

On campus today

NEW DIRECTIONS



NMU programs respond to industry needs

Northern has received \$673,000 in stimulus funding through the U.S. Department of Energy to enhance its electrical power technician workforce training program. Established in fall 2009, the associate degree program helps regional utilities address a shortage of electrical power technicians needed to fill critical positions in all areas of the electrical power generation, transmission and distribution system. NMU offers the degree in collaboration with the Midwest Skills Development Center and Upper Peninsula power companies.

“Students will have state-of-the-art equipment to train with—the same as they will see in the field upon graduation,” says Mike Rudisill, Engineering Technology department head. “The funds also will be used for an additional instructor for the program to allow smaller lab sizes and more personal instruction.”

NMU is providing \$60,000 in scholarships over three years, with the goal of graduating 40 students per year in three years. A mock electrical substation scheduled to be built this summer adjacent to the Jacobetti

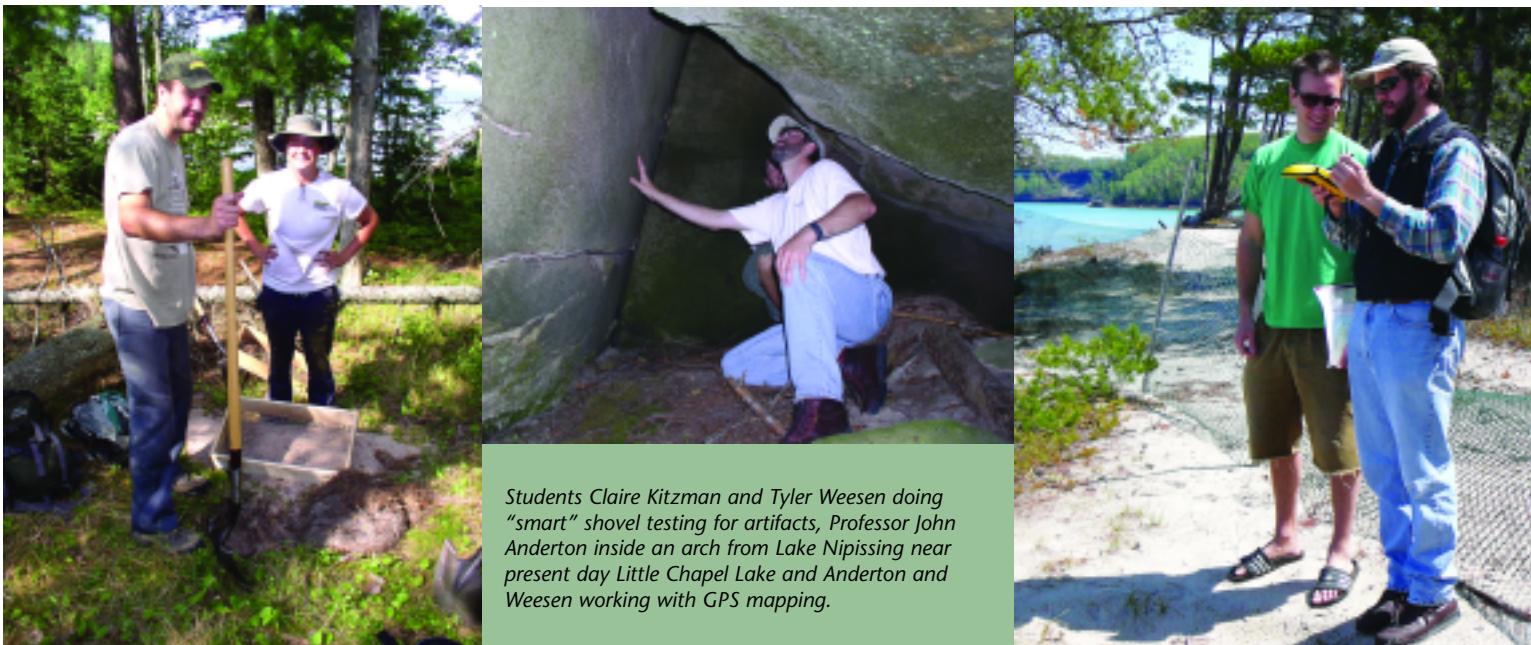
Center will act as a laboratory.

