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Pre-1960s

Louis Taccolini '52 BS, '63 MA of Marquette is a retired teacher. He writes that he and Keith Kepler '54 recently completed a 525 mile hiking and bird-watching trip through seven European countries. They saw 135 different species and hiked an average of 15.2 miles per day.

60s

John Bayerl '62 BS of Marquette retired after working for more than 30 years as a school counselor, mostly with the Ann Arbor Schools, and more than 20 as an adjunct lecturer with the leadership and counseling program at Eastern Michigan University. He has taken a "retirement job" as the director of the NMU K-12 Michigan school guidance counseling program. jbayerl@nmu.edu

Errol Moffatt '63 BS of Rome, N.Y., is a retired international airline pilot. He worked for US Airways.

Kenneth Bureau '65 BS of Fridley, Minn., is a senior property manager at Goldmark Properties of Bloomington, Minn. He is in charge of residential and

commercial properties in Minnesota, Iowa, and Nebraska. kjb2438@msn.com

Don Keskey '68 BA recently joined the law firm of Clark Hill PLC's Lansing office, where he will be practicing in the areas of telecommunications, energy and utilities, administrative, transportation, and environmental law. Prior to joining Clark Hill, Don served as Assistant Attorney General for the state of Michigan for 25 years.

Susanne (Wendt) Homant '69 BA, '81 MBA of Tallahassee, Fla., is working on her doctorate in public policy and public administration. Suehospice@aol.com

Albert Lord '69 BS of Allen Park is a credit union manager for A & P Farmer Jack Credit Union in Redford. alord2@comcast.net

Robert Miller '69 BS of San Jose, Calif., is in his sixth year as an arts commissioner for the city of San Jose. RHBMiller@aol.com

Charles Wurrey '69 BS of Kansas City, Kan., was named Distinguished Teaching Professor by the University of Missouri System, where he is a professor of chemistry and executive associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

70s

Ruth (Shipman) Bratcher '70 BS of Racine, Wis., is a learning disabilities and reading teacher for Fox River Middle School in Waterford.

John Fallon III '70 MAE of Potsdam, N.Y., has served as the president of the State University of New York at Potsdam since 1998. fallonja@potsgdam.edu

Don Saunders '70 BS of Greenville retired after teaching math for 32 1/2 years for the Greenville Public Schools. He also served as president and chief negotiator for the Greenville Education Association. donsa@iserv.net

John Bruno '71 BME of Valparaiso, Ind., is a funeral director and embalmer for the Moeller Funeral Home.

Frank DeMare '71 BS of Grosse, Ill., is president of ProCoil Corporation, a subsidiary of National Steel Corporation. fdemare@procoil.com

Kenneth Engelbrecht '71 MA of Aurora, Colo., is head of the Earth and Atmospheric Sciences department at Metropolitan State College in Denver. He writes that he and his wife maintain a cottage in the Upper Peninsula and try to get back whenever they can.

Frank Witgen '72 BS of Erie, Pa., earned the Chartered Retirement Planning Counselor designation from American Express Financial Services. He also received the President's recognition award from the company. This is Witgen's second such citation.

Mary Sivula '72 BS of Petoskey received the 2002 Outstanding Person in Education award, representing East Jordan School System. The award is given for above-and-beyond excellence in teaching.

Scott Goetz '73 BS of Spring, Texas, is the principal of Coop Elementary, which is in the Houston Independent School District. Coop Elementary received an exemplary rating from the Texas Education Agency for academic performance.

Richard Hull '73 BS of Sioux Falls, S.D., is the owner and president of Johnstone Supply. rick.hull@johnstonesupply.com

Robert Leonard '73 BS of Carpinteria, Calif., is a senior manufacturing engineer with Helix Medical. rleonards1@cox.net

Timothy Moran '73 BS of Green Bay, Wis., is athletic director at Southwest High School.

John Quarton '73 BS of Waterford is a clinical psychologist at John Quarton P.C. He writes, "I'm still here with two children and living on a lake in Waterford, Mich., and loving what I do!"

