**From the Director**

“One kind word can warm three winter months.”

—Japanese proverb

In an effort to show our gratitude and to warm the next few months...Thanks!

We want to thank you for the participation and support of our alumni and friends. You have helped to position our campus for bigger and better things as we move into our centennial year. Yes, next year we will begin our celebration of one hundred years of academic excellence on the Crookston campus.

The participation we had from alumni at homecoming (see the pictures on the inside cover) last fall was outstanding! Everyone that came back had a great time visiting with friends and instructors, riding in the parade, tailgating before the game, and cheering on the Golden Eagles. Just wait until next year. The centennial year homecoming weekend is set for September 24, 2005. Make sure to mark your calendars now. We would love to host your group that weekend, but we need to know who may be interested in coming back. Get your old team together, or your dorm mates, or your school club. We want to make this the social event of the season, and now is the time to start planning.

We also want to thank all of our alumni for their generous financial support. Many of you have contributed to the alumni fund that allows us to continue to bring the Torch to your door. Many have also participated in our recent “brick” campaign and reserved a brick in the centennial wall that will be constructed on the mall across from the Sahlsstrom Conference Center. If you have not yet made your contribution, please take advantage of the envelope in this publication and join your friends in supporting the UMC Alumni Association or the Centennial Park project...or both!

This month's issue will spotlight many of the exciting changes on campus, the great things happening with our alumni, and opportunities for us to get together (T'wolves anyone? See page 28!).

Have a safe and joyous holiday season, and we look forward to seeing you during our centennial year!

—Mike Meyer

P.S. Thanks again and have a warm three months of winter.

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On the cover:
Students, Paul Christensen and his roommate, Adam Cahanes, decorate the mall for UMC's third annual Light Up the Mall, a Seasonal Celebration of Lights.
Alumni Association

Hello all! Korey Hegreberg, your newly elected UMC Alumni Association president, wishing you a happy holidays and upcoming New Year! I'd like to thank those alumni who were able to attend homecoming this past fall. Once again, we saw a tremendous turnout for the homecoming parade and what a beautiful day to cheer on our Golden Eagle football team!

I am honored to be president of the UMC Alumni Association and look forward to serving with an enthusiastic board this upcoming year. We're always looking for new faces on our alumni board, so if you or someone you know is interested please feel free to contact me. My email is Krlann@loretel.net.

My wife Carla (Juntunen) a '00 UMC grad and myself, a '98 grad, reside on a small farm outside of Ada, MN. I work fulltime for Cenex in Ada and have a beef herd of my own. Carla works for Tri-Valley Head Start as a Preschool Coordinator and travels between three sites in Norman County.

Everyday I am reminded of the education and knowledge gained from my four years at UMC. The faculty and staff here make you feel like you are at "home" on campus and though some of the faces change, the positive attitudes stay the same. I would encourage all alumni to take the time to stop in and say "hi" to the faculty and staff that made your stay at UMC a memorable one. Also take a drive through UMC and see the many improvements to the campus.

UMC's Ag Arama is coming up January 29 at the University Teaching & Outreach Center (UTOC) which is located on the north end of campus. This would be a great opportunity to start a "tradition" of returning to UMC and see other alumni at the same time. So mark your calendars for January 29 and hope to see you there! Keep up on upcoming events at UMC on the UMCAA website. The Alumni website is located at www.UMCrookston.edu/people/alumni.

From Joe Massey, CEO

Dear UMC Alumni and Friends,

It is my privilege to bring you greetings from the Crookston campus on behalf of the faculty and staff of UMC.

For those of you that may not have heard, Velmer Burton stepped down as Chancellor of the University of Minnesota, Crookston October 14, 2004. As Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, I appreciated his passion for academics and we wish him well as he resumes his teaching and research career as a tenured professor in the University of Minnesota System.

During this time of change I have the honor of being appointed the Chief Executive Officer. In this role I will work with the students, alumni, our faculty and staff, and the University of Minnesota administration to provide leadership and direction for UMC.

As Robert Jones, the Vice-President of the University of Minnesota said, "We are entering a new era in which the challenges of academic success will require creative and integrative solutions." I look forward to working with all of you to develop and refine those solutions to the benefit of our most valuable resource – our students.

Please let me know what ideas you may have, and when you call, please call me "Joe."

Have a joyous Holiday Season and a wonderful 2005.
UMC Equine Program receives Dare to Tap

The UMC equine program recently received the donation of Dare to Tap. Born and bred in Kentucky, Dare to Tap was royally bred to be an athlete, but never made the track due to injury. He has great conformation and is an excellent mover. Ron Del Vecchio, head of the agriculture department, said, “Dare to Tap has an outstanding mind, and superior disposition. We are proud to have Dare to Tap as part of our Equine Program at UMC. He is a wonderful addition to our expanding breeding program, and I am confident he will generate a lot of interest among members of the equine industry.” If you would like additional information on this wonderful sire please contact Dr. Ron Del Vecchio (218-281-8109) or Nicky Overgaard (218-281-8127).

Sire: Pleasant Tap - Stakes winner with earnings of $2,721,169, Sire of Stakes winners and earners of $14,880,139 USA and still siring winners. Sired by the great Pleasant Colony.

UMC Music-Theater Department presents “The Senator Wore Pantyhose”

The University of Minnesota, Crookston Music-Theater Department is presented the two-act comedy “The Senator Wore Pantyhose” Wednesday through Saturday, December 1-4, at 8 p.m. in Kiehle Auditorium on the University of Minnesota, Crookston campus. Cast members included: Leonard LaCoursiere, Victor Obisakin, Jake Rarick, Mark Gangler, Dave Reiners, Nicole Erickson, Jessica Cowan, Colley Cheneyon, Noelle Jarvis, and Natasha Kircher.

Community Dialogues

Each fall and spring the Office of Service Learning hosts a Community Dialogue. Representatives of local non-profit agencies and organizations, as well as general community members, and UMC faculty are invited to attend the 2-hour brainstorming session. After a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the past year’s service learning and community service activities, participants work in small groups to develop lists of community needs and wants. Some of the ideas from the Community Dialogue are incorporated into future service-learning projects. Other ideas fit better as community service projects done by one of our nearly 40 clubs on campus. Ideas are also solicited for National Youth Services Day in April and Meet Crookston Through Service, which is part of New Student Orientation. The Community Dialogue also gives representatives from community organizations a chance to network and see what they can offer each other. Recent ideas that have evolved out of the Community Dialogue...
include UMC's new U Mentoring and Caring program, which is providing good mentors and role models to local children ages 6 to 16 and a Sport and Recreation Management class that will be assisting in the planning of tournaments hosted by the Crookston Park and Rec Department.

Diversity Workshop
The Diversity Services at the University of Minnesota, Crookston offered a half-day Diversity Workshop on Tuesday, October 26 at Youngquist Auditorium.

The workshop was organized by Marcia Walker (Diversity Coordinator) with assistance of Avelino Mills-Novoa, Interim Associate Vice President for Multicultural and Academic Affairs, staff from UM Morris campus and Women's Center at the Twin Cities campuses.

The workshop provided information, theoretical frameworks, and facilitation that will contribute to the development of a diversity agenda for universities and colleges that addresses the issue both in terms of curricular learning and core values and norms. It also offered an opportunity to the participants to discuss on the meaning of toleration, prejudice, discrimination and compassion in their own lives, and in the lives of their students.

Homecoming Royalty
Congratulations to the 2004 Homecoming Royalty, Queen Tara Tweten and King Brandon Sykora, and Princess Xiongmee Vang and Prince Reggie Mosley.

The Alumni Association would like to thank all of the people who participated in the Homecoming Parade. This year's Homecoming parade winners are:
Best Theme – Sportsmen's Club
Most Creative – Delta Theta Sigma
Best Crowd Pleaser – Zeta of Clovia
The winning entries received $50 for their club or organization.

Mr. UMC
The third annual Mr. UMC Contest was held on Wednesday, November 3 in Kichle Auditorium. The event is sponsored by UMC's cheer team.

Relocation of NGP Office
The board of directors of Northern Great Plains Inc. is happy to announce the relocation of the NGP office to Fargo, ND. The Fargo location will give us a more central location to serve our constituents in Iowa, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, and Manitoba.

The new office address and telephone are:
4838 Rocking Horse Circle #201
Fargo, ND 58104
701-364-1139
701-364-1350 FAX
E-mail addresses for staff will remain the same.

The office is conveniently located just off of I-29 on the south end of Fargo. Please stop to see us if you are in the area.
Habitat for Humanity
Delta Theta Sigma had one awesome Saturday! When they arrived at the newest Habitat House, there was nothing but a cement slab. Eight hours later, the walls and rafters were up! Community volunteers work on the house most Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Lisa Loegering or Leela Hier, Habitat Volunteer Coordinator.

If you’re interested in learning more about the Crookston VolunTEAM, please contact Lisa Loegering in the VolunTEAM office (112 Dowell) at 281-8526 or loeg005@umn.edu. Or, simply visit <www.volunteam.org>.

UMC Presents Three-act Play
The University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) Music-Theater Department presented the three-act play “Noises Off” Wednesday through Sunday, November 17-21 in Kiehle Auditorium.

“Noises Off” is a comedy about a fictitious theater production, called “Nothing On,” that is being rehearsed and eventually performed. The first act shows a group of actors furiously trying to finish rehearsing a show that is supposed to open within 24 hours. The cast on stage obviously do not get along with the director, and, as a result, the pace of the rehearsing is slow and tedious with little arguments and wise-cracks. “Noises Off” is directed by Matt Burdick, UMC’s student work-study theater assistant.

