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EDITOR'S NOTE

About four years after I graduated from college, I went back to my alma mater to request copies of my transcripts to accompany applications to several graduate schools.

This was my first time back to campus since graduation night, and since I was there, I thought I'd walk around a bit and see how the place had changed. Eventually, I made my way to the building that housed my major's department. It was around noon, and the halls were quiet, as was typical during lunchtime. I decided I'd look around for a few minutes and then leave, but as I walked down the hall, I was surprised to hear my name called out from behind me.

I turned around and saw one of my former professors. She taught an American literature survey course that I had taken the first semester of my freshman year. It was the only class I had ever taken from her.

We talked at length about my graduate school ambitions, and she offered to write a letter of recommendation for me. I thanked her for the offer and started to leave, but by this time, my curiosity had gotten the best of me. I had to ask how she remembered me from so long ago. Her reply was simple, and it sticks with me to this day: "You always remember the good ones."

I was sincerely impressed that this woman, who had interacted with thousands of students over the course of her career, remembered not just my face, but also my name. To her I had been more than a number on a roster—she remembered me as a person.

It wasn't until I taught my own classes as a graduate student here at Northern that I understood how and why this professor had remembered who I was. Teaching is an incredibly personal endeavor. Someway, somehow, students become a part of who you are.

So when I asked NMU faculty members to write about one or two students they remember fondly, I knew that I hadn't given them an easy task, but I also knew I could count on a tremendous response. I wasn't disappointed.

If you don't see your name as you read through these pages or see it on the *Horizons* Web site (www.nmu.edu/horizons), where we've placed the full, unedited text from all the submissions we received, it's probably not because you're not remembered. It's simply because there's not enough space or time in the world.

—KW

Alumni Association Services Survey

What do you think about the programs and services the NMU Alumni Association provides? What programs and services would you like to see the Alumni Association offer? Log on to www.nmu.edu/alumni and fill out our online Alumni Association Services Survey. All of the information collected will be anonymous and confidential. This is your chance to tell us your ideas and let us know how we're doing.

Two NMU initiatives receive awards

Parent Partnership, a bi-weekly newsletter from Northern Michigan University President Judi Bailey to parents of NMU students received a bronze medal in the national award program sponsored by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. It was entered in the Specific Media Relations category.

Bailey created *Parent Partnership* in January as a way to enhance communication between parents and NMU. The Partnership has two components, an electronic newsletter and forums held throughout the state.

NMU's Virtual Advising Web site also received recognition by winning the outstanding Publication Certificate of Merit in the electronic category from the National Academic Advising Association.

The site answers student's basic questions so that they are more prepared when meeting with their academic adviser.

Leading the way

Bailey receives executive leadership award

NMU President Judi Bailey is one of eight campus leaders in the nation selected to receive an Executive Leadership Award from CASE—the Council for Advancement and Support of Education.

CASE presents the award annually to the head of a member institution in each of eight districts. Bailey is the winner in District V, which covers Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin. She was recognized in July at the CASE International Assembly in Chicago.

NMU Board of Trustees Chair Dan DeVos had submitted a nomination letter to the award selection committee on behalf of the board.

“The NMU community has been energized by her vision, work ethic, and leadership,” wrote DeVos. “She has challenged students, faculty, and staff, and those of us who serve

on the governing board to be bold in brining Northern

to the forefront as a leader of 21st century higher education. Her enthusiasm, belief in NMU's potential, and sheer determination has caused many to rethink their perception of Northern as a small, regional school.”

According to CASE guidelines, nominees for the Executive Leadership Award must demonstrate the ability to actively support advancement, create a vision and inspire others, establish a positive image for his or her institution while leading it to higher levels of success, increase the institution's stature in the community, and encourage innovation and risk-taking among employees.



Student services leadership position filled

William Bernard has joined Northern Michigan University as associate provost for student services and enrollment.

He comes to Marquette from Waterloo, Iowa, where he spent about seven years as vice president of student services at Hawkeye Community College.

“I was interested in the position at Northern for three reasons: it was a good career opportunity; the university has a great academic reputation; and the U.P. offers a nice qual-

ity of life,” he said. “I’ve been struck by how friendly the people are here—both at the university and in the larger community. My wife and I are thrilled to be here.”

Bernard previously served as vice president of student services at Nicolet Area Technical College in Rhinelander, Wis., from 1991-95. He also obtained management experiences in various positions at Cayuga Community College in Auburn, NY, and at Indian Hills Community College in Ottumwa, Iowa.

At NMU, Bernard will oversee

all student service functions. These include admissions, financial aid, student activities, and housing and residence life. He assumes the duties of Karen Reese, who retired last year.

Bernard holds a master's degree in education administration and a bachelor's degree in industrial education from Northeast Missouri State University in Kirksville.



Excellence in Teaching Award winners announced

Three Northern Michigan University faculty members were honored with Excellence in Teaching Awards. They are: **Earl Kaurala '76 MA, '89 MAE** of Education; **Yvonne Lee '72 BS, '73 MAE** of Technology and Occupational Sciences; and Robert Myers of Mathematics and Computer Science.

The university's Teaching and Learning Advisory Committee developed the internal recognition program. It was designed to replace the awards sponsored by the Michigan Association of Governing Boards, which was dissolved. Recipients received a \$1,000 cash award and plaque at NMU's fall convocation.

Kaurala joined Northern's faculty in 1994 with a focus on educational administration. For the past seven years, he has also worked with the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. His duties have included acting as a consultant to NCA-accredited Upper Peninsula schools, providing workshops in school accreditation and improvement processes, and serving as a liaison between the U.P. schools and the NCA office in Ann Arbor.

He previously spent 26 years with the Houghton school district, progressing from English teacher and department head to high school principal. Kaurala also taught at J.A. Doelle High School and at Portage Lake-Range Area Community Schools.

Lee is in her 8th year at Northern. She returned to her alma mater after establishing the hospitality



Left to right: Earl Kaurala, Yvonne Lee, and Robert Myers.

management program at College of the Ozarks in Branson, Mo. Lee previously taught at a technical college in Alexandria, Minn., then moved to the Caribbean and did consulting for the hospitality industry.

She returned to the United States to pursue the Branson opportunity. After two years at College of the Ozarks, she joined the NMU faculty.

Myers joined the NMU mathematics faculty in 1969. He teaches calculus, geometry, and statistics.

He served four years in the U.S. Air Force before embarking on a career in education. He was a math teacher and department head at the International School in Ibadan, Nigeria, from 1963-65. He also was a math coordinator for Peace Corps training programs in Boston and a master teacher at Harvard-Newton Summer School.

Nomination criteria for the award include a sustained record of high achievement in teaching evidenced by positive peer observation; high student qualitative and quantitative evaluations; thorough knowledge of subject matter; clarity, organization, and consistency in subject presentation and assessment; enthusiasm for teaching and learning; creation of a safe and open learning environment; and experimentation with teaching and learning paradigms.

CAPS professor to receive Fulbright grant



Louise Bourgault, NMU professor in the Communication and Performance Studies department, will receive a Fulbright

U.S. Scholar Grant to study how performance art is being used to address the AIDS crisis in Mali, West Africa.

Bourgault will focus her attention on a women's group that performs street theater warning about the dangers of sexually transmitted diseases. She said it is a complete reversal of traditional Malian street theater, which excludes female participation.

