

# On campus today

## NEW DIRECTIONS

### Three new members welcomed to NMU Board

**Alumni Larry Inman '76 BS** of Williamsburg and **Garnet Lewis '86 MAE** of Freeland along with Sook Wilkinson of Bloomfield Hills are new appointees to the Northern Michigan University Board of Trustees.



Inman is a Grand Traverse County commissioner. He retired in 2007 as vice president of commercial lending at Huntington National Bank, ending a banking career that spanned nearly three decades. Inman has served on the NMU Foundation Board and was recently honored with the 2008

Distinguished Alumni Award. This marks his second appointment to the NMU Board of Trustees.



Lewis is the general manager for Allicom Investments, LLC based in Freeland, Mich. She also brings more than 20 years of professional experience in higher education. She is a former member of the NMU Foundation Board of Trustees and served as president of the NMU Alumni Association Board of Directors. She was also a residence hall director from 1984-87.

Wilkinson is a licensed psychologist. She has a private practice in Bloomfield Hills and also works at the Center for Human Development at Beaumont Hospital in Berkley. A native of Seoul, Korea, she is a leading expert in the field of international adoption. She wrote *Birth is More than Once: The Inner World of Adopted Korean Children* and co-edited *After the Morning Calm: Reflections of Korean Adoptees*. Wilkinson chairs the Michigan Governor's Council on Asian Pacific American Affairs.



### New links for Northern

**Marquette area golfers** are enjoying teeing off at the newly named NMU Golf Course. The former Chocoday Golf Club was donated to the NMU Foundation by owners Joe and Patsie Gibbs of Interlochen, Mich.

"We love Marquette and did very well up there. We couldn't have been happier about our time in the area, so it makes us proud to be able to do something good in return for the community," said Joe Gibbs, whose daughter graduated from NMU. The couple donated the 18-hole course, building and equipment, valued at \$1.6 million.

All net proceeds of the course operation are going to student scholarships and academic programming. In addition, a number of academic, athletic, recreational and social program ideas, including internships, are being considered for the 220-acre property. Possibilities include use by the Wildcat golf team and outdoor recreation academ-



ASNMU student government president Jason Morgan drives on opening day in May.

ic programs. The course might also become a year-round venue with winter activities such as cross-country skiing and snowshoeing.

"Northern deeply appreciates Joe and Patsie's generosity," says NMU President Les Wong. "They wanted the course to continue to serve the area community, the university and our students, and we will work hard to meet those expectations."

This is the ninth golf course in Michigan to be owned and operated by one of the state's public universities.

## Life in film

**Two video documentaries** created by NMU professors, staff and students have recently been released.

“Ojibwe Birch Bark Wigwam” is the latest film from NMU sociology professor Michael Loukinen, with editing by Grant Guston of NMU instructional media services. It follows Nick Hockings, an acclaimed Ojibwe cultural educator from Lac du Flambeau, Wis., as he joins a group of primarily elderly Euro-Americans and shows them how to build an authentic birch bark wigwam using forest resources. Hands-on techniques learned over centuries are fused with Ojibwe cultural teachings and woven in a practical yet spiritual ecology of the northern hardwood forest.



Viewers will see the making of an offering to the forest spirits before gathering its bounty, peeling birch bark and puncturing holes with a deer bone awl, separating the strands of basswood inner bark for twine and making pine pitch roofing tar. A major theme of the program is intercultural interaction and the appreciation white European-American volunteers have for traditional Ojibwe survival knowledge.

**The documentary** “Alcohol and Men’s Violence Against Women” shatters the myth that alcohol causes men to be violent. Four survivors of

domestic violence shared their experiences on camera in the hope that other women will not accept alcohol as an excuse or be less likely to seek help because of the dangerous illusion that, if the drinking stops, so will the abuse.

“Nothing like this has been done before that we can find,” said Ira Hutchison, the head of NMU’s sociology/social work department and the project director. “Instead of addressing the broader issues of alcohol use or domestic violence, this project has a very specific purpose. And we’re making the point with women who’ve been directly impacted because victims of abuse will relate best to those who’ve had similar experiences.”

