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WRESTLING IS A WAY OF LIFE FOR NWSA GRAD

He was a student at the NWSA, graduating from the three-year agricultural course in 1951 and receiving his four-year high school diploma in 1952.

He was co-captain of the NWSA wrestling team. He helped start the wrestling program for the Fertile-Beltrami School District. And he coached the NWSA wrestling team from 1959 until the changeover to a college.

Then he was asked if he would be interested in coaching UMC's wrestling team.

"Who wouldn't have been interested?" asked Rod Mosher, the man who continued coaching part-time until he retired last spring. "Everyone wants to be a coach, but few make it."

Retirement is a word which is really not in Rod's vocabulary.

He operates a 1,600 acre, small-grain farm near Beltrami and is a grain inspector for the United States government.

Wrestling, family, and . . . wrestling dominate the life of the 5'10½", 170 pound retired coach.

With a glint in his eyes, Rod recalls the 1973-74 season when UMC's wrestling team took second in Minnesota state tournaments, as his top season.

Everybody wants to be a coach, but few make it.

Wrestling that year was an individual Rod considers one of the best overall--Randy Coquette of Crookston, who placed seventh in the national tournaments.

"Randy was a team person, and he was in good physical shape. He never quit working and never tired."

Rod's wrestling years at NWSA and UMC were filled with emotion. The happy moments . . . his selection as "coach of the year." The sad moments . . . the accidental death of his co-captain, Rod Hanson.

"When they hurt, you do." He treated team members as members of a family.

If retirement is a word in Rod's vocabulary, he uses it only with fond memories. "At this time and age," he begins, but never finishes the sentence.

With a bit of wistfulness in his voice he reminisces

about the times his own boys would be wrestling at state tournaments while he was at a national event with the UMC team. As a father, he wanted to watch them at tournaments.

"I'm proud of my family," he said. "One of the highlights of my life was to coach my own boy on the University team."

But his farm is another reason for his retirement. He and his wife Judy and four sons (Brad, 20; Bruce, 19; Kent, 16; and Kory, 13) run the farm.

"At first farming was a summer enterprise. Now it's full-time. You have to watch the market everyday." He recalls the time he was at a wrestling tournament and didn't sell his grain at the top price. He had a substantial loss.

"Rod was a unique coach," said Marv Bachmeier, UMC's athletic director. "He was able to get everything out of the kids and has them performing 100 percent up to their abilities. We were very fortunate to have such a man on our staff on a part-time basis.

Rod Mosher, NWSA graduate, wrestling star, coach, family man, has retired from coaching, but says he'll be back this year to help the new coach.



SPECIAL APPRECIATION AWARD -- Rod Mosher displays a plaque presented at last spring's Athletic Awards Banquet to commemorate his long coaching career at UMC and NWSA. Mosher announced his retirement from the coaching ranks after more than 20 seasons of guiding Trojan and Northwest School wrestling teams.



Notes from the President

The June, 1980, reunion was a success in both quality and quantity. It brought together old friends, many who hadn't seen each other since they left the Northwest School. The reminiscing started when the first two Aggies got together shortly after noon and was still going on after midnight at special get-togethers.

The top AGGIE award this year went to a couple that graduated in '55. Donald and Arlene Overgaard of Roseville, Minnesota, both well deserving of this award. The honored faculty award went to Dr. Bernie Youngquist, the last superintendent of the Northwest School. Because of my personal relationship I'm proud to see Dr. Youngquist get the award during my term as president of the Association.

Plans are now being made for the 1981 reunion. The special classes are '21, '31, '41, '51, '56, '61, with '31 and '56 being the honored classes. I would like to hear from alumni on nominations for the top AGGIE and honored faculty awards. As president of the Association, I would like to see the top AGGIE award

go to a person from either class of '31 or '56 but any from one of the other special classes will be seriously considered. The award isn't only limited to those who gained fame and fortune but anyone, who in their own way has made a contribution to mankind. If you have someone in mind just send me a letter stating why that person should receive this honor. Send it as soon as possible to: Paul Pederson, 9054 Taylor, Blaine, Minnesota 55343.

