteer help.

I thoroughly enjoy calling other alumni. One of the most interesting comments made was that alumni were glad we were trying to localize the fund drive from UMC. I believe we will get a lot more success out of calling locally from our own alma mater. It seems to make it more personal, like you’re trying to reach out and talk to a friend.

Again, I’d like to remind all alumni that UMC needs you to make the difference. We need your input and participation in UMC’s future.

Blake Crosby
Alumni

Tom Feiro is not the only person that looks for signs of spring! Our students, faculty and staff all seem to be operating at a little higher level during those warmer days that make us all wish spring would come tomorrow. I’m sure you feel likewise. Your alumni association has been into something new and exciting. Alumni volunteers, assisted by faculty and staff, have been calling other alumni from the alumni center asking for annual fund contributions.

Their volunteer efforts and your cooperation have been great. The only bad news is we were not able to contact each of you. However, as we learn from this first experience, we will get more efficient.

I did some calling and lined up some volunteers, and it was fun. I haven’t seen or talked to some of you in years, and it was nice to touch base. The volunteer callers said much the same thing. They all enjoyed the experience.

We just finished the calling so I don’t have any figures to give out but in the next TORCH we will have an article and pictures of the volunteers. Look to see who you recognize!

Think spring (with rain)!

On the road

If you are traveling in the Crookston area this summer, or anytime, we have one-room units available for rent to alumni. Cost is $12 for a single or $16 for a double.

We also have electrical hook-ups for a nominal fee at the White House Alumni Center for motor homes.

Stop by in your travels and visit the prettiest campus in the upper mid-west! And remember...the COFFEE POT IS ALWAYS ON at the White House Alumni Center.

Crosby’s comments

UCM grads help lead the Valley

UCM grad James Devries was selected 1990 King Agassiz from Mahnomen County.

The Red River Valley Emerging Leadership Program is founded on the concept that effective leadership can be learned...that leaders grow, motivated by a sense of responsibility for themselves and their communities.

Focus of the program is on learning and growing together as a couple with emphasis on development of leadership skills, understanding government, agricultural policy and other issues.

Of the 32 participants in the 1990 emerging leader program, the following eight attended UMC: Bruce and Rhonda Omang, Callaway, MN; Dean Carlson, Kennedy, MN; James Devries, Beju, MN; Leland Evavold, Battle Lake, MN; Steven Sing, Crookston, MN; Richard Martell, Brooks, MN; Duane Ja尼克ke, Roseau, MN.

“Iividually and collectively they represent the future of the Red River Valley as educated, talented and dedicated persons who will help our area deal with the changes required to maintain viable communities” said Dr. Jared M. Smallay, area extension agent and coordinator, Red River Valley Emerging Leadership.

A new giving opportunity

A new giving opportunity is now available for alumni wishing to support the University of Minnesota. The Minnesota Lifetime Endowment Program (MLEP) will allow donors to create $50,000 endowments with contributions that are less than that amount. Donors will also be able to designate an area they would like their endowment to support, thereby providing their favorite interest with a source of perpetual funding.

Here’s how the MLEP works. Donors agree to contribute an amount based upon their age for a five-year period. The gifts will create a separate fund, which will be invested within the University of Minnesota Foundation’s endowment.

The endowment is a $125 million fund with a proven record of successful growth. As each individual fund reaches $50,000, the income generated by it can be released to the area designated by the donor. The fund’s assets are never touched, allowing the endowment to remain permanently intact.

Donors participating in the MLEP have a variety of options:

1) Name the endowment for yourself or for loved ones.

2) Choose to release the income from your endowment when the principal reaches $50,000 or at a larger amount. 3) Add to your fund long after your five-year pledge has been fulfilled.

Life insurance has always been a popular way for donors to make large gifts,” says Allan Larson, director of external relations at UMC. “Yet, there are many hidden costs involved with life insurance. With the MLEP, all of the donors’ payments are directed to the programs of their choice.

Furthermore, unlike life insurance, donors can live to see their endowment fund at work. We feel these are very attractive benefits.”

Endowment funds are crucial to the continuing success and excellence of the University. Because state appropriations provide only for one-third of the institution’s funding, the University of Minnesota relies on its permanent endowments for faculty support, student assistance, research, and special projects, among other areas.

More information about the Minnesota Lifetime Endowment Program is available by calling UMC’s White House Alumni Center at 218-281-6510 ext. 436 or toll free in Minnesota at 1-800-232-
Alan Page talks with UMC students about success

Alan Page, assistant state attorney general and regent of the University of Minnesota, was on campus recently to talk with students about success. Page’s background is interesting, exciting, and diversified. He’s perhaps most well known as a professional football player for the Minnesota Vikings. But he also has a law degree from the University of Minnesota.

This was his first visit to the Crookston Campus. Page was invited by the students to address their spring quarter convocation and to meet informally with them. Following is an interview with Regent Alan Page.

WHAT IS YOUR COMMITMENT TO STUDENTS?
My interest in being a Regent, my interest in being involved in the University of Minnesota, is really an interest in insuring that our students get the best educational opportunity that we can give them. I think it’s fitting that it’s students who invited me to come to Crookston.

ARE ATHLETES TREATED DIFFERENTLY WHEN IT COMES TO PUBLICITY? When you think about it, we have a whole section of the newspaper devoted to athletics at all levels. Occasionally we will see an article, hear a story, hear a feature on the radio or the TV about somebody’s academic accomplishments. While athletics are entertainment, and they are an important part of what we do, academics are so much more important that I sometimes think that we do academics a disservice by not honoring those who succeed academically.

