Outstanding Alumni Honored at UMC Homecoming

The University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) Alumni Association presented Outstanding Alumni Awards at the Champagne Brunch during Homecoming, Saturday, September 26, in the Conference Center's Brown Dining Room.

Of the 5,000 UMC graduates over the past quarter of a century, 68 have been selected for the high honor to receive the Outstanding Alumni Award.

Receiving the Award this year were:

- Twylla Johnson Altepeter '68, Crookston
- Craig O. Anderson '73, Dilworth
- Gary C. Borgendale '77, Mounds View

Outstanding Alumni recipients are, from left: Craig O. Anderson '73, Dilworth; Twylla Johnson Altepeter '68, Crookston; and Gary C. Borgendale '77, Mounds View. UMC Chancellor Donald Sargeant (right) presented the awards.

Twylla Johnson Altepeter

Twylla Johnson Altepeter is the managing editor of the Crookston Daily Times. She has worked for the Times for several years, beginning as a typesetter, then covering city council and other meetings, because she could take shorthand. Today, as managing editor, she still types and takes notes in shorthand.

Altepeter was part of UMC's first class, graduating in 1968 from UMC's business division in executive secretarial. She was the first president of Girl Friday Club, an artist, and helped begin the Valentine Tea which is held annually on campus to honor secretaries.

Her enthusiasm for life continues. She was named Red River Valley Horsewoman of the Year in 1991 and received the Red River Valley Winter Shows President's Award in 1990. She is active in the VFW Auxiliary of Post 1902, Ninth District VFW, Agassiz Riders, Humane Society of Polk County and the Minnesota Newspaper Association.

"UMC provided each of us with the tools for success and the determination to succeed. It was up to each of us to apply those job skills in whatever field we chose," Altepeter said. Altepeter and her husband James have four children: Sharon 11, David 9, Camela 7, and Debra 5.

Craig Anderson

Craig Anderson is a teacher, coach and athletic director at Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton High School.

It was 20 years ago that Anderson was taking snaps as quarterback for UMC. A 1973 graduate of UMC's arts and sciences division, he went on to receive his bachelor's degree from Moorhead State University majoring in physical education and health.

He was a teacher and coach at Kennedy High School for three years, followed by a one-year coaching job at Mayville State University. He has been named Coach of the Year three different times and received the Fargo-Moorhead Leadership Award in 1990.

Anderson is active in the Dilworth Lutheran Church, Booster Club and Lions Club. The best characteristic of UMC is the togetherness of the students. The small school size and the on-campus living really helped me to become close to many students in the school," Anderson said. Anderson and his wife Debra have three children: David 7, Michael 4 and Mari 1.

"This is a beautiful campus. In fact it is the best looking campus I've seen. It's always kept up. And that's the way UMC people are."

-Craig Anderson

Gary Borgendale

Gary Borgendale is the marketing director for Ballistivet, Inc., where he directs all aspects of sales and marketing of vaccine delivery system for cattle.

A 1977 graduate of UMC's agricultural business management and general business administration, Borgendale received his bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota in agricultural business administration. His MBA in international marketing/strategic planning is from St. Thomas University in St. Paul.

He is president of Toastmasters and the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Council of elders, and is a member of the Jaycees and Shoreview Economic Development Commission. He has taken part in the Refugee Relocation and Junior Achievement projects.

"I was fortunate to have a broad range of classes in both agriculture and business. This was the beginning of my emphasis on a generalistic approach as opposed to a specialization," Borgendale said.

Borgendale and his wife Laurie have four children: Lindsay 10, Ashley 8, Kelsey 5 and Chase 14 months.

"Congratulations to Dr. Sargeant and the faculty and staff in bringing UMC to this fork in the road. This is a tribute to the great people who work here."

-Gary Borgendale
Larson's Notes
By the time you receive this newsletter 1992 will be history. So many important events and activities took place, we decided to expand this newsletter to include the Crookston Times Tabloid to better provide you with information about what is going on at the University of Minnesota, Crookston Campus.

Accomplishments During the Past Year:

1. Four-year Degree Program Proposal: The proposal to offer selected four-year degree programs at the Crookston campus continues to move forward. At the December 11, 1992 meeting, the Board of Regents directed the UMC administration to forward the proposal to the Minnesota Higher Education Coordinating Board (MHECB) for review and recommendations. Following the MHECB review, the proposal will be presented for usual consideration by the Board of Regents. If UMC's proposal proceeds as planned for UMC, the Crookston campus will begin offering upper-level programs in the fall of 1993.

