



Hennig fondly remembers her time at NWSA



Kathrine Hennig at home with her music.

Katherine Hennig, vocal music teacher from 1933 to 1937, recalls her time at the Northwest School fondly. "It was a special place and time," she said. Katherine came to teach at the Northwest School right after graduating from the university and this was her first full-time teaching job. It was the depression, teaching jobs were not plentiful at that time, and schools were not able to pay very much.

When this city girl came to Crookston for "two university quarters," it was truly an adventure. She was in the country (a new experience), she

encountered some students who were older than she was, and she found a school that lived like a community, like a family.

The faculty advisors to each class were very important. Besides guiding them, they might also feel like substitute parents or big brothers or sisters. Aggie alumni of every class still tell us about the dedicated interest and help of these more experienced family members - their faculty advisors.

Katherine said that initially one of the very attractive parts of this position offered in Crookston, was the school year schedule. With six months

in classes here, she would have six months during which she could study. She spent time in both the Twin Cities and in New York City continuing her study of opera performance.

One of the highlights of this first teaching experience for Katherine was the opportunity to teach students who were "like sponges, soaking up everything they could." That enthusiasm for learning, for life, is a characteristic of NWSA people that is still mentioned in both faculty and student recollections. Katherine got to help some students who had never studied music, but jumped right in with that "try anything" Aggie spirit.

There was a commitment on campus to having more in your life than just a specialty. For example, she recalls scientists who also enjoyed regularly performing in drama or music activities. And the Northwest School students benefitted from those role models, and followed that example in their own lives.

These diverse specialties helped each other out in the classroom also. Katherine remembers substituting for Mr. Kaiser from Ag Engineering, who was gone to present a scientific paper. He had left her directions that included writing some test material on the chalkboard. Now, this was definitely not her subject area, but she wanted to help out a colleague, and she too was curious about areas outside of her own. She laughs as she recalls how the students seemed to feel responsible to help her get things arranged on the board with the breaks in the places that would present the problems so they could work them.

Her scientist colleagues were called on to substitute for her now and then also. And some of them were able to be creative as they answered students' questions.

Katherine was a vocal performer who was called on regularly to perform both on and off campus. Her

trained, glorious voice brought much pleasure to listeners during the years she spent here.

After leaving the Northwest School of Agriculture, Katherine continued her vocal performance career and her teaching career as well. Other parts of the country have had the pleasure of hearing her trained soprano voice. She spent time performing in New York and touring. She cherishes her memories of those days, and continued to perform in the midwest after she returned here to care for her mother.

Not long ago she was on the stage again in St. Paul for an impromptu performance at the Ordway. Pearl Bailey was performing there, and Katherine had worked with her before. Pearl knew she was in the audience, and called her up on stage so they could do a number together! Were you there? Did you know she had a Northwest School connection?

Vocal performance students at both the College of St. Catherine and at Augsburg College in the Twin Cities have benefitted from her expert instruction. And they still are. As Professor Emeritus in the music department at Augsburg, she maintains a studio there, but spends less time teaching now.

Katherine remembers her students as individuals. She tells of how a young man who had been one of her students at the Northwest School called her up years later, and brought his children to sing for her. The Heritage continues. She is understandably proud of the student from St. Catherine's who became a Metropolitan Opera performer in New York, and then directed an opera school.

She enjoys the times when she can get together with old friends, and she does regularly see people she met while living up here in the Red River Valley. If you're going to be in the Twin Cities, she's "in the book" and would welcome your call.

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to be held Saturday, June 24, 1989
at the University of Minnesota, Crookston
See you there!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

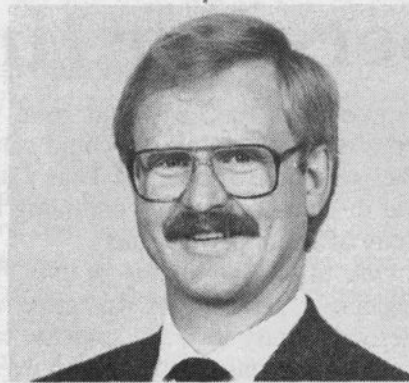


Crosby's Comments...

Many "Aggies" have commented on the Heritage Fund and how they cannot help out now as much as they would like to, but they have remembered the Heritage Fund in their estates.

Those comments have initiated this column to provide NWSA Alumni with some financial planning information.

I hope you enjoy this article and those to come.



Blake Crosby

Planning could make donation to Heritage Fund wise decision

When considering a contribution, people most often think in terms of an outright gift, such as those made annually to the Northwest School Heritage Fund. But there is another form of giving that can benefit both our campus and you. It's called planned giving and it could just make a donation to the Heritage Fund a wise investment strategy.

Planned giving is frequently thought of as a complex financial tool. This is a misconception. In actuality, planned giving is relatively easy to understand. All you need to do is provide us with the amount you wish to contribute, your date of birth and when you would like to begin receiving income payments. That's right -

most of our planned gifts entail some kind of lifetime income payment for you.

Take John Jones for example. John has enjoyed farming since childhood. Although he would like to make a donation to the Heritage Fund, he would like to keep a rainy day fund for his retirement ten years from now. John opts for a \$10,000 deferred gift annuity, which works something like an IRA. In exchange for his donation, we will provide John with \$1,060 a year for the rest of his life, once he turns 62. (Part of the \$1,050 will be tax exempt). On top of that, John can take an approximate \$7,000 charitable deduction immediately. John provides us with just a few facts, and we do the rest. It's that easy.

Others believe that planned gifts are only for the wealthy or elderly. That, too, is a misconception. Planned giving is gaining popularity among a much younger group seeking the financial benefits of a contribution.

Jane Smith graduated twenty years ago. She attended the Northwest School of Agriculture with assistance from her father; now she wants to return something to him. Although Jane cannot make a large gift at this time, she does feel comfortable committing \$1,000 a year for the next ten years to a pooled income fund. In exchange, Jane will be eligible to receive quarterly income for the rest of her life. At the end of ten years, her contributions will have accumulated to the point that an endowed fund can be established in her father's name. In addition, Jane can name her father as beneficiary of her quarterly income payments.

