The New “Regal” has Landed ... UMC Welcomes Mascot
Director’s Report

This is my last report to the Alumni of UMC. As a result of budget cuts, I will be moving on to another position (not at the University) yet to be determined. The work of the UMC Alumni Association is just beginning. Much gratitude is extended to all the board members I have had the opportunity to work with over the past five years. All have been strong contributors both financially and spiritually. The current board members are a dedicated group of people who realize the value of the Alumni Association. To them, I wish continued success as they move the organization forward.

Looking at the progress of the Alumni Association, some of the highlights would have to be the initiation of the Alumni Graduation Dance in the spring, the increased excitement of Homecoming, the newly created Athletic Hall of Fame, the improved Outstanding Alumni Award, and the complete renovation of The Torch. These are items that the rejuvenated Alumni Association can truly be proud of as accomplishments over the past few years. It has been fun to work with Past Presidents Jen Tate, Sue LeGare, and current President Mark Erickson. These individuals have worked hard for you.

I urge each of you to continue to support your Alumni Association in the future. Without your interest and participation through volunteerism or financial means, the Alumni Association can not succeed. Thanks for the memories, and keep in touch with your Alumni Office. So long!

Curt Almlie,
Director of Alumni Relations

"Don’t look back, because when you do, it is hard to see where you are going.”
-- Unknown

On the Cover

Our “Regal the Eagle” cover model is actually Adam Grunzke, a UMC student who works for University Relations. Adam is a sophomore majoring in sport and recreation management. His hometown is Easton, Minnesota.

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Spring Brings Growth and Change

As we approach another UMC Commencement on May 10, I am reminded that spring brings growth and change in many ways. The grass turns green and begins to grow, and we rejoice in the end of winter. The sun rises earlier and sets later. Buds appear on trees and grow, quickly changing into leaves. And then there's the growth and change experienced by this year's soon-to-be graduates and alumni.

Way back in 1990 I went through that big change when I graduated from the U of M's Morris campus and came to work at UMC in the Office of Residential Life. Going from a full-time student to a full-time employee was a big change in itself, but I also officially changed my address from that of my parents, bought a new truck, moved to a new city (Crookston), and encountered a whole new group of people I'd never met. It was then I discovered that my college friends and classmates were one of the greatest sources of support in those changing times.

Think back to your graduation from UMC. Have you kept in touch with your college friends and classmates? If not, this is a great time to contact them and make a date to meet at the Grad and Alumni Dance on May 9 or at Commencement on May 10. Keep those ties to your UMC friends and family strong. We hope to see you here on campus soon!

Andrew Svec
Director of Communications

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UMC Happenings

The UMC based Nature Northwest Project has been awarded a $30,450 grant from the Northwest Minnesota Foundation. The Foundation was interested in funding a number of enhancements to the original project: sponsorship of more extensive site visits to collect descriptive information, to verify accuracy and completeness of the natural resources inventory (sourcebook), and to collect additional geographic information and allow for the creation of new digital maps using global positioning systems (GPS); employment of a professional photographer for publication-grade photographs; and creation of a user-friendly web-based data entry and search interface that will be linked to a geographic information system (GIS). For more information, visit <www.nature-northwest.org>.

The Crookston Area Chamber of Commerce presented the UMC student body with the 2002 Chairman's Award "For exemplifying the 'Spirit of Crookston' through outstanding volunteer service to the community" at the organization's 61st Annual Dinner and Awards Banquet on January 13. The award acknowledged UMC students' hard work and dedication to strengthening the ties between UMC and the Crookston community.

UMC Career Services and Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) sponsored the First Annual Winter Job and Internship Fair for all UMC students and alumni on Wednesday, January 29, in Bede Ballroom. Eighteen companies attended the event and over 200 students took advantage of the opportunities to visit with prospective employers about job possibilities and internships.

Ryan Tripp, a junior majoring in business management and marketing from Alexandria, MN, was one of eight finalists selected to present at the Business Opportunity and Self-employment Search (BOSS) as part of the Marketplace of Ideas, North Dakota's biggest economic development conference. College students from across North Dakota and northwest Minnesota were asked to design new and innovative business and self-employment plans. Tripp presented his business plan, "Tripp Dock and Lift," a plan based on a business he first started in high school. He placed third overall.

Snow Daze, the annual winter fun festival for students, took place February 3-8. Coronation of Snow Daze royalty was held Thursday, February 6, at 8 p.m. in Kiehle Auditorium. 2003 Snow Daze Royalty included Prince Nate Emery, Princess Anna Anderson, Queen Katherine Johnson, and King Dallas Koplin. The week culminated with the annual Snow Daze Dinner and Dance on Saturday, February 8, in Bede Ballroom on campus.

UMC's notebook computer initiative and lessons learned from ten years' history of the initiative are featured in a chapter in the newly published book Ubiquitous Computing: The Universal Use of Computers on College Campuses. The chapter was written by UMC Chancellor Don Sargeant and Andrew Svec, UMC's director of communications. The book, which details notebook initiatives on several campuses including Wake Forest University and the University of Hong Kong, was edited by David G. Brown of Wake Forest University and published by Anker Publishing of Bolton, MA.

William Hunt, State Conservationist with the federal Natural Resources Conservation Service, visited the UMC campus February 7 and met with students who are currently in the Student Career Employee Program (SCEP) and others who have recently applied. Under this program, students work summer internships with the agency at different field offices and then upon graduation become permanent employees. "We have enjoyed a very productive relationship with the program here at Crookston and look forward to future progress as well," noted Hunt. Not only does UMC provide a pool of applicants for NRCS positions but, in conjunction with the Northwest Research and Outreach Center, offers in-service training for agency staff.
UMC hosted two events in conjunction with National Civic Engagement Week, Feb. 16-22. Singer-songwriter James Hersch brought his unique musical outreach program to the campus and city of Crookston on Wed., Feb. 19, 7 p.m. in Kiehle Auditorium, and Jean Strait, Faculty Development Director from Campus Compact, presented a faculty workshop on assessing value of service learning projects in student grading and student learning on Feb. 21.

Students enrolled in the equine industries management degree program sponsored the Third Annual Equine Extravaganza on Friday, February 21, at 6:30 p.m. in the University Teaching and Outreach Center Arena on the north edge of the campus. Near capacity crowds attended that and the repeat performances, which took place on Saturday, February 22, at 6:30 p.m. and on Sunday, February 23, at 2 p.m. The theme was be “A Night at the Circus.”

Academic Affairs hosted a reception “Celebrating the Scholarship of Writing” on Monday, February 24, from 4-5 p.m. in the Heritage Room, 124 Kiehle Building. The reception honored those associated with UMC who have published written works and research over the past year.

UMC Students Tim Gerla, Dan Oberg, and Ryan Tripp traveled to the Twin Cities campus Wednesday, February 26, to take part in “Impress the President—Public Engagement and Research Initiatives: A Student Expo.” Students from across the U of M system presented information about undergraduate research and other projects in which they have taken part. Tim Gerla presented work he has done with Assistant Professor David DeMuth in the development of Web-based tools for the MINOS Experiment. He also took part in the presentation circle, representing the entire UMC campus. Dan Oberg presented his work with Assistant Professor John Loegering on a research project to determine the type of bird feeder certain finch species prefer. And Ryan Tripp presented a business plan, Tripp Dock and Lift, which he developed and presented earlier in the year at the Marketplace of Ideas Conference in Grand Forks.

On Friday, February 28, Robert Bruininks was inaugurated as the 15th president of the University of Minnesota. UMC Chancellor Don Sargeant was a platform guest for the event, but he was not the only person from UMC to attend the ceremonies in Minneapolis. UMC Professor of Natural Resources Dan Svedarsky was also in attendance. Svedarsky, current chair of the 160-member U of M Academy of Distinguished Teachers, presented President Bruininks with a salutatory card from the Academy. A group of five UMC students—Nate Saete, Katherine Johnson, Kyle Rollness, Jean Korkowski, and Kim Pinske—also attended the ceremonies to represent the UMC study body.

UMC has been selected to participate in a national study of student civic engagement on college campuses. The study, sponsored by the National Campus Compact, will focus on measuring the extent and nature of student civic engagement and on better understanding student conceptions of politics and citizenship. UMC will be one of five case study sites selected from among 200 colleges and universities. Case studies will be conducted by RMC Research Corporation and will involve a 2-3 day site visit in late March or early April.
About 25 UMC students spent several hours in a bus to attend the annual U of M Student Lobby Day at the State Capitol in St. Paul on Thursday, March 6. Students from all campuses of the U of M System met in Coffman Memorial Union on the Twin Cities Campus before attending a rally at the Capitol and then meeting with their home district state representatives and senators.

Ross Hier, assistant wildlife manager for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and adjunct faculty member for UMC's Natural Resources Department, and Daniel Oberg, wildlife management student at UMC, have received awards from the Minnesota Chapter of The Wildlife Society. The Minnesota Award, presented to Hier, recognizes "outstanding contributions to Minnesota's wildlife and natural resources." The Student Conservationist Award, presented to Oberg, recognizes the top wildlife student from among all of Minnesota's colleges and universities. Oberg, a wildlife management student from Isanti, Minnesota, is the fourth UMC student in the last six years to receive this top honor.

James Robert Doster, Jr. and Jim Thomasson, UMC associate professor of philosophy, signed copies of their recently published book, Be the Best That You Can Be...Every Day of Your Life - The Collected Wisdom of "Chick's Chestnuts," for students, faculty, and staff on Thursday, March 6 in Sahlistrom Conference Center. The book is available at the UMC Bookstore, now located in Robertson Hall.

Special speakers for Women's History Month included Heidi Heitkamp, former attorney general and gubernatorial candidate for North Dakota, who presented "Lessons I Have Learned," Tuesday, March 18, at 7 p.m., in Kiehle Auditorium; and Barbara Handy-Marchello, associate professor of history at the University of North Dakota, who presented "Land, Liquor and the Women of Hatton, North Dakota," Wednesday, March 26, at noon in Youngquist Auditorium.

