Greetings! Welcome to a very special issue of our alumni publications! This issue of Maroon & Gold is filled with history and with plans for the future. It is a celebration of our past and a reminder of how much we need your support as we move forward. Alumni are one of our most valuable resources and a testimony to the work that we do at UMC.

I would like to invite you to attend homecoming, September 23 & 24. It will be a great chance to see the new student center. I would also like to invite you to attend the dedication of that beautiful facility on September 30. It is a wonderful addition to the campus and you will see why it is such a hub of activity and campus life!

Please take time to read the article in this issue about our strategic positioning process that our associate vice chancellor for academic affairs, Richard Nelson, wrote. He explains how we want to honor the past while we work together to create a great future for UMC. You will want to read what he has to say along with the other contributors to this issue. Take special note of the articles by Beth Jacobson. She is a communication major working in the alumni and development office on her internship. This hands-on experience like those of our other students is what prepares them for today’s workplace.

Whether you are an Aggie, Trojan, or Golden Eagle, you are a part of our family and we are celebrating the biggest birthday in our history—not only a century of excellence in education, research, and outreach, but also a century of alumni who have gone out and made a difference in the world. We want to continue to do that in the next 100 years!

Come back and visit often!

Joe Massey, CEO

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New Chancellor Announced

The University of Minnesota has appointed Charles Casey chancellor of the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) and Bev Durgan dean and director of the University of Minnesota Extension Service. Both appointments will be brought before the Board of Regents Sept. 9 for approval.

“Charles Casey has served for the past six-and-one-half years as dean and director of Extension, where he led a successful strategic positioning process resulting in a more focused, economically viable organization that better serves the needs of the state,” said Robert Jones, senior vice president for system administration. “With his guidance, Extension has enhanced its curriculum and streamlined its delivery mechanisms so individuals, organizations and county governments have access to a broader range of university expertise and service.”

“I’m honored to be asked, and will do my best to serve Crookston,” said Casey. “This is a unique opportunity because my wife and I have roots in northwest Minnesota— we care about the future of the region because we live there.”

Jones also said that interim CEO for UMC Joe Massey would be moving into a new leadership position. “I want to thank Joe Massey for his contributions as interim CEO for the past nine months,” said Jones. "He has led the campus ably during a time of transition and launched the strategic positioning process that will set the future direction for UMC. I am pleased that he will now devote his full attention to the critical role of leading Crookston in a new capacity as senior vice chancellor for academic affairs and dean.”

To replace Casey, Jones has appointed Bev Durgan, associate dean for research and outreach in the College of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sciences (COAFES), the new dean and director for the University of Minnesota Extension Service.

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This fall’s issue of the Torch and the Aggie has been combined into one issue called Maroon and Gold. The Maroon and Gold issue has been published to celebrate the University of Minnesota, Crookston’s centennial year. The winter publications will return to normal, and the Torch and the Aggie will again be published separately by the Development Office.
From the NWSA Alumni President

Greetings Alumni! Since this is my last letter as the Northwest School of Agriculture (NWSA) Alumni Association president, I am happy to bring greetings to all alumni whether NWSA or University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC). We are celebrating together the history of this great institution. From the year it opened in 1906 until today, this campus has served a valuable role in the education of students from all over the region, country, and the world. This special issue of our alumni publication is unique and takes a look at the campus today and yesterday.

We kicked off the centennial celebration at our reunion in June, and throughout the upcoming year, there will be opportunities for faculty, staff, students, and alumni to celebrate our heritage with events like homecoming and the dedication of the new student center in September. I would like to encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities to support the campus.

From the UMC Alumni President

As UMC celebrates 100 years of education, I hope you mark your calendars to celebrate with us. With fall fast approaching, homecoming 2005 will kick off the school year. This year’s homecoming on September 23 and 24 will include Athletic Hall of Fame, a banquet honoring UMC faculty and staff throughout history, Outstanding Alumni Recognition, and the Golden Eagles taking on Wayne State.

The UMC Alumni Association (UMCAA) would also encourage you to attend our homecoming parade on Saturday, September 24. The UMCAA board has completed work on our centennial float that can be seen in many of your local parades over this summer along with the homecoming parade.

Also join us in celebrating the newest addition to UMC, the dedication of the new student center. If you haven’t had a chance to view the student center, mark your calendar for the dedication of the building on September 30. This will give you a chance to view this beautiful improvement to an already impressive UMC campus.

Keep up with UMC’s day by day happenings on the website at www.UMCrookston.edu/umcnews/. Make plans today to attend all of UMC’s Centennial activities and get your float ready for the homecoming parade 2005, the event of the century!

-Ray Hegreberg

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Hannah receives award

Steve Hannah, technology consultant in the UMC Instructional Technology Center, has received a Master of Science degree in Applied Information Management (AIM) from the University of Oregon (UO).

The degree, awarded by the UO Graduate School, offers innovative study in management education as an alternative to the traditional Master of Business Administration or a master's degree in computer science. Hannah is also a recipient of the 2005 AIM Director's Capstone Recognition Award for his thesis "Sorting Out Card Sorting: Comparing Methods for Information Architects, Usability Engineers, and Other Practitioners." The full text of the paper is available at: http://aim.uoregon.edu/pdfs/Hannah2005.pdf

Hannah began working at the Red River Trade Corridor on the UMC campus in 1998 and earned his undergraduate degree from UMC in 1999.

UMC hosts Camp RYLA

The University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) hosted over 120 high school juniors and seniors and about 40 staff members from Minnesota, North Dakota, western Ontario, and northwestern Wisconsin who took part in the Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) Camp July 10-16. Attendees, who are sponsored by the clubs of Rotary District 5580, spent the week working on teambuilding and leadership skills.

Camp RYLA provides outstanding student leaders and potential leaders an opportunity to expand and develop their leadership skills. RYLA is an international program that was created by the Rotary International as a way to encourage strong leadership in youth. RYLA for Rotary District 5580 began in 1992 with 27 participants and has been hosted at UMC since it began. Don Cavalier from UMC's Counseling and Career Services office is the Camp RYLA chairperson.

Joe Massey Attends Expo in China

University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) CEO, Joe Massey visited China where he attended Beijing International Education Expo (BIEE) and visited with Chinese students about UMC undergraduate programs. About 26,000 prospective students signed up to attend the Expo. This BIEE is the second to take place in Beijing in an effort to increase communication and promote cooperation and educational exchange.

Massey was part of a twelve-member delegation traveling to China from the University of Minnesota, which included the China Center, Crookston, Duluth, Morris and Twin Cities campuses, along with the graduate school. The University of Minnesota was one of six colleges to receive an award for its display at the Expo. Along with his attendance at the education expo, Massey visited Chinese university campuses to explore interest in student exchange programs and other partnership opportunities.

Kick-off Centennial Celebration at NWSA Reunion

The University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) kicked off a yearlong celebration of its centennial at the Northwest School of Agriculture (NWSA) reunion on June 24 & 25 on the UMC campus. "The Northwest School reunion was the perfect place to kick off this celebration of our history," said Mike Meyer, chair of the centennial steering committee.

"The Northwest School helped bring education to northwest Minnesota and fulfill the University of Minnesota's land grant mission."

The reunion started on Friday afternoon with alumni registration. The new student center was host for the activities of the reunion including the dedication of Bede ballroom. The room is named for Retta Bede, an instructor on the campus from 1925 until 1957.

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Recently, UMC used the Bede name on its student center. That building was razed in 2004 and a new student center stands in its place. Representing the family at the dedication of the ballroom was Retta's niece, Virginia Thirkel and grand niece Mary Sopko.

The official Web site of the centennial is located at www.UMCrookston.edu/centennial and includes a video history of the campus. Other reunion events included the alumni social and dance on Friday evening and a full day of special events on Saturday concluding with an alumni recognition banquet and program.

UMC Names Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Services and Enrollment

The University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) has appointed Pamela Holsinger-Fuchs as the interim vice chancellor for student services and enrollment management. Her duties will include overseeing admissions, financial aid, bookstore, study abroad, First Year Experience, student activities, service learning, student support services, and multicultural and international students. Holsinger-Fuchs brings a great deal of experience with students into her new position. Prior to this time, she served as director of student activities and service learning at UMC.

"Everyone here is responsible for everyone here," Holsinger-Fuchs said, "whatever our role, we are here to support students, and it is my goal to make students feel totally supported while they are on this campus. That is part of my philosophy, and I will work with my staff to make that happen."

Lisa Samuelson, the assistant director of residential life, will be taking over Holsinger-Fuchs' responsibilities in student activities, and Lisa Loegering will oversee service learning on the campus. Holsinger-Fuchs will be one of two vice chancellors on the campus, the other in academic affairs, and five directors of different academic and operational areas. She has been with UMC since 1986.

Interactive Kiosk for Soudan Mine

David DeMuth and Kelly Nelson are shown with the interactive KIOSK for the Welcome Center at the Soudan Laboratory. Funding for the project has been provided by several groups and organizations: University of Minnesota, Crookston, UM-Duluth, UMN Grant-in-Aid and Soudan Lab operating expenses. To learn more about the project, please visit www.sudan.umn.edu.

Judy Neppel leads work on accreditation process for UMC

The Higher Learning Commission visit to UMC will take place next April. Judy Neppel has been hired as Higher Learning Commission Re-accreditation Coordinator. She has been working here, for the second time, since June 1, 2005. Prior to this current appointment, Judy worked in the Chancellor’s Office and in the UMC Alumni and Development Office for about 4.5 years.

Field Day held at UMC

The Northwest Research & Outreach Field Day held their Field Day on Wednesday, July 13 at the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC). This year the field day included several new events including tours and horticulture demonstrations in wildlife and butterfly gardening, perennial plant demonstrations, Bonsai construction, turf and lawn care, and a soybean pasta production tour.
Thank to Tim Persson and Northern Lumber, Inc!

A special thank you to UMC alumnus, Tim Persson ’79 and Northern Lumber, Inc. for their contribution to the alumni association float. The inaugural voyage for the float was July 20, 2005 at the kick-off of the Marshall County Fair in Warren, Minnesota. "I am always glad to help with these kinds of projects," Persson said, "Since I am a UMC graduate I like to help support UMC and give back to the campus."

Watch for the UMC Alumni Association float in a parade near you, or better yet, come ride on the float at the 2005 Homecoming Parade on September 24. Hope to see you there!

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Join us for Centennial After Hours, the second Thursday of each month. Call Rose Ulseth for more information at 218-281-8439.

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Pictured on the alumni float in Warren, Minnesota are (l to r) Paul Askre ’70, Sue Gruhot LeGare ’89, Dave LeGare ’89, Jacob Ulseth, and Rose Iraci Ulseth ’87.
From the Director

Far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure, than to take rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy much nor suffer much, because they live in the gray twilight that knows not victory nor defeat.

—Teddy Roosevelt

Those of you who are frequent readers of my column probably already know of my fondness for utilizing famous quotes. I have long admired the wordsmiths of the past that were so adept at capturing a feeling with their words and mastery of the language. The quote above is one of my favorites, so much so that I have a framed copy adorning the wall of my office.

As you can see from the cover of this publication we are “daring mighty things” as we put together centennial publication combining the Aggie (our NWSA Alumni Association magazine) and the Torch (our UMC Alumni Association magazine).

Our hopes are that this special issue will help everyone to know where we have come from and where we are going as an institution. Our institution had certainly not lived in the “gray twilight.” We have dared mighty things in our transitions from a high school to a technical college; to a four-year baccalaureate granting institution and now to the next phase as we fit our strategic plan into the University of Minnesota’s overall strategic plan.

There certainly have been “glorious triumphs” along the way. With change sometimes comes a degree of pain and we have gone through that as well on our journey to excellence. As we move forward on our new strategic plan we ask you to continue to support the Crookston campus with your time, talents, and treasures. This publication will be featuring those that have, and those that are, daring mighty things.

This is my last column as I myself am daring mighty things and taking a new position at another University, ironically, in Teddy Roosevelt’s home state. So, I encourage you all to step out of the gray twilight and to make your presence known in supporting the University of Minnesota, Crookston.

In closing, it only seems right that I leave you with another quote from another one of America’s wordsmiths...Roy Rodgers.

Happy Trails to you, until we meet again.

— Mike Meyer

Honor the Past... Create the Future

By Richard Nelson, Interim Associate Vice Chancellor for Research and Planning

An article in the last issue of the Torch (p. 11) described an exciting and ambitious strategic planning process being launched at UMC and across the University. The work is part of a system-wide effort to position every college and campus of our institution for a future of world-class quality, competitiveness, distinctiveness, accountability, and value to all stakeholders.

For nearly a year, President Bruininks and Provost Sullivan have led an exhaustively consultative planning process, the results of which were approved by the Board of Regents this past June. Our leaders have described the destination, but in many ways the work is just beginning. Now, in concert with our colleagues in the Twin Cities, we are ready to chart the course, check the compass, and set sail.

Much progress has been made since the last issue of your alumni publication went to press. With support from the University’s central administration, Public Strategies Group (PSG), a highly regarded consulting firm, was retained to develop several different strategic concepts for UMC. Their report can be found at: www.academic.umn.edu/crookston_strategic/index.html.

