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# On campus today

## NEW DIRECTIONS



The NMU group on a tour of the “old city” of Jerusalem. They are wearing headphones originally purchased to provide simultaneous interpretation during a recent campus visit by Central American students. The headphones were appreciated by the Middle East guides, who did not have to yell to be heard and could continue their presentation while walking, and by NMU team members, who were able to learn more during their limited time in the region.

## Opening doors to the Middle East

A 14-member delegation from NMU recently visited Israel and Turkey as part of a year-long study of the Middle East. Their efforts are culminating with new courses and revised programs relevant to this key region of the world.

“A lot of interest in the Middle East has to do with the Israeli-Palestinian conflicts,” says Tim Compton, head of the Modern Languages and Literatures Department. “We visited Jerusalem because that is a focal point for three of the world’s major religions. We were exposed to the richness of the culture and a variety of viewpoints: people who live in the controversial settlements, Palestinians, non-government organizations working on water issues and people who live near the Gaza Strip. There were limits to what we could do in four days, but we were able to grasp the complexities of Israel. The news gives a skewed view of a pretty peaceful place. I was struck by how safe I felt there.”

In Istanbul, Turkey, the delegation established a connection with two universities that may participate with NMU in student and faculty exchanges.

The trip was supported by a \$165,000 federal Title VI grant designed to strengthen Northern’s international studies and language curricula.

“We are convinced the new curriculum will help our graduates in international studies be more prepared than ever before to take advantage of increasing global careers and opportunities,” adds Compton.

## Go Green!

Students in the Jacobetti Center will soon be able to recharge their laptops with electricity produced by solar panels and a wind turbine. The Engineering Technology Department received two grants to support the project: \$1,000 from the Wisconsin Energy Foundation and nearly \$5,000 from the NMU Wildcat Innovation Fund.

The solar panels and wind turbine have been on the Jacobetti roof for several years, but they have only been connected to monitoring equipment, with no infrastructure to make use of the electricity.

Students in the alternative energy minor will purchase and connect equipment that will control the energy and direct it to a laptop recharging station that they will install in the Jacobetti commons.

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A new bachelor’s degree program in fisheries and wildlife management will debut this fall, offered by the Biology Department. The Geography Department is now the Earth, Environmental and Geographical Sciences Department.



The environmental conservation major will be renamed environmental studies and sustainability, while the geographical information systems major will be renamed geomatics.

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This summer in an effort to reduce energy use and costs, NMU employees are working four 10-hour days, with most campus buildings closed on Fridays and weekends.



## Extreme Makeover: Jamrich Hall edition

Jamrich Hall, the primary classroom facility on campus, will undergo a \$25 million renovation. The building, which hasn't been fully updated since it was built in 1969, will become a high-tech, flexible and environmentally sustainable learning environment. The goal is to completely renovate the building and construct a 36,000-square-foot addition for faculty offices currently housed in Gries Hall. This would allow for the demolition of Gries, as indicated in the campus master plan, reducing the overall square footage on campus. Plans are also under way to demolish Carey Hall, which has not been used for a number of years.

The Jamrich Hall project, most of which will be paid by the state, with the remainder from NMU bonds, is expected to take 18 months, and will start in the 2012-13 academic year.

The last capital outlay NMU received was in 2005 for C.B. Hedgcock, Art and Design and Thomas Fine Arts.

## Grants and kudos

### Superclassroom

NMU has received a \$160,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to promote active learning in the STEM disciplines of science, technology, engineering and math. The funding covers training for six faculty "catalysts" to redesign at least one of their own courses and serve as models for teaching colleagues. It will also enable NMU to create a student-centered, technology-rich classroom in the Learning Resources Center.

### Creative Technology

NMU received the 2011 ACUTA Award for Institutional Excellence in Information Communications Technology among mid-size institutions for its WiMAX network. ACUTA is the association for information communications technology professionals in higher education. It recognizes vision and technological leadership in the creative use of technology to support teaching, research, decision-making and service delivery.

## Celebrating an iconic architect

The 100th birthday of the late **John Lautner '33 AB, LC**, one of the most visionary architects of the 20th century, will be celebrated with joint exhibitions at NMU's DeVos Art Museum and the new Marquette Regional History Museum Aug. 19-Nov. 13. After Northern, Lautner went on to study with Frank Lloyd Wright at Taliesin and settled in Los Angeles where he became well known for designing innovative structures. He received the Gold Medal of the American Institutes of Architects in 1993. The exhibits will feature photos, models, plans, films, talks and workshops from visiting experts. See [www.nmu.edu/DeVos](http://www.nmu.edu/DeVos).



Hatherall Residence, 1958. Image by Zachary Cornwell.

# On campus today



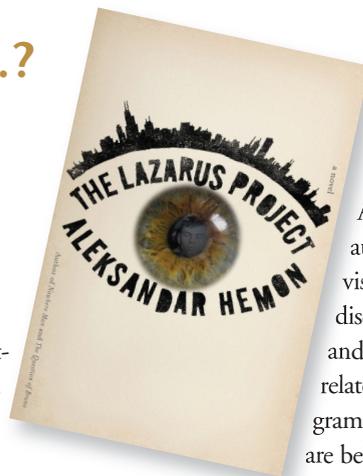
NMU had the largest class ever march in commencement this year, with 848 of 1,035 graduating students participating.

## Skateboarders at NMU Break Guinness World Record

More than 340 people glided on skateboards and longboards through the NMU campus on April 10 to set a Guinness World Record for the "Largest Skateboard Parade." The former record was 250. Students from the NMU Skate and Snow Club and the Marquette Informal Longboarding Foundation organized the event. This is the fifth world record to be set on the NMU campus. Others include the largest game of musical chairs (1977), largest pasty (1978) and largest sauna (1996 and 2005).

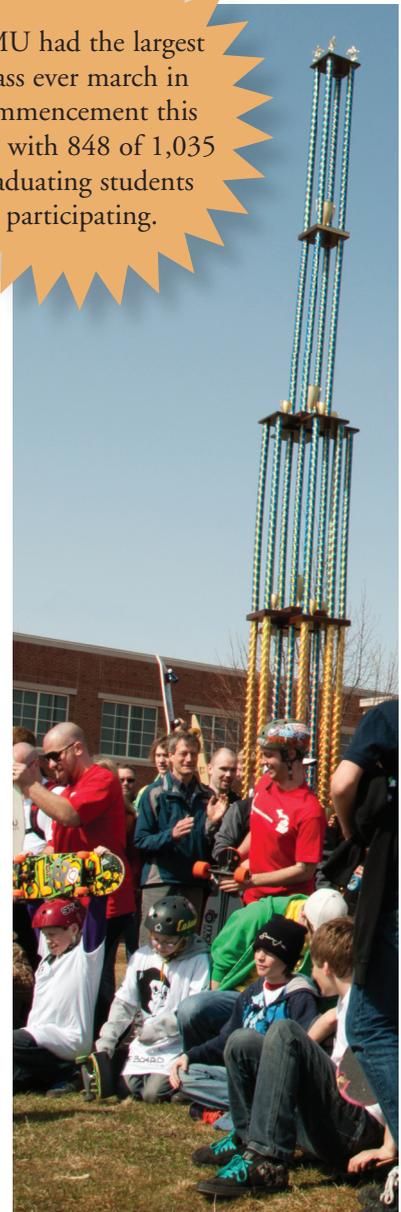
## Have you read...?

*The Lazarus Project* by Aleksandar Hemon is the 2011 selection for NMU and Marquette County's One Book, One Community program. Hemon creates a work of historical fiction born from an event long shrouded in mystery: the 1908 shooting of 19-year-old Lazarus Averbuch, a Jewish immigrant from Eastern Europe, by the chief of Chicago Police. The novel weaves together Averbuch's story with that of Vladimir Brik, a 21st century fictional Bosnian-American writer working on a book about Averbuch. His research takes him and a quick-witted photographer, whose photos accompany the story throughout the novel, on a crazy trip through Eastern Europe and their



own pasts. An author visit, book discussions and other related programming are being planned

around the book. One Book, One Community is designed to bring Marquette County residents and Northern Michigan University students, alumni and employees together to read and discuss the same book. For an updated schedule of events, visit [www.nmu.edu/onebook](http://www.nmu.edu/onebook).



skateboard and trophy photos: Tim Rosslund

One world record deserves another, right? In conjunction with the skateboard parade, the Marquette-based Internet business Quick Trophy unveiled a 22-foot, 6.5-inch trophy on NMU's campus, which was later confirmed by Guinness World Records as the largest trophy. Quick Trophy is owned by NMU alumnus Terry Dehring '78 BS, '81 MA (pictured at center, clapping) and employs many NMU students. The mammoth trophy, which consists of 23 wood bases, 18 cups, including an 18-inch championship cup, 12 skater and star figurines and 48 columns, is currently displayed in—where else?—the world's largest wooden dome.

## Politicians' papers, lumber company records

The Central Upper Peninsula and Northern Michigan University Archives has obtained the papers of former Congressman **Bart Stupak '09 HD** and former Michigan State Senator and State Representative **Mike Prusi '69**.

Another recent acquisition are records of the Bay de Noquet Lumber Company and Oconto Lumber Company, which offer a glimpse of the logging industry and its pivotal role in the formative history of the region.



*Bart Stupak*

Archivist Marcus Robyns says the archives had never collected congressional papers before Stupak agreed to turn over many documents from his 18 years in office.

"There are memos, notes, correspondence, calendars, a visitors' registry and audio-visual materials produced by his office," Robyns says. "It amounts to great documentation of what happened in the Upper Peninsula and the nation and how Bart was involved.

His tenure included some newsworthy events: Iraq, Clinton's impeachment, free trade and the Accutane controversy. There are a lot of interchanges with other congressmen and drafts of legislation."

With assistance from NMU Trustee Jon LaSalle, Robyns worked with the congressman's office to determine which papers would be donated and which would be retained by Stupak. The latter includes material related to the Obama administration's health care bill.



*Mike Prusi*

Prusi completed an eight-year term in the Michigan Senate in December. He previously served three terms with the state Legislature, succeeding Dominic Jacobetti. Robyns says, "His papers don't just cover his senatorial career, but his days as a representative and as president of United Steelworkers of America Local 4950 in Negaunee."

Robyns also collected the Bay de Noquet Lumber Company and Oconto Lumber Company records from Nahma, a small town on the Garden Peninsula.

University historian and history professor Russ Magnaghi had stopped by the Nahma Historical Society, located in an old church, and discovered it held a mountain of old records from the lumber company.

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On a related note, Prusi was inducted into the U.P. Labor Hall of Fame at NMU in May along with the late Harold Matthews. Prusi is honored for serving three terms as president of Local Union 4950 (Empire Mine) and other regional representation, coordinating the Stand Up for Iron Ore campaign, and lobbying for tariffs on imported steel products.

Matthews is recognized as first president of the Marquette Labor Council AFL-CIO, president of Local 2099 (Greenwood Mine) and for his many civic activities. Though not an alumnus, Harold had strong ties to Northern. His son **David '61** and grandson **David '84** are alumni and great grandson Charles is a junior at NMU.



*Harold Matthews*

Susan Koch, NMU's provost and vice president for academic affairs since 2007, is leaving to become the chancellor of the University of Illinois-Springfield. A replacement has not yet been named.

MBA student Robert Johnson of Negaunee was the top competitor at the 2011 NMU New Business Venture Competition, with his mobile application development and marketing firm, Prometheus Tree.

Professors Kenneth Janson (business), Shelley Russell (theater) and Mary Jane Tremethick '85 BSN, '93 MA (HPER) are recipients of the 2011 Distinguished Faculty Awards.