2. Gift Program: Gifts from 1,433 alumni, faculty/staff and friends supported a variety of programs conducted by UMC, the Northwest Experiment Station and the UMC and Northwest School of Agriculture Alumni Associations. The largest portion of the gifts received was utilized to support student scholarships. Approximately 250 students received scholarships or awards at the scholarship program in December.

3. Donors Honored: More than 40 donors were honored by induction into one of our Gift Clubs at the Annual Torch and Shield Banquet in November.

Future Activities:

1. Phonathon: During the months of January, February, March and April we will be conducting fund-raising campaigns with our UMC and NWSA Alumni, Faculty and Staff, the Community/Region for Scholarships and the Northwest Educational Improvement Association Membership Drive. We will be talking with many of you during our annual phonathon.

2. Texas Social: On January 30, 1993 from 2 to 5 p.m., we will hold an Alumni Social at The Club at Cimarron, 1200 South Shary Road, Mission, Texas. UMC and NWSA Alumni and friends of the University are all invited to attend. Call me if you want more information.

3. Reunions: UMC Class Reunions are being planned for July 16 & 17 for the 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988 classes. On Friday, July 16, we will hold a social from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., the outstanding Alumni Banquet from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. If a sufficient number of alumni and friends express interest, we will schedule a dance and social to begin at 9:00 p.m.
   - Elsewhere in this newsletter is a form you may use to nominate UMC alumni for consideration as candidates for the 1993 Outstanding Alumni Award.
   - Members of the 1973 championship football and hockey teams have indicated an interest in a reunion in conjunction with the class reunions.
   - We need class leaders for the classes of 68, 73, 78, 83 and 88. If you would be willing to help contact your classmates, please call me at (800) 232-6466 or (218) 281-6510, ext. 336 or 337.

4. Golf Classic: On Saturday, July 17, 1993 we will hold the Third Annual UMC/NWSA Alumni and Community Golf Classic at the Minakwa Golf Club in Crookston. On page 3 of this newsletter you will find additional information on the Golf Classic.

As you can see the months ahead will be very active ones in the White House Alumni Center. Nevertheless, we always enjoy visiting with our alumni and friends so please stop in to see us if you're on campus.

On behalf of the University's Crookston Campus and the External Relations staff, I want to thank all of you for the moral and financial support you so generously provide to us. May 1993 provide for you a time of personal achievement and self-satisfaction.

--Allan Larson
The Third Annual
UMC/NWSA Community
Golf Classic

The Golf Committee is busy planning a Golf Tournament and Dinner for Saturday, July 17, 1993.

The Golf Committee is busy developing plans for the Third Annual UMC/NWSA Alumni and Community Golf Classic which will be held at Minakwa Golf Club on Saturday, July 17, 1993. Tee-off time is 11:30 a.m. (shotgun start).

Plans are to utilize a Texas Scramble format with five golfers on each team. In addition, we hope to assign a Celebrity/VIP golfer to several of the established teams.

Golfers will be permitted to set up their own teams using the following criteria:

1. The five member team handicap must equal 45 or more for 9 holes (celebrity/VIP excluded).
2. Not more than two members of the team can have 9 hole handicaps of five or less.

Individuals who wish to play in the tournament, but are not included in one of the pre-established teams, will be assigned to teams made up by the Golf Committee. Both men and women are invited to participate. If you do not have an established handicap, the Golf Committee will establish one for you.

Registration costs for the tournament will be $40.00 per golfer. These fees will cover greens fees, participation gifts, dinner, prizes and a contribution to the UMC Scholarship Fund or Program Development Fund.

Participation will be limited to the first 90 golfers who pay their registration fees. Fees must be paid by July 10.

More information and registration forms will be provided in the spring issue of the newsletter. In the meantime, if you would like additional tournament information, contact Allan Larson at the White House Alumni Center 218/281-6510, ext. 336 or one of the following committee members:

John Peters
Jerry Hasbrouck
Kyle Pearson
Dave Bang
Rob Jacobson
Ralph Pester
Mike Siekas
Steve Biermeier
Harold Opgrand
Jackie Holten
John Carlson
Marv Bachmeier

Mark your calendar -- start planning now to join us for this fun-filled event.

