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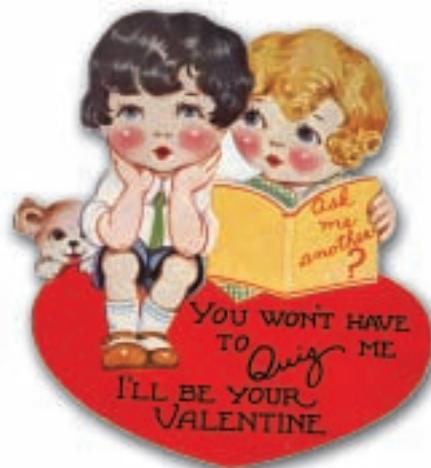
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ON THE COVER: While Anna (Patrick) Glinn '06 BS and her wedding party were having photos taken in downtown Marquette during Homecoming weekend, Wildcat Willy happened to drive by and stopped to get in on the action. Anna married Keith Glinn '06 BS.

By Kristi Evans

Giving Them the World

A life-changing gift enables U.P. students to expand their horizons

In her youth, Marquette native **Gloria Jackson '68 BS** ventured beyond the Upper Peninsula only once: for a three-week summer stay at her uncle's home in East Lansing. As a successful Arizona-based business owner with her husband, Bill, she has since traveled extensively in the United States and abroad.

Jackson does not take these opportunities for granted. Even while in-flight thousands of feet above sea level, she remains firmly grounded in her U.P. values and upbringing. Her continued loyalty to the region and desire to help U.P. students reap the life-altering benefits of experiences beyond their insulated comfort zone—and farther away than East Lansing—led her and Bill to establish the \$1 million Jackson Scholars Study Abroad Endowment through the NMU Foundation.

The endowment will provide funding for a study abroad experience for one student from each of the 15 U.P. counties each year. According to the NMU Foundation, the ultimate value of this gift cannot be overestimated. More than three quarters of the students at NMU qualify for need-based aid. Many do not have the personal or family resources to shoulder the travel and living costs associated with international academic and service opportunities.

The gift also provides

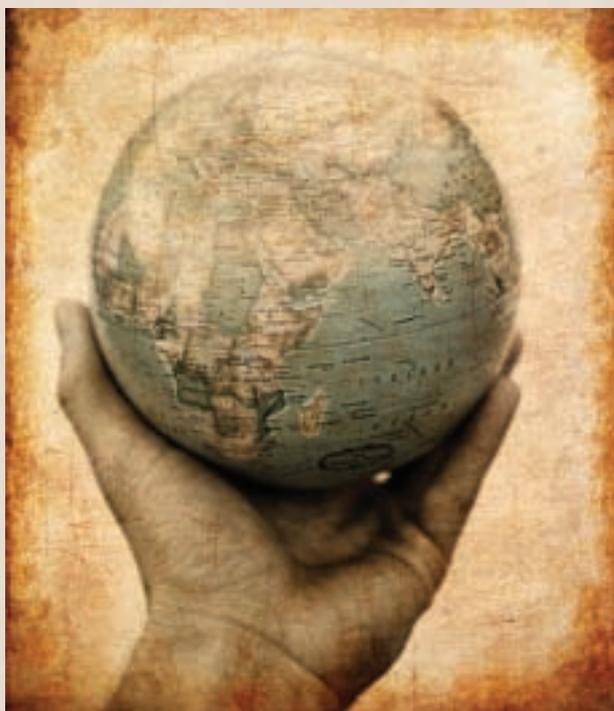
funding for a campus-wide, annual celebration of international experiences. Its components align directly with the university's "Road Map to 2015" strategic plan.

"I had a discussion with Les [Wong] about his dream of providing an international experience for NMU students and I thought it was great," says Gloria Jackson. "It's exactly the kind of thing we believe in and the endowment seemed like a perfect way to support that. The world is shrinking. It is critical to have some exposure to other cultures, whether you work for a company with a presence overseas or you work and live in the United States alongside people from other countries."

Martha Haynes, NMU Foundation executive director, says the Jacksons have been tireless advocates for the

vital role that international experiences play in preparing students to compete in the global marketplace. They also comprehend that, on all levels, the fates of individuals, communities, nations and the planet are tightly interwoven.

"The Jacksons are dedicated to the belief that international experiences will help students acquire the adaptability, self-confidence, global context and intellectual, personal and social growth necessary to succeed and to open new paths to a better future at home and abroad," Haynes adds. "This endowment is



an incredibly generous gift that will provide a solid financial underpinning for internationalization at NMU and life-transforming opportunities for our students.

Jackson has a unique understanding of the importance of global awareness and international education. She has parlayed her

Finnish heritage (her maiden name is Jussila) into an appointment as the honorary consul of Finland to the state of Arizona. As a member of the Arizona Consular Corps, she has contact with fellow consuls from about 30 countries. Her primary responsibilities include promoting Finland and helping to facilitate collaborative relationships between the country's business and education leaders and their counterparts in Arizona. She has processed declarations for people who lost and are reclaiming their Finnish citizenship and, prior to changes in U. S. immigration law, handled passport applications for Finnish citizens.

Because the Arizona Consular Corps has an endowed scholarship at Thunderbird School of Global Management, Jackson became involved with Thunderbird's Global Council. The private, graduate-level business school based in Glendale, Ariz., has affiliations in Mexico, China, Switzerland, France and soon Russia and Saudi Arabia.

One of Thunderbird's programs, Project Artemis, offers an intensive two-week business training program for women from Afghanistan. Jackson sponsored one of the participants last fall.

"It's amazing to hear the Afghan women talk about the conditions they live under, even after Taliban rule ended. Several in the program spoke fluent English



Bill and Gloria Jackson with NMU President Les Wong.

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scenery was out of this world and the people were friendly. In that sense, it reminded me of the U.P."

Gloria and Bill are in what she describes as an "equal-opportunity marriage involving a Northern accountant and a Michigan Tech engineer." They willingly embrace and support each other's institutions, except when it comes to athletic events.

The couple met shortly after Gloria finished high school. Introduced by mutual acquaintances at the Tip Top—once a popular hangout on Third Street—they did not establish a connection until months later, when the same acquaintances invited them on a not-so-blind date.

because they were from upper-class families and went to private schools to learn English. A previous graduate who runs an embroidery business called Kandahar Treasures hired 500 women to do handwork in their homes and sells the items worldwide. She told me that 99 percent of her employees are illiterate.

"The intricate work takes their minds off the situation. They earn about 20 U.S. dollars per month, which goes a long way toward improving their living conditions. Their courage is inspiring and they are helping to rebuild Afghanistan one woman-owned business at a time."

Whether traveling in her consular capacity or for pleasure, Jackson says Finland tops her list of favorite destinations.

"If I had to live anywhere else, it would be there. New Zealand is also wonderful. A friend and I spent two weeks hiking there about 10 years ago. It was more laid back than the U.S. There were no freeways—only two-lane roads—and hardly any traffic lights. The



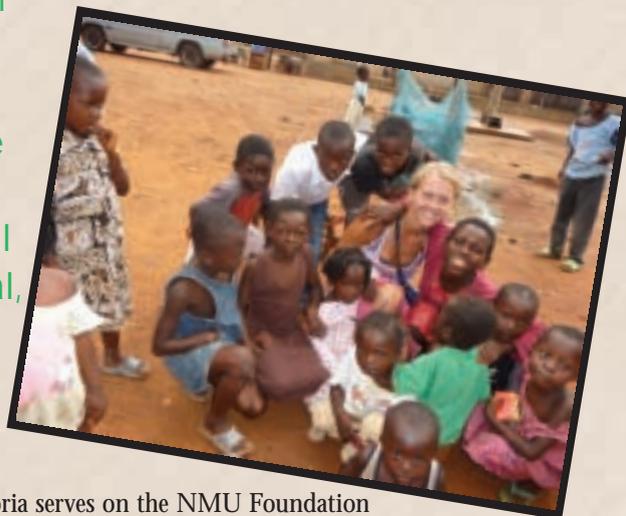
They will close out 2009 by celebrating their 50th anniversary on New Year's Eve.

The Jacksons' journey has included several business enterprises: electronic parts distributor,

industrial equipment sales, antenna installation, a local origination TV station and a gourmet cookware store.

Wanting to contribute to the initial family business, Gloria enrolled in the accounting program at Northern after their wedding. She says her professors were highly accommodating as she juggled her education with an expanding family. She even recalls going into labor during an economics exam, but still managed to perform well on the test. It was a perfect display of *sisu*, that Finnish expression for determination, perseverance and acting rationally in the face of adversity.

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Gloria serves on the NMU Foundation

Board of Trustees. She was the keynote speaker and honorary degree recipient at December commencement. Her address included references to Robert Frost's poem, "The Road Not Taken," and Dr. Scott Peck's book, *The Road Less Traveled*, to illustrate both life's journey and Northern's strategic direction. It was an appropriate preview of the Jackson's generous gift to support study abroad opportunities for U.P. students and the latest example of their lingering devotion to the region.

"I always say you can take the girl out of the U.P., but you can't take the U.P. out of the girl," Gloria says. "We own a home in Eagle Harbor and return to the area often to visit friends and relatives. Marquette will always be home."

More students from the Upper Peninsula, like these pictured, will have the mind-opening, resume-building experiences of learning in another part of the world, thanks to the Jackson Endowment. Shown clockwise from top are of Amber Larson of Menominee in Spain, Brianne Horton of Marquette in Ghana, Africa, and Alisha Hammill of Kingsford in Stockholm, Sweden.



which later relocated to Arizona.

Some husbands and wives thrive in a shared professional environment; others advise against working

The couple entered the cable TV industry in 1971, when the U.S. Air Force decided that the government-operated cable TV system at K.I. Sawyer should be run by a private contractor. The Jacksons submitted the winning bid. That was the beginning of CableAmerica,

NMU earns Carnegie Classification

Northern Michigan University has been selected for the 2008 Community Engagement Classification by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. NMU is one of 119 higher education institutions in the nation to earn the distinction. Colleges and universities were invited to apply for the classification by submitting documentation describing the nature and extent of their engagement with the community, be it local or beyond. Business professor Sandra Poindexter played a pivotal role in compiling NMU's material.

"There is not an area on campus that does not have a community tie," she says. "Youth and sports outreach, academic service learning and student volunteer efforts are only the tip of the iceberg. Community-based research and consulting by faculty and students, facilities and partnership planning and continued training for U.P. educators and other workforces is very strong.

"Community involvement is also impressive. Between the Volunteer Center, Superior Edge, and Student Leader Fellowship Program, students volunteer more than 100,000 hours per year. And over the past three years, 49 administrators held 58 leadership positions in

76 local or regional organizations."

Institutions were classified in one of three categories: curricular engagement, outreach and partnerships or a combination of both areas. NMU received the maximum recognition.

"Community engagement is a goal central to NMU's strategic plan, the Road Map to 2015, and achieving the Carnegie classification reinforces our commitment to that goal," says Susan Koch, NMU provost and vice president for academic affairs. "Students who attend a community-engaged university learn the broad context in which they live, work and grow, while the community benefits greatly from the many contributions of those students."

The application highlighted NMU partnerships with several local and regional entities. These include Marquette General Health System in the areas of brain tumor research and surgical technology, cytogenetic and molecular pathology education; Lake Superior Community Partnership and the U.P. power industry for an electrical line technician program; various law enforcement agencies through the NMU Public Safety Institute; Michigan Board of Light and Power on a proposed biomass-fueled heat and power cogeneration plant.



Students Jessica Jannette and Bob Towers volunteering at an area nursing home.

Examples of community outreach included educational and professional development programs offered by the Seaborg Center, educator and administrator support through the U.P. Center for Educational Development, the "One Book, One Community" initiative, the annual "Learning to Walk Together" pow wow sponsored by the Center for Native American Studies, an instructional Web site maintained by the NMU and Central U.P. Archives on the history of immigration on the Marquette Iron Range, and activities involving the U.S. Olympic Education Center and the Center for Economic Education and Entrepreneurship.

The Carnegie Foundation in Stanford, Calif., is an independent policy and research center dedicated to the improvement of teaching and learning.

