

# For love of art and music

Former NMU president John X. Jamrich increases campaign gift

Life would be less without art and music, according to former Northern Michigan University president John X. Jamrich.

"Music and art are really the essential, decorative elements of life. They ease the tension of daily, routine demands. Without music and art to contribute to the stability of our psyches, we become routine-automated beings," said NMU's top administrator from 1968 to 1983.

Jamrich and his wife June of Venice, Fla., have decided to increase their gift to *This Decisive Season: The Campaign for Northern Michigan University* by endowing their annual music scholarship.

In 1970, the couple had established a fund directed at piano students. The gift was re-designated in 1986 into the Jamrich Art Endowment Fund, which has supported several art exhibits at the NMU Art Museum over the years and today has grown to about \$60,000. Some of the exhibits the endowment has funded include Artists of Michigan, Art of Haiti, Peter Maqua — Native American Artist, Remington's Early Years, and the 1998 NMU Alumni Art & Design Exhibit.

As a gift to *This Decisive Season*, the Jamrichs established the John X. and June A. Jamrich Music Scholarship, in 1998. Now, they have chosen to increase their gift by supporting the annual scholarship until its principal has reached a \$20,000 endowed status in 2001.

The award is available to NMU freshmen music majors studying piano, violin or clarinet.

The couple's gift reflects not only

their love of music, but also their belief in Northern's music program's ability to produce outstanding musicians and music teachers.

"Over the years, the NMU Music Department has been one of the university's most vigorous, performance-oriented units with groups like the Fantastics, musical/operatic performances, and now the very successful musicals with NMU faculty as composers and directors that have garnered national visibility."

The idea of providing scholarship assistance to music students is especially appealing to Jamrich because, to this day, he clearly remembers the costs of his own music lessons and college education.

"I began my music training in elementary school. This was in the days of the Depression. Lessons were 25 cents," he said. "By the time I started high school, I was playing the piano, violin, and clarinet. I even took lessons in orchestral conducting, actually appearing as guest conductor of the city municipal band at age 17. In addition to this, mathematics was a favorite subject. From this emerged the goal of becoming a music/math teacher at the high school level. This was in 1939."

"As things turned out, I made reasonably good progress on the piano. As valedictorian [of my high school class], I received a full tuition scholarship to Milwaukee State Teachers College — valued at \$37.50!"

Jamrich said he decided to pursue being a concert pianist during his freshman year and studied the piano with John Caree of Chicago and Howard Stein of Milwaukee.



John X. Jamrich

"That concentrated effort of practicing six hours per day lasted for almost two years but came to an end when I volunteered for the Air Force program in meteorology at the University of Chicago," Jamrich said.

"In the ensuing years after the war, I did not pursue the piano but decided to take advantage of the GI Bill to get my degrees. And that is the route that took me to college teaching and university administration."

Despite the new career direction, music remained an important part of the Jamrichs' lives.

"Music was an integral part of our lives, more as listeners than performers. Classical music was part of the daily menu while our children were growing up," said Jamrich.

Today the couple enjoys performing for retirement and nursing homes near their home.

The Jamrich Scholarship is one of 13 current or retired NMU faculty-staff gifts made to the campaign worth \$10,000 or more. The goal of *This Decisive Season* is to raise \$30 million in private giving to the university of which more than \$26 million in gifts have been pledged to date.

# Leading by example

Associate VP makes \$10,000 gift to student program

The great American educator Father Theodore Hesburgh, former president of the University of Notre Dame (1952-87) and consultant to every U.S. president since Eisenhower, once said, "It is easier to exemplify values than teach them."

Northern administrator Paul Duby may not be familiar with all of Hesburgh's writings, but the \$10,000 gift from he and his wife Betty to *This Decisive Season: The Campaign for Northern Michigan University* can certainly back that particular teaching. The couple has designated their gift to benefit NMU's Student Leader

Fellowship Program.

Duby is Northern's associate vice president for planning and analytical studies. He came to NMU in 1984. His wife is employed by Book World of Marquette.

According to Duby, a lot of college campuses talk about developing tomorrow's leaders, but not many actually establish programs showing students how to develop leadership skills.

"The fact that Northern not only has the very successful Student Leader Fellowship Program, but that it will be celebrating its 10th anniversary is an excellent example of NMU's

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# Dedicated to education

Scholarship to honor NMU educator

James D. Hendricks, director of the School of Education and associate dean of the College of Professional Studies, retired Dec. 31. A celebration honoring him for 33 years of service to NMU was held last month in the University Center.

A scholarship fund has been established at NMU in honor of Hendricks and his late wife, Sandra, an active community volunteer who died in 1998.

Hendricks came to Northern in 1965. He left briefly to help Portland State University in Oregon develop a doctoral program in education, then returned to NMU in 1969.

He was interim chair for the former department of home economics. He also initiated the setup of the following conferences: Young Authors, U.P. Reading, Early Childhood,

Special Education and "The Teaching Challenge: Preparation and Community Support."

At his retirement celebration, Hendricks was also honored for his civic involvement. He is affiliated with Marquette Rotary, the Peter White Public Library, the Community Concert Association, and St. Paul's Episcopal Church. He chaired the Gwinn Area Public Schools and University Partnership for school downsizing related to the closure of K.I. Sawyer AFB. He also served on the Superior Central Schools and University Professional Development School Partnership.

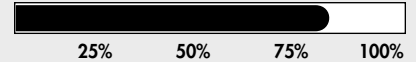
*Further information on how to endow a scholarship and about NMU's scholarship program is available at [www.nmu.edu/development](http://www.nmu.edu/development) or by calling 906-227-2627.*

## CAMPAIGN UPDATE

*This Decisive Season:  
The Campaign for Northern  
Michigan University*

### Student success and access

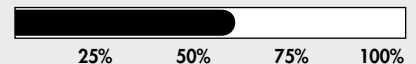
Goal: \$12 million  
Endowed scholarships, the Annual Fund, programs for innovative teaching and learning, and technology advancements.



Received \$9.8 million toward goal ... \$2.2 million to go.

### Improving campus facilities

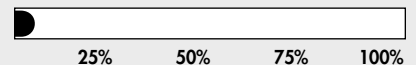
Goal: \$8 million  
Glenn T. Seaborg Science Complex, Berry Events Center, Izzo-Mariucci Academic Center, Reynolds Concert Hall and other on-campus facilities projects.



Received \$4.6 million toward goal ... \$3.4 million to go.

### Investing in the people of NMU

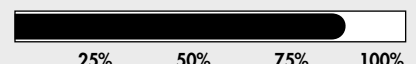
Goal: \$6 million  
Endowed professorships and faculty chairs, funds for faculty and staff leadership and development opportunities.



Received \$221,845 toward goal ... \$5.6 million to go.

### Outreach and partnerships

Goal: \$4 million  
Public radio and television, economic development and educational outreach programs.



Received \$3.4 million toward goal ... \$600,000 to go.

### Other gifts received

(no goal set)  
Unrestricted funds, pending designation, planned gifts and gifts-in-kind. Received \$8.2 million.