

**The Land Within**

Writers Club Press, 2001

**L.E. Ward '66 BA, 67 MA**

*The Land Within* is the fourth and final volume in the life's work in poetry (1975-2000) of poet and film historian, L.E. Ward.

His poetry covers such topics as movies, the arts, writers, artists, the ancient world, and life in Iron and Marquette counties in the 1940s and 50s.

**Women and the Lakes**

Avery Color Studios, 2001

**Frederick Stonehouse '70 BS, '77 MA**

Whether by circumstance or by choice, women were certainly a part of the Great Lakes maritime history. From

deep sea diver to ship's captain, lighthouse keeper and rescuer, on-board cook, nurse and stewardess, women did what needed to be done. In this book, Stonehouse introduces the reader to some of these truly remarkable women and relives their tales.

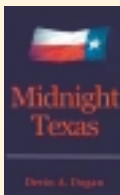
**Jesus Trucking Company**

Halcyon Press, 2001

**Rick Amidon '81 BS**

When Jack Cranberry's life and career are demolished in a swirl of unforeseen events, he sets out in a mysterious old semi across

America on a lonely evangelical mission to minister to the souls of suffering people. As his mission unfolds, a vision of divine order and infinite love begins to emerge from the endless roads, bone-weary fatigue, and human misery he encounters.

**Midnight Texas**

1stBooks Library, 2001

**Devin Dugan '96 BS**

Duke Durahad is a drummer in a small town college band called Midnight Texas. During his senior year, he meets a shy

young girl with a troubled past. Duke instantly becomes infatuated with her and will do whatever it takes to be with her. When Duke's band is on the verge of getting their big break, he must choose between the love of a dream and the love of a girl.

**Keeping Track****Tell us what's happening in your life**

Keeping Track is generated by your submissions and is open to all alumni. Send your Keeping Track submissions 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/commmktg/horizons](http://www.nmu.edu/commmktg/horizons). If you would like a picture included with your submission, please include a print or digital photograph with a resolution of at least 300 dpi.

**Pre-1960s**

**Gary Smith '64 BS** of Ellensburg, Wash., retired after 33 years as a physical education professor and head athletic trainer at Central Washington University. His wife **Beth (Richards) Smith '60 BS** also retired from Central Washington University, where she was coordinator of media circulations. [smithgl@cwu.edu](mailto:smithgl@cwu.edu)

**Kenneth Anderson '65 BA** of Minnetonka, Minn., has been self employed since 1992 as an information systems developer and Internet consultant. [ken.anderson@aviceda.com](mailto:ken.anderson@aviceda.com)

**Jan Welch '66 BS** of Mineral, Va., is a contracting officer for the U.S. Department of State.

**Edward Bissel '67 BS** of Oscoda says he's not ready to retire because he is having too much fun as a physical education and driver's education teacher. He also coaches 7th grade boy's and 8th grade girl's basketball.

**Sandra (Lampi) Scheel '67 BS** of West Branch retired after a 34-year teaching career in Utica. This past spring, she received a merit award as a Macomb County Peacemaker of the Year for her work with youth and the community.

**Mary (Coon) White '68 BS, '69 MA** of Greeley, Colo., recently retired. Last February, she became a grandmother.

**70s**

**James Hanley '71 BS** of Auburn, N.Y., is an insurance and registered representa-

tive of James A. Hanley, a charter life underwriter with the National Association of Security Dealers. He was named man of the year for Life Underwriters, and is one of eight founders of "The Great Race," the largest team triathlon in the United States. He also is on the board of directors of the YMCA.

**Elizabeth (Pollock) Andrews '74 BS** of Grand Ledge received an Athena Award from the Grand Ledge Area Chamber of Commerce. [Queenee53@aol.com](mailto:Queenee53@aol.com)

**Joe Kerbleski '74 BS, '76 MA** recently accepted leadership responsibilities for the information technology research and architecture group at Dow Chemical Company. He is also responsible for IT venture capital investments. [jkerbleski@dow.com](mailto:jkerbleski@dow.com)

**Mary (Glatus) Nash '74 BSN** of Birmingham, Ala., is chief operating officer for the University of Alabama at Birmingham Hospital. She serves a dual role, retaining her position as chief nursing officer for the hospital.

