

# The NWSA Alumni Association AGGIE



A Newsletter for Northwest School of Agriculture Alumni and friends of the University of Minnesota, Crookston.

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## NWSA Board - A Dynamic Group

### JoAnne Straus Carlson '61

#### Stephen MN

The 1961 NWSA Homecoming Queen JoAnne Straus was raised on a farm near East Grand Forks with eight brothers and three sisters. Today she and her husband Ron are potato growers.

Ron is also 1961 graduate from NWSA. They have two children Shawn and Stephanie, and one grandchild. Following graduation from the NWSA, JoAnne attended NDSU.

Her special memories of NWSA include being crowned Homecoming queen, the proms, as well as the football and basketball games. The friendships that were made then were special and bonded classmates through the years.

### William Gatheridge '64

#### Crookston MN

Bill was born in Grand Forks ND and was raised on a family farm near Humboldt MN. He and his wife, Verna, have two sons and three daughters. Bill also has an adopted daughter and two stepchildren.

He graduated from Dunwoody Institute in 1967 with a degree in auto mechanics. Bill is the parts manager at Salem Motors Ford & Chrysler Dealership in Crookston.

In 1992 and 1993 he was presented with the Rotary Four Way Test Award.

His most outstanding memories of NWSA are making great friends, living on campus and playing for Herschel Lysaker—What a Legend!



Your NWSA Alumni Association Board at work, front row, from left: JoAnne Straus Carlson '61 of Stephen MN; Conrad Zak '47 of East Grand Forks MN; Kenneth Poole '49 of Thief River Falls MN; and Charles Vind '48 of Fertile MN. Back row: David Tucker '61 of East Grand Forks MN; Gerhard Ross '45 of Crookston MN; Development Director Del Roelofs; William Gatheridge '64 of Crookston MN; Marilyn Balstad Melby '55 of Bagley MN; and Berneil Nelson '42 of Crookston MN. Not pictured: Willie Huot '63 of Grand Forks ND; and Irene Pulkrabek Larson '44 of Angus MN.

### Willie Huot '63

#### Grand Forks ND

Willie was raised on a farm near Red Lake Falls and was one of 12 children. He worked his way through college by a temporary career in welding. He served 2 ½ years in the Peace Corps in Morocco.

Willie is a single parent of three boys; Leon 17, Shaun 15, and Neil 12.

In 1972, Willie received his BS degree from the University of Minnesota and in 1976 received his masters of ag education also from the University of Minnesota. Currently, Willie is the Grand

Forks County Extension Agent. He was an Outstanding Young Men of American nominee in 1985 and a state winner for Extension Horticulture Programs in 1989.

His outstanding memory of the NWSA is being elected co-captain of the wrestling team for the 1962-63 season.

### Irene Pulkrabek Larson '44

#### Angus MN

Irene was born and raised on a farm in Warren MN. She attended a country school and then NWSA. She went on to attend the University of North Dakota.

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## NWSA Board - A Dynamic Group *Continued*

She and her husband Ray were married June 16, 1951, and they have raised three children. They farm barley, wheat and sugar beets.

Their son Jerry is a graduate of NDSU in farm economics and agriculture. Erin also graduated from NDSU in engineering. They both farm with Irene and Ray. Bonnie is a graduate of the medical school at UND in occupational therapy and married to Scott Knutson. They farm south of Fisher.

Irene loved all four years she was at NWSA.

### **Marilyn Balstad Melby '55**

#### **Bagley MN**

Marilyn is a homemaker and a full-time volunteer. She was born in Fosston and was an active 4-H member for 10 years in East Polk County. She and her husband, Doral have two sons, Jon and James.

After graduating from the NWSA she went on to get her bachelors degree in Home Economics Education in 1959. She was employed with the MN Extension Service in Clearwater County from 1959 to 1964.

She was a Top Aggie in 1995 and Clearwater County's First Lady in 1995. In 1997 she was given the MN Division Betty Cunningham Volunteer Involvement Excellence Award from the American Cancer Society.

There are so many memories for Marilyn but the most outstanding is the camaraderie among friends and faculty and the mentorship of faculty.

### **Kenneth Poole '49**

#### **Thief River Falls MN**

Ken was born in Kennedy MN and moved to Thief River Falls in 1960. He served in the U.S. Army from 1952-54 in Korea.

He and his wife, Donna, have three children: Sheryl, Diane and David.

After graduating from the NWSA, Ken went on to Chicago Diesel and Auto School. From 1954-1955 he attended the Minneapolis Business College studying accounting and business administration. Ken is now retired.

### **Berneil Nelson '42**

#### **Crookston MN**

Berneil worked at the NWSA and UMC for 47 years as a secretary and assistant librarian, retiring in June 1990. She was born in Hallock and raised on a small farm. Her grandparents came from Sweden and homesteaded in this area in 1885. She has one sister, Vicki, who lives in Litchfield MN; both of her parents are deceased.

Berneil has received many awards including: NWSA/UMC 25 Year Service Award, NWSA Top Aggie, Torch and Shield Award, UMC Chancellor's Club, NWSA Distinguished Service Award, and Crookston's Experienced American Award.

Berneil remembers many friendships form dormitory life and weekends spent on campus. As an employee at the NWSA she also had a sense of "family" between faculty, staff and students. "It was a great place to work!"

### **Gerhard Ross '45**

#### **Crookston MN**

Gerhard was born and raised in Fisher on a farm where he raised his family and farmed as well. He and his wife

Norma had six children, one deceased.

Gerhard received his BS and MS degrees from the University of MN.

In 1967, Gerhard was Polk County King Agassiz. In 1983, he was awarded the University of MN Ag Extension Service Farm Family of the Year. He was inducted into the Red River Valley Hall of Farm in 1995. In 1995 he was also a NWSA Top Aggie and joined the UMC Chancellor's Club. He has received service awards from the Occupational Development Center, Red River Valley Sugar Beet Grower and Red Lake Watershed District.

