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Pre-1960s

Melvin Holli '57 BS of River Forest, Ill., co-authored *The Mayors: The Chicago Political Tradition*, published in 2005. Melvin is a history professor at the University of Illinois, Chicago. He was NMU's first National Woodrow Wilson Fellow and earned his doctorate from the University of Michigan in 1967.

'60s

Nicholas Ilnicky '61 BA, '62 MAE and **Frances (Kangery) Ilnicky '67, BS '69 MA** of Marquette teach history and English, respectively, at Texas State Technical College in Harlingen, Texas, while maintaining their home in the Upper Peninsula. iczar78@aol.com

Michael Manty '65 BA of Schaumburg, Ill., is the executive vice president and chief operating officer of U.S. Tsubaki, Inc., a supplier of transmission and motion control products. agentman385@sbcglobal.net

Ronald Takalo '66 AS, '66 BA, '74 MA, '87 EDS of Orange County, Iowa, retired in May 2005 from Northwestern College, where he taught Spanish for 23 years. Previously, he taught Spanish and English in the South Haven Public Schools in Michigan. Ron and his wife, **Carol '67 BS**, who retired in June 2005 from the Remsen, Iowa, school system, plan to spend a lot of time in their new log cabin near Iron River.

Douglas Grossa '68 BA of New Port Richey, Fla., retired from Jenison Public Schools in Michigan after 36 years in mental health, international education, and school psychology. Doug has worked in Bangkok, Thailand, Brisbane, Australia, and Grand Rapids, Mich. Doug presently works full-time for Pasco County Schools in Florida. www.dougandsally.com

Karen (Mattson) Vicinanza '69 BA of Rome, Italy, is a self-employed English school teacher and director. mattsonkaren@yahoo.com

Susan (Raica) Poupore '69 BS, '84 MAE of Kingsford retired from the Breitung Township school district in June 2004 after 35 years of teaching.

'70s

Barbara (Kennedy) Vinocur '70 BS of Traverse City was honored last May as Outstanding Educator of the Year by the Traverse City Area Chamber of Commerce. Barbara has been a social worker in Traverse Area Public Schools for more than 17 years. She works at West Senior High.

Donald Paglieri '70 BS of Pelham, N.Y., was named 2005 Man of the Year by the Pelham Civic Association, one of Westchester County's (N.Y.) largest and most active volunteer charitable organizations. Donald is the membership chairman of the Civic Association, president of the Danny Fund, former chairman of the Pelham Guidance Council, a

Eucharistic minister in St. Catherine's parish, and a leader and organizer of many parish events. He and his wife, Pat, have two children.

Thomas Van Horn '71 BS of Novi is a retired elementary science teacher. He and his wife have been married 26 years and have four grandchildren. He is an avid snorkeler and bowhunter, and helped with a dolphin rescue in March 2005 in the Marathon Key in Florida. He's had great science education and outdoor experiences, and remembers snowshoeing, fishing off the ore docks, hiking class, and walking on the Lake Superior ice during the winter.

Christine (Evans) Miller '72 BA, '79 MA, '80 MA of Lansing received her doctorate from Regent University in 2003. She is a department coordinator at Davenport University and a care pastor for Mt. Hope Church in the City in Lansing.

christine.miller@davenport.edu

Larry Inman '76 BS of Williamsburg is vice president of Huntington National Bank, vice chair of the NMU Board of Trustees, a member of Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners, chair of the State of Michigan Community Corrections Board, and chair of the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments.

Dan Stencil '76 BS of Clarkston, has been elected president of the Michigan Recreation and Park Association. Dan joined Oakland County Parks in 1977 and is its operations administrator. He has been a member of MRPA since 1979.

Alan Christenson '78 BS of Lompoc, Calif., is retiring after 23 years of service with the Federal Bureau of Prisons. He held positions as correctional officer, correctional counselor, case manager, and correctional treatment specialist. Animalfamily_28@msn.com

Maureen Tippen '78 BSN of Clarkston received the Nightingale Award in May 2005 for nursing in the community. Maureen is a clinical assistant profes-



◀ Elevated view of Northern State Teacher's College, 1930s.