The full NMU report is available at www.nmu.edu/comengage.

On campus today

The nature of technology

Visitors to national parks have many new resources for enhancing their experience through the use of technology, such as podcasts, cellphone-based programs and GPS guiding devices. Professor Craig Rademacher of Northern's Health, Physical Education and Recreation Department has launched a project and new Web site to research and understand the use of new media in America's national parks, forests and wildlife refuges.

According to Rademacher, "Through the New Media in National Parks Project we hope to better understand how and why this new technology-mediated connection between agency and public occurs. Hopefully this work will lead to better communication experiences for park visitors and public land management agencies, both now



and in the future."

The site includes articles, news, interviews and research about technology use, resources and links to national parks podcasts. See it at <http://newmedia.nmu.edu>.



NMU's initial all-online program has first graduate

To the casual observer, Denci Thomas did nothing to stand out from the nearly 400 graduates donning green caps and gowns at NMU's December commencement. But when she crossed the stage to receive her diploma, the single mother of three achieved something no one else had. She officially became NMU's first recipient of a loss prevention management degree—NMU's first program offered totally online. "It wasn't my plan or intention to be first," Thomas said. "It was all about getting through school and finding a job so that I could be independent and support my kids on my own with or without

support from their father. But I must admit it's pretty cool to be the first-ever graduate."

NMU offers one of the only baccalaureate programs in this field in the country.

"It was perfect for me as a single mom because I had day care issues and couldn't always make it to campus," she said. "To have the freedom to tuck my kids into bed at night and do my homework at my convenience when I could and when I wanted was a godsend.

"I was always interested in criminal justice, but I knew I didn't want to be a cop," Thomas added. "Loss prevention really piqued my interest because it offered good money-making potential and security. I really want to make a difference with a company and this is an exciting way to do that. It's not a boring, 9-to-5, pencil-pushing job; it's different every

day. It's also a growing field."

The field requires the use of sophisticated technology and investigative techniques. Many companies are looking for specialists who are not only technologically savvy and possess solid investigative skills, but who also are world-class learners, problem solvers, adaptable and resilient. Thomas would add the following qualities to her personal description: "strong, confident, sassy, assertive and independent."

Shortly before graduation, Thomas secured a position with the supermarket chain Winn-Dixie in Jacksonville, Fla., and started in early January, eager and excited to begin her new career. She'll also have a fellow alumnus on her side: **Dan Fakkety '79 BS** is vice president of asset protection for Winn-Dixie, and serves on the NMU program's curriculum advisory board.

Digitizing 400-year-old poems

English professor Robert Whalen has been awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for more than \$50,000. The fellowship will allow him to work full time during the 2009-10 academic year on "The Digital Temple," an electronic documentary edition of 17th century devotional poet George Herbert's English verse.



Robert Whalen

Whalen's goal is to transcribe and encode the verse of three essential Herbert artifacts: two manuscripts and a copy of the first edition of "Temple." The new digital tool will allow users to view multiple-source documents simultaneously in high resolution and thoroughly examine the texts with sophisticated analysis software.

"I am delighted to receive this prestigious award," Whalen said. "Having worked on this project for seven years, I was beginning to

wonder whether I would have the support necessary to complete it. I am relieved to know that this is now certain. Most gratifying, however, is the acknowledgment by my scholarly peers that the project is worthwhile. The NEH awards are highly competitive; that 'The Digital Temple' was selected is a tremendous vote of confidence. I am deeply honored."

"The Digital Temple" is under contract with University of Virginia Press. When complete, it will include original-spelling transcriptions; links to high-resolution images of the artifacts, which total about 700 pages; a critical apparatus for annotations, commentary and introductions; and a user interface with which to navigate these materials. Whalen is manually treating the transcriptions with TEI-XML, a robust encoding protocol that, together with customized interface software, will allow users to perform sophisticated data search, retrieval and analysis.

A prototype of the project is available at [http://myweb.nmu.edu/~rwhalen/v-machine\(4.0\)/index\(new\).htm](http://myweb.nmu.edu/~rwhalen/v-machine(4.0)/index(new).htm).

New resumé tool

Northern helped you get a degree (or two), now we can also help you get a job. A new career development tool for alumni and students has been launched through NMU Career Services. The online resume system allows alumni who might be looking to make a career change or soon-to-be graduates who are looking for their first job to post their resume, free of charge, on Career Services' Web site.

Employers will then have the chance to search for potential employees by name, major, geographic location and key words.

To find out more about this resource, contact Career Services at 906-227-2800 or visit www.nmu.edu/resumes.



High on workforce development

Two NMU/Lake Superior Community Partnership programs, the Midwest Skills Development Center and the electrical line technician program, have been selected as first-place winners in workforce development by the Mid-America Economic Development Council.

The award is given for an organization's activities that attract new workforce to an area, strengthen the skills of an existing workforce or encourage retention of youth in an area.

The electrical line tech program was created in response to the needs of regional utility companies who have a vital need for trained technicians. NMU offers the pre-apprenticeship program at the Midwest Skills Development Center at K.I. Sawyer, where other vocational training and technical diploma programs targeted to meet current and future workforce needs are also housed.

The sixth line tech class will be graduating this spring.

Needed: nurses to teach nurses

To address the state's critical shortage of nursing faculty, NMU has begun offering a six-month nurse educator certificate program which includes full tuition and a \$23,000 stipend for qualified students. The program is designed for nurses who hold a master's degree and want to teach in an academic or health-related setting.

Graduates must agree to teach full time in Michigan for at least five years after obtaining their certificates. The program is funded by a State of Michigan Nursing Corps grant.

"Last year, nursing programs in Michigan turned away more than 4,000 applicants because of the severe shortage of qualified faculty," says Julie Higbie, NMU nursing professor and grant director. "This funding will allow us to educate 10 new faculty members for Upper

Peninsula and lower Michigan colleges and universities."

The courses are delivered online except for a three-day simulation workshop on campus. Teaching practicum hours may be completed in the students' community with an approved faculty preceptor. Graduates will receive a post-master's certificate as a nurse educator.

Seven students are currently in the program. Higbie says the scholarship/stipend grant may be renewed if interest is expressed from a significant number of future students. To find out more, call Higbie at 906-227-1850 or visit www.nmu.edu/postmasters.



Collaborating for top teachers

Northern is collaborating with Central Michigan University on a program that will allow students to seamlessly transition from the specialist in education degree to the doctorate in educational leadership.

Thirty-one students enrolled this fall in the first classes for the Ed.S., which NMU is responsible for pro-

gramming and awarding. CMU will deliver the Ed.D. content and confer that degree.

"This is the first such partnership I'm aware of and it will serve as a model for collaboration in the state," says Rodney Clarken, associate dean of the NMU School of Education. "Two universities that

might be considered competitors are instead working together on being good stewards of state, university and student resources while developing quality school leaders."

To learn more, go to www.nmu.edu/education.

Crossing the borders of technology

The fourth annual International Information Technology Student Seminar will be hosted on Northern's campus Feb. 23-27. The seminar will bring together about 30 computer science and computer information systems students from six European institutions and from NMU for learning, sharing, international team-building and socializing.

Along with learning about technology in each other's countries, students work in multinational teams on exercises, problems or projects and present their results at

the end of each day. It's all done to encourage learning about similarities and differences—between computing programs, careers and student life in other countries.

Previous seminars were held in Madrid, Copenhagen and Helsinki.

Students from different countries working together at the 2006 International IT Student Seminar held in Copenhagen.



Students snag competitive study abroad scholarships

Students Jessica Cross of Oxford, Mich., and Nancy Kenok of Homewood, Ill., received Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarships for study-abroad programs, ranging from \$4,500 to \$5,000.

Cross will study in Ankara, Turkey, from early February to mid-June. Her program will include a course load similar to what she would have taken on the NMU campus, with the addition of Turkish language courses. Her group will also make excursions to multiple locations in the country and participate in cultural activities. Volunteer opportunities are also likely.

The sophomore electronic imaging major says she became interested in Turkey last summer when she met peers from there while working at Cedar Point Amusement Park in Ohio.

“Our friendships led me into a slight infatuation with the country,” explains Cross. “I figured if Turkey was home to those absolutely wonderful people, then it had to be a relatively awesome place. I’m going to have the chance to learn about and understand a whole new lifestyle, which will help me better understand our culture as well. I know this trip is going to help me with my future in more ways than I can imagine. Hopefully it will open up career opportunities and provide me the inspiration and perspective I need to make my work really stand out.”

Kenok left Jan. 17 for a Spanish language and cultural immersion program at the University of Guanajuato in Mexico. She will return in early June. The junior says the program aligns well with her academic major in international studies and minor in Latin American studies.

“I’m confident this program will help me achieve my career goal of working in an international field that benefits people,” Kenok says. “Because of my minor, I wanted to study in a Latin American country and Guanajuato is a colonial city that looks absolutely beautiful. It’s also a United Nations heritage site. I’m obsessed with the United Nations and I’m vice president of the Model UN Club at Northern.”

Kenok, who has had eight years of Spanish, is taking advanced language courses and studying the country’s history, literature and relations with the U.S.

Cross and Kenok were among 600 students nationwide who received a Gilman Scholarship for the spring 2009 semester.



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Volleyball gets back to national tourney

The NMU volleyball team made its first national tournament appearance since 2004, bowing to the University of Indianapolis in a five-set match at the NCAA II Midwest Regional Tournament on Nov. 21. NMU was the fifth seed and Indy the fourth seed in the regional.

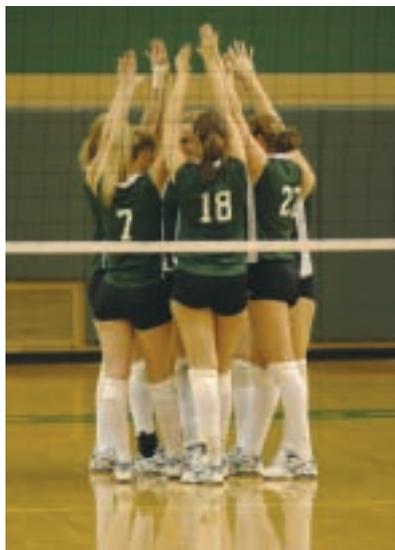
NMU and Indianapolis had met twice before during the season with Indy taking the first contest in five sets and Northern taking the second meeting in three.

In the NCAA match, the Wildcats did not leave the regional tournament quietly, dropping the first two sets (15-25, 21-25) before storming back to take the next two and tie the match (25-15, 25-20). NMU had a brief lead early in the third set at 5-3 before the Greyhounds ran off five straight points to take the 8-5 lead. NMU tied the set at 10-all before Indy ended the match with a 5-2 run for the final score of 15-12.

The Wildcats closed the year at 20-12 and were 11-5 in Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference play to tie for third place in the North Division.

Third-year coach Dominic Yoder says the NMU program has been taking “baby steps back in the right direction.” He adds that he hopes to see “leaps forward” in 2009.

Since beginning the varsity program in 1974, Northern has made 14



NCAA tournament appearances, advancing to the Elite Eight round eight times. NMU finished fourth (1997) and third (1996) at the national tournament and won the NCAA title in 1993 and 1994.

New turf for Dome

Opening his presentation by saying “the timing couldn’t be worse,” Gavin Leach, vice president of finance and administration, informed the NMU Board of Trustees at its December meeting that the Superior Dome turf and mechanism to roll out the turf must be replaced. The project is estimated to cost about \$1.8 million and will be charged to the university’s deferred maintenance fund.

The turf, which was installed 18 years ago, has well surpassed its life expectancy of 10-12 years.

“Obviously in this economic climate this is not the year we were looking to make this update. However, we’ve made the turf last as long as we could, but it’s splitting and tearing now beyond what we can repair with green duct tape,” he says. “Every time we pull it out, there are more tears. It’s becoming very difficult to even roll it out. Not replacing it would be a big liability to the university.”

Additionally, the bar mechanism that rolls the turf in and out across the floor has bent over time and, Leach says, there is concern that one day it simply will not work.

“That could be on a day when the Dome is scheduled to hold an auto or boat show, and then we’d have a logistical and contractual crisis situation. A lot of the revenue to support the Dome’s operations comes from renting the facility out for community events.”

