

Carillons chiming again

After being silenced by a lightning strike some years ago, the carillons located just north of the University Center entrance have returned to musical form. The chimes play a rendition of the alma mater, "Hail Northern," to usher in each day at 8 a.m., then ring in the top of each hour until 8 p.m.

"This is a piece of campus history, and once the decision was made to get it up and running again, we did a lot of research in order to update the technology," said **Eric Smith '95 MA** (Broadcast and Audio Visual Services), who was enlisted to help repair the computer system and resurrect the sound.

"The speaker technology we're using is a ground system. It's a



modified version of what you'd find at Disney," Smith said. "The sound is there, but it's not obtrusive. We're hoping it gives off richer tones that sound more like real bells."

Smith credits two staff members

from his area for their help with the project, which cost less than \$500 to complete. **Pat Lakenen '96 BS** reprogrammed the unit and **Dave Bett '85 AT** handled engineering on the tower. Other than periodic checkups, Smith said the new system should be self-maintaining.

Northern has had a number of carillons in its history, according to *A Sense of Place: The Encyclopedia of Northern Michigan University* by NMU History Professor Russ Magnaghi. Bells located on the roof of Kaye Hall were removed with the building's demolition in the early '70s. The castle-like appearance was replicated, using sandstone from Kaye Hall, when the new carillons were built and dedicated at their University Center location in 1980.

Faculty honored for achievements



Top Teacher Educator

Sandra Imdieke, education professor, is the recipient of the 2005 Michigan Reading Association Teacher Educator Award. She is recognized for being a role model and having a significant effect on the local reading council and classrooms across the Upper Peninsula. She has served on the prestigious Newbery and Caldecott awards selection committees.



2006 Distinguished Faculty Awards

Michael Cinelli, art and design department head and digital cinema professor, joined the NMU faculty in 1973 and has several film screening and production credits.



David Lucas became part of the NMU physics faculty in 1986 and was named department head in 2001. Lucas serves as the primary adviser for approximately 200 students interested in the medical, dental, physician's assistant or chiropractic fields.



John Smolens came to NMU's English department in 1996 and has directed Northern's Master of Fine Arts program in creative writing. Smolens has published five novels, with another scheduled for release in 2007 (read an excerpt from his book *Cold* in this issue).

NMU around the world

Three women from NMU will be traveling to different points around the world after earning coveted international scholarships.

May NMU graduate Anne Chitwood was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship and will teach English as a Second Language to high school students in the Austrian village of Lienz from October through May. Chitwood is pictured below with Carol Strauss, professor of Modern Languages and Literatures, and NMU alumna Monique Yoder, who just wrapped up a similar Fulbright opportunity in Austria (shown left to right).



Chitwood is a French education major and German education minor, and recently completed her student teaching in Wisconsin.

Strauss said the Fulbright Scholarship is extremely competitive: "The Austrian school system is very rigorous. They will not tolerate anything less than excellence, thus the Fulbright Commission has to select candidates carefully."

Similarly, Modern Languages and Literatures Professor Nell Kupper was one of 15 scholars nationwide selected for a Fulbright program

for teachers of the Russian language. She'll be taking courses at Moscow State University in methodology and Russian culture side-by-side with Russian students, and will stay with a Russian family. While Kupper teaches French at NMU, she also knows Russian and plans to incorporate elements from her Russian experience into her classes at Northern.



Professor Nell Kupper is studying in Russia this summer under a Fulbright Scholarship.

Juliana Hagembe, a graduate student from Kenya, has been selected as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar for the 2007-08 academic year. She plans to use the \$26,000 award to study public and international health in Hong Kong next year.

The first year master's candidate in biochemistry competed for the scholarship against five other applicants in her district, including two other NMU students.

"It feels like I have been given a master key that I can use to open so many doors," she says.

The Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships are the world's largest privately funded international scholarship awards. Their purpose is to further international understanding and friendly relations among people of different countries.

Student Successes

- Tony Schindler, a senior from Chippewa Falls, Wis., is one of 323 U.S. college undergraduates to receive a Goldwater Scholarship for the 2006-07 academic year, and the first-ever NMU student to receive one. Schindler is pursuing a double major in chemistry and physics. The scholarships were established by Congress in 1986 to honor Senator Barry Goldwater and to provide a continuing source of qualified scientists, mathematicians and engineers by awarding scholarships to college students who intend to pursue careers in those fields.

- For NMU senior Brad Reddinger, an epiphany over chips and salsa turned into a lucrative reward. The Iron Mountain native was one of four \$10,000 winners in *Real Simple* magazine's "What a Great Idea!" contest. His proposed invention is a "lifter jar." He first conceptualized it during some late-night munching with his NMU roommate his sophomore year. "I kept losing chips in the salsa jar or getting my fingers covered with salsa," he said. "I started describing my idea—a jar with a lifting bottom—and the concept just stayed with me." Reddinger is pursuing a major in emotionally impaired elementary education.

- Ten members of the NMU Constructors Club took a detour south to Montgomery, Ala., over winter break to help build a Habitat for Humanity house. After weeks of fund-raising, the club members sacrificed their first two weeks of vacation to make the 1,169-mile trip. The club would like to do this every year.