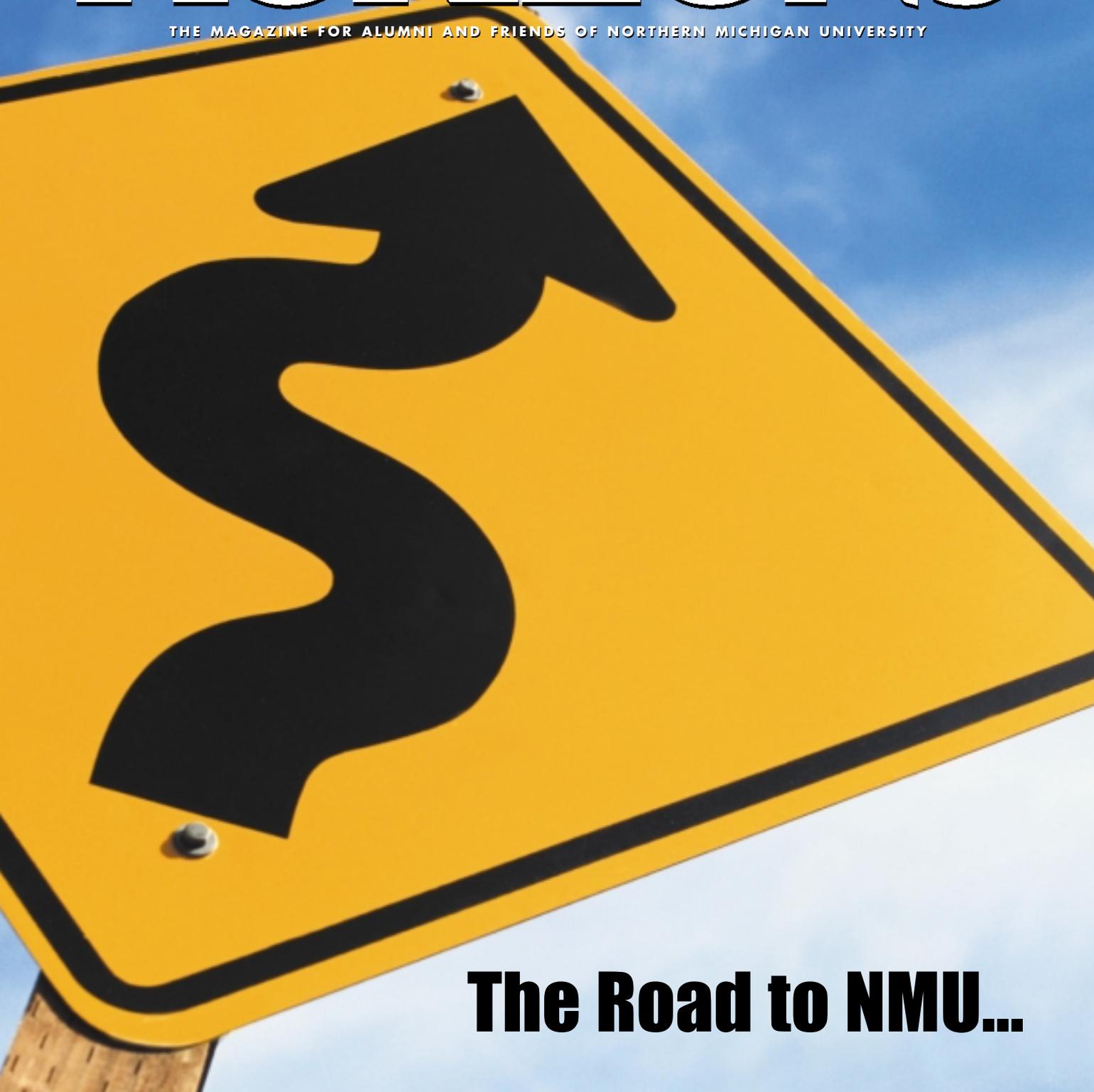


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## Alumni listings now include all degrees earned

In addition to listing alumni by graduation year in *Horizons*, we now also include all diplomas and degrees earned. Previously, we only indicated a degree for master's recipients.

Alumni who attended Northern but did not receive a degree or diploma will be listed by the last year they attended the university.

Here's a guide to our diploma and degree abbreviations:

**Cert:** Certificate

**LC:** Lifetime Certificate

**AA:** Associate of Arts

**AB:** Associate of Business

**AS:** Associate of Science

**BA:** Bachelor of Arts

**BS:** Bachelor of Science

**BFA:** Bachelor of Fine Arts

**BSN:** Bachelor of Science in Nursing

**EDS:** Education Specialist

**MA:** Master of Arts

**MS:** Master of Science

**MBA:** Master of Business

Administration

**MFA:** Master of Fine Arts

**MPA:** Master of Public

Administration

## Clarification — Get fit

On page 18 of the fall 2001 issue of *Horizons*, we ran a story on new Alumni Association benefits with the headline, "Get Fit." The story highlighted discounted recreation memberships to the NMU Recreation and Sports Complex (the PEIF, Superior Dome, and Berry Events Center). The headline led some readers to believe that the Health, Physical Education, and Recreation department had revised pricing for its GetFit program, which is different from NMU recreation memberships. We apologize for the confusion the headline has caused.

—KW

# 10-4 and more NMU revises enrollment goal

It is rare that adjusting a goal downward can be perceived as a good sign, but that is precisely the message NMU administrators announced at a recent university forum, shifting the fall 2005 goal from 11,200 to 10,400. The decision was motivated by two positive trends: an increase in the number of full-time students and in the number of credit hours they average.

"This enrollment revision should not imply the university isn't capable of reaching the 11-2 mark; it's simply a reflection of the changing nature of our student body," said Paul Duby, associate vice president of institutional research. "It will take fewer students to achieve the university's objectives."

A primary objective is to bring Northern's state-appropriated dollars per Fiscal Year Equated Student (FYES) closer to the average of peer institutions. FYES funding is a key statistic used by the state legislature for a fiscal comparison of universities. Northern distanced itself from peer institutions when K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base closed. Enrollment took a significant hit, but the legislature — in keeping with its standard practice of

not adjusting for headcount fluctuations — did not reduce Northern's appropriation. As a result, funding per FYES jumped, making NMU stand out from other state schools.

Northern developed an enrollment goal that would lower the state appropriation per FYES to \$5,500. The figure was \$6,601 at the end of fiscal year 2001. Because credit hours represent the common denominator in calculating FYES funding, the growing ratio of full-time students means the university will be able to reach its target with a headcount lower than initially anticipated.

Duby said increases in full-time students and credit hours can be attributed to a variety of factors. Flat-rate tuition, implemented in 1997, encourages students to take more credits in order to get more "bang for their buck." He said another factor is that NMU has expanded its recruiting areas, targeting lower Michigan and adjacent states in addition to its regional push in the Upper Peninsula. Students who travel from greater distances to come to NMU are more likely to attend on a full-time basis.



## Bailey to give 25 cents' worth

Sifting through her phone messages recently, President Judi Bailey came upon one from Gov. John Engler's office. Not out of the ordinary, she thought. But when she returned the call and the governor himself came on the line to speak with her, Bailey at first couldn't make

heads or tails of what the ensuing conversation might be about.

