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## EDITOR'S NOTE

### *As long as there's snow on the ground...*



It's not often that *Horizons* is able to bring its readers breaking news. In early January, it became clear that the search for Northern's next president was ahead of schedule and would likely be concluded somewhere

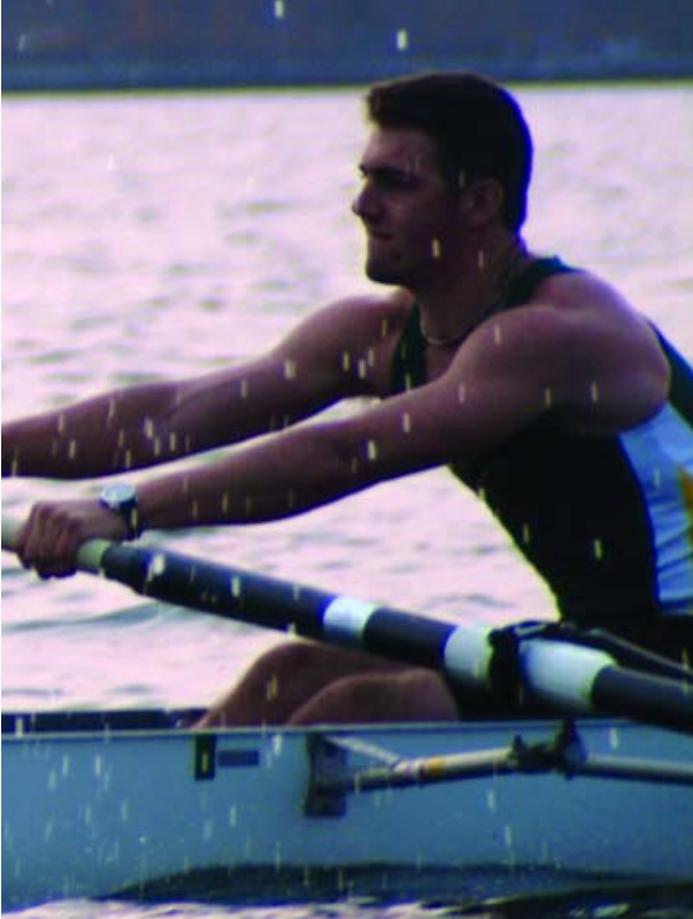
between the winter and spring/summer issues. So when the *Horizons* staff decided to "stop the presses" on the winter issue in order to bring you the news of who had been selected as Northern's 13th president, I figured that as long as there was snow on the ground, technically, it was still winter.

This has been my philosophy about Upper Peninsula winters ever since I moved here. When I was a graduate student at Northern I had an office in Gries Hall, and I remember watching a snowstorm from my office window just days before May commencement. It was the end of my first U.P. winter, and I was quickly gaining a new appreciation for the words "snowfall total." Just a few months earlier, I learned the hard way why people in Marquette who don't have garages park their cars so far back from their houses.

I had gone to visit my family in Colorado and left my car parked outside the house I was renting. When I returned two weeks later, I found that the hood of my car had been smashed in on one side. I'm kind of embarrassed to admit that it took me over a week to realize that the damage had not been the work of a vandal but rather that of an icicle that had to give up its hold on the side of my house due to its mammoth weight.

I'm not really that callous about U.P. winters. I think they're quite beautiful. Every year, I'm awestruck by the way the ice covers the trees along the Lake Superior shoreline and the way every inch of every tree sparkles after a snowstorm. It just took me a while to adjust to the fact that sometimes in the U.P., the calendar and the season simply don't match. As this issue goes to press, that fact holds doubly true.

In all seriousness, though, we are pleased to be able to bring you the news that Northern's Board of Trustees has selected Leslie "Les" Wong to lead the university just weeks after the formal announcement. And in anticipation of the next issue, we look forward to learning more about him and bringing his story to all of you.



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### 8 A day in the life at NMU

While many NMU alumni get nostalgic for their college years and travel back to their alma mater to visit professors and see how the campus has changed, few actually venture inside a classroom to see how the academic experience has changed. So the *Horizons* staff signed up **Steve Guzowski '79 BS** for a full day of classes and asked him to tell us if life as an NMU student is different than it was twenty-five years ago.

### 12 Talking points: A conversation with Mary Dettloff

During her career, **Mary Dettloff '86 BS** has seen former President Bill Clinton address Michigan legislators on the House floor. She has met Jesse Jackson, Hillary Clinton, and numerous Olympic athletes. Find out why she says her current job as deputy press secretary to Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm is the icing on the cake of an already solid career inside Michigan politics.

#### ON THE COVER

Mary Dettloff, deputy press secretary to Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm inside the rotunda of the Michigan State Capitol. Photograph by David Trumpie.

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The Northern Michigan University crew team practicing on Lake Superior last fall. Photograph by Kim Marsh '80 BS.

# NMU Board names new president

Les Wong is Northern Michigan University's 13th president. The NMU Board of Trustees unanimously voted to offer him the position at a special meeting on March 24, and he accepted.

Wong has served as vice president for academic affairs at Valley City State University in North Dakota since 1999. VCSU is the state system's "model" campus for curriculum innovation emphasizing technology. It was also the second university in the nation to implement a 100 percent laptop computer initiative.



Les Wong

of pride in where they live. I was intrigued by their spirit."

Les Wong holds a doctorate in educational psychology from Washington State University, a master's in experimental psychology from Eastern Washington, and a bachelor's in psychology from Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash. He describes his leadership style as strategic and goal-oriented.

"I really have a deep respect for the inquiry process—listening, questioning, and seeking the opinions of others," he said. "I think a president

## The things that really sold us on Northern

*were the spirit of the people, the university's student-centered approach,*

*and its reputation for quality academics.*

His previous administrative positions include provost and academic vice president, along with six months as interim president, at the University of Southern Colorado in Pueblo; and academic dean at The Evergreen State College in Olympia, Wash., where he started as a faculty member.

Wong is expected to begin serving as NMU president on or before July 1. He hopes to "exploit technology" to begin some advance preparations before he arrives on campus.

"We are thoroughly excited and look forward to joining Northern Michigan University," said Wong during a telephone interview from his office, with his wife, Phyllis, by his side. "The things that really sold us on Northern were the spirit of the

people, the university's student-centered approach, and its reputation for quality academics. I really want to thank the board, the university, and the community for their confidence in offering me this opportunity. I also hope people appreciate the incredible job that Mike Roy has done as interim president. I look forward to working with him and other members of the team."

Phyllis Wong, who serves as director of online learning at Valley City State University, said she quickly became enamored with the university and surrounding area during their campus visit last month.

"I had a chance to get out in the community and visit with local residents," she said. "They are very friendly and they have a great sense

should help set goals and lead an institution down the desired path but trust in the talents of people to get there. I have never been disappointed in trusting people too much. From what I have gathered, the talent on this campus is exceptional.... A president should be the catalyst for everyone's dreams and remove barriers so people can be creative and think outside the box."

Karl Weber, vice chair of the NMU board, said he and Sam Benedict, fellow trustee and chair of the presidential search advisory committee had an opportunity to visit VCSU and meet with Wong in mid-March.

"I am optimistic that he could be one of Northern's strongest presidents ever," Weber said. "I have that

much confidence in him and his ability to lead this university.”

Benedict added, “We had a marvelous visit there and received very good feedback on Dr. Wong from staff, faculty, alumni, and community members.”

In addition to casting a unanimous roll-call vote in favor of Wong’s appointment, a number of trustees praised the input received from students, employees, and community members after campus visits by four finalists.

“Many people came to the Web site with very thoughtful comments on interactions they had with the candidates or on research they had

done,” said Mary Campbell, chair of the board.

Wong will assume the post previously occupied by Judi Bailey, who left NMU last spring to become president of Western Michigan University. Mike Roy has been serving as interim. He will return to his former position as vice president for finance and administration. Details of Wong’s contract with NMU remain to be finalized.

*Editor’s note: The next issue of Horizons will feature an in depth look at Les Wong and his vision for the future of Northern Michigan University.*

## Leslie E. “Les” Wong

### *Career at a Glance*

- Valley City State University in North Dakota. Vice president for academic affairs, 1999-present.
- University of Southern Colorado, Pueblo. Provost and academic vice president, 1996-99; interim president, Jan. 1 to June 30, 1997.
- The Evergreen State College in Olympia, Wash. Academic dean, 1990-96; faculty member, 1988-1996.
- Pierce College in Tacoma, Wash. Psychology instructor, 1974-1988; women’s varsity tennis coach, 1975-1981.

### *Education*

Ph.D. Educational Psychology, Washington State University, 1986.  
M.S. Experimental Psychology, Eastern Washington University, 1974.  
B.A. Psychology, Gonzaga University (Spokane, Wash.), 1972.

### *Personal Information*

- Married to Phyllis Wong, director of online learning at Valley City State University and online English/history instructor for Baker Online (Baker College in Flint, Mich.).
- Children: Isaac, 29, a mathematician; Nathan, 25, a professional flutist; and Brian, 22, 2nd Lt. in the U.S. Army.
- Interests: outdoor recreation (running, fly fishing, alpine backpacking, canoeing, baseball); reading ethnic and civil war literature; and collecting antique measuring instruments.

## Northern dedicates Whitman Hall



Northern Michigan University dedicated Whitman Hall on Dec. 1, 2003. Willard M. Whitman School first opened its doors in 1954 to accommodate students in kindergarten through 6th grade. NMU purchased the building in 2001, after Marquette Area Public Schools had closed it due to shrinking enrollment. Interior and exterior work was required to convert the 39,000 square-foot building to faculty offices and classrooms, and to provide a 285-space parking lot to serve the facility.

Whitman Hall houses the School of Education, the dean of the College of Professional Studies, the charter schools program, the Centers for Native American and Upper Peninsula Studies, the International Affairs office, and the Modern Languages and Literatures department.

Its namesake, Willard M. Whitman (1884-1955), served 34 years as superintendent of Marquette Public Schools. He played a major role in expanding the district through additional buildings and extensive programming. He is also credited with creating the student health protection program; introducing art, drama, and music into the classroom; and developing the adult education programs. Whitman taught classes at NMU for several summers.

# Camerius breaks faculty longevity record

While training for a management position with the Dayton Co. in 1963, College of Business professor **Jim Camerius '61 BS** took a brief reprieve from retailing to visit his former professors at Northern. Little did he know that the trip to his alma mater would evolve into a career-altering experience.

Camerius arrived on campus expecting nothing more than to reminisce and catch up with those who played defining roles in his undergraduate education. He left with an offer to join their ranks by filling a teaching vacancy in the business department.



Jim Camerius

and expanding academic programs.” Camerius has outlasted seven presidents. Not long after he began

students have grasped the material. That makes you feel good.”

Camerius teaches international marketing, services marketing, personal selling, retail, and advertising. His scholarly expertise is in the area of case studies. He has written numerous cases about retailing, strategic management, and business policy involving such corporate giants as Wal-Mart and Kmart, not to mention direct-selling enterprises such as Mary Kay Cosmetics and Longaberger Baskets. His cases have appeared in more than 135 textbooks, many of which fill a bookshelf in his Magers Hall office.

When asked to pinpoint some

## I remember we had war surplus furniture

*and we were located in Kaye Hall under the stage of the auditorium.*

## We didn't even have doors on our offices.

Now in his 41st year of full-time service to Northern, Camerius recently set a new record for longevity among faculty members. He surpassed the 40-year mark held by the late chemistry professor Lucian Hunt (1927-1967).

“When I started here, there were only five or six faculty members in the business department—one per discipline,” Camerius said. “I remember we had war surplus furniture and we were located in Kaye Hall under the stage of the auditorium. We didn't even have doors on our offices. But the university was growing so fast in those days, adding 1,000 students a year

teaching in the fall of 1963, the nation was shocked by the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

“That was a sad time,” he recalled, “but it became more turbulent on campus in the late 60s and early 70s.”

Despite all of the changes that have swirled around him over the years, Camerius said the classroom experience has remained consistent.

“Generally students have been well prepared all along. You always have a case or two that make you want to tear your hair out, but those are more the exceptions than the rule. For me, the reward comes after each course, when I realize the stu-

professional highlights during his tenure at Northern, Camerius said two stand out: his appointment as president of the Society for Case Research and a 1995 faculty award from the Michigan Association of Governing Boards.

However, it is premature to mention the end of Camerius' academic career. He has no plans to retire in the near future.

“The university has always been very supportive of my work, so I never had a desire to move on,” he said. “As long as I can make a contribution to the College of Business and to the university, I will still be here.”

—**Kristi Evans**

# Mind over matter

Northern Michigan University music professor Rob Engelhart is teaching his students how a better understanding of their bodies can help them improve their musical abilities. The study of how our internal perceptions of our individual physical structure, function, and size govern the way we move—or body mapping—evolved primarily to help musicians achieve their full potential and limit the risk of injury; however, the study has practical applications for anyone interested in exploring the quality and efficiency of movement.