Richard Cairns '74 BS of Menominee is

the owner and manager at Cairns Apartments. He writes, "NMU has helped me immensely. Without a degree I am sure I'd still be working in a factory." Duffer_11@hotmail.com

Mary (Latus) Nash '74 BSN of Birmingham, Ala., is the executive director of the University of Alabama at Birmingham Hospital.

Joann (Imislund) Picard '74 BS of Blowing Rock, N.C., was promoted to manager of Dress Barn. health4u@goboone.net

Jacquelyn Ingram '75 BS of Chicago, Ill., is a coordinator for the sports and entertainment division of Seiu Local 1. She writes, "I'm honored to have gone to NMU. The friends that I made at Northern are my friends for life." jmingram@aol.com

Anne (Conklin) Winjarski '75 BSN of Linden is a registered nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital in Flint.

Paula (Mathias) Broullire '76 BSN of Niagara, Wis., is a school nurse at Niagara Public Schools.

Michael Greer '76 BA of Boston works at the William S. Haynes Flute Company in Boston. He recently had a visit from Dr. Elda Tate, his flute teacher at NMU and good friend. They had lunch and caught up on "NMU music department stuff and had a good time." magreerflutes@msn.com

John "Biff" Jackson '76 BS of Watertown, S.D., has worked in the insurance industry for the past 16 years; for the last 12 he has also coached hockey in Watertown. Before he went into the insurance industry, he taught and coached high school basketball, football, track, and baseball in Waverly, S.D.; Hartford, S.D.; and Whiting, Iowa. John is a senior claims representative at IMT Insurance. nmubiff@hotmail.com

Mark Lovell '77 BS of Pittsburgh, Pa., is a neuropsychologist and the director of the UPMC Center for Sports Medicine concussion program. He is working on a \$3 million, five-year study with researchers and doctors at the University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Mellon University that is designed to objectively study the effects of single and multiple

concussions on athletes' brains. Their research is being funded by a grant from the National Institutes of Health.

Daniel McAdams '77 BS of Grand Rapids is the owner of the DMA Group, an investment management firm. dmcadams@ameritech.net

James Nyquist '77 MM of Saginaw retired after 29 1/2 years of teaching instrumental music in the Saginaw Public Schools. He is currently a lay minister and principal of S.S. Peter & Paul Catholic School in Saginaw. J.Nyquist@chartermi.net

Kaaren (Hagen) Ness '79 MAE of Crystal Falls retired from the Gwinn Area Community Schools.

Mark Rizzardi '79 BFA of Minneapolis, Minn., is a graphic design instructor in Minneapolis. He writes, "My wife Tia and I visit Marquette every summer for the superior view."

Stella Sandy '79 BS of Lakewood, Colo., is an audit director at the Department of the Interior, Office of the Inspector General. She writes, "As a late bloomer I graduated at 35 and am now top management. Looking forward to retirement. Thanks, NMU!"

80s

David Brothers '80 BS of Port Deposit, Md., teaches 5th grade at Rising Sun Elementary School. He is also head varsity basketball coach at Elkton High School in Elkton.

Kenneth Cloutier '80 BS of Harshaw, Wis., is a certified public accountant and partner with Wipfli, Ullrich, Bertelson.

David Killinger '80 BS of Pulaski, Wis., retired after teaching technical education for 22 years at Pulaski High School. He served as department head, coached base-

ball and basketball, and refereed football and basketball. He was also an adviser for the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America.

Mark Pauluzzi '80 BS of Ballwin, Mo., is a senior account executive for Alter Trading Corporation. In September 2002, he and his wife had a son, James Anthony. Their daughter Grace will be 3 in January. Mark writes, "I can't wait to show them where their dad went to school as well as the many spectacular sites the U.P. has to offer." Mark.Pauluzzi@altertrading.com

Laurie (Burry) Blondy '81 BSN of Northville is a legal nurse consultant and owner of Medlaw Advantage Service. laurieblondy@comcast.net

Shirley (Dishaw) Beck '82 BSN of Crystal Falls was the 2002 recipient of the Dickinson Community Hospital Michigan Nurses Association Staff Council Achievement Award. She is a critical care staff nurse at Dickinson Community Hospital.