International Natural Resources Pilot’s Conference
The University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) celebrated another first recently when it co-hosted the International Association of Natural Resource Pilots Conference and Workshop along with the University of North Dakota. This was the annual meeting of the organization which has over 200 members from the U.S. and Canada who work primarily for governmental agencies and use aircraft in natural resource management and research.

Teambacker presented check
During the halftime festivities of the UMC Homecoming game a check was presented in the amount of $15,000 from the UMC Teambacker to UMC Athletics. These funds were generated from Teambacker Fun Nite and Teambacker golf tournaments to support UMC Athletic Scholarships.

College Bowl
On Wednesday, November 10 in Eagles Nest five teams competed in a double elimination tournament.

First place winners were The Armstrong’s +1 - Dave Ounich, Ken Armstrong, Ken Armstrong III, and Vanessa Armstrong
Second place winners were the Giant D’s – Shane Beck, Nathan Moe, Peter Mehrkens, and Scott Standberg

Notables at the International Natural Resources Pilot’s Conference (from left) Paul Christensen, UMC student body president and Natural Resources Aviation major from Elk River, MN; Al Buchert, MN DNR conservation officer/pilot from Brainerd; Doug Sandstrom, MN DNR conservation officer from Longville; Jeff Faught, North Dakota Game and Fish Department pilot from Bismarck; Larry Leake, UMC chief pilot; and Dan Svedarsky, Head of Natural Resources at UMC.
For the first time ever, Crookston community members were able to attend the University of Minnesota's Mini-Medical School. This five-session program taught by University of Minnesota professors was offered via videoconferencing technology from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, to the University of Minnesota, Crookston. From learning about stem cell research to witnessing the wonders of medical devices for the brain, Mini Medical School offers a wide array of course topics for those with an interest but little or no medical knowledge. Sessions were held every Monday night from 6:30 p.m. for five weeks starting on Oct. 4.

The theme of this fall's Mini-Medical School was the brain and class topics included neuroscience and the anatomy of the brain, sleep disorders, medical devices, neurological disorders, and ethical issues with stem cell research. This Mini-Medical School is the result of collaboration between the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities and Crookston, and RiverView Health.

Bob Nelson was presented the highly prestigious MCPA Linda Schrempp Albert Outstanding Contribution to Minnesota Higher Education award. The purpose of this award is to honor a professional whose work with students and work in one of Minnesota's institutions of higher education sets an example for all student development professionals. This award recognizes a practicing professional in higher education or a retired professional in the student affairs profession within the State of Minnesota.

Congratulations to Dan Svedarsky and his colleagues on all their hard work and success having the government set aside and designate the Glacial Ridge National Wildlife Refuge, administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. This presents an enormous benefit to the natural resource base of our area, both in terms of flora and fauna. Its designation will greatly help in our efforts to establish permanent, long-term study plots based out of UMC.

As a University of Minnesota "ALP Fellow," Mark Huglen participated in the Committee on Institutional Cooperation Academic Leadership Program at the University of Iowa, October 7-9, 2004. The CIC is comprised of the Big Ten institutions and others. This first of three seminars included the topics Leadership, Legal Climate for Diversity, Women and Minorities in Academic Leadership, New and old Buildings Challenges, Preventing and Resolving Conflicts, Faculty Performance and Evaluation, and others. The next seminar is at the University of Illinois at Chicago and will cover the topic Long Range Planning and budgeting.

A number of UMC faculty and staff presented at the MBEI Conference in Bemidji on October 8. Presenters included Susan Brorson, Professor and Business Department Head; Eric Burgess, Instructor, Business Management; Pamela Holsinger-Fuchs, Director of Student Activities and Service Learning; Martin Lundell, Assistant Professor, Information Technology Management; and Kelly Nelson '04, Information Tech Professional.
Don Cavalier, Director of Counseling and Career Services at the University of Minnesota, Crookston was honored by Mayville State University Alumni Hall of Fame Association as a member of the 1963 Baseball Team during the Homecoming 2004 activities scheduled for Friday, October 15 and Saturday, October 16. Mayville State’s 1963 Baseball team of “opportunity takers” became overachievers under the guidance of legendary Comet Coach Al Meyer. The Comets won the Eastern North Dakota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference title, the North Dakota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (NDIAC) Crown, and the NAIA District 12 Championship. After winning the Area 2 NAIA regional tournament, they advanced to the National NAIA small college World Series Tournament in St. Joseph, Missouri, where they outlasted Winona State (Minnesota) 13-11 in the first round. They lost to Sam Houston State of Texas 5-0 and lost to Eastern Carolina in a close game 3-1 to end their national title quest. The team included a powerful nucleus of players who returned the comets to the national tournament the next year (1964). This is the second time that Don was be inducted to the Mayville State Athletic Hall of Fame.

Three new staff members to the One Stop Student Service Center, 170 Owen Hall.

Erica (Franklin) White, Info Tech Professional, graduated from UMC this past spring with a Bachelor’s degree in Information Technology Management with an emphasis in Systems Administration, an associate’s degree in Marketing and Management, and a Minor in Business Management. She was born, raised and is currently residing in Grand Forks, ND. She is married to Patrick White and has an 11 year-old step-son named Ciaran. Erica says she is looking forward to contributing to the growth and prosperity of the campus while starting an exciting career and is very excited to be back at UMC.

Sara Kaiser, Office of Admissions Student Personnel Worker, is a native of Crookston and graduated from Crookston High School in 2000. She grew up on a small farm south of town. She attended the University of Minnesota, Crookston for one year and graduated from the University of Indianapolis with a degree in Communication this past spring. She enjoys sporting events, traveling, and going to the movies. Sara is excited to join the Admissions staff and proud to be a part of the UMC team.

Alica Stoe, Office of Admissions Student Personnel Worker, grew up on a farm outside of Roseau, MN and graduated from Roseau High School in 1999. After graduation, she attended UND and graduated with a Bachelors of Business Administration with majors in Management and Marketing. She currently resides in Grand Forks, ND. Alica is happy to be a part of the UMC community and looks forward to promoting our University to prospective students.

The Northwest Research and Outreach Center is pleased to announce the hiring of three new employees. They are Tammy Stoe, as building and grounds worker. Tammy is originally from Crookston and is also working at Crookston High School. Her husband, Rob, works at UMC in facilities management. Tammy began her duties on Monday, September 20. She replaces

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**Faculty & Staff cont...**

Nancy Vraa, who transferred to UMC. **Ronda (Olson) Biermaier** ('97) has been hired as a Sr. Administrative Specialist. She is the staff secretary for 7½ scientists at the NWROC. Ronda and her husband, Mike, just returned to this area from Sartell. Ronda began her duties on Friday, September 24. She replaces Janet Solheim who retired in May.

Also beginning her new duties on Monday, September 27, is **Mary Johnshoy**. Mary was hired as a Junior Scientist on Carol Windels' and Albert Sims' Sugarbeet Factory Spent Lime Trial. Mary grew up in the Climax area and most recently has lived in Fargo.

**Recipients of the UMC Torch and Shield Award**, recognized at the Torch and Shield recognition event Wednesday, October 20, are University of Minnesota Regent Clyde Allen; John Bywater, former director of admissions and financial aid; Bill Connelly, the Director of Urban Economic Initiatives at the University of St. Thomas and a member of the UMC All-College Advisory Committee; Jerome Knutson, long time UMC science professor; and Del Roelofs, former director of development. The Torch and Shield is the most prestigious award given by UMC and the Northwest Research and Outreach Center and recognizes individuals who have provided leadership and who have aided in their development.

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**Focus on the Board**

The University of Minnesota, Crookston Alumni Association (UMCAA) held their annual meeting on Monday evening, October 25, 2004 where they elected new officers and welcomed new UMCAA board members. Officers elected were Kori Hegreberg '98, Ada MN who will be replacing Mark Erickson '98, Fertile MN as president. Serving under him will be Kari Torkelson, Grand Forks ND as vice president, and Leah (Stratton) Melsa '93, Fisher MN who re-elected secretary.

New members for 2004-05 include Jon Christensen '70, Lake Park MN; Cindy Bigger '79, Alexandria MN; Dave LeGare '89, Crookston MN; Abbey (Chervestad) Stueness '98, Gary MN; Kylene Odegaard '01, Crookston MN; and Tom DeBoer '03, Crookston. These new members join Jeff Oseeth, Kevin Poppel '03, and Nicole Krueger '03. The UMCAA board also welcomed Robert Peterson, the new vice chancellor for university relations to UMC.

Gathered around the tree in the Kiehle Rotunda to wish you happy holidays are the UMCAA board: (Standing left to right) Kevin Poppel '03, Tom DeBoer '03, Kylene Odegaard '01, Mike Meyer Director of Alumni Relations, Liz Tollefson '02 (staff), Nicole Krueger '03, Mark Erickson '98, Jon Christenson '70, Dave LeGare '89, Cindy Bigger '79. (Seated) Leah Stratton Melsa '93, Rose Utech '87 (staff), Kari Torkelson, and Korey Hegreberg '98.
Chancellor Burton Resigns

Velmer S. Burton, Jr., announced his resignation as chancellor of the University of Minnesota, Crookston, effective on October 14, 2004. He plans to return to his academic career at the University of Minnesota.

University of Minnesota President Robert Bruininks acknowledged Burton’s accomplishments and success at the Crookston campus.

"Chancellor Burton has worked extremely hard to map out the direction we want the campus to go, and I am confident that the efforts he has made will have a long-term effect on the already high-quality academic programs at Crookston," Bruininks said. "I understand his desire to return to research and the classroom and wish him all the best.”

