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A woman with reddish-brown hair, wearing a pink t-shirt and black pants, is sitting on a stone ledge. She is looking out over a vast archaeological site featuring several large, stepped pyramids and a wide, paved plaza. In the background, there are rolling hills under a clear blue sky. The woman has a black bag slung over her shoulder and a pink patterned bag resting on the ground next to her.

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letters

I usually glance through the *Horizons* magazine when it comes, but this month I read it cover to cover and was very impressed by the work Northern is doing to reduce its environmental footprint. Many of these practices I wasn't aware of, and it filled me with pride to hear that my school is taking proactive, smart choices when it comes to sustainability and energy efficiency. I know the tight budget NMU has to work with, when compared to schools with enormous endowments like U of M. However, with small, smart steps like the ones focused on in the cover story, NMU can truly make a difference and set a good example for its students, faculty, and everyone in Michigan.

I live in Portland, Oregon, a city that takes sustainability very seriously, and I will now walk around with a little bit more pride that my former school is keeping up with (and surpassing many) cities all over the country. Way to go, NMU!

—Ben VanderVeen '06 BFA
Portland, Ore.

editor's note

The directional themes President Wong used to frame the "Road Map to 2015," which prioritizes NMU's goals for the road ahead, are information technologies, NMU's location and international opportunities. That last priority is a two-way superhighway that will send more of our students out to experience different cultures around the world and also bring more of the world and its diversity to campus. As you'll read in this issue, much is happening toward that goal already. For students, alumni, and the NMU and U.P. communities, these life-changing experiences are having world-shaping effects.

One aspect we haven't touched on are the more than two dozen foreign-born faculty members who enrich our classrooms and outlooks every day, and remind us of what our own country has to offer. Rajib Sanyal, dean of the College of Business, writes: "I am now completing my 28th year in the U.S., having lived here longer than in the country I was born, India. What I find remarkable is how universal American values and ideas are. Television, travel and telephone have strengthened civil rights, freedom of press, the rule of law, individualism and meritocracy in India. They have also brought cheerleaders, talk shows, class-action suits, blue jeans and hamburgers to that ancient land. As an immigrant, I have no right to expect any advantage, but such is the generosity and open heartedness of Americans that I can dream big and live big. I certainly miss a fine meal of cauliflower curry and rice pilaf in Marquette, but not to worry, the local grocery stores carry cloves, coriander, and cumin and cooking is a hobby easily embraced."

And while every picture tells a story, the photo of the lily pads on page 18 begs a behind-the-scenes explanation. According to photographer and student Karl Mercer, "This photo is of a boy picking water lilies at the tomb of the last king, Thu Duc, of the Nguyen Dynasty. My language teacher decided that all of the girls on our trip needed to have a lily to call their own, so she sent this boy out into the pond to pick the best lilies for her. It seemed so odd that we were at a tomb of the last Vietnamese king, and there we were plucking flowers from his lily pond for only 20 cents a pop. The moment was all too surreal."

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Meena Karki '06 BSN, kneeling, with her nephew, sister, grandparents and mother, in Nepal.

ON THE COVER: Jessica Compton '07 BA in Teotihuacan, Mexico, on a study-abroad experience in 2007. This photo is one of the winners of NMU's inaugural international photo contest.

On campus today

NEW DIRECTIONS



NMU's 'Road Map to 2015' unveiled

NMU has a new strategic plan: The Road Map to 2015 and Beyond. This academic master plan is the first step in launching a campus-wide discussion of the university's future priorities.

The plan focuses on four broad elements: innovation; helping students lead more meaningful lives; leveraging campus attributes; and community engagement. Each includes specific goals and priorities based on information gleaned from interactions with the campus community.

"The road map is and will be an evolving document," President Les Wong says. "But it must also provide benchmarks to guide our decision making and our work with students. It doesn't define times, dollars or locations. It identifies opportunities and challenges. We have strong departments and units on campus. The road map supports and builds on that work while recognizing distinctive features that separate NMU from its competitors."

One of those prominent features is the natural environment. Wong says NMU must achieve the highest standards for sustainability and energy efficiencies to serve as a model community. The university can further leverage its unique location by creatively incorporating Lake Superior and the neighboring landscapes into its academic programs, research agenda and the overall university experience.

The academic curriculum is also addressed under the plan's "innovation" element. Wong says Northern "must reinvigorate the standards and processes that will sustain successful programs, create new ones, eliminate programs with declining enrollment and reflect the creativity of campus talents." He also recommends a new professional development program for faculty and staff that rewards innovative practices and encourages collaboration across disciplines and departments.

Collaborative efforts that extend beyond campus are addressed under "community engagement." The specific priorities are: increase partnerships designed to enhance community and economic development in the Upper Peninsula; establish productive affiliations with NMU's larger communities—from the local to global levels—that will facilitate the exchange of knowledge and resources; put into action a commitment to make NMU an inclusive community where differences are recognized as assets; and increase participation in the Superior Edge program, academic service learning and other leadership development initiatives that give students practical experience while helping the community.

Wong said Northern can maximize opportunities for students to succeed at NMU and help them lead productive, meaningful lives. The goals for this focus area include a revamped liberal studies program that reflects the skills and knowledge needed in a rapidly changing global economy; a new academic advising system and retention management network; achieving the highest level of information technology skills and competencies among faculty, staff and students; and setting technology literacy benchmarks for all NMU graduates.

"Each goal and priority achieved will be replaced by goals and priorities that continue to motivate and energize us," Wong concludes. "Northern needs to be bold, but not reckless, progressive and not constrained by the status quo."



To watch President Wong's rollout presentation and access Road Map materials, go to www.nmu.edu/roadmap2015.

Grants fund research on fish, schizophrenia and influenza



Jill Leonard

New populations of trout, improved memory and attention spans, and a faster formulated and acting vaccine are results that NMU researchers are hoping to achieve in three separate, major research projects.

Biology professor Jill Leonard received two National Park Service grants totaling \$370,000 for continuing research at Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore to restore the coaster brook trout population in Lake Superior.

“Coasters were depleted in the late 1800s because of logging, fishing and habitat problems,” Leonard says. “This fits into Pictured Rocks’ mandate for native and community species restoration and longtime conservation efforts that are linked to the cultural significance of heritage species and maintaining those populations. Coasters are also very popular with fishermen.”

This phase of her project will focus on the competitive impact of non-native species such as steelhead and coho salmon on native trout.

The grants will support the work of four graduate students and a research technician this summer. Undergraduate students and freshmen fellows also will be involved.

A \$185,000 grant from the National Institutes of Mental Health

funds testing on a new class of medications that might offer better treatment for schizophrenia.

NMU psychology professor Adam Prus will lead the study. He said schizophrenia medications are generally effective in

controlling paranoia and hallucinations—the most common symptoms associated with the disease—but they are less successful in targeting cognitive deficits. Schizophrenia can adversely impact attention and short- and long-term memory, leading to extremely high unemployment rates and homelessness.

“We’ll conduct memory and attention studies in laboratory rats,” Prus says. “We will also study the neurochemical actions taking place in the brain when the drugs are on board to see if they alter activity in the pre-frontal cortex, which is the critical region for memory and attention.”

Thirteen students will work on the project.

Merck Institute for Science Education and the American Association for the Advancement of Science has awarded \$60,000 to NMU for research that could lead to a better influenza vaccine that can be produced faster and takes less time to achieve full resistance after an injection. Researchers might also gain a better understanding of autoimmune diseases if their hypothesis is correct that marginal zone B cells in the spleen—the first responders against the influenza virus—are the same cells that produce auto-antibodies in diseases such as lupus and arthritis. Another hypothesis is that some chronic lymphocytic leukemias might originate from these cells.

Four professors will lead the research, which involves students and collaboration between the NMU biology and chemistry departments, the Centers for Disease Control and Marquette General Hospital.

NMU students are convention delegates

Who says students aren’t politically minded these days? Three NMU students have their hands in the political arena this year as convention delegates. Mitchell Foster of Big Rapids was the youngest delegate at the Michigan Republican Convention. The political science and economics major was a freshman when he attended the convention. He is a member of the Young Republicans student group and has election aspirations of his own, hoping to some day become a state senator or representative.

Delegates to the Democratic National Convention are Miles Baker and Jason Morgan. **Baker ’08 BS**, of L’Anse, double-majored in international studies and political science, was the editor in chief of the *NMU Political Review* and Students for Barack Obama field organizer for Northern Michigan. Morgan, a junior political science major from Bentley, is an ASNMU (student government) representative to the Academic Senate and member of Students for Hillary Clinton.

In addition, NMU staff member **Sue Tollefson ’74 BS**, with the USOEC, and **Tom Baldini ’65 BS**, district director for Congressman Bart Stupak, also are DNC delegates with NMU ties.

On campus today

What we're reading

The One Book, One Community program selection for 2008 is *The Shadow of the Wind*, an international literary bestseller by Carlos Ruiz Zafon.

One Book, One Community is designed to bring Marquette County residents, students and NMU alumni together to read and discuss the same book.

The Shadow of the Wind is set in post-Spanish-Civil-war Barcelona. Young Daniel Sempere's father takes him to a place called the Cemetery of Forgotten Books, where he is told to adopt a book to keep its memory

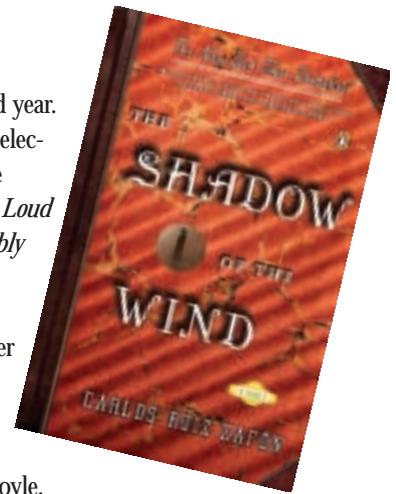
alive. He picks *The Shadow of the Wind* by a writer named Julian Carax and is so impressed that he sets out to find the rest of Carax's work.

Daniel is shocked to discover that someone has been systematically destroying every copy of every book this author has written. His seemingly innocent quest has opened a door into one of Barcelona's darkest secrets: an epic story of murder, magic, madness and doomed love. Daniel realizes that if he doesn't find out the truth about Carax, he and those closest to him will suffer horribly.

The local One Book program is

in its third year. Previous selections were *Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close* by Jonathan Safran Foer and *The Tortilla Curtain* by T.C. Boyle.

Events surrounding the book are being planned for the fall. Check www.nmu.edu/onebook for updates, Web-streamed events and discussions.



Bringing the world to NMU

Whether it was Chinese acupressure at lunchtime, learning about Australian environmental issues or attending a Dylan Thomas tribute, the NMU community hosted and experienced a wide range of experts from around the globe. Some highlights from the winter semester:

- The consulate general of Japan for Michigan and Ohio discussed Japanese production of cars and the 600,000 Japanese industries established in the U.S.
- The first Indigenous Earth Day Summit at Northern featured an Aboriginal Australian delegation discussing development of "new sustainable lifeways based on the traditional wisdom of our ancestors in combination with contemporary technology."
- Welsh poets Ian Gregson reading from *Call Centre Love Song* and Peter Thabit Jones and Aeronwy Thomas celebrating the life and



Endangered wild dogs with zebras; Australian Victor Steffensen performing on the didgeridoo; NMU English professor ZZ Lehmborg with Fulbright Scholar Master Han Jingsheng.

writings of her father, Dylan Thomas.

- A Zambian biologist (who happened to meet a group of NMU students while they were studying in Zambia) advocating for the preservation of African wild dogs, and a Sri Lankan biologist on the state of freshwater crabs in that country.
- A look at "Change in China" presented by a professor from East China University, and traditional Chinese medicine, martial arts and therapeutic massage taught by a Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence who is an expert on mindfulness healing, acupressure and qigong interventions.
- Month-long Darfur Experience events sponsored by Northern's Public Relations Student Society of America, which taught of the region's genocide and living conditions and raised funds for refugees through creative competitions.

CHANGES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Prime professors

College of Business professor

Sandra Poindexter is one of three recipients of the Michigan Distinguished Professor of the Year Award. She was selected for the honor by the Presidents Council, State Universities of Michigan based on her "sustained commitment to creating and infusing innovative teaching strategies and experiential learning opportunities into the classroom.



Sandra Poindexter

"Just being nominated by NMU for this award was an honor because there are many NMU faculty who constantly innovate, are great student mentors and experts in their disciplines," says Poindexter, who teaches computer information systems. "Actually receiving one of the awards is more humbling. It has been my good fortune to work in a

technology field at a time when the Internet exploded and at a university that chose high tech as part of its vision. The opportunities for research, pedagogy changes and real-world student projects have been almost endless."

Poindexter's teaching and research interests are in technology adoption, particularly the Internet and notebook computers into academic environments; active, team-based and service-learning paradigms; and business applications of the Web. She has also been at the forefront of NMU's international education efforts. She participated in a faculty exchange in Finland, coordinated the European Union-NMU Exchange Program and helped organize an annual International Information Technology Student Conference.

Two other faculty members are being lauded as well. Dwight Brady and Greg Warchol are recipients of the 2008 NMU Distinguished Faculty Awards.

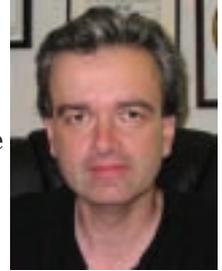
Brady joined the NMU communication and performance studies faculty in 1997. He has taught several broadcasting courses —from writing and announcing to studio and field production. Outside of the classroom, his creative endeavors include three television documentaries: *Michigan's Gray Wolf*; *Ghost of the Big Timber*; *The U.P.*



Dwight Brady

200: A Community Pulling Together; and *Michigan's Green Energy Economy*.