Now, a task force led by CEO Joe Massey and Vice President Robert Jones is taking the next steps. Their assignment is not to choose one of the PSG concepts, but to use that work along with other ideas and information to identify strategic opportunities and create a plan of action. Of course, real change is difficult. It can be downright frightening. But as new horizons of opportunity come more clearly into focus, the creativity and perseverance that has characterized UMC and its people since 1905 will prevail.

To be sure, business as usual is not an option. Every enterprise that expects to be around for the next 100 years (and UMC does!) understands that resisting change is a recipe for failure. But think about it for a few minutes. UMC is no stranger to change. The campus is not now
Honor the Past, cont.

nor has it ever been about preserving the status quo. That simply isn’t what we’re about and it isn’t what Minnesotans expect from their University.

Rising expectations and shifting public priorities are bringing challenges to all of higher education. Effective planning, as Provost Sullivan has often said, requires that we “confront reality.” For UMC, these realities include:

• There will be too few traditional college age students in northwest Minnesota high schools to fill our classrooms. UMC must attract more students from farther away.

• A surplus of colleges and universities exists in northwestern Minnesota and, in fact, across most of the upper Midwest. Our region is unfamiliar to most prospective students, so we must give them good reasons to find us ... and to drive by our competitors on their way here.

• An aging population will demand relatively more public investment in health care, retirement security, and public safety. Higher education must anticipate flat public funding. Campuses must take more responsibility for revenue diversification and growth.

• Lean administrative structures and highly efficient technology-driven services must reduce operational overhead. Every level and branch of the organizational chart must see value creation as its principle reason for being.

• Globalization, driven by mobility and technology, is revolutionizing how we define markets and view market territories. The importance of geography is declining, while the importance of value (quality of the product + quality of the experience + price) is rising.

As the design task force begins its work, one of its goals is to identify new opportunities and markets. Most leading thinkers in management say that the best approach is to proactively build on strengths – to examine what an organization already does well and apply those advantages to extended markets. But building on strengths does not mean doing more of what is done today. It instead means using existing talent, knowledge and capacities differently and better.

Similarly, being “proactive” does not mean being more aggressively defensive. Instead, it means taking a critical look at how an organization has contributed to its own situation and making appropriate corrections. And it means assessing the marketplace – not as we might wish it to be but as it actually is – and setting priorities accordingly.

True innovation rarely starts at an organization’s center of gravity. It happens at the fringes, and it is fueled by a relatively few committed people who are creative enough to imagine a grand vision and persuasive enough to inspire others. Clearly, thinking and acting differently while preserving core strengths and values is not easy, but our campus has been tested before and proven itself up to task. It will do so again.

Information and communication technology is changing the way we live and work. It impacts our lives and businesses and communities every day, and its power to change what we do and how we do it will only increase. UMC early leadership in the field embedded technology into the campus identity and culture. Because cultural change is even more difficult than operational change, UMC has a great advantage as it looks to the future. The potential to leverage our technology advantage for enhanced campus distinctiveness, competitiveness, reputation, marketability, and efficiency is huge.

UMC’s focus on undergraduate student learning represents another strategic advantage. The level of baccalaureate educational attainment within a population is an exceptionally strong predictor of the overall prosperity within that population. In most of the world, however, both prosperity and access to a university education are in very short supply. Millions of qualified students from every corner of the world dream of attending a school like UMC. We need to help make their dreams come true.

In the future, a UMC baccalaureate degree will be even more desirable than it is today. As our campus becomes more firmly aligned with the University of Minnesota on its quest to join the world’s very best research institutions, our career-oriented curriculum, high-impact outreach, and applied research that improves peoples lives will take on unprecedented value. UMC, in its chosen areas of expertise, will be a destination for students and a magnet for talented faculty.

Success in this new environment will require astute observation, objective analysis, strong advocacy, and smart choices. As a result of the planning effort now underway, UMC will create focused comparative advantages within the broad higher education marketplace. It will attract a larger and more diverse student body, provide an exceptional student experience, and honor the public mission of our great land grant university. President Bruininks recently said, “I think it’s our responsibility to do everything we can to strengthen our presence, our academic programs and the impact of those programs and services in [the northwest] part of the state.”

Now, let’s get to it.
Innovative Education is Not New on Campus
By Michelle Christopherson, Director of the Center for Adult Learning

The Crookston campus has the University of Minnesota’s first online Bachelor’s degree. That’s right UMC has online courses and the first online degree in the entire U of M System. UMC’s Bachelor of Applied Health degree online 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. One student said she could accomplish her studies at home via the internet and not travel 100 miles to the nearest university. “I wasn’t able to attend the traditional on site classroom...this was the perfect fit for me.”

Online courses provide opportunities to achieve academic credit without attending classes on campus. They offer interactivity with the instructor and other students, convenience of location and time of day, and independent learning for motivated students. Online courses may be applied to UMC degrees or transferred to other institutions. The flexibility of online courses allows professionals working rotating shifts to pursue an advanced degree. “The greatest advantage with online courses is that you can work and still participate in class assignments according to your schedule,” said one online student.

UMC’s online enrollment has grown 60% over the past 4 years says Center for Adult Learning Director, Michelle Christopherson. UMC typically has anywhere from 25-36 online classes available in any given semester. The BAH degree has 22 active students, 18 new students entering the program this fall and continues to grow. Our learners vary in age but a good portion of these adult learners are 35 to 55 years-of-age, have a full time job and have a couple of kids. Online learning allows these students the chance to complete a 4-year degree in order to make a lane change in life, says Christopherson. To view a complete list of available classes for fall 2005 go to: www.UMCrookston.edu/cal/distanceed

What you need to know
Students interested in taking online classes will need to maintain a minimum level of capacity and flexibility with computer equipment and other technological issues. Minimally, student’s need to be comfortable with these programs: Microsoft Word, Internet Explorer browser with Flash, Shockwave and Java plugins and have the ability to use a web-based email program to send and receive messages and attachments. Some frequently asked questions include:

- Do I need my own computer and Internet connection?
  Having your own computer allows more flexibility for you, the learner. Check our website for technical recommendations.
- How long will it take me to finish the degree?
  The time it takes to complete a baccalaureate degree depends on your schedule. Most part-time students will take a 4-year degree in three years, taking two courses at a time.
- Will I get to know my professors?
  Electronic mail and use of other on-line techniques provides a fast, easy, and personal way to communicate with faculty and other students.
- Where will I do my internship?
  Your adviser will help you find an internship site that is both convenient and relevant. You may be able to complete the internship with your current employer.

Customer service and quality education
UMC’s online classes and the Center for Adult Learning inform students about the online environment and we offer information to frequently asked questions. We pride ourselves on the level of customer service and response rate. “Some students haven’t been in a classroom setting for many years and have limited experience with technology and have general questions about admission, registration, tech support, communicating with instructors...the list goes on.” Our office is a department of three Hilary Bertsch, Jennifer Severinson and me. Each of us has a piece that will move the student into the next step from tech support, access to email and troubleshooting general questions and assisting with academic tasks...we act as a liaison for the student...we are their eyes, ears and legs on campus.

In conjunction with the online degree and online courses, a scholarship has been established to be awarded each year to a full-time online degree seeking student. If you are interested in learning more about this $500.00 scholarship please contact the Center for Adult Learning www.UMCrookston.edu/cal or ujdso201@umn.edu

UMC offers diverse Adult Learning activities to serve the needs of individuals, groups, organizations, and communities of northwest Minnesota and beyond. “We do this through online and on-site courses, conferences and other education program offerings, says Christopherson.” Outreach services provided by the Center for Adult Learning are targeted to meet the
Innovative Education, cont.

needs of working professionals, organizations, businesses, industries, young adults, homemakers, and senior citizens.

UMC offers high quality academic degrees and educational services, CAL strives to better serve nontraditional and continuing students, community organizations, and the workforce. This arm of the University specializes in educational products and systems that serve public needs, serving many geographic areas and emphasizing lifelong learning. In addition to this online degree the Center for Adult Learning develops and delivers online courseware and training to meet the needs of adult learners and an expanding workforce.

To learn more about online classes, the BAH degree and events scheduled in the Center for Adult Learning please log onto: www.UMCrookston.edu/cal

How it all began
The online degree offered at UMC is offered at an institution that has always led in innovation in learning. It all began 100 years ago. The Northwest School of Agriculture (NWSA) established in 1905 by the Minnesota State Legislature after years of effort by Professor Willett M. Hayes and William Robertson of the Central School of Agriculture. There was a keen interest in seeing agriculture developed in the Red River Valley.

Torger A. Hoverstad took charge of the experiment station in 1895 and for ten years worked to improve the swampy land, develop experimental work, and interest the farmers in the experiment stations work, and secure support for a school. It was due to his pioneering work that the school was established.

During the summer of 1905, Professor William Robertson of the Central School took Hoverstad’s place as superintendent of the experiment station. When Hoverstad returned to the campus in 1935, he said, “Upon reaching the campus this morning, I walked over some of the once familiar ground and was struck with the remarkable change that has taken place since I first viewed the station farm when I walked over the swampy land July 1, 1895. Naturally, deep emotions stirred me. Without exaggeration, I can say that the campus is one of the most beautiful in the Northwest. It has grown far beyond the dreams of those who were here during the early days.”

Grow it did—the NWSA grew from 31 in 1906-07 to 394 in 1935-36. It was known as the “School of Service” and the school’s brochure referred to it that way. One of the first students to attend the school was there when the torch was passed to the University of Minnesota, Crookston Technical Institute on March 22, 1968. Her name was Ella Fossbakken Geddes of East Grand Forks. She, her two brothers, and a sister Chris, Lewis, and Mollie Fossbakken of Fosston were members of the first graduating class of eleven students in 1909. Mrs. Geddes recalled that she also started at the Northwest School in 1909 at the age of thirteen, coming to the school as an orphan. Her father, Paul, died in a barn fire at the Fossbakken farm in 1908. Then, she stated, she was out of school for six years as her brothers could not afford to send her, but she returned and graduated with the class of 1919. Her husband was also an alumnus of the Northwest School, graduating in 1914.
The Northwest School was there to serve rural students. The school term was only six months so students could be home to help with spring’s work and harvest. That fact does not mean there was skimping on education. Students had the opportunity for orchestra, private music lessons, swimming lessons, plays, lyceums, debate, for example along with a wide array of classes—much of it practical learning for farm life. They had study hours at night and lived on campus during the week and in the early years through the weekends too.

Changing to meet the need
In the early 1960s, Dr. Otto Domian, Director of the Bureau of Field Studies and Surveys, took a long, hard look at the NWSA. Enrollment was dropping, and as area high schools expanded their academic offerings, particularly in the field of agriculture, the need for the school was waning. What had been cutting edge in its day was no longer the valuable resource it had once been. In 1965, a change was initiated when the State Legislature authorized a technical institute replace the high school. (Reports, Winter 1967, p. 1)

Every building on campus went through an improvement process and Selvig became the administration building, the size of the library was tripled, and a new entrance was added to the Kiehlte auditorium. There were 187 freshman when the technical institute opened, many more than expected. Much of that enrollment was due directly to the work of Dr. Stanley Sahlstrom. The winter of 1966 evening extension courses were offered in marketing, merchandising, American institutions, and agriculture. In historic ceremonies the final class of the Northwest School of Agriculture graduates in the school’s 60th commencement ceremonies. Forty-two seniors receive diplomas. In the photo above, the “Torch of Education” is passed from Northwest School of Agriculture representative David Bohnsack to Ron Tobkin, Technical Institute student. That first class of freshman and the 26 staff members were breaking new ground and setting a precedence for the years to come.

Dr. Sahlstrom, with his warm and gregarious personality, connected the campus to the

To graduates of the Northwest School of Agriculture and the University of Minnesota, Crookston,

Congratulations to all alumni that assembled on Saturday, June 25 at UMC to bring to a close the first 100 years of service by the campus to the state of Minnesota.

I remember so well giving the commencement address to the last year of graduates from the Northwest School. I remember the historic moment when we passed the torch of higher learning from the president of the final graduating class of the NWSA to the new student body president of the University of Minnesota, Crookston Technical Institute—it was a great moment in history.

The accomplishments of the NWSA graduates set a pattern for the college to follow as those students made their names in Minnesota and the surrounding states. I am proud of that first graduating class of the college and what they accomplished in their professional careers.

The accomplishments of the college graduates have been a source of unending pleasure to this former educator and founding provost of the institution. Your record of accomplishments and contributions to society are legendary. May all future graduates accomplish as much as those who have gone before. It is my great pleasure to follow the accomplishments of each graduate as they matriculate from the college to continue to work in places wherever they may be.

Congratulations again on the 100 years of accomplishment. I was proud to be a part of the program at UMC during the reunion and kickoff of the centennial in June. I am so proud of the accomplishments of all the graduates of the campus.

Good luck to you all,
Stan Sahlstrom
Founding Provost
college forward. In 1988, the name of the school officially changed to the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC). Not long after, the school would once again need to transform itself.

