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

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Youngquist Gave Countless Hours to UMC

Dr. Bernard Youngquist was born in Finlyason MN in 1915. He received his BS, MA and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Minnesota.

Bernie joined the University in 1946 at the West Central School and Experiment Station at Morris and served there until becoming principal at the Southern School of Agriculture at Waseca in 1952. He became superintendent of the Northwest School of Agriculture and Experiment Station, Crookston in 1956. Under his direction, the station doubled in land resources, added staff and increased research.

Former staff member E.C. "Gene" Miller said, "Development of the Northwest Experiment Station was crucial, considering when Dr. Youngquist arrived, two horse teams still served the work at hand and scientists hauled equipment to the field in two wheeled trailers behind their own cars. That development, the staff, the equipment and land for research which Dr. Youngquist left on his retirement was modern and research accomplished at Crookston had gained an excellent reputation recognized nationally."

Youngquist served as president of the Red River Valley (RRV) Winter Shows Board of Managers for 26 years. He provided leadership for the establishment of the new University of Minnesota Technical College, for rebuilding the facilities for the RRV Winter Shows, and the Red River Valley Natural History Area.

Bill and Don Strickler counted it a distinct privilege to work with Dr. Youngquist on the RRV Winter Shows projects. "He dedicated countless hours developing



Dr. Youngquist stands in front of the display in his honor which was placed in the Agricultural Research Center at the official naming of Youngquist Auditorium in 1997. From left: Larry Smith, head of the Northwest Experiment Station; Bernice and Bernie Youngquist; and Donald Sargeant, UMC Chancellor.

the programming and writing the history of the shows," they said.

The NWES Agricultural Research Auditorium was officially named the Youngquist Auditorium in honor of Bernie in the fall of 1997. University of Minnesota president Mark Yudof and U of M Regent Bob Bergland took part in festivities.

He was president of the Red River Valley Development Association and received the Builder of the Valley Award. He served as chairman of the Citizen's Advisory Council on the Souris-Red-Rainy River Basins Section of the Upper Mississippi River Basins Commission for eight years.

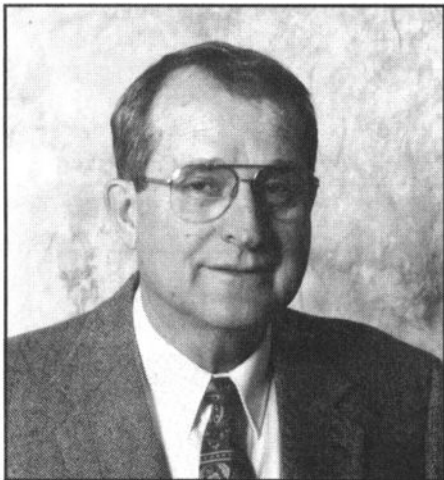
Youngquist has received many awards for his leadership activities, including

Honorary State Farmer Award from the Minnesota FFA, Top Aggie from the Northwest School of Agriculture Alumni Association, Friend of 4-H Award from the Minnesota 4-H Foundation and the UMC Torch and Shield Award. He was elected to the Hall of Fame of the Red River Valley Winter Shows.

After his retirement in 1983, he researched and authored a 75-Year History of the Red River Valley Winter Shows which was published in 1985. He recently completed his 16th overseas consulting trip with a non-profit agency working with third world countries.

He and his wife Bernice live in a condominium in St. Paul. They have three children with families, all who live in the Twin Cities.

To The 21st Century



Del Roelofs

As I write this column we're rapidly approaching the close of another school year. Although the year seemed to go all to quickly, it has been an eventful and productive one. The fall started off just right when U.S. News and World Report named the University of Minnesota, Crookston a 1999 Best College. Shortly thereafter, the Northern Sun Conference invited UMC to join them and move up to NCAA Division II. This certainly is going to be a challenge, but it is definitely yet another milestone and a step in the right direction for the future.

