University President Recommends Crookston as a 4-Year College

President Nils Hasselmo

University of Minnesota President Nils Hasselmo and his administration recommended that UMC be turned into a four-year college. They presented their proposal to the Board of Regents in May. The proposal lists several reasons for expanding UMC's role:

- The University wants to maintain an educational presence in the northwestern quarter of Minnesota that fits its overall mission and is cost efficient.

- Four-year degree programs fit the overall mission of the University of Minnesota.

- UMC can offer special opportunities to Northwestern Minnesota students through a major telecommunications project that links them with Twin Cities campus faculty and programs.

- UMC offers several programs designed for the region, such as agriculture, natural resources, hospitality and small business.

- With the University's Northwest Experiment Station and Agricultural Utilization Institute fulfilling the research mission and Minnesota Extension Service fulfilling the service mission, UMC's educational mission rounds out the University's three-part land-grant mission of teaching, research and service.

President Hasselmo defended his backing of the four-year school by saying that "the University of Minnesota needs a presence in this quarter of the state. That's my starting point when maintaining an educational presence in Crookston."

"Then it's a matter of looking at how the Crookston campus can best serve this area of the state. I believe a four-year expansion is the best way for the Crookston campus to serve the state," Hasselmo said. Hasselmo said that he looks at the Crookston campus as a major pilot project for telecommunications.

"I believe that we can link the Crookston campus with other parts of the university system, perhaps with other institutions as well, and provide access to sources in this region without expanding faculty in Crookston."

"I really look to Crookston to provide programs that are not just regional in their thrust but Crookston will serve the entire state. And students may come from elsewhere to Crookston for special types of programs," Hasselmo said.

UMC is proposing baccalaureate degrees in agriculture; natural resources; arts and sciences; business; and hotel, restaurant and institutional management. During the past year UMC's faculty have traveled extensively throughout the United States to look at four-year degree programs at other institutions.

As plans were developed UMC's baccalaureate programs focused on career oriented programs. UMC administrators have developed partnerships with the staff of the Agricultural Utilization Research Institute (AURI) and Northwest Experiment Station. And the staff are also working closely to enhance cooperation with area institutions.

The timetable for UMC's move to a four-year campus is:

- Regents vote on revised missions during summer 1992
- Regents vote on baccalaureate programs in fall 1992
- Higher Education Coordinating Board approval is sought in fall 1992
- Baccalaureate programs begin in fall 1993

UMC/Community Golf Tournament - July 17, 1992
From President Seddon

Diane Seddon

The 1991-92 school year has come to a close. A big thank you goes out to all of the alumni that donated to our fund drive. The final numbers aren't in yet, but we are above the $11,000 mark. We have surpassed last year's total. Thank you again for supporting UMC.

The 2nd Annual Golf Tournament will be held on July 17, so mark your calendars. Everyone is welcome. The tournament will run from 12:30-7:00 p.m. Money raised from the tournament will be used for scholarships, green fees and prizes. Come out and enjoy this fun and exciting day.

We are already looking ahead to Homecoming 1992. Homecoming is being planned for September 26. The Dance will be held at the Eagles with 4-Wheel Drive providing the entertainment. Plans are being made for reunions for the classes of '72, '77, '82 and '87. The Outstanding Alumnus Brunch will be held Saturday morning on September 26. The tailgate party will be held before the big football game and then we will have the afternoon to enjoy the UMC football game.

I hope to see you at the upcoming alumni activities.

--Diane Seddon

Larson's Notes

Allan Larson

By the time you receive this newsletter, we will have completed another academic year at UMC.

It has been a very challenging year for faculty, staff and administration as we have had to deal with budget reductions, reallocation of resources and curriculum development and proposals relating to UMC's request for authorization to offer selected four-year degree programs.

The four-year degree proposal will receive consideration by the University Regents this summer. If all goes well, the Higher Education Coordinating Board may review the proposal later this year.

During February and March we conducted the UMC Alumni Association Annual Fund Drive which included a phonathon. More than 40 alumni, faculty and staff volunteered to help with the phonathon. Approximately 2,200 UMC alumni were contacted during the phonathon and 413 alumni pledged a gift to UMC.

