

Roy will not seek NMU presidency

Mike Roy, interim president of Northern Michigan University, has announced that he will not seek a permanent appointment to the position. Roy told NMU faculty and staff attending a university forum in October that he has no intention of adding his name to the pool of prospective candidates.

“My primary reasons for not seeking the presidential position are related to time,” he said. “On a personal level, being president requires one to devote their days and nights to the university and your family tends to take second place. On a professional level, Northern is facing a major financial challenge because of falling state revenues and the likelihood of additional reductions in our state appropriation. I believe my attention needs to be focused on addressing this challenge rather than

pursuing the position of president.”

When Judi Bailey resigned in May to accept the top post at Western Michigan University, the NMU Board of Trustees voted to name Roy as interim president. Chair Mary Campbell said he was a logical choice, given the legislative and fiscal challenges confronting higher education in Michigan.

Roy will continue to serve on an interim basis until a new president is selected. The process began in late June when the NMU board contracted with A.T. Kearney, an executive search firm based in Alexandria, Va.

The board also named trustee Sam Benedict as chair of the Presidential Search Advisory Committee, which is composed of university, community, and alumni representatives. The PSAC has convened three times and is scheduled to conduct



Michael Roy

the first review of applications at its next meeting in November.

Prior to his interim appointment, Roy served as vice president for finance and administration. His previous titles at Northern included assistant vice president for finance and controller, and chief accountant. Before joining NMU in 1978, he was controller at Central Michigan University.

NMU enrollment picture ‘upbeat’

Full semester enrollment at Northern Michigan University increased 4 percent—or 345 students—over last year, according to 10th-day figures released by NMU Institutional Research. The total headcount is 9,009. This compares with 8,664 reported at the same time a year ago.

“The university’s enrollment management network projected a final fall enrollment of about 9,350, and Northern is on track to meet that target,” said Paul Duby, associate vice president for institutional research. “Between the 10th day and the end of the semester, the number

will climb because it currently does not include enrollment in educational programs that start later in the semester like the Public Safety Institute. Overall, the numbers are pretty upbeat.”

Duby reports increases at each undergraduate class level, from incoming freshmen to seniors. The only drop is in graduate enrollment, which is down 6.2 percent, or 42 students.

The academic credentials of first-time, full-time freshmen are identical to 2002. Those pursuing baccalaureate degrees enter NMU with an average ACT composite score of 23.2 and 3.02 high school

grade point average. Northern continues to draw a large market share of Upper Peninsula students.

“Fifty percent of U.P. graduates going to one of the state public universities choose Northern,” Duby said. “In Marquette County, it is closer to 80 percent. However, the size of the pool is shrinking as high school graduating classes decline in the region. Dominating a smaller pool doesn’t help much in terms of achieving our enrollment goals, so we are putting more resources and energy into recruiting in Wisconsin, northeastern Illinois, and Minnesota in addition to traditional markets.”

Public broadcasting and USEOC receive funding boosts

Northern Michigan University will invest \$250,000 in one-time funding to extend operations of its public radio and television stations through June 2005. The stations were originally scheduled to be phased out entirely by June 30, 2004, as part of the university's cost-cutting efforts.

The NMU Board of Trustees gave its consensus to the proposal presented by **Fred Joyal '70 BS, '71 MA**, provost and vice president for academic affairs.

"This is one-time support; it is not permanent funding, and will not come out of the base budget because that has already been approved," said Joyal. "Northern received a one-time allocation of \$350,000 in state budget money. We will tap into that to keep both operations going an extra year. This will buy some time to investigate ways to secure sustainable financial support for the stations beyond 2005."

The one-time support will allow the stations to retain grant funding from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. This amounts to about \$500,000 per year for WNMU TV-13 and \$150,000 per year for WNMU-FM.

The United States Olympic Education Center at Northern will also continue operating through fiscal year 2005. The NMU Board of Trustees approved a recommendation to use up to \$80,000 from the general fund, if necessary, to supplement other external funding sources secured by the USOEC to keep the center open.

The \$80,000 would come from net tuition revenues. Net tuition is determined by the total tuition revenues minus the instructional costs associated with the 70 NMU students who are either training or working at the USOEC.

"Having that additional-year commitment will make a big difference," said Jeff Kleinschmidt, director of the USOEC. "We lost some quality athletes because they were concerned about the future of the program. Being able to state with certainty we will be open through 2005 will put us in a better position to market the center to prospective athletes and potential sponsors."

