Introducing Your 1996-97 UMC Alumni Association Board

Carl Melbye ’77
President

Douglas (Carl) Melbye is a customer service representative (sales and service) for Cellular One in Crookston. He was born and raised in Crookston, and is married to Maribeth. They have two children: Jordan 6, and Beau 2 1/2. UMC gave Carl the basis for his computer knowledge. Carl is president of the UMC Alumni Association and a member of the UMC Distinguished Teacher Award Selection Committee.

"We should commend all the people involved in making UMC a four-year institution and for issuing notebook computers to all full-time students. We are now a leader for all other colleges."

Jeff Bergsgaard ’91
Vice President

Jeff Bergsgaard is a loan officer at Crookston National Bank. He was born in Halstad and raised in Crookston. His pride and joy is "Rookie," an eight month old springer spaniel. Following graduation from UMC, he received an A.A. degree in criminal justice from the University of the Air Force, and then returned to UMC for his B.S. degree in business management in 1995. When he graduated he was working at the bank, and they offered him the job of loan officer. He is a member of the UMC Teambackers.

"Who would have ever thought that UMC, located 2,000 miles from the Silicon Valley, would be world-renown for being on the cutting edge in the computer world?"

Twylla Altepeter ’68

Twylla Altepeter is managing editor for the Crookston Daily Times. She was born in Detroit Lakes and raised on a dairy farm near Richwood. She is a member of UMC’s first class to graduate from the college. Twylla and Jim have four children: Sharon 15, David 14, Pam 12 and Deb 10. Twylla was named Horsewoman of the Year for the Red River Valley Horsebreeders Association. In July, she and her daughter Sharon are going to Washington, DC as part of a Minnesota Extension Service Focus group. She has served on a number of UMC committees over the years.

"I am extremely proud of UMC’s transition to a four-year institution and its innovative use of notebook computers. The college’s small enough to tailor programs for individual students and large enough to provide them with an excellent education."

Lloyd Brokaw ’86

Lloyd Brokaw is a senior food service worker in UMC’s Dining Services. He was born in Aberdeen, SD and raised in Forbes, ND where his family owned a dairy farm. UMC gave him the knowledge and background in an industry he was always interested in. Lloyd has taken one class each quarter for the last two years, working toward a four-year degree in technical studies. Lloyd is very supportive of UMC and volunteered to house eight members of the University of Minnesota Marching Band last year.

"The computers are great. They give the kids a leading edge."

Rose (Iraci) Ulseth ’87
Secretary & Past President

Rose Ulseth is a personal banker for American Federal Bank. She was born and raised in International Falls, the youngest of five girls. She married Marc who she met at UMC, and they have three children: Allie 5, Colee 4, and Jacob 13 months. She has received several awards from American Federal Bank for her leadership contributions. She has used the knowledge gained through UMC’s executive secretarial administration and word information processing programs in many aspects of her career. Rose is a member of the UMC Teambackers.

"The use of notebook computers is wonderful. I wish they had been available when I was at UMC."

Karla (Adolphson) Wahlin ’84
Treasurer

Karla Wahlin was born in Argyle and grew up on a farm. UMC was the family thing to do as all five of the Adolphson siblings went to UMC. She married Chris Wahlin, also a UMC grad. The Wahlins have four children: Katrina 12, Kenley 11, Kayla 10, Kamille 8. Karla works as a tutor at Washington Elementary School. She and her husband are members of the UMC Teambackers.

"UMC’s new direction is excellent. With all the good staff and leadership, they will make it a go. It will be a great success."
Del's Comments

It's a real honor and pleasure for me to become part of the UMC family. Since first coming to Crookston in 1970, I have enjoyed an ongoing personally rewarding relationship with UMC. Thinking back to the early 1970's, I remember working with then Provost Sahlstrom and Dr. Sargeant in an effort to encourage graduating Crookston Central seniors to attend the new University of Minnesota, Crookston Technical College.

What a difference 25 years makes.