"Men play women's roles and the material often spoofs women for not being obedient enough or for costing too much money," Bourgault said. "Now you have women dressing as men and doing parodies that show men as irresponsible for not practicing safer sex. The significance for gender is extraordinary."

It is also a society in which men are allowed to marry four women. Bourgault said research shows that, in both polygamous and monogamous relationships, men are more likely to be unfaithful than women. If a man contracts the HIV virus, he could unknowingly bring it into his household, infecting multiple wives and future children.

"A United Nations organization, UNAIDS, has made it clear that campaigns need to focus on altering the African male's definition of masculinity. This is revolutionary," she added.

Bourgault will be in Mali conducting her research from January through April 2003.

College updates

College of Arts and Sciences

Head of English department to edit Shakespeare volume

Jim Schiffer, head of Northern's English department, has been appointed editor of the New Variorum edition of Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*, or *What You Will*. When completed several years from now, the volume will be published by the Modern Language Association.

"The end result will be a moderated and threaded discussion of more than 400 years' worth of significant remarks or observations written by critics and editors," Schiffer said. "This book will include line-by-line commentary and essays on sources for the play, major characters, critical reception, and stage history. Variorums tend to run between 700 and 1,000 pages. They make terrific research tools for students and scholars."

Schiffer was appointed by a committee of scholars affiliated with the MLA. He attributes the selection to essays he has published on the play and Shakespeare poems, in addition to his previous experience editing a collection of essays on Shakespeare's *Sonnets*. During his research on the latter, he frequently consulted the *Sonnets Variorum*.

The last variorum to focus on *Twelfth Night*, which Schiffer would argue is The Bard's best comedy, was published in 1901.

Arts and Sciences to offer three new degree programs

Northern is offering three new academic majors this fall: earth science, geographic information science, and entertainment and sports promotion.

Earth scientists provide information for solving problems and establishing governmental policies for resource management, environmental protection, and public health, safety, and welfare.

The bachelor's degree program in geographic information science will enable students to acquire not only basic operational skills, but also broader information technology skills such as spatial database management, software development, and project management.

The Communication and Performance Studies department will offer a major in entertainment and sports promotion to supplement its existing public relations program. Career opportunities include publicist, sports information director, and travel services specializing in tours for sports fans.

College of Professional Studies

UPCED receives Kellogg grant

The Upper Peninsula Center for Educational Development received a three-year grant in the amount of \$385,574 from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation for funding of the U.P. Middle Start II project, which will help middle schools throughout the region and beyond communicate better and improve student outcomes.

The grant will help create a digital communications network and assist teachers and administrators in improving schools through workshops, expert resource personnel, technical support, and interactions with other schools. According to UPCED Director Carl Wozniak 18 U.P. schools are participating in the

project currently.

The Middle Start program, funded by the Kellogg foundation, has its roots in the 1990s, when schools recognized that there are significant issues in middle grades education not found in elementary or high school classrooms. Wozniak said the schools have come a long way since the beginning and he hopes to work with school districts beyond the U.P. and the state of Michigan in the near future.

College of Technology and Applied Sciences

NMU receives construction software gift

Northern's construction management program recently received a gift of software worth \$160,000 from Primavera Systems, Inc., of Bala Cynwyd, Pa., according to Mark Curtis, dean of the College of Technology and Applied Sciences. Primavera is providing NMU with 60 licensed units of their construction management software.

Primavera is a leading provider of comprehensive project management, control, and execution software and is the predominant software used in the construction management profession.

"This is the software that our students will be using in their construction management careers, so it is exciting that they will get hands-on experience prior to graduation," said Curtis.

"Since our beginning in 1983, Primavera has donated educational copies of our project management software to colleges and universities that are committed to preparing

their students for careers in project management,” said Nancy Allen, Primavera vice president of corporate marketing.

Curtis said that construction management instructor Mike Andary spearheaded the effort to introduce Primavera to NMU.

College of Business

College of Business establishes business honor society chapter

As a result of the Walker L. Cislser College of Business’s recent accreditation by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), the college has established a chapter of the business honor society Beta Gamma Sigma.

Being a member of the society is the highest recognition a business student can receive in an undergraduate or graduate program. Students ranking in the top 7 percent of the junior class, top 10 percent of the senior class, and top 20 percent of master’s programs at universities accredited by AACSB are eligible to become members.

The College of Business offered 15 memberships to outstanding students; four accepted the honor and were inducted, including Kathleen A. Rose of Marquette, Katherine E. Fosburg of Negaunee, Damian R. Matacz of Western Australia, and Eric L. Lundin of Rapid River.

“Having this honor society at Northern puts our students on par with students from other schools, for example the University of Michigan inducts students into Beta Gamma Sigma,” said James Scheiner, dean of the College of Business.

Poles in Michigan



Michigan State University Press, 2002

Dennis Badaczewski, Education

From Michigan’s earliest Polish marriage (in 1762) to the most recent post-Cold War migrations, this book chronicles how each successive wave of settlement has enriched and enlivened Michigan culture.

Delirium Tremens



Hazelden Information & Educational Services, 2000

Translated by Timothy Compton, Modern Languages and Literature

Mexican novelist Ignacio Solares interviewed people suffering from alcohol-related visions and interweaves eleven of their stories here in a strange and fascinating literary exploration of human drama on the edge of sanity. Blurring the line between fiction and nonfiction, *Delirium Tremens* tells a multifaceted, textured tale of personal, social, and emotional trauma and of the courage that leads some of these people back to sobriety.

Dimensional Management

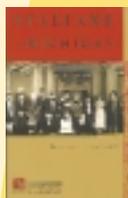


Industrial Press, 2002

Mark Curtis, College of Technology and Applied Sciences

Written for college-level engineering and technology students, this textbook functions as a primer or a handbook for those wishing to optimize the interchangeability of multicomponent manufactured products through the study and use of various sophisticated manual and computer-aided dimensioning and tolerancing techniques.

Italians in Michigan



Michigan State University Press, 2001

Russell Magnaghi, History

Through an emphasis on the family as the essential institution in ethnic group success, this book celebrates the accomplishments of Michigan’s famous and not-so-famous Italian sons and daughters.

The Invisible World



Crown, 2002

John Smolens, English

This story of hidden truths and intrigue pits father against son. For years, Sam Adams’s father had been a shadowy figure in his family’s lives, keeping a slender connection from afar while his wife and children are haunted by loneliness, his daughter wasted by addiction, and Sam, hounded by his father’s enemies. Sam has spent his life trying to discover what his father, who “worked for the government,” was doing that was worth the family’s ruin. To solve the puzzle, Sam will have to see his father clearly for the first time, before he inevitably vanishes again.

