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## Pre-1960s

**Elizabeth (Hosking) Binda '37 BA** of Battle Creek was selected *Scene Magazine's* 2001 Woman of the Year.

**William Nault '48 BA** of Indian Head Park, Ill., was named a distinguished alumnus of the University of Michigan's School of Education. He previously had been named a distinguished alumnus at NMU and Columbia University. He is the retired president and publisher of World Book, Inc. in Chicago. His wife is **Helen (Matthews) Nault '47 BS**. [naultwh@aol.com](mailto:naultwh@aol.com)

**Charles Koskela '50 BA** of Fullerton, Calif., writes, "In the event that anyone remembers me, I'd like to let you know what my life has been like since leaving NMU. I received my MA from the University of Michigan and taught at Escanaba High School for seven years. In 1957 my wife, three children, and I moved to Anaheim, Calif., where I taught high school Spanish until my retirement in 1984. Northern gets my visit each summer when we visit my sister-in-law and her husband, **Joe Mahoski '48 BS**. Teaching has been my life. I give much credit to my mentor, now deceased, Madeline Rubin. She was a high part in my decision to become a Spanish teacher. My wife and I were one of the first couples to occupy one of the barracks on campus after the war. Fond memories still remain, especially when we see the many changes in the campus." [dckoskela@juno.com](mailto:dckoskela@juno.com)

**John Pontti '58 BS, '68 MA** of Ishpeming is a volunteer officer for the board of directors for the United States National Ski Hall of Fame and Museum.

During the winter, he is a ski instructor at Marquette Mountain. John is retired from NICE Community School District, where he was a principal.

**Bob Kuntze '60 BS** of Daggett retired after 34 years as a basketball coach (332-194) and natural resources teacher. He has written his first book, *Quest for a Trophy*, which is about hunting in North America. [cbkuntze@alpha.comm.net](mailto:cbkuntze@alpha.comm.net)

**Tom Anderson '63 BS, '68 MA** of Big Rapids received a 25-year service award from Ferris State University, where he is a professor in the school of education. He also received a merit promotion and the 2002 Dean's Recognition Award.

**Jim Beiswanger '65 BS** of Jackson is the director of the Jackson Rotary Club and commander of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary in Jackson. He is past president and director-at-large of the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association. [THEBLUEJ@worldnet.att.net](mailto:THEBLUEJ@worldnet.att.net)

**Robert Erickson '66 BS** of Sheboygan, Wis., retired after 35 years at South High School, where he taught business education, coached football for 14 years, and coached tennis for 34 years. He was inducted into the Wisconsin High School Tennis Coaches Hall of Fame in 2001. He played football at NMU from 1961-65 and was co-captain with **Pat Stump '66 BS**. [China3@charter.net](mailto:China3@charter.net)

**William "Bob" Nordstrom '66 BS** of Clio retired after 36 years with Clio Area Schools as a business teacher and co-op coordinator. He was also a Business Professionals of America adviser for 20 years. His wife is **Virginia (Thompson) Nordstrom '66 BA**.

**Robert Witte '66 BS** of Hudsonville,

who is an elementary administrator for Hudsonville Public Schools, is sharing a four-year, \$760,000 federal grant with three other Michigan elementary schools. The grant provides funding for research and development of academic and behavior management programs in the four schools. [RobJRW@aol.com](mailto:RobJRW@aol.com)

**Georgia (Grile) Anderson '67 BS** of Ann Arbor was nominated to appear in *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*. This is the second time Georgia will appear in an edition of *Who's Who*. She is a 1st and 2nd grade teacher at Paddock Elementary School in Milan.

**Jean Cisler '67 BS** of Grandville retired after 32 years of teaching special education. She was a K-12 teacher consultant for 27 years.

**Lawrence Burrell '68 BS** of Anthem, Ariz., retired from the Detroit Board of Education. He was an elementary school teacher for nine years and an administrator for 21 years. [LBurrell92@aol.com](mailto:LBurrell92@aol.com)

**Mary Ann Goad '69 BS** of Marquette retired from Marquette Public Schools.

**Elmer Bonnell '69 MA** of Moorhead, Minn., is retired.

## 70s

**Charles "Chuck" Boogren '70 BS** of Clio retired after 32 years of teaching mathematics and social studies at Carter Middle School. He will be leaving behind his green and gold "Northern" decorated classroom. He and his wife Sue are natives of Negaunee and Ishpeming respectively. They plan to travel to the U.P. more often to spend time with family and friends and to take part in NMU events. They will continue to reside in the Clio area where their son Brad lives with his wife and daughter.