Today, as UMC takes its place at the forefront of introducing technology to the classroom, it is carving out a unique profile as an exemplary polytechnic university internationally. This is an accomplishment that each member of the UMC community should take pride in and tell the world about.

You've heard the age-old expression "can't see the forest for the trees." Often times, those of us too close to the situation lack appreciation or realization of the tremendous achievements UMC has made during the past quarter century.

Let's reintroduce ourselves to the community and regional asset we have in UMC that could not be replicated by any other attainable educational enterprise.

We are indeed fortunate in Northwestern Minnesota to have this vibrant, cutting edge resource. What better feeling is there than to be a contributing and participating member of a thriving enterprise such as UMC.

Please join us in the years ahead by supporting and nurturing this most valuable resource.

If you're in Crookston, stop by the White House. The coffee pot is always on.

-Del Roelofs

UMC Alumni Surf the Net

"I found your page while surfing the net. I was a student at UMC for one year 1975-76. UMC was a valuable place for me to start my academic training and I will always have fond memories of the school."

Kevin C. Clementson
kclementso@aol.com

"I am trying to find information on an old roommate—Arlo Peterson from the class of '78. Can you help me out?"

David and Denise (Gorski) St. Germain '78 and '79
Argyle, Minnesota
dot50@juno.com

A Note to Becky Jeppesen . . .

"I enjoy reading the Class Notes section of the Torch. Thanks for the good work you do for UMC alumni!"

Janet Maesse '81
Alexandria

If you'd like to be part of the UMC Alumni Surfing the Net, send notes to weiler@mail.crk.umn.edu

1997 Ag-Arama King and Queen Royalty

From row from left: Tamra Samson, Gully; Angie Hanson, Sauk Centre; Mandy Swanson, Braham; Queen Julie Jean Schermerhorn, New York Mills; and Angie Roering, Sauk Centre. Back row from left: Seth Hanson, Thief River Falls; Byron Fischer, Brooten; Bryan Soulak, Burnsville; King Ivan Reinke, Ojema; and Jeff Bock, Osakis.
University President Announces Partnership Grant

There was official business for Nils Hasselmo to attend to this Spring at the University of Minnesota, Crookston. He announced a K-12 technology partnership grant at a press conference. After a Swedish luncheon, there were radio interviews, followed by education forums. The evening concluded with a social and dinner.

Not diminishing the importance of any of those events, the soon-to-retire president of the University of Minnesota was also on an unofficial farewell tour, despite the fact that he will return to UMC one more time before stepping down, at commencement.

"I just came to see if you had enough snow," he joked. "And I have concluded that you do."

Flanked on one side by retiring regent and UMC founder Stan Sahlstrom and UMC Chancellor Don Sargeant on the other, Hasselmo reflected on his eight years as head of the university, and the bright outlook that has replaced what was once an uncertain future at UMC.

"UMC has been an innovator in many respects, and I'm especially pleased to see that," he said. "Crookston has led the way, you carved out your own unique style."

He was referring to the move three years ago to put a laptop computer in each student's hand, and the decision to convert to a four-year institution.

As a result, the campus has received international attention from other colleges and universities trying to duplicate UMC's blueprint of success. It's a turnaround that can be attributed to people like Sahlstrom and Sargeant, Hasselmo said, people not afraid to put their destinies in their own hands.

"That's been the most rewarding part for me in my eight years," Hasselmo said. "I've connected with so many wonderful people, I've seen many great partnerships develop between the university and the people."

The U of M's 150-year history as the land grant university in Minnesota has rubbed off on Hasselmo, and he's proud to have been a part of it. "It's such a wonderful tradition," he said. "I'm enormously impressed and grateful just to have experienced it."

If that rich tradition is to continue, state funding must increase, he said. In addition to that, UMC's innovative spirit must rub off on the other campuses.

"It's important that each campus have a different profile," he said. "We didn't have anything like this before, but we needed it. Crookston did it."

Mark Yudof, the incoming U of M president, will officially take over on July 1.

