

The Trojan Torch

University of Minnesota Technical College Alumni Newsletter

Spring, 1977

President's Comments



Cary Sip, President

Happy days - summer is here again. I can't think of anything more entertaining than enjoying the summer fun activities as baseball, softball, weekend lake excursions, saddle club competitions and trail riding, bicycle riding or whatever one can think of doing for pleasure in the summer air. Of course, life isn't all fun for now there is lawn to keep cut, hedges to trim, painting to get done as well as the farm work that everyone so anxiously awaits in spring - so by the late fall months the close of the farming season is welcome.

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, this past winter the board has attempted to organize itself into an active group, including activities such as this newsletter, membership cards, holding bi-monthly meetings, opening communication lines between alumni association and the student senate, and sponsoring a fund raising dance which you can read about later in this issue.

Another involvement I have been interested in and hopefully you will be too, is a UMC Alumni
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Welcome New Alumni



David Bergh, Director

The UMC Alumni Association welcomes the class of 1977 to its membership. All graduates of UMC become voting members upon graduation. A graduate can serve as an officer or on the Board of Directors. Students qualify to be an associate member of the Alumni Association after they have completed 15 credit hours, but haven't graduated from UMC. An associate member does not have voting privileges and cannot hold an office on the Alumni Board of Directors. However, an associate member can voice their opinions at all alumni board meetings and can participate in any alumni activities.

As a member of the UMC Alumni Association, you can be an essential and important person to our association and your fellow members. You will regularly receive three issues a year of the TROJAN TORCH, and invitations to other events such as homecoming and Alumni get-togethers. The annual alumni parties are always pleasant and informative events in that they provide you an opportunity to get together to renew acquaintances with old friends, staff and faculty from the college. These gatherings are held in conjunction with the Northwest School Alumni
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House. Following is our proposal:

The intention of this proposal is to help alleviate a portion of the housing problem on the campus of UMC. Growing student population has put an over burden on the existing housing facilities, to the point where more students must be crowded together in dorm rooms than was originally designed for. Upon recognizing other university campuses have similar situations, and that their Alumni Associations have taken self initiative to help lighten the load of housing shortage. As we study this proposal please keep in mind that this is an estimation of expenses we would be looking at if we should decide to take up such a venture.

The operation of an alumni house or perhaps the development of fraternities would be basically renting it out to students, possibly through the campus housing office as is done at NDSU. Rent would be determined by the total expenses estimated to be incurred divided by the number of students housed.

Prior to executing such a program there may be a need to amend the Constitution and Bylaws to allow the board of directors to incur financial debt and responsibility of repayment.

Please review and discuss the following:

Initial Cost	\$20,000	Loan Amortization (20,000 @ ten years)	\$ 2,000
ESTIMATED EXPENSES		TOTAL CASH OUTLAY	
Interest	1,600	Expenses	\$ 3,067
Taxes	142	Amortization payment	<u>2,000</u>
Insurance	200		\$ 5,067
Oil Heat (monthly average)	75		
Electricity & Water	50	MONTHLY EXPENSES	SIX STUDENTS/MONTH
Maintenance (5% of cost)	1,000	12 month	\$ 422.25 \$ 70.38
Depreciation	?	9 month	\$ 563.00 \$ 93.84
	<u>\$ 3,067</u>	COMPARISON TO DORM RATES	5 day 7 day
		Skyberg	\$ 450/Qtr. \$ 469/Qtr.
		McCall	\$ 441/Qtr. \$ 460/Qtr.

The particular house we had in mind is east of Schumacher's Standard Gas Station in Crookston. Since it has been sold, perhaps we could look up another available abode. This will be discussed at our next annual board meeting which will be held at homecoming on October 1, 1977. The board is planning to meet with Ed Odland, Vice President of the Northwest Educational Improvement Association to discuss legal matters affecting an involvement such as this. I look forward to hearing your comments by mail or at the annual meeting.

On the 20th of May, UMC held their commencement exercises on the mall with beautiful warm sunny skies as usual and not a single rain cloud in sight. Dr. Sahlstrom welcomed and introduced the guests to the parents, relatives and friends of the graduates. Among the special guests were Regent L.J. Lee, bringing greetings from the Board of Regents. Ms. Kathryn Searight, Vice President of Red Owl Foods, was the main speaker and addressed the graduating class of over 200 students. Also bringing greetings were Harry Roers, Student Senate President, and myself on behalf of the Alumni Association.

We were all entertained by the UMC Jazz Choir under the direction of Prof. Robert Olson. They sang "Just Too Many People" and "The Long Winding Road". This group as I understand, is available to be booked upon request and is operating through a grant. Actual and precise facts can be obtained from Prof. Olson. This group was really a (excuse the expression) "turn on". You'd have to hear them to appreciate them. Dale Knotek mentioned that a commanding military officer heard them at commencement and requested them for a National tour of the Military USO Clubs. That's impressive!