Planned gifts can be tailored to your personal circumstances to achieve the most advantageous reductions in your current income and

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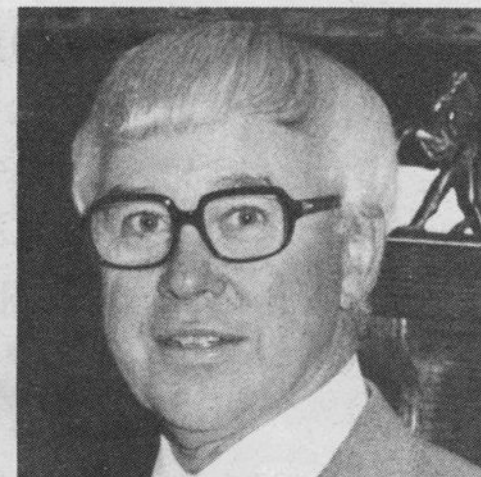
From the president...

I'm glad that I get to drop a note to each of you this time of year about the upcoming Reunion; Thinking Reunion makes me feel a lot warmer, especially as I look at our 20 plus inches of snow and below zero temperatures!

I'm particularly excited this year because my class will be celebrating at the Reunion. I look forward, as all of you do, to seeing my former classmates; and to seeing many of you who also proudly carry the "AGGIE" label.

Read the Reunion information that is included in this newsletter and make plans to join us. If not for all day, just come to the Banquet and the dance.

By now all of you should have been contacted by mail or phone to contribute to the Northwest School Heritage Fund. Don't pass it off as just another "hand out asking for



Dick Widseth

more money." We need your help! Only you can perpetuate the Reunions, the newsletters, the White House Alumni Center, and the memories that are part of the "AGGIE SPIRIT!"

Have a good year. Stay in touch and make your Reunion plans! Thank you.



Reunion planning gets class leaders excited about the summer.

Alumni groups hold meeting

On a cold December night, the Northwest School Alumni Association Board members and their spouses joined the UMC Alumni Planning Council, and representatives of the college for the second annual on-campus holiday social.

Members of both alumni groups appreciated the chance to hear about each other's school memories and association plans. Allen and JoAnn St. Germain '56, were even able to spend some time that evening visiting their daughter, Doreen, who is a UMC sophomore.

It was definitely worth the trip out in the cold weather! The company was friendly, the White House and the whole campus looked beautiful, and

the food was fantastic too.

Blake Crosby and Hallie Harron, a consulting chef who has recently moved to the area, planned a Russian dinner for us that provided wonderful taste sensations. The heritage of Hallie's grandmother was the source of most of the recipes, including Basil chicken, Blinis, Beet Borscht, and other delights.

And while everyone sampled these taste treats, the conversation moved, in Northwest School tradition, to sharing the family customs of people brought together by the Northwest School. This custom of sharing has made memories for generations of Aggies.

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Planning for Reunion '89 starting to take shape

Class leaders are working hard to plan an exciting reunion for "Aggies". It looks like they are having fun reminiscing too as they organize the June 24, 1989 Northwest School Reunion.

We're including the list of honored classes, the class leaders for each group, and a list of some of the class members who plan to join us for Reunion '89. Here's your chance to get old study groups, or recreation teams together again - on the mall.

The Alumni office is coordinating the 75th reunion for the class of 1914; the 70th for the class of 1919, and the 65th for the class of 1924. Three members of the class of '24 have let us know they will be here so far; Stella (Sorenson) Larson, Andrew Wardeberg, and Alfred Voxland. Keep those letters coming to the White House Alumni Center.

The 60th reunion of the class of 1929 class leader is Mrs. Arthur (Evelyn Bain) Erickson of Baudette, MN. Amongst those planning to attend are; Harold Cordes, Alice (Naplin) Dumas, Edna (Röss) Hanson, Tilmor Johnson, Winton Knutson, Olga (Johnson) Konickson, Robert W. Larson, and Emmet Olson. Others are still hoping to join the "gang". The main contact person for this class is Evelyn (Bain) Erickson, Baudette, MN 56623, 218/634-1966.

The 55th reunion of the class of 1934 is being led by Paul Billberg, Gail Rowley, Ralph Sheldon, and Lois (Sargent) Smith. Paul stopped in at the White House recently and was sharing a few memories with us of this class's years. On Halloween, who did let the lamb and the chickens loose in the women's dormitory? He recalled the interest in throwing the cannon balls around campus, and the day that Professor A.M. Foker greased them while the students were eating, so no one could throw them! Those were the days.

These class leaders hope to be joined by several classmates. Included in the list of those planning to attend are: Helen (Krogstad) Clementson, Frederick Egeland, and Gilbert Gunderson. The main class leader is Paul Billberg, RR, Wannaska, MN 56761, 218/425-7287.

Can it really be 50 years since the class of '39 graduated? The leaders of that group are William Gatheridge, Anna (Jensen) Shaide, and Dean Younggren. We have reservations for many of their classmates too. Chester Anderson starts the list, followed by Leona (Shimek) Anderson, Dorothy

(Hanson) Bender, Bill Bettels, Dorothy (Larson) Billberg, Esther (Ruebke) Brandt, Ledyard Burhans, Donald R. Carlson, Edith (Petersen) Cornelius, Dell Durbahn, Harlan Ellinger, Donald Geddes, Elwood Gustafson, Arden "Red" Hanson, Nannie (Germunson) Hillesland, Ralph Hvidsten, Talbert Koppang, Phillip Lambert, Arnold Larson, Helen (Carlson) Lee, Clifford Manning, Faville Moen, Dorothy (Kliner) Moland, Edith (Ramberg) Nabben, Frances Pearson, Doris Peterson, and Eleanor (Johnston) Wittman. The lead contact person is William Gatheridge, Box 53, Humboldt, MN 56731, 218/379-3265.

Kenneth Price is the leader for the class of '44, who will be celebrating their 45 year reunion. They have been responsive to the letters, and we have confirmations from many members. Clifford Anderson, Lamar Anderson, Eleanor (Dufault) Bergeron, Evelyn (Brandli) Berry, Adeline (McKibbin) Blomquist, Larry Breen, Bernadine (Nesland) Breiland, Gerald Burke, Rosalie (Srnsky) Calleny, Lester Casavan, John Caskey, Emmanuel Dahlsad, Orvis Engelstad, T. James Gustafson, Cheryl (Bjella) Horton, Calmer Johnson, Geri (Nelson) Kliner, Irene (Pulkrabek) Larson, Orrin Madson, Grant Peterson, Oliver Sorenson, Nelvin Thormodson, Alfred Wiger, all plan to attend the reunion. The main leader contact is Kenneth Price, RR 1, Box 124, Stephen, MN 56757, 218/478-2453.