AS AN ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THE CLIMATE OF RACIAL JUSTICE IN MINNESOTA?
One of the projects that I have been working on this past year is looking at doing a comprehensive study of race and race relations, racial issues, across the state of Minnesota. There are problems. On the other hand, I’m one of those people that when I look at a problem, I see opportunity. I think there is a lot that we can do in terms of improving race relations, in terms of improving relations between men and women. As an attorney in the attorney general’s office, my job is in the employment area. We defend various state agencies when it comes to wrongful discharge lawsuits, discrimination lawsuits. So I see a lot of the problems on the state government level, but also on the state-wide level. There is a lot of opportunities to bring about positive change.

YOU MENTIONED THAT PROBLEMS TURN INTO OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU. HOW DOES OPPORTUNITY RELATE TO SUCCESS?
Success, and this isn’t something that I came up with, but it’s something I saw once -success is often looked at as a point at which you arrived. I tend to look at it more as a manner of travel. The success is in striving. The success is in trying to achieve. Once you do achieve, it’s nice, but that’s not the end of it. It’s time to go on and try to achieve something else.

HOW DOES THAT RELATE TO YOUR FOOTBALL DAYS?
I think if you look at my track record as a football player, I had what many would perceive as success early on. I was the league’s most valuable player, the first time ever for a defensive lineman, five years into my career. It would have been very easy if the end were the point at which I was striving for, or if that had been my success. It would have been very easy for me to say I’ve been successful, I don’t need to work at it any more. But that really wasn’t what it was all about. My football career was about trying to be as good a football player as I could be. Just as my law practice is trying to be the best lawyer that I can be. Just as being a Regent is doing a good job of that is as I can.

IN YOUR WORK AS A LAWYER, YOU WORK WITH A LOT OF DRUG AND ALCOHOL CASES. WHAT ADVICE RELATING TO DRUG AND ALCOHOL, CAN YOU GIVE TO STUDENTS, WHO ARE LOOKING FOR EMPLOYMENT? I like to think in terms of what’s practical. And in this day and age when drug and alcohol testing is something that is growing, many employers will require a drug and/or alcohol screen before they will hire you. From a practical standpoint, forget all the other issues, from a practical standpoint, if you want to get a job when you leave school, then it would be best to stay away from drugs and alcohol. Certainly alcohol to excess, but drugs all together.

WHAT IS THE CHALLENGE THAT STUDENTS FACE TODAY?
I think our students of today, don’t see very far into the future. I know I didn’t as a student. You tend not to look down the road. I think the one thing our students need to understand is that they are the leaders of tomorrow. They are the ones who will be tomorrow’s assistant attorney generals. They are the ones who will be tomorrow’s regents. They are the ones who will be in charge of university relations. And the challenge is to begin as early as possible to focus on those places where they are going to end up and start working towards getting there.

“Success is in striving... Once you do achieve, it’s nice, but that’s not the end of it.”
—Alan Page

AS A NEW REGENT ON THE UNIVERSITY’S BOARD OF REGENTS, YOU BRING NEW IDEAS TO THE BOARD. WHAT IS ONE GOAL, YOU’D LIKE TO SEE ACCOMPLISHED WHILE YOU ARE A REGENT?
There are many areas where one could set out to try to accomplish something. I am interested in making sure that our students have the best possible education we can give them. That’s number one. I would like to see the University develop a more diverse faculty. I would like to see this University take a leadership role when it comes to atheletic reform. Those are the things that I think are important.

BIRDS

Variety in plantings is another key to providing an interesting wildlife habitat.

“The more variety of plantings you have the more different species of animals and birds that will use the area,” Tom said.

When making a plan for plantings in your yard, add trees, shrubs, or flowers that will create some shade sources or available seeds for the birds to eat. Fruit trees such as apple trees and plum trees are good fruit sources. Flowers attract different types of wildlife, especially butterflies. Some species of trees or shrubs that you plant should be a good source for cover for protection or for nesting sites.

“By designing or getting help in designing how you want to plant your yard, you can make your yard very colorful and attractive and at the same time supply the habitat—the cover and the space—that’s needed for birds and other types of animals,” Tom said.
UMC's mission is a varied one

Dribbling. What do all of these have in common? They are all part of the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) teaching, research and service mission.

Each spring as the snow seeps the refuge of shadows cast by stands of spruce and the ice retreats to once again reveal the clear waters of northern Minnesota's lakes, UMC natural resources students’ minds turn to thoughts of “dribbling” (hand planting trees with dibble bars).

For the past seven years UMC has successfully planned and completed a U.S. Forest Service Tree Planting Trip to the Deer River Ranger District of the Chippewa National Forest in north central Minnesota.

Nearly 100 students have participated in what has become one of the most longstanding and memorable volunteer events sponsored by UMC’s natural resources students.

The students have been directly responsible for hand-planting over 56,000 tree seedlings on more than 80 acres of national forest land since 1983.

While natural resource students are off campus, some local research in cole crops is happening on the Crookston campus.

A year ago UMC and the Northwest Experiment Station received a grant to fund 17 months of applied research in marketing and production of vegetables with Gary McVey as project director.

This is not the first grant that Gary has received. UMC has responded since 1985 to the interests of area agriculturists in growing vegetable and fruit crops. In 1985 a Governor’s Council on Economic Development grant was obtained by UMC to look at small fruit and vegetable marketing and production with young people and part-time farmers for local markets. Phil Baird, assistant professor of natural resources, worked with that project.

In 1987 UMC cooperated with Pennington County Extension Service in carrying out a vegetable production project in the area north and east of Crookston. During 1988 UMC and the NWES internally financed a number of fruit and vegetable production demonstrations and varietal trials.

For the past two years, UMC has assisted area vegetable growers by loaning or renting them mulch laying, precision planting, and transplanting equipment.

Gary is excited about broccoli as an alternative crop. “First, we need to know what the vegetable buyer at the market will purchase,” said Gary.