**Stu Boland '71 BS** of Calgary, Alberta, Canada is director of human resources for Jacobs Canada and Jacobs Catalytic. Stu spends his spare time in the winter on the ski slopes and in the summer hiking and mountain biking. [stuboland@shaw.ca](mailto:stuboland@shaw.ca)

**Michael Dishnow '71 BS, '74 MAE** of Soldiers Grove, Wis., is a retired educator. [mdishnow@mwt.net](mailto:mdishnow@mwt.net)

**Gene Kyle '71 BS** of Bluffton, Ind., and his wife are the new owners and innkeepers of the Washington Street Inn in Bluffton. blufftonbandb@tripod.com gpakyle@onlyinternet.net

**Don Stacks '71 BA** of Miami, Fla., just published *Primer of Public Relations Research*. He is a member of the commission on public relations measurement and trustee of The Institute for Public Relations. dstacks@aol.com

**James Anderson '72 BS** of Manistee was inducted into the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame. He coached for 20 years at Owerama Consolidated Schools with a record of 108-67-1. He was the MHSFCA assistant coach of the year in 1988. He retired from coaching in 1996.

**Cheryl (Dorais) DePuydt '72 BS, '78 MAE, '88 EDS** of Houghton was honored for 30 years of service to the sport of figure skating. She is department chair and teaches physical education at Michigan Technological University.

**William Kartheiser '72 BS** of Lexington has taught for 30 years at Croswell-Lexington schools; for 20 years he served as science department head. He and his wife Carolyn have three adult children and are planning to retire. kartheiserwilliam@yahoo.com

**Yvonne (Russo) Lee '72 BS, '73 MA** of Marquette received an NMU Excellence in Teaching award. She is a professor in the Technology and Occupational Sciences department at Northern.

**Dennis Ormsbee '72 BME** of Grayling is a retired instrumental music teacher. He was the director of bands at Crawford AuSable Schools. dormsbee@casdK12.net

**Daniel Linna '73 BS, '85 MAE** of Houghton Lake is the director of alternative education for Houghton Lake Community Schools. They just received the Program of the Year Award from the Michigan Association of Community and Adult Education. dlinna@freeway.net

**William Allender '74 BS** of Leslie teaches industrial technology education and is the contact counselor for the Capital Area Career Center. He is president-elect of the Michigan Industrial and Technology Education Society. His wife **Barbara**

**(Thorsen) Allender '78 BS** also is a teacher at the Capital Area Career Center.

**Nancy (Pero) Conklin '74 BS** of Marquette received the 2002 U.P. Gold Special Education Award, which is given by the Council of Exceptional Children. She works for the NICE Community School District.

**Chuck Kupovits '75 BS** of Allen Park is a Captain in the Allen Park Fire Department, which provides fire, rescue, and paramedic services for the city. Chuck writes, "I would love to hear from my old friends from NMU. Don't worry that I won't remember you. I can recall things in great detail that happened thirty years ago—it's the things that happened thirty days ago I have a problem with!" NMUCCRK@aol.com

**Steve Pasbjerg '75 BS** of Troy was promoted to director of sales and general manager of Schreiner Label Tech, a German company specializing in self-adhesive products and high-tech labels for the automotive industry. stevepasbjerg@comcast.net

**Jay Pritchard '75 BS** of Redington Beach, Fla., was promoted to senior sales consultant at Tech Data Corporation in Clearwater. He is also lead vocalist in the Celtic musical group Burley Hill. jpri1@aol.com or jpritch@techdata.com

**Earl Kaurala '76 MA, '89 MAE** of Marquette received an NMU Excellence in Teaching award. He is a professor in Northern's School of Education.

**Maxine Honkala '77 BS, '84 MAE, '87 EDS, '00 MAE** of Ishpeming placed first at the Michigan History Day competition in Lansing along with **Sharon (Hebert) Richards '81 MAE**. Maxine and Sharon are both teachers in the NICE Community School District.

**Alan Christenson '78 BS** of Lompoc, Calif., is a senior case manager at the United States Penitentiary. He recently completed 20 years of service with the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

**Jesse Luttenton '78 BS** of Largo, Fla., is the director of grant management and coordination at the Sixth Judicial Circuit Court of Florida. His daughter **Anna Luttenton '95 BA** lives in Seattle, and his son Nevin Brownell just completed his

sophomore year at NMU majoring in art education. Jesse\_luttenton@yahoo.com

**Janis (Shier) Peterson '78 MM** of Marquette and the Marquette Senior High School orchestra were winners at the National Orchestra Cup at the Branson (Mo.) Jubilee Festival competition.

**Wendy Warren '78 BA** of Flint was elected a worthy matron of the Flint chapter #138, Order of the Eastern Star of Michigan, joining many generations of her family in Masonic membership and leadership. She is a legal assistant for Sherry L. Telling, P.C. She also does free-lance probate paralegal work.