William French '82 BS of Santa Maria, Calif., retired from the United States Air Force as a senior master sergeant in 1990, and in September 2002 he retired from the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Department, where he was a deputy sheriff.

Beverly (Crandell) Hutchinson '82 BSN of Rockford is an operating room staff nurse at Spectrum Health. Bch619@aol.com

Carol Krumbach '82 BS of Northville is the executive director of college advancement at St. Clair Community College.

Jeanette Maki '82 AB, '86 BS of Gwinn retired from a 36-year banking career and now volunteers at the Gwinn-Sawyer Chamber of Commerce as acting director and president. The chamber was recently nominated for the 9th annual Governor's Service Awards. Jeanette was also honored recently as the 2002 Marquette County Volunteer of the Year. jeanettemaki@chartermi.net

Kim Schieldknecht '82 BS of Milford, Ohio, is president of Clermont Financial. kim@clermontfinancial.com

Thomas Baker '83 BSN of Fort Gratiot is a nurse anesthetist at Sinai Grace Hospital. tbak2@juno.com

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Bill Balog '83 BS of Austin, Texas, is director of global human resources, information technology at Dell Computer. His wife **Sheila (Greig) Balog '81 BS, '82 MAE** is director of career services in the School of Architecture at the University of Texas at Austin. wbalog@aol.com

Kathleen Duritza '83 BSN of Uniontown, Ohio, is a registered nurse at Children's Hospital Medical Center of Akron. She is working on a two-year national project through the March of Dimes to develop informational and emotional support material for parents who go through the neonatal intensive care unit experience.

Leah Hocking '83 of Brooklyn, N.Y., performed the role of Magda in the Broadway production of *Dance of the Vampires*. She has appeared in *The Road to Hollywood* at Goodspeed Musical's Norman Terris Theatre and on Broadway in *The Wild Party*, *Jekyll & Hyde*, *Grease*, and *Guys and Dolls*. Her off-Broadway credits include *Forbidden Broadway* and *Inside Out*.

Eric Luttinen '83 BA of Ishpeming was named to the All-America Team of The American Funds Group of mutual funds.

Lee Morrison '83 MAE of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, is vice president and chief operating officer for Canadian Executive Services Organization. lmorrison@ceso-saco.com

Stella Beck '84 AB of Marquette is a secretary with Marquette General Health Systems Employee Assistance Program. tanabar1260@yahoo.com

Matt Dubie '84 BSN of Oshkosh, Wis., graduated from St. Mary's University of Minnesota with a master's in nurse anesthesia with a 4.0 grade point average. He currently practices as a certified registered nurse anesthetist for Anesthesia Services of the Fox Valley. mjdubie@excite.com

Barry Hosking '84 BS of Green Bay, Wis., is vice president for First Bankers Corporation, based in Indianapolis, Ind. bhosking@firstbankers.net

Gordon Post '84 BS of Grosse Pointe Farms writes that he has been married for 10 wonderful years to his wife

Patricia and has two children, ages 4 and 6. He received his master of business administration from Central Michigan University and is currently an automotive sales manager at Meikle Automation.

Linda (Potter) Rosenkranz '84 BS of Nashville, Tenn., is assistant director of campus recreation at Vanderbilt University. After developing an outdoor recreation program for Vanderbilt 13 years ago and opening a \$1.6 million center in 1997, she was able to hire a full-time outdoor recreation professional to supervise and help the program continue to grow.

Diane Walker '84 BSN of Wausau, Wis., is a registered nurse at Wausau Hospital. She works as a cardiac rehabilitation and diabetes educator.