### Next-gen research

The academic year wrapped up with a Celebration of Student Research, Creative Works and Academic Service Learning, featuring oral presentations, artistic performances and poster/photo displays. Students reported on such topics as:

- Taking a mathematical look at long jumping
- Our appetite: The environmental impact caused by our food choices rather than food-miles
- Quantifying the seasonal and diurnal "lake effect" of Lake Superior: A year-round comparison between onshore and offshore meteorological conditions near Marquette
- A snapshot of 21st century economic development in Michigan's Upper Peninsula
- Mild traumatic brain injury and new-onset sequelae in a veteran population
- A relationship between an athlete's level of competition and their ability to tolerate pain
- Social carrying capacity subsequent to recent wolf repopulation success in the northern Lower Peninsula of Michigan.

'Cat nips

# On campus today

## SPORTS AT NMU

### Franklin, Liebner are Wildcat All-Americans

Two NMU juniors earned All-America status during the winter season: indoor track and field's Bailey Franklin and Nordic skier Andy Liebner. Franklin became the second All-American in NMU track and field history with a seventh-place finish in the triple jump, clearing 38-10.25 at the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships. She was also 11th in the high jump at 5-5. Liebner finished eighth in the 20-kilometer classic and ninth in the 10k freestyle at the NCAA Skiing Championships.

Freshman Jaime Roberts also competed at the national indoor track and field meet in the pole vault, but did not place. Franklin (high jump, triple jump and pentathlon) and Roberts (pole vault) earned all-region honors, along with junior Catherine Angeli, who was ranked in the top five in the 60- and 200-meter dashes.

The track and field squad ended the indoor season ranked No. 25 in the nation and No. 3 in the region. It broke 11 school records and had the best finish in school

history at the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championships with third. Franklin won the triple jump with a GLIAC championship meet and school record of 39-3.25.

The Nordic ski team finished 12th overall at the NCAA

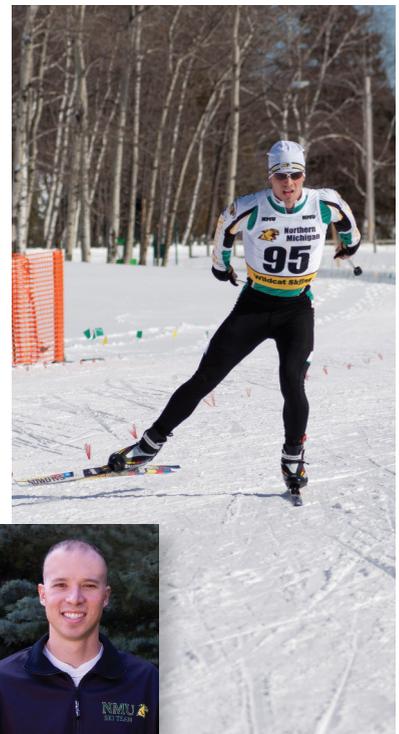
Championships.

Along with Liebner, senior Martin Stuge Banerud was 33rd in both races and freshman Erik Soderman 19th in the freestyle and 39th in the classic. For the women, junior Marie Helen Soderman finished 13th in the 15k classic and 21st in the 5k freestyle; senior Christina Turman was 26th in the classic and 27th in the freestyle while sophomore Monica Markvardsen was 32nd in the classic and 36th in the freestyle.

Both the men and women captured Central Collegiate Ski Association Championship titles. Liebner, Banerud, both Sodermans and Turman were named CCSA all-conference first team while Markvardsen and sophomore Chris Bowler made the second team. **Sten Fjeldheim '86 BS, '92 MS** was named the CCSA Women's coach of the year. At the NCAA Regional Championships, the NMU men were first and the women second.

### Winter Wildcats

*Men's Basketball* – NMU went 9-17 overall and 4-15 in the GLIAC for seventh in the North Division in the first year under Doug Lewis. “My main focus was laying the foundation with what guys should expect as far as



discipline and my expectations for hard work and being a good teammate,” Lewis said. Junior center Jared Benson was named to the North Division second team. He led NMU with 366 points, 171 rebounds and 41 blocks while shooting 58.7 percent from the field.

*Women’s Basketball* – The Wildcats went 12-14 overall and 7-12 in GLIAC action for sixth in the North Division. Junior Chelsea Lyons, who had six 20-point performances, was selected to the North Division second team while senior Kellie Rietveld was chosen to the North Division defensive team. Lyons had 333 points, a 12.8 per-game scoring average and shot 46.9 percent from the field. Senior Steffani Stoeger finished her Wildcat career with 1,033 points, good for 22nd on NMU’s all-time scoring list. She climbed to second in career steals with 199 steals. Senior Erin Powers finished with 462 career rebounds, 20th in career rebounding.

*Golf* – The NMU golf team finished 23rd at the NCAA Great Lakes Region Championship. Junior Tony Bilich led

NMU in 70th place. Junior Adam Huss, senior Joe Hansen and freshmen Mike Murphy all tied in 104th place.

*Hockey* – Coach **Walt Kyle’s ’81 BS** Wildcats went 15-19-5 overall and 12-13-3 in Central Collegiate Hockey Association play for sixth-place. NMU hosted

Bowling Green in the CCHA first-round playoffs and won the first game 6-3 before losing 2-0 and 2-1 in double overtime. Junior forward Tyler Gron led the team in scoring with 32 (17-15)

points. Junior goalie Reid Ellingson was 10-14-3 with a 91.6 save percentage and a 2.52 goals against average.

*Swimming and Diving* – Under first-year coach Heidi Voigt, the Wildcats finished seventh at the GLIAC Championships. Top 10 finishers were sophomores Olga Budiansky (3rd, 200 back; 8th, 100 breast), sophomore Gabby Alzaga (4th, 200 back; 6th, 100 back) and Alison Black (10th, 3m dive), along with the team’s lone senior Kelli Vander Baan (7th, 3m dive). Vander Baan competed at the NCAA Championships and finished 11th in the 3-meter and 13th in the 1m diving events.

**“My main focus was laying the foundation with what guys should expect as far as discipline and my expectations for hard work and being a good teammate.”**

**—Men’s Basketball Coach Doug Lewis**

## Rewarding touchdowns

**Bart Bartkowiak ’72 BS** bleeds green and gold and has ever since he was a player on the 1968-71 NMU football teams. For the 2010 football season, he came up with a unique way to demonstrate that. He pledged to give \$100 to the Wildcat team for each of its wins, which resulted in a \$600 gift to Coach **Bernie Anderson’s ’79 BS, ’89 MAE** squad.

“I told Bernie I was hoping to have to write a check for about \$1,100. I would have been happy to do that, but as soon as (quarterback Carter) Kopach went down (Oct. 9) with a season-ending injury, I thought, ‘Oh oh. This isn’t good,’” says Bartkowiak, who owns Bartkowiak Accounting and Tax Service PC in Marquette.

The Wildcats went 5-6 overall and 5-5 in Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference play. In 2011, the ‘Cats return 23 seniors, including Kopach.



*Bartkowiak and NMU Athletic Director Ken Godfrey*

To Bartkowiak, fan support should be a matter that is simply black and white—or in his case, green and gold.

“It’s not really about wins and losses. It’s about supporting the team. These are hard economic times, and I wanted to do something for the team that would help. When I sent the check, I added a note to Bernie that I didn’t care what they used the money for; I told him to use it where it was most needed. When he called to thank me, he said he really appreciated that.”

Bartkowiak hopes other alumni Wildcat athletes give back to their alma mater.

“I try to find ways to help out NMU and Wildcat athletics whenever I can, however I can, because I came here and received a four-year football scholarship. At one point, the university gave me a job. My degree help set me up for pursuing my career. My wife worked at NMU. The university has given me and my family a lot, and we want to return that support. The ways things are going these days, the university needs our help more than ever. I think NMU will need to depend more and more on private giving just to maintain the things it has always done in the past,” he says.

“I hope other Wildcat Club members, whether they were NMU athletes or not, will consider doing something similar, something that assists the NMU teams they support and, at the same time, makes them feel great because they are helping,” Bartkowiak says.

It’s not complicated or noble, points out Bartkowiak. It’s just part of being a Wildcat fan.

# Looking back

## Tenacity in the Pool

By Ian Astle '11 BS

*There were many people involved in the creation of NMU's women's intercollegiate sports program. Northern Horizons is honoring the 100th anniversary of International Women's Day, which took place in March, with one NMU alumna's pioneering moment in Wildcat Athletics.*

**Growing up** in Clarkston, **Lynne (Peters) Best '80 BS** would swim the one-mile round trip across her hometown lake and back while timing herself. She also taught herself how to flip turn in the water. Every four years, she watched Olympic swimming. Little did she know she was conditioning herself to become one of the pioneers of Northern Michigan University women's intercollegiate athletics.

When Best came to NMU in 1975 there was no women's competitive swim team. Best didn't plan to compete at NMU, but she did love to swim. One day, she asked Don Trost, the men's swim coach, if she could practice with his team. He agreed to let her do so.

But acceptance in the pool by the coach did not mean acceptance by the members of the squad. Although no outright derogatory behavior or language occurred, Best says nobody put out a welcome mat.

"For example, I was repeatedly locked out of the pool and had to bang on the door until someone would finally come to let me in," says Best.

At that time, Title IX, the federal law that makes discrimination in any type of educational programming illegal, was in its infancy, having been passed in 1972. It was not yet being

enforced at most colleges and universities across the nation.

To Best, Title IX was a way to open a closed door. In the spring of 1977, she coordinated a petition drive signed by enough women to start a women's swim team. Barb Patrick, assistant athletic director at the time, then began searching for a coach. "I called Barb nearly every day that summer to see if NMU had found us a coach yet," remembers Best. Eventually Joan (Peto) Hopkins was hired and the program was under way.

The women's team did not win any meets the first year, although Best did set some pool records. But those marks were short-lived as the team continued to improve each year due to the new coach's recruitment of seasoned competitive swimmers and divers. NMU began winning meets and five seasons after the program began, the Wildcats would finish runners-up to the AIAW Division II national title in 1982.

Best, a history and physical education major, continued swimming on the squad until her graduation in 1980. She helped the team as an assistant coach after her student teaching concluded. Graduating during the 1980s recession, Best could not find a teaching job, so she enlisted in the U.S. Air Force where she was assigned to be a photographer in California.

Now retired from the Air Force, Best stays busy substitute teaching. She has a 50-meter pool in the back-



The 1978 Wildcat women's swim team, with Lynne (Peters) Best front and center.

yard of her South Carolina home where she continues to swim. Despite having multiple sclerosis and the inability to balance while running or riding a bike, she says she enjoys competing in the swimming portion of an Armed Forces team triathlon each year at Charleston (S.C.) Air Force Base. She takes pride in the fact that, despite being in her fifties, she can still swim 500 meters in nine minutes.

Looking back at her pioneering effort at NMU, Best says of the experience, "I didn't have to swim on the men's team, but I wanted to swim competitively. It was a tough experience, but I did what I thought was right. I've always said that I dare one guy to do what I did, but I'm glad I did it. I learned that you have to be tenacious to make something of yourself. It was a lesson I've used often since my NMU days."

## 20 Years Ago: NCAA Hockey Championship

NMU Wildcat Hockey recently celebrated the 20th anniversary of its NCAA Division I Championship. In the hockey world, the title game won against Boston University on March 30, 1991 at the St. Paul (Minn.) Civic Center is still considered one of the most dramatic in NCAA Tournament history.

Why? Because the Wildcats fell behind 3-0 in the first period, then roared back to take a 7-4 lead midway through the third, only to see the Terriers go on a tear and tie the game with just 39 seconds left in regulation. The lead changes during regulation were mind-boggling to each team's coaches and fans, but the back-and-forth action in the two overtimes that followed was "nearly heart-stopping," said then NMU coach Rick Comley.

Early in the third overtime Darryl Plandowski carried the puck across the BU blueline before sending a drop pass back to Mark Beaufait. Beaufait skated wide to the left of Terrier goalie Scott Cashman then sent the puck back to Plandowski, who had slipped into the slot area. Plandowski paused for just a second before flipping it into the open net at the 1:57 mark, ending the marathon and giving NMU the national championship.