◀ Aerial view of Northern Michigan University, 1953.

sor at the University of Michigan in Flint. mtippen@umflint.edu

'80s

Mark Wilcox '80 BS of Houghton was recently named city editor of the *Daily Mining Gazette* in Houghton. mlwilcox@chartermi.net

Lori Hazen '81 BFA of Lake Worth, Fla., teaches fifth grade in the Palm Beach school district. "I wear my NMU Alumni t-shirts with pride, and it never ceases to amaze me how often I run into people here in South Florida

who share a tie to NMU in some way. My years at NMU hold some very special memories." IMHazen@aol.com

David Kashian '85 BS of Iron Mountain was promoted to president and CEO of the First National Bank and Trust of Iron Mountain and Kingsford in May 2005. dkashian@up.net

Barry West '85 BS of Crownsville, Md., is the chief information officer of the Federal Emergency Management Agency in Washington, D.C. He is an adjunct professor at the University of Maryland and president of the American Council for Technology, which is the largest

government information technology association in the United States. barry.west@comcast.net

Randy Guss '86 BS of Hudsonville is a senior applications engineer for Steelcase, Inc., in Grand Rapids. He stays active coaching his three sons: Kory, 15; Taylor, 13; and Austin, 9. rguss@steelcase.com

Jan (Bilky) Wierschke '86 BSN of Sheboygan Falls, Wis., was recently hired by Prairie Enterprises of Sheboygan, Wis., as the large case manager/disease management program coordinator. Jan also obtained

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certification as a national asthma educator this past February. Jan is completing a master of science in nursing degree as a nurse educator at Cardinal Stritch University, Milwaukee, Wis. jwierschke@prairieontheweb.com

Jerome LaPage '87 BS of Houghton was named customer service manager-special projects and training at the Upper Peninsula Power Company. He will continue to serve as the instructor for the electrical line technician program at the Midwest Skills Development Center, a training center certified by NMU.

Dawn (Strejc) Black '88 BS of New Albany, Ind., is a senior recruiter for Chase Bank, covering southern Indiana, Kentucky, and West Virginia. Dawn's husband, **Mark Black '90 BS**, is a school administrator for South Harrison School Corporation and started his first year as principal of Corydon Central Junior High School this fall. Mark and Dawn have been married for 15 years and have a three-year-old daughter, Christina. Markblack4@aol.com

Fred Bratumil '88 BS of Mt. Pleasant was recently elected to the board of directors and named rookie ambassador of the year for the Mt. Pleasant Area Chamber of Commerce. Fred is

vice president and general manager for CBC Credit Services.

cbccredit@sensible-net.com

Jennifer (Laws) Hohman '88 BS of Marquette was recently promoted to access specialist at Pathways Community Mental Health, her employer of 11 years. The position involves entering people into the system at Pathways and gathering demographic and billing information, as well as data entry for the billing department.

Jhohman1988@sbcglobal.net

David Hakamaki '89 BS of Iron Mountain recently opened his own photography business, Cutting Edge Photography. He specializes in senior portraits, local sports programs, and exclusive weddings, along with promotional programs for business and industrial customers. He has clients across Michigan and Wisconsin. David is an adjunct economics and business professor at Bay College's West Campus in Iron Mountain, and has been chairman of the City of Iron Mountain Planning Board for three years. hakamaki@chartermi.net

Gina (Bogaud) Hakamaki '89 BS of Iron Mountain was recently promoted to assistant chief of pharmacy operations at the United States Veterans

Administration Hospital in Iron Mountain. Gina served for three years as a staff pharmacist at the Iron Mountain V.A., and had worked in retail and consulting pharmacy for nine years. She and her husband, **David '89 BS**, have four children: Henry, Hannah, Lara, and Ryan. hakamaki@chartermi.net