Greg Hunt '85 MBE of Norway is in his 6th year as director of bands with the Norway-Vulcan Area Schools. The directors of District 14 Michigan (western U.P.) School Band and Orchestra Organization elected Greg Teacher of the Year in 2000 and appointed him the director of the 2000 District 14 Honors Jazz Band. He and Norway Choral Director **Dawn (Spanton) Pierce '83 BME** were involved in overseeing the construction and administration of a \$4 million Fine Arts Center that was completed in 2001. Greg and his wife Diana have three daughters, ages 15, 12, and 9. ghunt@norwaymi.com

Steve Marietti '85 BS of Brooklyn Park, Minn., is an accounts receivable manager at Universal Hospital Services in Bloomington. sparietti@attbi.com

Leslie Cory '87 BS of Marquette is an assistant professor in technology and occupational sciences department at NMU. Ishoe@nmu.edu

Joyce (Derocher) King '87 BS of Gladstone received the 2002 Distinguished Faculty Award from Bay de Noc Community College in Escanaba, where she is a computer applications instructor.

Dave Peyton '87 BS of Farmington Hills is director of visual effects at GTN, Inc. uppeyts@aol.com

James Vass '87 BS, '88 MBA of Waterford is a computer programmer at Keane, Inc. jr-vass@comcast.net

Katherine (Pedo) Bond '88 BSN of Munising is medical case manager and owner of Independent Rehabilitation Consultants.

Peggy Sue (Borch) Crawford '89 BS of Frankenmuth is an associate professor of the Health Wellness Division at Delta College. She competed in the Miss Fitness Universe Contest in the Czech Republic and came in 7th place overall. She placed 3rd in her fitness routine category. pscrawfo@alpha.delta.edu

Gerard Holzman '89 BS of Seattle, Wash., is a principal at Everett Public Schools.

Keith King '89 BS of Studio City, Calif., was named counsel for the International House of Pancakes Corporation in Los Angeles. keithki@ix.netcom.com

Tim Lambrecht '89 MAE of Alma was the Michigan winner and regional semifinalist in the NASDAQ/National Council for Economic Education Excellence in Education Teaching Awards. He teaches social studies at Ithaca High School and is the department chairperson. lambrech@edzone.net

Jim Lewan '89 BS of Spring Grove, Ill., is a global manufacturing engineer with Baxter Healthcare Corp. In October 2002 he and his wife had a son, Jayden Lee. jim_lewan@baxter.com

Douglas Tew '89 BS of New Berlin, Wis., is a fire fighter and paramedic for the Greenfield Fire Department. dtew@wi.rr.com

Gregory Zajac '89 BS of New Berlin, Wis., is an account executive with Bliss Communications. He writes, "I enjoy my career and living in the Milwaukee area with all its professional and college sports, cultural activities, and fantastic festivals."

Casualties

ANDY JONES

Andy and Matt Jones have turned their passion into a profession. At 21 and 23 respectively, the Jones brothers own and operate Casualties, a skate- and snowboarding store in Marquette.

Andy and Matt grew up in Marquette, learning to snowboard in the early 1990s, when the sport wasn't very popular yet. Over the years, the brothers worked in snowboard retail stores, and Andy started a sponsorship with a major snowboarding company. Matt got a sponsor a few years later.

"That opened up opportunities and got me into the business of selling snowboards," Andy said. "We learned retail when we were in high school."

Andy, a senior marketing major at NMU, has been a businessman since he was 14 years old, working as a disc jockey at high school dances, church gatherings, and wedding receptions.

Matt and Andy enrolled at Northern in 1998 and 1999 respectively, and while Matt has since stopped attending, Andy is planning to graduate in December 2003. When enrolled at NMU, they both worked full-time at Marquette Mountain—Matt as the snowboard hill manager and Andy as a snowboarding instructor. By the spring of 2000 both of their contracts at Marquette Mountain were coming to an end and they needed something to do.

"One day it just hit us that we wanted to open a snowboard store," Andy said.

They realized they wanted to be their own bosses, so they started a business plan. Since they had been in the snowboarding business for quite some time, the brothers knew the right people, and it wasn't hard to convince companies to send them products. All they needed was money and space.



Matt (left) and Andy Jones standing outside their skate- and snowboard shop, Casualties.

