Outstanding Alumni Honored at UMC Homecoming

The University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) Alumni Association presented Outstanding Alumni Awards at the Homecoming Champagne Brunch.

Receiving awards were:

AGRICULTURE DIVISION
- Jerry C. Oxborough '69, Suwanee, Georgia
- Curtis F. Zimmerman '74, Cottage Grove

BUSINESS DIVISION
- Kenneth Belch '76, Rochester

HOSPITALITY AND HOME ECONOMICS DIVISION
- Jami L. (Clark) Nelson '78, Stephen
- Robert P. Noonan '73, Platteville, Wisconsin

ARTS AND SCIENCES DIVISION
- Jack Lundbohm '77, Hallock
- Jacqueline J. (Schipper) Burke '75, Crookston

Homecoming highlights included an all alumni, faculty and staff social at 7 p.m. Friday at Minakwa Country Club. On Saturday a tailgater preceded the football game.

Two major events were scheduled to honor Ralph Nestor, first chairperson of the hotel, restaurant, and institutional management division. On Friday evening a reception was held at the Minakwa Country Club. On Saturday evening a reception and the Darlene Charron Scholarship Dinner honoring Ralph were held.

The weekend ended with a social for alumni, faculty, staff and friends at Minakwa Country Club.

Kenneth Beich
Kenneth Beich of Rochester is a 1976 graduate of the business division. He is a staff programmer for IBM where he developed part of the operating system for the System/38 mid-range computer. He has also designed and developed project management applications used internally at IBM sites worldwide.

"The education I received at UMC was excellent. A key factor was the quality of the people there, including professors, administrators and support personnel. They were professional yet very personable," Ken said.

Ken is a leader of youth programs at his church and works with the Rochester youth soccer teams.

Ken's father, Adolph Beich, is head of UMC's office management systems program in the business division.

Jacqueline Burke
Jacqueline (Schipper) Burke of Crookston was enrolled in UMC's arts and sciences division with the class of 1975. She continued her education at the University of North Dakota where she received her bachelor of science degree. She is a second grade teacher at Washington School in Crookston.

"What makes UMC great?" Jackie asks. "It's everyone pulling together, -- the inspiring teachers, the dynamic people in the offices, the terrific cooks, and the efficient maintenance personnel who take care of this beautiful campus."

Jackie is a member of the Crookston Business Professional Women's Club and St. Paul's Lutheran Church choir and women's circle. She was PTA president for McKinley School, a Camp Fire Girls leader, and has been treasurer of the Crookston Education Association.

All-Class Reunion and Crookston Golf Tournament
July 19 & 20, 1991

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From President Ramey

This should be a great year to be a UMC alumni as we celebrate the campus’s 25th anniversary. I’m sure you have many special memories as you look back over your years at UMC.

I look forward to visiting with you when we kick off the UMC phon-a-thon this spring. I’m excited about the work our alumni association is doing and our plans for this year. The All-Class Reunion and Golf Tournament on July 19 and 20 should be a great time.

I hope to see all of you then.

--Darin Ramey

Crosby's Comments

The Torch and Shield Banquet on November 1 was an extra-exciting event this year as the largest gift ever left to UMC was announced. Over $600,000 was gifted from the estate of Elenora and Ben Filipi for UMC scholarships.

Mixed in with all these events is the planning and activities in celebration of UMC’s 25th Anniversary. I hope many of you get a chance to join in that celebration. Don’t forget about the All-Class Reunion and Golf Tournament July 19 and 20.

From all of us in your alumni center -- stay warm, think spring, and stop in sometime.

--Blake Crosby

Chancellor's Comments

The academic year at UMC is nearly half over. It’s hard to believe that ’91 is upon us. As this newsletter indicates, it was an exciting fall with many significant happenings in our 25th year. Rather than enumerating on several of the highlights, I’ll select two which I think will have the greatest impact upon the future of UMC.