That transformation is perhaps the greatest legacy that Dr. Sargeant leaves as leader of the campus was moving the two-year technical college to a four-year baccalaureate degree granting institution in 1993. Along with that, faculty and full-time UMC students would be issued a notebook computer. The three academic divisions supporting the polytechnic concept were agricultural management, management, and technical studies.

UMC would become the first "Laptop University" and with it came an opportunity for students to gain unprecedented skills in technology along with their field of interest. In 1994, UMC's first bachelor of science degrees were awarded at commencement ceremonies. A small group of students had been working on a "3 + 1" degree agreement before UMC had been authorized to offer four-year degrees. In the spring of 1994, twenty-four students received their Bachelor of Science degree at UMC—another first.

Presently, Sargeant leads the office of global studies, but as chancellor, he had to promote this transformation in education much like Sahlstrom had done years earlier. When he stepped down, Velmer Burton was appointed chancellor, and later, Joe Massey took over the reigns. Thirteen years later, UMC continues to offer high quality education in a setting that is not only beautiful but technology savvy.

Innovation for the future

UMC is in the midst of strategic positioning process (See page 6). That positioning will include new challenges and changes for UMC. Massey and his team are ready to lead the charge. When you think about the history of this campus, you realize that this has all happened before, and we are preparing for the future. When UMC has needed to change, it has. Your support is imperative to our success. Alumni are our most valuable resource and our students need that support in the form of scholarships and encouragement. If you know of a student that might be interested in UMC, please contact the admissions office at 1-800-232-6466 ext. 8569 or 218-281-8569. ☏
University of Minnesota strategic planning has been in the media nearly every week this year. One would think that planning or the need to continue to adjust to changing conditions were new ideas. They are not, of course, and in fact, continuous improvement, planning, and responding to change is part of the core values and proud history that has defined the Crookston campus for 100 years.

In 1895, the Experiment Station was created to find new ways to improve the economy of the region. In 1905, the Northwest School of Agriculture provided the educational arm for the citizens of the region to obtain new knowledge and practice the new advancements in agriculture and homemaking. In 1965, the mission of the campus was changed from a regional high school to a college offering two year degrees. In 1993, four year baccalaureate degrees focusing on applied learning, career success and advanced technology were added. In each instance, these were strategic planning decisions responding to a changing world.

For 100 years the campus has served the region and mission of the University of Minnesota by bringing knowledge, skills, and ideas to the people of the region. The 2005 strategic plan is important work and a continuation of the historical process of studying changes and adjusting the campus curriculum and processes to better meet the new challenges facing students and the University today. A key measure of success for companies and organizations is meeting student expectations.

A study conducted by a research unit of the University of Minnesota in the Twin Cities of 2005 UMC graduates noted the following:

- 90% were very satisfied/moderately satisfied with their educational experience
- 94% strongly agree/agree that they had access to the advising support to meet their goals
- 94% strongly agree/agree that they usually were able to see an advisor in a timely way
- 86% stated that UMC helped very much/quite a bit in developing ability to think analytically and logically
- 84% stated that UMC helped very much/quite a bit in developing quantitative thinking and reasoning

The study included graduates throughout the University of Minnesota system. Some areas in which UMC students rated higher than students on the other U of M campuses were ("very much/quite a bit"):

- Develop skills in using computers (87% vs. 58%)
- Prepare to pursue a career (83% vs. 57%)
- Develop leadership skills (81% vs. 60%)

The 2005 graduate survey indicates that students who graduate from UMC are quite satisfied with their educational experience. Graduates are well prepared for today's careers and for the future. UMC, with integration of technology throughout the curriculum, is a first rate college. For example, UMC has been listed as a "Best College" in US News and World Report for the past seven years. Thus, drastic changes don't appear to be needed.

The present planning process noted that enrollment has declined the past four years. Not surprisingly, there is a cause and effect relationship between the regional demographics, the number of degree programs and declining enrollments. UMC has a limited number of degree programs and is located in a rural area. Outcomes of the strategic planning can address these issues, and will more than likely include new programs, strengthened enrollment management, and better leveraging the technology capabilities of the campus. More programs will bring more students from farther away with a greater diversity of ambitions, backgrounds, and experiences thus strengthening the campus and its service to the region.

Attention to continuous improvement and planning has always been a campus strength. The recent buzz in the media about drastic changes has inflicted short term damage to the campus image. As the planning continues, it will build on the strengths of the campus and retain core values and traditions. The 2005 University of Minnesota planning process will bring many changes throughout the system, including UMC, but our commitment to creating and disseminating knowledge that improves the lives of people in the region will not fade.
New Look for the Campus Grounds

When you're sick, they brighten up your day. Every woman wants them whether it's for her birthday, an anniversary, Valentine's Day, or for no reason at all. Yes, you guessed it, FLOWERS! Visitors to UMC are greeted by gorgeous flowers whenever they drive through. As you enter the campus and look to your left you will be delighted to see an array of marigolds that spell out "UMC" in vibrant colors of orange with yellow marigolds that show "100" celebrating UMC's centennial celebration. Many rows of impatiens precede the Soldiers' and Sailors' Memorial, and "The Flag Garden" was added to honor those who served in our country's armed forces, and this is just at the entrance of the campus!

Many changes are being planned for the campus grounds to "take the campus setting to the next level," as stated by Dan Svedarsky, head of the natural resources department and research biologist with the Northwest Research and Outreach Center (NWROC). "We envision a landscape that is vibrant with flowers, shrubs, walkways, a water garden, Legacy gardens which pay tribute to donors, a butterfly garden, displays of native flowers, a hummingbird garden, an array of agricultural crops, and other theme garden possibilities that we haven't even thought of yet." It is all a part of the Garden of the North.

With the creation of new gardens and different landscaping ideas on campus, there is a great effort to connect the community of Crookston to the plans as well. Support for the planning will come mainly from private donations from individuals, industry, and foundations for a total of some $25,000.

The planning for the Garden of the North is similar to when the campus leaders first created a landscape design for the Northwest School in 1923. The first landscape design was planned by Morell & Nichols, Minneapolis and took four to five years to complete. The plan was to plant more shrubs and hardy perennials, fill in and plant new trees and shrub groups on the main campus, the making of the sunken garden on the main campus and the establishment of a demonstration garden east and south of Senior Hall. Mr. A. U. Morell, chief designer of the plan, said, "When the plan is fully worked out we are certain that you will have the best arranged campus and the finest demonstration garden and arbore-
tum in the state."

The first thing to be completed was the demonstration garden in 1924. Also by this time, the campus and windbreak planting of trees had contained more than fifty species and variety of trees. There were sixty species of shrubs and woody vines, and more than one-hundred varieties of perennial and biennial plants. During the five-year period 1912-1916 more than 8,000 trees of thirty-three varieties and species were planted on campus and as windbreakers. Practically all the evergreen species planted in those two decades had come from the school and station nursery.

The sunken garden added much beauty to the campus when it was constructed. With bench seating and planters of flowers it was a little oasis for relaxing and enjoying the beauty of the mall. A newer version of the sunken garden was dedicated at the reunion in June. The area was refurbished and a sidewalk and steps added for access. The planters have returned and they are dedicated in memory of Paul Dobias '28 by Curt Vanek '53 and Michael Vanek '57 and to UMC employee Don Keith (1971-1993) by Laurie Wilson, UMC Counselor/Assistant Education Specialist in the Counseling and Career Services office. The benches in the garden are dedicated as well to Charles Sylvestre '50, Lyle '50 and Kathleen Kasprick, and to the Fehr Family of Peter '50, Walter '57, Eric '61, Carol '68, and Robert '67. The bricks, engraved with the names of alumni, faculty, staff and friends will be built along the side of the garden area.

Throughout the years, the Northwest School of Agriculture and UMC have been very proud of the overall look of the campus. With all the new landscaping ideas, and the new plants on campus, UMC will look even more beautiful and welcoming than ever! ✪
There are two pool tables, an air hockey table, and a foosball table; there are new chairs and couches to lounge on in front of the big screen. There are bar tables with bar chairs to sit and use your computer with a wireless connection in the building. What is this place full of fun, exciting, new things? It’s the new Student Center! The campus has successfully been connected once again. “If you notice, the Student Center is located directly in the middle of campus, it serves as a connector for our campus and it not only connects our campus physically, but it will connect our students as well,” says Pam Holsinger-Fuchs. Pam has been actively involved in student activities and service learning for a number of years and has recently been promoted to the position of interim vice chancellor for student affairs and enrollment. She has been greatly involved in the planning and creation of the new student center.

One of the main benefits of this new facility is the size and space that it has created for offices, lounging, student services and special occasion activities. “The space is flexible and intrusive to lots of campus events, and it will really provide a center for campus activity,” states Bill Peterson professor in the Math, Science, and Technology Department at UMC. On the first floor there is the information desk, which includes many services and with its new location will house a coffee shop. This is something new to UMC students, and it will be interesting to see how popular the coffee shop becomes. Also on the main floor is a mix of offices, UMC’s newly created bookstore, many places to lounge or study, and the mail room. There is a private office area which includes personal offices along with the health area. In the health area, there are two exam rooms, a separate bathroom and an office. This will allow for more students to be seen by the doctor each week.

Outside the private office area is the lounge area. There are game tables, comfy chairs and couches, a big screen television, bar tables and chairs and a wireless connection for the computers. There is a lot of space to hang out and relax in this area; the students will have a place to do their own thing and explore the social life of college. Next to the lounge area, closest to the Eagles Nest is the new bookstore. The bookstore is everything and more than the students, faculty, staff and alumni could ask for: It is now operated by the University of Minnesota in the Twin Cities. There are more varieties of clothing, a selection of novels and books and many more supplies. Following the hallway towards the Eagles Nest, there is a meeting/conference room called the “Minnesota Room.” This room will be used for special meetings for larger groups. The lights and the fireplace in the Minnesota Room are actually from the original Bede Ballroom. They were incorporated into the room, so that the history of the Bede Ballroom is not lost.

On the second floor of the student center is Bede Ballroom and the Leadership Room. Bede Ballroom is going to benefit the student organizations as well as the Crookston community. It is a large ballroom that can be split into six different sections if needed and will be very versatile for the campus. The Leadership Room is new to the campus, and it will greatly benefit the students. It will give the students in different clubs and organizations a place to work together and organize their activities and special projects.

The new student center is such an exciting project for this campus, most importantly for the students. “Students are going to be excited about
school knowing that they have a nice place to hang out and study," remarks Karna Plaine, a senior at UMC who is majoring in health management and also plays basketball for the Golden Eagles. The new student center gives the campus a new element that will help attract more students to UMC in future years. "The new student center at UMC will do for the students today what the original dining hall, later Bede student center, did when it was built in 1921," stated Liz Tollefson, who is the Assistant Director of Development and Alumni at UMC.

The first Dining Hall at the Northwest School of Agriculture (NWSA) was located on the first floor of the Stephens Hall, which was a boy's dormitory. In January of 1917, Superintendent Selvig requested a new building to be used as the Dining Hall. That request was vetoed by Governor Burnquist in May of 1917. It wasn't until 1921 that the NWSA had a separate building built to be used as the Dining Hall. The Dining Hall was used for many get-togethers and many dinners throughout the years, and then in 1936 the newly equipped Northwest School lunch room was officially named the Aggie Inn. The students had three choices to vote from, Campus Counter, Campus Coffee Cup, or Aggie Inn. There was a group of students that was behind each final name, and these students all received prize money for coming up with a popular name. What a deal! In 1968 the Aggie Inn was renamed Trojan Inn to accommodate for the change to a two-year technical college and a new mascot.

The next year the building was dedicated in honor of Retta Bede, who served the NWSA from 1925 to 1957 as an instructor in home economics and preceptress in the girl's dormitory. In 1980 Bede Hall was remodeled to serve as the student center, and in 1982 the bookstore addition was built.

By the late 1990's the building had run into structural problems and was inadequate. The building was first built for a high school enrollment of 155 students, not a college enrollment of nearly 1,200 full-time students. After looking at all the options and finding out that renovations will cost nearly the same as rebuilding, UMC received Minnesota State Legislature funding to build a brand new student center.

Bede Hall was demolished on Monday, March 1, 2004 and in late June, 2005; the new student center was completed. "While the new student center was designed to honor our past, it was built for students of the 21st century," says Liz Tollefson. The student center brings UMC many new opportunities, but there is in fact one thing missing. The new student center needs a significant name. This building is one of the most important additions to this campus ever; wouldn't it be great to have your name on this building?"
From Gonvick to Baghdad

Without a doubt, Lyle Clemenson ‘53 stood out in the café in Gonvick, Minnesota. There was a look of positive attitude, success, and interest that is so common among Northwest School graduates. The warm greeting was a harbinger of the three-hour visit that was to follow.

Lyle’s early years were spent in the Gonvick area. He was the next to the youngest in a family of seven helping with work on a typical area farm with livestock, field crops, and a small lumber business to supplement the farm income. His first education to focus on success was his father’s advice, “If you know how to work, you will never be without food.” His education progressed to that of a one-room school with fifteen to seventeen classmates.

