

# NMU welcomes new provost

**O**n July 1, NMU welcomed Susan Koch as the new provost and vice president for academic affairs.

“I was attracted to Northern Michigan University because it is a dynamic institution, proud of its heritage, with talented faculty and staff and a really optimistic, can-do attitude,” Koch said. “Also, NMU obviously plays an absolutely central role in the economic and cultural development of the region and state. All of these factors combined made Northern a desirable destination for an educator.

“My husband [Dennis] and I loved Marquette from the moment we got there. We’re very interested in communities that have interesting histories and Marquette was just bursting with stories to tell. The natural landscape is incredible. Who could not be immediately engaged



Provost Susan Koch is responsible for academic programs and overseeing student life on campus.

in its beauty? The area offered all of the things that we like to do. So, both professionally and personally, Northern and Marquette are a great fit for our family.”

Koch, who was dean of the graduate college and associate provost at the University of Northern Iowa, will assume the duties of Fred Joyal, who will focus on serving as the point person for Northern’s economic development efforts.

“Dr. Koch brings the creativity, experience and style that Northern will need to meet today’s and tomorrow’s challenges,” said NMU President Les Wong. “She is a successful administrator and passionate about student learning. She was consistently the top candidate across all campus constituencies and the top candidate for me and other administrators. I look forward to our work together. I also want to sincerely thank Fred for his work as the provost. He will be a key player in our future and remains a valued and active member of NMU.”

# New vice president and trustees



**Gavin Leach** has been appointed vice president for Finance and Administration and treasurer of the NMU Board of Trustees. He takes over the responsibilities for Mike Roy, who becomes a special projects consultant until his planned 2008 retirement.

Leach earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from NMU and holds a CPA certificate. He joined the staff as a senior accountant in 1989 and was later promoted to budget analyst, senior financial analyst, budget director and associate vice president for Finance and Planning. Leach was acting chief financial officer and treasurer of the NMU Board of Trustees in 2003-04 while Roy served as interim president.



**Stephen F. Adamini**, of Marquette, was appointed by Michigan Governor Granholm to the NMU Board of Trustees. He is a former state representative and an attorney at Kendricks, Bordeau, Adamini, Chilman & Greenlee, P.C. He succeeds Karl A. Weber, whose term expired.



**Gilber L. Ziegler**, of Charlevoix, is making a return to the NMU board. His previous appointment spanned from 1993 to 2001, during which time he was elected for yearly terms as board vice chair and chair. The NMU alumnus is president of Alken-Ziegler. He succeeds Larry C. Inman.



To better reflect its size and the breadth of arts programs offered by NMU, the School of Art and Design is now the new name of the former department. "In approving the change of name to the School of Art and Design, the Board of Trustees and the administration have recognized our significant increase in majors, our new facility and programs, and the success of our students and faculty," stated Michael Cinelli who became associate dean and director of the School.

## SUPERCOMPUTER!

Northern has a new supercomputer lab that will enable faculty and students to split large tasks into smaller pieces that can be run simultaneously on multiple processors, achieving faster results.

"Parallel processing is not a new concept, but we now have nine boxes, or the equivalent of 18 computers in a small space," said Mathematics and Computer Science Professor Dave Powers. "That means we can run programs 18 times faster than if you used a single computer. The applications for this extend beyond math research and instruction. It can be used for any of the sciences that require high-speed computing. Simulations that used to take days could be completed in half a day with this system."

## Dining services wins awards

Northern has received two Loyal E. Horton Dining Awards. The nationwide competition honors the most successful ideas in menus, presentations, special-event planning and new dining concepts. It is sponsored by the National Association of College and University Food Services.

Among medium-sized schools, Northern won silver in the category of stand-alone, single-concept retail outlet for Temaki & Tea. The venue is located on the upper floor of C.B. Hedgcock and serves sushi and noodle dishes, along with other organic and fair trade food and beverages.