"We found this location [505 N. 3rd Street] and started going to town," Matt said.

The brothers didn't want to rely on their parents for money, and they had no established credit, but despite these obstacles, they tried to get a loan on their own. Andy said it was really tough in the beginning, but with the help of the Chamber of Commerce and the Small Business Administration, they were able to finance the business.

Another challenge was finding a way to differentiate their store from the other snowboarding stores in town.

"We needed to bring in a new image—a young image, aggressive," Andy said.

So they created an atmosphere that would speak to the younger boarding and skating crowd by decorating their store with barbed wire, brand-name signs, and by playing music suited to a variety of tastes. After three months of hard work Casualties Skate & Snow opened on July 1, 2000.

"Fortunately from the day we opened we have been doing well," Andy said. "Right now we're doing awesome. We're taking care of people. Every day I work, I see somebody who has been here before."

Among the reasons for the store's success is that Andy and Matt are doing something they love and they are just as active at snowboarding and skateboarding as their customers. But that doesn't mean they'll do this forever.

"Our goal is to do it until it's not fun anymore," Matt said.

"There are a lot of things I want to do," Andy said. "We are making opportunities for ourselves."

—Miriam Moeller '00 BA, '02 MA
Photograph by Kim Marsh '80 BS

90s

Tom Baranowski '90 BS of Birmingham is a regional sales representative for Terminal Supply Company.
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Holly Gottschalk '90 BS of Ferndale is an associate with the Litigation Practice Group of Clark Hill PLC in Detroit.

Janet (Mingay) Nyman '90 BSW of Matthews, N.C., is a supervisor at All-Tel Corporation. Nyman@alltel.net

Elizabeth Bussiere '91 BS of Marquette is an accountant manager for the Michigan Department of Corrections. She has three children and three grandchildren. lizbussiere@hotmail.com

John Stocker '91 BS of Bensenville, Ill., and his wife, **Lauri (Alimenti) Stocker '90 BS**, write that they are avid Detroit Red Wing fans. They attended the final game of the Stanley Cup playoffs at the Joe Louis Arena and a hockey puck landed in John's drink cup during the second period of the game. John is vice president of engineering at Chicago White Metal.

Patti (Brown) Brinkley '92 BA of Schaumburg, Ill., is a figure skating coach at Park District of Highland Park. pattyskate@attbi.com

Seanan Holland '92 BS of Oceanside, Calif., is a major in the United States Marine Corps and an instructor at Marine Medium Helicopter (Training) Squadron 164, Camp Pendleton, California. seananh@sbcglobal.net

Amy (Peyok) Morris '92 BS of Sheboygan, Wis., is a homemaker. She was previously employed as a medical technologist.

Marcelaine Lu Winingar '92 MA of Houghton earned her master instructor designation from The National Association of Flight Instructors. She owns Agate Beach Aviation at Houghton County Memorial Airport. She is also a master skydiver, a high school teacher, and she serves as an Aviation Safety Counselor for the Grand Rapids Flight Standards District Office.

Melodie (Depuydt) Anderson '93 BS '01 MA of Clare is a campaign communication specialist and proposal writer for develop-

ment and alumni relations at Central Michigan University. Her husband **Jay Anderson '88 BS** is the instructional coordinator of industrial trades for the M-TEC at Mid Michigan Community College.

R. Gregory "Greg" Corace III '93 BS, '98 MS of Seney is a refuge forester at Seney National Wildlife Refuge, United States Fish and Wildlife Service. He acts as Refuge research liaison and has taken the lead in Kirtland's Warbler research and management and forest restoration. He is also a doctoral candidate in the School of Forest Resources and Environmental Science at Michigan Technological University, where he is studying the biogeography and conservation biology of grassland and shrubland birds in the Upper Midwest.

