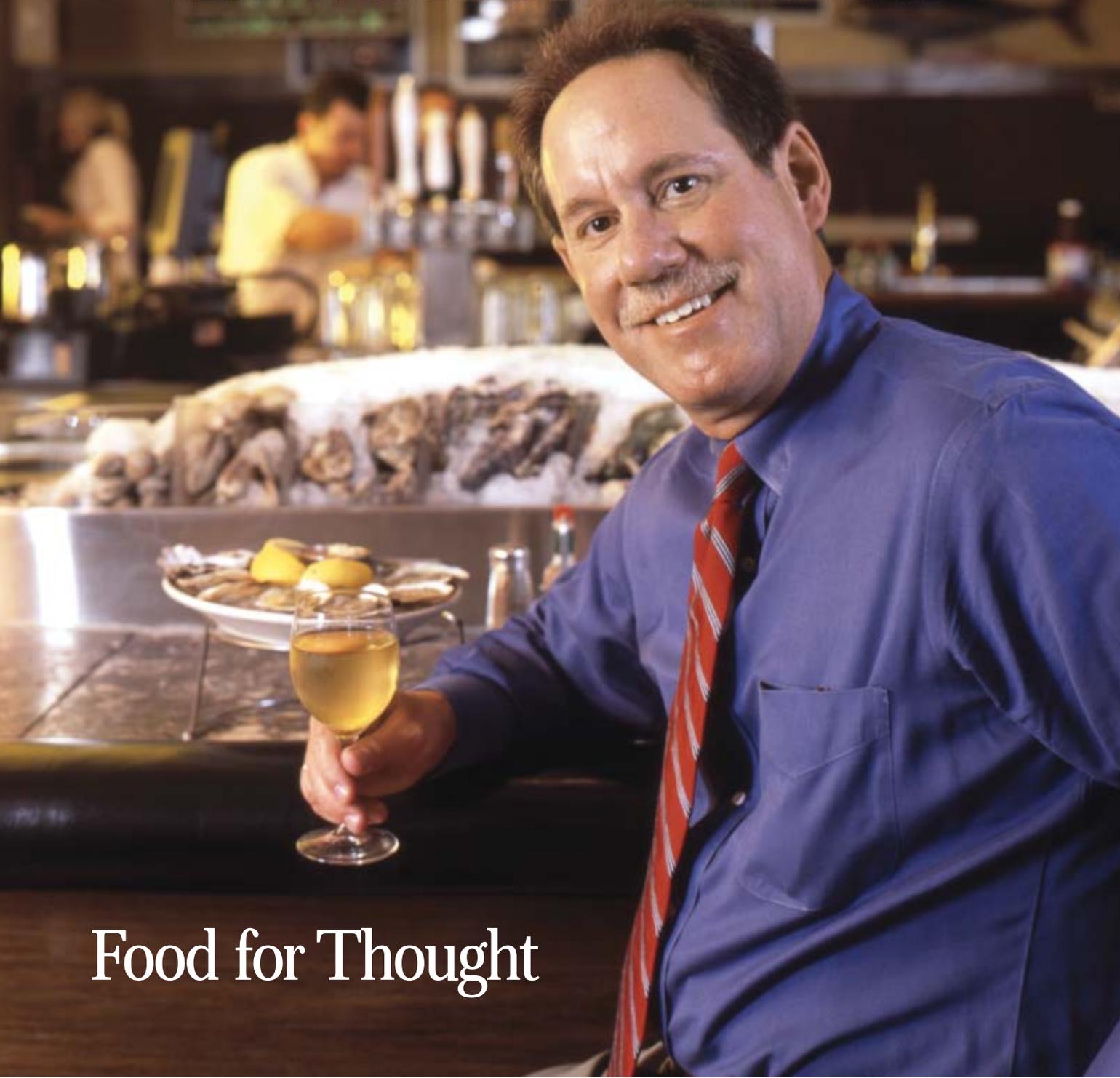


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## EDITOR'S NOTE

About six months ago, my husband and I went on a week-long cooking vacation. This wasn't the kind of class where you sit back and watch as a master chef dazzles you with perfect soufflés and sinful sauces and then unleashes you on your home kitchen to flounder and wonder to yourself, 'Now how did he do that?' This was a hands-on introductory class in which each student was a member of a team that made, presented, and then ate a four-course meal every day—all under the close supervision of a professional chef.

On the first day of class, before we had so much as cracked our first egg, our chef told the class that if all we left with at the end of the week was a booklet of 25 recipes, he had failed us. But if we left his class with a few solid techniques that we could apply to our day-to-day cooking, he had succeeded.

As the class quickly discovered, having the recipe in hand is one thing, but executing it successfully requires both a familiarity with the recipe and a mastery of a host of techniques.

Learning in any discipline is a shared venture between understanding concepts and being able to apply those concepts to real-world situations. This kind of experiential learning is one of the things I valued most about my education at Northern. NMU professors work hard to introduce concepts in the classroom, but they work just as hard outside the classroom to help students find opportunities that will enable them to apply what they've learned in a professional environment.

I found out first hand just how important experiential learning is in the food and hospitality industry. In this issue of *Horizons*, you'll get a taste of how Northern faculty and staff are helping students develop and hone their culinary and hospitality management skills. You will also read about a few of our alumni who have taken what they've learned at NMU and are now influencing and shaping these dynamic industries.

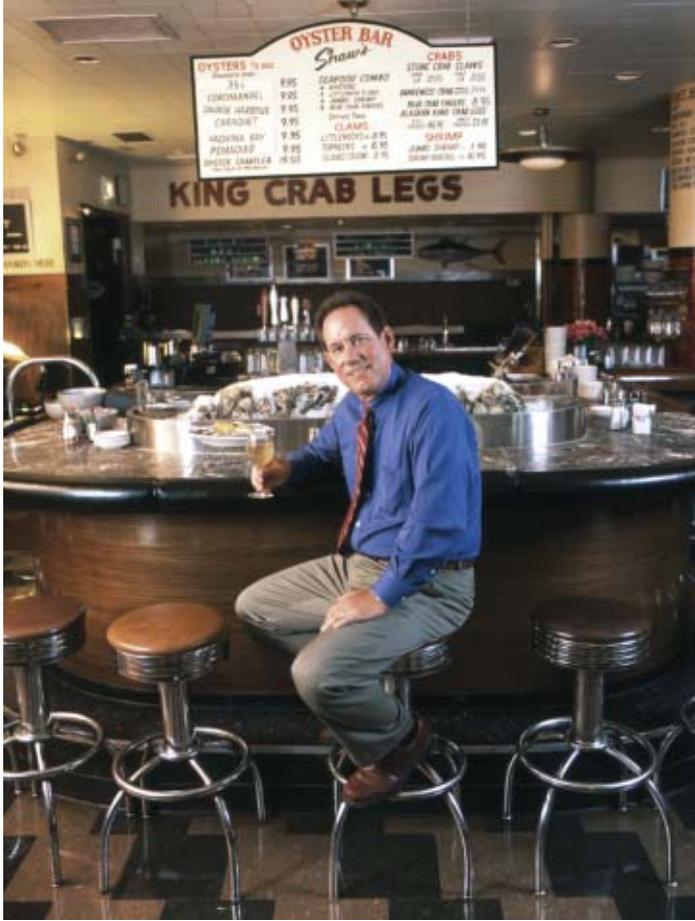
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## SPECIAL MAILING OF HORIZONS

We've added a few additional names to our usual mailing list of alumni and friends for this issue of *Horizons* magazine. So if you have received this magazine unexpectedly, it's not a mistake. You are part of a special, celebratory mailing, and here's why.

On June 1, 1996, Northern launched its first comprehensive fundraising campaign—*This Decisive Season: The Campaign for Northern Michigan University*—with a goal of raising at least \$30 million in private giving for the university. Seven years later and, perhaps fittingly, nearly \$7 million over its goal, the campaign has closed.

This issue of *Horizons* is dedicated to the successful close of *This Decisive Season*. Inside you'll find a special, four-page section that highlights the goals and accomplishments of the campaign—goals that would not have been reached and accomplishments that could not have been made without the support of every donor to NMU. Thank you for your contribution.



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If you're looking for a premier destination for fresh fish and seafood, the Midwest probably isn't the first place to come to mind. **Steve LaHaie '75 BA** is doing his part to change that perception. With a combination of homegrown expertise, advanced training, and industry experience, LaHaie is bringing some of the freshest fish and seafood to Midwestern diners. This successful restaurateur has helped launch several successful Chicago restaurants with tastes ranging from classic American meat-and-potatoes fare to traditional Thai cuisine.

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This year, not only did students in NMU's hospitality management and culinary arts programs get a taste of real-world party planning when they hosted their annual scholarship fundraising dinner, they also got a lesson in the history, literature, and cuisine of one of the most colorful decades in twentieth-century America.

#### ON THE COVER AND ON THIS PAGE

Steve LaHaie, senior vice president with Lettuce Entertain You Enterprises, sits at the oyster bar at Shaw's Crab House in Chicago. This is just one of four restaurants LaHaie manages. Photography by Andrew Campbell.

# 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.

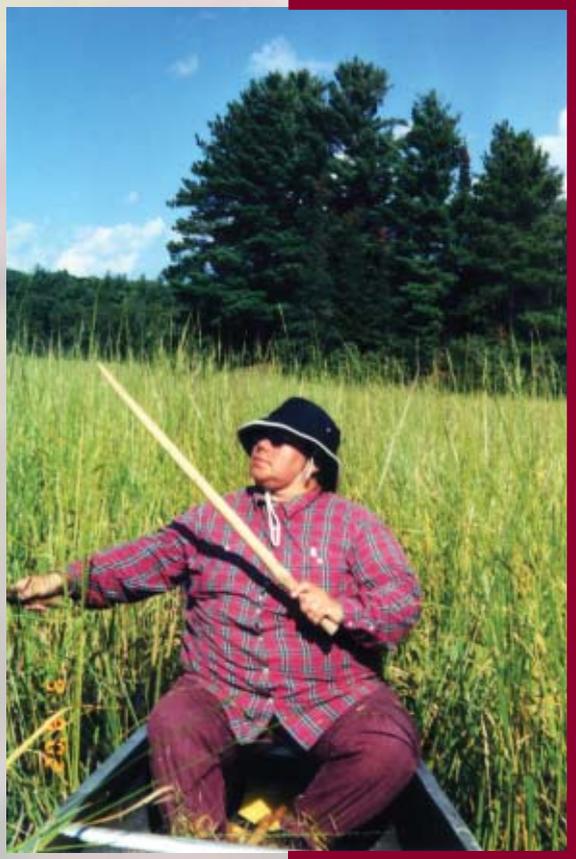
Award photo (right): Van Eure, FMP, president of The Angus Barn Restaurant, awards Lee Ann Wiley and Seth Freedman the inaugural Thad & Alice Eure Memorial Scholarships to continue their restaurant and foodservice education.



# Ojibwe

## *spirit food*

By KRISTI EVANS



Terry Fox, pictured above, is the director of the Health Clinic at the Lac Vieux Desert tribal offices in Watersmeet. Terry and her husband Charlie have been instrumental in reintroducing wild rice traditions to their tribe. Terry is shown “knocking down” wild rice.

It is a gray, misty morning deep in the Sylvania Wilderness Track on the western end of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. A "grandfather" eagle sits atop a dead balsam, scanning the lake for a surfacing bass or walleye. Spiritual elder Archie McGeshick Sr. stands in his boat. He is dying of cancer but continues to plant wild rice seed to enhance what has become a huge bed after seven years of planting.

McGeshick faces east and, rotating clockwise, prays to each of the Manidos (spirits) of the four directions. He then raises his tobacco with his left hand and offers prayers to the Great Spirit, the Water Spirits, the Shore Spirits, and all spirits present.

This is the opening sequence of a new ethnographic documentary on Ojibwe traditions of "wild ricing" by NMU professor and filmmaker Michael Loukinen (pictured on the right). Most of the video was recorded in the vicinity of the Lac Vieux Desert community in Watersmeet.