Gerhard's finest memories of the NWSA are of the dormitories and the dining hall.

### **David Tucker '61**

#### **East Grand Forks MN**

David is an advertising consultant and a member of the MN Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience and Interior Board. He is also the treasurer of the Executive Committee of this board.

David was born and raised on a farm in Angus MN. He and his wife Myrna (Anderson—class of 61 also) have three daughters and six grandchildren.

In 1974 he was awarded Greater Grand Forks Barbershopper of the Year. He

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has been given the Polk County Republican Amy Hurst Award for outstanding service and the Fred Behling award for outstanding service to the seventh district Republican party.

His most outstanding memory was meeting his wife of 35 years on the NWSA campus.

### Charles Vind '48

#### Fertile MN

Charles was born in Jackson MN and moved to Crookston at the age of nine. He married Merna Berg in Mentor MN in 1951, and they have five children and 10 grandchildren. Charles is semi-retired, working part-time at Fair Meadow Nursing Home in Fertile.

After graduating from the NWSA, he attended Hartnel College in Salinas CA, served in the US Army for two years and in the Army National Guard for 20 years. He retired as a M Sargeant.

Charles was voted the Citizen of the Year in 1982 for the Fertile community.

His outstanding memories are the great friendships made and getting acquainted with students throughout northwestern MN, as well as playing hockey and football and receiving the Most Valuable Player Award for football.

### Conrad Zak '47

#### East Grand Forks MN

Conrad was born and raised in Tabor Township and lived there until 1994. His grandfather homesteaded there in 1893. He has two sons, Gregory and Vincent and four grandchildren.

Conrad is now retired.

In 1970, he was King Agassiz for Polk County. He was an Honored Dairyman at the Red River Valley Winter Shows in 1975. In 1988 he was named Valley Farmer Homemaker, and was given recognition for conscientious dedicated community service. Conrad has also been a Modern Woodmen of America.

Conrad remembers NWSA as an outstanding agriculture institution which taught students individual responsibility.

## Calendar

May 22

Commencement

June 7-13

Elderhostel at UMC

June 26-27

NWSA Reunion

July 12-18

Elderhostel at UMC

July 18

UMC Teambackers/NWSA/  
Community Golf Classic

September 10

Fall Quarter Classes Begin

November 4

Torch and Shield Banquet

## Frances Klein-Fortie Scholarship Fund

In the 1996-97 Winter issue of the NWSA Alumni Newsletter, a full-page story featured Frances Klein-Fortie, a member of the class of 1946. One of the highlights in the story included France's selection to represent the U.S. Marine Corp in a First Day of Issue ceremony for a three cent stamp honoring women in the Armed Services.

Several members of the "Class of '46" have recognized Frances by creating a scholarship Fund in her name. This fund would be used for qualifying descendants of former NWSA students to assist them in paying for their education at UMC.



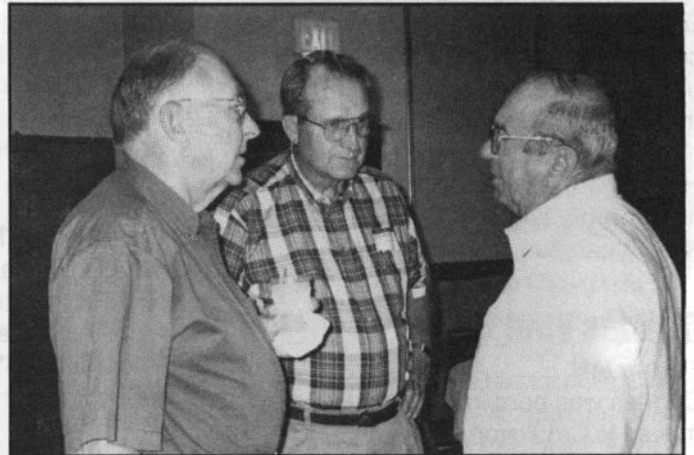
Even though Frances Klein-Fortie '46 has Multiple Sclerosis, she keeps up her great spirit with her loyal companion, her cat.

If you would like to make a tax deductible contribution to the Frances Klein-Fortie Scholarship Fund, please send it to the White House Alumni Center, University of Minnesota, Crookston, 2900 University Avenue, Crookston, MN 56716.

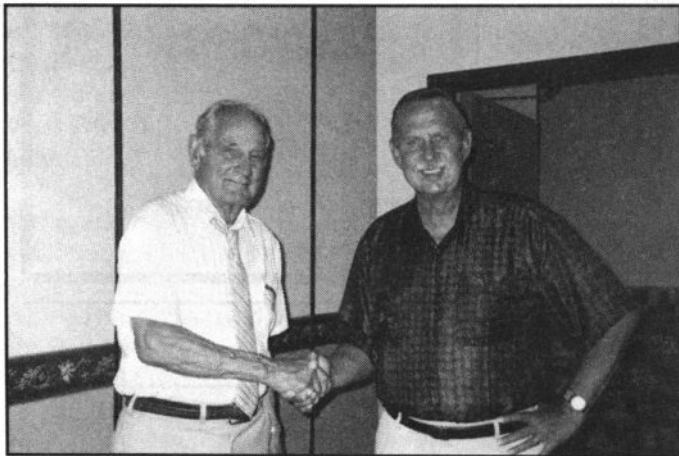
# Memories from the 1997 Reunion



Joyce Olson Hunstad (left) '47-'48 of New Brighton and Marian Lindstrom '47-'48 of Farmington were classmates for 12 years. They were neighbors as they grew up near Argyle MN, and then roommates at the NWSA. After graduation they went separate ways and met again five years ago at their 45th reunion.