Erin (Weber) Holloway '93 BS of Racine, Wis., is communication manager for Johnson Diversey. Erin.weber-holloway@johnsondiversey.com

Jay Jerome '93 BS of Oakdale, Minn., is a database marketing consultant with West Group. He writes, "1993 Mock Trial participants (Minneapolis, Milwaukee): Where are you?"
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Shannon Killinger '93 BS of Green Bay, Wis., obtained her master of business administration degree from the University of Wisconsin. She is a senior compliance auditor at American Medical Security in Green Bay.

Michelle (Olson) Lussow '93 BS of Appleton, Wis., is an import sourcing analyst for Jansport. She works directly with Asian manufacturing facilities for the Jansport backpacks and travels frequently to Europe and Asia. Her husband is **Bret Lussow '93 BS**. Michelle_M_Lussow@vfc.com

Gerri (Harris) Mariano '93 BS of Caledonia is an accounting manager at Envirotronics, Inc. GLHM@aol.com

Michele (Van Zee) Strube '93 BS of Woodridge is a homemaker with two children, ages 3 and 1. Her husband **Jon Strube '93 BS** is a buyer, seller, and assistant vice president of Strube Celery and Vegetable Company, a business that is run jointly by 12 members of Michele and Jon's family. Michele works part-time at the company, dealing with human resources issues. michelestrube@msn.com

Linda (Pittsley) Vande Voort '93 BS, '99 MAE of Rochester Hills is an elementary special education teacher at Pine Knob Elementary in Clarkston. teea@gbpackersfan.com

Kendra (Seney) Knox '94 BSN of Vassar is a home care nurse with Visiting Nurses Association. She is married with two children, ages 5 and 7, and visits Marquette three to four times a year.

Sean Krabach '94 BS of Redford is the director of event operations for the 2003 Junior Olympic Games. nmualumni@msn.com

Laurie (Let) Kunz '95 BS of Appleton, Wis., is a kindergarten teacher in Seymour, Wis. lalett@yahoo.com

Julie Milewski '95 BS of Ionia is an 8th grade science teacher at Ionia Middle School. Her husband **John Milewski '95 BS** is a computer technician at the same school. They were married after meeting as RAs at NMU in 1993. John was in Hunt Hall and Julie was in Payne Hall. They recently purchased their first home. themilewskis@aol.com

Greg Wood '96 BS of Pittsburgh, Pa., successfully defended his dissertation prospectus in October 2002 and is now ABD in history at the University of Pittsburgh. gwood64@hotmail.com

Rebecca Benson '97 BS of Alden is a 1st grade teacher. Her husband **Brad Jensen '95 BS** is a watershed coordinator.

Stephen Forsha '97 BS of Jefferson City, Mo., completed a master of business administration degree from William Woods University, Fulton. He is a readiness officer in the United States Army. SFMichigan@aol.com

Deanna (Frisk) LaCrosse '97 AB, '01 CER of Champion is a licensed practical nurse at Marquette General Hospital. She

is currently pursuing a bachelor of science in nursing at NMU.

Meghan Marsden '98 BS of Aurora, Ill., is director of annual giving at the Northern Illinois University Foundation. She writes, "My fundraising career began at NMU when **Barbara Burri '92 BS** hired me as a student caller in 1995. I have been raising funds for the Iowa State University Foundation as associate director of annual giving since 1998. I began my new job on August 15, 2002." Meghan_marsden@hotmail.com

Joe Nagy '98 BS of St. Clair Shores works in transportation logistics at C.H. Robinson Company. His wife **Nicole (Seeley) Nagy '97 MA** is a speech language pathologist at Utica Community Schools. They welcomed their first child, Brooke Kaitlyn, in August. naggs10@comcast.net

Joan Bernard '99 BSW of Ann Arbor recently started the master of social work advanced standing program at the University of Michigan. jbernardbsw28@msn.com

Daniel Huyck '99 BS of Copperas Cove, Texas, is an officer in the United States Army. He is married to **Amanda (Miettinen) Huyck '00 BSN**.

Erik Johnson '99 BS of Midland is an environmental scientist with McDowell and Associates.