From the country school, he went to the Northwest School of Agriculture (NWSA). There was no question concerning his rural roots, as he sold a sheep and a beef cow to pay the first year’s tuition. His parents dropped him off at the NWSA on their way to Montana leaving him holding a suitcase tied with clothesline rope to hold it shut and not knowing a soul. The lost feeling did not last long however, as one of his roommates was from Trail and the other was from Gonvick. He worked in the dining hall to pay upcoming tuition bills and he has not forgotten the many potatoes he had to peel. He only got into trouble once. A road trip with some classmates that started as a trip to Grand Forks then to Grafton, Detroit Lakes, Minto, and back to Crookston. Since planning was lacking in this adventure, they did not get permission to leave campus, the spare tire was sold along the way to pay for gas, there was a voluntary stay in a cold jail cell in Minto, North Dakota for one night’s lodging, and a free meal consisting of lemon pie and black coffee from a sympathetic waitress.

Since his parents and the school officials had no idea where the youths were, they were in dire straights on their return and were expelled from the NWSA. After begging his mother to write a letter explaining the mistake and some sympathetic consideration from Mr. Reiersgord, he was allowed to return to school. In all fairness, it should be stated that he was not the driver but was along for the ride. Lyle insisted he stayed on the straight and narrow for the remainder of his time at the Northwest School. With good instructors such as Pilkey, Soine, and Reiersgord and opportunities to walk the girls home, Lyle said his memories of the NWSA were good ones.

After graduation, Lyle found work in Oregon, which lasted one day because of a strike after his arrival. He visited his parents in Montana and returned to the Gonvick area and a stint in the gravel hauling business. Since he had traded his car on a 1953 GMC gravel truck, it was his only vehicle and served as his sole transportation.

It was during this time he met his wife in Clearbrook, Minnesota, which influenced his choice to work in Minnesota. He went to work insulating steam pipes in a heating plant in Hibbing, which was under construction. These early years provided a glimpse of Lyle’s future—the only thing that was sure was change. From the Hibbing job, he went to Montana to do farm work, which consisted of helping to build a house for his boss and running Cat tractors in the field. He then landed a job at 1st National Bank, his girlfriend, Darlene, came to Montana too becoming a telephone operator. During this time, the two were married. While he viewed the bank work as a wonderful opportunity, he later decided he preferred to be more active and work outdoors, so Lyle and Darlene returned to Minnesota.

This chapter of his life would be spent in various types of employment in the iron mining industry in Minnesota. At the onset, he worked for Bethlehem Steel pulling cable in mining equipment, which was heavy, dirty work. He then operated a D-8 Cat bulldozer start-
Lyle in Kuwait City during his trip to present information about his company Clemenson Enterprises, Inc.

In January of 1960, Lyle was hired by the company, and when the company moved to Chicago in August of 1961, he was made the field representative for the Chicago area. He found the job challenging and enjoyable, and he quickly became a valuable member of the team. During this time, he also began learning about the construction business and gained valuable experience in areas such as surveying and construction management. 

In 1963, Lyle decided to leave the company and start his own business. He opened Clemenson Enterprises, Inc., and his company quickly grew to become one of the leading construction companies in the area. He continued to work hard and expand his business, and eventually he became one of the most successful construction business owners in the state.

By Terry Tollefson, communication major at UMC

“"No matter where I have been, I have met great people. Whether overseas or here, people have always been wonderful." It is evident that interpersonal skills, practical technical skills, and a solid work ethic continue to serve Lyle today as he embraces change to go above and beyond the usual levels of achievement.

Lyle has three grown children, one son and two daughters and continues to live in the Twin Cities area with his wife Darlene. They support students at UMC through their gifts to the NWSA Heritage Fund. Those gifts along with those of other Northwest Schoolers help encourage students in pursuit of their dreams, something the Clemenson’s know can make a big difference. ✨
UMC's "Fantastic Four"

In the summer when the movie the Fantastic Four is showing around the country, it is appropriate to recognize the University of Minnesota, Crookston's (UMC) own "fantastic four" alumni. Mandy Kidrowski Fischer '01, her husband, Byron '97, '99, Marcus Meiners '98, and Jamie Pulkrobek '05 are all employees of Country Operations of CHS, Inc. in Minnesota. Bill Friken, CHS general manager, is happy with his decision to hire UMC graduates, "I have been very pleased with our employees who graduated from Crookston; all of them are dependable, knowledgeable, reliable and present themselves in a business fashion."

The Fischers both work in Elrosa, Meiners in Long Prairie, and Pulkrobek is employed in Park Rapids. The four enjoy their work with CHS and credit their education at UMC with helping them land their jobs and for making a difference in their day-to-day work.

Mandy Kidrowski Fischer is from Willmar, Minnesota and was influenced to attend UMC when Dave Hoff visited her high school. She has a degree in Agricultural Business with an emphasis in marketing and works in Elrosa as the marketing specialist for the three CHS Country Operations locations. "I like the creativity that the marketing work gives me, but I still am able to be involved with agriculture and the producers," Mandy explains. She said that she continues to find support from the staff at UMC and will occasionally call with a question or help with something. If you ask her, who her favorite instructor was, she will quickly tell you, "There too many to name; I have a lot of favorites."

"Attending UMC, both my husband and I agree, helped us get jobs. It really made the difference," Mandy says. Her husband Byron, agronomist at CHS, loved the atmosphere at UMC and the small-town feeling. "I enjoyed knowing everyone, and I know that I was exposed to technology that is second to none. It gave me an edge and a great handle on the ag industry."

Byron grew up near Elrosa on a dairy and grain farm. His intent was to attend UMC for two years, but he graduated in '97 with associates degrees in Dairy Science and Soil Science and in '99 with his Bachelors in Plant Industries Management-Agronomy. He chose UMC because of the technology access, and he really enjoyed the relationship he formed with his advisor, Lyle Westrom.

His primary responsibilities at CHS as a service representative are seed sales, scouting, and helping with custom application. He also is the lead on technology and mapping for crop monitoring. "I like the interaction I have with growers," Byron said, "and watching the progress of the area crops." His favorite instructors include Westrom, Chuck Habstritt, Marv Mattson, and Harvey Peterson.

"UMC gives students the hands-on training and handle on what people do in their jobs. There is an advantage in the real-world experience UMC provides," Byron said. "We don't just evaluate farms in the classroom, we have actual laboratory experiences." UMC's Richard Nelson says, "Byron's appreciation for the experience he gained at UMC is really gratifying. It is what distinguishes our programs from most others and is a big reason why companies like CHS keep coming back for more UMC graduates."

Marcus Meiners is from Clarissa, Minnesota, and he liked the size of the campus. He was involved in Ag Activities Day when he was in high school so he already knew what UMC was like before he came. At first, he intended to study Dairy Science but later changed his major to Agronomy. Marcus is responsible for crop consulting, soil sampling, field scouting, and customer credit at CHS and was recently the company's featured employee.

Marcus explains why he likes his job at CHS in Long Prairie this way, "I am interested in weed science and the effect of herbicides on weeds. I like problem solving and determining combinations of herbicide that will be most effective." That is what makes his work at CHS rewarding.
for him. He credits much of what he learned at UMC and his participation in the Collegiate Crops Contest in helping him find his interest and passion in agriculture.

Marcus recognized the work and support of his advisor, Chuck Habstritt, "He challenged us, made us learn, and made it all applicable to the industry." Marcus enjoyed UMC's hands-on learning as well. He had three internships, one with Centrol in Morton, North Dakota, and he spent two summers with R.D. Offut scouting on irrigated potato ground. When he was a senior, he was president of the Agronomy Club at UMC and recalled the trips and tours they took as part of the club.

"Education means a lot," Marcus says, "students need to get as much out of it as they can. UMC is personal and the learning relates to everyday life."

The most recent member of the fantastic four, Jamie Pulkrabek, joined CHS the week after she graduated last spring. She is involved with selling, scouting, and making recommendations to producers in the Park Rapids area. She grew up on a farm near Euclid, Minnesota, and since UMC was close to home and had such great technology, she decided to start there. Once she started, she found that she enjoyed the campus and recognized that her original interest in graphic design would not allow her to spend the time outdoors that she was after—agriculture did.

"My dad influenced my decision to attend UMC and my grandpa, Jim Pulkrabek '52 was a Northwest Schooler," Jamie remembered. She enjoyed breaks to hang with friends and working on the computers that UMC provides all full-time students. She also loved the ag student's lounge in Chuck Habstritt's office. "It's small, but it was fun and usually packed," Jamie says.

"I came from a small high school," Jamie reflects, "and I would encourage all rural students to take a look at UMC and what it has to offer. Instructors know you, and the technology is wonderful, and now, they have a brand new student center!"

Why not visit the CHS Web site located at Aganswer.com to check out the current agricultural issues these four alumni are handling. If you or anyone you know is interested agriculture, UMC has a lot to offer, please learn more by visiting www.UMCrookston.edu/academics/agri.
Athletic Hall of Fame Honorees:
- Coach Lori Ulferts
- Mark Linnell – ’72-’74
- Cory Schreifels – ’04

Outstanding Alumni Honorees:
- Lyle Wick – ’74
- Kristi Becker Ulrich – ’83
- Herman and Pauli Lill Roerick – ’84

Come and celebrate with these honorees on Friday evening!
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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
UMC Athletic Hall of Fame and Outstanding Alumni Banquet
New Student Center
6:00 PM  Social
6:30 PM  Dinner
   Choice of Prime Rib or Fish
7:00 PM  Program
For tickets, please contact Rose Ulseth at 218-281-8439

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
11:30 AM  Parade around campus mall
           Grand Marshals: Chancellor Emeritus Don & Mary Beth Sargeant
           (Check out the alumni centennial float!)
12:00 PM  Tailgating Begins
1:30 PM   Football vs. Wayne State
Post-game social immediately following football game.
UMC Provides the Skills to Succeed

Pauli Lill Roerick '84 met her future husband at a party when he walked up to her and introduced himself, "Hi, my name is Herman." Her response was unbelieving, "yea, right." The party had been filled with practical jokes that evening, and Pauli decided that this introduction was just one more. She was wrong however, and "when Herman produced his driver's license there was proof," Pauli smiles. Herman Roerick '84 was in his last year at the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) and Pauli was in her first.

The Roericks are the owners of Central Landscape Supply, a wholesale landscaping company that they opened in the spring of 1991 out of the basement of their St. Cloud area home. Like many alumni, Pauli and Herman, have an interesting series of events that led them to their lifelong careers.

Pauli was a double major at UMC in medical secretarial administration and word information processing. Her advisor was Betty Brecto, and she took a heavy credit load the whole time she was attending UMC. "I had 21 credits almost every quarter," Pauli recalls. The Colorado native came to UMC after looking at four-year schools and then deciding that she would pursue a two-year degree. "I wanted a school with a name and a reputation," Pauli explains, "that is the reason I chose UMC."

She remembered a new class that was being taught and because she had worked ahead, the instructor called her one night for help with a problem he was having. He had tried everything but without result. Pauli went over to see if she could help. It was less daunting than you might expect when she found that the hood on the printer was open and that was the solution to everything. She laughs, "That kind of thing happens to everyone, but I was glad I could help." That incident would foreshadow the work she does in the family's business. She not only takes care of the catalog, she is the resident technology expert and keeps the computers and printers running.

Herman was a natural resources conservation major and began his career after graduation by working for the U.S. Forest Service in Washburn, Wisconsin. When they were not able to hire him full time, he and Pauli who had been married in September of 1984, moved to the St. Cloud area and have lived there ever since.

Pauli worked at a medical laboratory and area hospitals for many years before leaving to work for Central Landscape Supply full time. Herman worked retail nursery and landscape, then for a commercial landscaping company, and then for a company that manufactured plastic lawn edging. The latter convinced him to start Interstate Landscape Supply which sold lawn & garden items after three years of working there.

In 1991, when the Roericks decided that it was time to open their own business, Herman had orders before he had officially opened. He later leased and then purchased a site along the interstate near St. Cloud where he has been located ever since. In 1995, they built a 25,000 square foot building and today employs 25 people full time. "We have never laid anyone off," Herman explains, "we are very proud of that." They should be, the two continue to grow their business. There are over 3,000 active customers scattered across the United States and Canada.

Locally, Central Landscape Supply sells to Wagner Landscaping, Opp Construction, Tim Shea nurseries to name a few. They even grow trees—24,000 to be exact are growing as part of their business. Although they primarily service the Midwest, the company sells as far away as Anchorage and Fairbanks, Alaska, Colorado and solicit all over the U.S.

They will be honored this fall during homecoming with the Outstanding Alumni award. When you ask Herman what he values as he looks back at his time as a UMC student, it is the friendships he formed and still has today. "I was part of a community of friends," Herman relates, "They opened their homes and invited us in. I worked for some area farmers, and I continue many of those early relationships to this day."

Pauli remembers how diverse the Crookston campus was and how she met so many wonderful people from all
different backgrounds and age groups. "It was wonderful to have the opportunity to meet so many different kinds of people. It was one of the things that made my UMC experience so special," Pauli says.