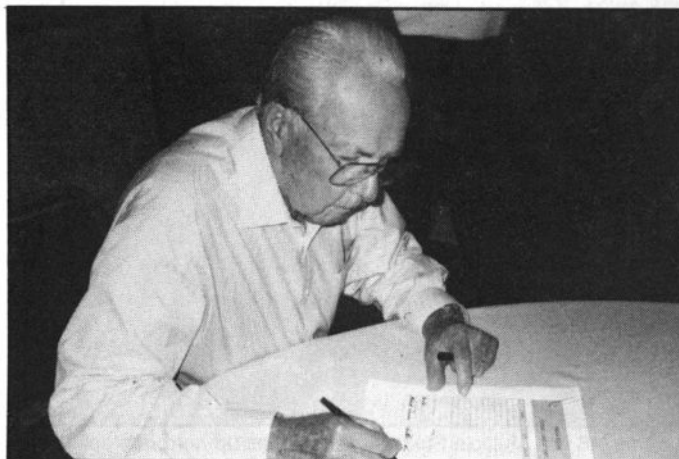
It was serious business when these three gentlemen got together. From left: Gerhard Ross '45 of Crookston; Del Roelofs, the new director of development; and Don St. Marie '40 of Red Lake Falls.



Don Mykelby (right) '47 - '48 of Bloomington MN played basketball for coach Hersch Lysaker for many years.



Leo Ash '52 came a long way from Tucson AZ to see Berneil Nelson '42 of Crookston.



Marshal Evans '37, all the way from Seattle WA, signed in at the Friday evening social at the Northland Inn in Crookston.



Secretary of the NWSA Alumni Association Board Joanne Carlson '62 of Stephen MN talks with the Tuckers -- Carol Green Tucker and Ralph Tucker both of the class of '52 from St. Thomas ND.

# 1998 NWSA Alumni Reunion

University of Minnesota, Crookston  
 Friday & Saturday, June 26 & 27, 1998

## FRIDAY, JUNE 26

7:00 - 10:00 p.m. Social ..... Northland Inn, Crookston

## SATURDAY, JUNE 27

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Registration ..... Sahlstrom Conference Center

11:15 a.m. Campus Bus Tours ..... Sahlstrom Conference Center

12:30 p.m. *Note: Most campus buildings are open. Alumni are welcome to walk around and visit buildings of interest.*

1:15 p.m.

11:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. Luncheon ..... Pig Roast on the Mall

1:15 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Free Time

2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Class Meetings ..... Room

Class of '20's	Morsels
Class of '33	Morsels
Class of '38	108 Conference Center
Class of '43	122 Conference Center
Class of '48	131 Conference Center
Class of '53	103 Dowell
Class of '58	110 Dowell
Class of '63	114 Dowell
Class of '68	115 Dowell

4:00 p.m. - 5:10 p.m. Class Pictures ..... Mall with cars from your era

*Note: Make special effort to arrive for your 5 x 7 color picture of your class at the following times. Pictures will be mailed to those who purchase one.*

Class of '20's	4:00 p.m.
Class of '33	4:00 p.m.
Class of '38	4:10 p.m.
Class of '43	4:20 p.m.
Class of '53	4:30 p.m.
Class of '58	4:40 p.m.
Class of '63	4:50 p.m.
Class of '68	5:00 p.m.
Class of '48	5:10 p.m.

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Buffet Dinner ..... Brown Dining Room

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. REUNION PROGRAM HONORING 1998 TOP AGGIES

7:30 p.m. Annual Business Meeting followed by visiting around tables

# Curt Almlie Named Director of Institutional Relations



**Curt Almlie**

Curt Almlie has been appointed director of Institutional Relations. He replaces Allan Larson who served in the

role for nine years before retiring the end of 1997. Curt's primary responsibilities will be in marketing UMC. He will also lead, coordinate, evaluate and participate in alumni relations, media and governmental relations, University relations, development, community relations, advertising, and promoting campus programs and activities.

Most recently Curt was the director of the Fargo ND Business Improvement District. He has been employed with the North Dakota State University Extension Service as development director of the North Dakota 4-H Foundation and as executive director of Mayville State University Alumni Foundation.

He served in the North Dakota State

Legislature from 1987-89 where he was on both the House Transportation Committee and the House Education Committee, and continued his interest as a registered lobbyist in the 1989 session. He also worked at Mayville State University as business administration instructor and assistant football coach.

Curt coordinated UMC's marketing program at UMC for a short time in 1995-96, when he was instrumental in moving UMC onto the World Wide Web.

Curt has a master of science degree from the University of North Dakota, a bachelor of science from Mayville State University and has taken postgraduate work at North Dakota State University.

## Institutional Relations New Name and New Responsibilities

For the past several year the alumni newsletters were published through the Office of External Relations in the White House Alumni Center. The external relations office has been replaced by the Office of Institutional Relations. As UMC continues to change to better meet the educational need of students, this seemed an appropriate change.

*Here's a look at the new staff arrangement:*

### Institutional Relations

Curt Almlie, director and UMC Alumni Association director  
Barbara Weiler, public relations officer and newsletter Editor  
Rose Ulseth, support staff

### Development

Del Roelofs, director and NWSA Alumni Association director  
Ardis Thompson, support staff

*Quote*

*"UMC's four-year mission is the most wonderful advancement of education in northwestern Minnesota. The use of notebook computers is not only an asset for each student but a definite requirement for advanced education."*

Marilyn Balstad Melby '55 • Bagley MN

## NWSA Alum Published Book

"They Did Not Have Horns: The Viking Kings of Norway" was published this spring by Eva Mykleby Pearson '38 of St. Paul MN. The book contains chapters on 61 kings. Read all about their marriages, wives, lovers, children and much more, with over 3,000 names of people who lived during the Viking age. Also included in the book is a full-color 24" x 36" genealogical/historical chart, giving names of ancestors and descendants of all the kings.