"Ojibwe youth are losing the wild ricing traditions of their ancestors due to the deaths of knowledgeable elders like Archie and the harmful environmental pressures impacting their sacred lake, Lac Vieux Desert," Loukinen said. "There has long been an identity between the lake and the tribe. This video will preserve the ricing traditions for future generations and tell us a great deal about the history of the lake."

The documentary covers the practices of planting, rice-boat building, harvesting, parching, dancing, winnowing, cooking, and finally eating wild rice at a feast. It incorporates live-action scenes with historical photographs, animation,

music, and narration. Much of the latter was provided by Thomas Vennum, ethnologist emeritus of the Smithsonian Institution and author of the award-winning *Wild Rice and the Ojibwe People*.

The film not only shows the wild ricing traditions, but the teaching of these traditions to Ojibwe children.

"This was made for a general audience, but it will be especially interesting to parents and children, teachers, folk arts educators, cultural anthropologists, and Native American studies educators," Loukinen added.

A brief science segment explores how human and environmental forces affect the health and survival of wild rice. Peter David, a biologist with the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission, explains in the film that rice beds are declining throughout the Lake Superior region. He attributes the trend to the adverse impacts of the thinning ozone layer, variations in rainfall and snow melting, motorboat traffic, and especially dams.

The Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Lac first contacted Loukinen in 1996, after members became increasingly aware

of the loss of their traditional Elders.

They approved a two-pronged project: building a digital archive of video, sound, and transcribed text to preserve their tribal heritage; and completing a series of documentaries

designed to increase the understanding of and sense of appreciation for their heritage.

Loukinen began recording in 1998. *Ojibwe Teachings* was the first film in the series, followed by the recently completed *Wild Rice: A Lac Vieux Desert Ojibwe Tradition*.

Remaining productions will explore the history of the tribe's migration and settlement, evolving into a look at how the gaming industry has impacted contemporary work and leisure activities.

Throughout the process—from preparation to post-production—Loukinen relied heavily on the assistance of current and former NMU students. He has also utilized the expertise of NMU staff and faculty in such roles as narrator, cultural adviser, story consultant, and musician. Loukinen is planning to premier the film on the NMU campus sometime during the fall semester. ■





# Catch of the Day

By KRISTI EVANS

**A**S THE FRIDAY LUNCH CROWD TAPERS OFF, STEVE LAHAIE '75 BA and I settle into a corner booth at the Mity Nice Bar & Grill in Chicago. This 1940s style eatery has a simple motto: good food, served right. It is nestled behind a bustling food court on the mezzanine level of Water Tower Place. The clientele is a mix of shoppers who pause to refuel before resuming their trek down Michigan Avenue, and neighborhood regulars who are on a first-name basis with the staff and order “the usual” without a glance at the menu.

LaHaie notifies me that our conversation will be interrupted briefly so that he can taste a variety of dip recipes. “We offer a spinach and crab right now, but some people have commented that there isn’t enough crab flavor to it,” he explains. “I think I want to switch to spinach and artichoke.”

Twenty minutes later, a chef appears at our table with five selections: bleu cheese and caramelized onion, spinach, artichoke, mozzarella cheese, and spinach and artichoke. But picking the best dip is only half the battle. On another tray are five different breads in contention for most favored accompaniment. LaHaie begins to sample and enlists my eager participation. We agree that the bleu cheese-onion combination, while very satisfying, is too rich. We also agree that a flatbread is

splash of lime to complement the cilantro. A few days prior, the dilemma was the best way to broil fish.

Tastings at odd times of the day. Experimenting with new ideas. Developing and upgrading menus. These are some of LaHaie’s responsibilities as a senior vice president with Lettuce Entertain You Enterprises. The Chicago-based company originated in 1971 when founder Richard Melman opened a hamburger and milkshake restaurant in Lincoln Park called R.J. Grunts. LEYE now owns, licenses, or manages more than 50 establishments in four states and Japan. The company has also created more than 100 concepts—some are maintained and developed by LEYE; most are sold to outside clients.

LaHaie joined the enterprise in 1981. However, the hospitality industry was not his first—or high-

while he was in back cooking.”

When LaHaie left for high school in Wisconsin, his mother uprooted the rest of the family and moved to Marquette specifically for Northern. She wanted all nine of her children to be able to go to college but knew it would be difficult to afford room and board for all of them. She saw it as an advantage to live in the same city. Three of the children graduated from Northern, and others attended at different times.

LaHaie rejoined the family for his senior year of high school and went on to earn a bachelor’s degree in business from NMU. He said there were relatively few dedicated hospitality management programs at that time. He put himself through college working at the university’s information desk and also spent about a year at the Holiday Inn

## Tastings at odd times of the day.

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the ideal companion. It is less filling and, unlike some of the seasoned choices, will not compete with the flavor of the dip.

“I think I want to work on this spinach and artichoke,” LaHaie says to the chef. “Did you use marinated artichokes? I’m tasting the marinade, so let’s try using frozen ones instead.” He picks up a square of flatbread and adds, “And can we cut this into triangle wedges? I think that might work better.”

Earlier that day, LaHaie had conducted a blind taste test of salad dressings. He elected to keep the house vinaigrette, but with an added

est—calling. The Upper Peninsula native spent three years at a Wisconsin high school studying to be a priest. He eventually decided to pursue a career that was in his blood.

“My dad was a cook at the high school in St. Ignace and ran a family restaurant during the summer,” he said. “My mom was the waitress and bookkeeper. She also baked pies. I was pretty young when they had it, so I didn’t work there as much as my older siblings. But my dad was in Knights of Columbus and was always putting on dinners. I helped with those quite a bit. I would work the front of the house

under Ted Bogdan, who later joined the NMU faculty.

LaHaie completed a master of business administration degree in hotel and restaurant management at Michigan State. He turned down his first job offer—running the food service for the state corrections system, saying it wasn’t quite the direction he wanted to take. LaHaie spent about five years with a restaurant company that developed the Mountain Jack’s concept before joining Lettuce Entertain You Enterprises.

He started as manager of a seafood restaurant that has since

closed and then served as general manager of Shaw's Crab House. Now he oversees an entire division composed of four establishments: Mity Nice Bar & Grill, Vong's Thai Kitchen, and two Shaw's locations. LaHaie was involved in each from the beginning. When asked if a restaurant opening is as traumatic as portrayed in the summer reality-TV series about the business, he said it is very intense.

"It's like the opening of a Broadway show because all of the pieces have to come together. We've done so many of them by now that we have very good systems in place. We bring in a team that specializes in every aspect that we've developed over the years."

Mity Nice features a diverse menu—from specialty hamburgers and flatbreads with assorted toppings to classic comfort food such as macaroni and cheese and meatloaf.

"We have more repeat customers here than at the other restaurants, so we don't change our core menu much," LaHaie said. "You don't want to mess with what works, but you need to upgrade. I've messed with stuff before and taken things off the menu. Believe me, sometimes it's not worth it. I certainly wouldn't get rid of our hamburgers, but we have upgraded them. And I wouldn't touch the meatloaf recipe. It's been popular since day one."

LaHaie's endorsement motivated me to order the meatloaf for lunch the following afternoon. I couldn't recall ever selecting this entrée in a restaurant. Because of the wide variances in preparation and consistency, I had adopted the same mentality toward meatloaf that Forrest Gump applied to a box of

chocolates: "You never know what you're gonna get."

What I got was a mity nice meal. There were two thick slices of meatloaf leaning against a generous mound of mashed potatoes with a mushroom gravy drizzled over the top and fresh-from-the-farmer's-market green beans on the side. Despite the hefty portions, I cleaned my plate and could almost sense my mother's pride (but I will avoid any comparisons to her homemade version).

LaHaie spends most of his time supervising the day-to-day operations at Mity Nice. He is less directly involved in Vong's Thai Kitchen, which began as an upscale French-Thai fusion restaurant and transitioned to a more casual and affordable option dedicated to the Thai influence. It might have toned down in some respects, but certainly not in taste—at least judging by the signature "black plate" appetizer tray, not to mention the shrimp and crab Pad Thai, a traditional noodle dish.

Paula Zehnder, a manager at Vong's, shares two connections with LaHaie. She is a Michigan native and her parents are in the restaurant business. Zehnder did an internship with LaHaie's company and joined it full-time after graduation.

"Steve tries to create a family-run atmosphere wherever he works, and he takes care of his staff," she said. "He has an incredible knowledge of food and an impeccable palette. He is very hands-on in the kitchen, but he also has a great eye for detail in terms of atmosphere. He even designs the look of the menus, not just what's on them. Someone here described it as fish, fonts, and fabrics. Steve is involved in all of them because he knows how important the combination is."

LaHaie divides the remainder of his time between the Shaw's establishments. There, he is able to apply his vast seafood expertise, gleaned from both personal experience and avid research.

"My grandfather was a Great Lakes fisherman and we served whitefish and trout in the family restaurant, so I have been around it a long time," he said. "Seafood is what I've been most involved with during my time with the company. One thing I've worked on a lot, particularly at Shaw's, is developing sourcing of products—who we buy fish from—and setting the guidelines. For instance, we buy only whole fish and it's filleted on the premises as needed, not in advance."

LaHaie also helped develop the oyster program at Shaw's. He established relationships with growers on the East and West Coasts.

"At first, we only sold a couple varieties. We didn't know there were so many different species from different places and that some taste better at certain times of the year. Shaw's has become one of the great oyster houses in the country. There used to be many in Chicago in the early 1900s. I believe Illinois is the largest non-producing consumer of oysters in the country.

"Some people assume you can't get good seafood in the Midwest, but with O'Hare and modern air freight service, you can fly in fresh products from practically anywhere in three hours."

As a seafood lover, I was eager to give Shaw's a try. It's not often one can dine at a restaurant that boldly bills itself as "a monument to fish and seafood." With husband and two children in tow, I navigated my way to Hubbard Street and soon

spotted the canopy bearing the Shaw's name.

We entered promptly at the 11:30 a.m. opening time, as did a stream of others who appeared out of nowhere from nearby buildings. Shaw's is really two restaurants in one. To the right as you enter is the Blue Crab Lounge—a casual oyster bar featuring regional oysters on the half shell, clams, lobster, and crab dishes. Past the maitre d' station to the left is the main dining room with rich, burgundy hues and white-linen tablecloths. It serves more than 40 fresh seafood entrees as well as chicken, prime steaks, and pasta dishes.

The lunch menu is expansive—not the bare-bones version found at some establishments. LaHaie said the menu is printed daily to reflect the changing availability of fresh fish. A featured selection on this particular day was grilled Hawaiian snapper. Served with a tantalizing combination of black bean relish and roasted sweet corn sauce, the snapper immediately grabbed my attention. My husband, on a low-carb kick, was equally pleased with his sashimi tuna salad. The kids enjoyed popcorn shrimp that was a far cry above the boxed freezer variety they had come to expect. We began the meal with a wonderful oysters Rockefeller appetizer. I could hardly leave Chicago's "premier oyster house" without sampling this delicacy.

In addition to running the restaurants, LaHaie shares his expertise through a variety of professional activities. He is the Shaw's representative for the National



Photo by Jason Hollembeak.

Fisheries Institute, a lobbyist for the seafood industry. He serves on the advisory board for *Seafood Business* magazine and on the board for the Chicago chapter of the American Institute of Wine and Food, established by chef Julia Child and vintner Robert Mondavi to increase American's culinary IQs. LaHaie also has served as a panelist or moderator for discussions on such topics as the differences between farm-raised and wild salmon in terms of environmental and health issues.

The restaurant industry is impacted by external forces as well as changing trends in concepts and cuisine. An example of the former is the September 11 terrorist attacks. LaHaie said there was a noticeable dip in consumers eating out after the tragedy because they were compelled to share meals with their families in the comfort of home.

"The economy has also created challenges," he added. "Our company, from the top down, has endured layoffs like many others. All of our partners are much more

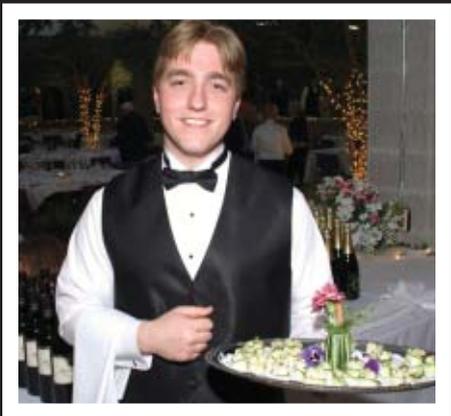
hands-on because of it. We used to have primarily desk jobs, but now we are out running the businesses. I actually prefer that and think it is a positive thing."