The current surface was installed by AstroTurf at a cost of \$1.3 million in 1991. AstroTurf will begin fabrication of the Dome’s new turf, which more closely resembles natural grass, in January, a process that will take about six months. The on-site installation phase will begin in late June or early July.

“It should be in and ready to accommodate classes we hold in the Dome by the start of the fall semester, and well in advance of the first Wildcat and area high school football games to be held there,” Leach says.

Weightlifting event moved; program gets reprieve



The current weightlifting program athletes at the United States Olympic Education Center, with coach Andy Tysz.

The 2009 USA Weightlifting National Collegiate Championships that were scheduled to be held at the Berry Events Center on April 17-19 have been moved by USA Weightlifting to Shreveport, La. The national governing body says that the United States Olympic Education Center will have the first right of opportunity to host the event in a future year.

USA Weightlifting announced it was closing the USOEC residential weightlifting program at the end of the fall semester due to the national governing body's financial restructuring. However, short-term financing to keep the program going through the 2008-09 school year was provided to USA Weightlifting by Wek San Barbells and a number of other donors.

Jeff Kleinschmidt, director of the USOEC, says a decision about the long-term plans for the resident program will be made this spring or summer. "This was strictly a financial decision based on the budgetary challenges of USA Weightlifting," said Kleinschmidt. "It does not reflect on or impact the other programs at the USOEC."

Because of the uncertainty of the USOEC program at the time when a final decision about the location of the weightlifting championships was needed, it was decided that the event would be moved for this year.

To get to Vancouver



the world's best have to skate through Marquette

This fall, the Berry Events Center on the campus of Northern Michigan University will be the site of two major short-track speedskating competitions leading up to the 2010 Winter Olympic Games in Vancouver next February. If you can't make it to Vancouver for the Games, the United States Olympic Education Center invites you to plan a trip back to your alma mater to watch the world's best skaters when they take to the ice in Marquette.

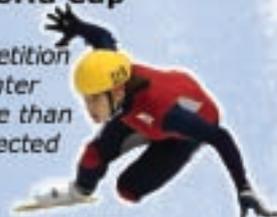
U.S. Short Track Olympic Trials September 8-12



America's best vying for the chance to represent the USA. Come support the USOEC skaters who will be competing.

Samsung ISU World Cup November 13-15

Final qualifying competition prior to the 2010 Winter Olympic Games. More than 25 countries are expected to send skaters.



Event information: www.nmu.edu/usoc
Latest U.S. Olympic program news: www.usoc.org
2010 Winter Olympics: www.vancouver2010.com

On campus today



Designing a better world

Four NMU art and design students received awards from the Web-based magazine, *Yanko Design, Form Beyond Function*. The competition, open to designers from around the world, emphasized solutions to different aspects of poverty that were judged based on concept, cost to implement and deployment.

Receiving the silver award was Sara Melvinson of Vaxjo, Sweden, for her project, "Hidden City." The special recognition award was presented to Adam Trebel of Laurium for his project, "Red Cross." Marquette senior Ethan Przekaza received an honorable mention award for his "H2OME." And Jessica Rick of Kaleva was also a finalist in the competition with her "Table Tent" concept.



"H2OME provides the user with shelter from the elements and cold and at the same time it acts as a water collection/filtration system so clean, safe drinking water is available at all times," explains Ethan Przekaza of his design. "When H2OME needs to be transported it easily collapses to a compact cylindrical shape that will hold and protect the collected water and provide insulation to it as well. The compact shape allows for H2OME to be strapped directly to the back, attached to a backpack, or stored in almost any cart."

The students developed the projects in professor Peter Pless's Human-Centered Design: Concept and Technology class. He notes, "We are raised as designers with a notion that design needs to have an elitist component embedded into the artifact that we create. However, this four-week concept exploration forced us to examine the real issue of need versus want from a very unfamiliar and sometimes uncomfortable perspective. I saw a profound change in attitudes and awareness develop within the class."



"I created a system that would provide work for the homeless that they could handle with their lack of transportation and unappealing textile appearance," says Adam Trebel about his Red Cross project, which features this vending machine from which basic health and medical supplies can be purchased. "I accomplished this by laying out simple jobs like collecting garbage, collecting cans, working at homeless shelters, or general city clean up. In turn, an organization reimburses their work with Red Cross Credit. This puts credit on their homeless ID cards and allows them access to Red Cross vending machines. They continue this process to access other things."

Another art and design student, Mia Cinelli of Marquette (pictured top), received one of five honorable mention awards in the 2008 Calm-a-sutra of Tea National Scholarship competition, for her video entitled "Tea is for Me!" featuring her original music, lyrics, performance and animation. Nearly 700 students entered.



"I wanted to change the image of the homeless by letting them tell their stories in a personal letter; to place a face on a population we often try our hardest to ignore," says Sara Melvinson of her Hidden City. "A homeless person would be given a small cardboard replica of a house that folds together. Postage is prepaid and can be dropped in the mailbox to whomever they wish to send it. The receiver assembles the house and can go to the official Website to reply to the letter... and read other stories."

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To My Valentine

Welcome to a collection of wonderful love stories that happened at NMU, submitted by alumni. While it's not unusual to find a lifetime partner during the college years, we find it interesting that around 15 percent of NMU alumni are married to fellow alumni (that's approximately 9,000 of you over the years)—and there are probably more we don't know about. If you've recently gotten married (even to a non-alum), let us know via the Keep In Touch section of www.nmu.edu/alumni. Happy Valentine's Day!

Brian and I transferred to NMU from UW-Marinette and seriously started dating in the fall of 2002. About a year later, one afternoon Brian was walking me to class when he handed me a container of chicken nuggets he had bought at the Wildcat Den. He knew I hadn't had time for lunch, and I was extremely hungry. As I ate, I noticed him watching me closely, so I decided to offer him one. When I reached in to pull out a nugget, I found a ring box! He knelt down and proposed, in front of the library on Tracy Street. Well, of course I said yes, and we are now entering our fourth year of a very happy marriage.

—Kandace Larsen BS '05

I was walking up the path from my dorm, Halverson, to the main campus area one day when I saw a young lady who could not move because an elephant was standing on her foot.

It turns out that the circus was to perform in the Hedcock Field-house that evening and the elephant was chained in the field outside. The ground was very damp and the elephant was standing on the young lady's foot so she could not move, but was not hurt. I pushed the elephant back and her foot was freed.

That was in 1967 and the young lady and I were married in 1970, and are still married to this day.

—Jim Miller '70 BS and Pat (Dickson) Miller '69 BS





My whole experience at NMU was a love story.

Within a month of moving to Marquette from Grand Rapids in the summer of 2005 I met my now wife on what we called "the dog beach," while reading *Robinson Crusoe*. Her friends' two dogs (Binky and Blaze) ran up to my dog (Sydney) and I was invited to a party in the woods. While we didn't exchange phone numbers on the beach or at the party, we searched for each other for over a month until she met me again at a party after I worked a late night at Vango's. I did not let her slip away that time and made sure to give her a ride home and snag her phone number. The following three years were amazing as we had numerous romantic moments at "Little Presque," "Hidden Beach," "Top of the World" and other local gems. We both graduated, moved to Pennsylvania, married, and reminisce about our times in Northern Michigan.

—Michael J. Conway BS '05 and
Elizabeth Portelli Conway BS '02, MPA '05



On September 5, 1977, I saw a beautiful girl sitting in the lounge between the cafeteria and bookstore in the Student Center. I sat down next to her and offered her a butterscotch Lifesaver (hokey, but effective).

We're celebrating our 29th wedding anniversary this year.
Best candy I ever bought.

—Ralph Wahlstrom '78 BA, '81 MA

It happened in the basement of Hunt Hall... I was there for my blues harp accompaniment and a few guitar licks to help my friends, Stan and Jeff, also known as "Para-dux" (or was it "Pair-o-ducks?"—never knew). Stan on drums, Jeff on guitar, sometimes they'd switch, and sometimes they'd let me sit in and riff a little myself. There was this girl... of course, always, and she used to walk by, stop and listen to us rehearse sometimes for our whole hour or so... Who was she? For a few weeks, each of us in the group assumed it was a friend or future girlfriend of someone else in the band... nothing was said. Finally, as her interest and beauty and long hair and yes, her eyes, had finally captured my heart, I had to know. After all, she might have just been someone's sister... So I asked, "Who was that girl?" and none of us knew. Never saw her anywhere else on campus, and when our time was up using the basement, none of us ever saw her again. A mystery, whoever you are, please contact me through the Alumni Association... —Mike Greer '76 BA



Just fishing for
a little attention.
Will you be
my Valentine?

I met my husband because of a "Rider Wanted" message posted on the bulletin board (not the electric kind!). We both lived in Payne Hall. I was going downstate to visit a boyfriend and he was going to a wedding. I was looking for a rider to share expenses.

We became good friends and when my long-distance romance fizzled, Bryan was there to pick up the pieces. We studied at the library together, worked out together at the gym and hiked up Sugar Loaf. We have been married almost 30 years and still tell people about how special NMU is for us.

—Nyla Lawrence McCoy '79 BS
and Bryan McCoy '80 BS

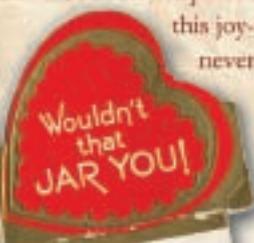


ILL SING A SONG
THAT'S REALLY FINE
IF YOU WILL BE
MY VALENTINE

John and I married in 1969. We lived in the original married housing while completing our degrees. I graduated in January 1971 and John graduated in June of that year. What we would not know until over 35 years later was that our son's future mother-in-law, Mary Lynn Anderson, was also graduating that same day.

Our son Joe met his future wife Katie while they were students at MSU. It turned out that Katie was from Marquette and both of her parents had also attended NMU. Joe and Katie were married in June 2006. It was during this joy-filled weekend that we found out John and Lynn had graduated together. We would never have thought during our years at NMU that in the future love would give us another tie to NMU.

—Diana '71 BS and John Fair, Jr. '71 BS



Ron Takalo
'66 BA,
'74 MA,
'87 EDS

Carol
Takalo
'67 BS



BUT I'M SURE
IN SOME
JAM
OVER YOU

A mutual friend told my then unknown partner that if we were introduced that I would be her future husband. We were introduced, in 1964, dated and then married in 1967! We now have three children, one of whom, Renee, graduated from NMU in 2000 with a nursing degree.

My wife, Maria, and I met at NMU where we were hallmates in Concert House of Van Antwerp Hall in the fall of 1996. Though we loved to visit Wetmore Landing and the shore behind Sugar Loaf as well as Hog Back and Marquette Mountain's scenic lookout there is still one spot that stands out above the rest: Presque Isle.

We would visit the scenic area every time we left campus. We would ride our bikes or drive there nearly every day. We loved watching the freighters dock and either deliver coal or get loaded with iron ore, going to the break wall to see the waves crashing, stopping at Black Rocks to possibly see some cliff divers, and if it was evening, watching the sun set on the west side.

On August 3, 2001 we were married at the new pavilion on the west side of Presque Isle. We still visit every day during our vacations what to us epitomizes Marquette—the beautiful, tranquil and scenic Presque Isle. Now new and special memories continue to be created when we visit with our young sons.

—Jeff '99 BS and Maria '01 BS Yacks

Post Card

Douglas and I loved to go walking. In fact, we only had one "real date" before we got married at the supper club in Marquette. Instead, we would go walking. College students that we were, it often ended up being late at night. We would walk past the hockey arena, hit the beach, walk out to and around Presque Isle. Time and again, on clear nights that fall when we were getting to know each other, we saw the northern lights. We weren't quite sure what they were at first, but finally figured it out. At the time we named our relationship, who we were together, "aurora," which means "beautiful dawn." We said that if we ever got married and had a girl, we would name her Aurora.

Lo and behold, the next summer we did get married and 5 years later we had a daughter. Aurora is now 11 years old and she is beautiful! We live in Alaska, and everyone up here knows what "aurora" is. By the way, my husband wanted her middle name to be Borealis, but I put down my foot. Our daughter's name takes us back to the beginning of our relationship, and Marquette, each time we think about it.