While Central Landscape supplies only wholesale customers, their products are distributed by over 5,000 nursery retailers, landscapers, garden centers, and growers. The two of them agree, the education they received at UMC prepared them for much more than what they learned in their respective majors. It gave them the skills they needed to succeed in life. UMC is still doing that today.

The Roericks have three children, Amanda, 16, Amber, nearly 13, and Paul, 11. They are very active in the Builders' Association, the Nursery Association, the Chamber of Commerce, and many other community and church activities.

If you would like to learn more about what UMC has to offer, please visit www.UMCrookston.edu/academics and if you are a UMC alumni, please come back and wish the Roericks congratulations at the 2005 Outstanding Alumni and Hall of Fame banquet on Friday, September 23, and stick around for all the homecoming activities; we would love to have you! ✪

Herman and Pauli Roerick will be honored this homecoming as Outstanding Alumni.

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**Share, Save, Spend**

By Robert Peterson, Vice Chancellor for University Relations

Today we live in the richest country on earth and we are all rich when compared to the rest of the world. Why is it then that so many people have financial problems? It is the number one reason given in many divorces and the number of individuals declaring bankruptcy each year is growing at an alarming rate.

It is said that "we make a living by what we earn, we make a life by what we give." Too many people are focused on making a living and not enough on living a life.

Nathan Dungan, President of Share Save Spend, LLC, has dedicated his life and business to educating people on how to change their money management habits. As you can tell from the name for his company, he recommends that we approach our money in the following way: first we decide what we are going to share with others, then we decide what we are going to save for the future and finally we decide how to spend what is left.

This is completely opposite of what the thousands of messages we receive each day tell us to do. We are bombarded with messages that tell us to spend our money on things we supposedly cannot live without. We hear few messages about sharing first or saving our money for future needs like financial independence.

Most of us are very generous people and we respond to the needs of others, such as Tsunami and 9/11 relief. The problem is that we do not order our lives around sharing from our wealth and income first, then saving, then spending. That leads to for some people is a certain guilt when they do not give as much to church as they would like or support for other charities they feel passionately about. Also most people do not put away nearly enough for their financial independence, which means they wind up working longer before they can afford to retire or pursue other vocations.

While sharing 10% or tithe was what many of us learned in church, today the modern standard is 5% of income or 1% to total assets. Although many people give far more than that amount, for others it would be a great goal which they could work towards. You can start anywhere; even a fraction of a percent would be a place to start for those who want to put more order in their life.

Saving for future goals and financial independence is a program that benefits a family two ways. But saving more today leaves less for spending on present wants. By living with less spending today, you will need to save less to maintain that spending level in the future.

So if you want to live a life rather than make a living, try sharing first, saving second and spending last. While you are sharing, we hope you will consider sharing some of your income and assets with UMC, so that we can provide more needy students to campus with scholarships. ✪
Alumni Spotlight... The Baird Siblings

The Northwest School of Agriculture meant everything to our family of eight girls and one boy who lived only four miles east of the school on a farm, most of them commuting every day. They seldom missed school, only when a terrible snowstorm was in the making or sickness kept them home. These were tough times during the depression and post WWII days. The hard work on the farm required early morning and evening chores, also helping Mother with the meals and for the older girls, caring for younger children. The six months of school which began in October fit into the schedule for farming so the harvest could be finished by the time school started. School was out in March before the spring planting began. After going to a one-room school for kindergarten through eighth grade, it was a challenge to attend a busy campus, going building to building with four hundred or more students.

We all studied under Retta Bede, Mr. A.M. Pilkey, Faye Hughbanks, and other teachers. Miss Bede looked after us and we could always count on her to help us if we had any problems. We began our day in the Kiehle Building prior to class and left our lunch and books there. We ate lunch in the Aggie Inn with the other students that commuted; this gave us a nice socializing break. We enjoyed our years at the NWSA very much and were grateful that we did not have to go to the high school in Crookston. In the 1930s, the four older sisters had rougher times than the four younger ones as life on the farm was a bit easier in the late 40s and early 50s.

Someone in our family attended the school over a period of seventeen years. We also belonged to the Polk County 4-H Club and incorporated these projects with high school, displaying our canning, baking, and sewing projects. We feel that the NWSA gave us a well-rounded, good education that helped us into a successful adult life.

In the fall of 1936, Ida, June, and Jean started their high school education together, even though they are sixteen months apart. Our parents started them in school together to give them confidence and companionship, this continued all of their school years. They drove Dad's 1934 Terraplane car to school. One winter when there was so much snow June and Jean could not get to school by car, they hitched up the old horse, Dolly, to the sleigh buggy, and she took them to school. They took feed for her and put her in the barn where she stayed until time to make the trip home. June tells of a story when the train came by and blew its whistle, Dolly panicked and ran most of the way home "kicking up snow" with the two of them pulling on the reins as hard as they could. During the winter of 1939, the snow was very deep and the girls could not get to school, this was the winter that Jean got pneumonia and was in the hospital for a month. When she came home from the hospital, it was impossible for Dad to get into town so the Crookston Implement Company brought her out to within a mile from our home. Dad picked her up with the horse and sleigh with hot bricks and heavy blankets for warmth. All three older girls then had to repeat that year in school because they missed so many days.

June (1940) attended the NWSA three years, but Jean finished her fourth year while June worked and lived in the dining hall. After working as a cook for the school, June decided to go to Minneapolis and work for a year as a cook for a family. She decided that was not what she wanted to do with her life so she left Minneapolis for Fargo to train to be a riveter as WWII had started and women were needed to work in defense factories. After completing the riveting course, she went to southern California to work in an aircraft factory. June became a "Rosie the Riveter."

After graduation, Jean (1941) went to Fargo, ND to attend the Dakota Business College and she worked at various jobs to support herself during her business years. Dolly pulling Jean and June to school in the sleigh.
school year. She lived and worked in the Fargo/Moorhead area as a bookkeeper for many years. She met her husband in Fargo after the war and it was there that they raised their family. Later, they moved to Seattle, Washington where she worked for many years for the Farmers Insurance Company until her retirement in 1987. She lives in Spokane, Washington.

Helen (1941) attended NWSA three years and graduated as a senior the same year that Jean received her advanced degree. Helen worked in Crookston at the St. Vincent Hospital for a year and then decided to join June in California. They lived with an uncle there and worked for Douglas Aircraft building planes for the war. When some of the GIs came home on leave they each met and married their husbands. June married an army man and Helen a navy man. June and her husband moved to Oregon after his discharge where they raised their family. She still lives in Roseburg. Helen’s husband was stationed in Florida where they lived until his discharge from the navy. They moved back to California where they raised their family. Helen worked many years in a manufacturing plant. After retiring, she moved to Redmond, Oregon where she still resides.

Evelyn (1942) attended the NWSA for three years, then lived and worked in Crookston at the Bridgeman Creamery for a year. She married and raised her family there, and worked for a department store part time. She was an excellent seamstress, making costumes for the ice capades, doing sewing alterations and making crafts for sale. After thirty years, they moved to Milbank, SD where her husband was transferred. Her husband retired after fifteen years in SD and then moved to Wisconsin for six years. They moved back to Crookston where she lived for six years until her death in 1999.

Brother Charles was next. He attended the NWSA for three months taking a short course in farm mechanics, welding, and tinsmithing. He farmed with Dad for several years and later decided to leave Fargo where he went to work as a carpenter building homes. He received his draft notice to report of active duty in the Korean War, where he served for two years. He returned to Fargo to continue work in the carpentry field, met his wife, and raised a family. Charles developed a successful home construction business and built many homes in the Fargo area. In 1989, he turned the business over to his son and retired. He lives in Fargo.

Ruth (1947) attended three years of school, driving each day except for the winter months when she stayed in the dormitory. She talked of staying upstairs in the home economics building one winter due to a shortage of dorm rooms. She tells about taking cream and milk from the farm into town every morning before school and driving to town after school to pick up the empty cans. Home economics was required of all girls as was swimming and physical education. We never liked getting our hair wet then walking to another building for another class. After graduating, Ruth went to Fargo to attend Dakota Business College for a year rooming with sister Jean who was working in Fargo. She held several secretarial jobs through the years. She met and married a career military man and left Fargo to join him in Albuquerque, New Mexico where she raised her family. They spent eleven and a half years in Europe as well as several years in Albuquerque. Their last assignment was at Travis AFB near Fairfield, California where she worked for eighteen years at a local high school, counseling students. She retired from the school and still resides in Fairfield.

Tillie (1949) attended the Aggie school for three years, and she remembers staying in the dorms most of the time. After graduating she went to Fargo and worked for a doctor and attended a business school for a short time. Tillie met her husband in Dilworth, Minnesota where he was employed by the railroad. They raised a family there before moving to Valley City, ND for a few years. They were transferred back to Dilworth where she continued her homemaking. After twenty-five years, she moved to Moorhead, MN and worked in a department store. In 1979, she moved to Vancouver, WA where she sold real estate for a few years. She then took a job in a department store working there several years until she retired. Tillie continues to live in Vancouver in the summer and Yuma, AZ in the winter.

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Scholarships Make a Difference

The Northwest School of Agriculture (NWSA) Heritage Fund Scholarship was given to Adam Parnow because of his grandfather, Robert Parnow who graduated in 1939 from the Northwest School of Agriculture. Robert spent many years farming in Goodridge, MN. Adam followed in his grandfather's footsteps every summer when he helped out on the farm.

Adam is a senior at UMC and majoring in Natural Resources Aviation. Adam spent his first year of college at NDSU where he was studying Construction Management. He decided that Construction Management wasn't the major for him, and he was intrigued by the new program that had just started at UMC, Natural Resources Aviation. Crookston is also Adam's hometown, so that was another reason why he chose to come to UMC.

Adam was more comfortable in smaller classes, and he really enjoyed the one-on-one attention that the faculty at UMC gave him. Adam says, "The NWSA Heritage Fund Scholarship really helps with aviation costs and flight costs." Adam's future plans are to look into jobs at Minnesota DNR or U.S. Fish and Wildlife departments.

The Heritage Fund directly benefits all UMC students that are direct descendents of Northwest Schoolers. It is a legacy that lives on and one that has had an impact on many UMC students. If you would like to contribute to the Heritage Fund, please contact Bob Peterson at 218-281-8438 or Del Roelofs at 218-281-8441.

The Michael A. Chowdry Entrepreneurial Scholarship is given to entrepreneurial students who demonstrate exceptional potential to become successful in the business world and thereby create employment opportunities, economic growth and expansion in their chosen field. Megan Tollefson is from Sauk Rapids, MN and has been awarded this scholarship for two consecutive years. She is majoring in Business Management and is very glad she was able to receive it.

"It is one of the main reasons I was able to stay in school because of the financial help the scholarship gave me."

Megan had to write an essay detailing her dreams and plans of being an entrepreneur. Megan says, "The award helped encourage the reality of implementing the idea of being an entrepreneur and knowing that someone else has faith in me and my ideas really helps me go farther!"

Megan would like to extend a sincere thanks to Michael Chowdry's wife, Linda.

Scholarships have the power to change lives, if you are interested in establishing a scholarship or giving to scholarships at UMC, please contact Bob Peterson at 218-281-8438 or Del Roelofs at 218-281-8441.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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Year of Graduation __________ or years of attendance __________________________

Information or news you wish to share (new job, career, or family achievements, hobbies, etc.) ____________________________________________________________
Chad Sperling Designs Web Pages

The artist Edgar Degas once said, "Art is not what you see, but what you make others see." That quotation describes the work that UMC graduate, Chad Sperling '03, does when he designs a web page. When he works, he must think about his audience what they see, or perhaps even more, what he wants them to see. Web design is complex, but Chad works to maintain both simplicity in navigation and eye appeal. "I want to keep my web designs clean, ensuring that the audience can easily get where they are going," Chad explains, "I know that a clean design is important and the key to getting people to enjoy viewing a site."

Chad is the genius behind the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) centennial web page (www.UMCrookston.edu/centennial). His design is based on the University of Minnesota's template for web pages, but it is his work that makes the new web page worth the visit. "I tried to give the pages the feel of the past along with the present," Chad explains, "incorporating maroon and gold and making the photographs and logos stand out."

"Technology is the reason I came to UMC in the first place, and the way it is integrated into the classes is really valuable," Chad says. "My dad attended UMC, and when I was a sophomore at the Crookston High School, he brought home his laptop. It was the first time I had ever been on the Internet." That introduction really hooked Chad on technology and computers. After attending UMC for a year and making friends, he decided to stay. "Originally, I wanted to go for only a year, but I decided to complete my degree at UMC rather than transferring."

Steve Shirley was one of Chad's favorite instructors. "I took a few marketing courses from him," Chad recalls, "those courses really helped me in web site development. When you layout a web page, you need to do the same work as you do when marketing a product."

Chad didn't know anything about web design when he came to UMC, but he loved graphics and drawing in high school. He took a couple of web design classes from Dan Lim and worked on some of Lim's projects one semester. Much of the rest of what he knows about web design he taught himself. The summer prior to his graduation, he began some freelance work. "Having a laptop with me everyday at UMC allowed me to try out things and teach myself some of the software—like Dreamweaver," he noted. Chad continues to work freelance, and you can see more of his work at his web site located at www.chadsperling.com.