Bruininks said that the search for a new chancellor will begin within the next few months. Until a new chancellor is named, Joe Massey, vice chancellor for academic affairs will serve as campus executive officer.

-Excerpted from the University News Service

Herschel Lysaker Honored

Herschel Lysaker, renowned coach and supporter of the University of Minnesota, Crookston was honored for his work and dedication prior at the UMC football game held on September 18. Lysaker was on the sidelines as an honorary head coach as the Golden Eagles took on Augustana. Lysaker and his wife, Yvonne, were also special guests at the UMC football game on October 9.

Lysaker began his coaching career at the Northwest School of Agriculture in 1944, where he was the basketball and football coach. When the Northwest School of Agriculture became UMC, he served as the first Athletic Director from 1966-1973. In 1977, Lysaker was inducted into the Minnesota Football Hall of Fame. He was later inducted into the Concordia College Hall of Fame in 1992. In 1982, the University of Minnesota Board of Regents named the new gymnasium on the UMC Campus in his honor – Lysaker Gymnasium.

Lysaker is best known for his dedicated recruiting. He spent countless hours on the road, traveling to homes and communities to ensure that UMC had not only the best athletes but brightest students as well.

"Athletes learn to accept disappointment and handle glory. We live in a competitive world and I think athletes learn to keep on competing and make a success out of many areas of life.”
—Herschel Lysaker

Herschel Lysaker and founding provost Stan Sahlstrom pose with Regal before the Homecoming game on October 9, 2004.
UMC Names Outstanding Alumni and Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees for 2004

The University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) Office of Development & Alumni Relations announces the 2004 UMC Outstanding Alumni. They will be recognized, along with Athletic Hall of Fame inductees, at an awards banquet on Friday, October 8.

2004 Outstanding Alumni

Lyle K. Glass is a 1973 graduate of UMC receiving his associate’s degree in equine management and natural resources. Glass is manager of Western Productions for the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation and represents the foundation on the Medora Chamber of Commerce. Glass has received numerous awards for his photography, and he has been featured in foreign travel magazines, films, and North Dakota tourism commercials.

Melinda McVey McCluskey received her associate’s degree in horticulture from UMC in 1979. She continued her education completing her doctorate in horticulture from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. McCluskey has taught at Northeast Community College in Norfolk, Nebraska, the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, and currently is an assistant professor in horticulture at UMC, a position she has held since 2002. She is married to Scot McVey McCluskey and is the daughter of Gary and Nancy McVey, formerly of Crookston.

ADawn McLean Melbye graduated in 1997, receiving her associate’s degree in equine science and bachelor’s of science degrees in animal industries management and equine industries management. Melbye received her master’s degree from the University of Minnesota. She is currently an agriculture education instructor at Lincoln High School in Thief River Falls, Minnesota where she serves as advisor to the Future Farmers of America (FFA). She is married to Chris Melbye, and they live in Thief River Falls, Minnesota.
2004 Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees

Gary Senske began his head coaching career at Underwood High School in 1967-1972. From 1972-81, he coached at Eveleth High School. Senske served as the head basketball coach at the University of Minnesota, Crookston from 1981 until 2002. His NJCAA teams at UMC compiled 176 wins against 117 losses for a 61% win-loss record that included 12 consecutive winning seasons, a division championship, four division runners-up, a State Championship, and a Region XIII runners-up title. Senske retired from UMC in 2002 and currently resides in Perham, Minnesota.

Brenda Russell Kasprick graduated in 1989 from UMC. She was the first woman athlete to carry a 4.0 G.P.A. during her freshman and sophomore basketball seasons. Kasprick was 1988-89 Tri-Captain and team MVP. She was a member of the All-Region Team, All-State Team, All-State Tournament Team, All-Northwest Division 1st Team and Coca-Cola Player of the Week during that season. Kasprick is a teacher at the Lincoln High School in Thief River Falls, Minnesota.

Mark Olsonawski is a 1999 graduate of UMC in plant industries management. He was named All-American in football in 1998. Olsonawski also received 1998 Honorable Mention, 1997 Second Team All-American, and 1996 Second Team Honorable Mention. He holds career records for rushing yards, career receptions, and touchdowns. Olsonawski currently works for the Eli Lilly Foundation and lives in Moorhead, Minnesota.
2004-05 Golden Eagle Athletics Fall Review

Golden Eagle football, soccer, golf and volleyball finished the 2004 fall campaign garnishing recognition for both the teams and student-athletes.

Golden Eagle football finished the season 2-8 overall and 2-5 in NSIC conference play. The wins came on a shutout of Wayne State 24-0 and an offensive shootout against MSU-Moorhead in the Metrodome Classic 47-36. Two of the football team’s losses were by 10 points or fewer. UMC held Bemidji State to 28 points in a 20-28 loss. This against a BSU team that had consistently scored 40+ points to begin the season. UMC also fell to Northern State 12-22 on a muddy afternoon that saw Golden Eagle runningback, R.J. Rollins set an NSIC single game season high in rushing attempts with 45. Bemidji State and Northern State finished tied for second in the NSIC with records of 5-2.

Look for Coach Stassen and his coaching staff to have the 2005 football team ready for revenge next season.

UMC women’s soccer had an uphill battle from day-one but continued to fight throughout the season, showing their true Golden Eagle spirit. A healthy 13 player squad was quickly decimated to 11 and then nine by injuries. The team, playing short-handed for most of the season finished with a record of 3-15 overall and 1-6 in conference play. The conference win came on October 16, when the team defeated Wayne State 3-2. The team fought short-handed with 10 players, one of whom had a knee injury that would limit her play for the rest of the season.

Men’s golf finished the 2004 fall season at the NSIC Championship held at Pebble Creek Golf Club in Becker, MN. The team finished in third of five teams. The spring men’s golf season begins on April 6-7 at “The Bluffs” in Vermillion, SD. The women’s golf season ended with the NSIC Championship in Willmar, MN held at the Eagle Creek Golf Course. Senior Jen Orcutt was the only Golden Eagle golfer to compete in that tournament. She finished in seventh place.

Golden Eagle Women’s Volleyball started the 2004 season on fire. The team opened winning their first three matches and going 5-2 into the beginning of September. Although the team went on several hot and cold streaks, the season could be defined by two matches. On August 31, the Golden Eagles defeated the University of North Dakota for the first time in school history 3-1. The team then pulled off an amazing upset of #2 ranked MSU-Moorhead on October 30. At the time, the Dragons were 22-3 overall and 9-2 in NSIC Conference play. The volleyball team’s season ended on November 11 at the NSIC Tournament in St. Paul, MN. The Golden Eagles battled #4 ranked Wayne State in which the team was 1-1 on the season. The Wildcats prevailed 3-1, ending UMC’s season at 14-19 overall and 6-8 in the NSIC.

The accomplishments of each team were evident in the honors and accolades numerous student-athletes achieved for their performances in
their respective sport and in the classroom. Football, soccer and volleyball broke school records during the 2004 season. In addition, all of the sports had athletes named NSIC Player of the Week. Each team also had at least one player named to the NSIC All-Conference team and NSIC All-Academic team.

2004-05 Golden Eagle Hockey Preview

Following the last two MCHA Championships, summing up this year’s outlook for Golden Eagle Hockey in a few words would be “anxious, energetic, and excited.” Some teams would be satisfied living off their past laurels, but not this group of student athletes.

Anxious to get the hockey season started Coach Gary Warren anticipates 17 returnees, and 20 newcomers to ignite the interests of UMC hockey enthusiasts, students and alumni.

Experienced forwards are led by team leading scorer and All-MCHA stand out Captain Brock Anundson (Baudette). Other seniors to look for are linemate Theran Bauer (Spooner, WI), Lance Barton (Jamestown, ND) and Kurit Dukelow (Victoria, BC). Junior finisher Patrick Knutson (EGF) is back with his handy work around the net. Junior Nate Haskins (Spooner) brings his highly explosive offense back to the Golden Eagles. Dustin Steigauf (Bemidji) will continue to create space for his teammates and sophomore Chris Knapp (Park Rapids) will continue to make an impact on the team and in the league.

Four returning defensemen led by team captain and All-MCHA selection Marc Tveit (Roseau) will bring order and offensive skill to the blueline. Senior Tveit and Shawn Carlson (Two Harbors) will be paired up with juniors Justin Barron (TRF) and Ben Larson (Rothsay) that could balance and deepen the defensive corps along with several new recruits.

The jury is out as the goalkeeping position is up for grabs. Sophomore Brett Shelanski (Bloomington) welcomes the challenge of rising to the task, as four newcomers also compete for the job.

This season Finlandia University of Hancock, MI will join the ever interesting and exciting Midwest Collegiate Hockey Association. With some conference coaching changes, and an extremely demanding non conference schedule this hockey season proves to be unique onto its own. As our seniors would say “This is our year”!

2004-05 Men’s Basketball Preview

Seven letter winners from last year’s team return for the Golden Eagles. UMC men’s basketball came close so many times last season, but struggled at times finishing games. The key this season is how well we develop as a team and develop depth. We have struggled early in the season with injuries, but that has given a lot of players opportunities to show what they can do. Because of the injury bug we have played players out of their natural positions which in the long run should help our depth.

Justin Henry (Diego Martin, Trinidad) was second in the NSIC in rebounding as junior. Lee Roberts (Pillager, MN) returns for his junior year. He has been a two year starter for the Golden Eagles. Ahmad Palmer (Peoria, IL) will be counted on this season to provide scoring. Jon Smith (Centralia, IL) also returns for his junior season. Jon has been a two year starter.