—Michelle '93 BS and Douglas '93 BS Wackowski



Andrea Jerabek and Colleen O'Reilly were roommates, and all three of us were PR majors and shared a class together (Mass Communication Law with Dr. Ganzert). Andrea knew this guy, Brian, through friends and thought Colleen would be a great match with him. I just so happened to be dating one of Brian's rugby teammates at the time and knew he was available.

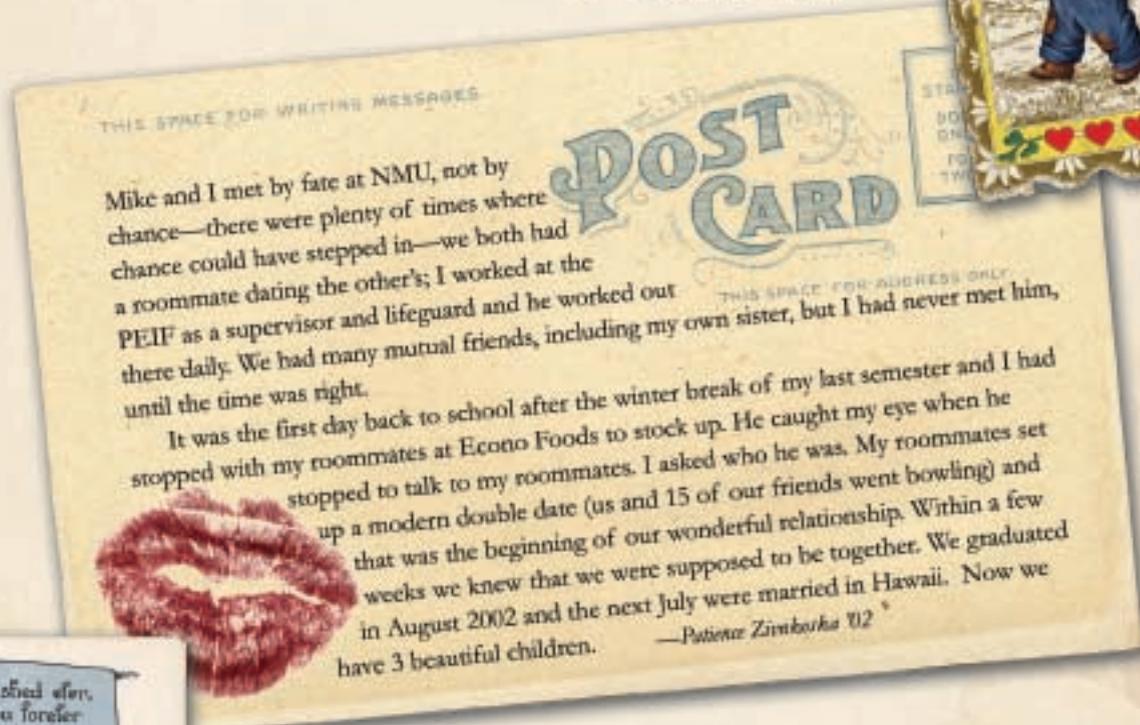
It took some scheming, but Andrea managed to convince Colleen to attend the rugby team's annual snow game—something she had zero interest in—and teamed up with me on site to set things in motion. We froze, but were lucky enough to introduce Colleen to Brian after the game. This is where I accidentally told Brian that Colleen's name was "Corrine." (I think I was more nervous than the two of them!)

As any surprisingly successful matchmakers would be, Andrea and I are pleased to announce that Colleen and Brian were recently engaged and are planning their September 2009 wedding. We matchmakers are both bridesmaids in the wedding!

So, what does it take to find love on NMU's campus?

- 1 roommate
- 1 communications class
- 1 club sport
- + 1 snowy day in February
- = Love 4 Life

—Kim Stobb '06 BS
and Andrea Jerabek '06 BS



I had first seen Brian Schlientz in one of my classes and was always impressed by his jacket and tie (especially since I often stumbled in out of the cold wearing warm sweatpants and a sweatshirt). One night in November 1993, during my senior year, I went to Vango's with my sister and some of her friends. Brian was there with a couple of his friends, and they invited me to join them at their table. We instantly "clicked" and dated through the winter and spring. In May 1994, Brian asked me to be his wife. I accepted and we planned a wedding for March.

Unfortunately, Brian was diagnosed with brain cancer in August. He died of the disease on the day that we had planned to be married. I am sorry to have lost Brian to this tragic illness but will never forget the wonderful times that I had with him at Northern. He touched my life in a special way and he will never be forgotten.

—Kristi (Snary) Basb '94

Post Card



In the late summer of 1971 my girlfriend, Judy Pfaffenbach, came back to the NMU campus early for marching band practice. Practices were very rigorous and went from dawn to dusk—either at the music building or at the practice fields by the Armory. Tim Lautzenheiser (Mr. L.) drove the band hard in all their rehearsals every day, so much so that I did not get to have any time with my girlfriend. Thinking I would be smart, I composed a short note to Mr. L. explaining how his practices were affecting my love life and asking him to give up a Saturday rehearsal. I only signed the note "Jim."

At the next large band rehearsal, Mr. L. announced to the group that he wanted to know what girl had a boyfriend named Jim in town. Judy volunteered. Mr. L. proceeded to read my note aloud over the practice field loudspeakers to a chorus of catcalls and comments by band members.

She was embarrassed and I sure got to hear about it. (Our recollection was practice was cancelled but Judy was too worn out to celebrate). Judy and I have been married 30+ years. She still creates outstanding music.

—Jim Hartwig '72 BS
and Judy Pfaffenbach Hartwig '72 BME

In the fall of 1985 I met my future husband via telephone when he called my soitemate and I ended up talking to him. It was his birthday and he was depressed, so I decided to write him a letter (he was attending U of M). He wrote back, I responded, and a correspondence was begun.

Remember the days of waiting anxiously for the mail to be placed in the little metal-doored boxes down in the lobby?

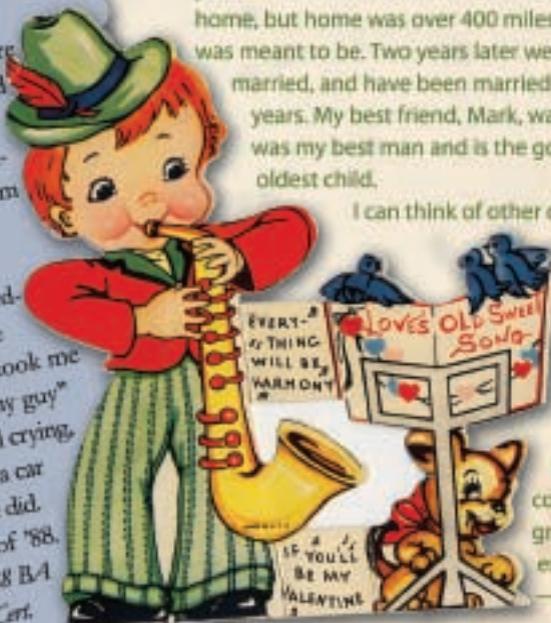
We wrote for over a year before we met in person, and by that time we were good friends. Thus began a long-distance relationship that required begging rides to Ann Arbor whenever possible (the Ride Board in the UC), or him finding rides to Marquette. On Homecoming weekend I was standing in formation during marching band rehearsal when I saw this weird-looking guy standing down at the end of the 40-yard line. He kept smiling at me, and it took me a few minutes to realize that he was "my guy" sporting a full beard! I screamed and started crying, but I didn't break formation! He had rented a car to surprise me for the weekend, and he sure did. We went on to get married in the summer of '88.

—Jane (Mattila) Lynch '88 BA
and Philip Lynch '90 Cert.

It was my great pleasure to be part of the Pride of the North marching band from 1974-77. Ben Miller was the director at the time, and one of the first things I heard was "you'll find the love of your life and your best friend if you stay in this band." For me it was true. The love of my life, Kathy, didn't appear until my last year in band. She was "in love" with the guy back home, but home was over 400 miles away. Anyway, it was meant to be. Two years later we were married, and have been married for almost 30 years. My best friend, Mark, was in band too. He was my best man and is the godfather of my oldest child.

I can think of other couples who got together after they met in band and were married. The same seemed to apply to the Arts Chorus at that time. I can think of five couples in that small group of 30 who ended up married!

—Erik Bergh '79 BME



Hot Dating Spots:

Remember the nervous anticipation of a first date? Or the trepidation of a blind date? The disasters? The rough starts? The instant successes?

Maybe it was a casual group thing at the bowling alley in the basement of the University Center. Or a fancy, dress-up moment at the Northwoods Supper Club or The Crow's Nest. Or was it a rendezvous for the mystery drink special at 10 O'Clock Charlie's? Pizza after the hockey game at the Pizzarena? If you go back even further, you no doubt shared a slow dance at The Minnie Club. Then there are always those special nooks in the library where an impromptu date may have taken place, immortalizing the Lydia Olson Learning Resources Center as one of the most romantic places on earth.

For NMU students now and in the past, though, the best date spots are of the more natural variety: a hike up a mountain, hanging out at the beach. In a recent poll of alumni and current students, here are the winning choices for the top spots (listed in order of popularity), and a few memories of moments shared there.

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Presque Isle Park
Sugarloaf
Casa Calabria
Hogsback
Black Rocks
Wetmore's Landing
The Portside
The Alibi (one respondent noted "just kidding")
The break walls
Vango's
The Shamrock
The Vierling
Echo Lake
Ice Cream at Jilbert's

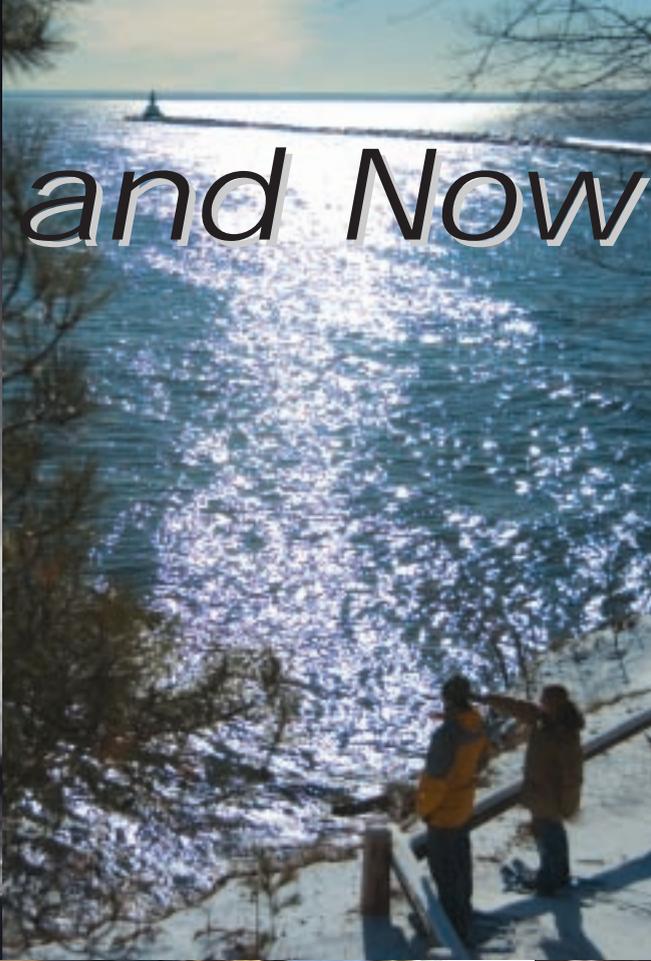
Photos from NMU yearbooks, Archives and Communications and Marketing

NOW

Sugarloaf
Hogsback
Sunset Point
"Hidden Beach" on
County Road 550
Starbucks (in the LRC)
The Sky Bar at the
Landmark Inn



Then and Now



I remember one night the guy I was hanging out with suggested we ride our bikes down to the ore docks and just sit and watch the coal be loaded on them. At first I thought, "O.K., I can't see this being very entertaining," but I went along for the ride. It was a beautiful clear night with millions of stars in the sky. As soon as we got to the park we put down our bikes, sat on the beach and watched and listened to the sound of the ore docks and the water splashing on the break wall. I remember just millions of stars in the sky. It looked like a field of diamonds above us. The moon was shiny and bright reflecting on the lake and it was breathtaking. We wrote our names in the sand and just sat and talked to each other for a couple hours, just getting to know each other better. I would say it ended up to be very romantic and a very peaceful evening together. So this is for sure a very beautiful date spot that is priceless. —Shannon Duffy '01



The Heart of Northern

Strolling past “The Heart of Northern” outside of Jamrich Hall, most students probably don’t realize it’s one of the oldest legacies on campus, and was once considered Romance Central.