“After we determine what type of product we can sell and when, a production and marketing plan is developed. Varieties are selected, a fertilizer program including minor elements, if needed is developed, a pest control program is planned and the cultural practices and marketing schedule is formed.”

After all the work is completed, broccoli looks as though it will produce a profit, according to Gary. Based on yields in northern Minnesota of 10,000 pounds of broccoli marketed per acre and sold for 35 cents per pound, and costs per acre of $1,500 to $2,400; a profit of $900 to $2,000 per acre may be realized.

The costs include 80 hours of labor to harvest the crop plus 42 hours of other labor to produce and water the crop.

“In summary, a vegetable crop such as broccoli may have a place in your farming future,” said Gary.

While tree planting and cole crop research continued, UMC’s animal science department drastically revised the dairy production and techniques course. “The renovation and new construction of the dairy facility has dairy science/production students milking in an ultra modern, computerized Boomatic parlor,” said Lyle Westrom, dairy science instructor.

The new dairy facility is state-of-the-art. It allows students to learn first hand about dairy herd management. Each student spends 40 hours per quarter in the barn to fulfill the course’s laboratory requirement. The new facility is the result of remodeling and construction of a new dairy barn that was completed in 1989.

“The new facility serves both research and teaching in a cooperative effort between the college and the experiment station,” said Larry Smith, superintendent of the station.

Under the leadership of the new agriculture division chairperson James McBoe, the division is seeking to be more responsive to the needs of the citizens of Minnesota, by expanding off-campus and special course offerings in northwestern Minnesota.

Wall is new ag specialist

Thomas Wall has been hired as teaching specialist in the agriculture division at UMC. Tom began work with vegetable research and teaching on April 1, 1990, and his position is pending approval of the University Board of Regents.

Tom comes to UMC from the University of Florida in Gainesville where he was a graduate student. He holds a bachelor of science degree in agriculture/horticulture from the University of Illinois in Urbana.

He has participated in setting up extension field demonstration plots for vegetable production and fertilizer/water management throughout the state of Florida. He is experienced in the use of desktop computers for data management and analysis, presentation graphics, and word processing.

In the laboratory, Tom has experience in mineral analysis of plant tissue, analysis of soil physical and chemical properties, sucrose and ma extractions, and radiisotope feeding. He is a member of the American Society for Horticultural Science.

UMC’s women’s basketball team was State Minnesota Community College Conference Champs for 1990. Head coach Jana Hjelseth accepts the sign from Al Westburg of the UMC Athletic Boosters.

UMC students brought home 63 awards from the 1990 Minnesota Post-Secondary Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) Career Development Conference held recently in Bloomington. Forty-three students from UMC competed with over 700 students from two-year post-secondary institutions throughout the state. Advisors for the students were: Sue Borson, associate professor of marketing and management; Brenda Ross, instructor, business administration; and Judy Streifel, teaching specialist, fashion merchandising.
Keeping in touch

A new feature begins with this issue of The Trojan torch. This is an attempt by the hospitality and home economics faculty to coordinate efforts with the alumni office and provide you with more frequent information about the hospitality and home economics division. We will bring you an update on graduating seniors, placement, new students, and exciting activities that are happening throughout the hospitality and home economics division.

As you look through this section and read information about your classmates and activities within the division, please let us know how we are doing. Periodically, we will attempt to get feedback from you to see how this new format provides you with the information you would like to have.

This has been an exciting year at UMC because of special equipment allocations, connections with the University of Minnesota Tourism Center and articulation agreements between the HHE programs, colleges and universities in North Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin. The equipment has added some new features to our child care and development lab and also our restaurant practice lab. These new features are cameras that will allow faculty and other students to observe professionals and students in action. We anticipate this teaching tool to greatly enhance the instructional efforts of faculty and give feedback to students about their activities in the labs. Enrollment continued to grow within the hospitality and home economics division, as our fall enrollments look to be higher than the present year. We have a new recruiter, Becky Buffington, that has visited over 30 high school classrooms to talk about programs in hospitality and home economics. She was recently featured in a three-column article in the Grand Forks Herald about her visit to a high school in Grand Forks.

Glenn Olsen, chair of the hospitality and home economics division, was elected to the executive council of the 1200 member Minnesota Home Economics Association for 1990-91. He is the newly elected vice president to district and is the liaison between the executive council and the 15 districts in Minnesota.

Grad wins DECA competition

Randy Walz, a sophomore from Grand Forks, North Dakota, was awarded first place in the February, 1990 Minnesota State Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) competition. He competed with 65 other students from five post-secondary institutions in four different areas of hospitality. The four areas were: 1) written exam; 2) written case study; 3) oral problem; and 4) demonstration. He was one of six students from the UMC hospitality department attending. Dan Handorf, Pelican Rapids, Minnesota, earned first place trophies in two of the four areas and was ninth overall. Andrea Hensler, Cooperstown, North Dakota, was tenth and Tim Jacobs, Halstad, Minnesota, was fourteenth. These four individuals will be selected to compete nationally in May in San Jose, California in the areas of restaurant or hotel management.

WANTED: Nominations for the Outstanding UMC Alumni Award. The award is given to Hospitality and Home Economics Alumni for SERVICE and/or ACHIEVEMENT. If you know of a deserving individual for this award in either hospitality or home economics, please contact Glenn Olsen, chair of the HHE Division.

Practicum features instant replay

Students observe other students and children's reactions from a room out of sight. Marilyn Grave-Shubert, left, watches the monitor with UMC student Jill Wakefield of Warba.

Instant replay is now available in the restaurant practice class and the Children's Center.

To help student managers do a more in-depth review of the production and service of meals over the noon hour, two cameras have been installed. One camera is in the kitchen which will view students producing and plating each order. The other camera views the dining room service.

