UMC Graduate Makes a Difference

Life is exciting. Life is full of surprises. Life is hectic. Life involves long hours of work. Life is solving problems. Life is being a care-giver. Life moves at a fast pace for 1998 graduate Jennifer Johnston Tate. Jen is now the general manager of the Fairfield Inn in Grand Forks.

Jen grew up in Angus MN and graduated from Warren High School. She attended college for a year-and-a-half and worked at Crookston's Northland Inn for over 10 years. Jen "did everything," working all areas at the Inn and ending up as bar manager.

Three faculty members — Sharon Neet, history; Lynne Mullins, speech; and Sonya Spaeth, health, physical education and recreation and art — convinced Jen that the perfect degree for her was the Applied Studies degree at UMC. The degree is for individuals whose education objective cannot be met through traditional degree programs. It recognizes previous education and work experience/skills to develop an individualized bachelor of science degree.

"One of the things that made Jen perfect for the applied studies degree is that she already had two years of college, and quite a bit of work experience. Coming back to UMC made it possible for her to establish a career goal," said Neet. "All we did at UMC was to validate her people skills and give her other skills to go forward."

It was a busy time for Jen when she returned to school, this time at UMC. Not only was she back in the classroom, but she was working full-time and planning a wedding. She married Dennis Tate the following fall.

After finishing her class work in the spring of 1997, Jen was a service member for Americorps, where she worked with the America Reads program and with the Service Learning area at UMC.

Her supervisor Pam Holsinger-Fuchs says, "Jen is an amazing woman! She has a wonderful ability to make everyone she meets feel good in some way about themselves."

How true this is, whether Jen is training in a new desk person, supervising a disabled worker, or working with a new breakfast hostess, they are all treated with the same excitement Jen shares for life.

"I want to establish an open relationship with my staff. I think they need to have a leader that is willing to listen to the concerns they have and give them feedback. Communication is one of the most important factors in developing a good working relationship," Jen said.

Jen supervises a staff of 25 people in guest service, housekeeping and lawn care.

At the Fairfield Inn, Jen's responsibilities are many and very "hands-on": marketing, two to three desk shifts every two weeks, ordering, hiring and firing, paper work, price setting, group bookings, accounting, billing, inventory.

Jen's philosophy is, "to know that I have done something positive and made a difference in another person's life and to never lose sight of what is important to me."

For the future, Jen hopes to establish a tie with UMC to develop internships for the hotel, restaurant and institutional management; marketing management; and horticulture students at the Fairfield Inn.

In her spare time, Jen likes to watch WCW wrestling, "because I get to spend time with my husband." She is close to her family and likes to play cards and games with her nieces and nephews. She also likes any kind of music, Nintendo, and for relaxation she likes to paint. Her cats, Petey and Chewy also plan a special role in her life.

Check out UMC's Applied Studies Degree
From The Alumni Director

In 1977, Wayne Omundson, Verna Ford, Irene Sirek, Cary Sip, Suzanne Nelson, David Bergh, Linda Bergh, Bobbie Niebauer, Lynn Klyve, Keith Ramberg, Jeffery Sorenson and Curtis Zimmerman affixed their names to Articles of Incorporation. It is my assumption that these people spent their time and energy to do this because they thought it was the right thing to do. I totally agree with them.

The Alumni Association is the vehicle by which people associated with UMC can build a feeling of loyalty and family. Other institutions across the county have built that foundation of support. It is not uncommon for some people to have more than one institution in which their loyalty is aligned.

UMC wants to become your Alumni Association of choice. We are relatively young in terms of years and have had many changes in those few years of existence. We are going to make some strong efforts to gain your attention and support in the future. We want to incorporate new programs, activities and events. However, the key to our success is dependent upon you, your input and support.

Let us hear from you this year. Tell us what you are doing and keep tabs on what is happening at UMC. It is an exciting University! We want to be your alma mater.

--Curt Almlie

Alumni Board Changes

As some of you may already know, Jeff Bergsgaard, president of our alumni association board has accepted a position with Perfect Circle Solutions. This is a computer software company based out of Los Angeles, California. Due to his move, Twylla Altepeter, vice president of the alumni board will complete the term of president.

This also brings an addition to our alumni board. Stephanie (Hoeft) Reck has agreed to serve as an interim board member. Stephanie attended UMC during the 1990-92 school years and is married to Christopher Reck, class of '91. Stephanie is the Sports Information Coordinator for UMC and is also an active member of the UMC Teambackers.