First, UMC was very fortunate to receive its largest gift ever - that of over $600,000 for scholarships from the Elenora and Ben Filipi Estate. This will provide over 30 scholarships to UMC students annually for many years to come. The importance of the gift is that it allows UMC to move forward with the plan of increasing significantly the number of student scholarships available each year to students. As we all know, scholarship dollars are going to be even more valuable, not only to the individual, but to the institution in the future.

Second, the curriculum is undergoing more change than usual at UMC. The student profile has changed from that of 25 years ago when approximately 2/3 of the students indicated they were going directly into the work force at the end of two years at UMC. This fall 2/3 of the new students indicated they want to transfer and continue their education after completing two years at UMC.

Thus, UMC has moved forward with an associate of arts degree which is a degree whereby 2/3 of the instruction is in the arts and sciences and, therefore, more directly relates to student goals. That means that UMC continues to offer technical courses in agriculture, hotel/restaurant, business, human ecology, and natural resources. But within their majors, students are taking more courses directly in the arts and sciences and in the technical areas designed directly for transfer.

UMC just received a major Title III Strengthening Institutions Program Grant of $600,000 over three years which will grant aid in course development for the associate of arts degree. Also, President Hasselmo has initiated a planning effort whereby 2% of each unit’s resources are to be reallocated each year to strengthen their programming.

Each of these help UMC to improve its mission of teaching, research and service. Have a great year!

--Chancellor Donald Sargeant

Mark Your Calendars

UMC All-Class Reunion and Crookston Campus Golf Tournament will be July 19 and 20. During Saturday’s golf tournament there will be a special fashion show and brunch for non-golfers.

Watch for additional details.

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How to Choose an Executor

When dealing with potential deferred or planned gifts, we are asked a variety of questions. One of the most common relates to selecting an executor. Here are some tips:

* Look first to a close friend or family member. Such people are ideal candidates, because they know you and your feelings, and can usually be counted on to follow through. The next best choice is a corporate executor at a bank or trust company.

* Avoid naming co-executors, particularly if they are family members. One executor is usually more efficient than two. However, two executors or additional advisers may be helpful in certain circumstances, such as when dealing with a closely held business.

* Recognize the difficulty of the executor’s job. The job includes getting appraisals, ascertaining cash requirements, negotiating the sale of assets, paying claims, filing estate/gift/income tax returns, paying legacies, and more. Consequently, select a person with the energy, time, and health to handle all those tasks.

* Recognize that your attorney’s job is to give advice; the executor’s job is to act on that advice. Do not assume that because you have a good attorney you can take lightly the matter of choosing an executor.

Crookston Campus Receives Largest Gift

Chancellor Donald Sargeant acknowledges the largest gift given to UMC from the Elenora Filipi estate, represented by her niece and executor LaDonna Thompson and husband Jerome Thompson of Twin Valley.

The largest gift ever given to the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC), was announced at a press conference November 1. The announcement was made by Donald Sargeant, chancellor of the Crookston campus, at the conclusion of the All-College Advisory Committee luncheon held on the campus.

Over $600,000 was given to the campus from the estate of Elenora and Ben Filipi.

The Filipi’s farmed just west of Crookston near Fisher for nearly 40 years. She taught in rural schools in Twin Valley, Fertile, Angus and Tabor. They were both interested in education and felt a special tie to the Northwest School of Agriculture because of its dominant influence at that time. Several of the Filipi’s relatives attended the Northwest School.

LaDonna Thompson, Mrs. Filipi’s niece and executor of her will, from Twin Valley, was at the press conference to represent the estate and recognize the gift of over $600,000 to UMC.

The money will be used to create an endowment fund for scholarships at UMC.

“We are extremely grateful for the foresight in Elenora and Ben Filipi’s planning to make this monumental gift available to UMC,” said Chancellor Sargeant.