In late February we attended a NWSA Social in McAllen, Texas and then traveled on to Mesa the first week of March for a NWSA get together. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will see a number of pictures from the two events. I hope everyone had as much fun as we did. The weather was perfect for the duration of our trip. Before I go any further I have to thank Marge and Si Hanson and Allen and Kay Larson for all their help. The Hansons in Texas and Larsons in Arizona served as the local contacts and hosts. They took the responsibility for making all the arrangements for the socials, and we thank them again for making these events so successful.

This past week was really the highlight of the year for me. I had the opportunity to join with several other staff and community members to screen and in

terview the finalists for next years Michael A. Chowdry Entrepreneurial Scholarship recipients. For those of you who don't know, Michael Chowdry, a 1978 Agricultural Aviation graduate, established four \$5000 scholarships for students with entrepreneurial promise. I wish that every person who reads this column could have had the same opportunity. Just when everything we read and see seems to be upside down in the world and especially more recently in this country, I had the chance to have my faith in humankind renewed. The twelve finalists for the four Chowdry Scholarships are without a doubt among the brightest and the best; each one in my opinion deserving and worthy of receiving a Chowdry Scholarship. With young people like these twelve at the helm, the next generation is in good shape.

In closing I want to let you all know that we are planning an all school reunion in June 2000. The Board realizes this will be a lot of work, but going into the 21st Century it should all be worth it. If you have an interest in helping with planning or suggestions for events and activities, please contact me or one of the members of the board.

--Del Roelofs

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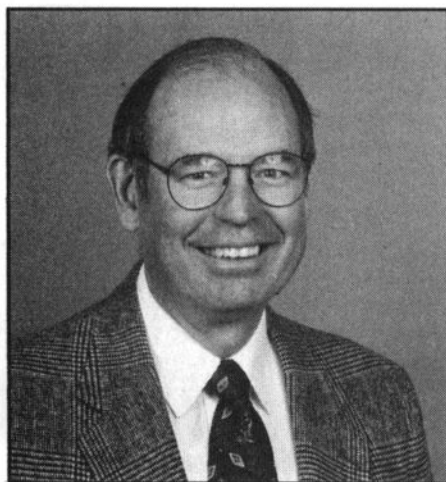
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From the Chancellor

New Freshman Applicants Increase



Donald Sargeant

It's hard to believe that another academic year is coming to a close. It is exciting each spring for everyone as we spend more time outside, begin our outdoor activities and maybe even golf and fish. On campus the awards programs and year-end activities and summer job offers add to the enjoyment.

Each spring we are in the budget planning and staffing mode. The budget for next year will not be determined until early June. We don't anticipate much change. As for staffing, there will be faculty and staff turnover in Animal Science, Agricultural Industries Management, Information Networking Manage-

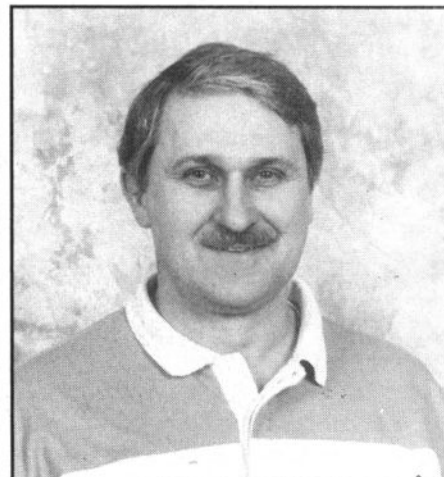
ment, Athletic Director, and Women's Basketball Coach. There may be a few more as the year progresses.

Several construction projects will be underway this summer; a new Early Childhood Development Center, an addition to UTOC for horse stables, remodeling of locker rooms and meeting area in Knutson, and creation of a one-stop student services center in Owen. Completion of the Valley Technology Park building being built adjacent to the campus by the City is scheduled for mid August. Also, Polk County will be resurfacing the road on the north and east of campus and replacing the open ditch with an enclosed structure. This will greatly improve the appearance and entrance to the campus from the north and east.

Probably, the biggest excitement has been the increase in number of new freshmen applicants when compared to the same date last spring. At this time it looks like the number of new freshmen will be up about 50 and the number of college in high school students about 200. We are reaching out with increased student interest from the Twin Cities.