When he wasn't on the computer, Chad played hockey for UMC. "Hockey taught me to organize my time," he says. Chad played for Mark Huglen in 1999-00 when UMC won the MCHA Conference title. In fact, it was Huglen who convinced Chad to come to UMC in the first place. "Mark was walking by my house in Crookston," Chad says, "it was only about a week and half until school started, but it influenced my decision to attend UMC."

It was a good choice for him, not only did he meet his wife, Amy Nelson '03, but his interest in web design led him to a job eight months after graduation working as the lead web designer for the University of North Dakota (UND). An upcoming redesign of the UND home page will be based off work that Chad did during the year and a half that he was there. "The work I did at
Chad Sperling, cont.

UND was my first real-world experience," Chad reflects, "One of the highlights of my time at UND was being able to sit down and meet with UND President Charles Kupchella to get his approval for my work. It took a couple of months to work within the higher education structure to get approval and go ahead for the design change." About 9 months ago, Chad began working for Northland Community and Technical College (NCTC) as their web manager. He will once again work his magic on web pages for them. "It's kind of ironic, but the competition is now my former employer UND. My goal while at Northland is to redesign their entire website and beat the competition" he says jokingly.

While Chad works at NCTC and on other free lance projects, his wife Amy is employed at U.S. Bank in Grand Forks as a loan officer. The two were married in 2003 following Amy's graduation from UMC. Her degree in business led her to a job at UND as well in their business office just a floor below where Chad worked. Amy has had the opportunity to help her supervisors at both UND and U.S. Bank with computer problems. Those skills are ones she credits to UMC because the computer is with you every day all day long as a student.

Amy is originally from Erskine, Minnesota. The two met after a hockey game when Chad was in his last year playing hockey. The work these two alumni are involved in is directly related to their majors at UMC. Both of them feel that UMC gave them skills critical to today's work place. If you would like to learn more about UMC's degrees in Business or Information Technology Management, please visit www.UMCrookston.edu/academics/ and find out what UMC has to offer. "The computers are so integrated into the classroom that you have to learn about them, and with the constant use, you find that it just gets easier, and you become more confident in your ability," Chad stated.

You get a degree you are interested in at UMC and the computer skills to go along with it; what could be better? ♦

Alumni Spotlight... Baird Siblings, cont.

Bernice (1952/53) attended school for three years, commuting all three years. When roads were bad her dad or brother drove her to school. When she graduated she went to live and work in Fargo, taking classes at night. After two years working at Bell Telephone Company, she left Fargo and moved to Albuquerque, NM where she lived a short time with sister Ruth and her family. She met her husband and raised a family there. Bernice worked for General Motors Acceptance Corporation in Albuquerque in accounting and bookkeeping for fourteen years. She lived in New Mexico twenty-four years before moving to Virginia where her husband was transferred to work in Washington, D.C. They were in the Washington, D.C. area five years before being transferred to Bakersfield, CA. Three years later, her husband retired, and they moved to Silver City, NM. She worked for a Chrysler dealership as office manager for ten years, and then retired in 1995. They moved to Montrose, CO where they continue to enjoy retirement life.

Mary Lou (1954) was in the first class that required four years of school to receive a diploma. She commuted two years with sister Bernice and then stayed in the dorms in the winter months. After graduation she took a job in the Crookston National Bank. The following year she married and lived in Crookston for nineteen years where she raised their family. They moved to Milbank, SD where her husband was transferred. She worked for many years in retail stores and sold real estate for a few months. After living in South Dakota for twenty-seven years she moved back to Minnesota. She now lives in Angus, MN in the summer and Mesa, AZ in the winter months enjoying retirement life.

Throughout the years, many of us returned to the NWSA for the alumni class reunions. In 1986, we were all present and were honored at the evening banquet. We are thankful for the years of quality education we received from the staff of the NWSA. ♦
Golden Eagle Fall Sports Preview

Golden Eagle Football
The Golden Eagle Football team will look to experience on both sides of the ball to improve on its sixth place Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) finish in 2004. On offense, UMC will utilize the strength of R.J. Rollins' (All-American) running ability and an offensive line that returns four players including Pat McCabe who has the potential to be one of the top tight-ends in the conference. Defensively, an experienced and skilled linebacker core and a solid defensive line will keep opposing offenses guessing and out of the end zone.

Key offensive returnees include: runningback, R.J. Rollins (SR., Anchorage, AK) and tight-end Pat McCabe (JR., Bloomington, MN). Key defensive returnees are: linebackers Justin Reed (SR., Hastings, MN), Nate Emery (SR., Coon Rapids, MN) and Zach Coauette (JR., Crookston, MN), defensive-end Nate Spatz (SR., Lebanon, PA) and strong safety Brandon Moore (SR., Anchorage, AK). A new player expected to make early contributions is quarterback Chris Zellmer, Reedley College, CA.

At the helm of the Golden Eagles for his fourth season with the program is Head Coach Shannon Stassen. Prior to his current position at UMC, Stassen served as Assistant Football coach for the Golden Eagles from 1998 to 2001.

The Golden Eagles have added Dave Reiners to the coaching staff with the departure of Steve Laqua. Reiners, who played with the Golden Eagles, will coach the offensive line. The staff returns a dedicated core of coaches that will help Golden Eagle football reach its full potential in 2005. Returning coaches include Steve Olson (defensive line), Scott Butt (offensive coordinator), Mark Dufner (linebackers) and Dave Hennings (runningbacks/wide receivers).

Golden Eagle Volleyball
In 2004, the Golden Eagles improved to fifth in the NSIC by posting a conference record of 6-8 (14-19 overall), including the team’s first ever victory over the University of North Dakota.

The graduation of setter Jamie Wolff (4,925 career assists) and middle hitter Allison Kluck (1,276 career kills) has opened the door for younger players to step up and contribute. The team will be led by the offensive firepower of Joan Ebnet (Sr., Outside Hitter, Pequot Lakes, MN). Ebnet played in all 122 games of the 2004 season. She led the Golden Eagles in kills (431) (3.53 kills/game), service aces (38) and defensive digs (618) (5.07 digs/game). Joan recorded a UMC match record in digs on October 16, 2004 against Augustana (SD) when she “dug up” 42 Viking kill attempts. She ranked second in digs in NSIC Conference games with 289. During the 2004 season Joan received numerous volleyball accolades. She was named to the St. Edward’s All-Tournament Team, Powerade Classic All-Tournament Team, UND Northern Extreme All-Tournament Team and was named as the NSIC Player of the Week for the week of October 18, 2004. She was also named to the American Volleyball

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Coaches Association (AVCA) All-Region Team and was recognized as an NSIC All-Conference First Team member. Erin Flynn (So., Middle Hitter, Bloomer, WI) and Jo Hejny (Sr., Outside Hitter, Virginia, MN) will also be looked upon to make an immediate impact. Flynn played in all 122 games of the 2004 season. She led UMC in total blocks with 67 (12 solo, 55 assisted). Erin was third on the team in kills (358) and second on the team in kill percentage (.271). Hejny played consistent volleyball during her first season as a Golden Eagle, amassing very respectable statistics in several categories. She played in 121 games and finished the season third in blocks with 36 (7 solo, 29 assisted).

She finished third in defensive digs (254) and fourth in kills (353, 2.92 kills/game) for UMC.

Also returning from the 2004 squad and playing key roles will be Katie Jeremison (So., Libero, Marshall, MN); Lisa Steinbrecher (So., Outside Hitter/Defensive Specialist, Seward, AK); Theresa Crance (So., Middle Hitter, Timber Lake, SD.).

Recruiting was still ongoing at the time of printing. Newcomer information will be released in the next publication of the Torch.

Golden Eagle Soccer

Only 6 players return from the 2004 season that includes remaining seniors Christie Chappell from Ontario, Canada and Cory Sak from Las Vegas, Nevada. The Golden Eagles look to rebuild for the 2005 season and make their mark in the NSIC.

Leading the way for the Golden Eagle attack this fall is two-time All-Conference, 3-time team MVP, and the Golden Eagles’ all-time leading goal scorer senior Christie Chappell. Another returning stand-out that ranks second in team scoring is junior Brittany Efird from Joplin, Missouri. Between Chappell and Efird they have amassed 30 goals and 14 assists in just three seasons. The new addition up front is freshman Jessica Vlatkovich from Wayzata, Minnesota. Vlatkovich has led her club team and high school team in total points and will provide the necessary offensive punch for the Golden Eagles this fall.

In the midfield, the Golden Eagles are led by senior Cory Sak and junior Kami Lucius from Traverse City, Michigan. Supporting the returning midfielders are a young but very talented midfield class. Locally, UMC Soccer has acquired the services of Crookston High School standout Amber Erdmann. Though Erdmann has been recognized as the Offensive Player of the Year at CHS and currently holds the record for the most goals, she is anticipated to be filling in as a midfielder. Coming from Rapid City, South Dakota is Becky Thorbjornsen, an All-State selection, team MVP, and a club standout with exceptional vision. In the opposite direction geographically Samantha Bentz from Baltimore, Maryland, another player with superb vision, will be looked upon to help anchor the midfield. Bentz comes from a strong high school program and exceptional club team that has competed nationwide. Finally from Rice Lake, Wisconsin is All-Conference and team MVP Alyssa Jensen. Jensen participated in the Wisconsin high school senior bowl and the 2005 USYSA Regional play-offs with her club team.
Defensively, the Golden Eagles retained the services of Allison Warren from Burlington, Ontario and sophomore Kiely Bladow from Monument, Colorado. Both have been the crux of the Eagle defense and bring a tremendous amount of experience to the back line. However, the addition of Chicago suburb native Elizabeth Kennedy, an MVP in high school will keep things balanced in the back.

The goalkeeping position is considered the strongest and deepest for the Golden Eagles this fall. Three new goalkeepers will challenge for a starting position. The most experienced is junior college transfer Mikael Joy Laajala of Houston, Texas. Laajala led her team to the 2003 Junior College National Championships. Laajala is a NJCAA All-Region and All-American selection. Another high school and club standout from Texas is freshman Aimie Theobalt (Houston, TX). Theobalt is an All-District and team MVP in high school. The Golden Eagles’ third goalkeeper hails from Eden Prairie Minnesota, freshman Megan Fagerhaug.

Despite some setbacks, the Golden Eagles have improved each season since Przemienicki arrived in 2001 and this fall will be the latest challenge for the Golden Eagles and their climb up the NSIC ladder. The Golden Eagles are looking to “Revive in ‘05” as they open their season at home against the University of North Dakota on August 26th at 3:30 pm.

Golden Eagle Men’s Golf
The Golden Eagles Men’s Golf team will start the 2005-2006 season with a number of familiar faces who bring a wealth of experience to this year’s team. Last season the team finished 3rd at the NSIC Championship, and advanced three individuals to the NCAA Division II Men’s Golf Championships in the spring of 2005, Matt Hiller, Branden Schwartz, and Steven Busho. The Golden Eagles will again look to compete for the NSIC Conference Title in 2005 with a team that will look much the same as a year ago after having only 1 senior graduate last May. Returning for Coach Jason Tangquist and the Golden Eagles will be, Senior Co-Captains, Matt Hiller (Crookston, MN) and Branden Schwartz (Brooklyn Park, MN), along with varsity participants from a year ago, Steven Busho (Blooming Prairie, MN), Trent Senenfelder (Walker, MN), Tony Brateng (Roseau, MN), Steven Zutz (Red Lake Falls, MN), and redshirt last season Brent Groenke (Morden, Manitoba). Tangquist knows it is definitely a goal of the returners to move on as a team to the NCAA DII Men’s Golf Championships, after advancing three individuals to St. Joseph, MO, the site of the Super-Regional in May 2005, the guys are eager to advance as a team in May 2006. Incoming student-athletes Nick Beran (Crookston, MN), Mike Globes (Lewiston, MN), Garrett Scott (Red Deer, Alberta), and James Matthews (Spring Green, WI) will all look to contribute in the 2005-2006 season. The fall schedule will look similar to past seasons with invites possible at Bemidji State University, NDSU, UND, the Central Region Fall Invite (Detroit Lakes, MN), ending with the NSIC Championship at Pebble Creek Golf Club (Becker, MN) to be held October 7-8.
100 Years of UMC/NWSA Sports History

What is success? How would you define success?
Well, the true dictionary definition of success is the achievement of something desired, planned, or attempted. Isn’t it a great feeling when you succeed at something? Sometimes you will find that you may not have succeeded in the way you would’ve liked, but with everything you do, you can find success. Throughout your life there are many ways you have succeeded, and one of those ways is the success you’ve had in sports.

UMC Women’s Basketball make it to Conference Championship

You’re sitting in the same place you sit before every game. All you can hear is the pounding of your heart as you think about what time it is. It’s GAMEDAY! You know what to do; you’ve done it before, but this time there’s a catch! You lose, you go home. Coming into the 2002-2003 Women’s NSIC Basketball tournament with a 10-17 record overall and a 6-12 conference record, your seventh seed in the tournament wasn’t looking too promising. But the competitive athlete that you are, you’re ready to give it your all!