Eva will have books available for sale at the reunion for \$22.95, or you may order them directly from her at 612-631-9118; add \$3.50 for shipping.

# NWSA REUNION

July 26-27, 1998

# Arizona Social: Fun For All

About 55 NWSA alumni, UMC alumni and friends of the University attended the Arizona Social held this spring in the Superstition Springs Community Room in Mesa. Everyone had a fantastic time and enjoyed a great luncheon.



Don Mykleby '47 of Bloomington MN and Floyd Anderson '47 of East Grand Forks MN.



Del Roelofs, development director, with (from left) Ray '58 and Elaine '57 Anderson of East Grand Forks and Moris Webster '45 of St. Vincent.



The room was filled with great food and good visiting in the Community Room in Arizona.



Marion Sarver '58 (center) of Mesa, AZ, received a door prize from Al Larson (left), retired director, and Del Roelofs.



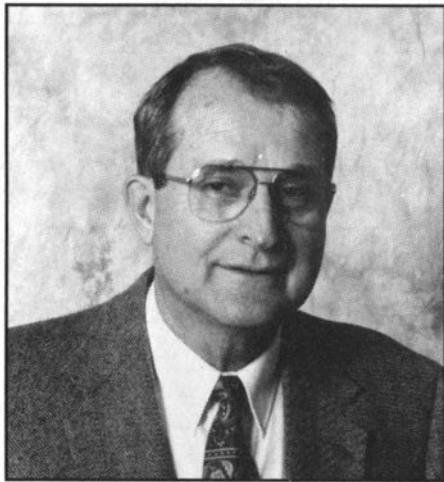
Lorne Johnson '53 (center) of Argyle received a door prize from Del Roelofs, (left) and Al Larson.



From left: Del Roelofs presents a door prize to Emory and Margaret Forfang Cameron '41, as Al Larson looks on.

# From the Development Director

## Presidents Club Changes



**Del Roelofs**

The University of Minnesota Foundation is making a number of changes in the Presidents Club on July 1, 1998. The Presidents Club as we've known it was established in 1963. It is the premier lifetime giving recognition society for University donors. It honors the leaders who have supported the University throughout the years, as well as those who have guided the University to prominence. Traditionally, a gift of \$10,000 contributed at a minimum of \$1000 annually for 10 years earned Presidents Club recognition.

On July 1, 1998, the Presidents Club will become the overall umbrella for all

of the University's major gift clubs. The reorganized structure is shown in the following table:

### **PRESIDENTS CLUB**

for a lifetime of giving

Builders Society	Gifts of \$1 million or more
Regents Society	Gifts of \$500,000 - \$999,999
Trustees Society	Gifts of \$100,000 - \$499,999
Chancellors Society	Gifts of \$50,000 - \$99,999
Founders Society	Gifts of \$25,000 - \$49,999
Heritage Society	Deferred Gifts (revocable)

In addition to updating the Presidents Club, a new giving recognition program will be introduced on July 1, 1998, called the "Maroon & Gold Club". This club will recognize those special donors who are not Presidents Club members but who extend their generosity to the University every year. This program is intended to encourage annual giving to the University, its colleges and programs. Membership is only for the year in which the gift is made and the structure is illustrated in the following table:

### **MAROON & GOLD CLUB**

for annually supporting your University

Gold Level	Annual gift of \$2,500 - \$24,999
Maroon Level	Annual gift of \$1,000 - \$2,499

One of my first questions was why are these changes being made? The answer is that the Presidents Club has

not been updated since 1963 when it was created. In fact, the present value of a \$10,000 gift in 1963 is equivalent to \$56,700 today. Another reason would be that the updates bring the University more in line with its Big 10 peers, all of which have made similar changes in recent years.

Having said all this, I would be remiss if I didn't let you know that there's still time to join the Presidents Club and become a charter member before the structure and increase changes go into effect July 1, 1998. Pledges of \$1,000 per year for up to 10 years may be made for membership, provided we receive your first \$1,000 check by June 30, 1998. Also, during this window of opportunity, you will receive full credit for you life to date giving. If for example, you have given the University (that includes all colleges and programs) \$4,000 life to date, you can join the Presidents Club by making a \$1,000 gift before July 1, 1998 and annual installments during each of the next five years. All current and incoming members (those joining prior to the cutoff 6-30-98) will be "grandfathered" into the new system and their memberships will not be affected.

If you are interested in joining, have questions or want additional information, please call me at 218-281-8438 or toll free at 1-800-232-6466 extension 8438.

--Del Roelofs

*Quote*

*"This is the age of computer technology and I am proud that UMC has taken the leadership in this field. The four-year program on campus will not only enhance UMC's growth but Crookston's as well."*

Berneil Nelson '42 • Crookston MN

Check out UMC's Homepage on the WWW at:  
<http://www.crk.umn.edu>

## **We need your help!**

This year's Phonation has been completed. As of May 1, 1998 contributions total \$15,275 from 421 donors. Our goal for this year is \$21,000, so you can see we need your help and support.

If you have not made your gift to the NWSA Heritage Fund this year, please send your check to: Development Office, White House Alumni Center, 2900 University Avenue, Crookston, MN 56716.



# NWSA Scholarships

**NWSA Heritage Fund Scholarships** were established in 1989. This scholarship is awarded to direct descendants of Northwest School of Agriculture alumni. Recipients who demonstrate high academic progress may renew this scholarship.

Robert Balstad, Fosston  
Agronomy/Soils  
Darren Carlson, Angus  
Environmental and Natural Resource Mgmt  
David Clauson, Crookston  
Information Networking Management  
Kirsten Jacobson, Fertile  
Information Networking Management  
Bradley Rivard, Argyle  
Plant Industries Management  
Anthony Safranski, Argyle  
Hotel, Restaurant, and Institutional Mgmt  
Stacy Schulz, Euclid  
Dietetic Technician

**Elenora and Ben Filipi Memorial Scholarship** was established in 1990. This endowment provides scholarships to direct descendants of Northwest School of Agriculture alumni or other deserving students. Recipients who demonstrate high academic progress may renew this scholarship.