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University Announces K-12 Technology Partnership Grant

Using technology to improve K-12 education in Northwest Minnesota is the goal of a new University of Minnesota project announced by President Nils Hasselmo during his recent visit to Crookston.

The University's College of Education and Human Development in Minneapolis and the Crookston Campus will partner to design and deliver education programs for K-12 teachers. Emphasis will be on using computer technology and the Internet to improve teaching and learning of core subjects including social studies, reading and math.

Six schools have agreed to serve as pilot sites for the project and other schools are welcome to join. Participating schools are Bagley, Crookston Public, Crookston Catholic, Fertile-Beltrami, Fisher and Mahnomen.

"UMC has taken the leadership for computer technology at the University," said President Hasselmo.

Student Forum President Lance Reitmeier (center) presented UMC sweatshirts to retiring regent Stan Sahlstrom (left) and retiring University President Nils Hasselmo. The two distinguished guests were on campus recently for a gathering to bid farewell to President Hasselmo.

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Calendar

May 13 ....................... Athletic Awards Banquet
May 23 ....................... Commencement
May 27-30 .................... New Student Registration
June 2 ....................... Summer Session I Begins
July 7 ....................... Summer Session II Begins
July 19 ....................... UMC/NWSA/Community Golf Classic
October 11 .................. UMC Homecoming
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Mark Bruggeman '84
Mark Bruggeman works with sales for Crookston Coca-Cola. He has been married for 17 years, and they have two children: Aron 14, and Dustin 9. UMC gave him the hands-on experience he needed for his outlook on life, how to run a business and how to deal with people. Although he finished classes in 1977, he was actually awarded his degree in 1984. Ask Mark for details. Mark is a member of the UMC Teambackers and attends most of UMC's football games.

"Many of the students don't know how well off they are studying with computers. Computers are everywhere in business. Even our drivers have computers for their truck."

John Halland '84
John Halland is senior agriculturist for American Crystal Sugar in Crookston. Following graduation from UMC he continued his education at North Dakota State University, earning a B.S. degree in agronomy in 1988. UMC pushed John on the right path in agriculture, helping him determine what his major should be in agriculture. His crop science major worked well into the agronomy program at NDSU.

"UMC's four-year mission is great, and it's a great idea to use computers in education. The UMC students we hire have had great knowledge in laptop computers and software and know how to integrate programs to make America Sugar systems work."

Chad and Joyce Hughes '95
Chad Hughes is a student at UMC, and Joyce Hughes graduated in 1995. They met while attending the Crookston campus. UMC helped Chad mature as a person and trained him for future obstacles he will overcome.

"Notebook computers provide UMC students an advantage over other graduates because they have a better grasp with the use of computers."

Dennis Martin '72
Dennis Martin is vice president and partner at Salem Motors in Crookston. He moved to Crookston in 1964 from Grand Forks. He is married to Karen and has two sons: Christopher is in his second year at St. Olaf and Derek, sixth grade. For 22 years he was a member of the Crookston Fire Fighters, and he serves on Our Saviors Lutheran Church board of elders. Dennis played on UMC's first tennis team. His accounting major allows him to handle the books and office at Salem.

"Everything we do in the car business is done through computers. Computers are today. Computers are our future."

Bruce Mjoen '70
Bruce Mjoen is sales manager for Nelson Motors in Crookston. Born in Valley City, ND, his family moved to many cities with his father's job. He and Marlys have been married 32 years, have three children: Robin 31, Darin 29 and Dusty 24. The Mjoens have three grand-daughters. Bruce has always enjoyed business, and UMC let him specialize in that area. Bruce serves on the UMC Honors Committee.

"Having a son who just graduated from UMC and seeing how well he was prepared for the job market, I can't say enough about UMC's mission."

Jeff Sperling '88 (B.S. 1996)
Jeff Sperling is owner/operator of Newtech Computer Systems of Crookston. Born in Warren, MN, he now lives in Crookston. He and Reneae have been married 17 years and have four children: Chad, Matt and identical twins Heidi and Heather. Besides an education, UMC provided Jeff with valuable contacts to expand his career opportunities.