**Michael Piechocinski '74 BS, '77 MA** of Montgomery Village, Md., recently completed an iconographic commission, which was presented to the President of the United States, George W. Bush. His contemporary landscape paintings have been featured in Washington, D.C., galleries and at the Parish Gallery in Georgetown. He has also conducted experimental drawing and collage from local materials workshops with the Asmara School of Arts in Asmara, Eritrea. Michael is an art

teacher at the Montgomery County Public School's Visual Art Center located at Einstein High School in Kensington. [piec@erols.com](mailto:piec@erols.com)

**Marilyn (Keilholtz-Kimber) Whitney '75 BS, '83 MA** of Unalaska, Alaska, is the testing director, grant administrator, and curriculum coordinator for the Unalaska City School District. [bwhitney@ucsd.net](mailto:bwhitney@ucsd.net)

**George Hayden '77 BS** of Mundelein, Ill., is the purchasing supervisor for the Pace Suburban Bus Agency. His daughter Lindsay is a junior at NMU. [zebra8@aol.com](mailto:zebra8@aol.com)

**Patricia (Henning) Valensky '77 BSN, '87 MSN** of Skandia is the dean of allied health and wellness at Bay de Noc Community College in Escanaba. Her husband is **Dean Valensky '76 BS**. [pvalensky@aol.com](mailto:pvalensky@aol.com).

**Peter Boden '78 BS** of Lake Zurich, Ill., led a team of engineers from Underwriters Laboratories' Electric Vehicle Committee, which was recognized as a finalist for the Environmental Excellence in Transportation award given by The Society of Automotive Engineers.

**Dawna LaLonde '79 BS** of Manistique has returned to the U.P. from Oregon to work as the Safe Kids Safe Streets Caseworker/Family Services Coordinator for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians at the Aneshnabek Community and Family Services in Manistique. [SunshineShopgirl@yahoo.com](mailto:SunshineShopgirl@yahoo.com)

## 80s

**Cheri Carrico '80 BS** of Elmhurst, Ill., was awarded the Elmhurst College President's Award for Excellence in Teaching at Elmhurst College Evening of Honors. She is the director of the college's speech-language hearing clinic and is an assistant professor of communication arts and sciences.

**Robert Kasieta '80 BS** of Madison, Wis., has been board certified as a trial advo-

cate by the National Board of Trial Advocacy, which is the only national board certification for trial attorneys.

**Cliff Fardell '81 BS** of Iron Mountain is director of technical education for the Dickinson-Iron Intermediate School District. [fardell@visto.com](mailto:fardell@visto.com)

**Thomas Shively '81 BS** of East Lansing is a programmer analyst for the State of Michigan. [shivelyt@State.mi.us](mailto:shivelyt@State.mi.us)

**Cynthia (White) Roth '82 BFA** of Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., won two Palomino Horse Breeders of America World Championships in Tulsa, Okla. — one for Jr. Hunter Hack and one for Amateur Hunter Hack on her four-year-old gelding Rox Stardom. Hunter Hack is a combination of class of fences and rail work. The pair also won the coveted Dr. Groom Award for the best groomed, conditioned, and presented horse.

**Lorrie Long '83 BS** of Southfield is a master technician for WJBK-TV in Southfield. [Longsqu@bignet.net](mailto:Longsqu@bignet.net)

**Philip Hanson '84 BS** of Desoto, Texas, was accepted into the executive master of business administration program at Southern Methodist University. He is a market development officer with the C.H. Hanson Company.