Northern’s is the only program in Michigan to receive a portion of the \$100 million awarded by the DOE.

- This fall, NMU is also implementing a new one-year welding certificate, which prepares students for this high-demand occupation in the Upper Peninsula. Students will also have the option of applying the certificate credits to NMU’s industrial maintenance associate degree program.

- A new computer numerical control (CNC) associate degree, which is designed for graduates of the CNC certificate program in conjunction with Pioneer Surgical in Marquette, will allow students to continue to build their skills and earn an advanced degree in this field, which involves programming computers to operate machinery. The program matriculates into the mechanical engineering technology bachelor’s degree for those wishing to continue their education. The program starts in the fall.

- Northern’s licensed practical nursing program will be suspended in fall 2011. This allows the university to shift staff and resources to the bachelor’s in nursing program, which is one of NMU’s most in-demand programs. In fall 2009, 544 students enrolled in the BSN program compared to 38 in the LPN certificate program. Students currently in the LPN program and those entering this fall will be able to complete the certificate.



Students Claire Kitzman and Tyler Weesen doing "smart" shovel testing for artifacts, Professor John Anderton inside an arch from Lake Nipissing near present day Little Chapel Lake and Anderton and Weesen working with GPS mapping.

Researchers time travel through Pictured Rocks

Geography Department researchers recently completed a three-year project at Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore that uncovered 23 new archaeological sites and reconstructed the Nipissing shoreline as it looked about 4,500 years ago. Professor John Anderton said the National Park Service supported the effort to locate cultural resources so they remain protected in future plans for road improvements and other developments.

In the first year of the project, satellite imagery was used to identify distinct land forms—notches, ridges and barriers—created by wave action to map the older shorelines. They found that the water was 30-40 feet higher than it is today.

"Today, Pictured Rocks is seen as a barrier with the cliffs and long stretches of beach," Anderton says. "It's not very habitable. But if you go back a while, there were nice places for people to live. There were embayments, or shallow water lagoons that had a variety of fish and plants; everything a hunter-gatherer would need."

In the second year of the project, Professor Robert Legg completed GIS modeling of archaeological sites. He documented the GPS locations of established sites Anderton previously knew about and did comparisons across a broader study area to find new locations with similar settings.

The resulting model was put to the test in the final phase of the project: a cultural resource survey. This involved shovel testing for artifacts, mainly rock material

such as quartzite flakes or shatter left behind from making tools. Detailed digital elevation models created by Professor Robert Regis allowed Anderton and students to key in on the best places to drop a shovel. They focused on key spots around Miner's, Mosquito and Chapel areas, as well as Beaver Lake.

"In the past, you might do a hundred tests and find nothing. But one out of four of ours unearthed artifacts," Anderton said. "That's called smart archaeology. The big surprise is there were six brand new sites in Miner's and another six at Mosquito. Radiocarbon dating put them at over 2,000 years old. They were most likely small, short-term campsites where individual families stayed; it wasn't the full-blown villages that have been found on Grand Island. The implication is that springtime fishing drew people in."

"The park benefits because they know where artifacts are and they can avoid, for example, putting a group campsite on an archaeological location. They can't do that legally, but they didn't know what to preserve because it had been hard to find evidence of ancient people's activities at Pictured Rocks; it's so heavily wooded. Interpreters will also be able to describe Native American use of the park. Before, they thought it ended about 2,000 years ago. Now we know it was used during the Archaic period. It would take more extensive reconstruction factoring in glaciers to explore whether human activities at the park date back to the Paleo-Indian era."

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NMU plans for financial road ahead

NMU President Les Wong set out a two-step plan in his April university forum to deal with expected declines in state funding and increased operational costs.

The first part of the plan, to be implemented by June 30, includes energy conservation measures, hiring for only high priority positions, about a dozen possible retirements under the state's teachers' insurance incentive package, and cuts identified by each department in earlier budget scenarios. A few departments will be reorganized and/or merged.

Step two, to be set in place by January 1, includes identifying three to five enhanced or new academic program initiatives and three to five programs for termination. New and eliminated programs will also be recommended for varsity, club and intramural athletics. In addition, Counseling Services and the Health Promotions Office will be reviewed for ways they can better serve the student body and the United States Olympic Education Center and Continuing Education will need to become self-sustaining. Also, a better defined recruitment plan for international students will be developed by Admissions and International Programs.

