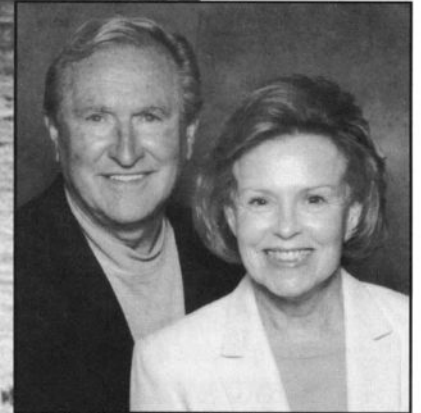
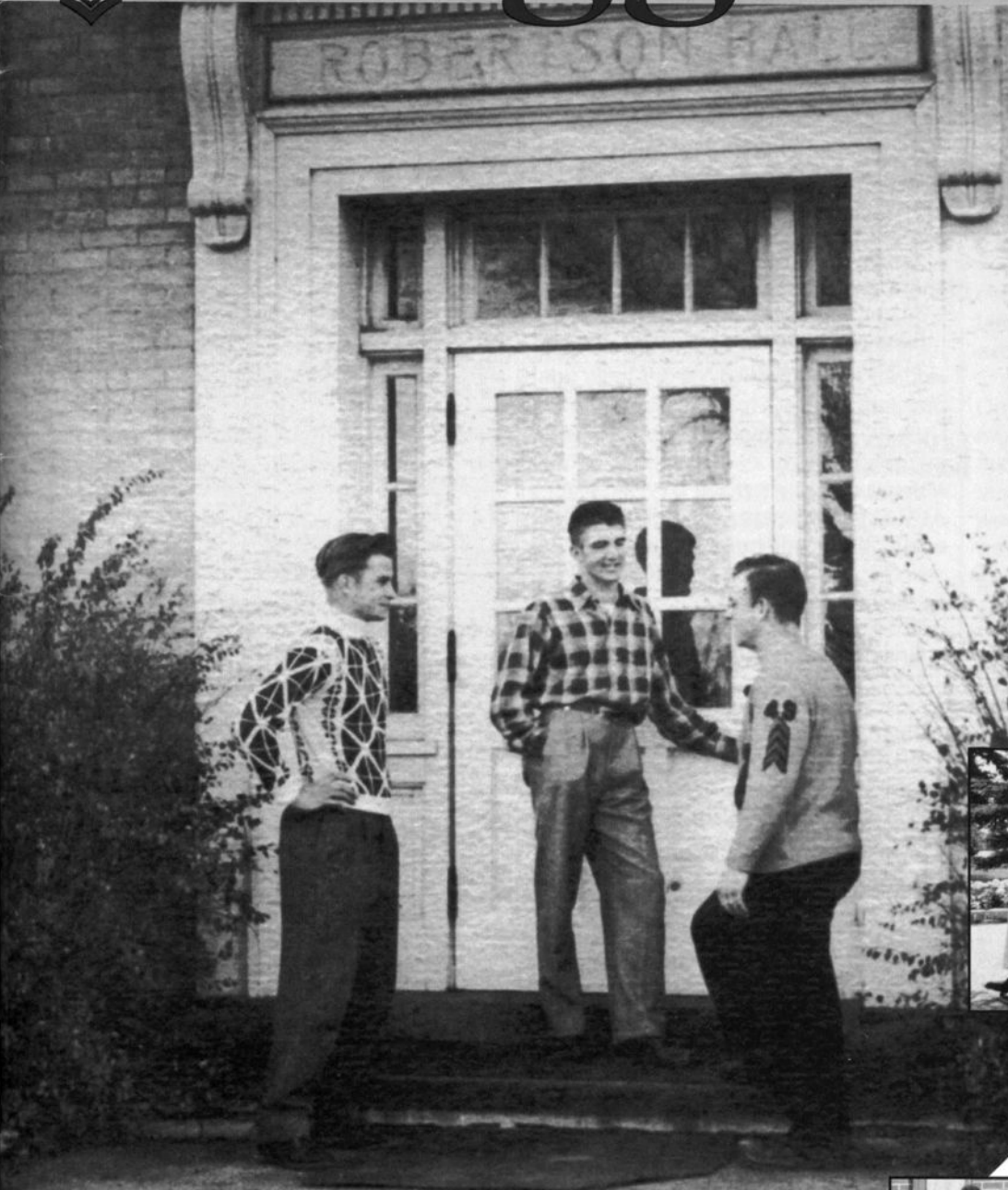




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## Bede Hall Project



The project to replace Bede Hall, constructed in 1921, is moving forward. The existing 18,412 square foot, three-story building will be replaced with a new 37,550 square-foot facility connected on one level to the existing atrium connector and on two levels to Sahlstrom Conference Center. The image of the new student center and its impact on the historic campus mall will be an important aspect of its design. It will integrate key features, such as the arched windows, pitched roof, and the limestone-trimmed brick exterior, into the design of the new building. The design will also attempt to incorporate the fireplace and china cabinets from the existing Bede ballroom.

It will house offices for student services and student organizations; meeting rooms; a multi-purpose ball room for both student activities and outreach programs; lounges for study, conversation and relaxation; the campus bookstore; recreational facilities, and public exhibition space. If you are interested in the project, you can find out more at [http://www.yhr.com/www/New\\_Projects/UMC%20Student%20Ctr/index.htm](http://www.yhr.com/www/New_Projects/UMC%20Student%20Ctr/index.htm)

# From the Director of Development



**Michael Meyer**

It is a glorious time here on the UMC campus. The air is crisp as we get closer to fall, and there is a buzz of activity. The Centennial Park project is continuing to develop as a focal point of the campus; the Kiehle renovation is nearing completion; and most importantly another class of freshman has arrived on campus to begin the next stage of their lives.

The new students are beginning to build the types of memories that were shared at the NWSA reunion by nearly 200 alumni and friends. It was a great time for all as we recognized some of the successes of our "Top Aggies," relived old memories, and got reacquainted with old friends. In this issue we have included some photos of just some of the fun that was had at the reunion. It is not too early to make plans to join us next June 27-28, 2003!

I would like to thank all of our NWSA Board of Directors for their leadership, and all of the NWSA alumni for the tremendous amount of support that you have provided this last year. Your continued support allows us to publish the *Aggie*, to hold the reunions, to provide scholarships for relatives of NWSA alumni, and to keep the spirit of the NWSA alive here on the UMC campus.

In addition, many of you, such as Lyle Kasprick (see our cover story), have

chosen to make major gifts to support the continuing educational goals that were begun with the NWSA and are now being enhanced and carried forth by UMC. The financial support we have received from the NWSA alumni in the past year has been unprecedented and will be appreciated for generations to come.

If you have any questions on ways that you can provide financial support or to help with the reunion, please do not hesitate to call our office at 800-232-6466 ext. 8437.

On behalf of all of us in the Development Office, we wish you all the best during this special time of year. We wish our "snowbird" friends a safe trip to their warmer destinations, and, once again, we thank you for all of your generous support.

*Michael Meyer*

UMC Director of Development

## Development Office Update

The Development Office is happy to report that the 2001-2002 fiscal year was a record breaking year. We received gifts totaling \$1,645,601! This is a 229% increase over last year and nearly \$600,000 more than our previous record year of 1999-2000. Please see the chart below for a comparison:

UMC Gift Activity					
1997-1998	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	5yr Total
\$698,371	\$765,982	1,068,142	717,212	<b>1,645,601</b>	\$6,363,989*

\*Total includes \$775,919 of special project allocation dollars (research grants)

In 1997 the University of Minnesota Foundation launched "Campaign Minnesota" with a system-wide goal of 1.3 billion dollars. The generous support we received this year has helped UMC achieve our Campaign Minnesota goal, as well as helping the Foundation achieve their goal...all of this with one year left on the campaign! Although we have reached our overall goal, we still need to work hard this year specifically in the area of scholarships.

Campaign Minnesota Totals (with one year to go)			
	Total Goal	as of 6'30'02	% of Goal
UMC	\$5,000,000	\$6,363,989	127%
Campaign Minnesota	\$1,300,000,000	\$1,365,520,608	105%

If you are interested in giving to the scholarship fund, please contact Mike at 218-281-8434 or Ardis at 218-281-8437.



# Don Sargeant to Step Down as UMC Chancellor in Spring 2003

Donald Sargeant, Chancellor of the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) announced this summer that he will step down as UMC's Chancellor effective June 30, 2003.

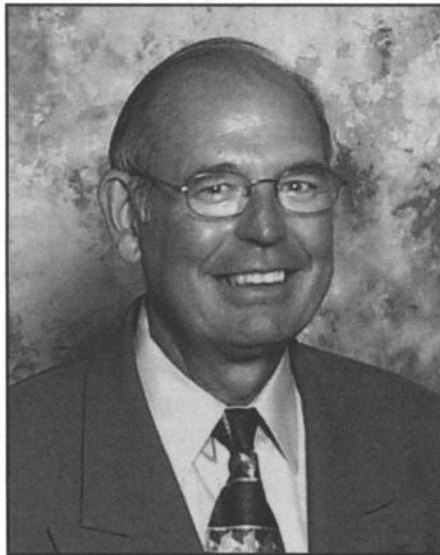
Sargeant said, "Serving as UMC's chancellor has been challenging and rewarding, and the efforts of administrators, faculty, staff, and students working together have created a truly unique higher educational institution—one that is very meaningful to the students and public we serve and one that upholds the tradition of excellence of the University of Minnesota. We can all take great pride in UMC."

After he steps down as Chancellor next spring, Sargeant says he will take a one-year leave "to strengthen my skills in areas related to the development and documentation of technology-based courseware effectiveness." He will then return as a faculty member. He also plans to support the UMC Development Office by identifying and working with potential donors.

"I look forward to spending more time with my wife, Mary Beth, and our two sons Dan and Doug. I've given considerable thought to the future contributions I can make as an emeritus administrator and a faculty member—and to the personal goals Mary Beth and I have set for our future," said Sargeant.

"I'm convinced that as the academic program offerings and the polytechnic mission of UMC evolve, technology-based instruction is becoming ever more critical to our success, and there is a need for expanded faculty support and training in this area," added Sargeant. "I plan to focus my faculty work on instructional technology, including the support of UMC faculty in the development of courseware and documentation."

Sargeant began his career at UMC in June of 1970 as an assistant professor teaching courses in agricultural marketing and farm management. He had just



completed graduate work at Penn State University that focused on the development of computer assisted instructional materials in agriculture education. He was promoted to associate professor in 1973 and to full professor in 1978.

Sargeant also served as chair of the Agriculture Division from 1970-1973. He then moved on to serve as the assistant provost for academic affairs from 1973 until 1985, when he was appointed Chancellor of the Crookston Campus. He succeeded Stanley Sahlstrom, the founding provost of the college.

As Chancellor, Sargeant is credited with two major initiatives that began in 1993 and essentially transformed every aspect of the Crookston Campus. That year, after much planning and preparation, UMC began offering baccalaureate degree programs and also became the first college to provide laptop computers to all students and faculty.

Sargeant became well known in higher education circles as a resource and consultant with expertise in integrating technology and managing institutional change. Since 1993, representatives from over 150 other colleges and universities have visited UMC to learn more about the campus, its technology initia-

tives, and its transformation into a baccalaureate college. Recently Sargeant authored an article detailing the lessons learned from UMC's technological transformation. The article is included as a chapter in a book produced by David G. Brown, vice president and dean of the International Center for Computer Enhanced Learning at Wake Forest University.