Let's all show our willingness to encourage and share accomplishments like this of our alma mater by coming to "Homecoming, 1977" on October 1st. Cary Sip, UMC Alumni Association President

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Recently the Alumni Association has been brought out of the mothballs so-to-speak. It was active in the early days of the College, but then lapsed to a level of inactivity. Recently it began to stir and you could see signs of life. A newsletter, THE TROJAN TORCH, is being published three times a year, board meetings were set up for planning, and new alumni identification cards have been printed to help the association keep track of you. There have also been discussions on how the Alumni Association might help eliminate the housing shortage at UMC, and plans are being made for the big event of the year, "1977 Homecoming".

The Association is looking forward to working with you and hearing your ideas. We hope that together we can build an even better Alumni Association at the University of Minnesota Technical College, Crookston, Minnesota. We need your involvement and support. Join your friends who are interested in the welfare of their University and in the future of their professions.

David Bergh, Director, Alumni Association

HOMECOMING

Biggest & Best

Everyone should remember the date, October 1st, 1977. This is going to be the biggest and best homecoming ever seen on the UMC campus.

This year's homecoming will honor the graduating class of 1969. We hope to have a lot of these graduates here to help make our homecoming a big event.

The 4-wheel Drive has been booked to help celebrate that night after our hopeful victory at the football game.

We, the Board of Directors would like to see everyone back for homecoming to make it the biggest and best ever! Homecoming is for you, the graduates of UMC, to come back and reunite with old friends and memories.

NOMINATIONS OPEN

The Board of Directors of the UMC Alumni Association urge you to put on your thinking cap for an important assignment! Coming up this fall is the election of 3 new directors for the Alumni Board. We need your help in choosing candidates for the fall elections - we need your nominations. Please return the bottom portion of this page with as many nominees as you can think of and who would be active if elected to the Board. All nominees will be contacted before their names are put on the ballot.

Please return or call 218-281-6510, extension 318 no later than July 10. Complete as much of the following information as possible: Name of nominee, address, telephone number, where he/she works and business phone number. Thanks! Hope to hear from you soon.

Nominee's Name _____ Telephone # _____

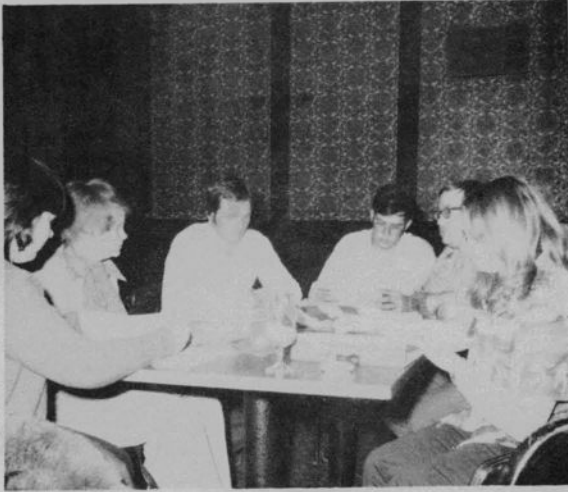
Address _____ Class of _____

Business Name & Company Address _____ Telephone # _____

Your name (Optional) _____

Return to: Alumni Relations Office
University of Minnesota Technical College
Crookston, MN 56716

Alumni Association Sponsors Dance



Alumni Board at Work!!
Left to right, Linda Bergh, Susan (Bruggeman) Nelson, Cary Sip, David Bergh, Wayne Omundson, and Pinkie Ford.



Serious discussion.
Alumni Board meeting at the Upper Deck, April 15, 1977.



Board members, President Cary Sip, and Directors, Dave Bergh and Wayne Omundson have fun at board meetings!



Pinkie Ford and Dr. Sahlstrom at the KKXL Alumni Sponsored Dance.

The UMC Alumni Club sponsored a KKXL Record Hop at the Upper Deck in Crookston, Minnesota, on April 15, 1977. An alumni board meeting was held before the dance to take care of alumni business.

We would like to thank Mr. & Mrs. Russell Maves for their hospitality since they let the Alumni Association use the facilities free of charge. KKXL, the radio station from Grand Forks, ND, agreed to take 50% off the gate instead of charging their usual price. By charging \$1.75 at the door and advertising free keg beer for the ladies, the Alumni Association made some money for their treasury.

Among the many games and gimmicks the KKXL jocks used to keep things rolling was that the first girl who asked Dr. Sahlstrom to dance won a UMC Tee-shirt. Needless to say, Patty Hill, a UMC student, did find him and our Provost once again proved he can still boggie with the best of them!

Many of the teachers and administration, including Dr. Sahlstrom, alumni and UMC students helped to make the night a worthwhile investment. The money earned will be used for alumni expenses in the future.