Joshua Barrett, East Grand Forks  
Agricultural Industries Sales and Mgmt.  
Michael Bergeron, West Fargo  
General Studies  
Ryan Bohnsack, Hillsboro  
Agricultural Industries Sales and Mgmt.  
Trevor Dale, Fertile  
Plant Industries Management  
Wade Demers, Grafton  
Plant Industries Management  
Benjamin Diamond, Humboldt  
Plant Industries Management  
Shane Kolling, Gully  
Agricultural Business  
Terry Konickson, Plummer  
Agricultural Industries Sales and Mgmt.  
Christopher Lemke, Euclid  
General Studies  
Ryan Lubinski, Crookston  
Applied Studies  
Annette McNamee, Mahnomen  
Early Childhood Program Management  
Jarod Peterson, Warren  
Plant Industries Management  
Ryan Schwenzfeier, Hallock  
Agricultural Industries Sales and Mgmt.  
Eric Wittman, Warren  
Plant Industries Management  
Scott Younggren, Hallock  
General Studies

**Lyle Kasprick Scholarship** recognizes direct NWSA descendants who wish to further their education at UMC.

Jeremy Engelstad, Gatzke  
Environmental and Natural Resource Mgmt.

**Wallace and Hanna Miller Scholarship** was established in 1991. The scholarship recognizes NWSA direct descendants and other deserving students who wish to further their education at UMC. Recipients who demonstrate high academic progress may renew this scholarship.

Kristina Altepeter, East Grand Forks  
General Studies  
Amanda Benbo, Winger  
Applied Studies  
Amy Bergeron, Grand Forks  
Plant Industries Management  
Jami Johnston, Warren  
Early Childhood Program Management  
Tyler Odegaard, Kindred  
Plant Industries Management  
Bradley Philipp, Goodridge  
Agricultural Industries Sales and Mgmt.  
Sheila Roux, Ada  
Information Networking Management

**Edwin A. Pearson Scholarship** was established in 1993 by Edwin Pearson, a NWSA alumni, in memory of his wife, Dorothy. The scholarship is awarded to direct descendants of a NWSA alumni who is in the top one-half of his/her graduating class.

Steven Hannah, Fisher  
Information Networking Management  
Joel Thorndson, Dalton  
Animal Industries Management  
Amy Landgraaf, Crookston  
Agricultural Industries Sales and Mgmt.

**Andrew and Elmer Wardeberg Memorial Scholarship** is awarded to descendants of NWSA alumni and other deserving students who have maintained satisfactory academic standing.

Ryan Benbo, Winger  
Animal Industries Management  
Kris Folland, Karlstad  
Plant Industries Management  
Amy Michaels, Fertile  
Information Networking Management  
Emily Miller, Twin Valley  
General Studies  
Kristi Pederson, Gary  
Early Childhood Program Management  
Lisa Skjold, Noyes  
Business Management  
Matthew Safranski, Strandquist  
General Studies

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## UMC Teambackers/ NWSA/Community Golf Classic

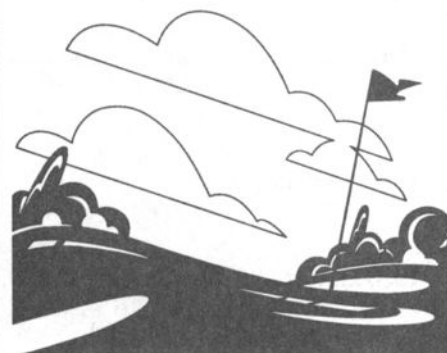
Saturday, July 18  
Minakwa Country Club

WIN A NEW CAR!  
WIN OTHER PRIZES!  
ENJOY FRIENDSHIPS!  
COMPETE AS A TEAM!

18 HOLES OF GOLF

SCRAMBLE FORMAT!

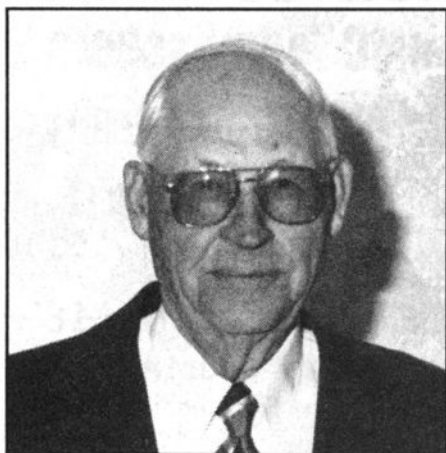
**Get your Teams Organized**  
(Limited to 90 golfers!)  
(Maximum 5 players per team)



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# NWSA '32 Graduate Establishes Gift Annuity for UMC



Arvin Gorden

Arvin Gorden '32 of Greenbush felt this was a good year for him to help someone attend UMC. Arvin established a gift annuity for the General Scholarship Fund. His annuity will be used for needy students with potential and good academic standing.

Arvin was born in Moose township, northeast of Greenbush. He was one of 10 children and was five years old when his father died. After graduating from the NWSA, he joined his brother in farming 10 miles north of Greenbush.

Although he retired several years ago, he still resides on the farm. In addition to farming Alvin repaired clocks and watches for many years. He still works on a clock occasionally, but says that watches have just gotten to small.

Arvin has attended his 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> reunions, and a year ago he attended his 65<sup>th</sup> reunion.