UMC Chancellor Don Sargeant and Northwest Research and Outreach Center (NWROC) Head Larry Smith signed a memorandum of understanding with the Red River Basin Institute on Tuesday, March 11. The purpose is to establish a framework for cooperation and coordination between the Institute and other research entities in the Red River Basin. The agreement will provide a framework to identify and prioritize research needs related to flood damage reduction and natural resource management, to develop proposals to address these needs, and to focus fundraising efforts by the signatories through the Red River Basin Institute.

UMC served as the host site for MACT*FEST 2003, "Stars of the North," the 16th biennial play festival of the Minnesota Association of Community Theatres, April 2-6. Productions by 18 Minnesota community theater companies were presented along with various workshops throughout the week. For more information visit <www.MACT.net>.

Danielle Helmrichs, a UMC dietetics technician student from Deer Creek, Minnesota, has been chosen by the Minnesota Dietetic Association (MDA) to represent the state in the American Dietetic Association's (ADA) student award program. She is one of four students, each representing a different type of dietetics program within the state, to be honored. Helmrichs will be recognized in the Journal of the American Dietetic Association and will be invited to an MDA honor luncheon to be held in May.
Ag-Arama Still Strong After 28 Years

The 28th Annual Ag-Arama was held January 25 in UMC’s University Teaching and Outreach Center (UTOC). Over 300 people attended the event.

Dallas Koplin, a junior majoring in agriculture education from Campbell, MN, was named Ag-Arama King, and Cheryl Isder, a junior majoring in natural resource management-water resources management from Little Falls, MN, was named Ag-Arama Queen. Luke Wittkop of Freeport, MN, and Sara Krippner of Kimball, MN, were named Ag-Arama Prince and Princess.

Bill Rinkenberger of Fosston, MN, received the coveted True Grit Award for his active participation and leadership as a student in UMC’s Center for Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Two alumni True Grit Award winners attended Ag-Arama 2003. Bonnie Haehnel ’00 (left) and James Kruize ’91 (right) congratulate 2003 True Grit Award winner Bill Rinkenberger (center) of Fosston.

For more information visit the Ag-Arama website: <webhome.crk.umn.edu/clubs/agarama>.

Ag-Arama Royalty 2003: (from left) Prince Luke Wittkop, Princess Sara Krippner, Queen Cheryl Isder, and King Dallas Koplin

Other contest winners included:
- Robin Animal Science Showmanship Sweepstakes, Staci Stykerman of Lamoure, ND, and Nick Ziemann of Detroit Lakes, MN (tie)
- Agronomy Sweepstakes, Tim Adams of Eleva, WI
- Mech-Ag-Athon (Mechanized Agriculture Contest), Tom Rude of Zumbrota, MN
- Ag Industries Show, Tim Kozojed of Mayville, ND
- Natural Resources Sweepstakes, Ben Feiro of Crookston, MN
- Natural Resources Sportsmanship Award, Chris Alford of New Orleans, LA

UMC ROTC Grads Receive Commission

Two UMC students participating in the U.S. Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) were commissioned at a special ceremony held Friday, December 20, on the campus of the University of North Dakota. W. Ray Krieger (left) of Taylor, Michigan, and Matthew McBlair (right) of Crookston were awarded the rank of second lieutenant at the ceremony. This fall semester Krieger completed the requirements for his UMC bachelor’s degree in applied studies, and McBlair completed the requirements for his bachelor’s in agricultural aviation.

Both are members of Air Force ROTC Detachment 610.

McBlair received special recognition when he was named a “Blue Chip” graduate by Colonel Patrick Keating, Commander, Air Force ROTC Detachment 610. The Blue Chip designation will allow McBlair to receive preferential consideration for advanced graduate study at the Air Force Institute of Technology. Only the top 15 percent of the roughly 2,800 ROTC commissions each year receive this designation. Krieger will be stationed at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. McBlair will begin pilot training at Columbus Air Force Base in Mississippi in early 2003.

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Alpha Lambda Delta Chapter Installed

The UMC Chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta, a national society that honors academic excellence during a student's first year at college, was officially installed at ceremonies held Monday, March 24, at 7 p.m. in Kiehle Auditorium. Twenty-eight UMC students were inducted, as were five honorary members: Kami Mattson, administrative advisor; James Thomasson, faculty advisor; Doug Knowlton, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs; Bob Nelson, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs; and Chancellor Don Sargeant.

Founded in the spring of 1924 at the University of Illinois, Alpha Lambda Delta is a national honor society that recognizes and encourages academic excellence among first year students. Today, Alpha Lambda Delta has over 230 chapters throughout the nation and offers over $100,000 in scholarships to its members. Membership in Alpha Lambda Delta is open to full-time freshmen students who earn a scholastic grade point average of 3.5 or better at a four-year college or university.

Pictured above are (back row): Kami Mattson, Advisor; James Thomasson, Faculty Advisor; Don Sargeant, UMC Chancellor; Doug Knowlton, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs; (front row): Jan VanderVeer ALD Installing Faculty Officer from South Dakota State University; Jonathan Hovda, ALD Installing Student Officer from UND; ALD Chapter President DeAnn Ebert; Heidi Sperling, Secretary; Melissa Alland, Vice President; Kyle Page, Treasurer; Sara Krippner, CSA Rep; and Judy Maki, Webmaster. Learn more about Alpha Lambda Delta at <www.mercer.edu/ald> and at <webhome.crk.umn.edu/clubs/Honors>.

Zeta Chapter of Clovia Initiated

On Sunday, March 30, thirteen UMC women officially became the first sorority on campus when they were initiated as the Zeta Chapter of Clovia at a special ceremony and banquet at the Northland Inn. The Zetas worked closely with the Beta Chapter, based on the U of M's St. Paul Campus, to organize.

Alpha of Clovia, an independent scholarship house, was established in 1931 by seven 4-H students, forming the first cooperative house at Kansas State University. Beta of Clovia was founded in 1937 at the University of Minnesota's St. Paul Campus. Those active chapters are now joined by UMC's Zeta Chapter.

Clovia originally was a 4-H sorority. Today, 4-H membership is not required.

Regal Gets a Makeover

He's a little less yellow now and a little more gold. His beak's a little bigger, he has a new uniform, and the "kinda looks like a chicken" comments have finally stopped. Regal the Golden Eagle, UMC's mascot, just got a makeover!

Ever since UMC officially became the Golden Eagles back in 1996, the campus has struggled to find an appropriate mascot to appear at campus games and events. When the campus Image and Marketing Committee worked with Grand Forks ad company AdMonkeys to develop the current eagle head logo in 2001, the new design was extremely well received. The next step was to use the logo design to help revamp the existing fuzzy mascot.

"Regal's definitely been working out," says Andrew Svec, UMC's director of communications, "and we all are wondering if he hasn't had a little plastic surgery." Plastic surgery might be an understatement. The new mascot was built from scratch.

The committee worked with Maydwell Mascots, a Toronto, Canada, based company that specializes in custom made corporate and sports mascots, to develop Regal's new look. The company's website <www.maydwell.com> features a gallery showcase of the various mascots that includes the new UMC Golden Eagle. First a few concept sketches were made, refined, and approved. Then the company went ahead and created an entirely new head based on the Golden Eagle logo.

The new Regal made his debut amidst cheers during halftime of the women's basketball game on Friday, February 22. The week before, elementary school children across Crookston got the chance to color a drawing of the new Regal. The winners of the coloring contest got the chance to meet him at halftime. He made a splash and was a huge success, especially thanks to Adam Stelton of Kimball, Minnesota, who donned the suit and became the Golden One.

Ever since, the new Regal has been making appearances all over the campus. Thanks to Amy Kovarik, Tom Lindo, and other students, he can be seen walking the halls on Fridays giving out candy to those who are showing their UMC spirit by wearing maroon and gold.

"We're really pleased with the positive reaction the new Regal has received," says Svec. "The new look certainly adds a level of credibility and fun. I think Regal can now proudly stand next to Goldy Gopher, the Morris Cougar, and the Duluth Bulldog. Although the gopher might not want to get too close if Regal's missed a meal..."
Living in the Land of Saunas

UMC Alumnus Dominik Röser Tells About Life in Finland

Both of us, Maria Krueger and Dominik Röser, graduated from UMC in spring 2001 with degrees in natural resource management. Maria is originally from Perham, Minn., and I am from Mannheim, Germany. We met during our studies in Crookston, and shortly after graduation our son Benedict was born. Then we moved to Germany, where we got married in August 2001.

The next big step in life was the decision to move to Joensuu, Finland, where I planned to continue my studies for a master’s degree. We moved to Joensuu, a city of about 5,000 people located in the eastern part of Finland 550 km northeast of Helsinki and less than 100 km from the Russian border.

Finland is known for its abundant forest resources and its leading role in forestry, which provided a good basis for my master’s. I had been in Finland previously for a student exchange, which I enjoyed thoroughly, and that also affected our decision to move here. After studying natural resource management at UMC it was a journey back to my “roots,” since in Germany I started my undergraduate studies in forestry.

Soon after our arrival in Joensuu, I heard of a new master’s program that was going to be launched in the beginning of 2002. The program is called MSc. European Forestry. It is a joint effort of different forestry faculties across Europe. The aim of the program is for students to deal with all aspects of forestry from an international and particularly European perspective. During the studies we had a four-week introductory course in Sweden and a two-week course in Spain. Also included was an internship period of ten weeks, courses, and a thesis.

I graduated in December 2002, and I now have a job as a researcher at the Finnish Forest Research Institute in the area of international forestry technology. I have been working a great deal with the procurement and properties of wood-based fuels and wood energy in general. I plan to continue my studies for a Ph.D. related to forest technology.

Maria is also enrolled at the University of Joensuu for a master’s in forestry. The topic of her studies is not yet exactly clear, but she hopes to use her emphasis in park and recreational management from UMC to develop a recreation plan for a model forest project in Russia. Maria was also asked by the Forestry Faculty if she would do language checks for papers and abstracts of the University, so she puts in a few hours every week to do that. For the most part, she is home taking care of our son Benedict, who just turned two at the beginning of March.