As of May 20, 1992, 453 alumni have contributed $11,150 to the 1992 Alumni Association Fund Drive. This is an increase of more than 20 percent in both dollars contributed and donors contributing. Thanks to all of you donors for your support. Your gifts will be put to good use supporting scholarships, student activities, newsletter costs, homcoming activities and the alumni association operating expenses. This year 252 students received scholarships and awards totaling more than $167,000.

The UMC/NWFA Community Golf Tournament has been scheduled for Friday, July 17 and the Homecoming celebration will be held September 26, 1992. We hope you can join us for these enjoyable events.

Have a good summer.

--Allan Larson

Chancellor's Comments

Donald Sargeant

It's been another busy but successful year for students at UMC. A highlight was the spring student convocation when Dr. Norman Borlaug, 1970 Nobel Peace recipient, spoke to students and members of the college community. NACTA and DECA students went to national competition. And, of course, the athletic teams were very successful as the women's basketball team was in the state tournament, and the hockey team won the state tournament and conference championship and was third in national competition at Lake Placid, New York.

The big news is that President Hasselmo is recommending to the Board of Regents that the mission be changed to extend UMC's programming to include baccalaureate degrees. The resolution was introduced at the June meeting and will be up for action in July. That means that this fall individual baccalaureate programs will be presented to the Board for review and approval and then to the Minnesota Higher Education Coordinating Board for review. So the next year will be one focusing on developing and implementing this revised mission. We hope by the fall of '93 to be offering junior level course work. As a part of this process, faculty have been very active this year in visiting other colleges and universities to not only improve the present curriculum, but to plan courses for the baccalaureate programs.

UMC is also reviewing the changes that would need to be made over the next few years in all of its academic and student support services to accommodate the revised mission. In some cases there will not need to be much change and others will require some modification. One of the biggest challenges will be to accommodate the changes with very little increased funding. We want to assure you that we will be able to accomplish the feat in the best manner possible.

The campus is as beautiful as ever so if in the area this summer, do stop by for a tour and visit.

--Donald Sargeant

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UMC's Phon-A-Thon is a success!

Phon-A-Thon caller Dave Dufault '85

Thanks to all of you and the hard work of our phon-a-thon volunteers, we had another successful UMC Annual Fund Drive. This year 453 alumni contributed $11,150. A special thanks to the following volunteers who so generously donated their time to help make this drive a success.

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Jon Carlson '83
Rob Larson '87
Diane Seddon '81
Darin Ramey '83
Tom Feiro '75
Jerry Rude '83
Paul Askre '70
Dave Dufault '85

Campus Photos Needed

Do you have landscape photos or any photos of the campus grounds from 1965 or later? Jerry Rude, UMC's gardener and '83 graduate of the landscape, turf and grounds program in the agriculture division, is putting together a scrapbook of the changes that have taken place on the campus grounds since it was first begun.

Jerry would like to have any information you have regarding the photo, particularly the date, included. If you would like the photos returned, indicate that, and he'll make a copy of the photo and return the original to you. Thanks, in advance, from Jerry!

Please send any photos you would be willing to donate to: Jerry Rude, Plant Services, University of Minnesota, Crookston, MN 56716.

Texas snowbirds gathered on February 1 at Ann's Restaurant in San Juan. Arizona area snow birds gathered on January 25 at the Clubhouse of the Brentwood Manor in Mesa. NWSA alum Ivan Anderson (left) and UMC grad Ted Potrament enjoyed the time to visit with other alumni.

Winter Socials in Arizona and Texas were Enjoyable Events

1992 Calendar

June 27 NWSA Reunion
July 12-15 Elderhostel
July 15 Crops and Soils Day
July 17 UMC/Community Golf Classic
July 26-31 Elderhostel
Aug. 9-15 Elderhostel
Sept. 10 Fall Quarter Classes Begin
October Sheep Day at NWES
October Beef Cattleman’s Institute at NWES
Nov. 5 Torch & Shield Banquet
Dec. 3 Scholarship Banquet
December Beef Day at NWES
UMC/NWSA Community Golf Tournament

Your UMC Alumni Board is still busy planning 1992 activities. A Golf Tournament and social is planned for Friday, July 17, 1992.