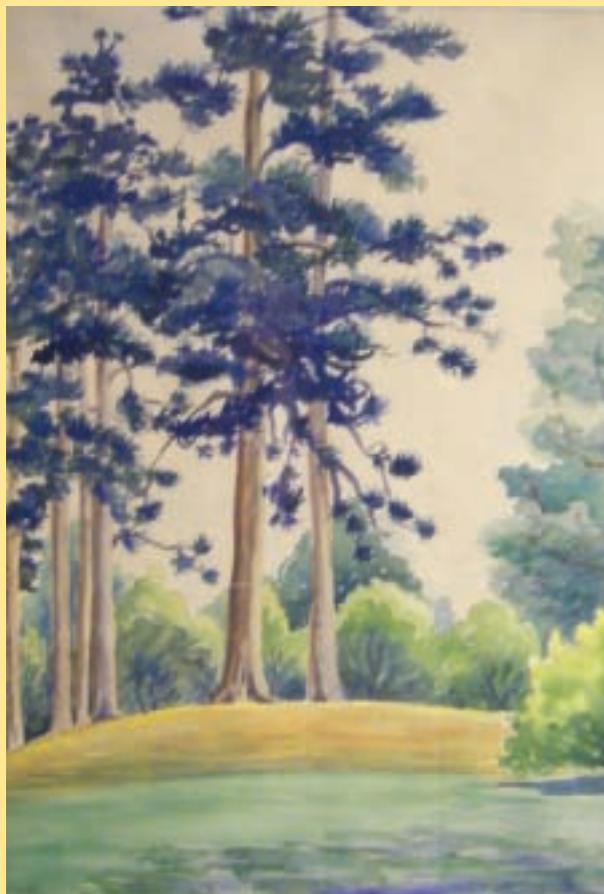
But many alumni will fondly recall the heart—in another time and another place. Today’s heart, which in warmer months is shaped out of a large mound of grass, ringed with yellow flowering bushes and sporting a marigold “N” in its center, was recreated in 1996 for Northern’s centennial in 1999.

Its original location was in front of the old Longyear Hall, near today’s Cohodas Hall, on the Presque Isle Avenue side. It was a heart-shaped berm, about three feet high and around 20 by 40 feet in size. The shape was apparently what remained after the ground had been lowered due to construction and landscaping of Longyear. It first appears in photos around 1907. And though its origin may have been unintentional, the Heart came to symbolize “the heart of knowledge, education and scholarship” at Northern.

In order for female students to be considered official coeds, they had to be kissed on the Heart.

The Heart was the site for May festivals, band concerts, speeches and even studying. Also known as “the King and Queen Knob,” it was a popular place for crowning and inaugurations of club presidents and members. Shaded by pines, it was a romantic spot for first kisses, pinnings, engagements and weddings. According to university historian Russ Magnaghi, in order for female students to be considered official coeds, they had to be kissed on the Heart.

Chuck Westen ’58 BS, ’66 MA, who lived across the street from the Heart, remembers a lot of activity taking place there in the late 1940s and early 1950s. “The area was used by fraternity members and others who brought their girls there to be pinned and the men from the fraternity serenaded their girls there. Guys also pinned and kissed their girls here as well,” he recalls. “Back in the late 1940s it might be four to five dates might pass before you kissed your girl. However, when you took your girl to



This painting of the Heart of Northern was created by Ida Richards while she was an undergraduate at Northern Teachers College. It is housed at the NMU Archives.

the Heart and she went, this was the all clear that you could kiss her.” Westen pinned a girl there himself.

“This was a time when kissing was very limited, and this was the place where you could get kissed,” added Magnaghi. “It was a sort of neutral ground.”

According to collegiate folklorists, such spots which attract couples are common, but this spot is unique because it attracted not only couples, but groups of people.

After World War II, as campus expansion moved towards the west, interest in the Heart languished and in many cases people began to forget about it. Westen speculated that “serenading waned with the [Korean War] vets. Many of them were married and thus had no need of the Heart.”

*O Heart of the Campus,
With affection you're bound
In memory of gatherings
Which centered three round.
Thy life-throbs so tender—
May they ever prolong
The musical echoes
Of laughter and song.*

—J.C.

Poem and drawing from the **Northern Normal News**, August 3, 1926.



The final coup de grace to the Heart came during the summer of 1963, when two-thirds of the Heart was demolished during parking lot expansion. A 1965 letter to the editor of *Northern News* lamented, “Northern Michigan University has no heart! It was devoured by a parking lot.”

Thirty some years later, Magnaghi suggested reconstructing the heart outside of the University Center in honor of the centennial celebration. Art and Design professor Diane Kordich and student Joe Rom proposed a more elaborate recreation,

near the carillon towers. And a controversy was born over design and funding. It seems only fitting that the two figures at the center of the heart controversy—Magnaghi and Kordich—are married. In the end, President Vandament and Kordich agreed on constructing Magnaghi’s more economical model, but on the

north side of Jamrich, right off the academic mall. Between the fall of 1996 and July 1997, earth was piled and shaped, the lawn seed sown and the privet hedge planted. Vandament said, “I hope it takes off, but it will probably be the object of humor for a while.”

Now it’s a vibrant splash of color at mid-campus from spring to fall.

While the small bit remaining of the original heart is mainly used as an impromptu bike jump, NMU alumni don’t necessarily need solid ground to call up the flights of fancy and fluttering heartbeats that once took place there. Whether the transplanted heart takes root with new generations of students is yet to be seen—or maybe secrets are already swirling in its environs.



The Heart today, near Jamrich Hall. A plaque commemorates the original Heart located near the former Longyear and Kaye halls.

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Alumni in action

Of food

By Leslie E. Cory, '87 BS, '06 MS

“There is no love sincerer than the love of food.”

—George Bernard Shaw



When we think about Valentine's Day, most often we envision romantic greeting cards, flowers, Cupid, and large red heart-shaped boxes filled with an array of decadent chocolate, among other things. For many Americans, Valentine's Day also suggests a romantic, candlelit dinner for two. Many of these images stem from a universal belief that certain foods and beverages have properties that enhance romance between two people. These food and beverage items are called “aphrodisiacs,” defined by

the seventh century.” Other foods that historically have been deemed to have these aphrodisiac qualities were derived from mythology. Aphrodite, the goddess of love was said to consider “sparrows” sacred because of their “amorous nature.” Sparrows would often be eaten as an aphrodisiac.

As a culinarian and teacher, I maintain that we eat with our eyes first. That which is visually appealing grabs our attention. If food doesn't look good to us we are most likely not going to try it. Cooking and eating food is a feast for the senses—all

five of them. We hear steak sizzling on the grill or the hissing of eggs frying on the stove; we

suggests that a chain reaction begins when we see, hear, feel, think, touch, smell or otherwise encounter something that is romantically stimulating. Additionally, our brains release norepinephrine and dopamine, neurotransmitters that tell our bodies that this is good and pleasurable. According to the FDA, aphrodisiacs have no scientific basis and are simply myth. While this may be true, many people swear by the effects of certain foods. But whether it's something inherent in the food or the power of the mind believing in the food's qualities is something science has been unable to prove.

Researchers have studied chocolate and found that it contains phenylethylamine and serotonin, which are both associated with “feel good” chemicals that occur naturally in our bodies and are released by our brains when we are happy or feeling loving. It is said they produce a euphoric feeling like when we are in love or experience a “runner's high.” In other foods, again, it's that they excite many of our senses through a combination of taste, smell, texture and appearance.

Finally, just what are the foods and drinks that are considered to be aphrodisiacs? Surprisingly, many are everyday



and love

Merriam-Webster's Dictionary as a noun: “1. an agent (as a food or drug) that arouses or is held to arouse romantic desire; 2. something that excites.” Thus, these particular foods are often coined the “foods of love.”

Why certain foods over others? According to GourmetSleuth.com, in ancient times a distinction was made between a substance that increased fertility versus one that simply increased romantic desire. “One of the key issues in early times was nutrition. Food was not as readily available as it is today. It is important to realize these food and drink substances were identified (documented) by the likes of Pliny and Dioscorides (ancient Greeks) in the first century AD and later by Paul of Aegina from

smell the aroma of bread baking in the oven; we feel the delicate fuzz of a ripe peach against our skin; we taste the silkiness of chocolate as it melts in our mouth. According to The Smell and Taste Foundation in Chicago, the mere smell of certain foods can stimulate romantic desire, notably pumpkin pie and buttered popcorn for men and licorice candy like Good & Plenty for women. When all of our senses are being stimulated in this way, what we are eating or drinking can evidently lead to a night of love and romance.

So what's the skinny on how our bodies react to aphrodisiacs? Despite the fact that modern science recognizes a very limited number of aphrodisiacs, HowStuffWorks.com

items. There are far too many to mention here, however, the following list is a compilation of foods, beverages and spices that have been known as the most common and popular aphrodisiacs throughout history, and why.

Alcohol – Lowers inhibitions and increases confidence; however, over-indulgence can kill the mood. Red wine contains antioxidants beneficial to our health.

Almonds – A symbol of fertility throughout the ages.

Asparagus – Three courses of asparagus were served to 19th-century bridegrooms due to its reputed aphrodisiacal powers.

Bananas – They are rich in B vitamins and potassium, needed for sex hormone production.

Basil – Said to produce a general sense of well being for body and mind.

Champagne – Viewed as “the drink of love.”

Chocolate – The Aztecs referred to it as “nourishment of the Gods.” It contains more antioxidants than red wine. The secret for passion is to combine the two.

Coriander (cilantro seed) – The 1,000-year-old book of *Arabian Nights* tells the tale of a merchant who had been childless for 40 years but was cured by a concoction that included coriander.

Fennel – In the 1930s fennel was found to be a source of natural plant estrogens. Use of fennel dates back to Egyptian times.

Garlic – Long ago, Tibetan monks were not allowed to enter the monastery if they had been eating garlic because of its reputation for stirring up passions. Today, just be sure that both of you are eating it!

Ginger – Raw, cooked or crystallized is a



stimulant to the circulatory system. Stir-fry anyone?

Honey – Story has it that in medieval times lovers on their honeymoon drank “mead” (wine sweetened with honey) to “sweeten” their marriage.

Licorice – Is particularly stimulating to women. The Chinese have used licorice for medicinal purposes since ancient times. Chewing on bits of licorice is said to enhance love.

Nutmeg – Was highly prized by Chinese women as an aphrodisiac.

Oysters – Were documented as an aphrodisiac food by the Romans in the second century A.D. Very nutritious and high in protein as is other types of seafood.

Raspberries and strawberries – For hand-feeding your lover. High in vitamin C.

In discussions about aphrodisiacs, it is often said that many of these foods are considered to be “finger foods” that stimulate our tactile sense in addition to the pleasure derived from hand feeding a partner.

We have all heard the old adage that “the way to one’s heart is through their stomach.” So take heed. There is no food that tastes as good as food prepared by loving hands.



Dim the lights, put on some soothing music and light a fire in the fireplace. Make sure your cell phones are off and the champagne is chilled.

If cooking isn’t your thing, then make reservations! Just make sure to include aphrodisiacs in your food selections that evening.

Cooking and eating aphrodisiacs suggest the promise of a night of romance. Bon appétit! ■

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A Legacy in Jewelry

By Rebecca Tavernini

“Nothing lends itself so readily to the form of a gift as jewelry—high-grade jewelry. When it is of lasting quality, it serves to remind us of the present long after some other gift might be forgotten. It is never out of place and always appropriate.” So said William Lambrecht in 1906. And indeed it was the passage of time and fine jewelry that defined his life, and would be his legacy to future generations.