Warchol, a criminal justice professor, is a recognized authority on criminal activity in Africa related to natural resources theft, poaching and the illegal wildlife trade. Other research interests include asset forfeiture, workplace violence, crime reporting patterns, drug trafficking, organizational behavior and transnational crime. He has taught at NMU since 1998 and spent one year as interim department head. Warchol has served as the departmental team leader for NMU's effort to develop dual degree programs, research opportunities and study-abroad courses with the Regional University of the North in Chihuahua, Mexico.



Greg Warchol

New degree programs

NMU students will now have three new options to prepare for or advance their careers. A bachelor's degree in art history and a graduate certificate in public management will both be offered this fall.

Also, a master's in business administration program has been approved and is expected to be open to the first group of students in fall 2009. It will likely be a hybrid program, with a mix of classes delivered online and on campus. The public management certificate also is a hybrid format.

On campus today

The Beaumier Heritage Center, the museum dedicated to preserving and presenting the history and culture of the Upper Peninsula's people, is relocating from the Superior Dome to the first floor of Cohodas Hall. A grand opening is planned for September 19. The center was established with a generous gift from **Dr. John Beaumier '53 BS**.

The center hosted the first Upper Peninsula Folklife Festival this spring, which presented traditional arts and crafts of the U.P.'s diverse populations, such as ski making, decoy carving, fly tying, and rag rug weaving; music workshops on the kantele, and bones and spoons; performances of Finnish dance and Canadian and Celtic music; and a Great Yooper Buffet.

The Heritage Center has also created a new permanent exhibit in the dome dedicated to the history of athletics at NMU. The display case features artifacts and memorabilia related to the university's fans, mascots and cheerleaders. The Wildcat Willy uniform worn by **Jay McQuillan '89 BS** in the 1980s is included, as well as a coat and trophy from NMU's first male cheerleader, **Bruce Carlson '78 BS**, old athletic uniforms and equipment, and dozens of photographs.

The sports display is part of the larger exhibition, "The Northern Century: Student Life at NMU," which will be unveiled this fall.



Part of the new "History of Athletics at NMU" display at the Dome.

International dinner focuses on student experiences

Table talk discussions ranged from Argentina to Nigeria at an international dinner recently hosted by Les and Phyllis Wong at Kaye House. The purpose of the dinner was to draw attention to the importance of international experiences for NMU students. The dinner also highlighted how scholarships help make these experiences possible.

Several students who have benefited from international and study-abroad scholarships shared stories of their travels with the Wongs and with friends of the university who are interested in supporting internationalization initiatives.



President Wong with art and design student Renee Kirchenwitz, who traveled to England; French major Kasie Veen, who studied in Orléans, France; physical geography student Ben Hayes, who went to Rosario, Argentina; speech, language and hearing sciences major Alex Tarsi, who studied in Macerata, Italy; and biochemistry/pre-med major Bisi Lashore, from Lagos, Nigeria.



Phyllis Wong and Bisi Lashore, seated in front of Ronald and Carol Tretheway and NMU International Programs Director Marcelo Siles.

An interview with Marcelo Siles, NMU's new international programs director

Marcelo Siles, a native of Bolivia, came to NMU from Michigan State University. He has a passion for expanding Northern's study-abroad opportunities and participants, and increasing partnerships with international universities and organizations.

Q: What are your goals for international programs at NMU?

A: My main goal is to send as many students abroad as possible. Right now we have about 200 going each year. In five years, I want that to be at least 1,000 students every year.

Next, I want to bring more international students here. We have very few because we haven't had the funds to recruit them. But I'd like to build that to 250 to 300 students.

I'm also working very hard to sign agreements with universities to create exchanges—of students and faculty, and to create joint research projects.

Q: Why do you feel it's so important for students to have international experiences?

A: We're living in a globalized world. Companies have offices all over the world. If two students with the same qualifications apply for the same position, companies will give preference to the one with international exposure.

Also, it's very helpful to students



Marcelo Siles

in selecting their major. Their minds open up and they may see more possibilities for careers when they have this experience.

Q: Are there any new programs in the works?

A: Next summer we will be starting the Freshman International Experience. This will be a two-credit course for freshmen before they even start regular classes at Northern. It will expose them to how to get a passport, pass security lines and prepare for and undertake international travel. Faculty have submitted proposals for two-week trips to various locations, which will include students visiting museums and taking part in local cultural experiences, learning the history of the area, taking a course while they're there, keeping a daily journal and writing

papers. Twenty to 25 students will travel with two professors to a choice of five different destinations. That's 100-125 students and ten professors. It will help set Northern apart. Also, other universities have found that about 75 percent of students who participate take part in future study abroad as well.

We are also in our second year of the International Visiting Scholar Series [see page 4]. We already have seven speakers lined up, discussing many different topics, from film-making in Brazil to childbirth in Germany to the Canadian Holocaust. Last year, 2,000 students, faculty and community members came to these presentations.

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Q: How can students afford to study abroad?

A: All qualify for financial aid—grants, loans, scholarships—to study abroad. Some students work with service clubs to raise money in exchange for presenting to their group. Some have car washes. There are many creative ways. I'm convinced that if you really want something, you will get it.

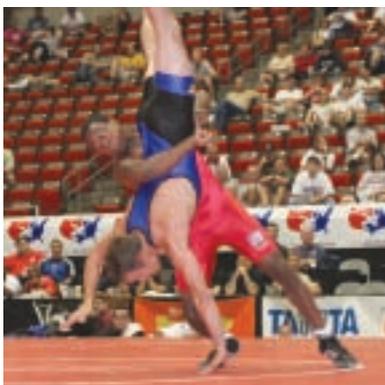
On campus today

SPORTS AT NMU

Beijing Bound? USOEC Athletes Compete at Olympic Trials

Will the United States Olympic Education Center and Northern Michigan University have representatives at the 2008 Summer Olympic Games as it did at the 2006 Winter Games in Torino, Italy? The odds say yes. The games begin on Aug. 8 in Beijing, China. As this issue of *Northern Horizons* was being sent to the press, 16 USOEC Greco-Roman and four women's freestyle wrestlers were preparing to compete at the Olympic Trials. Look for these names when the Team USA rosters are announced (www.themat.com).

Five of the USOEC Greco-Roman wrestlers to have qualified for the trials are also among the top 3 nationally ranked competitors in their weight class.



Harry Lester, in red, at the Turneul International in Brasov, Romania

Harry Lester

Lester (Akron, Ohio) is a two-time world bronze medalist and the top-ranked U.S. wrestler at 145.5 pounds. He was a member of the 2007 Team USA that won gold at the

World Team Championships. He finished fifth at the 2004 Olympic Trials, but says, "I am stronger, faster and more educated [now] in the sport. I have international experience and the hardware to prove it. Overall, I am a much more confident person." Lester came to the USOEC to train in 2003. He graduated from NMU in May 2007 with a bachelor's degree in history and is working on a second bachelor's in marketing.



Joe Betterman, in blue, during practice

Joe Betterman

A member of the 2007 Team USA that won gold at the World Team Championships, Betterman (Chicago) is ranked the No. 1 wrestler in the U.S. at 132 pounds. He trains at the USOEC facilities, but is not a member of the resident program. He finished second in his weight class to USOEC assistant coach and two-time Olympian Jim Gruenwald at the recent U.S. Senior National Championships.

Spenser Mango

The 2008 U.S. Senior National champion and the No. 3-ranked American wrestler



at 121 pounds, Mango (St. Louis, Mo.) was selected the outstanding wrestler of the 2008 Senior National Championships. "I think my biggest improvement has been my defense. I guess a good offense is a good defense." Mango came to the USOEC in 2005 and is an NMU junior majoring in physical education.

Jacob Curby

The NMU senior is ranked third among U.S. wrestlers at 145.5 pounds.

Curby (LaGrange, Ill.) finished fourth at the U.S. Senior National Championships. He graduated in May with a degree in secondary education - history, and is completing his sixth year of training at the USOEC.



Jason (Jake) Plamann

He placed sixth in the 185-pound category at the U.S. Senior National Championships, but he ranks third in that weight class among U.S. competitors. Plamann (Kaukauna, Wis.) trains at the USOEC as a facility-use athlete.



Six other top 10-ranked Greco-Roman wrestlers are vying for Olympic team spots, including juniors Andy Bisek (Chaska, Minn.), fourth-ranked at 163 pounds; Kerry Regner (Beaver Falls, Pa.), fifth, 132

pounds; and Chas Betts (St. Michael, Minn.), fifth at 185 pounds; as well as seniors Jake Fisher (Platte City, Mo.), sixth at 163 pounds and Cheney Haight (Orem, Utah), seventh at 163 pounds. Graduate

Ind.) at 112 pounds.

Lampe finished seventh at the U.S. Senior National Championships and won her second national title at the 2008 FILA U.S. Junior Championships. She was the bronze

Five Greco-Roman wrestlers and four USEOC women's freestyle wrestlers have captured Olympic Trial berths.

student Nate Engle (Helena, Calif.) is sixth at 121 pounds and sophomore Peter Gounaridis (Leominster, Mass.) ranks seventh at 211.5 pounds.

Eager to make a statement at the trials are sophomore Bo Beckman (Orem, Utah) at 145 pounds and freshmen Jonathan Drendel (North Aurora, Ill.) at 154 pounds, Peter Kowalczyk (Oak Park, Ill.) at 264.5 pounds, and Zak Nielson (Zimmerman, Minn.) at 185 pounds. These USOEC wrestlers earned their ticket to the event by winning weight-class titles at the University Nationals or with a top seven finish at the U.S. Senior National Championships.

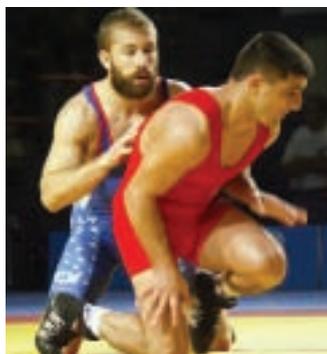


Sadie Kaneda, in red, in action

Four USOEC women's freestyle wrestlers captured Olympic Trial berths, including sixth-ranked sophomore Alyssa Lampe (Tomahawk, Wis.) at 105.5 pounds and freshman Shyla Iokia (Wailuku, Hawaii) at 121 pounds; eighth-ranked Sadie Kaneda (Honolulu, Hawaii), 105.5 pounds; and ninth-ranked Amy Borgnini (Terre Haute,

medalist at the 2007 Junior World Championships. Kaneda took gold in her weight at the Women's College Wrestling Association Freestyle National Championships.

An additional 21 NMU-USOEC alumni wrestlers are competing at the Olympic Trials, making a total of 41 athletes with direct ties to Northern participating at that event.



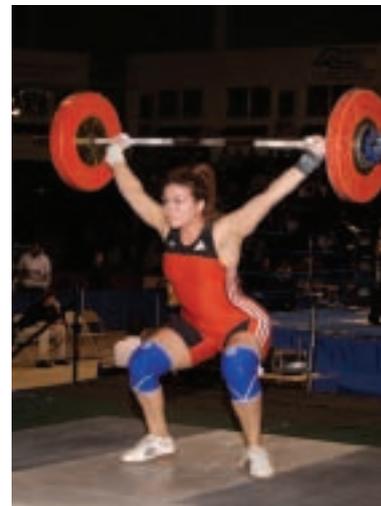
Jim Gruenwald, with beard

Olympic Dream Dashed

Jim Gruenwald, who came out of retirement in October to compete for an Olympic berth, qualified for the Olympic Trials. Ranked second in the nation at 132 pounds, Gruenwald won that weight class at the U.S. Senior National Championships. However, the two-time Olympian severely injured his shoulder in a May 10 match in Rome, Italy, and will not be able to compete at the trials in June.

Competing, Falling Short at Trials

Two USOEC weightlifters, Collin Ito (Vista, Calif.) and Ashley Suggs (Whitesboro, Texas), competed at their sport's Olympic Trials, finishing 25th and 29th, respectively. The trials took place May 16-17 in Atlanta, Ga.