Pat Posl (Bird Island, MN), who has been a consistent performer for UMC returns for his junior season in the best shape of his career. Garry Thompson (Elk River, MN) who has been in the program for two years would like to see him play a key role in this team.

“Anxious to get the hockey season started Coach Gary Warren anticipates 17 returnees, and 20 newcomers to ignite the interests of UMC hockey enthusiasts, students and alumni.”

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years will be looked upon to play major minutes for UMC. Jason O’Polka (Freeland, MI) is one of three seniors that will need to provide leadership to the Golden Eagles throughout the season.

The Golden Eagles are expecting a lot out of their recruiting class. Matt Hoie (Bagley, MN), Mario Bonner (Milledgeville, GA), Musa Kamara (Silver Springs, MD), and Chad Marks (Oneida, WI) are all transfers. Three freshmen round out the roster for UMC, Antwon Miller (Moreno Valley, CA), Justin Morken (Perham, MN), and Jordan Grafsgaard (Ulen, MN). All of these new players can definitely fill the needs as this team develops this year.

The NSIC is a strong basketball conference that represents us well in the NCAA II post-season play. Northern State made it to the national tournament last season. They along with Wayne State, Winona State, Concordia-St. Paul return a strong nucleus of players for this year's conference challenge. We look forward to the challenge of playing in the NSIC.

2004-2005 Women’s Basketball Preview

The 2004-05 version of the UMC women’s basketball team looks to make an impact on the Northern Sun Conference (NSIC) race. After a great start to the non-conference season a year ago, winning seven of their first nine games, with wins over the likes of St. Cloud State and Metro State (CO), the Golden Eagles did not find the turning of the calendar to their liking. A combination of injuries and illnesses left the Golden Eagles close, but on the short end of the scoreboard too often, during the NSIC campaign. Coach Curfman and the Golden Eagles look to a strong returning core to help bring a more consistent season to Lysaker Gym this winter. The key returnees are Stephanie Mayclin, (Sr., Breckenridge, MN), Karna Plaine, (Jr., Hatton, ND), Casey Francis (Jr., Fosston, MN), Carly and Kari Score (So., Boyceville, WI.) and Beth Jacobson (So., Mayville, ND).

In addition to the talented returning class, the Golden Eagles have added many new faces to this year’s squad. Katie Carlson (Sr., Mora, MN) rejoins the Golden Eagles after finishing her volleyball eligibility. Transfers Jeny Martinson (Jr., Silver Bay), Jess Holicky (So., Dalton, MN), and Brittan Boelhke (Jr., Waverly, MN) will all look to make an impact right away. Freshman Katrina Wahlin (Crookston, MN) and Theresa Crance (Timber Lake, SD) show a lot of potential. Christina Posl (Bird Island, MN) will be red-shirting for the Golden Eagles this season. Posl has a lot of athletic ability and will be looked to be a major contributor in the future.

Also new to the coaching staff this year is assistant coach Karen Siira. Siira comes to the coaching staff after playing for the Golden Eagles from 2000-2004. Siira is a native of Evansville, MN and earned her bachelor’s degree in sport and recreation management with a minor in coaching from UMC.

Coach Curfman says “The NSIC race looks to be as close as ever this year, preseason favorite, Concordia-St. Paul, returns all five starters, but all eight teams have a shot to be at the top, come the end of February. We have a real strong returning core of upperclassmen led by Steph Mayclin, Karna Plaine, and Casey Francis and sophomores Beth Jacobson, Carly Score and Kari Score all have a year under their belt and have a better understanding of the college game. We are going to rely heavily on this group and with some key additions in Katie Carlson, Jess Holicky, Theresa Crance and Katrina Wahlin we look to have a more consistent and productive NSIC Conference season.

UMC Media Services Offers Streaming Audio of Golden Eagle Athletics

Check out the Golden Eagles on the Web by going to UMC's homepage at http://www.umcrookston.edu/ > click on Golden Eagle Athletics> click on Audio Streams> and listen to a live Web cast of the current event! You can see what events are coming up or check out the archive of UMC athletic events! Go, Golden Eagles!
Moshers “Tackle” Life and Business Together

Patty Schmaltz Mosher ’84 and her husband Bruce (attended ’83) began their business, “Today’s Tackle,” six years ago in their home in Beltrami, Minnesota. They hand glued together 20,000 of their first product—the Ice Buster Bobber—in their kitchen. Bruce traveled around North Dakota and Minnesota stopping at tackle shops and demonstrating how the bobber worked. That was just the beginning. “Today’s Tackle” long ago outgrew the Mosher kitchen and is now located in the old Cenex station store in Beltrami, and there are four part-time employees helping them.

Patty credits Bruce with doing what was needed to make the business take off. “One thing about Bruce,” Patty said, “is even though there was a great deal to learn when we started, he wasn’t afraid to ask questions and learn on the job.” Bruce admits there was new terminology, and new ways of doing business to learn. For example, when he found the foam he wanted to use, there was a minimum order of 1-million pieces! He had to find ways to meet the needs he had as a small business owner. Today, the business has a variety of products including three new items for winter 2004, the Rod Strap and Bucket Clip, the Ice Well, and the Rod Rocker. Today’s Tackle has a Web page too located at: <www.todaystackle.com> and there are new products in development all the time.

Patty and Bruce and their two boys, Max, 10 years, and Carter, 6 years, enjoy taking family vacations now that they never had the opportunity to do when they were both involved in farming. Now winter is their busy time, and these two young entrepreneurs are working hard to make Today’s Tackle a success. In fact, Bruce was between trade shows when he had the opportunity to help build a float for UMC’s homecoming parade.

Patty, Konni Teeters Thomas, Lori Hanson, Dina Volland Hengel, Diane Sabol Marquardt, and Kathy Barry Sunsdahl made their first home at UMC in Skyberg. They lived in three rooms right in a row and for many of them it was the first time they had met each other. It was just the beginning of a friendship that would last long after their graduation.

These best friends—actually Patty’s son has dubbed them “sister-friends” because they are so close—got together to celebrate their 20-year reunion at homecoming this fall. Over time, they have become known as the “green house girls” because they moved out of Skyberg into a large green house across from Polk County Courthouse in Crookston. The house is no longer there, but the green house girls remember it fondly. In fact, the float they

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built for the homecoming parade commemorating the old house.

The girls have come back for homecoming before, but that was five years after they graduated. They do not regret their decision to return to UMC to celebrate this year. The grand marshal for the parade was Stan Sahlstrom. Patty said, "Stan was so wonderful, he is one of the people I remember most from attending UMC. In fact, everyone from the provost on down knew who you were and looked out for you."

Bruce remembers class from Marv Mattson, and they both recall taking economics from Dave Hoff. "It is a good thing I had Bruce there," Patty says, "I needed his help with economics." Patty also remembered Sue Brorson's business classes, and Ella Strand, a very proper lady who taught the fashion merchandising classes.

Patty fondly recalls the community's kindness too. She tells being invited to a meal with an elderly couple who were their neighbors. The girls invited them back for supper in return for their kindness. Patty recalled, "Don Cavalier lived about a block away and he kept an eye out for us too." When they were back for homecoming, they went to look at the spot where their house stood. They share so many wonderful memories and that is why they are planning to come back for homecoming again. "It is a wonderful time to be on campus, and we had so much fun," Patty smiles, "Homecoming is a great time to get together and remember."

Homecoming 2005 is scheduled for September 24, why don't you come back to rekindle friendships, enjoy the memories, and share the time together. We would love to have you back, and 2005 will be a great time to plan on a homecoming reunion to help UMC celebrate its centennial. Come home to UMC!

The green house girls pose in front of their float before the 2004 Homecoming parade on Saturday, October 9.

Mark E. Huglen Publications


Poetic Healing is about a Vietnam Veteran's pain and the healing power of words. Basil B. Clark's sense of order was disrupted after an ambush in Vietnam that resulted in the constant ringing in the ears known as tinnitus. Clark had to accept such pain as the norm to help himself recover meaning and regain a sense of order. His plays and poems function as equipment for living and include dynamic conversations among imaginary family members, friends, and divine agents. Clark's plays and poems are analyzed by Huglen, who offers insight into communication, conflict, collaboration, and five phases of poetic healing from a communication perspective.

Excerpted in part from Parlor Press at www.parlorpress.com/huglen.html
Staying Close to Agriculture

Originally from Greenbush, Minnesota, Ron Dvergsten ('77-'79) grew up on a diversified dairy farm. Although Ron had been accepted at North Dakota State University (NDSU) that fall, his dad asked him to think about UMC since it was close, and he could return home to help on the farm when it was needed. Roger '76, Ron's older brother, had received his degree in dairy production from UMC. Ron chose to go to UMC, and his younger brother, Greg '87, did the same thing when he made his decision to attend college. UMC was a natural choice for the Dvergsten boys, they all wanted to be involved in agriculture, and Ron knew from the time he was in tenth grade that he wanted to be involved in agricultural education.

Kent Freberg was Ron's advisor at UMC, and he recalls taking classes from Dr. Gary McVey who was head of the Ag division. Ron liked his ag classes very much. He remembers Paul Aakre was working on his degree as a technical assistant at the time, and he recalls other UMC faculty and staff like Dave Hoff, Erman Ueland, Marv Mattson, Truman Tilleras, and Don Keith. One of Ron's fondest memories is wrestling for Coach Rod Mosher. "I have a lot of respect for Rod," Ron says, "he pushed us, but he kept wrestling fun."