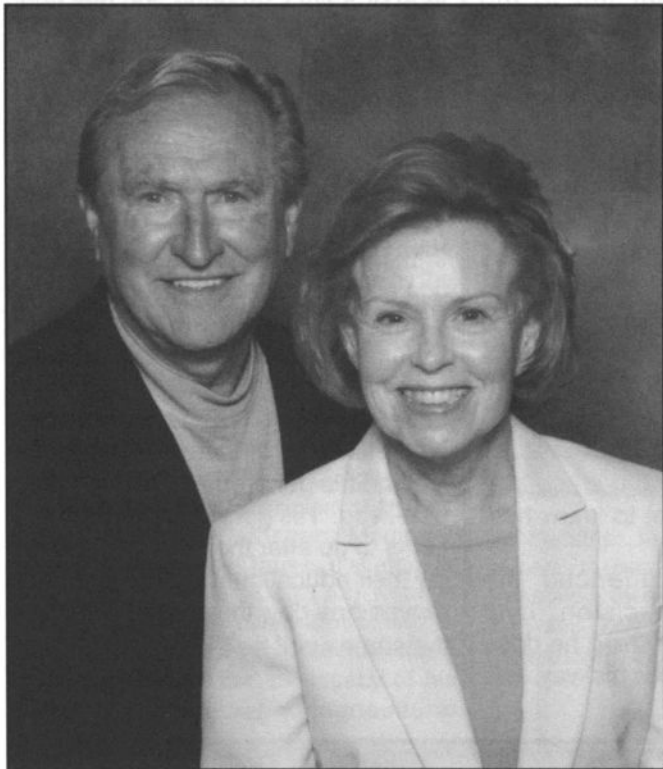
Over his 32-year career at UMC, Sargeant has also served in an advisory capacity for numerous other higher education organizations. He has served as chair of the Midwestern Higher Education Commission for Interactive Courseware and as a consultant and evaluator for the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. He also holds membership on the Publications Committee for the National Association of College Teachers of Agriculture, the Minnesota Educational Telecommunications Council, the Northwest Educational Telecommunications System, and the Minnesota Campus Compact Steering Committee.

Sargeant has also been very active in the community of Crookston and northwest Minnesota, earning many honors including an Honorary American FFA Degree, the Toastmasters International Communications and Leadership Award, and the Crookston Chamber of Commerce Partners in Education Award. He has been named to the Red River Valley Shows Hall of Fame and the U.S. Jaycees Hall of Fame. He has served on several regional corporate boards and currently serves on the boards for American Federal Bank, Phoenix Industries, and the Glenmore Foundation.

Sargeant holds a Ph.D. in Agricultural Education and Educational Administration from Penn State. He holds a certificate from the Institute for Educational Management at Harvard University. He completed his Master's and undergraduate work at the University of Illinois in Urbana. Prior to completing his Ph.D., he taught high school vocational agriculture at Tri-Valley Schools in Ellsworth, Illinois.



# Lyle Kasprick: Living, Giving, and Enjoying Every Minute



**Lyle and Kathleen Kasprick**

The campus is once again teeming with students. They bring so much enthusiasm and energy with them and are filled with the hopes and dreams of what lies ahead. Lyle Kasprick has that same kind of energy and enthusiasm for life, and he believes in those students. In fact, both he and his wife, Kathleen, embrace the opportunity to share their resources with the educational institutions that influenced them. The Northwest School of Agriculture (NWSA) holds a special place in Lyle's memories. This fondness was evident when he recently visited the campus and talked about the NWSA and about his recent gift to the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC).

Lyle, a native of Angus, Minnesota, is thankful for the training and background that farm life gave him. "The farm," he says, "is where I learned how to work. That is where I learned to repair machinery, weld, clean stalls,

and bale hay. The changing seasons, life, nature, birth, and death are all a part of everyday farm life. I treasure that background."

The fact that Lyle's father farmed was a factor in where he attended school. His two sisters, Margaret and Ruth, attended school in Warren nine months a year and boarded with a family there, but he and his three brothers, Harold, Lloyd, and Roger, attended the NWSA. Like so many other farm families, the six month school year

was a big benefit. It helped them provided the extra hands needed during spring planting and fall harvest on the farm.

After graduating from the NWSA in 1950, Lyle enlisted in the U.S. Navy, where he served for four years as a radioman. When he got out he considered finding a career that would use the skills he gained as a radioman. Then he considered selling insurance for New York Life, but after taking an aptitude test through the Veterans Administration he changed his mind. The aptitude test revealed that he should consider college, probably business, math, or engineering. Although not totally convinced about the results, the test did tell him he was college material, and that influenced his decision to attend the University of North Dakota (UND) in Grand Forks. A high achiever from the beginning, Lyle was a top student in the UND School of

Business, and he achieved that while working 43 hours a week. That proved to be just the beginning for him.

Following graduation from UND, Lyle worked as a CPA for a large accounting firm, and as much as he enjoyed it, he knew that he wanted to try something else. He partnered with others to build several businesses into publicly owned companies on the New York and American Stock Exchanges. One of those was a Pepsi Cola Bottling business, which grew to be the second largest franchised Pepsi bottling company in the country. In 1986 it was sold back to the Pepsi Cola Company.

During the same years, he also worked on an ailing pharmaceutical company based in Miami and commuted between Minnesota and Florida while working to turn that company around. Lyle became chairman of the board for the North American Vaccine Inc. in 1988. While he was chairman, they developed a more effective whopping cough vaccine. The National Institute of Child Health and Human Development of the National Institute of Health, and the Food and Drug Administration, gave approval to that vaccine, and North American Vaccine was licensed to manufacture and market it.

Lyle credits his work ethic with much of his success. That farm background served him well. His time at the Northwest School served also him well. His memories of the NWSA include many of the things that make it special to all its alumni: the teachers, the dorm life, and the camaraderie. His worst memory was the first three weeks of homesickness he felt when he came here. It was hard moving in with two complete strangers and sharing a room. Lyle recalls, "I would eat lunch in the dining hall and then head over to Kiehle where my sister, Ruth, worked as a secretary. It was the building that housed Superintendent McCall's office, and there I would just stand next to Ruth while she worked." It wasn't long before Lyle felt at home here and was participating in activities on campus.

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## Kaspricks . . . Continued

He enjoyed running cross country and served as captain of the team. Coaches Edwin Bennett and Herschel Lysaker were two important influences on Lyle's life during his high school career. Lysaker was the Home Project Supervisor in 1949. That year Lyle won a set of wrenches provided by the Standard Oil Company for his tractor project. Over that summer he kept record of the hours on that tractor, along with oil changes, fuel, repairs, etc. Another instructor that he remembers is Miss Jean Kjorlie, the English instructor, "but more for her good looks than for the grammar he learned," he recalls with a smile.

He has many of the same memories that other Northwest School students would recall: sneaking around in the tunnels to peek at girls ironing in the basement of McCall Hall, or after-hours swims in the swimming pool, or the hazing ritual of the upperclassman making the freshman shine their shoes. These are memories that many students share, no matter what years they attended. All these memories are part of what influenced Lyle and Kathleen Kasprick to set up a Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT) for the University of Minnesota, Crookston.

The \$1 million gift the Kaspricks gave is designated for academic scholarships. A charitable remainder trust provides the Kaspricks with an income tax deduction in the year the trust is established, eliminates capital gains tax, allows for future contributions, provides the Kaspricks with a stream of income, and UMC will benefit by receipt of the trust principal at the termination of the trust. This is what the Kaspricks wanted, to benefit UMC by setting up the deferred gift and being able to enjoy giving it. "We have enjoyed being able to see the excitement our gift created," Lyle says, "It has been so much fun." He encourages others to give too; he believes it is "one of the most joyful things you'll ever do."

How did the Kaspricks determine where to give their gift? Lyle explained that it was a combination of being life-long Minnesota residents and his connection to the NWSA that helped them decide to direct their gift to the Crookston campus. The Kaspricks gave \$10,000 for scholarships in 1992. The thank you letters they received from students for these scholarships described the recipients' hopes, dreams, families, and even included an occasional photograph. These letters were something the Kaspricks found deeply rewarding. Lyle also mentioned that Crookston received their gift because he knows and respects Chancellor Don Sargeant, along with former Director of Development, Allan Larson. Lyle also recognizes the time, effort, and steps that Del Roelofs took to get to know him.

That effort also influenced the Kaspricks' gifting decision. Lyle Kasprick relishes everything he does and everything life sends his way. His

attitude is engaging, and he shares openly and frankly about who he is. Kathleen seems to be every bit as enthusiastic as Lyle. A Minneapolis native, she is a graduate of the College of Saint Catherine and has been a leader in her own right. She chaired the President's Forum at the College of Saint Catherine, and led the way for a part of the Saga Hill area of Orono, Minnesota to be protected as a natural area and safeguarded against development. She has worked for both the University of Minnesota Foundation and Alumni Association and did a cable TV show from Normandale Community College in Minneapolis.

On August 23, 2002, Lyle celebrated his seventieth birthday. His zest for life and his generous spirit mark a life well-lived. His gift will encourage students to go after their dreams and enjoy their educational experience. And maybe one day, they will give back in the same spirit he did.



While attending the NWSA in 1949, Lyle (center) won a set of wrenches provided by the Standard Oil Company for his work on a tractor project. This is a special memory and an achievement that helped underscore that hard work is rewarded.

# The Power of Words...

If one ever doubts the value of scholarship giving, all you need to do is read the student's letters of thanks. It would be impossible not to see the value when reading the thank you notes that they write. When talking to Lyle Kasprick about the gift he and his wife, Kathleen, gave to UMC, there is no doubt about the value of the student's own words and what it means to have help financing an education. The words of thanks sent by the students who received financial assistance through scholarships influenced the decision by the Kaspricks to give money to the scholarship fund, and their words have influenced others also.

Last week a letter came from a very special student who happens to be a descendent of a Northwest School of Agriculture (NWSA) alumnus and recipient of the Andrew and Elmer Wardeberg Memorial Scholarship. Michael Taus is a student at UMC and his father, Don ('55) went to school at the NWSA and farmed in the Angus area for many years. Michael has a deep appreciation for the legacy of his father's education and agricultural

background. His father went to school at the NWSA and farmed in the Angus area for many years.

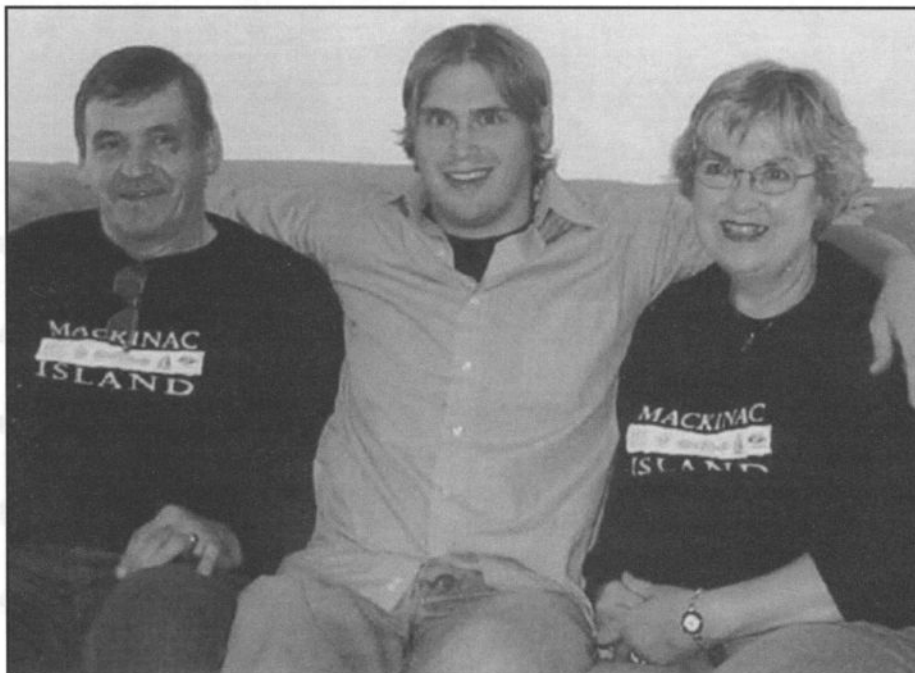
He has an understanding of the contribution education and agriculture have made on his own life. His thank you letter makes it clear. He writes:

*...It's hard for me to realize the difference in education that my father and I received. I may be in college and doing well at it, but what my father learned about life, in farming and through the Northwest School of Agriculture, has made him far more knowledgeable in almost every aspect of life. He is a person I admire and hope to emulate for the rest of my life.*

*The work ethic that all these NWSA alumni have developed is unsurpassed and the combination of farm work and school work is something I still have a tough time understanding. This translates well to me and gives me the work ethic I need to be successful in my life, even though my destiny lies in medicine, I have become a well rounded person who is grateful for this most generous scholarship....*

Scholarships are powerful reminders to students to reach for their dreams, because someone is there to encourage them along the way. They are also a testimony to the generosity of the past.

Scholarship money is always needed to help students. If you are interested in donating to scholarships call Mike at 218.281.8434 or Ardis at 218.281.8437. Giving is a way to help students get the education they need. Scholarships make a difference!



