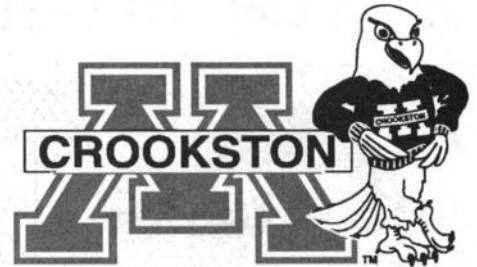


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UMC Grad Gives Entrepreneurial Scholarship

Michael Chowdry, a 1978 agriculture aviation graduate of the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC), has established a major scholarship fund for entrepreneurial students at the Crookston campus.

Michael established four Michael A. Chowdry Scholarships in the amount of \$5,000 each. The scholarships will be awarded annually to entrepreneurial students — one from each year — freshman, sophomore, junior and senior — who are attending UMC.

Michael is a man who has had the privilege of living the American dream. Born in Pakistan, he immigrated to the United States in the mid 1970's and began to pursue formal education in what had been his childhood fantasy—a career in the airline industry.

The first four recipients are:

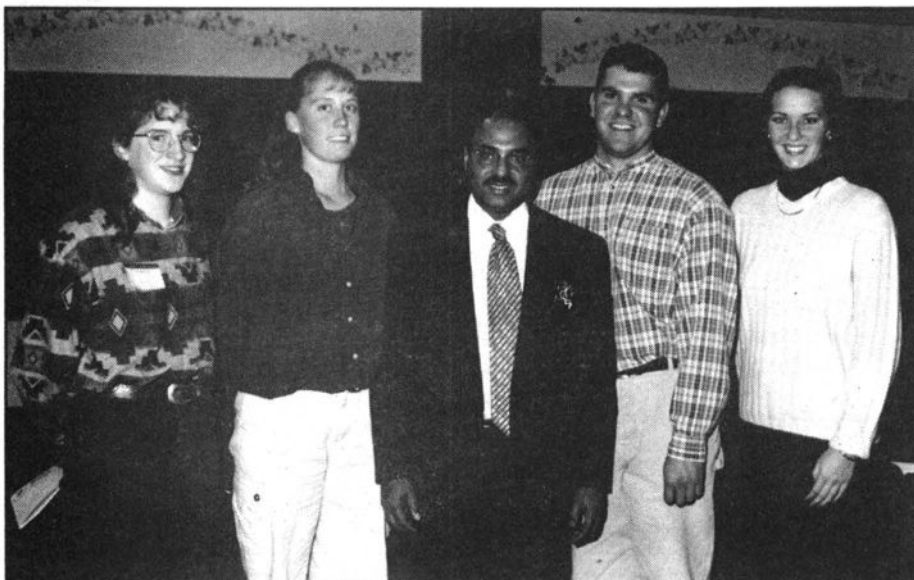
- **Christy Ungerecht**
Senior
Agricultural Industries Sales and Management
Northome MN
- **David Heiman**
Sophomore
Business Management
Hampton MN
- **Emily Wetmore**
Junior
Business Management
Redwood Falls MN
- **Erin Mills**
Freshman
Equine Industries Management
Clinton MN

He enrolled in the Agricultural Aviation program at UMC. While at the University, he worked a variety of jobs from driving church buses on Sunday mornings to flying as an ag pilot to pay his tuition. During that difficult but rewarding time, he met

many people with the University who supported him with their guidance, encouragement and support. In 1978, Michael graduated from UMC with a degree in Agricultural Aviation and a burning desire to put his formal education to use.

Today Michael runs Atlas Air, Inc., a multi-million dollar international air cargo company he founded in 1992. On his way to this successful enterprise, he has gained 20 years of industry knowledge and experience.

In 1992, Michael founded Atlas Air, Inc., a company that provides cargo services to major airlines all over the world. Atlas went public in 1995, and is listed on the NYSE. The company operates in 38 countries and 62 airports carrying over 1,000 tons of cargo each day in its growing fleet of aircraft. It is the world's third largest air cargo company after Federal Express and UPS.



Michael A. Chowdry Scholarship first recipients are, from left: Christy Ungerecht, Erin Mills, Chowdry, David Heiman and Emily Wetmore.

From The Alumni Director



Curt Almlie

Thank you to the alumni who responded to request for alumni notes. We have gone from our four bits of alumni notes in last spring's issue to a grand total of 50 in this issue. Take a few moments to read them and see what your fellow alumni are up to these days. It is our goal to continue to print at least that many alumni notes or more in each issue.

You will also remember that I offered a \$20 prize for the winner of a drawing from the names of individuals who sent their alumni notes. Well, true to my word, the winner of this issue's drawing is Geoffrey Menk. The \$20 is in the mail.

Since we had such a good response, we will do it again for the next issue. Only now that it is starting to cost me money, I am going to add a rule. The eligible winner of the next drawing must be either a new alumni notes submitter or someone who has changed their status since the last issue of the Torch. The lucky winner will receive \$20 compliments of me, personally. This contest does not cost the Alumni Association anything. I am happy to do this for the UMC Alumni Association.

It has been a very busy year, and I can't believe I have already been here for one year. Time truly flies! We have begun

work on some new activities and need to continue to refine our current activities. We are still working on the UMC Athletic Hall of Fame. We would like to hold our first event during Homecoming 1999. We have received some nominations and would like to build our pool of nominees. Nominations are accepted at any time. If you know of someone who you think was outstanding as an athlete at UMC, please send his or her name into our office on the form that is printed in this issue of the Torch. We will do the research as to their accomplishments. Our plans include putting plaques representing honorees into glass-covered cases in the Lysaker Sports Center, our Hall of Fame location.

Also, we are looking into a Homecoming Parade as well as presenting our Outstanding Alumni Awards. Names may also be submitted as nominees for that award at any time. Last years, honorees, Harold Stanislawski and Chuck Levine expressed their appreciation of being selected as Outstanding Alumni and we are very proud of their accomplishments and how they uphold the tradition of excellence of the University of Minnesota, Crookston.