"The four-year program at UMC is a plus, and the use of notebook computers for students is a great opportunity."

Jon Street
Jon Street is the manager of the Crookston Pizza Hut. He attended UMC in the hotel, restaurant and resort management program. He and Lisa have been married for four years. Jon is new on the UMC Alumni Association Board.

"The use of computers is a lot better for students."

Arlene (Putikka) Tucker '73
Arlene Tucker was born in Sebeka, MN, the oldest of five children, and raised on a dairy farm. She is 100% Finnish and that is her first language. She and Danny have two children: Samantha, a high school junior and Ryan, 5th grade. She continued her education, graduating from Moorhead State University in 1988. Arlene has served on the advisory committee for Counseling and Placement and Area I Region Career Center.

"I'm excited at the technology UMC has brought to Crookston and Northwest Minnesota. We need to provide up-to-date technology to teach our students for the global community."

Do You Know of a Prospective UMC Student?
Alumni and friends of the University of Minnesota, Crookston can help tremendously in our recruiting efforts by providing us with names of prospective students. Our success in recruiting new students from your area can be enhanced with your assistance. Please take the time to complete this form and mail it to UMC. Thank you for your help and interest.

Student Information
(please indicate any special relationship, e.g., child or grandchild)
Name ____________________________
Address ____________________________
Telephone ____________________________
High School ____________________________
Relationship ____________________________
Grad Yr. '96 '97 '98 ____________________________
Your name ____________________________
Address ____________________________
Phone ____________________________

Please return this form to:
UMC Admissions Office
4 Hill Hall
University of Minnesota, Crookston
2900 University Avenue
Crookston, MN 56716-5001

Internet responses may be sent to: janderso@mail.crk.umn.edu
Phone: 1-800-232-6466.
The Seventh Annual
UMC/NWSA/Community
Golf Classic

The Golf Committee is busy developing plans for the Seventh Annual UMC/NWSA Alumni and Community Golf Classic which will be held at Minakwa Golf Club on Saturday, July 19, 1997. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. Activities will begin with a golf clinic at 10:00 a.m. by a golf professional. A tournament orientation will be held at 10:45 a.m. Tee-off time is 11:00 a.m. (shotgun start).

Plans are to utilize a Texas Scramble format with five golfers on each team. 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 per team.
2. Not more than five members of the team can have a handicap 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 $50.00 per golfer. These fees will cover green fees, participation gifts, dinner, prizes and a contribution to the UMC Scholarship Fund.

Participation will be limited to the first 90 golfers who pay their registration fees. Fees must be paid by July 11.

The Golf Social is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. with the Golf Award Dinner at 5:30 p.m. at the Minakwa Country Club.

If you would like additional tournament information, contact Allan Larson at the White House Alumni Center 218/281-8436, committee members, Kyle Pearson at 218/281-1774 or Marv Bachmeier at 218/281-8415.

Mark your calendar -- the event is a fun-filled event -- Saturday, July 19.

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 56716-5001. Checks should be made payable to the UMC Golf Classic.

Teambackers 1997-98 Membership and Fund Drive Plan is Established

The Teambacker membership and athletic scholarship fund drive for the 1997-98 academic year will begin in May. It is intended that the majority of contacts will be completed by the end of June.

"By adopting these timelines we anticipate most membership gifts and pledges will be made by June 30. This will provide us with a better handle on the dollars that will be available for athletic scholarships in the fall of 1997," said Ed Odland, Teambacker President.

The Annual Drive format will be similar to the one used last year. Ed Odland will chair the campaign and coaches Scott Oliver and Gary Senske will be team coordinators.

Plans are to set up 10-12 teams. Each team will have two co-captains, a UMC coach, and approximately five or six players. Establishment of the teams will be completed prior to the Teambacker Fun Night which is scheduled for May 9, 1997.

Membership for 1996-97 reached 380 which was just 20 short of our goal of 400. The dollars raised during the Annual Drive for 1996-97 athletic programs and scholarship was $37,886.