She never would have guessed tails — as in the back side of the Michigan quarter. Engler had called to appoint Bailey to the commission that will oversee the design of our state's coin, which the U.S. Mint is scheduled to release in the early

# Making the cut

## NMU named to Yahoo! magazine's 100 most wired list

Northern Michigan University is the 24th most wired college in the nation and the leader among state institutions, according to the October issue of *Yahoo! Internet Life*.

The magazine conducts an annual survey that examines how colleges and universities have incorporated network technologies into campus life. It uses the information to compile its Top 100 list of most wired campuses.

An introduction to the 2001 rankings includes the following description: "Our survey inquired into an institution's sheer computing power, its integration of the Net into curricula and classrooms, its available hours of technical support for students, along with loads of other criteria. Collectively, these factors helped us determine each school's WQ (wiredness quotient) — our overall measure of a university's technology resources."

NMU is making its first appearance on the *Yahoo! Internet Life* Top 100 list, now in its fifth year. The university fully implemented a laptop computer initiative last fall, which helped fuel its ascent to the top 25.

The final ranking is based on letter grades assigned to colleges in each of six categories. Northern received an A for infrastructure, A- for student resources and tech support, B+ for e-learning and wireless, and a B- for university Web portal.

Carnegie Mellon and Stanford were named the top two wired colleges. NMU ranks just below the University of California, Berkeley. Here are the five Michigan universities that made the list, followed by their respective rankings: NMU, 24; University of Michigan, 35; Grand Valley State University, 44; Western Michigan University, 62; and Michigan State, 84.

"We are in some pretty impressive company on that list," said **Fred Joyal '70 BS, '71 MA**, provost and vice president for academic affairs. "I would love to see us crack the top 10 next year."



## NMU used as example for other ThinkPad universities

Through its partnership with IBM, Northern hosted a "fly-in" during the fall semester for representatives from colleges interested in launching their own laptop computer initiatives.

The itinerary included sessions on implementation, support and infrastructure, faculty assistance, and instructional applications. Participants also heard from students and toured campus facilities.

"IBM is very proud of Northern," said Fred Joyal, provost and vice president for academic affairs. "Now they want to use our campus as a positive example and show others what is possible. We visited two other ThinkPad universities before implementing our program; naturally, others want to do the same."

Universities from the following states were represented: Arizona, South Dakota, Colorado, Idaho, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin. There were also in-state observers from Lansing Community College, Grand Rapids Community College, Lake Superior State University, Central Michigan University, and Saginaw Valley State University.

"Some might consider these schools the competition, but education is also about cooperation," Joyal said. "We don't plan to give them a detailed blueprint — just a general outline and some examples. By sharing what we've done, it also helps us stay on our toes and maintain our lead in this area."

months of 2004.

"At first I thought he might be kidding and that he actually called to discuss something else," Bailey said. "When I realized he was serious, I accepted on the spot. But I had to wonder if I owed this appointment to the fact that, as a university president, I'm usually lobbying for more money to preserve the quality of higher education. I knew I couldn't

chalk it up to my expertise in artistic design."

The "50 State Quarters Program" was launched in 1997. The Michigan Quarter Commission will meet to review proposals for the design of a state quarter. It will select three to five finalists by the end of February and submit the proposals to the U.S. Mint. A winner will be announced at the end of 2002.

# College updates

## College of Arts and Sciences

### Seaborg Center to host first Window on the Universe Week in March

From March 18-22, The Seaborg Center for Teaching and Learning Science and Mathematics and the Marquette-Alger Regional Education Services Agency will host visiting space scientists as part of *Window on the Universe Week*, sponsored by the Challenger Center for Space Science Education. The Marquette-Alger area was chosen as one of three new sites in the nation for this two-year program.

Bob Riddle, a training specialist for the Challenger Center for Space Science Education and Matthew Bobrowsky, a researcher at the Challenger Center will lead the activities for the week.

Riddle has been a science teacher and a planetarium director for more than 20 years. He has taught science to nearly all grade levels in traditional, alternative, and academically gifted settings. He has a particular interest in geomorphology, the physical processes that form and shape the surface of our planet, and how similar or different processes have changed the surfaces of other planets and moons.

Bobrowsky has made astronomical observations with a variety of telescopes — including the Hubble — that detect many wavelengths of light such as radio, infrared, visible, and ultraviolet radiation. His specialty is the study of planetary nebulae, clouds of gas expanding outward from aging stars.

Challenger Center personnel will conduct educator workshops, host three community science nights, and visit local schools to talk with students.

## College of Professional Studies

### School of Education receives high accreditation grades

The National Council of Accreditation for Teacher Education (NCATE) informed NMU's School of Education that its accreditation has been renewed for another five-year period.

NCATE reviews all accredited teacher education programs annually through a written report, but determines accreditation status every five years with an intensive on-campus review. Northern's on-campus visit by the NCATE Review Board took place last spring.

"We passed with flying colors. In general, the report confirms that we have a really strong education program," said Debbie Thatcher, associate dean and director of the School of Education. "The results emphasize what most people know about our program, which is that our faculty members go above and beyond to create the best learning experience possible for our students, and that we have an outstanding relationship with the K-12 school system."

Thatcher said that the NCATE and the State of Michigan accreditation process concentrate on the excellence of a university's undergraduate program, but now that the five-year review process is complete, NMU's education faculty members have committed themselves this year to doing an internal review to modify the school's graduate programs.

### Two department heads make international appearances

Two of the college's nine department heads presented at international conferences in November.

Kerri Schuling, associate dean of Nursing and director of the School of Nursing, traveled to Adelaide, Australia, to attend the Fourth Biennial International Nursing and Midwifery Conference, making a presentation on "Comfort and Labor: Midwifery Art or Paradox?" The presentation explored the idea that increasing comfort during labor may create a decreased need for medical interventions and, subsequently, lower medical costs.

Harry Whitaker, head of the Psychology department, was invited to Mexico City, Mexico, to make a presentation on "Brain and Language; Brain and Cognition" as part of the 50th anniversary celebration of the Institute for Audiology and Language.

### New facilities aid NMU Speech-Language and Hearing Clinic

The move of the Communication Disorders' Speech-Language and Hearing Clinic into the newly completed Seaborg Science Complex has greatly aided the service the clinic is able to provide, according to Department Head Roger Towne.

The facility has expanded the capacity for the number of clients it is able to see. It also has allowed department members to design and add specialty areas, such as a preschool treatment area, where multiple preschoolers can be accommodated in a familiar type of environment, and an apartment laboratory, where students can work with children and adults needing hands-on assistance with functional activities.

### NMU students and staff tour Mayo Clinic

NMU students had the opportunity to tour the renowned Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, in September.

Mayo is Northern's education partner for its diagnostic genetics program, which includes an internship during a student's senior year.

Thirty-eight students accompanied Lucille Contois, head of the department of clinical laboratory sciences, to Mayo.

"The experience opened the students' eyes to the possibilities for employment in laboratory science and other health-related fields," said Contois. "They were able to witness cutting-edge technology, the latest breakthroughs in laboratory test development and application, research activities, and the variety of professional levels employed in laboratory science careers."