Ron Rutledge '89 BS of Holloman AFB, New Mexico is an F-117 Stealth pilot flying with the 49th Fighter Wing at Holloman Air Force Base. Ron departed for a five-month deployment to Iraq in August. He will be coordinating close air support of U.S. and Allied troops. RonRutledge@chartermi.net

'90s

Dan Norton '90 BS of Pinckney was recently promoted to director of human resources with LK Metrology Systems, a tier one automotive supplier. Nortond2003@netscape.net

Bruce Roberts '90 BS of Marquette, an investment professional with American General Securities, was honored by two mutual fund companies, Putnam Investments in Boston and American Funds Distributors, Inc., for achieving high professional standards.

► Students walk along the academic mall in 1973. Jamrich Hall is on the left; Olson Library is on the right.



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Robin (Soine) Nickel '91 BS, '94 MA of Waunakee, Wis., graduated in May with a doctorate in curriculum and instruction from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She is an associate director at Worldwide Instructional Design System.

John Prophet '91 BS of Appleton, Wis., has joined the NMU College of Business Advisory Council. He was recently promoted to shareholder at Schenck Business Solutions in Appleton. John specializes in income tax planning, research, and compliance for both individuals and closely-held entities in a variety of industries. He is active with Junior Achievement of Appleton/Heart of the Valley and is also a committee member for the Wisconsin Family Business Forum at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

Patrick Bowl '92 BA of Boonsboro, Md., and his wife Kristin celebrated the birth of their first child, Kieran Patrick, on August 8, 2005. p_bowl@yahoo.com.

Chris Charboneau '93 BME of Madison Heights is in his 12th year of teaching music at Woodward Academy.

Paul LaFond '94 BS of Lowell teaches fourth grade at Belding Elementary in Belding. Paul's wife, **Carie (Kaniszewski) LaFond '95 BS**, is the program coordinator for the Artistry Beauty Institute in Grand Rapids. They have two children, Jackson and Lauren.

Christopher Pokorski '94 BS of Clinton Township is an account manager with The National System, an advertising and marketing firm. pokorskich@yahoo.com

Carrie (Smale) Kangas '94 BS of Great Falls, Mt., received the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services Engaging Families in Positive Change Award for the balance she maintains between keeping children safe and recognizing family strengths. Carrie is a Cascade County intake social worker.



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Rae Kammerer '95 BS, '98 MA of Lansing began the University of South Carolina's School of Library and Information Science master of library and information studies degree program this fall. rkammere@hotmail.com

Angie (Fiori) Weston '95 BS and **Matt Weston '98 BA** of Aurora, Ill., welcomed their son Joshua Britton into the world in February 2005.

Daryl Wilcox '95 BSN of Eagle River, Alaska, is an ambulatory surgery staff registered nurse for the Department of Veterans Affairs in Anchorage, Alaska.

Heidi (Craigie) Leggett '97 BS of Grand Rapids and her husband, David, had their first child in May 2004. leggettylenn@hotmail.com

Kimberly DeMark '98 BS of Frederiksted, Virgin Islands, is an office manager with Century 21. konagirl20022002@yahoo.com

Jarrod Erpelding '99 BS of Grand Blanc is the media relations manager

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for Dow Corning in Midland. In September 2004, he and his wife had their first daughter, Hannah Amber. Jarrod.erpelding@dowcorning.com

Derrek Sigler '99 BS, '01 MA of Potter, Neb., and his wife, **Brandie**, celebrated the birth of their son, Terry James Lee on Sept. 16. Derrek and Brandie work for Cabela's in Sidney, Neb. Derrek is a writer/editor for the Internet division and Brandie works as a quality assurance tester for the Internet MIS division. Derrek writes, "I could try and explain her job, but that would mean someone would have to explain it to me first. I just smile and nod when she tells me about her day."