**Craig DeDamos '85 BS** of Rockford is director of engineering and technical services at Tubelight, Inc. He has been married for 14 years to Lisa DeDamos and has two sons: Dominic, 10, and Anthony, 7. He is active coaching the Rockford Rams, and in 1999 he completed his master's in management from Aquinas College in Grand Rapids. [cded1@aol.com](mailto:cded1@aol.com)

**David Fleming '87 BS** of Royal Oak directed, produced, and starred as Joseph in the production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. He heads the drama ministry PROCLAIM at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church in Birmingham.

**Leslie (Cory) Shoemaker '87 BS** of

Marquette presented her paper on pasty memories at the Oxford Symposium on Food and Cookery. It was also included in the book *Food and the Memory*. She is an assistant professor of hospitality management at NMU. Her husband is **John Shoemaker '00 BS**. [lshoe@nmu.edu](mailto:lshoe@nmu.edu)

**Nancy (Rist) Brown '89 BS** of Ypsilanti and her husband Christopher welcomed the birth of twin girls, Maryssa Olivia and Eliza Rose, on Aug. 30, 2001. [golfer1@peoplepe.com](mailto:golfer1@peoplepe.com)

**Richard Bruce '89 BS** of Southfield received his master's in humanities from Central Michigan University. He teaches at Pulaski Elementary in Detroit.

**Keith King '89 BS** of Studio City, Calif., is general counsel and corporate officer of Pueblo Corporation, a \$40 million marketing firm in Beverly Hills. He directs the legal affairs of the firm and is responsible for negotiating and drafting affiliate deals with major companies such as Ford Motor Company and Universal Studios. His article, "Can a Sitting President be Criminally Indicted," was published in Southwestern University School of Law's *Law Review Journal*. [keithki@ix.netcom.com](mailto:keithki@ix.netcom.com)

**Karen (Struck) O'Connor '89 BSN** of LaGrange, Ill., is a stay-at-home mom with two children, Claire, 2 1/2, and Jimmy, 10-months.

**Elisabeth "Lis" (Mowen) Rife '89 BS** of Toledo, Ohio, is a litigation paralegal at Cooper and Walinski. In the last 11 years, she married her long-distance college sweetheart, visited Germany twice as an exchange student, earned her master's in history from the University of Toledo, taught Introduction to Humanities and World Literature briefly at UT, returned to school to become a paralegal, adopted a Newfoundland, had a chapter from her master's thesis published in a local historical journal, and passed the Certified Legal Assistant examination. [clutching@yahoo.com](mailto:clutching@yahoo.com)

## Keeping Track

**Michelle Vinoski '89 BS** of Superior, Wis., began her third year of teaching middle school language arts at Cathedral School in Superior. She also advises the student council and middle school newspaper and coaches girl's basketball and volleyball. shoobutton33@aol.com

## 90s

**Jon Sulentic '90 BS, '93 MS** of Lansing is a physician at Sparrow Regional Hospital and is the father of two daughters.

**William Bowerman '91 MA** of Clemson, S.C., traveled to Sakhalin Island in the Russian Far East to work with Dr. Vladimir Masterov of Moscow State University on Steller's sea eagles, the bald eagle's largest cousin. His research involves looking at the impact of environmental pollutants and other ecological factors on the survival of this species. William is an assistant professor of wildlife toxicology at Clemson University and has been elected as the chair of the Wildlife Toxicology Working Group of the Wildlife Society, the international professional society representing wildlife managers and scientists. wbowerm@clemson.edu

**Michael Lee '91 BS** of West Bend, Wis., works in sales for the Urological Division of CR Bard. He is the father of twin boys, Justin and Johnathon (Jack). Mike is married to **Elizabeth (Nader) Lee '98 MA**. absolutleejj@aol.com

**David Gregory '92 BS** of East Lansing is an associate with the Lansing-based law and government relations firm Kelley Cawthorne, PLLC. His practice includes government relations and lobbying, administrative and regulatory law, gaming regulations, Native American affairs, state appropriations and procurement, and land use. He was recently appointed to the Michigan State Chamber of Commerce's Environmental Quality Committee. dgregory@kelley-cawthorne.com

**Beth Injasoulian '92 BS** of San Carlos,

Calif., recently started graduate school at Stanford University. binjasoulian@yahoo.com

**Bret Lussow '92 BS** of Appleton, Wis., was named sales representative of the year at Harrington Hoist. His work plans include a trip to Japan.