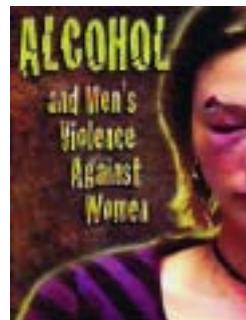
The survivors’ compelling stories are supplemented with comments from front-line professionals representing law enforcement, a substance abuse unit and a domestic violence shelter.

Two prevalent themes emerge from the video: men often blame their abusive behavior on alcohol to avoid accepting personal responsibility for their actions; and many female

victims turn to alcohol as a coping mechanism, despite the fact it makes them more prone to physical harm.

The DVD includes the 30-minute documentary and 30 minutes of special features offering advice and information on learned behavior,

substance abuse therapy, success stories and responses from law enforcement and ER nurses. It can be



viewed in English or Spanish. Copies were sent to every residential or outpatient substance abuse unit, women’s shelter and four-year nursing program throughout Michigan.

The project co-director was Kerri Schuiling, NMU professor and associate dean of nursing. The documentary was also directed by Loukinen, with videography and editing by Guston.

*Representatives from the United States Olympic Education Center met with members of the U.S. Department of Management and Budget in Washington, D.C., to discuss the B.J. Stupak Olympic Scholarship Program, which provides academic scholarships for Olympic-aspiring student athletes who live and train at one of four Olympic Training Centers. Funds*



*for the program are in the Federal Appropriations Bill. Shown, left to right, are: USOEC Director Jeff Kleinschmidt '83 BS, '86 MA, USOEC Head Boxing Coach Al Mitchell, ten-time Olympic medalist Carl Lewis, Deputy Director Office of Management and Budget Rob Nabors, current NMU student and bronze medalist freestyle wrestler Randi Miller, Michigan Congressman Bart Stupak and three-time Olympian and President of the U.S. Olympians Association Willie Banks.*

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## CHANGES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

### Distinguished faculty



Ferrarini,  
Leonard and  
Singh

**Tawni Ferrarini** from the Economics Department, Jill Leonard from Biology and Jaspal Singh from English are the 2009 Distinguished Faculty Award recipients.

Ferrarini was appointed the Sam M. Cohodas Professor at NMU in January 2008. In that capacity, she serves as a regional economist for the Upper Peninsula, producing economic reports on the Upper Great Lakes economy, leading regional studies and serving as a liaison between the university and community members. She also directs the Center for Economic Education and Entrepreneurship, which promotes economic literacy in K-12 schools across the Upper Peninsula.

Since arriving at NMU in 2000, Leonard has done extensive research on the biology of migratory fish with a recent focus on the restoration of coaster brook trout to Lake Superior tributaries. She consistently involves students in her projects and has obtained external grant funding.

Singh's teaching specialties include the literature of Africa, South Asia and the Caribbean; Asian American, African American; and feminists. She has numerous publications to her credit, including the recent "Representation and Resistance: Indian and African Women's Texts at Home and in the Diaspora." Singh joined the English faculty in 2001.

### Toward a healthier Honduras

**Professors Eileen Smit** and Mary Jane Tremethick were selected for a faculty/staff community service-learning award by the Michigan Campus Compact/Michigan Community Service Commission. Smit, in nursing, and Tremethick, in health, physical education and recreation, were recognized for their work leading a study abroad program in Santa Cruz de Yojoa, Honduras (reported in the summer 2009 issue of *Northern Horizons*). They collaborated with medical and community groups to improve health services for Honduran families. Students in their course were immersed in the Honduran culture as they participated in nursing and health education activities.



### Green before green was cool

**A current and former professor** were honored for outstanding teaching by the Michigan Alliance for Environmental and Outdoor Education. Jean Kinnear in the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Department received the Julian Smith award for a lifetime of achievement in the field of outdoor education. Retired biology professor Don Snitgen was given the William Stapp award for lifetime dedication to environmental education. Snitgen was commended for establishing the Regional Environmental Education Center of the Upper Peninsula and "ahead of their time self-tutorial biology and environmental courses."