The center is currently pursuing several initiatives to increase sustainable external support.

Simple pleasures

A group of Northern Michigan University students and faculty recently helped provide a simple pleasure that some children—in this age of high-tech games and gadgets—take for granted. The NMU volunteers joined about 50 others from several states and Canada to build two neighborhood playgrounds in Havana, Cuba. The week-long project was arranged by It's Just the Kids Inc., a non-profit foundation dedicated to fulfilling the needs of Cuban children.

"Given the political situation between the United States and Cuba, it took about three years for It's Just the Kids to get the necessary approvals and licenses," said Susan Martin, NMU professor of modern languages and literatures.

Martin was joined by language instructor Amy Orf and her husband, Joe Jakubiszyn; and by NMU students Kate Anderegg and Nick Zinin of Marquette, Stephanie Bromley of Bliss, and Kriya Townsend of Traverse City. Each paid \$850 to defray the cost of a charter flight from Baltimore to Havana, lodging, and most meals.

Havana has play areas, but they consist primarily of vacant, dusty lots. Martin said there is one large park in the center of the city, but children are charged to play—a fee most cannot or choose not to pay—and there is a 10-minute limit.

The volunteers worked with local Cuban families to transform two sites into state-of-the-art playgrounds. They dug post holes, then assembled and installed swing sets, playhouses, crawling tubes, towers, and climbing structures.

NMU breaks ground for new art and design building

Northern held a groundbreaking ceremony for the new DeVos Art Museum and the Art and Design Studios North addition Oct. 9 to recognize the \$1 million gift made in February by the Daniel and Pamela DeVos and the Richard and Helen DeVos Foundations of Grand Rapids for the NMU Art Museum.

The renovation includes moving the art museum from Lee Hall to the Art and Design North Building. The museum (top rendering) will feature two art galleries, one for rotating exhibits and the other for exhibits from NMU's large permanent collection (bottom rendering).



Campus kudos

NMU professors receive Excellence in Teaching Awards

Carol Hicks, a professor of engineering technology, and Mary Wallace, a professor of nursing, received the 2003 Excellence in Teaching Awards at Northern Michigan University. Each was presented with a plaque and a \$1,000 check at fall convocation in August.

Hicks has been a faculty member for 36 years. During his career at Northern, he has completed his doctorate and moved up the ladder from instructor to professor with tenure. His area of specialization is architecture design and drawing.

Hicks involves his students in designing residential and light commercial buildings to assigned criteria, and in drawing a complete set of plans using current computer software. This procedure, according to a letter in his nomination packet, requires that he provide students with an in-depth presentation of materials currently used by architects and builders in the field, as well as hands-on work with his students in the Jacobetti Center CAD laboratory.

In support of his nomination, a colleague wrote, "Carol Hicks has successfully bridged the gap between academia and industry through student volunteer projects. He teaches much more than the technical skills required for competency in a particular course. The classroom of Dr. Hicks is also, according to his syllabus, 'a place where lessons in life skills, selflessness, citizenship, and belief in one's own abilities are learned....'"

Hicks holds a doctorate in industrial education from Utah State

University, a master's from the University of Maryland, and a bachelor's degree from Western Illinois.

Wallace earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Florida and worked as a registered nurse at two hospitals in Gainesville, Fla., before joining NMU as an instructor in 1978. She earned her master's degree from the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh, in 1985.

Throughout her tenure at NMU, Wallace has complemented her undergraduate- and graduate-level teaching duties with professional experience in the field. She previously served as a public and home health nurse for the Marquette County Health Department and as a family nurse practitioner for the Marquette County Health Department Family Planning and STD clinic, Planned Parenthood of Marquette, and the NMU Health Center.

A letter of support for her nomination stated that students particularly value Wallace's teaching because of her professional background. "She ably applies to practice the theory taught in the classroom...."

"What most attests to how much students value her teaching acumen is the recent petition received from an entire class. Professor Wallace was teaching an undergraduate course that she had not taught for some time and in an area that was quite fundamental. Her exuberance and dedication to student learning was such that the entire class signed a petition requesting to have her teach the next course in their sequence quite simply because "she is the best teacher we have ever had!"

NMU among best in Midwest



Northern Michigan University is included in the first edition of *The Best Midwestern Colleges*, a higher education guide compiled by *The Princeton Review*. NMU is among 150 schools featured as the top choices in 11 states.