Outstanding Alumni Nominations

Each year the UMC faculty and administration select UMC alumni to be honored with the "Outstanding Alumni" Award. Candidates are selected on the basis of several criteria which include, but are not limited to, the following:

- **UMC:** performance and activity participation while attending UMC
- **Education:** personal growth, participation and service in or to the field of education
- **Occupation:** accomplishments, contributions and service in chosen field of employment
- **Public Service:** service to community, church, non-profit organizations, etc.
- **Other:** noteworthy activities, contributions, accomplishments, service, etc. not included in one through four above.

Candidates are usually selected from the classes that are celebrating their class reunion in a given year. However, occasional exceptions are made. This year the classes of '68, '73, '78, '83 and '88 will celebrate reunions on July 16 and 17.

Beginning this year, the UMC Alumni Planning Council has requested that UMC alumni and former faculty be provided with an opportunity to submit names of individuals they would like the faculty and administration to consider for this prestigious award.

Consequently, you are invited to submit names in the nomination process if you wish to do so.

Please utilize the form provided below to submit the name of a UMC alumni you wish to nominate for Outstanding Alumni consideration. Nominations must be submitted to the Alumni Office by March 1, 1993.

**Outstanding Alumni Nomination Form**

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University of Minnesota, Crookston  
Crookston, MN 56716-5001
Lysaker Inducted to Hall of Fame

Herschel Lysaker, former NWSA athletic director, was inducted into Concordia College's Athletic Hall of Fame. Lysaker was one of five inductees to be honored at an Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet held in October.

From 1944 until 1965, Lysaker was NWSA's summer home project supervisor. In 1966 he joined the staff of the University of Minnesota, Crookston. He was athletic director and coach (football, basketball and track) at UMC from 1966 to 1970. From 1970 to 1973 he served as athletic director and counselor. From 1973 until 1976 Lysaker was special assistant to Provost Stanley Sahistrom.

For 22 years, from 1970 to present, Lysaker has been a physical fitness instructor for area farmers, businessmen and retirees. His classes are offered Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the Lysaker Gymnasium on the UMC campus. The gymnasium was named in his honor in 1982.

Ag-Arama Set for UMC

The 18th annual UMC Ag-Arama will be held Friday and Saturday, January 22 and 23, at the Red River Valley Shows Building in Crookston. Schedule is as follows:

**FRIDAY:** ag aviation contests at the Crookston Airport; agronomy, soils, agricultural chemicals, mechanized agriculture and horticulture contests on the UMC campus.

**SATURDAY:** animal science showmanship and natural resources, soils and mechanized agriculture contests, noon luncheon, coronation of Ag-Arama royalty, crop show, Ag-Arama finals and awards at the Red River Valley Shows Building. Ag-Arama Dance at the American Legion featuring UMC's Stony River Country Band is from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

For more information contact Dan Svedarsky, faculty advisor, at 218-281-6510, ext. 310.

UMC/NWSA Alumni & Friends

Twin Cities Area Social

Thursday, April 15, 1993
Nicollet Island Inn -- 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
For more information call:
White House Alumni Center
1-800-232-6466, ext. 337

UMC Alum Receives Torch and Shield Award

Torch and Shield recipient Tim Persson (second from left) received the award from (from left): University President Nils Hasselmo, UMC Chancellor Donald Sargeant and Superintendent of the Northwest Experiment Station Larry Smith.

Timothy Persson, former UMC Alumni Association president, received a 1992 Torch and Shield Award.

In 1988 Tim Persson received UMC's Outstanding Alumni Award, the highest award given by the UMC alumni. A 1980 graduate of UMC's business division, Persson has been active in the UMC Alumni Association for five years and served as president two years ago.

He worked at Lambert Lumber Company in Crookston for 14 years and managed the business for two years. In June of 1991 he opened his own business - Northern Lumber, Inc. in Crookston. Since 1991 Persson has employed five UMC students. One of his employees is attending UMC now.

The Persson family has "a UMC tradition" - three of Persson's siblings are UMC grads as well.

Persson has been active in youth hockey with Crookston's Park Board system for 10 years, and he worked with United Way for four years.

Persson and his wife Kimberly Ann have two children - Brittany and Danielle.