### Making math accessible

**The National Council** of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) released the final books in its 35-volume "Navigations" series in April. This largest single publication project in NCTM history was accomplished under the leadership of NMU mathematics professor Peggy House, who chaired the Navigations steering committee and served as general editor and introduction writer for all 35 books and their accompanying CD-ROMs—a 10-year undertaking. To date, the Navigations books have sold more than half a million copies, and have set the standards for school math curricula.



## Inspiring entrepreneurs

Multi-award winner Alysa Diebolt and her fused glass artwork and jewelry

**On competition day** of the second annual New Business Venture Competition, five contestants presented their business plans to a panel of alumni judges. These finalists had been selected from nearly two dozen submissions. The first prize of \$4,000 was won by Alysa Diebolt, a sophomore from Rock, Mich., majoring in marketing, for her business M@M, which designs, produces, and sells home decorating and furnishing products made from fusing glass. She also won the sixty second elevator pitch and trade fair competition. The second prize of \$2,500 was won by Christina Brazinski, graduate student from Lisle, Ill., majoring in elementary education, for her proposal, Hand Struck, a venture to design and sell a line of handmade clothes for winter weather wear. Brittney Alden, a senior from Lansing, Mich., majoring in entrepreneurship, won the third prize of \$1,500, for her business idea "Cool Cakes"—making and selling ice cream cakes. The other finalists were William Beacom, a freshman from Midland, Mich., who proposed an import business to distribute soft drinks from Scotland and Justin Carlson, a freshman from Ishpeming, Mich., who proposed a business to provide environmentally sensitive lawn care service.

The competition is supported by an endowment established by insurance executive **Ervin Kranberg '71 BS**. Awards are also provided by friends and alumni of the College of Business.

## New electrical power technician program offered

**A new associate degree** program will help regional utilities address a critical shortage of electrical power technicians needed to build and maintain the energy infrastructure. It will also enable graduates to work in a high-demand, profitable career largely unaffected by shifts in the economy.

NMU offers the degree in collaboration with the Lake Superior Community Partnership Foundation and Upper Peninsula power companies. The Jacobetti Center will have



As the recipient of a U.S. Senate Youth Leadership Scholarship (only two are awarded to each state), Erica Wozniak had the opportunity to meet President Obama in Washington, D.C., in March. At the time, Erica was a dual-enrolled student, taking classes at NMU while still attending Marquette Senior High School. By the time she graduates in June, she will have earned about 36 college credits, mostly in physics and calculus. She said the president talked informally to the group for about ten minutes and then shook everyone's hand.

laboratory facilities and a mock sub-station outside to facilitate training.

"Students graduating from the program will have a variety of employment opportunities, from utilities and wind turbines to manufacturing," says Brett French, chair of the LSCP Foundation advisory board and regional manager of American Transmission Company. "The goal is to graduate individuals with skills required to meet the needs of the energy industry as it continues to evolve. Renewable energy initiatives and technology advancements will drive the need for graduates."

## Share your travels

**Alumni and members** of the NMU Alumni Association are invited to participate in the International Photo Contest.

The International Programs Office, along with the Academic Affairs office, sponsor an annual International Photo Competition to recognize and highlight the experiences of students, faculty, staff and alumni who contribute to NMU's international mission.

Many of the previous contest photos are featured on NMU Web sites, publications, meeting rooms and public spaces. Entries are accepted through Friday, Sept. 11. For details visit [www.nmu.edu/international](http://www.nmu.edu/international).

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## SPORTS AT NMU

### Track enjoys best season

**When** NMU re-established track and field as a women's varsity sport six years ago, Coach Tom Barnes knew it was just a matter of time before the Wildcats would make their mark at the conference and national levels. The time is now. NMU captured the No. 26 spot in the NCAA Division II Outdoor Track and Field team power rankings and was 19th in the indoor rankings. The Wildcats finished fourth of 11 teams at the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference outdoor and fifth at the indoor championships.

"This was a great group of young adults who lived up to our first team goal of kindness at every opportunity. Additionally, we accomplished some of our major goals, such as finishing in the top half at the conference meets, getting nationally ranked and keeping our team grade point average high (3.29), which should earn us a third straight Academic All-America team honor," says Barnes.