Ashley Suggs during the USOEC vs. China event in Marquette last fall

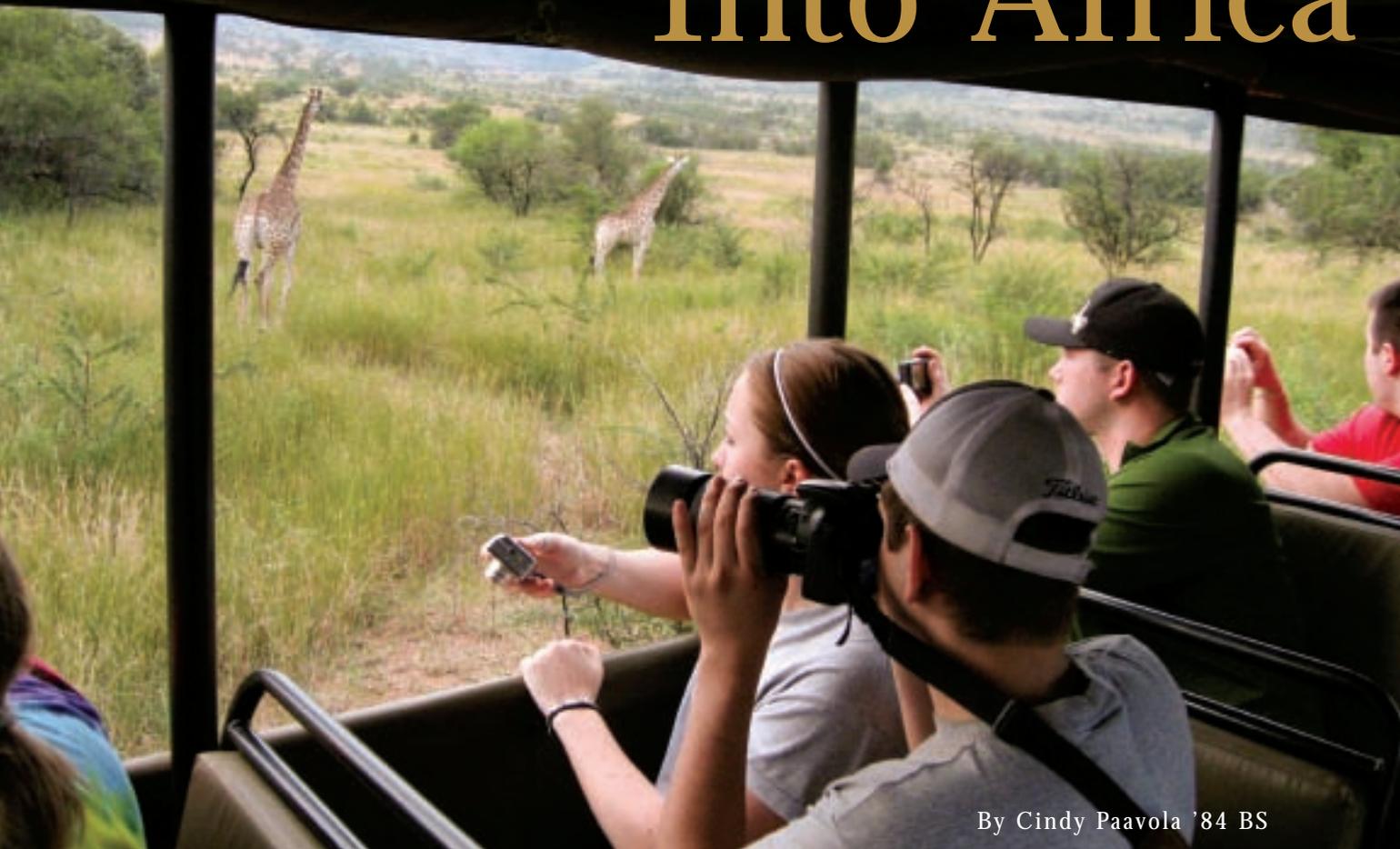
Ito, an NMU junior, snatched 152 kilograms and clean and jerked 195 kg for a 347 kg total. Suggs, an NMU senior with a major in sports science, snatched 78 kg and had an 85 in the clean and jerk for a total of 163 kg.

"The USOEC athletes did well overall," said USOEC coach Andy Tysz. "The Olympic Trials are a big deal and there was some great lifting going on. We were pleased to have qualified to be there and take part in the competition."

NMU's Berry Events Center will be the site of the 2009 USA Weightlifting National Collegiate Championships, which will take place April 17-19. Ticket information will be announced in the fall at www.nmu.edu/usoec.

Cover story

Into Africa



By Cindy Paavola '84 BS

Pretoria, South Africa. It was nothing like they expected.

Despite having spent much of a semester in a classroom learning about that region of the world—its people, culture and criminal justice system—when freshman Chelsea Martin and junior John Pfister reached Pretoria, they were surprised. It's a huge, modern city, with a population of 2.3 million.

“Even though we were told in class that Pretoria was one of South Africa's three capital cities, somehow when you know you're going to Africa, you just expect it to be more rural,” says Martin, who hails from Jenison and Vermontville, Mich., and who would like to one day be a

detective, “maybe for a special victims unit.”

Martin was in a unique situation being a part of the CJ 495 International Criminal Justice course and its subsequent trip to South Africa this spring. Normally 400-level courses are not open to freshmen,

“I'm not who I was before I went there.”

but as a Freshman Fellow (see box on page 12), her duties were to help professor Bob Hanson organize the 10-day visit. As a reward, she was allowed to take the upper-division course and go on the trip, but only if she did well in the course.

“Which I did, thankfully,” she says with a laugh. “It was great—all of it, helping to plan the trip and meeting with Willie Clack, our point person in South Africa, when he came to NMU to do presentations for the campus and in classes. He's so awesome; he and I just clicked. He's become a role model to me and 'adopted' me as his American daughter. I just love him. And, Africa, well Africa was incredible, absolutely spectacular. The whole experience changed me. I'm not who I was before I went there.”

When asked to explain, Martin puts her hands in the air and opens her mouth, but no words come out. She smiles and says quietly, “It's hard

to put into words, as if it were just one or two things that affected me.”

South Africa is redoing its criminal justice system, explains Martin, which makes this period a great time for criminal justice students to study the past, present and future of the system there.

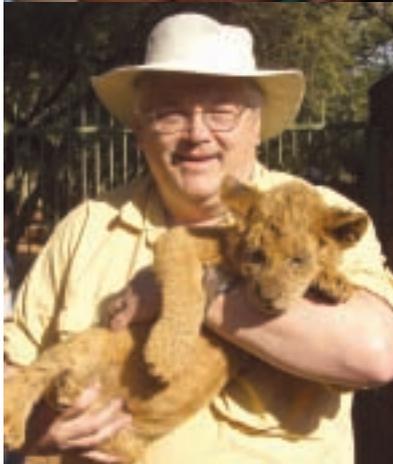
“Apartheid ended in 1994, which really isn’t that long ago in terms of a whole nation changing. So they are still trying to transition. For instance, there are still problems with affirmative action and they have tremendous problems with theft and armed robberies, although we were always safe there because we were never without our guide.”

While in Pretoria, the NMU students visited prisons and a forensic laboratory, had lectures from criminal justice professors from the University of Pretoria and got to go on “ride alongs” with police officers.

“One of the things we learned about was how respectful the prisoners and guards are to each other—so different than our prison system,” says Martin. “When we went to the forensic laboratory, we saw the only automated DNA machine in the world—something almost no one has access to and we saw it. We went to an explosives unit. One of the ride alongs with police I was on they had to deal with the crime scene of two armed robberies. We were safe, though. They wouldn’t have put us in any danger. Wow, what a set of incredible experiences.”

Upon returning to campus, Martin had a question: Why doesn’t

NMU students on safari at an animal park outside of Pretoria (left). On this page, top to bottom: Chelsea Martin gets a goodbye hug from her South African “father” and mentor Willie Clack; NMU Professor Bob Hanson cuddles up with a lion cub; student Aaron Luther with a new little friend; and John Pfiester bravely standing in front of the largest bull elephant in captivity, Thembo.



the university require more than one world cultures course? It now seems important to her that college students understand the world better. This was a shift in thinking from when she came to NMU.

“Being over there and being a minority was such an experience that it made me think more about what it’s like to be a minority on our campus. I’m different because of Africa. I feel different now. I act different now.”

John Pfiester, a criminal justice major from Rapid River and a member of NMU’s ROTC program, knows that he will never be the same.

“I went to South Africa with about \$250 spending money in my pocket and I had more money than most people had to live on for a year. That was kind of sobering. But these people were so willing to share their homes, their food, their time. Everyone was so hospitable and friendly. Every single race was very friendly. And, they all speak so many languages. I met one guy there who spoke 12 different languages!”

For Pfiester, the trip wasn’t just his first out of the United States, but his first requiring air travel. He said he was ready for a global experience and had decided he was going, “no matter what,” almost from the first he heard about it in an earlier CJ course. He took out a student loan to cover the \$3,000 cost, and it was “definitely worth every penny.”

“I was a little nervous about the plane ride, wondering if I’d get sick,” he remembers. “At Sawyer [Airport in Marquette], we got on this little matchbox-type plane and it was like a roller coaster, so I was thinking then that flying wasn’t so great. But the plane that took us to Johannesburg was huge and you couldn’t feel a thing. It was a 23-hour flight and I slept most of the way. I’ll fly again

and I'm definitely planning to travel to more places around the world."

With a population of more than 8 million, Johannesburg is more than 25 times larger than the entire population of the Upper Peninsula. "As we drove through Johannesburg, I kept thinking, 'Man, are there the lights here'—big city. Then we got to Pretoria and it, too, was a city. I thought, 'It's huge.' Like any city, there was lot of homelessness. I also saw a lot of modern, high-quality cars there—Toyotas, Fords, Chevies, Mercedes—more expensive cars than you see driving around in the U.P. So my first impressions were nothing like I thought Africa would be."

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walking down the road not three feet from our van with nothing between them and us. My heart never beat so fast. It was incredible," he says. Both he and Martin had a

rest of the NMU group. In fact, he took 2,800 photos and 12 gigs of video, went through four sets of lithium batteries for his brand new camera and wrote 21 pages in his journal—all single spaced.

"Once I decided to go, I went out and bought a digital camera. I knew I'd want to take a lot of photos. I didn't want to miss a thing and I wanted to record everything we did and saw, tasted and felt. I took every initiative I could while there to be out doing things. I wasn't going to just sit in a hotel room. I wanted to be out there, trying it all, and I made sure I wouldn't forget a single minute of the experience," he says.



The surprisingly large city of Pretoria; the cadre of criminal justice students on the trip; and John Pfiester and Chelsea Martin with two of the local police officers they rode along with in the cruiser to actual calls.

Pfiester also was surprised to find big shopping malls that looked just like those in large U.S. cities, with one striking exception.

"Many of the restaurants and stores had all the food just sitting out for you to see and pick from. I don't think the FDA would approve of this, but the food tasted great everywhere we went. I loved the jerky shops; it was the greatest jerky I've ever tasted."

Pfiester and his classmates did get to see the animals that better suited their stereotype of Africa on a visit to Pilansburg Park, a 120,000-acre animal park outside of Pretoria.

"There were two male lions

chance to be photographed next to the biggest elephant in captivity.

Of course Pfiester took photos of the lions, elephants, food, city, people and everything else, much to the amusement of Hanson and the

Pretoria, South Africa, say Martin and Pfiester, didn't turn out to be exactly what they expected, but so much more than they ever imagined. ■



Freshman Fellowship Program

Each year, 40 incoming freshmen are selected from among the competitors at the Presidential Scholars Competition as part of NMU's Freshman Fellowship Program. Each fellow can earn up to \$1,000 in wages doing research or other scholarly activities with an NMU faculty or staff member. Normally, the fellow works about two to three hours per week throughout his or her freshman year.

To learn more about the program, as well as the Presidential Scholars Competition, go to www.nmu.edu/presidentialscholars.

On Location

A behind-the-scenes look at what it takes to lead a study-abroad trip

By Cindy Paavola '84 BS

Many who get into teaching do so with the goal of helping to change lives.

Northern faculty who have become involved in the university's faculty-led, study-abroad program say they get to watch students undergo transformational change right before their eyes.

"Organizing and supervising study abroad trips is more work than most realize, but when you see what the students get from the experience, it's worth every minute," says Bob Hanson, a criminal justice professor who has taken students on three trips to South Africa. "You get to be a part of a life-changing experience for many students. You get to show them a side of the world that they have little knowledge about. They get a view of diversity that they might not otherwise ever experience. Students learn as much about themselves as they do about the country and cultures they are visiting."

As part of Northern's strategic goal to provide more students with international experiences, both on and off campus, the faculty-led, study-abroad program is starting to flourish.

These short-term, out-of-the-country learning trips usually range from two to four weeks in length and cost students about \$2,000 to \$4,000, depending on the duration,

location and details of the trip. Some are an optional or required component of an on-campus course while others are full but condensed courses.

During the 2007-08 academic year, including this summer, NMU students are participating in programs that take them to Europe, Africa, Asia and South America (see list on page 15).

What goes into creating a successful faculty-led, study-abroad experience? Recent program leaders say early and extensive planning, committed partners in the host countries, advance site trips by the faculty and a flexible attitude.

"Pack your sense of humor and a Plan B," says Mary Jane Tremethick from health, physical education and recreation, who is making a third trip to Honduras with co-leader Eileen Smit of nursing and 13 students who have an interest in health-care issues in Latin America.

"You need to organize, organize, organize, but in the end things never go exactly as planned, so being

flexible and willing to roll with the punches is key," Tremethick says.

Also critical to success is location, location, location.

"Will the area be safe for students?" says Hanson. "Will it be the right environment for good learning activities? Will there be enough interesting things for the students to do during their free time?"

Reliable, committed partners in the host areas play a key role in productive faculty-led experiences, say the NMU program leaders.

Amy Orf, one of the two modern languages and literatures faculty who took 21 students to Parral and Chihuahua, Mexico, in spring 2007, worked with Universidad Regional del Norte (Regional University of the North), one of Northern's international university partners.

"We were able to tell the URN people what we were interested in and they helped coordinate things. The university officials gave us many suggestions on what would be good



Clockwise: the group ready to depart for Honduras; NMU students Danielle Fure, Trista Buzzo and Angela Wandell work with Honduran children.



Clockwise: Alec Lindsay and Chief Chitambo, at the spot where Sir David Livingstone died in 1873; students taking in the Zambian wildlife and light; the group, referred to as the Zambassadors, at Victoria Falls, one of the seven wonders of the world; biology major Julian Dupuis examining a local beetle.

for our students. Also, our class sessions were held on the URN campus,” says Orf.

Hanson adds, “The right kind of help on the other side makes a huge difference. Our success in going to South Africa has been directly related to teaming up with people who are as committed to the educational mission as we are, and because of that, they volunteer an incredible amount of their time, helping us find ways to make things affordable for the students and offering us opportunities that wouldn’t be available if we were just tourists.”

Assessing safety is among the top priorities in planning the international experiences. One major concern is availability of medical services. “It is important to know where the nearest hospital is located and how to get there fast,” says Orf.