I had an interesting visit with Lowell Larson, the Association's contact with the college. After having attended the reunion this summer, he made a comment about the importance of keeping the Northwest School and college alumni associations' individual identity. Of course, we must work closely with the UMC alumni. Lowell's responsibilities include institutional research and development as well as coordination of both the college and Northwest School alumni associations. Our Association should give Lowell all the support he needs. Alumni are a very key part in the strength of any institution. When you drive by, stop at Selvig Hall and visit with Lowell.

The best way to close this letter is with something that a wife of an Aggie said to me at the reunion this summer. Her words went something like this, "At other reunions I've been to, it's been a get-together of classmates but here it's a reunion of friends."

God be with you,

Paul D. Pederson



Provost's Message

It is a very pleasant fall quarter at the University of Minnesota - Crookston as we have our largest enrollment in history of 1,180 students. In addition, it is apparent that the students are serious about their studies and that the general quality of the student body continues to improve.

A highlight of the fall quarter was the move into the new food service facilities, the library, and the remodeled student center (formerly known as the Aggie Inn). The student center houses offices for various student services such as counseling, placement, career development center, health center, athletics, post office, etc., as well as activity areas including a game room, TV room, and ballroom. This center provides a wonderful gathering place and a study center for UMC students and adds to the quality of student life on campus. The library, more descriptively called the Learning Resources Center, has further enhanced the college's academic environment. The food service facility provides a modern, well-equipped laboratory

for the hotel, restaurant and institutional management students and the campus food service for students, faculty, staff, and visitors.

As I share this information with you, I am reminded of the fine traditions developed at the Northwest school. The Northwest School, forerunner of UMC, established a solid foundation of educational excellence. As Northwest School alumni, I commend you on the strong traditions you established and on the significant impact your history has had on the development of UMC. Many of those traditions remain at UMC today and will continue far into the future. Also, I am pleased with the number of Northwest School graduates and faculty and staff that continue to work with the college. The Rod Mosher story is an excellent example of our continued relationship with UMC "roots."

I hope you share in our great sense of pride in UMC. The college has established a strong national and international reputation for its expertise in technical education. It is our hope that you will always think of UMC as your school. You are always welcome to stop by for a visit or a tour.

I will look forward to seeing you at our alumni dinners this winter.

With warmest personal regards,

Stanley D. Sahlstrom



Larson to Direct Alumni Association

Lowell Larson

Lowell Larson has been appointed director of alumni relations replacing Don Cavalier who held that post since 1976. Larson joined the UMC staff in December of 1979 as director of institutional research and development, a position which he continues to hold.

As the college has increased in students over the past years, Cavalier's responsibilities in counseling, career planning, and placement have become more demanding. Because of the increased demand on his time the alumni responsibilities were transferred to the Office of Institutional Research and Development.

"It has been a great past four years working with alumni at UMC," said Cavalier. "The experience has provided me with an opportunity to see the association become a viable part of the college."

During the time Cavalier was in charge of alumni relations, the number of graduates grew to over 3,700: 1,900 from UMC and 2,000 from the Northwest School of Agriculture.

The new director became interested in NWSA alumni while attending several of the winter alumni dinners.

"At those dinners I was impressed by the many wonderful people I met," said Larson. "Dr. Bernie Youngquist and Berneil Nelson further stimulated my interest."

Larson grew up on a family farm near Butterfield, Minnesota, and is a graduate of Mankato State University. He has served as executive vice president of the Minnesota Jaycees for three-and-a-half years and previous to that was a math instructor and coach at St. James Middle School for seven years.

"TIME CAPSULE" FROM 1930 UNEARTHED

A collection of literature from the NWSA was unearthed this summer by a construction crew working on the new UMC physical education building and field house. Added to the metal box were items of historical interest dating from 1930 to the present time, relating to both NWSA and UMC. The box was subsequently sealed and replaced in the cornerstone with instructions to open in the year 2030. Scanning a table covered with literature and other artifacts are (from left): Rod Mosher, vice president of NWSA Alumni Association; Herschel Lysaker, former NWSA teacher and coach and UMC faculty member and athletic director until his retirement in 1977; and Berneil Nelson, NWSA graduate and staff member on the campus for more than 35 years.