## 1998 NWSA REUNION • Class Leaders

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>CLASS LEADER(S)</u>
1923 .....	Alumni Office
1928 .....	Alumni Office
1933 .....	Rodney Lindstrom, Lake Park MN, 218-238-6195 Jean Nisbet Roberts, East Grand Forks MN, 218-773-2044 Rose Naplin Salo, Hibbing MN, 218-263-7215
1938 .....	Eleanore Weber Swift, Crookston MN, 218-281-7138 Walter Stromstad, Beltrami MN, 218-926-5605
1943 .....	Charles Samuelson, Thief River Falls MN, 218-681-2582
1948 .....	Vernon Bratvold, Crookston MN, 218-281-2778 Wilford Dostal, Angus MN, 218-745-5927 Charles Vind, Fertile MN, 218-574-2369
1948 Advanced .....	Glen Torkelson, Crookston MN, 218-281-7106 Ray Stromstad, Beltrami MN, 218-926-5540
1953 .....	Everett Anderson, Crookston MN, 218-281-1206 Gelene Balstad Gullekson, Beltrami MN, 218-926-5642 Shirley Jensrud Johnsen, White Bear Lake MN, 612-429-0124
1958 .....	Mylo Carlson, Angus MN, 218-745-5055 Ray Anderson, East Grand Forks MN, 218-773-2185
1963 .....	Dennis Diamond, Humboldt MN, 218-379-3134 Allen Stromstad, Beltrami MN, 218-926-5513
1968 .....	Robert Kliner, Warren MN, 218-745-4492 Ted Paul, Warren MN, 218-745-4289

# NWSA Faculty Member Establishes Endowment for UMC



Ben and Ardelle Bakkegard at their Golden Wedding Anniversary, November 1992, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Fresno, CA.

Meeting twice a week during the late 30's and early 40's, the band under the direction of Ben Bakkegard, became an important part of campus life and activities. Over those first few years the band grew to nearly 60 players, holding small group practices every day. The group appeared at all football and basketball games, as well as for many special concerts.

Besides directing the band, Dr. Bakkegard also taught English and was adviser for the class of 1942, as juniors.

It was during his years at the NWSA that he met Ardelle Hamlett, who later became his wife. The Bakkegard's returned to the campus for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the class of 1942.

Ben served in the Army Amphibian Engineers, Second Brigade from 1942 to 1945. It's a touching memory for Ben to realize that eight of his close NWSA friends from the Senior Hall were killed during that war. Their names are on the memorial at the entrance to the UMC campus.

He returned to teaching music at several universities, including California State University, where taught from 1958 until his retirement in 1980.

Ardelle passed away a year ago July, and Ben continues to live in Fresno, traveling and visiting his two children. He sings

in the choir, volunteers at the police department and enjoys woodworking and gardening.

Following Ardelle's death last July, Ben set up a remembrance to her with the **Ardelle Hamlett Bakkegard Endowed Scholarship** at the University's Crookston campus. Recipients of the scholarship should demonstrate high academic potential, strong leadership and community involvement. Ben will be recognized as a new President's Club member in the near future.

Ben invites you to come visit, but "don't wait too long. I'm 86 you know!"



*"The Juniors, 93 strong, have taken part in all interclass activities during the year. Under the direction of the class advisers, Miss Manning and Mr. Bakkegaard, they have contributed to many school programs. The climax of Junior Class activities is the Junior-Senior banquet, held Saturday, March 8, at which time the Junior class entertain the Seniors in the most important and brilliant social event of the school year."*

*--1941 Aggie*

# UMC TEAMBACKERS/NWSA/ COMMUNITY GOLF CLASSIC

The eighth annual UMC Teambackers/NWSA/Community Golf Classic will be held this summer on Saturday, July 18. Tournament sponsors are being sought with proceeds going to the support of the UMC Scholarship Programs. We have the potential of raising over \$5,000 in net income from the tournament. The best part of all is that the tournament offers a super opportunity for a great deal of enjoyment.

All entrants of the tournament receive a token gift to signify their participation. A Hole in One Contest provides a chance to win a new car. In addition, a golf clinic will be held just prior to the beginning of the tournament for those who are interested in helping improve their game.

The tournament will utilize a Texas Scramble format with five golfers on each team. Golfers may set up their own teams, but must use the following criteria:

1. The five member team handicap must equal 80 or more for 18 holes
2. Not more than two members of the team can have 18 hole handicaps of 10 or less.

Individuals who wish to play in the tournament, but are not included in one of the preestablished teams, will be assigned to teams made up by the Golf Committee. Both men and women are invited to participate. If you do not have a handicap, one will be established for you. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. The golf clinic will be held at 10:00 a.m. Tournament orientation will start at 10:45 a.m. with the competition to begin at 11:00 a.m. with a shotgun start. Registration cost remains at \$60 per golfer. Included in fee are the green fees, tokens, prizes, old fashioned picnic, and contribution to Scholarship Fund. The first 90 golfers who pay their registration fees will be eligible to play. Registration fees must be paid by July 10, 1998.

Following the completion of the tournament, a social and picnic will be held and awards will be presented to the winning team, longest drive, closest to the pin, longest putt, etc. As of this date, we are hoping that the new clubhouse at the Minakwa Golf Country Club will be ready for use. Start thinking about putting your team together and join us this summer on Saturday, July 18.

If you would like additional tournament information, you may contact Curt

Almlie at the White House Alumni Center (218-281-8436), Marv Bachmeier, UMC Athletic Department (218-281-8415) or Kyle Pearson, tournament committee member (218-281-1774). A registration form is provided in this newsletter and should be completed and returned to the Golf Committee, White House Alumni Center, University of Minnesota, Crookston, Crookston, MN 56716-5001. Make checks payable to UMC Teambackers Community Golf Classic.

## UMC Teambackers/NWSA/Community Golf Classic • July 18, 1998

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

University Relationship (circle one):

NWSA Alumni    UMC Alumni    Faculty/Staff    Donor    Friend

9-Hole Handicap \_\_\_\_\_ (optional but helpful--no handicap required)

9-Hole Estimated Score \_\_\_\_\_ (optional but helpful)

I would like to rent a riding golf cart (circle one):    Yes    No

Registration Fee -- \$60.00. Registration fee includes green fees and dinner but does not include costs associated with cart rental. Fees must be paid by July 10.