Finland is so much like Minnesota in regards to the landscape, lakes, and seasons, and this lessened the “culture shock.” Finland is 338,000 square kilometres, of which 10% is water and 69% is forest. In total there are about 187,888 lakes, 5,100 rapids, and 179,584 islands. This mixture of trees and water makes the landscape very unique and scenic. Finland is also rich in bogs and fens, which cover large parts of the country and provide habitat for numerous flora and fauna species.

The climate is also similar to that of Minnesota: marked by cold winters and fairly warm summers. One of the largest differences is the location near the Arctic Circle. In the far north of the country the sun does not set for about 73 days, producing the white nights of summer. On the other hand, in winter the sun remains below the horizon for 51 days. In Joensuu, where we live, the situation is not as extreme. Nevertheless, during the month of May, June and July there is no darkness during the night, which makes the days seem to last forever. It does come in very handy when you can go on a fishing trip until about 3 o’clock in the morning before it gets dark.

The longest night of the summer is celebrated with "Juhannus" or Mid-
summer Day on June 21. The traditional celebrations include being at your summer cottage, going to sauna, drinking vodka or beer, and making a big fire. It is a really strange feeling being in town during that weekend, since cities seem totally deserted.

Natural resources—and forests in particular—are an essential part of the Finnish tradition. With 76% of the land area under forest cover, Finland is the most heavily forested country in Europe, thus forestry is a major industry, accounting for 8% of the Finnish gross domestic product and with forest products about 30% of exports.

But the forests also have a very important role in a spiritual way and for recreation. It is part of the Finnish tradition to go out in the forest to find peace and have time to think. Recreation also takes place to a large extent in the forests. We are still amazed by the number of hiking trails and cross-country skiing trails that can be found in and around Joensuu. A classic outdoor event is to go for a hike to a shelter somewhere in the woods, make a fire, drink beer, and eat sausages that are called “Makkara”. The peculiar thing about these sausages is that they really don’t have much taste (at least to a foreigner). But I can say from my own experience that you get used to the taste, and after one and a half years here in Finland I am actually looking forward to a weekend of nature, fire, beer and makkara.

Traveling to Lapland in the north is also always worth a trip, in particular since Santa Claus is known to have his home near Rovaniemi. With a bit of luck it is also possible to see Aurora borealis (northern lights) in its best form during a dark clear night. A visit to a reindeer farm together with a reindeer meal should also always be on the agenda. In case you don’t make it to the reindeer farm, you can be sure to meet some of these semi-wild animals in the middle of the road going for their afternoon walk and not bothered at all that you would like to pass them.

Finns are known to be shy and quiet people, and we have found this to be true. It was difficult in the beginning to get to know them. We think of Minnesota sometimes and remember driving down a country road with one vehicle in sight. Even then you can be pretty certain that person will wave at you while passing. Here people will most likely walk by with their heads down, and sometimes if you say hello, they get a scared look on their face and walk a little faster than before. But once you get to know them, they are extremely kind and very giving people.

One of the most important Finnish traditions is the sauna. There isn’t a house or apartment that doesn’t have a sauna, and there are also saunas in summer cottages along the lakeshores. It is estimated that there are about 2 million saunas for the 5 million people living in Finland. The ritual is to get naked and sweat in the sauna. Some people also like to hit themselves with birch twigs to stimulate the blood circulation. Maria has refrained, so far, from hitting herself with the birch twigs, but we have both come to really appreciate a good sauna.

In the winter it is also common to cut a hole in the ice and, after heating up really good in the sauna, one runs naked to the lake and jumps in the hole. It sounds terrible, but after you do it you really feel like a true woman or man! If you come to Finland, don’t be shocked by spying people sitting outside their cabins or homes naked playing cards or streaking towards the lake, since it is considered normal behavior.

Another thing often seen is a husband and wife walking down the sidewalk wearing matching wind suits, using walking sticks. It was one thing that struck us, and we always got a good laugh out of it. We are actually thinking of investing in our own wind suits and walking sticks, that’s how far we have come!

Finally, there is the language and Finnish conversation strategies. Finnish is a very difficult language to learn and, consequently, to speak. Many times we are in the store trying to figure out what a package says, but we can assure you that one gets used to it, and our shopping time has decreased a lot since we came here.

Silence is definitely part of the Finnish conversation strategy. As far as we know there is no such thing as an “awkward silence.” It is part of the everyday life. It is not surprising that Nokia cell phones are from Finland, since talking on cell phones is as much part of everyday life than going to sauna. I don’t think we have met anybody here that didn’t have a cell phone. Some people say that Finns need cell phones. Since they are so shy, talking on the phone helps them overcome their shyness.

We have now been here for two years and have loved every minute of it. Of course, there are hard times as well, and being away from family and friends isn’t always easy. But our coming to Finland has made us both stronger people in the process and has enabled us to see life from a different perspective. We would like to encourage others to take the chance to see something different, even if it is only for a while. There are numerous exchange possibilities for students and teachers at UMC. Joensuu is one of them. The experience to live in a different country is very rewarding and will also contribute to better global understanding.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions. We are glad to help! Our e-mail addresses are: maria.roser@joensuu.fi and dominik.roser@metla.fi.
Plant ecologist says UMC helped him “discover the possibilities”

“I wanted to get back to agriculture,” says Todd Pester, Ph.D., Plant Ecologist in Biotechnology Regulatory Sciences, at Monsanto Company, when asked about why he does what he does. Pester is a plant ecologist working with Monsanto Biotechnology Regulatory Sciences in St. Louis, Missouri. He graduated from the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) in 1986 with a two-year A.A.S. degree in agricultural business management.

Following graduation, Pester worked for his family involved both with the farm operation and their trucking business. After six years however, he decided to return to UMC to continue his education. At that time UMC had not yet developed any bachelor’s degree programs. But Peter knew that he wanted to pursue his doctorate, so after a third year at UMC, he then transferred to the St. Paul Campus of the University of Minnesota, where he completed his bachelor’s degree and went on to earn his master’s degree in weed science.

After that he immediately entered the doctoral program at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, where he completed his Ph.D. in Weed Ecology in December of 2000 and
went to work for Monsanto. He is currently responsible for generating plant ecological assessment data that is reviewed by worldwide regulatory agencies such as the USDA. He says his degree led him directly into what he is doing now, and he enjoys it.

Pester's wife, Dawn Wyse-Pester, Ph.D., also works for Monsanto as a project manager in the company's lawn and garden business. She manages research to commercialize Monsanto's lawn and garden products. They met during their undergraduate studies in St. Paul. At that time Wyse-Pester was majoring in plant science and her father, Donald Wyse, served as a professor in agronomy and plant genetics on the St. Paul campus.

A Personal Touch

"The coursework, activities, and relationships I experienced at UMC prepared me for my transition to the St. Paul campus, and they provided a solid foundation to begin a career in agriculture," says Pester. "I knew I wanted to be involved with producing food and agricultural products, but I had a limited view of the possibilities. The faculty at UMC helped me develop my vision, identify my potential, and begin discovering the possibilities." According to Pester, those most influential to his positive experience at UMC included Professors Marv Mattson, Chuck Habstritt, and the late Don Keith—all in UMC's Agronomy Department—and Chemistry Professor Paul Holm.

"It's important for people to set goals for themselves and to strive to achieve them," says Pester. With the assistance he received from the faculty and staff at UMC, he was able to develop the vision for his future. "I knew I wanted to pursue my Ph.D. and they (Mattson, Habstritt, and Keith) helped me and encouraged me to continue my path. I was able to get the basic knowledge of plant sciences with the personal touch, and I was very well prepared to continue on to graduate degrees in agriculture," he says.

"We were able to give Todd the personal touch, as we do will all of our students," says Agronomy Professor Marv Mattson. "We are a small enough campus that we can show and teach each student the fundamentals. Students can address real world problems using skills they learn here at UMC. Our hands-on approach allows students to experience learning first hand in the field and in the laboratory." Pester agrees, "being a high school graduate from Fisher, Minnesota, I eased into a personal setting where people had a common interest, which was to help me achieve what I wanted to do."

Agriculture Careers

Pester cites UMC's culture and nurturing environment as having had a positive influence on his life and career. Pester says that people seeking to further their education should seriously consider UMC, as it continues to be a place where students can learn in a nurturing environment, increase their vision of the world, and realize their potential.

He also credits working for Monsanto for giving him a new perspective on agriculture. "Agricultural companies will always value people with a farming background, a solid understanding of plant sciences, and a strong work ethic," he says. "I currently conduct and manage regulatory research as an ecologist for Monsanto. I really enjoy my position, and Monsanto is a great company to work for."

He points to the cutting-edge technology that he works with, such as genetically modified organisms (GMOs). GMOs are both innovative and controversial, but, he says, they are a real part of the future of agriculture. Pester says Monsanto is working to improve agricultural systems throughout the world and in turn improve the lives of people, and he is helping them do that.

When he looks ahead, he says that perhaps someday he would like to get involved in education. "Until then, his work at Monsanto, built on his educational foundation from UMC, will only enhance his knowledge and experience no matter where his future leads him."
Alumni Comment on UMC’s Commitment to Agriculture

“Agribusiness is here...right here in the valley. Farming today is ten percent of agriculture,” says Dave Dufault, area sales manager for J.R. Simplot Soilbuilders. “Agriculture includes many additional areas: fertilizer, chemicals, land and livestock, food and fiber, and of course turf or horticulture,” says Dufault.

Dufault, an alumnus of the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) and currently Simplot sales manager based out of East Grand Forks, along with J.R. Simplot crop advisors and fellow UMC alumni, Trent Johnson, Scott Cameron, and Chris Hoff stepped back on the campus in early April to speak with current agronomy students.