Pictured above from left are Don Taus, a 1955 graduate of the Northwest School of Agriculture, his son, Mike, who is a student at the University of Minnesota, Crookston and Mike's mom, Janice Taus.

**WOW! Come Visit Us on the Web!**

Check out the UMC Development Office on the World Wide Web!

We would like to encourage you to visit our new Web site at: [www.crk.umn.edu/people/development](http://www.crk.umn.edu/people/development) and let us know what you think! You can get information about our staff, giving, scholarships, our new location in the Kiehle Building, as well as the NWSA page and other information.

If you would like to comment on the Web site or make a suggestion, contact Liz in the Development Office at [ltollefs@mail.crk.umn.edu](mailto:ltollefs@mail.crk.umn.edu) or 218.281.8432. So, check us out on the Web anytime, we hope you like what you see!



# ★ REUNION MEMORIES ★

The NWSA reunion, held June 28 and 29, was attended by over 175 people. On Friday morning a golf tournament was held at Minakwa Golf course in Crookston. Then Friday evening, a social was held at the Northland Inn with about 80 people in attendance from 7 to 10 p.m., although the class of '52 enjoyed visiting long after that! On Saturday during registration, everyone had the opportunity to meet Mike Meyer, his wife, Kaye Lynn, and their daughter, Alyssa during registration. Rose and Ardis had Alyssa's help greeting everyone who registered. There were fresh cookies and coffee after registering and signing the book.

Tours of the campus, class meetings, and class pictures all took place during the day, along with a lunch featuring a roast pig by Larry Tucker ('64). Carrie and Liz Tollefson demonstrated the scanning project for the *Northwest Monthly* newsletter, a project that the UMC library is working on to preserve the history of the Northwest School. In the evening Brown dining hall was filled with reunion attendees, including the Top Aggies and their families. A new menu was available for guests this year. Those attending had a choice of fried walleye or roast beef.

The reunion was a wonderful time of visiting, renewing old friendships, and being together. The memories are special ones; we hope you will consider returning in 2003 for the reunion. Make plans to attend June 27 and 28, 2003. We hope to see you there!



# Top Aggies

The **TOP AGGIE** award was established in 1970 to honor Northwest School of Agriculture alumni, faculty, and staff who, in the eyes of the Northwest School of Agriculture Alumni Association, have had a significant impact on the lives of their fellow man through professional and service contributions in their occupations, community, church, education, and other service and non-profit organizations.

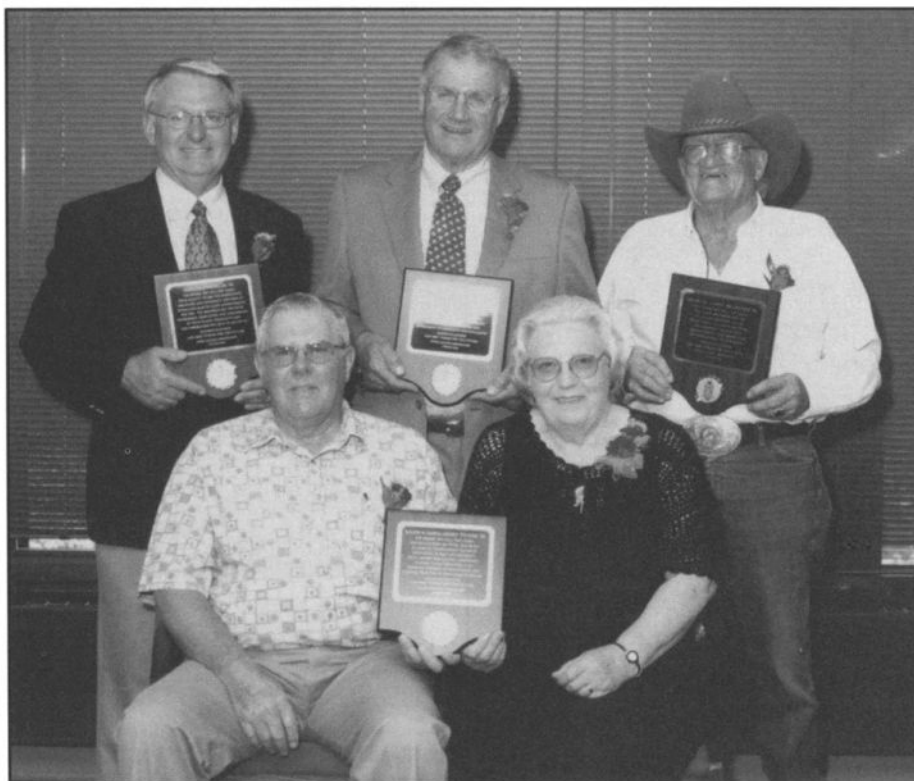
Each year the NWSA Alumni Association Board of Directors places a notice in the *Aggie* newsletter requesting alumni to submit names and information about NWSA Alumni they wish to nominate for consideration as a Top Aggie candidate.

Generally, the nominees for the award are from the honored reunion classes for that year, but occasionally the Board will make an exception to this policy. Consequently, Top Aggie nomination information is also included with the class leader letters that are sent out early in each calendar year.

Each nominee is contacted and requested to provide information about themselves in the following areas:

- NWSA – activities, highlights, and impact on your life
- Education – personal, growth, participation and service
- Work/Occupation – history, service and contributions
- Service – community, church, non-profit organizations, etc.
- Other Relevant Matters – service or commitments

Soon after the nomination deadline, each board member evaluates the information presented on behalf of the candidates and then makes the final selections.



This year's Top Aggies include: (front row l to r) Ralph & Carol Green Tucker '52; (back row l to r) Donald Strickler '62, David Haugo '52 and Charles "Casey" Brantner '50.

## Charles "Casey" Brantner '50 Moorhead, MN

As Senator Roger Moe commented in his support letter, "We have few people in our community that have made such a significant impact on the lives of their neighbors through their work, commitment to community service, and family."

Charles "Casey" was the youngest of twelve children and lost his mother at the age of nine. Attending the NWSA, eating in the dining hall, living in the dorm with two roommates, and traveling with the sports team were all new experiences for Casey, who learned to appreciate and accept the differences in people.

After leaving the NWSA, he started farming on his own in 1951. He raised small grains and sugar beets and attending NDSU during the winter months. In the 1960's Casey began breeding and raising Arabian horses.

He also judged Arabian horses throughout the United States and Canada for more than 25 years and served as an officer for the International Arabian Horse Association. He still rides, trains, and breeds horses and was featured on the cover of "Team Penning USA" magazine in 1995.

Casey was elected Clay County Commissioner in 1966 and continues today. He is currently chairman for the county board and serves on the Human Service Policy Committee and the Minnesota Social Service Association. He is involved with other organizations including the Association of Minnesota Counties, RRV Sugarbeet Association, Clay County 4-H, Director of MN 4-H, Director of Dilworth Lion's Club, Board of Trustees, North Buffalo Lutheran Church, numerous horse associations, and the NY Drugs and Medications Committee. He has also served as Chairman of the Ethics Committee for IAHA, volunteer judge for 4-H and local horse shows, and a judge for the US Special Olympics.

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## Top Aggies . . . continued

In 1998, his youngest son died in a tractor accident. Brantner Farms donated a 60-acre park, the Tom Brantner Memorial Park, to Fargo's Northern Lights Council 6.

*"The NWSA experiences taught me confidence, humility, independence, and reality, which cannot be found in any book!"*

### David Haugo '52 Waubun, MN

While at the NWSA I participated in football and basketball. The trips we took as a team stand out in my memories, especially the tournament trip to Winnipeg, where we were guests at the homes of the Winnipeg team, as well as a banquet at the Hudson Bay Company.

My formal education ended with my years at the NWSA. After being offered a scholarship to Concordia College in Moorhead, an uncle offered to rent his land to me. I chose to stay and start my farming career. I have maintained a life-long interest in education through the University of Minnesota extension seminars, reading, meetings, and various ag-related opportunities.

I've been a full-time farmer for 50 years and continue to be. I farmed with my Dad for 20 years, and since 1986, I have farmed with two sons, Allan and John. The farm has provided a good living for our family - an opportunity for a family of six children, one daughter and five sons, to learn how to work and provide for their own education. We now farm over 6,000 acres and produce grain, sugarbeets, beans, corn, and alfalfa. I have been a Registered Seed Grower with Minnesota Crop Improvement for over 40 years.

I've served on my church council, as a member of the Waubun School Board, and am active in the DFL party. I was named Mahnomen County King

Agassiz in 1971, served on RRV Winter Shows Board, and received the Builder of the Valley Award in 1994.

From 1993-2001, I served as Chairperson of the USDA's Minnesota FSA State Committee. Currently I serve on the Minnesota Barley Growers Board, and I am a member of the Minnesota Farmers Union. I've been a member of the Minnesota Wheat Growers Board for eight years and president of that group for two years. I've served on the National Board of Wheat Growers. I am also a member of various ag co-ops and other farm organizations.

*"We were always reminded by Coach Lysaker that we represented the NWSA, and we should conduct ourselves in a good manner that represented our school."*

### Ralph & Carol Green Tucker '52 St. Thomas, ND

Ralph and Carol Green Tucker run a successful farming business raising crops of wheat, potatoes, sugarbeets, edible beans, and others. Carol was the Editor of *North Dakota Outdoors* and an advertising manager at the *East Grand Forks Record*.

We have been married 46 years, and we have seven daughters, two sons, and fourteen grandchildren. We retired at 62 and spend part of our summers at Lake of the Woods and, recently, winters on the gulf shore of Alabama.

While at NWSA, Ralph participated in vocal music and Newman Club. Carol participated in Yearbook Staff and was a member of the National Honor Society and Debate Club.

Ralph was in Korea with the U.S. Army while Carol went to UND for three years to study journalism.

We have been members of St. Tho-

mas Catholic Church, each serving as President of Church Council and in many other lay positions. We are members of the American Legion and its Auxiliary with Ralph taking his turn as Post Commander. He also belongs to the VFW. Ralph served on the St. Thomas School Board and was president. He was on the initial Airport Authority getting an airport for St. Thomas. He was also an officer and long time member of the St. Thomas Booster Club and a volunteer fireman.

Ralph served on the North Dakota State Seed Commission, the National Potato Council, the National Potato Board, the North Dakota State Potato Board, and the Red River Valley Potato Growers Association, from which he was the recipient of their 2001 Meritorious Service Award.

*"Dorm life had a big impact on both of our lives, as did the faculty. When trying to single out teachers with particular influence, we found there was no place to stop."*

### Donald Strickler '62 Euclid, MN

After graduating from the NWSA, I attended NDSU in Fargo and graduated in 1966 with a degree in animal science and ag economics. I served in the National Guard from 1966-1972. My wife, Ellen and I have been married for 36 years, and we have five children and four grandchildren. I have a special interest in fishing and restoring classic cars.

I have been a farmer in the Euclid area since graduation from NDSU. We formed a family farm corporation with my parents in 1968, following my father's retirement. My son, Brent, and I are now in agriculture production. We farm approximately 5,000 acres and have bred and sold Black Angus cattle for over 30 years, selling our herd in 1997.

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# Bakkegard's Craftsmanship Presented at NWSA Reunion

He couldn't be at the reunion this past June, but that doesn't mean that Ben Bakkegard wasn't thinking about everyone there. As class advisor for the class of 1942 and a former instructor of English I and band at the NWSA, he was thinking of everyone and commemorated the day with a beautiful set of bookends that Mike Meyer shared with everyone at the alumni banquet on June 29.

Ben wrote, "There is no place on earth I would rather be on June 28 and 29 than at Crookston, Minnesota, for our sixtieth." He fondly remembers attending the fiftieth reunion with his wife, Ardelle. She taught piano and English II while at the Northwest School. Ardelle passed away in 1997.

Although at 90 he no longer takes extended trips away from his home in Fresno, California, his gift made the trip in fine condition. The oak bookends were made by Ben, and he placed an inscription on the bottom



UMC Director of Development Mike Meyer showed the bookends and read the note sent by Ben Bakkegard to the crowd gathered for the NWSA Reunion.

that reads: NWSA Class of 1942. B.M.B.

On behalf of all the NWSA alumni, we would like to sincerely thank Ben for sharing his craftsmanship with every

one and remembering the reunion in this special way. The bookends will find a home in the new Kiehle Building Heritage Room when the renovation project has been completed in September.