The enclosed registration fee(s) is/are for the following golfers:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_

Return registration form and check to: The UMC Teambackers/NWSA/Community Golf Classic, White House Alumni Center, University of Minnesota, Crookston, 2900 University Avenue, Crookston, MN 56716-5001. 218-281-8436.



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David Tucker '61 • East Grand Forks MN

# 1998-99 Teambackers Calendar Dedicated to Allan Larson



Allan Larson

The 1998-99 Teambackers Calendar is dedicated to Al Larson. Al served as the director of External Relations for the past nine years. He retired in December of 1997. The calendar is one of the major fundraisers for athletic scholarships at UMC. One thousand calendars will be printed and sold for \$25 each. The calendar includes information on all UMC sports events and also includes schedules for Crookston High School. The calendars will be available for sale in early June.

As in the past, \$20 prizes will be

awarded to calendar holders for each weekday from October 1, 1998 through May 28, 1999. A \$100 prize will be awarded on the last Friday of each month during the period. In addition, two \$500 prizes will be awarded—one at UMC's Homecoming on October 10, and the other at the UMC Teambackers Fun Nite scheduled for Saturday, January 23, 1999.

You may order a calendar by sending a check to the UMC Development Office. Please make the check payable to the "Teambackers Calendar Fund."



The top team from last year's UMC Teambackers Athletic Scholarship Fund Drive: Front row from left: JoAnn Westburg, June Shaver, Steve Biermaier, Richard Maves. Back row: Jack Bywater, Dale Umlauf, Ray Dusek.

## Commencement

Commencement exercises for the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, May 22, on the campus mall (or in Lysaker Gymnasium in case of rain).

Baccalaureate, associate in applied science and associate in science degrees will be conferred upon graduates, subject to completion of all curriculum requirements. The ceremonies include not only spring quarter graduates, but also those who plan to complete graduation requirements during the 1997 summer and fall quarters. Students graduating during the past fall and winter quarters may also participate in commencement ceremonies.

Featured speaker at this year's rites will be the Honorable Robert Bergland, University of Minnesota Regent. The Honorable Julie Bleyhl will bring greetings from the University of Minnesota Board of Regents.

UMC Chancellor Donald Sargeant and Bleyhl will confer the degrees, while UMC Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Douglas Knowlton will present the candidates.

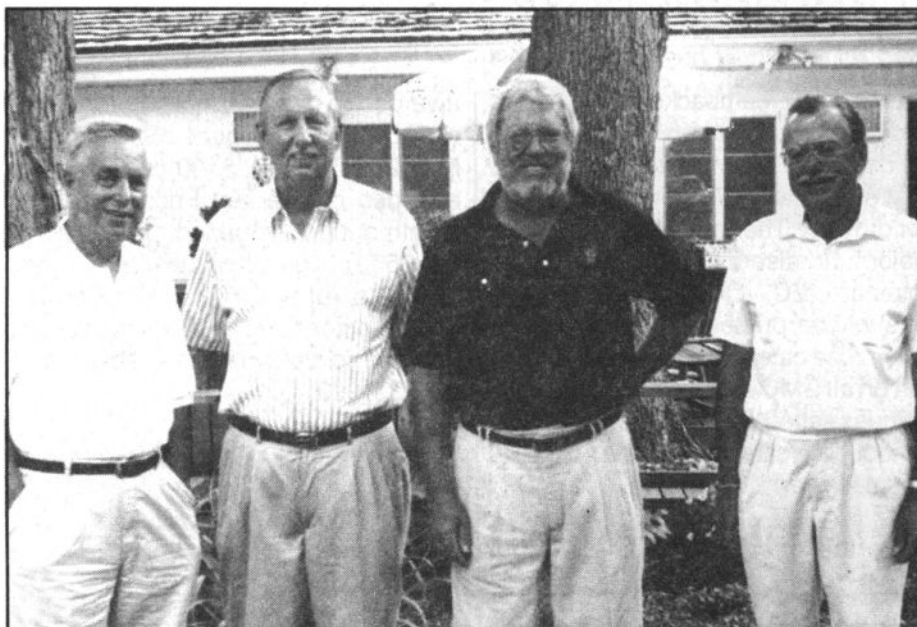
The public is welcome to attend the commencement exercises and the reception in Brown Dining Room following the ceremonies.

### Quote

*"UMC's four-year mission is a major achievement earned by dedicated visionary leaders of the University. The notebook computer policy will further prepare students for very rapidly changing environment in which we are living."*

Willie Huot '63 • Grand Forks ND

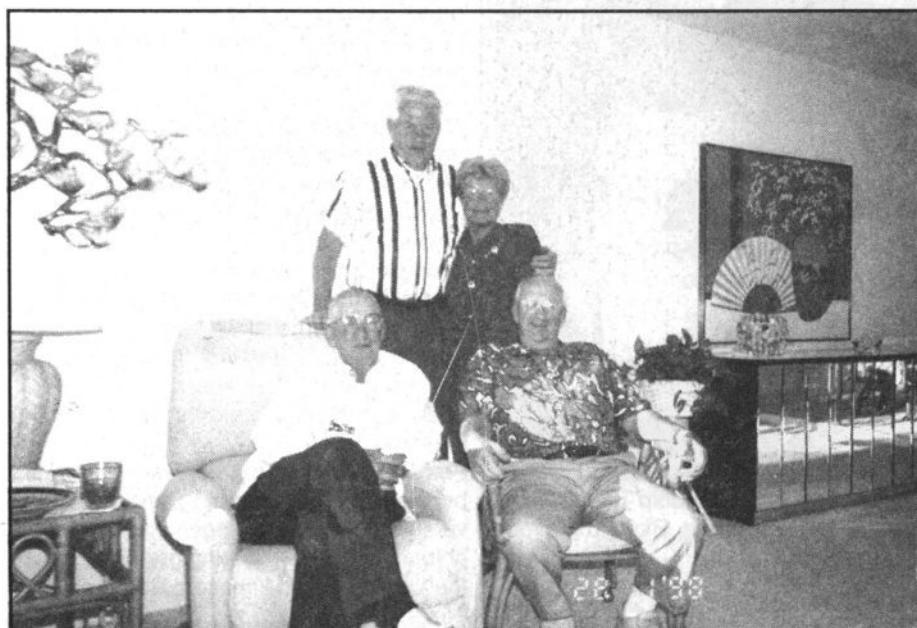
# NWSA Alumni Share Great Times Together