At this time, we have approximately 10 board positions to fill when the 1998 terms expire in October. Our nominating committee is putting together a list of prospective people who they feel would be an asset to our board. If you are interested in being a part of the UMC Alumni Association board of directors, feel free to contact me at 218-281-8439 or you can e-mail me at rulseth@mail.crk.umn.edu.

--Rose Ulseth

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"A Pretty Good Year"

Fall activities are in full swing. Welcome Week; new students; first week of classes; football, soccer, and volleyball games; new notebook computers for students and faculty; training sessions for employees; and some new faculty and staff. UMC has the markings of "a pretty good year" as we have more resources (financial, technology, training, and improved facilities). Lots of excitement and enthusiasm echoes around campus.

The August 31 issue of *US News & World Report* indicates that UMC is the 3rd ranked college for Midwestern Regional Liberal Arts Colleges. That is impressive when just five years ago we were not a baccalaureate degree granting institution. We have also been nominated as a "Best Practices in the Use of Technology" college by our colleagues to the American Quality and Productivity Center. So our reputation has gained significantly in the past couple of years.

Student enrollment this year will be similar to the past two years. We plan to add new programs in Golf Facilities and Turf Systems Management, Natural Resources Law Enforcement, and Ag Systems Management. And, we will continue to make investments in digital technology that help faculty and staff utilize technology in learning building on the campus ubiquitous notebook computer environment.

Let me extend a special invitation to attend Homecoming this fall. You'll find the campus as beautiful as ever, some changes, but the friendships even more important. Thanks for your continued support.

--Donald Sargeant

UMC HOMECOMING • October 10, 1998

The UMC Golden Eagles football team will be the featured event of this year's Homecoming. They will be playing host to the Valley City State University Vikings.

Outstanding Alumni Award winners are special guests of Homecoming '98. The award winners will be special guests at the Teambackers tailgate party beginning at 12:00 noon. The honorees are invited to be special guests at the football game and will be presented and recognized at half-time for their outstanding achievements. Following the football game, the honorees are invited to be special guests at a post-game social being held at the Minakwa Golf Course. The Outstanding Alumni Award winner's biographies and pictures will be in the next issue of the Torch.

OUTSTANDING ALUMNI SCHEDULE:

12:00 noon ........................................ Teambackers Tailgate Party
1:30 p.m. ........................................... Football Game (Valley City State University Vikings)
2:45 p.m. ........................................... Half-time Awards Presentation
5:00 p.m. ........................................... Post-Game Social (Minakwa Golf Club)
Meet the Gast Family:

- Randy Gast is a third generation dairy farmer
  Associate degree in dairy from the University of Minnesota, Crookston in 1978
- Jo Gast worked for a local radio station before she returned to UMC
  Bachelors degree in applied studies from the University of Minnesota, Crookston in 1998

Their children attend Fertile/Beltrami School:
- Genesis, 17 is a senior
- Jillian, 15 is a sophomore
- Micah, 14 is a freshman
- Keaton, 5 in kindergarten

Jo Gast's Philosophy:

"The ability to adapt to changing times throughout your life is precious. You must never be afraid to set short and long-term goals for yourself and your family. Then, do what it takes to make them come true. Because, in the end, your career is not your life. Life is your career. Make the most of it and be well satisfied with the end result."

For three generations the Gast family has farmed in the Red River Valley. Randy Gast’s grandfather built the house and barn and started the farm in the 1920’s. Randy bought the farm in 1979 and now milks 68 dairy cattle.

Farming has not been an easy way of life for the Gast family, but it is more of a struggle now because there are no full-time hired workers like there was back in the 70’s and 80’s.

The Gast teenagers live active lives as good students, and they are active in school activities, sports, Future Leaders of America, 4-H and church. They are members of the ecumenical Beltrami Youth Group.

At home in their family living room, The Gast Family, back row from left: Micah, Jo and Randy. Front row: Genesis, Jillian and Keaton.

Jo worked for a local radio station before she married Randy in 1979. The station allowed her to take classes at UMC, one class at a time for her two-year degree. When UMC moved to a four-year institution, Jo signed up in the applied studies area. She was given credit for her work at the radio station.

She works full-time in the Red River Trade Corridor, where she started out helping as a student. When the Communications position opened up, she applied for that and was hired.

"UMC has opened a lot of opportunities for me, particularly with computers. UMC is into the newest things on the computer. I also met a lot of non-traditional students which helped me realize I’m not the only person looking for answers."