“That became essential when one student fell and cut her hand on broken glass,” she adds.

The lack of access to medical

services was a primary concern for biology professors Alec Lindsay and Jackie Bird before taking 13 students to Zambia to do field work in 2007. To better prepare for emergency conditions in rural Africa, Lindsay traveled to Boston to complete a three-day Wilderness Advance First Aid certification course.

“Having this training was important because we were camping out in national parks that often were hours from any type of medical assistance,” explains Lindsay.

The training also gave him some insight into accidents. “We were taught that 95 percent of all accidents on study-abroad experiences are caused by students doing foolish things, not because of unsafe situations in a host country,” he says. “So, faculty need a good balance between maintaining discipline while still allowing students a chance to explore and learn independently.”

The learning experience is the next most important planning issue.

“I wanted our students to both understand the complexities and the joys of doing field work, and also to have a poignant and personal life experience within a developing country,” says Lindsay. “What they came away with was a healthy respect for what it takes to do science in the field and an entirely new perspective on their own lives. For instance, before leaving Marquette, one student was worried about coming up with \$350 for rent. Once in Zambia, she met local families whose income for an entire year is \$350. To say these ‘Zambassadors’ gained a new perspective on life is an understatement.”

Nursing professors Anna Sanford and Kathleen Thompson designed a course that would teach how medical conditions such as HIV, AIDS, and tuberculosis pandemics are handled by first- and third-world clinics in Pretoria, South Africa.

“The students will not do any hands-on care because it’s not safe, but they will be able to see first-hand the tremendous disparity between the medical services in the shanty communities and those in the South African cities,” says Thompson.

Program leaders admit that not all of their faculty colleagues would be well suited for leading study-abroad experiences. They say a “compulsive attention to detail” is a job requirement.

“It’s not just that you have to be prepared for the wide variety of student personalities and unexpected circumstances during the trip, but planning the trip you’ll find yourself working with people thousands of miles away and this can be challenging,” says Tremethick.

A considerable amount of planning time includes teaching students how to travel internationally—applying for or updating a passport,

getting immunizations, discussing what is and isn't appropriate clothing for the weather and the culture.

And then there is that wide range of personalities being flung together. Planning a study-abroad experience, the program leaders say, has a few similarities but more differences than planning a family vacation.

"On the trip, the group becomes like a family. The members get close, but like any family, there are the various personalities that cause occasional arguments," says Orf.

"Who's afraid of spiders and bugs? Who gets sick when eating

certain foods? Who gets crabby when they don't get enough sleep? You know you're going to be with these people 24-7 and you have lots of unknown variables going in," says Smit.

Smit and Tremethick say that the best part about their trips to Honduras has been watching the NMU students interact with the Honduran people, especially the children.

"Our students are struck by the people being so happy despite their limited living conditions and the inequity of what some parts of the world have compared to others," says Smit. "These learning opportunities

help students get beyond being a tourist so that they can see the joys and the heartbreak of the people who live in these places. They come to realize that joy and friendliness is contagious, regardless of nationality."

Hanson points out that study abroad also helps faculty become better teachers.

"I can honestly say that I only truly understood our criminal justice system to the extent I do now—its positives and negatives—once I saw the South African system first hand," he says. "It's not just the students who gain a broader perspective." ■



Spending Summer 2008 Abroad

Several other NMU faculty-led study-abroad experiences are taking place during the 2008 summer sessions, including:

Alternative and Complementary Health Care in Peru

Taught by Julie Higbie and Barbara Wittler, Nursing. Students will learn about the culture of Peru and about the five major areas of complementary and alternative medicine, as outlined by the National Institutes of Health: alternative health care systems; mind-body interventions; biologically-based therapies; manipulative and body-based healing methods; and energy therapies.

Social Changes in China and Tai Chi

Renxin Yang, Sociology/Social Work. A four-week program in China where students are introduced to the social environment, culture, people and the changes in China during the past few decades. They will practice with masters of calligraphy and landscape painting, and learn to meditate and strengthen their bodies with Tai Chi.

Hamlet in Sweden and Denmark

Jim Schiffer, English. A three-week course at Växjö (Sweden) University, one of NMU's international university partners. Students from both schools will read the play, explore its sources and review the critical response to the play over the last four centuries. The students will visit Kronborg Castle in Helsingør, Denmark, which was built on the site of Elsinor Castle, where the play is set. Students will also learn about Swedish history and culture through lectures from Växjö University instructors.

South America's Southern Cone

Rebecca Ulland, Modern Languages and Literatures. Students will travel to Argentina for four weeks to study the literature, culture and history of the country. The students will live with host families, meet peers from the Universidad del Salvador and visit sites such as the Casa Rosada and Iguazu Falls. The course is being offered in cooperation with Michigan State University.

Multicultural and Global Education, Peru

Rod Clarken, Education. This study of culture and education in Peru is designed to develop multicultural and global perspectives affecting teachers' and students' knowledge, attitudes and behavior.

Cultural and Artistic Heritage of Europe

Nell Kupper, Modern Languages and Literatures. Students will experience a multi-disciplinary introduction to contemporary French-speaking Europe. The course will examine the heritage of modern French-speaking European society as it manifests itself through various cultural artifacts, such as visual art, film, architecture and social customs.

Sharing a Sandwich

By Richard Whelan



Every day after class I would go to a plaza to eat lunch near the hostel where I was living during my time in Buenos Aires. The poverty in the capital of Argentina is at times overwhelming and the country is still recuperating from the collapse of its economy in 2001. A substantial number of people live in the streets, collect trash and beg for money.

One day during lunch I met Frank. We met by accident, or perhaps by chance, because he happened to be looking for something to eat in the trash can that was next to the bench I was sitting on. Frank did not have to ask what he wanted as he paused from his search; he said it with his presence and simply looked up at me with the eyes of someone who is 12 years old and wants nothing more than to eat because he is hungry. I slowly slid over what remained of my sandwich, without speaking. Frank smiled, and then ate in a funny silence on the other side of the bench.

I guess the beginning of a friendship can take many forms—at times it is instantaneous and sometimes it takes

effort. With Frank, the formation of a friendship took only a few moments and before I knew it, we were speaking. We were communicating in Spanish, and on that first day we had a conversation about all the things that do not matter in life because those are the easiest things to talk about.

The next day, I went to the same plaza at the same time and Frank returned to see me. This time he brought a bottle of Coke for the two of us to share. Again, I shared my sandwich with Frank and we talked about whatever he wanted to talk about, because 12-year-old boys like to talk. To make a long story short, Frank and I started to have lunch together a few times a week. I would now bring two sandwiches from the supermarket and the Coke, because Frank could not afford to do so. We would just enjoy the company of one another, some days in silence, some days with conversation.

After about three weeks of lunches, I told Frank that I would be leaving soon to go and travel. I wanted to know if he wanted to go anywhere with me during the upcoming weekend as a final sendoff because I would not be returning to Buenos Aires. Frank told me that outside of the city there is an amusement park that he would like

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to go to because he had seen pictures and the advertisements, but had never been able to go there because of the cost. I told him I would pay, and we made arrangements to spend our final Saturday together.

There are some things in life we as individuals cannot change; poverty is one of them. However, I believe we can help people escape, momentarily, from realities that cannot be completely changed. For the better part of a month I gave Frank some food and conversation. For a few moments he could forget what he left behind when he was with me. When Frank and I went to the

amusement park, I felt peace and a strange sense of joy. I saw the enjoyment on his face as he rode the rides, ate cotton candy and was able to experience something that he never thought possible.

It was a wonderful day, for me and for Frank. As we rode the train back to Buenos Aires, he started to talk about his family, and it occurred to me that he had never spoken of them. They never came up in conversation. He told me about his father, mother and three siblings, and he spoke with emotion and feeling. Despite the fact that they have the life they do, there is love.

As the train pulled into the station and we made our way back to the subway, Frank asked if I wanted to meet his family. I was taken aback by this question and was hesitant, feeling uncomfortable about meeting them. But I went because Frank asked me. We arrived at a plaza in one of the more impoverished districts in Buenos Aires and I slowly made my way to a corner of it where I saw a few mattresses. That was where Frank and his family slept.

I was welcomed without scrutiny or suspicion by the family. Everyone wanted to know what happened that day at the amusement park and Frank recounted what he had done. As the evening passed and the sun began to set, I began to say goodbye and thank Frank for his company over the past few weeks. As I walked away, Frank's brothers and sister ran past me asking me not to go. Then, for a reason I did not understand, I asked them what they were

doing the next day. They replied that they were doing nothing. I asked all of them to meet me in the plaza at noon. They asked "Why?" and I said, "Why not?" That was the end of the discussion, and they seemed pleased.

The following day Frank and his brothers and sister showed up and we went to a district in Buenos Aires where you can buy cheap clothes. This is not a district of stores, it is more or less a black market for inexpensive goods. Anyway, I bought Frank and his siblings some clothes, shoes and things they needed. Items that you and I take for granted; needs that they have learned to live without.

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In my opinion, many people invest their time or money trying to obtain something useless. I could have elected another set of actions and decisions, but the choices I made caused me to feel complete.

I guess the voyage into another culture is complicated and there is the possibility to choose many different experiences. You can travel with your eyes shut or with your eyes open. I chose to see this country with my eyes open. ■



Richard is the recipient of a Vandament Scholarship, which enabled his study abroad. This is one of the "culture reports" students submit to their sponsoring department in order to receive credit. He adds about his NMU Foundation scholarship: "Through the generosity you imparted to me I was able to then pass that generosity on to the needs of others."

For more information, see www.nmu.edu/foundation.

Picturing the World

Presenting a few of the winners of NMU's inaugural international photo contest, open to faculty, staff and students—and now open to alumni as well (details to come in a future issue).

On this page, clockwise: Quito, Ecuador, by Darcie Cook; Kibera, Nigeria, by Eric Hampton; during Oktoberfest in Germany, by Hans Gottsacker; at tomb of King Thu Duc, Vietnam, by Karl Mercer. Opposite page: Lake Moke, New Zealand, by Ashley Bartkowiak; Amsterdam, Netherlands, by Beverly Evans; Cusco, Peru, by Alana Stuart; Morelia, Mexico, by Alex Holley; Mashal, Iraq, by Jay Smith; Paris, France, by Deanna Hemmila. See all of the winners at www.nmu.edu/horizons.





Tickets to Travel

Two more programs launching students around the globe

By Rebecca Tavernini

Student teaching

Getting classroom experience is one thing for education students; getting that experience overseas is quite another.

Mark Henrion '07 BS, who taught at a Department of Defense school in Bamberg, Germany, says, "It was one of the best things I have ever done in my life, and it has served me well in my first year of teaching in Buckeye, Ariz., because I can tell kids how things are done in a different culture on a whole other continent."

DoD schools in many locations have been a popular training ground for NMU students, who have also taken advantage of student teaching partnerships or exchange programs with schools in Russia, China, Ecuador,

England, Mexico and more.

Janet Anderson '02 BS, currently a middle school teacher in Marquette, student taught in New Zealand. There, "children start school the day they turn five. So throughout the year, new students are added to the class." She notes that more than half of each day was spent on reading and writing, which results in the country's high literacy rates.

"New Zealand is a very large melting pot. This experience showed me how big the world really is. That people from all over the world are very different, and yet very similar. We all laugh the same, love the same, and hurt the same. Through all the differences, we can



Janet Anderson with her students in New Zealand.

find similarities

and beliefs that hold true around the world. I also learned that kids are kids no matter where you are!"

Student Ambassadors

In the last five years, four recipients of the regional Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship, a \$24,000 award to study abroad for one year, have been NMU students. The most recent recipients are Kimberly Martino, who is leaving this summer for New Dehli, India, and Nicole Weber, who will spend the 2009-10 academic year either at the University of Geneva in Switzerland or in France.



Kimberly Martino

"Once I decided to travel to India, I discovered that most aspects of my life lend themselves towards an interest in India," explains Martino. "I will be studying life sciences at Delhi University. I am also hoping to become active in Rotary's Polio Plus Program, working to eradicate polio." This will be her first time living abroad, and although she's nervous, she senses the trip will shape her future. "I know that the work I want to do for the rest of my life will benefit people and the environment. I am very interested in sustainable development. I am hoping this experience in India will push me towards a more specific field; that I will find something in India that is my calling."

Nicole Weber was motivated to apply for the scholarship after completing a year-long study-abroad program last year at the University of Alicante in Spain. Much of

what she learned overseas applied to her dual major of community health education and Spanish. Part of her studies focused on the millennium development goals established by the World Health Organization.

"Studying that material and being able to see the differences between the Spanish health care system and the U.S. system really got me interested in looking at health as a global issue and I realized the importance of international collaboration on health issues," she says. While in Spain she also did volunteer service with seriously ill or displaced children.



Nicole Weber visiting with Spanish children with cancer so their parents could take a break for coffee or a bite to eat.

"There's no way you can learn about your country or yourself better than by leaving it," says **John Weting '02 MA**, who just retired from NMU's international studies program and now serves as district Rotary Foundation chair. "I'm involved because on the news you see such ugliness—drugs, gangs, murders. With the students in this program you see there's good leadership coming up in this world, who will make it a better place. As someone with a grandchild on the way, I want that."

Alumni in action

Changing the World, One Family at a Time

By Rebecca Tavernini

In a tiny village in Nepal, Meena Karki shared a bed and blanket and a pair of shoes with her two sisters, bathed in the river, and could expect to soon be married off to a husband of her parents' choosing. In Nepal, where only 12 percent of women can read and write, her future was likely working in the fields. But from the roof of the brick house her parents had built, Meena would look up at the stars bridging the world, and dream of a different future.