Alumni gatherings are in the future with our first one being held in Fargo in conjunction with the University of Minne-

sota Alumni. Notices will be sent to UMC alumni as to the exact time and place. It is tentatively set for Tuesday, April 27 at the Plains Art Museum. We hope you will pencil in that date on your calendar, and we look forward to seeing you there. We are looking at two other sites to hold alumni gatherings - one in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area and another in a northwest Minnesota community. If anyone would like to work on bringing one to their community, please contact our office and we will be happy to make arrangements.

Finally, the past year went by rapidly, but many things happened. UMC continues to accumulate accolades from around the nation for its excellence as a University. Being named a *U.S. News and World Report* Best College 1999 continues to be one of the highlights of the year. Entering the NCAA Division II athletic level of competition is a major challenge, but a positive step. Our faculty and staff are being honored for their work in various circles and our students continue to grow and become highly sought after graduates. I could go on and on about all the positive things that are happening to the UMC family. Proud to say, I am part of the University of Minnesota, Crookston.

--Curt Almlie

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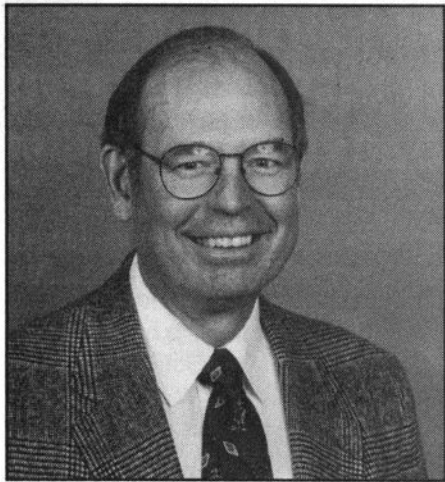
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Legislative Session in Full Swing



Donald Sargeant

Winter campus activities are in full swing. Students are actively planning for Snow Daze and Ag-Arama and participating in numerous club activities. The men's and women's basketball and the hockey teams are in the middle of their respective schedules.

The academic programs continue to evolve. New courses have been added in e-commerce, golf and turf management, and precision agriculture. Course utilization of the new technologies includes advanced use of the Internet, digital camera and video streaming. Software programs and templates change each year. The focus remains on the discipline but how one goes about teaching and learning in a discipline has also become extremely important.

This summer several construction projects are scheduled. Some are routine maintenance and remodeling such as water main installation, Knutson showers and pool area, Owen student support services offices, Dowell brickwork, and fire alarm installation. Others are more visible like the construction of a new Early Childhood Development Center and an addition to the Equine Stables. Remodeling at the Crookston airport, which was much needed, has just been completed.

These projects will provide UMC with first rate facilities that are important in student recruitment and in instruction.

The legislative session is in full swing and like most folks we are doing our best to be prepared for whatever occurs during the session. During the legislative session, state budgets including education will be established for the next two years. So our future is tied directly to the session outcomes. The University of Minnesota budget has five priorities:

- Maintaining Competitive Compensation
- Enriching the Undergraduate Experience
- Financing Health Professional Education
- Connecting the University to the Community At Large
- Promoting a Climate of Quality Service

Each area serves important citizen groups and adds our teaching, research and outreach mission. If you would like more detailed information, just let me know. Your support of the University budget is important and appreciated.

--Donald Sargeant

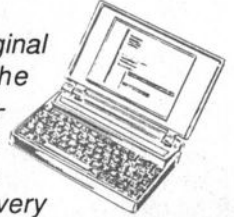
Sargeant Recognized

Chancellor Sargeant receives recognition from Judy Kirk, executive vice president of the University of Minnesota Foundation. After just five years UMC has achieved the kind of recognition and reputation that led leaders in higher education at peer institutions to rank UMC as a 1999 Best College. Chancellor Sargeant was recognized as the individual who has provided the drive and the vision through these years of change and challenges, the person who always pushes faculty and staff to be more than they could think is possible.

From Education in Practice

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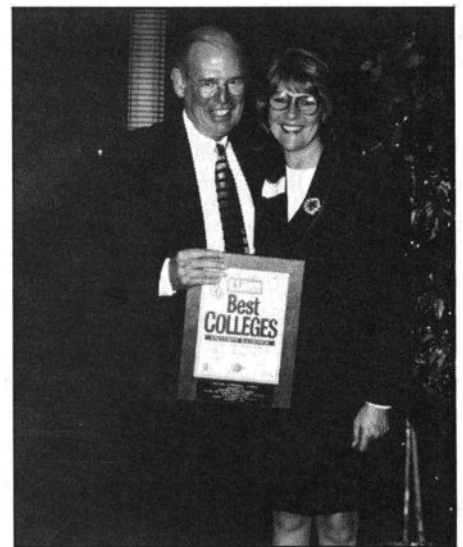
Known as the original "ThinkPad U," the University of Minnesota, Crookston, in 1993 became the first to provide every one of its full-time students with notebook computers. The bold move came in response to employers and business leaders telling the university that the computer literacy skills they required job candidates to possess were lacking in university graduates.



The 2,000-student institution, recently ranked by U.S. News & World Report as one of the best public regional universities in the Midwest,

is making sure its students aren't left behind in the rapidly evolving Information Age.

The active learning environment fosters student participation.



From the President



UMC Alumni Association President Twylla Altepeter at her desk as editor of the *Crookston Daily Times*.

If you attended the University of Minnesota, Crookston, you are probably familiar with the UMC Alumni Association. We're more than a social organization — although most of us are very sociable. One of the functions of the Alumni Association is to support UMC by raising scholarship funds.

On March 7-11 and 14-15, members of the association will be holding a phonathon to touch base with UMC alumni and ask for contributions to the Alumni Scholarship Fund. Last year we exceeded our goal of raising \$12,000.

Our association also recognizes Outstanding Alumni of UMC. Each year one or more UMC alumni are recognized for outstanding achievement, personally and in their profession. The selection is made by members of the UMC Alumni Association Board from nominations received from its membership. The alumni awards are traditionally presented during UMC's homecoming celebration.