As for dining trends, LaHaie identified five that will have a major influence on the horizon. He said Asian cuisine is going to become more popular. Also, the population is aging, so restaurateurs are going to have to accommodate that market, which has different demands than younger clientele. Related to that, he said seafood will become more

popular because it is preferred by older people. There is also a trend toward simple, back-to-basics preparation and presentation, as well as an increased demand for organic foods.

"The challenge is adapting successfully," LaHaie said. "You need to have a drive to improve things and take risks, yet a part of you needs to be stable. The industry has changed so much in the last decade. Anyone who owns a restaurant today in Chicago has good food or they wouldn't be in business. But the competition is much fiercer than it's probably ever been..."

"What keeps me going is the continual challenge and my passion for what I do. I love my job. From a management perspective, I like directing and developing people. I also love food, the study of food, and food as it relates to people getting together and having a meal. It was always a big part of my family. I just like watching people eat, knowing they're having a good time and having them thank me on the way out for a great experience." ■



# A TASTE OF THE TWENTIES

By MIRIAM MOELLER '00 BS, '02 MA



The Charleston, flappers, hot jazz, speakeasies, and bathtub gin. The roaring 20s came alive on the campus of Northern Michigan University this spring when students in the hospitality management and culinary arts programs hosted the ninth annual scholarship fundraising theme dinner. This year, university and community members got a taste of "The Greater Side of Gatsby."

Proceeds from the event fund the American Culinary Federation Upper Michigan Chapter David Sonderschafer Memorial Scholarship and the Thaddeus Bogdan Scholarship Fund.

But this event isn't only about raising money. It's one of the ways faculty members in the culinary and hospitality management programs immerse students in their majors.

"The event is entirely student driven," said Yvonne Lee, professor in the Technology and Occupational Sciences department and faculty adviser for the event. "Students are divided into six teams, and each team develops a concept and presents it to the class."

The students invited area professionals to serve as industry panelists who, along with the professor and the rest of the class, voted for their favorite theme. Once the theme was selected, the students had the semester to plan and practice every element of the event—from menu planning and recipe testing to invitation design, dining room décor, and serving methods.

Eric Hafner, who is pursuing an associate degree in culinary arts, was elected executive chef and planned the menu.

"My main goal was to use recipes that people have heard about before, but use them in a different way," he said.

Hafner was also responsible for purchasing the food and designing the presentation of each menu item, and he didn't leave anything to chance. He drew out each menu item on the computer and printed out color copies for the kitchen staff to use as a reference when arranging hors d'oeuvres and plating menu items.

Dining room manager Chris Pesce and his crew read *The Great Gatsby* and watched the movie adaptation to get a feel for how parties in the 1920s were hosted. Pesce, a junior hospitality management major, was in charge of the servers, decorations, table linens, silverware, and glassware.

On the day of the event, the Jacobetti Center took on the air of a true, jazz-age soiree. Once the dinner guests arrived, many clad in 1920s costume, the illusion was complete. Diners were treated to vegetable and fruit appetizers, a poached salmon and portobello mushroom pre-entrée, Caesar salad in a Parmesan tuile, beef tenderloin with cognac mustard sauce, mussels with orzo noodles, and bourbon-glazed ham. The meal was topped off with lemon cake garnished with sugar-frosted berries and a champagne toast.

Jay Gatsby would have been proud. ■



Photos, top to bottom: Kyle Warren of Marquette (waiter); Karen Saberniak of Chatham, Lee Ann Wiley of Skandia, and Jennifer Burkouricz of Green Bay, Wis. (pastry chefs giving a demonstration for display purposes); Matthew Kimble of West Branch, and Jesse Griffin of Marquette (preparing salmon entrée); and Katie Allen of Johannesburg (flapper). Photos by Kim Marsh '80 BS.

## PRESIDENT'S NOTE

# And the survey said...

In February, your NMU Alumni Association conducted a survey to gauge the value and effectiveness of the programs and services we offer. Our thanks to those of you who completed either the on-line or mail version of the survey. I'm happy to report that we had an overall response rate of 18 percent.

You told us what we are doing well, what programs and services you are satisfied with, what programs and services we could improve upon; and you gave us insight about additional programs and services you'd like to see the Alumni Association provide.

The good news is that of those who completed the survey, most of you (86 percent) enjoy the magazine you are holding in your hands right now. Many of you feel that your Alumni Association does a good job of connecting you to NMU, keeping you informed of university and community news, and making you aware of Alumni Association activities. However, you also told us that the farther away you live from Marquette, the less connected you feel. We plan to do something about that.

You told us that we need to do a better job promoting our benefits to members and telling you the reasons you should become a member. We need to be better about promoting our toll-free number (1-877-GRAD NMU), our permanent e-mail service, and our weekly on-line column, "What's New, NMU?".

Some of you would like to

receive a yearly schedule of alumni events and more information on local athletic and cultural activities. Some also said you would like career and networking assistance, so look for programs to come.

But the Alumni Association is not just about providing services to alumni. It's also about bringing the NMU experience to a new generation of students. A good number of you are currently assisting or have offered to assist us with student recruitment by telling prospective students how great your Northern experience was. With our enrollment at a 13-year high, word is obviously getting out. We appreciate your help.

To those of you who told us to keep up the good work, thank you! We absolutely plan to. The Alumni Association Board of Directors is currently discussing how we will modify our programs and services to better serve all NMU alumni.

If you're interested in seeing the full results of the survey, log on to the Alumni Association Web site at [www.nmu.edu/alumni](http://www.nmu.edu/alumni). And even though the survey results are in, we still welcome your ideas and suggestions. E-mail the Alumni Association at [alumni@nmu.edu](mailto:alumni@nmu.edu) or call us on our toll-free number. We always want to hear from you!

—**Rick Popp '88 BS, '90 MPA,**  
**President NMU Alumni Association**



## LOST ALUMNI

We know they're out there. Can you help us locate the following people?

Michael Spafford '72 BS  
Gretchen (Bietila) Williams '72 BS  
Mary (Segner) Emerson '78 BS  
Scott Gollinger '80 BS  
Donna Nelson '82 Cert.  
Richard Spillane '85 Dipl.  
Karen Stinehart '90 AT

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'd like to thank the following people who have recently joined as lifetime members of the NMU Alumni Association.

In memory of Stuart Rosendale '49 BS  
Donald Bangert '64 BS, '66 MA  
Robert Letts '68 BA  
Robert Oles '75 BS  
Keith Burkard '79 BS  
Peter Christopherson '80 BS  
Brian Hickey '80 BS  
Charles Paulson '80 BS  
David Singer '80 BS  
Joseph Ditz '82 BS  
William Geiger '83 BS  
Charles '87 BS and Donna '88 BS Tomasi  
Julie Weslin '88 BS  
Rhonda Sprague '91 BS  
Amelia Hughes '93 BS  
Amy (Ingalls) Kierzek '93 BS  
Kristine Day '94 BS  
Mark Rummel '94 BFA  
Jeremy Maynard '95 BS, '02 MA  
Allen Mott '95 Cert., '97 AS, '98 BS  
Jay Brennan '97 BS  
Julie Frechette '97 BA  
Rick LaBine '01 BS

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# Alumni Association Award winners

Three Northern Michigan University alumni were recognized for their achievements as part of Homecoming 2003 activities. **Mark Lovell '77 BS** of Mt. Lebanon, Pa., and **Albert Milford III '66 BA** of Flossmoor, Ill., received Distinguished Alumni Awards. **David Gregory '92 BS** of East Lansing received the Outstanding Young Alumni Award. The trio was honored at the annual alumni awards breakfast on Saturday, Sept. 27.



**Mark Lovell**

Lovell is director of the sports medicine concussion program at the University of Pittsburgh

Medical Center. He has pioneered the application of neuropsychological assessment technology to concussion management in athletes and is the developer of the ImpACT concussion management software package, which is used nationally by hundreds of high schools and colleges.

Lovell directs the concussion assessment programs for the National Football League, the Indianapolis Racing League, and the Competitive Automobile Racing League. He also founded and co-directs the concussion assessment program for the National Hockey League and provides similar services for the USA women's Olympic ice hockey team.



**Albert Milford**

Milford is a clinical professor of surgery at Midwestern University-Chicago College

of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed his internship and residency in general surgery at the Detroit Osteopathic Hospital and was American Osteopathic Association board certified in general surgery in 1984.

Milford has served as director of the trauma surgery section at the Olympia Fields Osteopathic Medical Center, and as senior attending and consulting surgeon, secretary-treasurer of the medical staff, and associate chair of the department of surgery at both Olympia Fields and the Chicago Osteopathic Medical Center.

This year, he will be sworn in as president of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons.



**David Gregory**

Gregory specializes in legislative, regulatory, and state executive branch matters at Kelley Cawthorne,

PLLC. He joined the Lansing-based law and government relations firm at its founding in 1999. He served as lead counsel to the Michigan Society of Planning in the land-use planning reform package of 2001, and as lead counsel to the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians in the historic addition of Indian tribes to Michigan's Inter-Governmental Agreements Act.

While attending Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing, Gregory worked as a contributing writer for *Inside Michigan Politics* and as a law clerk in former Gov. John Engler's Offices of Legal Counsel and Regulatory Reform.



## 2003 SPORTS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

From left to right: Lisa (Jamula) Maki '91 BS, '02 MAE; Tom Watson '71 BS, '83 MAE; Chuck Klingbeil Jr. '99 BS; Neal Seagren '79 BS; Lucia (Pereira) Shyiak '99 BS representing Scott Beattie; and Anne Goodman James representing May Tan '92 BS.

# A Season to Remember

## NMU's first-ever campaign closes well over goal

**N**orthern's first-ever comprehensive fundraising effort, *This Decisive Season: The Campaign for Northern Michigan University*, ended on June 30. The campaign's official total came in at \$36.6 million, nearly \$7 million over the \$30 million goal.

"We are thrilled that Northern's first campaign was such a success," said Phyllis Maki, president of the NMU Development Fund Board. "The show of support by the university's alumni and friends was impressive."

The campaign began on June 1, 1996, with a \$2 million gift from the John Berry Family. **Berry '71 BS**, a national business leader, designated his gift to go toward the construction of a new ice arena, which was completed in 1999 and dedicated that year as the Berry Events Center.

Student scholarships received the largest number of gifts during the campaign, according to Martha Van Der Kamp, executive director of alumni and development.

"Alumni and friends were particularly generous when it came to investing in Northern students," Van Der Kamp said. "So many times donors would say they wanted to give back to students in the same way they had been helped when they attended college."

Van Der Kamp added that all 29 academic departments, numerous student programs, and several university facilities had gifts directed for their use during the fundraising effort.

The campaign's success played a significant role in NMU's ability to weather the recent decline in state appropriation support, according to Interim President Mike Roy.

"Without the investment in Northern by alumni and friends, last spring's budget reductions would have been even more painful and devastating, especially in

the areas of outside-the-classroom learning opportunities and student activities," said Roy. "When alumni ask me, 'Does my gift really make a difference?' I tell them emphatically, 'Yes, it really does, no matter the size.'"

### Setting priorities, exceeding expectations

*This Decisive Season* had four main priorities: helping student access and success, enhancing Northern's learning environment, investing in the people of NMU, and developing partnerships.

### Helping students

Along with the increase in scholarships, donors to *This Decisive Season* were innovative in helping the university increase student access and success.

One example of this was the multi-year gift from two anonymous donors to help create Northern Bound, a program that enables incoming freshmen to get a jump start on their college education.

"Northern Bound allows high school graduates who are entering NMU with high school credentials on the lower end of the admissions scale to come on campus during the summer and begin taking freshman-level courses in a small group," said Virginia Zinser, director of development fund operations. "It is a very intensive program that shows these students what it is going to take for them to be successful at the collegiate level, and it also gives them a chance to literally try college at little cost to them."