The day-long tours began with a presentation on cell manufacturing, which is being researched as a cancer treatment. They visited the progenitor cell laboratory, as well as the areas of blood banking, cytogenetics, molecular genetics, hematology, microbiology, biochemical genetics, and histology. The tour concluded with a question-and-answer session with a member of the Mayo Clinic human resources department.

Dendreon Corporation, a biotechnology company in Seattle, sponsored the trip after Dendreon executive and NMU Development Board of Trustee **T. Dennis George '60 BS** heard about the idea.

## College of Technology and Applied Sciences

### Training and development program off to strong start

A training and development master's degree program was initiated this fall at Northern Michigan University. The program is the first master's degree to

be offered in the College of Technology and Applied Sciences at NMU.

"We have around 26 new starts in the program. About 20 take courses in Marquette and the rest take two-way interactive courses in Iron Mountain," said Mark Curtis, dean of the college.

"Most master's degree programs attract about six to eight students in the first year. Because of the high enrollment, we feel very positive about the potential of this program."

Curtis said that most of the graduates of this program will work for corporations doing needs analysis and supervising training and development programs.

"Most companies are now offering continuing training and development for their employees," Curtis said. "It's a huge operation and they need professionals. This program will train those professionals."

### Aviation program updates curriculum

NMU's Aviation Maintenance Technology program has revised its curriculum this fall to better accommodate its students.

The revised curriculum allows students to receive all the technical coursework and hands-on training required for certification in aviation technology in four semesters. It also prepares students for the airframe and power plant exam in four semesters. This is the exam needed to become a certified A&P mechanic.

"Previously the program required students to go year-round for an average of three years to finish," said Mark Curtis. "We did some creative rescheduling and moved the associate degree general studies courses out of the general curriculum so those courses can be taken in the summer. Now students can get their certificate and

take the exam in two years."

Curtis stressed that although some students do not seek the associate degree, those who do can now finish in two years by completing their general studies during the summer.

"We hope this will get people into the business they're interested in at the outset of their education," Curtis said.

He also said that this year the program has one of the biggest starting groups it's had in several years.

## Walker L. Cisler College of Business

### NMU instructor named business teacher of the year

Karin Stulz, Northern Michigan University business instructor, received the 2001 Post-Secondary Business Teacher of the Year Award.

She received the award at the annual Michigan Business Education Association convention on Oct. 18 in Mount Pleasant.

"What was most important to me about this award was that it was given to me by my peers," Stulz said. "It meant a lot to me to be thought of that way by my peers."

The MBEA nominates members for the award and a nominating committee selects the winners. Two business teacher of the year awards are granted annually to a secondary and a post-secondary teacher.

"The winner is chosen based on their service and recommendations by faculty, staff, and students," said Larry Pagel, assistant professor and president-elect of the MBEA executive board.

The MBEA is a state organization of more than 500 secondary and post-secondary business education teachers. NMU has five faculty members in the association.

# The road less traveled

By KRISTI EVANS

**G**eography majors are fully aware that the shortest distance between two points is a straight line. NMU geography instructor **Richard Eathorne '74 BS, '77**

**MA** had every intention of applying that principle to his life when he graduated from NMU. He ventured to an Illinois university in pursuit of a doctorate with the ultimate hope of making a beeline back to his alma mater as a faculty member. But a research trip to Alaska to work on his dissertation threw him unexpectedly off course.

Eathorne shelved plans for a relatively quick return to the U.P. and became a compliant hostage to the Last Frontier. His 12-year stay was marked by a series of spontaneous adventures in diverse locations. In Unalakeet, a western village on the shore of Norton Sound, he connected with an Eskimo group and adopted their subsistence lifestyle.

"They measure time by seasons and live off the land," Eathorne said. "I spent summers at a lodge working as a fishing guide. In the fall, we were out setting nets to catch enough salmon to divide among the villagers and their dogs. In the winter, I hunted caribou and learned to trap. I also learned how to mush dogs. It's a physically labor-intensive way of life."

Unalakeet means "place where the East wind blows." During the winter, Eathorne pitched a wall tent away from the village and braved temperatures — not including wind chills — as frigid as 60 below. "I learned from Native trappers who had lived in tents that it's important to have a well-insulated floor and plenty of wood."



Richard Eathorne on the Alaska Range in southwest Alaska.

The cycle continued for about six years, until Eathorne realized he missed civilized amenities such as libraries and universities. He found them in Fairbanks. After a string of odd jobs, Eathorne helped establish *Mushing* magazine. He wrote articles promoting middle-distance dogsled races of 200-500 miles as an alternative to short sprints and Iditarod-type marathons.

"We wanted to encourage people that they didn't need 100 dogs; they could be competitive with a kennel of 10 to 15. I'd like to think we had a big impact on creating the middle-distance races. I even did a phone interview with the *Mining Journal* about the potential for a race like that in the Marquette area before they started the U.P. 200."

In related Fairbanks endeavors, he helped establish the Alaska Musers' Museum and hosted a radio talk show on the subject.

If there was one lesson Eathorne gleaned from his Alaskan adventure, it was how to persevere. He survived several years without electricity and his entire stay without indoor plumbing. These two factors alone would prompt most city folk to sound a distress signal, but Eathorne classified them as minor inconveniences. Relatively speaking, they were. He was also charged by a grizzly, got lost and almost froze to death in more than one snowstorm, and fell through the ice of the Bering Sea.

Before settling back in Michigan, Eathorne decided to make one more side trip. He left the land of the midnight sun and traveled 4,366 miles as the crow flies to Belize in Central America — trading sub-zero for subtropical; blizzards for a barrier reef; sled dogs for scuba gear; and Inuit Eskimo culture for the Mayan mystique. His two-month sojourn included side trips to Nicaragua, Honduras, and Guatemala. He then returned to his favored climate and locale of Marquette.

Eathorne's circle tour is now complete. He is teaching at NMU with an emphasis on human geography. The position allows him to combine his academic expertise — indigenous people, native cultures, and human-environment relationships — with anecdotal experiences from his travels.

"I'm able to share observations of other cultures and value systems with my students," Eathorne said. "Those experiences also gave me a great deal of personal satisfaction and a different perspective on what's important and what constitutes the good life."

In an effort to show his students "what the other 80 percent of the world lives like," Eathorne leads them on annual ecotourism field trips. Destinations have included Costa Rica and Ecuador. He plans to visit Bolivia this summer.

"I try to expose them to both the environment and indigenous culture," he explained. "They see what it's like to be a third-world country. They see real poverty. They start to think outside their own world views. In their personal essays, I've read things like, 'This changed my life.' That is all the reward I need."

In Ecuador, Eathorne and his students received permission to visit an Auchar Indian family. The parents and three children live in a primitive thatched-roof dwelling on posts. Its sides are open to the jungle. The NMU delegation had a chance to sample a traditional brew called *checha*, made from ground manioc root.

"The woman of the house spits in it for a while," Eathorne explained. "Her saliva helps ferment the root. They let it sit for a couple of days, then serve it in wooden bowls."