Her family had been host to a number of study-abroad students from America, and after getting to know these girls and the opportunities they had ahead of them, Meena knew she wanted an education. She wanted to go to America and learn skills that could help other women, young and old, in her country. She shared this



Meena and Suman, in Marquette. At right, Amma doing homework. Learning numbers has allowed her to use a phone.

with a student who was staying with them, Svea, who wrote home to her parents **Sally '72 MAE and Bruce '67 BA Closser**. Sally would share with her PEO (philanthropic educational organization) group Svea's letters describing the warmth of the family but the meager living conditions of the village residents. The group decided to send a bit of money

for shoes. When Meena's father agreed she could get an education if she could find a way to pay for it, the group raised a little more money so Meena could attend school. When Meena wanted to continue beyond the 10th grade (the highest grade a woman can go to in Nepal, where all education must be paid for) and come to America, the group wrote letters of support for a visa, which was miraculously granted. The Clossers opened their home to her while she attended Marquette Senior High School.

It's probably no surprise that when Meena decided to attend NMU, the group stood right behind her.

While coming to the U.S. was no easy feat (Nepali women never travel alone; Meena had never ridden a bike much less an airplane; and the family had no suitcase—when her father purchased one, Meena had only one outfit to pack), **Meena '06 BSN** excelled at her studies, and was named the outstanding graduate in nursing, receiving a standing ovation at the pinning ceremony.

Now a registered nurse at a hospital in Dearborn, Meena is channeling her own income and accomplishments back to her family to support their education and future. She pays for her brother Suman to attend NMU. He is in his third semester, majoring in computer science.

The PEO group has formed a new, independent committee dedicat-



EDIN members: (front, l to r) Sally Closser, Nancy Peterson, Tina Ostwald '71 BS '82 MA; (back) June Schaefer '67 BS '68 MA, Jill Nelson, and Nancy Lutey '74 MAE '87 EDS. Contact EDIN, c/o June Schaefer, 131 W. Prospect St., Marquette, 49855.

ed to partnering with Meena to ensure that other family members can meet their educational goals. Education in Nepal (EDIN) is helping Meena's mother, Amma, to go to school for the first time in her life. She travels three hours each day, five days a week, to the nearest school for adults, in Katmandu. She is learning to read and write. When Meena's parents came to celebrate her graduation, "Amma saw that women could do more than just work in the fields or wash clothes in the river," says committee member **Jill Nelson '80 MAE**. "She saw what Meena had accomplished, the things that women are able to do and how much people in Marquette care." Nelson adds that many in the community have supported this cause, both financially or by doing things like buying Meena a prom dress so she could also realize that dream.

EDIN also is supporting Meena's cousin Pramila, the first girl in her village to go to college; and nephew Sumit, age 10, who wants to stay in school, but his family makes only \$35 per month.

"What a difference education will mean in their lives," says Nelson. "We're not going to achieve peace through war, but through people helping people, and education is key—to understanding options, to having hope." ■

Globetrotters

NMU alums doing business internationally

By Kristi Evans



David Sablan with his wife, Connie.

David Sablan Growing Guam

More NMU students are realizing the value of educational travel outside the country to supplement traditional instruction and heighten their cultural awareness. **David Sablan '75 BS** achieved the same horizon-expanding benefits in reverse. He left his native Guam for NMU with the ultimate goal of returning home to apply what he learned to Guam's tourism and economic development.

As a youth in Saipan during WWII, Sablan's father had helped and befriended a U.S. Army supply lieutenant from St. Claire Shores, Mich. The two kept in touch and the man offered to provide for any Sablan children who wanted to attend college in Michigan.

"When I came of age, I took out an encyclopedia, looked at the state and ended up choosing Northern," David says. "Little did I know it was 600 miles from Joseph Sowerby's home. He laughed, wondering how he would help take care of me from that distance. I only visited his family during the holidays, but being farther away allowed me to develop my own independence, so it was a blessing in disguise."

In pursuit of an NMU education, Sablan left behind the love of his life in Saipan. Maintaining a long-distance

romance was especially challenging in an era preceding cell phones and e-mail. Sablan sent frequent letters, splurged on a rare \$3-per-minute phone call and went home each summer. The two married during the holiday break of his senior year and settled in Guam after he earned his degree in business administration.

The U.S. island territory in the Western Pacific has a tropical marine climate. Tourists—primarily from Japan, Korea and Taiwan—drive the economy, generating \$1 billion in annual revenue. Sablan spent six years promoting the destination as chair of the Guam Visitors Bureau's Asia Marketing Committee.

"I would travel to the countries and hold meetings with their airlines and travel industry companies encouraging them to send travelers to Guam," he adds. "My most significant achievement was getting China Airlines, the national airline for Taiwan, to begin a new route to the island. It continues to this day."

Sablan now is an independent consultant for companies wanting to establish operations in the region. He offers advice on corporate setups, business approaches, government relations, marketing and staffing.

"I assist them in working through the maze of requirements to set up on Guam. I introduce them to key industry leaders and associations, get them to be part of the business community as quickly as possible and help establish and manage their budgets in the initial years as they set up their operations."

He left his native Guam for NMU with the ultimate goal of returning home to apply what he learned to Guam's tourism and economic development.

His client list is likely to increase in the near future. About 17,000 U.S. Marines and family members will relocate to Guam from Okinawa, Japan, bringing with them another 25,000 support personnel. Sablan conducted the interview for this article in an airport as he was en route from meetings in Washington, D.C., to Hawaii, advising small businesses of the impending opportunities.

“Because of its strategic position in the Pacific, Guam is going to see a tremendous military buildup in the next decade and beyond. This is a tremendous boon for the people of Guam, particularly in construction activity. But because the population is only 170,000 right now, there are some concerns related to the impact on the infrastructure.”

Sablan’s other activities include serving as project coordinator for a government-sponsored waste-to-energy project, and as the developer of a private landfill. He also works with Guam Community College to develop training programs locally and in partnership with Japanese factories that manufacture high-tech building frames.

He attributes his professional success in part to his Northern education.

“NMU broadened my perspective beyond life on the island and created a dynamic that enabled me to apply myself effectively. I have a strong affinity for Mr. Sowerby, who has passed on, but I remain grateful for his generous offer and I think I made the most of my opportunity at NMU.”



Reed Grimes Shaping spaces

In the past three decades, **Reed Grimes '76 BS** has held 16 positions and physically relocated nine times for assignments in various U.S. cities and in London—all during his career in the oil industry.

After a brief stint as an insurance adjuster after graduating with a degree in business, Grimes accepted a marketing position with Heritage Mobil. He served in various training and management capacities, later shifting to real estate on both the corporate and global levels. He

continued on that track when the company merged with Heritage Exxon in 2000.

Because moving has become second nature to Grimes, perhaps it’s only fitting that he now assists in accommodating and relocating others as manager of ExxonMobil’s Global Real Estate department.

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“My group develops strategies for acquiring or divesting office space in ninety-some countries around the world,” Grimes says. “We work with affiliates on the acquisitions process, from lease negotiations to fit-outs [construction of interior space] to move-ins. On the other side, we also manage dispositions if there’s a surplus of space or if those holdings are no longer necessary. It’s a cradle-to-grave value proposition service where we drive general-interest business solutions for all eleven operating business divisions in ExxonMobil.”

Grimes cites an example of a general-interest solution that was implemented in Singapore at the time of the merger. Personnel representing different organizational disciplines were spread across nine office buildings. His group developed a strategy to consolidate all of the business groups into one facility, introducing a new workplace design that he said reduced the office footprint dramatically and resulted in considerable savings that went right back to the organizations occupying space there.

“We sit with each department and discuss their needs and requirements,” he adds. “Once we agree on a final strategy, we calculate the most economic solution—whether it’s doing nothing or relocating. Change can be hard for some, particularly in certain cultures. I’ve found that living and working overseas has taught me a lot about diversity and helped me anticipate cultural issues that might surface.”

Grimes is based in Houston, Texas, but spends about a third of his time visiting affiliates in Asia, Australia, Europe, the Middle East, Africa and South America. He considers it somewhat ironic that a Wakefield High School graduate who never ventured out of the Upper Peninsula for college is now a Platinum Elite frequent flier.

“I certainly did not envision all of this when I attended NMU,” Grimes explains. “Getting an education from a reputable institution and graduating with honors

were very important to me and I managed to accomplish those objectives while still having fun in Marquette. Beyond that, I've just been an extremely lucky individual who's made the most of the opportunities presented him and hasn't shied away from new adventures in other parts of the world. I've also been fortunate to be married for 30 years to a wonderful woman who has been more than supportive and accommodating throughout my career.

"Working for ExxonMobil has allowed me to leverage their training programs, work for outstanding leaders and embrace the cultural mindset of a global company to drive functional excellence while developing employees to their full potential. Someone told me once to treat every job as if it's your last and to do it the very best you can. I've taken that advice to heart."



Steve Gulis receiving an honorary doctor of business degree at NMU's spring 2007 commencement

Steve Gulis

Making a global footprint

Steve Gulis '79 BS has witnessed and facilitated significant global expansion in his two decades with Wolverine World Wide Inc. The Michigan-based company adopted its brand name in 1919 to describe durable, horsehide leather footwear known as "1,000 mile shoes." Wolverine has since logged many more miles to establish an international market for its portfolio of eight shoe and apparel brands. These include Hush Puppies, Merrell, Cat, Harley-Davidson and Patagonia.

"We sell our brands in close to 200 countries around the world," Gulis says. "When I joined, the profit base was 80 percent domestic and 20 percent international. Now that ratio is 40-60. The growth outside the U.S. has swung dramatically. When we bought Hush Puppies in

the United Kingdom and both Merrell and Cat in Europe, that really was a launching pad for increasing our presence and revenue base in that region of the world.

"Now we're focused on developing more strategic initiatives and determining the best way to market our brands internationally. In this global economy, you really have to diversify your entire business model, whether it's where you sell or where your products are sourced from."

Wolverine now sources 80 percent of its product from the Far East, compared with 20 percent when Gulis started. This means the company doesn't own the factories, but exclusively subcontracts with them to source products that only Wolverine can market and distribute internationally.

Gulis joined Wolverine in 1985 as corporate finance manager. Three years later, he was promoted to vice president of finance and administration for the Hush Puppies Co. His responsibilities included working closely with Puerto Rican and Dominican Republic facilities, Far East operations and U.S. factories. Gulis has held various positions of increased responsibility since then, including chief financial officer. He recently transitioned to president of the Global Operations Group for Wolverine World Wide Inc.

"People shop the world today," he said. "They might be in Santiago, Chile, this week and Miami the next. A challenge is maintaining a consistent brand image so that our brands will mean the same thing to people no matter where they go. Another challenge is the local and global economies. You get hyper-inflation in the Latin American markets, so you have to manage that and control the risks. Or in Russia, there's a huge opportunity, but having liquidity in the currency is not always possible. And in China or Vietnam, you don't have the structured legal environment where you know the rules like you do in the U.S."

Because he understands the importance of global expansion, Gulis said Northern is right to rank internationalization as a top priority.

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"I joke with my daughter that the extent of my international experience in college was driving to Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, to buy cheap beer. But seriously, it's great that students today have more opportunities to study abroad, learn a foreign language and understand cultural

differences. It's all critically important if you hope to excel in corporate America. As students go through their educational and career development, I would encourage them to be flexible—to look at experiences outside the U.S. as growth opportunities and take full advantage of them. You can't do too much of it because too much business is being done outside of the U.S.”



Liam Hughes and Corey Taratuta at Ladies' View, County Kerry, Ireland

Corey Taratuta Seeing Green

Corey Taratuta '96 BFA has turned his fascination with Ireland into a part-time career. He co-hosts a top-rated travel podcast, *Irish Fireside*, produces an e-newsletter by the same name and uses his graphic design skills to create walking tours and itineraries. Taratuta also visits the Emerald Isle at least two times per year, posting his activities and photos on a blog and Web site (www.irishfireside.com).

He may have ventured into this vocation “by accident,” but Taratuta’s worldly interests were cultivated at a young age. He was in second grade when his parents hosted the first of several foreign exchange students at their Posen, Mich., home.

“They were much older than me and I’ve only kept in touch with one, but the experience itself absolutely shaped me,” he says. “Having the students around and hearing the conversations made me hungry to see what else was out there and to learn more about other countries and cultures. I knew I was going to be traveling at some point after that.”

Ireland has been his destination of choice for the past decade. Taratuta made his first trip shortly before graduating from NMU. He spent the summer there at the invitation of fellow student **Liam Hughes '97**, who was

raised on tea and scones in the Upper Peninsula and has relatives in County Tipperary. Taratuta was quickly embraced by the locals and captivated by the scenery. He and

Taratuta grew frustrated with poorly designed travel books. He combined his graphic design training and love of Ireland to experiment and create his own walking tour of Kilkenny. Other Ireland tours and itineraries followed.

Hughes became partners in life and—unexpectedly—work.

“We recorded our first podcast for some friends who were traveling to Ireland,” Taratuta explained. “We didn’t realize that when you put something on iTunes, there’s immediate international access. Suddenly we were getting e-mails from people all over the world. We realized there was a huge demand for that kind of information.

Through the powers of the Internet, within a month we had established ourselves as Ireland travel experts and had a loyal audience. The podcasts usually revolve around a topic, like gardens or music, or a particular region. Some have interviews from experts in the U.S. and Ireland; others are just stories of our experiences.”