Remembering the goal, Plandowski said, "I went back to the middle of the ice. I was alone and all of the sudden the puck was on my stick and I looked up and there was just literally nothing in the net. So I remember making sure that I took an extra split second—which I



*Celebrating the NCAA Division I crown, March 30, 1991.*

know to the coaches was an eternity—just to be sure I hit the net because it was just, like, too good to be true when you're sitting between the hash marks and there's no goalie in the net. When that happens, you have to hit the net."

The title was the perfect ending to a season in which NMU went 38-5-4 overall and 25-3-4 in Western Collegiate Hockey Association play, winning the WCHA regular-season and playoff titles. The Wildcats beat Colorado College, North Dakota and Minnesota to take the WCHA crown. In the NCAA Tournament, they beat Alaska-Anchorage and Maine before facing BU. On the way to the national title, NMU set a school record 26-game unbeaten streak.



### Four Inducted into Sports Hall of Fame

**Krista Pray-Hobbins '84 BS, Andrea Gommans '94 BS, '97 MA and Chris Cook '03 BS** (pictured with NMU President Les Wong) were inducted into the NMU Sports Hall of Fame during a special ceremony on campus in April. **Peter Vordenberg '93** was also inducted, but could not attend the event.

Cook and Vordenberg were both NCAA national champions and All Americans in Nordic skiing. Gommans was a national champion and an All American on the volleyball team. Pray-Hobbins was one of the first great NMU women's basketball players.

Learn more about the inductees at [www.nmu.edu/sportshalloffame](http://www.nmu.edu/sportshalloffame).

*Cover story*

# Elevating the Game

**John and Shirley Berry give  
the largest gift ever to NMU.**

By Kristi Evans



“We want to help Northern be more competitive in attracting top-quality students to raise the overall quality of education,” says **John Berry** ’71 BS. “It’s like a sports team. If you have a few superstars, it elevates everyone else’s game.”

Barry, a retired businessman, and his wife, Shirley, have committed \$5 million to the NMU Foundation to enhance the university’s ability to recruit high-achieving students. Their gift is the largest in Northern history. The couple has pledged \$1 million in cash to endow a scholarship and provide immediate support for students and \$4 million in planned gifts that will establish a legacy of financial aid for the future.

The Berry Scholarship will be awarded to incoming freshmen who have demonstrated academic excellence and achievement. Preference will be given to students who enroll in the NMU Honors Program and plan to pursue a major in the College of Business, followed by those who major in the STEM areas of science, technology, engineering or math.

“My father established a scholar program at the University of Dayton and I saw how meaningful it was. That helped convince me that our next gift to Northern would be to establish a scholarship program.”

The couple also contributed the second-largest gift in NMU history, in 1996, with \$2 million to support the construction of the Berry Events Center. This new commitment further demonstrates the philanthropic spirit instilled in John by his father, and the sustained strength of his connection to his alma mater.

“As you get older, you tend to want to support those things that had the most meaning in your life. Northern gave me the tools I needed to be successful—beyond accounting and finance skills. The whole experience in and out of the classroom shaped me. I left with more maturity, decisiveness, perseverance and ability to deal with people. I’ve enjoyed success and made some money

along the way, and I’m fortunate to be in a position to share that.”

NMU President Les Wong adds, “John has made it abundantly clear through his words and actions that Northern had a significant impact on his life. He is very interested in helping students have the same experience he did. Through this gift, he and Shirley will enable Northern to attract students who would meet the admissions requirements for the most elite schools in the country, but want the well-rounded, community-centered college experience that Northern is known for.”

The NMU Honors Program begins with a two-year, four-course sequence that allows incoming students to fulfill their liberal studies requirements in small classes taught by top-notch faculty. In the third and fourth years, students work one on one with professors within their majors and engage in individualized courses of research that NMU Honors Director David Wood stresses are “generally unheard of” at the undergraduate level.

Enrollment in the program is as high as it’s been over



*John and Shirley Berry with NMU Honors Program director David Wood (left) and College of Business dean Jamal Rashed (right). Both programs will benefit from the addition of high performing students which the Berry Scholarship will help bring to Northern.*

the last 12 years, he adds. The average number of incoming participants is 35-40. This fall, that figure will rise to about 50. Wood says the goal is to retain what makes the Honors Program special. Much of that has to do with small class sizes that offer the individual attention one might expect from a nationally renowned liberal arts college, but for a fraction of the cost. NMU students entering the Honors Program under the new scholarship will pay minimal out-of-pocket expenses.

“John and Shirley found it appealing that they could



*Scholarship recipient Kasey Hall is thrilled to be coming to NMU to study accounting and financial planning.*

invest in an established NMU program that has generated some wonderful success stories,” says Wood, who teaches in both the Honors Program and the English Department. “They also saw a new opportunity. While the Honors Program typically draws students from the hard sciences and the humanities, this gift will help to increase the representation of business-minded students.”

Jamal Rashed, dean of the College of Business, agrees: “Their generous gift will enable the College of Business to increase recruitment of high-achieving students, recruit and retain highly qualified faculty and increase the visibility of the college and university nationally and internationally.”

Two incoming freshmen have been selected for the first awards. Kasey Hall of White Pigeon, and Cole Swiston of Washburn, Wis., each will receive \$20,000 over four years.

“Somebody has seen the potential in me to do great things and is investing in my education,” says Hall. “One more burden has been taken off my mother for the financial stresses of college. I cannot be more excited to show Northern Michigan University my drive, determination and dedication. I am thrilled to be going to NMU and am extremely thankful for this prestigious award.”

Swiston, who will enroll in Northern’s pre-med program, was unable to attend the announcement. He

expressed his gratitude in a thank-you letter: “One major concern of mine has been the question of how I will be able to pay back all of the financial debt accumulated through college and into medical school. So when I got a call from NMU informing me that I was selected as one of the two recipients of the Berry Scholarship, I was overjoyed and relieved!

**“Somebody has seen the potential in me to do great things and is investing in my education.”**

“It means so much to me that someone is looking out for me and helping fund my education. I feel blessed to be given such a generous scholarship, and this has proven even more so that Northern Michigan is the perfect fit for me. Every bit of this award will be put to good use during my four years that are sure to be memorable in college.”

John Berry recalls when he entered NMU as a freshman in 1966. He could have gone to a college near his hometown of Dayton, Ohio, but chose to travel to Marquette because he was familiar with the area and a close friend was playing football for the Wildcats.

Berry was a Spooner Hall resident who became actively involved in student government and the Tau



*Cole Swiston will apply his Berry scholarship to his dream of becoming a doctor. He was drawn to Northern’s “prestigious pre-medical program, beautiful campus, and warm, welcoming atmosphere.”*



*This year's Honors Program students (back row, left to right) Mitchell Stephenson, Ann Smejkal, Erica Smith and Derek Bush and incoming freshman Kasey Hall enjoyed an afternoon on campus with the Berrys.*

Kappa Epsilon fraternity. After graduation, he worked for the family business. His grandfather had pioneered Yellow Pages advertising in telephone directories and his father later sold the company to BellSouth Corp. As president of the Berry Company and an officer of BellSouth, Berry oversaw the Yellow Pages business in its U.S. and worldwide operations. He retired from the Berry Company in 1995. In addition, Berry purchased a small distributor of outdoor products and grew it to become one of the largest in the country. He also founded a company to manufacture fishing line, and was an early investor in cellular communications and computer-based shopping. Currently, he is chairman of the Berry Foundation, which supports a variety of charitable endeavors. He is on the board of the Wetlands America Trust and involved with the Camping Education Foundation. An active tennis

player, he competes at the senior level. John and Shirley now split their time between Dayton and Naples, Fla.

A loyal NMU hockey fan, Berry closely follows the team and has maintained close friendships with head coach Walt Kyle and his brother, assistant coach John Kyle. Berry turkey hunts with them each year and said he appreciates any opportunity to return to the Upper Peninsula.

"It's still nostalgic to come back to Marquette and to Northern. The physical plant on campus has changed since I was here, but the community remains friendly and down to earth."

The Berrys' gift was announced at an April 28 reception in Marquette.

Les Wong adds that their generosity is "a great message for future alums to say, 'There's a student back there just like me, and I'd like to help them out.'" ■



By Vince Grout

The NMU students who directed the "I'm Here Because of You" campaign to highlight alumni giving: Jordan Buzzy, Mia Cinelli and Patrick O'Gara.

# Alumni Lead a New Era of Private Support at NMU

“Why do donors give?” In a study conducted in 2009 by The Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University, they found the answer is that donors have three primary goals:

1. They want to help others meet basic needs.
2. They want to improve their communities.
3. They want to make the world a better place.

The alumni, friends, families, faculty and staff of Northern Michigan University believe deeply in these goals. Through their support of NMU, they demonstrate a powerful and ongoing desire to create opportunity and drive significant change. They also understand that change starts with people. Their generosity is helping students fulfill their dreams and is opening doors for the leaders and innovators of tomorrow.

They also recognize that public

universities of all sizes are looking more and more to private support to sustain and enhance the quality of education and the student experience.

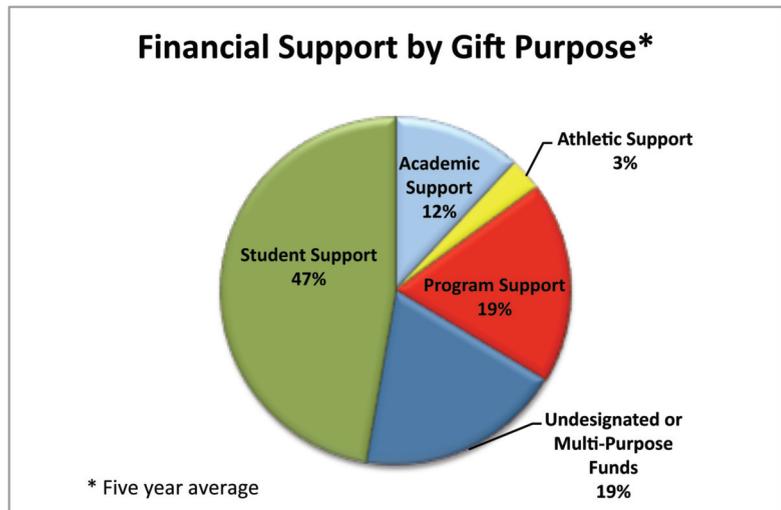
It is certainly no secret that these are tough times. Even as we work our way through a slow recovery as a nation, families are facing rising prices and states are battling crippling budget deficits. Caught in the middle are current and future higher education students. According to an April, 2011 Associated Press-Viacom poll

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conducted in partnership with Stanford University, nearly six out of 10 students rely on loans to help with college costs. The U.S Department of Education pegs recent average student loan debt topping \$23,000.

These numbers are consistent with those we see here at NMU. In some cases, such as with Pell Grants, our students are, on average, even more reliant on financial aid to acquire the education that they will need to secure employment in a highly competitive job market.

In response to these challenges, our NMU family is stepping up to help students meet their basic financial needs and to make sure that high-achieving students have the support that they have worked so hard to earn. This is particularly true in the area of scholarships.



According to the AP-Viacom poll, 60 percent of students rely on scholarships to pay at least part of their college bill. Here at NMU, scholarships represent the largest area of giving. This is exemplified by the \$5 million honors program scholarship endowed by longtime NMU supporters Shirley and **John Berry '71 BS**, featured in this issue, and the \$1 million study abroad scholarship established recently by Bill and **Gloria Jackson '68 BS**.