At the Trade Corridor Jo serves on the Vegetable Task Force looking at value added options for agriculture. “It’s good to be involved, to help farmers, look at options.”

UMC is a farm family friendly place. Previous college and life experience count toward college credits; mentors help students navigate the red tape to register and enroll; academic assistance is available to help improve study skills; technology includes a laptop computer to make learning interesting; seminars are available to help create a next-century vision for the Valley. For more information about UMC’s classes to help farm families in transition or to register for classes, call UMC at 1-800-232-6466.

UMC Considers College Ring

The Alumni Association is considering the establishment of a ring program for all alumni of the University of Minnesota, Crookston. Rings are often associated with universities and colleges throughout the nation. They are symbols of your achievement and a goal fulfilled. The Alumni Association Board of Directors will discuss the potential selection of a ring or rings that symbolize your accomplishments at UMC. Several items of the program must be considered before the Alumni Association moves forward. Please stay tuned for further information.
UMC’s Annual Fund Drive

Our Alumni Association is continually growing because of the fact that we are now a four-year degree granting institution. Our alumni association is made up of graduates of the first graduating class of the U of M Technical Institute in 1968. It is now their 30th year anniversary. The University of Minnesota, Crookston four-year degree graduates are now reaching their 5th year anniversary. As stated in the 1968 yearbook, being #1 has been a rough assignment. That first class had to establish policy, tradition, activities and maintain an image for future classes to emulate. Now our four-year alumni must build upon those policies, traditions, activities and images for other future generations.

Each year the UMC Alumni Association seeks financial support for its organization’s operations. It would be nice to say that we don’t need any financial support, but that is not the case. We are no different than other non-profit organizations. Our livelihood is dependent upon your generosity and caring attitude for the UMC Alumni Association. In order for us to carry out the task that has been set forth by the alumni class of 1968, we need to move forward with some new programs and re-energize the current programs. However, that will require alumni stepping forward with support.

This fall, we will initiate a year-long fund drive starting with a direct mail campaign in October. We will be requesting support through an introductory letter. This will be followed up by a reminder letter before the end of the year allowing you the opportunity to donate and use as a tax deduction in 1998. In February and March, we will hold our annual phonathon and contact you if you have not yet had an opportunity to send your gift to the UMC Alumni Association.

There is no established amount of support that we will seek from you. It will be an amount that you can comfortably handle. I realize that we all have priorities as to where we spend our dollars. All we ask is your consideration of the UMC Alumni Association. Our goal will be to improve upon last year’s revenue and continue to increase not only the participation numbers, but also the amount of gift dollars received.

UMC Signs Record Number of New Presidents Club Members

Roelofs attributes the major increase in giving to three factors: 1) the change in President’s Club designation encouraged people to give now, 2) overall giving is at an all-time high which relates to the economy and stock market putting people in a position to do some gifting and take advantage of tax benefits, and 3) people feel that UMC and the Northwest Experiment Station (NWES) are vital parts of the community and region, and they desire to support efforts being made on the campus.

When people give to any of the University’s Clubs, they may designate where they want their money to be used.

"People have given to programs they want to support, programs of their choice. When dollars go where you want them to go, you can watch the results," said Roelofs.

A major portion of giving goes to support academic and athletic scholarships at UMC and the NWES, but money is also given for specific programs in ag research, business and fine arts, among others.

“The Presidents Club as we’ve known it was established in 1963, with the Crookston Chapter forming 17 years later," said Roelofs. It was the premier lifetime giving recognition society for University donors. It honored leaders who supported the University throughout the years, as well as those who have guided the University to prominence. On July 1, 1998, the Presidents Club became the overall umbrella for all of the University’s major gift clubs.

--Del Roelofs
UMC Faculty/Staff Acolades

Bonnie Boyle, lecturer in biology, received a faculty travel award from Minnesota Campus Compact to attend the National Service-Learning Institute for Engineering, Mathematics and Science.

Doug Knowlton, vice chancellor for academic affairs, is co-author of an article printed in the Spring 1998 issue of the Journal of Rural Health. The article is titled "Job Satisfaction Among Rural Physician Assistants".

Sharon Stewart, associate professor of dietetics, was named Outstanding Dietetics Educator by the American Dietetic Association (ADA).

Dan Svedarsky, professor of environmental and natural resources, was recently elected to a three-year term as the North Central Section Representative to The Wildlife Society.

Arlyss Grosz, program director for health management, has had a proposal accepted and will be presenting at the 1998 Computers on Campus National Conference this fall.