“As we look to our mission of education, research and service to this region, gifts of this nature will have a significant impact as we move to the future.”

Calendar

| January 7-12 | Phoenix Area Social or Brunch |
| January 25 & 26 | Ag-Arama |
| February 6 | Business Activities Day |
| February 15-21 | Red River Valley Winter Shows |
| March 11, 18, 25 | Monday Evening International Series |
| April 16 | Awards Reception |
| May 7 | Athletic Banquet |
| May 17 | Commencement |
| June 29 | NWSA Reunion |
| July 19 | UMC All-Class Reunion |
| July 20 | Crookston Campus Golf Classic |
UMC Alumni Scholarship Dollars at Work

The Scholarship for Outstanding Students was awarded to those students in the top 20 percent of their graduating class who demonstrate outstanding leadership and community involvement. This year 70 scholarships were given. Two new scholarships were offered this year. The hospitality division alumni have established a scholarship in honor of Darlene Charron, secretary for that division since the program began. The business division has established a BAB Scholarship which was given by three business division faculty members -- Adolph Beich, Roger Aspevig, and Betty Breco. This scholarship will go to a Crookston student enrolled in office management systems.

Master of ceremonies for the evening was Cheryl Pankow, math instructor in the arts and sciences division. Chancellor Sargeant gave a welcome. The donor response was given by Mary Louise Jorgenson of Crookston, and the student response was given by Ruth Anderson, scholarship recipient from Inkster, North Dakota. Closing remarks followed by Robert Nelson, vice chancellor for student affairs.

Local students and donors were recognized at the annual Scholarship Recognition Banquet at UMC this fall. Approximately 130 students received scholarships totaling over $100,000.

Presidential Scholarships were awarded to 18 students who are in the top five percent of their graduating class. The number of students in this category had doubled since last year.

Darlin Marcussen of Ada was the recipient of the Scholarship for Outstanding Students with funds contributed by UMC Alumni Association. He is enrolled in the arts and sciences division at the University.

UMCAA Planning Council Members 1990-91

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The UMC Alumni Association presidency passes from Tim Persson (right) to Darin Ramey. Darin is a graduate of the class of 1983. A special "Thank-you" goes to Tim for his capable leadership of our association this past year.

Attention! Phoenix Snow Birds

Are you planning to be in Arizona in January? If so plan to attend the social or brunch scheduled for the Phoenix area sometime during the week of January 7 to 12, 1991 for NWSA and UMC alumni and friends. If you plan to be in the Phoenix area during that week, let us know so we can keep you informed regarding the specific time and place of the get-together.

If you did not receive a mailing, but would like information, call us at the White House Alumni Office at 1-800-232-6466. This is a toll-free number. We hope to hear from several of you Arizona folks, soon!
Torch & Shield Banquet Recognized Outstanding Contributions

Men and women who have provided leadership and aided in the development of the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) were honored recently at the annual Torch and Shield Banquet.

Those receiving the Torch and Shield Award included: Kent Bruun of Bruun’s for Men of Crookston and chairperson of the Crookston Area Chamber of Commerce College Liaison Committee; Clinton Hewitt, associate vice president for physical planning for the University of Minnesota; A. Jack Rutgger, of Rutgger’s Bay Lake Lodge; Roy Thompson, principal plant engineer for the University of Minnesota; and Albert Westburg, Crookston resident and co-founder and president of the UMC Athletic Booster Club.

Besides the five Torch and Shield recipients, new members of the University of Minnesota Trustees Society, Presidents Club and Associates 1000 were also recognized.

Advisory Committees for the college and experiment station and for program areas met on the campus that day and were introduced at the evening banquet.

The event was cosponsored by UMC, Northwest Educational Improvement Association and College Liaison Committee of the Crookston Area Chamber of Commerce.

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Jack Lundbohm

Jack Lundbohm of Hallock was enrolled in UMC’s arts and sciences division with

the class of 1977. He is a chiropractic doctor at the Hallock-Cavalier Clinic which he founded.