Fourteen years before that, he and his family had left the Black Forest of Germany, where they crafted cuckoo clocks, and emigrated to Chicago. Continuing in the time-telling tradition, he opened a “watches and jewelry” business, which became known as “The Big Jewelry Store” because it was the largest jewelry store outside the downtown “loop” area of Chicago.

Today his great-grandchildren, **Matthew Lambrecht '84** and his sister, Beth, run Lambrecht's Jewelers,



William Lambrecht in The Big Jewelry Store

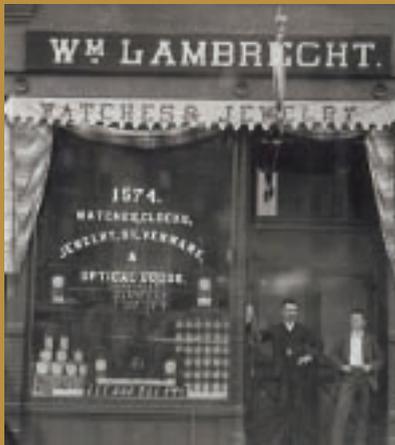
now located in Wilmette, Ill. They bring the same passion to it as their great-grandfather, grandfather, grandmother and father had. “I love this business because jewelry is purchased to mark some major life event,” says Matt. “Jewelry is a very emotional purchase. It is usually bought to mark a special occasion, such as an engagement, an anniversary, a birthday or

the birth of a child. It gives me great pleasure to be part of my customers' special events. Beth and I are waiting on a lot of the children of my father's customers.”

“Things have changed a lot over the years,” explains Lambrecht. “The advent of the quartz watch, technology in synthetic gemstones and color enhancements of precious stones have advanced.” The Internet has changed the way jewelry is purchased as well, with many younger people buying from online stores.

“Trends always come and go. Charm bracelets, which were very popular in the '50s have been selling really well again; with our charm business up 100 percent from last year. Tin Cup necklaces (which feature beads, usually pearls, knotted at even intervals and are named for the necklace Rene Russo wore in the movie *Tin Cup*) are also popular.

“White gold and platinum have really come back into vogue in recent



The original store in Chicago and the current one in Wilmette, Ill., run by the fourth generation.

One of the guys killed in the 1929 Valentine's Day Massacre in Chicago had a ring box in his pocket from Lambrecht's.

years... although the trend is starting to lean back toward yellow gold."

On the other hand, some things remain the same. "Diamonds and pearls are always in style," Lambrecht reports. "And the classic, tailored looks always sell: pearl stud earrings, pearl strands, add-a-pearl necklaces, diamond studs and three-stone diamond jewelry." Lambrecht's sister does a lot of custom design work, turning customers' heirlooms or "dated" jewelry from the 1970s into updated pieces.

"It was said that the ring finger on the left hand had a vein that traveled straight to the heart, which is why we wear our wedding and engagements rings on that finger."

As for engagement ring purchases, he says typically it used to be the male who would come in and shop for the ring. Now, it is usually a joint purchase. Traditional styles, like a plain band and diamond solitaire engagement ring, remain favorites.

Lambrecht, who's a registered jeweler, trained by the Gemological Institute of America and an American Gem Society member, enjoys educating his customers on what they're buying and the traditions behind the jewelry. For instance, he explains, "It was said that the ring finger on the

left hand had a vein that traveled straight to the heart, which is why we wear our wedding and engagement rings on that finger."

One fellow who was killed in the 1929 St. Valentine's Day Massacre in Chicago was apparently planning to test that theory. He had a ring box in his pocket from Lambrecht's. "The Feds had to come and question my great-grandfather about that."

Another revolving trend is the ups and downs of the economy. "Ours is a luxury purchase so people

tend to cut these out in rough times. We still do a lot of repair work, battery replacements and appraisal work, which all keep us going." He adds, "Obviously we have survived several economic downturns, including the Great Depression."

Every year, there's a spike in business on April 15, after taxes are filed. Surprisingly, Valentine's Day isn't necessarily a big jewelry day, being more about candy and flowers, he says. For Mother's Day, a popular day for giving jewelry, the store usually runs an attention-getting ad

for necklaces: "For every time she's wanted to wring your neck—why not ring hers?"

Lambrecht finds a fairly steady business from women year-round. "Women have the mentality that they'll buy jewelry for themselves, and usually very nice pieces. Widows will often say, 'If my husband were alive he'd buy this for me.'"

Lambrecht notes that while clothes may go out of fashion in a season, a purchase of classic jewelry will carry through the times. However, he never encourages people to buy jewelry as an investment. "You just don't know what is going to happen with market prices, etc. For the most part, it does retain its value and usually increases." He advises instead to buy something because you or the recipient will love it.

Watches are another "timeless" gift. "The advent of the quartz watch has made them so affordable that today people frequently own more than one wristwatch," which was rare in the past.

"The Big Jewelry Store had several watchmakers, clockmakers and bench jewelers on the premises," recalls Lambrecht. Interestingly, optometrists were also part of the jewelry industry back then. "Frames for glasses were made from precious

metals and jewelers had the grinding techniques needed due to the manufacture of watch crystals.”

Lambrecht adds that when someone would purchase a pocket watch, they would buy a movement as one purchase and then go to another display to select a case in which to house the movement.

One of his father’s first jobs at the original store, at the intersection of Milwaukee and Western avenues, involved climbing under the sidewalk to wind the giant, iron street clock that was a landmark on Milwaukee Avenue and marked the store’s location.

It was only appropriate, as Lambrecht’s grandfather had once gone around every week to wind all of the regulator clocks hanging in the Loop elevated stations, which The Big Jewelry Store had provided to the transit system.

Due to changes in the old German neighborhood at Milwaukee and Western (including removal of

“Diamonds and pearls
are always in style.
And classic,
tailored looks.”

the landmark sidewalk clock in order to widen the street), it was decided in 1966 to close The Big Jewelry Store and move everything to Wilmette.

Today, a large clock from the original store that dates back to 1892 greets customers at the doorway to the Wilmette store.

Carrying on the family business with his sister is not exactly what Lambrecht thought he would be doing when he came to Northern Michigan University to study furniture design. “But after a year of that I decided cutting dovetails all day wasn’t for me. I stayed at the urging of my mother and studied general courses.” After leaving NMU

he worked in retail. A woman who worked for his father retired and Matt started at the jewelry store.

“Although I didn’t finish my college education I have to say that my time at NMU was so well worth it. I met lifelong friends and we still get together on a relatively regular basis 25 years later.”

He and his sister continue another family tradition. They have both been president of the Wilmette Chamber of Commerce (Matt twice), as was their father. They have all been active in other community organizations, too. “Giving back to the community is a key part of running and owning your own business,” says Lambrecht.

Just as his family has for 117 years, they no doubt will continue to share in the celebrations of their neighbors—as long as clocks are needed and people keep falling in love. ■

Smart Gifts for Ladies

Bar Pins	Gold Beads	Photo Frames
Boudoir Clocks	Gold Crosses	Platinum Brooch
Bouquet Holders	Gold Locket	Sautoirs
Bracelets	Gold Watches	Set Rings
Cameo Brooches	Jewel Cases	Signet Rings
Casseroles	La Vallieres	Silk Umbrellas
Chafing Dishes	Lingerie Clasps	Silver Novelties
Collar Pins	Link Buttons	Souvenir Spoons
Coral Rings	Lorgnettes	Stone Rings
Cut Glass	Manicure Sets	Toilet Sets
Diamond Rings	Mesh Bags	Thimbles
Dress Pin Sets	Neck Chains	Traveling Sets
Ear Studs	Opera Glasses	Veil Pins
Eye Glass Chains	Pearl Rings	Waist Sets
Flower Vases	Pendants	Wrist Watches

Correct Gifts for Men

Ash Receivers	Emblem Rings	Photo Cases
Bottle Openers	Fountain Pens	Pocket Watches
Cigar Cases	Full Dress Sets	Safety Razors
Cigar Cutters	Game Shears	Scarf Pins
Cigar Holders	Gold Locket	Shaving Sets
Cigar Jars	Gold Watches	Signet Rings
Cigarette Cases	Gruen Watches	Silk Umbrellas
Cloth Brushes	Hat Brushes	Soap Boxes
Collar Buttons	Key Chains	Smoking Sets
Cuff Links	Lapel Chains	Strap Watches
Desk Clocks	Match Boxes	Tie Clasps
Diamond Links	Monogram Buckles	Toilet Articles
Diamond Rings	Monogram Charms	Vest Chains
Diamond Studs		Watch Fobs
Emblem Buttons		Waldemar Chains

Pink Geraniums

I remember the first time
I saw them, in December,
pink geraniums in her office window,
hot pink, the only color against
limestone, snow, and gray clouds.

The flowers grew all winter,
shameless of their opulent blooms,
their large, circular leaves,
the way they filled the window,
as if to say "Take me, take me,
I'm yours."

In those long stretches at 10 below,
I would take the short cut from the library,
time my treks with her office hours,
stop at her open door,
throw a "Hello, how goes?"
and bow like an old coot
from the Old West.

In my Ford pickup, I took her to Scheu's Café,
to chamber concerts, auctions in
Council Grove, Emporia, where
Flint Hills swell and dip, where
farmers and their wives unload
Bavarian crystal, Lunt silver, antique
Steinways and head south.

In spring, when purple crocuses
pushed up from the snow, I took her
to my wheat farm, threw
a table cloth on the barn floor.
Her shivering under me, straw
mingled in her black hair, I kissed her
full on the lips, smelled her woman,
smelled tractor grease, the earth, and gave
her my mother's double row of diamonds.

Today, her long dead, and me 90
among white sheets in my hospital bed,
I seek pink geraniums, hot pink, the only
color against limestone, snow, and clouds.

—*Beverly Matherne*

Matherne is an English professor at NMU. This poem won the Hackney Literary Award for Poetry in a national competition in 1994 and was published in Uncommonplace: An Anthology of Contemporary Louisiana Poets, Louisiana State University Press.



Your investment in NMU during tough economic times

A message from the president of the NMU Foundation Board of Trustees



Tom Ungrodt

As we move into 2009, we find ourselves in turbulent economic times. History tells us that these times will pass. However, it is impossible to say how long it will be until conditions improve.

Amidst this uncertainty we would like to thank all of you who have supported and continue to support NMU and to let you know that we are staying focused, moving forward and continuing to be good stewards of your investment in the future of our students, our communities and the world.

An important part of the NMU Foundation's mission is to make sure that the gifts we receive have the greatest possible impact and that those gifts are well-managed. To that end, the members of the NMU Foundation Board of Trustees continually assess and reassess the financial climate to determine how best to invest the Foundation's endowment.

As early as 2006, members of the Board's finance committee, in ongoing discussions with our professional money management consultant, began recommending the periodic re-allocation of endowment funds in favor of fixed-income, high-yield investments and to reduce exposure to market volatility. After review and discussion, the Foundation trustees determined that adopting these strategies, in accordance with



The NMU Foundation endowment plays an important role in helping to keep NMU's tuition costs down and in freeing up university resources. The endowment represents primarily unrestricted money or other financial assets that have been donated to the NMU Foundation. These assets are invested so that the total value will yield an inflation-adjusted principal amount along with additional income.

As is the case with most endowment funds, the NMU Foundation follows strict policy allocation guidelines with the long-term goal of yielding a target return without taking too much risk.

the Foundation's investment policies, would be in the best interest of our students and the university. These defensive moves have helped to protect the endowment and to minimize the impact of an increasingly unstable economic environment. Consequently, our endowment continues to outperform relevant benchmarks and we feel well-positioned to weather this downturn and well-prepared to take advantage of improving conditions.

Most importantly, in good times and bad, the key to maintaining our momentum and advancing our mission lies in listening closely to what you are telling us about your situations, concerns and passions. What we are hearing is that your dedication to our students and to the importance of higher education remains strong. We cannot thank you enough. With your vision and your support we can continue to create opportunities that will transform the lives of our students and help them lead us toward a brighter tomorrow.