The goal is to give the managers and other students the opportunity to spot critical points they may have missed during production and service.

Students will be able to observe the room they were not working in and see how a decision they made effects others. Ultimately, this will help the students become better managers.

Anderson is dietetic tech of the year

Elizabeth Anderson, a 1979 graduate of the dietetic technician program, was recently honored by the Minnesota Dietetic Association. Liz was named Outstanding Dietetic Technician for the year 1989. The award is based on service to the field of dietetics, service to the community and involvement in the activities of the Minnesota Dietetic Association.

Liz is currently employed as director of dietary at the Good Samaritan Nursing Home, Warren, Minnesota. Liz continues to serve UMC with membership on the Dietetic Technician Advisory Committee and as a field site instructor for the dietetic technician program.

New instructor joins HHE faculty

A new instructor joined the faculty of hospitality department this winter quarter.

Sunil Ranigra, a native of India, brings to the department an international perspective on teaching courses in hotel, resort and restaurant management.

Sunil comes with an extensive management experience in the hotel industry. After graduating with a bachelor of science degree in India, he worked as a front desk lobby manager at a luxury hotel belonging to the Welcom-Group Hotels. He then came to the U.S. to further his education by completing his masters degree in food, nutrition and institutional administration at Oklahoma State University. He has also worked extensively in the U.S., holding a variety of management positions for the Sheraton, Marriott and the Holiday Inn Corporation.
Class Notes

1960's

Dale R. Olmstead '67, Thief River Falls, MN, Owner of KKAQ AM/FM Radio, Thief River Falls, MN & KKCO/KKDQ, Fosston, MN. Built KKAQ as a new station in 1979, purchased KKCO/KKDQ in 1984. Married to wife Connie (met while attending UMC), 2 children: Gina, a sophomore at U of M, Mpls, and Eric, freshman in high school. Hobby is flying. He was the founder and first president of the "Flying Trojans" at UMC. He got "side tracked" into radio at KROX while attending UMC.

Twyla Johnson Altepeter '68, Crookston, MN. Twyla is City Editor of Crookston Daily Times. She has four children and received the Red River Valley Winter Shows President's Award for 1990.

Donald Matson '68, Gary, MN. Grain and soybean farmer. He enjoys deer hunting, fishing and ice fishing.

William A. Bang '69, Maple Grove, MN. William is employed by IMI Cornellius, Anoka, MN. He is Vice President of Sales-Northern Division. He is married to wife Susan E., 2 children - Heather 19 years old and Kent (KC) 15 years old.

Frank Magdziarz '69, Willow River, MN. Has been Community Education Director for the Willow River School District for the last 11 years. Some of his hobbies include hunting, softball, and fishing.

1970's

Kathy Rude Abbott '71, Durham, NH. Kathy moved to New Hampshire in July of '89. She is married to husband David who is Associate Pastor of Durham Evangelical Church. They have two children - Peter 10 and Krista 8.

Terry Johnston Gaddis '71, Darlington, ID. Terry and Darlene (Ramstad) Sandstrom transferred after one year at UMC. They each received a B.S. degree in Education. Terry recently entered semi-retirement after teaching 14 years to care for her baby, Caleb, born August, 1988. Her husband, Olyn, is an engineer (mechanical) for the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory.

Robert W. Hawkins '71, Wahsha, MN. Robert is married to wife Denise and has four children - Michael, Anna, Cody, Joseph and is a dairy farmer. He is a proud member of the Haug, Hinckley, Heller, Hawkins, Ness, Senst & Thompson reunion club (all Crookston Students!). They gather every summer.

George W. Ness '71, Stillwater, MN. Eight graduates from the class of 1971 have been getting together (their families too) since 1973 annually. Their names are George Ness, Randy Senst, Ronald Thompson, Marlyce Thompson, Rick Keller, Jerry Haug, Bob Hawkin, and Dale Hinckley. They would like to spend their 20th in Crookston in 1991.

Randy H. Senst (Bullwinkle) '71, Two Harbors, MN. Randy is on the Wood Procurement Staff, Lake Superior Paper, Duluth, MN. He is also part of the Volunteer Firemen, Retired Ambulance E.M.T.

Driver. Randy is married to wife Edith, has four children - Paul, Kayyn, Lee, Jyu. The TECH HOUSE Gang of "FI" has gotten together "Annually" since graduation! Tell Keith Ramberg Hi, from the gang!

Kerri Utzinger Acheson '72, Diamond Bar, CA. She's coming home! Will be joining the business faculty at Moorhead State University in the fall. Kerri has a Ph.D. in marketing from the University of Southern California and has been teaching college at Northwestern University and in California for 10+ years. They have two little boys aged two and six. P.S. Congrats to Ella Strand on her retirement!

Ronald J. Arel '72, Mankato, MN. Ronald and wife Donna have purchased a Chem-Dry franchise. Chem-Dry is one of the fastest growing franchises in the US. It has recently ranked the 8th best of 1081 franchises by Entrepreneur Magazine. Chem-Dry is the number one carpet cleaning franchise in the US. Ronald and Donna have two children. Ron had worked for J.C. Penny Co. in management for the past 18 years. Ron and Donna own two franchises serving a four-county area.

Michael (Mick) Rapacz '73, Argyle, MN. Farm 800 acres in the Argyle area. He has also been the area auctioneer for the past 10 years. Mick is involved in community organizations such as upcoming Lion's president, Sportsman's Club, Commercial Club, Elevator Board of Directors. He enjoys ice fishing and travel in the off-season.

Darlene Sabo Ellenson '74, Red Lake Falls, MN. Currently taking real estate at UMC through Continuing Education.