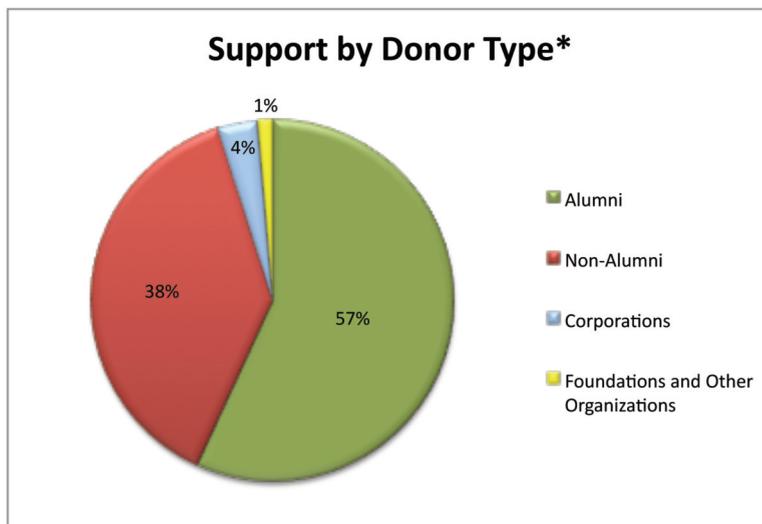
Not surprisingly, our alumni are consistently at the forefront of private giving at Northern. They represent great diversity in interests, passions and visions of a better world and, this diversity, coupled with a

powerful connection to their alma mater, result in gifts from graduates that, year after year, form the bedrock of private philanthropic support for Northern.

In fact, the Berrys, the Jacksons and hundreds of other donors are ushering in a new era of private giving at NMU. The years 2010 and 2011 have seen record levels of private support as our donors continue to align their visions and passions with the goals and mission of the university. They are increasingly helping our students face current and future challenges by recognizing that an outstanding education does not begin and end in the classroom, is not assessed solely by tuition levels and creates immeasurable value beyond campus borders.

It is impossible to know what the future holds. We can be relatively certain that the way forward will be led by those with a desire to help others, to better their communities and to make meaningful changes on local and global levels, just as NMU's supporters have done and continue to do on a larger and larger scale.

So, to all of our current donors and to all those who have supported NMU students over the years and across the decades: thank you. ■





Student Laura Judge on a hike in the mountains around Cusco, Peru

“Looking back, I can say that just about everything that weirded me out at first—everything from food to people to customs—were the things I ended up loving the most in the end. I guess it showed me that just because something is different than what I know does not mean it's wrong.”

—Laura Judge

By Kristi Evans

Supplementing a student's academic experience on campus with a study-abroad program tailored to his or her interests can be a life-changing experience that builds confidence, character, independence and cultural awareness. That's why providing more international experiences is one of the driving forces behind NMU's Road Map to 2015.

Endowed scholarships have been established specifically to promote international study and offset some of the associated costs. Here are two NMU students who benefitted from such awards and recently returned from their overseas adventures:

Laura Judge of Williamston attended a small language school called Centro Tinku in Cusco, Peru. The school also provided homestay and volunteer project placements.

“Having vastly improved my Spanish language skills during my time there, the door to future travel, volunteer, study and maybe even work abroad is wide open,” she says. “Of course, the language skills may also come in handy with opportunities here in the states as well. My

semester abroad gave me much more confidence in my ability to take care of myself and also helped me to be more flexible with my plans, expectations and ideas. This will help me adapt to new situations in the future.

“Peru has incredible geographical and biological diversity with its coastal desert, Andes mountain region and Amazonian jungle. There is also a strong presence of indigenous peoples, languages and customs that give it a rich cultural diversity.”

Judge received two forms of financial support for her semester-long experience: a national Gilman Scholarship worth \$4,000; and a \$1,000 Louise M. Bourgault Memorial International Scholarship, established in honor of the late NMU communications professor and avid proponent of internationalization on campus.

“Receiving support was a



A scholarship founded in memory of Professor Louise Bourgault helped fund Judge's studies in Peru.

# Spanish Lessons

key factor in making this possible for me and I cannot express how grateful I am,” says Judge. “The fact there are people who believe so strongly in the idea of experiences abroad that they voluntarily assist others through scholarships speaks to the profoundness of the experience and the potential for positive change in a student’s life. I have been deeply impacted by Peru. The experience was thousands of times more valuable than the price tag of the trip. I’d say that’s a pretty good return on investment.”

Nicole Wright of Negaunee made her first trip outside of the United States to attend the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona in Spain.

“Spain has very high standards for students,” she says. “My academic experience was stressful and hectic, but overall really rewarding because of the amazing school and interesting classes. I’ve developed a great interest in art history and architecture. I never would have taken classes like that at NMU. And culturally, many people think of Flamenco dancing and bullfighting, but there are so many regions that are so different from each other. It was interesting to learn about all of these different cultures that comprise the whole of Spain.”

Wright was awarded a \$1,000 Jackson Scholars Study-Abroad Scholarship, endowed by Bill and **Gloria Jackson '68 BS** to provide opportunities for students from the Upper Peninsula to study abroad.

“I can never express how grateful I am for their support; it lifted a huge weight off of my shoulders,” says Wright. “A study-abroad can be costly, not only for the program



*The Gloria and William Jackson Scholarship gives students from the Upper Peninsula the chance to study business or other specialties in a foreign land.*

*“The professors also rarely assigned homework or readings, saying that we’re adults and should not be ‘spoon fed’ material...so you had to go out on your own and learn more. However, I learned and retained information much better than I have at home. It was a really amazing school with really interesting classes.”*  
—Nicole Wright



*Nicole Wright experiencing the depths of Spain, on her first trip outside of the U.S.*

fees, but the airfare and day-to-day costs like food and metro passes. I was very worried about paying for all of these expenses and not being able to work for four months. It all adds up very quickly and their scholarship helped tremendously.”

Because a majority of NMU students qualify for need-based financial aid, and many may not have the personal or family resources to absorb the travel and living costs associated with international academic and service opportunities. The ultimate value of such gifts cannot be overestimated. ■



Photography: Jordan Buzzy and Patrick O'Gara  
Art Director: Mia Cinelli '11 BFA  
Student Art Gallery Director: Dylan Weiler

This winter, 270 students had their pictures taken around campus, to raise awareness of how private giving enhances their experience at NMU. The photos and their comments were assembled into THE COUCH SHOW exhibit, a collaboration between the NMU Foundation, the Student Art Gallery, Student Promotional Services and the Student Photographic Society. Look for the couch at Summer Reunion to share your experience!

# THE COUCH SHOW

## YOUR NMU EXPERIENCE.



^Name, Major: April Samsy, Electronic Imaging  
My favorite NMU experience was:  
Performing in the NMU Idol competition. Through that opportunity, I was able to meet new people and realize how many talented students we have here on campus. The experience was fun and exciting. Something I'll never forget.  
I am here because:  
I'd like to pursue a career in photography



^Name, Major: Nicole Peck, Spanish  
My favorite NMU experience was:  
Volunteering for the International Programs Office when the Central American students were here.  
I am here because:  
Marquette is beautiful!





<Name, Major: Marisa Torola, Undecided  
 My favorite NMU experience was:  
 My roommates and I did the Ouija board at  
 night outside under the stars and completely  
 freaked ourselves out!  
 I am here because: I believe a college education  
 is important.



<Name, Major: Christopher Moore,  
 Art and Design  
 My favorite NMU experience was:  
 Getting the chance to "teach" through  
 demonstrations in printmaking that my  
 professor/mentor John Hubbard allowed me to  
 give.  
 I am here because: of federal financial aid, my  
 stubbornness, and my fear of failing my friends  
 and family.



<Name, Major: Bryt Stearns,  
 Cosmetology  
 My favorite NMU experience was:  
 Just being crazy and hanging out  
 with my friends.  
 I am here because:  
 This seemed like the place for me.





Katarzyna B. Lech

*Ryan Mingay and Bridget Deutsch are training for their futures at NMU's course (and find time to fit in a little golf, too)*

## NMU's New Learning Laboratory

By Rebecca Tavernini '11 MA

When Joe and Patsie Gibbs donated their 18-hole golf course to NMU in 2009 they wanted “to do something good in return for the community” of Marquette, where they had greatly enjoyed living. Two years later, the course is not only enjoyed by hundreds of community members, but also serves as an outdoor classroom for dozens of NMU students and a funding generator for NMU scholarships.

“I see the course as ‘south campus,’ a real-life laboratory with a lot of practical learning,” says **Glen Rochester '04 BS**, NMU golf course manager. More than 20 students are employed at the course. Partnerships with academic departments also provide learning opportunities. For instance, biology students have been conducting water quality research and communications students have worked on developing a marketing plan and advertising. The NMU cross country team has also hosted two U.P. Championship races on the links.

Student manager of the course, **Bridget Deutsch '07 BS**, has been a certified athletic trainer for three years and is working on a master's degree at Northern in education administration and supervision. She's shooting for a career as an athletic director. “I really enjoy the administrative side of athletics,” she says. Her work at the course is pro-

viding plenty of that. “I am in charge of monitoring inventory, ordering stock, hiring new employees, training new employees, managing the leagues, setting up the schedule, submitting payroll, and making sure things are running smoothly at the pro shop. I am also a golf shop attendant running the day-to-day operations.” This is on top of instructing athletic training labs and lectures for the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Department as a graduate assistant—and being a student.

It all ties together, though, she says. “I often find myself attempting to apply the organizational management theories I have learned in class, like motivating employees through a shared vision and a mutual sense of purpose. But I have learned that real life experiences are much different than textbook theories. It is important to adapt to new situations and different groups of people. The training gained from these experiences completely enhances any formal education.”

Ryan Mingay, a senior public relations and communications double major who after graduation hopes to use these skills working for a private golf course, is also upping his game through his work at the course. He helps train employees, oversees a crew of six students, sets schedules and ensures the grounds are up to par. “It's an

incredible experience,” he says. “What this has done for me personally is humbling. The NMU professionals here are very helpful and knowledgeable and it’s an unbelievable place to learn. With what I’m going to take with me to the real world, I expect to be in competition for any golf course job I’d apply for.”

“Ryan has also been instrumental in upgrading our irrigation system and working to make it run more efficiently and reliably,” adds Rochester. “Conserving water and electricity has been a key goal here.” The team has also been working diligently on other sustainability initiatives, using soy-based products for coolant, cleaners, soaps, sanitizers and oils and testing soy-biobased pesticides. “If it works well for us here, then it is probably something the rest of the campus should consider in its effort to become more sustainable.”

Mingay says that he likes talking with members about what they’re doing with the upgrades to the course

and what they’d like to see them do next—putting some of those PR skills to work.

“The course was a fantastic gift to the school, and I truly believe everyone at Northern knows that. I can see it in how much they care about the course,” observes Mingay. “The support from the community is unbelievable, too. A lot of golfers here have connections to Northern and the affiliation of NMU having a golf course is something they’re really proud of.”

Net profits from the course are awarded as NMU student scholarships. In the first two years of operation, that’s amounted to more than \$22,000. The inaugural Blueberry Classic golf outing at the course on July 29 is also intended to raise funds for scholarships.

Through financial assistance and practical experience, the course has proven to be a valuable, and fun, learning environment at NMU. ■

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**Tee off for scholarships!**



# Blueberry Classic 2011

Northern Michigan University

Noon, Friday, July 29

NMU Golf Course

4-person scramble. 18 holes of outrageous fun for those who enjoy golf and those who just like to goof around. No clubs? No problem. Rent or share.

Register by July 15  
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Questions? Email [bclassic@nmu.edu](mailto:bclassic@nmu.edu)



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# Start spreading the news



By Cindy Paavola '84 BS

If Frank Sinatra had met recent NMU graduate **Jennifer Skogman '11 BS**, he might have sung, “Start spreading the news, she’s leaving today. She wants to be a part of it, New York, New York. . . . Her little town blues, they are melting away. She’s gonna make a brand new start of it, in old New York.”