Photo by U Relations



Rod Mosher, Herschel Lysaker, Berneil Nelson

UMC/NWSA ALUMNI DINNERS

The Schedule has been set for the traditional UMC/NWSA Alumni Dinners. The evening begins with a social hour from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m., dinner from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. followed by a short program from 8:00 - 8:30 p.m. If you cannot join us for the whole evening please feel free to come when you can and visit with old friends -- pass the word on.

Because meals have to be guaranteed in advance, please send in your reservations to the Alumni Relations Office at least two weeks prior to the dinner in which you plan to attend.

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| November 14, 1980 | St. Paul, Castle Royal |
| November 19, 1980 | Crookston, UMC/Food Service Building |
| January 15, 1981 | Roseau, American Legion |
| January 16, 1981 | Stephen, American Legion |
| January 20, 1981 | Red Lake Falls, Sullivan's |
| February 6, 1981 | Hawley, Norseman Lounge & Steakhouse |
| February 12, 1981 | East Grand Forks, Eagles Club |

For further information on the above events, please contact the Alumni Relations Office, 306 Selvig Hall (218) 281-6510 Ext. 443.

MEMORIES

The annual summer NWSA alumni reunion held at the University of Minnesota, Crookston on June 28 brought back many alumni, former students, and faculty to the campus. The alumni attending this year's reunion had the pleasure of being the first guests served in the new food service building.

The Alumni Association honored Mr. and Mrs. Donald (Harlene Hagen) Overgaard, class of 1955, from Roseville, MN, as "Top Aggies." Also honored as "Top Aggie" was Dr. Bernie Youngquist, superintendent of the Northwest School and Experiment Station to the present time.

A film depicting the 1920 dedication of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Memorial, the new dining hall, and the paving from Crookston to the NWSA entrance was shown; film footage also showed scenes taken in 1939 of events such as home project assemblies, Armistice Day, 4-H Club Week, and Women's Camp.



CLASS OF 1920 from left: Walter Sprung, Ada, MN; Laura Jensen Poland, LeHigh Acres, FL; and John Swiers, Sr., Bejou, MN. Also present but not pictured was Carl Narveson, Moorhead, MN.



Class of 1930



Class of 1940



Alumni prizes

JAMES WALLACE '56,
EUCLID-- parent of youngest child

MRS. LESTER VAD '58,
(BEULAH STOLAAS)
OKLEE--youngest alum grand-
parent

MRS. LAURA JENSEN
POLAND '20,
LEHIGH ACRES, FL--traveled the
greatest distance from out of state

HAROLD QUALLEY '40,
LAKEFIELD, MN--traveled greatest
distance within Minnesota and
North Dakota

PAUL PROULX '46,
CROOKSTON, MN--most children

JOHN SWIERS '20,
BEJOU, MN--most grandchildren

MRS. ELLA FOSSBAKKEN
GEDDES '29,
GRAND FORKS, ND--alumnus
representing the oldest class in
attendance

ALLAN R. GUSTAFSON '41,
LANCASTER, MN--his son Allan
graduated in 1968 with high dis-
tinction with an Associate in Agricul-
ture degree

1980 REUNION



Class of 1950



Class of 1955



Class of 1960



CLASS ADVISORS FOR THE CLASS OF 1930 were
Mr. and Mrs. Seigel (Rose Polski) Anderson.