**Heidi (Sundblad) Zarka '92 BS** of New Baltimore is a probation agent with the Department of Corrections in Macomb County. She had been in the housing unit as a resident and assistant unit officer and a probation officer. aboukbeer@home.com

**Craig Cugini '93 BS** of Finleyville, Pa., was promoted to GS 09 Step 2 while continuing to work as a physical scientist for the Department of Labor. In September, he received his commission as 2nd Lieutenant in the Pennsylvania National Guard. He received the Association of the United States Army Award for Leadership Excellence. c27073@yahoo.com

**Mark Gould '93 BFA** of Houston, Texas, was promoted to director of design for the Expo Design Center. Mwilliamgould@cs.com

**Steve Gust '93 BS** of Macomb was recently promoted to Captain in the Michigan Army National Guard and is assigned to the 746th Maintenance Battalion in Lansing as the personnel officer. He is a former member of the 1075th Maintenance Company in Marquette. Steve is a team leader with EDS in Warren. He and his wife have two daughters: Maleah, 7, and Megan, 2. scgust@hotmail.com

**Jennifer Sheffield Hulick '94 BA** of Eugene, Ore., and her husband Tomas both earned their black belts in Tae Kwon Do.

**Carrie (Smale) Kangas '94 BS** of Great Falls, Mont., is a social worker for the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services. cjgracie@yahoo.com

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at Creative Memories. Her husband is **Robert Fuller '95 AS**. robnmegfuller@yahoo.com

**Jennifer Dulaney '96 BS** of Warrensburg is a probation and parole officer with the State of Missouri. cjdulane@iland.com

**Matt McLachlan '96 BS** of Tampa, Fla., passed the American Institute of Certified Planners Exam administered by the American Planning Association. He currently practices in Florida at Wade-Trim's Tampa office. He is taking graduate courses in community design and development at the University of South Florida. He is involved in planning, designing, and facilitating the construction of a new urbanistic downtown in the City of Oviedo, Fla. mmclachlan@wadetrim.com

**Mario Munoz '96 MS** of Trujillo Alto, Puerto Rico, was invited to be a speaker at the 10th annual conference on Children in Sports. He is an exercise physiologist at Colegio San Jose.

**David Thoren '96 BS** of Fairfield, Iowa, is a clinician at the Raj Medical Resort, which was listed in *The Wall Street Journal* as one of the five best medical spas in the United States.

**John Halverson '97 BS** of Holland is an equipment design engineer with Johnson Controls-Automotive Systems Group. jrhl032@earthlink.com

**Angela (Washburn) Thompson '97 BS** of Ishpeming is assistant controller at the Holiday Inn in Marquette. She is the proud parent of Alexandra Lindsey, who was born Aug. 1, 2001. Angela is married to **Andrew Thompson '98 BS**. taz@darkfiber.org

**T. Charly James '98 BS** of Lincoln, Neb., is a law clerk for the Criminal Appeals division for the Attorney General's office. He is a second-year law student at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Law College. Charlyhusker1@aol.com  
**Danielle (Tasson) Stupsky '98 BS** of

# Taking the high road

AARON LISH '93 BS, '95 MS

For **Aaron Lish '93 BS, '95 MS**, the road from NMU quickly transitioned to a vertical, high-altitude ascent. Shortly after earning a master's degree in exercise science, Lish joined an international climbing expedition in the Baltoro Region of Pakistan. On the same day he reached the summit of Broad Peak — 26,400 feet above sea level — a storm hit neighboring K2, the second-highest mountain in the world. Lish and his team returned safely to their base camp. Seven climbers on K2 lost their lives.