Thank you again,

Tom Ungrodt '76 BS
*President,
NMU Foundation
Board of Trustees*

To learn more, visit
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Alumni in touch

Missing Alumni

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

Martha Arneith '16
Edwin J. Kenny '35
June L. (Anderson) Sved '35
Nyla E. Grossman '41
Walter Forsberg '50
Ella (Sukanin) Walli '56
Dewey A. Blankenship '60
Beth A. (McCandless) Cornell '63
Rosalie A. (Ring) Paccione '72
Michael R. Verville '79
John H. Underhill '85
Pamela J. Crocker '94
Bryan R. Ganz '99
Elizabeth K. Gagnon '00
Nickolaus S. Baroski '00

Lifetime Members

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

Anna M. (Vittone) Roche '70
Linda K. (Gates) Schink '76, '80
Kristi Korb '84
William A. Newman '83
Derald W. '82 and
Julie L. (Bowlin) '83 Walker

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

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New board members



Jeremy Pickens, Linda Rippel and Jim Skoglund

At its fall meeting, the NMU Alumni Association Board of Directors welcomed three new members:

Jeremy Pickens '01 BS of Marquette is an associate with the law firm of Plunkett Cooney, primarily focused on civil defense litigation. He double majored at NMU in economics and English, and has a juris doctor from the Michigan State University College of Law. His parents, **Sue '72 BA, '75 MAE and Larry '73 BS Pickens**, are also alumni. Jeremy is chair of the Marquette Board of Parks and Recreation.

Linda Rippel '83 BS of Independence, Mo., is chief financial officer of Traski Inc. and Ice-Masters, Inc. She has a degree in accounting from NMU and earned a C.P.A. certificate in 1987. She is active in her community and church.

James Skoglund '82 BS of Appleton, Wis., is a lean sigma black belt for Plexus Corporation operations. He received his degree in industrial technology from NMU, an AAS from Michigan Technological University and

master's certificate in manufacturing systems from the University of St. Thomas. Jim is currently involved in the Association for Manufacturing Excellence, Business Excellence Consortium of Wis., and area youth sports programs.

The NMU Alumni Association Board of Directors is a diverse, volunteer advisory board that participates in strategic planning for the Alumni Association and evaluates the effectiveness of the programs and services for NMU alumni.

Do you have an interest in the board or know someone who might want to serve in this capacity? Get in touch with the Alumni Association.

Alumni Legacy Scholarships

The NMU Alumni Association is pleased to announce the establishment of the Alumni Legacy Scholarship. This scholarship is offered exclusively to students whose parent (or grandparent) is a Northern Michigan University alumnus and member of the NMU Alumni Association. Students must reside in the state of Michigan. The

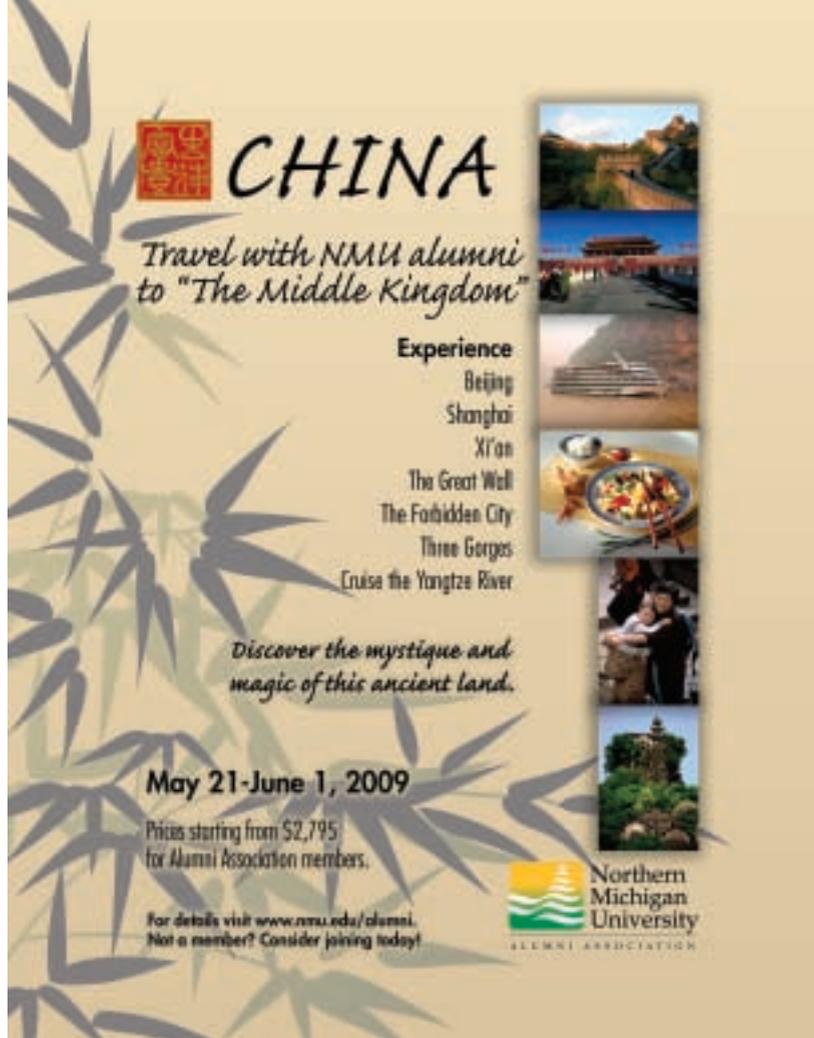
NMU Alumni Association will award up to two \$500 Legacy Scholarships annually.

"We're excited to be able to offer this new scholarship," said **Joseph Evans '81 BS, '83 MA**, president of the NMU Alumni Association. "Legacy is a very important part of the NMU story and we want to recognize those Northern families and help that tradition continue."

The scholarship is made possible through purchase of the NMU license plate. To learn more, contact the NMU Alumni Association at 906-227-2610 or visit www.nmu.edu/alumni.

Calling all members of the classes of 1958, 1959 and 1960...

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May 21-June 1, 2009

Prices starting from \$2,795 for Alumni Association members.

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The poster features a vertical strip of six small images on the right side: a landscape with a bridge, a traditional Chinese building, a stone staircase, a plate of food, a person in traditional dress, and a pagoda.



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Please register by March 10

The advertisement includes a photograph of a smiling woman with blonde hair sitting at a desk with a laptop.

Keeping track

Tell us what's happening in your life

Keeping Track is generated by your submissions and is open to all alumni. Send your submission to the NMU Alumni Association, Northern Michigan University, 1401 Presque Isle Avenue, Marquette, Michigan 49855; e-mail to horizons@nmu.edu; or send via the Web at www.nmu.edu/horizons. If you would like to include a picture with your submission, please send a print or digital photograph with a resolution of at least 300 dpi.

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'30s

Frederick Clifford '35 BA of Georgetown, Texas, and his wife, Doris, celebrated 65 years of marriage in August.

'50s

Carl Mayer '59 BS, '62 MA of Marquette served as artist-in-residence with the Porcupine Mountains Artist-in-Residence Program in September, where he presented a watercolor painting demonstration program.

'60s

Tom Renier '62 BS, '63 MA of Laurium has earned the Gold Whistle Award from the Michigan High School Athletic Association for 40 years of football officiating.

 Don Hiltunen '66 BA recently retired from private legal practice and from the position of city attorney of Hancock.

Kas Zeltkalns '66 BA of the country of Latvia retired from a career in community planning and development. He is learning the Russian

language and visiting European countries. kzeltkalns@yahoo.com

'70s

 Don Stacks '71 BA, director of the University of Miami public relations program, has been elected to the first class of research fellows by the Institute for Public Relations.

Elizabeth Granger '71 MA of Fishers, Ind., was named high school journalism teacher of the year by the Indiana Press Association.



Linda Henderson '73 BS (above) has been appointed academic dean of University College at Northwood University.

Nancy Osier '73 BS has retired after 35 years as coach of the Ewen-Trout Creek Panthers girls basketball team. She retired from teaching several years ago.



Michele (Goergen) Geiger-Bronsky '73 BSN (above) has been named a 2008 Champion of Women's Health by the Wisconsin Women's Health Foundation. She is executive director and nurse practitioner at the Wellness Center of Door County. mgbnp1@gmail.com

 William LaMora '75 BS of Marquette has retired from the Board of Light and Power after 25 years and is currently working as a child care counselor at the Marquette County Youth Home.



John Chappuis '78 BS (above) has retired from the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services after 28 years of service.

Cindy Leep '78 BS of Grand Rapids received the President's Volunteer Service Award from President Bush on Oct. 15. She is a volunteer with Uganda Amaranth Project for Partners Worldwide.

'80s

Bill Rivest '81 BS is the new principal at Dollar Bay High School.

Mark Easterwood '84 BS of Escanaba was recently named manager of the OSF St. Francis Hospital and Medical Group Clinical Laboratory Services Department.

Mary (Thibodeau) Droelle '85 BS of Pensacola, Fla., has joined the Center for Independent Living Disability Resource Center as information and referral specialist. She was also recognized by the center for her service to people with disabilities. mary@cil-drc.org

Susie Fox '86 BS was recently hired as the head golf professional at Pine Grove Country Club in Iron Mountain.

Michael Kolasa '87 BS of Marquette has been named vice president and wealth management specialist by Wells Fargo Wealth Management Group.



 Gina (Grubb) Frank '88 BS (above) has been appointed to associate dean of student affairs at Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Conn.

Steve Tramp '88 BS of Green Bay, Wis., is a regional commercial lender for M&I Bank. steveandjodi@sbcglobal.net

Patrick Sertich '89 BS of Sheboygan, Wis., has taken a position as a customer service-claims specialist for Doral Dental.

Adriana (Bolwerk) Sertich '89 BS is a credit and collections supervisor with the Vollrath Company.

'90s

Todd Brunelli '91 BS is retiring from the U.S. Army after 20 years of service as a military policeman and having recently received the Meritorious Service Medal, the "Best of the Best Medallion," and the "Order of the Machaussee in Bronze."

Darren Bray '91 BS, '07 MAE of Escanaba is the new principal at James R. Fitzharris High School in Wells.



Cynthia (Reliford) Abbott '93 BS, '95 MA (above) of Winterville, N.C., has been appointed an international missionary by the International Mission Board.

George Lahanas '93 BS, '95 MPA was recently promoted to the position of deputy city manager for East Lansing.

Greg Wood '96 BS of Frostburg, Md., has been elected to the faculty senate at Frostburg State University. gwood@frostburg.edu

Stephen Forsha '97 BS of St. Charles, Mo., is teaching executive management and business ethics at William Woods University. stephen.forsha@us.army.mil

Paul Garber '97 BS recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

 Jason Graunke '97 BS and Amy (Emery) Graunke '97 BS welcomed son Henry into the family in August.

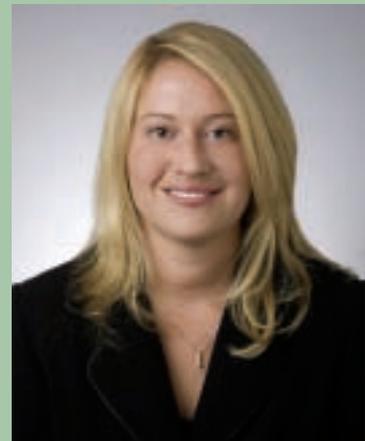
Jeremy Potter '98 BS of Petersburg was recently named the Monroe County history teacher of the year. potter@ida.k12.mi.us

'00s

Kevin Dufresne '01 BS is the new principal at St. Mary Catholic School in Rockwood.

Frank Schneider '01 BS of Cheboygan has been named principal at Pellston Elementary School.

Jonathan Larson '02 BS of Troy is a student activities program manager at the University of Michigan. jonalars@umich.edu



Erin Murphy '03 BS (above) has joined the law firm of Plunkett Cooney in Detroit.

Jennifer Yatchak '03 BS is a physician assistant at Highland Park Hospital in Highland Park, Ill.

Jamie Wilms '04 BA is education director for Museum Village in Monroe, N.Y.

Marcus Doxey '05 BS of Holt has been promoted to senior accountant with Andrews Hooper & Pavlik.