Bailey Franklin of River Falls, Wis., earned the GLIAC co-freshman of the year award. At the outdoor conference meet, she won the triple jump with a school record leap of 37-03 and was second in the heptathlon (4,010 points), just four points out of first. She also placed sixth in the long jump (17-02). At the indoor meet, she won the triple jump (36-05) and was third in the pentathlon (3,173)—both school records—was sixth in the high jump (5-03.25) and eighth in the long



Track star Bailey Franklin

jump (16-11.50). She is also a member of NMU's volleyball team.

At the GLIAC outdoor meet, Catherine Angeli of Marquette set a 200-meter record (25.51) in the semifinals. In the finals, she finished sixth in the 100 (12.61) and seventh in the 200 (26.09). Angela Leckson of Garden set a new shot put mark (43-10) and took sixth. Krista Squiers of Owosso rewrote the hammer throw record (152.00) and captured seventh.

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Other top finishers at the outdoor meet included Leslie Luehmann, third in the triple jump (36-00) and Natalie Bertucci, fifth in the 100-meter hurdles (15.19), both of Ishpeming. NMU had three of the

top four places in the javelin: Leckson (111-01) was second, Squiers (111-01), third, and Paris Malin of Seaview, Wash., (110-05), fourth.

Malin set the fifth NMU outdoor record of the year in April with a pole vault of 11-1.75. Squiers also qualified for the 2009 NCAA Division II Indoor Track and Field Championships where she placed 12th in the weight throw (53-11.75). As in the outdoor season, the 'Cats set five school records during indoor competition.

### Comeback kids

**Let's set the record straight:** NMU hockey coach Walt Kyle's hairstyle—bald—is his preference, not a result of pulling his hair out during the past two seasons' action, although it's easy to see why some might wonder. This year and last, Kyle's squads had dismal starts (8-11-1 in 2007-08 and 3-12-3 in 2008-09) then came on like Wildcats on a hunt in the second half of the season, going 12-9-3 and 16-5-2 respectively, from January through the playoffs.

"We've had really young teams both seasons, so I never lost faith in their talent or got down on them when things weren't going our way. We just kept plugging away at learning and improving," says **Kyle '81 BS.**

"That said, we're more of a mature team this year, so I think I'll point out that winning a few games in the fall doesn't mean we can't win just as many as we have been in the second half," he jokes. "But if we're

going to be streaky, I'd rather do the winning in the second half, rather than in the first half and slump before playoffs."

Playoffs? The rest of the Central Collegiate Hockey Association would like NMU to get snowbound in March. For two consecutive years, the Wildcats have bumped nationally ranked teams out of the second-round playoffs to earn a trip to Joe Louis Arena for the CCHA Championship. Of course, they had to do it on the road ... and come back from

game to close the season at 19-17-5.

"From where we were to where we ended up from was quite an accomplishment," Kyle says.

One constant throughout the year was the play of sophomore defenseman Erik Gustafsson, who was selected a second-team All-America West team member, the fourth Wildcat since 2005 to earn All-America status. Gustafsson was also named the CCHA's Best Offensive Defenseman and was a first-team All-CCHA pick. The



## Extra day added to World Cup

The International Skating Union has added a fourth day of competition to the World Cup short-track speedskating event that will be held on the Northern Michigan University campus, extending it from Nov. 12 through 15. The competition is expected to bring skaters from more than 25 countries and is the last qualifying event before the Winter Olympic Games in Vancouver, B.C. Fans who have already purchased World Cup all-event passes should contact the NMU Ticket office at 906-227-1032 or [tickets@nmu.edu](mailto:tickets@nmu.edu) before July 1 and provide the ticket order number (printed on the face of the ticket) to receive the additional Nov. 12 ticket, which will be provided at no additional cost.

NMU's Berry Events Center will also be the site for the U.S. Olympic Team Trials—Short Track Speedskating Sept. 8-12. Advance individual and all-event pass tickets are on sale for both the Olympic Trials (until Aug. 1) and the World Cup (until Oct. 1) at a 25 percent discount. For more information, go to [www.nmu.edu/usoec](http://www.nmu.edu/usoec).