Facilities-wise, Carey Hall will be demolished and a timeline set to close West Hall. NMU will seek to secure state funds to renovate Jamrich Hall and build a new combined heat and power plant.

"The issue is not just budget cutting," states Wong. "We must identify how we can discard efforts that have been declining or at best status quo, and seize opportunities where we can invest in degrees and programs that attract students, enhance the student experience and sustain the integrity of the curriculum."

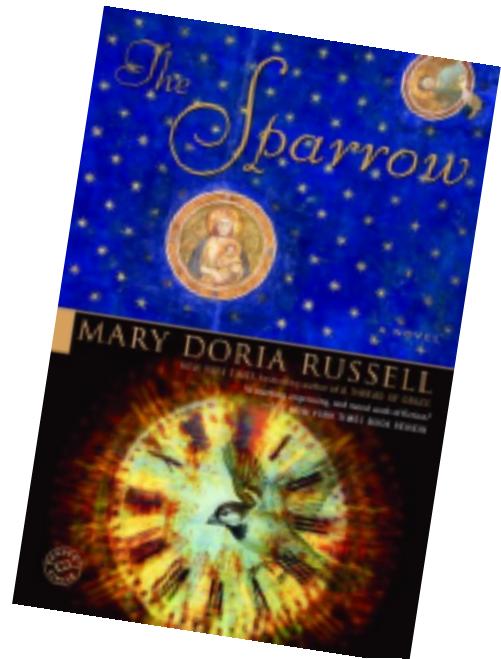
Wong stressed that because NMU has been proactive in planning and dealing with budget cuts for more than nine straight years, the university is in a much better position to develop strategic change than many others around the country.



Music for the matron of arts

The Music Department dedicated its April performances to "matron of the arts" Phyllis Reynolds, who passed away in November. She and her family contributed a gift to NMU's first comprehensive fund-raising campaign that helped to make a new campus performance venue a reality for

Marquette-area music lovers. Reynolds Recital Hall was dedicated in 2005. "If it hadn't been for Mrs. Reynolds, there would be no recital hall," says Donald Grant, department head. "She was the kind of person who recognized—not only for the university but particularly for the music students—the importance of having a venue created solely for live performances that students could attend at no cost. The recital hall stands as monument to her understanding of the need and value of the arts here at Northern."



One Book, One Community Goes Extraterrestrial

The Sparrow, Mary Doria Russell's debut novel about first contact with an extraterrestrial civilization, is the 2010 selection for NMU and Marquette County's One Book, One Community program.

Russell puts her doctorate in biological anthropology to effective use creating worlds, species and societies that are believable and shocking. Considered "a classic of speculative fiction," *The Sparrow's* plot centers on a Jesuit mission to another planet in 2019. What the Jesuits find is a world so beyond comprehension that it will lead them to question the meaning of being "human."

Russell followed *The Sparrow* with a sequel, *Children of God*. Together, the books have won eight regional, national and international awards. They have also been optioned for Hollywood movies and have inspired both a rock opera and bel canto opera.

The author will give a presentation and student workshops on campus October 26.

CHANGES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Video game champ

It was a bit of a surprise to learn NMU was named one of the “Top 50 Undergraduate Game Design Programs” in a first-of-its-kind ranking by *The Princeton Review* and *GamePro* magazine, given the fact that Northern does not yet offer an academic major or minor in video game design. But faculty from two departments that teach related courses and technologies can see how NMU made the list.

“I must assume that our ranking stems mostly from our strong programs in computer science and art and design, both of which are essential to the top institutions in the ranking,” says NMU computer science professor Jeff Horn. “In our department, we have incorporated 3D game engine programming into several upper division courses, including three special topics classes on game programming itself.”

Art and design teaches 3D modeling and animation using professional software and hardware typically found at leading production companies. Horn says they have



been experimenting recently with courses that bring students from both departments together, including a team-based game design course and a course on flash programming.

Stephan Larson, an art and design professor, says his department emphasizes adaptability and encourages students to have varied interests and skills.