This year's UMC/NWSA Alumni and Community Golf Tournament will utilize a Texas Scramble format. Golf teams of four or five golfers will be established by the golf committee. Both men and women are invited to participate. It's not necessary to have an established handicap, but it would be helpful for the committee when they establish the teams if you could provide your nine hole handicap or an estimate of what your score would be for nine holes of golf.

Registration cost for the tournament will be $30.00 per golfer. These fees will cover green fees, prizes and a contribution to the UMC Scholarship Program. Participation will be limited to the first 90 golfers who pay the fee. Fees must be paid no later than July 10. Tee times and scramble teams will be announced as soon after July 10 as possible.

A registration form is provided below and should be completed and returned to the Golf Committee, White House Alumni Center, University of Minnesota, Crookston, MN 56716. Checks should be made payable to the UMC Golf Scholarship Committee.

University of Minnesota, Crookston Campus
Golf Tournament - July 17, 1992

Name_________________________Telephone_________________________

Address_________________________

University Relationship (circle one):
NWSA Alumni    UMC Alumni    Faculty/Staff    Donor    Friend

9-Hole Handicap _______ (optional but helpful — no handicap required)
9-Hole Estimated Score _______ (optional but helpful)

I would like to rent a riding golf cart (circle one): Yes No

Registration Fee — $30.00. Registration fee includes green fees but does not include costs associated with cart rental. Fees must be paid by July 10.

The enclosed registration fee(s) is/are for the following golfers:

1. ___________________ 2. ___________________ 3. ___________________
4. ___________________ 5. ___________________

Return registration form and check to: The Golf Committee, White House Alumni Center, University of Minnesota, Crookston, MN 56716. 218-281-6510, ext. 336 or 337.

DID YOU KNOW? . . .

- David Roe, president of Minnesota AFL/CIO and member of the University of Minnesota Board of Regents, spoke at UMC's commencement. Regents Stanley Sahlstrom and Ann Wynia also attended the ceremonies.

- Rita Kuznia joined the Northwest Experiment Station staff as a research specialist on the plant pathology project.

- Average University faculty member (systemwide) brings in more than $100,000 a year in grants and contracts — more than twice the cost of the average faculty member's salary and fringe benefits.

- Twelve UMC students were named to the 1992 Who's Who Among Junior Colleges in America.

- 161 students enrolled at UMC winter quarter were 40 years old or older.

- UMC hosted MATHCOUNTS and the 1992 Western Minnesota Regional Science Fair and Research Paper Program for high school students.

UMCAA Planning Council Members - 1991-92

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A Dentist for 20 Years: 
Now Back to School

Born in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, Don graduated with a doctor of dental medicine from the University of Pennsylvania in 1966. He received a direct commission into the United States Air Force and rose through the ranks within the dentistry profession, receiving an Academy of General Dentistry Mastership.

UMC was near Don's home when he decided to return to school, and it offered a program he wanted.

"I have always been interested in hospitality. I love cooking. That's sort of a hobby of mine," Don said.

"I've always had this dream to either own a resort or run it."

UMC's hospitality program fulfilled Don's dream.

"The quality of instructors at UMC is simply outstanding. They are master chefs, and it's just wonderful to be under their supervision and learn as much as I can while I'm here," Don said.

Don graduated from UMC's business division in hotel, restaurant, and institutional management this spring. And now for this retired dentist, it's on to a new life!

Children's Center Receives National Accreditation

The Children's Center at UMC is among the first early childhood education and child care programs in the United States to be accredited by the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs.

UMC Children's Center serves 33 children from ages 14 months to 5 years of age, according to its director, Soo-Yin Lim-Thompson.

The Academy's standards were developed over a three-year period with input from approximately 200 educators and administrators from around the country. It was launched in 1985 by NAEYC, which is the nation's oldest and largest association of early childhood professionals.