"We came down into a total whiteout," he recalled. "The snow had covered our tracks and we couldn't find our way to camp. We were sitting on our packs, lost at 25,000 feet. We started moving in the dark with headlamps, yelling and hoping others were within earshot. We were just starting to talk about digging a snow shelter for the night when someone heard us."

It turned out that Lish's group was less than 200 yards away from the camp. Snow and fierce winds deadened their calls for help. With gusts reportedly in excess of 100 miles per hour, Lish and others speculate that the K2 climbers were literally blown off the face of the mountain.

"I don't regret the trip, but I don't know if I'll ever go that high again. Hauling heavy supplies at that altitude affected my physical capacity a lot. The oxygen in your blood is so drastically decreased that it doesn't matter how good of shape you're in; the amount of work your body can handle is affected. But at least I can say I've done it."

Lish said many people don't appreciate or understand the grueling demands of mountaineering. In addition to the physical toll on the body, climbers have to contend with a variety of other factors — namely weather and the potential dangers of avalanches and rock falls.

Given the lack of steep vertical in the Marquette area, he found creative ways to train for Pakistan. "I filled backpacks with milk jugs full of water and walked up Mt.



Aaron Lish climbing steep snow on Mt. Brokentop in Oregon.

Marquette. Then I would boot ski or sled down and hike up again. I used a combination of cross-country skiing and running for my aerobic base. I would also mountain bike up hills without a seat so I was forced to stand and pedal."

It was cross-country skiing that originally attracted Lish to Northern. He competed and later served as an assistant coach for the university team while advancing his education. An Idaho native, Lish developed an avid interest in rock climbing in junior high.

"It was a different activity back then," he explained. "There wasn't much equipment and you didn't have indoor climbing gyms or walls.

Now it has mainstream appeal thanks to things like television and magazine ads, not to mention a boom in outdoor recreation."

As an NMU student, Lish often spent his spare time scaling Cliff's Ridge — the back side of Mt. Marquette — and the Pinnacle at Presque Isle Park. Winters didn't stop him. He used an ice ax to venture up a frozen waterfall near Munising.

Lish has tackled far more daunting elevations as well: Mt. Rainier, the Grand Tetons, Mt. Rushmore (just beyond the famous faces), Ruth Gorge in Alaska, the Canadian Rockies, the Bugaboos in British Columbia, and Northern Patagonia in Argentina.

Now, as an outdoor recreation instructor at Central Oregon Community College, he takes students to nearby Smith Rock and Mt. Bachelor. He also enjoys having summers off to pursue his passion with friends.

"I just really enjoy moving over technical terrain and using my hands, feet, and ropes," he said. "When you ascend a route from the ground and reach the top anchors, you're pushed to the max. To reach that point, for me, is a feeling of accomplishment that is unmatched."

—Kristi Evans

## Keeping Track

Brooklyn Park, Minn., is human resources manager at Right Choice Services. [datasson@yahoo.com](mailto:datasson@yahoo.com)

**Julie (Derhammer) Tisch '98 AA** of Kalamazoo graduated last June from Western Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree in travel and tourism. She is a technical associate with Ameritech. [nmufute@hotmail.com](mailto:nmuflute@hotmail.com)

**Kelly Wagner '98 BS** of Hutchinson, Minn., graduated from Hamline University School of Law and was recently admitted into the Minnesota Bar. [kelmichele@hotmail.com](mailto:kelmichele@hotmail.com)

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**Mark Wolicki '99 BS** of Chicago, Ill., works at Botta Capital. [Greatrek@aol.com](mailto:Greatrek@aol.com)

## 00s

**Darby (Berger) Kaikkonen '00 BS** of Watertown, N.Y., is a client advocate at Victims Assistant Center.

**David Larson '01 BSN** of Foster City is a registered nurse at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital. [lurch85@hotmail.com](mailto:lurch85@hotmail.com)