“We have had graduates successfully go into the game design field simply because they could adapt to the situation in the technical aspects and in the overall approach to game design,” he says. “I think it speaks highly of our electronic imaging program that students are so technically proficient while maintaining design savvy; that they can be flexible enough to learn new technologies and fit into a design pipeline. Our focus is on making our students a success rather than how the rest of the nation perceives the program. But it is nice to be noticed.”

Unusual student business wins new biz competition

A total of \$10,000 in prizes and support were awarded to competitors in the third annual New Business Venture Competition, sponsored by the College of Business.

Entrepreneurs Steve Farr and Chad Walker were named first-place winners for their business plan for Great Lakes Cremation Services and for having the best 60-second “elevator pitch.” Second prize went to Joshua Petrovich for Pulsar Backup, a remote data backup company. Third place and best trade fair presentation was awarded to Jessica Beaver and Kris Kohtala for Squeezed, a juice café.

The competition is designed to encourage entrepreneurial activism among students by recognizing and rewarding those who present detailed plans on designing and creating new business enterprises. The students present their plans to potential investors, receive feedback from business leaders, apply classroom learning to real-world projects and have the opportunity to start a new business.



Student entrepreneurs Beaver, Kohtala, Walker, Farr and Petrovich celebrate their big winnings.

Alumni Terry Dehring '78 BS, '81 MA, Mark Kolesar '86 BS, Earl Senchuk '76 BS and Mike Skytta '72 BS, '75 MAE served as judges. Ervin Kranberg '71 BS created an endowment that helps support the competition.

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Honoring the next generation of great writers

The English Department recently honored the winners of its 2010 writing contests, supported by or founded in memory of faculty and friends of NMU.

Tracy Pickering, an international studies major from Midland, placed first in the Cohodas Literary Prize for her essay, "The Romani." Kylynn Perdue-Bronson, a Spanish major from Mayville, took second with "Chain of Evidence." English major Hailey Heikkinen placed third with "Abandon Ship Before It's Too Late and All This Love I Have Will Turn to Hate." The Cohodas Literary Award was established by Rabbi Samuel and Lynn Stahl and Nancy and Paul Oberman in honor of the 65th wed-

ding anniversary of their parents, Lois and Willard Cohodas. The goal of the award is to provoke serious thought on tolerance, promoting awareness of the Holocaust and advocating respect for human rights.

Jessica Parker, an English writing major from Gladstone, won the VandeZande Fiction Prize for her story, "An Is to a Was." The prize was established in 2008 to honor late NMU professor John VandeZande.

Hannah Schug, an art and design major from Grawn, won the Legler Memorial Poetry Prize with her poem, "Limbo is a Bus Station." The prize is awarded to undergraduate students and is in honor of late NMU professor Phil Legler.

Reannon Dykehouse, an English major from Cheboygan, won the Houston Award for her essay, "Irishmen" (see the excerpt below). The Houston award is given to a student who writes an exceptional essay in an English 211 class. It was established to honor former NMU professor Howard Houston.

Jacqueline Carroll, an art and design major from Wixom, won the Barnard Award for her essay, "Oh Me, Oh Michelangelo." The Barnard Award is given to a student who writes an exceptional paper in English 111. It was established to honor former NMU professor Ellsworth Barnard.

Irishmen

By Reannon Dykehouse

It was the sixth sunny day of their eight month trip, as William's wife pointed out; there was no need to add that it was going badly.

"You were right," he said, kneeling beside Alexandra's bicycle. "The tube's been punctured." He caught the little droplet of water on the tip of his finger, scowling at the minuscule hole that had ruined this beautiful day. He removed the pump from the air valve and stood, fingering his scraggly beard in consternation.

His wife sighed. "I don't understand. If they want us gone so badly, why would they prevent us from leaving?"

William shook his head. "I think we're just someone to toy with."

Worry creased the corners of Alexandra's eyes. "Do you think we can find someone willing to sell us another tube?"

"I'm not sure," he said, running a hand through his hair. "But we've walked a long way already. We've got legs; we can use them."