"What made this program special to one of the donors, in particular, was that he entered Northern under its right-to-try initiative, graduated, and has gone on to enjoy a successful business career. I think it gave him a sense of satisfaction to play a role in giving Northern students their own right to try," said Zinser.

### Enhancing the learning environment

Although the campaign has ended, the impact of gifts to *This Decisive Season* will be physically visible on campus for decades to come.

In fact, several major gifts are part of the East Campus Renovation, which has only just begun. Two gifts designated to areas of this project are the Reynolds Concert Hall, in part funded by a major gift from Marquette community leader Phyllis Reynolds, and the

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DeVos Art Museum, a \$1 million endowment for the university's art museum from the Daniel and Pamela DeVos and the Richard and Helen DeVos Foundations. Dan is the former chair of the NMU Board of Trustees and Richard and Helen are NMU honorary degree recipients.

A number of gifts were also directed at helping to complete the construction of the Seaborg Science Complex and for equipping and furnishing that facility, which remains the largest brick and mortar project in Northern's history.

## Investing in the people of NMU

One of Northern's most important resources is its dedicated employees. Alumni continually rate their interaction with the NMU faculty and staff as one of the most beneficial factors of their college education. Several gifts to *This Decisive Season* were directed at helping NMU faculty and staff enhance their talents and expand their professional horizons.

For instance, major gifts from the Herrick Foundation and the Pendill family helped to create the Rettig Nursing Technology Center and Olive Pendill Home Care Suite, respectively. The first is a highly interactive teaching lab with simulated hospital bed settings, computer lab, exam rooms, medical supplies, and testing areas. The latter is a suite to teach the delivery of health care in a home setting. These additions to NMU's nursing program enabled nursing instructors to develop new and innovative teaching and learning opportunities for Northern students.

## Developing partnerships

Northern has always placed value on its role as a community leader and has demonstrated this by joining with business, environmental, cultural, and government leaders across the Upper Peninsula and throughout the Midwest in partnership endeavors.

One example of a new business partnership formed during the campaign was that between NMU and Pioneer Surgical Technology, a world leader in medical device production. This Marquette business needed to train its employees to use cutting-edge technology programs and equipment and turned to NMU, which created a certificate program to meet the needs of Pioneer and other businesses. In turn, Pioneer donated nearly \$150,000 in state-of-the-art equipment to the university, and established the Pioneer Surgical Technology scholarship.

Donors joined Northern in other partnership efforts by supporting the United States Olympic Education Center and the university's public radio and television stations.

## Priority giving: How the campaign met its goals

### OVERALL CAMPAIGN



Goal: \$30 million  
Gifts: \$36.6 million

### STUDENT SUCCESS



Goal: \$12 million  
Gifts: \$15.4 million

### IMPROVING FACILITIES



Goal: \$7.5 million  
Gifts: \$4.7 million

### INVESTING IN PEOPLE



Goal: \$6.5 million  
Gifts: \$3.1 million

### PARTNERSHIPS



Goal: \$4 million  
Gifts: \$5.6 million

### UNDESIGNATED & PLANNED GIFTS



Goal: No goal  
Gifts: \$7.8 million

# A gift of accountability

Management expert wills \$2 million estate to NMU

Charles Alvord was “thrilled” to learn that his gift to *This Decisive Season: The Campaign for Northern Michigan University* was not only one of the largest made to the fundraising effort, it actually closed the campaign.

Alvord has willed his estate to Northern, a gift valued at \$2 million.

Much like the man himself, Alvord’s gift is multi-faceted. A large portion of the funds from the estate will go directly into The Gwendoline and Charles B. Alvord, Jr. Scholarship Fund he established in 1998. Some of the gift will also go into The **Daisy B. ’08** and Charles B. Alvord Scholarship Fund that was created by his family in 1979 in honor of his parents.

Another portion will go to fund an interdisciplinary educational effort that focuses on the subject of managerial accountability.

“A lot of attention is being placed on management accountability in the workplace these days, and while today’s managers are making some efforts to change the corporate climate, the young people who are in university programs right now will actually drive the change,” said Alvord. “I hope this gift affords the university the opportunity to put educational projects in place that will position Northern to play a national role in training the new generation of managers.”

Alvord is not simply making a general observation on the issue of accountability. He spent much of his career at the executive management level with companies such as U.S.

Gypsum Company and Stanley Tool and Hardware Company.

A native of Marquette and a 1932 graduate of Graveraet High School, Alvord currently resides in San Mateo, California. He attended Northern and Michigan Tech each for two years, graduating from MTU in 1939 with a degree in chemical engineering.

Following graduation, Alvord joined U.S. Gypsum. He was then called into service where he became a Lt. Colonel in the U.S. Army during World War II, commanding front-line troops in Europe for which he was awarded a Bronze Star.

After the war, he rejoined U.S. Gypsum and earned eight patents for his work there.

When Alvord was 59, he started a small company with the idea that it would keep him occupied during his retirement. Within a few years, Management and Marketing Counsellors (MMC) had grown into a nationally recognized management consulting firm with 14 offices across the country and more than 300 clients.

Alvord closed MMC in 1990 to write *Total Performance Management*, which details his corporate system of management accountability. In 2002, he and his wife Gwendoline completed writing *The Ultimate Romance* just weeks before her death. The book chronicles the couple’s life and travels. Alvord is in the process of writing a third book, *Born to Adventure*.

Alvord said that all of his writings have accountability as the underlying theme—looking at accountability within the corporate world, the



Gwendoline and Charles Alvord celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary.

family, and in how individuals choose to live. Any profit made on the books will be contributed to Alvord’s scholarship endeavors and the educational opportunities his estate gift helps establish.

“One of the reasons I’m so excited about this gift to Northern is because I believe in the liberal arts education. Some university programs are too narrow. I found taking a wide variety of courses, which I did at NMU, was very valuable to me,” Alvord said. “I like learning about a lot of things. Throughout my life I kept learning, especially during my travels with Gwen to nearly 60 countries during our 57 years of marriage.”

Alvord, who plans to celebrate his 90th birthday this winter with a trip to Burma and Indonesia, said that taking a proactive role in helping young people understand how to manage accountability in all areas of their lives is something that gives him great pleasure.

“A great satisfaction to me and my wife in recent years has been the knowledge of what our small success will be able to do for future Upper Peninsula students. It’s a good feeling,” Alvord said.

—Cindy Paavola ’84 BS

## This Decisive Season: The table of gifts

Premier Gifts: \$500,000 to \$2 million  
Total Received \$12M



10 gifts received  
1 gift remaining

Leadership Gifts: \$100,000 to \$499,999  
Total Received \$4.2M



36 gifts received  
0 gifts remaining

Major Gifts: \$25,000 to \$99,999  
Total Received \$1.5M



39 gifts received  
61 gifts remaining

Special Gifts: \$10,000 to \$24,999  
Total Received \$650,000



65 gifts received  
55 gifts remaining

At the start of *This Decisive Season*, the Development Fund Board of Trustees and Development Fund staff established goals for leadership gifts. These are the number and type of leadership gifts received. Gifts of less than \$10,000 totaled \$18,286,624.

## Campaign ends; annual giving continues

**T**his *Decisive Season*, Northern's first-ever comprehensive campaign, has ended but the need for private giving support to the university has never been more critical, according to Martha Van Der Kamp, executive director of alumni and development.

"There are many programs on campus, especially student programs, that rely on annual gifts to the university as their primary means of financial support. Gifts to the Annual Fund at NMU help to keep Northern vital," Van Der Kamp said.

Over the past three years, the Annual Fund at NMU has raised \$1 million. These gifts, known as undesigned funds, are used in the areas of greatest need and are dispersed to various programs throughout campus each year.

About 58 percent of each year's Annual Fund giving is for designated gifts, most often directed to the academic department from which alumni donors received their degrees or those that represent a donor's current profession.

"Our students who call potential donors on behalf of NMU say that alumni enjoy reminiscing about their Northern experience when they are called upon for support," said Van Der Kamp. "It's a chance for alumni to stay connected to the university and to give something back to an institution that may have played a significant role in their lives. For community members, it's a chance to support the programs that are important to the area. There's a real sense of satisfaction and pride when a university community pulls together, each member contributing in whatever way he or she can, to accomplish goals. That's what annual support to your university of choice is really all about."

## During *This Decisive Season*...

- ✿ **104 SCHOLARSHIPS WERE ENDOWED.** A gift of \$10,000 or more was required to endow a scholarship. The average annual scholarship provided to a student recipient is \$500 per year based on the Development Fund's endowment policy.
- ✿ **THE NMU HONORS PROGRAM RECEIVED \$600,000** from current NMU Board of Trustees Chair Mary Lincoln Campbell. In fact, her December 2002 gift to *This Decisive Season* was the contribution that pushed Northern over its \$30 million goal. Campbell has been a major supporter of Northern's Honors Program. In 1998, she endowed the Mary L. Campbell Scholarship Program, which awards scholarships to four Honors Program participants each year.
- ✿ **SIXTY-SEVEN PERCENT OF NORTHERN'S FACULTY AND STAFF GAVE TO THE CAMPAIGN**, far exceeding the national average of 20-30 percent. Faculty and staff contributed to existing scholarships, 13 new endowed scholarships, state-of-the-art equipment, the Stratford Festival Program endowment, an endowment for the NMU Art Museum, wide support for a lecture series, and a cultural series endowment.
- ✿ **THE PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM WAS ESTABLISHED.** This scholarship program recognizes academically outstanding students who also demonstrate involvement in community service projects, volunteer student organizations or service clubs. Three Presidential Scholarships of \$2,500 per year for three consecutive years were funded during the campaign.

# Building a winning game plan

New AD is generating enthusiasm among coaches, staff, athletes, and community



**N**ew Northern Michigan University athletic director **Ken Godfrey '87 MAE** (pictured above) didn't spend a lot of time getting to know the Wildcat coaches, staff, players, and facilities. He didn't need to.

In fact, Godfrey may hold the record for NMU athletic attendance. A Northern employee since 1979, he has helped to oversee preparation of the athletic facilities for thousands of Wildcat sporting events, first as the PEIF and Superior Dome building coordinator and then as director of recreation services.

In 2001, he was promoted to associate vice president of recreation and athletics. Last January, he took on additional responsibilities as interim athletic director when Dan Spielmann departed for the University of Wisconsin at Green Bay.

This past June, Godfrey took the position on a permanent basis.

After interviews with three external candidates, Interim President Mike Roy met with the NMU coaches. They said they wanted Godfrey at the helm.

"Ken is passionate about Northern and NMU athletics," said Roy. "He is an extremely hard worker, an active community leader, and a Wildcat through and through."

With the 2003-04 season under way, Godfrey is in full swing. Like a coach taking over a program, he is incorporating a different offense, strategizing on the best defense, and getting to know his personnel.

## The offense

Godfrey's offense is a proactive attack in the areas of community involvement, fundraising, and departmental reorganization. The latter involves combining the athletic and recreation services departments into one as a result of the university's budget reduction plan.

**Dean Ellis '83 BS**, coach of the men's basketball team since 1986 and the golf team since 1992, said he likes the department's renewed focus on increasing attendance and school spirit, two factors that may be key when his Wildcats hit the court.

"This year's team is the most talented I've ever had. Imagine what could happen if we have the kind of alumni and community support that is the department's goal," said Ellis. "First, we started building team spirit among ourselves and then we began branching out into the community. Already people are taking notice."

## The defense

Coming into the year, two of Godfrey's top concerns were budget issues and meeting the NCAA requirement of having a women's spring sport.

As part of last spring's campus-wide budget reductions, the women's Alpine skiing and tennis teams were eliminated while women's outdoor track was added. The decision was made for both budgetary reasons and to meet the NCAA regulation.

"We couldn't cut a men's team because we're at the D-II minimum of five sports that will be required for both men and women in 2005," Godfrey said. "This was a heart-breaking decision—the toughest thing I've had to do in my career."

Godfrey anticipates a lot of interest in the track program, which will be led by cross country and ski coach **Sten Fjeldheim '86 BS, '93 MA**, but bringing the program on board is not without its challenges—one of which is the fact that NMU does not have an outdoor track.