The duo is based in Milwaukee. Aside from the *Irish Fireside* podcasts, Taratuta works part-time as a freelance writer and designer. Hughes has a studio where he creates jewelry made from shards of broken and discarded china. He also purchased a “derelict property” down the road from family in Ireland, transformed it into a cottage and offers it as a guesthouse. Taratuta stays at the cottage or with friends when he is overseas.

One of Taratuta’s post-NMU graduation goals was to live and work in another country. He spent six months of 2004 in Australia, where he grew frustrated with poorly designed travel books. Taratuta combined his graphic design training and love of Ireland to experiment and create his own walking tour of Kilkenny, a medieval city that captured his imagination. Other Ireland tours and itineraries followed.

“It’s an absolutely beautiful country and it’s amazing to think that hundreds of years of cultural history are encapsulated in a geographic area smaller than Michigan.”

Taratuta may have no ancestral link to the Emerald Isle, but he has found a way to strengthen his personal connection to the place and its people while creating a high-tech niche for sharing his insight with a receptive audience.

“There is no fireside like your own fireside.”

– Irish proverb



Nicholas Kilduff

Preparing to take on the world

Most of the business representatives profiled in the previous pages did not intentionally pursue careers with a global component; they more or less fell into them through a series of previously unanticipated opportunities. But **Nicholas Kilduff '06 BS** is not relying on fate or circumstance. He is deliberately plotting a career overseas.

A psychology major at NMU, Kilduff's experience as vice president of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and founder of the former Italian Student Union convinced him to apply his academic interest in a business setting and seek an advanced degree in human resources. "At the time, it seemed like a great mix of business, psychology and internal consulting," he says.

Two events early in his graduate studies in Minnesota combined to solidify Kilduff's future worldly ambitions: a summer internship with General Electric that required him to work with a United Kingdom team, expanding his scope; and a first-ever recruiting visit by Abbott Laboratories' human resources professional development program—one of few training rotations that guarantee international work experience.

"That's very important to me because, quite frankly, the United States is no longer the hub of all business," Kilduff says. "I want to be skilled and capable of working with people from different countries and I don't believe a domestic classroom or international teleconferences can replace actually living and working abroad; at least not for me. I also enjoy the idea of working for a healthcare company with a strong reputation and portfolio that treats its employees well and has won awards for its HR practices."

Believing that the best way to train for overseas

employment is to study abroad, Kilduff completed the final semester of his master's program at ESADE Business School in Barcelona, Spain. *The Wall Street Journal* ranked ESADE the top international business institution in 2006 and 2007. Kilduff found himself in the company of peers from Europe, Singapore, China, South America, Nigeria and Canada.

"It was a lesson in worldwide diversity of thought and culture that I couldn't get in the U.S.," wrote Kilduff via e-mail, shortly after completing his degree. "ESADE helped me make the leap from analytical theory to applied skills; from simply saying, 'I know how to do XYZ' to actually doing it. The school is also known for producing students who work well in teams. Professors set forth specific guidelines on how group members should work together."

Kilduff traveled from Barcelona to Chicago, the headquarters of Abbott Laboratories. He will go through training designed to "harness and grow my strengths and identify and improve my weaknesses as a manager and leader" before spending two to three years rotating between various assignments. While his European destination hasn't been finalized, Kilduff could return to Spain to work at Abbott's Madrid location.

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When asked about Northern's emphasis on internationalization, both in terms of incorporating global issues into the curriculum and giving students more educational opportunities abroad, Kilduff offered a candid and enthusiastic reply:

"Where do I send a donation? That's how strongly I support it. Internationalizing programs will encourage students to learn another language, which is a valuable skill in the workplace and respected by managers at foreign companies.

"Secondly, I can sum it up in four words: the world is flat. We can no longer afford to isolate ourselves if we hope to succeed. Internationalizing higher education will show students how important it is to embrace this change. Studying in one country limits our cultural awareness, adaptability to the world economy and our ability to be truly globally-minded." ■

Bringing NMU with Me



By Jason Harper
'99 BA, '02 MA

“Hey kid! How’re those Wildcats?” Regis Philbin asked me from his perch at the “Live” studio desk in New York City. Forty minutes later, he asked me for my résumé.

A year and a half after that, I was teaching business writing and ESL composition at Wichita State University, partly based on their familiarity with, and confidence in, NMU’s strong English master’s program.

Two years after that, while having coffee in a backstreet bar in downtown Asunción, Paraguay, a Peace Corps volunteer commented that she longed for a Starbucks’ mocha. I mentioned to her that the Starbucks CEO and I graduated from the same university: Northern.

And recently, when attending faculty orientation at Sias International University in Xinzheng City, Henan Province, China, a blonde woman amidst a sea of Chinese citizens said, “NMU? Wow! I’m from Norway, Michigan!”

New York

When I finished my M.A. in English at Northern, my self-congratulatory

gifts were an NMU sweatshirt and a round-trip ticket to New York City. Mesmerized by the contrast between Marquette and New York, I walked around the metropolitan streets endlessly in the frigid January air, having learned to layer clothing to stave off the U.P.’s cold weather. One morning I found myself in the crowd outside Rockefeller Center. An assistant was recruiting audience members for “Live with Regis and Kelly,” and I was chosen to attend. I sat in the front row, wearing my new, bright, green and gold NMU sweatshirt.

During the first commercial break, Regis looked directly at me, pointed at the sweatshirt, and said, “Hey kid! How’re those Wildcats?”

It took me a second to figure out what he meant—but I quickly remembered that Regis is a Notre Dame alumnus, and that Notre Dame and NMU are hockey competitors—and replied, “Ah, the Fighting Irish!”

Both Regis and the crowd chuckled. “Good answer, kid. So tell me. What brings you from Michigan to New York?”

“I just graduated from college and wanted to see the Big Apple.”

Regis encouraged the audience to cheer, and said, “Congratulations on your graduation! Maybe you’re in New York looking for a job. What’s your degree in?”

“A master’s degree in English.”

“A master’s? In English? Wa! You’re gonna starve, kid!”

The stagehand signaled for the show to resume and Regis asked me to see him during the next break, after the cooking segment, because he wanted to make sure I got something to eat. During the following break, “Reg” and I were talking about the tense competition between our alma-mater hockey teams, job hunting in New York, and sharing a delicious jambalaya dish from the cooking demonstration.

“You seem like a good guy, kid. Polite, outgoing, bright, recent graduate. Quality stuff! Do you have your résumé on ya?”

I froze; despite the layered clothing, I turned to ice. “No, I . . .”

“You don’t have your résumé on ya? Wa! You’re gonna starve, kid! Always have your résumé on ya! Always! Have! A! Résumé!”

By the end of the show, I’d gotten

my picture taken with Kelly Ripa, eaten a fantastic bowl of jambalaya, and collected a priceless piece of advice: always have your résumé on ya.

Wichita

Devoid of a résumé, the trip to New York was fruitless as far as employment. After working in Marquette for a while, I craved to be back in academia and applied to a few master of fine arts writing programs, gratefully getting recommendation letters from John Smolens, Katie Hanson, and Peter Goodrich. I was accepted into Wichita State University's Creative Writing program and awarded a teaching assistantship with full tuition waiver. Many English faculty members at WSU were familiar with *Passages North*, Austin Hummel and Ron Johnson. During the first semester there, I lobbied for and received financial support from WSU to fly in and host a reading by Smolens, whose novel *Fire Point* had just been released, and was able to bring part of NMU to Wichita.

The WSU faculty were very happy with the strong background in English I brought with me, and I was able to work my way up quickly, teaching classes such as business writing and English as a Second Language. I especially liked teaching ESL—it was incredibly challenging, fascinating, and rewarding...

Paraguay

...so much so, that the first teaching job I got after finishing the WSU MFA was for Pittsburgh State University's partnership program in Paraguay. This was the beginning of my teaching experience abroad, and despite my unfamiliarity with the Paraguayan dialect in my Spanish background, I was eventually able to get around and meet new people. One night while relaxing at an expatriate

pub in downtown Asunción, I met a Peace Corps volunteer from Chicago who was also only drinking coffee. She heaved a heavy sigh and expressed her craving for a hot-single-vente-five-pump-peppermint-caramel-sauce-top-and-bottom-no-whip mocha from Starbucks, so I brought up the fact that Howard Schultz, CEO and

Northern Michigan University, in my estimation and based on these experiences, is globally recognized.

chairman of Starbucks, and I both graduated from Northern Michigan University. "Oh. Great," she sleepily smirked, and quickly returned to the visions of mochas dancing in her head. After a peppermint moment or two, she exhibited a small spark of recognition and absently added, "My best friend from high school went to Northern."

China

When finished with the stint in Paraguay, I soon succumbed to wanderlust again and applied for another overseas teaching position, this time to Fort Hays State University's partnership program in China. FHSU appointed me to Sias International University in Xinzheng City. Xinzheng is in the center of China, more than 470 miles south and west of Beijing and 677 miles more or less due west of Shanghai. The international university hosts China's largest number of foreign teachers of varying ranks and nationalities. Among vast stretches of farmland cut with railroad tracks, this university has approximately 16,000 students. During the first foreign faculty orientation meeting and after introducing ourselves, a young, blonde woman approached me and said she knew NMU—she was from Norway, Michigan...

Throughout the fall 2007

semester, Dr. Alex Carroll, a new NMU professor of anthropology, and I developed a series of student exchanges via Skype Internet video between her introduction to socio-cultural anthropology class and several of my writing students. The videoconferences focused on differences in language, culture and ideas, as well as

the challenges and opportunities associated with learning new languages in an academic atmosphere. At the end, the discussion led to a trade of sayings and expressions, such as "Yooper," "Ni hao," and "mien" ("hello" and "noodles" in Chinese).

NMU, brought to China.

Everywhere

Whether recognized by TV personalities during commercial breaks, university faculty members looking to fill higher-level positions, coffee-craving Peace Corps volunteers in back-alley bars in faraway cities, displaced Yoopers discovered in the heart of rural China, or students teaching each other bits of vernacular in virtual classrooms transmitted over the Internet, Northern Michigan University, in my estimation and based on these experiences, is globally recognized. This recognition is worldwide, and NMU will continue to get recognized more and more.

I recognize this, and am ever grateful for the experience, education and sense of self that Northern has provided. No matter where I am in the world, I bring NMU with me; it's a vital part of what, and where, I am today.

And NMU is proudly on the résumé I always have on me, too. Just in case Mr. Philbin ever happens to ask for it again. ■

Board welcomes new members, thanks outgoing

Five new and returning trustees were officially welcomed to the NMU Foundation Board of Trustees in April. They are:



Robert Gorsuch
'67 BS

*Fitchburg, Wis.
President/CEO,
Oak Bank*

Bob is a lifetime member and former board member of the Alumni Association and a member of the President's Lifetime Giving Society. He is active in his community and has received the Sales and Marketing Executives of Madison Executive of the Year Award and the Wisconsin Community Banker Award of Excellence.



Larry Inman
'76 BS

*Traverse City
County
Commissioner*

Larry is a former member of the NMU Board of Trustees and served as an ex-officio member of the NMU Foundation board. He has numerous

community, civic, state and national affiliations, including chairman of the Board of Directors for the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments and the State of Michigan Community Corrections Board.



Sue LeGalley
Marquette

Sue was a member of the NMU Foundation board from 1996-2007, serving as secretary for four years. She belongs to the Golden Wildcat Club, supports the Centennial Scholarship program and is a member of the President's Lifetime Giving Society. Her past and present civic responsibilities include numerous local and regional organizations and non-profits. She was also named as Zonta Woman of the Year.



Don Miller
Marquette

Now retired, Don previously was an independent manufacturer's representative of

the Thompson Group, selling die-cutting presses to companies in the graphic arts industry. He is in the President's Society at Ferris State where he is also on the Board of Directors of the Development Council and the School of Business Alumni Association. He is also on the board of the Reynolds Foundation.



Dr. Leigh Garnet Lewis, '86 MA

*Mt. Pleasant
Associate Director
of Professional
Education, Central
Michigan University*

Garn is a past member and president of the NMU Alumni Association board, served as an ex-officio member of the NMU Foundation board and is a member of the President's Lifetime Giving Society. She has over 20 years of experience in higher education, including serving as director of institutional research at Saginaw Valley State University and associate vice president for student services at Tarleton University.

The Foundation board's outgoing members, whose terms were expiring, represented a total of over 100 years of service to the Foundation and to the students of NMU.

They are, and their years of service:

- **Wil Carne '54 BS**, 19 years
- **Robert Glenn**, 11 years
- **Gloria Jackson '68 BS**, 19 years
- **Ken Seavoy**, 15 years
- **William Verrette**, 15 years
- **William Weaver**, 32 years
- **Frank Young '58 AS**, 12 years

President Wong with (from left) Young, Jackson, Glenn, Seavoy and Weaver.



Alumni in touch

Missing Alumni

We know they're out there. Can you help us locate these people?

Susan (Lafaive) Adams '75
Jennifer Abbott-Lahaie '80
Anastasia M. Bauman '99
Brian P. Basto '96
Adelia (O'Donnell) Bax '89
Tak C. Cheng '82
Signe (Aho) Lake '63
Russel J. Lamesfield '72
Richard A. Hair '87
Mark A. Halash '99
Marilyn O. Ebreo '01
Kent H. Eckstrom '81
Hamza Chekiri '77
Adlore C. Chaudier '65
Frances C. Adams '76

Lifetime Members

We'd like to thank the following people who have recently joined as lifetime members of the NMU Alumni Association.