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It was with childish delight that William had left his home, his family, and his friends for this exultant pilgrimage. The States, having just borne the youth of the land through an era of fantastically exotic spiritualism and swollen with the acid dreams of wild-minded young revolutionists, had exploded back into realism. There was no place for the dancing nudes or crazed concerts anymore in his homeland, and even in his heart he was no longer stirred by these things that once gave him purpose. Still, there smoldered in his chest the desire to find a cause worth reveling in, equal to his passion, which he could risk everything for...

(Read the rest of this piece and samples from the other award winners at www.nmu.edu/English)



Welcoming new administrators. Celebrating outstanding faculty.



New business dean Jamal Rashed and distinguished faculty Larry Pagel and Eileen Smit.

Jamal Rashed is the new dean of the Walker L. Cisler College of Business. Rashed comes to NMU from Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he was a professor of economics and international business, as well as the director of the Center for International Business in the school's Williams College of Business. Rashed has been at Xavier since 1989, teaching at both the undergraduate and graduate level. As the director of international business, Rashed has developed a customized executive education program for major Ohio businesses, established nine study abroad programs with partner schools in Europe and the Middle East and assisted in creating a distinguished speakers series.

- In other administrative changes, Terry Seethoff, former arts and sciences dean, will serve a two-year appointment as associate provost, succeeding Cindy Prosen who also headed graduate studies, who retired (along with her husband, Thomas Schact, director of the NMU Vielmetti Health Center). Michael Broadway, who has headed up the Honors Program and teaches geography, will serve as interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.
- Larry Pagel of the College of Business and Eileen Smit from the School of Nursing are honored as the 2010 Distinguished Faculty Award Recipients.

NMU reaccredited

The Higher Learning Commission has formally announced that NMU's accreditation through the Academic Quality Improvement Program (AQIP) has been reaffirmed. NMU is on a seven-year accreditation cycle. The university completely satisfied all five accreditation categories: mission and integrity; preparing for the future; student learning and effective teaching; acquisition, discovery and application of knowledge; and engagement and service.



The world comes to Marquette, again

NMU is host to the 2010 Congress of the International Society of Biomechanics in Sports, July 19-23. More than 200 scientists, students and family members from nearly 30 countries will attend the conference, organized by Randy Jensen, professor in NMU's Health, Physical Education and Recreation Department.

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SPORTS AT NMU

Wildcat roar continues through winter, spring

Four team, two individual NCAA berths, plus three All-Americans

The roar started by the fall Wildcat athletic teams got even louder as the year went on. The Wildcat women's basketball, men's ice hockey and men's and women's Nordic skiing all competed in their respective NCAA tournaments while two track team members qualified to compete at the NCAAs. Three Wildcats —junior hockey players Erik Gustafsson and Mark Olver, along with senior skier Laura DeWitt—earned All-America status, and Olver was chosen as a Hobey Baker finalist, an award given to the top collegiate hockey player in the nation.

Women's Basketball

Coach Troy Mattson's '86 BS team went 22-10 and made an appearance in the NCAA Midwest Regional



Junior defenseman Erik Gustafsson (above) earned All-America honors and was chosen the CCHA's best offensive defenseman, both for a second consecutive year. Junior guard Steffani Stoeger (below) was a GLIAC all-conference and GLIAC all-tournament pick.

Tournament for the first time since 2002. At the tournament, Northern prevailed over Indianapolis 52-51 in the quarterfinals before falling to Drury 59-51 in the semifinals.

The Wildcats were 16-6 in Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) action, good for second place in the North Division. In the GLIAC Tournament title game versus Michigan Tech, they fell 73-69.

"The most important aspects to our team's success were a total team commitment to winning and upgraded talent in some areas," says Mattson.

Seniors forward Mariah Dunham and guard Christa

Erickson, along with junior guard Steffani Stoeger, were named to the GLIAC second team. In addition, Dunham and Stoeger were both GLIAC all-tournament selections.

Mattson loses five but returns 10 players in 2010-11. "The personnel will be a little different, but the talent and attitude should be there for us to have another very successful season," he says.

Hockey

Coach Walt Kyle's '81 BS hockey team advanced to the NCAA Tournament where it lost 4-3 in double overtime to St. Cloud State at the West Regional. NMU's 20-13-8 record earned the team its first trip to

the national tournament since 1999.