To compensate for this, Northern will train indoors at the Superior Dome and will use area high school tracks for outdoor training and competition.

Budget issues have also caused Godfrey to place additional emphasis on fundraising. Second-year football coach Doug Sams agrees with this approach.

"The number one challenge facing our department is fundraising," said Sams. "The budget situation is tougher for Northern than for some because our travel expenses, both for competition and recruiting, are high-

er due to our geographical location and the fact that we are in a conference that is so spread out.”

Carl Gregor, in his fifth year as the 'Cats soccer coach, added that the budget situation also impacts home games.

“Travel to Marquette is too expensive for some teams when they can play others more affordably,” he said.

Despite these challenges, Godfrey believes that tough economic times can bring people together. “You have to be innovative and creative to keep moving forward, and we will be.”

## The veterans

Northern's veteran coaches like the changes they see.

“Ken has the ability to unify people,” said Mike Geary, who enters his 15th season as head of the women's basketball program. “He knows our staff is still fairly young, but that we're all experienced and committed to running our programs with class.”

“We're mature enough to realize what's really important,” added Fjeldheim, who has coached at NMU since 1986. “Winning is important—we're all highly competitive—but preparing our students for the real world is what it's all about. And those on the staff who are relatively new to Northern seem to have the same attitude.”

## Key returnees

Two of Godfrey's recent hires, **Walt Kyle '81 BS** and Jim Moore, are back for a second Wildcat stint. Kyle, a former National Hockey

League assistant, returned last year to replace former hockey coach **Rick Comley '73 MA**. An assistant at NMU from 1982-92, Kyle was with the 'Cats when they won the 1991 NCAA championship.

“There's a tremendous energy and cooperative spirit in Wildcat athletics. Collectively, we're going to accomplish a lot,” said Kyle.

Moore was NMU's volleyball coach from 1989-93 and led the 'Cats to the 1993 NCAA title. He went on to coach at Kansas State, Texas, and Chico State before returning to Northern in July.

“Our staff's personality is what the Upper Peninsula community is—strong, friendly, professional, kind of protective, and very family oriented,” Moore said. “There is an absolute belief and passion to win it all.”

## The rookie

Jonathan Wilson, Northern's newest coach, has set a goal to guide the swimming and diving program back “to the level of its glory days” and write another chapter in NMU's strong athletic tradition. The former Ripon College coach said his team is ready to participate in the Wildcats' community outreach efforts.

“Connecting NMU with the surrounding community is an essential mission of the athletic department,” said Wilson. “All the student-athletes need to help build that bridge. Ken has set our pace. His enthusiasm for all things 'Northern' is not only inspiring, it's contagious.”

Catching 'Cat fever is exactly what Godfrey had in mind.

—**Cindy Paavola '84 BS**



Swimming and diving coaches Jim Rainey and Jonathan Wilson (left) get soccer lessons from Melissa Backus and Carl Gregor (with ball).



Volleyball coach Jim Moore (with ball) catches up with hockey coaches (left to right) Dave Shyiak '93, BS, Walt Kyle, and John Kyle '82 BS.



Ski and harrier coach Sten Fjeldheim demonstrates his punting technique to his assistant Jennifer Ryan, football mentor Doug Sams, and men's and women's basketball coaches, Dean Ellis and Mike Geary.

Coaches photos by Bill Davie. Photo of Ken Godfrey by Bill Sampson.

## Tell us what's happening in your life

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## Pre-1960s

**Elsie (Koski) Waterman '50 BS of Wausau, Wis., was recently honored by the YWCA with a Women of Vision Achievement Award. Among other social, political, and religious activities, she was instrumental in the revival of the Wausau Community Theatre more than 40 years ago, and in 1995 she represented the Women's League at the United Nations Women's Conference in Beijing, China.**

**Eileen (Anderson) Schultz '52 BS of Yorba Linda, Calif., taught elementary education for 30 years and still enjoys substitute teaching. She has four children and nine grandchildren and has lived in California ever since she graduated from NMU.**

**John Beaumier '53 BA of Cedar River recently received a Service to the Community award from Marquette University in Milwaukee. The award is**

given to Marquette University alumni who have given outstanding service to the community beyond the university. John is a retired orthopedic surgeon but still works occasionally as a consultant at the Mayo Clinic. John also served on the NMU Development Fund Board of Trustees.

**Robert Wallenstein '53 BS of Fort Wayne, Ind., is catching us up on his life for the first time since he graduated. He has worked under the name Bob Chase for Westinghouse Broadcasting's station WOWO radio in Fort Wayne, Ind., since 1953. Among other career accomplishments, Bob has covered the Indianapolis 500 and was the voice of the Fort Wayne Komets, a professional hockey team that has played for 51 seasons. During the heyday of radio sports, Bob covered Big 10 football for 12 seasons. He is currently WOWO's sports director. Bob and his wife Muriel have four children, five grandchildren, and one great grandson.**

**Mel Keranen '56 BME and Karen (Jamison) Keranen '58 BS of Honor are retired ski instructors. [melkeranen@aol.com](mailto:melkeranen@aol.com)**

**Lowe "Sandy" MacLean '56 BA of St. Louis, Mo., was honored by the National Association of Student Personnel as a Pillar of the Profession at its 2003 conference. Sandy is a vice chancellor emeritus at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. [stannard6242@yahoo.com](mailto:stannard6242@yahoo.com)**

**Melvin Holli '57 BS of River Forest, Ill., appeared in the 2004 edition of *Who's Who in America*. Melvin is a history professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago.**

**Marina (Hooper) Jacka '57 BS of Troy is a part-time hostess at Nordstrom's in Troy. She is a model for trend shows and writes that she loves to entertain and serve Upper Peninsula pasties.**

## 60s

**Jim Mansfield '61 BS, '64 MAE of Spokane, Wash., retired from the University of Wyoming in 1999 as director of admissions and enrollment services. His wife **Charlotte (Brainerd) Mansfield '60 BS** is also retired. Jim writes that he and Charlotte spend winters in Palm Springs, Fla. [Mansfield@gem.gonzaga.edu](mailto:Mansfield@gem.gonzaga.edu)**

**Carl Anderson '64 BS of Overland Park, Kan., is retiring after 39 1/2 years of teaching. He taught at Southwestern Michigan College, Indiana University in Malaysia, and most recently at Johnson Community College, where he is a professor of mathematics. He says he is looking forward to spending time back in the U.P.**

**Jerry Glanville '64 BS of Roswell, Ga., recently signed an agreement with The Football Network to co-host a program on the new cable network that previews and reviews each week's NFL contests. He will also play a key role in regular Fantasy Football programs, which will air on both TFN and SPIKE TV, a TFN production. Glanville was head coach for the Houston Oilers (1986-89) and Atlanta Falcons (1990-93). He also has been an analyst for HBO's *Inside the NFL* and *NFL Today* on CBS.**

**Tom DeRidder '67 BS of Escanaba retired in June after teaching high school history and geography for 36 years. He taught for four years at Forest Park in Crystal Falls and for the last 32 years in the Escanaba schools. He was nominated and appeared in**

*Who's Who Among America's Teachers* three times. Tom has two children, three grandchildren, and a fourth grandchild on the way. He writes, "I had an excellent education at NMU."

**Mary Rushford '67 BS** of Green Bay, Wis., retired in 2001 from Green Bay Public Schools after 34 years of teaching kindergarten.

**Doug Doty '68 BME** of Clarkston retired after 35 years of teaching instrumental music in the Clarkston school district. As an elected member of the American School Band Directors Association, Doug will continue to judge the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association festivals and work with Marshall Music Company to recruit beginning band and orchestra students.

**John Cardoni '69 BS, '73 MAE** of Green Bay, Wis., retired after 34 years of teaching. His last teaching assignment was in the history department at Green Bay Southwest High School. J1121C@aol.com

## 70s

**Henry Funkenbusch '70 BS** of Morton Grove, Ill., owns Sign One in Evanston.

**Wayne Roberts '70 BS, '76 MA** of Sandusky retired in 2000 after 30 years of teaching physical education and coaching cross country and track. He was recently inducted into the Michigan High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame for cross country. wroberts@greatlakes.net

**Joe Rosso '70 BS** of Mt. Clemens retired from the Michigan Department of Corrections in 2002 after 31 1/2 years as a probation officer in Macomb County. He writes, "Thank you, NMU."

**Alvin Wright '70 BS, '77 MAE** of Port Huron retired after 32 years of teaching in Yale and Port Huron. While coaching tennis in Port Huron, Al's teams won two state championships and one state runner-up. He was inducted into the Michigan Tennis Coaches Hall of Fame in 1999. He cur-

rently is employed as a real estate agent with JoAnn Wine and Associates in Port Huron.

**George Wendt '71 AT, '73 BSN** of Grand Blanc is back in Michigan after 15 years with the University of Nebraska Foundation. He is now vice chancellor of institutional advancement at the University of Michigan-Flint, where he oversees development, alumni relations, and university relations for the 6,500-student campus. gwendt@umflint.edu

**Dennis Smillie '72 BS** of Ambler, Pa., is president and chief executive officer of Multifamily Solutions, a strategic planning and market development company. DWSmillie@aol.com

**Anthony Dinallo '73 BS** of Farmington, N.M., coached the North squad to a win in New Mexico's annual high school all-star basketball game. The game was Tony's last in a 27-season career. He has since retired. kdinallo@fms.k12.nm.us

**Pamela (Hess) Jurlina '73 BSN** of Dallas, Texas, teaches part time at Medical City Dallas Hospital. She is married with two children, ages 12 and 16.

**Tony Marasco '73 BS** of Royal Oak is the assistant superintendent of the Avondale Schools in Auburn Hills. atmteacher@aol.com

**Dolores Phelps '73 BS, '76 MAE** of Sun City Center, Fla., is enjoying retirement with her husband Dale Phelps, who was a professor in the NMU Health, Physical Education, and Recreation department from 1970-1994. Dolores is vice president of the Art Club and last year was named artist of the month. She has won many ribbons for her paintings.

**Veneda "Neda" (Guizzetti) Tasson '73 BS** of Roswell, Ga., has been the director of nursing at the Atlanta Center for Reproductive Medicine for the past two years.

**Candace (Rinke) Drury '74 BS, '94 MIS** of Muskego, Wis., is a business

manager for the Hartford Joint 1 Schools. She is married with two stepsons. Rinke@HartfordJT1.k12.wi.us

**Diane (Hon) Gothard '75 BS** of Edmond, Okla., is an 8th grade English and history teacher at Central Middle School in Edmond. She was named the 2001 8th grade teacher of the year and was a key contributor to Central Middle School achieving a National Blue Ribbon Educational Excellence Award.

**Deborah (Clapp-Fredrickson) Gust '74 BS** of Kalamazoo teaches special education at Paw Paw Middle School. She has a son and a daughter, ages 26 and 24. dg5258@chartermi.net

**Shelly Leitch '75 BSN** of League City, Texas, recently accepted a position as an assistant professor on the School of Nursing faculty at the University of Texas at Galveston Medical Branch. She is currently involved in the development of a new Web-based pediatric nurse practitioner program. She has worked with the University of Texas Medical Branch Hospitals for 23 years. She writes, "I'd really love to hear from my fellow classmates. I can't believe it's been nearly 27 years since we graduated." sleitch@utmb.edu

**Steven Rogers '75 BS** of Manistee retired from teaching in June 2002 after 27 years of teaching 5th grade at Wellston Elementary School. He also retired from the Michigan Department

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of Natural Resources after 29 years at Interlochen State Park.

**Cathleen (Hunt) Carnaby '76** of Omaha, Neb., has been married for 20 years and has three children, ages 19, 16, and 13. Cathleen is a registered nurse and lactation specialist in the neonatal intensive care unit at Children's Hospital in Omaha.

**Michael Greer '76 BA** of Somerville, Mass., has struck out on his own after 15 years with Powell Flute Company and two years with William S. Haynes Flute Company.

**Jon Kukuk '76 BS** of Marinette, Wis., received the 2003 Person of the Year Award from the Marinette Area Chamber of Commerce in recognition of his community involvement over the years. **Kim VanOsdol '75 BS** nominated and presented Jon with the award. Jon and his wife Sue own and operate Nestegg Marine in Marinette.