“We move according to how we think we are structured, and this may be different from how we are actually structured,” said Engelhart. “If a person’s internal map is inaccurate, he or she may suffer technical limitations or injury. Through a combination of instruction, self-observation, and physical activity, students can become aware of their body maps, identify the source of inaccurate mapping, and correct inefficient movement. The goal is to improve the interface between the mind and body.”

During a semester of professional development last winter, Engelhart studied body mapping under Barbara Conable, an eminent movement educator from Portland, Ore. He is now sharing what he learned with his students as a part of his pursuit of a teaching certification in the discipline. Engelhart’s training, combined with studies in anatomy and physiology, enabled him to make adjustments in his own body map to improve his singing.

“I have a tendency to open my jaw too wide at times, which caused



Rob Engelhart uses an anatomical model to show how improper body mapping can hinder a musician’s performance.

a chain reaction of little tensions that impede breathing,” he said. “As I’ve gradually ‘remapped’ the function of the jaw, I’ve made progress in freeing my breathing and overall phonation. Some people—the Michael Jordans and Luciano Pavarottis of the world—don’t seem to have any errors in their body maps; they conceive a movement and it takes place smoothly and efficiently. But most of us have a lot of room for improvement.”

Engelhart said that while body mapping does not take the place of technique or natural ability, it is a simple and effective tool for increasing a person’s range, stamina, and musical expressiveness. “It enhances flexibility, endurance, and power during movement and helps lessen the possibility of injury or pain during activity.”

—Kristi Evans

# Campus kudos

## NMU wins gold award in admissions advertising

Northern received a gold award for “total advertising campaigns” in the 19th annual Admissions Advertising Awards. NMU was the top entry among schools with an enrollment of 5,000-9,999.

The campaign advertisements, developed by The Image Group in Holland, Mich., were featured in recruitment magazines and newspaper inserts, and were broadcast on radio stations. The HMR Publications Group sponsored the awards competition. It is the corporate umbrella for the *Admissions Marketing Report* publication.

## Interactive dorm room wins excellence award

A virtual dorm room on the NMU Web site won an Excellence Award at the 2003 University and College Designers Design Show.

The site, [www.nmu.edu/myroom](http://www.nmu.edu/myroom), allows prospective students to create their own living space by arranging furniture and adding items typically found in NMU residence hall suites. It is intended as a fun way for students to start preparing for residence hall living before they make the actual move to campus.

The interactive feature was designed by Stamats Communications for NMU.



# Waking up with

By MIRIAM MOELLER '00 BA, '02 MA

Photography by Kim Marsh '80 BS

Five years ago NMU English professor Daryl Davis and his wife Ginny decided to share one of their passions with the NMU and Marquette communities. With their own single rowing boats tied to the rack of their car, they started a rowing club at NMU with about a dozen members. After borrowing boats, oars, and even coxswains for its first two years, crew is now an official NMU club sport with more than 40 members, five boats, and a boat trailer. Club sports belong to the Club Sports Association and, unlike varsity hockey or volleyball at NMU, are not extensively funded by the university. Even with its financial limitations, each season the NMU crew team travels more than four thousand miles and participates in six major fall regattas. Daryl is now retired from teaching English, and he and Ginny have taken on coaching full time. In early September I joined the squad during one of their practices to experience one morning in the life of an NMU crew member.

## 7:00 a.m.—*Puppy Chow*

Gray light welcomes me as I step out of my car. It is a beautiful morning. To my right, the Lower Harbor and the city of Marquette are dimly lit; to my left, the breakwall and U.S. Coast Guard Station are drenched in silver-violet light. Near the Coast Guard Station is a trailer with three boats on it. A long, narrow white fiberglass boat named *Puppy Chow* sits next to the trailer. *Puppy Chow?* Not exactly a name to strike fear in the hearts of competitors. Women's captain, Amber Ambrosius, agrees and tells me the name came with the boat when the Davis' bought it. This is the boat I will be rowing in this morning.

## 7:20 a.m.—*Silent Power*

There are at least 30 men and women out here, and I am amazed that they all woke up this early to row. Some of them are varsity rowers, but most are novices. I admire their energy and try to remember the last time I was motivated to get up at this time of day. Amber says she is motivated by the competitiveness of the sport as well as the grace and awe she feels when rowing on glassy Lake Superior. "It's focused, very driven, and very physical," she says. "I would describe it as a silent power."

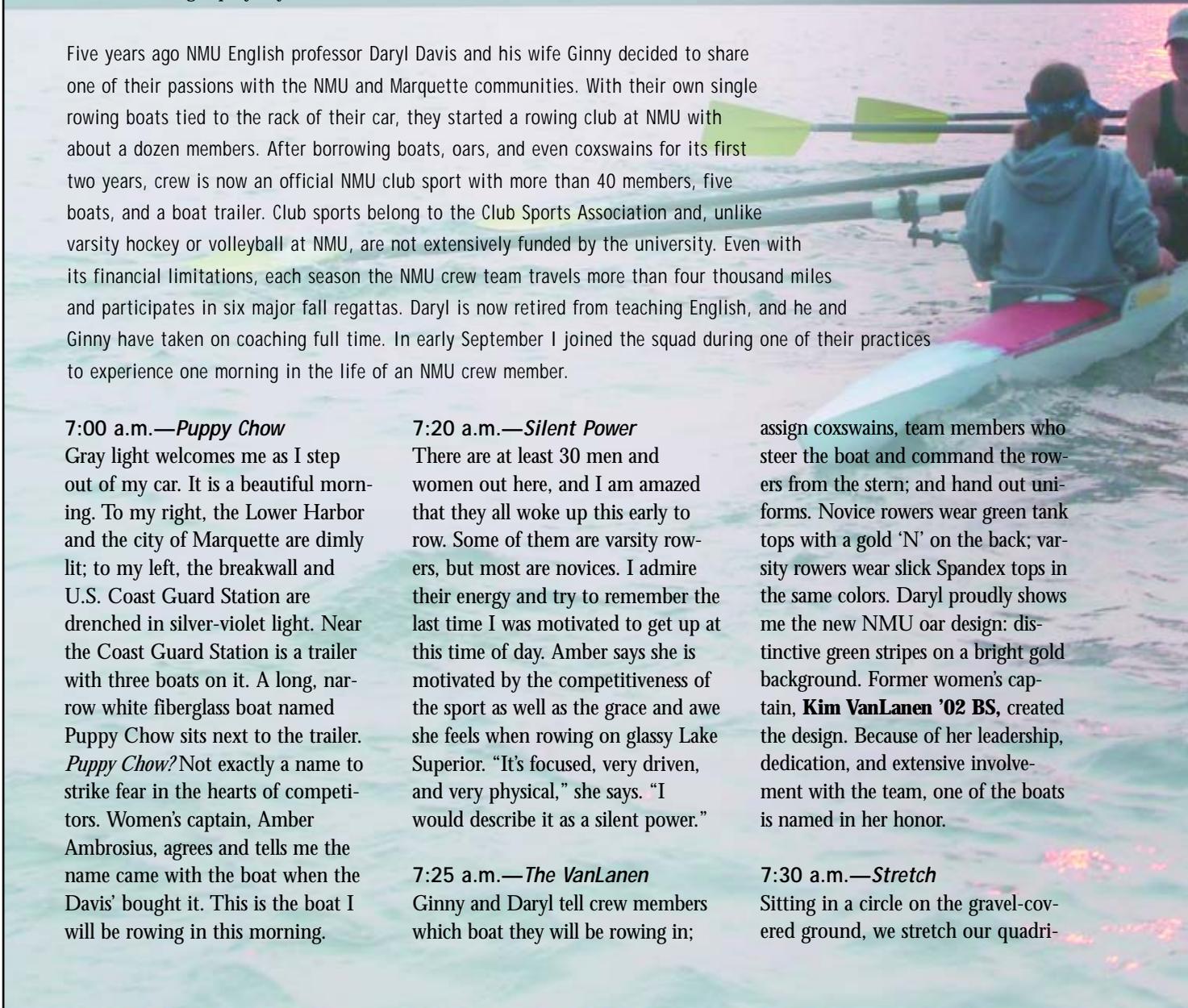
## 7:25 a.m.—*The VanLanen*

Ginny and Daryl tell crew members which boat they will be rowing in;

assign coxswains, team members who steer the boat and command the rowers from the stern; and hand out uniforms. Novice rowers wear green tank tops with a gold 'N' on the back; varsity rowers wear slick Spandex tops in the same colors. Daryl proudly shows me the new NMU oar design: distinctive green stripes on a bright gold background. Former women's captain, **Kim VanLanen '02 BS**, created the design. Because of her leadership, dedication, and extensive involvement with the team, one of the boats is named in her honor.

## 7:30 a.m.—*Stretch*

Sitting in a circle on the gravel-covered ground, we stretch our quadri-



# th NEMU Crew



iceps,  
ham-  
strings,  
hip flexors,  
Achilles tendons,  
arms, wrists, and shoulders.

All crew members go through an extensive training program before they are allowed on the water. Amber explains that in addition to completing a 10-minute swim test and a session on the rowing machines, all team members must also watch a safety video put out by USRowing as well as a technique video put out by Concept II.

## 7:40 a.m.— *Hands On!*

We're ready to take the boat down to the water. The sun has appeared over the breakwall, making everything look soft. "Hands on!" she commands, and we get ready to lift the boat overhead, rest it on our shoulders, and carry it down to the water. We place the oars in the oar-

locks and learn how to step into the boat without damaging the shell. I leave my shoes on shore and take my position in the boat.

## 7:50 a.m.— *All as One*

Ginny and several crew members push our oars away from the shore. The waves are small this morning—nothing to worry about. The air is fresh and cool. I'm shivering a little from the cold and a little from the excitement of being on the water again. I was involved with a rowing club in Germany when I was 12 years old called Hellas Giessen. I rowed many regattas, mostly in a single-person sculling boat without a coxswain, won some medals, and lost a lot of races, but the nicest part about it was being part of a team.

Amber says bonds grow quickly on a rowing team because in a boat everyone is dependent on one another. "All must row as one, and in this way, I think our team becomes closer than many others. In the beginning everyone is eyeing each other up to see who's stronger, but by the end, they've learned that every person is needed to make the team work. It's amazing to see it fall into place."

## 8:15 a.m.— *Weigh-enough!*

"Ready all, row!" the coxswain commands, and four of the eight of us practice a sweeping half slide, a movement that uses only half of the length of the sliding seat, resulting in shorter strokes. "Weigh-enough!" she shouts, and the four of us stop rowing. We switch back and forth and then try rowing together. It's not easy to balance these narrow boats and it's even harder to row simultaneously. For these reasons beginners often practice in twos and fours, while the other rowers hold water with their oars.

When I get a break, I turn around and admire the Marquette "skyline," with its new bell tower in the foreground and the arches of St. Peter Cathedral in the background. The sun is in a cloud of haze above the breakwall. It feels good to be on the water this early in the day.

## 8:45 a.m.— *One Foot Up and Out!*

Too fast, I find myself close to shore again. "One foot up and out!" and we step out of the boat. I put my oar back in place and take a deep breath. I feel revived and ready to take on the rest of the day. ■