'00s

Mindy (LaBelle) Schetter '00 BS of Marquette graduated from the University of Michigan Dental School with a doctor of dental surgery degree in May 2005 and is working at Dental Associates of Marquette. mjschetter@hotmail.com

Shawn Howe '01 BS, Greg Rose '03 BS, and **Jeff Crumbaugh '03 BS** of Clintonville, Wis., have all converged on Clintonville High School, where they have each been teaching science for two years. "The science department is now 75 percent fresh NMU grad material, and it is starting to show. Motivation and expectations have done a complete turnaround, and the student enrollment for science classes has never been higher." They are thrilled to be working together in such a pro-technology school. They say, "Thanks, NMU!"

Scott Steele '01 BS of Harper Woods has been working for the Oakland University Police Department since 1999. scootst@aol.com

Elizabeth (Campbell) Waters '02 BS of Ypsilanti and is a registration clerk at Washtenaw Community College. ewaters@alumni.nmu.edu

▶ Hedgcock Fieldhouse, 1960s.



▶ Interior of Hedgcock Fieldhouse, 1960s.



April Lash '02 BS of Fort Myers, Fla., teaches second grade in Fort Myers. aprillash@hotmail.com

Damian Matacz '02 BS of Perth, Western Australia, finished playing a season of professional basketball in Cork, Ireland, in 2004-05. As a member of the University College Cork Mardyke Demons, he helped bring the league title back to his club after a 16-year absence. Damian plans to be back in Ireland or Europe this season to continue playing professional basketball. dmatacz@hotmail.com

Brian VanWorner '02 BS of Alpena is human resource manager for Employment Services in Alpena. Brianvanwormer02@yahoo.com

Stacy Kramer '03 BS of Lake Linden is a second-year law student at Chicago-

Kent College of Law. She completed a summer internship with the Cook County Public Guardian Office.

Carson Rizor '03 BA of Ann Arbor is a development assistant at Michigan Radio, the University of Michigan's public radio station. He is responsible for managing the station's day sponsor program and membership database. crizor@alumni.nmu.edu

Scott Toennesen '03 BS of Lombard, Ill., is a medical department manager at Wheaton Eye Clinic. sbtoey@hotmail.com

Kristy (Vermillion) Henderson '03 BS of Fairbanks, Alaska, is the membership coordinator at the Alaska Club, a health and fitness club. klvermin@aol.com

L. Thane Belen II '04 BS of Grand Ledge has been teaching English in Kazakhstan for the Peace Corps since June 2004. Thane's experiences at Northern led to making this decision. "Lena Throlson, an NMU counselor, inspired me with her own story to look into the Peace Corps and consider furthering my education with the solid experience it would offer me. Dr. Jon Saari, an amazing NMU history professor, encouraged me and gave me new perspectives while serving as a wonderful model of character and leadership. Dr. Ira Hutchison, my favorite sociology professor and head of the NMU Sociology/Social Work Department, mentored me in my career search and was a great friend to me—always welcoming me in to talk even when his work had really mounted up with the unfortunate NMU budget cuts. Dr. Louise Bourgault, an NMU communications professor who combines academics and activism wonder-

fully, gave me the opportunity to take action in a great benefit concert, which was a major experience I drew from in my Peace Corps interviews. Without these individuals and others from NMU's awesome ranks, I could not have developed the vision to come this far. I'm very grateful to have known each of them."
sharhazad@comcast.net

Crystallee Crain '04 AA, '05 BS of Ypsilanti is working on her master of arts in sociology at Eastern Michigan University. Ccrain1@emich.edu

Clair Isaaz '04 BS of Salt Lake City, Utah, is public relations director for Rocky Mountain Raceways. cisaaz@yahoo.com

Josh Johnson '04 BS of Fallon, Nev., is a reporter at the local daily newspaper, and his wife, **Danielle (Bailey) '03 BS**, is pursuing a teaching credential and is employed by the Boys and Girls Club. joshuatjohnson@hotmail.com

Christine Knutson '04 BSN of Glendale, Ariz., is enjoying the Arizona sunshine while working as a registered nurse at Banner Thunderbird Hospital.