Alumni Director's Corner



Don Cavalier, Director of Counseling, Placement and Alumni Services

What can the Alumni do for UMC? What can UMC do for the Alumni? As to the former, there seems to be general agreement on the four major services which alumni can be counted on to render:

1. The ambassadorial service of representing the college well, wherever they go;
2. Advisory capacity to the Alumni Officers and the Board of Directors;
3. Recruiting service of directing well qualified applicants to the University of Minnesota Technical College, and
4. The fund raising service of strengthening the college resources.

These are the major responsibilities alumni can be called upon to assume.

On its part, the college has a continuing responsibility too - the responsibility:

1. To insure that a vigorous and productive alumni program exists.
2. To guarantee for it a firm financial base, through subsidization as necessary.
3. To provide good avenues of communication through publications, clubs and on-off campus events.
4. To furnish opportunities for continuing education or intellectual stimulation;
5. To enlist alumni in developing public understanding and support; and
6. To respect at all times the precious integrity of the alumni program.

We are proud of all UMC Alumni and the Alumni Association. We need more active participation and would hope that you, the alumni become more involved as the years go by.

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Where They're At!

We INVITE your news of yourself so please let us know what you are doing.

Here are a few of you that we know about.

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Adolphson, Loren ('76) - Farming at Argyle, MN.

Amiot, Josephine ('76) - Employed at Donald Blomberg, CPA, St. Paul, MN.

Roger Amundson ('68) - Farming in Roseau, MN. Single.

Bradley Ash ('75) - Navy - Recruit Training Command, Orlando, FL. Single.

Rebecca E. Anderson ('74) - Working at Del's Coffee Shop in Grand Forks, ND.

Merle Behrens ('74) - Working at Clark's Nursery, Balaton, MN; Single. Bought a farm and is in the process of moving there.

Linda Bliss ('76) - Going to school at U of Wisconsin, River Falls, for Ag Education.

Krista Boen ('75) - Employed at Northwestern Clinic in Crookston.

Elaine Brost ('75) - Secretary at Holcomb & Knutson, Crookston.

Sister Jeanne M. Campeau, CSJ ('73) - Looking for a secretarial job in Crookston.

Linda (Hoppe) Erickson ('75) - Employed at the Northwest Mental Health Center, Crookston.

Dawn Evenson ('76) - Working at Montague's Floral in Crookston.

Tom Feiro ('75) - Technician for US Forestry on the Superior National Forest. Taking an 850 mile canoe trip on the Churchill River in Manitoba, to Hudson Bay. Will be gone from mid-June to mid-August.

Marie (Skogstad) ('75) & Jim Fournier ('76) - Married May 7, 1977. Marie is Sr. Data Entry Operator at UMC & Jim is employed at Robertson Gambles in Crookston.

Lowell Freiborg ('75) - Working at a Fertilizer Plant in Clara City, MN.

Timothy Gerrels ('72) - Flight Instructor at North Star Flying School, Anoka, MN. Single.

Allan Gustafson ('68) - Employed by USDA SCS, Plummer, MN. Allan commented he was able to avoid the bad influence of Neil Blume while rooming together at UMC!! Wife, Pauline.

Gayle (Anderson) Gustafson ('75) - Working at Warroad, MN.

Scott Habstritt ('74) - Farming in Roseau, MN.

Mary D. Hagman ('75) - Working as Pantry Supervisor at the Chanhassen Dinner Theatre, Chanhassen, MN.

Mike Hallie ('75) - Farming in Roseau, MN.

Neil Hoffman ('75) - Attending UND.

Joanie Jenson ('75) - Married and Employed at Artic Cat Enterprises.

Donald E. Johnson ('69) - Owner and Manager of Coast-to-Coast Stores in Cavalier, ND and Hallock, MN. Received Governor's Leadership Award in 1976 for working in Community Betterment and Industrial Development. Received Outstanding Young Man of America Award in '76 & '77. Wife, Judy; Children, Dawn, Misty, Devin.

Douglas Kaltenberg ('75) - Working at Gibson's in Crookston.

Cal Krupa ('68) - President of Scotty Manufacturing, Inc., Manufacturing of Sporting Goods and Plastics Fabricating. Married, no children.

Mike Knott ('75) & Jean (Olson) Knott ('75) - Farming in Tracy, MN.

Lynn (Finstad) Klyve ('75) - Switchboard Operator at UMC.

Avis Kroulik ('76) - Employed at the Children's Center at UMC.

Mark Kummer ('75) - Attending Moorhead State University, Moorhead, MN.

Craig Larson ('76) - Assistant Manager at Tireland, Inc., Thief River Falls, MN. Married Sept. 26, 1977.

Darrel & Debby (Nelson) Loeck ('70) - Farming at Balaton, MN. Debby is starting her own greenhouse business on the farm. 2 children-Jennifer 3, Jerod 1.