The 1998 Outstanding Alumni Award winners — Harold Stanislawski of Fergus Falls and Chuck Levine of Roseville — were introduced during half-time at UMC's homecoming football game. (UMC defeated Valley City State 27-23.)

Homecoming should be a time for old friends to get reacquainted and for UMC alumni to make new friends. In 1999, the Alumni Association is planning a "Homecoming Parade" on campus as well as the traditional gatherings. Save the date for Homecoming 1999 — Saturday, October 9, when the UMC Golden Eagles meet Winona State.

The functions of the UMC Alumni Association haven't changed much over the years, but UMC certainly has. If you haven't been on campus recently, it's worth a visit. You'll notice some "new additions" such as the new Controlled Environmental Science Building, which was dedicated on November 4, 1998.

Construction is underway on the Valley Technology Park, an agri-business "incubator" just north of the campus.

You'll also see that something is missing — the White House. On January 6, the White House was moved into Crookston where it will become the home of Tony and Jennifer Peterson and their children. Tony is a 1992 graduate of UMC's ag aviation program.

Built in 1906, the "White House" was the home of families of the Experiment Station and Northwest School personnel until the early 1970s. In 1973 the house was moved to the northwest corner of the University of Minnesota, Crookston campus and used for several Experiment Station and University offices. In 1982, the White House was renovated as the Alumni and Development Center. Later University Relations and Institutional Relations moved into the building. The White House has now been moved to make way for the new Early Childhood Development Center.

Memorabilia from the White House have been moved to the Kiehle building on the UMC campus. The fireside room in the former library has been remodeled and designated as the "Alumni Room". Regular meetings of the NWSA and UMC alumni will be held in this room.

On January 8, UMC again made news. An open house was held at the Crookston Municipal Airport to celebrate the remodeling project that allows for better air service to the region and for enhanced learning opportunities for students in the Agricultural Aviation Program.

These are just a few "newsworthy" items from UMC. If you're interested in getting involved with what's happening at UMC, why not become an active member of the Alumni Association! For more information, contact Rose Ulseth at 218-281-8439 or call me at 218-281-2730.

—Twylla Altepeter

UMC HOMECOMING • SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

Two Outstanding UMC Alumni Honored by University

Two outstanding UMC alumni were honored as the 1998 Outstanding Alumni during UMC's Homecoming. Alumni receiving the Outstanding Alumni Awards were: Harold Stanislawski '81 of Fergus Falls MN and Chuck Levine '80 of Roseville MN.

Harold Stanislawski

Harold is a 1981 graduate of UMC's diversified ag program. He received his bachelor's degree and masters degree in Ag Education. Harold is currently a Livestock Development Specialist for the MN Department of Agriculture.

He has been active with the Fergus Falls Lions Club, the Rural Life Task Force for the St. Cloud Region, Fergus Falls Vocational Agriculture Advisory Committee as well as the Fergus Falls Labor Task force.

He organized computer bulletin boards in Roseau and Otter Tail Counties and chaired and co-organized the first Agricultural Interest Conference in West Central MN. He is on the board of directors for the Midwest Dairy Roundtable and a member of Generic Environmental Impact Statement for animal agriculture.

Harold has had several items published for the Minnesota Department of Agriculture as well as receiving numerous awards and honors. Some awards he has received include an Achievement Award from the National Association of County Ag Agents, an Outstanding Service Award from Roseau County Crop Development Association as well as a Governor's Certificate of Commendation for Farm Credit Mediator.

Harold states that he has many special memories of UMC. There are several people who were very influential in his life, and he made some long-lasting friendships while he was at UMC. Harold and his wife Mari have two children, Lauren and Rachel.



UMC 1998 Outstanding Alumni received their recognition from UMC Chancellor Donald Sargeant at UMC's Homecoming. From left: Harold Stanislawski '81 of Fergus Falls MN; Sargeant; and Chuck Levine '80 of Roseville MN.

Chuck Levine

Chuck graduated in 1980 with a degree in horticulture and then went on to get his bachelor's degree in Ag Education and his masters of education degree in horticulture from the University of Minnesota. He is a horticulture instructor and teaches high school and college botany and crop production.

Chuck is a volunteer Roseville Community Arboretum advisory council member, an FFA advisor and serves as a People to People Delegation Leader to Australia and New Zealand.

He was awarded MN Greens and MN State Horticultural Society President's Award for outstanding contributions to MN Green. He is involved with the Garden Writers Association of America, the MN State Horticultural Society and the North American Rock Garden Society.

Chuck has been published in MN Horticulturist, the Chicago Tribune, Tropical Fish Hobbyist and several others publications.

He received a Certificate of Commendation for the State of MN in 1997 from Governor Arne Carlson for exceptional contributions in helping rejuvenate his community environment and livability. He is a member of the Garden Writers Association of America, the Minnesota State Horticultural Society, the North American Rock Garden Society and the Minnesota Hosta Society.

Chuck states that his experience at UMC was pivotal to his career choice. Most of all, it was the staff at UMC that made everything go so well. He felt fortunate to work with many of the faculty and felt they acted as a mentor as well as a role model for him. He has structured his teaching style from several of his past instructors. Chuck and his wife Tarri have three children, Rachel, Jacob and Noah.



Athletic Scholarship Program Changes



Del Roelofs

As you may be well aware, the 1999-2000 school year marks yet another milestone for the University of Minnesota, Crookston. In just six years, UMC has moved from playing at the two-year college level to four-year NAIA in Division II. This is a giant stride and one that will take everyone's best effort to become a competitive conference member.

There are a number of essential ingredients needed to compete in any intercollegiate activity. Attracting and retaining students of the caliber and quality for the appropriate level of competition is definitely one of the top priorities. In an effort to accomplish this goal, UMC will embark on several new athletic scholarship fund raising efforts over the next year.

