The Torch & Shield Award is the highest honor bestowed upon an individual by the University of Minnesota, Crookston and Northwest Research & Outreach Center.

Pictured above are the recipients: Minnesota State Conservationist William Hunt; extension sugarbeet and weed control specialist for the University of Minnesota and North Dakota State University Alan G. Dexter, Ph.D.; U of M Northwest Minnesota Regional Sustainable Development Partnership Executive Director Linda Kingery; and former University of Minnesota, Crookston Athletic Director Marv Bachmeier. Back row (l to r): UMC Director of Development & Alumni Relations Corby Kemmer; UMC Chancellor Charles H. Casey; and Northwest Research and Outreach Center Head Larry Smith.

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**Pioneer Veterinary Dermatologist is Northwest School Grad from Crookston Campus**

Flag Island, a tiny island on Lake of the Woods, Minn., was home to Patrick McKeever '62 graduate of the Northwest School of Agriculture (NWSA). His parents operated a tourist resort on the island and the one-room school house he attended was located on nearby Oak Island. He remembers his dog, and those of his classmates, tagging along to school and playing during the day and returning home with their respective masters.

By the fourth grade, McKeever knew he was going to become a veterinarian. "I wanted to farm; I liked animals," McKeever explains, "but it was difficult to get into farming if your family wasn't involved in it, so, I chose a career I felt would be close to farming when I chose veterinary medicine."

He entered his freshman year of high school at the NWSA, forerunner of the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC), and found it to be a good home-away-from-home. McKeever recalls having to make sure his bed was made and his window shades all positioned one-third of the way down by 8:30 every morning. In the evening from 7:30 to 9:00, students were to be sitting at their desks studying. Besides the regular regimen at the Northwest School, McKeever remembers how nice the other students were and how much fun it was to go to school. A focused student, he found animal husbandry classes at the NWSA influential in his future career.

After graduating, McKeever went to the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine where he received his bachelor's degree as well as his doctor of veterinary medicine degree. He also holds a master's degree from Washington State University in Pullman in cardiovascular surgery. When the University of Minnesota needed a dermatologist in its veterinary hospital, McKeever returned to Minnesota to start the veterinary dermatology program. He also taught, rising to full professor at the University of Minnesota's College of Veterinary Medicine. In fact, McKeever considers being regarded as a good teacher by his students one of the most significant accomplishments of his career.

In 1998, after 27 years, McKeever left the University and opened the McKeever Dermatology Clinics Inc., a specialty referral practice with the main office in Eden Prairie, Minn., and a branch office located in Oakdale. He has treated animals from Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada to Milwaukee, Wis. From 1991-93, McKeever served as the president of the American Academy of Veterinary Dermatology.

McKeever and his wife, Mavis, have two daughters and a son.

Students at UMC today can begin their education in veterinary medicine by entering the pre-veterinary program. Tina Louise Maher of Solway, Minn., is a senior who has wanted to be a veterinarian for a long time. "I told my kindergarten teacher that I came to school to learn to be a veterinarian," Maher explains.

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“She told me that I would learn all of that when I got to college.”
Growing up on a small farm, Maher attended South Dakota State University in Brookings, S.D., but transferred to UMC.

“The University of Minnesota, Crookston has a great equine program and that is where I want to focus my studies,” Maher said. “Plus, it is closer to my home, and I can still pursue my dream of becoming a vet.”

Maher particularly enjoyed her horse production and beef and dairy classes taught by Teaching Specialist Terrill Bradford, along with the anatomy and physiology class taught by Ag Department Head Ron Del Vecchio, Ph.D. She hopes to go on to the University of Minnesota to continue her education following her graduation in spring 2008.

“My family and I have been in rodeo and around horses for a long time, and as a veterinarian, I can continue my passion to work with large animals and fulfill a dream that began when I was in kindergarten.”

New Legislation Allows You to Make a Lifetime Gift From Your IRA

If you are 70½ or older, recent legislation benefits you! The Pension Protection Act of 2006, which was signed into law by The President in August 2006, encourages the financial support of the good work done by charitable organizations. The law allows donors 70½ or older to transfer funds directly from their individual retirement account (IRA) to a public charity without undesirable tax concerns.

By taking advantage of this news and making a gift now, you will witness the benefits of your generosity and jumpstart your legacy without tax complications. However, you must act soon. This provision only lasts until December 31, 2007.

You may contribute IRA funds in this way if you:

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Hello to all NWSA and UMC Alumni!

This combined edition of the Torch gives us, Gerhard Ross and Kari Torkelson, an opportunity to reach out to all our alumni at once. Last year, UMC celebrated its centennial and this year we begin the next 100 years of academic excellence.

There are several opportunities coming up that we would like to highlight. One is UMC's commencement exercises on May 5, 2007, in Lysaker Gymnasium. Minnesota Chief Justice Russell Anderson will be our special commencement speaker. Help us celebrate and welcome the graduates as our newest alumni!

Next, we want to highlight the NWSA reunion on June 29-30, 2007. NWSA alumni are encouraged to attend, especially if you have not seen the campus in the last few years. There have been some delightful changes. There are many events planned, and it is a great time to share stories of your time in Crookston. We hope to see you at the many other campus activities that are listed on the UMC Today web page located at www.UMCrookston.edu/umcnews.

We would like to thank all who have contributed to UMC with your time, talent and money. Your alumni associations are always looking for ways to keep you connected and improve UMC!

Gerhard Ross '45, president,
NWSA Alumni Association
and Kari Torkelson ex.'91, president,
UMC Alumni Association

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Focus on the Board

The 2007 UMC Alumni Board met in January for the first time with the newly elected members. Plans were discussed for alumni socials in Alexandria and Detroit Lakes, Minn. held in March. Join members of the board along with UMC Chancellor Charles H. Casey for alumni socials!
Summer Camps Planned on Campus
Check out the summer camp schedule by visiting www.UMCrookston.edu/camps

Shin named ESL and International Student Recruitment Program Director
Sean Shin was named the English as a Second Language (ESL) and International Student Recruitment Program Director at the University of Minnesota, Crookston campus. Shin brought ESL to UMC in the fall of 2005 and has been working as a visiting professor in the Learning Abroad Center at UMC. The ESL program became part of UMC’s curriculum in June 2006 and has grown significantly, due to Shin’s efforts but also in collaboration with Chancellor Emeritus Don Sargeant and Study Abroad Coordinator Rae French.

Shin received his master’s in business administration from Syracuse University, New York and SeJong University, Seoul, Korea and a bachelor’s in economics from SeJong University, Seoul.

Wieland and Hoffman Receive MNLA Scholarships
Two students in the horticultural program at UMC recently received scholarships sponsored by the Minnesota Nursery and Landscape Association (MNLA) Foundation. Scholarship recipients are Scott Hoffman, Crookston, Minn. and Cayla Wieland, East Grand Forks, Minn.

The MNLA scholarship program recognizes superior students enrolled in horticultural, nursery or landscape studies programs at several area colleges and universities. The scholarships are designed by MNLA and its member companies to help grow future leaders in the nursery and landscape industry.