Northern went 13-9-3 in CCHA action for fourth place. At the CCHA Championship, NMU fell short in a 2-1 loss to Michigan in the championship game after a 5-4 overtime win against Ferris State in the semifinals. It was NMU's seventh appearance at the tournament in Kyle's eight-year tenure, but the first in the title bout since 1999.

Mark Olver, Northern's leading scorer (19-30-49), became NMU's



Mark Olver, a Hobey Baker Award finalist

ninth Hobey Baker finalist selection and the first since goalie Tuomas Tarkki in 2005. Erik Gustafsson was chosen the CCHA's Best Offensive Defenseman for a second consecutive year after leading the league in blueline scoring (1-21-22).

"I like our potential for next year, but we lost six seniors and Olver and Gustafsson who signed pro contracts, so it will take time to see where our new faces all fit in," says Kyle.

Nordic Skiing

The Wildcat men's and women's Nordic ski teams combined to finish 14th at the NCAA Championships. Laura DeWitt became an All-American with her eighth-place finish in the 5-kilometer classic race. She was 15th in the 15K freestyle. DeWitt was selected by the Central Collegiate Ski Association as the female athlete of the year for a second consecutive year while Coach **Sten Fjeldheim '86 BS, '92 MS** and assistant **Jenny Ryan '02 MS** shared the coach of the year honor. Also on



Laura DeWitt placed eighth in the 5K at the NCAA Nordic championships

the CCSA all-conference first team teams were Christina Gillis and DeWitt. Monica Markvardsen and Marie Helen Soderman made the second team. On the men's side, George Cartwright, who won the NCAA Regional 15K crown, was an All-CCSA first-team pick along with Kevin Cutts. Tim Cook and Chris Bowler were second- team members.

Track and Field

Seniors Krista Squiers finished 11th in the hammer throw (170-11) and Bailey Franklin was 13th in the high jump (5-05.75) at the NCAA Championships. Squiers also finished 11th in the weight throw (55-1) at the indoor national competition.

NMU was fourth at the GLIAC Outdoor Championships, where Franklin was named the women's field event athlete of the year. She won the triple jump and was third in the heptathlon and high jump. Squiers was second in the javelin and eighth in the hammer throw.

The Wildcats were also fourth at the GLIAC Indoor Championships, where Franklin won the triple jump (36-11).

Men's Basketball

The NMU men's basketball team went 11-15 overall and 8-14 in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC), for fifth place in what was Coach **Dean Ellis' '83 BS** final season of his 24-year tenure (see story on next page). Senior guard Marc Renelique was named to the GLIAC North Division all-conference first team and sophomore guard Raymont McElroy to the second team, while senior guard Chris Warner was a North Division defensive team member.

Golf

The Wildcat golf team placed ninth at the GLIAC Championships, which it hosted at the Greywalls Course in Marquette in October. Pete Jensen had a top 10 finish with eighth place. He also led the team in each of the other three events of the fall season.

This spring, NMU finished 24th at the NCAA Division II Regional No. 2.



Bailey Franklin, named women's field event athlete of the year at the GLIAC Outdoor Championships



Dean Ellis



Doug Lewis Jr.

Ellis era ends; Lewis named men's basketball coach

In March, **Dean Ellis resigned** as NMU's men's basketball coach after 24 years at the helm, citing "a number of reasons, including some health issues" for his departure. Ellis remains the golf coach.

"There are so many moments of my time with NMU basketball that I wouldn't have missed for anything, but right now, it's time for me to make some changes," says Ellis.

Ellis became coach of the team in 1986-87 after serving the three previous seasons as an assistant to Glenn Brown. During his tenure, he posted a 369-303 record. In January 2005, he became the winningest coach in the program's history, surpassing Brown's 300-188 mark. He was also the longest-serving coach with two more years than C.B. Hedcock's 22 campaigns. Ellis became a dual sport coach in 1993 when he took the reins of the golf team.

Under Ellis' leadership, the Wildcats made 13 appearances in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Tournament and won the 2000 title. His 1993, 1999 and 2000 squads won the GLIAC regular season and also qualified for the NCAA Regional Tournament. He had four 20-win seasons (1993, '94, '99, 2000) and was selected the 1993 GLIAC Coach of the Year.

