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EDITOR'S NOTE

Links in the green and gold chain

This photo is from a summer 1998 issue of *HorizonsExtra*, and shows Joe and Pat Blake with all nine of their children—all NMU grads. Now a granddaughter has graduated and another will soon. Both kept sport stats in the Joe Blake Media Center at the Berry Events Center, named for their grandfather, who died in 2004.



We've heard about, and from, many other families whose roots run long and deep at Northern, and wish our pages in this magazine allowed more family tree stories to be told here. Legacies at NMU branch farther than families, too, with sororities, fraternities, residence hall groups and John D. Pierce schoolmates continuing their friendships and traditions across the years and miles.

If you'd care to share your own NMU legacy, please write it up and send it in along with a photo and we'll post it at www.nmu.edu/horizons.

—Rebecca Tavernini

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I read with interest your Editor's Note, "Good Sports." I am aware of the danger that exists when you start down that path of naming those who "NMU has produced... of high-level sports professionals." However, this ol' alum believes you left out two significant individuals who graduated in '64, and they are Len St. Jean, who was drafted by the New England Patriots and played for that team for 10 years, primarily as a guard; and Jerry Glanville, who ended up in the coaching profession, as head coach of the Houston Oilers and then the Atlanta Falcons and [just recently] as head football coach at Portland State.

I enjoy each issue of *Horizons*. Keep up the good work!

—Gerry Goerlitz '62 BS
Elverson, Pa.

FOR THE RECORD

Due to an editing error in the Winter 2007 *Horizons*, it was incorrectly stated in the sports section that Jay McQuillan, former longtime Wildcat Willy, is currently employed by the Orlando Solar Bears. While he was the Solar Bears mascot, that team no longer exists. He works for Delta Airlines, who he has been with for 17 years.

In the feature story on Green Bay Packers Corporate Sales Manager Bill Hawker, his wife's name is Sara Joy Karnitz, not Kamitz, as printed.

HOMECOMING



2007

Friday, October 5

- 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. NMU Alumni Assoc. Board of Directors meeting
- 3:30 p.m. Presentation by Detroit Free Press columnist Dawson Bell '77, sponsored by the Political Science Department
- 5:30 p.m. Homecoming parade on Third Street
- 6:00 p.m. Poli Sci/Pub Admin alumni reception, Landmark
- 6:30 p.m. College of Business alumni reception, Landmark
- TBA Marching band alumni cookout
- 6:30 p.m. NMU Sports Hall of Fame Induction ceremony
- 7:30 p.m. "Harvey" at Forest Roberts Theatre
- 9 p.m. All Alumni Reception, UpFront & Company

Saturday, October 6

- 10:30 a.m. NMU Alumni Association Awards Brunch
- 2 p.m. Homecoming block party, outside Superior Dome. Food, beverages, music, games, pictures with Wildcat Willy, Jim & Ray on stage
- 4 p.m. NMU Football vs. Northwood, Superior Dome
- 7 p.m. Fifth-Quarter Reception, Holiday Inn. All alumni are encouraged to attend
- 7:30 p.m. "Harvey" at Forest Roberts Theatre

Plus, don't miss Jack Hanna and his Animal Adventures
Thursday, October 4 at Vandament Arena!