--Donald Sargeant

From the President



Bill Gatheridge

Greetings NWSA Alumni

Spring is here which means June is just around the corner.

I hope your plans are made to attend the reunion on the 25th and 26th of June. We'll have the pig roast on the mall and classic cars for the class pictures.

I urge alumni to consider our Heritage Fund Drive and want to thank you now if you already have or plan on making a contribution. We need your support to carry on.

Besides the Honored Classes in the year 2000, the board is considering an All-School Reunion with a few special events thrown in. If you have any ideas about what we could do, let us know. Also, anybody who would want to help with this project is welcome to join in the planning of any special event. Just call the Alumni office. Call us at 800-232-6466, and ask for Ardis at ext. 8437.

See you in June.

--Bill Gatheridge

Calendar

June 6 – 12	Elderhostel "Computers Day and Night With a Laptop"
June 17	Golden Eagles Golf at Hallock
June 20 – 26	Elderhostel "Computers"
July 12 – 17	Elderhostel "Computers"
July 17	UMC Teambackers Golf Classic
August 12	Golden Eagles Golf at Roseau
August 30	Fall Semester Classes Begin
September 11	Teambackers Wrap-up Session
April 15, 2000	Teambackers Fun Night

Texas and Arizona Socials a Success!



Roger Briden '22 at the Arizona Social with Del Roelofs, left, and Al Larson, right. Roger is 93 years old. Can you top that next year?



A big group of alumni and friends gathered in Texas for a great time.



Marjorie Ofstedahl Hanson '43, right, at the Texas Social with Del Roelofs.



It was a great time at the Arizona Social.



James '47 and Phyllis Larson at the Arizona Social with Al Larson, left, and Del Roelofs, right.



Calmer Johnson '44, right, at the Texas Social with Del Roelofs.

NWSA REUNION • June 25-26, 1999

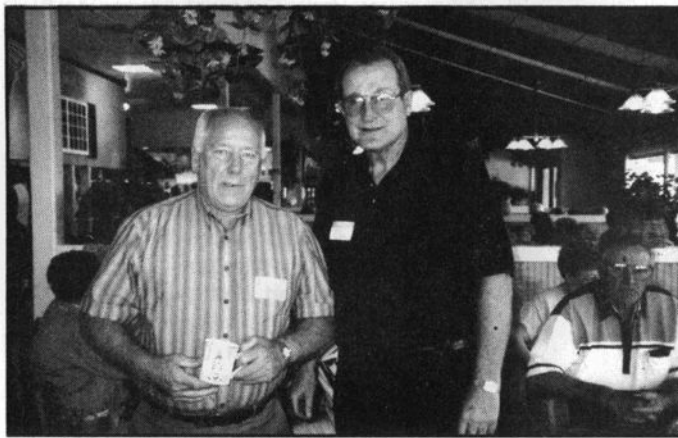
Texas and Arizona Socials a Success!



Emory and Margaret Forfang Cameron '41 at the Arizona Social with Al Larson, left, and Del Roelofs, right.



Truman (faculty '69-'88) and Dorothy Tilleraas at the Texas Social with Del Roelofs, left.



Charles Hagen '47, left, at the Texas Social with Del Roelofs.



Lillian Jensen Wefald '42 at the Arizona Social with Al Larson, left, and Del Roelofs, right.

From the Development Director

Life is Wonderful!

Driving in the area the other day, I saw a billboard that says something along the line of "business is great, people are terrific and life is wonderful." That statement can be parroted here at the University of Minnesota, Crookston with convection. Enrollment is up, in fact new high school admit applications are up by nearly 33 percent. Five new programs have or are now enrolling students and a couple of other offerings are in development.

The new courses of study are Agriculture and Food Systems Management,

Law Enforcement Emphasis within Natural Resources, Early Childhood Education, Golf Facilities and Turf System Management and Aviation Business Management. If my count is accurate, UMC is now at or near 22 bachelor's degree programs. A very significant increase when you think that just six years ago we started with nine bachelor's degree programs.