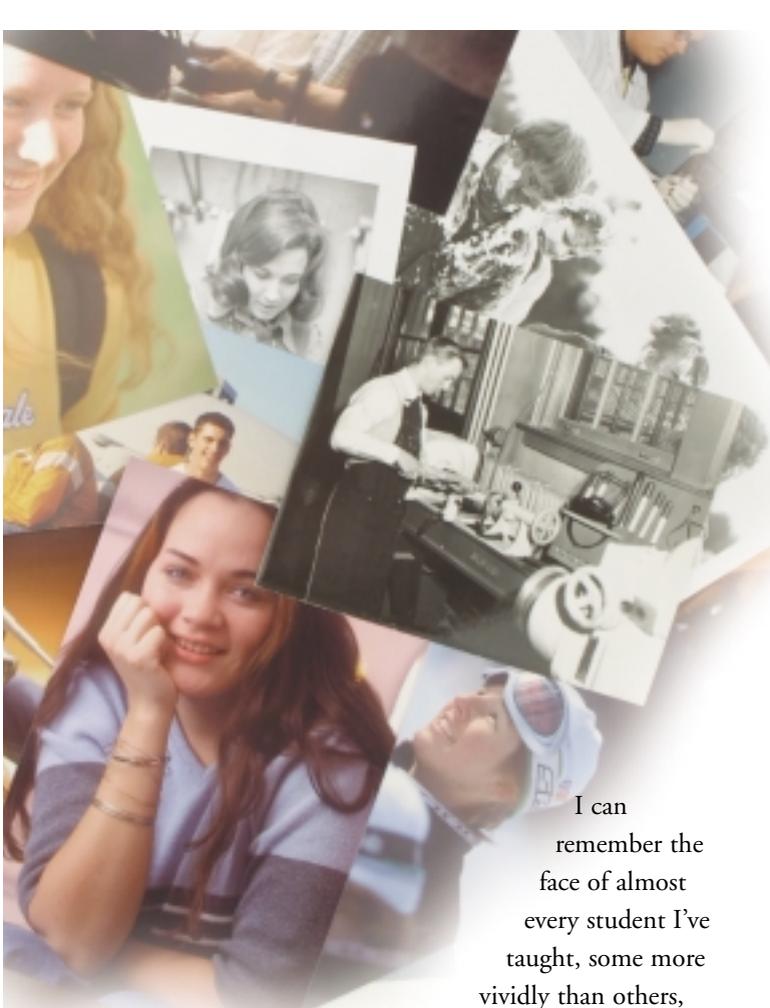




Students I remember

Last year we asked readers to tell us about their favorite professors. For this issue, we turned the tables on that theme and asked professors to tell us about students who had an impact on them. They wrote in with stories of students who displayed dedication and passion, students who made them laugh, and even students who taught them a thing or two. Some professors identified entire classes that inspired them. Here's a sampling of the students and classes they will never forget.

Edited by KAREN WALLINGFORD



I can remember the face of almost every student I've taught, some more vividly than others, funny things that happened in class, but not what grade I

might have given a student. I've had first-time college students of all ages, including retirees like **Leo Cote '84** who took classes for the sheer joy of discussion and being around people; the sons and daughters of colleagues and friends; students who would become my colleagues, marry my colleagues, or become lifelong friends; Air Force members and dependents; and prison guards and prison inmates, whom I could always count on for surprising views of traditional material, like the class that unanimously defended Roger Chillingworth (*The Scarlet Letter*) as a wronged husband and the one that condemned Huck Finn as a juvenile delinquent.

I have had parents and their children as my students, particularly mothers and sons, but not necessarily in that order; identical twins in one class who did not get identical grades; students who later became my own children's teachers; and a host of students from various ethnic backgrounds—the one with the most interesting last name I thought was a misprint because it had no vowels (actually it had one toward the end, Mrstik).

I have had literature classes from five to seventy students, a class of twenty whose roster spanned last names from Abba to Zyble, technical writing classes that generated an award-winning report on leach fields, which was later implemented by a local community, and a proposal for a male escort service in Marquette, complete with full-scale models, which was not implemented. My students have been members of just about every sport and club at NMU.

Many have taken more than one class from me, some as undergraduates and graduates, so I have had the joy of watching them grow. To single out one or two would demean the others. That I cannot do, for each has been special, unique, a treasure. Some of them are no longer with us. They are in my prayers. Some I see around town even today. I look forward to those I have not met yet, for I am not yet done.

— *Ray Ventre*
English

Mike Spaude '77 BS (SP 203 Public Address) was a business major, and a physically large young man. When he spoke of food, people listened. He gave the very best student speech I ever heard—"How to Make Substantial Food in Your Dorm Room Late at Night,"—during which he demonstrated how to cook hot dogs with a desk lamp. He thus produced an example of demonstration speaking that I used for over 20 years. I understand that Mike is currently a businessman in Wisconsin, and I suspect his passion for hot dogs has not diminished.

Ray Hoover '91 BS (SP 203 Public Address) did something I thought not possible when he stretched the topic "How to Make a Peanut Butter Sandwich" into a full eight-minute speech, and a good one at that. He now operates a tree trimming enterprise in Marquette. If you hire him to work on your trees, I suggest first getting a price quote for the job. Do not hire him by the hour...

— *Robert Dornquast (Retired)*
Communications and Performance Studies

Di (Wu) Hlawek '95 BS was an excellent student who graduated with an accounting/CIS major, worked for Arthur Anderson, an international public accounting firm, completed her master of business administration

at Harvard Business School, and now works for Verizon Wireless in Chicago.

Di is the only student I remember who would stop in my office to commiserate with me regarding how poorly that semester's Cost Accounting class was doing. Di was scoring nearly 100 percent, while the rest of the class was scoring substantially below that level, so we would brainstorm things that could be done to bring the rest of the class nearer to her level. There were approximately 10 times during the course of the semester that she dropped in and we put our heads together to improve class performance. Even though we didn't achieve much success in our combined effort, I very much appreciated her stopping in to uplift me that semester.

In my 29 years of teaching, she is the only student who voluntarily dropped by several times to attempt to upgrade the class performance because she knew it was not having a positive effect on my psyche.

— *Frederick Margrif (Retired)*
Walker L. Cisler College of Business

David Martin '88 MS holds the laboratory record for animated speed talking, but there were a few times I remember him falling silent when a comment seemed appropriate. One of these rare moments occurred as we hunkered into a divot chopped into the snow at the summit of Mt. Baker in the Washington Cascade mountains. We were there to study the effects of mountaineering activities on red blood cell hemolysis, and David was to perform venipunctures on seven subjects at the summit. It was just after 8 a.m. and the wind howled over the frozen peak. We had just spent 5 1/2 hours climbing over 6,000 feet from base camp. David had all of the supplies ready, except for the antiseptic solution to clean the puncture sites. It had been forgotten as we left camp in the dark at 2 a.m. for the climb to the summit. David announced the error and then fell silent as his mind calculated the risk of sticking needles into the dirty arms of climbers who had not bathed in four days. Although unstated, I could feel him calculating the options in his mind: "Do it! No, bag it! But there will be no other chance. This is a funded project! Ethics..." Finally, someone pulled the first-aid kit out of a pack and found a bottle of the precious liquid to save the day—and Dave's torment.

Another memorable silence came during our ground-breaking anthropometry study of elite competitive rock climbers at an international event in Utah. David's task was to measure skinfolds, in triplicate, from seven anatomical sites. One of the sites was the front of the thigh. A group of seven or so attractive French and Belgian female climbers had arrived wearing tights instead of shorts. We wanted to be precise with the measurements, so David began explaining how they would need to leave and change into shorts. Without delay, the climbers shrugged and dropped their tights to their ankles. David fell silent, but dutifully went about getting his measurements. Off to the side, a male climber waiting to get measured, mumbled in broken English, "I cannot take deez," and left the room.

David went on to receive his doctorate in physiology from the University of Wyoming and now works as a senior physiologist with the Australian Institute of Sport, primarily with Australia's Olympic cyclists.