## Top Aggies . . . . continued

### Donald Strickler

I have served on many committees to promote agriculture and improve marketing of rural commodities. My children were very active in 4-H. We were strong supporters, officers, and leaders of that program for 25 years. I have been a lifetime member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Euclid, where I have held all offices including trustee.

Over the years, I have served on the West Polk County Soil and Water Board, Executive Board of West Polk County Farm Bureau, officer and board member of the Angus Coop Elevator, six years on the Warren School Board, and treasurer of Angus Town

ship. I have been president of the Minnesota Angus Cattle Association and the Northwest Cattleman's Association. I am a member of the Minnesota Crop Improvement Association and the Advisory Council of the Northwest Research and Outreach Center. I've served on various committees of the RRVS, and I am currently president and a board member of the Crookston National Bank.

Special awards include runner-up in the 1978 MN Outstanding Young Farmer Program, 1982 West Polk County Conservation Farm, and 1988 Red River Valley Hall of Fame.

*"I believe the highlight of attending NWSA was the students and staff I met there and remain friends with today. It was a very positive experience in my life."*



# Roelofs Receives Distinguished Service Award

The NWSA Board of Directors is proud to announce that the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award at this year's NWSA Reunion was Del Roelofs. The Distinguished Service Award was established in 1991 by the NWSA Board of Directors. This award is given for exemplary service by the NWSA Alumni Association.

Del joined UMC in 1997 when he was appointed associate director of development and alumni relations. Del has served as the Director of Development since 1998. In January of 2002 he became a part-time associate development director. Among his many accomplishments, Del has been instrumental in the establishment of the Heritage Room in the newly remodeled Kiehle building along with the Centennial Park Project. The NWSA Alumni Association thanked Del for his dedicated service at the reunion banquet on June 29, 2002. Mike Meyer, the new Development Director, made the announcement, and Del's name was added to the name plaque that hangs in the Alumni Room.

From 1970 to 1976 Del was Superintendent of Schools for the Crookston School District. In 1977 he became the owner-manager of Red River Distributing, Inc., in Crookston until he left in 1991 to become Director of Administrative Support Services for Northeast Metropolitan Intermediate District 916 in White Bear Lake, MN. In 1993 he became president of Northeast Metro Technical College. He returned to Crookston in 1996. Del is currently serving on the Crookston School Board along with his duties as an associate development director at UMC.

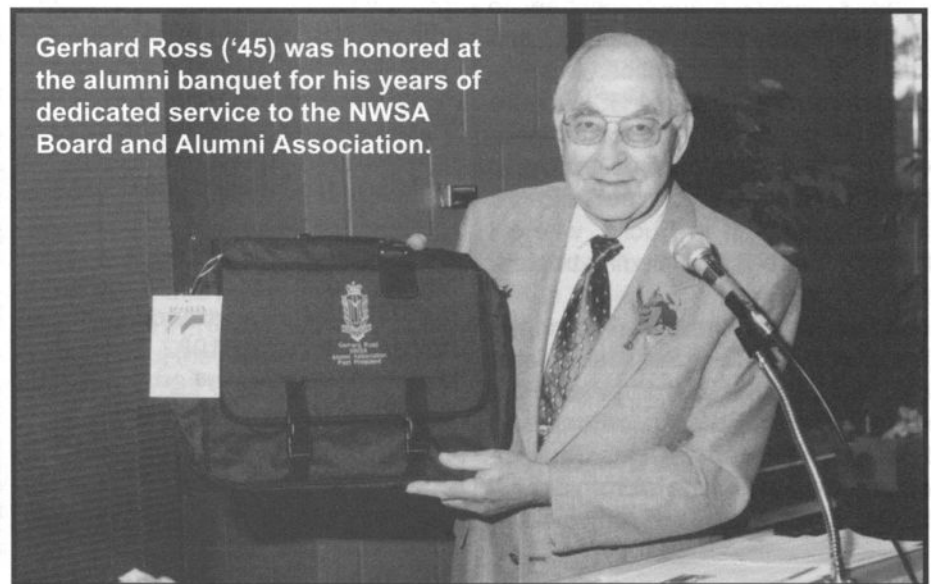
Del has a doctorate in educational administration from the University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY; master of education from South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD; and bachelor of arts in industrial arts, physical education, and science from Westmar College, LeMars, IA.



Congratulations to Del as he joins this prestigious list of recipients of the Distinguished Service Award:

- 2001 Harris Peterson '42
- 1999 Bernard Youngquist, NWES Supt '56-'68
- 1998 Herschel Lysaker, Faculty '44- '66
- 1997 Allan D. Larson, Director, External Relations
- 1996 Berneil Nelson '41
- 1995 Paul Proulx '46
- 1993 Marjorie Ofstedahl Hanson '43
- 1991 Joan Phillips Flaata '41

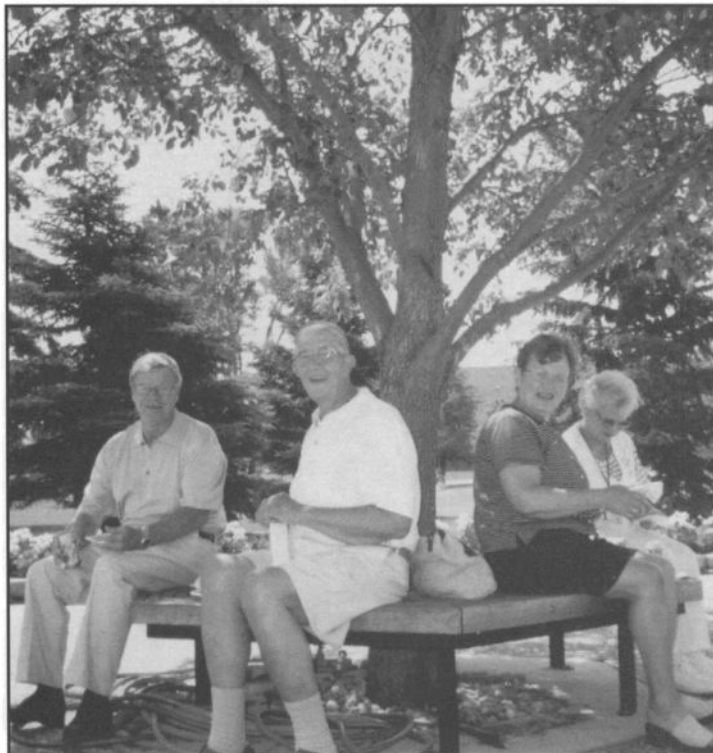
Gerhard Ross ('45) was honored at the alumni banquet for his years of dedicated service to the NWSA Board and Alumni Association.



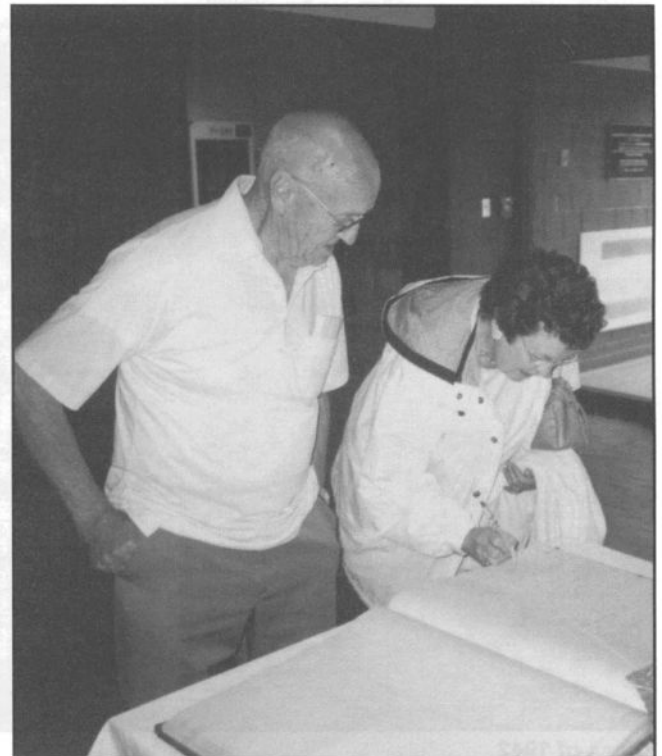
# Reunion Memories



Herschel Lysaker greets alumni at reunion picnic.



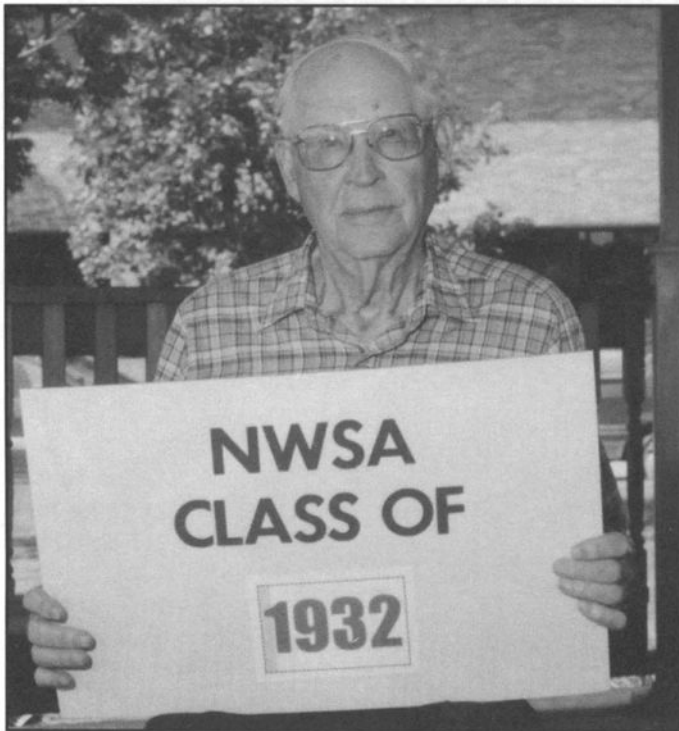
Enjoying picnic lunch on the mall.



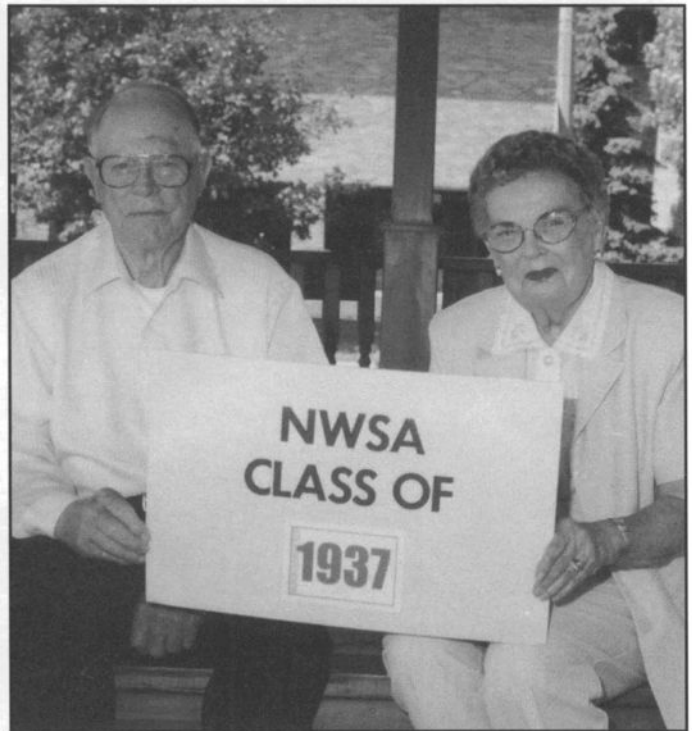
Signing the famous registration book that has held the names of reunion guests since 1927.



# Reunion Memories



**Class of 1932**  
Arvin Gordon



**Class of 1937**  
Morris Dahl and Elaine (Johnston) Maruska



**Class of 1942**  
Front row (from left): Berneil Nelson, Arlene (Knutson) Grage, Garnet (Balstad) DeVine, Alfred Hebert. Back row (from left): Edwin Pearson, Carlton Knutson, James Erikson, Robert Anderson, Donald Milner.

# Reunion Memories



## Class of 1947

Front row (from left): Glen Torkelson, Arnold Pearson, Thora (Lie) Pearce, Betty (Erikson) Floan, Joyce (Olson) Hunstad. Back row (from left): Harvey Pulkrabek, Ray Stromstad, Charles Korinta, Earl Dahlin, Roy Stola, Jr., Richard Deschane.