Dufault and Johnson emphasized the opportunities available in agronomy and agriculture in general. “The world is your office, travel is great, and you are not confined to a cubicle,” Johnson told the class. He went on to explain to students that the field of agronomy is vast and growing. “The personal contact I have daily and quarterly with my clients,” he said, “well, it includes personal contact. It isn’t a typical nine-to-five working environment.”

Johnson, a crop advisor, consults with area farmers and scientists on his staff to deliver information to his clients about products, application procedures, and yield information. “I never face the same challenge twice, and if I think I have an obstacle totally figured out, well, I am in trouble,” Johnson said.

Everyone knows your name

Small class sizes, one-on-one instruction, and the personal touch are hallmarks of UMC. “It’s like being at Cheer—everyone knows your name,” says Hoff. “It was really hard to not be known at UMC. I graduated in 1989, and when we were on campus [to speak to the class] everyone still remembered me and greeted me by my first name. You just don’t get that at a larger institution.”

Scott Cameron, 1997 agronomy alum, mentioned that the technology experience at UMC is a nice advantage. He says, “I interned and worked at another company prior to coming to J.R. Simplot, and the technology and applied knowledge of agronomy and agriculture gave me the extra edge when landing my current position.”

Learning by doing

Dufault, Hoff, Cameron, and Johnson all agreed that UMC is committed to agriculture. They also agreed that agriculture was more than land and animals or “plows and cows.” Many programs fall under the umbrella of agriculture. “It is our job to educate students about agriculture,” says Marv Mattson, associate professor of agronomy at UMC. “One of the reasons I wanted these four gentlemen to come back and visit the current students was to alert them of the jobs, challenges, and successes they can look forward to in agriculture.”

According to Hoff, faculty and staff encourage students to try different classes, “UMC gave me the hands-on experience needed to succeed in my current position.” Johnson advised students to “talk to people, intern, and if you can come out of UMC with several seasons (summers) of an internship or employment in the field, you are sure to succeed.

Cameron related his own personal story, “I started at UMC with the intent of becoming a crop duster, and once I started the internship I realized I hated it. That was okay, because it gave me the chance to see what other opportunities were available.” Cameron left aviation and moved into agronomy very easily, and he is happy regarding his decision.

Dave Dufault, J.R. Simplot Company area sales manager, graduated in agriculture business management in 1985; Scott Cameron, J.R. Simplot crop advisor graduated in agronomy in 1997; Trent Johnson, J.R. Simplot crop advisor, graduated in agriculture in 1995; and Chris Hoff, J.R. Simplot Crop Advisor, graduated in agronomy in 1999. All of them are pleased with the education and experience they received at UMC.
A Family’s Distance Learning Story

In order to earn their degrees from the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC), Liz Tollefson (class of 2002) and her daughters Megan (2002) and Carrie (2001) had to take classes all over the state—East Grand Forks, Marshall, Crookston, and St. Paul. It’s not as complicated as it sounds, though. Thanks to distance learning classes, they were able to complete most of their studies without ever leaving Crookston.

Liz, Megan, and Carrie all earned bachelors degrees in Scientific and Technical Communication, a partnership program developed by the Department of Rhetoric on the U’s St. Paul campus. Students enrolled in the program complete their first two years of study at either UMC, Southwest State, or Rochester Community and Technical College, and their last two years through interactive television (ITV) and on-line classes offered by the Department of Rhetoric. This approach gives students access to instructors and programs that would likely not otherwise be available on a smaller campus. Each of the Tollefsons took seven or eight classes via ITV, and Liz took an on-line class as well.

Liz had, she reports, “a very positive ITV experience right away” with University of Minnesota instructors Linda Clemens and David Beard and Southwest State assistant professor Suzanne Black. All were excellent at drawing distance education students into the classroom. And Clemens even made a visit to Crookston to meet with students there, which really helped to connect them.

Carrie admits that the ITV setting can take some getting used to, but that “professors who took the time to acknowledge that I was still a part of the class made it feel very much like a traditional classroom.” It might be hard, for example, for a student in a remote location to interrupt to ask a question—something the instructor can address by periodically stopping and allowing for questions. She adds that “respectful interaction” between sites is essential. Megan found her ITV classes to be more structured than traditional classes, with a definite plan for each meeting that was followed very closely, and a backup plan in case of technological difficulties. All three Tollefsons say that flexibility and use of e-mail are keys to success. And, they note, it’s up to the student to remain focused and involved.

During Spring 2001, Liz took “Writing and Managing Large Projects and Proposals” (Rhetoric 4671), an on-line class taught by Victoria Mikelonis at the U of M, Twin Cities. Mikelonis facilitated the learning process by preparing a packet of instructional material and organizing peer review groups, which helped connect her to other students. Making a visit to the St. Paul campus to meet in person was also beneficial. Liz set up a time each week to concentrate on the packet and what she’d need to do to complete it. The discipline this required was balanced by one clear advantage of on-line classes—being able to work when it was convenient for her.

As part of the class, Liz wrote a grant proposal for UMC’s Service-Learning Office, which involves students and faculty in course-related community service projects. The proposal was submitted to the Otto Bremer Foundation, which awarded a grant of $100,000 to UMC. Liz notes that she had great support during the grant-writing process and that e-mail was the “lifeline” between the instructor, the Service-Learning Office, and herself.

The benefits of distance learning extend beyond graduation by preparing students to work in an increasingly technological work force. According to Megan, “ITV classes taught me a new way of communicating. You learn how to work in very unique groups, how to be creative when the traditional way of doing things doesn’t work.” When Carrie interviewed for an internship, the fact that she had taken ITV classes was a selling point. “We often work across distances,” she explains, “and the fact that I had experience with that made me more qualified to work in an environment that required the same kind of distance interaction.”

All three Tollefsons endorse distance education options and encourage others to explore them. “If you have a good instructor and hold up your end, it is a great experience” says Megan.

Editor’s note: this article was written by Sandra Ecklein, Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost, University of Minnesota, who graciously allowed us to reprint it here in the Torch. Currently Liz Tollefson is working at UMC in the Office of Development. She is working with the various publications produced by that office and is also heavily involved with grant writing for the campus. Megan Tollefson is working for the Crookston Chamber of Commerce and is also pursuing a master’s degree in communication at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks. Carrie Tollefson began working for the UMC Office of Admissions in the fall of 2002. She is currently working on developing and improving the communications strategies used by that office.
Current and former UMC natural resources students attended the statewide aggregate conference held March 6 and 7 at the Civic Center in St. Cloud. The meeting addressed the "importance, regulations, and environmental effects" of aggregate mining with a primary focus on Minnesota.

Aggregate includes sand and gravel resources as well as crushed stone from quarries. Aggregate use in the U.S. is increasing at the rate of two to three percent per year, with use averaging 10.5 tons per year for each American. Aggregate is used in home construction and repair, road development and maintenance, and as an ingredient in many products. One mile of 4-lane highway uses 10,000 tons of aggregate.

The conference attracted over 300 engineers, planners, attorneys, agency personnel, landscape architects, local government officials, and biologists. The organizing committee was chaired by Rob Sip, a 1996 UMC grad and current Environmental Services Supervisor with Stearns County, and included Brian Winter '78, Director of Science and Stewardship with The Nature Conservancy for prairie regions of Minnesota and the Dakotas, and Dan Svedarsky, Professor of Natural Resources at UMC. "The conference attendance exceeded our expectations," according to Sip, "which affirms the importance and timeliness of this meeting."

In many areas of the state, especially in high population growth centers, there is a collision course underway between supply and demand. Not only have many resource supplies been exhausted, but others have been made unavailable due to surface developments on top of deposits. Since haul distance is a primary determinant of aggregate cost, efforts are made to locate supplies near use areas, but this is sometimes difficult due to people not wanting to have extraction facilities close to their residences. The average cost or aggregate per cubic yard in northwest Minnesota is $4.80 compared to $7.70 in the Metro area.

Svedarsky and UMC student Daniel Weber presented a paper entitled, "Case studies of post-mining environments in northwest Minnesota." In the paper they discussed the range of habitats which develop after mining using examples mostly from Polk, Pennington, and Red Lake counties. Reclamation guidelines with a wildlife focus were presented along with environmental education uses. Often wildlife habitat is the cheapest end use for gravel pit sites, and with proper planning and design it can be quite beneficial, especially for wetland wildlife.

Svedarsky, also a wildlife research biologist with the Northwest Research and Outreach Center (NWROC), began studies of gravel pit reclamation for wildlife in the early 1980s on land owned by the NWROC. The land contained a 40-acre worked-out gravel pit. The area would eventually become known as the Red River Valley Natural History Area, and this work was the impetus for staging an international symposium in 1982 on the, "Wildlife values of gravel pits." Proceedings of that meeting, held in Crookston, are still in demand.

Also attending the St. Cloud meeting were Gordon Olson '72, Planning and Zoning Administrator with Jackson County; Wayne Cymbaluk '95, Planner, Stearns County Environmental Services; and Brad Vierkant '99, Restorationist, Prairie Restorations, Inc. based in Princeton. "It's always nice to see UMC grads at these professional meetings," noted Svedarsky. "This excellent session elevated participants to a new level of understanding about aggregate resources from which we can all move forward."

More information about the conference and materials presented can be found at the following web site:

<www.mncounties.org/Meetings/aggregate_mining_conference_03.htm>
From the Chancellor

Spring is an exhilarating time on a college campus, and this year is no different. The snow is gone, and it's great to see the students casually walking across campus. Then there are the student achievement and athletic programs, plays, musical performances, and year-end celebrations including commencement. The opportunities for conversation and to support one another are many. These activities bring lots of smiles and joy to this Chancellor.

Bede Hall is now closed in preparation for the construction of a new student center. Most of the student activities offices have moved to Dowell Hall, and the bookstore, health services, and post office have moved to Robertson. Of course, the closure of Bede has changed the walking traffic patterns. The students don't mind walking outside between buildings now, but I'm sure it will be a big deal next winter. In that way it is more like the old days on campus.