— *Phil Watts*
Health, Physical Education, and Recreation

In seven years of teaching, the most focused, determined, and motivated student I have ever encountered was **Priscilla Jandron '98 CER**. Without breaching confidentiality, I will just say that Priscilla was past the age of even a non-traditional student. Life's circumstances had made it imperative that she find a tolerable way to make a living, and luckily she chose nursing. She quickly discovered that the "new" math requirements in my Basic Pharmacology course completely overwhelmed her capabilities. But Priscilla was focused. Priscilla was determined. Week after week, she took meticulous notes, worked on CD-ROM exercises, set up individual work sessions, and immersed herself in drug calculations.

Priscilla made it through my course only to face a year of strenuous nursing clinicals and lectures. Even for the most academically prepared student, nursing school demands a minimum of 32 hours a week of on-site clinical practice as well as 20 hours of theoretical study. For Priscilla to succeed, she had to sacrifice any life outside of school. I don't know if she knew this, but the entire faculty was cheering for her. We witnessed the

caring, compassionate, and gentle care she provided to patients and watched her struggle to comprehend as theoretical material became more and more complex. Priscilla attended every class, continued to take meticulous notes, frequently requested and met with instructors, completed every extra assignment, and thoroughly immersed herself in nursing school.

Recently, a colleague went through the heartrending process of watching her father die of prostate cancer, and despite her strong medical background, she found herself overwhelmed and angry at the cold and sterile hospital environment her father was forced to endure. She reported afterward that one LPN had offered solace in her calm and gentle care—NMU LPN graduate Priscilla Jandron.

— *Kristi Robinia*
Nursing

Bob Schad '71 BA, '73 MA arrived on campus around 1970 after a stint with the armed forces in Europe and the Mediterranean area. Bob had a unique form of dress—a long, dark, shaggy fur coat of undetermined origin, a cassock hat, and a beard—also on the shaggy side. He was a good student although I expect studies were not at the top of his priority list. He taught Russian—not a popular language at the time—informatively to interested students in the late afternoon. During one semester he worked with Dr. Curt Hamre testing the speech, language, and hearing abilities of inmates at the Marquette prison. On more than one occasion there was some concern about Bob's appearance and possible retention in that fine institution.

Bob graduated with a master's degree in speech pathology and found work in Saskatchewan, Canada. Some years later I received a postcard from Cambodia in which he mentioned his lack of knowledge regarding local hostilities and his sudden friendship with the more hospitable natives. Fortunately he was en route to an island off the coast of India to study meditation with monks. He has worked in the Regina area over the past 25 plus years in a variety of positions involving education and technology, and he

now represents the University of Regina as a senior policy strategist. Bob dropped me a note as I was writing this saying he was off to Ghana to do a workshop for the World Bank and then on to Gambia to start a documentary on the James Island Project. I never know where the next postcard might come from!

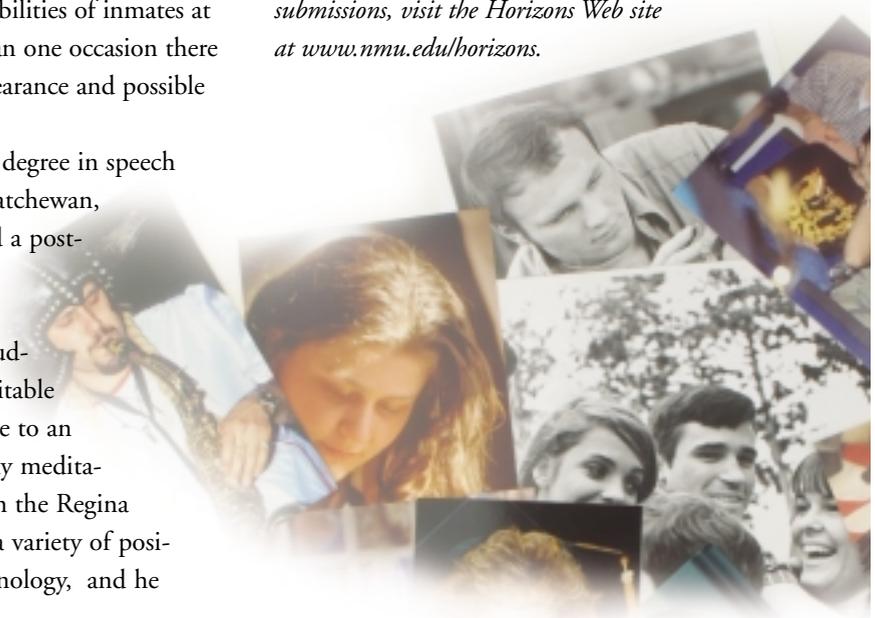
I went to visit Bob and his family a few years ago. If you look very carefully you can still see a hint of that scruffy 60s attire and attitude beneath the current polished and sophisticated professional image.

— *Peter B. Smith*
Communication Disorders

The task is impossible: I simply cannot pick out one or two memorable students that graced my life for more than two decades at Northern. If I talk about Diane, what about Kristen or Nancy or the seven enthusiastic young women named Lori? If I portray Bill, then how can I leave out Mick or Michael? We were a team, a happy band of warriors marching forth to serve those with speech disorders. And they all ride gentle in my mind. And so I say this: To all former students great and small, bright and beautiful, wise and wonderful—this old professor loves you all.

— *Lon Emerick (Retired)*
Communication Disorders

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Laughing matters

By KRISTI EVANS



When Bill Waters greets you, it's with a handshake and a smile... not to mention one of those bright-red, foam clown noses.

The retired criminal justice professor dispenses these lighthearted tokens wherever he travels. Not surprising, given the company he keeps. Waters has volunteered for three international goodwill missions led by Patch Adams, the doctor whose unconventional and outrageous bedside manner was the basis for a movie starring Robin Williams.

In February, the clown caravan traveled to Afghanistan. They visited hospitals, schools, and orphanages in Kabul and the Panshir Valley. Touting the benefits of a humorous mindset might seem a tough sell in a country dealing with the fallout from war, a repressive regime, and other weighty issues, but Waters has found that the most receptive audiences are composed of individuals most in need of a lift or distraction.

“Humor is a universal language, and there’s an intense energy that goes along with sharing it,” he said. “All of us in the group were on the same wavelength. There was no agenda but to bring lightheartedness to everyone we came in contact with.”

He recalled a visit to a girl’s school, where he handed out a Number 2 pencil and a marker to each student. This would not trigger much of a reaction from most kids, but one young girl approached him with a radiant smile. “She didn’t



Pictured at top of page: Bill Waters (center) poses with a fellow clown from New Jersey (left) and Patch Adams (right). Pictured above: A young Afghan boy shows off his mementos from the clown entourage.

just say, ‘Thank you.’ She said, ‘Thank you from the bottom of my heart.’ That will sustain me forever.”

Waters had no reservations about going to Afghanistan. Despite the lingering presence of several armed forces, the military activity had settled down and shifted elsewhere. UNICEF enlisted Waters’ group to distribute leaflets reminding parents to enroll their kids in schools that had just reopened. He and his clown colleagues rode in pickup-truck beds through neighborhoods, often followed by a throng of curious residents.

“We had a celebration in the very stadium where the Taliban—only months earlier—had executed people,” he said. “Thousands of people turned out. The clowns passed out free kites to kids and whoever else wanted them. Kite flying is a very popular activity in Afghanistan, but it was banned by the Taliban,” Waters said.

Patch Adams made an early departure from the mission to fulfill some prior speaking engagements. The “laughter is contagious” guru has been in high demand since the movie’s 1998

release. Waters said most of Adams’ speaking fees support the principles of his Gesundheit! Institute in West Virginia, along with the related goal of building a healing community where health care is infused with fun and friendship.