# A Day in the Life at NMU

By STEVE GUZOWSKI '79 BS

Introduction by KAREN WALLINGFORD '02 MA

Photography by Bill Sampson

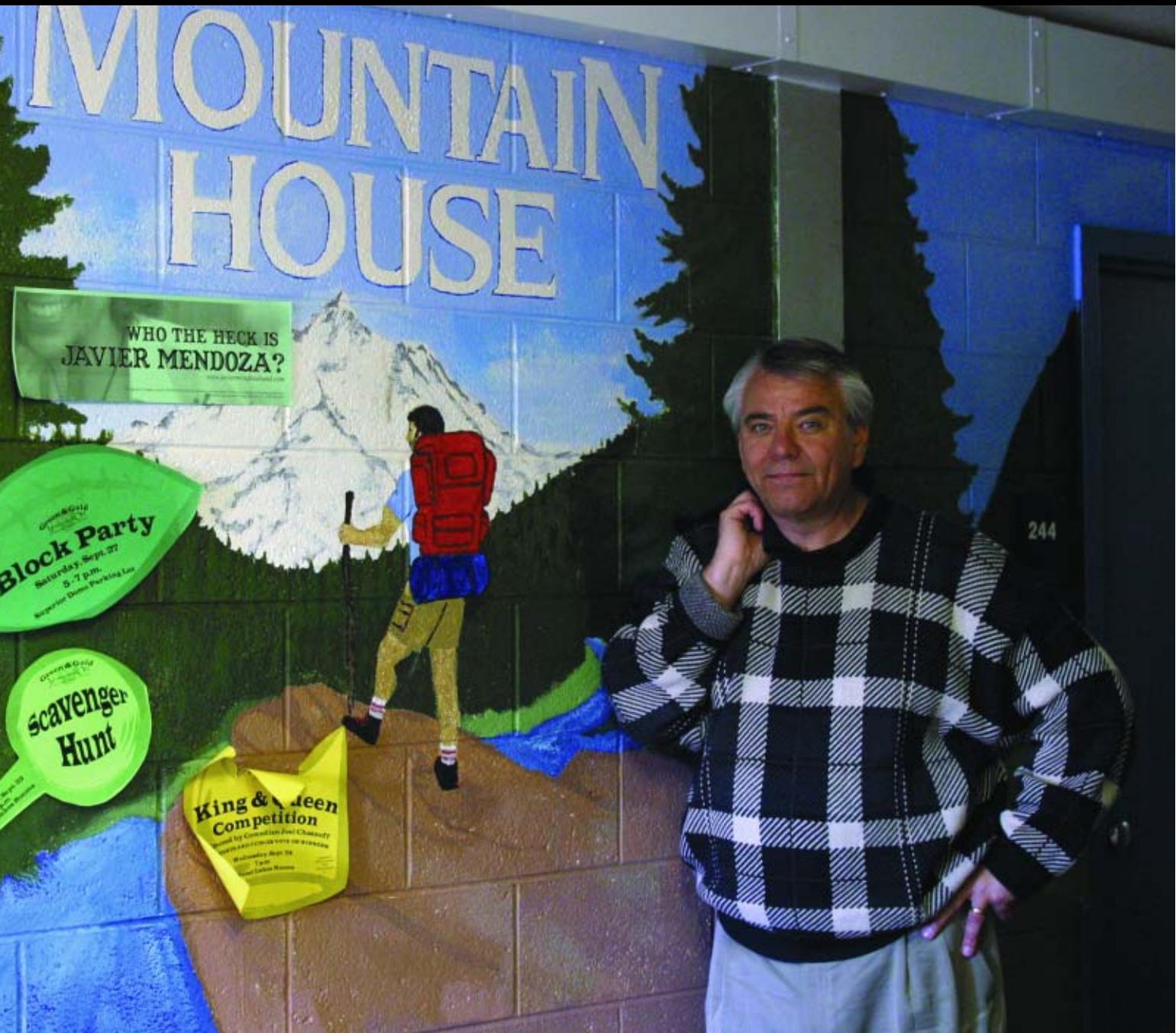
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When **Steve Guzowski '79 BS** brought his son to Northern to take the Presidential scholarship test and tour the campus in the fall of 2002, the last thing on his mind was the prospect of becoming a student again himself. But that's exactly what *Horizons* had in mind for Steve. We wanted to send an NMU alum back to school for a day and tell us how life as a student at Northern has changed. Martha Van Der Kamp, director of Alumni and Development at NMU, said Steve would be perfect for the task, so we approached him with the idea. He was quick to tell us that his academic career was "checkered," and he was more than a little surprised that Martha had recommended him as the ideal candidate for this assignment. But the idea intrigued him. He tentatively agreed, saying he'd have to check his schedule and making us promise that there would be no tests involved. One year later, the stars had aligned and Steve was ready to go back to school.

We paired him with NMU senior Gary Roehm from Ontonagon, a political science and philosophy double major. Gary had completed the majority of the classes

for his political science major and was finishing the requirements for his philosophy major, so needless to say, the day's course load would involve some heavy subject matter. Steve graduated with a criminal justice major, and the classes were unlike any he had taken at NMU. The day would start at 9 a.m. with EC 401 Microeconomics with Professor David Prychitko; then on to PL 210 History of Modern Philosophy with adjunct Instructor Virginia Peacock; and to cap off the day, PL 330 Existentialism with Professor Donald Dreisbach. Steve came prepared with pen and paper in hand. We provided him with the modern student's note taking device—an IBM ThinkPad computer—as well as all of the books required for his classes.

Of course, Steve's day wouldn't be complete unless he could sample residence-hall fare and then relax after class in a residence-hall room, so we arranged for him to have lunch at the Marketplace and then visit the very residence hall room he had lived in as a student. What follows are Steve's reflections as he made his way through a(nother) day in the life at NMU.



Steve Guzowski stands by a mural in Van Antwerp Hall, where he lived as a student in the 1970s. Steve is an outside sales representative for Graybar Electric Company, a distributor of electrical, telecommunications, and networking products to contractors for large building and renovation projects.

# Getting acquainted

## Some things never change

When I was a student here, Jamrich Hall was named Instructional Facility or IF. Not much has changed as far as the décor. The inside cinder block walls are painted the same colors and many rooms had the pull down maps of the world on the walls. The most noticeable change was the Cat 5 jacks for all of the laptop computers.

As I went to classes and opened up my laptop I couldn't help but think of my first exposure to computers at Northern. It was in a political science class with Dr. Robert Kulisheck. He gave us an assignment to analyze voting data of an election. We were supposed to break the data down by party, age group, and a variety of other parameters. Then we had to go down to the computer lab and start by punching the data onto punch cards using FORTRAN. After the data was entered, we sent the cards through a machine called a counter sorter. All I remember was hitting a button, and four or five hundred cards went flying in the lab.



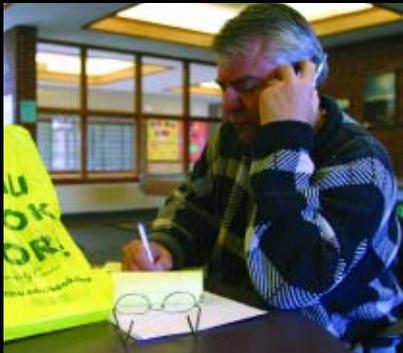
## Classroom redux

Gary and I had about a half an hour to get acquainted at the Starbucks in the LRC (Learning Resources Center) and go over the day's schedule (pictured top right). One of the first things that struck me in talking with Gary was how focused he is. He is a senior with law school in mind after graduation and an eye on politics for his future.

Our first class was Microeconomics with Professor David Prychitko. His discussion of price elasticity of demand was very interesting. I had never taken an economics class but by the end of the hour, David made me feel like I wanted to pursue an MBA.

Our next class was Modern Philosophy. Our discussion was on Immanuel Kant. And then on to the finale—Existentialism—where we discussed “nothing” Heidegger. The discussion was robust and fun. These classes reminded me of my Ancient History professor, Ken Schellhase. Ken looked like someone from ancient Rome. His hair and beard looked like a Roman senator's. He was one of my most memorable professors. He introduced me to Petronius, a satirist of the time. Ken was the kind of professor who engaged you with subject matter that on the surface seemed about as interesting as paint drying. Virginia Peacock did it with Immanuel Kant and Professor Dreisbach did it with Martin Heidegger and existentialism. This has not changed at Northern.

# Hitting the books



## In retrospect

So has the university changed from the 1970s? Absolutely. So many physical things have changed. Some buildings have been demolished, while others have been renovated, added onto, or are brand new. Trees that had just been planted 30 years ago are older and taller, giving the campus a mature look. But other things remain the same. The professors are still interested in what students think, and they still make sure students get all the support they need to understand complex problems.

Have the students changed? This is harder to determine. I saw many students so focused and intense. I think the cost of education has a lot to do with that. A credit hour in 1973 was \$12.50, so if you didn't get a good grade in a class, it wasn't unheard of to take it over and sometimes over again. All of the students were very friendly. I'm not sure if this is a trademark of the U.P., Marquette, or Northern, but I recall the same thing 30 years ago.

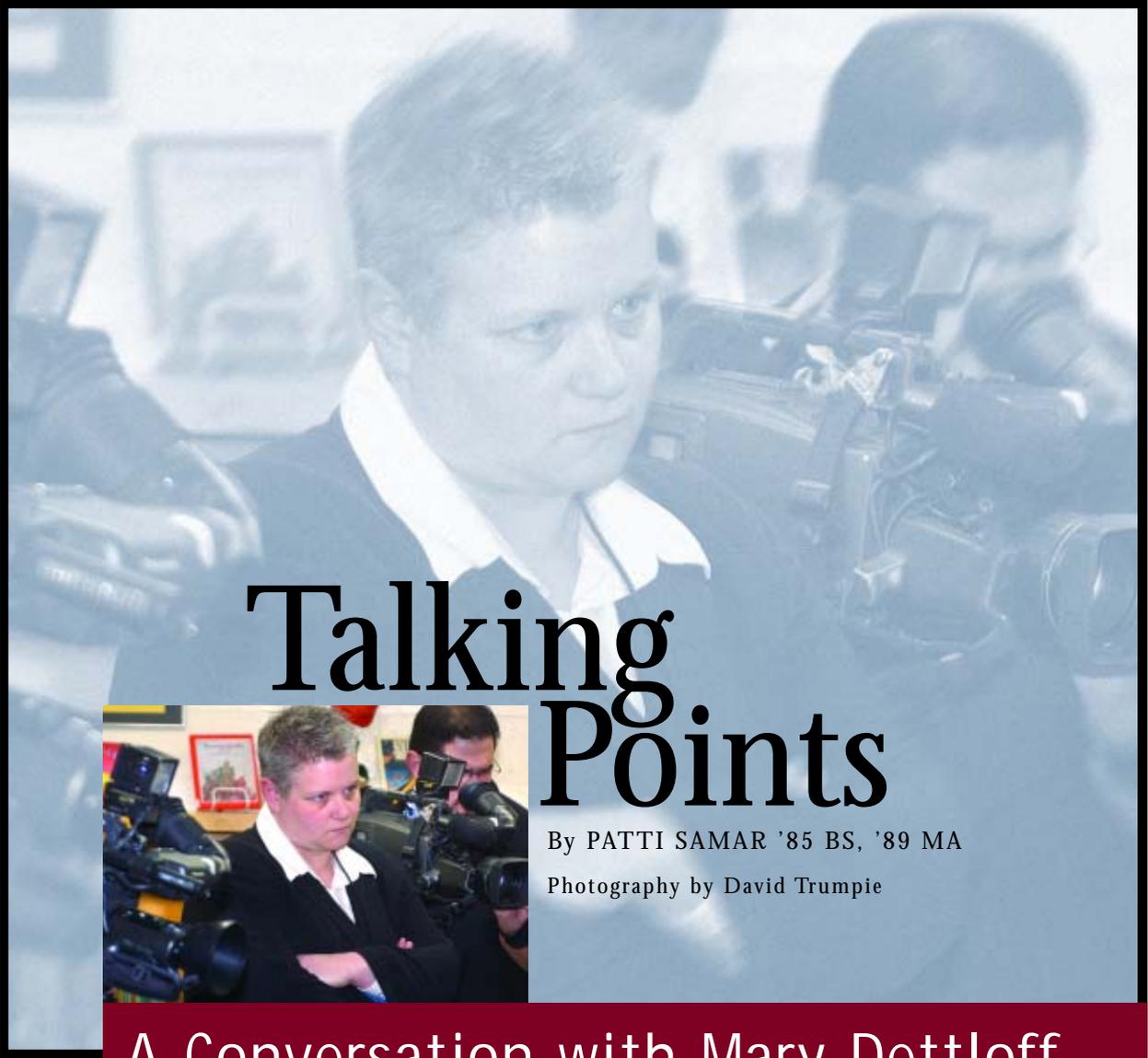
As I went through the day and compared what it was like then to how it is now, I realized the friendships I formed have lasted much longer than some of the classroom knowledge. This is what I have taken from Northern. ■

## A dorm room story

One of the things first-year students do is decorate their rooms. My roommate and I were no different. We built bookshelves out of cinder blocks and wood planks and added some posters. It was pretty boring.

Our second year, we decided to invest a little more time and effort. About this time barn wood was "in," so one Saturday morning we borrowed a friend's van and set off on a barn wood liberation safari. We came upon the town of Rock and found a barn that looked like it was about to fall apart, so we just helped it along. After taking a few nice looking planks, we needed some more so we moved down the road to McFarland. There was this old wooden barrel and we grabbed it, too.

We put up the planks as paneling over the block walls. You're not allowed to drill or pound nails into the walls, so we wedged the planks into position. That evening we stepped back and looked at our handiwork. It was very cool. But as the weather got colder, the dorm heat started up. The dorms were heated by hot-water registers—a very drying heat. Let me tell you what it does to barn wood. It started to contract the wood to the point where the walls started to collapse. One night nine or ten boards came crashing down, and that really cool wooden barrel fell apart the next night. It was some mess.



# Talking Points

By PATTI SAMAR '85 BS, '89 MA

Photography by David Trumpie



## A Conversation with Mary Dettloff

**M**ICHIGAN GOVERNOR JENNIFER GRANHOLM'S DEPUTY PRESS SECRETARY, **Mary Dettloff '86 BS**, is on the phone with **Matt Johnson '94 BS**, the governor's special assistant to the Upper Peninsula. The state Christmas tree is the topic of conversation.

"How's the tree?" he wants to know of the evergreen from the western U.P. that he helped select to serve as the "official" 2003 state Christmas tree. As she speaks to him, Mary looks out of her office window at the tree, guy-wired into place following a spectacular trek from its home in the cold north.



Mary Dettloff (right) talks with Governor Jennifer Granholm on the way to a media event.

“They’re still laughing about the tree, here, Matt,” she said with mock seriousness. “We’ll send you a picture, Matt. It’s not pretty.” Further inspection of the evergreen, sure enough, showed large holes in the bottom of the tree where branches had snapped off when it toppled to the ground due to the bitter U.P. cold. Additional branches were ripped off when the tree crossed the Mackinac Bridge during a wind-storm. Some have been wired to the tree in an attempt to fill the holes.