## Deaths

**Rilla (Christian) Larson '23 LC**, Aug. 5, 2001, Escanaba.

**Elizabeth "Sis" (Artz) Bell '25 LC**, July 11, 2001, Marquette.

**Sally (Pakkala) Goodman '25 LC, '29 LC**, Aug. 1, 2001, Chassell.

**Loverne (Nicholls) Lutey Dahlin '29 LC**, Dec. 15, 2000, Escanaba.

**Anna (Carlson) Oliver '31 LC, '42 BS**, Aug. 18, 2001, Iron Mountain.

**Carol (Leece) Anderson '33 LC, '34 BS**, Aug. 29, 2001, Marquette.

**Sigrid Hakala '33 LC, '47 BS**, Sept. 15, 2001, Ironwood.

**Ellen Lehto '33 LC**, Aug. 27, 2001, Aura.

**Clarence "Pinky" Bullock '34 BS**, Sept. 18, 2001, Marquette.

**Helen (Eklund) Bennett '38 BS, '64 MA**, Sept. 7, 2001, Ishpeming.

**Alfred "Pete" Eddy '38 LC**, Aug. 3, 2001, Potomac, Md.

**William Finkbeiner '38 BA**, Aug. 9, 2001, Marquette.

**Jayne (Kitzman) Hiebel '39 BS**, June 17, 2001, Marquette.

**Robert Northey '39 BA**, Sept. 18, 2001, Negaunee.

**Ruth (Walker) Visnaw '40 BS**, Sept. 28, 2001, Cedarville.

**Patrick Hanley '48 BA**, April 13, 2001, Detroit.

**Joseph Rousseau Jr. '49 BS, '60 MA**, Aug. 13, 2001, Autrain.

**Norman Graham '50 BS, '62 MA**, July 31, 2001, Sault Ste. Marie.

**Mary McDonough '50 BS**, Sept. 13, 2001, Escanaba.

**Harry Johnson '52 BS, '61 MA**, July 15, 2001, Chatham.

**Robert Sloan '52 BS**, Aug. 29, 2001, Ypsilanti.

**Kenneth Pelkie '54 BS**, April 16, 2001, Negaunee.

**Joanne (Harju) Liuha '57 BA, '63 MA**, Aug. 12, 2001, Negaunee.

**Edward "Gary" Curtin '58 BS**, July 13, 2001, Escanaba.

**Carl Lehto '60 BS**, Aug. 11, 2001, Ishpeming.

**Eva (Greene) Boudreau '61 BS**, July 9, 2001, Gardena, Calif.

**Vernon Constantineau '62 BS, '67 MA**, Aug. 4, 2001, Munising.

**Peter Swanson '62 BS**, Aug. 16, 2001,

## In Memoriam

Our condolences go out to the family and friends of **Maj. Kip Taylor '85 BS**, who was killed in the terrorist attack on the U.S. Pentagon in Washington, D.C., on September 11, 2001. He was the executive officer of Maj. Gen. Timothy Maude, who also was killed in the attack.

Taylor was co-captain of the NMU basketball team in 1984 and 1985. The current NMU men's squad is wearing Taylor's number on their jerseys in his memory.

As of this printing, Taylor is the only known NMU alumnus who was lost in the September 11 attacks.

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**Brian Hines '63 BS, '65 MA**, Aug. 28, 2001, West Branch.