Hopefully, during the Spring '97 Annual Drive, we will grow to more than 450 members and generate approximately $50,000 for programs and scholarships beginning in the Fall of 1997.

If you would like more information about the Teambackers, please call Allan Larson 218-281-8436 or Marv Bachmeier 218-281-8415. Thanks for your support.

-Allan Larson

University of Minnesota, Crookston Campus
Golf Classic - July 19, 1997

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 – $60.00. Registration fee includes green fees and dinner but does not include costs associated with cart rental. Fees must be paid by July 12.

The enclosed registration fee(s) is/are for the following golfers:
1._________________________ 2._________________________ 3._________________________
4._________________________ 5._________________________

Return registration form and check to: The Golf Classic, White House Alumni Center, University of Minnesota, Crookston, MN 56716-5001. 218-281-8436 or 8437.

Check out UMC's Homepage on the World Wide Web:
http://www.crk.umn.edu
Outstanding Alumni Nomination Form

DEADLINE FOR RETURN OF THIS FORM IS: MAY 9, 1997

The UMC "Outstanding Alumni" award is the highest honor bestowed on UMC alumni nominated by faculty, staff, administration, friends and alumni. 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 education
- **Public Service**: service to community, church, nonprofit organizations, etc.
- **Other**: noteworthy activities, contributions, accomplishments, service, etc. not included above

**I WISH TO NOMINATE:**

Name
Address
Phone

Please provide a brief description as to why you believe your nominee deserves to be honored as a UMC "Outstanding Alumni." Use additional sheets if needed.

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**RETURN TO:** UMC Alumni Association, White House Alumni Center, University of Minnesota, Crookston, 2900 University Avenue, Crookston, MN 56716-5001 • FAX (218) 281-8433

**Outstanding Alumni Past Award Recipients**

1980
- Thrain Kristjansson '72
- Darrell Larson '72
- Gerald Moritz '68
- Wayne Omundson '74
- Kenneth Pazdauskis '72
- Grace StTomlin '78

1981
- Thomas Feio '75
- Anne Granitz '68
- Debra (Gunnesson) Habedank '76
- Keith Ramberg '68
- Richard Ramey '70

1982
- Lon Christianson '70
- James Clauson '74
- June Delorme '72
- Brent Jacobson '78
- Robert Larson '79
- Jim LeClair '70
- Kenneth Oehlke '72

1983
- Paul Aakre '70
- Donald Marotam '69
- Sherry (Hoelt) O'Gorman '69
- John Schleicher '76

1984
- Linda (Schmitz) Bergh '74
- Brenda (Quanbeck) Packer '79
- Krista (Boen) Proulx '75
- Mark Schwiderski '72

1985
- Cindy Bigger '79
- Roger Dvergsten '76
- Jerry Jacobson '72
- Randy Mittness '76
- Jerry Rude '83

1986
- Terry Cornell '74
- Jan (Pica) Hankey '79
- David Thom '74
- Ron Tobbin '68

1987
- Leif Aakre '74
- Margaret Benson '78
- Peggy (Johnson) Eng '68
- Allan Gustafson '68
- Joel Littigust '75
- Krista (Krute) Long '77
- Dan Motschenbacher '70
- Nancy Tish '70
- Theresa Troke '80

1988
- Scott Bjornson '78
- Evonne (Ellingson) Chase '77
- John Gunvalson '75
- Kevin Kopischke '72
- Nancy (Beresford) Martin '68

1989
- Kim (Wittenburg) Althoff '80
- Steven J. Biermaier '81
- Frederick A. Berringer '75
- Cheryl C. Fox '76
- Janet L. Utech '75

1990
- Kenneth L. Beich '76
- Jack V. Lundbohm '77
- Robert P. Noonan '73
- Curtis F. Zimmerman '74
- Jacqueline J. Burke '75
- Jamil L. Nelson '78
- Jerry C. Oxborough '69

1991
- Kurt Keena '83
- Gregory Parenteau '81
- Ronald Reitmeyer '68
- Mary Lou (Wosick) Sweet '81