Don Sargeant Retires
University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) Chancellor Emeritus Donald Sargeant, who most recently served as the director of international programs, was recently honored at a retirement party. Under his direction, international student enrollment has increased on campus from 30 in fall 2005 to nearly 100 spring semester. Sargeant, who served as UMC’s chancellor from 1985 to 2003, came to the campus in 1970 serving first as chair of the Ag Division, and later as academic dean a position he held until becoming chancellor.

Successful Crops College Held
On-farm biodiesel production, varietal seed selection, fertilizer and pest management and crop economics and production were all part of Crops College 2006 held in December. Some 20 lecture and lab topics included corn genetics and hybrid selection, forage crop fertility and harvest management and sunflower weed management. Regional experts from educational institutions, government agencies and businesses were on hand to answer questions and help agricultural producers get ready for the next growing season.
English as Second Language (ESL) Luncheon

The English as Second Language (ESL) staff and students prepared a Korean lunch at Valley Christian Fellowship Hall. ESL alumni, tutors and guests were invited to the Korean meal for dessert and fun. Students are shown preparing the lunch. ESL students all worked on the menu, and several were assigned the task of purchasing groceries, while others worked with planning. Students were excited about the luncheon and the prospect of having guests.

Latin Dance Class

South American and Colombian dancers taught UMC students Latin-Style dances as part of the University’s Multicultural Week. Students had the opportunity to learn some new groovin’ moves. Residential Life featured Latin food for all to sample at the festivities.

Ag Students Learn About Topography Equipment

Tony Lorentz ’05, an agricultural systems management graduate, stopped by campus to demonstrate the equipment needed to collect topography data. This information is used to determine opportunities for better surface drainage. Lorentz is employed by Simplot Grand Forks.

Editor’s note: Brandon Schwab is the son of Jacalyn (Ferguson) ’82 and Jim Schwab att ’88 of Thief River Falls, Minn.
International Alumna Experiences Motivate Second Generation Attendee

She was seeking new experiences and expanded educational opportunities outside of her native England, so Lynn Olusola (Linda Vigo) Adeyeye, ’85 alumna, wrote to several American colleges to see what they had to offer.

The University of Minnesota, Crookston and Juan Moreno, then leader of the international student program, were the perfect fit.

“When I first came out to the Crookston campus, I met Juan Moreno,” Adeyeye recalled during her first return visit to campus after more than 20 years. “He was very, very nice.” Moreno answered her questions and helped her through the application process, getting her acclimated to the new culture and surroundings.

But Adeyeye, who was known as Linda during her days on campus, also found even more benefits to the small campus atmosphere when she started attending classes.

“I came here and I found all the people were very warm and helpful,” said Adeyeye, whose family is originally from Nigeria. She also met other international students from Nigeria, Brazil and Ecuador on campus.

Adeyeye was interested in hotel, restaurant and institutional management and the dietetics program, already having secured a diploma from Chelmer College in Essex, England. So the program offerings at the Crookston campus were a big draw and the educational system in the United States was very appealing.

“I saw a different way of doing things, and I like the system of education here where you can go at your own pace,” she said. “It is very flexible and I learned so many different details along the way.” She also enjoyed the opportunity to participate in athletics and sports, like tennis and racquetball.

She found great support, along with the assistance Moreno had provided, in her faculty advisor Associate Professor Ken Myers and her dietetics teacher Associate Professor Sharon Stewart, Ph.D.

“Ken was a very good advisor and he encouraged me as well,” Adeyeye recalls. “Sharon was always there for me and we went to trade shows together in Bemidji with the other students. Her interest and explanations about nutrition helped me get more interested in the program.”

“I remember them – they are etched in my memory – Ken Myers, Sharon Stewart and Juan Moreno.

They made a difference in my life,” said Adeyeye, who was able to meet up with Moreno in the Twin Cities and Myers on campus during her visit.

The University of Minnesota, Crookston made such an impression, that Adeyeye knew exactly where she wanted her two sons, Boye, and Bayo, to go to college when they were ready.

“I’ve been telling them for years that one day I would take them to visit Crookston,” she said.

In November 2006, she did just that. Adeyeye and her eldest son Boye traveled from their home of Bromley Kent, England, to visit Crookston and register him for classes. He chose to register for classes for spring 2007 and is majoring in communication.

“[My mother] said it was a good place to learn and get encouragement and that the international program was good. And I went to the Web site to see what it was like.”

“It is a small campus, with less distractions and it’s easier to study,” said Boye, during his campus visit last fall. “It will be a lot different than where I’m coming from and I will have to get used to the weather, but I’m looking forward to it.”

Boye, who joins nearly 100 international students currently on campus, gets to enjoy the new Student Center, remodeled Kiehle Building and even was able to apply to live in the new Centennial Hall. So his experiences will be a bit different than his mother’s time on campus.

“There have been a lot of changes during the past

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Alumna Shares Expertise in Lefse Making

What started out as a family tradition of making lefse has turned into an opportunity to teach others. Darlene (Sabo) Ellefson graduated from the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) in 1974 with a degree from the Home and Family Services Department. Her expertise in lefse making has resulted in a new book about the art of making lefse.

Darlene has been making lefse for more than 50 years. She recently published a book entitled Illustrated Instructions for Making Lefse to share what she knows about this Scandinavian tradition. The book includes numerous recipes that all have different ingredients allowing you to choose what you want in your lefse. Ellefson also includes a list of cooking utensils needed to make this delicious delicacy. Lefse, made primarily of potatoes, was once known as a Scandinavian delicacy, but today it is enjoyed by many nationalities.

Since graduating from UMC, Ellefson has been a bookkeeper for Cenex, Red Lake Falls, raised Angora goats and was parish secretary at Bethany Lutheran Church in Red Lake Falls. She opened and managed a shoe and jean store in Peppermint Square in Red Lake Falls until 1982 and ran a daycare and provided foster care until 1995.

You can check out Ellefson’s book by visiting your local library or contact the UMC Bookstore at 218-281-8335.

International Students cont...

20 years,” Adeyeye said, who also lived on campus during her tenure. “I was very impressed by the changes.”

For example, the Crookston campus also now provides laptops for every student on campus, an enhancement Boye lauds.

“I don’t have a personal laptop myself, so that takes some additional stress off my hands,” said Boye, who wants to use his communication degree to get into the business world.

For Lynn Adeyeye, her degrees from the University helped her secure a position in the hotel industry back home in England. She married, raised her family and now works as a scheme manager, helping people with special needs living at home, for the local government in the London Borough of Southwark.
Teaching, Research Passions of UMC's Killough and NWSA's Promersberger

The University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC), recently welcomed Alvin Killough, Ph.D., to campus as an assistant professor. Killough was born in Washington, D.C., but was transplanted as a boy and grew up with his family on a farm in the south. He says being a southerner and growing up on a farm are the primary descriptors of who he is. His childhood was filled with 4-H activities, summer camps and short courses as well as the escapades of a boy growing up in the country.

Killough graduated with his doctorate from North Carolina State University in Raleigh. He has been at UMC since late fall and is developing a proposal for an applied psychology degree to be offered at UMC along with teaching both developmental and general psychology courses. He serves as a consultant for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and most recently, he was a visiting research associate professor in the Department of Psychology at North Carolina Central University.