The class of '49 is led by Clarice (Thureen) Widseth, Marie (Vesledahl) Stromstad, Dorothy (Finkenbinder) Bergh, and former faculty member Hershel Lysaker. It looks like close to 40 members of this group will reconvene on June 24. Here's who we know about so far: Diane (Swenson) Arnold, Larry Bergh, Willard Brunelle, Dagny (Roley) Christenson, Wilford Dostal, Gaylan Eisert, Maryls (Sargent) Engelstad, Lorraine (Johnson) Flaten, Dean Godtland, Manvel Green, Warren Hamrick, James Holm, Lauritz Jensen, Arlene (Pokrzywinski) Johnson, Lavonne (Thoreson) Johnson, Elizabeth Lapp, Buddy Magnusson, Arvin Mandt, Marjorie (Ophus) Mjelde, Andrew Nielsen, Duane Nelson, Mary Ann (Schei) Olsen, DeForest Palm, Steve Pauluk, Kenneth Poole, Jerome Ruich, Herbert Rutherford, Gloria (Filipi) Strandberg, Alice (Chruszch) Swanson, Wilfred Taus, Chester Van Raden, Joel Vesledahl, Charles Vind, Gordon Vind, Rodney Webster. The main contact person for this reunion is Clarice (Thureen) Wid-

seth, 909 Groveland Ave., Crookston, MN 56716, 218/281-4732.

The class of 1954 also plans to be well represented as they commemorate their 35th. They are led by Richard Kluzak, Evelyn (Holy) Bancroft, Lorraine (Ziploy) Love, Wallace Sparby, and Ernest Taus. They look forward to renewing friendships with classmates from near and far. Irene Anderson, Elmer Halstensgaard, Donald Hettervig, Robert Hoekstra, Bruce Kramer, Wayne Mosher, Shirley (Willett) Norland, Vernon Ricard, Don Roberts, Grant Satre, Dean Skjerven, David Viker, Mary (Benson) Wagar, and Neil Wogsland all plan to attend. Others say they hope to be here too. Your main contact person is Richard Kluzak, 3204 15th Ave. S.E., Fargo, ND 701/232-7275.

The class of '59 is led by Terry Dahl and Vicki (Kosmatka) Schreiner as they prepare to celebrate 30 years since graduation. Their classmates have fond memories of extra-curricular activities from athletics to card games in the dorm. Amongst those planning to return for the reunion are: Art Brandli, Robert Eastman, Boyd Goosen, Philip Grage, James

Hutton, Anton Kraft, Lawrence Peterson, Joel Riendeau, John Schol, David Schreiner, Arthur Schroder, Norman Sheldon, John Weiland, Raymond Zammert, and Joe Zimny. Your main contact person is Terry Dahl, RR #1, Drayton, ND 701/455-6298.

Twenty five years. Nah, this young group couldn't have been apart that long! The class of '64 reunion is being led by Judy (Rivard) Schuster, Lyle Wilkens, and Leroy Opdahl. They look forward to seeing many of their classmates on June 24. We have these names so far: Francis Bellamy, Robert Bergeron, Vern Cleveland, Alan Dahnke, Claudia (Hanson) Deery, John Drees, Roger Fischer, Bill Gatheridge, Pixie (Gunderson) Grindeland, Maurice Helgeson, Judy Karr, Robert Odegaard, Wayne Odegaard, Gary Pedersen, Marvin Schneider, Chuch Steer, Larry Tucker. They have fond memories of the beautiful campus, meeting in the Aggie Inn - or under the evergreens, but most of all the friendships.

The "Aggie" family reunion will be a winner. See you all on June 24, 1989 on the campus.

Schedule of Events Saturday, June 24, 1989

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Registration Food Service Building
12 noon	Lunch Food Service Building
1 p.m. to 3 p.m.	Campus Tours
3:30 to 5 p.m.	Class meeting and pictures taken on the campus mall (5x7-color)
5:30 p.m.	Banquet and Awards

Program

8:30 p.m. to 12 a.m.	Dancing in Bede Ballroom to Hersch Lysaker's Band
White House Alumni Center open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.	

To anyone coming in on Friday: There will be an All "Aggie" Social at 8 p.m. at the Northland Lodge in Crookston.

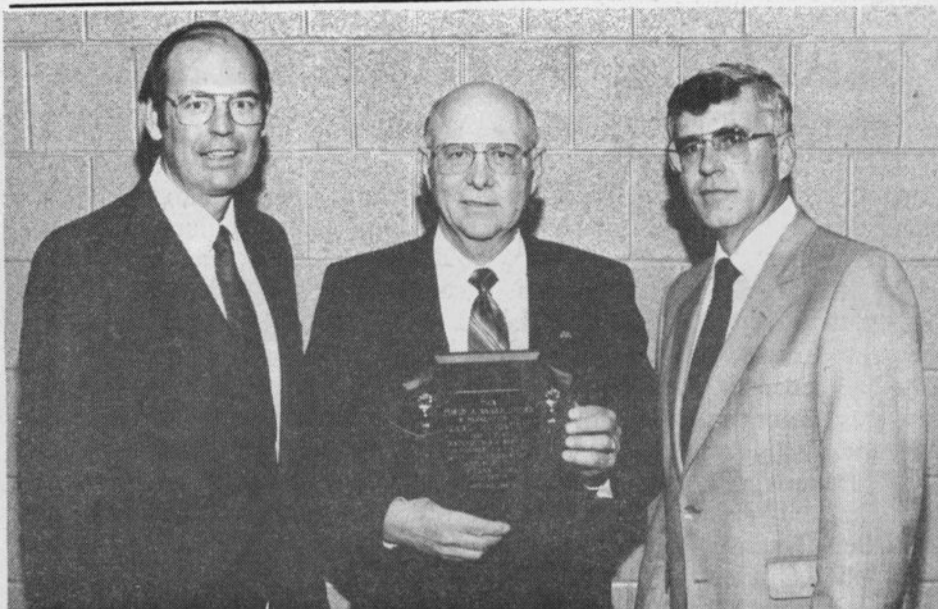
"One of the best things about the Northwest School was they took a bunch of us 'green kids' and taught us all how to live and get along together."