Walt Kyle, who enters his eighth season as Wildcat coach, hopes for more wins in the first half of the 2009-10 season.

losing the first game of the best-of-three series. Last year's victim was Michigan State. This year, it was No. 2 Miami, which won 3-2 then bowed to NMU 3-2 in overtime and 3-1.

"Neither time was easy, and it certainly wasn't boring," says Kyle, who will be entering his eighth season behind the NMU bench.

In this year's CCHA semifinal game, Northern was tied with No. 1 Notre Dame until the final minute of regulation when the Fighting Irish scored for a 2-1 win. NMU then shut out Alaska 2-0 in the third-place

Kvissleby, Sweden, native led all league blueliners in points with 25 (3-22) and ranked 10th nationally in defenseman scoring with 34 (4-30) points.

The 2009-10 season opens with the faceoff against Ryerson University in an exhibition on Oct. 4. Nine of NMU's first 10 games will be against teams from this year's NCAA Tournament (Minnesota-Duluth, Bemidji State, Miami, Ohio State and Notre Dame). For the full schedule, go to [www.nmu.edu/sports](http://www.nmu.edu/sports).

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## Athletic directors through the ages

### Wildcat family loses longest-serving AD

**Prior to World War II**, Northern did not belong to any national collegiate sports organizations, so there was little need for an athletic director, someone to oversee a university's intercollegiate sports program. In the early years, there was no formal athletic department, just individual teams run by coaches—who were also usually faculty members—and they would coordinate all aspects of their programs, including scheduling. In 1922, C.B. Hedgcock was hired to coach all Northern sports and teach classes. In 1947, he was named the college's first athletic director, a position he'd hold until 1956.

The current AD is **Ken Godfrey '84 MA**, who took the position on an interim basis in 2003. A year later, interim was dropped from his title. Godfrey came to NMU in 1979 as director of recreational services. Between Hedgcock and Godfrey, NMU has had nine athletic directors, the longest-serving being **Gildo Canale '56 BS**, who held the title for 14 years, from 1971-85. This winter, Canale, 77, lost his battle with cancer.

Canale began his NMU career as an instructor and athletic trainer in 1959. He also served as director of intramurals, head golf coach and assistant athletic director before becoming director of athletics. During his tenure, Northern won the 1975 NCAA Division II national football title; ice hockey was elevated to an intercollegiate varsity sport, with teams that would reach the NCAA Frozen Four twice and win two Central Collegiate Hockey Association titles before Canale's

retirement; the men's basketball team made four NCAA post-season tournament appearances; NMU teams reached the national championship and earned All-America honors in gymnastics, swimming and wrestling; and women's sports programs were significantly expanded.

Canale was named to both the Northern Michigan University Sports Hall of Fame (1983) and to the Upper Peninsula Sports Hall of Fame (1987). He retired from NMU in 1993 and was named professor emeritus. He received the NMU Alumni Service Award in 1995. NMU Athletic Department's top student-athlete award, annually given to a male and female athlete, is named in honor of Canale. He also has a scholarship in his name.

The second-longest serving athletic director, one year shy of Canale's tenure, was **Rick Comley '73 MA**. Comley was hired by Canale as a 29-year-old to be NMU's first hockey coach in 1976. In 1987, Comley took on the dual role of coach and athletic director. He stepped down from the AD position in 2000 and left NMU in 2002 to take over the Michigan State University hockey program, where he continues to coach today.

*Friends can make a memorial gift to the Canale Scholarship in honor of Gildo Canale through the NMU Foundation ([www.nmu.edu/foundation](http://www.nmu.edu/foundation)). If giving online, input the scholarship name in the Contribution Options field.*



C.B. Hedgcock  
1947-56



C.V. Money  
1956-58



F.L. (Frosty) Ferzacca  
1958-66



Rico Zenti  
1966-69



Roland (Rollie) Dotsch  
1969-71



Gildo Canale  
1971-85



Thomas Knauss  
1985 (interim)



Jack Taylor (no photo)  
1985-86



Rick Comley  
1987-2000



Dan Spielmann  
2000-03



Ken Godfrey  
2003-present

Athletic director timeline