1992
- Twylla (Johnson) Albeepler '86
- Craig O. Anderson '73
- Gary C. Borgendahl '77

1993
- Keni Uitzinger-Acheson '74
- Richard Hebert '68
- Andrew Miller '92
- Douglas Sandstrom '73

1994
- DaNeil Johnson-Jamieson '83
- Dean Aakre '75
- Robin P. Bouts '79

1995
- Ronald Burke '91
- Harlow Grove '70
- Vicki Melbye '73
- June Shaver '76

1996
- Douglas D. Busseman '78
- Peter J. Kappes '77
- Brian M. Winter '78
Here's What Our Scholarship Recipients Are Saying . . .

I am writing you this letter to let you know how much I appreciate the scholarship you awarded me for this academic year. Scholarships are the only form of "financial aid" that I receive, and any help I can get eases my mind.

I grew up east of Glyndon, MN and spent most of my time outdoors. This is a major part of my decision to take up natural resources. After visiting UMC I decided to attend and pursue a B.S. degree in Environmental and Natural Resource Management. I am currently a sophomore. The instructors are great and help out on an individual basis every chance they get. I am involved in the Natural Resources Club and partake in many experience-building activities.

Thanks again for the scholarship.

Larry A. Leach
Nevis, MN

I am writing you to say thank you for the scholarship that you donated. It has helped me wonders already and will continue to help me for the rest of my schooling. My name is Denise Albright, and I am from Hewitt, Minnesota. It is in the area of Alexandria. Hewitt has a population about two hundred or more people. The high school is combined with the town of Bertha. We live on a dairy farm about thirteen miles from Bertha. There are six people in my family. I have two brothers and a sister. I am the second child.

I am majoring in Horticulture, and some day plan to be a landscape designer. I have a summer job working for a landscaping business, and I really enjoy it.

I really like UMC, and I thank you very much for all your help. It is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Denise Albright, Hewitt, MN

I would like to thank you for the generous contribution you have given me to help reduce the cost of college. I'm the youngest of three kids in my family and was the only one interested in agriculture while growing up on our dairy farm located in Clarissa, Minnesota. This is my sophmore year at UMC, and I am majoring in Agronomy. While here at UMC I feel I have achieved well above the goals I set for myself with the help of my instructors and self-discipline. When I complete my bachelors degree I would like to become a chemical consultant or a crop manager. This past summer I had an internship near Wahpeton, ND where I worked with two other people monitoring around 33,000 acres on a weekly basis. I really enjoyed this work and learned a great deal, especially what chemicals went on each of the various crops and what type of rates were also used.

Hopefully with this added experience and scholarships I can obtain my future goals and prosper in this competitive marketplace. Thanks again for your support.

Sincerely,

Marcus Meiners, Clarissa, MN

Scholarships DO Make a Difference!
Raymond E. Niedzielski '75
Park Rapids, MN
He and his wife, Ann, have two children
(Ben 6 1/2 and Tom 9). Has been
working as a nurse's aid at St. Joseph's
in Park Rapids.

Dale Jensen '76
Moorhead, MN
In July 1996 he was named Lounge
Manager of the Year by the North Da-
kota State Hospitality Association. The
award is based on merchandising, pro-
motions, personality, training and loy-
alty of the staff. He is employed at
Expressway Inn in Fargo, North Dakota.

David '78 and Denise
(Goroski)'79 St. Germain
Argyle, MN
Farm near Argyle, MN raising
sugarbeets, edible beans, wheat and
barley. Have four children: Christopher
15, Nathan 12, Sarah 11 and Emma
Jean 17 months. They are active in
church and the community. Denise
works as a medical secretary at North
Valley Health Center. In the winter
months David is a production welder at
H & S Manufacturing in Stephen. En-
joys fishing, hunting, skiing and biking.

Earl Jarolimek '80
Fargo, ND
Was recently promoted to Vice Presi-
dent-Corporate Compliance Officer at
Community First Bankshares Incorpo-
rated in Fargo. Manages and directs the
compliance program and staff and works
closely with the organization's execu-
tives on compliance-related issues. He
has been employed by Community First
since 1989.