Paul Billberg, '34

Planning

estate taxes. In the next few issues of our newsletter we will discuss other kinds of planned gifts and give you some additional ideas. In the mean-

time, if you would like further information about our planned giving program, call Blake Crosby at 218-281-6510, ext. 435.



Chancellor Don Sargeant and Superintendent Larry Smith present the Torch and Shield Award to Earl Hvidsten.



Superintendent Larry Smith and Chancellor Don Sargeant present the Torch and Shield Award to Art Brandli.

Brandli, Hvidsten among Torch and Shield recipients

Art Brandli '59 and Earl Hvidsten '41 were amongst the eight men and women recognized by UMC at the Torch and Shield Banquet in November 1988. This award is presented to distinguished individuals who have provided leadership and aided in the development of the college. Recipients are selected by a committee from a large number of names submitted by various groups. The awards banquet was co-sponsored by the Northwest Educational Improvement Association and the College Liaison Committee of the Crookston Area Chamber of Commerce.

Both Art and Earl have helped the university to become stronger. Art chairs the All-College Advisory Committee, has worked with several development committees at UMC, and is a member of the Associates 1000 Club.

In his community, Art Brandli is past president of the church council, chairs the Warroad Farmers Union Oil Co., and the Warroad School Board. He and Nancy and their four children were honored as Roseau County's Outstanding Farm Family of the year in 1985.

Earl Hvidsten is president of the Northwest Educational Improvement Association, is a member of the Uni-

versity Presidents Club, has served on development committees, and as a class leader for Northwest School Reunions.

Earl has held "most offices" in his

church, served as mayor of Stephen for eight years, was founder and is president of the Farmers Grain Co., was a charter director of the Red River Valley Potato Growers Association,

and was president of the local Lions Club, and Deputy District Governor. He and Gloria have two children and four grandchildren.



New members of the Associates 1000 were honored during the Torch and Shield Banquet held in November 1988 at the UMC campus. Seated left to right: Lucille Weiss, Red Lake Falls; Gayle Nelson, Crookston; Mary Bywater, Crookston; Merliene Vennes, Fosston; Dottie Adkins, Detroit Lakes; Barbara Bernhardson, Moorhead; Kay Preston, East Grand Forks; Virginia Stainbrook, Crookston; Arley Schultz, Red Lake Falls. Second row, left to right: Erwin Weiss, Red Lake Falls; Robert Nelson, Crookston; John Bywater, Crookston; Ken Pazdernik, Ada; Joel Vennes, Fosston; Clifford Adkins, Detroit Lakes; Faith Knott, Red Lake Falls; Eddie Bernhardson, Moorhead; Barbara Weiss, Red Lake Falls; Lori Schultz, Red Lake Falls; Dorothy Hamrick, Warren; Marilyn Grave-Shubert, Crookston; Pat Schultz, Red Lake Falls. Back row, left to right: Rod Soderstrom, Warren; Dorothy Soderstrom, Warren; M. Jerome Voxland, McIntosh; Duane Knott, Red Lake Falls; Duane Preston, East Grand Forks; Arlan Weiss, Red Lake Falls; Lyndon Schultz, Red Lake Falls; Warren Hamrick, Warren; L. Elliot Shubert, Crookston.

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NWSA Heritage Fund awards scholarships to students

It's great! That's what Ellwood '36 and Dorothy (Larson) Billberg '39 said about their granddaughter Dea receiving a UMC scholarship from the NWSA Heritage Fund. Dea was the first to receive funding under the program that reserves Heritage Fund scholarship money for descendants of Aggies. Dea is closely related to Aggies, both grandparents, her uncle, and cousins have lived and studied on this campus.

The Billbergs recall their days here as being part of a great big family, a family of people who had energy, who thrived on learning, on doing things together. Ellwood had been wanting to come to the Northwest School for a long time before he got here. His older brothers had been here, and he was really glad when he could attend and graduate from here.

It was tough, they said, to be away

from home for school - especially that first year - but the "benefits of the kind of education you got at the Northwest School made it worth while." It was the "in thing" to take part in everything, to take advantage of the resources and ideas that were here.

One of the rewards of participating for Dorothy was winning the Caleb Door Scholarship that went to the freshman girl who made the most progress. Ellwood says that one result of getting involved in activities for him was that he learned to carry Dorothy's laundry when she had the lead in the school operetta. He says he made it a tradition too.

The Roseau school district named Dorothy "Teacher of the Year" before she retired, and Ellwood says he was so proud at that moment, of her and all the good she has done.

Dorothy recalls that when she went

to apply for admission to college, her high school activity participation counted for much more than she had expected it to. Her Aggie spirit of curiosity and energy helped her get into college, carried her successfully through it, and moved her forward to a long and distinguished teaching career.

Dea Billberg is a good representative of the Northwest School spirit. She is curious, enthusiastic, and capable. One of the highlights of her first quarter as a Dairy Science major at UMC, was the time she was in charge of milking, alone on a rainy night, and a cow needed her help to deliver a premature calf. She reported that "even in the mud, with a cow chasing me, and not enough time to get all the regular work done, it was great!" She

couldn't wait to call someone and report the safe delivery of her first calf. Grandpa and grandma did enjoy hearing about this. They are very proud of her accomplishments and feel that she "can do anything she sets her mind to do."

The Aggie spirit of learning, of seeking new friends and experiences, and participating in life around you does live on.

Five more descendants of Aggies have received Heritage Fund Scholarships. They are: Mark Anderson, Golvick, Accounting major; Tom Durand, Argyle, Business Administration major; Chrystal Middlestead, Grand Forks, Hotel/Resort Management; Jeff Petry, Ada, Agriculture; and Casanda Sistad, Grygla, a Small Business Management major.

Joint admissions set between UMC and St. Paul ag college

UMC recently formalized a relationship with the College of Agriculture on the St. Paul campus which will help students benefit from the strengths of these two significant parts of the total University.

Announcing the joint admissions agreement, UMC Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Dr. Rita Meyer stated, "The purpose of this agreement is to continue and strengthen an articulation climate that will help UMC prepare students for subsequent success in coursework in the College of Agriculture."

Through this joint program, which

took effect in the fall of 1988, students who meet the minimum entrance requirements of the College of Agriculture will be offered the option of concurrent admission to UMC and the College of Ag, enabling them to start their programs on the smaller Crookston campus. Each will be advised by a faculty advisor at UMC who will work closely with a College of Agriculture advisor to ensure the best academic planning and advising for students.