**Nancy (Brookfield) Paige '76 MA** of Harbor Springs has been a teacher in the Harbor Springs Public Schools for the last 32 years.

**Thomas Ungrodt '76 BS** of Ann Arbor was recently appointed president and chief executive officer of Ideation after the passing of his father, Paul "Skip" Ungrodt, who was the founder and chief executive officer of Ideation.

**Anne (Vitkuske) Hagenbuch '77 BS** of Hancock works for Keweenaw Home Nursing as a home health care registered nurse. She writes, "Anne is not 49 anymore!" ahagboo@up.net

**Charles Hawes '77 BS** of Lansing was elected secretary of the Michigan Construction Industry Mutual, a mutual insurance company specializing in workers' compensation. In addition to his new role, Charlie will continue as MCIM's chief financial officer. He also recently concluded a six-year term on the NMU Alumni Association Board of Directors.

**Dale Miller '77 BS** of Rochester is a lieutenant for the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, where he has

worked for the past 25 years. Prior to becoming a lieutenant, Dale held a variety of positions in the department including detention officer, patrolman, detective, and sergeant. He and his wife Lorinda have two sons, Timothy and Aaron. Dale writes, "NMU had a major positive impact on my life professionally and personally. Thank you." millerd@co.oakland.mi.us

**Rudy Tedeschi '77** of Kingsford writes, "Does anyone have information on *The Fantastiks* members from the 1970s?" cated@chartermi.net

**Robert Keck '78 BS** of Allendale is an analyst in Gordon Food Service's enterprise financial solutions department. bk\_keck@yahoo.com

**Danita Rask '78 BS** of Limestone has been an executive director for the Alger Conservation District for the past two years. For the past six years, she has been elected clerk for Limestone Township. limestone@tds.net

**Keith Hutcheson '79 BS** of Amissville, Vir., is president of Global Strategists, Inc., a consulting firm based in Washington, D.C., dedicated to assisting the Department of Defense in matters ranging from environmental issues to strategic planning and weapon systems procurement. Keith retired from the Air Force in 1996 with more than 20 years of aircraft piloting experience and two years on Capitol Hill as a legislative liaison. keithhutch@aol.com

**Shirley (Wiitala) McMarlin '79 BS** of Ligonier, Pa., recently returned to work after many years as a stay-at-home mom with her children Melissa, Wyatt, Cody, and Mariel. Shirley is a research librarian for the *Greensburg Tribune-Review*. smcmarlin@tribweb.com

**Shelagh Williams '79 BS** of Redford is the principal of Carver Elementary School in Detroit. She taught at Carver for 23 years before becoming principal. She is also working on her doctorate at the University of Michigan. swilli425@aol.com

## 80s

**Jeane Cote '80 MAE** of Gladstone is a member of the Escanaba City Band, director of the Escanaba Bay Jazz Band, and director of the Note-Ables Glee Club in Vero Beach, Fla. She is retired from the Escanaba Schools.

**Chuck Paulson '80 BS** of Commerce Township is a medical consultant to hospitals, nursing homes, and home care dealers in Michigan and Ohio. He still enjoys the U.P. and loves when his work brings him here. He says he hates for the hockey 'Cats to lose to MSU and U of M.

**Nancy (Yesney) Spates '80 BS** of Wallis, Texas, is starting her 22nd year as a speech language pathologist in the Texas public schools. She and her husband are also in the process of establishing a property management business. They enjoy family outings and swimming with their two daughters, Brittany and Brianna. nanspates@yahoo.com

**Richard Visel '80 BS** of Saline retired from Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department in May 2002 and started a consultant company, Coordinated Correctional Services.

**John "Jack" Daly '81 BS** of North Pole, Alaska, recently returned to North Pole after a 15-year absence. For the last seven years, Jack worked for a non-profit youth agency in Tokyo, Japan. He is building a log lodge for his new business, Log Inn Alaska, a bed and breakfast in North Pole.

**James Gawne Sr. '81 BSN** of Wautoma, Wis., is executive director of

Cooperative Care, a cooperative of home care providers in Wautoma. [jgawnern@netscape.net](mailto:jgawnern@netscape.net)

**Julie Johnson '81 BS** of St. Paul, Minn., earned a master of science degree in software engineering from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul last December. [jkj@ties2.net](mailto:jkj@ties2.net)

**Nanette Biang '82 AB** of Engadine writes that she is currently a survivor of a very aggressive type of breast cancer that she was diagnosed with in 1999. She has five children; three are grown and two still live at home.

**Roger Champion '82 Dipl.**, of Mount Pleasant has been a resource teacher for the past 12 years. He works at Motabella Middle School in Edmore.

**Mark DeLaurence '82 BSW** of Hickory Corners is the senior employee resources consultant at International Paper Company in Kalamazoo. [mark.delaurance@ipaper.com](mailto:mark.delaurance@ipaper.com)

**Karen (Apple) Gabrielsen '82 BS** of New Berlin, Wis., has been married since 1992. She has two children: Victoria, 10, and Vincent, 7. Karen is the owner and president of Victory Lady Fitness Centers of Wisconsin.

**Thomas Lurie '82 BS** of Huntington Woods received his juris doctorate from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law in July. He is a marketing and cooperative education coordinator for the Oak Park Schools.

**Kim Schieldknecht '82 BS** of Milford, Ohio, recently purchased a Remax franchise. Kim is also president of Clermont Financial. [kim@clermontfinancial.com](mailto:kim@clermontfinancial.com)

**Dave Snyder '82 BS** of San Francisco, Calif., is the administrative officer and historian for the U.S. Lighthouse Society in San Francisco. In addition to fundraising, researching, writing, and editing for the society's quarterly journal, Dave leads educational tours of lighthouses in the United States and abroad. He has led tours to Ireland, Sweden, Norway, Puerto Rico,

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Atlantic Canada, and New Zealand. [daves1025@aol.com](mailto:daves1025@aol.com)

**Alice (Sullivan) Walker '82 BS, '90 MAE** of Newberry is a special education supervisor for the Tahquamenon Area Schools. She is married to **Michael Walker '82 BS**, who works for the Michigan Department of Transportation. Alice and Michael have two children.

**Thomas Baker '83 BSN** of Ft. Gratiot is a certified registered nurse anesthesiologist at Sinai-Grace Hospital in Detroit. [tbak3685@aol.com](mailto:tbak3685@aol.com)

**John Berlin '83 BS** of Holly recently bought a cabin on Van Etnan Lake in Oscoda. He says he and his family spend every minute they can there. John is a wood model maker for Webb Pattern in Fenton.

**Julie Snyder '83 BSW** of Marquette writes that she is single and the grandmother of a 5-year-old. She follows the native traditional way of life and enjoys beading, painting, silversmithing, camping, and being outdoors.

**Steve Avelleyra '84 BS** of Baltimore, Md., manages a \$65.2 million private portfolio for the Mid-Atlantic's largest private property management company. He remains active by running

marathons, biking, boxing, and collecting JFK memorabilia. Steve finished 4th in last year's New York City Marathon. [avelleyra@hotmail.com](mailto:avelleyra@hotmail.com)

**David Berns '85 MA** of Phoenix, Ariz., was recently named director of the Arizona Department of Economic Security. He oversees about 8,000 employees who operate child welfare programs and a variety of other services. Prior to being named director, he was chief of the El Paso County Department of Human Services in Colorado. David has been nationally acclaimed for turning around the child welfare system in Colorado Springs.

**Michael Henderson '86 BFA** of Traverse City launched Henderson Consulting in October 2002. Michael provides database and Web application development to small- and medium-sized corporations and non-profit groups. [mike@mohenderson.com](mailto:mike@mohenderson.com)

**Michael Murphy '86 BS** of Tumwater, Wash., is a commercial helicopter pilot for Glacier Helicopter Service in Olympia. [MicMrp2@aol.com](mailto:MicMrp2@aol.com)

**John Tish '86 BS** of Westlake, Ohio, was recently named area manager of information technology for the

Michigan mines operated by The Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Company. John has worked for Cleveland-Cliffs for 17 years. Prior to his promotion, John held a number of technical and managerial positions with the company's corporate office in Cleveland.

**Dennis Baldinelli '87 BS** of Kingsford is mayor of the City of Kingsford, chairman of the Dickinson County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, and a board member for the Neighborhood Partnership Program of Dickinson County. [denbaldinelli@chartermi.net](mailto:denbaldinelli@chartermi.net).

**Jim Hundrieser '87 BS** of Stamford, Conn., was named vice president for student affairs at Marymount Manhattan College in New York, N.Y. Jim says that he will continue to live at his farmhouse in Stamford and commute to New York City. He also was recently named to the NMU Alumni Association Board of Directors and is thrilled to be getting involved with other NMU alumni.

**Jan (Nowaczek) Wilinski '88 AS, '91 BS** of Grayslake, Ill., is taking time off from being an art teacher to stay at home with her 3-year-old son Bradley. Her husband, former NMU football player **Tim Wilinski '91 BS** is a police officer. Jan says that their summer vacation always includes a few days in Marquette. "We have such great memories of our years at NMU—professors, friends, and of course meeting each other!" [jwilinski@enc.k12.il.us](mailto:jwilinski@enc.k12.il.us)

**Rena (Raven) Clark '89 AB** of Marysville, Ohio, graduated summa cum laude from Franklin University with a bachelor of business administration. She is an IT technical lead for Verizon Wireless. [rclark33@columbus.rr.com](mailto:rclark33@columbus.rr.com)

**Mark Suomi '89 BFA** of Coconut Grove, Fla., was recently appointed brand manager at Kraft Foods International, overseeing their Caribbean market. He writes, "Although I miss the U.P. winters, living on the Southern end of U.S. 41 isn't all that bad." [marksuomi@aol.com](mailto:marksuomi@aol.com)

## 90s

**Mary Sue (Smith) Anderson '90 BS, '92 MA** of Schofield, Wis., graduated from Marquette University Law School in 1998 and then clerked for Hon. Thomas Cane, chief judge of the Wisconsin Court of Appeals. Mary Sue now works as an associate attorney for Ruder Ware in Wausau, where she focuses on commercial litigation and appellate practice. Her husband, **Dan Anderson '91 BS**, is currently a stay-at-home dad with their children Peyton, 2, and Molly, 5 months. [msanderson@ruder.com](mailto:msanderson@ruder.com)

**Nicole (Dionne) Belmonte '90 BS** of Boyne Falls recently became a member of the American Society of Interior Designers. She is a designer for the Quiet Moose in Petoskey. [ndionne@nmo.net](mailto:ndionne@nmo.net)

**Samantha (Vreeland) Burrows '90 BFA** of Traverse City writes that she is happy and exhausted being the mother of three girls, ages 9, 5, and 3.

**John Crissman '90 BS** of Bloomfield Hills was recently hired as a product manager for Ferndale Labs, a private pharmaceuticals company. [zahimava@aol.com](mailto:zahimava@aol.com)

**Rod LaFleur '90 BFA** of Chicago, Ill., is a branch recruiter for First Metropolitan Mortgage in Oakbrook, Ill. [rlafleur@1stmetro.net](mailto:rlafleur@1stmetro.net)

**Teresa (Hofman) Lawrence '90 BA** of Waterford is a classification agent with the Oakland County Sheriff's Department. [BoBo923@hotmail.com](mailto:BoBo923@hotmail.com)

**Martha (Tomasi) Morgan '90 AB** of Marquette won the title of Mrs. Michigan, America, 2003, in June. She competed in the Mrs. America pageant in September. Martha is married to **Mike Morgan '87 BS**; they are the proud parents of three children. [mmmorgan@chartermi.net](mailto:mmmorgan@chartermi.net)

**Bruce Roberts '90 BS** of Chocolay Township qualified for and attended the AIG American General Agency Building

Group's annual convention, which was held in Maui, Hawaii, in June. In qualifying for the convention, Bruce was recognized as one of the company's most successful associates for 2002. Bruce is a financial services professional.