The Development Office has been busy and just closed out the third quarter with a little over \$600,000 received year to date. With a strong fourth quarter a new record high is quite possible. During this quarter we will be wrapping up

the year with the NWEIA, NWSA, Faculty/Staff Annual Fund and Business/Industry Scholarship drives. If you have not been involved in supporting UMC or the Experiment Station, please give it your most serious consideration. All gifts go to support the growth and continued development of these two valuable regional assets. Every scholarship dollar you give goes directly to student recipients.

If you would like to contribute to the UMC scholarship fund or the NWES, please call the Development Office at 800-232-6466, ext. 8438.

—Del Roelofs

Top Aggies

Hazel Stephenson Halvorson '29

Roseau, MN

Evelyn Bierbaum Peterson '29

Villa Park IL

Forrest R Mykleby '44

Cedar Rapids IA

John R Drees '64

Grand Forks, ND

Lost Alumni

Can you help us find any of the following. We have incorrect addresses for all of these. They are listed with their last known city.

- 1924 Edwin Lofthus • Portland, OR
 1929 Edna Hanson • Alexandria, MN
 Willie Lohn • Fosston, MN
 Lowell Ryden • Mesa, AZ
 1934 William Johnston • Grafton ND
 1939 Walter Erickson • Thief River Falls, MN
 George Henre • Palm Springs, CA
 Wallace Hermanson • Seattle, WA
 Leonard Hildebrand • Fargo, ND
 Joyce Svedstrom • Davenport, IA
 1944 Robert Johnson • Boonton NJ
 Glenn Magneson • Bremerton, WA
 Louise Rustad • St Paul MN
 Phyllis Tollefson • Waukegan, IL
 1949 Miles Larson • Bagley, MN
 Carlyle Schierman • Fergus Falls, MN
 James Sutherland • Minneapolis MN
 Lucille Witikko • Monticello, MN
 1954 Keith Danks • Grand Forks ND
 James Fischer • Pelican Rapids, MN
 Delores Sandy • Warroad, MN
 Frank Schmaltz • Buxton, ND
 1959 Claudia Biglow • Clements, CA
 Gene Eidem • Moorhead, MN
 Frederick Eisenhardt • Vergas, MN
 Norman Habedank • Ashland, WI
 A Ronald Johnson • Tustin, CA
 Carolyn Kirk • Naperville, FL
 Roger Larson • Crookston, MN
 Gary Lindgren • Apache Junction, AZ
 Dale Shanks • Denver CO
 Kenneth Steinke • Cavalier, ND
 Rodney Twamley • Parachute, CO
 Jon Wall • Larimore, ND
 Marlys Wimer • Ada, OK
 1964 Evelyn Ackerland
 Richard Bellamy • Seattle, WA
 Judy Bolstad
 Shirley Brown
 Nancy Bull
 Marilyn Chapman
 Michael Donahue • Carson City, NV
 Sandra Jensen • Monticello, MN
 Shirley Johnson
 Gary Levi
 Judy Meyer
 Joseph Murphy
 Sylvia Olson
 Toni Osburnsen
 Sandra Rebarchek
 Roland Retzlaff
 Carol Runions
 Harold Syhelstad
 Roy Stigen • Rainy River, MN
 James Swenson
 Wayne Witzel • Landon ND

1999 Phonathon



On behalf of the NWSA Alumni Association we want to say **THANK YOU** to the following volunteers for their willingness to help with the 1999 Phonathon. Their calls to each of you, and your generous support, will proudly continue the "AGGIE Spirit" into the next millenium.

Dorothy Finkenbinder Bergh '48
 John Bywater, UMC Retired
 JoAnne Straus Carlson '61
 Wilford Dostal '48
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 Roy Stola '47
 Gerhard Ross '45
 David Tucker '61
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Reunion Schedule

University of Minnesota, Crookston
 Saturday, June 26, 1999

10:00 – 5:00	REGISTRATION	Sahlstrom Conference Center
11:15—12:30	CAMPUS BUS TOURS	Sahlstrom Conference Center
11:15 – 1:15	LUNCHEON	Pig Roast on the Mall
2:00 – 3:30	CLASS MEETINGS	Room to be determined
	Class of '20's.....	Class of '49.....
	Class of '34.....	Class of '54.....
	Class of '39.....	Class of '59.....
	Class of '44.....	Class of '64.....
3:30 - 5:30	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 @ \$4.00.