Students may attend UMC for undergraduate courses that have been defined as equivalent or appropriate for transfer to the St. Paul campus.

Ag sciences seminar series set

An Ag Sciences Seminar Series is being offered, free of charge, on the UMC campus from January through April. The audiences have included students, farmers, scientists, and other curious people from the area. The series is held on Friday afternoons, once each month.

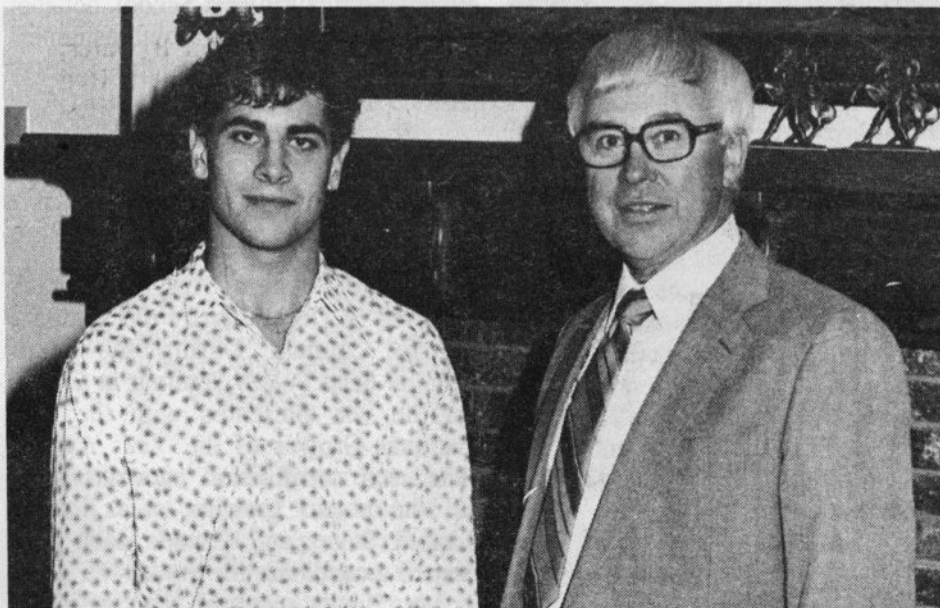
In January, Wendell Johnson, UMC Associate Professor of Biology, discussed "Producing Fuel and Fiber from Short Rotation Trees." In February, Gerald Jacobson of DPA International in Grand Forks presented a session on mapping with computers, "Applications of Geographic Information Systems." The March seminar, "Research on Root Diseases of Sugarbeets" was conducted by Dr. Carol Windels, Assistant Professor of Plant Pathology at the Northwest Experi-

ment Station.

On April 28, Dr. John Lamb, Assistant Professor of Soils at the Northwest Experiment Station, will discuss "Soil Fertility Studies in the Red River Valley." Feel free to join the seminar at 3 PM, Friday, April 28, in the Ag Research Center (ARC) Auditorium.



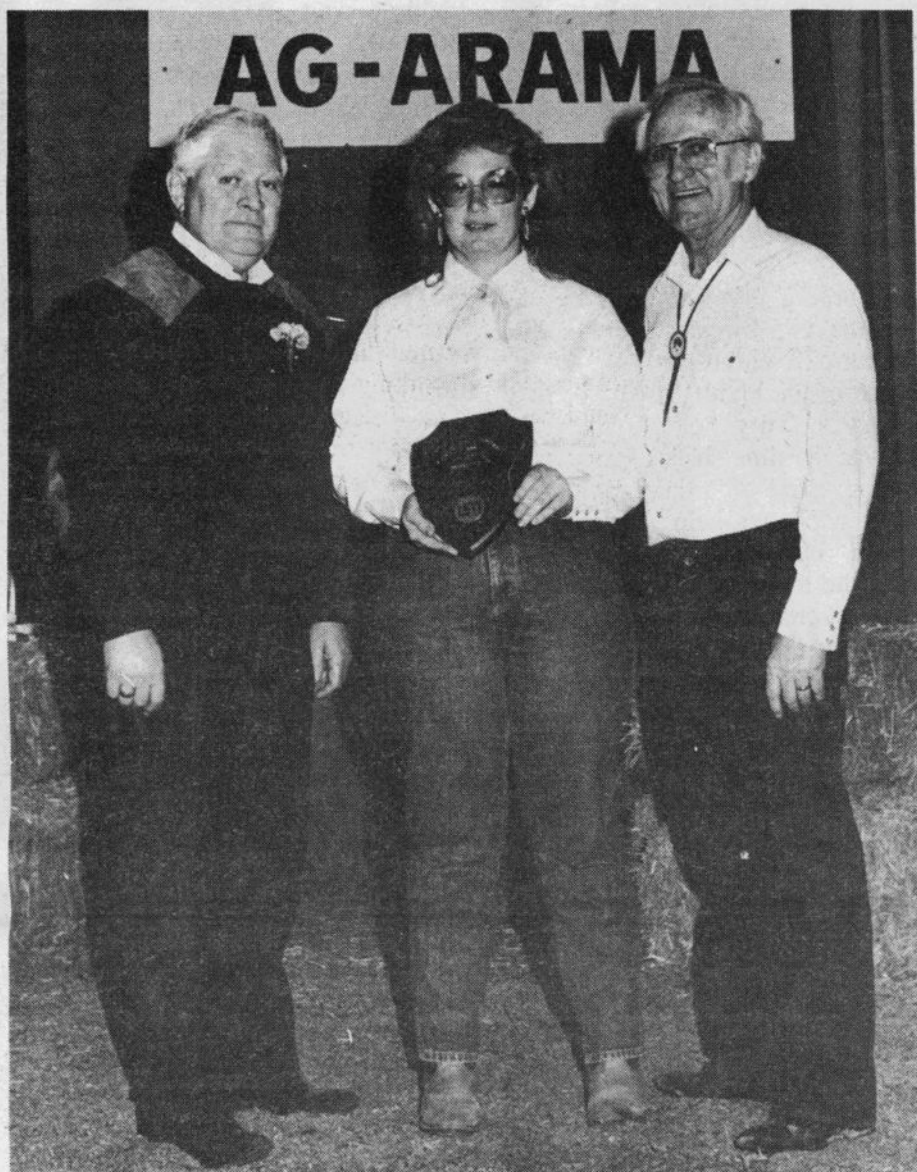
Ellwood '36 and Dorothy (Larson) '39 Billberg with their granddaughter Dea Billberg, a Heritage Fund Scholarship winner.