You run onto the floor to meet your opponents, the Golden Bears, from Concordia, St. Paul. The game begins and before you know it, the game is tied 61-61 with 2:58 remaining on the clock. The time is dwindling down, and with only fourteen seconds remaining in the game, the Golden Bears sink two free-throws to give

Karna Plaine, Lindsey VanGuilder and Steph Mayclin wait anxiously as Kathy Behr jumps for the ball in the 2002-03 women's basketball conference semi-final game.

My name is Beth Jacobson, and I am originally from Maysville, ND. I will be a junior at UMC, and play basketball for the Golden Eagles. I am majoring in communication with a sports marketing emphasis and a coaching minor. This summer, I am doing my internship in the Office of Development and Alumni Relations under Liz Tollefson. The following article is based on fact and actual occurrences, but has been altered, so that you, the reader, feel like you are part of the action.

I’d like to give a sincere thanks to all those who helped with the research of this article. A special thanks to Mark Olsomauksi (football ’98), Owen Williams and library staff, Lori Ulferts (coach, women’s basketball and volleyball ’86-’89), Lloyd Mayes (men’s basketball, ’70) and Armin Ross (men’s basketball, ’46).

themselves a one point lead. You look at your coach to see if you should call a time-out, but he signals back to you that there are no time-outs. So, you give the ball to Amy Kuzia’03 and watch as she drives to the basket and gets fouled with 1.7 seconds left on the clock. You are shaking from the anticipation of these next two shots. The first free-throw is up, and it’s GOOD! The game is tied 65-65, and the second free-throw is on its way; it’s GOOD! You WIN! Your team has just won its first ever win in your first NSIC Tournament appearance!

Now it’s onto the semi-finals where you play the Wolves from Northern State. You step onto the court, and you’re dizzy with excitement! The game is exactly as you had anticipated, neck and neck with a score of 33 to 31 at half-time. Your teammates, Cathy Behr’03, Steph Mayclin’04 and Lindsey Van Guilder’03 all rip the nets with their 3-point shooting in the second half. As the game comes to a close, you watch as Steph Mayclin’04 hits three of four free-throws to ice the win! You all rush to center court and congratulate one another with hugs and screams of victory.

The championship game has arrived. You are face to face with the Bulldogs from the University of Minnesota, Duluth. They are favored to win the game, but you don’t care about favorites; you came here to play some ball. You watch the scoreboard in the beginning as your team
scores the first seven points. A battle of points scored by both teams leaves the score tied at halftime, 32-32. You watch helplessly as the Bulldogs stretch their lead after halftime to 52-45 with 8:30 left in the game. You rally your teammates and give them words of encouragement to help build their confidence. An answer to the Bulldogs, we score six straight points in a row! But soon after, the Bulldogs fight back nailing two 3-pointers, and they seal the game with a score of 68-60. We shook hands, and walked with our heads held high to the locker-room. Our coach helped us realize that made great strides throughout the season. We peaked at the right time. We look back at this season as a success because we got better as it progressed!

**The 1997 Football team makes first ever playoff appearance**

You wake up in the morning and grab yourself a bowl of Lucky Charms cereal and sit down to watch College Game Day on ESPN. It’s your game day ritual; you’re not big on eating too much before the game, and you need to get mentally prepared. It’s November 1, 1997, and it’s time to play some football! As you pull up to the school to get prepared for the game, small snowflakes are falling onto your car. By the time you get out to the field, it’s covered in about 1-2 inches of snow. It is a wet-rainy type snow and the wind is blowing at 30 miles an hour! Your opponents from Minot State look ready to play, but something inside yourself tells you that you’re going be changing that look on their faces.

You realize that you have to win the next two games to advance to the NAIA playoffs for the first year in UMC history! No pressure or anything, but you can handle it; you’ve been in pressure situations before. You’ve succeeded before, can you do it again?

The first offensive play and the ball is snapped. The quarterback, Scott Strohmeier ‘98 hands you the ball, and you watch as your offensive line creates a hole for you to sprint through. You’re thinking “this is my chance... here we go,” as you turn on the wheels and make it all the way down to Minot State’s 20 yard line. Although this play didn’t result in a touchdown, your team gets 3 points for a field goal. The next offensive play is crucial to set the tone for the game, so you take the game in your hands and go for a 56-yard run that results in a touchdown! The score is 10-0, and the deficit only gets worse for Minot State as the game continues. Minot State has the best defense in the conference, but not on this snowy day. We keep running through their defense! Even though it’s like you’re moving in slow motion because you’d dodge to the left, and normally be able to quickly return to the right, but with the weather conditions this is nearly impossible. But you play with the elements, and your team comes out ahead with a score of 24-8. One game down, one to go!

The next week flies by and you’re eager to get on the field and play against the University of Mary. If you win this, you’re in the playoffs! As Coach Oliver always says, “It’s like making a big ol’ pot of stew. You put the water in the pot and throw in all the ingredients, then you let it simmer, and after awhile you bring it to a boil. We practice all week and keep the stove on simmer, and then when game day comes we crank it up and let ‘er boil!” You go out to the field, and it seriously looks like it had just been plowed or like someone turned it into a mud wrestling ring! You won last week in crappy conditions, why not today?

You lace up your shoes and put on the longer spikes in the front for better traction. You get out on the field, and it’s the same story as last week; run the ball. Right up the middle of the field through all the mud! The score went back and forth, they score first, and then in the second quarter your team scores a touchdown. Slowly but surely you pull away at the end of the game to gain a trip to the playoffs with a score of 24-14. There’s no doubt you helped your team win by carrying the ball 47 times and having 187 yards rushing, but you can’t forget without the help of your teammates who got that block or gave you the ball or stopped the other team from scoring, the game could’ve turned out differently! Even though you lost in the first round of the playoffs, you feel very proud to be part of the only football team in UMC history to date to go to the playoffs!

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Hockey team wins UMC's first ever National Championship in 1992

The score is 2-2 and the time is quickly melting off the clock. With 2:19 seconds remaining in the game, you watch as teammate Ryan Driedger '97 shoots and scores! You've just beaten Itasca Community College, and won your second straight Minnesota Community College Conference state hockey championship with a score of 3-2. Now you're on your way to Bottineau, North Dakota for the 1992-1993 National Junior College Athletic Association hockey tournament.

Once you get to Bottineau, it is time to take the ice for practice, and then onto the banquet for some good food! The next day, you show up to the arena about an hour and half before game time. You put on all your equipment, lace up your skates and get your stick. Its tourney time fellas! You face North Country Community College for the first game of the tournament. After a slow start, you pull out the win with a score of 8-2. Now it's time to face your arch-rivals, the NDSU-Bottineau Lumberjacks. Last year at the National Tournament, you were in a three-way tie with NDSU-Bottineau and SUNY-Canton (N.Y). You don't want any ties this year, you want to win it all, and win it right!

With 18:15 off the clock in the first period, you watch excitedly as Paul Karpenko '93 scoots a shot past the Lumberjack goalie. The score is 1-0 going into the second period. You quickly glance into the stands, and you see a large group of Trojan fans. Among them are Chad “Chudley” Johnson and Corey Mitteness '92, who just got done swallowing a goldfish. You had heard that they made a pact with each other that they would each swallow a goldfish for every goal scored by the Trojan hockey team. What dedicated fans!! 17:52 has gone off the clock in the second, when Scott Elder '93 decides to take it to 'em, and he slides the puck into the goal! You gaze up at the scoreboard; the score is 2-0 going into the third. You think to yourself, could it be true? Are we going to shutout our arch-rivals?

You watch anxiously as your other two teammates, John Marciniak '93 and Chris Benson both score goals in the third period. The score is 4-0, and the Lumberjacks have been left scoreless. You give much credit to your goalie, Pete Nordell '93 who stopped 13 Bottineau shots with about 11 minutes to go in the period! You did it; you beat your arch-rivals, and not only beat them, but shut them out! But this was no time to celebrate too much; you still had another game to ice the national championship.

The next day you are face to face with Eric Community College. You know before the game that if you win this game, you will be named the 1992-1993 national hockey champions! It's the second period, and the score is 1-2, Eric Community College is ahead. You are starting to get a little bit nervous as you watch your teammates skate from one end of the rink to the other. But no need to worry, by the end of the second period your team has found a way to tie up the game. The score is 2-2 and time is quickly melting off the clock. With 1:32 seconds remaining in the game, you watch as teammate Ryan Driedger '97 shoots and scores! He did it again! He glassed the win, and your team has just won the first national championship UMC has ever won! Your season truly couldn't have ended any better. You went undefeated in the National Junior College Athletic Association Tournament and won the first national championship for UMC athletics!

Women's Volleyball advance to Championship game in 1987

You slip your heavy, long sleeve top over your head and start lacing up your shoes. You look around at all your teammates and everyone's face has a look of nervousness on it. The faint sound of "Mony, Mony" by Billy Idol is playing in the background, and to loosen the tension; you start to dance to the music! Everyone around you takes your energy and soon everyone is dancing and ready to play some volleyball! The date is November 9, 1988 and the MCCC State Volleyball Tournament at UMC is underway. Your first goal is to get through pool play and into the championship bracket. Looking across
the net you see the Lions from Normandale who are the #1 seed out of the Central Division. The serve is up, and the game has begun!

You soar through the first game with a score of 15-5. The official signals to switch sides, and your team runs to the other side and huddles up. You easily proved who was the better team, but now it's time to put them away. One more win and you are in the championship bracket! The next game is a little closer, and a little more nerve wrecking, but you pull out the win with a score of 15-10.

Your team is onto the championship bracket and will be facing the Hibbing Cardinals! They got second place in Pool A, and since you're the number one seed in Pool B, you face them first. The first game you blow them out of the water! The final score ends up being 15-3. The cheers from the stands rise as you begin the next match. You watch rally after rally until finally you seal the second game with a score of 15-10. You finally realize that this is the last match before the championship game!! YAY!

You look at your teammates and let them know there's no messing around in this game! It's time to show those Cardinals what the Trojans are made of, and we did just that by beating them 15-5. It's time to take on the Rochester Yellowjackets, the team to beat.

You've played Rochester two previous times this season, and lost both of them. You put up a tough fight, but end up losing the first three games with scores of 10-15, 11-15, and 11-15. The official blows the whistle and you jog to the net to shake hands with the opposing team. You huddle your team together, and remind them of all the success you had that year. Your overall record was 31-9 with 3 of those losses coming from the same team. You conference season record was 6-4; your team did so well because you played so well together. This is the most successful season of women's volleyball since the school has been a two-year technical college.

**Men's Basketball finishes top of conference in 1969**

You arrive on campus, and find your dorm room in the fall of 1968. You're coming from Washington, D.C. and you're coming to play basketball for the University of Minnesota, Crookston Trojans. After a few weeks in Crookston, MN things are looking a little different than home. You are the first black athlete to play at UMC, and the town of Crookston is quite a bit smaller than what you are used to. But nevertheless you came here to play ball, and that's what you're going to do.

The season begins and your record is 2-2 before you face Fergus Falls for the first time. The score at half-time is 44-41, your team is trailing by three. That quickly changes as your team outscores Fergus Falls in the second half, 47-19. The final score is 88-63, and your season record is now 3-2. Your season continues and you beat Vermillion badly by 34 points and after your victory over Mesabi half way through the season, you win eight out of the next eleven games.

Your last regular season game is against Fergus Falls. You beat them once, and you're ready to do it again! Not only do you beat Fergus Falls, but you put together your team's best offensive and defensive game of the season. The final score is 106-71, which sets a Trojan high on your home court. With that win, you find that your conference record is 13-1, and you find that your team is at the top of the conference. Even though you lost to Mesabi in the last game of the season at the Regional Playoffs, your team still has something to be excited about.

You finished your season at the top of the conference, what an accomplishment! And you can't help but think that you greatly contributed to this successful season, leading the team in points and rebounds, averaging 22.4
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points per game and 14.7 rebounds per game. It wasn’t easy coming to Minnesota being the only black athlete at UMC or for that matter in the conference, but you did it! Not only did you grow personally, academically, and athletically, but you believe there are people who learned from you as well. You were always hungry for success, and you did your best to pass that onto your teammates. We did just that this season, we created success for UMC men’s basketball.

Conference Men’s Basketball Champions in 1946

You are fortunate enough to play men’s basketball when you are still allowed to play defense! We begin the 1946-1947 basketball season with only three players returning from last year. Before the holidays, we beat Climax 19-16 and Halstad 25-22. We lost a close one in the final seconds to Fertile with a score of 28-29. After the holiday break, we got two new transfer students on our team.

Our Conference competition begins at Grand Rapids where we win 36-22. As a letterman, you get to wear your warm-up jacket to class the day of the game, which is always exciting! We traveled to Warren next. You had to be careful when you were out of bounds not to raise the ball above your head because you would hit the balcony that was in their gym!

