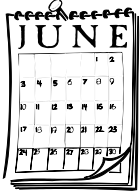


Reunion Weekend June 29-30, 2001



Make your plans now to be on campus for this special weekend. We'll have a variety of reunion activities including an alumni reception, family events, class reunions, a hockey alumni game, and much more.

The following groups have already begun their planning:

- NMU Hockey 25th Anniversary
- Student Leader Fellowship 10th Anniversary
- Classes of 1950 and 1951 Golden Anniversary

If you are interested in getting your class, student group or friends together, and need some assistance with planning, get in touch with the Alumni office. We'll help. This is the perfect opportunity to renew friendships with former classmates.

Contact the Alumni Association toll free at 1-877-GRAD NMU or alumni@nmu.edu.

NMU Hockey Alumni Game

Celebrate 25 years of Wildcat hockey with a Wildcat Alumni benefit hockey game.

Former Wildcats from around the country will take to the ice at the Berry Events Center. Don't miss out on this opportunity to watch current and former NHL players, as well as those well-known Wildcat names from 25 years of Wildcat hockey.

It's all part of Reunion Weekend 2001, Friday and Saturday, June 29 and 30.

Giving thanks...

By SUSAN DAGENAIS '87, '90 MA

In late September, I spent a couple of days at NMU and had the opportunity to present a techniques workshop in the New Science Facility to some of the students in the diagnostic genetics program. I would like to congratulate the faculty, staff, and everyone involved in designing and building the New Science Facility. It is a wonderful educational facility for both teaching and research. As NMU continues to grow and improve, I applaud all faculty and staff for their hard work and dedication.

I initially chose to attend NMU because of its successful pre-med program. But after participating in a valuable preceptorship program that is offered to pre-med students, I discovered that a career in medicine was not for me. I have received both a bachelor's degree in biochemistry and a master's degree in biology from NMU, and the education that I received from the faculty at Northern provided me with the tools I needed to continue my education and receive my doctorate in pathology from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

There are two NMU professors who were instrumental in my decision to continue my education. I will always be grateful to Frank A. Verley, professor of biology and Thomas W. Griffith, retired professor of chemistry, for seeing potential in me and encouraging me to apply to the master's program in biology at NMU. My experience as a graduate student in the department of biology was so positive that I chose to continue my education after receiving my master's degree. As a graduate student at NMU, I had the opportunity to participate in a research project and be a teaching assistant. Both experiences were valuable to me formulating my career goals.

I would like to thank all my former professors for providing me with a wonderful educational experience, but especially, the present and retired faculty members from the biology and chemistry departments for their dedication to higher education and research. As a graduate student, I had the great fortune to have Frank Verley as my mentor. As many of his former and present students know, Dr. Verley takes a great deal of interest in the educational growth of his students. Over the years, he has continued to provide me with valuable guidance and encouragement in my career decisions. I would like to thank him for the dedication he has to teaching and the interest he takes in his students.

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A bittersweet Sports Hall of Fame

Our thoughts are with the **Jim Lindstrom '68** family of Escanaba. Jim (center) was inducted into the NMU sports hall of fame on Saturday, November 11.

He passed away November 25 after a valiant battle with cancer. Jim was a four-year letter winner on the NMU football team from 1965-68; he was the team's most valuable player in 1968.

He will be long remembered for his tireless dedication to the sport.



What's New, NMU?

Here's what some of you are saying about our weekly electronic newsletter, "What's New, NMU?"

"Just wanted to let you know that we think the 'What's New, NMU?' newsletter is a great idea—lots of timely information."

—*Erin Weber-Holloway '93 and Chris Holloway '95*

"Thanks so much for the news from the 'Great White North!' I miss Marquette and think about it often."

—*Jake Jurecki '87*

"I love the columns and look forward to reading them every Monday. Keep up the good work. I love to hear about Marquette since I'm way down here in sunny Florida."

—*Diane Storm '97*



"I look forward to reading 'What's New, NMU?' each week. The addition of pictures is great! Keep up the great work. It's nice to still feel connected to NMU. Thanks."

—*Bill Hawker '95*

"Thanks for reminding me of NMU. I enjoy the pictures of the changes downtown and the updates on sports activities. Go 'Cats!"

—*John Fleming '64*

If you are not receiving "What's New, NMU?" and would like to, send your e-mail address to dhemmila@nmu.edu. You can also view the weekly column at www.nmu.edu/alumni.

Volunteers needed

The NMU Admissions office is looking for volunteers to assist with the following "Connect to NMU" programs. The programs provide information about NMU to prospective students and their parents.

There's no cost involved — only two hours of your time. You'll be providing a valuable service to high school students and their parents.

2001 Connect to NMU Programs

- January 25 Novi
- January 29 Appleton, Wis.
- January 30 Chicago
- January 31 Chicago
- February 1 Milwaukee
- February 5 Gaylord
- February 6 Saginaw
- February 7 Detroit area
- February 8 Sault Ste. Marie
- February 12 Houghton
- February 13 Ironwood
- February 14 Escanaba

Contact the Admissions office toll free at 800-682-9797 or by e-mail at admiss@nmu.edu to learn more about how you can make a difference.

Do you know where these folks are?

Thank you for helping us track down some of the people we've lost touch with. How about helping us find these folks?

- Robert M. Guard '52
- Dorothy R. Granskog '55
- Norman C. Grieninger '61
- William C. Gutzman '65
- Darla J. Guy '67
- Gradford C. Gutman '69
- Emma Gosting '72
- Margaret S. Moran '76
- Marlene J. White '76

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