In May, Doug Lewis Jr. was named the new Wildcat coach. Lewis comes to NMU from Central State University (Wilberforce, Ohio), an NCAA Division II independent school, where he had been with the program since 1998, including the past seven as head coach.

"Doug's high-energy approach, excellent coaching

and recruiting records, and his success with athletes in the classroom and community make him a great fit for Northern," says Ken Godfrey, NMU athletic director.

In 2009-10, Lewis led his CSU Marauders to a 22-6 record and into the NCAA Division II Tournament. His 2008-09 and 2007-08 squads won the Independent Athletic Association titles, posting marks of 19-8 and 21-4, respectively. In 2009, he was named the Independent Athletic Association Coach of the Year. In 2006-07, Central went 22-5 and was the runner-up in the NCAA Division II National Independent Tournament. He has had five winning seasons and owns a seven-year coaching mark at CSU of 125-61 (.672).

"I believe there is so much potential for Northern to become a contender on the national level. The facilities and the resources at NMU are impressive compared to what I've had to work with," says Lewis.

"As for my style, I like my teams to play up-tempo, pushing the ball on made and missed baskets. Obviously, I'll have to evaluate and then adjust the game plan based on the talent of the current players, but I'm going to be out recruiting for an up-tempo type game."

Prior to CSU, Lewis was the assistant coach at Wisconsin-Milwaukee (1993-98), where the 1996-97

freshman class he recruited was voted the best in the Midwestern Collegiate Conference. He was also an assistant at Washington High School (Milwaukee) in 1992-93 when that prep team won the Wisconsin Division I state title and the Milwaukee City Conference crown.

Lewis played at Southwest

Missouri State in 1987-89 seasons, when the Bears won the Mid-Continent Conference title and advanced to the NCAA Division I Tournament. In 1988, Lewis was the MCC Newcomer of the Year. He was an honorable mention all-conference pick in 1989. Lewis played his first two years of collegiate basketball at Mesa (Ariz.) Community College, where he was all-conference and all-region in 1986 and 1987.

He earned his bachelor's degree in communications-business industrial in 1989 from SMSU and an associate of arts degree from Mesa C.C. in 1987.

He attended Milwaukee's Rufus King High School and was a member of the 1984 RKHS squad that won the Wisconsin State High School Championship and went 24-0.

NMU Athletics, USOEC Recognized for Excellence

- NMU Athletics was awarded the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference "Community Engagement" award for its Fall Sports Kickoff, held before the NMU-Tiffin football game. Northern received the NCAA Division II Community Engagement Award of Excellence in 2008 for a similar event.



- NCAA Championships weight throw qualifier Krista Squiers and All-American linebacker **Nathan Yelk '09 BS** received the Gildo Canale Senior Awards,

given annually to an NMU male and female senior student-athlete who has competed for NMU at the intercollegiate level for four years, has a superior academic record and exhibits high character.

- **Jenny Ryan '02 MS** is one of 25 coaches selected nationally to attend the NCAA Women Coaches Academy in Denver in June. Ryan is NMU's head cross country coach and assistant coach for men's and women's Nordic skiing and the women's track and field teams.
- Wildcat goaltender **Brian Stewart '10 BS** was chosen by the NCAA to participate in the fifth annual Frozen Four Skills Challenge that was part of the NCAA Frozen Four Weekend at Ford Field in Detroit. NMU senior forward **Ray Kaunisto** was an alternate for the West squad.
- Mike Levy, a member of the Wildcat football team, was one of 400 student-athlete nominees

selected to attend the NCAA Career in Sports Forum in May. The event helps student-athletes explore and learn about careers in sports.

- In May, **Jeff Kleinschmidt '83 BS, '86 MA**, director of the United States Olympic Education Center, received the President's Award from US Speedskating for his contribution to

the organization.

- The Wildcat cross country team was selected by the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association as an all-academic team. NMU finished 13th at the NCAA Division II Midwest Regional Championships and had a 3.39 team GPA in the fall.

Olympic Beat



USOEC athlete Colin Ito competing at the National Collegiate Weightlifting Championship held at NMU

with three new marks: snatch, 168 kg (370 pounds), clean-and-jerk, 202 kg (445 lbs.) and a total of 370 kg (816 lbs.). Ito finished second with a total of 352 (776 lbs.). For all USOEC medalists and results, see www.nmu.edu/usoec.