Actually, she’s not leaving today. She’s leaving right after her wedding she’s now in the midst of planning. But make no mistake, she’s got a well-defined plan for where she wants to go and how she’s going to get there. “It sounds crazy to some, but I’m jumping in feet first in New York City and we’ll see how I do.”

Skogman, a media production major and performance theater minor from Escanaba, eventually wants to become a lead TV news anchor. She knows the broadcast industry is incredibly competitive and that a recent college graduate doesn’t just walk into an anchor position.

“At first I’m going to focus on my stage career and try to continue to model, as those are jobs where it’s actually an advantage to be young, but I’ll be watching for broadcasting opportunities. I’ll do whatever I have to do to get my foot in the door and then I’ll work my way up.”

A lot of Skogman’s confidence in her future career came from her experience working at NMU’s public radio and television stations, she says. “It’s been such an incredible opportunity. I feel like I’ve actually worked at a highly equipped televi-

sion station because, even though I was a student, I actually have worked at a station that is as cutting edge as any in the world.”

Prior to being hired at WNMU, Skogman had worked on both sides of the camera for Public Eye News,

the student-run daily newscast, and she had a show on WUPX, NMU’s student radio station. At WNMU, she has run the camera, done instant replay for the Olympic Trials and World Cup speedskating events, worked with high-definition television equipment, developed TV graphics and assisted with the stations’ fundraising efforts.

“I came to Northern originally because I didn’t have a lot of money and NMU was very affordable. I knew it was a good school with good broadcasting and theater departments. I also chose NMU because I was the first kid in our family to go to college, so my dad was kind of nervous about me moving too far away,” says Skogman. “What I didn’t realize at the time was everything I would end up doing once I got here. The opportunities for students interested in media careers are amazing. I’m not unrealistic about the challenge in New York. I don’t expect it to be easy, but I’m ready to test myself.”

She agrees with Sinatra: “If I can make it there, you know I’m going to make it just about anywhere.” ■

## Public Broadcasting’s future

The recent national debate about whether the U.S. government should fund public broadcasting was one that had wide financial implications for NMU’s public radio and television stations.

“The good news is that public broadcasting was funded through 2013. Beyond that, we don’t know what will happen,” says **Eric Smith '95 MA**, director of broadcast services.

NMU’s public radio and television stations have been on campus since 1963. Today, WNMU radio and TV receive about 38 percent in federal funding, 35 percent from the university, 23 percent from individual donors and underwriters, and the rest from other sources.

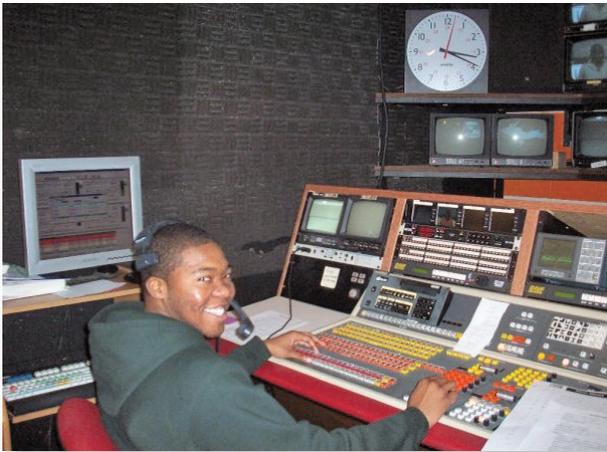
“For many individuals who support the stations, these gifts say they appreciate the quality programming and realize the need,” says Smith.

Along with the national public broadcasting programs, WNMU provides local programming, serves as the primary emergency management services facility for the central Upper Peninsula and, most importantly, provides high-quality learning media labs for students that “are a training ground that’s on par with some of the best stations in the country.”

“I like to say we’re helping to teach and develop the next generation of responsible journalists—the ones who are going to walk out the door with their degrees, walk into the media field and get it right.”

# Nice Guys Don't Always Finish Last

By Cindy Paavola '84 BS



**C**ory Cameron '10 BS is a nice guy.

Maybe he was destined to be a nice guy, but while participating in the Ron Burton Training Village program as an 11-year-old, Cameron decided to be as nice of a person as he could be, which is a decision that still impacts his life.

The Ron Burton Training Village, named after college all-star and 1960s pro football player Ron Burton, works with inner city youth. A part of the program is a summer camp in Massachusetts, where participants work on strategies for building character and successful futures.

Cameron says, "I wanted to start putting others before myself, to be a more considerate and kinder person. That was one thing Mr. Burton stressed. He said, 'People like nice people.' I took that to heart. I really wanted to be a nicer person."

At the camp is also where Cameron heard about NMU's scholarship awarded to a Burton program graduate and decided to apply.

"Part of the application process was giving a speech in front of a crowd at Gillette Stadium, where the New England Patriots play. I was nervous. But when I was done, I felt like I had nailed it," says Cameron.

Chosen as the award's initial recipient, Cameron enrolled at NMU as an art and design major, but would later become a media production major and art minor.

"It was a full-ride scholarship, so it helped pay for everything —tuition, books," says Cameron. "Looking back, the biggest thing about my NMU experience was the self discovery, which is what the college experience is really all about. I learned what I liked and what I didn't like. That self realization gave me a better grasp of who I am."

Cameron worked with Public Eye News, NMU's student-produced daily television newscast; did some

technical directing at WNMU; was a resident adviser for Outback House in Meyland Hall; played intramural sports; and joined the Ultimate Frisbee club.

Today, he is a soundboard operator for Cox Media Group radio stations in his hometown of Dayton, Ohio. "It's a stepping stone. Ultimately, I want to move over into the television side and get back behind the camera like I was when I was at Northern. But I'm concentrating on learning everything I can about radio broadcasting. One of my Northern professors was fond of saying that if you learn just one thing, that's all you're good for. I know if I learn multiple things, I can be diverse in this very competitive field."

Cameron has had contact with the NMU alumni who created the Ron Burton Scholarship over the years and played in a few of the golf outings held to raise funds for the scholarship. "They've had a big impact on my life. They provided me with this scholarship and I'd just like to thank them for that. One day, I'll give back as well because this opportunity was given to me."

## The Scholarship Effort

**Leonard St. Jean '64 BS** was one of the first Wildcats to play football professionally, enjoying a 10-year career with the Boston/New England Patriots. He is also part of a Boston-area trio of NMU alumni who developed NMU's Ron Burton Training Village Scholarship, the others being **Pat Lentell '72 BS** and **Bill Brodeur '60 BS**.

St. Jean played one season with Burton before Burton's career-ending injury. "Over the years, I got to know Ron well. Pat knew Ron through his many years of helping develop financing for the Burton program. One day Pat said to me, 'Wouldn't it be great to help send one of the Burton program kids to NMU?' That's how the whole thing got started."

Lentell, who is a financial adviser in the Cape Cod area, says that a handful of other colleges and universities were giving scholarships to Ron Burton program graduates and that provided the seed for the idea.

"The students who come out of the camp are very motivated people," he says. "We know they'll be motivated to take advantage of all that a university such as NMU has to offer."

St. Jean adds, "I have nothing but the highest regard for Northern. This is a way to show my appreciation. The scholarship offers a chance to help a kid who, without it, might not be able to go to college."

This summer's Ron Burton Training Village Scholarship golf outing will be held July 11. For more details or to register to participate, contact St. Jean at 781-344-1434. ■



# Pumping up the pulse

By Kristi Evans

**W**UPX-FM, known on campus as Radio X, recently celebrated its 40th anniversary and is upgrading for the future. The student station is on the verge of moving its antenna to a new location, building a digital transmitter and increasing its power from 360 to 1700 watts.

“I think the transmitter project is going to be the foundation for changes that could be made over the next year,” says Johnathon Naracon, WUPX student general manager. “There are a lot of new people on the executive staff who have ideas of where they want the station to go. We’re going to collaborate to make it the best it can be.”

There is more at stake now that the station’s signal will saturate most of Marquette County and expand the prospective audience. **Kevin Boyle ’81 BS** recalls when there were hardly any listeners beyond the disc jockeys spinning vinyl and reading news copy ripped from the Associated Press wire.

“The station wasn’t actually on the air,” says Boyle, who parlayed his student experience into a job at the former Stereo 100 in Marquette before pursuing a degree in law. “It was a cable-only station and didn’t reach many people. But we all tried to act as if we were really on the air. Everyone held out the hope that someday it would be.”

The former WBKX became an over-the-air station at 91.5 on the FM dial in September 1993 and was required by the FCC to change its call letters. The significant strides made from the station’s humble beginning are largely credited to alumni and corporate generosity.

One example is Boyle, who is a partner at Latham & Watkins in Washington, D.C. His practice areas include communications, information technology and

Internet/digital media.

“Kevin helped us acquire the license for the station in the first place and has donated his time and expertise to the station for many years,” says Charles Ganzert, WUPX faculty adviser. “He helped us renew the license a couple times and obtain the permits required for upgrading the power, moving the tower and getting the new transmitter. Other people I talk to in college radio can’t believe we have a guy in our corner with that much knowledge and commitment. I don’t think the station would be where it is without Kevin.”



Kevin Boyle

We Energies, which operates the Presque Isle Power Plant, has provided rent-free space on its southernmost stack for the WUPX antenna since 1994.

“They’ve been great, working with our engineers and letting our people climb the stack for the installation and repairs,” Ganzert says. “One of the collateral benefits of being located at a giant, electrical-generating power plant is that we haven’t had to pay for electricity. We’re like a flea on the back of an elephant. The new space (at the top of a hill at Morgan Meadows southwest of town) will be taller and offer better reach for the station, but the decision to move is no reflection on We Energies. We’re grateful for all they’ve done.”

WUPX continues to program an eclectic mix of music to match the diverse tastes of listeners. With a new automation system, it’s able to do that 24/7—even during winter and summer breaks. The station’s tagline is “The Pulse of the U.P.” and the summer upgrades will help that pulse to radiate out even farther from campus. ■

# Heavy Duty

by Kristi Evans

The NMU Baja Racing Club is composed primarily of engineering technology students who design, fabricate and race a prototype mini-Baja vehicle in intercollegiate competitions sanctioned by the Society of Automotive Engineers. All teams are required to use a standard engine: a 10-horsepower Briggs and Stratton. But it's how they develop the surrounding components, particularly the drivetrain and suspension, that makes the difference on the track and in the final standings.

"It's all about putting together a durable, reliable vehicle that can withstand a lot of treacherous terrain," says Matthew Barbercheck, club president. "The dirt track may have rocks and logs on it that are designed to destroy your vehicle. Baja is an endurance competition. You run as many laps as you can in four hours and the team with the most laps at the end of that time wins. There are also static events like acceleration, maneuverability and hill climb."



The NMU club will compete in Illinois this summer. Previous national races have taken them to Montreal, Oregon, Washington and to a winter event in Lake Linden.

"It's serious competition, but it's also friendly to the point teams will help each other out with repairs and there's a sportsmanship award," says Bob Marlor, the club's faculty adviser. "The competition isn't just racing. The teams need to submit complete design and cost reports in advance, similar to the product development process they would see at a firm. They also give presentations at the events on the marketability and manufacturability of the products. To build one of these cars costs about \$8,000 and there are travel expenses beyond that. It takes a pretty big team effort to pull it off."

Two companies run by alumni are major supporters of the team. TEAMTECH Motorsports in

Saginaw supplies the club with safety harnesses, neck supports, arm restraints, shirts and logos. Marlor said the company's owner, **Curt Tucker '82 AT, '08 BS**, also puts NMU students in contact with professional racers and lends plenty of "moral support." Argonics Inc. in Gwinn, headed by President **Bob Flood '75 BS**, contributes funding to the club each year. Without that, Marlor adds, "we might have a team, but we wouldn't be doing much."