**Allen Learst '79 BS, '89 MA** of Grand Junction, Colo., was awarded tenure at Mesa State College, where he is an associate professor. Allen recently published a story in the *Chattahoochee Review* and is editor and publisher of Pinyon Press.

**James Voepel '79 BS** of Plymouth owns a siding and window company. jvoepel@aol.com

## 80s

**Kathleen (McMaster) Beyer '80 BS** of Boyne Falls is manager of patient access at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

**Paul Kotz '80 BS** of Fort Atkinson, Wis., is vice president and partner at Five Alarm Fire and Safety Equipment. prkotz@idcnet.com

**Lori (Rohribacher) Randall '80 BS** of Lansing is the corporate training manager at Dart Container Corporation headquartered in Mason. Lori is working on a master's degree in education through the University of Phoenix's accelerated on-line program. Lori\_Randall@dartcontainer.com

**Pat Roche '80 BS** of West Des Moines, Iowa, is a retail account executive with Coors Brewing Company. He and his wife Cyndi have a new daughter, Keely Marie, born May 30. pat.roche@coors.com

**Laurie (Burry) Blondy '81 BSN** of Northville formed her own company, Medlaw Advantage Services. As a nurse and an attorney, she provides medical-legal consultation and advice to attorneys handling all types of medical claims. medlawadv@comcast.net

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**Tami (Grondine) Rawlins '81 BS** of Murrieta, Calif., is president of Clean That Pot, a manufacturer of coffee and tea dispenser cleaner. [ctppres@aol.com](mailto:ctppres@aol.com)

**Bruce Carlson '82 BS** of Roscoe, Ill., completed his 20th year of employment for the Hononegah Community High School District. He is currently the district technology coordinator. [hhstech@bigfoot.com](mailto:hhstech@bigfoot.com)

**David Cryderman '82 BS** of Livonia is an air traffic controller at Detroit Airport in Romulus.

**Evelyn (Miscisin) Massaro '82 BS** of Marquette recently relocated to Marquette with her husband Dave and daughter Anna after a 10-year hiatus in Tampa, Fla. Evelyn is radio station manager at WNMU-FM, Public Radio 90 at NMU. [dmassaro@chartermi.net](mailto:dmassaro@chartermi.net)

**Michael McCabe '82 BS** of Sun Prairie, Wis., was promoted to supply chain manager at Trachte Building Systems. His wife **Karen (Galbraith) McCabe '83 BS** is the plant controller at Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company.

**Mary Ellen (Murray) Nourse '82 MS** of Boise, Idaho, is an instructor supervisor and assistant principal at the Robert Jans School of the Idaho Correctional Center. [nourse@correctionscorp.com](mailto:nourse@correctionscorp.com) or [jimmarye@justcatholic.net](mailto:jimmarye@justcatholic.net)

**Laura (Elliott) Brabec '83 CER** of Stephenson is a registered nurse in the obstetrics department at Bay Area Medical Center in Marinette, Wis. She is chairperson on the Menominee County Parent Advisory Committee, which advocates for children with disabilities on local and state levels.

**Thomas Gallagher '83 BS** of Ann Arbor is an account executive at National Print Group. His wife **Molly Jean '85 BFA** is art director for *Automobile Magazine*. Their daughter Elle is 5 1/2 years old. [gallaghert@nationalposters.com](mailto:gallaghert@nationalposters.com)

**Anne Kirkpatrick '83 BS** of Marina Del Rey, Calif., says she still spends summers near Marquette and is looking for people to join her hiking and rock climbing. [anneandstar@aol.com](mailto:anneandstar@aol.com)

**Laura Mills '83 BS** of Eagan, Minn., has relocated to Tel Aviv, Israel, to work with a Christian organization in forming

a drama ministry. [yafogirl@yahoo.com](mailto:yafogirl@yahoo.com)

**Keith Stanton '83 AS, '85 BS** of Boca Raton, Fla., is a regional loss prevention manager with the Lynn Insurance Group. He is entering his 15th year with this company. He and his wife Nancy just celebrated their 29th year of marriage. [buffrat@bellsouth.net](mailto:buffrat@bellsouth.net)

**Amy Chown '84 BS** of Richmond, Va., was recently named marketing director for Media General's Florida Publishing Group. [AimLC@aol.com](mailto:AimLC@aol.com)

**Patrick Jannausch '85 BS, '94 MAE** of Clallam Bay, Wash., teaches mathematics, physics, biology, earth science, and chemistry at Clallam Bay High School.

**Doug Knedgen '85 BS** of Novi is manager of finance and planning for IBM. He is married to **Faye (Vonalt) Knedgen '87 BS** and has two children, ages six and two. "I would love to hear from some old NMU friends if you are out there!" [dknedgen@yahoo.com](mailto:dknedgen@yahoo.com)

**Kara (Hill) McKenzie '85 BS** of Climax teaches 5th grade at Climax-Scotts Intermediate School. She is married to **Paul McKenzie '85 BS** and has two children, Erin and Tom.