“You’d better do better next year, Matt,” she teased. “This is a lesson learned for next year.”

Dettloff has learned many lessons herself over the past year. The 39-year-old Lansing resident has lived and breathed Michigan politics for the past 14 years, having moved to Lansing in 1990 to accept a position as a communications representative for the Michigan House Democratic Press Office after receiving a job tip from a friend she met at NMU.

Her ascent to Gov. Granholm’s staff was no accident. She first encountered Granholm at a Detroit Chamber of Commerce annual meeting on Mackinac Island on the day Granholm announced her bid for state attorney general. “I was on the ferry and heard people talking about how incredible she was,” Dettloff said. Later, after Granholm had captured the attorney general’s office, Dettloff saw her address the House of Representatives when she offered her support for a health care issue.

“She’s just such a great communicator,” said Dettloff. “I leaned over to a friend and said, ‘She’s going to be governor someday, and I’m going to work for her.’”

Several years later when Granholm announced her bid for the governor’s office, Dettloff made a point of hounding Granholm’s communications staff for a position on the campaign, and she eventually won a spot.

“We were a small little team of people holed up in a small little office in Livonia, and it ended up being a whole lot of people holed up in an office in Detroit,” she said.

Dettloff’s desire to work with public servants is no surprise to her family and close friends.

“In some ways, too, it is a natural fit for me because my family has a history of public service,” she said. Her great-grandfather was a county magistrate in Presque Isle County, and her grandfather was a Presque Isle County commissioner and served on the school board in Rogers City. Her father was a city councilman in Rogers City for 25 years.

Her journey into politics came after spending time on the other side of the coin when she worked as a print journalist for several years immediately following college. She last worked as a reporter at the Houghton *Daily Mining Gazette*.

Dettloff directly attributes her success as a writer, reporter, and communicator to her days at NMU. “There were just a lot of good instructors,” she said. “I’d put them up against anyone at an Ivy League school.”

And Dettloff cannot speak of her time at Northern without men-



tioning Dr. Gerald Waite, professor emeritus of the English Department, who taught journalism and served as advisor to the student newspaper, *The NorthWind*. “Every time I think of Doc Waite, well, he was really the mentor figure in my life.”

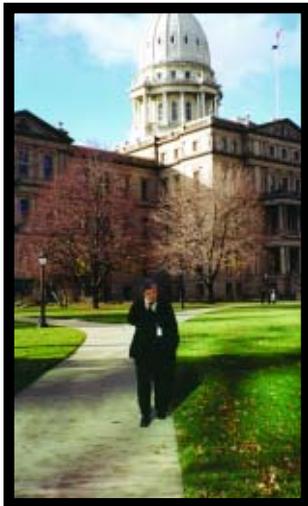


Photo by Patti Samar

Her studies extended beyond the classroom when she served as a staff member at *The NorthWind*. “I learned the ability to write quickly and write well and to never miss a deadline,” she said of her experiences there. “You learn the importance of teamwork and how to create something from scratch every week.”

Throughout her career working with public servants, Dettloff said she has felt fortunate to work with many honorable and notable Michigan politicians, many of whom turn to long-time staffers like her for advice and input.

“In the House of Representatives, you’re kind of on the ground floor where things happen,” she said of her time working there. “You get an opportunity to influence things from the ‘inside.’ You get to voice your opinion to legislators who will

listen to you. And you’d have these cool little moments.”

Dettloff’s “cool moments” in politics have included meeting Jesse Jackson, Hillary Clinton, and an assortment of Olympic athletes sent to Lansing via NMU. Additionally, she was on the House floor in 1997 when then-President Bill Clinton gave a speech on education to Michigan legislators.

“That’s kind of the little bonus or perk of working in this environment,” she said.

Working for Granholm, however, has definitely been the icing on the cake of a solid career. “I get to work for someone I respect, and that’s not something you can always say in this business,” she said. “She asks her staff for input, and what we say matters to her. You don’t always find that in this business.”

## A Day in the Life of Mary Dettloff

Though each day brings about new challenges and obstacles for Mary Dettloff, a typical day in November 2003 went something like this:

**8 a.m.** — Staff meeting with the governor. “We meet with her every morning at 8 a.m.,” said Dettloff of the governor’s 12 to 15 key staff members. “She goes around the table, asks what they’ve got going on and what she needs to know.”

**Between 9 and 10 a.m.** — Dettloff and other communications staff members “huddle up” and review issues of importance to their team, including press releases that need to be distributed and details for upcoming events.

**10 a.m. to noon** — Dettloff works on responding to media inquiries, planning media events, and crafting talking points and key messages for press conferences and presentations.

**Noon** — Dettloff has a lunch meeting with a reporter who observes the sad appearance of the official state Christmas tree on the capitol lawn. Dettloff mutters something about snapping branches and a windstorm on the Mackinac Bridge.

**2 p.m.** — Dettloff begins preparing for a 7 p.m. live television program featuring the governor as moderator. It is the sixth such live television program conducted statewide in the past two weeks as Granholm traveled across the state to share her message concerning a \$900 million budget deficit she inherited when she took office in January 2003.

Each event has included a live audience of approximately 50 people from the different communities where the broadcasts have taken place. “It gives us a gauge on what people want to see us spend money on,” said Dettloff.

Each program also involves a press briefing immediately following the broadcast.

Dettloff made a point to compliment the crew at WNMU-TV where the only broadcast from the Upper Peninsula took place. “WNMU did a stupendous job,” said Dettloff. “We had all of these TV stations downstate that were so nervous and the WNMU-TV crew just whipped it off like they do it every day.”

Dettloff's duties as deputy press secretary include handling media relations and serving as spokesperson for Lieutenant Governor John Cherry and Granholm's husband, First Gentleman Daniel Mulhern. She works under Granholm's Director of Communications Genna Gent and Press Secretary Liz Boyd.

When Gent and Boyd are unavailable or off, Dettloff serves as Granholm's spokesperson. Additionally, she handles a variety of public and media relations projects that include organizing press conferences and traveling with the governor when the media will be involved.

"I'm always the one who goes to the U.P. with her," she said. "The governor really likes the people in the U.P. because she says they are very down to earth and very real. She always feels it's one of those places where she can go and sit in a



diner and have a cup of coffee and talk to people without someone asking her for a favor.

"She's a very down-to-earth person and I think she appreciates that about other people, too."

Though her hours are long and there's not much time for pursuing personal hobbies such as bird watching, baseball, and hockey, Dettloff

can't imagine doing anything else at this point in her career.

"It's such an honor and a privilege to work here, and it's something that not everyone gets to do," she said. ■

***Patti Samar '85 BS, '89 MA owns The Write Company, which offers writing, editing, and graphic design services.***

**5 p.m.** — Dettloff heads off for a quick dinner with fellow staff members, all of whom are preparing for a late night at the office due to the television broadcast. As they drive past the state Christmas tree, someone says, "That poor tree...it looks so sad..." Another one quips mournfully, "Yeah, just like the economy this year. It's just representative of our state..."

**5:45 p.m.** — Staff members begin greeting various members of the media who are arriving at the governor's suite of offices, which includes a medium-sized auditorium where the broadcast will take place. The Associated Press, the Detroit newspapers and various broadcast mediums from Detroit and Lansing are all represented. Dettloff knows them all and amicably jokes around with them as they quiz her regarding the contents of the night's program.

**7 p.m.** — Dettloff and her colleagues gather around a monitor in a conference room across the hall from the auditorium and watch the governor move through a program she is now conducting for the sixth time.

**8 p.m.** — With the live broadcast over, Dettloff takes her position in the throng of reporters who swarm around the governor, making sure she remains close enough to hear the questions being asked and the way her boss responds.

**9 p.m.** — The day's work complete 13 hours after it began, Dettloff leaves the office contemplating whether or not it is too late to visit her domestic partner in the hospital.

Two blocks away from the capitol, a car backs out of a parking space and hits her SUV. No one is injured and she speaks reassuringly to the rattled law school student who is apologetic. As they wait for the police, Dettloff introduces herself. "Where do I know you from?" the student asks.

After going back and forth a few times, Dettloff finally says, "I work for the governor...my name is in the newspaper..." The law student waives that off. "That's not it," she says.

Several minutes of conversation reveals both had lived in Houghton during their lives. Dettloff explains she worked at the *Daily Mining Gazette*. "That's it!" exclaims the student. "That's where I've seen your name before!"

## PRESIDENT'S NOTE

# What an opportunity!

## Leadership of the NMU Alumni Association

While I am thrilled to be undertaking such an important role for my alma mater, I also feel a bit sad. Sad, because the Association is losing **Rick Popp '88 BS, '90 MPA** as president. Rick resigned as president of the NMU Alumni Association in January because a job opportunity will take him to Mexico and frequent trips home are not possible.

Rick has been a strong leader and advocate for Northern and brought a great amount of energy to the board. He and I have had a wonderful working relationship and I have learned much from his leadership. I wish Rick well as he enters this new phase of his life.

When I accepted the vice presidency of the Alumni Association one year ago, I did it because of my love for NMU and what the Association means to the overall educational experience. I take over the presidency with the same enthusiasm.

I look forward to the challenges and learning opportunities that

come along with the presidency of the Alumni Association.

Alumni are an integral part of Northern Michigan University, whether it be through events, student recruitment, or advocacy. As alumni of such a wonderful institution, it is our responsibility to assist the university in achieving its goals and ensuring its success.

Northern played an important role in my life, and now it's my turn to return the favor. I look to all NMU alumni, my fellow board members, and the campus community for assistance, guidance, and support to continue the important work of the Association. Please e-mail me at [AAPresident@alumni.nmu.edu](mailto:AAPresident@alumni.nmu.edu) with any questions, ideas, or suggestions you may have as we continue the Wildcat tradition of success.

**Barry Axelrod '69 BA,**  
**President NMU Alumni Association**



## LOST ALUMNI

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

Shannon Wiseman '79 BS  
Fred Lund '82 BSW  
Thomas Mulcrone '82 BSN  
Deborah Creller '84 BS  
Douglas Ramey '86 Dipl.  
Carl Weinert '88 BS  
Paul Schmitzer '89 BS  
Thomastine Ureh '89 BS  
Roy Legree '90 Dipl.  
Sherry Wakeham '91 BS  
Scott Neuhardt '94 BS  
Colleen Stoll '94 BS  
Elaine Velich '95 BSW  
Brad Olney '98 AS

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.

Dwight Romagnoli '69 BS  
David Wirth '72 BS  
Alan Casmere '73 BS  
Daniel Stencil '76 BS  
Richard Dabney '87 BS  
Michelle Janisz '87 BS  
Kimberly Durst-Nim '89 BS  
David Shook '90 BS and Levon Kayser-Shook '88 BS  
Marc '91 BS and Sharon (Moore) '92 BS Raslich  
David Gregory '92 BS  
Keith Godfrey '96 BS  
Jeffrey '96 BS and Leah (Berglund) '96 BA Halvorson

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# DETROIT LIONS HEADQUARTERS and TRAINING FACILITY TOUR

FRIDAY, MAY 21, 2004



**Steve Mariucci '77 BS, '83 MAE** and the Northern Michigan University Alumni Association invite you to a special, Wildcat-only event at the Detroit Lions Headquarters and Training Facility in Allen Park, Michigan. All NMU alumni and friends are invited.

- Meet Steve Mariucci, Lions head coach
- Tour the Lions' state-of-the-art facility
- Check out the broadcast studio
- Eat in the Lions' dining room
- Get a video update from the NMU campus

There will also be special guest appearances and silent auction items available for bid, including game tickets.

You must order your tickets and RSVP in advance; tickets will not be sold at the door. For prices and details, contact the NMU Alumni Association at 1-877-GRAD NMU or visit the Alumni Association Web site at [www.nmu.edu/alumni](http://www.nmu.edu/alumni). Space is limited, so purchase your tickets early.



## ALUMNI FAST FACT...

*The NMU Alumni Association Web site is your source for alumni events.*

- Homecoming
- Reunions
- Events on campus
- Events around the country

Whether you want to know what's happening on campus during your next visit to Marquette or you're interested in meeting fellow alumni in your area, the information you need is just a click away.

Just click the "Events" tab on the Alumni Association home page.

[WWW.NMU.EDU/ALUMNI](http://WWW.NMU.EDU/ALUMNI)

## Upcoming Alumni and Marquette Area Events

| DATE       | EVENT   |
|------------|---|
| April 16   | Spring football game in the Superior Dome         |
| June 14    | Wildcat Golf Classic at Boyne Highlands Resort    |
| June 24    | Wildcat Club/Alumni Assoc. Golf Outing            |
| June 25    | NMU Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting |
| July 2-4   | Marquette International Food Festival             |
| July 16-17 | Hiawatha Music Festival                           |
| July 24-25 | Art on the Rocks                                  |
| July 31    | NMU Football Kickoff Classic Golf Outing          |
| August 14  | Subaru Ore to Shore Mountain Bike Epic            |
| Oct. 15-16 | Homecoming 2004                                   |

For more information on any of the above events, contact the NMU Alumni Association at 1-877-GRAD NMU or [alumni@nmu.edu](mailto:alumni@nmu.edu).