In the residence hall theme

dinner category, NMU earned bronze for "Northern Lights" at the Marketplace (residence hall dining center in Quad I). The event was held on the Sunday night students returned from spring break.

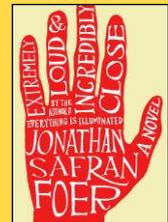


In addition to themed décor and food, students could enjoy roasted marshmallows, hay rides and games.

"These awards not only boost morale, they put Northern in the same league as some of the big-name universities known for their great dining services operations," said Dining Services Director Andre Mallie. "It's also good for the students because it enhances their total experience."

## WHAT ARE YOU READING?

Starting its second year, the "One Book, One Community" program encourages the



Marquette County and Northern Michigan University communities to read the same book and to come together to discuss it in a variety of settings.

This year's selection is the novel *Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close* by Jonathan Safran Foer. It's the story of a nine-year-old boy whose father dies in the World Trade Center on 9/11, and his quest to discover what a key he found in his father's closet opens.

Many events are planned for the fall, including a live Webcast with the author—which will be available to alumni.

# Faculty accomplishments



## Professor wins Emmy Award

Communications Professor **Dwight Brady** recently received a Michigan Emmy Award presented by the state chapter of the National Television Academy.

Brady and two employees of WKAR-TV in East Lansing were recognized for their contributions to “Michigan at Risk,” which won for best public/community affairs series. Brady produced a documentary for the program titled “Michigan’s Green Energy Economy.” It aired statewide and explored how investment in solar, wind and biofuels is creating economic growth in the state. The documentary was nominated for two other Emmy Awards in the categories of best documentary and best environmental program.

## Digitizing 17th century poetry

Associate Professor of English **Robert Whalen** is giving 17th century poetry

the high-tech treatment through his project titled The Digital Temple. His goal is to transcribe and encode the English verse of devotional poet George Herbert into an electronic edition that can be thoroughly examined with sophisticated text analysis software. Whalen has received the 2007-08 NMU Peter White Scholar Award to help fund the project.

## Distinguished Faculty

The 2007 NMU Distinguished Faculty Awards were given to Health, Physical Education and Recreation Professor **Mohey Mowafy**, School of Education Professor **Laura Reissner** and School of Nursing Associate Dean and Department Head **Kerri Schuiling**.

**Carl Wozniak**, an education instructor, has received a 2007 Distinguished Service Award from the National Earth Science Teachers Association for establishing, developing and hosting the original NESTA Web site.

Marketing Professor **James Camerius** received the Philip Fisher Distinguished Service Award from the Society for Case Research for serving the organization with distinction. He joined Northern in 1963.



## STUDENTS AROUND THE WORLD

While studying abroad is nothing new at Northern, some recent excursions put a unique twist on educational travel.

This spring, 13 NMU students performed biological field studies in Zambia, studying such creatures as cranes, elephants, ticks and mollusks. They are shown above at a burial site of explorer Sir David Livingstone.

A course in international health care took a group of nursing and health education students to Honduras, where they treated children for head lice and taught them about proper dental hygiene and hand washing.

Twenty-one students spent an entire month in Chihuahua, Mexico, last semester, absorbing the language and culture through a partnership with URN, Mexico’s “Regional University of the North.”

Other students are the recipients of prestigious travel awards, such as junior Danielle Hernandez, one of six students nationwide selected for a National Science Foundation program. She studied health and environmental issues in Ghana.

# Northern launches new programs

In a continuing effort to respond to local and national employee training needs and expanding careers opportunities, NMU is introducing a number of specialized programs.

Northern is the only university to now offer a bachelor’s degree in loss prevention management. The

degree is also NMU’s first all-online program. It was developed in conjunction with national retail loss prevention experts.

Also new are a plastic injection technology certificate (see the article on page 25), a human-centered design major, entrepreneurship minor

and these programs serving the health field: respiratory therapy, radiography, pre-physician assistant, emergency medical technician and doctorate of nursing practice (in collaboration with Oakland University).