**Kurt Person '85 BS** of Farmington Hills is the engineering director at Robert Bosch Corporation. He is married with two sons and says he makes frequent trips home to the Iron Mountain area for recreation and family visits.

**John Robinson '85 BS** of Huntington Woods is technical communications manager for Computware. [jwrobinson2001@yahoo.com](mailto:jwrobinson2001@yahoo.com)

**Janice (Bilky) Wierschke '86 BSN** of Sheboygan Falls, Wis., was hired as the program development specialist for St. Nicolas Hospital in Sheboygan, where she previously worked as a cardiopulmonary rehab nurse. [mustangwi@juno.com](mailto:mustangwi@juno.com)

**Lori (Richter) Williams '86 BS** of Manitowoc, Wis., received the 2001 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, the nation's highest award for science and mathematics teachers. Lori teaches elementary mathematics at Manitowoc Public Schools.

**Christine Zerbst '87 BS** of Rensselaer,

Ind., is attending Purdue University working toward a master's degree in student personnel. She is the assistant director of residence life at Saint Joseph's College. [czerbst@saintjoe.edu](mailto:czerbst@saintjoe.edu)

**Chris (Kruse) Bergholtz '88 BS** of Kenai, Alaska, is a science teacher at KPBSD and has two children; Alexandra, 5, and Ithaca, 2. Her husband, **Michael Bergholtz '90 BS**, is a chemist at Tesoro.

**Toni Jandron '88 BS** of Negaunee is an assistant vice president and regional brokerage operations manager for Wells Fargo Investments. She is also a Student Leader Fellowship mentor at NMU. Her husband **Scott Jandron '87** earned his doctorate from Michigan State's College of Veterinary Medicine. They have purchased Northern Veterinary Associates, which will open this fall in Ishpeming. [trjandron@chartermi.net](mailto:trjandron@chartermi.net)

**Linda Olsen '88 MBA** of Grand Rapids is the executive director of the Southern Illinois University Cancer Institute. Her husband is **Stephen Olsen '87 BSN**, and they have two adult children.

**Aaron VanAlstine '88 BS, '94 MPA** of Monterey is a captain in the United States Army. He just returned from Germany and is currently stationed at the Presidio in Monterey, Calif. [aaron@montereybay.com](mailto:aaron@montereybay.com)

**Lynne (Beatty) Catoggio '89 BA** of Palm Coast, Fla., is supervisor of the school resource officer's division for the Flagler County Sheriff's Office. [lcatoggio@hotmail.com](mailto:lcatoggio@hotmail.com)

## 90s

**Marty (Delaforce) Cooper '90 BS** of Lancaster, Pa., is a radio announcer for WDAC-FM.

**Scott Tuma '90 BS** of Marquette is director of human resources at Bell Memorial Hospital in Ishpeming. He also serves as race director for the Ore to Shore Mountain Bike Epic.

**Christopher Eppel '91 BS** of Lindenhurst, Ill., is the director of inside sales at Allscripts Healthcare Solutions. [eppe58@yahoo.com](mailto:eppe58@yahoo.com)

**Shelly (Pope) Metikosh '91 BS** of Holly

# Inspiration

MANDY FRANTTI '00 MS

Mandy Frantti has given her students something to remember. In March, Frantti was honored with the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. But while Frantti is proud to be one of only three pedagogues in the state of Michigan to receive the 2002 award, the Munising High School mathematics and science teacher is most honored by what her students have taken from her recognition.

Frantti has spent her ten years of teaching trying to nurture self-confidence in her students—and with this award, she finally has found something tangible for them to draw upon.

“Being from a small community and a smaller school like Munising, my students seemed to fall into the rut of thinking that nobody from Munising would make a difference in the world,” Frantti said. “But never before was such a strong message sent that, yes, even those of us in Munising can make just as much of a difference in the world as someone from, say, New York or Chicago—and my students loved it.”

The Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching was established in 1983 by The White House and is sponsored by the National Science Foundation. The award—considered to be the top award for educators in the nation—identifies outstanding K-12 science and mathematics teachers in each state and the four U.S. jurisdictions. Awardees represent a premier group of science and mathematics teachers who bring national and state standards to life in their classrooms. They provide the nation with an impressive array of expertise to help improve teaching and learning while becoming more deeply involved in activities such as curriculum materials selection, research, and teacher education. Since its inception, more than 3,000 teachers have been selected for the award. Last year, Northern had two representatives in Frantti and **Lori (Richter) Williams '86 BS** of Manistowoc, Wis. (see page 22).