# Creative giving through gifts in kind

Public Service Garage gift tops \$100,000

Friends and co-workers started kidding Interim President Mike Roy when he showed up to work last spring driving a new 2003 Buick Rendezvous, the joke being “become the university president, get a new car.”

What actually happened was the lease on the president’s vehicle expired and was renewed by Public Service Garage of Marquette almost simultaneously to the announcement of Roy as interim to replace outgoing president Judi Bailey.

Public Service Garage has provided use of a vehicle to Northern’s president since the early 1990s. The latest renewed lease put Public Service Garage over the \$100,000 giving mark.

“Most people don’t realize that, while the university is contractually obligated to provide the president with the use of a vehicle, for more than 10 years this has been taken care of by our good friends at Public Service Garage,” said Roy. “This has resulted in large savings to the university’s budget. We sincerely thank Public Service for its continued support.”

Phyllis Maki, president of the NMU Development Fund Board of Trustees and chief financial officer at Public Service Garage, is well aware of the benefits of gift-in-kind giving.

“Providing the NMU president with a vehicle is an easy way for Public Service Garage to support Northern Michigan University,” said Maki. “The university plays a key role in the vitality of the Upper

Peninsula and it is important for those of us who benefit from the university to demonstrate our support, especially in these turbulent economic times when Michigan’s public universities have been hit so hard with budget reductions.”

Since Northern began keeping track of gifts in kind in 1985, more than 800 donors have made 1,160 gifts in kind worth \$4.8 million. During the recently completed *This Decisive Season: The Campaign for Northern Michigan University*, more than \$3 million of the \$37 million raised during the fundraising effort came as gift-in-kind contributions.

Along with Public Service Garage, Northern has received five other gifts in kind worth more than \$100,000, the largest of these being a gift of software worth \$1.48 million made by SAP America to the Cisler College of Business.

“SAP R/3 software is the most widely used enterprise software available today,” said James Scheiner, dean of the college. “In receiving this gift, it enabled NMU business students to become experienced—before their graduation and entrance into the workforce—in using the very same technology the employees of the largest corporations in America are in the process of learning to use.”

Three of the largest gifts in kind have benefited the College of Technology and Applied Sciences, including Primavera Systems’ software worth \$444,000; computer



Interim NMU President Mike Roy (left) with Phyllis Maki and John Veiht, owner of Public Service Garage.

equipment from Pioneer Surgical Technology worth \$144,000; and a \$101,000 gift in avionics equipment from AMR/RAMCI.

A gift of computer equipment worth \$125,000 from the AT&T Foundation to the Academic Computing department was also

## Examples of gift-in-kind donations to NMU

- Testing of 178 athletes, Marquette General Health System.
- Manufacturing technology equipment, former NMU Board of Trustees chair **Gil Ziegler '60 BS**.
- Furniture and fixtures for Olive Pendill Suite, nursing department, William Pendill.
- A pad-mounted transformer for the Berry Events Center, Marquette Board of Light and Power.
- Star lab portable planetarium, Kaleidoscope Committee (gift effort led by the *Marquette Mining Journal*).
- Set of Encyclopedia of Analytical Chemistry to chemistry department, Dow Chemical Company (gift effort led by **Dr. Pak-Wing Steve Chum '74 MS**).
- Signage for Superior Dome, Signs Now (**Mark '83 BS** and **Lennette '85 BSW Pynnonen**).

among the largest gifts in kind.

However, all gift-in-kind donations are not valued at hundreds of thousands of dollars, according to Martha Van Der Kamp, executive director of alumni and development. Van Der Kamp says gift-in-kind giving exemplifies assisting the university in creative, yet practical ways.

“One of the most exciting things about gift-in-kind giving is alumni and friends of the university have an opportunity to share resources they have readily at hand,” said Van Der Kamp.

Captain **Arthur Bennett '97** had the opportunity to explore much of Asia during his naval career. Recently he and his family gifted a set of three oriental prints to Northern's Art and Design department.

“I like knowing that by sharing with the university the artwork I've collected through the years, many others have had the opportunity to enjoy it. I also know it gives the students hands-on access to a type of art they might not otherwise have the chance to experience,” said Bennett.

The opportunities for gift-in-kind giving are limited only by the imagination, said Van Der Kamp. The Alumni and Development office is happy to provide interested parties with information about the needs and desires of academic and non-academic departments on campus. She added that during lean budget times departmental budgets often don't have the resources to replace aging equipment or to fund equipment for new initiatives.

For more information on gift-in-kind giving, contact the Development Fund by e-mail at [devfund@nmu.edu](mailto:devfund@nmu.edu), online at [www.nmu.edu/development](http://www.nmu.edu/development), or by phone at 906-227-2627.

## Minimum funding to endow scholarships increased

### Tom Peters honored with scholarship effort

The NMU Development Fund Board of Trustees voted at its fall meeting to raise the minimum dollar amount needed to endow a scholarship to \$25,000.

The first scholarship to be endowed under the new policy was The R. Thomas Peters, Jr. Endowed Scholarship Fund, which was created by alumni, family, and friends of Peters and announced during Homecoming.

“Endowed scholarships are one of the most prestigious gifts a contributor can make to a university. They are often named for the contributor or in honor of someone of the contributor's choosing,” said **Kathy Frazier '86 BS**, director of Development Fund finances and coordinator of the Development Fund's scholarship program. “During our recently completed campaign we were advised that raising our minimum for this type of gift would put us more in line with the national average as well as raise the sights of our donors.”

Endowed scholarships are those that are funded in perpetuity. They use only the interest earned for the scholarship award, but not any of the principal. Unlike endowments, annual scholarships use all or a portion of the principal gift and must be newly funded each year.

According to Frazier, the Peters Scholarship Fund was organized by a group of people who wanted to “thank Tom for the assistance he has given to so many in the NMU community over many years.”

“What an honor; words cannot express what this means to me,” said **Peters '55 BS** at the Alumni Awards breakfast where the scholarship was announced.

Peters retired from Northern in 1994 as the assistant to the president. During his 30 years at NMU, he had administrative duties with Admissions, Alumni Relations, Campus Development, the Development Fund, Financial Aid, Intercollegiate Athletics, the News Bureau, Public Safety, and the United States Olympic Education Center. Peters also helped to found the Alumni “N” Club, the former Golden Wildcat Club (now called the Wildcat Club), and the NMU Sports Hall of Fame.

Peters was honored with the Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumni Award in 1975 and inducted into the NMU Sports Hall of Fame in 1984.

Peters continues to serve the university as a member of the NMU Development Fund's Board of Trustees. He recently completed a term as a member of the Alumni Association's Board of Directors. He also was a co-chair of the campus community committee during *This Decisive Season: The Campaign for Northern Michigan University*, and is an active participant in several of the university's affinity clubs.

The scholarship will be awarded to NMU students majoring in education.

# Wildcat teams roar onto national scene

Volleyball and cross country 'Cats make NCAA appearances



## Volleyball

At the December 2002 press conference announcing his return to Northern Michigan University as the Wildcat volleyball coach, Jim Moore said that his goal was to get the NMU program back national prominence, but he repeatedly reminded those in attendance, "Doing so will take some time."

"I'm a little concerned about unrealistic expectations when people have already started asking me how long it will be before we can win another national championship," Moore said, only partly kidding the crowd.

Moore served as Northern's coach from 1989-93, and was at the helm when the Wildcats captured their first of two consecutive national titles in 1993 and 1994.

Obviously, Moore didn't give the same speech to his 2003 squad. This year's 'Cats not only advanced to the NCAA Regionals, they also made Northern history by going undefeated through the regular season (23-0) and winning the school's eighth Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference North Division regular season title (18-0)—the first since 1998. They beat Grand Valley State University for the GLIAC Tournament crown.

Northern's first loss of the year came Nov. 21 at home in the second round of the NCAA Great Lakes Regional Tournament versus Northern Kentucky, 3-0. The loss closed NMU's season at 26-1. NKU bowed to Grand Valley 3-0 in the regional title match.

"We had a fabulous year, an

incredible year, but that first and last loss was a painful one and will stay with us for a long time," said Moore.

Further proof of Northern's return to the elite national level came when junior middle blocker Aimee Dewitte and sophomore right-side hitter Jennie Little were named to the American Coaches Volleyball Association's (AVCA) third and honorable mention All-America squads, respectively.

Dewitte and Little were also All-Great Lakes Region Team picks, while outside hitter Ashley Kiel was selected the All-Great Lakes Freshman of the Year. Moore was named the Tachikara/AVCA Great Lakes Region Coach of the Year.

Little led the 'Cats with 348 kills (3.62 per game) and a .318 hitting percentage. She also had 35 service aces and 133 digs. Dewitte had 214 kills (2.82 per game), 13 solo blocks, and 47 blocking assists for a total of 60 blocks for the year. Both were GLIAC All-Tournament Team members with Little capturing the tournament's Most Valuable Player award.

Kiel led Northern in service aces with 47. She had 17 block solos and 82 assists. Kiel was also an honorable mention pick to the all-region team.

In addition, Dewitte and Little were first-team all-conference, Kiel and sophomore outside hitter Andrea Smith were chosen to the second team, and sophomore middle blocker Holly Greenamyre were chosen to the third team.

Moore was also chosen the GLIAC Coach of the Year for the third time. The regional award is the

fourth of his career.

“I know a lot of people will try to give me all of the credit for this year’s success, but really the praise goes to the athletes who had to quickly adjust to a new coaching staff and new systems of play, but who came to practice and matches every day ready to give everything they had,” Moore said.

He added that among the most exciting moments of the season—“and there were many”—was the crowd of more than 1,170 who packed Vandament Arena for the GLIAC title-deciding match against Grand Valley State, setting a Vandament Arena attendance record.

“Once the streak got going, our home crowds started getting bigger and bigger, so one of my personal goals was to have a crowd of more than 1,000, but until the second to the last match of the regular season, we couldn’t break that mark. Then, everything came down to the GVSU match. When we walked into the arena, the roof was practically rocking off the building. It was that kind of moment when you know why college athletics are so exciting,” said Moore.

Northern returns all but one member, setter-defensive specialist Anne Kinsella Hansenstab, to next year’s team.

## Cross Country

The NMU women’s cross country team captured seventh place at the NCAA Division II Championship in Cary, N.C., on Nov. 22. The Wildcats had 268 points, four points shy of Harding University

and South Dakota State University who tied for fifth. Adams State College was crowned the champion with 38 points.

The performance marked the fourth year in a row that Northern finished in the top eight. Last year, NMU was fourth.

“I am very happy with the results and the way we ran,” said Coach **Sten Fjeldheim ’86 BS, ’93 MA**. “I’m pleased that we have been a team qualifier to the national meet and finished in the top 10 for the past several years.”

Senior Jennifer Lahr was the top Wildcat performer at 28th place overall and 16th place in the team rankings. Her overall rank earned her All-America honors.

Northern qualified for the national meet with second place at the Great Lakes Regional Championships behind Grand Valley State. Lahr was again the top Wildcat runner with a seventh-place finish. Juniors Tami Kochen and Maria Stubers were 14th and 15th respectively. All three were named to the All-Great Lakes Region Team.

At the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletics Conference (GLIAC) Championship, GVSU took the title while the ’Cats were the runners-up. Lahr finished fourth and Kochen was sixth. Both were named First Team All-GLIAC.

One of Northern’s top performances of the season came at the Michigan Intercollegiate Championships in October when the Wildcats were second behind Division I Michigan State in the six-kilometer event. Kochen was Northern’s top

finisher with eighth place while Stuber was 10th. Two other highlights of the year were winning the Roy Griak Invitational in St. Paul, Minn., for a second consecutive year and taking first of 32 teams at the Midwest Cross Country Championships in Kenosha, Wis.

Nineteen of 26 team members, including six of the squad’s top seven runners, are slated to return for the 2004 season.

“We have some very strong runners back next year as well as some solid recruits, so remaining one of the top 10 programs in Division II is certainly our goal,” said Fjeldheim.



## Tell us what's happening in your life

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

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## Pre-1960s

**Arthur Doolittle '34 BS** of Largo, Fla., recalls having spent four enjoyable years at Northern. He says that after he graduated, he "played on a disappointing football team but was co-captain of a great basketball bunch of guys."

**Palmer Brown '37 BS** of Westland has retired after working for 25 years as a secondary school administrator. He has traveled extensively and enjoys painting with pastels. "I remember well, with gratitude, professors McClintock, Lautner, Chase, Brown, and Spooner, and Drs. Hunt, Garby, and Lowe."

**Webster "Web" Morrison '43 BS** was inducted into the Michigan Track Coaches Hall of Fame in January 2004. In 1993 he was inducted into the Michigan Coaches Hall of Fame, and in 1973 he was inducted into the Upper Peninsula Sports Hall of Fame. Web is a retired school administrator and coach.

**George Kivela '46 BA** of Madison, Wis., has retired for the second time. His first retirement came after working for 32 years as a test research specialist for the State of Wisconsin. His second is after 24 years as an escort driver for the retired and senior program of Madison. "I am 90 years of age and feel that it is now time to retire."