Thomas Hibbert '74, Grove City, MN. Starting third year as the Jr. High Principal in the Atwater-Grove City School System.

Bruce A. Hooke '74, St. Paul, MN. Bruce is presently employed by the Minnesota Department of Human Services as Statewide Regional Service Center Manager. He directs eight centers throughout Minnesota. Bruce is married and has three girls - Jessica, Nicole and Alexander. He graduated from U of Wisconsin-Stout in 1976 and New York University in 1977.

Candace Lykkken '74, Denver, CO. Candace currently works for the Denver Police Department in the Data Bureau. This year will be her seventh year working for the police dept. She is single and keeps in touch with her church and currently helped with The John Jacobs and Power Team Crusade.

Alena L. Paulson '74, Shevlin, MN. Alllen is employed by the City of Bemidji as a Deputy Assessor, a position he has had since returning from Australia where he worked for a year. Allen's wife, Julie, is a teacher in the Bagley School District. He purchased the dairy operation from his parents in 1989 and has been keeping very busy ever since. The farm is located south of Shevlin and north of Itasca Park.

Ken O. Hovet '74, Havre, MT. Manager of CENEX Supply in Havre. He is married and has four children. Ken enjoys motorhome camping, hiking, mountain climbing, hunting, fishing and computers. He would like to extend a personal invitation to any UMC alumni to a cup of coffee and some reminiscing.

Deborah Harpka Avery '75, Stephen, MN. Married, husband Jim, two children - Andrea 12 and Brett 9. She has been the postmaster at Stephen for five years.

Steven J. Berry '75, Walker, MN. Has enjoyed living in the Walker area for the past 12 years. He is a county extension agent working with the 4H Youth Development Program of the University of Minnesota. His wife, Rita, teaches high school home economics and they have a four-year old son, Andrew, and one on the way.

Daniel L. Finley '75, Tampa, FL. Daniel is continuing to work for Continental Airlines and finds Florida living very agreeable. He was promoted to Business Manager for Continental Cargo in 1989 and received the second quarter - Individual Quality Service Award in Oct. '89. Daniel and his family visited Papua, New Guinea again last summer where they have served as missionaries for 3 1/2 years.

Mary Hagman Fisher '75, Bloomington, MN. Works for Kowalski's Markets in St. Paul as Deli Manager. Her husband is Rick and daughter, Erica.

Raymond Niedzielski '75, Park Rapids, MN. He is the health unit coordinator at St. Joseph's Hospital in Park Rapids. His wife is Ann, and son, Tom, will be three in April.

Allen L. Whitsett '75, Brownsville, MN. Allen is still owner of Al's Small Engines - lawn and garden sales & service. He logs in the winter when the shop slows down. He has three children ages 11, 8, and 5.

UMC faculty women fund scholarships

"A Victorian Occasion" was the theme for The UMC Faculty Women's Association annual spring fund raiser. The special brunch and fashion show raised scholarship money for UMC students.

"A Victorian Occasion" featured fashions from the 1800's through the 1930's, centering on Victorian inspired clothing. Fashions from UMC's Historical Costume Collection, clothing from Crookston residents, and family heirlooms from several individuals were modeled. Several of the items to be modeled were worn in Crookston and have an interesting history. A highlight of the day was the "Sweat Shop." Faculty women made Victorian style boxes and filled them with homemade candy. Tickets for the brunch and fashion show were sold out before the event was held, and plans for next year's fund raiser are already underway.
Class Notes

Allen and his wife, Cheryl, are foster parents. At this time, they have a five-month-old foster baby with them. Allen is Captain on the volunteer fire department and is cubmaster for Pack 226.

Avik Kroulik Dolan '76, Grafton, ND, After 5 1/2 years of working in various offices of the Walsh County Courthouse, she recently changed jobs. She is now the receptionist/secretary at the newly-formed Grafton Family Clinic. She says it has been very challenging but only after one week she thinks she’ll make it.

Dorothy E. Eckert '76, Alexandria, VA, Active in church (teaching five year olds and benevolence program).

Cpt. Gerald Erickson '76, Grand Forks AFB, ND, B.S. at UND in sales and marketing after being commissioned U.S. Army in 1978. He is currently Assistant Professor of Military Service, UND, ROTC. He will be moving to Alaska this summer and be promoted to Major in 1991.

Nancy J. Bagne '77, Fergus Falls, MN, Attending Moorhead State University majoring in criminal justice and will graduate in the fall of 1990. She is campaign manager for Rep. Robert Anderson and works part-time for the city of Fergus Falls, Parks and Recreation Department.

Roger M. Sweam '77, Orlando, FL, Roger is currently positioned as desk manager of the Disney Inn at Walt Disney World.

Duane A. Hansson '78, Crookston, MN, Duane has been married to wife Karen for 11 years and has four children Annie 10, Katie 7, Scott 4, and Eric 2. He has recently purchased his parent’s farm south of Crookston. He raises small grains and sugarbeets. He enjoys fishing and tries his hand at golf when time allows.

Timothy L. Kahmlen '78, Pensacola, FL, Timothy has been in the construction business for nine years. He has two children, one girl 7 and one boy 2. Terry married Kenes Johnson whom he dated while attending UMC. Terry would like to get in contact with Mah King Seng, from Malaysia, who was his roommate in 1978. Mah King Seng was honored as an exchange student in 1978.

Mary H. Morrison '78, Park City, IL, Works for ARA Services at Lake Forest College as Food Service Director. She is engaged to a career sailor who is now stationed in Italy.

Kevin W. Niehoff '78, St. Louis, MO, Kevin is continuing his education on the road to ordination to the Roman Catholic Priesthood. This should take place the Spring of 1992. He will be receiving his M.A. in Theology Spring 1991.