"Unlike clinicians," Killough explains, "my expertise is in cultural ecological psychology, meaning when I look at a problem, I look at the human social systems. Thus, when I look at pathology, I look at it as an infrastructure. You gain efficiency by fixing human systems and many of them operate on the cultural level."

There is a sign on Killough's office door which reads, "You will change the world, you will become the establishment." That sentence is food for thought for students Killough says, "I tell students, today is your day, the torch has been passed to you, and you need to begin the real work because your time is now."

Promersberger Remembers NWSA After 69 Years

There was a young professor who came to the campus following his graduation from the University of Minnesota in 1935 with a degree in agricultural engineering. William "Bill" Promersberger came to this campus when it was the Northwest School of Agriculture (NWSA) to teach.

"Students at the Northwest School were nice kids," Promersberger remembers, "with a few characters in the mix. I was 23 years old when I started teaching there and a few of the students were my age." As a preceptor, he was in charge of residential life in Stephens Hall, the dormitory that stood where Dowell Hall stands today. "On the east end of the hall was a fire escape so after the 9 p.m. bed check, students would sometimes use the fire escape to sneak out and head to town." Promersberger goes on to say, "One time I found a student fully clothed under his blanket at bed check; I knew he had other plans than sleeping that night."

The instructors at the NWSA were busy. They were responsible for dormitory life along with their teaching responsibilities and many other activities. In Promersberger's case, he served as preceptor, advisor for the senior class of 1938, took photographs for the 1937 yearbook and taught subjects ranging from engines, soldering, electricity and the like. "We introduced the subjects to the students, but we did not go into great depth," Promersberger said. "We just didn't have time." The school year ran from October to March so instructors had to cover in six months what the public schools covered in nine. We worked long hours and Saturdays too."

Promersberger grew up on a farm near Littlefork, Minn. He met his wife, Ann, at a dance in Littlefork.

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Watch for special Aggie Reunion Issue!
Working summers on the farm and running a “threshing rig” for harvesting alfalfa and clover seed helped finance his education at the University. After moving to Crookston to assume his first full-time teaching position where he stayed until January of 1938 when he left to take a faculty position in Fargo at North Dakota State University (NDSU).

He and Ann were married in June 1938. In 1941, he took a leave of absence from NDSU, and completed his master’s degree at Kansas State University. He would eventually become the chair of the Department of Agricultural Engineering at NDSU.

During the 1965-66 academic year, Promersberger served as visiting professor at University College in Dublin, Ireland. In 1972, he was named NDSU Faculty Lecturer, an award presented to five distinguished faculty.

At 94, Bill Promersberger, retired for 30 years, has a wonderful memory, and along with Ann, are warm and welcoming to their guests. They have two children, a son Kenneth, and a daughter, Nancy, four grandchildren and four (soon, five) great grandchildren.

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UMC Faculty, Students, Alumni Lead Discussion on Future of Generation NeXt and Rural Broadband

The availability of broadband in rural communities will have a direct affect on economic and sustainable development along with the ability to provide quality education and attract and retain young people to keep these communities vibrant, according to Crookston campus faculty who played a lead role in the Blandin Foundation Rural Broadband Conference in Alexandria, Minn., this fall.

UMC faculty members David DeMuth, Ph.D., and Martin Lundell presented the keynote address entitled “Generation NeXt on Broadband.” They explained how the age group born in the 1980s and 90s are experiencing and using the Internet in new and innovative ways. Broadband initiatives are allowing this to happen, and broadband is vital to this generation’s social networking, entertainment and education.

“We need to rethink the way we educate our young people in a culturally diverse world – a world that we can experience in increasingly richer ways through technology,” said Lundell, UMC assistant professor in Information Technology Management. “The overarching message is we need ubiquitous broadband to make these things happen; without it our rural communities will be disadvantaged.

“In addition, the University of Minnesota, Crookston’s involvement in these discussions is important in order to promote and develop initiatives that will benefit the region and the state.”

The conference examined technologies, as well as the policies and legal directions that affect growth of the Internet as an economic and entertainment platform. Participants were invited to experience how to use some of the latest technologies through applications and to participate in discussions with political leaders about the issues of delivering broadband to local communities.

Faculty were joined at the event by six UMC students and alumni who participated in a “Power Users” demonstration and panel discussion. Students Teresa Boucha, Warren, Minn.; Shashanka Acharya, and Thadeus Hogan, and Alumni Richard Laager ’06 and Andrew Sheppard ’05 were able to sharpen their presentation and communication skills, gain experience in grassroots policy making and contribute a service to greater Minnesota – realizing an integral portion of the University’s mission.

Bruce Brorson, UMC associate professor in Math, Science, and Technology, commented, “It’s quite an honor for us to play a major role in helping represent the needs of the next generation of Internet users.”

- Bruce Brorson
Teamwork, Dedication, Drive — Hallmarks of Hockey

Editor’s note: Thank you to all the hockey players and coaches, past and present, who shared their story. Hockey's history on our campus is both memorable and remarkable as were each one of you. Thank you.

Hockey, like all sports, is so much more than just competition; it teaches players discipline, how to work as a team and how to win or lose with grace. Although no one knows for sure its exact origin, hockey has been played for hundreds of years. The earliest North American games of hockey were played in Canada and organized competition began in the 1870s. The hockey team at the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) began in 1939 when the campus was home to students attending the Northwest School of Agriculture (NWSA).

For the love of the game

Eleven students were selected for the first NWSA Aggie team by Wish Robson, goalie for the Crookston Pirates' semi-professional team and an assistant coach to the early teams. Lloyd “Pug” Lund ’40, the Aggies’ first captain scored the first ever goal in the 1939 season opener against Grand Forks Central High School, a team they would shut out later in the season.

It was Lund and his teammate Kermit Maidment ’40 who convinced Athletic Director Rufus Christgau the NWSA should have a hockey team. “We loved hockey,” Lund said; “It was cold, we had poor equipment, but we enjoyed playing the game.” The ice rink was located on the north end of the football field and it was a treat for the team to practice in the “new” indoor hockey arena in Crookston which was built in the 30s. Lund remembers the fellowship and teamwork hockey inspired. Maidment remembers the same, “You could be older and still finish high school at the Northwest School; we were not all the same ages, but everyone fit in here.”

Allan Gustafson ’41, Kermit Maidment ’40, Lloyd Lund ’40 played on the 1940 hockey team. Wish Robson coached the first two years of NWSA hockey. Pictured in the 1940 hockey team is (back row) Henry Paulson, Ardon Lillequist, Lorne Jensen (student manager); (second row) Clayton Croy, Allan Gustafson, Robert Chandler, Jack Ferrier, Frank Phillips; (front row) Kenneth Jaranson, Ledyard Burhans, Kermit Maidment, Captain Lloyd Lund, George Myrold. Coach Wish Robson, goalie of the Crookston professional team.

Allan Gustafson ’41 remembers playing against all the small, hometown hockey teams growing up; fans had standing room only. He too remembers the bitter cold practices on the outdoor rink. “We learned to skate on frozen puddles in the spring of the year,” Gustafson says; “We didn’t have a lot of experience skating much less playing hockey. One time, I made two goals in a game, and I could hardly stand up on skates! Our team was small so everyone played, and back then, we didn’t use helmets or mouth guards.”