**Ray Tollefson '50 BS** of Indian River, **Jeff Hamal '66 BS, '70 MAE**, and **Karen (Oman) Hamal '66 BS** of Indian River, competed in and won

the inaugural Indian River Golf Club College Cup Challenge. They played on behalf of Northern Michigan University and split their winnings between their local high school golf program and the NMU Development Fund.

**Sandy MacLean '56 BS** of St. Louis, Mo., was recognized as a founder of the University of Missouri-St. Louis. He is a vice chancellor emeritus of the UM-St. Louis. [stannard624@yahoo.com](mailto:stannard624@yahoo.com)

**Ronald Smith '56 BME, '62 MM** of Bessemer had his nine-minute concert band composition titled, "Saewuda (Seawood) Suite," featured at the Marquette Senior High School wind symphony spring 2003 concert. Ronald was also featured as conductor of the piece. He is a retired music teacher.

**Robert Bess '58 BS** of Harrison is a part-time computer information systems instructor at Mid Michigan Community College.

**Jane (Whitton) Reppen '58 BME** of Farmington is a piano teacher. She previously worked as an elementary school music supervisor. [reppjan@yahoo.com](mailto:reppjan@yahoo.com)

## 60s

**Beth French '60 BA** of Parma, Ohio, has retired after working for 41 years in the interlibrary loan department of the Cuyahoga County Public Library in Cleveland.

**T. Dennis George '60 BS** of Kirkland, Wash., has joined the firm of McNaul, Ebel, Nawrot, Helgren, and Vance PLLC.

His practice will emphasize representation of companies and individuals in litigation, compliance matters, and business transactions in matters relating to biotechnology. Prior to joining the firm, Dennis was senior vice president of corporate affairs and general counsel at Dendreon Corporation, a Seattle- and San Diego-based public biotechnology company. Dennis is a member of the NMU Development Fund Board of Trustees and a recipient of an NMU Distinguished Alumni Award.

**Shirley Evans '61 BS** of Menominee, received the Kaplan Fellow Award for 2003-04 for her contributions to University of Wisconsin-Marquette students and campus, and the community. Shirley is a lecturer in English, communication and theater arts, and English as a second language at UW-Marquette. She was dean of women at NMU from 1968-71.

**John Milkowski '63 BS** of Cedarville retired in 2002 after teaching social studies at Cedarville High School for 34 years.

**Scott Holman '65 BS** of Freeland was recently elected to the Board of Directors of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce. He will be involved in establishing policy on major economic, legislative, political, and social issues that affect Michigan's business and economic climate. Scott is president, owner, and chief executive officer of Bay Cast Inc. and Bay Cast Technologies in Bay City. He is a past president of the NMU Alumni Association, a long-time member and past chairman of the NMU Board of Trustees, and a recipient of an NMU Distinguished Alumni Award.

**Francisco Wong '65 BA** of San Francisco, Calif., writes, "I am alive, happy, and a very productive American living and working in Northern California since the early 1970s. I am twice a grandfather and have been honored with many awards and recognitions, including *Who's Who in*

*America*. However, my greatest achievement was being a successful single parent. Warm regards to all my friends, acquaintances, and benefactors in Marquette and Northern Michigan."

**Robert Erickson '66 BS** of Sheboygan, Wis., retired after teaching and coaching for 35 years at South High School in Sheboygan. Robert was inducted into the Wisconsin High School Tennis Coaches Hall of Fame.

**L.E. Ward '66 BA, '67 MA** of Iron River recently published his 8th collection of poetry in a book titled, *The Country of the Heart*. A former college teacher, Ward now teaches enrichment courses in West Iron County.

**Ray Henderson '67 BS** of Iron Mountain writes that he enjoys carpentry and working for Habitat for Humanity. His wife **Mary (Gingrass) '67 BS** enjoys writing. Ray says that retirement agrees with both of them. Ray and Mary are both retired teachers.

**Dave Robinson '67 BME, '70 MAE** of Waukesha, Wis., retired in January 2003 from the Waukesha Public Schools after teaching in Wisconsin since 1967. He was the director of the Horning Middle School orchestras for 18 years. [drobinson14@wi.rr.com](mailto:drobinson14@wi.rr.com)

**Gary Bath '68 BS** of Menasha, Wis., retired in 2002 after teaching for 35 years. He taught high school English in Engadine and Hilbert and Menasha, Wis. He coached the only Menasha High School girl's basketball team to make it to the state tournament (1991). He is married and has a daughter, Jennifer, a son, Andrew, and a stepson, Jeffrey.

**Robert Fure '68 BA** of Lexington, Va., recently visited his 7th continent on a voyage to Antarctica as the director of outreach programs for Washington and Lee University.

**Cheryl (Cady) Stanek '68 BS** of Gladstone is a retired teacher. She taught special education for 16 years and 2nd grade for 19 years in the

Gladstone Area Schools. "I'm looking forward to spending much time with my 13-month-old granddaughter." [cstanek@hotmail.com](mailto:cstanek@hotmail.com)

**Margaret (Gilmore) Wolfe '68 BS** of Ann Arbor was named *The New York Times* Librarian of the Year in December. The award recognizes librarians whose performance and community service have made the libraries they work for friendlier and more accessible. Margaret is a librarian coordinator for Washtenaw County Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled.

**Sharon (Donovan) Wood '68 BS** of Annandale, N.J., will be retiring in June after 34 years of teaching elementary education. "I will now spend more time with my 16 grandchildren and, of course, my husband, John!"

**Tom Charters '69 BS** of Clio is the co-owner of the Corner Café in Clio. Prior to opening the café, Tom worked as a financial and executive officer for quick-serve franchises and a chain of ice cream parlors on the West Coast.

**Phillip DePerro '69 BS** of Linden is a buyer at Delphi. [phillip1@chartermi.net](mailto:phillip1@chartermi.net)

**Richard Peura '69 BA** of Marquette announced the addition of **Juliet Hoffman '94 BS** to his dental practice, Dental Associates of Marquette. He also announced the merger of Dental Associates with the dental practice of **Edwin Myler '60** in Munising. [rpeuradds@charter.net](mailto:rpeuradds@charter.net)

## 70s

**Roger Brooks '70 MAE, '76 EdS** and his wife **Lillian '93 BSN** of Newberry are both retired from Marquette General Hospital. Roger worked in the risk management/safety department and Lillian was the director of nursing.

**Doris (Wegner) Habermehl '70 MAE** of Alpena is a retired elementary teacher. She had a complete hip removal in 2000 and says she is doing fine and caring for herself.



Winter Festival, 1963. Photo courtesy of the NMU Archives.

**Michael Ruhanen '70 BS** of Reese works for Electronic Data Systems. He is the manufacturing engineering systems operations manager for the powertrain manufacturing facilities in Saginaw and Bay City, Mich.; Massena, N.Y.; Defiance and Toledo, Ohio; and Beford, Ind. [mike.ruhanen@eds.com](mailto:mike.ruhanen@eds.com)

**Garth Jones '71 BS** of Saint Clair is retired. He worked as an adult probation officer for the State of Michigan.

**Don Stacks '71 BA** of Miami, Fla., was selected for the 2003 Outstanding Educator Award by the Public Relations Society of America. He is a professor and the director of the advertising and public relations program at the University of Miami. He also is a trustee of the Institute for Public Relations and a member of the following organizations: Commission on Public Relations Measurement and Evaluation, the Commission on Public Relations Education, and the Arthur W. Page Society. [dstacks@aol.com](mailto:dstacks@aol.com)

**Marcia (Forsberg) Ruhanen '72 BS** of Reese is enjoying retirement after 30 years in public education. She taught for six years in Rudyard and 24 years in Millington. [mruhanen@aol.com](mailto:mruhanen@aol.com)

**Ronald Schooks '72 BS** of East China Township is a metallurgist for American Axle Manufacturing in Detroit. He has worked as a metallurgist for 30 years. He travels to many countries, evaluating and developing suppliers.

## ALUMNI IN PRINT

### World War II Chicago



Arcadia, 2003

Paul M. Green and  
**Melvin Holli '57 BA**

World War II ushered in changing times for Chicago. The city became an important military center, while the city's civilian population engaged in manufacturing war materials. Using images from a variety of sources including the *Chicago Sun-Times*, City of Chicago, and University of Illinois, Melvin Holli and Paul Green collaborate to present a vivid photographic history of World War II Chicago.

### The Vegan Diet

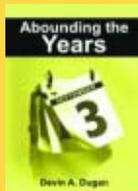


Lantern Books, 2003

**Kerrie Saunders '85 BS**

In this series of essays arguing for the vegan lifestyle, Kerrie Saunders explores evidence suggesting that many diseases suffered by Americans today can be controlled or eliminated through diet. The book includes an exhaustive list of references and sources in support of the human health benefits of the vegan diet.

### Abounding the Years



1st Books Library,  
2004

**Devin Dugan '96 BS**

A compilation of new poems and previously published works, *Abounding the Years* features poems from Devin Dugan's first two books, *Expressions from the Heart* and *Midnight Texas* as well as poems spotlighted in *Best Poems of 1997* and *The Nightfall of Diamonds*.

**Jim Wachowski '72 BS** of Eagle Harbor and his wife **Barb (Timoszyk) Wachowski '72 BS** recently retired and have made a new home in the Keweenaw. Jim worked in the automotive supplier business in Rochester Hills and retired as a division quality assurance manager. Barb taught in the Romeo Community Schools, became the assistant principal at a middle school, and then became the assistant principal at Romeo High School. Jim and Barb say they look back fondly on the great education they received at NMU. They have two children: Tom, 26, and Kimberly, 22.

**Stephen Christiansen '73 BA** of Detroit is a massage therapist at Associate Chiropractic Clinics in Southfield and Lincoln Park. He also works at Normandy Chiropractic in Royal Oak, which is owned by **Glenn Silberschein '74 BS**.

**Michael Davis '73 BS, '79 MAE** of Livonia is retiring after teaching architecture and construction at Henry Ford Community College for 30 years.

**Glenn Pearson '73 BA** of Escanaba was elected District Court Judge for the 94th Judicial District in Delta County from a field of six candidates. He began his term in January 2003. Glenn has practiced law in Delta County for 25 years.

**Steven Day '75 BS** of Port Edwards, Wis., recently received the Defense Meritorious Service Medal while assigned to the U.S. Joint Forces Command in Norfolk, Va. He is a captain with the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve. The Coast Guard cited Steven's management skills in relation to the Homeland Security mission as instrumental to his receiving the medal.

**Tom Roy '75 BS** of Marquette is president of Sweet and Salty Inc., a cotton candy and popcorn company. He works at area events such as the 4th of July celebration at Lower Harbor and the Hiawatha Music Festival. "It's lots of fun! Hi Dr. K." Tom is a

teacher and bus driver with the Marquette Public Schools.

**Karen (Collison) Possley '78 BS** of Chippewa Falls, Wis., has been teaching high school in the Stanley-Boyd School District for the past 25 years.

**Annette (Kreitz) Thomas '78 BS** of Clarkston has two children: Nicholas, 21, and Stefani, 16. She is a human rights activist and travels to Palestine to bring relief to refugee camps. [Alexa454@aol.com](mailto:Alexa454@aol.com)

**Gregory Windsperger '78 BS** of Shoreview, Minn., is vice president of Federal Foam Technologies in New Richmond, Wis. He was on the 1976 U.S. Olympic ski jumping team and was the Olympic ski jumping coach from 1984-88.

**Louise (Feigel) Small '79 BA** of Bowling Green, Ohio, was recently promoted to department secretary in the Theatre and Film department at Bowling Green State University.

## 80s

**Lynne (Peters) Best '80 BS** of North Charleston, S.C., is retired from the U.S. Air Force. She is married with two children. Lynne attended the 25th reunion of the NMU women's swim team in 2002.

**Ralph Bingeser '80 BS** of Orion has joined Realty Management Partners in Troy as its chief operating officer. He oversees all real estate, equity, and healthcare interests of principal ownership. Prior to that, he worked for 23 years in the consumer and commercial finance industry with Ford Motor Credit, Michigan National Bank, and Standard Federal Bank. He and his wife Carol have two children: Erick, 17, and Peter, 14. [rbingg@comcast.net](mailto:rbingg@comcast.net)

**David Guzman '80 BS** of Ketchikan, Alaska, recently graduated from the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy. He is the deputy chief of the City of Ketchikan Police Department.

**John Turcotte '80 BS** of Crestview Hills, K.Y., is the managing director and chief executive officer of Lincoln Financial Advisors. John is married with two children: Greg and Danielle.

**Kathleen Johnson '81 Cert., '88 BS** of Maple Grove, Minn., works for Supervalu Inc. as an administrative assistant.

**Mark Johnson '81 BS** of Marquette was recently named the Upper Peninsula division director for the March of Dimes. He has worked for the past 22 years in marketing, fundraising, community, and media relations in higher education.