But the honor almost wasn't a reality for Frantti. She first learned that she was one of six state finalists for the award in August 2001, but didn't give it much more thought. Then, while on spring break visiting friends in the state of Washington, Frantti made a quick stop to check her e-mail and found an urgent message sent from the White House.

“I honestly thought it was a joke,” Frantti said. “and I literally had my finger poised to press the delete key when I saw that the address had a ‘dot-gov’ extension,

and I thought to myself, ‘Wait a minute, you can't fake an address like that.’”

Before she knew it, Frantti was on her way to Washington, D.C., with an honorable guest in tow—her father, Jim, the superintendent of schools in Chassell.

“I really wanted my dad to be there with me,” Frantti said. “It was a small tribute to the influence he had on me as both a person and a teacher. I know he was honored and proud to be there with me.”

Frantti is no stranger to honors. In 1999, the NMU chapter of Sigma Xi named Frantti as its outstanding Upper Peninsula Science Teacher. Then in April 2000, she was recognized as the Seaborg Center for Teaching and Learning Science and Mathematics' outstanding graduating graduate student.

Frantti said she treasures each award, but she added that her greatest achievement is becoming a teacher and giving something back to the Upper Peninsula.

“There is nothing a person could do more to better the world. It's been very rewarding to me.

“What has made me the most proud is that the students have drawn so much from my recognition. Oftentimes the place of my students in my work and in my life is overlooked,” Frantti said. “But if they weren't here I wouldn't go back to work every day. I definitely see the students as the reason I received the award.”

—Ryan Sjöholm '99 BS

## Special Educator

HELMI LEPISTO '49 CER

Helmi Lepisto's story is one of love in action. The seventy-two-year-old retired teacher interprets lectures for hearing-impaired students at NMU. She most recently helped a student in the Occupational Studies department who was pursuing a degree in heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration. Her job was to sign for the student—already a tough task, considering there is no standardized sign language for HVACR terminology, but she did much more than that.



"Helmi is your grandmother," HVACR Professor Eugene Stenberg said. "She brought soda pop, potato chips, and cookies to final exams, offered to fix student's ripped jeans, loaned them money for state required tests (that they always paid back, Lepisto said), brought staplers, and let them use her copy card."

When Stenberg and his students worked on a weekend installing a boiler east of Trenary, Lepisto showed up to help and interpret for her student. When the class worked on top of a walk-in cooler, Stenberg was just barely able to prevent her from climbing up the ladder to help her student.

Lepisto grew up on a small farm in West Rock. When she was 15, she graduated as valedictorian from high school and enrolled at Northern State Teachers College (now NMU) to become a high school teacher. During the day Lepisto worked for the Dean of Students Ethel Carey and washed dishes in the cafeteria at night. Two years into her studies, she was hired by the superintendent of schools in Manistique to teach 4th grade.

At 19 she was hired by the Michigan School for the Deaf in Flint where she met and married a fellow teacher, Clyde Stevens, who was deaf himself. She learned to translate for the hearing impaired through her husband. Unfortunately Stevens died a few years later while on a hunting trip. In 1954 Lepisto earned a degree in teaching special education for the deaf and hard-of-hearing for all grades from Eastern Michigan University. She then married a man from Rock she had known since her teenage years. They have three children together—all are teachers.

Lepisto has interpreted for three hearing impaired students at NMU. The HVACR student she most recently interpreted for graduated and now has a job with a plumbing and heating company in Marquette county. She said she gets her inspiration to help others from God.

"I go where people want me," she said. "All The Way My Savior Leads Me' is the name of a well-known hymn. That is how I travel."

—Miriam Moeller '00 BA, '02 MA

has been a 911 operator for the Waterford Police department for 10 years. She and her husband Chris have a 15-month-old daughter named Sydney. shellypoo30@yahoo.com

**Mark Bloomfield '92 BS** of Brighton is plant manager of Rockwell Medical Technologies, in Wixom. Mb0030@earthlink.net

**Amy (Gryglas) Boland '92 BS** of Arlington Heights, Ill., stopped working as an account manager at Rand McNally in 1999 after the birth of her first daughter, Maggie. In April of 2001 she had another daughter, Emily. She's now a full-time mom. bolandqu@attbi.com

**Brenda (Ahrndt) Files '92 BS** of McKinney, Texas, helped open McKinney's second high school as the head swimming and diving coach. She and her husband Rick have two sons, Tyler and Christian. bfiles69@aol.com

**David Goodwin '92 BS** of Florissant, Mo., published *Ghosts of Jefferson Barracks* with Whitechapel Productions Press. The book is a compilation of ghost stories and the military history of Historic Jefferson barracks, the oldest military post west of the Mississippi River still in operation. goodwind@msnotes.wustl.edu