Aziz Rahman, assistant professor of environmental and natural resources, was invited to participate in the 4th International Conference on Precision Agriculture. His presentation was entitled "Precision Agriculture at UMC: Combining Hands-On with High Tech." Over 600 experts from around the world were in attendance at the St. Paul event.

Pam Holsinger-Fuchs, director of Student Activities and Service Learning, was named president-elect for the American College Personnel Association.

UMC Receives Its First Golden Eagle

Since 1996 the official mascot name for the Crookston campus has been the Golden Eagles but only recently did the campus receive a bona fide, mounted, specimen of one. UMC Alum Doug Sandstrom '73 and current Minnesota Conservation Officer, helped remedy that deficiency. It is illegal for private citizens to possess protected birds, especially eagles, and through Doug's contacts with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, a confiscated bird was permanently loaned to the Wildlife Museum of the Environmental and Natural Resources Department.

UMC graduate Doug Sandstrom '73, Minnesota Conservation officer, presented the eagle to Tom Feiro, lab services coordinator, to be placed in the Wildlife Museum of the UMC Environmental and Natural Resources Department.
It was a great day for Commencement 1998 on the UMC Campus mall. The bleachers were packed as UMC Alumni Association President Jeff Bergsgaard, left, congratulated UMC Student Forum President Mark Erickson. Mark, of Fertile MN, graduated with a degree in business management. Speaker for Commencement was University of Minnesota Regent Bob Bergland. Regent Julie Bleyhl brought greetings from the Regents and conferred degrees on the candidates. (Photo by Twylla Altepeter, Crookston Daily Times)

Karla Thormodson, health management major from Dalton MN receives congratulations from Regent Bob Berglund during commencement ceremonies at the University of Minnesota, Crookston.

Check out UMC's Homepage on the WWW at:
http://www.crk.umn.edu

UMC graduate Charity Borresen of Tyler received a bouquet of red roses from her fiance, Denton Harstad of Glenburn ND, following commencement at UMC (Photo by Twylla Altepeter, Crookston Daily Times)
UMC Ranked Best College

After just five years as a four-year baccalaureate institution the University of Minnesota, Crookston, (UMC) has been ranked as one of the best public regional Universities in the Midwest.

UMC received this significant recognition based on the US News ranking process which included several measures of excellence. UMC was ranked third in regional public schools – Midwest regional liberal arts colleges.

One of the factors that led to the positive reputation of UMC is its leadership in the area of technology inclusion in the curriculum. Not only did US News rank UMC, it also featured the University's Crookston Campus in its special feature on Best Colleges in 1999 article on High Tech Teaching. The magazine acknowledged UMC as the first college in the country to adopt the notebook computer for all students, a major curriculum innovation.

UMC's Chancellor Donald Sargeant is quoted in the article. Since its beginning, UMC has had different missions first as a high school than as a two year college, and now as a baccalaureate college. In 1993 UMC became the first college in the nation to issue a notebook computer to all full-time students.

“This ranking speaks very well for UMC for the changes we've made, and now we've moved to the third spot in the region in terms of a ranking," said UMC Chancellor Donald Sargeant.

The indicators that U.S. News uses to capture the various dimensions of academic quality fall into seven broad categories: academic reputation; retention of students; faculty resources; student selectivity; financial resources; graduation rate performance and alumni giving. UMC was honored out of a group of 429 similar institutions in the United States.

Teambacker's Annual Meeting

The UMC Teambacker's held their annual meeting on September 3 in the Sahilstrom Conference Center. President Ed Odland presided at the meeting. A financial report was presented by Jim Ingeman, treasurer.

The current membership has climbed over the 200 mark and is increasing each day. We will continue to accept memberships throughout the 1998-99 school year.

New board members were elected. Joining the board of directors this year were: Pete Wasberg, Otter Tail Power Company; Ray Dusek, principal, Cathedral Schools; Al Larson, retired director of UMC External Relations; and Chuck Hiller, First American Bank Trust.

Board members renewing their terms are: Ed Odland, Jim Ingeman, Bernadette Bettin, June Shaver, Chuck Wilder, John Reese, and Richard Hanson. Al Westberg was moved from the coaches membership to a regular board membership. Mary Ann Simmons and Bob Clauson were thanked for their many years of service to the Teambackers.

The activities committee, co-chaired by Pete Graham and Ray Dusek, reported on the upcoming activities for the remainder of the year. With no further business to be discussed, the annual meeting was adjourned.