The book includes two-page narrative profiles with information and data on admissions, financial aid, student body demographics, and academics. It also incorporates feedback from current students obtained through a 70-question survey about campus life.

Students said they chose NMU because of its "small class sizes, reasonable in-state tuition, and excellent education and nursing programs." The report indicates a majority of students agree that the most rewarding aspect of undergraduate life at Northern is the level of support and personal attention they receive from the faculty.

The profiles also include *The Princeton Review's* ratings of each school's academics, admissions, financial aid, and quality of life—plus its "Inside Word" on admission patterns.

The Princeton Review has published a flagship book, *The Best 351 Colleges*. According to a company news release, it developed a new line of five regional college guides based on the trend of students increasingly choosing colleges closer to home.

"Tuition increases, travel costs, the affordability of state schools, the downturn in the economy, and concerns about terrorism have all contributed to this...."

School of Nursing reaccredited

NMU's School of Nursing has received full accreditation for 10 years from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. The approval came with no recommendations.

"Accreditation is a choice, not a requirement, but we look at it as a form of quality assurance," said Kerri Schuiling, associate dean for nursing education.

As part of the accreditation process, the School of Nursing had to submit a thorough self-report. The CCNE followed up with an on-site visit by four representatives, including a nurse practitioner. They met with officials and staff from Marquette General Hospital, the Marquette County Health Department, and other community agencies. They also attended classes, met with NMU students and administrators, and toured campus facilities.

"They were impressed with the New Science Facility, particularly our state-of-the-art Nursing Technology Center," Schuiling said. "We also provided each visitor with a laptop while they were here. Our students explained how they use the computers in their classes. The visitors came away appreciating the fact that our nursing students are comfortable with technology, which helps prepare them for occupations that are becoming more high-tech all the time."

The program was previously accredited through the National League for Nursing. Schuiling said the CCNE offers a more dynamic process that combines an emphasis on educational quality and outcomes with support for moving forward with new initiatives.



Sweet success

Lee Ann Wiley loves to bake—a trait nurtured by her late grandmother.

"She came to live with us after my grandpa died, and she was always cooking or baking or in the garden," Wiley recalled. "She introduced me to baking. I really remember her cookies, cinnamon rolls, and jam. When I was 7 or 8, I started helping her. She would teach me as we went, talking to me and showing me the basics. I

didn't know it then, but it was a stepping stone for me."

Wiley enrolled in the hospitality management program at Northern with the goal of turning her passion for baking into a career. In May, she received a sweet and rich surprise that rivals any of her fresh-from-the-oven creations. She was selected as one of two students in the country to receive a \$10,000 scholarship from the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation.

Wiley was recognized at the annual NRAEF "Salute to Excellence" in Chicago. The event brings together leaders from the restaurant and food-service industries, as well as educators and student honor delegates from more than 100 hospitality management and culinary schools nationwide.

Wiley will receive \$5,000 per year for two years. She is nearing completion of her associate degree, but might use the extra financial support to pursue a bachelor's.

"Lee Ann is so deserving of this award," said NMU Technology and Occupational Sciences Professor Leslie Cory. "She is an exemplary student and leader. She has a strong work ethic, is very professional, and gets along with everybody."

What ingredients combine to form a successful scholarship application? Students vying for a National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation award had to submit documentation of grade-point average, related work experience, and letters of recommendation. They also wrote personal essays in response to questions about what the scholarship would mean to them, how education will help them meet future goals, and how they overcame adversity in a particular situation.

Wiley's effort garnered a split of the Thad and Alice Eure Memorial Scholarship, named after the co-founders of the Angus Barn Restaurants and past-presidents of the National Restaurant Association.

"Their daughter presented it to me at the banquet," Wiley said. "It's exciting and I still can't believe it happened. I just wish my parents and grandma were still around to see it. My grandma was a great influence on me and I think she'd be happy that I'm so interested in it now."

—Kristi Evans

Photo (above): When not attending classes, Wiley hones her skills at Babycakes Muffin Co. in Marquette, where she has worked since 1989.

Award photo (right): Van Eure, FMP, president of The Angus Barn Restaurant, awards Lee Ann Wiley and Seth Freedman the inaugural Thad & Alice Eure Memorial Scholarships to continue their restaurant and foodservice education.