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1919	Ella (Fossbakken) Geddes Grand Forks, ND	Helps senior citizens in Grand Forks with music (singing and directing). Involved in many activities helping others.
1925	Amy (Onneland) Love Larimore, ND	Retired homemaker, has two daughters and three grandchildren. Enjoys home, yard, and garden during the summer and spends the winter months in Texas.
	Wallace Miller Daytona Beach, FL	Retired. County agent for eight years. Organized and developed Minnesota Valley Breeders. Organized Minnesota Valley Engineering. Has two sons and two daughters with 15 grandchildren. Enjoys playing golf, jogging, and swimming one mile daily with wife Hanna.
1920	Walter Sprung Ada, MN	Member of Foster Grandparent Program and served as class organizer for the 1980 Reunion.
1926	Alice (Parnow) Patten Thief River Falls, MN	Semi-retired nurse. Graduated from Bethesda Hospital in 1929. Has done clinic, hospital, and school nursing. Has two children, one son (a pastor in North Carolina) and one daughter (teacher in Arizona).
	Arthur Ramse McIntosh, MN	Retired. Operating a small shop (repair and building machines, etc.). Served as Missionary to Sioux Indians in North Dakota for 22 years. Do some pulpit supply preaching. Has three sons.
1927	Olaf Stenborg St. Lehigh Acres, FL	Retired in 1968 from Nurseries business in Illinois. Plays golf, takes care of big yard with all kinds of fruit trees. One son and one daughter.
	Bennie Strickler Euclid, MN	Retired farmer. Retired early because of ill health. One son and two grandchildren.
1928	Ernest Newhouse Whittier, CA	Semi-retired since 1961. Founded Walbef Investment Corporation, Pacific Lubricant Co., Newhouse Automotive Industries, Engine Accessories Manufacturing Co. (all Los Angeles based). Listed in World Who's How (Commerce and Industry) and Who's Who in the West for several issues. Married Edna Erdman of Crookston in 1934. Resided in California for last 23 years. Does alot of traveling, visited all 50 states, 20 foreign lands, around the world.
1929	Harold Cordes Henning, MN	Retired, 32 years as postal service railway mail clerk and 25 years as rural carrier. Two daughters and one son.
1930	Edna (Ross) Hanson Alexandria, MN	Retired, lifelong history of farming, Warren and Crookston area. One son and four daughters and 11 grandchildren, two great grandchildren.
1931	Herb Schroeder Fergus Falls, MN	Retired but still active on Security Bank Board and Pioneer Home for the Aged Board. Was active until retirement on the following boards, chairman of Coop Elevator, Fergus Township chairman, Minnesota Valley Breeders executive board, church board, part owner in Radio KBRF, director of Chamber of Commerce. Two sons and six grandchildren.
	Ann Thoreson Hemet, CA	Retired. Sponsored youth choirs, pharmacy clerk, homemaker. Twin girls and three grandchildren.
1932	Robert Coulter Riverside, CA	Retired, transportation
	Pearl (Henry) Duke Spokane, WA	Homemaker and retired nurse, RN. Graduated from St. Luke's Hospital in Fargo, ND. Four children.
1934	Selmer L. Johnson Spokane, WA	Retired. Two children, two grandchildren.
	Agatha (Olson) Willert Burb, CA	Retired, two children. Has lived in the same house for 35 years.
	Gladys (Quantack) White Henderson, NV	Retired high school business education teacher.
	Jerome Molacek Bemidji, MN	Retired after 41 years continuous service with Armour food company, in sales 1938 to 1979. Four children, nine grandchildren.
1935	Fern (Field) Christopher Grand Forks, ND	Housewife, salesclerk for past 14 years. Two children, three grandchildren.