Dan L. Osvik '78, Eagan, MN, Dan works for Marriott Corporation, Healthcare Division, at United Children’s Hospital in St. Paul, MN.

Melody Geisehart Plante '78, Bagley, MN, Her husband, Steve, died of Hodgkin’s disease in 1987. She and her two sons are putting his lives back together and are going to school again at Bemidji State University to become a physical education teacher and coach.

Becky J. Stolhammer Porter '78, La Paz, Bolivia, Becky and her husband Elden have three kids and they work with an evangelical mission organization in La Paz. She hasn’t had any direct involvement with diestics since she left Dallas in ’83 but she still appreciates her background in nutrition which she received at UMC.

David A. Rachel '78, Cedar Rapids, IA, Received promotion to assistant vice president - information systems, Merchants National Bank, Cedar Rapids, IA.

Ann T. Bailey '79, Grand Forks, ND, Ann is still a reporter at Agweek magazine and enjoys it much. Her big news is that she will be married on July 7, 1990 to Bryan Gregoire of Thompson, ND.

Douglas D. Busselman '79, Sparks, NV, Douglas is Executive Vice President of Nevada Farm Bureau and has been since 9/88.

Tammie J. Grafft (nicholas-T) '79, Laramie, WY, Tammy graduated in May of 1989 with a Master of Arts degree in Education from the University of Wyoming. She is currently the Education Director at the Cathedral Home for Children in Laramie for troubled teenagers throughout the State of Wyoming. Tammy has been living in Laramie for three years and greatly enjoys the Rocky Mountains.

Mary J. Melbye '79, Long Beach, CA, Mary has been a produce buyer for the past 3 1/2 years, dealing with Specialty Hams. She has been in LA for five years and has enjoyed the west coast weather, the arts, mountains and ocean. She has been traveling to many places including Australia, Chile and has been seeing what the US has to offer. The US is a wonderful treat to see and investigate.

Suzanne E. Oelke Johnson '79, Kandyohi, MN, Suzanne married Scott Johnson on 6/28/86. They have a dairy farm and milk 60 cows. She is active in the dairy operation with record keeping and artificial insemination. After working at several farms training horses, she is establishing her own training business at time and family responsibilities allow. Scott and Suzanne have two children - Sven 5 and Mariash 2.

Kristal Ellingworth Myers '79, Auburn, WA, Kristal was married on September 2, 1989 and moved to the Seattle area. She is still a flight attendant for Northwest Airlines (10 years) and now is based in Detroit. Her husband, Bob, is a captain on the Airbus A320 for Northwest Airlines and is also based in Detroit.

Joel Erickson '79, Badger, MN, Bought the family farm in 1983. He specializes in purebred dairy cattle production and raising small grains. Joel’s hobbies include ice fishing, basketball, softball, golf and travel whenever he can find time to get away.

Priscilla Williams Swartzell '79, Riverside, CA, Mowed to Southern California in 1987. She has worked at Parkview Hospital as a Diet Technician for the past 2 1/2 years. Priscilla’s husband works at an aluminum factory. They had their first baby on 2-10-89. She enjoys the California climate.

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Craig Augusta '80, Brit, MN. After graduation from UMC, he and his wife moved to Oregon and worked at Umatilla National Forest for two seasons. Craig then got a job on the Superior National Forest in Minnesota on the Virginia Ranger District. His wife, Melissa, and he have three beautiful kids - Samuel 7, Alaina 5, and Kelsey 1.

Mark Bergstrom ’80, Thompson, ND, Wife - Mary E. Dalglish, daughters - Sarah 8 and Kristin 5. Mary is Administrative Secretary at UND Admissions Office. Mark is currently Golf Course Superintendent at UND Ray Richards Golf Course. He is currently president of the North Central Turfgrass Association and has presided as vice president in 1989 and was on the board of directors in 1988. His hobbies include woodworking, gardening and kids!

Michelle Styerman Black ’80, Canal Winchester, OH, Michelle is married and has two children - Angela 2 and Jarred 10 months. She and her husband are farming in partnership with her husband’s father and brother. She is working as an administrative assistant to a farm broadcaster in Columbus.

James S. Clack ’80, Cambridge, MN, James is married and has three children. He is a professional firefighter and has worked for the City of Minneapolis for the last few years. He still plays basketball every winter.

William R. Gilmet ’80, Deadwood, SD, Recently divorced after almost four years of marriage. He took a permanent forester position with the U.S. Forest Service in the Black Hills National Forest. William is doing a lot of downhill skiing, mountain bike riding, and raising small grains. Joel’s hobbies include ice fishing, basketball, softball, golf and travel whenever he can find time to get away.

Jeff Hansenburg ’80, Milaca, MN, Partner on a dairy farm. He is married to Jan and they have two daughters, Sara 2 and Dana 1.

Philip B. Larson ’80, Princeton, MN, Married Donna Jensen (1981 graduate) in 1981. They both completed RHEMA Bible Training Center in Tulsa. They were associate ministers at Central Minnesota for two years and then began and are still pastoring a nondenominational Christian Church (First Love Fellowship) in Princeton, MN, the first half of 1984. The church has constantly grown (has over 200 members, purchased its own building in 1987 which we have almost outgrown, and are planning building our own in the near future). We have three beautiful daughters: Lindsey 5, Eleeya 4, and Magnolia 2!

Chuck A. Levine ’80, St. Paul, MN, Teaching commercial greenhouse program at Hennepin Technical College in Brooklyn Park, MN.

Mark H. Miller ’80, Fergus Falls, MN, Mark has been married to Linda since April of 1989. He owns a Private Crop Consultant Service in the West Central MN. Linda is a RN at the Lake Region Hospital, Fergus Falls.