**Inez (Adamson) Howden '63 BS**, July 16, 2001, Iron River.

**Virginia (Violetta) Langlois '63 BS**, Aug. 26, 2001, Negaunee.

**Earl Barber '64 BS**, Aug. 19, 2001, Newberry.

**Elsie (Seppi) Virta '64 BS**, July 1, 2001, Kingsford.

**Jane (Karnatowski) Williamson '64 BS, '67 MA**, Aug. 12, 2001, Sault Ste. Marie.

**Kenneth Yatchak '64 BS**, Aug. 17, 2001, Green Bay, Wis.

**Fred Schaefer '67 BS, '81 Cert.**, July 28, 2001, Marquette.

**Kenneth Sohlden '67 BS**, July 8, 2001, Calumet.

**Mary Lee (Doane) Barnaby '71 BS**, July 17, 2001, Green Bay, Wis.

**Karen (Pierce) Cory '77 BS**, March 5, 2001, Norfolk, Va.

**Steven "Beav" Frisk '73 BS, '83 MA**, Oct. 7, 2001, Ironwood Township.

**Art Ranta '70 BS**, Aug. 6, 2001, Ironwood.

**Ronald Waldo '76 BS**, Aug. 9, 2001, Wausau, Wis.

**Richard "Dick" DeCamp '77 BS**, July 17, 2001, Escanaba.



# United colors of the world

**W**hile we all have been coping with the events and the aftermath of 11 September, we have also been learning valuable lessons about ourselves and those around us. One of them is the way in which not only the United States, but the whole world has united in countering terrorism — showing those responsible that the world will not give in to their demands. The world has moved a little bit closer together letting us realize how interconnected we are, whether we live in Marquette, Washington, D.C., New York, or elsewhere in this world. We are a global community and share the responsibility to stand united. People from many countries are victims of the events of 11 September, and people from many countries have joined hands with the United States to stand against terrorism. We all need to extend our hands to people of all colors, values, beliefs, and religions knowing that our strength comes from our own diversity within our circle of friends, communities, cities, and countries.

During my time at NMU, I learned to appreciate fellow students and faculty members from all over the world. My years in South Africa and now in Washington, D.C., have only strengthened that appreciation. NMU also taught me about the value of community service and being there for others. Through reflection in recent months, I can see even clearer how valuable my time in Marquette was. Higher education institutions are places to connect and to grow. NMU has been a place of tolerance, understanding, and open-

ness, and I hope that it will continue to open its doors even wider to welcome students from as many countries as possible.

As we pick ourselves up and find our own new normalcy in life, our appreciation for family and friends has increased, and stopping for a chirping bird or a soaring butterfly has found a new meaning. The little things in life that we always seemed to take for granted seem more important now. We went about our daily lives assuming there would always be another day, but now it seems that we are much more gracious for that next day and tend to fill it with an extra smile, an extra greeting, extra curiosity about the unknown, and an extra hand to help others.

In the greatest adversity, there are always highlights. While we will all define our own highlights over time, it seems to me that many of us have already started to define them. What I see is a much more connected, appreciative, humble, and understanding world. It is

nice to wake up to a world like that.

—*Holger Wagner '97 BA*

*Holger Wagner is originally from Germany and is currently working on his master's degree at American University in Washington, D.C.*



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## **Why we're members of the NMU Alumni Association.**

### **Tom '76 BS and Diane (Thompson) Ungrodt '76 BS**

*Alumni Association members since 1990. Life members since 1994.*



Tom and Diane Ungrodt with their son, Dan, who is currently a freshman at NMU.

We try to get to Marquette for visits to campus now and then. We have been life members of the Alumni Association for a number of years, have supported Northern's campaign, and serve on the Development Fund Board of Trustees and the College of Business Advisory Board. Did we need another excuse to come back to our alma mater? Maybe...

Now, in addition to coming back to see how campus has changed, help on volunteer boards, and get together with old friends, we can check out residence hall rooms, see what those new laptops look like firsthand, go to the actual book section of the Bookstore, and wander campus with an official guide. No, it isn't some special red-carpet treatment for alumni, although our guess is that if it would get more of you back to campus occasionally, the Alumni Association would probably offer all those things during your visit! The reason we get to do those things is because this year we are the parents of a freshman student at NMU. We both received a solid education that became the foundation for our future successes. We want to provide that same individualized educational opportunity to our son, Dan, and continue a Northern tradition in our family.

We have many connections to NMU now. Most importantly Dan, but the Alumni Association also keeps us informed of things that are happening on campus that our son would never think to tell us about. We are happy to be supporting our university in many ways — tuition is just the most recent of them!

— *Tom and Diane Ungrodt*