## Class of 1957

Front row (from left): Eloise (Wold) Sobtzak, Robert Hance, Bonnie (Zipoy) Winkka, Michael Vanek, Jeanette (Love) Filipi. Back row (from left): Duane Mulachy, Allan Dragseth, John Schiller, Lynn Porter, Tony Filipi.

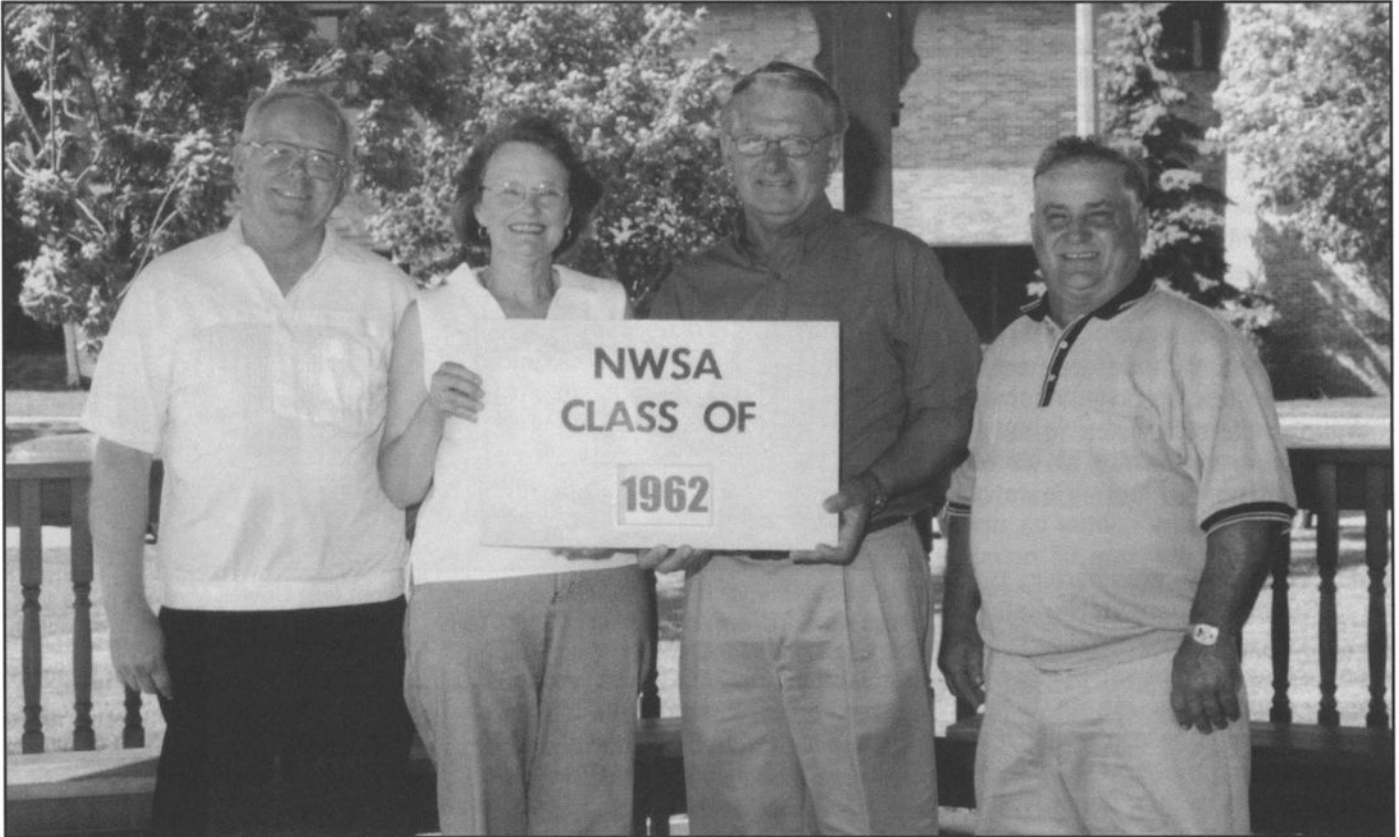
# Reunion Memories



**Class of 1952**  
Front row (from left): Leo Ash, Lowell Bring, Lawrence Ricard, Rodney Mosher, Orlan Stollas, Roland Brule, Keith Huard, Charles Gustafson, Robert Ricard. Middle row (from left): Bergit (Johnson) Perry, Edith (Bergeson) Lee, Bonnie (Vesledahl) Holmquist, Yona (Magnusson) Urness, Carol (Green) Tucker, Darlene (Larson) Lucas, Patricia (James) Carlson, Dora Pelowski, Patricia (Erickson) Sorenson, Betty (Johnson) Engelstad, Ariys (Eisert) Brantner, Kathryn (Jensen) Boss. Back row (from left): Ralph Tucker, Dennis Carpenter, Mark Chisholm, Harland Bohach, Gene Driscoll, Charles Holmquist, David Haugo, Pete Engelstad.

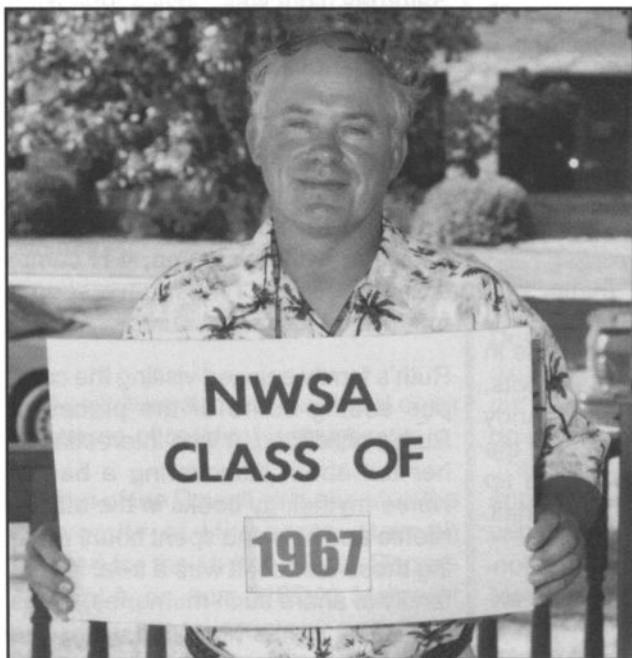


# Reunion Memories



**Class of 1962**

(from left): John Sannes, Carol (Hotvedt) Wahl, Don Strickler, George Proulx



**Class of 1967**  
Richard Stengl

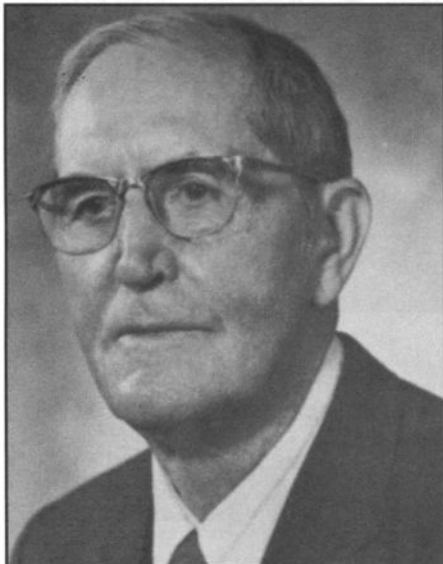
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# The Dowell Family

On Monday, August 12, UMC had the privilege of hosting some very special guests, Ruth Dowell Myers, her son Dowell, his wife Sue, and their two sons, Ben and Jesse. The daughter of Dr. Austin Dowell, Superintendent of the Northwest School from 1927-1937, Ruth lived in the White House from the time she was five until she was almost fifteen. Ruth shared many fond memories of growing up with her sisters, Hannah, Margaret, and Annette, on the campus. Ruth says, "I had a golden childhood, we had the freedom to grow up on this campus with the whole staff watching out for us. If we were somewhere we weren't supposed to be, our parents found out about it."

The Dowell family came here in 1927 when Superintendent Selvig left for Congress. Her father served as superintendent, researcher and teacher. He also received his master's and doctoral degrees while they lived here. Prior to moving here, the Dowells lived in St. Paul where their father was involved in extension work. The move to northern Minnesota provided the Dowell children the opportunity to grow up in the NWSA family. One of Ruth's fondest memories was her father taking the girls to the barns in the spring to see all the baby animals.



Dr. Austin A. Dowell



The Dowell Family outside UMC's Dowell Hall: (from left) Dowell Myers, Ruth's son; Jesse Austin Myers and Benjamin Briggs Myers, Ruth's grandsons; Ruth Dowell Myers; and Sue Tuemmler, Dowell Myers' wife.

She remembers summers with Crops and Soil's Day, 4-H Camps, and Women's Camps. When visiting farmers would come for Crops and Soils Day, her mother and other faculty members would pack a supper into the Robin Hood wagon, and head to the willow grove to picnic. Life here afforded them the freedom to play "kick the can" until dark, and sometimes there would be rides on the horses in the evening. She can remember the names of some of the teams, like the Belgians, Ida and Daisy, and Maybell and Marybell, the Percherons.

In the back yard of their home, was the deer pen. Every spring they watched the does hide their fawns in the tall grass until they lost their spots. Ruth remembers the bus driver, Andy Anderson, feeding them and how the buck, Don, got mean and ended up as Christmas dinner in the dining hall.

Ruth attended grade school and junior high school in Crookston. The experiment station bus took them to town for school. Sometimes they would get to go swimming after school, and before school in the early spring if we got

up very early, they loved to go ice skating. "If it wasn't windy, the ice would freeze smooth and perfect for skating on the mall area. By the time we got home from school, the ice had become water," Ruth recalled.

Saturday night was movie night. Ruth remembers shedding tears over the 1929 silent film, *Evangeline*, starring Dolores Del Rio. She remembers many of the great stars, Buster Keaton, Charlie Chan, and others. She also remembered the first sound movie, *Babes in Toyland*. Ruth says, "It was shown at women's camp, 4-H camp, and other times, I must have seen it four or five times that summer."

Ruth's family enjoyed visiting the campus seeing some of the places of Ruth's childhood. It was interesting to her tell about discovering a bag of Norse mythology books in the attic of Kiehle and how she spent hours reading those stories. It was a treat for her family to share such memories; it was a treat for me as I listened. Ruth and her family moved in 1937 back to St. Paul. Her father taught at the Institute

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# NWSA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

## Minutes from the Annual meeting of June 29, 2002

The Northwest School of Agriculture (NWSA) Reunion Banquet and meeting were called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Gerhard Ross '45 on June 29, 2002. Invocation was given by Irene Pulkrabek Larson '44. Greetings were given by Don Sargeant, UMC Chancellor. He spoke of the fund raising efforts that have been in progress with over six million dollars raised and still one year to go. There are 5433 NWSA graduates plus 600 who took teacher's training for a total of 6033 alumni.

Gerhard Ross introduced all of the members present from the graduating classes in the 1930's. Other classes celebrating were from 1942, 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962, and 1967. A moment of silence was observed for the deceased alumni.

Del Roelofs explained the process used for selecting Top Aggies. Presently the Top Aggies consists of 81 alumni, 15 faculty and staff and 1 honorary. All of the Top Aggies attending were introduced. The Top Aggies selected for 2002 were:

Class of 1950 – Charles "Casey" Brantner presented by Dennis Driscoll  
Class of 1952 – David Haugo presented by Charles Holmquist  
Class of 1952 – Ralph and Carol Green Tucker presented by Bonnie Holmquist

Class of 1962 – Donald Strickler presented by Roger Odegaard

Del Roelofs introduced Michael Meyer, the new Director of Development. Michael presented Del with the Distinguished Service Award for his 5 ½ years of service and dedication.

Del Roelofs spoke of the 100th year commemoration in 2005 and efforts to complete the NWSA-UMC Centennial Park by 2005. Opportunities for alumni to donate to this project were encouraged either as individuals or through their graduating class. Deb and Jon Zak were the first to purchase a brick for the Memorial Wall. To be a member of the Charter Wall, applications need to be submitted before July 2004. Thanks to some of the significant contributors during the past year of \$25,000 are: Albert Peterson, Fehr Family, Harold and Alma Peterson and Milton Warner Estate. \$50,000 are: Bob and Barbara Peterson, Morris and Elaine Maruska with matching gift from 3M and designated for two scholarships. \$100,000 Endowment from Les and June Nielson. \$150,000 gift from Stan Alseth. \$1 million dollar trust – Lyle and Kathleen Kasprick.