“Traveling with Patch is very gratifying,” Waters said. “On one hand, he’s a deep thinker. On the other, he’s refreshingly spontaneous.”

Waters previously accompanied Adams to China and Siberia. He invests more than time in these missions; participants cover their own expenses. The clown caravan just completed

a Trans-Siberian Railway excursion from Moscow to Vladivostok.

Riding the rails seems an appropriate mode of travel for Waters. After all, he has embraced the hobo as his clown persona of choice.

“When someone decides to try clowning, they’re drawn to one of four types,” Waters explained. “The whiteface, which essentially is a mime who relies on physical forms of expression; the Auguste, a Ronald McDonald type who is a variation of the whiteface and has more expressive powers; the hobo, who has been rejected by some element of society but is determined to make a life of his own; and the tramp, a variation of the hobo in that he wants to do whatever it



“Humor is perspective. It’s having a lighter attitude
and an ability to be flexible about how you see things
and how you respond to them.”

takes to be accepted again.”

Waters said he learned everything he needed to know about life at Clown Camp. Each summer, hundreds of people make the jolly pilgrimage to the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse for what’s billed as the largest clown training program in the world. It is also the oldest, having just completed its 22nd year. Many of the instructors are past or present Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey performers.

Waters enrolled in the 1999 session. A few days after graduating, Patch Adams recruited him for the China mission. It was an opportunity he simply could not pass up—one that would give his life new direction and purpose.

Ironically, perhaps, humor did not come early or easily for Waters. “The sad part about it is,” he said shaking his head, “I have lived most of my life being dead serious. I wouldn’t be where I am with this humor thing if I hadn’t been where I was with the serious attitude.”

Waters said he started to lighten up in 1996 after he and NMU colleague John Andrews attended a major criminal justice conference in Boston. They agreed there was nothing new or interesting to take back to the classroom and the prevailing attitude among many in the profession was rather bleak. Determined to “knock the socks off” attendees the next year, the two wrote a paper and deliv-

ered a presentation on the role of humor in criminal justice.

“There wasn’t enough space to hold everyone who wanted to come,” Waters said. “People approached us afterward and said, ‘Where have you guys been? This is what we want to hear.’ We knew we were onto something.”

Within three years, the duo adopted the moniker Court Jesters, and their 20-minute presentation evolved into a six-hour workshop that they marketed internationally.

“Our message wasn’t that criminal justice professionals should yuck it up, tell jokes, and laugh all the time,” Waters explained. “Those are merely responses to what we find funny. Humor is perspective. It’s having a lighter attitude and an ability to be flexible about how you see things and how you respond to them.”

Waters said the perception that criminal justice and humor are incompatible is driven more by myth than reality. He cites figures from the U.S. Department of Justice that show police officers devote 10 percent of their average shift to crime and criminals.

“That means the remaining 90 percent is service delivery—connecting with people as a public servant,” Waters said. “Do you want someone in that role who thinks it’s all dead serious? An officer making a traffic stop doesn’t have to put his hands on his leather, throw his weight around and say, ‘You were breaking the law;

that’s bad.’ He could he walk up to the car with a smile on his face and say, ‘Nice car. Fast, too.’”

Waters said the take-home point of their workshop is that criminal justice work is not about being serious; it’s about being responsible. His commitment to this philosophy is obvious as the intensity of his voice vaults a few notches.

“If you look up the words in the dictionary, serious means somber, solemn, or fraught with something,” he explains. “Responsible means accountable, able to, or liable. Isn’t that what the work is about? It’s all a matter of separating what is serious from what is responsible. You can do your work responsibly with a humorous mindset.”

Waters said his Court Jesters and clowning pursuits have been therapeutic.

“The more I do, the more I come to believe that life is a hoot. I don’t take myself or anybody else nearly as seriously as I used to, and I’m much more open to criticism. I’m more willing to laugh at myself and give others the benefit of the doubt.”

There’s also the physiological benefit. Waters said 30 seconds of hearty belly laughter is equal to the cardiovascular workout of three minutes on a rowing machine. Who needs a gym when you can travel with Patch Adams and have your heart pumped and touched at the same time? ■

LOST ALUMNI



Where in the world are these alumni? Can you help us locate the following people?

David Pina '78
BFA
William T.

Smeester '81 CER
Trudie Hagman '84 BS
James R. Blahnik '86 Dipl.
Ed Feigel '87 Dipl.
Donna Kristoff '90 BS
Kenneth C. Wood '90 BS
Jill M. Wenger '91 BS
Karen L. Kortryk '92 BSN
Connie White '92 BS
Julie M. Zeleznik '93 BA
Mark L. Gilles '95 BS
Matthew L. Aldridge '97 BA
Melissa J. Austhof '97 BA
Diane Dyer '97 AS

If you can help us, please drop us a note at alumni@nmu.edu or call us toll free at 1-877-GRAD NMU.

LIFETIME MEMBERS

We would like to thank the following alumni who have recently joined as lifetime members of the NMU Alumni Association.

Kathleen Frazier '86 BS
L. Garnet Lewis '86 MAE
Matthew '86 BS and Jane '85 BS
Surrell
John and Deborah '86 MAE Veiht
Robert '91 BS and Sara '91 BS
Dunstone
Barbara Burri '92 BS
LuAnne Thurston '93 BS
Bill B. Mays '94 BS

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PRESIDENT'S NOTE

What can you do for NMU?



As my two-year term of office officially ends at Homecoming, this is my last article for *Horizons* as president of the Alumni Association.

At my first board meeting as president, I asked the Alumni Board members to give me one specific goal they would like to complete by the end of my term. The same request is coming from me to all of you. Set a goal to do one thing for NMU over the next year. Attend one event at Northern such as a music concert, a sports event, an educational forum, or an alumni gathering. Or sign up for an NMU alumni e-mail address, encourage a high school student to attend Northern next fall, reconnect with a former classmate from NMU through our Web page, or invite a student to do an internship at your place of employment.

All of your efforts help strengthen your ties to NMU and send a message to everyone you connect with that you are proud to have graduated from Northern Michigan University.

—**Susi Dahlke '63 BS**, President NMU Alumni Association

And the winners are...

Congratulations to our alumni sweepstakes winners

Jon P. Christensen '77 BS

HP 315, 2.3 mega-pixel digital camera and DeskJet 825 color printer

Peggy A. Graf '76 BSN

Art Carved 10K gold signet ring

Michael R. Hill, '80 BS

NMU prize basket

JoAnn Huber, '73 BSN

Weekend package, Shoreline Resort, Eagle Harbor, Michigan

Kathleen S. Johnson '99 AA

One-year PEIF membership

Kristine A. Keranen '76 BS

Freshwater pearl bracelet/silver and bali silver bracelet

Stephen B. Leisenring '82 BS

One-night stay at the Landmark Inn, Marquette, Michigan

Margaret Grace Liesche '72 BA

Season NMU hockey or Forest Roberts Theatre tickets

Scott C. Long '91 BS

U.P. sled dog print and snowshoe wallhanging

Robert J. Mariucci '89 BS, '93 MAE

NMU Alumni Association lifetime membership

Earl C. Messner '40 BS

\$100 gift certificate for Alumni Association merchandise

Annette Molner '43 BA

Two-night stay package at the Holiday Inn or Ramada Inn of Marquette, Michigan

Wayne S. Rodriguez '00 BS

NHL Atlanta Thrashers team jersey and mementos

William C. White '72 BS

14K gold U.P. pendant

Raymond J. Zavada '74 BS

Paul Grant "Coming Home" print

Alumni awards

Four alumni to be honored at Homecoming



**Distinguished Alumni Award:
Kathryn Davis
Messerich '79 BS**

Kathryn Davis

Messerich is a winning trial lawyer representing health care professionals, hospitals, and clinics in medical malpractice matters, licensing board disputes, and other health care related litigation. Kathy received her bachelor of science in nursing from Northern, her master's degree in maternal-child nursing from the University of Minnesota, and her juris doctor from William Mitchell College of Law.