With students in tow, Eathorne has managed to avoid any hair-raising situations. He stays on for another month after his charges return to the States. "When I'm responsible for myself, I take a few more calculated risks. I've been in places that are dangerous and where it's not advisable for Americans to travel."

Despite his adventurous past, Eathorne said he's had no problem



MORE TAME THAN A GRIZZLY — During an ecotourism trip to Costa Rica, Eathorne got to know some of the native wildlife.

settling in to the more predictable life he mapped out for himself many years ago. It turns out that the detours and delays did not thwart his plan; they actually helped advance it. "I don't think I'd be teaching here now and doing as well without those experiences. I draw on them nearly every day in my classes. Teaching is an adventure in itself and I absolutely love my job. I haven't stopped my original wanderlust — I've just redirected it. Now I'm dragging more people along with me." ■

# Northern journeys



Erin Hamilton '98 BS  
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

*The road to and from NMU means something different to each student who has come here and to each alumnus who has left. These are the journeys of just a few NMU students and alumni. Their stories are as varied as the places from which they hail and the places they have traveled since graduation.*



Phindi Mashinini  
Johannesburg, South Africa



**Henrik Paasivirta '94 BS**  
Helsinki, Finland



**Gozel Dayhanova**  
Chardzhou, Turkmenistan



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# The road to NMU...



## Phindi Mashinini Johannesburg, South Africa

A junior psychology major with a minor in theatre, Phindi Mashinini is from Johannesburg, South Africa, and has attended NMU since the winter of 1999. She says that life in Marquette is very different from Johannesburg.

“There is a lot less culture and diversity in Marquette. In Johannesburg I was a minority when I went to school, but not when I went home. Here I’m always a minority. There is also a lot more individuality here. I grew up in a much more community-based area.”

Mashinini enjoys outdoor activities like snowshoeing, cliff diving, and winter camping.

Because of the high rate of HIV cases in South Africa, Mashinini hopes to use her degree to help the cause through educational programs.

“The reality is that there is little opportunity over there, but personally I feel the need to go back and do some AIDS awareness work.”

Mashinini spent her last summer in Northern California working with troubled youths at Camp Mendocino.



## Pradeep Edussuriya Colombo, Sri Lanka

Pradeep Edussuriya is from Colombo, the capital of Sri Lanka. He has attended NMU since January 2001 and is an art and design major, with a minor in electronic imaging. Edussuriya enjoys the scenery of Marquette and the freedom we have in the United States.

“The quality of life and economy are a lot better in the U.S. There is a lot more freedom of speech and art. I enjoy that very much. In Sri Lanka there is a lot of political instability.”

Edussuriya said he chose NMU because he felt safe in the small-town environment. He also felt NMU had a good art program with reasonable tuition prices.

Although Edussuriya is still adjusting to life at NMU, he says his host family has provided him comfort in his first year.

“I miss my family a lot and I probably won’t be able to visit them until I’m done, but I feel like I have a family here. My host family is very nice and every day when I come home we have supper together and talk about the day.”



## Gozel Dayhanova Chardzhou, Turkmenistan

Gozel Dayhanova is a business management major from Chardzhou, Turkmenistan. She spent two years in the United States as an exchange student in 1997 and 1998. She has been attending NMU since January 2001.

“What I like the best about Marquette are the people and the nature. Everyone here is real friendly and open and it’s very beautiful here.”

Dayhanova said that spending two years in the United States as a high school student made adjusting to life at NMU much easier than it might be for other international students. She gave two reasons for choosing to attend NMU.

“The family that raised the money for me to come here is from downstate and their daughter goes to NMU so that was a factor. It was also one of the most affordable schools in the state.”



## Henrik Paasivirta '94 BS Helsinki, Finland

Henrik "Pete" Paasivirta was working as a cab driver in Helsinki, Finland, when he decided to apply to Northern Michigan University.

His grade point average from a community college in Finland was low, and he knew that if he wanted to further his education, he would have to leave Finland.

"Little did I know what might happen when I filled out my application to Northern on that sunny Saturday morning," he said.

Paasivirta graduated from NMU with a degree in computer systems and business administration and is now working as a senior consultant for Andersen LLP in Chicago. His work involves research and development of Internet-related technologies.

"In the field of information technology, you can truly see how small this planet is," he said. "If Adam in Warsaw has a problem with his system, I can take control of his computer and show him what to do while chatting with him in real time. Or I can have a video conference with Meng Lian who is working in our Singapore data center. The best part is that all these people have their own way of dealing with things, and if you are aware of their cultural backgrounds, the work usually gets done much faster. Thanks to Northern, I have this advantage."



## Richard Peterson '72 BS Melbourne, Australia

A teacher shortage much like the one the United States is embarking upon is what first brought Richard Peterson to Australia, where he has made his home for the past 29 years.

Peterson, who was born and raised in Marquette, is now a grade 10 history teacher in Melbourne. He said one difference today between the American and Australian educational systems is that it is unusual to see mature people entering the teaching field in the United States, but quite common in Australia.

"I'd say of eight student teachers at least two of them will be non-traditional students."

Among the similarities are the use of the Internet to "really open up the world to the classroom" and that "kids are kids, no matter where they come from."



## Erin Hamilton '98 BS Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Being a member of the NMU volleyball team gave Erin Hamilton of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, the opportunity to live in the United States and travel around the country. It also gave her a wanderlust that has extended into her early professional years.

After graduating from Northern with a degree in sports science, Hamilton returned to Canada in search of a job. She saw an ad in the paper to teach English in Korea. She signed up for a one year contract, and, except for a six month break in 2000, has been there ever since. She is currently teaching English as a second language to Korean children in Jeju-Do, South Korea.

"It's the smartest thing I have ever done, aside from choosing NMU," she said. "NMU gave me so much. The town of Marquette is amazing — clean, quiet, and beautiful. My 'happy place.'"

"I have not really applied my knowledge of sport science since graduation, but it was the degree that allowed me the opportunity to teach abroad and experience a new culture."

# The road from NMU...

# The British Connection

By BRANDIE SHEETS



While it's not unusual for a university to have an international faculty, it's interesting to learn what brings these individuals to and keeps them in the United States and the Upper Peninsula. We asked three NMU faculty members — all from England — for their answers. Was it for career opportunities? The adventure of living in another country? The climate? Well, at least for these three, the answer hits quite a bit closer to the heart.

**Cameron Howes** had every intention of returning to England to teach when he first came to the United States. After graduating with a teaching certificate from St. Luke's College in Exeter, England, he went to the University of

Oregon in Eugene to complete a bachelor's degree.

His plans to return to England quickly faded when he decided to go to graduate school at the University of Toledo and met his future wife, Sandy, who

was also a graduate student there.

After graduation, the couple moved to Winnipeg, Manitoba, where they both found teaching positions — Howes at the University of Manitoba and Sandy in the Winnipeg public school system.



Sandy and Cameron Howes



Michael and Jennifer Broadway



Neil Cumberlidge and Louise Bourgault

In 1976, Bill Taggart, a friend of Howes' from graduate school and an NMU professor of health, physical education and recreation, told Howes about a position at NMU.

He applied and was hired as an assistant professor in the HPER department. Two years later, he was named department head. He remained in that role for more than twenty years before being named dean of the College of Professional Studies in 2000.