**Paul White '92 BS, '95 MA** of Sheboygan, Wis., is the director of the academic resource center at Lakeland College. His wife is **Kari Marcotte '97 BS, '99 MA**. whitepm@lakeland.edu

**Craig Cugini '93 BS** of Finleyville, Pa., was promoted to GS-11 physical scientist and completed Engineer Officer Basic Course at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. He was deployed to Europe in June in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

**James Hafeman '93 BS, '94 MPA** of Negaunee has his own Web site: hafeman.com

**Lara Krieger '93 BA** of Chicago, Ill., is a program manager with IBM Corporation. Lkriel7047@yahoo.com

**Maria Zambrana '92 BA** of Romulus recently returned from a six-month deployment to Puerto Rico. She is a photographer's mate in the United States Navy. Maria also just published a

book on the life and career of actor Dean Stockwell, best known for his role in the NBC television series, *Quantum Leap*.

**Theresa Norton '93 MA** of Gladstone is a licensing inspector for the State of Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services.  
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**Kristi (Sneary) Bush '94 BS** of Shepherd recently finished her master's degree in library media technology at Central Michigan University. She says she is teaching part-time so she can spend more time with her 4-year-old son, Alex, and her 2-year old daughter, Adrianna. "I would love to hear from some of my friends from NMU." Kbush@edzone.net

**David Haiden '94 BS** of Greenville, S.C., is a controls engineer with Barry-Wehmiller/Haysen.

**Jenny Kleemann '94 BS** of Streamwood, Ill., is the girls and boys swimming coach at Hoffman Estates High School. She and her husband **Ron Urick '94 BS** have three children: Katie, 3, Nicholas, 2, and Allison, 8 months. Jenny is a two-time national champion in 100-meter backstroke and holds four NMU pool records and eight NMU records. Ron was part of the USOEC bridging program in the training center and a member of the 1988 Olympic team. urijn@aol.com

**Sean Krabach '94 BS** of Redford is the director of event operations for the 2003 AAU Junior Olympic Games working with the Detroit Metro Sports Commission. skrabach@visitdetroit.com

**Dana (St.Amour) Stearns '94 BS** of Novi is executive director of Domino's Pizza Partners Foundation. Her husband is **Scott Stearns '94 BS**.  
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**Andy Brawner '95 BS, '98 MA** of Milwaukee, Wis., was recently hired as a copywriter in the creative department of Cramer-Krasselt in Milwaukee.

**Anthony "Tony" Hermann '95 BS** of Kalamazoo graduated with a doctorate in social psychology from Ohio State University and took a position as a visiting assistant professor of psychology at Kalamazoo College.  
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**Carie (Kaniszewski) LaFond '95 BA** and her husband **Paul LaFond '94 BS** welcomed their first child, Jackson, in February.

**Mark Mitchell '95 BS** of Ogdensburg, Wis., received a master of fine arts from the University of North Dakota and is now art director and editorial assistant for a craft magazine publishing company in Wisconsin. markm@jonespublishing.com

**Anthony "Tony" Ross '95 BS** of Chandler, Ariz., is a celebrity publicist for Personal Publicity, a public relations firm that specializes in the comedy industry. Clients have included Bobcat Goldthwait, Jay Mohr, and comic/ventriloquist Jeff Dunham. TonyJRoss@msn.com

**Aimee (Wainio) Kantona '96 BS** of Canton is an exercise physiologist at the University of Michigan Medical Center. katona@med.umich.edu

**Jodie (Kley) Marvin '96 BS** of Auburn Hills is an events specialist for George P. Johnson Company. She works with Cadillac and OnStar on their auto shows and worldwide special events.

**Katie (Soffin) Smith '96 BS** of Evanston, Ill., finished her last semester of college at Queens University in East Sussex, England. She is now the development program coordinator of the College of Business Administration at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Katiesmith327@yahoo.com

**Greg Wood '96 BS** of Pittsburgh, Pa., is a research fellow at the Center for Instructional Development and Distance Education at the University of Pittsburgh. He passed his comprehensive oral examinations for his doctorate in American history at Pitt and is now researching and writing his dissertation.  
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**Chris (Helein) Chapman '97 BS** of Appleton, Wis., is a speech language therapist for the Appleton Area School District. Her husband is **Ben Chapman '98 BS**. chapmanchristi@asds.k12.wi.us

**Karl Gust '97 BS** of Lake Jackson, Texas, received a doctorate in inorganic chemistry from Wayne State University. He is a process development chemist for BASF Corporation in Freeport, Texas.

**Chad Kallio '97 BS** of Marinette, Wis., and his wife Laura had their first son, Cameron, in April.

**Peggy (Toellner) Stickney '97 BS** of Sturgeon Bay, Wis., received a doctor of medicine degree from the Medical College of Wisconsin.