Coach Lysaker was a great coach, and during this game he was getting pretty frustrated, and he kept pulling up his pants to possibly relieve some of the frustrations. We went on to win the undisputed conference basketball championship by defeating Grand Rapids in a second game with a score of 54-15, and by beating Morris 37-28 and 41-34. We had an exciting year and had lots of fun, what a success!

Football Championships Back to Back to Back in 1930, 1931 and 1932

You’ve won two championships back to back, is it possible to win another? You’re battling through your 1932-1933 season trying your hardest to regain the football championship. It was time for the annual Morris homecoming game, and they were coming in with some fire.

Your team had beaten them badly last year with a score of 33-0, and they are looking to regain the possession of “Ossie” the wooden pig, which is the trophy awarded to the winner of the football game between the two schools. Although the field was extremely slippery because of the snowy conditions from the night before, the Aggie’s beat Morris 13-0. Because of your team’s victories over Grand Rapids and the Morris Aggies, you have won your third consecutive football championship! You are very proud to be on this successful team, and are happy to see that teammate; Ed Widseth ’33 will go on with his career as a football player to even more success.

Look at all you have accomplished! Whether you were an Aggie, a Trojan, or a Golden Eagle, you achieved success. Whether you played basketball, football, hockey, or volleyball, you achieved success. You are part of the 100 year history of a campus that has known both academic and athletic success. Throughout the years, athletes have known the excitement and camaraderie that comes from playing as a team. Each of you played your hand with the cards you were dealt and with the help of your teammates you achieved success!
Reunion Brings People and Memories Together

The reunion for the Northwest School of Agriculture (NWSA) was held on June 24 and 25 and it was a smashing success. Not only was it the best-attended reunion in recent history, the weather was gorgeous, and it was the kick-off of the centennial celebration. In other words, it was the party of the century!

On Friday, everyone came to register, enjoy a picnic fish fry under the tent, and then gathered for the dedication of the Bede ballroom in the new student center. The highlight of the dedication was the attendance of Retta Bede's niece, Virginia Thirlkel and her daughter, Mary Sopko. Crookston's mayor Don Osborne declared the "Year of UMC."

Following the dedication, alumni danced to the musical stylings of Dick King and the Classic Swing Band.

Saturday morning a dedication was held for the Memorial Garden with ribbon cutting by Ray Dusek '57 and Gerhard Ross '45. UMC instructor in horticulture Melinda McVey McCluskey '79 took interested guests on walking tour of the UMC gardens. It was a beautiful day for a walk on the mall. Following lunch, there was a program in Kiehle Auditorium featuring the centennial logo video, music from the Fall Creek Quartet and reminiscences from the class of 1955.

The banquet on Saturday evening topped off the two-day celebration. Harlene Hagen '55 was surprised by the announcement that she was the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award for her tireless efforts on behalf of Northwest School alumni. Top Aggies, Dennis Driscoll '50, Lyle Kasprick '50, Arnie Skeie '55, Keith Chisholm '55, Merlin Skretvedt '54, and Glen and Marlys (Love) Finkenbinder '55 were awarded their plaques. It was a wonderful evening.

The reunion next year seems a long way off, but it will be here before you know it. Think about attending, it is a time for reminiscing and getting together with friends and classmates. We would love to have you! Mark your calendars now for June 23 & 24, 2006.

Mary Sopko, daughter of Retta Bede's niece, Virginia Thirlkel (attended '35-36) stand by the photo of Retta Bede.
Construction Approved for New Hall

A brand new student center, new student apartments, what could possibly be next, a new sports center? The University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) is doing it's best to accommodate for its students and for the future of UMC. The University of Minnesota Board of Regents has approved the construction of a new 84-bed residence hall to be attached to the currently standing, Westside apartments. A commons area will be shared by both residents' halls including administrative offices, conference rooms and lounging area for students.

The apartments in the new Centennial Hall (named after the celebration of UMC's centennial year) will be replicas of the apartments in Westside. Another important detail is the exterior of the building. Since it is located on the campus' historic mall, it needs to conform to the appearance of the other building on the mall. The hope is that the brick is a similar color to that of Kiehle, and will have dark red asphalt shingles on the roof.

This project also includes constructing a brick veneer on the exterior of the Westside Apartments and reshingling the roof to have it match the rest of the campus. The new Centennial Hall is going to greatly benefit the students at UMC. "It's very much needed, and something that our students really like," says John Magnuson, Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities and Operations at UMC.

After all, you spend approximately ⅔ of your life in bed, even college students need a nice place to sleep.

Golden Eagle Day

**When:** Saturday, September 10
**Where:** University of Minnesota, Crookston campus
**Events:**
- 5k run/walk followed by "Run with Regal" event for kids
- Exciting games and a variety of food stands throughout the day
- UMC football team vs. Upper Iowa at 1:00 p.m.
- UMC community vs. Crookston community softball game at 5:00 p.m.
- Movie under the stars at 9:00 p.m.

**Come and Join the FUN!**
New Student Center Features "Solar Storm"

Artist Patrick Wilson was chosen to create a sculpture for the new student center to hang above the Northern Lights Lounge, which is located in front of the information desk. He was given a theme of Northern Lights, and that is what he used to create the sculpture. It took him two years to create this masterpiece, a year and a half of planning and about 6 months of building. He has named it Solar Storm. Patrick just recently completed his master's degree from the San Francisco Art Institution and currently resides in California.

Patrick obtained his bachelor's degree from Gustavas Adolphus. He is originally from Crookston, MN and his mom, Laurie Wilson, is the Counselor/Coordinator of the Office for Students with Disabilities at UMC. "It's pretty exciting to be able to connect my art to where I grew up, and to have it put in such a wonderful building; it's great," remarks Patrick.

This is his second public piece. His first piece was created in 2002 in the Mall of America. It's a memorial of 9/11. Patrick did such a great job of creating and building this art piece, and it is quite the added detail for the new student center! ✨

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Alumni News

40s
Harvey Pulkrabek ’47, Mentor, MN and his wife, Phyllis, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 26, 2005.

50s
Tom & Alice (Christenson) Lapp ’50, Bemidji, MN celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 2, 2005.

Harland Bohach ’52, Grand Forks, ND is a sales representative for Artco Promotional Products and he attended the national promotional products expo. He has been with Artco since 1999.

James Olson ’55, Reynolds, ND and his wife, Donna, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on July 17, 2005.

70s
Robert Noonan ’73, Vermillion, SD. After 35 years in food service management he made a career change and recently accepted the position of Assistant to the Dean in the School of Business at the University of South Dakota. His area of responsibilities are: business manager for the department, scholarship distribution, working with the USD Foundation, career service staff supervision and department facilities. He sends his best wishes to all of his UMC friends. Email Bob at noonan-bob@hotmail.com

80s
Robert (Hansen) Smith ’81, Tulsa, OK says “Hi! Where are you guys??? You need to submit some news. I never seem to find info on anyone I know in the Torch.” to the classes of 1980 and 1981. Since she doesn’t get to Minnesota often, she would like to hear from you. Email Roberta at plsrm@abcglobal.net

Joe Raasch ’86, Shakopee, MN. Email Joe at jrbonus@hotmail.com

Melanie (Heringstad) Pevs ’88, Bottineau, ND. Email Melanie at emjewelry@srt.com

Steve Stromberg ’89, Shawano, WI teaches at Shawano Community High School. He and his wife, Lisa, have 2 boys, Bryce and Brady. Email Steve at strombergs@sgsd.k12.wi.us

90s
R. John Johnson ’90, Mora, MN recently went through a divorce and has now found a wonderful woman named Deb. They have a daughter, Sabrina, who was born in October 2004. They have opened a business in Mora called “The Disc Repair Shop” where they repair scratched CD’s, DVD’s, and video games. They are also an agent for UNICEF cellular phones. He states, “I find the marketing knowledge I learned at UMC is helping me a lot now.” Email him at john@disc-repair-shop.com

vows. The event was hosted by their five children and their families and was held at the Samhold Lutheran Church in Gonvick. She is still the church organist for some 40 years and she attends a woman’s Bible study weekly. She enjoys gardening, flowers and she does quilting and is also making scrapbooks and photo albums. Mary Lou and Marvin enjoy their 10 grandchildren.

Mary Lou (Wolden) Arveson ’55, Gonvick, MN and her husband, Marvin, celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on June 15, 2002 by renewing their
Jeff Oseh attended '90-'92, Crookston, MN is the head Men's Basketball Coach at UMC. He married Lea Vacha on June 4, 2005.

Becky Wait '95, Plainview, MN works fulltime at the May Clinic in Rochester in the Department of Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine as the department administrative assistant. She also works part-time at Wal-Mart North SuperCenter as an accounting office associate. Still in search of Mr. Right and hoping to re-connect with old college friends. Email Becky at wait.becky@mayo.edu

Tanya (Flikka) Mattson attended '96-'98, Felton, MN is employed by Fargo Public School. She married Peter Mattson on June 11, 2005 in Crookston.

Amanda Greicar '97, Plymouth, MN. Email Amanda at agr-icar@comcast.net

Thomas J. Moore '98, Eden Prairie, MN works for McBee & Associates out of Wayne PA (Revenue Cycle Consulting in Health Care Industry). He still plays touch football but is serious with triathlons. He is attending St. Mary's University working towards an MBA with a concentration in Finance. Email Thomas at moorethomasj@mn.rr.com

Allen Larsen '99, Britt, MN is the new manager at Lewis and Clark State Park, Williston.

Alicia (Wiebe) Laturnus '99, Park Rapids, MN is the administrator and local water plan coordinator for the Hubbard County Soil & Water Conservation District in Park Rapids. Alicia and her husband and son moved into their new home in the country at the end of June. Email Alicia at wiebelaturnus@yahoo.com

Nathan & Traci (Dahl) Olsonowski '99 & '98, East Grand Forks, MN welcomed their second child, Hayden Joseph on May 17, 2005. He joins one brother, Wyatt Allen who is 2 years old. Nathan and Traci have been living in East Grand Forks for the past three years. Nathan has been farming with Double D Inc. in Crookston for the past five years and Traci has been with the University of North Dakota for the past three years. Email Nathan and Traci at nathantraci@gra.midco.net

Luke McCapes '01, Aitkin, MN is an account executive for Clearwire Corp in Brainerd. Clearwire is a leading international wireless high speed internet provider. Email Luke at lucas.mccapes@clearwire.com

Kari (Baker) Pongratz) '01, Rochester, MN is employed by the Rochester Public Schools. She married Lee Pongratz on July 1, 2005. Email Kari at kl pongratz@yahoo.com

Dustin Brodina '03, Adams, ND is employed with NRCS of Jamestown, ND. He married Christa Patzman on May 21, 2005.

Baizhou Chen '03, Oakland Gardens, NY is pursuing an internship with one of the big four accounting firms – Ernst & Young, LLP in its New York Metropolitan Area Auditing Practice and will attend its International Intern Conference in Florida.

Adam Schiller '04, Grand Forks, ND is a salesperson for the Grand Forks branch of Butler Machinery.

Michael Zavoral '05, East Grand Forks, MN is employed with R.J. Zavoral & Sons. He married Carrie Enright on July 16, 2005.

In Memory

Felix Mallinger '25
Richfield, MN
December 29, 2004

Palma (Hornseth) Heieren '28
Thief River Falls, MN
April 14, 2005

Richard Holmgren '33
Warroad, MN
May 30, 2005

Fern (Field) Christopher '35
Grand Forks, ND
May 4, 2005

Leonard Bakke attended '35-'36
Twin Valley, MN
March 26, 2005

Chan Freije '37
Wenatchee, WA
August 2004

Grace (Olson) Rusk '37
Bloomington, IL
August 30, 2004

Richard Winston Johnson '38
Crookston, MN
July 1, 2005

Carl Gronberg '39
Climax, MN
April 17, 2005

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Remembering by Giving

Harry Lofberg was not a Northwest Schooler or a UMC graduate, but his legacy to the Red River Valley will not be forgotten thanks to a gift from Bruce Hamnes in his memory.

Lofberg, son of immigrant parents, was a hired man on the Hamnes farm near Stephen, Minnesota for over forty years. "He was so typical of many of the bachelors who worked on farms across the region," Hamnes reminds us. "Those guys were the big builders of the valley and rural America. They treated this land as if it were their own." Hamnes is right. Hired men and women played a significant role in the development of the richest farmland in the world, and they came from families with a strong work ethic. Many of them became part of the family for whom they worked.

Hamnes says he spent as much time learning from Lofberg as he may have done with his own father who was involved in the farm's management. Lofberg taught Hamnes the mechanical and practical skills so integral to farming success. "He always said that a job worth doing was worth doing right," Hamnes recalls, "He was quiet and didn't ask much. Many of these people came out of the depression and appreciated the work opportunity and everything they had."

The gift, benefiting the Northwest Research and Outreach Center (NWROC) on the UMC campus, given in Lofberg's memory will ensure that he is not forgotten. It is the perfect way to remember Harry Lofberg, and it might be the perfect way for you to remember someone too. If you would like to learn more, please contact Bob Peterson in the UMC development office at 218-281-8438 or Del Roelofs at 218-281-8441. Remember someone by giving to UMC or NWROC. ♦

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