To become accredited, the UMC Children's Center had to meet a variety of strict criteria related to activities appropriate for toddler and preschool-aged children, well qualified and trained staff, an adequate number of staff for the number of children, stringent health and safety standards, and opportunities for parental involvement. The accreditation process included an on-site study of the program and review by a three-member national commission.

An Alternative to Low Returns on Certificate of Deposits and Savings Accounts

Interest rates have declined significantly this year. If your retirement depends on income from short term investments, you may be looking for some alternative investments to increase your income.

You may want to consider a Life Income Gift with a fixed rate of return. Some "Life Income Gifts" have an inflation adjustment to help maintain your buying power over the rest of your life. The five major types of Life Income Plans are: A) a Unitrust, B) an Annuity Trust, C) a Pooled Income Fund, D) a Gift Annuity, and E) a Deferred Payment Gift Annuity.

A Life Income Gift may be set up for any amount starting at $1,000.00. Although cash may be used to set up a Life Income Gift, appreciated property will give the investor the greatest advantage and tax savings. Savings on capital gains tax can be calculated by multiplying your gain times your tax rate (Gain x Tax Rate = Capital Gains Tax).

Stocks, bonds and property that have appreciated will bypass capital gains and give you additional tax savings. The growth (appreciation) of a Life Income Gift is not taxed.

When a Life Income Gift is set up for two lives (husband and wife) there is no probate when the ownership passes to the surviving spouse.

The chart below shows the amount invested, tax savings, net investment cost, effective rate of return and projected life-time earnings based on current actuary tables for a Charitable Gift Annuity in comparison to a Certificate of Deposit.

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***** Lifetime earnings based on current actuary tables, earning will continue until death regardless of life span.
UMC Alumni - Candidates for King Agassiz

Three UMC alumni were candidates for King Agassiz XXXII. Candidates for this honor are farmers or people involved in farm services, between the ages of 25 and 40, who have been successful in agricultural ventures and community service. Candidates included: Leif (’74) and Cheryl Aakre of Stephen; James (’71) and Mary Wiese of Humboldt; Dennis (’83) and Tabitha Ubel of Williams. Congratulations to these three outstanding farm couples.

Bush Development Grant Aids New Instructors at UMC

Faculty mentor William Peterson of the arts and sciences division, works with Bush participants on effective teaching. From left: Peterson; Bobby Holder, agriculture division; Lyle Westrom, agriculture division; and Marsha Odom, Academic Assistance Center.

Several instructors at UMC benefit from a Bush Faculty Development Grant. The Crookston campus will receive $7,000 per year for three years as part of the all-University grant. UMC's grant coordinator is William Peterson, associate professor of mathematics in the arts and sciences division.

“The grant works with relatively new faculty members and improvement of instruction. It looks at ways of making our teaching better, but it also looks at cultural diversity and brings a growing awareness of the multicultural aspect of our campus,” Peterson said.

Through the grant Peterson will set up a mentoring relationship between the new faculty members and himself. They will meet on a regular basis to discuss teaching methodology, teaching technology, and other topics related to teaching and improvement of instruction. He will visit each of their classrooms, discussing ways to improve teaching.

A Balancing Act Between Work and School

UMC’s third place Crops Judging Team at Kansas City and Chicago were, from left: Charles Habstritt, associate professor of agronomy in the agriculture division and team advisor; Paul Novacek, East Grand Forks; Warren Raguse, Tintah; Chad Beckala, Cokato; and Bruce Paulsrud, Hillsboro.

For Paul Novacek of East Grand Forks, farming and school are a balancing act. Paul farms with his father and brother during the summer and fall, and then attends classes at UMC winter and spring quarters.

Novacek is one of UMC’s outstanding students. He was part of the crops judging teams which traveled to Kansas City and Chicago. The team competed in the national contest against 10 other schools, all four-year colleges throughout the country. In Chicago Novacek placed first.

“This is a tremendous honor for Paul and for UMC,” said Chuck Habstritt, associate professor of agronomy and team coach.