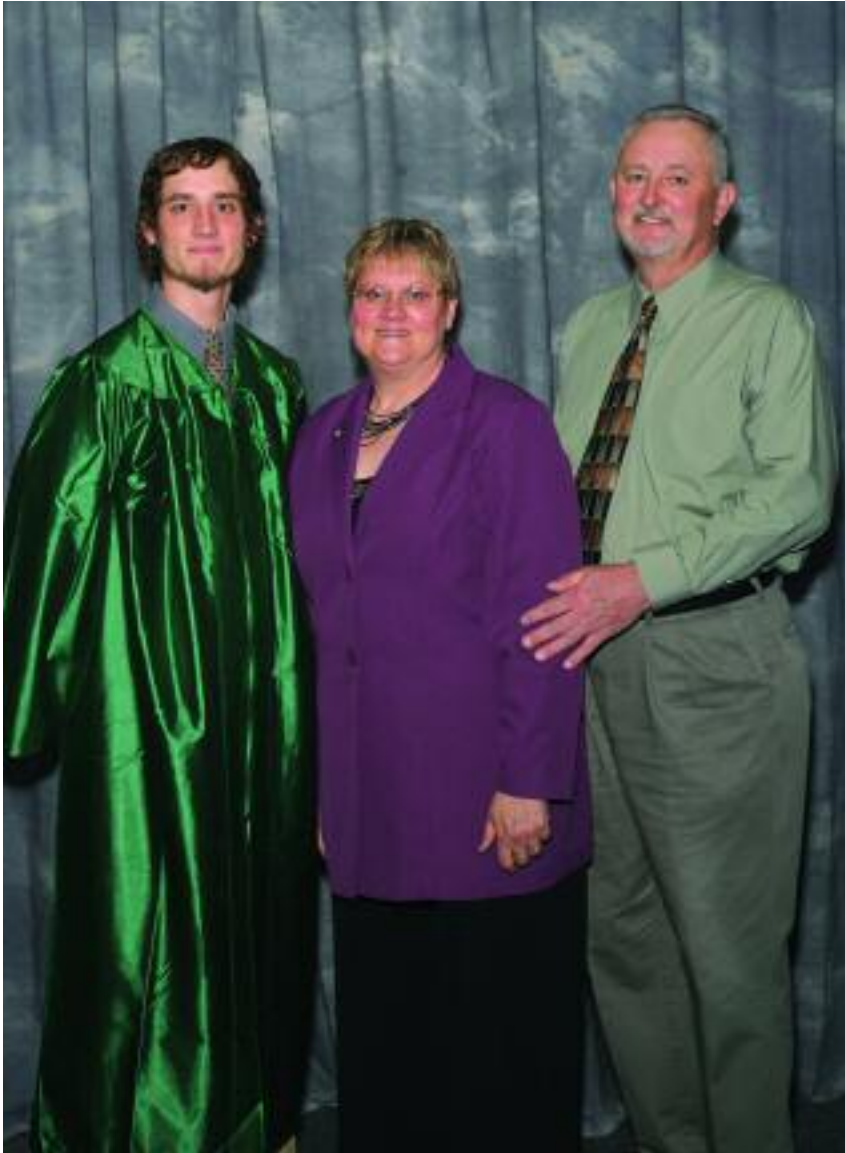


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My experience at NMU was extremely rewarding. I was a member of NMU's marching band, Pride of the North, and I will always remember the cadence as we marched from the band room to the football field holding our heads up high! I met many wonderful people and have very fond memories.

My husband, Greg, has memories of working very hard when he attended NMU. Our children were young and he returned to college while working full time and building our home all at once!

We always took our three children to NMU sporting events. They were doing Wildcat cheers with Mom and Dad at a very early age. In fact, I recall taking our oldest son to a basketball game when he was just an infant. I think that is part of why our son Andy decided to attend NMU. He has the same affinity for NMU as his parents. He actually went to another larger, four-year college for one year, but wasn't happy there at all, and missed the hikes up Sugarloaf and Hogsback.

Since moving to lower Michigan, we always check out the NMU teams when they are in town and have a lot of fun connecting with other NMU graduates at alumni gatherings. NMU grads certainly have a special pride in their alma mater and are typically successful people with such interesting stories of what they are doing with their lives since graduating. There's a special bond, and that's why we're members of the Alumni Association.

**Carol '77 BS and Greg '85 BS Schwemin,
Lifetime members of the Alumni Association
since 2006, with Andrew Schwemin '06 AS,
new grad free member of the Alumni
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