One of the most remarkable student athletes in Northwest School history was Darwin Ferrier ’42
from Pitt, Minn. Ferrier had lost his arm in an accident cutting wood with a circle saw when he was young. The accident did not keep him down; as a high school student, he was a star athlete in three sports. His determination and hard work in hockey paid off when he was named an outstanding player during the 1943 Crookston hockey tournament. He would later use his hockey skill to coach the Aggie team.

In 1947, when Neil Craigmile ’47 was a senior, games were scheduled with Fargo High School, Sacred Heart Academy of Fargo, an intramural team from the University of North Dakota, Hallock High School and the Bemidji Teachers College. As goalie, Craigmile remembers as highlights the good showing they had against the University of North Dakota team and the great rivalry with Hallock High School.

“Hockey taught me to think quickly and to keep my head up,” Craigmile recalls. “We didn’t have the latest equipment, so I wore pads another player had at home. They were awfully small, but that was what I used.” Students helped put up the boards on the outdoor rink flooded over winter break during the holidays to get ready for the season.

Trojan teams excel

The hockey program was cancelled in 1948, and it wasn’t until 1972, when the University of Minnesota, Crookston Technical College was six years old, that hockey would again be a part of campus life. The ’72 team included Bruce Gustafson ’73, Allan Gustafson’s son. Just two years later under head coach Dale Stinar and assistant coach Chuck Habstritt, the Trojan hockey team won the state junior college championship and placed second in the nation with a record of 16-8-1 as members of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA).

One of the captains of the 1973 team was ag aviation major Jerry Hodgson ’73, Warroad, Minn., who played center and remembers the great team camaraderie. “When the 1971 hit song by Don McLean, “American Pie” came on

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the radio in our van traveling to games,” Hodgson recalls, “we sang along.” His memories as a 19-year-old college hockey player traveling to Lake Placid, N.Y., for the NJCAA championship are vivid. “It was great for us to get as far as we did,” he says. “I will never forget it.”

After 29 years working for Gerdau Ameristeel in Florida, Hodgson reflects many of the same sentiments of other UMC hockey players, “Sports adds to life experience, and the dedication and hard work you learn make you a better all-around person,” Hodgson says.

Another player on the ’73 championship team, Jim Clauson ’74, would like Darwin Ferrier of the NWSA, return to campus to coach. Clauson coached UMC hockey from 1981-85 and his fondest memory is that first year. “We worked so hard, we needed to make some changes, and the players I had were willing to do what they needed to do to be leaders on the ice,” Clauson recalls. “Bob Clauson, my younger brother, and Bob Landry ’83 were captains, and they really took responsibility for team leadership.”

Standouts Kary Strandell ’83, his brother Jeff ’84 and Erick Graffstrom ’84 are just a few of the players Clauson remembers. “I had a lot of really good players in the four years I was coach,” he said. Clauson lead UMC to three state championships, one runner-up and two third place finishes at the national level.

Golden Eagles continue tradition

In 1993, UMC began offering baccalaureate degrees and the Trojans would become the Golden Eagles. The hockey program would continue to excel.

Physical education instructor at Mankato West High School, Ken Essay ’att. 92-’94, Oakville, Manitoba, Canada remembers the work ethic he learned from Coach Scott Oliver on a weekly, even daily basis. “Coach Oliver asked the best from us, and we had to bring it every single day,” Essay reflects. “Oliver was a great motivator and playing hockey created an instant group of friends for the players; we had a real bond with one another.”

The 1992 team would win conference and state titles going on to place third at nationals at Lake Placid. The 1993 Trojans would win the NJCAA title.

“Winning the national championship was so great because we took first place in our first-ever championship game and then we went on the next year to repeat. That second year was great because we had a perfect season,” Essay remembers. He would go on to teach and become head hockey coach at Mankato West High School.

Coming from Pilot Mound, Manitoba, Canada, to major in
From the Director

“Attention to people is what fertilizer is to flowers.”
- Malcolm Forbes

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During fiscal year 2006 (July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006) a year of positive change and transition, your gifts generated more than $665,000, second best on record; and attendance at many university events was up considerably. Your gifts and dedication are genuinely appreciated and I encourage others to join you in supporting this university. It’s crucial that we communicate and become positive, proactive ambassadors of UMC while convincing others to give and become involved including new graduates. I ask that you think about becoming more involved by way of joining a university board or club such as the UMC Alumni Association, Women’s Giving Circle, Northwest School of Agriculture Alumni Association Board, Teambackers, and/or the Northwest Educational Improvement Association. Every day each of us is blessed with an opportunity of putting the university’s best foot forward by what we say and do in our jobs, communities and friends. Please join me in becoming an even greater voice in support of UMC.

As alumni, friends and supporters you energize my excitement each day about the future of the University of Minnesota, Crookston, and I believe that through teamwork we can take UMC places and accomplish objectives never dreamt of. It’s a new year, a new time, and the future is bright!

My sincere appreciation for being you and for all you do in support of the University of Minnesota, Crookston. Please don’t hesitate to contact me at: (218) 281-8434 or e-mail ckemmer@umn.edu.

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Jeff Chandler
Year: Freshman
Major: Sport and Recreation Management
Hometown: Warren, Minn.
"The scholarships I received from UMC were the main reason I chose to attend school here. While the smaller class sizes appealed to me, the scholarships I was offered made a big difference in my choice."
Brett Shelanski, current goalie for the UMC Golden Eagles, will graduate in May with a degree in sport and recreation management. He is planning to attend graduate school following graduation.

hockey management, Nathan Pitt '97 met Coach Oliver at a hockey game in Winkler, Manitoba, while he was working and wondering where to attend college. Over subsequent visits with Oliver, Pitt was convinced UMC was the place for him. "The first thing that comes to mind when I think of playing hockey at UMC is the strong team we had, the talent of the players," Pitt says, "and the success and confidence that comes with playing with that caliber of players. We had a great rivalry with North Dakota State University; those games were intense."

"Hockey taught me commitment to a team, a goal, learning a system and committing to it," Pitt says. "It also taught me the organizational skills necessary for juggling school, work, hockey and travel. We had to manage our time and take care of ourselves." Pitt still uses those skills as a manager of the home care administration at RANA-Medical, a company specializing in home respiratory and diagnostic equipment.

Even with the terrific experiences, the hockey program had been left without a league after the institution transitioned to four-year status in 1993. In 1999, Coach Mark Huglen, secured the long-awaited conference — Midwest Collegiate Hockey Association. Then during the inaugural 1999-2000 season, an historic accomplishment: Golden Eagles Hockey won the first conference championship for a UMC team since the institution transitioned to baccalaureate status. UMC had a perfect record in the league, 10-0; and an overall record of 20-5-2.

"The championship season was very rewarding," Huglen said, "our players were hardworking and dedicated in both the athletic and academic arenas."

Hockey players through the years carry on the legacy of hard work and dedication. Current UMC senior and Golden Eagle goalie Brett Shelanski, Bloomington, Minn., echoes much the same message. "Hockey taught me to be a part of a team, deal with disappointment and success and accept my role as part of a greater cause."