If you are interested in becoming a Teambacker member, call the Alumni Center at 218-281-8436.

UMC Community Visits

UMC connected to communities in northwestern Minnesota this past summer as a van load of faculty and staff visited two or three communities on each one-day swing each week. The Community Visit project was coordinated by Curt Almle, director of Institutional Relations. Communities visited included: Red Lake Falls, Thief River Falls, Crookston, Fisher, East Grand Forks, Warren, Hallock, Stephen/Argyle, Roseau, Middle River, Warroad, Grygla, Fosston, Bagley, Erskine, McIntosh and Mahnomen.

The visits concluded with President Yudof joining the delegation at the Red Apple Cafe in Mahnomen.

Alum Announces Insurance Plan

As you know UMC is moving to a new level of athletic competition. We are on our way to joining the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference at the NCAA II level. In order for us to make this move successfully we must begin to increase our financial support.

To help make this move we have engaged Jim LeClair '70 of LeClair, Moore and Associates of Mayville ND to head a campaign to help generate the finances needed to ensure our continued success. If you would like more information on how you can support this campaign contact the University of Minnesota, Crookston alumni office at 218-281-8436 or Jim LeClair at 701-786-4282.

This campaign is just one of several ways in which UMC alumni can support the activities of the University. We appreciate your consideration.

ROTC Expands to UMC

Students at UMC will now be able to participate in the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC), thanks to an agreement with the detachment based in Fargo.

The new agreement will allow UMC students also to earn commissions as Air Force officers.
Have we heard from you lately?

To submit an item for Alumni News just fill out this form and send it to: Rose Ulseth, White House Alumni Center, 2900 University Ave., Crookston MN 56716 or E-mail: rulseth@mail.crk.umn.edu

Photos of you and/or your family are welcome!

Name

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Can we post your E-mail address in the next issue of the Torch? Yes ______ No ______

Information/news that you wish to share with your UMC classmates and friends. (New job, retirement, family achievements, hobbies, etc.)

Alumni Interests

___ Homecoming/Reunions

___ Outstanding Alumni Recognition Banquet

___ Serve on Alumni Board of Directors

___ Alumni Phonathon

___ Regional Reunion Events

___ Fundraising Events

Please return this form to:

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YOUR THOUGHTS AND IDEAS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!

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UMC Athletic Hall of Fame Nomination Form

I wish to nominate the following individual or team:

Name of Nominee: ____________________________________________________________

Address ________________________________________________________________

City ____________________ State ________ Zip __________

Submitted by: ______________________________________________________________

Address ________________________________________________________________

City ____________________ State ________ Zip __________

Upon receipt of this form, a nomination packet with a request for more information will be forwarded to the nominator.

Please take time to fill out this nomination form for the UMC Athletic Hall of Fame. Complete the Nomination form and return it to: White House Alumni Center, 2900 University Avenue, University of Minnesota, Crookston, MN 56716 or E-mail your nomination to: calmlie@mail.crk.umn.edu
UMC Athletic Hall of Fame Now Taking Nominations

UMC is initiating an Athletic Hall of Fame. Many colleges and universities in the nation have instituted such recognition events. Nominations will be taken throughout the coming year. In the fall of 1999 an awards ceremony will be held. The ceremony will be part of the UMC Homecoming activities with a banquet and award presentation to be held on the Friday evening preceding the Saturday football game. The first group that goes into the UMC Athletic Hall of Fame will be considered charter members. Each following year will have additional inductees. A plaque with the athlete’s picture and brief inscription about their respective accomplishments will be placed in Lysaker Gymnasium for display.

Consideration of each nominee will include a review of the contribution to the UMC Athletic program in a variety of ways such as a coach, player, supporter, team, etc. Please take a moment and submit a nomination for someone who you believe to be deserving and worthy of this great honor. Criteria and qualifications will based mainly upon participation while at the University of Minnesota, Crookston, but consideration of accomplishments after leaving the University can have a bearing. It is important that the accomplishment of the inductee shall be so outstanding that there would be little question as to the validity of the selection. Another qualification that will be adhered to is that the nominee must have been out of school at least five years prior to selection. Strong consideration will also be given for personal conduct in sports and personal contributions to the integrity of sports.

Nominations for the Hall of Fame can be submitted at any time during the year. A selection committee will be formed during the year. Anyone wishing to be a member of the selection committee, please contact the Institutional Relations Office at your convenience.