Spring also means planning and implementing next year's budget. This is the year of budget cuts. No fun. No joy. Shortly we will see the Minnesota House and Senate budget proposals for higher education. The Governor's budget recommendation would reduce the UMC budget by about a million dollars. There seems to be a movement in Minnesota away from the feeling that an educated citizenry is one of the most important values for our state—locally, nationally, or globally. We are working hard to get a budget cut of that size reduced and would appreciate any help you can provide. We encourage all UMC alumni to contact their legislators and voice their support for UMC and the U of M.

Finally, as I look to June, when I will step down as Chancellor, I want to offer my thanks for your support over the years. My service as UMC Chancellor began in March 1985. It has been an honor and privilege, as well as a great learning opportunity. I really enjoyed it and know I'll miss it. But I plan to continue to work at UMC. Our friendships remain.

[Signature]

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From the Alumni Association President
Mark Erickson '98

After a long winter the first signs of spring are finally upon us. The snow is starting to retreat, and the grass is regaining its green color. The first signs of spring mean that UMC Graduation is around the corner.

The weekend starts with the Forth Annual Alumni and Grad Dance at the Northland Inn on Friday, May 9. Commencement will follow on Saturday, May 10. I encourage as many of you as possible to come back and celebrate with the graduates and visit the UMC campus.

With your visit to campus you will see many new and exciting changes. In the past year the Kiehle Building was remodeled and has a new look. Kiehle is the new home to the UMC Alumni Association. Please stop in and say hi.

Another big change to the campus is that Bede Hall will be coming down and will be replaced with a new student center that will be open the fall of 2004.

I am encouraging all alumni to get involved with UMC and take a more active role in your college. Many of you are strong contributors to the UMC Alumni Association Fund. We appreciate your support, which allows us to take active roles in Homecoming, Outstanding Alumni Awards, Ag-Arama, the Alumni and Grad Dance, and Commencement. The Alumni Association is always looking for ways to meet the needs of our members. I encourage alumni to come back to sporting events, educational activities, and Commencement just a name to few.

The UMC Alumni Association Board of Directors is here to serve you and to be a bridge between the campus and our alumni. The UMC Alumni Association is young in the terms of alumni associations. UMC began as a two year college in 1966, and we only started having "four-year" graduates in 1994. We're a young group, but we have seen an increase in involvement and growth each year thanks to our loyal graduates.

I get the chance to visit with many past graduates. I usually ask them why they are still involved in UMC activities. Many of them tell of great experiences and friendly faculty and staff at UMC. I can only agree. To this day, every time I visit the campus I am greeted by warm and friendly faces.

If you have not had a chance to visit the UMC Alumni Association website, please stop by and check it out. It's a great place to find old friends and keep up on UMC events. The website is located at <www.crk.umn.edu/people/alumni>.

I hope to see many of you back on graduation weekend and also keep in mind that Homecoming is September 19-20. My e-mail is marke13@hotmail.com, so if I or the Alumni Board can be of assistance, please contact me.

Join us for UMC Homecoming 2003 on September 19 and 20!
From the Director of Development

In times like these our thoughts are with all of our troops, and in particular the several University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) students who have been called to defend our country and the freedom we enjoy. We are proud of these students and appreciative of their willingness to defend the freedoms we too often have taken for granted.

One of the freedoms we, as Americans, have been blessed with is the opportunity to an education. As University of Minnesota alumnus and nationally renowned journalist the late Carl T. Rowan said, "The library is the temple of learning, and learning has liberated more people than all the wars in history." This quote has never rung more true.

His is not a denunciation of war as such, but a heartfelt endorsement of the power of an education and learning, as well as an appreciation for the freedom that education can provide. This is but one of the many freedoms that the war on terrorism is defending.

Recently, we have been using the fundraising theme "Giving Makes Greatness Possible." Giving has taken on a greater meaning as many of our soldiers have literally given their lives for us. In light of these events, seeking support for our scholarship efforts seems misplaced, until one realizes that the opportunity to gain an education is not only one of the freedoms being fought for, but that education is the best chance we have for a peaceful future.

We are neither endorsing nor condoning the war, but we are thankful for our troops and their efforts. We are also thankful for supporters and their gifts. Please continue to support the liberating efforts of our young men and women, both in the service and in our University.

Michael Meyer, Director of Development

Help Celebrate Don and Mary Beth Sargeant's Contributions June 6

Join the UMC campus and the Crookston community on Friday, June 6, at the Northland Inn of Crookston from 9 p.m. to midnight for a special evening honoring Don and Mary Beth Sargeant. On June 30 Chancellor Sargeant will step down from the Chancellor’s seat after 18 years. Over that time he has guided the campus from a two-year to a four-year baccalaureate mission and though the transition to a "Laptop University." Everyone is invited.

Gifts are not necessary, but will be accepted through the Chancellor Donald and Mary Beth Sargeant Endowed Scholarship Fund. If you have any questions, you may contact Mike Meyer in the UMC Development Office at 218.281.8434 or via e-mail at meyer243@umn.edu.
Jim Clauson and Jeff Perreault, both former UMC hockey players and members of the UMC Athletic Hall of Fame, were honored Sunday, February 23, as their jerseys were retired prior to the Midwest Collegiate Hockey Association conference championship game at the Crookston Civic Arena.

Jim Clauson played for UMC in the 1970s. He had an instrumental role in UMC's state championship in 1973 when the then Trojans traveled to Lake Placid, NY, and took second in the national junior college tournament. Clauson scored 80 points in his freshman year and scored 40 as a sophomore despite being injured. He earned the Mike Davis Memorial Award in 1974 and was named Most Valuable Player.

Gary Warren, current head coach at UMC, remembers Clauson from his own college career at Itasca Community College. "I think it was Jim's freshman year and my sophomore year. He was a magician with the puck. He made things happen. We were well aware of his presence and his speed, and they went on to win the state tournament and go on to the national tournament. Each team seems to have their franchise player and Jim was that back then."

Jeff Perreault, currently the head hockey coach at Crookston High School, played for UMC for two years and in 1990 was named to the NJCAA All-American First Team. He lead the nation in scoring with 32 goals and 46 assists for a total of 78 points. Only seven junior college players in the nation earned first-team All-American honors.

Warren, the former head coach at MSU-Bottineau (formerly known as NDSU-Bottineau), remembers coaching against Perreault. "At the time it just seemed that as Jeff Perreault would go, so would the Trojans. If he was on, the Trojans were on."

But he remembers Perreault from a little further back as well. "I remember coming (to Crookston) when they had a Christmas tournament one year. Jeff was a sophomore in high school, wearing No. 29 for the Pirates. When I saw that he came (to UMC) to school, I thought, 'it's No. 29: we're in for it.'"

"At the time Jeff played for us, there was no doubt in my mind that he was the most exciting and electrifying player in college hockey", said Oliver, Perreault's former head coach at UMC.

Perreault loved the game, he said. "He was a rink rat. He loved to play and he loved to compete. He has brought those same attributes to his coaching."

Oliver also worked with Clauson when Oliver was head hockey coach. During tryout time, Clauson would evaluate players on the ice, usually between 40 and 50. "I had such respect for Jim's hockey eye," Oliver said. "Jim had a great eye for the game of hockey." Clauson worked with Oliver in that capacity for about six years.

Warren feels that being inducted into one's college's hall of fame is above and beyond even All-American honors. "Anytime you're inducted into your school's hall of fame, that's a pinnacle. We're starting a tradition here that I started at Bottineau. Anytime someone gets inducted into the hall of fame, that number went on the rack, not to be worn again. That's a gesture of respect and something that has become etched into the history of the program."

Oliver pointed out that being honored by your former school isn't just for what one does during one's playing day. "It's also what you did after," he said, noting that both recipients have contributed richly to hockey in the community over the years. "It's a tribute to the strong hockey tradition in this town."

Editor's Note: This article was written by Laurie Swenson, Sports Writer for the Crookston Daily Times, who has graciously allowed us to reprint it for The Torch.
Upcoming Golf Tournaments

This summer the UMC Alumni Association and UMC Teambackers will again travel to selected communities across northwest Minnesota for a series of golf tournaments. UMC faculty, staff, and coaches will meet and greet local community members and alumni while enjoying a friendly game of golf. All proceeds go to UMC Athletic Scholarships.

We hope you'll look at our schedule and at your calendars to see if you can fit any of these outings into your work plan for the summer. Our format is simple: 4-person scramble. We play 18 holes. You can put together your own teams or we can help you. Transportation is normally available from campus. All alumni and friends of the University of Minnesota are welcome. If you have questions, please contact the Office of University Relations at 218-281-8439.

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All proceeds from the golf tournaments go the support UMC Athletic Scholarships. For more information on these tournaments contact Scott Oliver at soliver@mail.crk.umn.edu or 218-281-8441.

The Anderson Beverage Team took first place at the 2002 Teambackers Golf Classic. Pictured from left are: Marv Bachmeier, tournament co-chair, Calvin Anderson, John Beauchamp, Scott Sanders, Dean Lufkin, Jay Ricord, and Allan Larson, tournament co-chair.
Hockey Team Captures Season Title, Post-Season Championship

The UMC Golden Eagles Hockey Team ended its season earning the Midwest Collegiate Hockey Association (MCHA) regular season title and going on to capture the championship trophy at the MCHA postseason tournament. The Golden Eagles entered the MCHA tournament as the number one seed and played and beat the number four seed, Milwaukee School of Engineering. UMC advanced to best Marian College of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Marian had been locked in as the number two seed. This is UMC's second MCHA championship in four years.

MCHA Post-Season Awards were presented on Saturday, February 22. UMC Head Hockey Coach Gary Warren received MCHA Coach of the Year honors. Warren led his team to their third regular season title in four years as they finished with an 18-4-3 overall record and a 10-3-3 MCHA record, edging Marian College for the title in the last game of the regular season.