Shelanski enjoys his teammates, the friendships and even the bus trips. "It is all part of the fun of being in the program," he remarks. He would like to coach down the road, but right now, the sport and recreation major is planning to go to graduate school following graduation in spring 2007.

Like other sports, hockey provides students with an added experience to their college career and an added experience to their lives. To learn more about athletics at UMC, visit www.UMCrookston.edu/people/athletics, and keep watching in the weeks ahead, a new athletics Web page will be launching soon! ✪
UMC Hockey Coach Gary Warren Remembers

I have had a long relationship with UMC hockey as an opposing player and coach as well as serving as Golden Eagle head coach for the past six seasons. In 1973, UMC's first year of competing in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) and Minnesota Junior College Hockey Conference, I played for the defending national champions Itasca State. We made our first ever trek from Grand Rapids, Minn., to play the Trojans in the Winter Sports Arena, the only facility at the time in Crookston. I remember the dressing rooms being up above the lobby and “chicken wire” at the ends of the rink. The barn was packed to the rafters in anticipation of sending the '72 champs back to the Range winless. It was an intimidating sight with vocal fans who hung on every opportunity the Trojan attack could generate. Jim Clauson '74 was a masterful puck handler, with great quickness and explosive speed. Every time he touched the puck, the hometown crowd would not just be on the edge of their seats, but lean in toward the ice surface since everyone was already standing. It was an intimidating feeling being the opposition's goalkeeper. At the other end stood big, strong and quick, Mark Linnell '72-'74 who seemed to stop every shot or scoring chance the opposition could muster. He reminded us of a young 1972 NHL Rookie of the Year by the name of Ken Dryden. Both Linnell and Clauson would eventually lead UMC to the Minnesota State Championship, the national tournament and years later be inducted into the UMC Athletic Hall of Fame.

Eleven years later, I would cross paths again with Jim Clauson; this time we would be opposing coaches as he would be coaching UMC and I at NDSU-Bottineau. For the next 10 years, the Trojans and Lumberjacks would go at it tooth and nail for Western and National Junior College Hockey bragging rights. Our two NJCAA national titles during this time frame and UMC's junior college exit with back-to-back champions in '93 and '94 were all hosted at Bottineau's beloved Lumberdome. Coaches Tom Koch and eventually Scott Oliver would follow in Clauson's coaching footsteps and mold UMC to this national power. I am reminded on a daily basis of the smell and atmosphere of the Crookston Civic Arena of those days and how entering the facility alone could make the hair on the back of your neck stand on end. By 1999, Mark Huglen would take UMC hockey a step further down the NCAA DI-II path being instrumental in joining the Midwest Collegiate Hockey Association (MCHA). Mark and his new Golden Eagles would win the MCHA Championship in their first year of membership, realizing a goal that navigated an independent and non-conference schedule that would prepare them for this.

We have remained a solid member of the MCHA since, winning two regular season championships and two post season MCHA tournament championships. In 2003, UMC hosted the most successful MCHA tournament both on and off the ice. Record crowds watched their Golden Eagles with the likes of all-conference performers Todd Chandler '03, Jay Tupa '04, Eric Kraska '02-'04, Ben Perkins '04, Brock Anundson '05 and Patrick Knutson '99-'06 follow suit of those before them in the likes of Essay '92-'94, Malawski '98, Nordell '91-'93, Trew '94 and Dreidiger '97.

Certainly history can repeat itself by witnessing back-to-back championships in 1993 and 1994, and ten years later in 2003 and 2004. One person who has always stood out in my mind that exemplifies hockey at the University of Minnesota, Crookston is ex-athletic trainer Bill Tyrrell who has been on the bench for over 20 years delivering his consistent calming positive effect and total sense of security, the players and coaches know they are in good hands. ♦
June Shaver Environmental Landscaping Internship Established

Long-time Crookston resident June Shaver, an ardent supporter of the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC), has established the “June Shaver Environmental Landscaping Internship Fund” with a gift of more than $30,000. This endowment will support students at the Crookston campus who show academic promise and are full-time undergraduates.

UMC Director of Development and Alumni Relations Corby Kemmer said that the advancement of higher education in the region is dependent on the ongoing backing of committed individuals like Shaver. “My sincere gratitude to June on this most recent and generous gift that will support UMC students for years and at the same time, enhance our applied, hands-on learning approach,” Kemmer said. “We thank June for her continued support of and involvement in the University of Minnesota, Crookston and her dedication to education.”

Other gifts may be contributed to the “June Shaver Environmental Landscaping Internship Fund” by the donor or others at any time. The fund will provide partial funding of a summer internship at the Crookston campus. As a tribute to Shaver establishing this endowment and in recognition of her ongoing support, the University of Minnesota, Crookston is officially naming the butterfly garden in front of Owen Hall the Shaver Butterfly Garden – a legacy garden celebrating the memory of Shaver’s parents, Willis H. and Harriet (Ridley) Shaver.

Kemmer worked with Shaver, a 1974 UMC alumna, on this gift that creates a lifetime legacy and will be an asset to UMC students for generations to come. A promoter of both athletics and academics, Shaver has now established three endowments at the Crookston campus. ♦

Stauning Carpenter Scholarship Fund Established

For Cyril and Frances (Stauning) Carpenter of Bloomington, Minn., ties to the area influenced their decision to establish a scholarship endowment at the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC). The Stauning Carpenter Scholarship Fund is one of the U of M Presidential Scholarship Match (PSM) endowments at the Crookston campus. The program was created to encourage new gifts, and taking advantage of the program doubles the impact of newly endowed scholarships as payout is matched by the University of Minnesota on a dollar-for-dollar basis.

The Carpenter’s gift creates an endowment to support new students enrolling at UMC who show academic promise. Frances (Stauning) Carpenter was raised on a farm in Scandia Township in Polk County. The Staunings, including three bothers and a sister, farmed for more than 80 years beginning in 1925. The original Stauning farm is still in operation today. Frances went on to attend Moorhead State Technical College from 1946-48 where she pursued a degree in elementary education. This scholarship endowment fund leaves a lasting legacy by the Carpenters that will benefit students for generations to come.

“The wonderful generosity of Cy and Fran (Stauning) Carpenter will provide many benefits and assistance for UMC students for decades,” Corby Kemmer director of development & alumni relations said. “It has been a pleasure meeting with Cy and Fran and working with them on this most generous gift to UMC; I’m proud to call them my friends and I thank them for their continued support.”

The PSM program demonstrates the University of Minnesota commitment to providing support to students. Other gifts may be contributed to the fund by the Carpenter’s or their family members at any time. If you are interested in learning more about scholarship giving or the PSM program, contact Corby Kemmer at 218-281-8434 or via e-mail at c kemmer@umn.edu. ♦

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Study Abroad Highlights the Culture and Viticulture of France

A study abroad opportunity was a chance for University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) communication major, Dauline Menze from Starbuck, Minn., to take in the history and culture of France. It was also an opportunity for her to learn more about viticulture, the cultivation of grapes for use in the production of wine.