Alumni Association President Dick Widseth with Heritage Fund Scholarship recipient Mark Anderson.



Ag-Arama fun filled event



Ag Arama "True Grit" award winner Teresa Skibicki with Cal Opsahl, left and Don Kieth.

Each January UMC students, staff, their families, and community friends gather at the Red River Valley Winter Shows Building for Ag-Arama. It is a fun filled weekend of contests, fellowship, hard work and recognition in the Northwest School tradition of participation. Committees of Ag Division students and staff plan everything, carry out those plans and clean up too. It's a team effort all the way.

January 1989 saw the 14th annual Ag-Arama event. From its beginning in 1976 the event has included both competitions of a serious nature such as Agronomy, Soil and Ag Chemical Management, and some for the non-technical expert. This year the UMC Campus Ministry sponsored a "Chariot Race" - commonly known as a wheelbarrow race. Participants were encouraged to be in costume.

In January, the campus is ready for something like Ag-Arama. It's a chance to have fun and maybe try some new things. Not everyone who is showing livestock during this two

day event has been doing it for years. Aggies have always known that not all learning takes place in classrooms!

Snow shoe races, cross-country ski races, cross-cut sawing, the back-seat driving contest sponsored by Mechanized Agriculture, are just some of the activities enjoyed this year.

The most coveted of awards in Ag-Arama is the "True Grit" award. It is dedicated to the memory of Todd Opsahl, a student in 1973-74. Most of the students and faculty around Todd did not know that he was suffering from terminal leukemia, a disease that took his life shortly after he left the college. Despite his condition, Todd was extremely active in campus activities, especially in the Agriculture Division where he studied Animal Science.

In his memory, the True Grit Award is presented annually to the student who best demonstrated the spirit of Todd Opsahl in active participation and in encouraging others to participate.

Newhouse sends his thanks

Ernest Newhouse '28, Outstanding Aggie recipient in 1988, sent the following letter to the association.

I want to publicly thank the NWSA Alumni Association for the bronze/walnut Achievement Plaque awarded me during the 1988 alumni reunion. It occupies a proud place in my California office. I'm also announcing that after 14 years of writing the "Economic Newsletter" which grew to enjoy national circulation, retirement is anticipated as of December 30, 1988. However, I'll continue with occasional free-lance work.

My gratitude is expressed to University of Minnesota and to the Northwest School in particular, for the high ethics and the integrity taught here, in addition to all the other facets of a

liberal arts/science education.

The quasi-parts some of us were privileged to act out on the NWSA stage also helped instill the challenge to achieve. Those plays were staged before the advent of television to packed houses - paid admission audiences of Crookston residents. Such Anne Simley productions as "In Love with Love," "The Floral Shop," "The Goose Hangs High," and others were performed with many talented classmates during our AC tenure.

Born and raised locally in Polk County, it makes me feel good all over to know that my "roots" were so well planted at NWSA and carefully nurtured during those growing-up years. Thank you again for the recognition and the well-planned reunion.

Purath is an artist in wheat

Pauline (Finkenbinder) Purath '45 and NWSA Alumni Association Board Member, Red Lake Falls, MN has become known as an artist who works with natural materials - wheat. She started doing wheat weaving about six years ago. Now this self-taught hobby has become a business

as well. Pauline is one of a fairly small number of wheat weavers in Minnesota.

She is working to pass on this rural heritage too, a couple of her granddaughters are learning wheat weaving from her.

Lee farm named Century Farm

The George and Eunice Lee farm just north of Hendrum has been named a Minnesota Century Farm by the Minnesota State Fair and the Farmer magazine. They will receive a

weatherproof building sign and a commemorative certificate signed by the president of the state fair and Governor Rudy Perpich.

The Lee farm has been in the family for 100 years, founded in 1888 by Martin G. Lee, George's father. The Lee farm is familiar to many Aggies because four of the nine Lee children, Oscar, Clifford, George and Ida, attended the Northwest School.

George and Eunice now reside in Hendrum and rent out the family farm.

Archive materials donated to Center

Mrs. Elva (Sandberg) Deschane recently provided several "Aggie" yearbooks for the White House Alumni Center library and archives. We thank her for these important and useful items.

We continue to develop our record of the Northwest School heritage through such generous people.

Hapka receives national award

Leonard Hapka of Argyle, MN was honored in December by the National Potato Council. During the Sixth Annual Seed Potato Seminar at Chicago, he was presented with the first national Grower of the Year Award. The seed certification agencies from all the potato growing areas in the United States and Canada each presented a candidate for the award.

Mr. Hapka received the award on the basis of his farming career along with his contributions to the potato industry.





Class Notes....

1914

Alfred Hvidsten, Sun City, AZ does not like the cold weather of Stephen, MN at age 94. He does some bowling in the Arizona "Senior" league. He also enjoys playing chess with his son Ralph, who lives near by in the winter.

1920's

Ellen (Ahlm) Ferguson '20, Washington, DC is now a widow after "55 years of wedded bliss." She is active in church work, and Eastern Star.

Milton Warner '20, Spencer, IA, says he doesn't have time yet for hobbies. He has been in every state in the U.S. except Hawaii, to Canada, Mexico and the Bahamas - and still takes the time to be an outstanding citizen of his community. He created and was the first president of the United Way, and the Northwest Mental Health Center which serves 9 counties. He delivers meals on wheels, and recently completed an intensive training session for Hospice volunteers.

Iver Johnson '23, Woodland, CA is busy doing sunflower work in California and Hawaii. He now has great-grandchildren.

Frank Short '23, Peoria, IL married Gertrude Pulkrabek '24. Their sons David and Ralph followed their parents' footsteps to the Northwest School as well.

Frank and Margaret (Jones) Groves '25, Ft. Meyers, FL (winter) and Depew, NY (summer) toured the U.S. coast to coast and Canada to the Gulf of Mexico following retirement in 1969. They have two children and six grandchildren.

Carrie (Buck) Drotts '28, Batavia, IL had hoped to attend the '88 reunion, but health problems aggravated by extreme heat and humidity conditions prevented her and Hans from getting here. They have four children and six grandchildren.