Allison Watkins '99 BS of San Antonio, Texas, writes that after two years of serving with the AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps, she has taken a position as an AmeriCorps Vista member with Our Lady of the Lake University. She is the Program Coordinator for the OLLU Serves work-study program. alwatkins@lycos.com

Mark Wolicki '99 BS of Chicago, Ill., is a market maker at Botta Capital. Greatrek@aol.com

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Paul Bergstraesser '00 MA of Chicago is a teacher and a doctoral candidate at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Nicole Partica '00 BS of Bonita Springs, Fla., is a real estate appraiser at Mathes

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Todd Dooley '01 BS of Kingsford was promoted to project manager of the Web development and information technology outsourcing division after one year of employment with Cable Constructors in Iron Mountain. He and his wife **Katie (Beauchamp) Dooley '00 BS** are the proud parents of a daughter, Kalli Grace, born last August.

Ann (Alexander) Golden '01 BS is a teacher's assistant for a blind student at Cheboygan Public Schools.

Jenn Jurewicz '01 BS of Eastpointe will be playing women's professional football for the Detroit Blaze, an independent women's football league team. Detroit's first season begins in March 2003. She will be playing cornerback and wide receiver.

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Jason Spanier '01 BS of Kalamazoo is working toward a master's degree in earth science at Western Michigan University after a summer of wildland firefighting with the United States Forest Service. mojorisen@hotmail.com

Terri Campbell '02 BS of Marquette is a corrections deputy with the Marquette County Sheriff's Department.

Molly (VanDamme) Meyers '02 BS of Pembine, Wis., is a mathematics and social studies teacher at Crivitz High School. She also coaches basketball and volleyball. Her husband **Brett Meyers '00 BS** is a social studies teacher at Florence High School in Florence, Wis. He coaches basketball and track.

Justin Young '02 BS of Montrose is a business systems administrator with Oetiker International. nmu_justin@hotmail.com

Marriages

Kurt Mustamaa '91 BSW to Valerie Stitzel.

Cynthia Johnson '92 AA to Lance Kennedy.

Linda Pittsley '93 BS, '99 MAE to Jeff Vande Voort.

Jeff Jestila '94 AS to Kimberly Kester '99 BS, '01 MS.

Daniel Tivaldo '94 BS to Rachele Stein.

Timothy Dawson '95 BS to Julie Rzepa.

Richard Fraser '95 to Valerie Martin.

Brad Jensen '95 BS to Rebecca Benson '97 BS.

Rebecca Klar '95 BS to Troy Hills.

Laurie Lett '95 BS to Andrew Kunz.

Lori Nemacheck '95 BSN to Randy Appleton.

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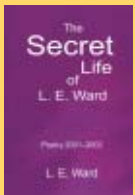
Animals Around the World



Tabby House, 2002
Catherine Been Hansen '31 LC, '43 MA
Illustrated by
Darlene Falk Fredrikson '74 BS

This collection of poems uses rhythmic verse and alliteration to give young readers verbal portraits of a variety of creatures—from a hippopotamus, kikajou, and a brindled gnu to impalas, whirligig beetles, and a great grey kangaroo. Many of the animals are represented by Darlene Falk Fredrikson's pen and ink drawings.

The Secret Life of L.E. Ward



iUniverse, 2002
L.E. Ward '66 BA, '67 MA
A lyric poet and humanist, L.E. Ward uses free verse as well

as traditional forms to portray memoirs of his childhood, gay Eros, the ancient world, the movies, the arts and literature, the lives of writers and other artists, world paintings and painters, and human rights.

Lake Superior Country



Arcadia Publishing, 2002
Troy Henderson '97 AS, '99 BA
Most visitors to the Upper Peninsula in

the 19th century had to brave frigid and often perilous Lake Superior to gain entrance to the area. Lake Superior Country follows these early travelers, using historic sketches, maps, and photographs to convey what it was like to vacation in the Upper Peninsula a century ago.

Sarah Thoren '95 BS to Terrance Tripp.
Rebecca Sager '96 BS to **Luigi Torretti '02 MS**.

Kelly Johnson '97 CER to Kenneth Heaton.