**Caren (Loper) Thorp '81 BS** of Vassar is a case manager for Thumb Area Big Brothers/Big Sisters in Caro. nmucats@hotmail.com

**David Forsberg '82 BS** of Lansing owns and operates Forsberg Golenda, a communications and lobbying company in Lansing. In a recent poll of Michigan Information and Research Service's newsletter subscribers, lawmakers, lobbyists, state department heads, and other political process observers, Forsberg Golenda received votes for the honor of Lansing's top public relations firm. The survey results were published in the August 29, 2003, edition of MIRS *Capitol Capsule* newsletter.

**Jeffrey Pelletier '82 AT, BS** of Land O' Lakes, Fla., is a store manager for Bed Bath & Beyond. jpelletier@tampabay.rr.com

**Cynthia (White) Roth '82 BFA** of Ponte Verde Beach, Fla., and her horse, Rox Stardom, won the Golden Horse award at the Palomino Horse Breeders of America World Championship Horse Show in July 2003. RoxStar is the first horse from Florida to ever win the Golden Horse.

**Richard Burdick '83 BS** of Lake Worth, Fla., works for the Palm Beach County's Sheriff's Office in West Palm Beach, Fla. He recently graduated from the University of Louisville's Southern

Police Institute, Administrative Officer's Course Class #108, and was promoted to lieutenant/watch commander. uccoper@msn.com

**Connie (Carpenter) Gallegos '83 BS** of Elk Rapids has relocated back to Michigan from Albuquerque, N.M. She works for the Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District as an autism consultant. cgallegos@tbaids.k12.mi.us

**Bruce Hooper '83 BA** of Traverse City is married and has two children: Ian, 13, and Shannon, 11. Bruce is a fruit farmer and a florist. He owns Hooper's Farm Gardens.

**Lillian (Lipski) Bonetti '84 BS** of Fletcher, NC, received a Silver Wallie Award for external newsletters from the Carolinas Healthcare Public Relations and Marketing Society during the organization's fall conference. Lilly is a public relations and marketing coordinator for Margaret R. Pardee Memorial Hospital in Hendersonville.

**James Gorno '84 BS** of Gaylord was recently appointed sergeant of the Gaylord District Department of Natural Resources Law Division.

**Mary (Thibodeau) Droelle '85 BS** of Warren worked for CNN for 10 years after she graduated. She then moved to Detroit, where she has been living for the past 10 years. Mary is a supervisor at Costco. She writes, "I make it back up to Marquette several times a year. I am looking forward to more alumni get togethers in the Detroit area." cdswhs374@daymon.com

**Christopher Davis '86 BS** of Plymouth is a business development manager for Meridian Technologies, a manufacturer of advanced magnesium parts for automotive applications. He recently moved back to Tokyo, Japan, to open an office for Meridian and anticipates staying there for two to three years. He had previously lived in Japan for five years.

**Thomas Giachino '86 BS** of Luxemburg, Wis., has been married for 15

years and has three children: Jordan, 12, Andrea, 9, and Nathan, 5. Thomas is a special education and learning disabilities teacher at Luxemburg-Casco High School.

**Mark Mazzon '86 BS** of Bessemer teaches math and coaches football and track at A.D. Johnston High School in Bessemer. He has two sons: Jess, 6, and Cade, 3.

**Todd Sliktas '86 Dipl., '97 BS** of Negaunee writes, "I have come back to NMU for a year to obtain a physical education certification. I am approaching 250 credits. I wonder what the record is?" SLIK250@EXCITE.COM

**Mary (Wahlstrom) Zagata '86 BS** of Manton completed a master's degree in speech communication and dramatic arts at Central Michigan University in 2003. Mary is a teacher at Manton High School.

**Diane Rock '87 BS** of Culver City, Calif., is an English teacher in the Los Angeles Unified School District. dirock98@yahoo.com

**Kimberly Maki '88 BS** of Chester Springs, Pa., was recently named vice president of marketing and communications by the Society of Cable Telecommunications Engineers. She was previously vice president of public affairs for Time Warner Cable in Houston, Tex. As SCTE's vice president, Kimberly leads all aspects of marketing and communications for the Society's programs including advertising, promotion, public relations, and the SCTE's Web site.

**Amy (St. Amour) Perry '88 BS** of Dexter is an accountant with NextHop Technologies. Perry3728@aol.com

**Richard Clark '89 BS** of West Lafayette, Ind., is the director of residence life at Purdue University. clarkre@purdue.edu

**Christopher Kennedy '89 BS** of Providence, R.I., graduated from University College Cork in Ireland with a doctorate in modern Irish and British



Winter 1980. Photo courtesy of the NMU Archives.

history. He is now teaching at Providence College in Rhode Island. He is married and has two daughters, ages 6 and 12. [ckennedy@providence.edu](mailto:ckennedy@providence.edu)

**Jo Lorichon '89 BS** of Hancock moved from Marquette, where she had been director of the Alger-Marquette Community Action Board, to her fishing camp in the Copper Country. She is now the executive director of communications at Finlandia University, and in the summer and fall, she fishes competitively for walleye. Jo is involved in the International Winter Cities movement, which takes her to various countries around the world, and has a side business producing art in a photographic medium.

## 90s

**Dale Immel '90 BS** of Munising is a partner of the Mazzali Insurance Agency in Munising. [dimmel@chartermi.net](mailto:dimmel@chartermi.net)

**Amy (Schneider) McAlary '90 BSN** of Jackson recently welcomed the birth of her daughter, Grace Adelia.

**Judith (Bussone) Occheitti '90 BSN** of Norway began NMU's master's degree program in training and development in January. Judith is a nurse

manager of ambulatory care with the Dickinson County Healthcare System.

**Tom Sobeck '90 BS** of Rogers City is the chief financial officer of Presque Isle Electric and Gas Co-op in Onaway. [tsobeck@pieg.com](mailto:tsobeck@pieg.com)

**Bonita Moisiso '91 BS, '95 BSN, '03 MSN** of Negaunee became certified as a family nurse practitioner last July. Bonita is an assistant professor of practical nursing at NMU. She also works at Marquette General Hospital. [bmoisiso@nmu.edu](mailto:bmoisiso@nmu.edu)

**Kelly (Bennett) Simon '91 BA** of Bryan, Tex., is working on a master's degree at the Université de Grenoble, France. She is a French and English teacher in the College Station Independent School District in College Station, Tex. Kelly plans to teach college-level French after she completes her degree. "I am trying to relocate to the north and back to Wildcat country!" [madamesimon@hotmail.com](mailto:madamesimon@hotmail.com)

**Jim Thorburn '91 BS** of Livonia has been working as a police officer for the City of Allen Park since 1995. Jim was named Police Officer of the Year in 1999. [jimthor@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jimthor@sbcglobal.net)

**Brian Barrett '92 BS** of Madison, Wis., and his wife Ann welcomed the

birth of their first child, Allison, in March 2003. Brian is the corporate controller for EMD Biosciences in Madison. [brian\\_d\\_barrett@yahoo.com](mailto:brian_d_barrett@yahoo.com)

**Sherri Begin '92 BS** of Center Line is an automotive reporter for Crain Communications in Detroit. [sbegin@crain.com](mailto:sbegin@crain.com)

**Stephen Croci '92 MS** of Selah, Wash., and his wife are the proud parents of a daughter, Grace Evelyn, born in January 2002.

**Troy Huggett '92 BS** of Battle Creek owns Troy Huggett's Fitness Pros. He has 17 years of experience in the fitness industry and specializes in weight loss, sports conditioning, medical fitness training, and senior fitness conditioning. [troyfitnesspros@hotmail.com](mailto:troyfitnesspros@hotmail.com)

**Eric Passow '92** of Burton, Ohio, owns Growing Roots Landscaping. He also teaches horticulture at the Auburn Career Center in Concord, Ohio. [ricpassow@adelphia.net](mailto:ricpassow@adelphia.net)

**Rob Waara '92 BS** of St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands, is a marine biologist for the National Park Service in St. John. [freak@islands.vi](mailto:freak@islands.vi)

**Maria Zambrana '92 BA** of Naval Air Station Lemoore, Calif., had an article about actor and comedian Brad Sherwood and the Improv All-Stars printed in the February 2004 issue of *Tall* magazine. Maria is a photographer's mate in the U.S. Navy.

**Melissa Diehl-Black '93 BS** of Boston, Mass., is a human resources generalist for Cross Country Staffing in Boston. In her free time Melissa volunteers with the Welfare to Work program and the Urban League. "I cannot believe it has been 10 years since graduation. Since graduation I have lived in Baltimore, Md., and Dublin, Ireland. My husband Jim and I are enjoying city living here in Boston (no kids as of yet, but cats and fish.)" [melissadiehlblack54@hotmail.com](mailto:melissadiehlblack54@hotmail.com)

**Kelly (Belfry) Nason '94 BS** of Scottsdale, Ariz., is a corporate para-

legal with Continental Promotion Group. ksb012@hotmail.com

**Robert Schnell '94 BS** of Tucson, Ariz., is on the National Guard Marathon Team and competes at assigned races throughout the year. He recently competed in San Diego for the Half Marathon, Ohio for the Air Force Marathon, and Chicago for the Half Marathon. In order to make the team, you must compete annually in the National Guard Marathon trials in Lincoln, Neb. schnell10@excite.com

**Craig Schuster '94 BFA** of Crestwood, Ill., is the senior imaging specialist for Interactive Marketing and Design in Lisle, Ill.

**Julie Caldwell '95 BS** of Knoxville, Tenn., recently became the operations manager of Community Television of Knoxville after teaching broadcasting at the University of Tennessee for four years. jcaldwe5@yahoo.com

**Sharon (Berry) Minton '95 BS** of Milton, Fla., and her husband moved to Milton from Grand Forks Air Force Base, North Dakota, in 2002. They became the proud parents of a daughter, Emma Kathleen, in February 2003. Sharon formerly served in the active duty Air Force, but separated from the service to become a stay-at-home mother. sharonmarieminton@yahoo.com

**Hakan Ramadan '95 BS** of Escondido, Calif., is a behavioral therapist with B.E.S.T. Services Inc. He has worked in various types of therapy settings including adult probation, adolescent therapy, drug and alcohol counseling, adult mental health, and educational therapy but prefers working with children diagnosed with pervasive developmental disorders such as autism and Asperger's. Hakan is working on a doctoral degree and hopes to advance his career upon completing the degree. He has twin four-year-old daughters.

**Jennifer (Uehlein) Richardson '95 BA** of Walloon Lake is beginning her eighth year teaching high school social studies in East Jordan. In her spare time she works as a volunteer grant writer for the local humane society, races sailboats, gardens, and reads Tom Robbins books. "Last year, I brought a group of my students up to tour NMU's campus, and it was amazing to see all of the changes. I'd love to hear from friends with whom I've lost touch." jpeach73@hotmail.com

**Holly Zemsta '95 BS** of Chicago, Ill., recently graduated from the Rocky Mountain School of Photography in Missoula, Mont. hzemsta@yahoo.com

**Kristi Schabo '96 BS** of Powhatan, Va., is a special education teacher in the Chesterfield County Public Schools.

**Jeffrey Allen '97 BS** of Mishawaka, Ind., is a senior production engineer with AM General, Hummer. jeff.allen@amgeneral.com

**Julie Frechette '97 BA** of Omaha, Neb., returned in November from a four-month tour in Qatar supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. Julie is stationed at Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska but will be transferring to Fort Meade, Md., in April 2004. She also was recently promoted to staff sergeant. julesf8@aol.com

**Zachary Jones '97 BS** of Otsego is the community bank manager and staff offi-

cer at Huntington National Bank in Allegan. zachary.jones@huntington.com

**Dennis Delor '98 BS** of Colonial Heights, Va., says he is using his NMU degree in history and interpretation as the chief of programming at Pamplin Historical Park and the National Museum of the Civil War Soldier in Petersburg, Va. "I also recently became the proud father of a little boy, who I hope will love the U.P., Marquette, and NMU as much as I do." ddelor@pamplinpark.org

**Thomas James '98 BS** of Grand Island, Neb., graduated from the University of Nebraska College of Law in Lincoln, Neb. He is now a licensed attorney in Nebraska.

**Carrie Koepf '98 BS** of Neenah, Wis., was promoted to corporal in the corrections division of the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office. She writes, "I am looking forward to using my NMU education to help me succeed in my new position." ckoepf@new.rr.com

**Joan Bernard '99 BSN** of Ann Arbor graduated from the University of Michigan with a master's degree in social work. She is a claims representative for the Social Security Administration in Livonia. msw4god03@hotmail.com

**Cheri Wilkinson '99 BS** of Kalkaska and her husband **Jeremy '99 BS** have two children: Makenzie, 3, and

Changing classes during winter semester, circa 1998. Photo courtesy of NMU Communications and Marketing office.



## KEEPING TRACK

Madison, 2 months. Cheri is an insurance adjuster for Crawford and Company. Jeremy is going into his 5th year in the Arena Football League. He currently plays for the Las Vegas Gladiators. In the off season, he is the varsity football coach for Forest Area High School. He also works as a substitute teacher.

## 00s

**James Deree '00 BS** of Venice, Fla., and his wife **Kristin (Oberg) '00 BS** welcomed the birth of their first child, Nathan James. James is a resource teacher for Bradenton Academy in Bradenton, Fla.