The MCHA All-Tournament Team was named at the conclusion of the action on Sunday, February 23, with UMC goalie Erik Kraska (Plymouth, MN) receiving MVP honors for his work in helping the Golden Eagles to the championship. The rest of the All-Tournament team included Marian forward Dan Odegard (Oakdale, MN); UMC forwards Jeff Johnston (Carman, Manitoba, Canada) and Ben Perkins (New Brighton, MN); Marian College defenseman Dan Weymann (Oakdale, MN); Golden Eagle defenseman Todd Chandler (Crockston, MN); and Lawrence University goalie Daniel Ljung (Avesta, Sweden).

Coach Warren has also been selected as a finalist for the American Hockey Coaches Association (AHCA) Coach of the Year. He is one of eleven coaches to be nominated in the 2002-03 season for the Edward Jeremiah Award, which is given annually to the top College Division (NCAA Division III) Men's Ice Hockey Coach of the Year. The award is named for the former Dartmouth head coach and will be presented at the American Hockey Coaches Association Coach of the Year Banquet on Saturday, April 26, in Naples, FL.

Basketball's Joe Hasz Breaks Records, Receives Accolades

The brilliant four year career of UMC senior men's basketball captain Joe Hasz has culminated with his being named to the 2003 Daktronics All-North Central Region Second Team. Hasz was a three-time NSIC First Team All-Conference pick, along with leading the NSIC in scoring for three consecutive seasons. During the 2002-2003 season he broke the NSIC all-time record for points scored in conference play. He ended his college basketball career with 1,389 points, breaking Dan Hagen's (St. Cloud State, 1977-81) record of 1,329. Hasz also holds the NSIC records for points in a season (420), while holding the UMC records for points in a career (1939), points in a season (599), steals in a season (66), free throws made in a season (121) and free throws attempted in a season (151).

Coach Oseth and Joe Hasz

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Women's Basketball Advance to Post-Season Play

The UMC Golden Eagles Women's Basketball Team upset Concordia St. Paul for the second time in the season to advance to the semifinals of the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) NSIC tournament. Amy Kuznia, a junior from Stephen, made two free throws with 1.7 seconds remaining in the game to give UMC the win 66-65 over Concordia-St. Paul in the Northern Sun Conference first round game on Wednesday, March 5.

UMC's Cinderella hopes were kept alive on Saturday, March 8, when Cathy Behr, a junior from Willmar, scored 17 of her 24 points in the second half that afternoon to lead the Golden Eagles to a 79-73 victory over Northern State in the second round semifinals of the NSIC tournament.

The Golden Eagles celebrate their victory over Concordia

That win allowed the Golden Eagles to advance to meet U of M, Duluth in the championship game on Sunday, March 9, with the winner receiving the conference's automatic bid to the NCAA Division II tournament. UMC remained in the lead for the first half. Despite a competitive game where Karna Plaine, a freshman from Hatton, N.D., scored 20 points to lead UMC, Cathy Behr added 15, and Amy Kuznia took 14 (4 of 6 shots from 3-point range), the UMD Bulldogs outlasted UMC 68-60, ending the Golden Eagles' hopes for a trip to the NCAA Division II tournament. Still, kudos to Coach Mike Curfman and all the members of the 2002-2003 UMC Golden Eagles Women's Basketball Team for their hard work and accomplishments!

Hasz Breaks Records

Hasz, a Foreston, Minnesota, native, averaged 22.0 points per game which ranked him 21st in the nation in division II for the 2002-03 season. He also ranked seventh in the nation in steals per game (2.8), and 21st in the nation in three point field goals per game (3.3).

Despite Hasz's accomplishments, the Golden Eagles Men's Basketball Team finished their season 4-21 overall and 3-15 in the NSIC. They finished ninth and did not qualify for the NSIC post-season tournament.

2003 Daktronics All-North Central Region 2nd Team
2002-03 Division II Bulletin Pre-season All-American Hon. Mention
1389 Career Points in NSIC Games Only - NSIC All-Time Record
420 Points in NSIC Play Only 2001-02 - NSIC All-Time Record
NSIC 1st Team All-Conference 2000-01 - 2001-02 - 2002-03
NSIC Leading Scorer 2000-01 - 2001-02 - 2002-03
NSIC Leader in Steals - 2001-02, 2002-03
13 Games with 30+ points in career
1939 Total Career Points - UMC All-Time Record
599 Points in a Season 2001-02 - UMC All-Time Record
66 Steals in a Season 2002-03 - UMC All-Time Record
121 Free Throws Made in a Season 2001-02 - UMC All-Time Record
151 Free Throws Attempted in a Season 2001-02 - UMC All-Time Record

The UMC Torch 21
UMC Equestrian Team Wins Regional Title

The UMC Golden Eagles Equestrian Team clinched the title of High Point Western Team of the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) Zone 9, Region 3, by winning back-to-back team titles at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln during the last show of the regular season, February 16. This ensures them a berth in the Zone Competition to be held April 12 at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. The top two teams in the Zone Competition will then advance to Nationals at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, May 5-8.

Team competition is made up of one rider from each division: Walk-Trot, Intermediate, Advanced, Open, and Reining. The members chosen to represent UMC at Zones competition will be:
- Tara Tweeten, Warroad, MN – Walk-Trot
- Becky Zastrow, Faribault, MN – Intermediate
- Erin Janzen, Madelia, MN – Advanced
- Cathy Moe, Springfield, MN – Open
- Andrea Hoff, Twin Valley, MN – Reining

The UMC Equestrian Team is the largest women’s varsity sport on campus with 36 members. The team is coached by UMC Alumnus and Teaching Specialist Jonathon Holland.

Those individuals who have accumulated 35 points in the regular season competed at Regionals, at UW, River Falls on March 29. UMC’s Equestrian Team had eleven Western members qualified, they were:
- Walk-Trot: Becky Zastrow, Faribault, MN
- Intermediate: Erin Janzen, Madelia, MN; Jess Sathoff, Dunnell, MN; Lindy Savelkoul, Hazen, ND; Theresa Wortel, Mankato, MN; Katie Krause, Park Rapids, MN; Rachel Stark, Larimore, ND
- Advanced: Cathy Moe, Springfield, MN; Andrew Hinrichs, Eagle Bend, MN; Rhonda Vielbig, Blaine, MN
- Open: Andrea Hoff, Twin Valley, MN

The UMC Equestrian Team has six Hunt Seat members qualified for Regionals, they are:
- Walk-Trot: Anne Ahiers, St. Paul, MN
- Walt, Trot, Canter: Juli Maurice, Fargo, ND; Jessica Schweitzer, Fremont, WI; Caroline Orth, St. Paul, MN
- Novice Jumping: Cathy Moe, Springfield, MN
- Intermediate: Diane Delperdang, Burnsville, MN

The top two individuals at Regionals in each division will advance to Zone Competition. Zone 9 is comprised of Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, and upper Michigan. The top two individuals from Zones will move on to Nationals.

IHSA Zone 9, Region 3 is made up of ten universities and colleges, including University of Wisconsin, Madison; University of Wisconsin, River Falls; St. Cloud State University; Carleton College; Gustavus Adolphus College; Ellsworth Community College (Iowa Falls, Iowa); South Dakota State University; South East Community College (Beatrice, Nebraska); University of Nebraska, Lincoln; and UMC.

For more information on the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association check out their web page at <www.IHSA.com>.
Shannon Stassen Named Head Football Coach

On March 11, 2003, Shannon Stassen was officially named the University of Minnesota, Crookston's sixth head football coach in the program’s 37-year history. Stassen, a four year assistant at UMC, was interim head coach for the 2002 season after former head coach Scott Oliver was named Associate Director of Development at UMC.

Stassen, a native of Ogilvie, MN, graduated from Ogilvie High School in 1988. He then attended UMC and played football for two seasons. He transferred to Brainerd Community College and received his A.A. Degree in 1991 and then went on to earn his bachelor's degree in Health and Physical Education in 1995 from Valley City State University, where he played football for two years and coached for three years (receivers and running backs). From there he went to North Dakota State University, where he coached for two seasons (offensive line, tight ends, outside linebackers).

Stassen will complete his master's degree in education and athletic administration from North Dakota State University this year. Stassen, his wife, Jodi, and son, Marcus, reside in Crookston.

Oseth Named Head Men’s Basketball Coach

Jeff Oseth was officially named the University of Minnesota, Crookston’s fifth men's basketball head coach in the program’s 37-year history on March 11, 2003. Oseth, a seven year assistant at UMC, was interim head coach for the 2002-03 season after former head coach Gary Senske retired.

“Tis something I have wanted to do since my playing career in college began. Being the Head Men’s Basketball coach at UMC is very special to me. I had a great experience here as a student athlete and have a strong commitment to the University of Minnesota, Crookston. I am looking forward to the challenges that lie ahead,” said Oseth.

Oseth, a native of McIntosh, Minnesota, had an outstanding prep career at Win-E-Mac High School. He was a three-time All-Conference selection, a member of the 1,000 point club, nominated to the Minnesota All-Star Team, and was the Region’s Most Valuable Player.

Coach Oseth’s ties to UMC run deep. He played for UMC in 1990-92. During that time he was a two-time All-Division player and was co-captain of a team that was ranked third offensively at the NJCAA Division 1 level. Oseth then transferred to Moorhead State University where he was a two-year letter winner and was voted the most dedicated player by his teammates both of his years there.

Jeff earned the leadership award as a senior, when he helped lead the Dragons to a 19 game winning season and one win away from the national tournament.

Oseth holds a bachelor’s degree from Minnesota State University, Moorhead and a master’s of education in human resource development from the University of Minnesota.

UMC 2003 Men’s Baseball Schedule (remaining games)

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Outstanding Alumni and Athletic Hall of Fame
Nominations Sought

UMC is seeking nominations for Outstanding Alumni and the Athletic Hall of Fame. Please use the forms on this page to nominate your choices. For a full listing of honorees go to <www.crk.umn.edu/people/alumni>.