Marilyn McWalter ('75) - Employed at Riverview Hospital, Crookston.

Nancy E. (Beresford) Martin ('68) - Administrative secretary, Control Data Corp., Bloomington, MN. Attending U of M, Mpls. working toward a Business Degree. Husband David works for the MN Air National Guard. Children, Lianne 8, David 5.

Vicki Melbye ('73) - Model Store Instructor - Cottonwood River Coop. Center, Springfield, MN.

Judy (Uscensky) Ness ('73) - Married 3½ years - working in the Life Ins. Industry doing mainly secretarial work. No children.

Terry Ogorek ('76) - Student at Bemidji State U. majoring in Business Ed. with a coaching certificate. Farming in Lancaster, MN this summer.

Elizabeth Radniecki ('75) - Received B.S. degree in An. Sc. at St. Paul, U of M. Working for Nutrina Feeds selling feed and Animal Health Products.

Alan Roebke ('70) - Farming & in the seed business at Hector, MN. Single.

Donn Sawyer ('69) - Draftsman for Stearns Co. Highway Dept., St. Cloud, MN. Married and has a 1 year old son.

June E. Shaver ('76) Administrator at Northwestern Clinic in Crookston.

Ricky J. ('72) & Peggy A. (Lee) Sirek ('68) - Ricky is an Ins. Agent; Mid-Continent Agencies. Peggy is a Legal Secretary in Minneapolis.

Daniel O. Skolness ('69) - Farming at Glyndon, MN. Married & 1 daughter, Brooke.

The following alumni have made contributions to the Alumni Association since our last newsletter was published.

- Roger Amundson '68
- Bradley Ash '75
- Merle Behrens '74
- Linda Bliss '76
- S. Jeanne M. Campeau '73
- Thomas A. Ferio '75
- Allan Gustafson '68
- Mary Hagman '75
- Donald E. Johnson '69
- Craig Larson '76
- Darrel & Debra Loeck '70
- Nancy Martin '68
- Vickie Melbye '73
- Judith Ness '73
- Terry Ogorek '76
- Elizabeth Radniecki '75
- Alan Roebke '70
- June Shaver '76
- Ricky & Peggy Sirek '72-'68
- Daniel O. Skolness '69

BIT OF NEWS

We would appreciate any help from the UMC Alumni in keeping us informed of job openings that might be available to graduates of our college. Being you are out in the field and have an idea of the job market, you can be of help to us by informing the Placement Office of these potential jobs.

Our address is: Room 119 Dowell Hall
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Thanks for your support!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Alumni Association Board of Directors need help in writing these newsletters! Our knowledge of what the rest of the class is up to is limited. If you would like to help with the newsletters or have any information to submit about either yourself or another alumnus - please let the UMC Alumni Relations Office know. If you would like to be involved in any future Alumni projects you can call 281-6510, ext. 318, or write us a note indicating your interest.

Just a reminder that nominations for the Alumni Board will take place again in the early part of the summer. If you are interested in being on the Board of Directors you can contact any present board member of the Alumni Office at UMC.

Please detach this portion and return!

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I am enclosing my donation to the UMC Alumni Association in the amount of: ___\$1 ___\$5 ___\$10

In order to include you in the alumni news and also up-date our address records we need the following information:

NAME _____ GRADUATING CLASS _____

Maiden Name _____

PRESENT ADDRESS _____

WHAT ARE YOU DOING? _____

SOMETHING ABOUT YOURSELF -- ACHIEVEMENTS, ETC. _____

FAMILY _____

JUNE ACTIVITIES

5 Summer School Session I Registration
6 Summer School Session I Begins
21 - 26 Crookston Pioneer Days
25 Northwest School Annual Alumni Reunion
30 Summer School Session I Ends

JULY ACTIVITIES

5 Summer School Session II Registration
6 Summer School Session II Begins
8 New Student Fall Registration
11 - 12 Swedish Folk Dance Company
20 Crops & Soils Day - Experiment Station 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

AUGUST ACTIVITIES

1 Alumni Board Meeting (Tentative)
3 Summer School Session II Ends
5 New Student Fall Registration

SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

6 - 7 Faculty Workshop
8 - 11 Welcome Week
10 Football at Brainerd
12 Fall Quarter Begins
11 - 12 Movie - Young Frankenstein 8 p.m. at Kiehl
17 Football vs. Mesabi at UMC
20 Provost Convocation
22 International Club Sponsors KJUM Disco Dance
24 Football at Vermillion

OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

1 10:00 a.m. - Annual Alumni Association Board Meeting
1 1:00 p.m. - HOMECOMING - Football vs. Hibbing
1 9:00 p.m. - Dance at the Eagles in Crookston
8 Football vs. Fergus Falls at UMC

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