It landed Menze, in Anger, France, where she spent time learning more about wine making in one of the oldest wine-producing regions of the world. Field trips to vineyards and classes in the French language, history, culture, along with courses in history of wine, the agricultural aspects of grape growing and even wine tasting were a part of her one-month study abroad this past summer.

"There is so much about wine I never knew," Menze says. "The French have laws and traditions about wine making that are generations old." Each region produces wine specific to that region and in France – unlike the United States – the vines are never irrigated. "The French believe the vines should have to undergo some struggles if they are to achieve their best flavor," Menze explains.

Roses are planted at the end of the rows of grape vines. Those roses help growers keep an eye on the health of their vines. "If the roses are not doing well, growers need to check their vines for things like adequate moisture or pests," Menze notes. Learning about vineyards and winemaking were not the only things Menze participated in on her trip. She also visited the beaches of Normandy and other historical landmarks, a number of chateaus and places like Paris and the Loire Valley.

The Study Abroad program at UMC offers 300 study, work and intern programs in 67 countries. Something for every student, every major, and every budget is available. For Menze, this was a second study abroad experience. In 2005, she went for two weeks to study in Germany and Holland. What’s next? Tasmania. Menze, a junior, wants to study in the communication program there before she graduates from UMC.

"Let’s face it," Menze states; "Our world is not that big and it doesn’t matter what your career is, it is important to understand other cultures. People do things differently, they have unique traditions that have been a part of their culture for generations, understanding them helps us understand ourselves better. I learned a lot about myself through the study abroad opportunities I have had."

One of things she learned is that leadership is her passion. "I thought I always knew what I would do with my life. My study abroad experiences combined with studying communication at UMC make me excited to use my leadership skills to share what I have learned with others. I want to make a career of my interest in leadership and study abroad really enhanced it.”

If you are interested in knowing more about study abroad programs at UMC, visit: www.UMCCrookston.edu/services/studyabroad

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Menze is pictured in France on her trip to study viticulture last summer. This trip was her second travel abroad experience, and she wholeheartedly recommends it!
NWSA Alumnus Serves as Vice Chancellor

When the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) hired Tom Baldwin as senior vice chancellor for academic and student affairs in September 2006, he brought with him a unique campus perspective. He attended the Northwest School of Agriculture (NWSA) in the early 1960s as young man from Humboldt, Minn.

One of Baldwin's outstanding memories of the NWSA is of the other students and all the activities taking place on the campus. "We were always busy," Baldwin recalls, "I remember performing with the mixed octet in the auditorium, and when I see the murals today, they are exactly the same as they were when I was a student here."

Baldwin recognizes many improvements to the campus. "It is wonderful to see the way some of the newer architecture keeps to the traditional gold colored brick and maroon roofs, but it is a great improvement to have the classroom buildings connected. There is no longer a swimming pool, but the beautiful new Student Center was a wonderful addition to student life."

McCall Hall was the newest dormitory on the campus when Baldwin was a student; it was a girls' dormitory back then. Today, McCall continues to house students, but the newest residence facility is Centennial Hall with its apartment style living. It features amenities, like wireless Internet access, security cameras, dishwashers and exercise equipment.

"The Campus Mall was always attractive, but over the years it has grown even more so," Baldwin said. He also notes the collegiate feel of the campus today. But, for Baldwin the biggest difference in the campus is his transition from student to administrator. Baldwin serves a vital role at UMC and is responsible for overall leadership for campus life, for both educational and social programs, striving toward excellence in teaching, learning and research across the disciplines. His position is all about students and their experience.

With Baldwin's focus on the University's mission and goals, he wants the campus to be a 12-month operation with workshops and short courses taking place during the summer months. Baldwin believes in U of M President Robert Bruininks' focus on providing students experiences in a global society. "One of the important things for UMC to focus on is providing UMC students with international opportunities and experiences," Baldwin explains, "and we hope these experiences will include our alumni too."

Baldwin and his wife, Ardith Pelton, are busy looking for a house in Crookston these days. They have three children: a daughter in Minneapolis, Minn., one in Wichita, Kan., and a son who is attending Pittsburgh State in Pittsburgh, Kan. His parents still summer on the family farm near Humboldt, and he has two brothers who continue to farm in the area.

Tom Baldwin and his wife, Ardith Pelton, have been a part of UMC since September 2006.
University of Minnesota, Crookston
Remains Division II and Member of NSIC

University of Minnesota, Crookston Chancellor Charles H. Casey announced on campus in January, that the Crookston campus will continue to compete at the NCAA Division II level as a member of the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC).

"Today I am reaffirming our commitment to the conference and to investing in our competitive success," Casey said. "Division II is an exceptional model for academics and athletics nationally and we look forward to continuing to build excellence in this arena." Casey also committed to finding a solution to keep the intercollegiate Golden Eagle hockey program on campus.

Casey cited several reasons for reaffirming a commitment to Division II and the NSIC, including increased enrollment of student athletes during the last ten years; the ability to maintain the current number of competitive sports programs; regional and national visibility provided by conference membership that aids in recruitment and retention; and the unique balance between academics and athletics provided by the NCAA Division II – emphasizing academic excellence, graduation and the development of student athletes as leaders.

"I believe that maintaining our membership in the NSIC is in the best long-term interest of the University of Minnesota, Crookston." Casey continued. "It is a decision that balances the interests of both academics and athletics providing a complementary relationship that serves all students.

Supporting the overall mission of the campus is my primary objective.

UMC Athletic Director Stephanie Helgeson reflected both staff and student excitement about the announcement: "I am prepared, along with our coaches and athletic staff, to advance our intercollegiate program and have the opportunity to build excellence and standing in Division II.

"I know that our student athletes will be enthusiastic about the University's commitment to invest, and our staff will work diligently together to make our program successful and competitive in this premiere national conference," Helgeson said.

The decision, made by Casey, took place after careful review of a report presented by the Crookston Campus Athletic Review Committee, an 18-member committee chaired by local resident Glenn Olsen, Ph.D. The committee was charged with providing a comprehensive review of the campus intercollegiate athletic program and released its findings in November 2006, after five months of data collection and analysis.

The University of Minnesota, Crookston has been a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II since 1998 and a member of the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) since 1999. Student athletes represent 26 percent of the total enrollment at UMC. ♦

Chancellor Casey and Athletic Director Stephanie Helgeson answer questions at press conference.
From the Director of Athletic Fundraising

I am writing this article just hours after Chancellor Casey's decision that UMC will stay at the Division II level in athletics. With the decision comes an investment in our athletic programs from the University. This is a very exciting time for all of us at UMC involved in our athletic department, and we look forward to the future with great promise.

Our fundraising efforts have increased over the past 18 months, but now more than ever, we hope our private fundraising efforts can increase with the community, the faculty and staff and also with our alumni. With the funding coming from the University and an increase in contributions from the above mentioned, members of the UMC athletic department are very upbeat about the future of athletics on campus. My foremost focus is on major gift donors in support of UMC athletics. Alumni, friends and supporters must continue to support UMC annually and strongly consider increasing their yearly contribution.

Please consider joining our Teambacker organization, or if you are a member and want to increase your giving, feel free to contact me by phone at (218) 281-8436 or by e-mail at btyrrell@umn.edu. Your contributions are more important now than ever.