After leaving UMC he attended the University’s Twin Cities Campus and Northwestern College of Chiropractic.

“My first experience being away from home was a tremendous period of growth and maturing as far as decision making and social interaction. Many of the faculty and staff remain in my memory clearly with feelings of deep gratitude,” Jack said.

Jack is active in the Hallock Chamber of Commerce, Grace Lutheran Church Council, Hallock Arena Boosters, Lions Club and Cavalier Retail Committee. He has been a youth hockey coach for nine years and is a member of the Hallock Centennial Committee.

Robert P. Noonan

Robert P. Noonan of Platteville, Wisconsin, is a 1973 graduate of the hotel, restaurant and institutional management division, now called the hospitality division. He is director of campus dining

services at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, directing all dining service operations including residence halls, seven restaurants, Chicago Bears training camp and the Elderly Nutrition Program.

“My two years with the hotel, restaurant and institutional management division at UMC were extremely important. The education and training I received in the many classes of food production, nutrition, menu planning and sanitation

from faculty members Ralph Nestor, Brian Harron, Ernie Franklin and Bob Downing were the foundation for my successful career in college and university food service management,” Bob said.

Bob is an officer of the Platteville Knights of Columbus and is on the board of directors for the Platteville Country Club. He is a youth soccer coach, hockey coach and SWAVTI advisor for their restaurant management program.

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Do you remember from UMC’s first class?

Best dressed...........................................Dave Behr
Class Athlete........................................Brian Bohnsack
Best-All-Around...................................Ronnie Tobkin
Most likely to succeed in ag....................Gerald Moritz
Most likely to succeed in business..........Reed Owens
Best card player.................................Gayle Field (Mouse)
Most sophisticated..............................Gene Dufault
Best housekeepers.........................Ernest/Richard Normandin
Best dancer.........................................Forest Tripp
Class flirt............................................Liz Miller
Most talented......................................Peggy Lee/Allen Gustafson
Wittiest..............................................Rick Strik
Most sociable.....................................Bill Dahle
New Faces on Campus

New faculty and staff on campus this fall bring new ideas to UMC.

BERTHA HSIAO
Bertha Hsiao is vice chancellor for finance. She is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) with a bachelor of science and master of business administration from Mankato State University. Since 1987 she has been the finance manager for District 1 of the Minneapolis Public School System.

DAVID HSIAO
David Hsiao, husband of Bertha Hsiao, is the computer analyst for the campus. He has a master of food science from the University of Wisconsin--Stout and a master of science from Mankato State University.

SHARON NEET
Sharon Neet of Valley City, North Dakota, is associate professor of social science. She received her associate of arts degree from Kansas City Community College; bachelor of arts from Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas; master of arts from Pittsburg State University in Kansas; and her doctorate from the University of North Dakota.

GARY ALBRIGHTSON
Gary Albrightson of Grand Forks teaches communication in the arts and sciences division. Albrightson received his bachelor of arts from Minot State College, master of arts in English from the University of North Dakota (UND) and is finishing work on his doctorate also at UND.

PAULA JOHNSON
Paula Johnson teaches business administration. She received her bachelors degree from UND in distributive education. She has previously taught part-time at UMC.

MICHAEL BYDAL
Michael Bydal is assistant coordinator for the Career Education Center. His bachelors and masters degrees are from UND.

ANDREW SVEC
Andrew Svec is assistant director of residential life. He received his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota, Morris.

DELWIN WRIGHT
Delwin Wright is the new media technician on the campus working with illustration, graphic design, slide production, and audio production.

COLLETTE CONATI
Collette Conati is the new director of campus ministry. She has been a part of youth work with the Crookston Diocese for the last 20 years.

As part of UMC’s 25th anniversary celebration, Allan Gustafson, class of ’68, spoke at the fall quarter Student Convocation. He said, "UMC prepared us for the work force or to go on to further education." Al was a member of the first class at UMC 25 years ago.