Brawny Battle

In the final lifts of the National Collegiate Weightlifting Championships, held at the Berry Events Center in April, national collegiate records shattered as the United States Olympic Education Center's Colin Ito battled with Lindenwood University's Fernando Reis for the 105-plus kilogram title. Reis won

Burkert Wins Gold at Pan Ams

USOEC freestyle wrestler Jenna Burkert recently claimed gold in the 60 kilogram weight class at the Pan American Youth Olympic Games Qualifier in Mexico. The first-place finish earns Burkert a ticket to Singapore for the Youth Olympic Games in August.

Vancouver Highlights

More than a dozen former NMU and/or USOEC students participated as an athlete, coach or team support person at this past winter's Vancouver Olympic



Alumna Caitlin Compton posted the best U.S. finish by an American woman Nordic skier since 1984 in the Winter Olympics.

Games. Among the highlights were long-track speedskater Shani Davis defending his gold medal in the 1,000 meters, **Caitlin Compton '04 BFA** posting the best U.S. finish by an American woman Nordic skier since the 1984 Games, and short-track speedskater Katherine Reutter winning a silver and bronze medal, as well as recording two Olympic record times (later broken) in her first Olympic Games. You can get the full results of NMU-related Olympic team members at www.nmu.edu/OlympicAthletes.

Four enter NMU Sports Hall of Fame



Pictured are NMU Athletic Director Ken Godfrey, award winners Justin Gluesing, Deanna Kreski, Monica Todd and Mike Mielke, and NMU President Les Wong.

Inducted into the Northern Michigan University Sports Hall of Fame, held in conjunction with the Student-Athlete Academic and Special Awards Banquet this spring, were:

Justin Gluesing '95 BS

Gluesing earned four letters (1991-94) and was co-captain of the 1994 football squad. He was selected to two All-America teams as a senior. He was NMU's most valuable linebacker in 1993 and 1994, and led the Wildcats in total tackles in those years with 93 and 158, respectively. Gluesing was an honorable mention All-Midwest Intercollegiate Football Conference selection in 1993 and a first-team all-conference and all-academic choice in 1994. As a senior, he set a Superior Dome record with 20

tackles against Grand Valley State. In 1994, he was the recipient of the Gildo Canale Senior Achievement Award.

Deanna (Sutton) Kreski '93 BS

A basketball letterwinner in both 1991 and 1992. As a senior, Sutton was an honorable mention All-American, the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference player of the year and the team MVP. She was a second-team all-conference pick in the 1991 season and a first-team pick in 1992. She scored 1,138 points and pulled down 712 rebounds in her two-year NMU career. Her season rebound totals of 403 and 309, respectively, are still two of the top rebounding totals for a season.

Monica (Hayes) Todd '87 BSN

Hayes, a four-year letterwinner in swimming and diving (1984-87), earned All-America status for her places at the NCAA Championships all four years as a Wildcat. She was a member of the NCAA Division II National Champion 200-yard freestyle relay team in 1987. She ranks among the top 10 in single-season scoring and career scoring for the Wildcats. She received the team's most improved award in 1985.

Mike Mielke '81 BS

A leader on the 1979-80 NCAA runner-up hockey team, Mielke earned four letters (1977-80) and was chosen as the team's best forward three times. He was a 1978 All-Central Collegiate Hockey Association honorable mention. Mielke remains first on the NMU career list for assists (149), third in scoring (235), is tied for sixth for goals (86) and 11th for power play goals (24). He is still fourth in rookie scoring (54).

To nominate a deserving former Wildcat, go to www.nmu.edu/sportshall.

An advertisement for "The Landing Waterfront Living". It features a photograph of a waterfront house with a green roof and red brick chimney, situated on a rocky shore. In the background is a large body of water under a blue sky with white clouds. Overlaid on the image is the text "Welcome Home" in a large, flowing cursive font. At the bottom left, it says "Live your dream" and provides the phone number "906.226.2120" and website "www.founderslanding.com". At the bottom right, there is a logo for "The Landing" featuring a stylized sailboat icon and the text "The Landing WATERFRONT LIVING".