Mike Meyer thanked the following: Carrie Tollefson for her piano entertainment, Liz Tollefson, Rose Ulseth and Ardis Thompson for their hours of work

on the reunion and presented Ardis with a bobble-head Minnesota Gopher. Book-ends were also received from Ben Bakkegard to be used in the Kiehle Heritage room. Gerhard Ross was presented with a plaque and briefcase for his years on the Board and as President. Prizes were given throughout the evening.

The annual meeting convened at this time. A motion to approve the past year's minutes was made by Charles Holmquist '52, seconded by Willie Dostal '48 and carried. A motion to approve the past year's financial report as written was made by David Haugo '52, seconded by Lorraine Love '54 and carried.

Berneil Nelson '42 presented the slate of directors. Arlone Cymbaluk '47 and Ray Dusek '57 have agreed to serve a second term. Richard Widseth '49 has agreed to fill a vacancy for a first term of three years and Harvey Pulkrabek agreed to complete the term of Warren Hamrick to 2003. Bonnie Holmquist '52 seconded the motion to elect these candidates to the NWSA Board of Directors, carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bonnie Holmquist '52, Secretary

## Dowells . . . Continued

of Agriculture and was assistant dean in charge of resident instruction.

All four of the Dowell girls attended the University of Minnesota. Hannah worked for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Margaret became a pediatrician, and Ruth graduated with a degree in English Literature. Sadly, Annette passed away about 11 years ago.

We stopped to take pictures by the Dowell Hall sign. Chancellor Sargeant explained during lunch that Dowell was our next big campus project as the windows and brickwork need attention. That building is 32 years old, and an important classroom building for the campus.

Her grandsons stopped to get shirts in the UMC book store, and we looked around the remodeling going on in Kiehle. The auditorium was getting a new coat of paint, and we took a peak

in the new server room, Ruth's grandson, Jesse, was interested in taking a look at it. After a tour of UTOC and watching the horses, they were all off to Ely, a place where Ruth spent time in the summer on Burnside Lake. Ruth is coming back to UMC though; she has another child whose family she would like to take on this journey to her childhood. Her family will all be able to share in the memories of someone who knew this campus well. Thanks for taking me along on this part of the trip, it was a pleasure!



# New Board Members Elected

The NWSA Alumni Board of Directors elected two new members in 2002. Berneil Nelson presented the slate of nominees at the June 29, 2002, meeting that followed the NWSA alumni banquet. The newly elected members are Dick Widseth '49 and Harvey Pulkrabek '48, who will finish the term of Warren Hamrick '49, who passed away June 21, 2002. The NWSA Board and the Alumni Association wish to extend their sympathy to his wife, Dorothy, and their children, Wayne, Donavon, Kevin, and Steve and their families. He will be deeply missed.

Harvey Pulkrabek and his wife, Phyllis, farmed in the Angus area for more than

fifty years. They have five children, Mary Beth, Cindy, Amy Jo, Jane, and Tony. Although retired, Harvey is still involved with farm work helping his son, Tony, when needed. Since retirement, the Pulkrabeks live on Maple Lake near Mentor, Minnesota.

Richard (Dick) Widseth grew up in Gonvick, Minnesota. After attending the NWSA, Dick went to UND and graduated with a degree in civil engineering. Currently, he lives in Bemidji and works part-time for Kraus Anderson Construction. He married Clarice (Thureen)'49, and they have five children, Cindy, Tammy, Jenny, Jeff, and Greg. Clarice passed away in 1996.

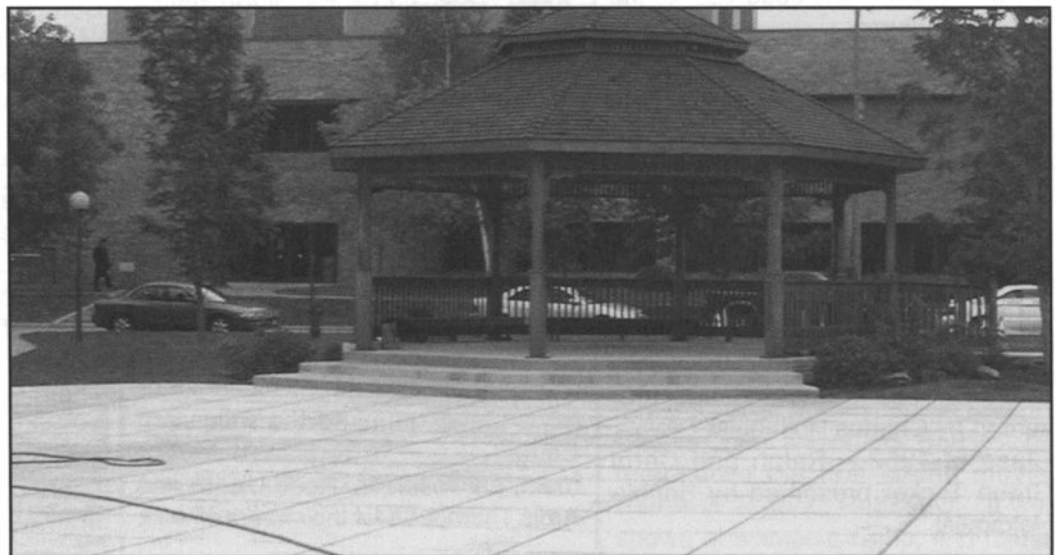
Dick has been involved in the Centennial Park Project, and he hopes to continue working to help get the project completed during his time on the board. In his free time, Dick enjoys fishing, hunting, and a little golf.

During the coming year, the board will be working in preparation for the centennial. The target date for completion of the Centennial Park is the summer of 2005 in time for the celebration. It is a pleasure to welcome these two new members to the board as we get ready for this special event.

# Gazebo Plaza Nears Completion

The UMC Grounds Team began work on a plaza area just south of the Peterson Gazebo on the Mall on Thursday, July 18. The area will serve as a gathering space for events at the gazebo and is the next step in the development of the planned NWSA/UMC Centennial Park. At the time of this printing, the plaza is nearly complete as can be seen in the photo to the right.

If you are interested in learning more about the Centennial Park concept, go to [www.crk.umn.edu/campusinfo/Tour/gazebo](http://www.crk.umn.edu/campusinfo/Tour/gazebo).



## I would like to support the Centennial Park Project

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I/we would like to support the NWSA Centennial Park Project. My/our commitment will be made as follows:

With the enclosed sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. Please make your check payable to Centennial Park Project

With a pledge of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be paid as follows: \_\_\_\_\_ contributions commencing on \_\_\_\_\_ and completed on \_\_\_\_\_ (date).

Please send your contribution to:

**NWSA Alumni Association, 2900 University Ave., Crookston, MN 56716-5001**

# 2001-02 NWSA ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

A big thank you to the following 363 individuals who contributed \$21,639 to the NWSA Alumni Annual Fund between July 1, 2001 and June 30, 2002. We surpassed both the number of donors and the amount contributed. Again, thanks to those of you who supported the alumni association and the projected expenses incurred for scholarships, newsletters, reunion and board activities, etc.

## CLASS OF 23 — \$23

Johanna Nabben Green

## CLASS OF 24 — \$20

Gladys Rice Landre

## CLASS OF 26 — \$410

Arthur Ramse  
Arvin Gorden

## CLASS OF 28 — \$106

Ernest Newhouse  
Lillian Bakken Lillemoe  
Palma Hornseth Heieren

## CLASS OF 29 — \$125

Evelyn Bierbaum Peterson  
Hazel Stephenson Halvorson

## CLASS OF 30 — \$105

Carl J Vik  
Daniel S Letnes  
William Strickler

## CLASS OF 31 — \$141

Arnold Wolden  
Hazel Noyes Perras  
Kenneth Avery  
Selma Beiswenger Knutson

## CLASS OF 32 — \$184

Irene Pearson Gunderson  
Kermit Greenly  
Reynold E Johnson  
Walter Lunsetter

## CLASS OF 33 — \$50

Paul Hansen

## CLASS OF 34 — \$34

Glenn Ellinger

## CLASS OF 35 — \$65

Burnett Bergeson  
Ebba Maattala Kral  
Margaret Lerud Garr

## CLASS OF 36 — \$220

Betty McVeety Nisbet  
Earl Newhouse  
Marian Hamre Haugen  
Olaf Dahlen  
Rosella Ecklund Moritz

## CLASS OF 37 — \$5030

Jean Barrett Smith  
Leona Kellerman  
Morris Dahl

## CLASS OF 38 — \$381

Arnold Grove  
Elaine Johnston Maruska  
Grace Johnson Hodik  
Gunder Moe  
Harold L Klemetson  
Harvey E Diamond  
Norman G Nelson  
Richard W Johnson  
Robert A Nelson  
Verne A Dahlgren  
Willard D Petersen

## CLASS OF 39 — \$505

Andor Lindberg  
Anna Jensen Sontag  
Doris Peterson  
Dorothy Hanson Bender  
Dorothy Larson Billberg  
Elwood Gustafson  
Eva Carter Thomas  
Gladys Worman  
Henry Paulson  
Katherine Ann Viker Miller  
Leona Shimek Anderson  
Martha Holtkamp  
Nannie Germunson  
Hillestrand  
Phillip A Lambert  
Ralph Hvidsten

## CLASS OF 40 — \$350

Andrew Skaar  
Eileen Setterholm Engen  
Evelyn Sorvig Radzak  
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Gladys Vesledahl Crowser  
Harold T Anderson  
Kenneth Rosvold  
Lloyd O Lund  
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Orval Johnson  
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## CLASS OF 41 — \$708

Alice Pagnac Bushaw  
Alton Knutson  
Betty Parsell  
Camilla Ecklund Johnson

Clifford J Nybo  
Harry Christiansen  
Hazel Conover Robitsch  
Heimer Swanson  
Helen Rasmussen Tangen  
Howard Heitman  
Howard Qualley  
Irwin Johnson  
James Wodahl  
Jay Bergh  
Jean Baird Olson  
June Naplin Christensen  
Robert Boucher  
Verne Green

## CLASS OF 42 — \$549

Arlene Knutson Grage  
Berneil Nelson  
Bert Tollefson  
Cleon Parduhn  
Henry Hoff Memorial given by  
sister Claryce Hoff Harriet  
Meyer Wagner  
James R Erikson  
Myra Berg Ringenberg  
Norman L Anderson  
Orville Dahlsad  
Oscar Pearson  
Howard P Anderson

## CLASS OF 43 — \$294

Berget Torkelson Taintor  
Charles Samuelson  
Della Barrett Kinney  
Emma Aune Anderson  
Gunhild Nesland DuChamp  
Myrtle Smith Jelle  
Orville Pearson

## CLASS OF 44 — \$534

Agnes Malarkey  
Calmer Johnson  
Dale Pulkrabek  
Don Krueger  
Donald Filipi  
Elvin Moran  
Nelvin Thormodson  
Orvis Engelstad  
Russell Tollefson  
Ruth Ladd Dunlap  
Vincent Wallenberg

## CLASS OF 45 — \$1705

Alla Clow Barnes  
Anna Mae Ecklund Blade

Cheryl Bjella Horton  
Colleen Skeie Aakhus  
Delores Hamre Grant  
Donald Andring  
Florence Urbaniak Kuznia  
Geneva Iverson Sparby  
George Lee  
Gerhard Ross  
Grant E Peterson  
Harold Younggren  
Irene Pulkrabek Larson  
Lloyd DuFault  
Marvin E Jensen  
Moris Webster  
Norma Meyer Swenson  
Norman Torkelson  
Pauline Finkenbinder Purath  
Phillip J Schiller  
Richard Nisbet  
Roger Ophus

## CLASS OF 46 — \$280

Allan M Carlson  
Carroll Swenson  
DeWayne Bolme  
Frances Klein Fortie  
Gordon M Thureen  
Karleen Johnson Eberly  
Mavis Hasbargen Buck  
Reuben Hanson  
Wayne Nelson  
Will Brandli

## CLASS OF 47 — \$899

Arlone Thoreson Cymbaluk  
Arnold Pearson\*\*  
Arthur E Kolle  
Betty Erikson Floan  
Clayton Engelstad  
Conrad Zak  
Donald Anderson  
Earl Dahlin  
G Lorraine Anderson Nesland  
Irvin Godtland  
Joyce Olson Hunstad  
Mel Hoeft  
Patricia L Turnmire  
Phyllis Anderson Solee  
Raymond K Johnson  
Richard A Deschene  
Ruth Baird Harker