We are currently looking for additional contributions for the Gary Senske Endowed Scholarship. We are doing this to honor Gary for all he did at UMC, please contact me at anytime concerning Gary's endowment.

There are some events that will be occurring in April that I hope you will get involved with.

If you would like to play in one the golf tournaments, call Bill at (218) 281-8436 or email him at btyrrell@umn.edu.

From Monday, April 23 at noon until Wednesday, April 25, 2007, at dusk, Head Football Coach Shannon Stassen will be going up on a lift on campus and staying there to raise money for the Herschel Lysaker Endowment Fund. To all of you reading this article who knew Herschel and would like to get involved by contributing please contact me. This endowment honors Herschel and all he did for this campus. The endowment can be used for any of our scholarship sports on campus, not just football, so Shannon is doing this to help all the sports at UMC.

Also, on Thursday, April 26 is the First Annual Bill Tyrrell Walk-a-thon. This was not my idea, but I am going to go through with it. Between 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. that day I will walk five miles out at the track, and all contributions will go toward UMC scholarships. Yes, I need to get in much better shape, and I am working on that right now. Many of you will be contacted to contribute to one or both of these endeavors, and there will be a site available for those who would prefer to give online. These details are being worked on and more information will be sent to you.

Crookston National Bank has graciously agreed to provide lunch during the walk-a-thon and our coaches will be manning the grills.

To finish off the week, on April 27 is our annual Teambacker Fun Nite which will be held at the Crookston Eagles. This is our biggest one-day fundraising event of the year and our goal is to raise $20,000 for athletic scholarships. Tickets for this event are $35 and our ticket sales are currently on sale. We encourage all of you to attend.

I will be making a concerted effort between now and then to contact as many alumni as possible be e-mail, phone or by visiting you in person. As stated earlier, please contact me at anytime as I would enjoy speaking to as many of you as possible. This is also a good way for me and our office to keep updated records of your home address, e-mail address and phone number. The future for Golden Eagle athletics has never been brighter, and I hope you can all get involved.

One last thought, save the date for Homecoming 2007 which will be held October 5-6. Go Golden Eagles! ♦

"April 26 is the First Annual Bill Tyrrell Walk-a-thon"
Athletics Preview

Baseball
The Golden Eagle Baseball team comes into the 2007 season looking to improve on a lack luster season last year. The Golden Eagles have a crew of newcomers who are ready to establish a winning attitude at the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC). Combined with the leadership of key returners Kyle Nyquist (Sr., Cokato, Minn.) and Matt Morin (So., East Grand Forks, Minn.), who both played in all 29 games for the Golden Eagles in the 2006 season, 2007 looks to be a step in the right direction for the UMC Baseball program. The team opens their season with a spring trip to Missouri to take on Division II powers Northwest Missouri State and Washburn University. The first chance for baseball fans to see the Golden Eagles in action at home will be on April 3, 2007, as the team hosts Concordia St. Paul at 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Equestrian
The Equestrian teams kicked off their 2006-07 spring season when the hunt team traveled to Carlton College February 3-4, 2007. The regional competition was held at UMC at the University Teaching Outreach Center (UTOC) on campus. The hunt team is led by team Captain Kristi Santerre (Sr., Chugiak, Alaska) and senior Clare Neenan (Hastings, Minn.). The western team is led by Captain Jackie Friesen (Sr., Winona, Minn.) and Corey Ramsden (Jr. Sisseton, S.D.). Head Equestrian Coach Jessica Sathoff also explained that after the regional competition "riders who place first or second in their respective level, advance to the semi-finals for Western (held in Pomona, Cal., March 24, 2007) or zones for Hunt (held in Chicago, Ill., March 31, 2007). Those who place first or second at semi-finals or zones move on to nationals which are held in Massachusetts this year."

Women's Tennis
The 2007 UMC Women's Tennis team is looking to improve on last year's inaugural season after being reinstated in 2006 after a six year absence. "It will take a month or two for the girls to understand the rigors of the collegiate level of tennis in the NSIC. With dedication, persistence, and hard work, we expect to gain the confidence to compete at the level we need to be," says first-year Head Coach Toby Palmiscno. With a variety of skilled players and newcomers, UMC will depend on leadership from the upper classmen. "The nine women on the roster are a close knit group, who will work together on and off the court." Coach Palmiscno pieced together a very tough schedule consisting of 18 matches over the next three months, challenging the team with matches against tough NCC schools, NSIC schools and some smaller NAIA schools. The Golden Eagles started their season in February, in Bemidji Minn., against the University of Minnesota, Duluth. The first home matches of the season were in February, when the Golden Eagles hosted St. Cloud State University and MSU-Moorhead at Centre Court in Grand Forks, N.D.

Softball
The Golden Eagle Women's Softball team will rely on underclassmen and junior college transfers this spring to get things going. Catcher/outfielder Stacey Villebro (Sr., Hill City, Minn.) is the lone senior on this year's squad and brings leadership to the team. Villebro played and started in 41 games last season and led the Golden Eagles with 11 steals on 12 attempts and 12 RBI's last year. Shawna Steinbrink (Jr., Crookston, Minn.) is another captain for the Golden Eagles and will help lead the team on and off the field. Head Coach Mitch Bakken says, "The team has worked
extremely hard to this point. Everyone knows the challenges we face this season, and we are ready to tackle them head-on.” Bakken is in his third season at the helm of the Golden Eagle softball team. The Golden Eagles first pitch is March 15, 2007, in Emporia, Kan., against Emporia State. The trip down to Kansas will also include games against Missouri Western and Truman State on March 16, Northwest Missouri, Fort Hays and Washburn on March 17 in Emporia. The Golden Eagles will host their first home game on April 11 against Northern State in an NSIC doubleheader at 2 and 4 p.m.

Men’s Golf

The Men’s Golf team moves into the spring half of the 2006-07 season ranked in the top ten in the Central Region, but needs to improve that ranking and move up into the top eight in the Central Region to advance to the NCAA Division II Men’s Golf Championships. Team Captain Steven Busho (Jr., Blooming Prairie, Minn.) and Kyle Peterson (Jr., Eagan, Minn.) are both ranked in the top 25 individually in the region and will look to improve their rankings as spring progresses. Coach Jason Tangquist feels that the spring has been a more successful part of the season for his team. Overall, they have played better in the spring than in the fall, and the players have recently started their winter hitting, cardio and fitness routines and are very much looking forward to March. The Men’s Golf team kicks off the spring season April 1, 2007, as they head to the Augustana Spring Invite in Sioux Falls, S.D. The team’s tough spring schedule is aimed at preparing them for their ultimate goal of making the Division II National Championships, held in Joplin, Mo., in early May.

Women’s Golf

The Golden Eagle Women’s Golf team is looking to pick up where it left off after a strong performance during the fall season. The team is headed by Abby Hearn in her first year as the head of the golf team. The leader of the team is Amy Schwartz (Jr., Monticello, Minn.) who placed 37th at the NSIC Conference Championship in Becker, Minn., last fall. The first competition of 2007 will be the NSIC Regional on April 7, 2007. The location of the regional has yet to be determined. Schwartz placed ninth at the Jamestown Invitational last September and will be looked upon to carry the torch this spring.