Beginning with the fall 1999 semester all annual scholarship donations of \$500.00 or more will be named in honor of the donor or donors. The donor must approve of this recognition. This change is being made for a couple of reasons. Currently, all the money goes into the scholarship pool. As a result, none of the student athlete recipients have any idea who provided their scholarship dollars. The same statement applies to donors; they have no knowledge of where their gifts are going other than to athletic scholarships. By making this change, the student athletes and donors will have an awareness of each other's involvement. As a result, it is

our hope that some relationships and bonds will develop between them.

Another reason for this change is obviously to increase the number of donors supporting athletic scholarships. We hope to double the number from 25 to 50 next year and then double again two years later. Some may wonder why all the effort on this particular scholarship strategy? If you look at Crookston's business and industrial base in comparison to most of the other conference communities, it's quite obvious that we have to involve more alumni and community members to raise the equivalent number of scholarship dollars.

As always, we are interested in your comments and suggestions. If you have an interest in hearing more about this program, please contact either Curt Almlie or Del Roelofs at 1-800-232-6466 at ext. 8436 or 8438 respectively.

--Del Roelofs
Development Director

New Programs at UMC

Bachelor of Applied Health program is designed for allied health personnel who seek professional advancement. Students gain the skill, knowledge and experience to assume leadership roles in a variety of health care settings. The program is Web based and can be completed on the Internet.

Bachelor of Science in Sport and Recreation Management students have the opportunity to develop knowledge and expertise in sports and recreation with an orientation toward management. UMC's program is technology-driven, and focuses on communication and human relations.

Bachelor of Science in Scientific and Technical Communication involves the gathering, analyzing, organizing, and distributing of scientific and technical information efficiently and accurately for specific audiences. Although the majority of UMC graduates work for private industry (often in the computer or product development field), scientific and technical communicators also find work in government or educational organizations in areas such as public policy.

Bachelor of Science in Golf Facilities and Turf Systems Management will complement other existing degree programs in Plant Industries Management and Sports and Recreation Management. The proposed implementation date will be August 1999. The program will provide students with the skills and experience that will enable them to provide management expertise for maintaining a variety of golf and other turf-related facilities and recreation areas.

UMC Offers new degree to greater Minnesota via the internet

This fall, the University of Minnesota launched a unique project that brought together the resources of UMC, University College and Minnesota Extension Service to deliver an online degree—the Bachelor of Applied Health—to four pilot sites in greater Minnesota. For more information, call program director Arlyss Grosz at 218-281-8340, or e-mail at agrosz@mail.crk.umn.edu



Crookston Airport Holds Open House



Crookston Municipal Airport Open House is a cooperative venture between UMC and the city of Crookston. The Ag Aviation program is a cooperative venture between UMC and the University of North Dakota. Taking part in the open house were, from left: UMC Chancellor Donald Sargeant, Crookston Mayor Don Osborne, Center for Agriculture and Natural Resources Director Richard Nelson and UND Director of Extension Programs Donald Dubuque.

Teaching Positions Open

The Center for Agriculture and Natural Resources is accepting applications for two tenure-track teaching positions. These positions are in the Animal Science and Agricultural Business departments.

The positions are open due to faculty relocations and retirements. Harvey Peterson, Animal Science, recently joined the North Dakota Extension Service, Golden Valley County, in Beach, ND. Erman Ueland will be retiring from the Agricultural Sales and Management department at the end of August.

UMC's polytechnic focus utilizes advanced classroom technologies and hands-on experiences to prepare students for rewarding careers. Not only are agricultural graduates experiencing an overwhelming demand for their talents, many agribusiness recruiters come to UMC first when filling positions.

For more information about the positions, please contact Richard Nelson, Center Director, at 218-281-8100, or rnelson@mail.crk.umn.edu. The application closing date is April 10.

**Make your scholarship donations work for you!
Encourage a high school senior to apply at UMC!**

An Open House was held for the Crookston Airport in January. Through the joint efforts of the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) and city of Crookston, the airport was remodeled to allow for better air service to the region and for enhanced learning opportunities for UMC's aviation students.

"It is important to partner with the city wherever we can, and improving our aviation resources is a good example" said Richard Nelson, chair of the Center for Agriculture and Natural Resources. "Both the city and the University will benefit."

Taking part in the Open House was: Donald Dubuque, UND director of Extension Programs; Donald Sargeant, UMC chancellor; Donald Osborne, Crookston mayor; Richard Nelson, chair of the Center for Agriculture and Natural Resources; Larry Leake, Agriculture Aviation program manager; and John Walberg, Agriculture Aviation flight training manager.

Agricultural Aviation at UMC is a joint program with the University of North Dakota. The program provides flight and ground aeronautical training together with agriculture, business and technical studies coursework. FAA flight certificates available include private pilot, commercial pilot, instrument rating, certified flight instructor, instrument flight instructor, multi-engine rating, and multi-engine instructor.

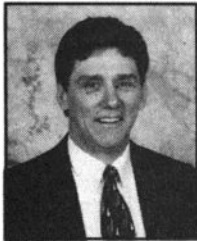
Pilot graduates still flying along the Valley are eligible for entry into a new book being written by Gene Miller, former staff member (1954-86). This book will be a pilots career record and historical collection. Pilots going back to NWSA Aeronautics Class as well as UMC graduates with 1000 hours, can write or call Miller for a questionnaire and information: 304 Golf Terrace, Crookston, or 218-281-3024.

E-mail: ecmiller@means.net

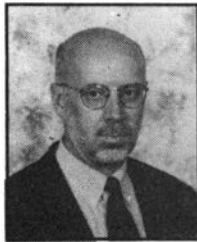
UMC Faculty/Staff Accolades



Paul Aakre, assistant professor of mechanized agriculture, received the Region I Honorary FFA Degree for putting together excellent mechanized agriculture contests over a number of years, and for his contribution to contests at Ag Activities Day.



Don Cavalier, director of Counseling and the Career Center, was presented a Certificate of Appreciation for exemplary service as chairperson of the U of M Civil Service Committee.

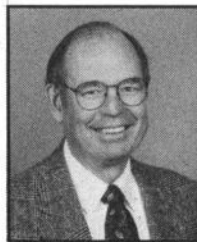


Doug Knowlton, vice chancellor for Academic Affairs, is a co-author of an article, "Family Violence: Children are Always the Victims" in the Just in Time Research: Children, Youth & Families recently published by the Hubert H.

Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs and the U of M Extension Service. It is a compendium of research that is being presented to legislators and other policy-makers in the state.



Dan Lim, director of the Instructional Technology Center, presented a paper, "Just-in-time self-learning development for teachers" at TIES '98 which was held in Minneapolis. He shared with the conference attendees how UMC uses Toolbook interactive templates to develop interactive web modules.



Chancellor Donald Sargeant was recognized with an award for his support and visionary leadership of the campus. The award was presented to him at the Torch and Shield Banquet.

BRAVO!



Sharon Stewart, Dietetics Technician program manager, received her Ph.D. in education from the University of North Dakota.



Dan Svedarsky, program manager and professor of natural resources, was selected into membership in the newly created University of Minnesota Academic of Distinguished Teachers.



Ardis Thompson, Development secretary, was named Outstanding Employee of the Quarter by the United Staff Association.



University Plans Sesquicentennial Celebration

The University of Minnesota will celebrate its 150th anniversary beginning in August 2000 and continuing through the 2000-2001 academic year. A series of community and statewide events are being planned to reflect on the University's rich history throughout the entire celebration.

Several sesquicentennial events are in the planning stage. Four to six signature events will be included. Events such as a prelude event at the Minnesota State Fair, August 24-September 4, 2000, a kickoff event at the University shortly after the beginning of the fall semester in the year 2000, commemoration of the signing of the University charter on February 25, 2001, and a grand finale event in May, 2001.

More information will be forthcoming in the future. If you have any suggestions as to how the University of Minnesota, Crookston Campus might participate in the celebration, please contact the Office of Institutional Relations. If you would like further information, please refer to the official website: <http://www.umn.edu/sesqui>

UMC Visits Communities

Would you like to have someone talk to your organization about UMC and the exciting new programs and recognition given the Crookston campus?

Curt Almlie has visited several organizations throughout northwest Minnesota, and he would like to visit your community. To schedule him for a meeting, contact him at 218-281-8436 or E-mail: calmlie@mail.crk.umn.edu

Have we heard from you lately?

To submit an item for Alumni News just fill out this form and send it to: Rose Ulseth, 2900 University Ave., Crookston MN 56716 or E-mail: arulseth@mail.crk.umn.edu

Photos of you and/or your family are welcome!

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*Can we post your E-mail address in the next issue of the Torch? Yes _____ No _____

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

Alumni Interests

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YOUR THOUGHTS AND IDEAS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!

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UMC Outstanding Alumni

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Annual Drive Makes a Difference

"It's not where you are today that counts. It's where you are headed." The University of Minnesota, Crookston Alumni Association is an organization that is taking that philosophy and is visioning a strong future. The key to that future are the players in the Alumni Association. You are an important player.

You may ask yourself, what difference do I make in the Alumni Association? What good would my gift of \$10, \$15, \$25, or more do for the UMC Alumni Association? I can tell you that all efforts no matter what size make a big difference. The annual fund drive began in November when the initial appeal letter for funds for the Alumni Association was mailed. A follow-up letter was mailed in December to remind people of the tax-deductible opportunity in 1998. Many alumni sent their gift before the end of the 1998. We are very grateful for those gifts. We will be

continuing our annual fund drive with our annual phonathon scheduled for March 7 through 11 and March 14 and 15. In February, you will receive a letter officially announcing the phonathon schedule, and it will give you an opportunity to send your gift of support prior to our telephone call.

The annual fund drive is important for the activities of the Alumni Association to continue and for the scholarships that the Alumni Association has been giving over the past several years.

Here is an interesting story to answer the question of what difference you make in the Alumni Association:

An old man was walking down a beach at dawn when he saw ahead of him a young man running across the sand rhythmically, bending down and picking up stranded starfish and throwing them far into the sea. The old man

gazed in wonder as the young man again and again threw the small starfish from the sand into the water. The old man approached him and asked why he spent so much energy doing what seemed such a waste. The young man explained that the stranded starfish would die if left until the morning sun. Knowing that there were thousands of miles of beach and millions of starfish, the old man wondered how could the young man's efforts make any difference? The young man looked down at the small starfish in his hand and as he threw it to safety in the sea, said, "It makes a difference to this one."

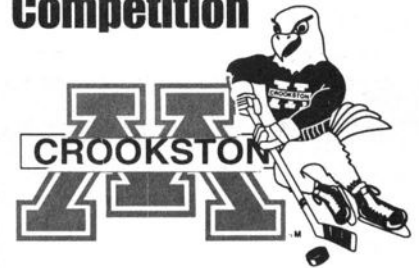
All efforts no matter what size make a big difference. Please join other alumni in supporting your alumni association by sending your gift, no matter what size, to the UMC Alumni Association. It is greatly appreciated and does give us life.

Building Dedication



Taking part in the Dedication of the Controlled Environmental Science Building this fall were from left: Donald Sargeant, UMC chancellor; Julie Bleyhl, chair of the University of Minnesota Board of Regents; Warren Larson, U of M Regent; Bernie Lieder, Minnesota State representative; and Larry Smith, head of the Northwest Experiment Station.

UMC Hockey Moves to Conference Competition



UMC hockey will play with the Midwest Collegiate Hockey Association beginning fall of 1999. It's a big move for UMC because now they can play for a conference championship. Currently, the teams in the conference are: Benedictine University of Lisle IL; University of Findlay OH; Lawrence of Appleton WI; Marian College of Fond du Lac WI; Milwaukee School of Engineering; and Northland College of Ashland WI.

New/Renovated Buildings Update

Owen Hall

Owen renovation creates a One-Stop Student Service Center. Easy access to a variety of services and people will be the feature of the newly remodeled Owen Annex. Students can develop a relationship with a specific staff person or can see any of a number of staff if desired. Information and services are easily obtained from the following offices comprising the Center: Academic Assistance Center, Counseling & Career Center, Disability Services, Student Support Services, Admissions & Financial Aid, Multicultural/International Programs, and the Registrar.