Tom C. Baranowski '90
Lisa A. (Bard) '82 and
Dr. Thomas M. Crady '81
David L. Laitinen '80
Aaron J. Maike '96
Lisa T. (Rossell) Riccobono '99
Carole L. (Beaudoin) '59 and
James C. Welte '59
Donna M. (Brady) '04 and
Phil J. Zaleski '02

Did you know benefits of being a member of the Alumni Association include discounts on:

- Group insurance
- Lodging and car rental
- NMU merchandise and events
- Office supplies
- PEIF recreation passes

Join today! www.nmu.edu/alumni

Brad Hamel



Italian Impressions

The stunning views did not overshadow the educational experience of the NMU alumni who traveled to the Tuscany region of Italy. Our group of NMU alumni and friends spent eight days in May exploring the hilltop towns that adorn the beautiful landscape. We spent each day on tour with a guide and also had time to explore on our own.

From the Etruscan city of Cortona we ventured off to learn about and experience the unique history and culture of the surrounding towns. Our first journey of the week was to Perugia and Assisi.

"The Tuscany/Cortona trip offered through Northern was an incredible experience and I am so thankful for NMU allowing its alumni the chance to travel. Seeing historical buildings and great cathedrals that are older than our own country just left me speechless. Everything we set our eyes on and learned about was just amazing. This was a great opportunity as both an educational and pleasurable trip and I sincerely hope that Northern continues to offer such opportunities in the future. Thank you NMU!"

—Leanna Ketola '06 BA

Here we had our introduction to two great cathedrals: Perugia's Piazza IV Novembre and the great Basilica St Francis. Fortunately for us, Assisi was holding a Renaissance fair, which helped us picture what this town may have been like in the days of its glory.

For the next two days we traveled to both Siena and Florence. In Siena another piece of history was under construction. Set builders for the next James Bond movie were recreating the Palio di Siena, a medieval horse race, in the city's main square. They were going to start filming just days after we were to leave Italy.

Florence was the largest city on our tour and we were given extra time to explore. After an informative bus and walking tour we spread out and found some special cafes, restaurants and shops.

After making some great new friends and taking in spectacular views we started to look toward the next adventure of the NMU Alumni Association. This educational experience is just a glimpse at what is to come! Please consider joining us on our next adventure and help spread the word of NMU across the globe.

*—Brad Hamel '99 BS
Assistant Director
of Alumni Operations*



"There are some places in the world that do not change a lot. People still live in 900-year-old buildings, close together on narrow streets with squares and cathedrals. Some cathedrals and cities took several hundred years to build. The people gather as the generations before them did to buy vegetables, cook, govern and worship. They seem to have an understanding of the need to be close to their family and community. The pace and environment was very respectful of human needs. I see why people want to move there and I understand why I want to go back."

—Mary Lynn Anderson '73 BSN, '74 MAE, NMU nursing professor

Homecoming 2008 set for Oct. 3-4

The College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Professional Studies have signed on to host two new Homecoming receptions, Friday, Oct. 3. They join the College of Business and Political Science Department in hosting get-togethers for returning alumni. The receptions are open to all alumni and will be at the Landmark Inn, following the parade.

Also new to the schedule is "See ya at Donckers" open house. The historic Donckers soda fountain is back in operation. Stop down at the renovated candy store and grab a milkshake on Homecoming Friday evening.

Be sure to plan some time, too, to catch a performance of *The Foreigner*, a comedy at the Forest Roberts Theatre. On Saturday, Oct. 4, before the 1 p.m. matinee, a special reception for theater alums will be held; and at 3 p.m., a backstage tour of the theater is offered.

New benefit! Read about new savings for Alumni Association members on auto and home insurance through Liberty Mutual at www.nmu.edu/alumni.

Share your passion for NMU with prospective students!

Long to be back on campus, reliving your days as a student at NMU? While that may not be possible to do often, there is a great way to connect with current students and make a difference in their time at Northern, and in their future careers. The Admissions office invites alumni to take an active role with prospective and admitted NMU students.

"As an alumnus, your experiences have provided a special relationship with Northern Michigan University," says **Joanne (Rule) Chalgren '99 BS, '05 MAE**, assistant

director of Admissions. "Pictures and descriptive brochures will tell about the college experience at Northern, but your words, through anecdotes, after-graduation opportunities and personal experiences, could be the key to influencing prospective students and their families to give NMU serious consideration as a higher education option."

There are a variety of ways you can participate:

- **College Fairs**

Be an alumni representative at a college fair in your area. NMU will provide you with materials to share with prospective students and a "Frequently Asked Questions" list. Time commitment is approximately two to three hours per fair.

- **High School Scholarship Presentations**

Represent NMU and present scholarships to admitted students at a high school near you. Time commitment is approximately one hour per presentation.

- **E-mail Pen Pal**

Be a pen pal with an admitted NMU student who lives in your area. Time commitment varies.

- **Share a Quote**

Do you have comments about your Northern experience you'd like to share with prospective students, possibly in a recruitment publication?

To find out more or to get involved, send an e-mail to Joanne at jrule@nmu.edu.

Keeping track

Tell us what's happening in your life

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'50s

Rose Wisuri '51 BA, who retired in 1990 after 31 years in education, was recently inducted into the Ventura County (Calif.) Educators Hall of Fame as one of its first ten honorees.

'60s

Bob Darr '62 BS and Grant Turner, '63 BS, roommates and track and field teammates, reunited for the first time at a Packers/Lions game at Lambeau field last December.



Bob Darr (left) and Grant Turner

Clark Eacker '64 BS of Warrensburg, Mo., retired after 32 years with the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Michigan and Missouri, and started working as a placement specialist with the

Rehabilitation Institute of Kansas City. clark_rehab@embarqmail.com

Rob Witte '66 BS has recently retired after many years in education, most recently as an administrator with Hudsonville Public Schools. RobJRW@aol.com

Vincent Caruso '69 BS retired last June from Royal Oak School District after 38 years of teaching and coaching. He continues to coach boys and girls golf.



Garrett Leffler '69 BS recently retired from teaching after many years as an educator, the last ten in Grand Rapids.

'70s

A. J. Gasperini '70 BS retired in 2005 after 35 years of teaching and coaching in Prairie Farm, Wis. He also served in the U. S. Army, retiring as a lieutenant colonel after 23 years of service.

George Granlund '72 BS of Beulah recently retired after 34 years of teaching at various locations in Michigan. ggranlund662@yahoo.com



Stephen Shaughnessy '72 BS, '79 MAE was selected as the defensive coordinator for next year's North Carolina Shrine Bowl team. Steve is also the secondary coach and defensive coordinator at Butler High School in Charlotte, N.C. ashaug@aol.com

Dan White '73 BS has retired after 31 years of teaching and coaching

at Cody (Wyo.) High School. Dan taught biology and coached football, basketball and skiing, winning five boys state alpine ski championships. dmcwhite218@hotmail.com

Nina Parkkonen '74 BS of Marquette has retired from the Registrar's Office at NMU.

Francis St. Andre '74 BS, '79 MAE retired after 33 years of teaching in special education and learning disabilities in New London, Wis.

Maureen Donker '75 BS has been elected to the Midland City Council.

Sally Shaver '75 BS, '77 MA is vice president and mortgage department manager at Range Bank in Marquette.

Dennis Epler '76 BS is court administrator with the 16th District Court of Livonia. deepinecorners@earthlink.net



Charles Hawes '77 BS of Lansing was honored with the President's Award for Outstanding Service from United Cerebral Palsy of Michigan. He is also a principal at the Lansing office of Yeo and Yeo, an accounting and consulting firm. Charlie is a former member of the NMU Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Mary Valentine '77 MAE of Muskegon is a member of the Michigan House of Representatives.

Darryl Branham '78 AS of Elk River, Minn., is the new president of the professional certification board for ASIS International (formerly American Society for Industrial Security).

'80s

Rich Batten '80 BA of Parker, Colo. is a family and fatherhood specialist with the Colorado Department of Human Services in Denver. rbatten@comcast.net

Dana Verville '80 BS was recently promoted to vice president of sales



Frida Waara, '77 BA, Mike Orhanen '72 BS (center, with guide) and Ron Thorley, '78 BS, all of Marquette, completed the week-long Rajalta Rajalle Hiihto, the annual border-to-border ski tour from Russia to Sweden across Finland, in March.

for the surgical division at Striker Instruments in Kalamazoo.

Mark Young '81 BFA of Sacramento, Calif., is an information systems manager for San Joaquin County Public Health Services. He also teaches sailing on San Francisco Bay.

Pauline Poupore '81 BS, '01 MAE of Carney has been teaching for 26 years and is currently with the Carney-Nadeau Public Schools. She'd love to hear from old NMU friends. ppoupore@cnps.K12.mi.us



Curt Tucker '82 AT, president of TeamTech Motorsports Equipment, has been invited to test TeamTech harnesses with NASA-Johnson Space Center and Lockheed Martin. Curt is a member of the NMU Alumni Association Board of Directors. curt@teamtechmotorsports.com

Carol Krumbach '82 BS walked the red carpet at the Oscars for the first time. Carol is the publications coordinator for the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences and worked on various events leading up to the 80th Academy Awards.

John Lenten '82 BS of Negaunee, has been named vice president and commercial loan officer at Range Bank in Marquette.

Charlotte Gaudreau '85 BS of Marquette, has been named vice president, credit administration and internal audit at Range Bank.

Jon Bahk-Halberg '87 BA of Seoul, Korea, recently received his Ph.D. in English rhetoric and linguistics from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. A former *NorthWind* editor, Jon also wrote for *The Mining Journal*. jonnyh@usa.net

Kathy Leone '87 BS of Marquette has been named vice president of commercial lending at Northern Initiatives.

Larry Bergwall '88 BS of Marquette has been named cardiac rehab director and working manager at Marquette General Hospital.

Christine Klein '88 BS of Ketchikan, Alaska, has been appointed Alaska's deputy commissioner of aviation.

Robert Martin '88 BS has joined Range Bank as executive vice president, responsible for leading the business development activities in the commercial and consumer banking areas.

'90s



Sharon Abel

Sharon (Selle) Abel '90 BS is being recognized as the American Jail Association's Civilian Employee of 2008 and one of the American Correctional Association's Best in the Business 2008. She is a Lakeshore Technical College instructor responsible for adult inmate educational programming. sharon.abel@gotoltc.edu

Dallas Drake '92 of Traverse City, Detroit Red Wings forward, helped the team win the Stanley Cup. He has played more than 1,000 regular-season games. Dallas is in his 14th NHL season and his third with Detroit. He was a member of NMU's 1991 NCAA Championship team.



Matthew Driscoll '94 BS of Cedar Grove, Wis., was selected as the 2007-08 Sheboygan Area School District Administrator of the Year. mdriscoll@sheboygan.k12.wi.us

Victoria (Derkos) LaFave '94 BS, of Marquette, recently had one of her stories, "Fixer Upper," published in *My Teacher is My Hero*, a book about the ways teachers have enriched the lives of their students.



Jill (Balla) Shaw '95 BS recently opened a chiropractic and nutritional therapy clinic in Gurnee, Ill.

Kathryn Ryno '95 BSN of Escanaba graduated in December with a master's degree in nursing education from Bellin College of Nursing. kryno@dsisd.k12.mi.us

Kevin Phillips '96 BS is the general manager of Jak's Grill in Seattle. kevinphillips91@hotmail.com

Norm Bouffard '97 BS of Kalispell, Mont., is now working from his home as an IT director for Montana Coffee Traders. He enjoys outdoor activities and his view of Glacier National Park. norm@normsblog.net

Kay Johnson '98 MAE recently received her doctorate in educational leadership from Central Michigan University. kayjohnson@chartermi.net

'00s

Colin Pomeroy '00 BS has been named director of technology at Bellin College of Nursing, where he will manage the college's network infrastructure.

Jen (Mohill) Stark '01 BS and husband Randy '01 BS welcomed their first child, Evan, in February. jennifer_stark@hotmail.com

Suzanne Poupore '02 BS of Kingsford and her spouse, Matthew Tusa, are the proud parents of a baby girl, Mylee Lucille, born in November 2007. supoupor@alumni.nmu.edu

Ben Weimert '02 BS recently graduated from the Cooley Law School, was admitted to the Minnesota Bar and is employed as an attorney with Thomson-West in Eagan, Minn. ben.weimert@gmail.com

Layla Wright-Contreras '02 BS of Chevy Chase, Md., is currently working as the media relations manager for Reading is Fundamental. She will direct its outreach to the Spanish-language media. laylus@gmail.com

Ryan Dove '03 BS has been hired as branch manager for Citizens Bank in L'Anse.

Jay Tasson '03 BS of Bloomington, Ind., had an article that he co-authored titled "Constraints on Torsion from Lorentz Violation" published in the Feb. issue of the prestigious *Physical Review Letters* journal.