UMC Business Division to Become Pilot School

The reasons to affiliate with ACBSP are three-fold. First, ACBSP brings business education under a single umbrella, encompassing all segments of higher education including associate degree, baccalaureate, and graduate business education programs. This will help foster the transfer of business course credits between community colleges and four-year institutions.

Second, the leadership of ACBSP has demonstrated a keen interest in, and an appreciation of, the lower division business education programs across the whole spectrum of post-secondary education.

Third, ACBSP places a special emphasis on excellence in teaching at all educational levels.

Business continues to offer job opportunities for individuals with advanced training who have acquired a sound, fundamental knowledge of the field.

The variety of majors offered in UMC’s business division provides students with the opportunity for study in the area of their choice.

Laurie Lamm, a natural resources major from New York Mills, was the recipient of the 1968 Ag Alumni Scholarship. Funds are provided through an endowment established by four UMC alumni - Allan Gustafson, Richard Hebert, Gerald Mortiz, and Ronald Tobkin. She received the 1968 Ag Alumni Scholarship from alumni Dick Hebert, left, and Allan Gustafson, right.
UMC Receives $191,000 to Strengthen Programs and Advising

UMC received a $191,000 grant award from the U.S. Department of Education. The grant money will be awarded as part of Title III. This is the second Title III grant UMC has received. This year’s grant will cover 100 percent of the total cost of the project.

Activity one is designed to increase student success and to improve retention of high risk students. As a part of the grant, new multi-level basic skills courses will be developed in reading, writing, and mathematics; three personal growth courses will be developed to improve self-confidence and provide exposure to possibilities and opportunities that can expand life goals; outside expertise will be utilized to provide faculty development in advising procedures that are student-centered; a formal system of advising will be developed with particular procedures addressing high risk students; computers, videodisc, and video tape will be introduced to assist students to attain competitive excellence via the use of self-paced learning modules; and courses with very high rates of failures and withdrawals will be identified and targeted for development of supplementary materials using computer assisted instruction, audio visual tutorials, and video disc materials.

Activity one will be coordinated by Marsha Odom, director of the Academic Assistance Center.

Activity two constitutes a three-year effort to develop a new associate in arts transfer degree. Fifteen new courses will be developed, five each year, and fifteen existing courses will be strengthened, five each year, utilizing computer assisted instruction and/or other appropriate technology and identifying learner outcomes.

From UMC’s first yearbook:

Dedicated to the People of Minnesota

This initial yearbook is dedicated to the people of Minnesota, the taxpayers who made the new college possible.

This institute was conceived with the proposition in mind that every young person shall have an opportunity to prepare himself for responsible citizenship, for rewarding occupational endeavor, and for a satisfying life in a democratic society.

It fulfills a concept that technological education in the two-year college is an essential part of the broad pattern of further education in Minnesota.

Happy New Year

from the White House Alumni Center staff

Al, Ardis, Barb, Blake, Jared and Julie

Stop in this winter to enjoy a cup of coffee with us.

1969 Yearbooks Needed!

The alumni center has only one 1969 UMC yearbook in its library. If any of you would be willing to part with your 1969 yearbook, it would be greatly appreciated.

Send it to:
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Class Notes

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Steven E. Gorentz ’71, Dent, MN. Married Annette Arvidson on May 29, 1982 (his birthday). They have three boys: Jonathan, Joel, and Nathan 2. They have taken over the family farm and have bought two other farms. Also rent two farms so farm about 450 acres and milk about 87 Holstein dairy cows. Three years ago they raised triplet calves.

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John J. Petrich and Kathy Sabart Petrich ’73, White Bear Lake, MN. Have been living in the Twin Cities since 1987. They have two sons, ages 15 and 11, after 17 years of marriage. John is a chemist with H.B. Fuller Co. and Kathy is managing at Hirschfield's in the wallpaper and decorating department.