## CLASS OF 48 — \$656

Allan G Magnusson  
Charles Vind

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# 2001-02 NWSA ANNUAL FUND DRIVE...Continued

## CLASS OF 48...continued

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Lorraine Johnson Flaten  
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Mary Perkins Yearous  
Ralph Evanson  
Richmond Lapp  
Roy Stola, Jr.  
Wilfred Taus  
Willard Brunelle  
Ray and Marvie Vesledahl  
Stromstad

## CLASS OF 49 — \$579

Arlene Pokrzywinski Johnson\*\*  
Carroll Lindstrom  
Dorothy Finkenbinder Bergh  
Elizabeth Lapp  
Floyd K Stone  
Gordon Vind  
Kenneth Poole  
Larry Younggren  
Lucille Swenson Witikko  
Ruth Giese Lau  
Steve Pauluk  
Vernon Bratvold  
Wilford Dostal

## CLASS OF 50 — \$690

Alice Grove Haaven  
Chester Dawe  
Dr. Peter E Fehr, M.D.  
Duane Wimpfheimer  
Edsel Bernstrom  
Elwood C Johnson  
Forrest R Mykleby  
Frances Hofacre Tribon  
James Brubakken  
Kathryn Kowaliok Hall  
Lyle Kasprick  
Marion Grefthem Lundquist  
Phil Hamre

## CLASS OF 51 — \$540

Ardis Overgaard Searles  
Dale Finkenbinder  
Duaine Moe  
Gerald M Nelson  
James Pulkrabek  
Jon Rhude  
Joyce Eftefield Sather  
Kathryn Blair Huber  
Kenneth Gruhot

Kenneth Rue  
Kenneth Szymanski  
Melvin C. Olson  
Nyla Finney Carson  
Roger D Samuelson  
Vi Jensrud Kaus  
Willard C Johnson

## CLASS OF 52 — \$1084

Charles & Bonnie Vesledahl  
Holmquist  
Darlene Lewis-Lucas  
David Haugo  
Donald P Venn  
Eugene Driscoll  
Harland Bohach  
Jens M Bolstad  
Lawrence Ricard  
Mark Chisholm  
Mary Randall Norgart  
Orlan Stolaas  
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Richard Parent  
Robert J Ricard  
Vilma Zar Thompson

## CLASS OF 53 — \$256

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Dennis Thorson  
Doris Tollefson Desautels  
Harold Vig  
Lowell Hamrick  
Marian Pederson Cerkowniak  
Maxine Finkenbinder Thody  
Richard C Swenson  
Shirley Jensrud Johnsen

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Allen and Lorraine Zipoy Love  
Bruce Kramer  
Charles A Jenson  
Donald Hettervig  
Evelyn Holy Bancroft  
Floyd D Horgen  
Grant Satre  
James O Winkler  
Marshal Guntzburger  
Neal Bjornson  
Neil Hegg  
Pastor Gordon Syverson  
Paul Eggebraaten  
Raymond Beck  
Tom Sczepanski

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David O Mickelson Jr

Donald Wald  
Donna Miller Swan  
Glen and Marlys Love  
Finkenbinder  
Harlene O Hagen  
James O Olson  
Keith P Chisholm  
Marilyn Balstad Melby  
Wallace Eftefield  
Bernice Jones Rosett

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Bill Moser  
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David Goosen  
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Harold Derosier  
Joseph Jaszczak  
Marilyn Hovet Dehning  
Ronald Sluka  
Sadie Carlson Gohdes  
William T Rasmussen

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Keith D Bjerke  
Larry J Kresl  
Roger Ulseth

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Larry L Kennedy  
Mylo Carlson  
Ray and Elaine Anderson  
Robert A Larson  
Ronald E Filipy\*\*  
Ronald Sharp

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Curtis H Carlson  
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Kenneth R Beauchane  
Philip J Bohnsack  
Ronald Hiller

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Donna Babinski Kuta\*\*  
Gerald K Smith  
Leo Jaszczak  
Richard Danielson  
Richard W Rude  
Roberta Bohnsack Hagert  
Roger Odegaard

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Tucker  
Deane R Scharmer  
Diane Mayers Matzke  
Eddie Biwer  
Harry Slominski  
Henry Woitzel  
James D Kemp  
Major Harvey E Peterson  
Odell Nelson

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Bonita Bohnsack Rotvold  
Dale Charais  
Daniel Pedersen  
Dennis Sanda  
Don Strickler  
Ernest Swift  
Gloria Nelson Holte  
John Sannes  
Mark H Hoper  
Roger Rivard

## CLASS OF 63 — \$215

Allan Stromstad  
Betty Swanson Olson  
Neva Sem Burdick  
Ronald Beauchane  
Wilfred Huot

## CLASS OF 64 — \$389

Claudia Hanson Deery  
G Roger Asplin  
Judy Rivard Schuster  
Lloyd F Jirava  
T R Saxman  
Vern Cleveland  
Wayne Odegaard  
William Gatheridge

## CLASS OF 65 — \$55

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Daniel Wallace  
Henry Steer, Jr.

## CLASS OF 66 — \$100

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Kenneth Arnold  
Walt Christensen  
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Royal Rivard

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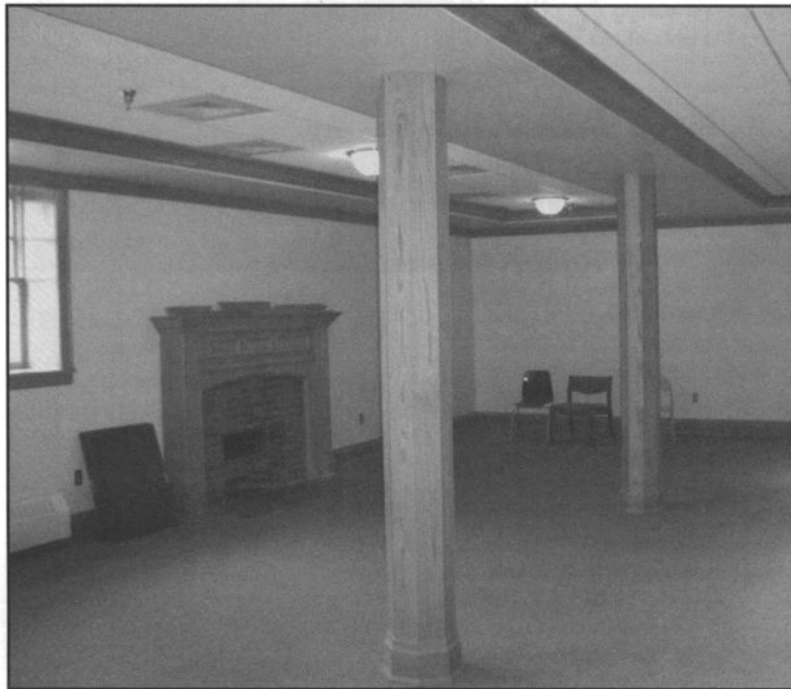
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# Kiehle Nearing Completion

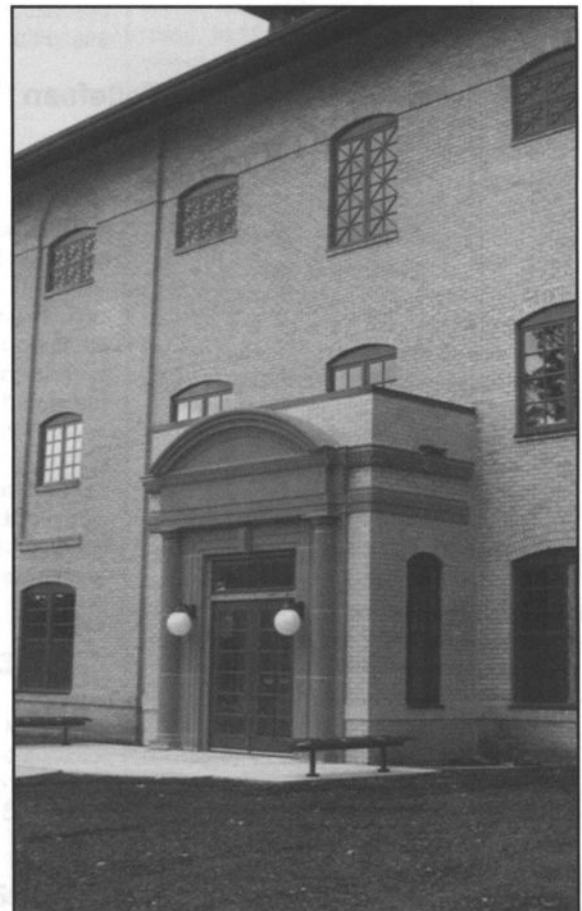


The new south entry and rotunda (above left) fits in well with the historic architecture of the original Kiehle Building.



The NWSA/UMC Heritage Room features spectacular new woodwork and a new mantle for the fireplace.

The Kiehle Renovation Project is almost completed. At the time of this printing, the project has not yet been approved for occupancy, but officials believe that by early to mid-October, the building will be in use. To see more photos of the construction progress on the Web, go to: [www.crk.umn.edu/special/construction01/kiehle.htm](http://www.crk.umn.edu/special/construction01/kiehle.htm)



Framed in red sandstone, the historic east entrance to the Kiehle building has been reconstructed. One would be hard pressed to discern that this is not the original stone and brick.



## **TREASURED SEASONS**

*For everything there is an appointed season.  
And a time for everything under the heaven —  
A time for sharing. A time for caring. A time for loving.  
A time for giving. A time for remembering. A time for parting.  
You have made everything beautiful in its time  
For everything you do remains forever.*

## *In Memory Of . . .*

### **Cora Koppang Stortroen '27-28**

Climax, MN  
June 30, 2002

### **Charles "Bub" Buus '27-28**

Bemidji, MN  
July 13, 2002

### **Evelyn Sheldrew Tollefsen '30**

Salcha, AK  
May 15, 2002

### **Arlo Bergh '35**

St Vincent, MN  
September 21, 2002

### **Glenn Ellinger '35**

Crookston, MN  
August 15, 2002

### **Harry Coulter '36**

San Francisco, CA  
May 14, 2002

### **Louis Barrick '41**

Hastings, MN  
July 26, 2002

### **Harold Lambert '41**

Thief River Falls, MN  
August 30, 2002

### **Henry Hoff '42**

Fergus Falls, MN  
February 7, 2002

### **Edwin A. Pearson '42**

Bullhead, AZ  
August 24, 2002

### **Clara Syverson**

**Quam '42**  
McIntosh, MN  
August 21, 2002

### **Warren Hamrick '49**

Warren, MN  
June 21, 2002

### **Robert Mosher '49**

Grygla, MN  
May 25, 2002

### **Donald James Wald '55**

Stephen, MN  
July 16, 2002

### **Ronald A Schultz '60**

Buxton, ND  
May 1, 2002

### **Douglas R Adams '61**

Reynolds, ND  
May 4, 2002

### **Francis Olmstead '66**

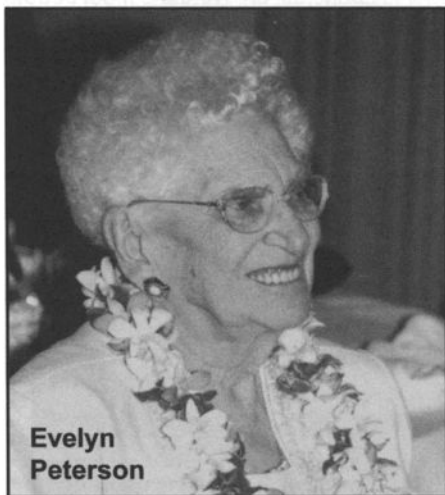
Grand Forks, ND  
May 25, 2002

# Class Notes

## **EVELYN BIERBAUM PETERSON '29**

*Villa Park, IL*

I am 90 years old and live with my daughter Margaret in the Chicago suburb of Villa Park, where she is a high school Art teacher. I belong to St. Paul Lutheran Church in Villa Park, IL. I enjoy visits to Edina, MN, to see my son Keith and his family and their dog, my pal Rudy. In June 2002 I'm going to Maui with my daughter and six of her travel friends. I would love to hear from anyone else from the class of 1929. Greetings to all!

