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EDITOR'S NOTE

A brave new world

The last five years have touched our country. You can feel it here at Northern. You could see it in the more than 3,000 small flags planted on the academic mall by the NMU College Republicans on September 11. You could hear it at the UNITED conference, where we talked about how we're living with each other in this world—and how we can do better. You could even smell and taste it—in the sushi at the new Temaki & Tea Asian eatery in Hedgcock, where students from Japan are helping to create authentic offerings; in Fieras, a Latin café replacing Bookbinders; and at the upcoming Mexican fiesta celebrated around the novel many of us are reading about illegal immigration, *The Tortilla Curtain*. And you can read about it here in this issue of *Northern Horizons*, in these stories of NMU alums who have devoted their lives to protecting our country and us.

Our seemingly more dangerous world is reflected in NMU's new forensic biochemistry major, which prepares students to work in crime labs; in criminal justice being the fourth most popular major this year; in the fearless students enrolled in our wildland firefighting courses and in our alums who battled blazes out West all summer long; and in the proud faces of the 22 most recent graduates of our Police Academy. It's visible on many days in the campus flags flying at half staff for a Michigan soldier.

But instead of retreating into our own, sometimes more comfortable ways and closing our doors, we are accepting the challenge to understand other cultures and beliefs, to deal with the threats to living a good life, however that may be defined.

As President Wong and a team from NMU travel to China this month to forge new alliances, and the university focuses on making study abroad an experience for every Northern student—and Northern a resource and temporary home for foreign students—we actively seek connection and coherence with the wider world. We continue to search for ways to balance the dangers and the thrills of the known and the unknown.

—Rebecca Tavernini



Emily Schmitz

Two special Alumni Association events

You are invited to join NMU alumni and friends
for "Wicked."

Saturday, January 27 in Chicago, Illinois

The NMU Alumni Association will host a pre-show reception
with NMU President Les Wong at the Oriental Theatre on
Randolph Street in downtown Chicago.

Time: 7:15 p.m. Alumni Association Reception
8 p.m. "Wicked"
Cost: \$110 Alumni Association members
\$120 Non-members
All seats are in the lower balcony

(Ticket price includes one play ticket and one reception
ticket, which covers all food and beverages, served prior
to the show. A limited number of tickets are available.
First come, first served.)

To purchase tickets, contact the NMU Alumni
Association at 906-227-2610 or toll-free at
1-877-GRAD-NMU.

www.wickedthemusical.com/chicago



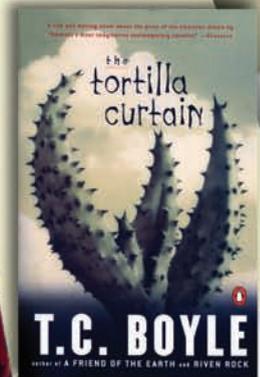
An Evening with T.C. Boyle
Live Webcast Wednesday, November 1

The "One Book, One Community" program encourages the Marquette
County and Northern Michigan University communities to read the
same book this fall.

We invite all NMU alumni to read this year's selection,
The Tortilla Curtain, and join us online for a discussion with
the author, T.C. Boyle.

What: Live interactive interview from NMU's
University Center and the University of
Southern California-Santa Barbara.

When: Wednesday, November 1, 7 p.m. on
www.nmu.edu/onebookmqt





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Thanks to my education at NMU, I live my dream job every day. I distinctly remember making the trip from Detroit to Marquette my freshman year. All seven of my siblings and I had the choice to go anywhere, but we all chose NMU. I guess you could say it was a family tradition.

A defining moment in my college experience came when I enrolled in the Police Academy program at Northern. After completing my bachelor's degree in criminal justice, the academy was the next step on my path to becoming a police officer. The 16-week training was an emotional and physical test, but one I look back on with great appreciation. My instructors left me with lasting impressions, instilling in me all the responsibilities that come with my profession. My classmates, some of whom are great friends of mine today, became allies in a sometimes grueling and demanding schedule. And you can't talk about NMU without talking about the location—there's nothing better. In fact, a morning run alongside Lake Superior is one NMU tradition I haven't let go of yet.

As the Chief of Police in Chocolay Township, I'm always eager for opportunities to work with students at the Police Academy. They are incredibly bright and talented people. In fact, this is one of the primary resources I look to when recruiting officers.

Now as a member of the Alumni Association and the Marquette community, I make sure I give back to NMU as much as I can. The reason is simple—it is my way of ensuring that all the NMU traditions I enjoyed live on.

**Greg Zybut '80, Police Academy Graduate '80.
Member of the NMU Alumni Association since 1999.
1990 Recipient of the NMU Outstanding Young
Alumni Award.**

Of course I'm a member.

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NMU Alumni Association today.**



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