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Brad R. Irwin ’74, Aitkin, MN. Married in 1980 and has a little girl age 3. Is currently teaching farm business management for Staples Technical College satellite at Aitkin. Prior to teaching at Staples Technical College, he started the farm business management program at Glen Ullin, ND and prior to that worked ten years with USDA-ASCS and Farmers Home Administration.

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Dean E. Aakre ’75, Hawley, MN. Employed at North Dakota State University as 4-H activity coordinator.

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Donald G. Schug ’81, Inver Grove Heights, MN. In November 1989 started working for United Airlines as a flight officer on a Boeing 727.

David M. Simmons ’81, Seward, NE, Currently employed by Farmland Industries, Inc. out of Kansas City and working with Blue Valley Coop as a crop management specialist in Tamora, NE. Still enjoying bachelorhood and during the off-season enjoys skiing at home, Giant’s Ridge, Biwabik, MN.

Mike Manston ’84, Rolla, ND. Is the sports editor of the Turtle Mountain Star (newspaper). Is putting his training and education from UMC to practical use in his job. He gets to work with people and attend athletic events of high schools and colleges. He says sports and journalism are a great combination and is contemplating becoming a sportswriter at a daily newspaper in North Dakota or Minnesota.

Diane Bernard Wagner ’85, Fisher, MN. Is farming with her husband, Joel. They have two children: Amanda - 2 years and Paul - born December 18, 1989. They recently purchased an old farm home and began renovations last summer.

Paul M. Anderson ’86, Buxton, ND. Has been farming for four years and married for five to wife, Jill. They are expecting their first child in March.


Stacey Renaud Smith ’86, Morden, Manitoba, Married Doug Smith in July 1987 and moved to Canada. Doug is Canadian. Works at Triple E Canada Ltd. (motor home manufacturer) in Winkler, Manitoba. She is in the sales and engineering department. She says Canada is a bit different but she enjoys her job, however, within the next six months they hope to move back to the States.

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Jami Nelson

Jami (Clark) Nelson of Stephen is a 1978 graduate of the hospitality and home economics division in the child care and development program. She has worked at the UMC Children’s Center for several years, and was lead teacher from 1981 to 1984. She was also a speech clinician for the Karlstad School District. For now she has chosen to put her career on hold while she raises a family.

“ar education at UMC didn’t end with a diploma; it afforded me a job at the UMC Children’s Center where I was able to continue to grow and learn about young children,” Jami said.

Jami is an active member of First Lutheran Church in Sunday School, vacation Bible school, and the bell choir.

Jerry C. Oxborough

Jerry C. Oxborough of Suwanee, Georgia, is a 1969 graduate of the agriculture division. He is now product manager for Deutz-Allis Corporation in Norcross, Georgia, where he conducts dealer and company product training and prepares sales training aids.

“My recollection of college life at UMC is filled with good friends, good memories and an education that has benefited me through my agribusiness career,” Jerry said.

Jerry is active in the Men’s Club of Prince of Peace Church in Buford, Georgia.

Curtis F. Zimmerman

Curtis F. Zimmerman of Cottage Grove is a 1974 graduate of the agriculture division in rural communication. He is the vice president for the Central Livestock Association where he works with member communications, public relations, advertising and promotion, and market reports.

“The two years at UMC provided the foundation for my career in broadcasting and public relations. The personal involvement of the faculty and Jim Hodgson, in particular, gave hands-on application to material read in the classroom,” Curtis said.

Curt is editor of the Cooperative Shipper-Central Livestock. He received the FFA Honorary State Farmer Degree and was named the Minnesota Swine Honor Roll.

He is chairperson of the board of education for Rose of Sharon Lutheran Church, board member of Hidden Valley Homeowner’s Association, and baseball and softball coach for Cottage Grove Athletic Association.