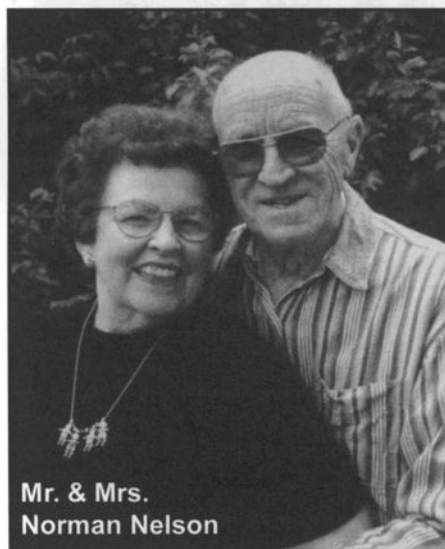


**Evelyn  
Peterson**

## **NORMAN G NELSON '38**

*Bagley, MN*

Married 55 years with 4 children. Retired CEO from Nelson Quality Eggs, Inc. Spend winters in AZ.



**Mr. & Mrs.  
Norman Nelson**

## **ROBERT W JOHNSON '44**

*Boonton Township, NJ*

You deserve an award for finding me after the many moves I have made over 58 years! I have fond memories of my years at NWSA and enjoy receiving the newsletter.

## **MARIAN LINDHOLM CARLSON '45**

*Plymouth, MN*

I went to Moorhead state for my teaching degree. After Harvey and I got married, we made our home in the Chicago area. My four children were born there. We moved to Minneapolis in 1967. I was a teacher for 38 years. Harvey was killed in a car accident in 1974. I have 4 children, 13 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren. I do volunteer work in the schools and my church since I retired. I do a lot of crafts, walk for half an hour every day around the ponds by my townhouse and enjoy my family and stay very healthy and happy.

## **JOANNE BENSON DREYER '53**

*Austin, MN*

I retired when I was 62. My husband had first heart attack in '87 followed by a second in '97 while we lived in CO. My husband and second daughter Denise decided to move to MN so my husband could be close to Mayo Clinic. My husband passed away April 10, 2001, one day before his 64th birthday. My son still lives in CO and I will move back. One daughter is moving to TX and one is moving to a farm with her boyfriend. Oldest daughter is living in Missouri. I have three grandchildren and my oldest granddaughter is getting married in September.

## **ROBERT W KRESL '53**

*Crookston, MN*

I am semi-retired. I live in Crookston and on the farm at Erskine, MN, in the summer and in Bullhead City, AZ, in the winter. I will be helping to organize our 50<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion in 2003.

## **CLARENCE GROVE '55**

*Williston, VT*

After graduation from the NWSA in 1955, I spent one year working on my father's farm. Then in the fall of 1956 I enrolled at the

University of Minnesota at Minneapolis. I was not sure what I wanted to do and changed my major several times until I saw my first computer. Instantly I knew computers would be my future. Because there were no courses at the University in Computer Science, I majored in mathematics and physics. After graduation in 1961, I worked at Remington Rand in St. Paul until the fall. Then IBM made me an offer.

In February of 1962, the same week that John Glenn made his first trip into space, I started to work for IBM at Rochester, MN. After spending a year learning the electronic data processing business, I enrolled in a class to learn computer programming. After graduating in the top of my class I got an offer to work at the Thomas J Watson Research Center in Yorktown Heights, NY. While working with the Russian language translation project, I learned the art and science of computer programming. In 1967 we moved to San Jose, CA, where I had the opportunity to work on computer operating systems. Working there I received an outstanding contribution award for my work on operating systems advancements. In 1970 we (by now we were a family of six) moved to Burlington, VT, to work on process control applications.

At that time IBM Burlington was in the early stages of computer chip development and many of the tools used to manufacture the chips were lacking in good repeatable process controls. In the early 70s our team started with process monitoring of the tools to improve their performance. In the mid-70s when the next generation of process equipment was installed we built tools with complete computer control. As product moved through the line, one major problem we had to solve was to send data about the product from one computer to another.

At that time all computers were stand-alone units, and any data transferred from one computer to another was done manually. In a real-time application this is unacceptable. To solve this problem I designed and built the first communication system that allowed any computer to transmit data to any other computer. This chip manufacturing line was the first in the industry to use computers to control the tools. Today it is very common to see complex tools controlled by computers. Hospitals have

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# Class Notes

a great deal of equipment that is run by computers.

In 1977 I had the good fortune to go to Europe to install a facsimile of this process line at IBM Sindelfingen, Germany. The six of us lived in Germany for one and a half years. In the winter we skied the Alps and in summer we spent our weekends traveling all over Europe. In all we visited sixteen countries and traveled over 40 thousand miles in Europe. We returned home on the QE II Ocean Liner arriving in New York City on the fourth of July. The next 11 years we focused on seeing our four children through high school and college. They all graduated from the University of Vermont with a degree in Computer Science or Electrical Engineering. Vince our oldest is an executive at Cisco Systems and lives in the Boston area, Dan our youngest is an engineer at Intel and lives in San Diego. Leah worked at Siebel Systems as a Senior Software Sales Consultant and Jennifer works at Fluke Networks as a programmer and product planner and lives in Colorado Springs.

During the 80s I worked on the development of microprocessors on a single chip. Prior to this, processors were much larger and one could always open the back door of a computer and rewire it to fix any logic problems. When a processor is integrated on a single chip it is impossible to rewire it to make a fix. This meant that the chip had to be perfect before it was manufactured. I invented a method that revolutionized the art of logic verification to ensure that a chip was perfect before it was manufactured. This method is used today by all designers of complex logic for computer chips.

In 1989 Lynn and I returned to Germany and I worked at the IBM Development Lab in Boblingen. I worked with a German team developing a cross-bar switching network which allowed 64 computers to work together as one. This System was installed at CERN in Switzerland's Atomic Research Center. In 1991 we returned home and I returned to work at IBM Burlington. In 1993 we moved to TX where I set up a department to support the marketing of the PowerPC Microprocessor. This processor

is used today in the Apple Computer. This job took me away from home almost every other week. In 1995 I was asked to return to Burlington to work on a special microprocessor project which put both the PowerPC and the Intel architecture on a single chip. The chip was a success but the product never made it to market.

After returning to Burlington we built our home on a mountain top which overlooks the Adirondack Mountains in New York, Lake Champlain, the Green Mountains of Vermont and the city of Burlington. In 1997 I retired after 35 years at IBM, however, I was called back to work in 1999 to write the manual for a microprocessor IBM developed for the new Game Cube toy for Nintendo. That same year I also helped Hughes Satellite and Space Co. integrate

IBM microprocessors into their Satellites they use for Direct Television Systems. These microprocessors keep the satellites stable in their geosynchronous locations in space. I finally retired for good in 2000 and now we spent our winters at our home in southwest Florida, just outside of Naples. In the summer we spend our time in Vermont and weekends at our cottage on Lake Champlain. I have been around the world twice, visited six continents, all fifty states, over 40 countries and now am happy to just revisit the good old USA. Winter is spent playing tennis and biking and summer is spent just enjoying the most beautiful state in the union, Vermont, of course. This year Lynn (Lynn Chase '59 Fosston) and I celebrated our 42<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary.

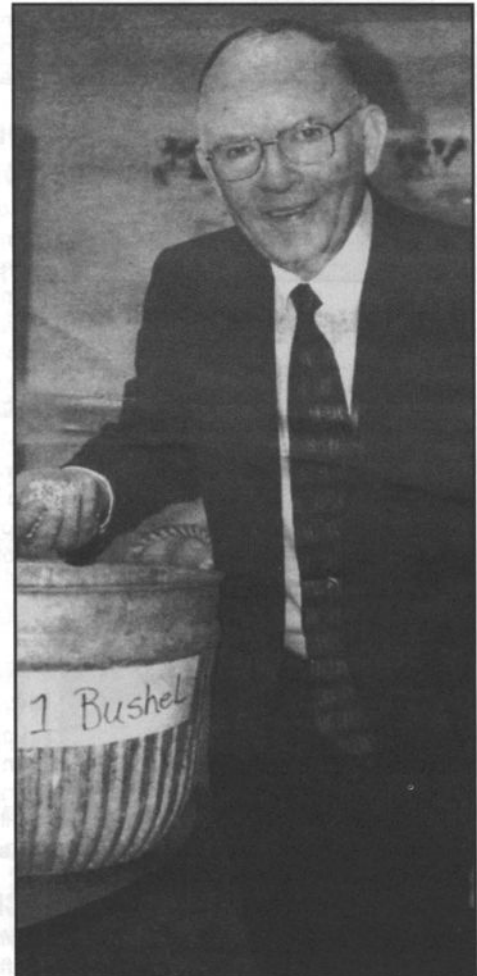


## ED FREDERICK (Faculty 58-64)

Waseca, MN

Excerpt from the *Waseca County News*.

Ed Frederick received the 2001 Waseca Rotary Club's Service Above Self Award. Frederick is being recognized for the countless contributions he has made to the field of agriculture throughout his life, not only in Waseca County, in Minnesota or the United States, but throughout the world. "I have set goals my entire life, and all of the organizations I have worked with and promoted have been tuned into those goals," Frederick's said.



# Have we heard from you lately?

To submit an item for Class Notes just fill out this form and send it to: Ardis Thompson, 2900 University Ave., Crookston MN 56716 or E-mail: [ardis@mail.crk.umn.edu](mailto:ardis@mail.crk.umn.edu)

**Photos of you and/or your family are welcome!**

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Information/news that you wish to share with your NWSA classmates and friends. (New job, retirement, family achievements, hobbies, etc.) **PLEASE SEND A PHOTO!**

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# UMC Development Office Welcomes New Staff

The UMC Development Office has undergone a few changes in the last eight months. Del Roelofs stepped down as the Director of Development in January, and he is now working as a development officer half time. Del had served as director since January 1997.

Michael Meyer is UMC's new Director of Development. He came aboard on February 14, 2002, and has been very busy in his new role. Mike's first goal has been to assemble a quality development staff that will be able to help UMC to reach all of its financial and program goals as the University continues to grow. The second was to add some new ideas to the already successful annual fund drives. This year's fund drives have included new flyers and the use of e-mail. The results of both the Northwest School of Agriculture Heritage Fund and the Annual Faculty/Staff Fund Drive were outstanding! Mike can be contacted by e-mail at [meyer243@umn.edu](mailto:meyer243@umn.edu) or at 218.281.8434.

Mike's career prior to UMC included serving as Director of Development for Special Olympics of North Dakota, Marketing Director for the University of New Mexico Lobo Athletic Program in Albuquerque, and Assistant Athletic Director for the University of North Dakota, his alma mater.



Scott Oliver, former UMC football and hockey coach, has joined the Development Office as an Associate Director of Development. Scott will focus on fundraising for UMC

athletics. He remains involved in coaching as UMC's assistant hockey coach.

Scott came to UMC in 1987 as head hockey coach. In his nine years coaching hockey here, his teams took two national junior college championships and compiled an impressive 81% win-loss record. Since then, he has served as the defensive football coordinator and then in 1995, he became head football coach, a position he held for seven years. Scott's overall record for coaching football at UMC is 36-35, and in 1997 he led the UMC Golden Eagles to the NAIA playoffs for the first time in school history.

By adding Scott to the development office staff, UMC will continue its goal of providing our outstanding coaches and student athletes the opportunity to be competitive at the NCAA II level. You can contact Scott by e-mail at [soliver@mail.crk.umn.edu](mailto:soliver@mail.crk.umn.edu) or at 218.281.8421.



Liz Tollefsen has been hired as Assistant Development Officer and will focus on grant development, alumni and athletic publications, and assist with promotional materials.

Since the fall of 2000, Liz has worked in the Development Office as part-time support. She has a degree in Scientific and Technical Communication from UMC and has been working full time since July. Liz can be contacted by e-mail at [ltollefs@mail.crk.umn.edu](mailto:ltollefs@mail.crk.umn.edu) or at 218.281.8432.

As Director, Meyer sums the staff changes up this way, "With the additions of Scott Oliver and Liz Tollefsen to an experienced staff featuring former director, Del Roelofs, and Ardis Thompson, we have a wealth of experience and contacts across a broad range of interests. This will allow us to focus on our specific areas of expertise and still come together to coordinate our large events. We will be able to reach even more alumni and friends than ever before and show the appreciation for the support as never before."

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