**Laurie Stoddard '97** of Grand Blanc is a project analyst with EDS.

**Julie Tisch '98 AA** of Kalamazoo is a corporate travel agent at Adventure Travel. nmufute@hotmail.com

**Amy (Stevens) Cameron '99 BS** of Chicago is a commercial pilot for Central Air South West Cargo.

**Nicole Craft '99 BA** of Des Plaines, Ill., is a technical data specialist in the wound components division of MPC Products Corporation an aerospace engineering firm based in Skokie, Ill.  
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**Clint "Empire" Dodson '99 BS** of Lincoln Park is a repair tech for Sony's AOEM/PS2/Consumer Car Audio center in Farmington Hills. He also has started a record label called Galactic Dust Records. His goal is to help other local musicians find their niche and promote them effectively as well as further his own musical exploits. galacticdust@galacticdust.com

**Stacy Gibson '99 BS** of Hillman recently graduated from the University of Vermont with a master of science degree in historic preservation.

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# Small World

JOHN KAIKKONEN '99 BS



**John Kaikkonen** of Watertown, N.Y. (pictured right), writes to us from Afghanistan. "The picture is of myself and of **LTC Joe Snow '83 BS** of the United States Air Force. Both of us are stationed at Fort Drum, N.Y., and both of us are working together over here in Afghanistan. Both of our spouses are NMU grads, as are my brothers and my father. LTC Snow's two daughters are also NMU students; one will be a sophomore and the other a freshman. We're both native to the U.P; LTC Snow is from Calumet and I'm from Escanaba. My parents are from Calumet as well, so when LTC Snow and I met back at Fort Drum, we immediately had some places and people in common. Overall it's made the deployment much more interesting. As anyone can imagine, we're both very proud that we're graduates of NMU and have the honor of being over here. And, as small as NMU is, it's not too often that two graduates run into each other, much less in the middle of a war." [johnkaikkonen@hotmail.com](mailto:johnkaikkonen@hotmail.com)

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## 00s

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## Marriages

**Deborah Colthrop '73 AT** to Carol Brown.

**Marty Delaforce '90 BS** to Eric Cooper.

**Amy Legler '90 BA** to Kirk Guillaume.

**Bryan Kalbfleisch '91 BS** to **Sandra Dewitt '98 AB.**

**Michele Gosselin '92 BA** to Michael Albright.

**David Shyiak '93 BS** to **Lucia Pereira '99 BS.**

**Anne Mohar '94 BS** to Andrew Schumer.

**Todd Belanger '95 AS** to **Karie Korpi '00 BS.**

**Jennifer Farrell '96 BS** to **Robert Miller '97 BA.**

**Jodie Kley '96 BS** to Dudley Marvin.

**Karen Nelson '98 BS** to David LaCross.

**Pollyanna Yelle '98 VOC** to Samuel Kasten.

**Kelly Baciak '99 BS** to **Lucas Trombley '99 AB, '00 BS.**

**Jeremy DuCheny '99 BS** to **Laura O'Gawa '00 BS.**

**Kevin Kari '99 AAS** to **Catherine Scanlon '01 BS.**

**Frannie Nelson '99 BS** to Brian Kelly.

**Kimberly Phillipson '99 BS** to Robert Watt.

**Jennifer Varvil '99 BS** to **Daniel Nelson '00 BS.**

**Jesse Bell '00 BS** to Tera Martin.

**Nicole LeGalley '00 BS** to **Mark Phillips '00 CER.**

**Shannon Liberty '00 CER** to **Chad Kauppila '01 AAS.**

**Mark Musgrave II '00 BS** to Maria Vezetti.

**Calice Suardini '00 BS** to Gary Borg.

**Mark Ulvila '00 BS** to **Megan Wehmanen '00 CER.**

**William Radcliffe '01 AT** to **April Tapio '01 BS.**

**Ryan Sweeney '01** to Brenda LaMere.

## Deaths

**Ebba Eklund '27 LC, '37 BS, '67 MA,** May 18, 2002, Ishpeming. • **Alger Gustafson '27 LC, '38 BS,** March 10, 2002, Kingsford. • **Tina (Paananen) Burns '29 LC, '56 BA,**



# Perspective on terror

By MIRIAM MOELLER '00 BA, '02 MA



Recently I watched Walter Salles's movie *Behind the Sun*. It's about two Brazilian families who have been at war for centuries over a land dispute. The two families practice what is called blood feud or blood revenge. One life for another life is the tradition the families live after. Although this story is set in 1910, it resonates with what is happening in our world today.