Selections of the first inductees will be made at the end of June 1999. In this issue of the Torch, you will also find a nomination form on page 10 to fill out and send to the White House Alumni Center, at the University of Minnesota, Crookston.

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Teambackers Calendar Dedicated to Al Larson

The 1998-99 Teambackers Calendar is dedicated to Al Larson. Larson served as the director of External Relations for the past ten years. He retired in December of 1997. The calendar is one of the major fundraisers for athletic scholarships at UMC. One thousand calendars have been printed and are being sold for $25 each. The calendar includes information on all UMC sports events and also includes schedules for Crookston High School. The calendars are currently on sale.

$20 prizes will be awarded to individual calendar holders for each weekday from October 1, 1998 through May 28, 1999. A $100 prize will be awarded on the last Friday of each month during the period. In addition, two $500 prizes will be awarded — one at UMC's Homecoming on October 10, and the other at the UMC Teambackers Fun Nite scheduled for January 23, 1999. A total of 172 winners will be named.

You may order a calendar by sending a check to the UMC Development Office. Please make the check payable to the "Teambackers Calendar Fund."
## Successful 8th Annual Golf Classic

First place honors in the 1998 UMC Teambackers/NWSA/Community Golf Classic went to Coast to Coast/Rooters. From left: Don Fourney, Wayne Melbye, Al Larson presenting the award, Greg Lerum, Mark Lyczewski, and Bruce Hanson. **CONGRATULATIONS!**

The eighth annual UMC/NWSA Teambackers Community Golf Classic was held on July 18. Over $6,000 income was netted from the tournament and will be applied to the scholarship program at UMC. The tournament provided a super opportunity for a great deal of enjoyment.

All entrants of the tournament received a beautiful imprinted UMC golf towel. A Hole in One Contest to win a new car was sponsored by Brost Chevrolet, Nelson Motors and Salem Motors. There were no winners, but plenty of excitement was provided. In addition, a golf clinic was held just prior to the beginning of the tournament for those interested in helping to improve their game.

The Coast to Coast/Rooters team walked away with honors again as it defended its last year’s tournament championship. The team was comprised of Greg Larem, Bruce Hanson, Don Fourney, Mark Lyczewski and Wayne Melbye. They defeated Associated Plumbing & Heating in a playoff. Associated Plumbing & Heating team members were Jay Nimens, Chad Ricord, Mark Myrold, Barry Bergan and Brian Purkat.

Following the completion of the tournament, a picnic dinner was served and awards were presented to the winning team, longest drive, closest to the pin, longest putt, etc. A great deal of appreciation goes to the Golf Committee for all the arrangements. Golf Committee members include: Kyle Pearson, Kent Bruun, Nancie Hoerner, Ed Odland, Tom Helgeson, Richie Johnson, Al Larson, Stephanie Reck, Marv Bachmeier, Jerry Hasbrouck, Chuck Hiller and Kent Freberg.

It is not too early to think about next year’s tournament. Next year’s tournament will be held on Saturday, July 17, 1999. Plan to join us.

### Sports Schedule

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UMC Eagles Nest Gang

Do you know an eager child who would like to become a member of the “EAGLES NEST GANG”? The UMC Teambackers organization is forming a new club for kids ages 6 through 12 to participate in supporting UMC athletics.

Eagles Nest Gang highlights include: free admission to all UMC home games, an Eagles Nest T-shirt, Eagles Nest Gang Newsletter, player autographs and trading cards, prizes and lots of fun, and a chance to be an official ball boy/girl for a home game.

About 100 kids joined the UMC Eagles Nest Gang.

UMC Accepted Into The Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC)

UMC has been accepted as a member of the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC). The NSIC will expand to a ten-member conference beginning July 1, 1999. The new members accepted into the conference are Wayne State, Wayne NE; Concordia College, St. Paul, MN; and the University of Minnesota, Crookston. Current members include: Bemidji State University; Moorhead State University; University of Minnesota, Duluth; University of Minnesota, Morris; Northern State; Southwest State and Winona State.

UMC announces acceptance into the NSIC at a press conference held at UMC. From left: Robert Johnson, faculty athletic representative; Marv Bachmeier, athletic director; Donald Sargeant, chancellor; and Curt Almlie, director of Institutional Relations.
60's

Twyla (Johnson) Altepeter '68
Crookston MN
Twyla is currently managing editor of the Crookston Daily Times. Twyla and her husband, James, have 4 children.

Brian Bohnsack '68
Hillsboro ND
Brian is engaged in a farming operation in rural Hillsboro, North Dakota.