“It probably hasn’t sunk in to Paul what he actually accomplished. I think you have to go back and take a look at this young man because he was actively engaged in farming fall quarter. He took time off from school to harvest the sugar beets and harvest the potatoes. At night and early in the morning he spent time trying to study for his other classes and also study the material for this Collegiate Crops Contest,” Habstritt said.

“I’ve been coaching the crops team since 1970, and Paul’s the first student to come in high individual for us in the nation.”

Those of you who have graduated from UMC’s agriculture division remember the many long hours of preparation time that goes into a national competition.
The Man Behind the Tournaments

Alone in the gymnasium, but only for a moment, Marvin Bachmeier, UMC's athletic director, was wearing several hats this spring as he tried to juggle the financing for flying UMC's hockey team to Lake Placid for national competition where they placed third, while coordinating the high school basketball tournaments which were held in the UMC Sports Complex. Nearly 30,000 athletes, coaches and fans packed the gymnasium. Although the tournaments involve many extra hours of work, Marv says it is good exposure for UMC.

"The tournaments bring perspective on campus, and they help in recruiting student athletes. Also, it gives parents and people in the area communities a chance to come to Crookston and see what the University is all about," Marv said.

When the UMC Sports Complex opened in 1981, the University fulfilled its dream of serving as a regional host for northwestern Minnesota.

For Marv and his staff, this is the twelfth year of area high school volleyball and basketball tournaments held at UMC. Hosting these tournaments takes a lot of organization. Between 30 and 40 people work with Marv during the tournament season. His staff work with security and parking, selling and taking tickets, supervisory capacity inside; people to run the clock, public address system and to run the concessions. "I think that the schools and communities that come appreciate the fact that they can come to a facility such as ours and be treated in a way that they'd like to be treated," Marv added.

Marv began his career at UMC as head basketball coach in 1968 and became athletic director in 1976.

Small Town, Big Dreams
An Interview with KTHI-TV Anchorwoman

Robin Hübner, right, explained her love of small towns to UMC students Curt Bjerstad of Eagle Bend and Wendy Shereck of Angus.

Small towns are important to Robin Hübner, evening anchor on KTHI-TV in Fargo, North Dakota. "Growing up in a small town, that's my mentality--that's where I came from. I was born in Moorhead, but after that I lived in just about every small town in North Dakota, it seems," Robin said.

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Nobel Laureate Borlaug:
A Source of Inspiration

Norman Borlaug, a University of Minnesota graduate whose high-yield wheat varieties have saved millions from starvation and earned him the 1970 Nobel Peace Prize, spoke to a packed Student Convocation at UMC in March. Borlaug spoke to students on world population and hunger issues and the need for students with science backgrounds to pursue agricultural careers.

Born in 1914, Borlaug entered the University through General College in 1933 and later earned a bachelor's in forestry and master's and doctorate degrees in plant pathology. His Nobel Prize was for developing wheat varieties that produced eight to ten bushels where only one had grown before.

He has spent most of his career in Mexico, starting in 1944 with a wheat improvement project jointly sponsored by the Mexican government and the Ford and Rockefeller foundations. The International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center was an outgrowth of the project. He was also co-founder of Mexico's first Little League baseball team, formed to give his son William something to do.

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Robin majored in broadcast journalism while attending the University, and she credits her career at KTHI-TV with the education she received at the University. She also excelled in gymnastics while attending the University. She competed on the United States Gymnastic Team from 1975-77 and traveled to Japan, the Soviet Union, Germany, South Africa and England for competitions. She was the United States champion in 1976, and finished 15th in the 1976 Olympic trials.

"I think I had to work a lot harder and I had to be a lot better than some of the other people just because I was from sort of an unknown place or a team that wasn't well-known."

Her love for small towns brought her back to North Dakota where she is with KTHI-TV in Fargo, and continues to be a strong anchor woman in the Red River Valley.
STATE CHAMPIONS AND ON TO NATIONALS -- UMC's hockey team took top honors from the state as the Minnesota Community College State hockey champions. They went on to national competition at Lake Placid, New York, where they placed third. Congratulations to UMC's hockey team for carrying on the winning tradition in UMC sports.