Barbercheck echoes that sentiment: "Baja is a learning experience, so you're going to make mistakes and, unfortunately, mistakes cost money. With a cushion behind you, it's easier to try new ideas and push your limits. Having support is essential to be able to learn what does and doesn't work. The Baja Club provides a real-world learning opportunity in a creative and fun way. It challenges students' potential." ■



## 'The fuel behind my dreaming'

That's how Diamond Allen, a Grand Rapids native who hopes to attend law school and become an entertainment lawyer, describes the Steelcase Inc. Urban Scholarship she received. "Because of this scholarship I have had time to build relationships and explore different clubs and groups on campus. I have also been able to take risks in education, and although I didn't enjoy them all, and some were more challenging than others, I found talents I didn't know I possessed," says the theater major, who is the first recipient of the scholarship.

Brian Cloyd, vice president and chief diversity officer of Steelcase and chair of the NMU Board of Trustees, says the company endowed the award because, "Students are our future employees. It's important for us as a global organization to be able to attract the types of students who reflect who we are around the world."



By Cindy Paavola '84 BS

Ann Sherman (left) and Andrea Wash at the industrial and organizational psychology convention in Chicago

## Sharing a passion for psychology

In Andrea Wash's budget there is just enough to squeeze out the funding for a little girl's tea party-themed celebration for her daughter and a trucks-in-the-sandbox party for her son, who both have upcoming birthdays.

Wash is a busy mom of three kids under the age of six, a wife and a junior psychology major at NMU. She hopes to be a future Ph.D. student, although there isn't often a lot of time or money left over for professional development and graduate school exploration. That is why receiving a travel grant from the NMU Psychology Department to attend last month's national Society for Industrial & Organizational Psychology, Inc. (SIOP) Conference in Chicago was such an exciting opportunity for Wash. Additionally, she took the opportunity to check out several Chicagoland area universities' graduate and doctoral programs.

"The SIOP conference was huge and, at first, a little overwhelming,

but it was fantastic," says Wash. "Before I signed up to go I was thinking, 'Do I know enough to go to a conference full of professionals?' But I'm so glad I did. I learned so much."

The department received the funding for the grant through a gift made by Ann Sherman, NMU director of Human Resources, during NMU's annual fall faculty and staff fundraising campaign. Sherman, who herself has a psychology background, asked that her gift be used to introduce students in some way to industrial and organizational psychology (I & O), something Wash has recently become passionate about.

"I learned about I & O when it was briefly discussed in one of Dr. (Charles) Leith's courses. It was like I was hit with a lightning bolt. I just immediately knew that this was something I really wanted to know more about," says Wash. "I'm especially interested in how companies and organizations help people with

mental and physical disabilities. The more I know about it, the more excited I become."

Sherman, who also attended the conference, says, "At Northern there isn't a major or minor that focuses on I & O psychology, although there is one related undergraduate and a few graduate courses in NMU's training and development master's program. It's an area I'm so passionate about that I thought it would be great for students to be exposed to this part of the psychology field."

Wash says, "Northern's program is general and exploratory. When I first heard about the majors and concentrations in I & O, I was jealous, but since I've been doing research on the field and after attending the conference, I've come to believe that it's important to have the broad foundation we get at NMU at the undergraduate level because all of the areas of psychology are interconnected and you need a solid understanding of all of them before you start to specialize."

While at the conference, Wash and Sherman met for dinner one evening.

**"I'm especially interested in how companies and organizations help people with mental and physical disabilities."**

"Ann is great. She was very helpful and open, and she's so excited about her work. I think she's such a wonderful resource for me, someone I can feel comfortable going to with questions. She's going to allow me to do job shadowing with her this summer, which I know will be invaluable."

Wash is impressed that Sherman made the type of gift she did back to the university. "She doesn't just talk about helping students, she decided to be the one to give me this opportunity, and I'm very grateful." ■

There's an amazing world out there, but getting out to see it can be pricey. That's where the Student Travel Fund comes in, providing \$150-\$200 for a student to travel for research, to attend or give presentations at conferences or take part in other professional development activities. This year, 423 students received travel funds, contributed through the NMU Foundation Parents and Family Fund, the NMU Bookstore and private contributions.

One group of 25 clinical laboratory sciences students visited the world-renowned Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., this spring. The clinic is an affiliate for NMU's diagnostic genetics concentration, an interdisciplinary major involving the biology, chemistry, and clinical science departments. "Students gained an appreciation for the depth and breadth of clinical testing by touring specialty labs such as cytogenetics, molecular genetics and immunology," explains Paula Genovese, clinical sciences instructor. "Faculty at Mayo Clinic also provided information regarding the training programs available as well as future employment opportunities." NMU student **Anna Prahl '09 AAS**, who is in her molecular biology clinical practicum at Mayo, gave a presentation to the group about her experiences as a student working there.

"They saw the automation involved and the technology used in these high-tech labs," says Genovese. "Because of the cost of these instruments, we can't house them on campus, but they got to see them in use at Mayo."

"I was blown away by how Mayo has multiple hospitals, thousands of employees, and a myriad of research and diagnostic laboratories," says student Kate Abrahamsson, president of the CLS Club (pictured



By Rebecca Tavernini '11 MA

above). "We were lucky to step foot into the workplace of some of the smartest individuals in the medical field."

Classmate Chelsea Nardi echoes the sentiment: "I found the whole place to be amazing. They have more people working in one specialty laboratory than what most hospitals in the U.P. have working in all of their labs."

She adds, "What I saw and learned there influences me to do bigger and better things in my life. Going on to a master's or Ph.D. program would be ideal."

Kate says the trip has motivated her to continue her education in a research setting. "Mayo stressed that their employees were learning about the latest advancements in research. I hope that there will never be a day where I stop learning."

Genovese says that the trip would not have been possible without support from the Student Travel Fund.

"They just wouldn't get these opportunities without this," adds Associate Provost Bill Bernard, who reviews the grant applications. He cites the great networking opportunities with prospective employers, academic enhancements, chance to compete with other students and the overall wonderful experiences students have on such expeditions. Some other trips this year have been to conferences on outdoor leadership, environmental issues and public relations.

"Students really benefit from traveling to conferences and developing references for their resumé," explains NMU Foundation annual giving director Carol Carr. "These experiences help set them apart from the crowd, and it pushes them a little further." ■

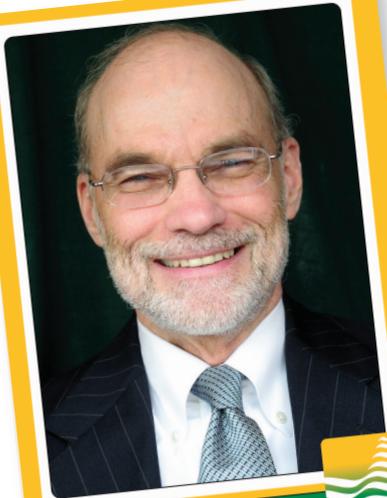


# Alumni in touch

## This year's superstars...

First presented in 1964, the NMU Alumni Association Awards celebrate excellence: Northern alumni who have distinguished themselves through achievements, both personal and professional, which not only set them apart in their field and social circles, but define them as true leaders.

Here are five NMU alumni making a difference around the globe. Help us celebrate their success during Homecoming 2011. These alumni will be honored October 1 at the annual Homecoming scholarship and awards brunch.



**BRIAN MAJEWSKI '76**

**Distinguished Alumni Award**

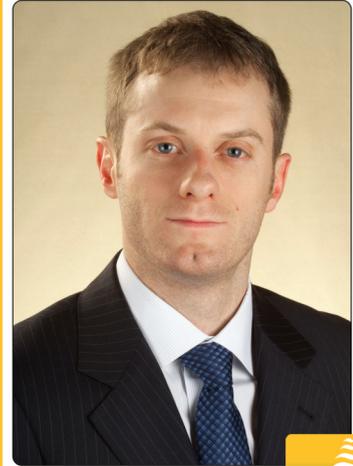
*"What I convey to younger officers I mentor is that above all else I credit my success to my undergraduate years where I learned to think critically and to express myself logically, both verbally and in writing. Thank you, NMU!"*

As executive director for the Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Brian is directly responsible for the delivery of all management service, guidance, planning, budget, human resources, information technology and

regional support for 28 embassies and 22 consulates from Canada to Argentina. The January 2010 devastating earthquake in Haiti is an excellent example of the full scope of his leadership and management skills. Brian juggled three major operations at once: staffing the State Department's round-the-clock Haiti task force for several weeks, supporting the U.S.'s highly stressed embassy in Port-au-Prince, and setting up a logistics hub in Santo Domingo.

*"My experiences at NMU paved the way for my success. I was a member of the NMU cheerleading team, a coach and a graduate assistant. I learned so much through those experiences, from teamwork to problem solving to leadership."*

There have been a lot of "firsts" in Stacy Welling's career: the first female to serve as the Department of Natural Resources U.P. regional director, conductor of the first log truck safety survey involving drivers and organizer of the first Mackinac Bridge run. In all these instances, Stacy worked hard at breaking down barriers and taking things to the next level.



**KYLE ORTIZ '04**

**Outstanding Young Alumni Award**

*"Before arriving at Northern I didn't take education seriously, but after being inspired by a number of exceptional teachers and fellow students, both in and out of the classroom, I left NMU seeing education as the greatest asset one can possess."*

An attorney with Weil Gotshal & Manages LLP in New York City, Kyle Ortiz was offered a one-year leave to do public service work. He jumped at the chance. While living in Cambodia, Kyle discovered a dramatically high rate of tuberculosis. He took the initiative and now there are three TB centers open in Cambodia with 12 more planned by the end of this year.



**STACY WELLING '00, '02**

**Outstanding Young Alumni Award**

*"NMU and its people are just so welcoming. They have always made me feel so very much a part of the family."*

A tireless advocate for Northern Michigan University, Garn's service to her alma mater goes well beyond her role as a member of the NMU Board of Trustees. A past-president of the NMU Alumni Association, she has hosted a variety of NMU events, both alumni-related and legislative. She was one of the first to participate in Wildcat Make A Difference Day by spearheading a food pantry drive in Midland and Saginaw. Her contributions extend to the next generation of Wildcats with the establishment of the Lewis Endowed Scholarship.



**L. GARNET LEWIS '86**

**Alumni Service Award**



**BEVERLY SOLOMON '74**

**Alumni Achievement Award**



*"I had an excellent education at Northern and would not have gone as far as I have in the field without the skills I acquired from the social work program at NMU."*

Beverly Solomon is an accomplished social worker with more than 35 years in the field of children's residential treatment. Her experiences in the hospital environment and school setting have her interfacing with some of the most difficult human conditions that can arise in life. Her work with these individuals enables them to reach their optimum level of functioning and contribute to society in a positive manner.

## Socialize!

Links at [www.nmu.edu/alumni](http://www.nmu.edu/alumni)



### FACEBOOK

Connect to keep in touch with classmates and to find other friends. Join the NMU Alumni page, the NMU fanpage, or even follow Norman the Northern gnome or Wildcat Willy.



### TWITTER

Keep up with what's up on campus and the latest sports scores—a glance—by following @NMU AA.



### LINKEDIN

Sign in and search for the NMU Alumni group and ask to join, for events and professional networking.



### NORTHERN NETWORK

NMU's exclusive networking site, just for our alums. Find it from our alumni home page.



**Hey Batter! NMU Night at Comerica Park.**  
Friday, July 29. Order tickets on the Alumni website.



# License plates = scholarships

Alumni support of the Wildcat license plate continues to generate scholarship dollars. This is just one more way NMU alumni can support student success. More than 1,500 plates are driving around the state of Michigan.

With a portion of that revenue, the NMU Alumni Association continues to award the Alumni Legacy Scholarship. This scholarship is available exclusively to children (or grandchildren) of NMU alumni who reside in the state of Michigan and are members of the NMU Alumni Association.

Brennan Van Effen and Kathryn Peck were awarded scholarships for the 2010-2011 academic year.