Knutson

Knutson renovation involves vacating a swimming pool and converting it into a multipurpose space for wellness and physical education programming and instruction.

Early Childhood Development Center

The Early Childhood Development Center construction is designed specifically for the needs of the children as well as the professionals and student teachers who instruct and practice there.

Kiehle Hall

Planning funds for Kiehle Hall renovation were provided in the last legislative session. Improvements are planned on the 2nd floor in the auditorium and fine arts with addition and elevator or handicap access. The 1st floor improvements will be to accommodate the alumni, development and technology support services and involve an increase in scope from the original project intent.

UMC has become an internationally recognized institution in notebook and ubiquitous computing. It is imperative that UMC group the technology activities for efficiencies and the importance of these services continues to grow exponentially each day. Technology has become the backbone for all instruction, student, and administration services. Most of the technology support functions have been added in the past few years, and they have been placed in various locations on campus. The Kiehle project is an opportunity to meet a major campus goal of centralizing & improving the Technology Center's physical facilities.

UMC Grads Recognized

Five UMC graduates were among the donors honored at the recent Torch and Shield Banquet. The following alumni were recognized for moving to new Gift Clubs:

Michael A. Chowdry, '79
Ag Aviation - Trustees Society

Diane Bachmeier, '96
Health Management
Presidents Club Charter Member

Stephen Braseth, '72
Crop Production
Associates Club

Andrew Miller, '82
Sales & Marketing Management;
Retail Management and Small
Business Management (triple major)
Presidents Club Charter Member

June Shaver, '76 & '82 attended
Accounting - Gold Club

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Calendar

- Feb. 23 Texas Social
- March 7-11 & 14-15 ... UMC Phonathon
- March 8, 15,
22, 29 International Dinners
- April 27 U of M/UMC Alumni Social
- May 21 Commencement
- July 17 UMC/NWSA/Community
Golf Classic

U of M Alumni Gathering

The UMC Alumni Association and the University of Minnesota Alumni Association are holding an alumni gathering on Tuesday, April 27, at the Plains Art Museum in Fargo. Details are now being worked out, so mark your calendars. For more information, contact Rose Ulseth at 218-281-8439 or E-mail: rulseth@mail.crk.umn.edu

Alumni News . . .

70's

Jon Christensen '70, Lake Park MN works for Cenex/Land-O-Lakes. He has four daughters, two have completed college, one that is half way through, and one that is ready to start. E-mail: Jonlana@means.net



The Crookston Tech Gang from the class of '71 have been getting together each summer for over 25 years. Standing in front from left are: Dale (Hinck) Hinckley and Randy (Bullwinkle) Senst. Sitting from left are: Marlyce (Gregga) Thompson, Rich (Hummer) Heller, Ron E. Thompson and Jerry Hauge. Missing is Robert (Hawkeye) Hawkins. A dearly missed member of the group is George Ness who passed away this past year. All members of this group were natural resource majors except Hinckley who majoried in animal science and Marlyce who is a medical secretary major. The bonds we created at UMC have been very lasting through the years. We hope others have the experience we have had with our friends we made at UMC.

Rodney Searle '74, Morris MN is the manager of the Prairie Inn in Morris.

Kelly Boldan '77, Bemidji MN has been named editor of The Bemidji Pioneer.

Jan Patenaude '77, Marble CO married Robert Jamison on August 21 after meeting online in May. (Online romances do happen!) They bought five acres in Marble Colorado and plan to start building their house next summer. Everyone is invited to the house-raising party/wedding reception. Currently, Jan is selling hormone free/antibiotic free meats for a Denver based company. She is turning into a mountain woman and loving it.

Janelle Menard '78, Grand Forks ND started a new career as a Pastoral Associate at Holy Family Catholic Church in Grand Forks after nearly 20 years of working in the health field as a medical secretary. She is receiving Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) training as a Chaplain Intern from now until May 1999.

Rebecca (Stolhammer) Porter '78, Cochabamba Boliva and her husband have lived in Bolivia for 14 years. They have four children. They work with an evangelical mission-SIM International. She hasn't worked in dietetics since they left Dallas in 1983 but still enjoys the field. E-mail: reporter@bo.net

80's

Kathy Bonemeyer '81, Ames OK is a horse manager for the Yeoman Ranch and also has her own equine massage business.

Tim & Robyn (Lee) Chapman '81, Andover MN recently moved from Duluth to the Minneapolis area. Tim had been the store manager for the Duluth Target store for the past five years and is now a project manager for Target in their corporate office. Robyn works in the medical records area of a local clinic. They have three active children that keep them very busy.

Jane (Drege) Finney '81, East Grand Forks MN has worked as a paraprofessional in an elementary school for several years. Jane and her husband Duane have been married for 15 years and have two boys Josh, 13 and Zack 10.

Jim & Ruthann (Erstad) Svir '81 & '82, Badger MN were married in 1983 and have three children. Jim is the CEO of Roseau County Mutual Insurance Company. Ruthann works at the Border State Bank in Badger. They both enjoy their cabin they recently purchased and enjoy sharing it with their families.

Pete Lex '82, Zumbrota MN and his wife Karolin have a daughter, Whitney, age 5. Pete is currently working at Northrup King division of Novartis as a research analyst. His is working on developing seed treatments for corn root-worm resistance. He is also enjoying some travel for work to Europe and various US locations.

Debbie (Lofboom) McGivern '84, Scottsdale AZ has worked with Scottsdale Healthcare for 11 years. Her husband, Hap, works for the Scottsdale Unified School District. They have two black cats named Slash and Bart.

Geno Mancini '82, San Francisco CA recently purchased a new home in San Francisco. He owns his own business, Wines of California. You can contact him there at 1-888-981-WINE or E-mail: bello1@creative.net

Greg Dvergsten '87, Thief River Falls MN is an instructor at Northland Community College.