When Ron was a sophomore, UMC won the Northern Conference of the NJCAA in wrestling. He and Tim Coauette were wrestling teammates, and Ron fondly recalls all of the great times he had as part of that team. "I had wrestling in my blood; I was a high school wrestler for Greenbush," Ron said, "and wrestling in college was even more fun than in high school." The only downside was events like Ag-Arama that he missed on campus when they were on road trips. Ron participated in other activities too. He was collegiate FFA president his first year and was active in intramurals. "We won UMC intramurals in flag football and went on to play in Fergus Falls," Ron recalls, "I was also part of the winning intramural softball team."

When Ron was considering where to go on to finish his baccalaureate degree, he looked at both the Twin Cities campus of the University of Minnesota and NDSU. He said NDSU made the choice easy when they transferred in 102 of Ron's 107 credits from UMC. He graduated from NDSU in 1981, and a week after graduation he got a call from the principal at Central High School in Crookston. Ron taught vocational agriculture in Crookston from 1981 until 1986 when he became a special credit loan officer at Farm Credit Services in Grand Forks where he worked until 1990.

Ron accepted a position as a farm business management instructor at Northland Community and Technical College in Thief River Falls, Minnesota and has served in that capacity until recently being named the Regional Dean of Management Education at Northland. He has served on numerous state committees and has been

"We are unique in the college setting because we work with established farms;"

—Ron Dvergsten
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a member of the National Farm and Ranch Business Management Instructors Association. He has served as their secretary, president-elect, and is currently president of the organization.

His office at Northland reflects his interest in agriculture and his work brings him great satisfaction. “We are unique in the college setting because we work with established farms,” Ron states. The farmers they work with in the program must be owners, managers of a farm business, or exploring the farming area or small business. Ron supervises 20 management instructors: 18 of them in farm business management, one in small business, and one located in Detroit Lakes specializing in specialty crop management. They publish a database for farm management that is used by extension, lenders, and even legislators as part of their service to the region.

In his free time, Ron enjoys agriculture, education, sports, family and friends, and movies. The UMC Office of Development & Alumni Relations congratulates Ron on his new appointment and wishes him the best as he begins serving northwest Minnesota in his new capacity.

Did you know that UMC now offers a degree in Agricultural Education?
The University of Minnesota, Twin Cities-UMC partnership provides several options for a student to earn an agricultural education degree. This innovative partnership offers you the best of specialized education classes and expert faculty mentoring.

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Helping Parents Financially

Don’s parents are both age 80 and recently have had an increase in their medical expenses because they need additional medications. Don would like to help them out but does not want to have to be sending checks periodically. He also is uncomfortable with sending them a lump sum amount, in case they need to go into a nursing home or should die and that money would become a part of their estate.

Don would also like to support the University of Minnesota, Crookston in setting up an endowed scholarship fund. A possible solution to Don’s problem is a charitable gift annuity. A charitable gift annuity would pay income to his parents for their lives and at the second death the balance of the annuity contract would create an endowed scholarship fund.

Don decided to setup a $50,000 charitable gift annuity to help his parents. Based upon their present ages, the payout would be 6.9% so his parents would receive $3450 a year to help pay their medical expenses. Because Don funded the charitable gift annuity with cash, $2387.40 of the payment to his parents will be tax free for the first 13 plus years of the contract. That means they will only have report $1062.60 on their tax return. Don also receives an charitable income tax deduction of $19,691, based upon the IRS’s determination of the charitable gift portion of the contract.

Don liked the idea his parents would receive checks automatically to help pay their medical expenses, he would receive a tax deduction and there would be an endowed scholarship fund established that would provide scholarships forever for University of Minnesota, Crookston students.

If you are interested in a charitable gift annuity to help your parents or for your own benefit, please contact the development office at 218-281-8434.

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Crookston Campus has University of Minnesota's First Online Bachelor's Degree

UMC’s Bachelor of Applied Health degree is available online. The University of Minnesota, Crookston’s Bachelor of Applied Health (BAH) degree provides students a convenient and flexible alternative for working adults and part-time students who have relevant work experience and are interested in completing a 4-year degree. The Bachelor of Applied Health degree is designed for allied health personnel who seek professional advancement. Students gain the skill, knowledge, and experience to assume leadership roles in a variety of health care settings.

The Bachelor of Applied Health degree incorporates practical skills along with building on associate degrees in the health care fields. UMC’s Health Management Program Director, David Seyfried, says that this degree meets the needs of working health care professionals by allowing them to continue their work and family obligations as courses are available via the internet. “The flexibility of online courses allows health care professionals working rotating shifts to pursue an advanced degree. This was previously impossible even with evening or weekend class times.”

Health care is becoming more interdisciplinary, holistic and community centered. With this change comes new employment opportunities and new ways to support the health and wellbeing of individuals, families and communities. The BAH degree courses use the computer and internet as tools to enhance learning. Students learn from interacting with faculty, other students, and professionals in health care. The BAH is an integrated four-year baccalaureate degree developed in collaboration with partnering two-year institutions, several regional health care facilities, the University of Minnesota and the University of Minnesota, Crookston.

Health care organizations are typically complex companies which require people of diverse skills and backgrounds to work in close harmony, often under stressful conditions. The BAH curriculum responds to practical concerns expressed by health care employers for a new kind of clinical graduate, one who possesses a base of strong clinical skills combined with essential leadership abilities necessary to perform successfully in the changing health care arena. The curriculum is practitioner focused, offering seamless progression between basic foundation courses, clinical coursework completed at the technical or community college, the university, and the world of work. The BAH has a prescribed curriculum which builds on lower division health occupation coursework in the clinical field.

For more information about the degree and admission requirements, please contact: David Seyfried, Health Management Program Director, UMC, Seyfried@umn.edu or (800) 862-6466 ext 8370 or Michelle Christopherson, Director, Center for Adult Learning, University of Minnesota, Crookston, mchristo@umn.edu or (800) 862-6466 ext 8679, or via the web http://www.UMCrookston.edu/academics/BAH/learnmore.htm

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Minneapolis to Mongolia to UMC!

Bob Peterson, University of Minnesota, Crookston’s new vice chancellor for university relations came directly to UMC from the high steppe country of Mongolia where he was helping build homes as part of Habitat for Humanity’s Global Village program. Peterson along with nineteen other volunteers from around the world worked on building ten houses for Mongolian families currently living in “gers.” The homes are approximately 17 x 22 feet with two or three rooms. The homes had no water, sewer, or indoor plumbing of any kind, and are heated with a cook stove. Each home shelters four to six occupants and contains all the possessions they have in the world. “The experience really has an impact on you,” Peterson shares, “it reminds us just how much we have.”

This trip was not Peterson’s first for Habitat for Humanity; he has worked on forty homes in seven different states over the past seventeen years. Peterson comes to Crookston from the University of Minnesota where he was director of gift planning for the University of Minnesota Foundation. He had two reasons for taking the position at Crookston. “First,” he says, “Since I am planning to retire in a year, this position gave me the opportunity to work for an organization that I have some knowledge of and connections to because of my family. My parents, grandfather, and many uncles, aunts, and cousins have attended either the Northwest School of Agriculture (NWSA) or UMC.” The other reason is that Peterson’s mother lives only twenty miles away, and it was a chance for him to visit her more often.

Peterson attended Warren High School and then went to Macalester College in St. Paul. At Macalester, he played football and basketball, and ran track. After two years, he transferred to the University of Minnesota and graduated with a degree in business. Peterson spent the next seven years (1967 – ’74) as an officer in the U.S. Air Force.
**Peterson Scholarship Awarded to Patti Meyer**

Peterson and his wife, Barbara, provided several scholarships for UMC students. One of the scholarships the Petersons created with the help of Bob's mother was in memory of his father Leroy E. Peterson. The scholarship grew out of a passion for education and a desire to recognize his father's influence on his life.

The Leroy E. Peterson Scholarship Fund provides valuable assistance to students from the Warren-Alvarado-Oslo school district. This year's recipient is Patti Meyer, a senior at UMC from Warren, Minnesota, majoring in Ag Systems Management with an emphasis in Precision Agriculture. She is the daughter of Paul Meyer.

Patti likes UMC's size and close proximity to home, plus UMC offered some great scholarships. "UMC had what I wanted, plus I could get home to work on the farm," Patti says. She feels UMC has helped to shape her as a person and she has enjoyed her classes.

Patti grew up on a farm and that is where she wants to stay. In fact, following graduation in May, Patti will return home to farm with her father. She says she came to UMC, and never considered changing her major, farming is what she wants to do and UMC is preparing Patti for her future in agriculture!

and then worked as a real estate broker. Peterson decided to return to get his law degree from William Mitchell School of Law. With his law degree, Peterson opened an estate planning law practice that kept him busy along with providing financial planning and tax planning mostly for retiring clients. He worked in his practice for twelve years before taking the job with the University of Minnesota Foundation.

All of his knowledge and experience gives Peterson the ability to help donors and supporters of the University by looking at the total picture of how gift planning fits into their estate plan. It accomplishes three purposes: it reduces taxes, manages inheritances to benefit children or grandchildren, and maximizes a donor's gifting goals to support UMC along with their other charities. Peterson's other responsibilities at UMC are to oversee the athletics program, alumni relations, public relations, communications, and development.

If you are interested in visiting with Bob, please stop by his office in Kiehle 117, E-mail him at peter446@umn.edu, or call him at 218-281-8438. The coffee is on, and he would love to visit with you.