Julia (Miller) Hovet '28, Thief River Falls, MN has been enjoying retirement for five years now.

Evelyn (Bain) Erickson '29, Baudette, MN is a widow and reports this is the first time in her life she is without roots. Apartment living takes her back to the days of "dormitory" life.

Alice (Naplin) Dumas '29, Hibbing, MN is still practicing her profession. This is her 57th year continuously owning and operating a beauty shop. She is a widow now, and visited her two grandchildren in Alaska last fall. She looks forward to seeing everyone at the 60th reunion this

summer.

Jette Gullickson '29, Ada, MN is retired and enjoying reading and woodcraft.

1930's

Ivan J. Anderson '30, Mesa, AZ and Paynesville, MN is retired and spending six months in Arizona. He is involved in golf and jewelry-making, and Clarys in teaching art classes. They spend the summer months in their home at Paynesville.

Norah (Hamre) Nornes '30, Ada, MN is retired, and busy with her activities and following those of her two granddaughters. Norah is studying the 20th century in her Federated study club, is active in Friends of the library, the American Legion Auxiliary, and her church, and enjoys her knitting, sewing and music hobbies.

Helen (Naplin) Tomlinson '31, Norikport, WA is living in the northeast part of Washington in a two bedroom house that she and Emert built from scratch. They planed the lumber for the siding, the ceiling, the trim.

Beulah (Harris) Barrick '33, Mesa, AZ enjoyed the class reunion last June. She said it was "a joy to see the campus." She does some traveling and enjoys her amateur radio.

Alyce (Johnson) Hanson '33, Cooper Landing, AK has been a homemaker and a Nurse assistant. She and her husband, Noel Hanson '35, are retired and living by Kenai Lake. Noel received both the B.S. and M.S. degrees in Agronomy, and a Ph.D. in Technical Agriculture.

Rodney Lindstrom '33, Detroit Lakes, MN spends the winter months in Apache Junction, AZ where he keeps a mobile home. His son and two granddaughters are in Fargo, ND.

Belva (Holm) Collison '36, Modesto, CA reports that she still has her Northwest School gym suit, and put it on for a picture on her 50th wedding anniversary! Her mother, Christine Thoreson, attended NWSA in 1908, and two of her cousins graduated in 1948.

Bryon Hanson '37, Hallock, MN is partially retired now, his son is farming with him. He spends the winter in Yuma, AZ, and some summer time at Baudette, MN, but Hallock is home base.

Herzele (Johnson) Guenin '38, Baudette, MN was sorry to miss the 50th reunion. They were in the middle of an auction sale after her mother sold her house, but look forward to being at the 55th reunion!

Oray Tangen '38, Sebeka, MN is retired. He and Lorine have three

children and five grandchildren. He enjoys golf, fishing, hunting and gardening.

Dorothy (Larson) Billberg '39, Roseau, MN retired three years ago after 43 years of teaching. Now she is busier than ever! She and Ellwood '36 enjoy gardening, crafts, and short trips. They look forward to the 50th reunion.

Frank Evans '39, Minneapolis, MN has been retired from commercial art since 1980, but is a landscape painter. He belongs to several art organizations and exhibits in several art galleries and one person shows. He has four children and ten grandchildren. Tennis is his sport.

Frances Pearson '39, Hallock, MN says retirement is just fine! She has time for volunteer work and vacationing. She is still singing too, in a group that meets each week.

1940's

Camilla (Ecklund) Johnson '40, Hopkins, MN retired after 20 years as an Orthopedic registered nurse. She enjoyed a retirement trip to England, Scotland and Wales. She has been getting together with former Northwest School classmates.

Jean (Baird) Olson '40, Veradale, WA retired at the end of 1987, and she and Milton moved from the Seattle area to Spokane, where they are close to their daughter and grandsons.

Harold Qualley '40, Lakefield, MN is doing a lot of volunteer work in retirement. He's been very involved with the V.F.W. and the American Legion, and with his church and the city.

Robert Rustvold '40, Edina, MN has been retired for six years. He spends winters in Scottsdale, AZ. He'd like to hear from classmates.

Robert Boucher '41, Crookston, MN has five children and four grandchildren. He has spent the last two winters in Mesa, AZ and is trying Texas this winter. He raises grains and sugarbeets, and plans to retire next year.

Arvid Matero '41, Middle River, MN retired as a Standard Oil Agent, and is farming.

Ida (Bruer) Rife '41, Minneapolis, MN says "Isn't retirement great!" She and Lowell now travel in a big motor home seven or eight months each winter. They are having a home built in Palmetto, FL and plan to move there in November, 1989.

William (Bill) Vasilakes '41, Lengby, MN, and his wife Peggy own and operate the Bluegill Cafe and The Good Food Store in Lengby. Peggy

says their emphasis is on natural food and they try to get their supplies from the closest sources. Stir fry meals and the "Garden Sandwich" are amongst the specialties of the Bluegill Cafe.

Maurice Ferden '42, Fosston, MN retired in 1988 from the telephone company, and his wife retired from teaching.

Glen Holmquist, Nekoosa, WI retired in 1988 after 39 years of "working for pay." They have a home by a fine golf course, but says that has not improved his game. They have six children and six grandchildren, and plan to winter in Arizona near some of them.

Roland Morrison '42, now lives in Winona, MN.

Lowell Bjella '43, Bemidji, MN plans to retire as soon as he sells any or all of three separate business operations.

Lawrence (Larry) S. Breen '44, lives in Madelia, MN.

Clifford Steinhauer '44, Holt, MN and his wife Marjorie, were awarded the 1988 Wildlife Development Award for the Marshall County Soil and Water Conservation District. They have maintained a game farm since 1970 and did extensive tree planting in 1987. You can find prairie chickens, sharptail grouse, spruce grouse, ruffed grouse, and Hungarian partridge at the Steinhauer farm.

Melvin Capistran '45, Stephen, MN is a retired farmer, but still loves to garden and cut fire wood. The outdoors get his hobby efforts too; fishing and making fishing tackle, and bird watching and making blue bird houses. He recommends others set out a few bird houses too.

Orvis Engelstad '45, Florence, AL retired in 1988 as Director of Research, National Fertilizer Development Center, Tennessee Valley Authority. Now he and Marlys are indulging in motor home travelling. They have three children and two grandchildren.