Erin Ver Berkmoes '04 BS of Dowagiac is a reporter for Leader Publications. Emvb2004@yahoo.com

Phillip Molnar '05 BS of London, England, has been working for Law Business Research, Ltd., a publishing company in London since June 2005. He wrote an article for a newspaper in Ohio following the July 7 terrorist attacks in London titled "Letter From London: We Need to Show Them we Aren't Scared." His article details the incredible work ethic and resilience displayed by his co-workers in the days following the bombings. "I used to write for the *North Wind*, so I was happy to get the chance to keep up on writing." phillipmolnar@yahoo.com

Marriages

Stuart Mattonen '87 Dipl. to Emiley Jokinen.

Candace Ruusi '87 BS to Brian Savolainen.

Jodi Ghiardi '92 BS to Jeremy Smith.

Jackie Lefebvre '92 BS to Todd Beauchamp.

Lisa Junak '95 AB, '97 Cert., '05 BS to Robert Ruby.

Dee Harrington '96 BS to Robert Dane.

Cassandra Warren '96 BS to Eric Saari.

Chad Larsen '97 BS to Suzanne Curry.

David Magno '98 BS to Mandy Kittleston '04 BS.

Laura Klar '99 BS, '01 MS to Peter Pless '00 BFA.

Tara Leppanen '99 BS to Michael Warren.

Sheryl Rantala '99 BSN to Tim Givens '02 BS.

Kristin Peterson '00 BS to Benjamin Williams.

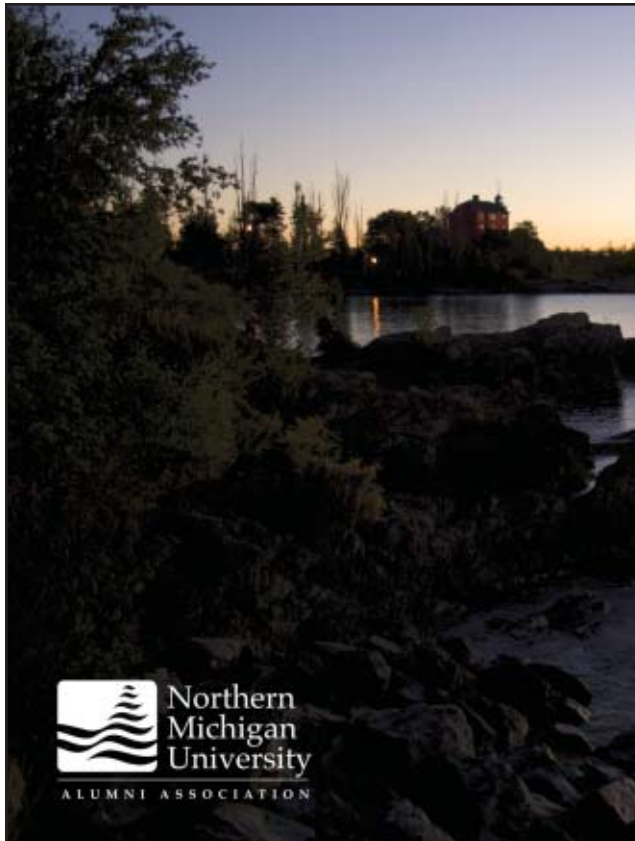
Luke Steinke '00 BS, '02 MS to Kathy Nizick.



◀ The first dormitory at Northern Normal School, constructed in 1900 by John M. Longyear and J.C. Ayer.



◀ NMU begins renovating the old Services Building and power plant to become the new Art and Design Studios North. The project was completed in the fall of 1996.



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Jennifer Mohill '01 BS to **Randall Stark '01 BS**.

Scott Steele '01 BS to Shelley Coy.

Elizabeth Campbell '02 BS to **Michael Waters '02 AS**.

Katie Hamari '02 BS to Daniel Beerman.

Brandon Wislocki '02 BS to Kimi Ishihara.

Danielle Bailey '03 BS to **Josh Johnson '04 BS**.

Anna Bennett '03 BS to Jake Edwards.