Dave & Sue (Gruhot) LeGare '89, have moved back to Crookston. Dave is a scientist with the University of Minnesota, St. Paul conducting research on canola in Northern Minnesota and managing a new canola production center. Sue is enjoying being a stay-at-home mom. Hello to everyone! E-mail: dlegare@mail.crk.umn.edu

Neil Tobkin '78, Perham MN has joined the Board of Director's of First American Bank and is responsible for managing the bank's locations in Perham and Detroit Lakes. Neil serves as the general manager of Crop Production Services in Perham and Wadena. He and his wife, Sherry have four children: Leah, Tony, Christopher and Tanner.

Darlene (Sather) Ihrke '79, Greenbush MN is the owner of North Country Clothing Consignment and Natural Foods. She also raises pheasants and peacocks. She has three children: Amy 19, Arlen 17 and Andrew 11. E-mail: pheasant69@hotmail.com

Grant Nordick '79, Tauranga New Zealand has lived in New Zealand since 1987 and owns a business manufacturing upmarket, custom-made, solid wood furniture. He has two sons, Casey 9 and Cory 8, and lives in the sea-side city of Tauranga on New Zealand's North Island. E-mail Grant at: everwood@clear.net.nz



UMC alumni gathered in Moorhead MN for the wedding of Greg Morris '81 and Linda Mohn '81. Pictured from left are David '80 and Linnea (Cooley) Genereux '81 of Crookston MN; Greg and Linda Morris; Michelle (Laing) Cooley '80 of Grand Forks ND and Jane (Drege) Finney '81. Karla (Zinn) Randall '81 of Harrisburg SD who instigated the matchmaking was unable to attend. Other UMC alumni attending the wedding were Dave Eckman '81 of Fargo ND and Joe Day. (Photo provided by Jane Finney)

90's

Susan (Proulx) Miller '90, Warren MN and her husband Russ have two boys, Tyler 5 and Christopher 3. She owns her own tree and lawn service, and they farm 2,500 acres of wheat, barley, soybeans and sugar beets in the Warren area.

Timothy Rose '90, Golden Valley MN was recently promoted to captain for Mesaba Airline.

Jeff Bergsgaard '91 & '95, Playa Del Rey CA. "disappeared" to a new job in Los Angeles CA. Everything is going well and the new job is a rocket ship that is forever going faster. He is the west coast territory sales manager for a computer software company that creates and sells computer systems to financial institutions. He hopes to get back to Crookston to visit but in the meantime he's cheering on the Golden Eagles. E-mail: jeff@perfectcircle.com

Diane Rasmussen '91, Eagan MN is currently the Career Counselor at Brown Institute in Mendota Heights. She began her Master of Arts in organizational management in January, 1999. E-mail: diane@brown-institute.com

Theresa (Roehrick) Helmoski '92, Byron MN works at the Mayo Clinic and just completed the surgical technology program and will be working in cardiovascular surgery. E-mail: bunnzo@aol.com

Michael & Bev (Adams) Boland '92 & '82, Eden Prairie MN owns his own business specializing in waste water and hazardous waste recycling. They have been married for 16 years have a seven year old daughter, Samantha. E-mail: obeollain@aol.com

Ronda (Pehling) Colby '93, Mandan ND is working as a freelance court reporter in Fargo.

Heather (Steffel) Weis '94, Park Rapids MN was married in the summer of '96. They have one daughter, Madison. Her husband Joel is on his 5th year as a farm manager for RD Offutt Company. Heather works at Coldwell Banker - Dolores P. Clack Real Estate as an office manager.

Chad Lubinski '95, Euclid MN is employed by Acme Electric as a Sales Representative. He married Brita Rood on August 29, 1998.

Wayne Cymbaluk '95, Crookston MN married Joanne Bernardy on November 28, 1998. He is currently working on attaining his master's degree.

Bruce Dyck '95, St. Charles MO is employed by Nations Bank as a banking center manager of two St. Louis banking centers. He is an officer at the bank and in his free time enjoys spending time with his wife Tami and their son Brendan.

Tom & Sara (Larson) Kleven '95, Moorhead MN were married in September. After graduating from UMC, Tom went on to receive his masters degree in agronomy. He is currently working for AgrEvo USA Company in Fargo ND as a field biologist.

Sue (Johnson) Jacobson '96, Fertile MN attained her AAS degree in horticulture in 1987 from UMC and then her bachelor's degree in plant industries management in 1996. She is the lab services coordinator in the Center for Ag and Natural Resources at UMC. E-mail: sjacobso@mail.crk.umn.edu

Kristina Keller '96, Crookston MN is working on her masters degree in business administration from St. Cloud State University.

Luther Newton '96, Erskine MN is currently working in the Marshall-Beltrami Soil and Water Conservation District office in Grygla. He and his wife Lisa have a son Luther Norman V who is called Luke and a daughter, Marissa Joy.

Julia (O'Neil) Sickler '96, South Bend IN was recently promoted to operations manager at the North Dining Hall at the University of Notre Dame. She and her husband, Robert, have a son Robert Nelson Sickler III. E-mail: Julia O Sickler@nd.edu

Robert & Amy (Breitbach) Sip '96 & '91, Fairmont MN were married in June 1993. Both received their AAS degrees in 1991 and Rob returned to UMC to attain his bachelor's degree in 1996 before going on to receive his master's degree in 1998. Rob is employed by Martin City Environmental Services as a water planner and wetland specialist. Amy is employed by State Farm Insurance. E-mail: sip@rconnect.com

Doreen Cyr '97, Cannon Falls MN is the manager of The Saratoga Inn in Cannon Falls.

Tim & Lara (Haug) Leshuk '97 & '92, Hillsboro ND were married July, 1996. Lara is a travel consultant for AAA Travel in Grand Forks, and Tim is an agriculturist for American Crystal Sugar in Hillsboro.