Recent Outstanding Alumni Award Recipients
1999
David LeGare '89, Crookston, MN
Wendy Krueger '83, St. James, MN
2000
Jean (Fischer) Whalen '80, St. Paul, MN
Richard LeCocq '69, Mora, MN
2001
Dean Carlson '70, Kennedy, MN
Kari Torkelson attended '89-'91, Grand Forks, ND
2002
Monica (Holm) Christenson '90, Bemidji, MN
Jim Roers '72, Fargo, ND

Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees
1999
Jim Clauson
Jim LeClair
Herschel Lysaker

To be considered for the Athletic Hall of Fame 2003, Nominations must be received by June 1, 2003

Mail to: UMC Alumni Association, 115 Kiehle Bldg., 2900 University Ave., Crookston, MN 56716-5001, or e-mail your nominations to rulseth@umn.edu

UMC Athletic Hall of Fame

I wish to nominate the following individual or team:

Name of Nominee ____________________________
Graduation Year/Year attended ____________________________
Address __________________________________________
Submitted by ________________________________________
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UMC Outstanding Alumni

I wish to nominate the following individual:

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Deadline for Nominations is July 15, 2003
Alumni and Grad Dance 2003

Spring is finally here and with that comes the realization that the end of another school year is upon us. It seems that once spring break is over, commencement is right around the corner.

With commencement fast approaching, we begin to make plans for the Forth Annual UMC Alumni and Graduation Dance, which is sponsored by the UMC Alumni Association. The Grad Dance will be held Friday, May 9, at the Northland Inn in Crookston and begins at 9:00 p.m. Music will be provided by Melbye's Music Machine. The cost of the event is $5.00 per person, and snacks and a cash bar will be available. All alumni, current graduates, families, faculty, staff, and students are welcome to attend.

Year after year, the Alumni and Grad Dance has grown in popularity. For the graduates, it is a time to celebrate the end of their journey at UMC and to spend time with the people who have helped them along their way. Alumni enjoy having this time to get together with former students and classmates to congratulate them on their accomplishments.

For more information about the Grad Dance, e-mail me at rulseth@umn.edu or call 1-800-232-6466 ext. 8439. We hope to see you there!

Meet friends and classmates at the Alumni and Grad Dance Friday, May 9, at the Northland Inn. This group got together at last year's event and had a great time!

Front row from left: Meghan Messerschmidt '02, Inver Grove Heights, MN; Bev McNamee '02, Nevis, MN; and Landi (Lewis) Larson '00, Hawley, MN.

Back row from left: Gwen Hoie '99, Fargo, ND; Brandy Lietz '00, Maplewood, MN; Amy Loomer-Kaiser '99, West Fargo, ND; Karla Thormodson '98, Fargo, ND; Sheila Roux '00, Brookings, SD; and Ronda (Olson) Biermaier '97, Sartell, MN.
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Ronald Williams '72, Culver City, CA, is getting married on July 5, 2003, to Kristine Peters in Goldthill, NV.

Lee Eklund '73, Cambridge, MN. E-mail Lee at leklund@usfamily.net

Dennis Primus '73, Sauk Centre, MN, is a dairy farmer in Sauk Centre. He is married with five children and one grandchild. E-mail Dennis at kmprimus25@hotmail.com

John Beckwith '74, Lincoln, NE. E-mail John at jebi53@msn.com

Bruce Docken '74, Zillah WA. E-mail Bruce at bdock@bentonrea.com

Brad Irwin '74, Aitkin MN. E-mail Brad at birwin@mlccmn.net

Linette (Hjelle) Kratochvil '74, Lankin, ND, is still raising Arabian horses but is concentrating on her Boer meat goat operation at this time. She is trying to get some goats to kid twice a year. She also keeps busy with her seven-year-old daughter. E-mail Linette at lkgoats@polarcomm.com

Jan Oen '74, Denver, CO. E-mail Jan at jan.oen@juno.com

Mary Randall '74, Plymouth, MN, is the store manager of Tuesday Morning, a discount home furnishing store in Plymouth. She has two children, Sara, age 19, who is a sophomore at the University of Pittsburgh and majoring in education. Her son, Clark, age 14, is in 9th grade. Mary's husband, Roger, is in the advertising business.

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Patricia (Doleza) Rauenhorst '75, Olivia, MN, has joined Catholic Knights as a financial services representative. She is a member of the Cooperative Communicators Association and serves on the Olivia Library Board of Directors.

Merle Adolphson '76, Argyle, MN. E-mail Merle at adolph@invisimax.com

Kelly Kassenborg '77, Barrett, MN. E-mail Kelly at kkassenb@runestone.net

Kevin Beekman attended '78-'80, Blue Earth, MN. E-mail Kevin at beekman@bevcomm.net

Joleen (Steffi) Gunderson '78, West Fargo, ND. E-mail Joleen at joleen_gunderson@buttermachinery.com

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Monica (Holm) Christensen '80, Bemidji, MN. E-mail Monica at charmoni@paulbunyan.net

Tim Dufault '80, Crookston, MN. E-mail Tim at 6dirrwh1@gte.com

Kathleen (Koebensky) Gauthier '80, Cary, NC. E-mail Kathleen at mollygauth@earthlink.net

Kathy Goodyke '80, Crookston, MN, graduated from Minnesota State University Moorhead in 2001 with a bachelor of science degree in nursing. She is working as a public health nurse with Polk County Public Health. She works in health promotion and family health. She also remains involved with acute care at Riverview Healthcare. E-mail Kathy at kgoodyke@rrv.net

Steve Laddusaw '81, Eagan, MN. E-mail Steve at steve.laddusaw@imagistics.com

Harold Stanislawski '81, Fergus Falls, MN, is a livestock business advisor for the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. E-mail Harold at etanisl@prtl.com

Tammy (Schilling) Tomoson '81, Edina, MN. E-mail Tammy at tjtomoson@aol.com

Cindy (Andersen) Engelstad '82, Fertile, MN, and her husband, Craig, were named 2003 West Polk County Emerging Leaders. They have three children, Catlyn, 14; Tony, 11; and Elizabeth, 8.

Michael Brekke '83, Fargo, ND, married Susan Hillman June 8, 2002.

Kevin Plante '83, Elysian, MN, was awarded 2003 Outstanding Ag Program – MN Region 7 and is Chairman of MN FFA Governing Board. E-mail Kevin at plantkev@wem.mn.k12.us

Lori Hanson '84, Edina, MN. E-mail Lori at lhanson@mspmac.org

Don Stetz '84, Fort Wayne, IN. E-mail Don at dstetz63@aol.com

Trek Schuler attended '86, Berlin, MD, works for the Baltimore Orioles in Salisbury, MD, as an athletic trainer. He married Angela Caprino on November 30, 2002.

... Compiled by Rose Ulseth.
Please send news items and photos to Rose by e-mail: rulseth@umn.edu, via mail: UMC Alumni Association, 2900 University Avenue, Crookston MN 56716-5001, or submit online at <www.crk.umn.edu/people/alumni/info-form.htm>
Paul Carrier ’87 & ’97, Milwaukee, WI, is a culinary arts instructor at the Milwaukee Area Technical College. He is also an ACF Culinary Apprenticeship Coordinator and a Certified Food Safety Trainer and is currently developing a class on food terrorism safety. Paul is the host of a weekly television show called Recipe Rescue which airs during Fox 6 Wake Up news in the Milwaukee area. This show features Paul and his students as they demonstrate the preparation of a recipe that a viewer has struggled with. Following the live show, the audience participates in tasting the final results. Paul will also be hosting Food Fight which will air on the Food Network. It is scheduled to be taped over Mother’s Day weekend. E-mail Paul at carrierp@mac.edu

Lori (Reitmeier) Wolff ’88, East Grand Forks, MN, has been working at Lumber Mart in East Grand Forks for 11 years. She is the inventory control clerk and is also in charge of the accounts receivable department. Lori and her husband, Randy, have one child named Cody Kyle Wolff, who is 4 years old.

Paul Ringo ’88, Hutchinson, MN. E-mail Paul at ringoj@hutchtel.net

Denise (Johnson) Byrd ’89, Cheyenne, WY. E-mail Denise at jonathan.byrd@attbi.com

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Brian Petermann ’91, Hawley, MN, was awarded Outstanding Young Farmer by the Hawley Jaycees. He is active in the Minnesota Crop Improvement Association and serves on the Foundation Seed Stock committee. He is also on the board of directors of the Clay County Crop Improvement Association and has held the office of treasurer. Brian and his wife, Lora, have three children, Breena, 12; Allison, 9; and Brady, 4.

Leslie (McLaughlin) Winterquist ’91, Fargo, ND, is a leadership coach for Tastefully Simple, which is a direct selling company. E-mail Leslie at lwinterquist@ableone.net

Jeff Miller ’92, Eden Prairie, MN, is a general manager for AmericInn.

Barry Visser ’92, Hutchinson, MN, married Shannon Goulet in October 2002. He graduates from the University of Minnesota in April 2003 with a master’s degree in dairy cattle nutrition. He will start a new job with Vita Plus in a dairy technical support position. Barry and Shannon enjoy traveling, camping, spending time with friends and any kind of outdoor activity available. E-mail Barry at sbvisser@hotmail.com

Scott Carpenter ’93, Chaska, MN. E-mail Scott at scarpenter101@hotmail.com

Eric Sorenson ’93, Fisher, MN. E-mail Eric at ericsandi@rrv.net

Tyler & Rhea (Larson) Grove ’94 & ’89, East Grand Forks, MN. E-mail Tyler and Rhea at grove@direcway.com

Reid Neuman ’94, Ottertail, MN. E-mail Reid at reid@arvig.net

Chad Simons ’94, Grand Rapids, MN, is the director of sales at Sugar Lake Lodge, a Rutger Resort.

Aaron Enge ’95, Thief River Falls, MN, is employed with Farmland Insurance. He married Allison Bjorklie November 30, 2002.

Tricia Schmitz ’96, Erskine, MN, is employed at Garden Valley Telephone Company in Erskine. She will marry Matt Proulx on May 31, 2003.