 Timothy Tanis '04 BA is working as a compensation analyst at Harry & David and as an adjunct faculty member in human resources at Southern Oregon University. ttanis@alumni.nmu.edu

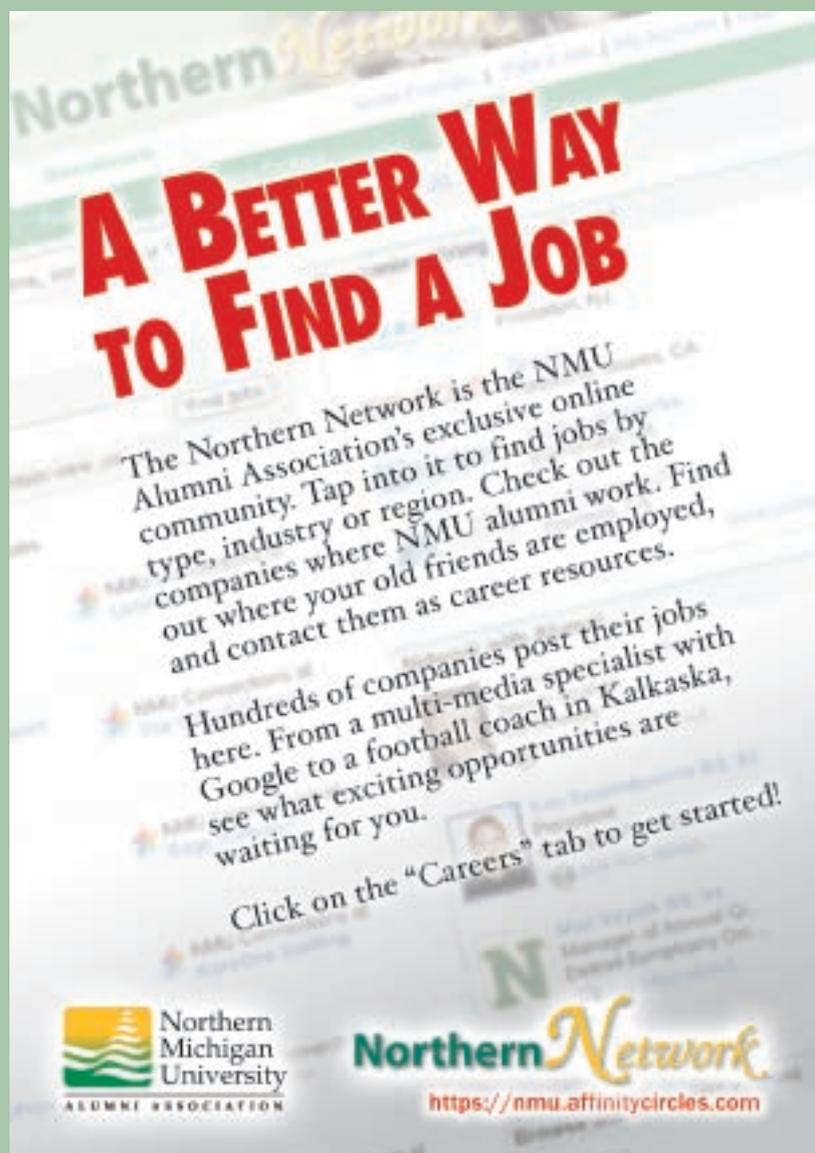
Jamie Wilms '04 BA is employed with the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society as director of education and public programs. countryvixen224@hotmail.com

Caitlin Compton '04 BFA of Minneapolis won the women's 5K freestyle at the 2008 U.S. Cross Country Championships at Michigan Tech.

Laura (Handorf) Weimert '05 BA is employed as an associate with the eFunds Corporation of Woodbury, Minn.

Jenny Hampton '05 BS is communications program associate for the Colorado governor's energy office where, among other things, she educates visitors on the "green" choices they made when remodeling their office space. jenhampto@yahoo.com

 Steve Kendra '05 BS of Tekonsha, Wis., is a design engineer with Conn-Selmer in Elkhorn, Wis. skendra@alumni.nmu.edu



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Thomas Brown '06 BS of Lewiston was hired in April as a finance director by the Democratic fundraising firm, Cunningham, Harris, and Associates. thobrown@gmail.com

Jack Guard '06 BS is working as a news anchor for China Radio International in Beijing, China.

Melissa Conner '07 BS of Lindenhurst, Ill., joined Publications International last September as an acquisitions editor. cherbear1116@sbcglobal.net

Colleen Buzzo '07 BSW of Ontonagon has recently joined the staff of Superior Home Health and Hospice to provide social work and bereavement services in the agency's five-county service area.

Marriages

Rod Burdick '88 BS to Sherry Kirby '95 AS.

Mikel Poutanen '95 BS to Jennifer Fleury '94.

John Nardi '97 BS to Amy Lopez.

Christine Carlyon '99 BS to Richard Meldrum.

Cory Korpi '01 BS to Kelly VanEckoute.

Tim Fetting '02 BS to Valerie Miettinen '02 BS, '04 MAE.

Tricia Sheldon '02 BS to Matthew Bush '03 BS.

Ben Weimert '02 BS to Laura Handorf '05 BA.

Jason Beecher '03 BS to Courtney Durand.

Amy Leece '03 BS to Jesse Kallioinen.

Thomas Skewis '03 AAS, '05 BS to Melissa Kostamo.

Jesse Wernholm '03 BS to Melissa Moyryla '06 BS.

Amy DeRidder '04 BSN to John Vivio.

Rebecca Hamel '05 Cert. to Brian Johnson.

Jennifer Schroeder '06 BSN to Joshua Cain.

Deaths

Mae (Bant) Kohn '30 Life Cert., Jan. 18, 2008, Mandan, N.D.

Roland Strolle '33 AS, March 17, 2008, Naples, Fla. (Retired vice president of academic affairs and Dean of the graduate school at NMU.)

Hubert Kolemäinen '34 BS, Feb. 9, 2008, East Lansing.

Stephen Baltic '37 BS, Nov. 17, 2007, Escanaba.

Walter Davis '40 BS, Oct. 25, 2007, Marquette.

Chester Surline '42 BA, Oct. 19, 2007, West Branch.

Arline (Carlson) Goodney '42 BS, Dec. 6, 2007, Albuquerque, N.M.

Arthur Wassberg '43 BS, Dec. 5, 2007, Negaunee.

Katherine (Maki) Larson '48 AB, Dec. 18, 2007, Bark River.

William J. Bennett '49 BS, March 9, 2008, Lakeland, Fla.

R. Bond Perket '51 BS, '78 EDS, Feb. 6, 2008, Marquette.

John Todd '52 BAE, Apr. 8, 2008, Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.

Donna (Bouley) Nault '52 BS, Dec. 8, 2007, Negaunee.

Carole (Vanderheiden) Demares '53 BS, Apr. 19, 2008, Marinette.

Emil Munter '54 BA, Dec. 19, 2007, Orlando, Fla.

Marvin Heitman '56 BA, Sept. 25, 2007, Marquette.

Lucille (Mackay) Robinson '57 BS, Dec. 13, 2007, Marquette.

John Trembath '57 BS, '65 MA, March 2, 2008, Negaunee.

Philip Numinen '58 BS, Oct. 18, 2007, Marquette.

Marian (Hedquist) Ziemer '58 BS, Jan. 18, 2008, Spokane, Wash.

Verna Johnson '59 BA, Sept. 15, 2007, Ishpeming.

Donald W. Alimenti '60 BA, Jan. 21, 2008, Escanaba.

Neilan Parkkonen '61 BS, Oct. 16, 2007, Ishpeming.

Clarence Blomquist '61 BS, '66 MA, Jan. 23, 2008, Kingsford.

Helen (Kallio) Viton '62 BS, Dec. 9, 2007, Marquette.

Martin Gharrity '63 BS, Nov. 16, 2007, Orfordville, Wis.

Katherine (Nelson) Feldhauser '63 BS, '67 MA, Dec. 18, 2007, Marquette.

Walter Nemacheck '63 MA, March 17, 2008, Escanaba.

Dorothy Boyer '66 BS, Feb. 13, 2008, Okemos.

Angeline (Zenti) Gingrass '66 BS, Dec. 14, 2007, Ironwood.

Ellsworth Nadeau '66 BS, Feb. 17, 2008, Cypress, Calif.

Verne Nelson '66 BS, Nov. 28, 2007, Gladstone.

Charles H. Trebilcock '67 MA, March 28, 2008, Marquette.

Gladys Miller '68 BA, Feb. 13, 2008, Iron Mountain.

Gerald Lasak '69 BS, '77 MAE, Nov. 20, 2007, Munising.

William Miilu '70 BS, Sept. 2007, Harbor Springs.

Margaret (Kamrath) Pipkorn '71 BA, Jan. 31, 2008, Hermansville.

Silas Clements '71 BS, Nov. 27, 2007, Green Bay, Wis.

Richard F. Ellis '73 AT, March 28, 2008, Lakeland, Fla.

Roberta (Teenier) Ropp '73 BSN, Jan. 19, 2008, Saginaw.

Tony Poggi '74 BS, '78 MAE, Oct. 6, 2007, Marquette.

Vernon Jarvinen '77 AS, '79 BS, Apr. 12, 2008, Ishpeming.

Richard F. Ogle '78 AS, Nov. 7, 2007, Marquette.

Susan (Morris) White '78 BS, Oct. 6, 2007, Negaunee.

Michael Squire '79 BS, March 21, 2008, Marquette.

Doris (Moilanen) Calhoun '80 AT, Jan. 18, 2008, Hutchinson, Minn.

Steven Engman '80 BS, Nov. 10, 2007, Denver, Colo.

Virginia Kangas '81 BS, Nov. 12, 2007, Ishpeming.

Helen (Asikainen) Pell '81 Cert., Jan. 28, 2008, Mountain Home, Ark.

Edward Hansley '82 AT, March 6, 2008, Iron Mountain.

Sandra K. Laitinen '82 Cert., Nov. 7, 2007, Marquette.

Mary (Mattingly) Midkiff '82 Cert., Dec. 31, 2007, Ishpeming.

August Moratti '83 AS, '84 BS, Feb. 17, 2008, Sparks, Nev.

David Gutierrez '83 Cert., March 9, 2008, Negaunee.

Toni L. Anderson '85 BS, Sept. 26, 2007, Marquette.

Dale J. Delongchamp '85 BS, Oct. 23, 2007, Ishpeming.

Roger Quayle '87 Cert., Jan. 10, 2008, Ishpeming.

Cynthia (Swanson) Ross Borchering '88 BS, Jan. 16, 2008, Mount Horeb, Wis.

Robin (Setter) Wigger '89 BS, March 6, 2008, Little Suamico, Wis.

Wendy (Johnson) Bouche '90 BSN, Jan. 2, 2008, Marquette.

Charlotte Holsworth '90 Cert., Dec. 28, 2007, Republic.

Judith (Brownell) Peterson '91 Cert., Nov. 20, 2007, Negaunee.

Gregory Schisler '92 BS, Nov. 17, 2007, Mikado.

Andrea Burns '94 BS, March 17, 2008, Two Rivers, Wis.

John P. Perala '94 BS, Sept. 21, 2007, Chicago, Ill.

Erick Waisanen '95 BS, March 2008, Houghton.

Gary Treumer '95 Cert., Nov. 27, 2007, Skandia.

Dianne Virenus '96 BS, Oct. 21, 2007, Shawano, Wis.

David Mussatti '02, Nov. 28, 2007, Clearbrook, Minn.

Aaron Pelkie '03 Cert., March 8, 2008, Gwinn.

Christopher Hoyum '04 BFA, Jan. 6, 2008, Marquette.

Friends

Guido Bonetti, 1975 recipient of the Distinguished Citizenship President's Award and owner of the Congress lounge in Ishpeming, Oct. 18, 2007, Ishpeming.

Louis Cappo, 1974 recipient of the President's Award, long-time supporter of NMU and community leader, Dec. 10, 2007, Marquette.

Richard O'Dell, who was a faculty member at NMU from 1949 to 1975, Jan. 11, 2008, Traverse City.

Sheila Robert, who was employed at NMU for 10 years in Food Service, Nov. 7, 2007, Milwaukee, Wis.

Edward Ruman, longtime faculty member and administrator at NMU, March 1, 2008, Marquette.

Robert Wester, who was employed at NMU as an English professor, April 10, 2008, Marquette.

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Thursday, Oct. 2

- 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sonderegger Symposium: A day of U.P. history
- 7:30 p.m. The Foreigner, a comedy—Forest Roberts Theatre

Friday, Oct. 3

- 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. NMU AA Board of Directors meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Homecoming parade on Third Street
- 6:30 p.m. Receptions for the College of Arts & Sciences, College of Professional Studies, College of Business and Political Science Department—Landmark Inn
- 6:30 p.m. Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremony
- 7 p.m. "See ya at Donckers" reunion—Donckers Candy Store
- 7:30 p.m. The Foreigner, a comedy—Forest Roberts Theatre
- 9 p.m. All alumni reception—Upfront and Company

Saturday, Oct. 4

- 10:30 a.m. Alumni Association awards and Foundation scholarship brunch
- noon Special reception for theatre alumni and Friends of the Forest Roberts Theatre—Black Box Theatre
- 1 p.m. The Foreigner, a comedy—Forest Roberts Theatre
- 3 p.m. Backstage tour of the Forest Roberts Theatre
- 2 p.m. Tailgate party with food, beverages, music, pictures with Wildcat Willy—outside Superior Dome
- 4 p.m. NMU football vs. Saginaw Valley State—Superior Dome
- 7 p.m. Fifth quarter reception—Holiday Inn



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When Hiromi Nakamura came to Marquette seven years ago as part of the Sister City delegation from Higashiomi, Japan, she fell in love with the area. Even though she was soon to graduate with a degree from a college in Japan, which would allow her to teach English in her native country, she had a new idea: to come back to Marquette and attend NMU to get an additional degree.

With the help of a Sister City scholarship and NMU's Weting International Student Fund, she did just that, and graduated this May with a bachelor's in psychology - early childhood. Now she has interviews lined up on the West Coast and in Hawaii to teach at an international preschool.

"Studying abroad really opened my mind," she says. "It is hard work, but as long as I worked for it I knew I could gain something back."

In addition to volunteering to teach Japanese to NMU students going on their own study-abroad experiences, Hiromi has made giving back a priority. "I joined the Alumni Association because I want to have something to keep connected with Northern. I had the scholarship, so I want to dedicate something back to Northern some day."

"I'm really confident about myself. I can't believe the success that is available to me from the experiences I've had at Northern."

"I have realized that a lot of people supported me to be who I am now. I hope to support other people."

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