Steven R. Miller ’80, Minneapolis, MN, Graduated with an Associate Degree in Applied Science in Natural Resources and was unable to find a suitable position. He then returned to school at Northwestern Electronics Institute and graduated with a degree as digital specialist. He found a position as a customer engineer for National Business Systems and has been with them for nearly five years. Steven is married and has a two-year-old daughter.

Al Cota ’81, Grass Range, MT, Al is single again! He is still cowboying but is also a professional farrier. If anyone would like a good black Angus bull write Al a letter or give him a call and he will send you a catalog of the Semi-Annual Production Sale.

Paul D. Craigmiller ’81, Hallock, MN, Assistant Vice President for Investment Banking in the Minneapolis area.

Managing Officer Hallock Branch. He also does small grain and cattle farming.

Debra Lettou Edwards ’81, Columbus, OH, Mother of two boys - Jonathan 2 1/2 and Justin 10 months. Husband Thomas Jay votes for Man of the Year in 1989 for Proctor and Gamble.

Nancy L. Greenwood ’81, Grand Forks, ND, Nancy has a daughter, Ashley 6, and is now attending UND working on a number of degrees: a major in art teaching with a minor in math and science and will eventually work on a minor in microbiology. She is still working part-time at JBC.

Lisa Schroeder Giese ’81, Grand Marais, MN, Lisa is the mother of two girls - Jody 8 and Ann 5.

She has been married for eight years. She stays home with the kids and reads as much as possible. She is also involved in the Minnesota 4-H Association and as a MSA officer she enjoys working with children.

Karen L. Smith ’81, Bismarck, ND, Karen is the mother of two boys, Jordan 6 and Patrick 4. She has been working on a Master’s degree in education at UND and is currently teaching at the University of South Dakota. She is also involved in the education system and enjoys working with children.

David A. Winkler ’81, Minneapolis, MN, David is the father of two children, Emily 8 and John 6. He has been working on a degree in chemistry at the University of Minnesota and is currently involved in the education system.

Mary E. Schmidt ’81, Bismarck, ND, Mary is the mother of two girls, Jennifer 4 and Sarah 2. She has been working on a degree in education at UND and is currently involved in the education system.

Todd D. Johnson ’81, Bismarck, ND, Todd is the father of two children, Tyler 7 and Travis 5. He has been working on a degree in business at UND and is currently involved in the education system.
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girls while enjoying knitting and crocheting.

Janet K. Clemens, '81, Phoenix, AZ. Janet is presently teaching second grade at Papago Elementary School, a position held since 1984.

Susan Simonson Ling '81, Kasota, MN. Manages a restaurant and deli in a major supermarket, Ericken's More-4 in St. Peter. She's been married for seven years and has three children - Oliver 4, Anthony 2, and Elizabeth just one month.

Linda L. Mohn '81, Brainerd, MN. Linda is working at the PORT Group Home for the third year. She works with adolescent boys and girls with behavioral problems. She developed a "Living Skills" class for the kids that helps them with personal grooming and social etiquette. The kids are learning and enjoying it too!

Karla Zinn Randall '81, Harrisburg, SD. Karla is currently in her fifth year at Citibank SD in the credit card fraud dept. She has two little redhead daughters - Kelsey 3 and Katie 16 months.

Peggy A. Sheldon '81, Green River, WY. Peggy works at Memorial Hospital in Sweetwater County as a transcription supervisor. She is currently working on her ART credentials through a correspondence course with the American Medical Records Association.

Harold Stanslowski '81, Fergus Falls, MN. Harold is now Oter Tail County Extension Agent in Agriculture in Fergus Falls. He received his masters degree from NDSU (Fall 1989) and has been with the MN Extension Service since 1984. He now holds the rank of Assistant Professor. Harold spent three weeks in Europe studying ag policy and issues. He also went to East Germany in September of 1989 just before the wall went down.

Richard A. DuFaut '81, Killdeer, ND. Richard is married to Karen and has two children - Amber 2 and Austin 2 months. They both are employed at Killdeer Public Schools where Karen is a first grade teacher, second grade and Richard teaches Business Education. Richard also heads girls basketball and assists with boys basketball. He also was the 1988 District 28 Coach of the Year for girls basketball.

Sharon Duergsten Emery '82, Greenbush, MN. Sharon married Don Emery on June 12, 1982. They have two children - Jaime 5 and Benji 2. Sharon is a licensed child care provider for ten children in her home.

Gregory S. Angle '82, Coon Rapids, MN. Gregory works for the Anoka Park Dept. and is currently designing a plan for some prairie restoration in the park system. He has been married to Michelle for five years and they have a 15-month-old baby named Benjamin and a one-month old named Raland.

Terri Pavek Irey '82, Woodbury, MN. Terri married Todd Irey in May of 1985. They are currently living in Woodbury, MN. They have two children, Ryan (3 1/2) and Alex (1). Terri recently quit her job as a Montessori Preschool teacher to stay home with the boys. Todd is employed as a software consultant.

Kevin L. Sharp '82, Hamilton, ND. Farming with his father in the Hamilton area.

Teresa Schroeder Berg '83, Grand Forks, ND. Teresa is a substitute teacher in the Grand Forks public schools. She went to UND and has her B.S. in applied science. She has a four-year-old son named Christopher.

Brent R. Haug '83, Las Vegas, NV. Assistant to Exec. President of Circus Circus Enterprises, Inc. After living in Las Vegas, NV for the past three years, he's back in the hospitality industry. He's worked in sales, real estate, and recently, previous to his new job, installed new electronic credit card-style door locks in major hotels throughout the western United States. He is also an avid artist and his paintings can be seen in homes and businesses in Las Vegas, New York, Minneapolis, Salt Lake City, and, of course, in his parent's home in Fargo, ND. Brent recently bought a new house and has two great dogs, Fred and Ginger.