Class of '20's	3:30	Class of '54	4:15
Class of '34	3:30	Class of '59	4:30
Class of '39	3:45	Class of '64	4:45
Class of '44	4:00	Class of '49	5:00

5:30 – 6:30	BUFFET DINNER.....	Brown Dining Room
6:30 – 7:30	PROGRAM HONORING 1999 TOP AGGIES	
7:30	ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING	
8:00	ENTERTAINMENT	

Reunion Social

Friday, June 25,
 1999
 7:00 p.m.
 Northland Inn
 Crookston, MN

All alumni are invited to
 come and socialize.

*Free hors d'oeuvres
 Cash bar*

All School Reunion June 22-24, 2000

The NWSA Alumni Association Board of Directors have recently agreed to host an All School Reunion in the year 2000. If you would like to volunteer your services, please let us know.

Class Notes

Compiled by Ardis Thompson. Send Class Notes information to Ardis Thompson, NWSA Alumni, University of Minnesota, Crookston, 2900 University Avenue, Crookston MN 56716, 218-281-8437 or by e-mail to ardis@mail.crk.umn.edu

Lamar Arnold Anderson '44

Hallock, MN

Served in WWII; then took up flying. Crop sprayer for 20 years and started road construction for 48 years. Owned and operated Anderson Land Fill and Refuse collection service for 24 years. Retired January 1996 and have five children, 12 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Alice Rundell Lomen '50

Port Angeles, WA

Moved to Port Angeles, WA in 1998 after retiring from St. John's Hospital in Longview, WA October 1996. It's on the Olympic Peninsula and only minutes to the mountains or the ocean. Hobbies include writing poetry, reading, sight-seeing and visiting family and friends in Longview. Reservations made to visit family and friends, attend family reunions in South Dakota in June and July this year. Biggy will be the 100th reunion in June.

Donald Laplante '39

Hayward CA

My wife was recently re-elected as Director of the Retired Division of the Cali-

fornia State Employees Association. She works with the California Legislative and Cal-Pers (the largest retirement system in the world with \$150 Billion dollars) to secure benefits COLA' health plans for retirees. We are leaving March 19 for spring training Phoenix AZ with our Oakland A's. This will be our 15th consecutive year. I turned 77 in January and my wife was 72.

In Memory

Creator of Cups and Plates White House Alumni Center

George Schulz '31

November 30, 1998

On June 7, 1939 he married Gladys Amundson and purchased his grandparent's farm and lived there until 1996 when they sold their farm and moved to Fergus Falls. In addition to farming, he worked for 17 years for the County Farm Bureau Insurance and served as a crop sprayer and a machine operator. George served on the NWSA Alumni Association Board of Directors and during this time, Gladys and him were responsible for designing and creating the cups and plates of the White House Alumni Center. In 1997, his wife Gladys preceded him in death. Survivors include two daughters, five grandchildren, one great grandchild and two sisters.

In Memory

Frances Trane Aarness '36

Thief River Falls, MN • April 8, 1998

Harvey Troska '48

Pelican Rapids, MN • March 11, 1999

William H. Ash '47

St. Vincent, MN • December, 1998

Harvey A Bloomquist '40

Drayton, ND • March 17, 1999

Evelyn Baird Epema '42

Crookston, MN • March 16, 1999

Elwood Gormsen '57

Thief River Falls, MN • April 18, 1999

Dorothy Ann Grotte '51

Elk River, MN • February 27, 1999

Arnold Hetland '31

Crookston, MN • November 10, 1998

David L Kesler '66

Valley City, ND • March 20, 1999

Carol Sue Kosmatka

Thief River Falls, MN • Nov. 25, 1998

Darrell E Stengl '52

East Grand Forks, MN • February 23, 1999

Paul Swanson '68

Warren MN • February 20, 1999

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