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30s
Don LaPlante ’39, Hayward, Cal., and his wife, Barbara celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on September 22, 2006. Don retired from East Bay Municipal Utility District after over 34 years. He has served on various Hayward commissions for more than 28 years and has coached Catholic Youth Organization, Little League and Babe Ruth baseball for many years. Barbara retired from Cal State East Bay’s school of public administration and is currently the president of the retiree division for the state of California.

60s
Norman Landby ’66, Crookston, Minn., and his wife, Ilene, were named Crookston’s Experienced Americans for the month of September. They have been married for 52 years.

90s
Tammy (Sorensen) Larson ’98, East Grand Forks, Minn., is employed by Altru Health System. She married Steve Larson on December 22, 2006.

Andy & Lisa (Pedersen) Jenson ’99, Welch, Minn. Andy works for Schafer Farms, Inc. of Goodhue, Minn., with the daily management of the beef cattle. Lisa works at Prairie Island Nuclear Plant as an administrative assistant to the Performance Assessment department. They also raise their own beef cattle at Andy’s family farm in Welch. Their children are Josie, 6; Johnathan, 3; and Jaclyn, 4 months.

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Elizabeth “Liz” Leddige ’00, Red Lake Falls, Minn., was the National Mentor Network winner of the Ripple of Hope Award.

Patrick Arnold ’02, Kimball, Minn., and his wife, Leslie, are in the process of building a new home in Kimball. Their daughter, Hallie, turned two in December and their second child is expected in May. E-mail Pat at pjarndl19@yahoo.com.

Derek & Brook (Nordeen) Hoffbauer ’01 & ’02, Anchorage, Alaska. Derek is a sales representative for Alaska Distributors in Wasilla Alaska and Brook is in her fifth year of teaching kindergarten at a Title One school in Anchorage. Their daughter, Donna Anna Evelyn, was born October 3, 2005. They are enjoying all that Alaska has to offer. Brian Barberg ’01 lives just a few blocks away. E-mail or call if your travels include Alaska. E-mail them at dekenbrook@yahoo.com

Ryan & Milissa (Skarsten) Van Eps ’01 & ’02, East Grand Forks, Minn., had their first child on August 2, 2006. Jace Ryan Van Eps was 10 lbs. and 23" long. Milissa works for Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota as a member education consultant and Ryan is employed by Centrol Ag Consulting. E-mail them at milissave@yahoo.com

Matt & Nikki (Fiorini) McBlair ’02 & ’98, Columbus, Mo., have a son, Gracen, 3, and a daughter, Verity (name means truth) 11 months. Matt is a Captain in the Air Force and will finish his assignment as an instructor pilot in Mississippi this fall. They will eventually be moving to Fort Walton Beach, Fla. in 2008 where he will be stationed at Eglin Air Force Base flying the MC-130P Combat Shadow following training in Arkansas and New Mexico. The Combat Shadow is part of the Military’s Special Operations Unit and specializes in air refueling helicopters. Nikki is leading a Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group in Columbus. Gracen and Verity escort her on walks while she is busy as a pet sitter in their neighborhood. They still have horses and have started riding again since Verity’s birth. Gracen loves riding and helping clean stalls. Nikki often holds pony ride fundraisers for different organizations in the area. E-mail Matt and Nikki at mmcmblair@gmail.com.
Amy (Blackmun) Meyer '02, Hudson, Wis., is employed by Mama Maria's Restaurant in Hudson. She married Jeremy Meyer on Dec. 30, 2006.

Connie (Schimke) Soper '02, Argusville, N.D., is employed by Northland Community and Technical College in East Grand Forks, Minn., and is attending graduate school at the University of North Dakota. She married Jesse Soper on Dec. 8, 2006 in Negril, Jamaica.

Haley Woodard '02, Fargo, N.D., is the director of nutrition and dining services at Golden Living Center, a long-term care facility, as well as Golden Living Community, an assisted living facility. She has been employed by the company for 3 1/2 years. E-mail Haley at haley_woodard@yahoo.com

Meghan (Ulrich) Lene '03, Delta Junction, Alaska, is a soil conservationist for the Natural Resource Conservation Office in Delta Junction. Here she is pictured while working out in the field doing some forest inventory. She stated it is almost a necessity to have snowmobiles for work since many of the roads are not maintained and drifted over heavily with snow.

Robert Vivatson '03, Cavalier, N.D., farms with his family near Cavalier. He married Kelli Loff on Nov. 25, 2006.

Jacob Bratvold '04, Sherwood, N.D., is the executive director of Renville County Economic Development Authority. He married Meghan Volk on Dec. 2, 2006.

Michael Rosha '05, Pine City, Minn., and his wife, Christina, are proud to announce the birth of their son, Jonathan Robert, on June 29, 2006.

Nick Starcevic att '02-'05, Crookston, Minn., has been attending the University of North Dakota. He will student teach in Melbourne, Australia, from January 30 through May 4, 2007.

Clint Streeter '05, Grand Forks, N.D., is working as a pilot/aerial data specialist running the majority of the AEROCam Project at the University of North Dakota. He travels to many places collecting images in Montana, Wyoming, northern Colorado, South Dakota, North Dakota, northern Nebraska and Minnesota. E-mail Clint at streeter@aero.un.edu

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Arvada, Cal.
September 11, 2004

Fred A. Sorensen '43A
Baudette, Minn.
September 24, 2006

Kenneth Rue '51
Argyle, Minn.
December 21, 2006

Arnold Larson '38
Oslo, Minn.
November 16, 2006

Helen (Auer) Ahmann '44
Apple Valley, Minn.
January 1, 2007

Ronald Wolfgram '59
Lakefield, Minn.
August 22, 2006

Dorothy (Larson) Billberg '39
Roseau, Minn.
September 9, 2006

Donna (Filipi) Dailey '44
Minneapolis, Minn.
October 26, 2006

Harry Slominski '61
Kingsley, Iowa
January 20, 2007

Harold W. Anderson '42
Edmonds, Wash.
August 7, 2006

Leslie “Les” Hannah '44
Mentor, Minn.
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Hot Springs, S.D.
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October 12, 2006

Allison Hunt '45
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December 16, 2006

Thomas Boucher att '76-'79
Minneapolis, Minn.
November 15, 2006

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Raymond Schafer '42
East Grand Forks, Minn.
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November 8, 2006

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Chaska, Minn.
December 22, 2006

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5 - Tom & Stephanie Heigeson
6 - Mary & Diane Bachreider
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8 - Ken Schuster, Minnesota Approved Seed Conditioner & Marketing Association
9 - Thomas & Kim Feiro
10 - Susan Westrom
11 - Lori Wagner, Crookston Area Chamber of Commerce and Crookston Convention & Visitors Bureau
12 - Jim Ingeman, Crookston National Bank
13 - Rob Jacobson, Bremer Bank
14 - Patti Tiedemann, Tiedemann Farms
15 - Ruth Reese, accepting for Harold Peterson
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17 - Dr. Daniel Rud
18 - Bruce Mjoen, Crookston Pontiac-Buick-GMC

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