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From Crookston to Costa Rica

Luke Wittkop came to the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) because of the scholarships he was offered. “It was the single deciding factor,” Luke explains. “I was not very involved in high school, but when I came to UMC, I had so many opportunities to be involved. I joined many clubs, and I had the chance to really participate on campus.” Those opportunities to meet people and be involved have shaped the person that Luke has become. Studying abroad was one of those opportunities.

As a horticulture and natural resources major, Luke was encouraged from the time he came to UMC to consider the study abroad program. Claudia Barton was instrumental in helping Luke make that decision, along with Rae French, and two of his instructors, Phil Baird and Sue Jacobson. Choosing where to study was not very difficult for Luke, his older sister Pam, a University of Minnesota graduate, studied in Costa Rica as a student and loved it. Dr. Svedarsky was very supportive of Luke’s decision to study in Costa Rica too. He actually met with Luke, told him how great it would be to study there, and gave him some great suggestions for things to bring along with him. Svedarsky’s oldest son lives in Costa Rica so he was speaking from personal experience. Luke loved Costa Rica, and his enthusiasm is contagious. Here is the story of that trip in his words:

Everything I read about my study abroad program in Costa Rica before I left warned of the intensity and involvement of the program. I figured they were just blowing things out of proportion and trying to scare us. I was wrong. My semester in Costa Rica was intense to say the least. Former students had dubbed the program “biology boot camp,” and I think that’s pretty accurate. Most days we were in some sort of school-related activity from 8a.m. to 8p.m. Often classes would finish for the day, and I would go take a shower and go to bed. Fortunately, classes were often held outside in the rainforest, on the beach, at a dairy farm, or wherever the subject matter could best be taught.

As students, we were responsible for learning some 200 plant and animal species on two separate occasions during the semester. “Learning” these species required knowing everything about them – Latin and common names, reproduction, pollinators/dispersers, habitat, mature size, range, diet, uses, etc.—and this was just for one class!

“Humans in the Tropics” was one of my favorite classes. Every week we traveled to a different location to actually see how humans were impacting tropical environments. Trips included a hog farm, coffee plantations, and eco-tourism operations, among others. My favorite class, however, was Spanish. On our second day in Costa Rica, we all took a placement exam to determine our skill level. Fortunately, I was placed into the highest skill level and ended up in a “class” of three students. We had a native Costa Rican as our teacher and class was always in Spanish, in fact, our teacher spoke poor English. With such an ideal learning environment, my Spanish improved greatly.

On top of the regular Spanish classes, I spent four weeks living with a rural host family. I chose to live in the San Luis Valley, about a five-

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Luke Wittkop (in UMC t-shirt) in Costa Rica taken at a coffee processing/packaging plant. He is standing with the 24 other students that were in the program. They are from universities all over the U.S.

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Moreno Named Honorary Consul of Ecuador

Juan Moreno, a diversity program director and inclusion specialist with the University of Minnesota Extension Service and former director of multicultural affairs at the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC), has been named Honorary Consul of Ecuador for the state of Minnesota and will head a new Ecuadorian consulate in the Twin Cities.

When Juan left Ecuador to come to the United States in 1968, he was only fourteen years old. He and his older sister who was sixteen were sent to Augustana Academy, a Lutheran boarding school in Canton, South Dakota just south of Sioux Falls. The two teenagers left Ecuador not only because they were poor but also because they were Scandinavian Lutherans, and at the time, it was not a good thing to be Lutheran in southern Ecuador. The missionaries who brought the Moreno children to the United States moved them to Perley, Minnesota when the boarding school closed the following year. “Our immigration story is similar to many, many others,” Juan explains, “Poverty and oppression are common themes to our stories, and the church, no matter what denomination, is often responsible for helping us find a place in the U.S.”

“My sister and I graduated from Hendrum High School in Hendrum, Minnesota. I worked on the farm and in sugar beet fields along with other migrant workers, and I knew and understood agriculture in the Red River Valley,” Juan shares. After his graduation, Juan went to Waldorf College in Forest City, Iowa and then Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota where he met and married his wife, Diane, a music major at Concordia. Following their graduations, Diane taught music in Mentor, Minnesota (and later in Crookston) and Juan took a job at UMC as director of Hispanic programs. What is unique about Juan’s position is that it was the first time a commitment had been made by UMC to this population. It was the beginning of Juan’s career, which would later bridge both domestic as well as international diversity.

Slowly the rest of Juan’s family began to immigrate. Diane and Juan worked to bring each of his siblings over so they could attend Crookston Central High School as seniors. Four of his siblings attended UMC, Victoria, Carlos ’82, Elaina, and Paul.

For nearly eleven years, the Moreno family lived in Crookston. Juan accepted a position on the Minneapolis campus as director of multicultural programs and Diane found a job teaching in Eden Prairie in 1987. Juan remembers fondly his time in Crookston, and with good reason, he was instrumental in bringing changes that UMC continues to this day. Juan helped start the multicultural club, international dinners, and he worked with organizations like the Minnesota Migrant Council, and the Agency for International Development, which through an agreement with UMC, brought Nigerian students to campus. One year there were seventy-five Nigerian students at UMC.

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mile walk from the station where classes were held. The distance alone was enough to discourage me, but there was also a small mountain to climb for the first mile or two everyday. Luckily, my host family had a car and drove to town everyday anyway so I was able to catch a ride on most days. The stay with my host family was the highlight of the program for me. I had a host father, mother, brother, and sister. I felt like a member of the family. It was a fantastic way to learn about and experience first hand the culture and lifestyle of Costa Ricans.

Luke’s trip to Costa Rica has broadened his educational experience, and helped him refine his goals. He is considering a possible career in habitat restoration or native species restoration. Whatever he decides, he is glad he chose UMC and recommends it to others. “The campus is excellent, and there are so many opportunities for students on a campus of this size,” Luke reflects. “With all that I have learned, I am even considering another trip abroad; this time to Argentina.”

It is true; from UMC, students really can go anywhere!

Juan Moreno cont...

Those students enjoyed UMC because it was hands-on and was technologically advanced even prior to becoming a laptop university.

One of the highlights for Juan was the way that the multicultural club became a cohesive, authentic community. Many of them still have contact with Juan today. “Our home became an embassy,” Juan says, that included my siblings, our children, and many students. My children had the opportunity to grow up in a tremendously multicultural world, and this diversity contributed to my own growth as a world citizen,” Juan reflects.

This worldview makes Juan effective in his work. In addition to his outreach work with the U of M Extension Service, Moreno also served on the Twin Cities Spanish Affairs Council and with Chicanos Latinos Unidos En Servicio, a leading provider of social services for the Latino community in Minnesota through its five core service areas of mental health, chemical health, employment, education, and elder wellness. His community service work has not gone unnoticed. Last spring, Moreno received the 2004 Josie R. Johnson Human Rights and Social Justice Award from the University of Minnesota.

He was honored for designing a “Supporting Community Diversity” extension program resulting in more than 15 community-based educational programs throughout Minnesota. Moreno also developed a “Statement of Diversity and Dignity” for the U of M Extension Service and created three colorful posters reflecting geographical and historical dispersions of Latinos, American Indians, and Asians in Minnesota.

Juan’s passion for what he does can be detected in his voice as he talks about the opportunities he has had. “I have been incredibly privileged to live at these intersections in life,” Juan says, “and being named honorary consul for Ecuador is a privilege and opportunity for me to serve the growing Ecuadorian community.” In August, the Ecuadorian Ministry of Foreign Affairs named Juan to the post. Formal recognition and approval of Moreno’s appointment by the U.S. State Department is expected later this year. After that, the consul will have its grand opening later this year or early next year.

(This article was excerpted in part from an article by the University of Minnesota news service located at http://www1.umn.edu/umnnews/index.php)

The University of Minnesota, Crookston’s Office of Multicultural and International Programs was established to provide equal educational access and opportunity to persons of every race and ethnic heritage, sex, religion and creed, and to support the international activities of the faculty, students, and staff of the University of Minnesota. Visit: http://www1.UMCrookston.edu/people/services/Multicultural/
UMC Student Likes it Hot!

Heath Estey is a University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) junior from Mahnomen, Minnesota and his passion is fighting fire. In fact, Heath is a “Hot Shot.” A “Hot Shot” is a member of an elite group of 20 firefighters who battle wild land fires every summer in Nevada. Heath is a natural resources major at UMC with an emphasis in park management, and someday he hopes to become a fire management officer. Heath says, “UMC has helped me in a lot of things. I’m able to communicate with people in all types of situations. UMC has helped me be a leader in what I do. As far as education goes, I wouldn’t pick any other place than UMC because you get the skills that are needed for jobs like mine. Experience with computers, wildlife concerns, knowledge in forestry, organization, and supervision and leadership are all needed to be successful in wild land fire management.”

Ever since Heath was a little boy, he has wanted to learn to be a wild land firefighter. It is easy to understand why, Heath’s parents are both involved in fire fighting. Heath’s dad worked in Naytahwaush at the White Earth Reservation Forestry and Fire Management Office as a Fire Management Officer and Forestry Technician. Ronda, his mom, has been a structure firefighter for twenty years, and she is the assistant coordinator for the Minnesota Inter-agency Fire Center in Grand Rapids, Minnesota. Heath recalls many stories as a child about their firefighting experiences and it sparked the interest in him. Also, his dad’s sister was in structure fire for over 20 years and her husband is the Fire Chief for the Twin Lakes Volunteer Fire Dept. They are involved in structure fire and wild land fire for Twin Lakes Volunteer Fire Dept. and a cousin of Heath’s is a wild land fire fighter/forestry technician for the White Earth Forestry & Fire Management office and a structure firefighter for the Twin Lakes Volunteer Department.