**Bridget (Mitchell) Dodson '00 BS** of Kasilof, Ala., is a school-based social work specialist for Central Peninsula Counseling Services in Kenai, Alaska. She writes that she and her husband Trenton have made their home in Alaska. "We love it and plan to stay. We very often look back upon NMU and Marquette with fond memories."

**Gregory Ritz '00 BS** of West Palm Beach, Fla., is an account manager at Coors Brewing Company. "I've been with the company since February 2003. I love every day in this industry. I still miss the snow from time to time, but it's 80 degrees in December." ritz@alumni.nmu.edu

**Luke Steinke '00 BS, '02 MS** of Carbondale, Ill., is an instructor at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

**Danyell (Daniels) Franti '01 BS** of Shawano, Wis., is a business education teacher at Gillett High School. dfranti@gillett.k12.wi.us

**Jeremy Senske '01** of Seattle, Wash., is working on a doctorate degree in clinical psychology. senskej@hotmail.com

**Katherine (Dankert) Fosburg '02 BS** of Negaunee passed her certified public accountant exam in November 2002, received her CPA license in September 2003, and was promoted to senior tax

accountant at Makela, Toutant, Hill, and Nardi PC in October 2003.

**Chadwick Curtis '03 BS** of LaCrosse, Wis., is a Peace Corps volunteer. He develops and teaches fish farming in Zambia, Africa.

**Deidra Ruohomaki '03 BSN** of Madison, Wis., is a BSN intern for the University of Wisconsin-Madison Hospitals and Clinics. druohoma@alumni.nmu.edu

**Jamie Wilmoth '03 BS** of Lansing was recently hired by Andrews, Hooper, and Pavlik, PLC, as a staff accountant. She is responsible for performing audit services for business and governmental organizations as well as operational and compliance audits.

## Marriages

**Timothy Grant '82 Dipl., '87 BSN** to **Sally Mae Balzarini '89 Dipl.**

**Kelly Greenleaf '86 BS** to Patrick Lynch.

**Cindy Bystrom '90 AS, '92 BS** to Gordon Anderson Jr.

**Becky Elliott '91 BS** to Kevin Bryant '98 BS.

**Julie Axford '92 BS** to Eric Waara.

**Marie Smith '93 AB** to Larry Rasmussen.

**Robin Ball '94 BS** to Troy Paul.

**Andrea Gommans '94 BA, '97 MPA** to Holger Wagner '97 BA.

**James Maki '94 BS** to Rachel Watchorn.

**Kristin Aho '95 BS** to David Wanhala.

**Alex Koshorek '95 AS** to Mary Ellen Mankee.

**Matthew Price '95 BS** to Angie Letson.

**Cory Renk '95 BS** to Mandy Jasmin.

**Shelise Weirauch '95 BS** to Kevin Daugherty.

**Holly Zemsta '95 BS** to Ryan Wilson.

**Jana Vaughn '96 BA** to Scott Tappa.

**Michelle Carlson '97 AB** to Steven Turri.

**Jason Kangas '97 BS** to **Jaime Pillath '01 Cert.**

**Jeffrey Krook '97 BS** to Kimberly Allen.

**Paul Thomas '97 BS** to Deborah Leach.

**Marie Greenberg '98 BS** to Matthew Dunham.

**Mary Teresa "Terri" LaBo '98 BS** to Stephen Gillotte.

**Christi Little '98 AB** to David Etelamaki.

**Timothy Stratman '98 Dipl.** to Justina Cannon.

**Debra Harsila '99 MPA** to Jerome LeMay.

**Kevin Keto '99 BS** to Jessica Kelm.

**Kimberly Szenina '99 BS** to Robert Soyring.

**April Clisch '00 AAS, '01 BS** to **Kyle Bell '02 AAS, '03 BS.**

**Bridget Mitchell '00 BS** to Trenton Dodson.

**Steven Foley '00 BS** to Christine Zulski.

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**Kristi King '00 BS** to Trent Nelson.

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**Thomas Christian '01 BS** to **Ann Luke '02 BS.**

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**Bradley Gischia '01 BS** to **Kathy Foster '02 BS.**

Michael Gregorich '01 BS to Emily Meyskens '03 BS.  
 Philip Hoffman '01 AB to Lisa Trytko.  
 Jared Lawson '01 BS to Jessica Chapman.  
 Alyssa Novak '01 BS to Daniel Racine.  
 Richard Smith '01 BS to Connie Clisch '03 BS.  
 Jan Sorenson '01 BS to Jeremy Levi '02 BS.  
 Patience Doherty '02 BS to Michael Zivnoska '02 BS.  
 Kevin Frank '02 BA to Jacki Smith '02 BS.  
 Alycia Hansen '02 BS to Justin Chernick.  
 Kristin Hewitt '02 BS to Adam Petrelius.  
 Jeremy Rodriguez '02 to Amy Wagner '03 BS.  
 Kerstin Seawright '02 Cert. to Chad Rudden.  
 Jessica Wachter '02 Cert. to Bryan Durnion.  
 Jamie Young '02 BS to Jeffery Inman.  
 Amanda DuMoulin '03 BS to Daniel Blondeau.  
 Chad Green '03 BS to Sarah Noe '03 BS.  
 LeAnn Hebert '03 BS to Jacob Foster '02 BS.  
 Adam Hiske '03 BSN to Erin DeMarr.  
 Jennifer Keiser '03 BSW to Jay Laursen.  
 Jaime Livingston '03 BS to Robert Ernest.  
 Jennifer Motta '03 BS to Nathanael Thompson '02.

## Deaths

Kenneth Erfft '28 LC, '32 BA, Sept. 7, 2003, Delray Beach, Fla.  
 Elsworth Sullivan '32 BS, Sept. 2, 2003, Swartz Creek.  
 Toivo Taipala '36 BS, Oct. 17, 2003, Avon.

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**Alice (Stanaway) Maddock '39 BA**, Aug. 30, 2003, Ishpeming.

**Stanley Susan '39 BA**, Sept. 19, 2003, Traverse City.

**Margaret (Kubont) Snyder '40 BS, '65 MA**, Dec. 5, 2003, Skanee.

**Joseph Parker '42 BS**, June 4, 2002, La Jolla, Calif.

**Theodore "Ted" Groleau '50 BA**, Sept. 27, 2003, L'Anse.

**Glen Porter '50 BA**, Sept. 4, 2003, Marquette.

**Edmund Pruess '50 BS**, Sept. 17, 2003, Sault Ste. Marie.

**Robert Ahnen '51 BA**, Oct. 19, 2003, Laurium.

**William Carlson '54 BS**, July 21, 2003, Southgate.

**Raymond Slosson Jr. '58 BS**, Nov. 18, 2003, Escanaba.

**Joseph DeJulianne Sr. '60 BS, '65 MA**, Oct. 4, 2003, Gwinn.

**Kathleen (Hogan) Brunet '61 BS**, Sept. 19, 2003, Escanaba.

**Robert "Bobbo" Brumm Sr. '63 BS, '69 MA**, Sept. 10, 2003, Marquette.

**Ilona (Maki) Barry '66 BS**, Nov. 14, 2003, Marquette.

**Thomas O'Brien '66 BS**, Oct. 9, 2003, Harbor Springs.

**James Ollila '66 BS, '71 MAE**, Oct. 16, 2003, Ontonagon.

**Perry Hewitt '68 BS**, Nov. 13, 2003, Newberry.

**Dorothy Huck '68 BS**, Nov. 22, 2003, Foster City.

**Mavis (Barrett) Cain '69 BS**, Nov. 11, 2003, Negaunee.

**William "Bill" Chevrette '69 BA**, Nov. 23, 2003, Whitewater, Wis.

**Myrtle (Anderson) Erickson '69 BS**, Dec. 4, 2003, Wallace.

**James "Jim" Flora '69 BS**, Sept. 30, 2003, San Diego, Calif.

**Willard Rudness '69 BS**, Oct. 28, 2003, Gwinn.

**Bonnie (Dahlstrom) Hares '70 BS**, Nov. 19, 2003, Gwinn.

**Joseph Lipka '70 BA**, Nov. 22, 2003, Dryden.

**Richard Muma '72 BS**, July 4, 2003, Hudsonville.

**Ruth (Wirtanen) Salo '72 BS**, Dec. 20, 2003, Negaunee.

**Patrick Sharland '72 AB**, Dec. 6, 2003, Davenport, Fla.

**Robert Van Alstine '74 BS**, Nov. 17, 2003, Sault Ste. Marie.

**Francis Dompierre Jr. '75 BS**, Nov. 18, 2003, Negaunee.

**Kristen Loman '76 AB**, Sept. 15, 2003, Lansing.

**Severo Chavez '77 BS**, Dec. 13, 2003, Champion.

**Theresa (Warner) Lundsted '77 BS**, Sept. 2, 2003, Caro.



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**Margo (Sinclair) Viviano '77 AT, BS,**  
Aug. 10, 2003, Marquette.

**Donna (Catt) Warrick '83 BS,** Nov.  
26, 2003, Johannesburg, South Africa.

**Delores (Besander) Chevrette '85**  
Cert., Oct. 27, 2003, Ishpeming.

**Phyllis King '85 Dipl.,** Sept. 5, 2003,  
Marquette.

**Dennis Haring '86 Dipl.,** Oct. 21,  
2003, Fairmont, Ga.

**Lisa (Chapla) Payant '86 BS, '88 MA,**  
Nov. 23, 2003, Gwinn.

**Matthew Beer '87 BS,** Oct. 6, 2003,  
San Francisco.

**John Maki '87 MBA,** Sept. 5, 2003,  
Marquette.

**Richard Patana '88 AB,** Sept. 8,  
2003, Houghton.

**Mark Smith '91 BS,** Nov. 22, 2003,  
Louisville, Ky.

**Jim Averitt '93 BS,** Dec. 2, 2003,  
Ironwood.

**Barbara Blackburn '99 AB,** Dec. 13,  
2003, Marquette.

**Thomas "Tom" Rasmussen '93 BS,**  
Sept. 7, 2003, Marquette.

**James Vogelsang Jr. '94 Cert.,** Sept.  
27, 2003, Gwinn.

## Friends

David Dickson, Dec. 10, 2002, Palm  
Coast, Fla. David worked at NMU from  
1963 to 1968 as a professor, dean of  
the School of Arts and Sciences, and  
vice president of academic affairs.

Norman Harry, Nov. 7, 2003, Laurium.  
Norman worked in the food services  
department at NMU as a kitchen  
supervisor and as the central food  
stores manager.

Thomas Hruska, Dec. 2, 2003,  
Marquette. Tom was an English profes-  
sor at NMU for 33 years.

Nadia Meta Thorpe, Oct. 28, 2003,  
Kalamazoo. Nadia was head of the  
NMU Art Department from 1938-1946.

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# Lessons in community

By ELIZABETH (NADER) LEE '98 MA



Beth Lee with her twin sons Jack (left) and Justin.

As strange as it may seem, an episode of *Bear in the Big Blue House* had me thinking about my days as a student at Northern Michigan University. As a mom of twin toddlers, whenever Bear is on the Disney channel, my children somehow know it. I like Bear. He's a muppet, and the purpose of his show is to teach children small life lessons, like how to share. After September 11, they created a new episode. The forest's library burned down, and all the animal characters came together to build a new one. The lesson: what makes a community.

I pondered how I would teach my boys about what makes a community. I thought back to the days when I was a master's student at Northern. During the two years I lived in Marquette, I felt a real sense of community. I made some great friends and acquaintances who taught me to push myself and become a better student. Some I just hung out with and had fun. There were professors who taught me how to think beyond the page and have thoughts and convictions of my own. Some made me read a lot of novels and write endless papers. (I read *Moby Dick* in two weeks, which was an accomplishment in and of itself.) I had very friendly neighbors at my apartment. One little old man used to open the

door and help me carry in my groceries. Another would wipe the snow off my car, which was no easy feat, considering Marquette had the most snow on record both winters I lived there. Everywhere I went, the topic was the snow. You could have a conversation with anyone that would begin with the weather and end up on any number of topics.

Do I feel a sense of community now? Sure, I'm beginning to. When I moved from Marquette, I worked full time and had an hour commute. My only friends were coworkers and acquaintances in my professional associations. I didn't meet any of my neighbors until I started walking the boys in the stroller. Even after I met them, I was too tired with two infants to make friends. Now I teach part time at a local technical college. Since I have no office and am on campus only a few hours a week, I haven't had occasion to really get to know other instructors. I only have contact with students in the classroom.

So I have to draw on my days as a grad student at NMU to teach my twins about a community. I suppose I could just let them watch *Bear* and draw their own conclusions, but I wouldn't want one of the most important things that I learned in college to be lost on my children. ■

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My fondest memories of my time at NMU, though, are the times I spent with my friends—hanging out, joking, laughing, and going to hockey games. When I graduated, I had a great group of friends who all seemed to relocate to the Detroit area. The NMU Alumni Association made a significant effort to start a metro Detroit alumni chapter. In fact, it was March 1998 when Northern was playing in the CCHA Championship at Joe Louis Arena that I reconnected with Lyn, a friend from high school and University of Michigan student, who would later become my wife.

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