1936	Hilbert Thompson Fergus Falls, MN	Retired, volunteer work with the aging. Laboratory supervisor and quality control. Representative of Sons of Norway.
1938	Woodrow Evans Colorado Springs, CO	Retired, military career. Graduated University of Minnesota-St. Paul in 1942. Three daughters.
	Marvin Nabben Minneapolis, MN	Consulting Agricultural Engineer. Two daughters, son died in Vietnam after graduation from West Point Military Academy.
1939	Harvey Diamond Humboldt, MN	Farming. Six children, nine grandchildren.
	Loyal Harris Los Angeles, CA	Vice President, Bondate Industries, Inc. Visited campus 9/29/80.
1940	Mabel (Brandli) Baggett Portland OR	Bookkeeper, Army Veteran WWII. 12-year-member American Business Women's Association. Four children.
	Camilla (Ecklund) Johnson Hopkins, MN	Registered nurse, working part time as a staff RN in orthopedics. Five children.
1941	Ted Kroulik Stephen, MN	Farming. Two years in US Navy, four children.
1942	Allan Gustafson Lancaster, MN	Farming
	Harris Peterson Grand Forks, ND	Owner, general manager, Minn-Dak Seeds, LTD, Minn-Dak Growers Assoc. (Growers and processors of specialty crops), Three plants in valley, two children, four grandchildren.
1945	Orvis Engelstad Florence, AL	Chief of soils and fertilizer, Research Branch, Tennessee Valley Authority, three children.
	Calmer Johnson Beltrami, MN	Farming. One child.
1946	Patricia (Kurtz) Dresner Pomona, CA	Housewife and medical insurance billing clerk and medical receptionist. Two children and two step-children.
	Orvin Stubstad Barnesville, MN	Semi-retired, farming prior to 1980. Air Force four years.
1947	Arnold Pearson Plymouth, MN	Accountant, NSP Co., past commander Legion Post, past master Masonic Lodge, active in bowling, shrine, VFW.
1949	Lavonne (Thoreson) Johnson Fairdale, ND	Farmer's wife, school bus driver, President of American Legion Auxiliary, on church council. Five daughters.
	Elizabeth Lapp Fargo, ND	Nurse anesthetist, St. John's Hospital, member ND Air National Guard, (rank: Major), nine years service.
	Charles Winter Rochester, WA	Diesel mechanic, Washington Irrigation and Development Company. Five children, one grandchild.
1950	Orris, Thureen	Farming. Three children.
1955	Mary Lou (Arveson) Wolden Gonvick, MN	Housewife, church organist, Sunday school teacher. Worked at Honeywell, lives on a 160 acre farm. Five children.
1957	Walter Fehr Ames, IA	Professor of agronomy, Iowa State University. Three children.
1959	Norman Sheldon West Africa	With exception of time for B.S. at U of M and M.S. at NDSU, Fargo, have continuously worked in agriculture technical assistance programs in lesser developed countries of Latin America, S.E. Asia and Africa. Two daughters.
1963	Alfred Steinke Rugby, ND	Accountant, own accounting business with three branch offices, private pilot, graduated UND, accounting degree. Two children.
1966	Wayne Pedersen Urbana, IL	Assistant professor, Dept. of Plant Pathology, University of Illinois, corn diseases, PhD. from NDSU.

IN MEMORIAM

Gustave M. Heldstab
Crookston, MN (11-12)
February 25, 1980

Herman Lee
Erskine, MN (13)
October 25, 1980

Joseph N. Bjornberg
Lake Bronson, MN (attended 16)
October 20, 1980

Edgar P. Olson
Middle River, MN (24)
April 30, 1980

Robert H. Davids, Sr.
Gonvick, MN (24)
October 17, 1979

Raymond E. Erickson
Kennedy, MN (attended 27-28)
August 4, 1979

Halbert Johnson
Underwood, MN (30)
March 15, 1972

Olive Rueth (Heegard)
Crookston, MN (32)
May 12, 1979

Lester W. MacGregor
Crookston, MN (35-36)
October 3, 1980

Harold Balstad
Fosston, MN (attended 38-39)
March 7, 1980

Silas R. Strand
Ada, MN (39)
July 22, 1980

Ordean J. Gulson
Reynolds, ND (attended 42)
October 24, 1980

Roger Loven
Gatzke, MN (56)
March 11, 1979

Dale Pederson
Kennedy, MN (attended 61)
July 19, 1980

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REUNIONS

Plan NOW to attend the annual NWSA reunion on Saturday, June 27, 1981, on the campus of the University of Minnesota--Crookston.

The class of 1931 will be celebrating its 50th anniversary, and the class of 1956, its 25th anniversary. Contact persons for all classes planning special reunions are as follows:

Class of 1916 Berneil Nelson, University of Minnesota
Crookston, MN 56716 (218/281-6510,
ext. 397)

Class of 1921 Mrs. Erick (Alma Lindgren) Berg, Rural
Route, Clearbrook, MN 56634
(218/776-3968)

Class of 1931 Harold Olson, Beltrami, MN 56517
(218/926-5764)

Class of 1941 Mrs. Odney (Joan Phillips) Flaatt, 3137
E. Elmwood Drive, Grand Forks, ND
58201 (701/772-3762)

Class of 1951 John Johnson, RR 2, Barnesville, MN
56514 (218/863-7681)

Class of 1956 Donald Diedrich, RR 3, Warren, MN
56762 (218/745-5121)

Class of 1961 Kenneth Schuster, Argyle, MN 56713
(218/437-6404)

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