Dennis Magsam '68
Crookston MN
Dennis is employed at the University of Minnesota, Crookston as audio operations manager. Dennis and his wife, Toby, have two children.

Richard Normandin '68
Ocean City CA
Richard is retired from the United States Navy and resides in Ocean City, California. He currently works with the local school district.

70's

Karen (Manner) Brodeen '78-79 attended
Cook MN
Karen has been married for 18 years. Their herds of registered Holsteins and crossbred beef cows keep them very busy. In her spare time she enjoys gardening, sewing and her passion of collecting, restoring and refinishing antiques.

Paul & Cindy (Trudeau) Gregg '77 & '88
Crookston MN
Paul and Cindy are the owners of the Irishman's Shanty restaurant in Crookston. Paul and Cindy have 2 children.

Nancy (Tish) Leyh '70
Robbinsdale MN
Nancy was married in August 1997. She and her husband are enjoying life and updating their home, gardening, building a business and outdoor sports. After almost 27 years at General Mills, she is working at home for her husband and enjoying being a homemaker.
You can E-mail Nancy at wayneleyh@aol.com

Ken Roberts '73
New London WI
Ken is interested in UMC implementing an alumni E-mail directory. E-mail Ken at printshop@pibnet.net

Kevin Simonson '79
Glencoe MN
Kevin works for Red Kind Foods, a Burger King franchise. He had previously worked for a Hardee's franchise for 11 years.

80's

Paula Brusseau '87
Olga ND
Paula will be married in September, and she works for University Good Samaritan Health Care Center. She will be making her home in New Hope MN when she is married.

Paul Carrier '87 & '97
St. Paul MN
Paul received his associates degree in restaurant management in 1997 and returned to UMC to earn his bachelor's degree in hotel, restaurant and institutional management in 1997. He is currently pursuing his master's degree in hospitality and tourism at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. He was the director of food and beverage/executive chef at Spirit Lake Casino and Resort in Devils Lake. You can e-mail Paul at carrierp@post.uwstout.edu

Alan Cota '81
Grass Range MT
Alan and his wife Mary have one daughter, Brianne. He is busy with N-Bar Land/Cattle, Forester and Special Projects, Montana DNRC North Eastern Land Office, Emergency Firefighter, Grass Range Rural Fire Chief. This guy is busy!

Audra (Sorenson) Donarsi '87
Roseau MN
Audra is a deputy court administrator for Roseau County. She and her husband Billy have one son Nick who is two and she has two step-children, Tyler 12 and Heather 10.

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HOW TO MAKE AN EASY $20

You will notice our "Alumni News" has increased in numbers in this issue of the Torch. It is our aim to increase the numbers in the news of what is happening to UMC alumni. If you asked the question of most alumni around the country, you would find that one of the most popular sections of any alumni association newsletter is the alumni news. We are going to make an extra effort to gather that news.

Here's what we are going to do to help gather news of our alumni. Before the next issue is published we are going to place the name of individuals who send in a brief item on their whereabouts, what they are doing, or any other piece of information into a hat for a prize drawing. The prize drawing will be a crisp twenty-dollar bill. If you include a picture, we will enter your name twice.

Help us make the alumni newsletter one that you won't want to miss. We will announce the winner in the next issue of the Torch.
Michael Goldade ‘88
Bismarck ND
Mike has lived in Bismarck for the past 10 years and has 2 children: Drew 5 and Karlie 2. He and his wife Jodi have been married for 6 years and own a medical billing center, and he is also a district manager for an insurance company which keeps them busy. For fun they do a lot of camping and jet skiing in the summer, and he keeps busy with hunting in the fall. Hi to everyone. Your are in my thoughts and fond memories of Crookston. E-mail Mike at mgoldade@btigate.com

Laurie Lenertz ‘82
Chanhassen MN
Laurie is the office manager/accountant for Rolland Companies in Chaska MN and just purchased a new home in Chanhassen. E-mail Laurie at LaurieML@aol.com

Jerry & Julie (Carlson) Mall ’80 & ’82
Durant IA
Jerry is a soil conservation technician for the Natural Resource Conservation Service in Davenport and Muscatine Iowa. Julie is a teacher’s assistant in the “At Risk Program” at Durant Public School. Durant is very close to Interstate 80 so any old friends driving through Iowa are welcome to stop by and say hi. E-mail Julie at jmall@po-1.durant-k12.ia.us

Fred Parnow ‘87
Crookston MN
Fred has joined INVEST Financial Corporation located at First American Bank in Crookston. He is a personal investment representative helping customers achieve financial independence. He and his wife, Beth, have three children: Chris, Matt and Adam.