Susan Serafin '05 MFA of Lansing taught a course in American Culture at the Harbin Institute of Technology in Harbin, China, last summer. serafins@lcc.edu

Cara Miller '07 BFA was recently promoted to senior Web designer at the Detroit Media Partnership, which manages the business operations of the *Detroit Free Press* and the *Detroit News*.

Luke Becker '08 BS recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Dana Haddock '08 BS has been hired in the group sales department with the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers baseball team in Appleton.

Marriages

Patricia Slining-Forstner '76 BS to Robert Cayla.

Lisa Edwards '84 BS to Bruce Morris.

Joseph Yezak '95 BS to Megan McHenry.

Chris Trautman '96 AS to Sherry Collin.

Michelle Sommerfeldt '98 BS to Todd Hansen.

Craig Aho '00 BS to Melissa Marlin '05 BS.

Kim Draney '02 BS to Dave Shepis '03 BA.

Jessie Blizniak '04 BS to Brian Garavaglia '04 BS.

Jonathan Eifert '04 BS to Natalie Knibbs '04 BS.

Joseph Grimsby '04 BS to Deborah Garner.

Dena Tibbe '04 BS to Erich Merrill '06 BS.

Cason Harris '06 BS to Kristy Pierce '07 BFA.

Aaron Nieman '06 BS to Melissa Cain.

Tim Veirs '06 BS to Nichole Zarkowski '06 BS.

Kara Dehring '07 BSN to Erich Kaminski.

Stacy Hoffenbecker '07 BS to Dan Toutant.

Michael Mottes '07 BS to Jocelyn Hoffman '08 BS.

Carl Paul '07 BS to Miranda Shannon '08 BSN.

Kelly Reed '07 BS to Lauren Holsworth '07 BS.

Deaths

Helen McKenzie '34 Cert, '35 AS, Nov. 22, 2008, Ann Arbor.

Palmer Brown '37 BS, June 14, 2008, Athens, Ga.

Angeline Tambellini '38 BA, '70 MAE, May 14, 2008, Iron Mountain.

Catherine Schenk '40 BS, Oct. 16, 2008, Florence, Wis.

Imogene (Harter) Beattie '41 BA, Oct. 30, 2008, Midland.

Charles Kee '41 BS, March 30, 2007, San Diego, Calif.

Walter Hampton '45 BS, July 28, 2008, Howell.

John Benaglio '51 BS, June 27, 2008, Sun City West, Ariz.

Robert Stephenson '58 BS, Aug. 24, 2008, Sault Ste. Marie.

Alexander Brown '59 BS, July 15, 2008, Marquette.

Roy Maki '59 BS, Aug. 19, 2008, Marquette.

James Farrell '62 BS, June 22, 2008, Rapid River.

Howes Smith '62 BS, Aug. 21, 2008, Ithaca.

Jean Mathias '65 BS, '76 MA, Aug. 9, 2008, Ishpeming.

Gary Elmblad '67 BS, June 28, 2008, L'Anse.

Donald Fyvie '67 BS, July 12, 2008, Coldwater.

Larry Crain '68 BS, Sept. 9, 2008, Petoskey.

Fae (Elliott) Gwinn '68 BS, Nov. 14, 2007, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

Kent Curtis '69 BS, Oct. 10, 2004, Riverview.

Gloria (Cox) Dausey '69 BS, July 16, 2008, Caso Grande, Ariz.

Pat Eschenbauch '69 BS, July 31, 2008, Woodruff, Wis.

Ernest Mattson '70 MAE, July 23, 2008, Duluth, Minn.

Rosemarie Bentti '72 BS, Sept. 23, 2008, Michigamme.

Larry Pearson '72 BS, Aug. 10, 2008, Mankato, Minn.

Sandra Bietila '73 BS, Sept. 10, 2008, Ishpeming.

Mary Sundberg '73 BSN, Sept. 19, 2008, Gwinn.

Thomas Bolitho '74 BS, June 26, 2008, Marquette.

Anne Dirkse '75 BSN, July 7, 2008, Holland.

Bradley Schwartz '75 BS, July 25, 2008, Saginaw.

Lynn Norell '79 BS, Sept. 12, 2008, Gaylord.

Valerie Clark '85 BSN, Aug. 25, 2008, Albuquerque, N.M.

Alan Johns '85 BS, Sept. 4, 2008, Ishpeming.

Raymond Gabell '87 BS, June 12, 2008, Brandon, Miss.

Marianne Evans '88 BS, Aug. 6, 2008, Munising.

Rodney Parkkonen '91, Sept. 5, 2008, Traverse City.

James Denman '01 AS, Aug. 10, 2008, Marquette.

Shawn Coin '03 BS, Aug. 18, 2008, Youngstown, Ohio.

Kelly McQuillian '07, Aug. 14, 2008, Ishpeming.

Aaron Surrell '08, Aug. 31, 2008, Marquette.

Friends

Marvin Thompson, an NMU trades worker and 1982 retiree, Aug. 9, 2008, Marquette.

Magaret Nadeau, a 1987 retiree who worked in the bookstore, Sept. 18, 2008, Marquette.

Evelyn D'Herin, a bookstore employee and 1982 retiree, Sept. 19, 2008, Ovid, Mich.

Paul Hutter, an NMU building and grounds attendant since 1989, Oct. 31, 2008, Marquette.

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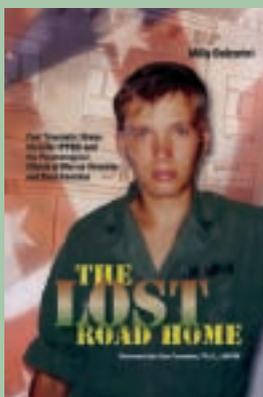
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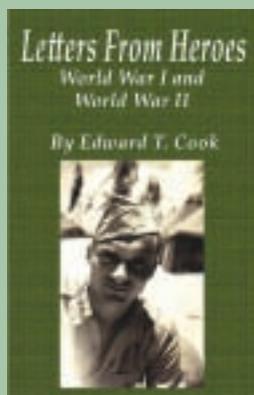
DeForest Press, 2008

In *The Lost Road Home*, Milly Balzarini '89 BS shares the poignant, heart-wrenching stories of veterans from wars in Vietnam, Iraq, Korea and World War II suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder. The book also provides advice for veterans and families coping with PTSD.

www.thelostroadhome.com

Bookstand Publishing, 2008

The hardships, struggles, hopes and triumphs of the men and women who served in World War I and World War II are captured in *Letters From Heroes* by Edward T. Cook '80 BS. This poignant collection of letters from servicemen allows the reader to see things through the eyes of these soldiers and understand their thoughts

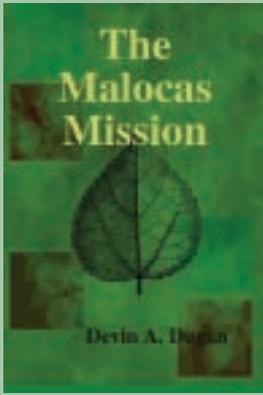


about war, training, sickness, the enemy and even their food. The book features more than 50 photographs published for the first time, including many of 104th and 107th combat engineers.

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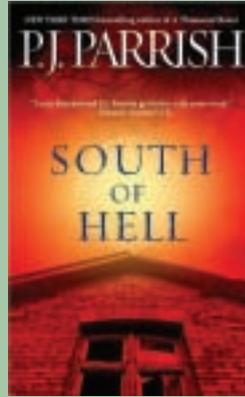
Finlan Books, 2008

Bill Finlan '68 MA released three new books. *Getting Yourself Elected* gives insight into how local, state and federal government bodies really work, and the steps one must take to get elected locally. *Schools in the USA are Pathetic* contends that as many as 80 percent of all students get short-changed in one way or another. *Life Coaching* is a collection of short discussions on issues people deal with in life. www.finlanbooks.com



Lulu.com, 2008

In this book by Devin Dugan '96 BS, a Brazilian military regime thought to have been eradicated years ago has resurfaced, possibly backed by an American CEO. The attacks reach the small village of Malocas where three Peace Corps volunteers are stationed, and may be the only ones able to stop the group and its destruction of the rainforest. www.lulu.com



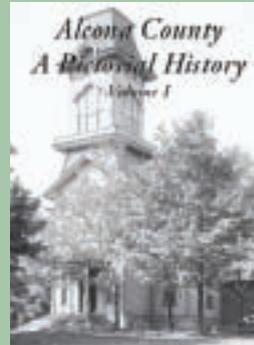
Simon & Schuster, 2008

For Louis Kincaid and his lover, female detective Joe Frye, the present and the past collide when they team up to find out what happened to Jean Brandt, who was reported missing by her husband from their Michigan farmhouse in 1981. P.J. Parrish consists of the writing team of sisters Kelly Nichols '72 and Kristy Montee. www.pjparrish.com



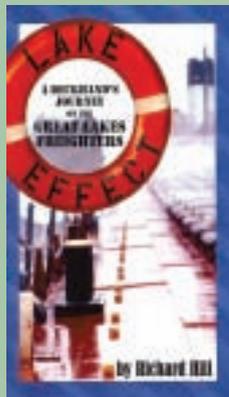
2007

Gleanings by Catherine Been Hansen '31 Life Cert. is a compilation of works of compassionate and descriptive verse created both in her idealistic youth and written in the perceptiveness of her maturity. It includes many sonnets. www.baragacountyfoundation.org



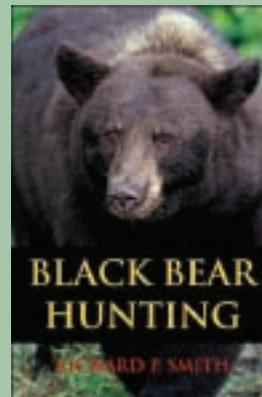
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Alcona County A Pictorial History Vol. 1 is a book of photographs primarily from private collections, focusing on the early history of the Michigan locales of Harrisville, Lincoln, Curtis Township, Alcona Township and of Baseball Hall of Famer Hazen (Ki Ki) Cuyler. Cheryl Peterson '89 BS is one of the book's editors. www.alconareview.com



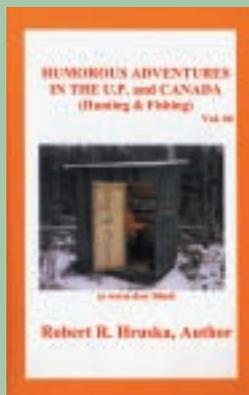
Gale Force Press, 2008

Lake Effect: A Deckhand's Journey on the Great Lakes Freighters is a memoir of Richard Hill's '81 BFA experiences as a deckhand and deckwatch on US Steel freighters in the 1970s. It's a young man's coming-of-age story of sailing adventures, an entertaining narrative of a deckhand's life and a unique glimpse into the soul of a Great Lakes sailor. www.GaleForcePress.com



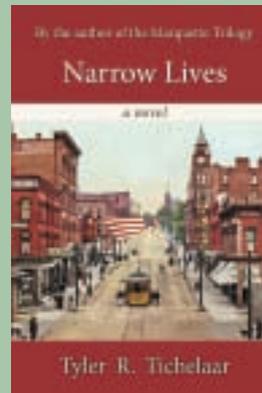
Stackpole Books, 2007

A comprehensive book about black bears by Richard P. Smith '72 BS, including their biology, behavior and life history, and techniques for field judging, hunting and butchering. The book features 200 color photos. <https://secure.richardpsmith.com>



McNaughton & Gunn, 2008

A few chapter titles from Bob Hruska's '64 MA sixth book in his series of humorous fishing and hunting tales provide a taste of the laughs and adventure inside: "Never Eat the Cook's Meatballs," "Fish Hooks Don't Belong in the Ears," and "Never Bother a Moose." Available at bookstores or from the author: 140 S. Birch Ave., Gillett, Wis. 54124 (\$10).



Marquette Fiction, 2008

Tyler R. Tichelaar's '93 BS, '95 MA fourth novel is the story of Lysander Blackmore, a sinister banker in The Queen City. The book expands minor characters from the author's Marquette Trilogy, explores the influence one person has, even in death, upon others, and the repercussions of doubting one's own worthiness. www.marquettfiction.com