**Tanya (Grawn) Lynaugh '91 BS** of Menasha, Wis., recently received a master of arts in education degree from Viterbo University in LaCrosse. She has been a 7th grade reading and language arts teacher at Hortonville Middle School for 10 years.

**Michelle (Nason) Mittelstaedt '91 BS** of Neenah, Wis., and her real estate partner were awarded President's Elite Circle honors by Coldwell Banker National for multi-million dollar production. She also received the Pinnacle Award from Coldwell Banker, The Real Estate Group, for top tier production within her firm. Michelle is a senior broker associate with The Real Estate Group in Appleton, Wis. [mmittelstaedt@coldwellhomes.com](mailto:mmittelstaedt@coldwellhomes.com)

**Mary (Lord) Diddams '92 BS** of Marquette is chief financial officer and vice president of Satellite Services. Her husband **John Diddams '93 BS** is an environmental technician and inspector for the Michigan Department of Agriculture. Their daughter Amanda Claire was born in February 2002. [mdiddams@ssi-main.com](mailto:mdiddams@ssi-main.com)

**Deanna Attee '93 BS** of Ishpeming owns Herbal Oasis, a natural body care shop in Marquette. [spiritwoman2@hotmail.com](mailto:spiritwoman2@hotmail.com)

**Carrie (Hane) Dennison '93 BA** of Springfield, Va., and her husband Bill celebrated the birth of their first child, Ryan William, in April.

**Gregory Feamster '93 BS** of Linden writes that he and his wife have been enjoying parenthood. Their daughter Gwendolyn was born in August 2002. Greg is a police officer for the City of Fenton Police Department.

**Shannon Killinger '93 BS** of Green Bay recently earned a master of busi-

# The Other Red Meat

LINDA (GREEN) LARVIN '76 BS

If anyone would have told Linda Larvin that she'd wind up working in the food industry, she would have told them they were full of beans or—perhaps more accurately—bull.

Larvin is co-owner and promoter of exotic-meat company Mount Royal USA, based in Houston, Texas. Her company sells both farm-raised and wild game meats ranging from wild kangaroo and boar, to farm-raised venison from New Zealand, and buffalo, Muscovy duck, alligator, rabbit, and pheasant from the United States.

"We have a lot of red meat," Larvin said. "We don't do beef, pork, or chicken, except for free-range chicken. A lot of our red meat is similar to beef but has better health attributes. So, if you're on a special diet but crave that red meat, you can still say: 'I'll have a nice juicy steak, please!'"

All of Mount Royal's meat suppliers process their products under the highest quality standards. Farmers control the breeding, feeding, and processing of their meat to ensure consistency of taste and quality, and the wild meats are trapped and processed under strict inspection.

"Our wild boar comes from the hill country in Texas," Larvin said. "Hunters set traps for the boar. They are truly wild. And in Australia, kangaroos are an annoyance, so they have kill quotas for so many each week. The meat is very tender and very good."

You might not jump at the price, though, unless you have deep, marsupial-like pockets. The kangaroo loin, a premium cut, is \$9.95 per pound. Larvin admitted that exotic meats are comparatively pricey but said the health attributes make them worth it. Compared to beef, game meats boast more protein and less than half the fat and cholesterol. The company Web site, [www.mountroyal.com](http://www.mountroyal.com), includes a bounty of additional nutrition statistics.

Larvin and longtime friend Wendy Johnson had often toyed with the idea of running a business together, and the entrepreneurs didn't have to look far for a product. Johnson and her husband owned a deer farm in Texas. Larvin, in addition to a degree in mass communications and market-



ing, had accumulated a great deal of administrative, sales, and marketing experience through such jobs as administrative coordinator for a consulting firm, head hunter for an engineering and technical concern, sales for an electronics firm, and customer service and marketing for her husband's company, which sells high-tech, business-telephone recording equipment.

With a readily available product, the pair combined their knowledge and expertise and started Mount Royal in 1994. They began by selling only venison but quickly realized they either must expand or starve.

"We became customer driven at that point and have evolved into selling a wide selection of specialty meats."

To this day, Larvin and Johnson remain the company's only employees. "It's fast-paced, demanding work," Larvin said. "We're always trying to predict and keep up with—if not ahead of—demand for each product, which is always changing. So, it's very dynamic, yet fun."

While Mount Royal's clientele consists largely of restaurants and specialty grocery stores, some products are finding their way into mainstream America. Larvin and Johnson recently signed a contract to sell ostrich to the national restaurant chain Fuddruckers.

"Fuddruckers came up with a humorous campaign: 'Try our delicious new ostrich burgers—unless you're chicken!'"

Larvin gives a lot of credit for her success to her alma mater. "It's amazing," she said. "Those things I learned in mass communication and marketing at Northern are things I use almost every day in this job."

Larvin said she enjoys promoting her company's alternative meats.

"This is a business where you find yourself needing to educate people on the benefits of eating game meat," she said. "We answer a lot of questions. We do a lot of taste testing. When you taste it and you like it and it's healthy, you go, 'Yeah, I can do this.'"

—Jim Laffrey '01 MA

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ness administration degree from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. Shannon is a senior compliance auditor with American Medical Security in Green Bay.

**Eric Meidenbauer '93 AS, '96 BFA** of Las Vegas, Nev., is a layout artist for Harrah's Entertainment.

**Jenny St. Martin '93 BS of Fairfax, Va., is currently working on two graduate degrees—one at St. John's College in Annapolis, Md., and one at George Mason University in Fairfax. She writes, "I'm hoping to be a teacher at some point and would love to hear from some of my old friends."**  
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**Charlotte (Petersen) Kindler '94 BS** of Escanaba is a teacher with the Escanaba public schools. She is currently on leave to be with her two sons: Morris, 3, and Ralph, 1.

**Gina Nickels '94 BSN** of Bennington, Vt., works as a nurse practitioner at the Southwestern Vermont Medical Center.

**Michael Schweigert '94 AB, '96 BS** of Circle Pines, Minn., is an IT consultant for Bemis Corporation in Minneapolis.

**Rhonda (Starkey) Scott '94 BSN** of Traverse City is the coordinator of health services at Interlochen Center for the Arts. She also acts as Interlochen's chief medical officer.

**Kathryn (Poit) Dennis '95 BS** of Lapeer transferred from St. Clair County Family Independence Agency working in children's services to Lapeer County Family Independence Agency working in adult services. She and her husband recently welcomed the birth of their first child, Alexander. [dennisk@michigan.gov](mailto:dennisk@michigan.gov)

**Rae Kammerer '95 BS, '98 MA** of Lansing is the office manager at KAP Financial in Okemos. [raek@coslink.net](mailto:raek@coslink.net)

**Shelly Nikles '95 BSN** of Bellevue, Neb., began a women's health nurse practitioner master's program this fall. She is a registered nurse for the Nebraska Health System in Omaha.

**Keith Rybicki '95 BS** of Harrison Township is an account executive with Alcone Marketing Group in Troy.

**Kari (Kibin) Szczechowki '95 BSN** of Wyandotte and her husband Bob welcomed the birth of their first child, Madelyn Paige, in November 2002.

**Danielle (Keto) Bergquist '96 BS** of Stephenson is a kindergarten teacher

in the Stephenson Area Public Schools.

**Kimberly (Hupy) Cossette '96 BS** of Hereford, Ariz., is a mathematics teacher at Buena High School in Sierra Vista. [kimberlycossette@hotmail.com](mailto:kimberlycossette@hotmail.com)

**Kelly Jo Greenleaf '96 BA** of Minneapolis, Minn., graduated from the University of Minnesota, Duluth, Medical School in May. She will be doing her OBGYN residency at the University of Minnesota Hospitals for the next four years. While in medical school, Kelly began running to relieve stress. Since then, she has run two marathons.

**Shelly Havard '96 BS** of Royal Oak was promoted from account director to vice president at Eisbrenner Public Relations in Troy. She has worked for Eisbrenner since 1996.

**Heidi Hofbauer '96 BS** of Green Bay, Wis., is the benefits administrator for Schneider National. [heidijo73@juno.com](mailto:heidijo73@juno.com)

**Wendy (Krieg) Schweigert '96 MA** of Circle Pines, Minn., is an e-business consultant. She is currently working for Compuware in St. Paul. She and her husband **Michael Schweigert '94 AB, '96 BS** recently purchased their first house.

**Jennifer Edgeworth '97 BS** of Coldwater is a 5th grade teacher in the Quincy Community Schools. [edge@cbpu.com](mailto:edge@cbpu.com)

**Gloria (Bivens) Kossow '97 BSW** of Rock is a social worker at the Family Independence Agency in Escanaba.

**Jon Barch '99 BS, '01 MS** of East Lansing is a doctoral student and teaching assistant at the University of Iowa. He is doing a one-year fellowship in Joetsu, Japan, researching differences in student-teacher relationships, student's perceived autonomy, and how these things relate to student motivation. [jon-barch@uiowa.edu](mailto:jon-barch@uiowa.edu)

**Josh Griffin '99 BS** of Niagara, Wis., works as a programmer/analyst for Systems Control/BOSS Snow Plow.

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**Valerie Nordquist '99 BS** of Whitehall, Pa., received a doctor of medicine degree from Thomas Jefferson University's Jefferson Medical College. She is completing her psychiatry residency at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital.

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**James Daley '00 BS** of Syracuse, N.Y., received a juris doctorate from the Syracuse University College of Law.

**Nichole McMahon '00 AA** of DePere, Wis., recently received a bachelor of science in nursing degree from Bellin College of Nursing in Green Bay. She now works in the advanced care department at Bellin Hospital.

**Robert Sluys '00 BS** of Atlantic Beach, Fla., was recently promoted to lieutenant junior grade in the U.S. Navy. He successfully completed flight training and now flies the SH-60B as a naval aviator for the Anti-Submarine Squadron Light 46 (HSL-46) in Mayport, Fla.

**Stacy Welling '00 BS, '02 MPA** of Marquette works for the State of Michigan as one of the Northern Michigan Representatives for Governor Jennifer Granholm.

**Katherine Darmogray '01 BSN** of Winter Springs, Fla., and her husband Chad Cartwright welcomed the birth of their daughter Emma Elizabeth in March.

**Rhonda (Pesola) Faria '01 BS** of Marquette and her husband Michael run the Teaching Family Home in Harvey. They live in the group home and care for six children who had been abused.

**Lindsay Harmon '01 BS** of Birmingham is the head of marketing for a lighting distribution and wholesale company. She is also working on her master of business administration in marketing degree at Lawrence Technological University.