Ian Nelson '03 BS to Melissa Yunker.

April Vivian '03 BFA to Stephen Christian.

Kristy Vermillion '03 BS to Sean Henderson.

Ryanne Woody '03 BS to Nathan Sothard.

Teresa Dwyer '04 MS to Danny Armstrong.

Leslie Isleib '04 AB to Luke Kallioinen.

Elena Keranen '04 BS to James Hemmila.

Juliana Rule '04 Cert. to John Maki.

Allyse Shier '04 BS to Zechariah Hoyt.

Robert Davis '05 BS to Katie Worley.

Julie Noren '05 BS to Gregory Knauf, Jr.

Arin Snell '05 BS to Jason Copenhaver.

Deaths

Margaret (Ulasich) Fogle '29 BS, July 13, 2005, Ironwood.

Bernice Bal '30 LC, '40 BS, April 22, 2005, Oakwood.

Paul Grigg '33 BS, Aug. 3, 2005, Marquette.

Ruth (Brown) Smitherman '35 AS, Sept. 8, 2000, Blue Hill, Calif.

Jean (Pearce) Kelly '36 AS, April 11, 2005, Vista, Calif.

Floyd Wallace '37 BS, May 5, 2005, Flint.

Kathleen (Callow) Olson '38 BS, Dec. 10, 2004, Menominee.

Ruth (Brotten) Sands '41 BS, Feb. 20, 2005, Garden Grove, Calif.

Evelyn (Williamson) Chambers '42 BS, March 11, 2005, Grand Marais.

Clement Fleury '43 BS, June 9, 2005, Kingsford.

Phillip Collins '48 BS, Feb. 3, 2005, Rocklin, Calif.

Mary Cretens '49 BA, May 5, 2005, Gladstone.

Van Quaal '49 BA, June 22, 2005, Geneseo, N.Y.

Harold Baij '50 BA, July 10, 2005, Munising.

Milo Kronsich '50 BS, July 17, 2005, Riverview.

Claire Johnson '54 BS, April 16, 2005, Norway.

Robert Dianda '55 BS, March 19, 2005, St. Johns.

Anthony Kobasic '55 BS, '61 MA, March 23, 2005, Sun City West, Ariz.

Sylvia (Ollila) Ostanek '55 BS, '66 MA, April 4, 2005, Trenary.

H. Edmund Peters '55 BA, May 13, 2005, Leland.

Elizabeth (Eplett) Methner '56 BS, April 27, 2005, Pickford.

Duane Carlson '60 MA, May 30, 2005, Harvey.

Cordelia (Hill) Maier '60 BS, June 30, 2005, Traverse City.

Frank Maslaney '60 BS, Aug. 4, 2005, Marquette.

Kathryn (Kressin) St. Arnauld '60 BA, Jan. 15, 2005, Eau Claire, Wis.

Robert DeMarte '61 BS, April 30, 2005, Sugar Camp, Wis.

Pronase Goymerac '61 BS '70 MAE, June 12, 2005, Escanaba.

Lottie Christie '63 BS, July 19, 2005, Traverse City.

Michael Venne '63 BS, June 5, 2005, Escanaba.

Raymond Johnson '64 BS, July 25, 2005, Munising.

Bonnie (Bittner) Crotty '69 BA, May 24, 2005, Marquette.

George Bauer '70 MAE, April 22, 2005, Crystal Falls.

Gerald Krogh '70 BS, April 15, 2005, Elk Rapids.

Ruth Light '70 MA, Aug. 2, 2005, Diorite.

Joseph Forrest '71 BS, July 7, 2005, Sault Ste. Marie.

Sharon (Holmes) Haack '71 BA, '86 MAE, April 16, 2005, Iron River.

Wayne Jalava '73 BA, March 20, 2005, Marquette.

Jerold Pierce '73 BS, May 14, 2005, Bristol, Va.

Jeffrey Lewis '76 BS, Aug. 6, 2005, Mackinaw City.

Theodora Howard '78 MAE, June 13, 2005, St. Johns.