Kim & Cheryl (Casney)
Shol ’88 & ’89
Crookston MN
Kim & Cheryl have twin daughters, Heidi and Heather, age 3. Kim was recently selected for inclusion in the 28th edition of Marquis Who’s Who in the Midwest for 1998-99. He is employed by Northwestern Mental Health Center in Crookston. E-mail Kim at kshol@nwmhc.org

Cindy (Sip) Anderson ‘94
Ada MN
Cindy was married this summer to Gregory Anderson and is currently employed by Kelly’s Chrysler in Ada.

Jeff Bergsgaard ‘95
Playa del Rey CA
Jeff recently accepted a position with Perfect Circle Solutions which is a computer software company. You e-mail Jeff at jeff@perfectcircle.com

Trevor Dale ‘98
Fargo ND
Trevor was married in May to Karen Larson. He has begun studies for his master’s degree at NDSU.

Amy Jo (Brtek) Dullum ‘97
Grand Forks ND
Amy was married on August 8th to Dana Dullum.

Jeremy Engelstad ‘98
Crookston MN
Jeremy is attending graduate school at the University of North Dakota.

Mark Erickson ‘98
Crookston MN
Mark is currently living in Crookston pursuing two career options.

Nikki Fiorini ‘98
Crookston MN
Nikki is an Americorps volunteer working with UMC’s Service Learning. She also is working with the equine program doing equine classroom technology research.

Jon Fridgen ‘98
Jon is employed with the Quaker Oats Company of Chicago, Illinois.

Michelle (Nelson) Ross ‘87 is pictured here with her family. Pictured in the front from left are her children: Madison, 5; Caleb 3 and Cullen 6. Back row are Tim and Michelle. Michelle and Tim were married in 1990 and they live in Fargo. She has been teaching aerobics for the past 10 years and is currently teaching at the YMCA in Fargo. Michelle also does daycare in her home. Her husband, Tim, farms in Harvey, ND.

Don’t forget to send a photo with your news.
Heather Haugse ’93
Rugby ND
Heather is living in Rugby and can be contacted by e-mailing her at whaugse@stellarnet.com

Debbie (Bates) Jobe ’94
Crookston MN
Debbie, her husband, Mike and her son, Ryan live in Crookston. She is the bookkeeper for the Crookston Daily Times.

R. John Johnson ’90
Blaine MN
John is working for Telident in Minneapolis. The company handles enhanced 911 telephone systems, and he has the position of their help desk manager. He also handles software development and occasionally travels to various states to provide support and training.
E-mail John at jjjohnson@citlink.com

Shawn Meyer ’98
Barnesville MN
Shawn was married on July 11 to Laura Evert.

Carrie (Gottwalt) Mouzolf ’94
Rice MN
Carrie is married and has her own daycare business.

Marlene Raddatz ’98
Wheaton ND
Marlene is currently the manager of the chemical and fertilizer department at the Crystal Co-op in Crystal ND.

Chuckie Raguse ’97
Chuckie is working in Wahalla ND teaching science and also giving horse riding lessons.

Geoffrey Menk ’98
Geoffrey is employed at Aero Services of Eden Prairie, Minnesota.

Chris & Stephanie Reck ’91
Crookston MN
Chris is the business manager at Sacred Heart School in East Grand Forks MN and also coaches girls basketball. Stephanie attended UMC from 1990-92 and is the Sports Information Coordinator for UMC. Stephanie has recently accepted a term on the UMC Alumni Board.

Lance Reitmeier ’97
Fisher MN
Lance married Jennifer Spokely in July and is attending graduate school at North Dakota State University. He also farms near Fisher.

Jennifer Tate ’98
Crookston MN
Jennifer has been named the general manager of the Fairfield Inn of Grand Forks. She is responsible for all areas of the hotel which include guest services, sales and marketing as well as hotel administration. She and her husband, Dennis, live in Crookston.

Chad Wardner ’96
Grand Forks ND
Chad married Kelsey Haug in March, and he is employed by Terra Industries.

In Memory
Earl Hunt ’71
Hallock MN
April 11, 1998

Bryon Soderfelt ’71
Ramsey MN

Dan Denison ’79
Minneapolis MN
April 20, 1998

Joel Gullickson ’83
Hanley Falls MN
May 31, 1998

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