"NMU is a tremendous place to live and work," Howes said. "It is large enough to do what you want

and small enough to get things done, with the flexibility to try new things."

**Michael Broadway** came to the United States in 1977 to get a doctorate at the University of Illinois. He had been in the States previously on exchange programs in high school and in college and liked the country, so when his then girlfriend encouraged him to look for teaching opportunities in the United States, he wasn't too hard to convince. While that relationship did not last, soon after moving he met and married his wife, Jennifer.

After receiving his doctorate, Broadway took a position at the State University of New York at Plattsburg for a year before being laid-off because of budget cuts. He then taught at Wichita State University in Kansas for five years before moving back to New York to teach at SUNY Geneseo. After eight years there, Broadway decided he was tired of hopping from one university job to another. He began looking for a position in the Midwest, where he felt the education system was more stable. He was hired as geography department head and professor at NMU in 1997.

"I like the challenge of being a department head," said Broadway. "NMU grows on you. I have seen some major changes, including wonderful new facilities, the implementation of the laptop initiative, and the student body growth."

**Neil Cumberlidge** realized there were few job opportunities in Great Britain as a biology professor soon after getting his doctorate in England in 1977. His search for a job led him to a four-year stay in Nigeria, where he taught biology at Bayero University in Kano. While there, he met and later married Louise Bourgault, who was also teaching at Bayero. During this time, he developed an interest in African freshwater crab biology; Cumberlidge is now considered the preeminent African freshwater crab expert in the world.

When Bourgault was offered a job as an assistant professor in the speech department at NMU (now communications and performance studies), Cumberlidge finished his teaching contract and, in 1984, joined her in the United States. He took a joint position with the biology department and the Seaborg Center for Teaching and Learning Science and Mathematics, while also working as an adjunct biology professor at the Marquette Branch prison and K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base. In 1990, Cumberlidge was appointed to a tenure track position in the biology department. From there, he worked his way up the ranks and in 1999 was appointed department head.

"I like it here in Marquette," said Cumberlidge. "It is a nice place to live and work, and I can have an international career."

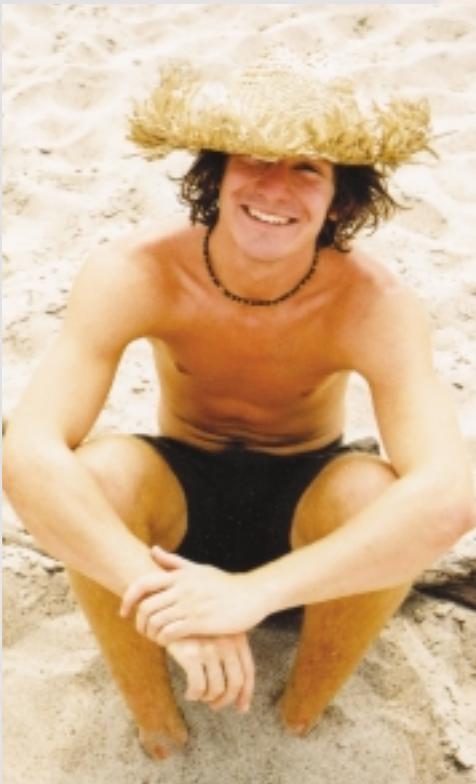
While the draw to remain in the United States may have had a personal bent, their commitment to their professional works and their outgoing attitudes have helped Howes, Broadway, and Cumberlidge thrive in the United States and at NMU. You might say that each has found an ideal situation, both personally and professionally — with perhaps just one exception.

"You just can't get a good cup of English tea in the United States," said Cumberlidge. ■

# THE ADVENTURES OF BENJAMIN DOORNBOS

By CINDY PAAVOLA '84 BA

*In the preface to The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, Mark Twain wrote, “part of my plan has been to try to pleasantly remind adults of what they once were themselves, and of how they felt and thought and talked...”*



Benjamin Doornbos

The adventures of NMU freshman Benjamin Doornbos is a Mark Twain kind of tale, one that reminds us, regardless of our age, that part of life is starting on a journey, getting lost, changing directions, being found, and then starting other journeys.

Doornbos, of Grand Rapids, began his collegiate studies in the fall of 1999, at Eastern College, a small school located outside Philadelphia. Until his first semester, Doornbos had no idea how much of an impact his Michigan upbringing had on him, but a few weeks into the school year, he began to desperately miss the outdoors and open spaces.

“It was strange,” said Doornbos. “I never really considered myself a woodsy or outdoors person, but like most kids in Michigan, I guess I didn’t realize how much time I have spent near trees and water, and in places where I could see the stars and not feel surrounded by people.

“After a short time in Philadelphia, I felt like I couldn’t breathe. I needed to find open space. I called my parents and said something like, ‘I need to hike across the country.’ After a few seconds of silence my dad said, ‘Well, if that’s what you need to do, do it.’”

So he did. Well, he didn’t actually hike across the entire United States, but rather embarked upon a six-month solo hike of the Appalachian Trail.

“It was the first time I was ever that alone,” he said. “I discovered that I had more survival skills than I realized. On that trail, I became very focused about my life and my goals.”

Somewhere in Appalachia, Doornbos decided that he still wanted to pursue college, but not in a big city. He wanted to go someplace where he would have more hands-on learning and unlimited access to the outdoors.

He returned home, started working in a local bakery, and began looking at colleges. One day, he ran across an NMU advertisement that read, "Northern . . . Naturally." He made the decision on the spot; he was headed for Northern.

About this time, Doornbos was also re-reading *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*. He joked to his family and to best friend Ethan VanDrunen that it would be great to raft the Mississippi River.

One morning he came into his parents' kitchen and found all kinds of maps of the Mississippi along with a newspaper advertisement that his parents had left for him to find for a 1947 pontoon boat selling for \$300.

"It was like a sign that we just had to do it," he said.

So Doornbos and VanDrunen bought the boat, stripped it down, and turned it into a proper river raft that included sleeping hammocks, a fire pit made from the inside of an old washing machine, and a small motor. They named the vessel *The Jolly Roger*.

On July 5, 2001, in Hannibal, Missouri, as part of the town's "Tom Sawyer Days" celebration, Doornbos, VanDrunen, and Doornbos' friend from Eastern, Mike Delano, set off for Lake Pontchartrain and New Orleans, 1,200 miles away.

Doornbos said that the rafting party had only two frightening events along the way; one was a bad storm with 55 mile-per-hour winds late in the trip.

"Luckily we managed to tie up to a rock on shore just before the storm hit."

The other was going through the lock system above St. Louis. Just as they came toward Lock-and-Dam No. 25, their motor failed and they were sucked over the dam, dropping about three feet.



Benjamin Doornbos (right) and Ethan VanDrunen pose in front of *The Jolly Roger*.

"As we were heading for the edge, Mike started shouting that we should jump ship, but Ethan and I rushed around pulling up the motor and securing what we could," Doornbos said. "When we stopped falling and saw that we were fine, Ethan and I were shouting and laughing, but Mike — his nerves were fried. He went home shortly after that."

The remaining pair rafted about 30 miles every day, "just floating down the river at the pace of the water and wind." At night, they would pull onto the beach of an island and camp out, eating catfish they caught during the day and, Doornbos said, "lots of peanut butter."