Prior to practicing law, she was a registered nurse working in intensive care and also served on the University of Minnesota pediatrics transport team. Kathy currently serves on the executive committee of the Minnesota Defense Lawyer's Association and is vice-chair of the Hennepin County District Ethics Committee. She was recently named one of Minnesota's Top Ten Attorneys of the Year and is currently a shareholder with Halleland, Lewis, Nilan, Sipkins, and Johnson in the Twin Cities area.



**Alumni Service Award: Robert
(Bart) Bartkowiak
'72 BA**

Bart Bartkowiak has been an active volunteer in the Marquette community and at NMU. He is a founding board member of the Marquette County YMCA and is currently serv-

ing as its president. He is treasurer of the Economic Club, on the board of Catholic Social Services, and the past president of the Marquette Golf and Country Club board. He is the president of the NMU Wildcat Club and serves on the NMU Development Fund Board of Trustees. Bart received a bachelor's degree in accounting from Northern.

Professionally, he owns Bartkowiak Accounting and Tax Service in Marquette. He is vice-chair of the Independent Accountants Association. He received the Business Person of the Year award from Rotary International and was recognized by the Upper Michigan YMCA with its Key Leader Award.



**Outstanding Young Alumni: Dale J.
Samar '89 BS**

After graduating from NMU with a bachelor's degree in marketing, Dale Samar moved to Phoenix, where he found employment in the golf industry. A three-year PGA apprenticeship ultimately enabled him to begin a professional career in golf management. During his five-year tenure at Mountain Shadows Golf Resort, he moved from service attendant to head golf professional.

In 1995, he left Mountain Shadows to work as a golf pro for SunCor Resort and Golf Management Corporation, a company that generates more than \$20 million in revenue at its golf facilities. He currently serves as general manager of Stone Ridge Golf Course and general

manager and director of golf at Sedona Golf Resort. His facilities have played host to major USGA and LPGA championship tournaments, have been featured in golf magazines, and have been listed in the top five of Arizona public golf courses.



**Alumni Civic Leadership Award:
Leonard (Bud)
Lawry '65 BS,
'69 MA**

For more than 30 years, Bud Lawry has worked to make the Midland community a better place to live. His civic leadership began in the late 1960s with involvement in the Elks Club. He volunteered at the Midland County School Employee Credit Union and served as its president for 10 years. He has been a member of the Midland Lions Club for nearly 20 years and is its current president. He is a mentor for Big Brothers/Big Sisters, was recently appointed to the Midland Housing Commission, and is a trustee on the board of Windover High School, an alternative high school for troubled youth.

Bud was raised in the Upper Peninsula. He graduated from Ishpeming High School and earned both bachelor's and master's degrees from Northern. He also holds an education specialist degree from Central Michigan University. Bud committed 35 years of his life to working in the field of education, retiring as principal of Jefferson Intermediate/Middle School in Midland in June 2000.

Back to the future

Kyle's return to Wildcat bench ties past to present

In about a month, new NMU hockey coach **Walt Kyle '81 BS** will face off against none other than **Rick Comley '73 MA**—his mentor, friend, coach, former boss, and the only other person to hold the same title in the program's 26-year history.

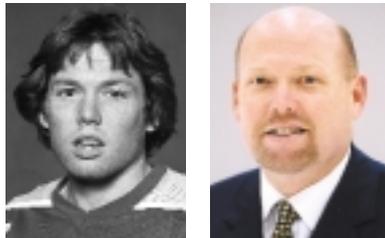
In June, Kyle was selected to fill the position vacated by Comley, who left to become the coach at Michigan State University. The 'Cats and Spartans will open their respective Central Collegiate Hockey Association slates against each other Oct. 18-19 at the Berry Events Center.

"It'll be strange to see Rick across the rink from me, but hey that's hockey," laughed Kyle, who served as Comley's assistant coach from 1982-92. "We're great friends right up until the puck drops and then again when the final buzzer sounds."

For the past two years, Kyle was the assistant coach of the National Hockey League's New York Rangers. His other NHL stint was as assistant, then associate coach of the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim from 1996-98. Since leaving NMU, Kyle has held head coaching jobs in the American, International, and Western Hockey Leagues.

Kyle transferred from Boston College in 1978, joining his brother **Jon Kyle '82 BS** at Northern for the 1979-80 and 1980-81 seasons. He served as a team captain both years, including for the 1980 squad that finished as the runner-up to North Dakota at the NCAA Championship.

After Kyle graduated, he became an NMU graduate assistant in 1981-82 for a year before being elevated to



Then and now—Top left: Walt Kyle from his NMU hockey days. Top right: Kyle today. Bottom (r-l): Kyle with Rick Comley and Morey Gare.

the assistant's position.

Over the past summer Kyle has been busy "learning and relearning

everything about the program and college athletics in general," he said. He has also been working with assistants **Dave Shyiak '93 BS** and Brian Renfrew to finalize details for the upcoming season, and to familiarize himself with both his team as well as the others on this year's schedule.

"It's been hectic, but I'm having fun," he said.

Kyle added that while Wildcat hockey has entered a new coaching era, the goals are familiar: win games and educate players.

"My goals today are the same as when I was here 10 years ago: give our student-athletes an outstanding collegiate experience on the ice, in the classroom, and at the university in general; and compete for and win league and national titles. The hockey program is in a partnership with the university to build good men. We'll impact futures and that's exciting to me," he said.

New Wildcat club roars into action

In April, two NMU athletic affinity clubs, the Golden Wildcat Club and the Gridiron Club, merged to form the Wildcat Club. The Golden Wildcat Club had supported all Northern men's and women's athletic teams while the Gridiron Club had been the football team booster group.

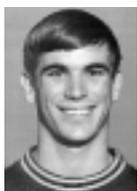
According to NMU Athletic Director Dan Spielmann, membership gifts can still be designated to any of the university's five men's or seven women's programs.

Information about various levels of Wildcat Club membership, member benefits, and membership forms are available on-line at www.nmu.edu/devfund/affinityclubs.htm, by calling the Development Fund at 906-227-2627, or by e-mailing devfund@nmu.edu.

Spielmann said the Blue Line Club wasn't included in the club merger because at the time the hockey coach search had not yet been completed, but that he and Coach Walt Kyle will meet with Blue Line Club governing board members to discuss the matter.

Six inducted into NMU Sports Hall of Fame

On September 20, five former Wildcat athletes and a long-time NMU sports radio broadcaster were inducted as the 26th class of the Northern Michigan University Sports Hall of Fame. Recently, *Horizons* talked to each of the new Hall members and asked them about their best memory in NMU college athletics:



James Donnelly '71
BS: Men's Swimming

Then: NMU's first NCAA Division II national runner-up (breaststroke);

NMU's first NCAA two-time All-American swimmer.