Roy Berryman '83 BS, June 19, 2005, West Bend, Wis.

Cindy (Laine) Beaumont '87 Dipl., May 7, 2005, Ishpeming.

Randy Heiskala '89 BSW, April 25, 2005, Felch.

Ingrid Moilanen '91 BS, May 3, 2005, L'Anse.

Beth Marie Main-Davis '96 BSN, April 5, 2005, Harvey.

Friends

William Robert "Bob" Harris, June 28, 2005, Ishpeming. Bob worked at NMU from 1968-78. He retired as an operations maintenance trade worker.

Sylvia (Hivala) Kinnunen '53 BS, July 25, 2005, Marquette. Sylvia joined the NMU faculty in 1956 and retired 25 years later as a professor in the Education Department. She established the Committee for Women in Academe, the forerunner of Committee W, whose goal is to seek equity for women faculty members.

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In the beginning...

By DOROTHY DOLF DROZDIAK '51 BS



Dorothy Dolf Drozdiak.

Northern Michigan University began very modestly in 1899. The institution was manned by six instructors, who educated 32 students. A complete class was composed of friends who knew each other well. Intimate friendships were formed that lasted a lifetime.

The first permanent building, the South Wing, was completed in 1900, and the North Wing two years later. It was named for Peter White. The South Wing was destroyed by fire in 1905 and later replaced by the Longyear Building in 1907.

Longyear Hall had a spacious, three-story, square-shaped entry. It was a magnificent structure. At the base of the staircase leading to the upper levels was placed the school's weekly newspaper for students to read. At Christmas the area was trimmed with greens and lights. When Ethel Carey was Dean of Women Students, it was forbidden to use red lights. You can imagine why.

There was a heart-shaped mound on the lawn in front of Longyear, upon which were supposedly planted one of each kind of tree native to the region. In later years, on past the building almost to the intersecting street, there was a set of monkey-bars for children to enjoy.

The early dormitory for girls was a long, white, wooden building situated on a grassy plot on the south side of College Avenue—most convenient to the school. After it no longer served as a dormitory, it became the original St. Michael Church, the one in which I was married. It has long



Longyear Hall, circa 1979.

since been replaced by a beautiful, traditional, edifice.

The earliest professors were revered, almost like gods. Many of them are the ones for whom buildings were later named. Several of them—Halverson, Meyland, and Gant—lived for a time in my old neighborhood. Meyland and Halverson later moved into other homes, but Gant remained our neighbor.

I took a class from Charles B. Hedgcock during my very first semester, and one of my mother's instructors was also mine, Casey Wiggins, who at one time also lived around the corner from us.

In the '50s, attendance hovered at around 1,000 students—still small enough for everyone to know each other...almost. I always looked forward to Monday morning. I loved school, not that I was that dedicated of a student, but I loved being with so many friends.

I'm sure that in the future, current students will look back on this time as the "good old days." To me, the Northern of today is a completely different institution. The buildings are new. The original ones are but a memory. I will always remember NMU, and the people, as they used to be.

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I have so many good memories from my years at NMU...

My best memory was my first and last time on the fraternity tug-of-war team in the fall of 1964. Unlike other years, this time the final teams started digging in by making trenches. I wanted to give it a try since it was my last year at NMU. I had to fudge on my weight to get on the TKE team. Up until that year the tugs had ranged from five to 15 minutes. This one lasted two and a half hours.

All I can remember is the other TKE's and my friends screaming in my ears. I could hardly stand up after the pull and had ten blisters to show for the victory. I looked real good escorting Judy Bohan at half-time of the football game with my hands all bandaged up.

The NMU Alumni Association helps me keep this and other memories alive by bringing me up to date on old classmates and friends as well as what is happening on campus. My membership allows me to receive this information on a regular basis—no matter where I am.

Gary Hoppe '65 BS. Member of the NMU Alumni Association since 1986.



Photograph of Gary and Judy Hoppe by Kim Marsh '80 BS.

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