Janet (Klemetson) Maesse '81
Alexandria, MN
Is currently teaching 4th grade in Alex-
andria and will complete her 12th year of
teaching this Spring. She also coaches
basketball cheerleading at the high
school. Married Brian Maesse in June
1986 at her hometown of Ulen. They
enjoy skiing, traveling, and spending
time at the lake.

Joel '91 and Diedra
(Richardson)'88 Carlson
Roseville, MN
Will celebrate fifth wedding anniversary
April 18, 1997. Have two children, Jacob
and Sydney. Diedra gave up her full-
time job with American Express Finan-
cial Advisors to be a full-time mother.
She is also a full-time student at the
College of Saint Catherine in St. Paul,
MN where she plans to obtain her teach-
ing certificate in elementary education.
Joel continues to work as a Legal Pro-
cess Server for Metro Legal Services,
Inc. of St. Paul, MN. He has the oppor-
tunity to see all aspects of life and places
in the Twin Cities. They enjoy life in the
Twin Cities and plan to move to Chokio,
MN to farm after she receives her teach-
ing certification.

Bryan Malone '90
Thief River Falls, MN
Joined engineer Jim Hest at the North-
west Minnesota Joint Powers Board of-
ice in Grygla a year ago. Does survey-
 ing and works with programs to control
water pollution in a six-county area.

Kurt Casavan '91
Red Lake Falls, MN
Works as environmental officer for Red
Lake County cleaning and spraying
ditches and running the household haz-
ardous waste program at the landfill in
Red Lake Falls and Oklee and for the
county's recycling program.

Terri (Teresa) Olson '91
Fargo, ND
Earned Bachelor's degree in Pro-
cessional Communication from Moorhead
State University. Has been Payroll Di-
rector at Moorhead State University since
1993. Since the merger of Minnesota's
State Universities, Community College
and Technical Colleges (MnSCU) in July
1995, Terri has been providing training,
and has been advising campuses and
the MnSCU System Office on payroll
and related issues. Through this in-
volve ment she was selected to be a
Senior Fellow in the W.K. Kellogg Foun-
dation Leadership Exchange Program.
This year long professional, educational,
leadership development program in-
cludes a six month administrative as-
signment which she completed at the
St. Paul MnSCU System Office.

Beth A. McCauley '95
Richville, NY
Currently works at E. J. Noble Hospital
in Gouverneur, NY as a Clinical Dietitian.
Has been registered since June 1996.

Lisa Altepeter '96
Crookston, MN
Works as resident services coordinator
for The Summit and St. Vincent Nursing
Home in Crookston. Coordinates the
delivery of services for the residents
including nursing service, home health
care, housekeeping, laundry, activities
and transportation services. Also does
marketing.

In Memory
William Dahle '68
Princeton, MN
Rodney Larson '84
West Fargo, ND
Cheryl Engelkes
Minneapolis, MN
Michelle L. Gudvangen
Crookston, MN
Naomi Keasler
Crookston, MN

Julie Schermerhorn of New York Mills was the recipient of the True
Grit Award at the 21st annual Ag-Arama held on campus at the
University Teaching and Outreach Center.

The True Grit Award is the most coveted of all awards in Ag-Arama.
It is dedicated to Todd Opsahl, a student in 1973-74. Most of the
students and faculty around Todd did not know that he was suffering
from terminal leukemia, a disease that took his life shortly after he left
college. Despite this condition, Todd was extremely active in campus
activities, especially in the agriculture division where he studied animal
science.

In his remembrance, the True Grit Award is presented annually to
the students who best demonstrate the spirit of Todd in active
participation and in encouraging others to participate.

Julie was co-chair of this year's Ag-Arama, and she was also
chosen as the 1997 Ag-Arama Queen. This year's Ag-Arama was
dedicated to former mechanized agriculture instructor Richard "Buck"
Tillotson.