Now: President of Donnelly Printing in Sarasota, Florida.

"My greatest NMU athletic highlight was finishing second at the NCAA Division II championships in the 200 breast. I was and still am very proud of being NMU's first swimming All-American."



Mike Berry '78 BS, Football

Then: 1976 Second-Team All-America Defensive Tackle; member of 1975

National Championship team.

Now: Teacher, athletic director, golf coach, and former football coach (23 years) at Kettering High School in Waterford, Michigan.

"The highlight of my athletic career at NMU was winning the national championship. I think being a team captain and serving a year as a graduate assistant coach were both very interesting experiences. I found

out that being a team captain meant a lot more than just going out on the field for the coin toss. And working as a GA taught me a lot about what I did and didn't want to do as a coach."



Ann Van Dyke '79
BS, Women's Basketball and Volleyball

Then: First NMU female athlete to earn eight letters;

team captain in both sports.

Now: Physical education and reading teacher for the Harrison County Schools in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

"I had three basketball and four volleyball coaches during my time at Northern. I learned a lot from all of them, but I learned so much from Barb Patrick. I can't even begin to tell you how my NMU experience impacted my life. It was the greatest. I just love Northern."



Brad Werenka '90
BS, Ice Hockey

Then: 1991 Hobey Baker finalist; 1991 First-Team All-America Defense-

man; 1991 NCAA All-Tournament Team.

Now: Defenseman for the National Hockey League's Calgary Flames.

"My first and last NMU hockey weekends are the ones that stand out. My introduction to college hockey was against Wisconsin in Madison. The moment I stepped on the ice and felt that excitement and energy, I knew I had made the right decision when I chose the college route. The other is after winning the national championship: I remember looking

back as the team bus was coming down the hill from the airport returning to campus and there was a train of cars that went on for miles. It was an incredible site."



Dallas Drake '92,
Ice Hockey

Then: 1992 First-Team All-American; 1992 WCHA Defensive Player of

the Year.

Now: Forward for the National Hockey League's St. Louis Blues.

"There are too many great NMU memories, both on and off the ice, to pick just one, but obviously the highlight of my hockey career there was winning the 1991 NCAA Championship. We had a great team and we're really a close bunch of guys. That was the best, simply the best, athletic moment."



Joe Blake,
Broadcaster

Then: Play-by-play announcer for more than 750 games over

19 seasons; broadcaster of three NMU national championship titles and three NCAA runner-up crowns.

Now: Owner of Marquette radio station Q107-WMQT.

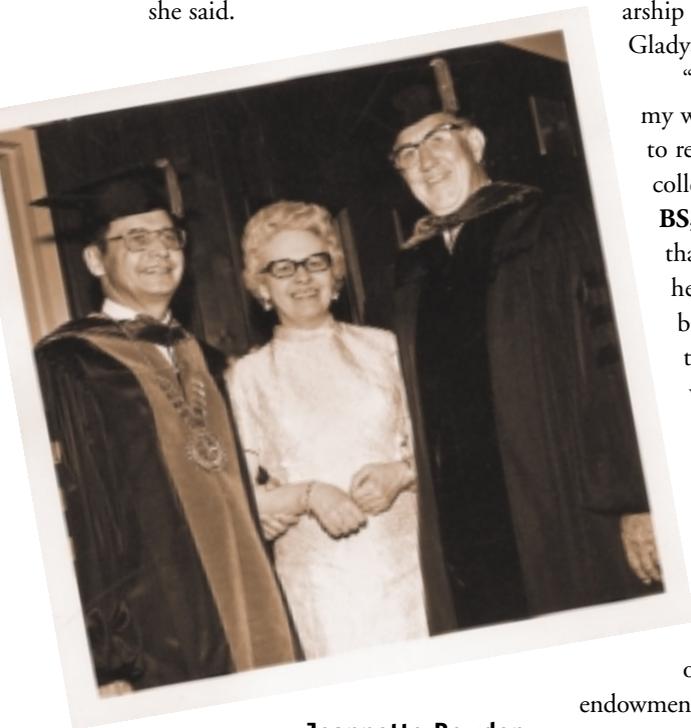
"The most awesome game I ever covered was the 1991 NCAA title game for hockey, just because the game was so dramatic and the level of talent on those teams—it's just mind-boggling when you think about it. The 1980 national title game was also pretty amazing, considering the program was just four years old at the time."

The 'perfect' gift

By CINDY PAAVOLA '84 BS

Jeannette (Skinnard) Bowden, '36 BA, LC, executive assistant emeritus to the president, is a big believer in destiny.

"I believe that things happen when and as they should," she said.



Jeannette Bowden with NMU Presidents John X. Jamrich (left) and Edgar L. Harden. When asked to compare the five presidents she served as secretary to, Mrs. Bowden is firm in her conviction that each was the perfect person for a particular growth period of the university.

Her story of destiny started when she was reading the winter 2001 issue of *Horizons* and came upon the note about former NMU staff member **Elizabeth (Hosking)**

Binda '37 BA endowing a scholarship in honor of Luther and Gladys Gant.

"I had made a provision in my will to create a scholarship to recognize my friend and colleague **Harry Rajala '56 BS, '64 MA** as a way of thanking him for all his help to me through my life, but as I read that article I thought to myself, 'Why wait until I die to do this? Why not do it now when I can enjoy it, too?'"

So Mrs. Bowden, who worked for 44 1/2 years as secretary to five NMU presidents, decided to make a gift of \$10,000 to start the

endowment process for the Harry A. Rajala Endowed Scholarship in Education. The scholarship will be awarded to a junior or senior who has financial need, with first preference going to education majors.

Mrs. Bowden supervised Rajala when he was a student employee in the NMU general office in the 1950s.

"We worked together for about 30 years," said Mrs. Bowden. "Since the day I met him in 1952 until the present, Harry has always been there for me when I needed help, especially since my husband Floyd died. He's a steadfast friend."

But Mrs. Bowden didn't stop with the scholarship endowment.

She has made an additional gift of \$50,000 to provide funds toward the FCC-required transition to digital technology at WNMU-TV/FM.

"For a long time I have hoped to do something special for Northern, but wondered as to what would be an appropriate gift. Having been a longtime supporter of PBS Channel 13, and hearing of the probable high cost of the required transition to digital technology at Northern, I called Scott Seaman, director of the Learning Resources Center, which houses the public broadcasting radio and television station, and asked if this might be an area where I could help."

In May, President Judi Bailey recommended to NMU's Board of Trustees that the public broadcasting facilities at Northern be named The Jeannette Bowden Studios at WNMU TV/FM. A dedication ceremony will take place this fall.

"I am honored that President Bailey would make and the Board approve that recommendation. For me, it is the perfect gift," said Mrs. Bowden.

A 1932 graduate of A.D. Johnston High School in Bessemer, Mrs. Bowden attended Ironwood Junior College (now Gogebic Community College) for two years before coming to Northern State Teachers College in 1934. She was an honors graduate, receiving her bachelor of arts degree and life certificate from Northern in 1936.

While attending Northern, Mrs. Bowden worked as a student employee in the General Office to help pay her college expenses. At the time, the General Office housed

In Harry's honor

both the president and the registrar.

A month before her graduation, she took over the duties as secretary to President Webster H. Pearce upon the recommendation of his outgoing secretary. After a few weeks, President Pearce persuaded her to take the position permanently.