Geoffrey Menk '97, Crookston MN was hired by to be a flight instructor under the UMC flight program. He spent some time in Huntsville AL as a flight instructor for UND in conjunction with NASA Space Camp. He earned two additional flight ratings. He is currently back at UMC instructing commercial/instrument students and having a great time. He hopes to be hired by a regional airline in the near future. E-mail: gmenk@mail.crk.umn.edu

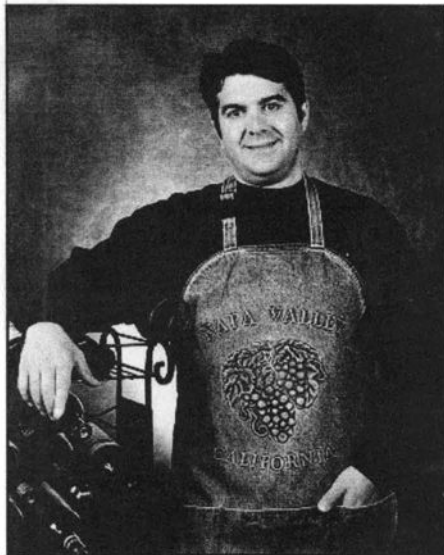
Laura Neisen '97, Fargo ND is currently working on her bachelor's degree in dietetics. E-mail: neisen@badlands.nodak.edu

Amanda Benbo '98, Alexandria MN works as a registered dietetic technician for the Douglas County Hospital in Alexandria MN.

Tracy (Peters) Ellenbaum '98, Glyndon MN works as a dietary aide at the Villa St. Vincent in Crookston MN.

Jon Fridgen '98, Columbia MO is working on a master's degree in agronomy and works as the website coordinator for the Missouri Precision Agriculture Center.

Bob Graham '98, Grand Forks ND has joined the accounting firm of Brady, Martz & Associates, P.C. He will work in the information services department.



Geno Mancini '82, San Francisco CA. This photo was taken from his catalog *Wines of California*.

Danielle Grandbois '98, St. Hilaire MN is engaged to Kyle Miller. Both Danielle and Kyle are employed at Erl's Market.

Sara (Sunny) Haglund '98, Crookston MN is working as a receptionist for New Flyer of America in Crookston.

Kari Klassen '98, Crookston MN is the office administrator for Anderson Beverage, Inc. in Crookston.

Jacquelyn Mason-Jabs '98, Moorhead MN works as a Revenue Management Coordinator in Insurance for MeritCare Health System.

Jason Meyer '98, Grafton ND is currently employed by Simplot Soilbuilders in Stephen MN.

Annette Pavek '98, Alexandria MN is the assistant to the President/Organization Development Coordinator at Alexandria Technical College.

Bill & Heidi (Boody) Strong '98, Little Falls MN were married August 8, 1998. Bill worked as a foreman landscaper for Environmental Care Nursery & Landscaping full-time and currently hauls and plows snow for Bob LeMieur Snow Removal. Bill also drives school bus and charter greyhound for Bob LeMieur Bus Company while awaiting his opportunity for a DNR occupation. Heidi is a full-time student at UMC finishing the last year of a bachelor's degree in Sport and Recreation Management and Applied Studies. Heidi works part-time at AmeriCnn of Crookston and as a nanny for a local family.

Jon Sanders '98, Hastings MN is employed by Cenex/Land-O-Lakes in the central office in Inver Grove Heights as an Agrisource Installation Specialist for their computer programs.

Jennifer Swenson '98, Lancaster MN is currently a technician at the Greenbush Veterinary Clinic in Greenbush MN.

Gregory Tvrdik '98, Alexandria MN is the Food and Beverage Director for the Best Western in Fergus Falls, MN.



Geoffrey Menk '97, Crookston MN - flight instructor.

HOW TO MAKE AN EASY \$20

Thanks to each of you who sent in some "Alumni News." You will notice that this issue of the Torch has an increase in the numbers in the news of what is happening to UMC alumni. Thanks, too, to those who sent in photos. It is fun to see individuals, groups and gatherings of UMC Alumni.

Once again, before the next issue is published we are going to place the names of individuals who send in a brief item on their whereabouts, what they are doing, or any other piece of information, into a hat for a prize drawing. The prize drawing will be a crisp twenty-dollar bill. If you include a picture, we will enter you name twice.

Help us make the alumni newsletter on that you won't want to miss.

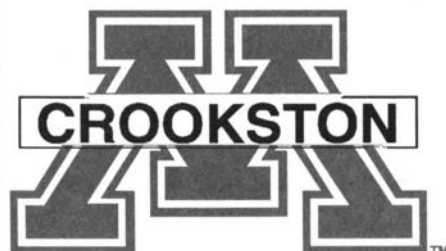
In Memory

Barbara (Johnson) Jenson '76
Moorhead MN
August 22, 1998

Scott Zak, Attended '96-97
Angus MN
October 10, 1998

Mary Elizabeth Hebert
Attended '85-'86
Minneapolis, MN
January 1999

Don't forget to
send a photo
with your news.



New Alumni Room Located In Kiehle Building



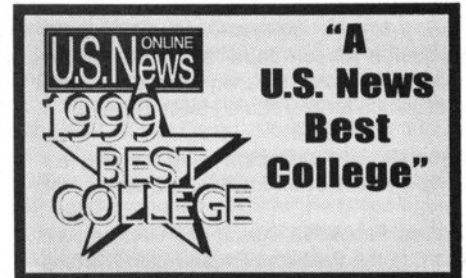
UMC's Alumni Board of Directors held it's first meeting in the new Alumni Room located in Kiehle Building. Back row from left: Rose Ulseth, UMC Alumni support staff; Nikki (Fiorini) '98; Sue (Gruhot) LeGare '89; Curt Almlie, director of UMC Alumni. Front row: Arlene (Putikka) Tucker '73; Jennifer (Johnston) Tate '98; and Carl Melbye '77.



UMC Chancellor Donald Sargeant (left) and UMC Alumni Director Curt Almlie place the sign near the new Alumni room door.

Menk Wins!

Congratulations to Geoffrey Menk '97, Crookston MN. His name was drawn from those who sent in alumni news articles for this issue of the Torch. In fact, his name was entered twice because he also sent in a photo. Watch the mail Geof for that \$20. Remember to fill in the tear out sheet in this issue and send in your alumni news.



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