**Nicole Koepp '01 BS** of Manitou Springs, Colo., works in sales for Hewlett Packard. nlkoepp@yahoo.com

**Erin Miller '01 BS** of Everett, Wash., is a 5th grade teacher in the Marysville School District. ermiller16@excite.com

**Alicia Canavera '02 BSW** of Marquette works for Harbor House as a children's advocate. aliciacanavera@yahoo.com

**Eric Lundin '02 BS of Rapid River is the director of business development at Delcomp in Escanaba. He writes, "My experience at NMU was unforgettable. I feel NMU has one of the best educational environments in the Midwest."**

## Marriages

**Kristine Riutta '75 BS, '82 MAE** to Craig Halonen.

**Michael Aho '83 Dipl.** to Elizabeth Tedford.

**Brian Marlowe '83 Dipl.** to Kerry Beacco '92 LPN.

**Andra Swee '86 BS** to John Sullivan '91 BS.

**John Crissman '90 BS** to Amy Adamec.

**Nicole Dionne '90 BS** to Antonio Belmonte.

**Teresa Hofman '90 BA** to Mark Lawrence.

**Cindy Lou Kulie '91 AB** to Kenneth Williams.

**Veronica Graves '91 BA** to John Scrimshaw.

**Angela Balzarini '94 BS** to Anthony Leonhart.

**Derek Maki '94 AS, '95 BS** to Kati Wiegand.

**Melinda Sager '94 LPN** to James Kolky '00 AS, '01 BS.

**Michael Schweigert '94 AB, '96 BS** to Wendy Krieg '96 MA.

**Patrick Thomson '94 BS** to Jill Paquette '99 BS.

**Peter Blake '95 BS** to Martha Parrish.

**Eric Cromwell '95 AS, '97 BS** to Tarra Dodge '97 BS.

**Chad LaCount '95 BS** to Jennifer Delmont '02 BS.

**Lucinda Oberstar '95 Cert.** to Kenneth Ebbers.

**Elizabeth Black '96 BS** to Thomas Holmgren.

**Kimberly (Hupy) Cossette '96 BS** to Matthew Spain.

**Christina Fischetti '96 BA** to Kevin Schmidt '00 BS.

**Jacalyn Letts '96 BS** to Robert Choate.

**Edward Canning '97 BS** to Erin Bone.

**Deanna Frisk '97 AB, '01 Cert.** to Mathew LaCosse.

**Russell Lajoie '97 AB, '99 BS** to Emily Brocht '01 BS.

**Jason Langham '97 BS** to Terra Peterson.

**Stephen Carey '98 BS** to Ann Knoch '99 BS.

**Bonnie Clifton '98 BS** to Shawn Greenleaf '01 BS.

**Tanya LaCarte '98 BSN** to Shawn Reynolds.

**Jason Campbell '99 Cert.** to Natalie Peterson.

**Zane MacKenzie '99 AS** to Tina Clement-Goodreau.

**Eric Miljou '99 BS** to Alice Bacon '01 BSN.

**Travis Reamer '99 Cert., '01 BS** to Angela Poupore.

**Robert Rudzki '99 BS** to Tina Aungst.

**Lisa Wanek '99 BS** to James Hayes.

**Stephanie Carlson '00 BS** to Joseph Ballone, Jr.

**Tamara Clarke '00 BS** to Matthew Nash.

**Jamie-Ann Dieterle '00 BS** to David Bosio.

## KEEPING TRACK

Joseph Negrinelli '00 BS to Christy Kuhn '01 BSN.

Matthew Petrucci '00 BS to Gretchen Meister.

Sara Turner '00 BS to Brian Pascoe.

Yuri Tanaka '01 BS to Mark Hofer.

Julie Engelbrecht '02 MAE to Gregory Rowe.

Jennifer Revord '02 BSN to Jeffrey Nault.

Jonelle Korhonen '03 BS to Chris Thompson.

## Deaths

Edith (Holman) Rhodes '23 LC, January, 8, 2003, Peoria, Fla.

Vivian Moore '27 LC, March 20, 2003, Bruce Crossing.

Viena (Niemi) Takala '31 LC, April 26, 2003, Calumet.

Daniel Venard '31 BS, April 2, 2003, Macomb, Ill.

Eleanor (Siegel) Kinville '32 LC, '33 BS, '66 MA, April 29, 2003, Marquette.

Fred Staples '33 BS, March 16, 2003, Dearborn.

Carl Bullock '34 BS, April 18, 2003, Marquette.

Viola (Wiitala) Grigg '34 BS, May 22, 2003, Dearborn.

Richard "Nord" Nordlund '34 BS, June 23, 2003, Jackson City.

J. Donald "Don" Grenfell '35 BS, May 15, 2003, Gladstone.

Helen (Helgren) Peterson '35 LC, June 11, 2003, Negaunee.

Lempi (Hakala) Koivu '37 BS, June 5, 2003, Wakefield.

Saima Kuivila '37 BS, July 5, 2003, Negaunee.

Victoria (Feira) Perlich '38 BS, Feb. 5, 2003, La Crosse, Wis.

Martha Rohl '39 BA, July 1, 2003, Clearwater, Fla.

Earl Messner '40 BS, June 9, 2003, Venice, Fla.

Katherine (Landry) Steele '40 BA, May 30, 2003, Gainesville, Fla.

Marion (Anderson) Grunst '45 BS, April 4, 2003, Pelkie.

Mari (Matson) Kaspala '45 BS, Feb. 18, 2003, Gaylord.

Mary Newton '45 BS, '49 MS, April 16, 2003, Escanaba.

Martha Higgins '46 BS, July 12, 2003, Santa Margarita, Calif.

Carroll Norden '48 BA, June 16, 2003, Cedarburg, Wis.

Stuart Rosendale '49 BS, April 30, 2003, Santa Cruz, Calif.

John Sjoberg '49 BA, June 24, 2003, Carlisle, PA.

Jim Larson '50 BS, date unknown, Menominee.

Eunice (Erkkila) Murphy '50 BS, Feb. 16, 2003, Lake Linden.

Raymond Povoio '50 BS, July 18, 2003, Traverse City.

James "Jim" Smith '50 BS, June 8, 2003, Marquette.

Norman Goethe '51 BS, April 16, 2003, Negaunee.

Joseph Benzie '52 BS, '69 MA, Jan. 25, 2003, Arcadia, Fla.

Audrey (Nydahl) Samardich '52 BA, April 28, 2003, Glenview.

Marie (White) Bluem '53 BS, December 23, 2002, Iron Mountain.

Fiore Gianunzio '53, May 8, 2003, Kingsford.

Katherine (Butler) Muehrcke '53 BS, July 11, 2003, Gwinn.

Edward Wolford '53 BS, December 23, 2002, Bay City.

Carol (Levine) Kline '54 BS, April 27, 2003, Melbourne, Fla.

Ellen (Hakala) Frayer '57 BS, May 23, 2003, Sarasota, Fla.

James Martti '57 BS, July 18, 2003, Superior, Wis.

Ruth Ann (Carlton) Lee '58 BS, June 18, 2003, Grayling.

Eugene Maki '59 BS, '64 MA, Feb. 7, 2003, Ishpeming.

Peter Findley '60 BS, '65 MA, April 24, 2003, Port Huron.

Tom LaBlance '61 BS, June 30, 2003, Charlevoix.

June (Kassha) Marinello '61 BS, '69 MA, March 21, 2003, Crystal Falls.

John Anderson '62 BME, '64 MM, May 25, 2003, Crivitz, Wis.

Santo Formolo '62 BS, '65 MA, Aug. 7, 2003, Breitung Township.

Joseph Sacchetti, Jr. '62 BS, '66 MA, April 18, 2003, Iron Mountain.

Myrtle (Nylund) Hendricksen '63 BS, '66 MA, Aug. 19, 2003, Menominee.

Martha (Rinne) Thompson '63 BS, March 16, 2003, Copper City.

Eileen (DeVold) Betts '64 BS, July 12, 2003, Ishpeming.

Donald Carlson '64 BS, April 24, 2003, Iron River.

James Taylor '64 BA, '66 MA, June 14, 2003, Tulsa, Okla.

Paul Metero '65 BS, '67 MA, July 15, 2003, Negaunee.

Robert Novak '65 MA, May 4, 2003, Green Bay, Wis.

William "Bill" Wheeler '65 BA, March 27, 2003, Calumet.

Peter Benson '66 BS, Feb. 16, 2003, Munising.

Dolores (Vittion) Brunette '66 MA, May 15, 2003, Mesa, Ariz.

Michael Potter '66 BA, '74 MAE, Aug. 1, 2003, Green Bay, Wis.

Raymond Maki '67 BS, May 11, 2003, Gwinn.

Lloyd Wilson '68 MA, May 6, 2003, Powers.

Joyce (Cowling) Gardepy '69 BS, April 10, 2003, Bountiful, Utah.

Roy Jacobson '69 BS, May 29, 2003, San Antonio, Texas.

Maurice Masich '69 BS, July 23, 2003, Newberry.

**Richard McCarthy '70 BS, '81 AT**, May 26, 2003, Whitehall.

**Carl Paquet '70 BS, June 18**, 2003, Denmark, Wis.

**Kathleen (Frantz) Belaire '71 MAE**, May 9, 2003, Peshtigo, Wis.

**Eric Hess '72 BS**, July 14, 2003, Milton, Wis.

**Matt Seppala '72 BS**, May 15, 2003, Monroe.

**William "Killer" Johnson '73 BS**, April 6, 2003, Marquette.

**Gary Stagliano '73 AN, '74 AT**, April 23, 2003, Manchester, Conn.

**Ramon Gazza '74 BS, '81 MAE**, May 15, 2003, San Diego, Calif.

**Richard "Dick" Woods '74 AT, '77 BS, '83 MAE**, May 27, 2003, Ishpeming.

**Peter Ducoli '75 BS**, April 14, 2003, Ishpeming.

**Rebecca Rosten '75 AB**, May 28, 2003, Ishpeming.

**Richard Gazza '76 BS**, Feb. 20, 2003, Niagara, Wis.

**Thomas Rose '76 AT, '77 BS**, Dec. 14, 2002, Jupiter, Fla.

**Margo (Sinclair) Viviano '77 AT, '77 BS**, Aug. 10, Marquette.

**Jerald "Jerry" Hill '78 BS**, April 24, 2003, Spring Lake.

**Rebecca Rosten '78 AB**, May 28, 2003, Albuquerque, NM.

**Nannette (Michelin) Biersdorfer '80 BS**, Jan. 3, 2003, Houston, Texas.

**Timothy McAvinchey '80 BS**, March 20, 2003, Munising.

**Brian Process '85 BS**, June 29, 2003, Marquette.

**Stephen Harrington '86 BS**, July 28, 2003, Indian River.

**John Robare '93 AS, '94 Cert.**, Aug. 19, 2003, Munising.

**Jeffrey Miller '95 BS**, July 1, 2003, Kingwood, Texas.

**Cindy Fenton '96 MPA**, April 12, 2003, Marquette.

**Derrick Brown '98 BS**, July 1, 2003, Bessemer.

**Kristie Parkinen '01 BSN**, June 6, 2003, Chicago, Ill.

**Timothy Ruesing '03 Cert.**, July 26, 2003, Negaunee.

## Friends

**Robert Burns**, July 13, 2003, Marquette. Robert worked in the maintenance department at Northern for 20 years.

**Edward Gustas**, Nov. 11, 2002, Kalamazoo. Edward worked in the food

services department at NMU.

**James McKelvy, Jr.**, March 21, 2003, Santa Clara, Calif. James was a music professor and choral conductor at NMU.

**Mary Ohman**, July 17, 2003, Marquette. Mary worked in the food services department at NMU for 13 years.

**Roland Schwitzgoebel**, April 7, 2003, Marquette. Roland was a professor in the School of Education.

**Bonita (Londo) Sparks**, April 29, 2003, Marquette. Bonita was a secretary in the Math and Computer Science Department.

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**F**rom mystery meat to Mongolian barbecue, dining at colleges and universities has evolved from being a right-of-passage to be endured and, if possible, avoided, to a veritable feast. At Northern, eating areas that were once sparsely populated, as shown above in this 1965 photo of breakfast in the Gant/Spalding dining area, are now busy for most of the day and packed to capacity during peak dining hours.

Veronica Dagenais worked as a cook in the University Center at NMU from 1972-1997, and she has seen first hand the dramatic changes in mealtime offerings. According to Dagenais, students attending Northern in the 1970s had a choice of two or three different entrées. She said foods high in carbohydrates, such as spaghetti and macaroni and cheese, were among the most popular.

While these staples can still be found at NMU, students today can choose from a wide array of menu items. At the Marketplace, for example, if the daily special doesn't appeal to students, they can have their entrée to made to order at the Mongolian grill (pictured above), or choose from fresh-baked pizza, made-to-order sandwiches, a vegetarian station, pasta bar, potato and ethnic food bar, and soup and salad bars—not to mention a dessert and ice cream/yogurt station and a full line of beverages.

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Erick '96 BS and Erin (Haynes) '93 BS Brooks pictured with their two oldest children, Jordan and Ava. Photo by Bill Sampson.



**Many friendships are based on need. Ours was based on much more...**

Eileen (Schultz) Anderson '52 BS and I first met at a Lutheran student's meeting on campus. I liked her sensitivity to others and her commitment to God. We roomed together in Carey Hall and learned we shared a love of piano and singing and we had similar temperaments and backgrounds. We were both focused on scholastic achievement and worked 40 hours a week to meet our college expenses. We listened to and cared for each other, and offered each other help when needed.

Our 50th class reunion provided a wonderful opportunity for Eileen and me to meet and reminisce, as we had not seen each other since graduation. On graduation day, my parting words to Eileen were, "Stay as sweet as you are." She has. I never would have known had it not been for the NMU Alumni Association.

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