The thing that Heath finds the most rewarding about wild land firefighting is the camaraderie and the challenge of the job. In fact, Heath says, “I enjoy belonging to this team of fire fighters; I find it deeply satisfying to work with them.” He has experience fighting fire too; this is his fourth year. He has traveled around the state to take advantage of learning opportunities and training. As a fire fighter, he carries a red card that lists all of his qualifications and his rank. Heath is a squad leader trainee, incident commander type five, and a sawyer, meaning he runs chainsaw for the crew.

The job is a rigorous one. This past summer Heath battled the Waterfall Fire near Carson City, Nevada. The Reno Gazette-Journal describes Heath’s story this way: “To battle the Waterfall Fire west of Carson City, Heath Estey hiked for an hour up steep mountains and spent 16-hour days in mid 90-degree heat battling flames that reached 100 feet.”

Heath worked on a Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) fire crew in Minnesota before he became a “Hot shot.” He was ready for the challenge. These firefighters are sent into places that regular crews have a hard time reaching. Reno magazine’s fall 2004 issue featured these elite firefighters. In the article, Meagan Wakefield, another member of the “Hot Shot” crew explained the bond between the firefighters, “There’s a common thread of character...an almost vagabond kind of spirit...that makes our bond as fire fighters extremely tight.” Everyday they risk their lives for strangers,

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Exciting Opportunities in Sport and Recreation Management

The Minnesota Timberwolves recently developed an educational sales project that will provide an opportunity for students at the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) to become honorary members of the Minnesota Timberwolves group sales staff. Their job will be to market, promote, and sell the thrilling experience of a Timberwolves game to prospective buyers. The student who sells the most tickets during this project will receive a guaranteed interview with the Timberwolves for an internship starting next fall. This opportunity was created through collaboration between Darin Stromstad from UMC’s Sport and Recreation Management (SRM) program and Travis Hamre, Group Ticket Sales Executive for the Timberwolves.

“The exciting thing about this project,” Stromstad says, “is that students get real sales experience in the sport marketing field. Most college students have never had the opportunity to acquire these kinds of skills and experience prior to graduating.” This is the inaugural year of the project in which only two schools are participating—UMC and Bemidji State University. The UMC Alumni Association with the help of Darin and SRM major Mike Hanson are coordinating a UMC Alumni Night on Friday, April 8 at 7:00 p.m. when the Timberwolves play the Denver Nuggets. (For more information see page 28)

The sales project constitutes only one of the exciting developments in the SRM program. Stromstad points out that “this program is a priority in the department and on the campus. There is a lot of interest in growing the program and many things are taking place as a result.” One of the goals of the SRM program is to make strong connections to the community by building relationships on the local level, but also to connect to places in our region. The program is also looking to expand internationally through contacts that Stromstad has already established in Norway. Stromstad’s familiarity with Norway comes through his own study abroad experience in 1999. Then, he returned to Norway in 2002 to work for Vålerenga Basket, a Norwegian professional basketball team. He has been to Norway five times and enjoys visiting both family and friends he has there, and as a result he has established valuable contacts for the SRM program at UMC.

There are also direct connections to UMC for Stromstad. His father, Allan, is a 1963 graduate of the Northwest School of Agriculture (NWSA), UMC’s predecessor. His grandfather, John, was a 1933 graduate. Stromstad’s brother, Jon, graduated from UMC in 1991 with an asso-
ciate degree and came back to receive his bachelor of science in plant industries management in 1995, and his brother, Paul, also attended UMC before transferring to North Dakota State University.

Stromstad attended UMC as well, in the fall of 1996 and the winter of 1997 before transferring to the University of Minnesota in the Twin Cities to pursue a degree in kinesiology.

Stromstad worked part time as a personal trainer along with playing rugby while at the U of M. When he decided that he didn’t like the job outlook for himself as a personal trainer, he transferred to the sport(s) management program, and this began his move to the professional side of sports. Besides working for the Vålerenga Basket, Stromstad has connections to the Minnesota Lynx where he worked as part of his last semester as an undergraduate. He decided to return to the U of M and pursue his master’s degree in Education in Youth Development, graduating in May of 2004. Stromstad and his wife, Brandi, live near Beltrami, Minnesota where Stromstad grew up as a child.

If you know someone who might be interested in pursuing a degree in Sport and Recreation Management, they can contact Darin Stromstad by e-mail at stro0170@umn.edu or by phone at 800-862-6466. He would be happy visit about the potential of a degree in Sport and Recreation Management at UMC!

To learn more about the program visit http://www.UMCrookston.edu/academics/SRM/index.htm

I believe that the Timberwolves have given UMC a chance to reconnect with one another by attending a Timberwolves game as part of UMC Alumni Night on April 8.

I would encourage the alumni to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity, not just for the event or to reconnect with friends and other alumni, but to make this project and the SRM program the best it can be.

Not to mention the memories that can be made. I hope that the alumni will be able to attend this event and enjoy the great chance we have been given here at the University of Minnesota, Crookston.

—Mike Hanson
UMC Senior and SRM Major

Sport & Recreation Management (SRM)

In the United States sport and recreation is a multi-billion dollar industry. Professional and amateur athletes, coaches, administrators, marketers, health care professionals, facility managers, and many others earn a living within the sport and recreation industry.

UMC’s SRM program offers a diverse background of knowledge about this growing industry and a strong foundation in business. The Sport and Recreation Management curriculum and its nationally recognized, technology-based learning environment prepare students for a wide variety of work opportunities.

To learn more about the program visit: http://www.UMCrookston/academics/SRM/index.htm
University of Minnesota Crookston Alumni Night!
The Timberwolves battle their Northwest Division rival, the Denver Nuggets, in a key late-season match-up

Friday, April 8th, 8:30 PM
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⇒ $5 from every ticket sold through this offer will benefit the University of Minnesota Crookston Alumni Association

All tickets are subject to availability. Final order and payment due no later than 10 days prior to game date. After this deadline, all unused tickets will be released for public sale; all ticket discounts will be void and additional tickets must be purchased at face value. All orders must be received at least one week prior to game date to be mailed out. Tickets can be picked up at will call for orders received the week of the game.

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Tell the Governor to Choose the U!

With the start of the legislative session less than five weeks away, Governor Pawlenty is gathering input from citizens on how the state should balance the budget. Early estimates show that the State of Minnesota could face a deficit of more than $1 billion in the next biennium. This shortfall could translate into serious budget cuts for the University of Minnesota unless we take action.

The Governor is developing his recommendations for both the capital and biennial budgets. Historically, legislators consider these recommendations seriously when making decisions on the University’s requests. Now is the time to urge Governor Pawlenty to choose the U and make a strong investment in one of the state’s greatest assets.

Fill out the Governor’s online budget survey and encourage him to support higher education: http://www.minnesotabudget.state.mn.us/PPWDYT.asp.

Be sure to tell him that you support increased funding for higher education and that it should be the state’s top priority. State funding for higher education has steadily declined over the last several decades. In 1970, state funds made up 35 percent of the U’s budget while tuition made up 10 percent. Today, these percentages are almost equal. The state contributes less than 25 percent and tuition and fees make up 21 percent. It is time for our elected officials to reverse the trend and renew the state’s commitment to the university.

A recent Minneapolis Star Tribune editorial advocated for increased support for the U during the upcoming legislative session. The editorial points out that funding for higher education in Minnesota has declined as the state’s need for a highly educated workforce has soared.

To read the entire editorial and forward to a friend click here: http://www.startribune.com/stories/561/5095836.html.

Firefighter cont...

and Heath and his crew would not have it any other way.

Science is an integral part of firefighting. Heath explains, “We have to keep a close watch on the weather, and we have to know where the fuel is, things that will feed the fire like debris and needles, things like that.” The crew was in its second year this past summer, but it was really its first full season of full-time firefighting. Heath was selected to be part of the crew, and when he talks about it, you can sense his passion for the job.

UMC helps student find their passions, and Heath is one example of a student who has been able to combine what he loves with the major he needs to help him be the best he can be. That is just one of the exciting opportunities UMC has to offer. If you are interested in learning more about UMC’s Natural Resources degree visit the Web site and learn more: www.UMCrookston.edu/academics/NatR

Check out Natural Resources at UMC!

UMC’s Natural Resources program (also known as the "NatR" program) provides an integrated approach to soil and water conservation, wildlife and fisheries management, forestry, and recreation. This combination enables graduates to work with a variety of resources and people and to build a career tailored to their interests.

Check out the NatR program by visiting: http://www.UMCrookston.edu/academics/NatR
Joseph Gagner '74, Bismarck ND has been employed by Bobcat, Co. which is a subsidiary of Ingersoll-Rand since 1977. Joseph married Cheryl Jiskra in May of 1983 and they have two children. Their first grandchild was born in August 2004. With home, church, and work they keep very busy.

Robert Pollock '74, Inver Grove Heights MN is has been doing farming, landscaping, and trucking on his own for many years doing everything himself and sometimes hiring a couple of people. Five years ago, he bought a 300 acre farm by Hendricks/Canby. Being a small farmer is quite challenging, wrenching on older trucks and tractors, doing things on a small scale, and even picking sweet corn and squash by hand. Now he is trying to secure a combine for his specialty crops. Bob has been married for 20 years and has two children, Gus and Anna. Bob states, "The professors and staff at UMC were so good to me when I was in my formative years so I just wanted to say thanks!"