"The Brothers Four" at their yearly golf tournament. . . The Mykleby brothers all attended the NWSA. From left are: Forrest '45, Cedar Rapids IA; Don '47, Bloomington MN; Laurie '51, Palos Park IL and Ray '35, Escondido CA.



Patricia Erickson Sorenson '52 of Newfolden was one of many alumni who toured the White House Alumni Center.



Relaxing at Ft. Meyers FL are seated from left: Lester Samuelson '46 from Mentor MN and Leslie Hannah '43 from Fisher MN. Standing are: David Sorvig '46 and Elayne Callier Hannah '46 both of Mentor MN.



Sisters Ruth Baird Harker (left) '47-'48 of Sacramento, CA and Evelyn Baird Epema '42-'43 of Crookston enjoyed time together at last year's reunion.

## Join us at the NWSA REUNION

..... July 26-27, 1998 .....

# Class Notes

## Iver Johnson '23

Woodland CA

Actively engaged in community affairs and in private plant breeding...that's why old professors live so long. Is anxiously awaiting the 75<sup>th</sup> reunion this year.

## Edson Washburn '34

Phoenix AZ

Celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday in 1996 by taking his wife, daughter and grandson on Alaska land and sea cruise.

## John Stanko '36

Boyceville WI

The Dunn County Office on Aging presented John the Outstanding Older American for 1996. He has donated his time, talents and money for the benefit and enjoyment of seniors.

## Heimer Swanson '41

Pipestone MN

I am a retired Farm Business Management instructor. Music is my main hobby – barbershop especially. My travel is mostly to various cities for our annual reunion of the 508<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry Regi-

ment. Hope to get to the NWSA Reunion also.

## Orin J. Lee '57

Williams MN

Retired on Lake of the Woods north of Williams after 30 years with Polaris Industries where I worked as an industrial engineer and facilities engineer.

## Kenneth Beauchane '59

Thief River Falls MN

Received the Tau State Outstanding Service Award given by the Alpha Phi chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society in Thief River Falls. Ken spends many hours as a volunteer in the schools as well as elsewhere in the community including service to the Little Brother/Little Sister program.

## Donald Strickler '62

Euclid MN

Don was inducted into the Red River Valley Agricultural Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame recognizes individuals who have shown outstanding service, dedication and long-term commitment to agriculture in the Red River Valley.

## In Memory Of...

Elmer Bredlie '21

Eldred MN

November 14, 1997

John Salentine '43

Euclid MN

April 2, 1998

Karen (Wold) Hanson '28

Walla Walla WA

January 27, 1998

Lionel A. Anderson '44

Fisher MN

March 3, 1998

Lloyd M. Johnson '28

Fertile MN

April 10, 1998

Clarence Peterson '48

Badger MN

January 22, 1998

Wallace Abbott '32

Bemidji MN

February 8, 1998

Orville Kjelgren '49

Goodridge MN

January 19, 1998

Harold Letnes '32

Hillsboro ND

January 28, 1998

LeRoy Zak '51

East Grand Forks

February 7, 1998

Arnold Scott '35

Fosston MN

December 16, 1997

Ernest Ellingson '52

East Grand Forks MN

January 19, 1998

Lola Harmoning '36

Billings, MT

March 5, 1998

Harley Thureen '56

Fridley MN

December 13, 1997

Alton L. Arness '37

Fisher MN

March 5, 1998

Roy Palya '57

Grand Forks ND

February 25, 1998

William Pastuck '41

Edina MN

April 22, 1994

Robert Coulter, Sr. '58

Gonvick MN

December 8, 1997

Gilbert Kranz, '42

Fargo ND

January 30, 1998

Charles Whiting

Academic Staff

Estes Park, CO

December 24, 1997

## 1998 Top Aggies

**Eva Mykleby Pearson '38**

St. Paul MN

**Maynard Helgaas '53**

Jamestown ND

**Ronald Filipy '58**

Richland WA

**Robert Heckman, '60 - '68 Faculty**

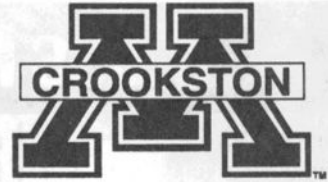
Fertile MN



"UMC is ahead of its time in higher education by using the laptops. By students being forerunners in education, they can be realistic in their future goals and be better prepared for them."

JoAnne Straus Carlson '61 • Stephen MN

# First Equine Award Presented



Stanley D. Sahlstrom (second from left) received the first University of Minnesota, Crookston Equine Award. Sahlstrom, founding provost of UMC, was presented the award at the NW Minnesota Equine Conference held recently on the Crookston Campus. Presenting the award were, from left: Melissa Hower-Moritz, program director and equine industries management assistant professor; Sahlstrom; Barbara Muesing, director of outreach; and Donald Sargeant, UMC chancellor.

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## Have we heard from you lately?

If you have not been featured in the AGGIE Class Notes for a few years, we want to hear from you! Please complete and return this as soon as possible.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Initial Last

Maiden \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_ or Attendance \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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

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