Throughout the journey, they enjoyed much Southern hospitality, being provided places to sleep, home-cooked meals, and help when *The Jolly Roger* needed fixing. Each Sunday, the young men would dock to attend church and spend time meeting people. In Greenville, Miss., they were presented with a key to the city. In Memphis, they helped out at the Children's Hospital.

They also caught the imagination of the media, who dubbed them "the Huck Finn and Tom Sawyer of Michigan." They were interviewed by local reporters and a reporter from National Public Radio. They were

even mentioned one night on the CNN ticker.

But mostly, they simply floated down the river, watching the South drift by, sleeping under the moon and waking with the sun.



About a week after coming off the Mississippi, Doornbos was in Marquette beginning his first semester as an outdoor recreation and leadership management major with a woodworking minor, moving into the residence halls, dealing with schedules, and trying to hang on to the calm of the river.

Doornbos said he now realizes that he had to go to Philadelphia to end up hiking the Appalachian Trail, rafting the Mississippi, and ultimately, enrolling at Northern. It was all part of the plan of his life. Today, he is focused and has a goal for his future — that he and VanDrunen start a primitive skills camp following graduation.

"When you have the opportunity to just float down a river day after day or hike in the mountains, you begin to realize that there is a natural peace and rhythm to life that we can't always hear because of all the daily noise and bustle," said Doornbos. "Maybe I can help other people slow down and reconnect with life's natural flow." ■

# Alumni Association President's Notes

By SUSI DAHLKE '63 BS



Homecoming was a very busy time. In addition to the Alumni Board's fall meeting, there were activities all weekend long for alumni who returned

for a visit. If you didn't make it back this year, be sure to mark your calendars and plan to come back to Northern for next year's festivities the weekend of October 4-6, 2002.

We are pleased to announce the appointment of five very qualified alumni to our Board of Directors. These new board members will join us in strategic planning for the Association and help us evaluate the effectiveness of programs and services we provide to alumni and to NMU. They are **Peter Drever III '93 BS, Kelly Hess '94 BS, Leigh Garnet Lewis '86 MA, Kevin Nyquist '93 BS, and Sandy Spoelstra '81 BSN, '87 MSN.**

Peter Drever is an associate attorney with Pretzel & Stouffer in

Chicago. While on campus, Pete served as president of ASNMU, was an R.A., and worked with summer orientation for two years.

Kelly Hess is the director of marketing for Clear Channel Entertainment-Motor Sports. She has been involved with a number of NMU activities in the Chicago area. While a student, Kelly spent four years working at Public TV 13.

Leigh Garnet Lewis is the director of institutional research at Saginaw Valley State University. She has a doctorate from the University of North Texas. Garnet coordinated the SVSU football pregame earlier this fall and is active in her local Rotary and Habitat for Humanity. She also is a basketball coach for the YMCA.

Kevin Nyquist is a loan officer and assistant vice president at the First National Bank of Wakefield. He is a member of the Ironwood Area Kiwanis, serves as vice president of the Chamber of Commerce, and is an active volunteer in his community.

Sandy Spoelstra is the owner and manager of Brew Bakers Espresso Bar in Marquette. She also is a full-time employee of the Lake Superior Community Partnership. Sandy was owner of Nursing Health Service for 15 years and worked for Marquette General Health Systems for four years. She is a member of many civic organizations including the YMCA, Rotary, and PTSO. She received NMU's Outstanding Young Alumni Award in 1990.

Also, a sincere thanks to **Tom Vitito '62 BS, '67 MA** who completed his term on the Board at Homecoming and to **Bob Mercier '62 BS, '67 MS** who finished his last year on the Board as past president.

If you are interested in serving on the Alumni Association Board or would like to nominate someone as a potential candidate for the Board, please contact the Alumni Association toll free at 1-877-GRAD-NMU (locally 227-2610) or by e-mail at alumni@nmu.edu.

## Alumni needed for recruitment

"Connect to NMU" is on the road in January and February and the admissions office is looking for your help.

"Connect to NMU" is a traveling road show designed to

help senior high school students who have been admitted to NMU solidify their choice to attend the university in the fall.

Here's the winter schedule:

### January

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| 19 Marquette        | 27 Traverse City  |
| 21 Sault Ste. Marie | 28 Grand Rapids   |
| 22 Iron Mountain    | 29 South Bend, IN |
| 23 Rhinelander, WI  | 30 Lansing        |
| 24 Appleton, WI     | 31 Gaylord        |

### February

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| 3 Madison, WI    | 10 Flint      |
| 4 Rockford, IL   | 11 Troy       |
| 5 Chicago, IL #1 | 12 Livonia    |
| 6 Chicago, IL #2 | 13 Toledo, OH |
| 7 Milwaukee, WI  | 14 Midland    |

Help ensure the program's success by volunteering at an event in your area. If you can assist, please contact the

Alumni Association at 1-877-GRAD-NMU (locally 227-2610) or e-mail us at alumni@nmu.edu.

# What's New, NMU?

**D**id you know there is a weekly on-line column available from the NMU Alumni Association?

It's filled with photos of alumni events, the NMU campus, and Marquette — along with campus news, alumni activities and reports, and Marquette area news and events.

Here's what alumni are saying:

"I love the weekly column and photos. Thanks, and please keep them coming."

—Jeremy Potter '98 BS

"Got 'What's New, NMU?' from a fellow grad and really enjoyed it! How can I get on the mailing list? The

photos are AWESOME! Thanks!"

—Heidi Van De Hey '98 BFA

"The outdoor pictures in this week's column were great. You sure made me miss good old NMU. I spent a lot of time down at Presque Isle. I know I want to get back to Marquette and stop in and visit a few of the professors and faculty. Keep up the great photos!"

—Gaylord Hamm '95 BS

If you're not receiving "What's New, NMU?" then you're missing out. Sign up today. Just send your name, grad year, and e-mail address to [dhemmila@nmu.edu](mailto:dhemmila@nmu.edu).

## LOST ALUMNI

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

**Reynold Banks '57 BS**

**Andrew J. Gauthier '57 BS, '66 MA**

**Esther P. (Peterson) Dawe '58 BA**

**Donald J. Colston '60 BS**

**Stephen L. Ellis '60 MA**

**Arne E. Henderson '60 BS, '65 MA**

**Robert B. Anderson '64 BS, '66 MA**

**Karen O. Brown '64 BA**

**William C. Gutzman '65 BS**

**Donna J. (Ringwall) Holmes '65 BS**

**Jeffrey J. Brown '66 BS**

**Dolores M. (Viton) Conlogue '66 MA**

**Gerald H. Fogt '66 BS**

**William J. Craig '67 BS**

**Darla J. (Korri) Guy '67 BS**

**Thomas E. Hazlewood '72 BS**

**James P. Hoy '70 BS**

**Richard J. Jason '76 MA**

**Margaret S. (Grant) Moran '76 BS**

If you can help us, please drop us a note at [alumni@nmu.edu](mailto: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. We appreciate your support.