Kelly Sharpe ’96, East Grand Forks, MN. E-mail Kelly at ksharpe@crystalssugar.com

Don’t forget to send a photo with your news.
Ronda (Olson) Biermaier '97, Sartell, MN. Ronda and her husband, Mike, are the proud parents of a baby boy, Blake Michael, who was born March 31. Big sister, Meleah, who is 4 ½, is very excited. E-mail Ronda at biermaier_bones@hotmail.com


Geoffrey Menk '97, Menasha, WI, is engaged to Jenny Klinker of Neenah, WI. They met each other in May of 2001 at the YMCA in the Appleton, WI, area. They will be married June 7, 2003, in Oshkosh, WI. Geoffrey is still flying as a pilot for United Express based out of Appleton. Jenny is a technical writer for Alliance Laundry Systems of Ripon, WI. They hope to visit UMC this year.

Ivan & Dayle (Rockensock) Reinke '97, Wadena, MN. Ivan has been at the Wadena County Soil and Water Conservation District for the past five years. Dayle has worked at the Wadena State Bank for three years. They would love to hear from friends from UMC.

Robert Wimpfheimer '93 & '97, Angus, MN. E-mail Robert at bwimpf@wiktel.com

Dean Heftta '98, Waukee, IA, is working for Heartland Coop as an agronomist in the Des Moines area and pursuing an MBA degree from Drake University in Des Moines. E-mail Dean at dmh@netins.net

Greg Tyrdik '98, Alexandria, MN, is currently working for Bug A Boo Bay in Alexandria.

David Gratton '99, Waite Park, MN, works for Specialty Seeds in Albany, MN, as head agronomist and sales. He has been enjoying life with his wife, Tracy, and tries to get out to do some fishing. E-mail David at davidgratton@mail.com

Casey Motschenbacher '99, Glyndon, MN. E-mail Casey at motsch_11@yahoo.com

Scott Terning '99, Bismarck, ND, is currently working for the North Dakota Infant Toddler Enrichment Program and as an adjunct professor for the University of Mary. He says the hunting in North Dakota is magical! E-mail Scott at sterning@lssnd.org

Shawn Wood '99, North St. Paul, MN. E-mail Shawn at shawn.wood@unisys.com

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Stacy Olson, attended '97-'00, St. Cloud, MN, graduated in the spring of 2002 from North Dakota State University with a bachelor of science degree in food and nutrition. She is employed part-time as a dietician at St. Benedict's Senior Community in St. Cloud. She is also employed part-time as a nutrition technician for the Wright County WIC program. E-mail Stacy at stacy_olson@hotmail.com

Brett Brudvik '00, Grand Forks, ND, married Laura Olson on April 12, 2003. He is currently attending the University of North Dakota School of Law, where he will graduate with a Juris Doctor in the spring of 2004.

Martin & Julie (Gronfeld) Hochhalter '01, South Fargo, ND. Martin was the Extension educator in Grant County, North Dakota, until November 2002. He was transferred back to NDSU, where he is currently a research specialist in the 6-row barley-breeding program. Julie is the 4-H Program Coordinator for the Becker County Extension Office.

Amber (Noble) & Lloyd Kongsjord '01 & '02, Talmoon, MN, are working on their landscape and greenhouse center near Deer River. They have a one-year-old son, Thor.

Brandy Lietz '01, Maplewood, MN, works for the University of Minnesota School of Journalism in the Twin Cities. Brandy will marry Brad Chaffee May 17, 2003. The wedding will take place in the Peterson Gazebo located on the UMC campus. Brandy, her son, Devin, and Brad will reside in Maplewood. E-mail Brandy at blietz@umn.edu

Kimberly (Stennes) Patterson '01, Boerne, TX, married Glen Patterson June 15, 2001. Kim is employed at Retama Equine Clinic in San Antonio TX as a vet technician.

Don't forget to send a photo with your news.
Jeremy Adam Luciana Angela

Angela (Muscha) Waletzko '01, Fargo, ND, was married August 3, 2002, in her hometown of Harvey, ND, to Robert Waletzko, an NDSU graduate of mechanical engineering. Angie is a graduate student in the plant science department at NDSU. Her husband is employed with Applied Engineering of Fargo working with Bobcat Corporation of Gwinner, ND. E-mail Angie at angela.waletzko@ndsu.nodak.edu

Jeremy Busch '02, Miltona, MN, is volunteering for Americorps/VISTA as a Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) program specialist. He is helping SIFE teams in South Dakota and Minnesota develop projects to help economically disadvantaged individuals gain financial independence through free enterprise education. E-mail Jeremy at jbusch@rea-alp.com

Adam Cotton '02, Little Falls, MN, is working as a sales representative for Spectrum Printing in Little Falls.

Luciana Forati '02, La Jolla, CA, has been working at Mission Valley YMCA. She works as a physical education youth leader assisting with gymnastics and as a fitness and aquatic instructors in the development and supervision of youth activities for a daily physical education school program. She assists in the planning and supervision of youth activities for a daily after school program and she is responsible for providing a safe, educational, and enjoyable environment for all participants. E-mail Luciana at llforati@hotmail.com

Christina Grove '02, Crookston, MN, will marry Todd Chandler '03 on May 16, 2003.

Rebekka (Haarstad) Sievert '02, Rothsay, MN, married Derrick Sievert on April 12, 2003.

Kristin Johnson '02, Kramer, ND, is working for Souris Farm Supply. She loves her job but does miss the great friends and role models from Crookston. E-mail Kristin at kjagronomy@avt.com

Aaron Nelson '02, Thompson, ND. E-mail Aaron at llredchev53@hotmail.com

Dana Prudhomme & George Widman '02, St. Paul, MN, will be married on June 14, 2003, in Crookston, MN. Dana is the Knowledge Management Coordinator at Sebesta, Blomberg Engineering in Minneapolis, MN, and is currently working towards her master's in Technical Communication. George is a Membership Sales Representative at Northwest Athletic Club in Minneapolis.

Marnie Wirth '02, St. Cloud, MN, is employed by Thelen Advertising as a project manager.
25 Year Old Mystery Needs to be Solved!

Recently, Curt Almie heard from Luther Pederson, a 1978 graduate of UMC. Luther has a mystery and asked our office to help solve it.

The dilemma is this: sometime before graduation in the spring of 1978, Luther and a friend of his tore a one dollar bill in half, each taking one half with them. At that time he and his friend decided that they were going to get together for coffee or another beverage sometime in the future. Well, the future is now, and Luther has inadvertently forgotten who has the other half. He wants to know so he can make good on his coffee "or other beverage" appointment.

Luther has carried his half in his billfold for the past 25 years. The serial number is 115883252A. Anyone have the other half? If so, Luther now lives in Benson, Minnesota, and can be reached by calling 320-843-3260.

If this works out for the owners of the split dollar bill, the Alumni Office would like to know. Ve-e-e-ry interesting!

Luther Pederson from the 1978 Trojan

'73 Football Team Looking Toward Reunion

Members of the 1973 Championship Football Team would like to hold a reunion at Homecoming on the weekend of September 19-20, 2003. It will be the 30-year anniversary of their outstanding feat. It was three years ago that team was inducted in the UMC Athletic Hall of Fame, the first year of its existence.

The UMC Athletic Hall of Fame will be holding its annual event on Friday, September 19 with a banquet and ceremony to be held at the Eagles Club in Crookston. Dana Rose, and Greg Toutges are the main promoters for the reunion. Mark your calendars and reserve your trip to Crookston.

It will be a blast! And, there may even be a few surprises.
We Want to Hear From You...

Let us know any information or news you'd like to share with your UMC classmates and friends. To submit an item for the Alumni News Section, complete this form and send it to UMC Alumni Relations, 115 Kiehle Building, 2900 University Avenue, Crookston, MN 56716, e-mail ruiseth@umn.edu, or complete the form online at <www.crk.umn.edu/people/alumni/info-form.htm>

Photos of you and your family are always welcome! Additional stories, letters, news articles, or phone calls are always welcome. Please be sure to include your year of graduation or years of attendance. Also, please include your e-mail address if you have one.

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*Can we include your e-mail address in the Alumni News section of The UMC Torch? Yes ______ No ______

*Can we include your e-mail address in our online e-mail Alumni Directory? Yes ______ No ______

<www.crk.umn.edu/people/alumni/UMC_Alumni_Contacts.htm>

Information or news you wish to share (new job, career or family achievements, hobbies, etc.)
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Or call us toll-free: 1-800-862-6466 ext. 8436
And check out the UMC Alumni Association website at <www.crk.umn.edu/people/alumni>
Help Us Find These “Lost Alumni”

Do you know where these former UMC students are? If so, please provide us with their address and/or phone number. We want to be sure they receive mailings from the UMC Alumni Office. City and state listed are the last on record.

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In Memory

J. Todd Laxdal attended '77-'79
Edinburg ND
January 10, 2003

Jeremy Wilcox attended '98-'00
New Brighton MN
December 2, 2002

Memorial Gift Account

UMCAA has a memorial fund set up to receive memorial contributions honoring departed alumni, friends and loved ones. If you wish to honor an individual, please make your gift to the UMCAA and send it to our office and we will notify the family that our office is in receipt of a memorial gift. Amounts will not be disclosed.

Please consider your alumni association family for future memorial gifts.

Gifts in Memory, Memorials
Karolyn Joop
by Andrew & Lisa Jenson
The UMC Alumni Association thanks you for your support! Stay connected to your alma mater!

The UMC Alumni Association (UMCAA) appreciates your support. It is the lifeline of the organization. Please continue to allow us into your life.

Another View of '92

Looking through old photos triggers memories of different times, friendships made, and special events. We thought we would share some photos from our 1992 folder of events. The Atrium link made it possible to walk inside from Kiehle to Selvig. Fall colors were especially vibrant. The Hockey Team worked on their tans. Lots of new UMC clothing. And who can forget the RAs. Remember 2005 is our Centennial Year!

As an Alum you can:
- Interact with other grads through the alumni network
- Receive the alumni news magazine, The UMC Torch
- Participate in alumni activities like those held during Homecoming
- Find out where other alumni are through the UMC Directory
- Participate in a group auto and home insurance policy
- Access an online alumni directory listing

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