Brennan is a College of Business student who credits his mother for his dedication to his studies.

"I take pride in being named to the dean's list every



semester despite the demands on me as a football player and student. I have been able to witness a successful alumna out of the business program firsthand, my mother. Her professors taught her so well that she passed her C.P.A. exam on the very first try.

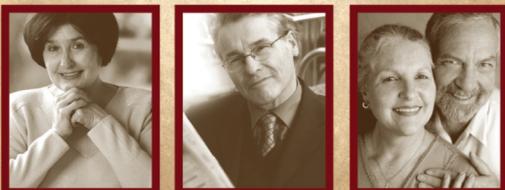
Kathryn Peck said her parents' love affair with Northern played a big role in her decision to enroll.

"Growing up, I had heard many stories about Northern. My mother and father both attended NMU and met while they were here. My sister also attended. Northern was just the right choice for me. It was the 'natural' decision with my family history."

*Your purchase of the NMU Wildcat license plate directly impacts student scholarship. For details on the license plate program, visit the NMU Alumni Association website.*

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# 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](mailto:horizons@nmu.edu); or send via the Web at [www.nmu.edu/horizons](http://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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## '60s



**Jane Piirto '63 BA** (at far left) was awarded the Distinguished Scholar Award from the National

Association for Gifted Children. She has authored many books, among them is the award-winning *A Location in the Upper Peninsula*. Jane is a Trustees' Distinguished Professor at Ashland University in Ashland, Ohio.

**Bob Cook '67 BS** is retired after serving 38 years as a priest. His wife, Sandy, has also retired after 42 years in the adoption and foster care field. He writes, "Sandy and I have had a truly shared ministry and to work with her on adoption and foster care issues has brought significant meaning to my life."



**Ron Matonich '67 BS** is retired from the Dickinson-Iron District Health Department after more than 41 years as the environmental health director. He is now a private consultant and owner of RM Environmental Services.

**Kenneth Longfield '69 BA** is retired after serving over 37 years as a pastor. He continues to serve as a volunteer chaplain with Hospice the Bridge in Lewiston, Pa., a position he has held for the last 27 years. He and his wife, **Betty '69 BS**, live in Reedsville, Pa. [klongfield@embarqmail.com](mailto:klongfield@embarqmail.com)

**Dan Colasacco '69 BS** of New Berlin, Wis., retired after 33 years as advertising director with A.O. Smith Corp. As a student at NMU, he learned to appreciate fine art and recently started painting. He has also designed his own online gallery (<http://colasaccocreativeservices.weebly.com/index.html>). Dan says, "Thank you NMU, Richard 'Mike' Gorski and Owen Shapiro for introducing me to my true passion."



Gichigami Moon by Dan Colasacco

## '70s

**Delmar Mineard, Jr. '70 BS** of Dublin, Ohio, is retired from Boehringer Ingelheim Roxane, Inc., a pharmaceutical manufacturer. He was manager of package engineering for 12 years. After working a total of 41 years, he and his wife, Lural, will fill their retirement with travel to Alaska and Canada and visits to their children in Indianapolis, Ind. and Franklin, Wis.

**Frances Talsma '71 BS** is retired after 25 years as a social work counselor, specializing in working with adolescents and their parents. She is now a part-time volunteer coordinator with Evergreen Commons. [franciet@triton.net](mailto:franciet@triton.net)



**Joseph Helms '72 BS** is retired after 37 years in education and librarianship, with the last 28 years as reference librarian at Vincennes University in Vincennes, Ind.

**Richard Stewart '72 MAE** was recently reelected to the city council of the City of Moreno Valley, Calif. This is his sixth 4-year term and he is serving as the mayor. Richard is also an attorney with Geller & Stewart, LLP in Riverside, Calif. [richstew27@gmail.com](mailto:richstew27@gmail.com)

**Dianne Malcomb '74 BS** is an instructor with the Consolidated School of Business in York, Pa. [dlmalcomb@aol.com](mailto:dlmalcomb@aol.com)

**David Wirtanen '75 BS** is a loss control specialist with Allied Insurance Company in Phoenix, Ariz. [wykon71@yahoo.com](mailto:wykon71@yahoo.com)



**Larry Inman '76 BS** was reappointed to serve as chair of the State of Michigan Community Corrections Board. He is a member of the Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners and Northwestern Regional Airport Commission. Larry previously served on the NMU Board of Trustees.



**Steven Mastricola '76 BS** retired last summer from Rockford Public Schools and got

married in Hawaii in the fall. Steve and Pam make their home in Lake Geneva, Wis.  
smastricola@yahoo.com

**James Engel '78 BS** is retired from the Wakefield-Marenisco School District. He taught physical education and art and coached football and basketball. James continues to coach varsity track and field. James and his wife, **Denise (Beckman) '79 BSN**, live in Wakefield.  
engelj@wmschools.org

 **Paul Schumacher '78 BS** recently moved back to Marquette and is owner of The Original Wall Doctor, which was first opened in 1976 as The Wall Doctor. After closing the store in 1981 to seek other career opportunities, he eventually ended up in Detroit, where he was born and raised. Paul says, "After 22 years of trying to escape Detroit, I finally succeeded and have returned to the place I really feel at home: Marquette."  
pmsdoctor@hotmail.com

## '80s

**Jay Lauscher '80 BS** is the athletic/activities director at Hononegah High School in Rockton, Ill.

**Brian Butler '87 BS** was promoted to the Senior Executive Service and named executive director of the U.S. Army TACOM Life Cycle Management Command.

**Pat Schutte '87 BS** and his company, High Profile Public Relations, LLC (HPPR), were selected to handle public relations for The Traxxas TORC (The Off Road Championship) Series, which has a stop in Bark River. HPPR specializes in media relations for the off-road, powersports and action sports communities.

## '90s

 **Cheryl LaJoye '92 AB, '00 BS, '08 MPA** was promoted to supervisor of facilities maintenance at Northern Michigan University.



*These three former NMU swim team athletes recently competed at the Michigan Masters State Meet in Kentwood. Left to right, Lindsey Vermillion '05 BS swam for NMU '01-'04, Janette Heaton '92 BS swam '87-'91 and Sue (Berger) Mann '83 BS, swam '78-'82.*

She has been employed at NMU since 1988. clajoye@nmu.edu

**Jennifer Nelson '99 BS** was promoted to chief administrative officer and general counsel of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

## '00s



**Todd Hartwig '00 BS, '03 MS** is owner of Marcum Chiropractic Clinic in Portland, Ore. He specializes in treating people injured in motor vehicle accidents.  
toddhartwig@hotmail.com

**Adam Herrera '05 BFA** is a reporter/photographer with the *Douglas Budget* in Douglas, Wyo. He specializes in photography and has been taking photos since he was a clover bud in 4-H. He was also involved in two cultural documentaries in India and Chile.

**Dallas Seavey '06** placed fourth in the Iditarod. He is a third-generation musher who grew up helping his dad, Mitch, the 2004 Iditarod champion, train his racing team. In 2005, Dallas became the youngest musher in history to run the Iditarod. His wife, Jen, is also an Iditarod veteran. Dallas is a former U.S. Olympic Education Center athlete.

**Regina Van Henkelum '07 BS** is marketing manager with Ripken Baseball's Port Charlotte Stone Crabs, Single A affiliates of the Tampa Bay Rays.  
rvanhenk@gmail.com

 **Sarah Paris '08 AAS, '10 BS** is a project specialist with Johnson Controls. After her internship with the company ended recently, they decided to hire her full-time.

**Brandon Erkkila '08 BS** is the professional education coordinator for the Alzheimer's Association of Greater Wisconsin.

**Jamie Martin '08 BS** and **Malina (Hoehn) Martin '10 BS** were recently married in Marquette. Jamie is a project engineer for Graycor Industrial, and Malina is a special events coordinator for a women's shelter for victims of domestic violence in Chicago.

**Michael Rotter '08 BS** is a fire effects monitor with the National Park Service wildland fire management program in the Southeast. Last fall, he was stationed to work on the Gulf oil spill as a resource adviser, surveying rare birds and advising on cleanup methods in areas sensitive to wintering birds—for which he was grateful to an NMU ornithology class taught by Alec Lindsay.

**Kyle Wiering '09 BA** is a billing/software developer with NCsoft. Kyle, his wife, Amanda, and their two children live in Austin, Texas. kawiering@yahoo.com

 **Jaclyn Calamaro '09 BS** is a marketing consultant with Catamount Radio in Rutland, Vt.

**G. Tim Flannery '09 BFA** of Ishpeming is publisher and editorial director of the new e-magazine *Art on Ice*, which showcases Upper Peninsula artists and writers. Shown below is "Keeping My Eye on You!" by **Earl Senchuk '76 BS** from the latest issue. Check it out at [www.artonicemag.com](http://www.artonicemag.com).



## '10s

**Erik Coursey '10 BFA** won the 25th annual Doug Mockett & Company design competition for designing "Node," a wire manager that gathers multiple wires at a central point and curves them around the edge of a desk. Erik was selected as one of four winners out of entries received from 14 different countries. [info@erikcoursey.com](mailto:info@erikcoursey.com)



## Marriages

**Mary "Sue" Johnson '73 BS** to **Mark Gillett '70**.

**Kathrine Sandy '01 BS, '06 MAE** to **Todd Masuga**.

**Lacey Harmon '04 BS** to **Chris Kohler '05**.

**Allan Stanaway '05 BS** to **Lindsay Maki '09 BS**.

## Paying it forward



*Left to right are Bob Haarala, Ken Nelson and John Pantalone, three former principals who decided to start a scholarship for graduates from their local high schools to attend NMU.*

**Bob Haarala '59 BS, '65 MA, Ken Nelson '59 BS and John Pantalone '52 BS** all agreed that NMU provided a tremendous social and academic experience that served to help them establish very satisfying and rewarding careers—all in Taylor.

To show both NMU and Taylor their appreciation, the three established a scholarship for a graduate of either of Taylor's two high schools enrolling at Northern.

"We encourage other grads around the country to consider doing the same thing individually or in groups," says Pantalone. "Scholarships can be awarded for any amount, as a one-time award or as often as you choose." They set up the scholarship through their local community foundation. It is awarded at the schools' awards assembly in May.

The men have all served as principals at either John F. Kennedy or Harry S. Truman High School in Taylor and were employed by the schools for about 40 years. Haarala taught math and was also assistant superintendent; Nelson was a social studies teacher; and Pantalone was a counselor.

**Brett Conklin '06 BS** to **Samantha Lagerman '09 BSN**.

**Kelsey Deo '07 BS** to **Joshua Wales '07**.

**Ashley Gillberg '08 BS** to **Jeremy Glenz**.

**Jennifer Mathias '09 BS** to **Scott Sundberg**.

**Andrea Washburn '09 BS** to **Douglas Bourdeau, Jr.**

**Ashley West '09 BS** to **Douglas Maves '09 BS**.

## Deaths

### Alumni

**Sarah Bottrell '24 Cert., '29 AS**, Feb. 23, 2011, Marquette.

**Harriet Wilmer '33 Cert., '34 BS**, March 16, 2011, Marquette.

**Jean Carey '36 AS**, March 27, 2011, Marquette.

**Oliver Aho '40 BS**, Jan. 29, 2011, Petoskey.

## Missing Alumni

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

Milia H. Lappala '30  
Norman W. Jeffery '36  
Elizabeth J. Schieve (Gensiver) '37  
Gloria E. Hatch (Anderson) '46  
William W. Nicholls '46  
Donald M. Leigh '50  
John H. Rousseau '53  
Judith K. Palms (Toms) '57  
Lydia Hawkins (Beyer) '60  
David A. Garcia '66  
Frances A. Poisson '67  
Mary C. Bryant (Deroche) '72  
Faith M. Servant '74  
Joan I. Hoffmeyer (Pekkala) '77  
Peg M. Dilworth-Hunt '81  
Bradley J. Tangen '86  
Christopher R. Hamel '88  
Jennifer S. (Goike) Hadden '93  
Larry D. Stille '96  
Cheryl A. (Pattison) Ridgeway '02  
Andrew T. Stewart '08

## Lifetime Members

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

Bruce A. '98 and Doreen C. Avenall '96  
Daniel J. Catalano '11  
Stephanie L. Gunther '87  
Jacqueline S. Johnson '84  
David G. '89 and J'Aimee A. Lippert '93  
Edward G. Mastry '71  
Edward W. '05 and Sarah McBroom '05  
Malcolm Ray McNeil '69  
Jeremy S. Pickens '01  
Melissa A. Place '81  
Nicholas T. Rossell '04

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Vivian Curran '41 BS, Feb. 10, 2011, Mequon, Wis.