**Allen '65 BS, '67 MA and Darlene '68 BS Salmi**

**David '83 BS and Susan Conrad**

**Michael and Joanne '83 BS Roy**

**Robert Bowie '98 MPA**

**Kristi Gruizenga '99 BS**

**Nathaniel Alwine '00 BS**

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Back by popular demand...

## Wildcat Night Across the Country

**NMU vs Bowling Green University**  
**Saturday, February 23, 2002**  
**Bowling Green, Ohio**  
**Fox Sports Net Detroit**  
**7:00 p.m. EST**

**Start planning your Wildcat hockey party today.** Whether it's at a favorite local watering hole or in the comfort of your own home, this is the perfect opportunity to get a group of NMU friends together.

This game will be available **LIVE** on Direct TV, The Dish Network, and cable stations in Michigan and Ohio.

For details on how to get the broadcast in other parts of the country, call us at 1-877-GRAD-NMU or e-mail us at [alumni@nmu.edu](mailto:alumni@nmu.edu).



# Tennis casts wide net for talent

## International roster proves to be a championship combination

By JIM KITALONG '00 BS

Breaking Ferris State's 17-year winning streak, the NMU women's tennis team surpassed even its own expectations and captured the 2001 GLIAC Women's Tennis Championship on Oct. 26-27. The Wildcats defeated Michigan Tech, 9-0; Ferris State, 5-4; and Northwood, 5-4 in the championship match.

What's their recipe for success? A lot of hard work, team unity, and an international roster. Four of the Wildcat's 12 players are European. Vesselina Jeliaskova is from Bulgaria, Sabina van den Bor and Lavinia Janssen are from the Netherlands, and Kristin Koopmann is from Germany.

"All four of them would probably rank as some of the best in the Midwest," said Troy Mattson, NMU women's tennis coach. "Our program has been completely turned around from an average to an elite team, and a lot of that has to do with them."

Jeliaskova, a senior psychology major, grew up in Sofia, Bulgaria. She began playing tennis at age five. "I grew up on the court," she said. "My father was the Bulgarian National Men's Team coach and the Davis Cup captain."

She began her college career at Kansas State University, but after two years transferred to NMU to be closer to family she has in Canada. The natural beauty of Marquette and the Upper Peninsula also appealed to her.

"My favorite thing up here is the lake," she said. "I love it. It makes me feel relaxed. This was actually one of the main reasons I picked Northern. I definitely feel better up here than in Kansas."

Along with earning first-team all-conference honors last season, Jeliaskova had the chance to take on a long-time rival — her childhood friend from Bulgaria who plays for Northwood College. They faced each other last season.

"We had been playing against each other since we were around seven, but I never won," Jeliaskova said with a smile. "Last year I finally beat her."

Jeliaskova's teammate, van den Bor, a freshman communication disorders major, is from Haarlem, Netherlands. Like Jeliaskova, van den Bor started playing tennis at age five. Now seventeen, she is the youngest of the four European athletes. She came to the United States because she wanted to play tennis, but she also wanted to get a college education, and there is no equivalent combination of sport and education in the Netherlands.

"Tennis is my life, but if I played tennis in the Netherlands in combination with college, it would not work," she said. "You can't go to a teacher and say 'I play tennis so I can't be in class.' They don't care if you play tennis."

Van den Bor said she dislikes the food in the United States, but she enjoys the natural scenery in Marquette — especially Presque Isle Park and Sugar Loaf Mountain. She is a bit leery of the approaching winter, however.

"We don't get any snow in Holland — maybe once every five years. People have told me about the snow here, and I'm a little nervous."

Like van den Bor, Janssen is also

from the Netherlands and came to the United States because of the joint opportunities in sports and education. A junior international studies major, Janssen began playing tennis at age 11 and started her college career at Kennesaw State University in Georgia.

While playing tennis at Kennesaw State, she became friends with her teammate, Koopmann. After one year, both girls decided to transfer to NMU.

"I was looking for a better coach and came into contact with Troy Mattson, who is a great, very motivating coach."

Janssen said she doesn't like being so far away from a big city, but she does like the natural beauty of Marquette.

"NMU is located in one of the most beautiful areas in the world," she said.

Although Janssen misses her family and, like the others, has also had trouble adjusting to American food, she has fond memories of the last two years — especially winning this year's GLIAC championship.

"Being the first team to win the tournament after Ferris won it 17 years in a row was incredible. We beat Ferris in a nailbiting game. After being behind 4-0, we won five singles in a row, winning 5-4. Everybody on our team really stepped up that weekend. It was awesome."

Janssen earned second-team all-conference honors last season.

Koopmann, a junior public relations major, is a native of Altenholz, Germany. She began playing tennis at age 10, and she and Janssen are

## NMU football coach resigns

Eric Holm announced his resignation as Northern Michigan University's football coach on Dec. 7.

Holm stated his reason for leaving as "philosophical differences of opinion."

Holm had been at the helm of the Wildcat program since 1995 and compiled a 43-31 record. His 1995 and 1996 teams had school-best finishes in the Midwest Intercollegiate Football Conference (MIFC), both tying for third. (NOTE: The MIFC merged with the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference – GLIAC – in 1999.) Holm had winning seasons six of his seven years at NMU. This year, Northern tied for ninth in the GLIAC at 3-7 and was 4-7 overall.

During his NMU tenure, Holm coached 22 players to first-team All-Conference honors, 18 to second-team and another 33 to honorable mention status. As of 2000, he had 40 players named to Academic All-Conference squads. For the winter 2001 semester, 26 NMU football players made the Dean's List, the most in the program's history.

"Through his time here, Eric was passionate about Wildcat football but also about academics, and we appreciated his guidance of the players on the field and in the classroom," said Dan Spielmann, NMU athletic director.

Spielmann stressed the resignation was not related to this past season's won-lost record, nor a single incident, but "is exactly as Eric said, a difference of opinion about how to proceed with NMU football from here."

Holm came to NMU in 1995 from his alma mater, Northeast Missouri State University (now Truman State University), where he had served as head coach since 1990.



Sabina van den Bor, Vesselina Jeliaskova, Kristin Koopmann, and Lavinia Janssen make up the international contingent of NMU's tennis team roster.

currently roommates as well as teammates.

While Koopmann enjoys life in the United States, she finds the lifestyles very different from what she is used to.

"Being in the United States and playing tennis has been an amazing experience. American life is very different, but I've adjusted to it. The team has traveled quite a lot. I would never have seen so much of this country and the people if it weren't for tennis. I'm very happy to be part of this team."

During the season the players don't have much free time. Koopmann's typical weekday consists of morning classes, three hours of evening practice, schoolwork, sleep, and trying to find time to eat in

between. But she said being such a close-knit team lightens the workload.

"We all hang out together, and we're on trips in a tiny van so often that we've become very close. We get along really well. We might argue, but we never fight."

Koopmann earned first-team all-conference honors last season. She also made it to the doubles finals with her partner, Jeliaskova, in the ITA Midwest regionals in Indianapolis.

"Being an international tennis team helps a lot because it brings different people together with a variety of experience." Jeliaskova said. "We all get along really great and I think that's why I'm playing so well right now. The last two years have been the best of my tennis career."