Doug Jurek attended '75-'76, Victoria MN has been a construction foreman for M. A. Mortenson for 27 years and has also been a volunteer firefighter for 18 years for the city of Victoria. Doug and his wife, Lynn, have been married for 26 years and they have two sons; Aaron, 23, who is an apprentice electrician and Justin, 19, who is an airman in the United States Air Force.

Steven & Nancy (Kasprick) Peterson '76 & '77, Wadena, MN. Steven is employed by Holstein USA and Nancy is a business educator in the Wadena-Deer Creek school district.

Bruce Thilen '78, Monticello MN serves the Coon Rapids city as public works superintendent and is a charter member/past chairman of Monticello's Parks Commission. He and his wife, Rhonda, have two sons.

Joe Adamek '79, Faribault MN is employed by Faribault's Crown, Cork & Seal plant and recently ran for District 1 Rice County Commissioner.

Laurie (Smith) Horvey '84, Headingly Manitoba. Email Laurie at lhorevey@shaw.ca

Tim Johnson '80, Faribault MN is a senior executive pharmaceutical representative with Glaxo Smith Kline Pharmaceuticals for the past 15 years and is involved in recruiting so feel free to contact him. Tim and his wife, Debbie, have three children; Jacob, 18; Kendra, 8; and Bailey, 6. A big hello to Bruce & Sue Bronson from Tim. Email Tim at tdjkjohnson@aol.com or at timothy.d.johnson@gsk.com

Brian Peterson '81, Girdwood AK earned a B.B.A. magna cum laude, from the University of Alaska Fairbanks after graduating from UMC. He has been a professional hunting and fishing guide in Alaska for the last 24 years. He received his registered guide license in 1987 and his master guide license in 2000. He has been on the board of directors of the Alaska Professional Hunter's Association for the last nine years. He presently owns and operates a hunting and fishing lodge on Kodiak Island where he conducts hunts for brown bear, mountain goat, sitka blacktail deer, fox, and sea ducks. Our fishing trips are for halibut and salmon from a 40 foot charter boat. Brian has been married since 1999 and he and his wife have a two year old son named Grayling and a one year old son named Pike. His hobby is hunting and he has about 40 species from three continents. Email Brian at brian.peterson@att.net

Vincent Breken '84, Crookston MN has been promoted to shareholder for Brady, Martz and Associates, P.C. He joined Brady, Martz in 1986 and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the North Dakota Society of CPAs and the Minnesota Society of CPAs. He is a general service practitioner providing tax and management consulting services specializes in agriculture and small business tax.

Holly Hanson-Kollar '84, Tempe AZ is the Human Resources Officer for Alliance Residential Company in Phoenix where she oversees all aspects of HR for over 850 employees in 7 states. The city of Tempe hosted the "Healing Gardens" at Tempe Beach Park on September 11, 2004, where 4,000 flags were erected in honor of the 9/11 victims and those who have died defending the U.S. since 9/11. The "Healing Garden" event she attended was so overwhelming, she wanted to share it with others. Below is what Holly submitted:

"Tempe Beach Park is a small park by the Arizona State University campus in Tempe, AZ where I live. The City wanted to honor all of those who have died since the 9/11 attacks, and they erected 4,000 flags - one for each 9/11 victim and for each soldier who has died since 9/11. I attended in the evening with the sun going down over the lake and the flags casting long shadows over the hundreds of people who were walking through the rows of flags, reading the names of those who had given their lives.

Like many others, I can recall the exact moment and place where I first heard the news about 9/11. I was supposed to fly to California that week to have meetings with our employees in San Diego, CA, and San Francisco, but all flights were cancelled and I flew instead. Normally, driving from Phoenix through to San Diego and up to San Francisco is a little challenging - California drivers aren't known for their pleasant understanding of out-of-towners. Throughout that entire week, however, there were patriotic displays, motorists had flags on their cars, and people who didn't know each other were smiling and talking to each other at rest stops and in restaurants. It was an America I hadn't seen before. I guess I had become jaded and too absorbed in my own small world. The City of Tempe captured that same spirit of respect, honor, camaraderie and appreciation for living in this great country in their Healing Garden display on 9/11/04."

Patty Salentine '86, Rockville MD is a business manager for Sedgwick Publishing in Arlington VA. She married marry Dante Preciado on December 11, 2004 in Garrett Park, MD.

Sue (Gruhot) LeGare '89, Crookston MN is employed by UMC as a senior administrative specialist in the Natural Resources Department. Sue and her husband, Dave '89, have two daughters, Laura & Katie.
Becky Shultz ’89, Deer Creek MN. Email Becky at becky.shultz.lqma@statefarm.com

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Darin Marcussen attended ’91-’92, North Branch MN. Email Darin at myjonalhboy@yahoo.com

Tyler Ross attended ’92-’94, Crookston MN married Brook Johnson on December 11, 2004. Tyler farms with his father near Crookston.

Jason Krogstad attended ’94-’95, Grand Forks ND is co-owner of JD Trucking. He married Katie Gustafson on September 11, 2004.

Tim & Jill (Kovarik) Stanislawski ’95 & ’94, Greenbush MN. Jill is in her sixth year of employment with Roseau County Court Administration and Tim recently transferred to Northwest Grain in Thief River Falls where he continues to work as a field agronomist. They have two children, Maguire, 4 and Macie Jo, 1. Email Tim and Jill at tjstan@northwestgrain.com

Ronda (Olsen) Biermaier ’97, Crookston MN is employed as a senior administrative specialist at the Northwest Research & Outreach Center (NWROC) located on the UMC campus. Her and her husband, Mike, have two children.

Andrew “Drew” Nelsen attended ’97-’98, Inver Grove Heights MN. Email Drew at aaaaffordable@yahoo.com

Dan Swenson ’98, Appleton MN was recently appointed to the position of administrator/CEO of the Appleton Municipal Hospital, Nursing Home, Medical Clinic and Pleasant View Apartments. He previously served as administrator/CEO of the Cooperstown Medical Center in Cooperstown ND.

Chris Hoff ’99, Fisher MN. Email Chris at hoffs@rrv.net

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Jason Carlson ’00, McIntosh MN married Nicole Hole on July 31, 2004. He is employed by the Win-E-Mac school.

Adam Maruska ’00, Crookston MN is employed by Crookston National Bank as a loan officer. He married Crystal Gasper on September 4, 2004.

Sarah S. Martin ’01, Grand Forks ND is working as a landscape designer at Tim Shea’s Nursery and Landscaping. Email Sarah at smartin@polarcomm.com

Todd Middlebrook ’01, Hinckley MN is a recreation/resident manager at Pathfinder Village which is a campground in Hinckley.

Katie Olson ’01, Mendota Heights MN is working at Normandale Community College in admissions and at the University of St. Thomas in campus life. She is also working on her master’s degree at the University of St. Thomas in the Educational Leadership Student Affairs program. Her son, Brady, is enjoying second grade and is playing hockey in West St. Paul.

Kelly & Jannelle (Mattson) Kilgore ’02, Grand Forks ND are the proud parents of a son, Hudson Kelly, born November 11, 2004.


Renae (Wawrzyniak) Nelson ’02, Newfolden MN is employed by DigiKey, Inc. in Thief River Falls MN. She married Jeremy Nelson on September 18, 2004.

Ryan Perish ’02, Browersville MN is a teacher in the Le Center School District in the agriculture department. When he isn’t teaching he enjoys farming, fishing, and hunting.

Angie Pommerring ’02, Ronan MT is working on the Flathead Reservation in Ronan MT teaching agriculture. The Mission Valley is absolutely gorgeous and she is really enjoying her job and time there. Ronan is located between Glacier National Park and Missoula. This area is varied in agriculture and ranges from ranches to cherry trees. Email Angie at angie.pommerring@ronank12.edu

Chris Shulstad ’02, Crookston MN is employed by RiverView Hospital in the Information Systems department.

Baizhou Chen ’03, Fresh Meadows NY co-authored “Instructor’s Guide: Winning in Today’s Rapidly Changing Markets”. This instructor’s manual features chapter summary, review questions and answers, and case exercises related to a course text used by MBA students at St. John’s University. Besides pursuing a full-time MBA in public accounting, Chen assists case research in the field of strategic management at the Peter J. Tobin Graduate School of Business at St. John’s University. Email Chen at Baizhou.chen04@stjohns.edu

Isaac Dallager ’03, Tacoma WA is working in the pathology department at Madigan Army Medical Center in Tacoma and plans to take the medical lab technologist certification in a few months. After he completes his current course he plans to start on his master’s degree in hospital administration. Isaac says the Army is a completely different lifestyle than what he was used to but now the initial training is complete, he is starting to enjoy it. Email Isaac at Isaac.dallager@us.army.mil

Don’t forget to send a photo with your news!
Katie (Hunt) & Andy Fee ’03 and attended ’97-’04, Sioux Falls SD were married September 18, 2004. Andy is employed by Precision Computer Systems in Sioux Falls.

Cathy Behr '04, Minneapolis MN is working on attaining her Master’s Degree in Athletic Administration at the University of Minnesota. She is a grad assistant working with media relations.

Amy Jo Berry ’04, Fargo ND. Email Amy Jo at amyjo07@hotmail.com

Ellen (Larson) Dilly '04, Ottertail MN is employed by Farm Service Agency in Redwood Falls. She married Luke Dilly on September 25, 2004.

Dustin Lundeby ’04, West Fargo ND is employed at Cellular One in Fargo. He married Heather Bodnar on July 24, 2004.

Harry & Michelle (Bakken) Weber ’04, Crookston MN were married November 19, 2004.

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.

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