Mrs. Bowden served as secretary to Pearce (1936-40), Henry A. Tape (1940-56), Edgar L. Harden (1956-67), Ogden E. Johnson (1967-68), and John X. Jamrich (1968-80). Her 44 1/2 years of service remains the longest in a full-time capacity at Northern than any other person's in the institution's history. She was also the recipient of the 1971 Distinguished Alumni Award.

President Jamrich noted upon accepting Mrs. Bowden's request to retire in 1980: "It didn't take me long after I arrived at Northern to become aware of the high esteem in which you were held at this institution. I learned of an expression that went something like this: 'Presidents may come and go, but Mrs. Bowden will always be there to maintain continuity and stability to the President's Office.' I have had the opportunity and the privilege of bearing witness to the truth of that statement. You will leave Northern, Jeannette, but you and I both know that part of you will always be here."

Destiny obviously thought so, too.

How does it feel to have someone endow a scholarship in your name? To NMU registrar emeritus Harry Rajala, "it feels great."

Rajala said Jeannette Bowden, his long-time friend, colleague, and former supervisor, told him some time ago that she had made plans in her will to establish a scholarship in his name at Northern. So he wasn't surprised when she started the process early and endowed the Harry A. Rajala Scholarship in Education.

The scholarship will help to continue Rajala's legacy of assistance to students. Rajala began working at NMU as a student under Mrs. Bowden in the office of President Henry A. Tape, and served five NMU presidents during his more than 30 years as a student and a full-time employee.

After his 1956 graduation, Rajala taught in Wisconsin and served in the U.S. Army before coming to work as the administrative assistant in NMU's office of Admissions and Graduate Studies in 1960. He became the registrar in 1967, a position he would hold until his retirement in 1988.

Rajala received a Distinguished Alumni Award in 1982 and was the recipient of the NMU Excellence in Service Award in 1984.

"When I started at Northern there were 545 students. It had grown to 2,000 by the time I returned in 1960. I watched it grow to 7,000

through the '60s into the '70s and then almost to 10,000 during Dr. Jamrich's presidency," Rajala said.

"Enrollment dropped after the Air Force base closed, but it's growing again, nearly back to 9,000 now. I've seen a lot of change over the years."

Retirement hasn't diminished Rajala's service to Northern. In fact, he still shows up at work every morning, now serving in the School of Education as a part-time adviser to students in the learning disabilities and master's education programs. He says he likes "being around students and keeping busy."

"This scholarship, like all scholarships, is important not because it has my name on it—although that's an honor—but because it will help students," said Rajala. "Northern is special because if students ask somebody for help, they'll get it.

The faculty, staff, alumni, and former NMU faculty and staff—like Jeannette and me—are ready to lend a hand in whatever way we can. This scholarship is an extension of that."



Harry Rajala and Jeannette Bowden.

Tell us what's happening in your life

Keeping Track is generated by your submissions and is open to all alumni. Send your submission to the NMU Alumni Association, Northern Michigan University, 1401 Presque Isle Avenue, Marquette, Michigan 49855; e-mail to horizons@nmu.edu, or send via the Web at www.nmu.edu/horizons. If you would like a picture included with your submission, please send a print or a digital photograph with a resolution of at least 300 dpi.

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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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Michael Dishnow '71 BS, '74 MAE of Soldiers Grove, Wis., is a retired educator. 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

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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

KEEPING TRACK

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

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

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

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 or 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

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

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

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

Amy Chown '84 BS of Richmond, Va., was recently named marketing director for Media General's Florida Publishing Group. 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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

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.
ncraft@att.net

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.

Bruce Herr '99 BSN of Newport was recently accepted to the master of science in anesthesia program at Wayne State University. He is a registered nurse at Mercy Memorial Hospital in Monroe.

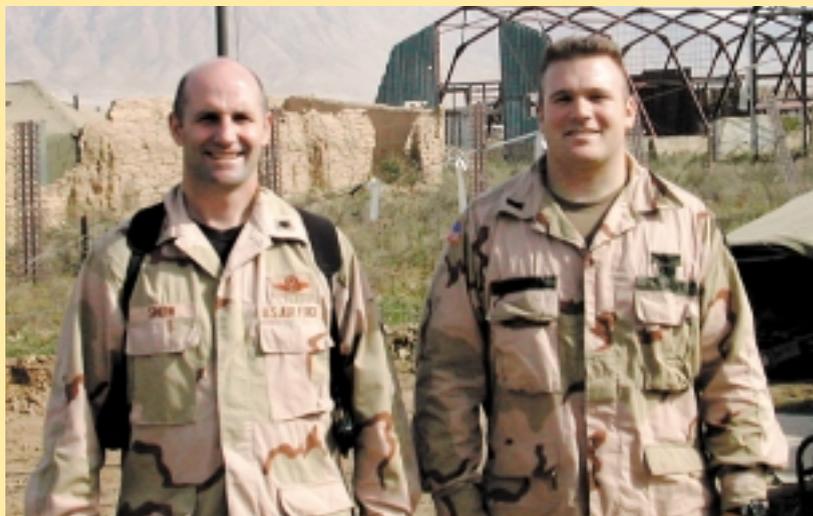
Jennifer Maxon '99 CER of Marquette is a licensed practical nurse on the medical floor at Marquette General Hospital. Her husband **Robert Maxon '99 BS** is a sergeant and a civilian administrator and facility manager of the Army Reserve Company in Marquette.

Joshua Riley '99 BS of Kenosha, Wis., is a trooper with the Wisconsin State Patrol. His wife, **Ruth (Laloggia) Riley '00 BS**, is a 911 dispatcher for Kenosha Joint Services.

Kevin St. Louis '99 BS of Eden Prairie,

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

Minn., is a legal investment representative at Wells Fargo Investments. kstlouis@hotmail.com

Jill (Bimmel) Seppala '99 BS of Marquette is a full-time mom with her 5-year-old son Jacob and 1-year-old daughter Alexandra. Her husband **Brad Seppala '99 BSN** works in the operating room at Marquette General Hospital.

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Randall Beauchamp '00 AT graduated from the United States Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May, N.J.

John Council '00 BS of Ironwood is news director at WIMI/WJMS. His wife is **Mary Susanna (Schrank) Council '94**

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Amanda (Miettinen) Huyck '00 BSN of Copperas Cove, Texas, is a registered nurse in the surgical intensive care unit at Scott and White Hospital in Temple, Texas. She is pursuing a master's degree in nurse anesthesia at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Virginia. Her husband **Daniel Huyck '99 BS** is a lieutenant in the United States Army stationed at Fort Hood, Texas. amanda_huyck@hotmail.com

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Nathan Kelsey '01 BS of Escanaba is account executive at WLUC-TV6. nkelsey2001@chartermi.net

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.

NMU vs. MSU

Watch Wildcat hockey live—no matter where you are.

Wildcat night across the country

Friday, October 18, 2002 • 7 p.m.

NMU vs. MSU... Kyle vs. Comley... Wildcats vs. Spartans...

The NMU Alumni Association is proud to bring you Walt Kyle and the NMU Wildcats as they open league play against Rick Comley and the MSU Spartans live via satellite from the Berry Events Center.

Start planning your Wildcat hockey party today. For details about how to get the satellite broadcast in your home or at your favorite establishment, call the Alumni Association at 1-877-GRAD-NMU or e-mail us at alumni@nmu.edu.

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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