*Behind the Sun* reminded me of the pictures I saw on television of people in Afghanistan celebrating the deaths of Americans right after the attacks on New York and Washington, D.C. At the time, I remember feeling hatred for these people who seemed so brutal and inconsiderate. In my "Westernized" mindset, I could not understand their feelings at all. In the movie, for example, one of the fathers sends his son out to murder the other father's son, knowing that in return his son will be killed. I could not relate to this "tradition."

However, after some time passed I started to change my mind. Instead of feeling hatred I tried to understand the minds of families who would send their daughters and sons to death for a religious cause. I don't think I will ever be able to understand fully, but at least I can try.

One thing that helped rekindle my interest about different cultures was a terrorism class offered at NMU last year. The discussions were held for the entire university community. I was pleased to see an educational institution helping to broaden the public's perspectives on world issues. Although I couldn't attend the class, I read all the suggested readings. It was the first time since my high school education in Germany that I've seen diversity and cultural issues discussed so intensely and openly. Growing up near Frankfurt, I was exposed to diversity through classmates from Turkey, Africa, and other refugee countries. We had to learn about their cultures in order to get along and therefore held many discussions

on contemporary ethnic themes.

I realized that ever since I came to NMU in 1997, the habit of discussing these subjects had vanished from my daily schedule. I had stopped watching the news and focused my interest on what is here in the Upper Peninsula and not across the Atlantic. For some time I even stopped following what was going on in my home country. This was an interesting revelation for me because I found I could now relate to the "tunnel vision" that I had observed in people from the United States.

At the end of *Behind the Sun*, the blood feud is interrupted by a tragedy and there is a hint that the families realize that their tradition doesn't make sense. Ever since September 11, 2001, I have had conversations with friends and with strangers that wouldn't have occurred before. Television and the Internet certainly bring us closer to the world outside of the United States, but now I have learned to share my cultural differences with as many people as possible to help educate them about foreign cultures. Overall I believe that slowly the people of America are becoming more "outworldly." I see them opening up their hearts and minds to other countries, cultures, and languages.

Sometimes it takes a tragedy to open our eyes. ■

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# NMU HOMECOMING OCTOBER 4-5, 2002

## Schedule of Events

### Friday, October 4

#### 5:30 p.m.

Homecoming Parade  
Third Street

#### 8:30 p.m.

Pep Rally & Bonfire  
Payne/Halverson Field

#### 9 p.m.-midnight

Alumni & Friends Reception  
University Center, Peter White Lounge  
Admission: \$5. Cash bar.  
Entertainment by The Northern All Stars.



### Saturday, October 5

#### 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Alumni Awards Ceremony & Breakfast  
University Center, Peter White Lounge  
Admission: Free. RSVP required.  
Contact Alumni Office at 877-GRAD NMU.

#### 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Alumni Association/Wildcat Club Member Appreciation  
Tailgate Party, Superior Dome  
Admission: Alumni Association and Wildcat Club members:  
Free; nonmembers: \$5

#### 1 p.m.

Football Game — NMU vs. Hillsdale  
Superior Dome

#### 4-8 p.m.

Fifth Quarter Reception  
Holiday Inn, My Place Lounge  
Admission: Free. Cash bar.

#### 7:30 p.m.

An Evening with Jamie Kennedy  
University Center, Great Lakes Rooms  
Admission: NMU students: \$2; general public: \$5.

Tickets available at all NMU E-Z Ticket Outlets (Superior Dome, Wily's Snak Shak, Forest Roberts Theatre). Credit card orders call 906-227-1032. On-line orders at [www.nmu.edu/tickets](http://www.nmu.edu/tickets).

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# Why I'm a member

of the NMU Alumni Association



## Northern is somewhat of a family tradition for me.

I have three siblings, Terry, Pam, and Candace—who are all NMU grads. Terry's wife, Carol is an NMU grad as well. They are all successful in their own careers. I am a Captain in the Allen Park Fire Department in the Detroit area, where I have been employed for nearly 25 years. Over the years I have often thought of my experiences at Northern, and I will always feel that my time there changed my life for the better. I miss the landscape, the winters, the intramural hockey games, the parties at Spooner Hall, and most of all the many good friends I made.

I still try to get back to Marquette each summer to maintain all those ties. I purchased an alumni directory to locate friends I had lost touch with, and I recently joined the Alumni Association to keep yet another connection.

The Alumni Association was great when I tried to locate a copy of my yearbook, welcomed me on my recent visit to campus, and even helped me try to convince my son that he should take a look at Northern. They are there when I need them, and that was reason enough for me to join. Besides, I told the guys at the station that I was going to get my photo on the cover of my alumni magazine and by being a member, I did! I suppose I can endure a little good-natured ribbing from them for that.

**Chuck Kupovits '75 BS,**  
Alumni Association Member since 2002



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