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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 (Gingress) '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.

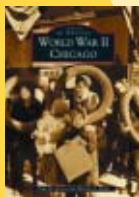
**Michael Ruhanen '70 BS** of Reese works for Electronic Data Systems. He is the manufacturing engineering systems operations manager for the powertrain manufacturing facilities in Saginaw and Bay City, Mich.; Massena, N.Y.; Defiance and Toledo, Ohio; and Beford, Ind. [mike.ruhanen@eds.com](mailto:mike.ruhanen@eds.com)

**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.

**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

**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

**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.



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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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 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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