# Born to teach

By CINDY PAAVOLA '84 BA

George Javor was born to teach. Although he desired to become a physician through much of his youth and young adulthood in Hungary, there really was never any doubt that his life journey, despite its many twists and turns, would one day lead him to the classroom.

This was true even when his family couldn't afford to send him to college; even when World War II raged around him and his young bride, Klara; even when the couple made their harrowing escape in 1946 from Hungary to Vienna through what would later be known as the "Iron Curtain," or when they landed on the western shores of the United States of America; and even when he left Klara in Seattle and traveled to Alaska to work in the salmon fisheries.

Most everyone who met Javor along the way said, "He is a scholar. He was born to teach."

One surprise in this story of destiny was that the bulk of Javor's teaching took place at Northern Michigan University — half a world away from his native land and half a country from where he started his life in America. It was, as Klara often says, quite a journey.

As an impatient five-year-old, Javor decided he would not wait one more year to learn to read, so he taught himself. It was the first, but certainly not the last time, Javor would amaze those around him with his incredible learning skills.

When he started school a year later, his teacher had Javor assist in teaching his classmates — which Klara said, "was the most natural thing for him to do."

Before age 10, Javor learned German by listening in on his older brothers' tutor. Over a lifetime, he would add Greek, Latin, English, French, Spanish, Turkish, Finnish, and Russian to his repertoire.

While working on his doctorate in languages and philosophy at the University of Budapest and with World War II overtaking Europe, Javor tutored others to help support his family. He also became a regular listener of the British Broadcasting Company and BBC broadcaster Edward R. Murrow, who he said "sounded like God's older brother" and helped him "dispel the lies the Nazis wove around us."

During this time, Javor got his hands on a Russian grammar book and dictionary. Amid air raids and desperate living conditions, Javor devoured its contents and became fluent in about six months. He told Klara, "If we die, we don't need it. If we live, we will."

Javor used his new skill to work for a local newspaper, translating Russian to Hungarian. His translating experience caught the attention of his professors, and he was awarded a one-year scholarship to study at the University of Leningrad. But listening to the whispered conversations at the newspaper office, Javor began to realize that life in the Soviet Union was not as its government promoted. He noticed fear in the eyes of colleagues when he asked questions about Russia, and he soon realized that there were spies closely watching those who understood Russian.

Javor told Klara that he would not go to another totalitarian system. He wanted to smuggle them out of

the country and start over in the free world. Still today, telling of their illegal escape from Hungary — the haunting need for secrecy, the terrifying moments expecting the soldiers to pull them from the buses and trains — brings tears to Klara's eyes.

Once across the border, the Javors went to a United Nations' Relief and Rehabilitation Administration Camp in Bavaria, but found the emigration doors to the United States closed, so they moved on to Paris where Javor resumed his studies. In 1951, when President Harry Truman signed the second Displaced Persons' Act, the Javors were finally able to emigrate to America with sponsorship of a Seattle family.

"Two weeks after our arrival, George was flown to Alaska for a job in the salmon fisheries," said Klara. "It so happened that the busy fishing season was already in progress and one of the fisheries fired a drunkard, so they needed a quick replacement. They got word to a Seattle employment agency: 'Send up the next guy who walks in and has two legs and two hands.' This turned out to be George."

Working during the summer in Alaska for the next three years, however, allowed Javor to spend the rest of the year studying for his teaching certificate at the University of Washington. He taught in Pacific Coast high schools until the Russian space satellite program, Sputnik, renewed the interest across the United States in developing intensive foreign language programs, especially at the university level. Javor was sought after by many colleges and moved to the Midwest to teach in Wisconsin and Indiana. In 1968, he was recruited



WHEN IN ROME... Dressed in a toga on the first day of the semester, George Javor always tried to bring a touch of ancient Roman culture to his Latin classes.

to come to Northern.

During his 18-year NMU teaching tenure, some students would hear of Javor's journey to Marquette, but most would not. He did not talk a lot about himself, colleagues said, being much more interested in the views of his students.

"He lived for teaching," said Klara. "He loved to sit for hours on end discussing with his students, often having groups of them at the house. He loved it when they brought him their problems and when they came to him with a desire to learn."

The thing about Dr. Javor, students would say years after graduation, was that he was quick to praise them for trying and he was a great listener. They also would say that Javor seemed to realize that you cannot truly learn a new language without understanding at least some of the culture behind it. They tell of how Javor would come to the first Latin class of the semester wrapped in a toga, and the language lessons would start with a trip to ancient Rome.

Javor retired from Northern in 1986, but his teaching, of course, con-

tinued. He still taught Russian and Latin classes at NMU as well as teaching Spanish at Marquette's state prison, Russian at Marquette High School and K.I. Sawyer, and doing private tutoring.

And nearly every day of his retirement until cancer made him too sick to go, Javor visited NMU's Lydia Olson Library and Marquette's Peter White Library. "His greatest pleasures in life were reading, learning, and teaching," said Klara. "He was a walking encyclopedia."

Following his death in 2000, the Dr. George Javor Memorial Endowment Fund was established for the purpose of acquiring library resources that support the study of languages, etymology, semantics, world literature, and culture. Klara believes Javor would be "thrilled" to think that, indirectly, he was still involved in teaching.

To donate to the Javor Memorial Fund, contact the Development Fund at 906-227-2627, by e-mail at [devfund@nmu.edu](mailto:devfund@nmu.edu), or by mail at 1401 Presque Isle Avenue, Marquette, Michigan 49855.

## Siblings endow scholarship in memory of NMU alumna

**Joe Bester '77 BS** and **Bonnie Johnson** have endowed the **Karla Bester '76 BA** English Scholarship in honor of their sister, a summa cum laude graduate of Northern and a published poet, who died in 2000.

The scholarship will be awarded annually to an NMU English major. It is one of five privately funded scholarships for English majors.

Three others have endowed new scholarships to *This Decisive Season: The Campaign for Northern Michigan University*:

### **John and Susi (Cossette) Dahlke Scholarship**

An annual award to a business or education major of sophomore or higher class status and a graduate of an Upper Peninsula high school.

**John '62 BS** and **Susi '63 BS**, who is a former school teacher and current president of the NMU Alumni Association, reside in Marquette.

### **The Luther and Gladys Gant Memorial Endowed Scholarship**

**Elizabeth Hosking Binda '37 BA**, a former teacher at the John D. Pierce School, has endowed an education scholarship in honor of Luther and Gladys Gant. Preference will be given to students graduating from a U.P. high school.

### **TriMedia Consultants Scholarships**

The TriMedia foundation will award two \$1,000 scholarships annually to NMU students. One scholarship will be awarded to a student of academic excellence and the other to a Wildcat student athlete.

The academic award will be presented each September to a biology, chemistry, or geography major with a 3.25 or better grade point average who is an undergraduate from the Upper Peninsula. The athletic scholarship will be presented each January to a varsity team participant.

**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. 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

**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

**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

**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

**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

**Marguerite (Nix) Fuller '95 BS** of Crosswell is an independent consultant

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

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**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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**\$50** *\$45 member price*



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Water resistant watch with Seiko movement.

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Color: dark green.

**Youth Sizes S-XL**

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**\$55** *\$50 member price*

## **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*