Norma (Sylvester) Meyer '45, Crookston, MN was able to do a lot of canning last summer, despite the drought. She now has twenty one grandchildren who keep her pretty busy. Six of them are ten years old - born within nine months of each other.

Forrest Mykleby '45, Cedar Rapids, IA retired in 1987 after 38 years in the meat processing industry. The last three of those years he was Senior Vice President and chief operating officer of Farmstead Foods in Cedar Rapids. He and Elaine have

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four children and two grandchildren. She is active in the literacy program with the community college.

Lester Samuelson '47, Albert Lea, MN has been in Albert Lea since 1978 when he and Berniece bought a clothing store there. They have three children, six grandchildren, and enjoy RVing and flying.

Ralph Evanson, Ulen, MN has been farming in the Ulen area since graduating.

1950's

Edsel Bernstrom '50, Renville, MN has been married for thirty five years, and has three children and seven grandchildren. He is employed at O'Connor Bros. State Bank, and recalls fondly the "laid back pace of 40 years ago."

Dennis Driscoll '50, Las Vegas, NV retired from the Air Force in 1977. He is Market Manager for Sizzler Restaurants International for the Las Vegas area. He recalls fond memories of "the steam tunnels and events related to them."

Leroy M. Johnson '50, Chicago, IL plans to be at the '50 reunion in 1990.

Penelope (Erickson) Schreck '50, Anoka, MN is active in 3 quilting clubs and teaches quilting through community education. Paul will retire in April, so they will be able to travel more. They are active in the Holiday Ramble Club.

Frances (Hofacre) Tribon '50, Buffalo, MO reports that her first year is her fondest memory of NWSA days. She wants to hear from or about her roommate, Helen Peterson. Helen and her husband served as missionaries in Japan.

Mary Ann (Aver) Hoffman '52, Sioux Narrows, Ontario, Canada, and her husband Herb, just finished their 18th summer as owners and operators of Red Indian Lodge, a 5-star fishing resort on Lake of the Woods. They have five children and one grandchild. Their hobbies include curling, bridge, travelling, and computers.

Dora Pelowski '52, Olivia, MN retired from teaching in 1988 after 33.5 years in the profession. She looks forward to a change of pace and other employment.

Francis R. Turgeon '53, Greensboro, NC relocated with his employer to the headquarters location in 1987.

Hank Hettwer '55, Lawrence, KS is football coach at Baker University in Baldwin, KS.

Mary Lou (Arveson) Wolden '55, Gonvick, MN is the organist at Bethlehem Church as well as a homemak-

er. She and Marvin have five children and two grandchildren. He will retire soon from the railroad.

DeVonne (Sallee) Kramer '58, Sauk Centre, MN lives on a farm where she has a garden and does gopher trapping for her farm neighbors. She is also a tupperware dealer. She has six children and six grandchildren, and in 1983 married her husband who has ten children and thirteen grandchildren.

Jon Wall '59, Larimore, ND is the Central African Republic with Baptist missions until the summer of 1990. He is doing missionary work and helping to build a new addition to the Ippy hospital. Pat teaches the mission children, and their son David is a student there.

1960's

Bette (Hovet) Nelson and Terrence Nelson '60, The Dalles, OR celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in November, 1988. They are in the roofing business. They have four children.

Harvey Peterson '61, Fayetteville, NC retired from the U.S. Air Force after flying as a pilot instructor for most of 21 years. He is currently working as AC-130 Pilot Instructor in the Flight Simulator at Pope AFB and enjoying it very much.

Gary Demers '64, Grafton, ND is married to "a great lady" and they have three sons. They farm in the Oakwood, Grafton area, raising potatoes and grain.

Ted Larson '65, Lakeside, AZ says he is finally living where he wants to now, in the mountains with great hunting and fishing. He is selling RV's and says if you're up his way, stop in. A special "hi" to Buzz Baldwin and Buck Evenson.

James A. Peterson '66, East Grand Forks, MN is an Agricultural Sales Rep for V and V Sales. Pam teaches Home Economics in the Grand Forks Public Schools, and they have three children.

FACULTY

Ruby L. Pilkey (Mrs. A.M. Pilkey) will celebrate her 92nd birthday in March. She lives in her own apartment and is active in her church.

Cynthia (Weinberger) Haugland '31-34, Minneapolis, MN lives on the banks of the Mississippi river. Her husband died in 1985. Cynthia winters in Oklahoma. She gardens, dabbles in writing, enjoys her friends, and reads a great deal. She finds the news of the NWSA interesting.

David A. Milligan '25-'27, Racine, WI, passed away in December. After his teaching career, Mr. Milligan worked in the agricultural industry with Cleveland Tractor, Harry Ferguson, American Tractor and the J.I. Case Co. He was a consultant to the

War Productions Board during WWII. He was a Life Member of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers, Chairman of the Racine Board of Review, had served on the board of the J.I. Case Co., and the Construction Industry Manufacturer Association.

Aggie gets a new look

We have a new appearance with this first issue of 1989. This type presentation is slightly larger and set apart more, making it easier to read. We think that this sharper type and the paper, a slightly different weight, add up to a brighter look for the Aggie. What do you think?

The shaded box with the publication information is new with this issue

also. It works as our official insignia, a record of who readers can contact and how.

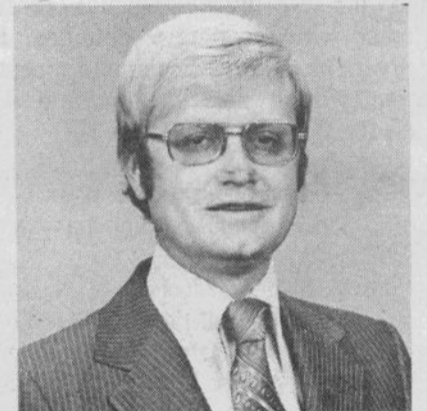
This is information that we think people would use to send on ideas for the Alumni Association to discuss in these pages and during meetings. So now we are instituting one of these in each issue, the better to communicate you know.

Lowell Larson takes new position

Lowell Larson, who as director of alumni and development has worked closely with the NWSA Alumni Association, has taken a new position. He is now the executive vice president of Bluewater Marine in Mora, Minn.

Lowell has been an ardent supporter of the Alumni Association and its projects. His hard work and encouragement will be missed.

The Alumni Association thanks him and wishes him well in his new endeavor.



Lowell Larson

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