Scott W. Janssen '83, Anchorage, AK. Scott graduated with a B.S. major in mortuary science in 1985 from the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis. He has been employed as a mortician at Evergreen Memorial Chapel in Anchorage since June 1985. He is married to wife Debbie since 2-23-80 and they have one child,

Angela, who is four years old and one child due April 13. He is a member of the Anchorage Kiwanis Club. His hobbies include boating, waterskiing, snowskiing (cross country and downhill), hunting and fishing king salmon and halibut in Kachemak Bay, Alaska.

Pamela Semeling Nelson '83, Grand Forks, ND. Pamela enjoys staying home taking care of her two 1/2-year old daughter while knitting and crocheting. She also enjoys taking her daughter on walks and many other types of outdoor activities.

Dirk M. Nysveen '83, Valley City, ND. Dirk works for the Farmers Home Administration in Valley City as an Assistant County Supervisor.

David C. Stordahl '83, McIntosh, MN. Owner of tax preparation and accounting business.

Craig G. Bitter '84, St. Michael, MN. Craig married Julie in the fall of 1986 and they have a three-year-old daughter and are expecting another baby in September. Craig works at Key Nissan in the parts department and Julie is a manager of wire transfer at Minnetonka National Bank.

Bonnie Norby Chesley '84, St. Joseph, MN. Bonnie feels it is rewarding to see developmental progress every day.

Bryan A. Claseman '84, Maple Grove, MN. Bryan and his wife sold their house in Crystal and are having a new one built in Maple Grove. They will be moving in March. They just had an addition to their family with a baby girl, Rachel Faith. Their first daughter was happy to have a baby sister. Bryan just got promoted to Senior Programmer Analyst and passed the five-year anniversary with American Medical Systems.

Anne M. Gazette '84, Aurora, IL. Anne was just promoted to a Field Sales Representative for Hallmark Cards, Inc. She moved from Kansas City to Chicago. She is responsible for sales and retail development in the Chicago area.

Dina Vollan Hangel '84, Spicer, MN. Married Boyd Hengel, July 1, 1989. Dina is teaching in Kerkhoven, MN as a parent educator for early childhood family education.

Ruth Pontow Jacobson '84, Grand Forks, ND. Ruth has three children, Jacqueline (4), Michael (2), and Steven Jr. (3 months). She runs a day care in her home for students going to UND. Her husband, Steve, is attending UND in social services.

Daniel W. Jennissen '84, West Fargo, ND. Daniel is attending college at NDSU and will be receiving his degree in Landscape Architecture in 1993.

Tim Rhonemus '84, Foley, MN. Tim is still living and working in Foley, MN at the Foley Nursing Center. He was married on May 27, 1989. Kim, Tim's daughter was born in January and is his first out of his four-year degree in political science-government. He will be trying his first ice dive with scuba this winter.

Herman C. Roerick '84, Waite Park, MN. Herman graduated in 1984 with an Associate in Applied Science Degree in Natural Resources Conservation. He presently manages a wholesale landscape supply company in Albany, MN, and was promoted to vice president in Aug. 1989. He is married and has a 15-month-old daughter, Amanda.

Jane M. Deel Hansen '85, Campbell, MN. Jane has been working with preschoolers with special needs in the Bagley Elementary School. Bonnie feels it is rewarding to see developmental progress every day.

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Jonathon A. Aal '86, O'Neill, NE. Jonathon continued his education graduating from the College of Agriculture in March of 1989. He is currently a Territory Manager for CIBA-GEIGY Seed Division.

Angela Peterson Fox '86, Grand Forks, ND. Angela is a Medical Secretary at the Rehab. Hospital since October of 1989.

Ruth M. Harmoning '86, Bemidji, MN. Ruth is going to school full-time at BSU. She works part-time as a Food Service Supervisor at North Country Hospital. She will be spending spring quarter in Europe and then moving to Minneapolis to go to the U of M to get a dietetic degree there.

Rebecca Grondahl Stout '86, Barnsaw, CA. Rebecca is married to a Captain in the Marine Corps and they have a son, Benjamin, born October 28, 1989. Rebecca enjoys staying home taking care of her son.

Danielle Tesmer Erickson '87, Cavalier, ND. Danielle is assistant manager at the Cedar Inn and a day care teacher at Kids Town House.

Heidi Soevd Gryskiewicz '87, Greenbush, MN. In 1988 she was married and has a little girl, Ashley, 1/2. She is expecting another baby soon. Heidi is employed at Polaris in Roseau. She is hoping to get into the office there so she can make use of her education at UMC.

Christopher J. Vincent '87, Chaska, MN. Working in Chaska with the police department after finishing two years of training at Alexandria law enforcement. He is married. His wife's name is Shari and they are expecting a baby in August. Chris has applied for a game warden's job and is anxiously awaiting to hear about that fulfilling his lifelong dream.

Melanie A. Herigstad '88, Bottineau, ND. Melanie is getting married to Dr. Mark William Peew of Bottineau on April 28, 1990.

Robin Mjoen Reitmeier '88, Crookston, MN. Married to Jim and they have two children - Kristi 4 and Jackie 1/2. She is a secretary at Our Savior's Lutheran Day School.

Donovan G. Piotruszewski '89, Strandoquist, MN. Donovan is currently attending NSDU.

LuAnn Gust Storbakken '89, East Grand Forks, MN. LuAnn started at Leisureland RV in April of 1989 as a Secretary/Sales and is now in charge of payroll, accounts receivable and the front store. She handles scheduling the shop work and was just promoted to company manager, and is selling finance and insurance to the customers buying the RV's. LuAnn says that her classes at UMC gave her a positive outlook and there is nothing but better days ahead!