Wiljo Sarkela '49 BA, March 28, 2011, Marquette.

Mary Lou (Fichter) Denman '52 BME, March 19, 2011, Portland, Ore.

Ann Neubauer '57 BS, March 11, 2011, Ishpeming.

June Robertson '58 BS, Nov. 27, 2010, Baltimore, Md.

Duaine Harding '59 BS, Aug. 28, 2010, Rochester.

Mildred Ostrander '60 BS, Jan. 22, 2011, Sault Ste. Marie.

George Johnson '62 BS, March 9, 2011, Three Rivers.

Robert Mercier '62 BS, '65 MAE, Feb. 12, 2011, Chicago.

Michael Myers '64 BS, Nov. 6, 2010, Janesville, Wis.

Russell Schultz '64 BS, March 20, 2011, Ann Arbor.

Paul Murk '66 BS, '72 MAE, Feb. 16, 2011, Marquette.

Sandra Bralley '67 BA, April 5, 2011, Catawba, N.C.

Marcella Gittins '69 BS, Dec. 2, 2010, Milwaukee.

Anne Lungerhausen '70 BA, '75 MAE, March 28, 2011, Denver.

Richard Haynes '71 BS, March 12, 2011, Sarona, Wis.

Charles Lunceford '71 BS, July 28, 2010, Louisville, Ky.

Lorraine Bowman '72 MAE, Feb. 18, 2011, Iron Mountain.

Jeanette Johnson '72 BS, '78 MAE,

April 16, 2011, Lansing.

R. Dean Harger '73 BS, March 7, 2011, Germantown, Md.

Barbara Torreano '74 BS, Feb. 26, 2011, Ishpeming.

Nanette Dahlin '77 BS, March 26, 2011, St. Louis Park, Minn.

Mila Leppanen '79 AT, April 5, 2011, Ishpeming.

Michael Beckstrom '81 BS, March 23, 2011, Marquette.

Rosemary Parkkonen '81 Cert., Feb. 16, 2011, Negaunee.

Jane Trembath '84, Jan. 26, 2011, Cheboygan.

Janice Johnson '87 Cert., Feb. 22, 2011, Ishpeming.

Carol Koch '89 AB, March 22, 2011, Marquette.

Eric Mueller '91 BS, Feb. 8, 2011, Harsens Island.

Tamara Heikkinen '97 BS, April 1, 2011, Pontiac.

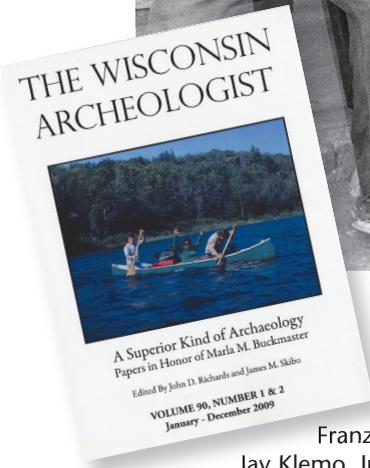
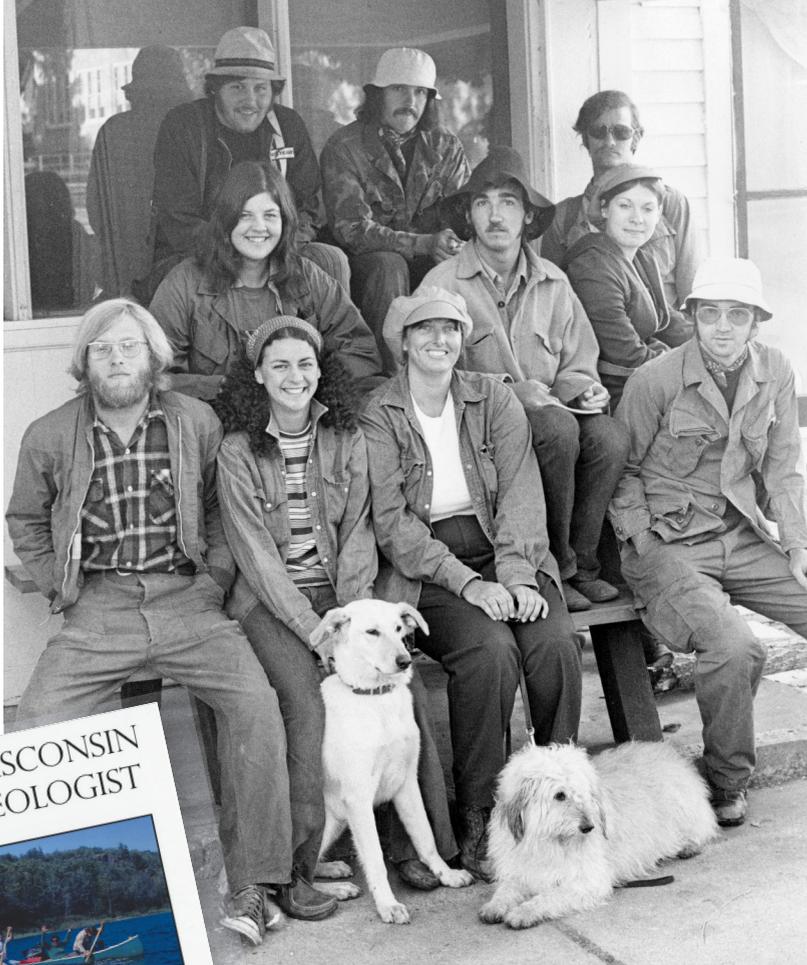
Shana Weber '97 BS, March 29, 2011, Suttons Bay.

Benjamin Manson '04 BS, April 9, 2011, Marquette.

## Friends

Donald Heikkinen, retired professor emeritus of math and computer science and dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, Feb. 17, 2011, Apex, N.C.

Paul "Jake" Dreis, former custodian, March 10, 2011, Ishpeming.



Two former students of NMU professor Marla Buckmaster, **John Richards '79 BS** and **James Skibo '82 BS**, organized and edited a festschrift volume in honor of her retirement: *A Superior Kind of Archeology*. Most of the articles are written by her former anthropology students, and many build on their research undertaken while at Northern. The photo is of the first field school in 1973, near Norway, Mich. Shown are (first row from left) John Franzen, Linda Nascenzi, Buckmaster, John Gorto, with dogs Naku and Tasha; (middle) Katie Huff, Jay Klemo, Julie (last name unknown); (back row) Bob Brebner, John Guenther and Jay Wooley.



### Prof's book a finalist

*Paradise North: Seasons in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan* by NMU professor emeritus Lon Emerick has been selected as a finalist in the 2010 Book of the Year Awards. The national contest to select the best of independently published books released in 2010 is sponsored by *Foreword Reviews*.

### Digging the past



# Master of Business Administration program at NMU

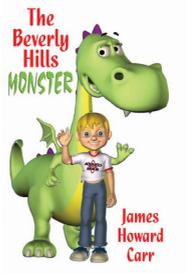
**An MBA can open many doors.** Whether you are a recent graduate, hope to advance in your current career or earn the credentials to start something new, Northern's program offers incredible flexibility and affordability. The MBA program consists of 10 courses. Courses can be completed on a full- or part-time basis, and all are offered in the evening.

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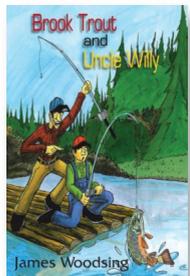
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# Alumni in print



**The Beverly Hills Monster**  
Alabama Hills Press, 2010  
available at bookstores and online

In this children's book, **James Carr '72 BS** tells the incredible adventure of a boy living in Hollywood, where he learns the lesson of helping someone in need: Roddy, a living, breathing movie prop creature who wants to stop portraying evil monsters.



**Brook Trout and Uncle Willy**  
**Grouse, Deer and Uncle Willy**  
Authorhouse, 2010

www.authorhouse.com

**Roy A. Tasava '59 BS**, in retirement after a career in molecular genetics at The Ohio State University, has written two books about his fishing and hunting experiences as a youth, published under the pen name James Woodsing.



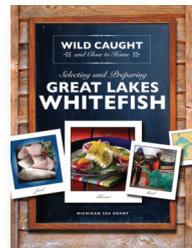
**Unstuff Your Life!**  
Penguin/Avery, 2010  
available at bookstores and online

**Andrew J. Mellen '84 BS** has created unique, lasting techniques for streamlined living and bringing order out of chaos. He offers an action-based plan to redirect clutterers from dwelling on their feelings. This simple shift yields immediate results that will help everyone achieve organizational bliss.



**DEB PASCOE**  
**Life with a View**  
North Harbor Publishing, 2011  
www.jemyharju.com

**Deb (White) Pascoe '84 BS** presents a collection of her columns from *The Mining Journal*, with a witty slant on U.P. life. Deb says, "Most of what I know about writing I learned at NMU, particularly in the classrooms of Gerald Waite and the late Tom Hruska. They were and continue to be inspirations in my writing life."



**Wild Caught and Close to Home: Selecting and Preparing Great Lakes Whitefish**  
Michigan Sea Grant, 2010

www.miseagrant.com

**Deb Pearce '02 BS, '05 MS** and **Chris Kibit** from the NMU hospitality management program are co-editors of this cookbook that features about 60 recipes from regional chefs, culinary educators and fishermen. **Stephanie Ariganello '01 BS** is an associate editor at the University of Michigan with Michigan Sea Grant and is one of the writers.



**The Stray**  
L&L Dreamspell, 2009  
www.sherryking-paranormal-romance-books.com

Can the wrong dog be the right man? That's the question in this paranormal romantic suspense novel that takes place in the fictional city of Penn Arbor, which is modeled after Marquette, by **Sherry King '85 BS, '88 MA**.



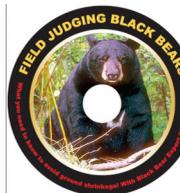
**Till the Moon Falls**  
John H. Byk, Publisher, 2010  
www.lulu.com

A mystery crime drama, dealing with bioengineered, nanotechnology and international, corporate intrigue, set mostly in Thailand, by **John Byk, '84 BA, '86 MA**



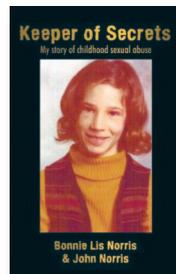
**Pennies from Heaven**  
iUniverse.com, 2011  
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This seventh volume of poetry from **L.E. Ward '66 BA, '67 MA**, a collection of more than 100 poems, "looks askance at violence, greed and fanaticism, yet also concerns itself with beauty, art and humanism."



**Field Judging Black Bear**  
Smith Publications, 2010  
www.richardp-smith.com

In this DVD, **Richard Smith '72 BS** provides information to hunters on how to determine males from females, as well as methods to field judge the size of bruins. The DVD includes video and photographs.



**Keeper of Secrets**  
iUniverse, Inc. 2009  
iUniverse.com

**Bonnie (Lis) Norris '84 BS and John Norris** tell of childhood sexual abuse within the family, the ways a sexual predator functions and how a family's own dynamic can be used by predators to hide their actions.