Lisa Kinnunen '98 AB to Dominic Jacobetti III.

Theresa Minkin '98 BS to Brian Amos.

Amy Giddens '99 CER to John Lines II.

Daniel Huyck '99 BS to **Amanda Miettinen '00 BSN**.

Jason Mattson '99 BS to **Holly Salminen '99 BSB**.

Christine Meyer '99 BS to **Andrew Burnette '02 BS**.

Barbara Parent '99 AB to **Gregory Hellman '01 BSN**.

Matthew Vert '99 BS to **Danielle Nieminen '01 BS**.

Paul Bergstrasesser '00 MA to **Michelle Jarman '00 MA**.

Christy Connors '00 BS to **Daniel Etelamaki '01 BS**.

Julie Ellis '00 BS to Todd Moore.

Ryan Grim '00 BS to Rachel Linn.

Yasmine Korte '00 to Donald Cook.

Beth Kosonen '00 BS to Kraig Nelson.

Robert Lawrence '00 BS to Laurel Mathers.

Jason Yirsa '00 BSN to Kimberly Manninen.

Ann Alexander '01 BS to Thomas Golden.

Kathryn Ambrose '01 BS to Ryan Kneuppel.

Scott Amhaus '01 BS to **Catherine St. Onge '01 CER**.

Brandi Carlson '01 BS to Thomas Petrocik.

Courtney Cleary '01 BS to **Aaron Ranta '01 AAS**.

Marguerite Cowell '01 BS to Craig Moore.

Tonya Harsila '01 BS to Michael Irvine

Amy Little '01 BSN to Bruce Cram, Jr.

Jerome Starkey '01 BS to Renee Pietrangelo.

Rebecca Strom '01 BS to Chad

Wilkinson.

Bradley Cox '02 AT to Kara Liubakka.

Deaths

Claire (Hulsizer) Brissette '30 LC, Sept. 28, 2002, Escanaba.

Norma (Johnson) LaFaver '31 BS, June 19, 2002, Albuquerque, N.M.

Josephine (Gambotto) Bogetto '34 LC, '60 BS, Aug. 12, 2002, Negaunee.

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What's next?

By SANDY SPOELSTRA, '81 BSN, '87 MSN

When I was a teenager, I had no idea what I would end up doing. In the span of my professional life, I have changed careers five times. After getting a BSN back in the early 80s, I started working as a staff nurse at the local hospital. Right away I had leadership roles at the hospital and in the nursing union. This led to several different positions in the hospital.

Ten years later, I started a home health agency. Over the course of 20 years, the agency evolved into a multi-site, multi-discipline operation with more than 400 employees. Eventually, federal regulations changed and I sold the business. I then started a home care consulting business, wrote a book on productivity, and purchased a little coffee shop.

The common thread that runs through all of these career paths is that none of them would have been possible without the connections I made while at NMU. I have been a lifetime member of the NMU Alumni Association since the 80s, and my NMU associates, friends, and acquaintances have helped me in many ways: getting jobs, making career moves, starting and developing businesses, as well as the many personal relationships I have enjoyed.

Eventually all of these contacts led me to a grant writing position at the local Chamber of Commerce, where NMU contacts are imperative to my success. Just last month while working on a significant grant, I had a conference call with The Association of Counties in Washington, DC, and the staff person on the line was a graduate of NMU. We made an immediate connection, and it made a difference!

So the next time you're in town, stop in at Brew Bakers downtown, enjoy a latte, and ask for me! During homecoming week, home sporting events, the first week of school, graduation, and parents weekend, I always hang my green and gold banner, put on my NMU sweatshirt, and hang a sign that says, "NMU Alumni Business Owner."

As for my career, who knows? I am going to stay open to all ideas, and I am sure that I am not done changing. But I am also sure that the core skills and confidence I developed while a student at NMU have prepared me to be successful in any career I choose to pursue. A lot of you can probably relate to this because you remember being a student and thinking you were picking a major that would lead to a career that would never change. Certain skills carry you to the top no matter what the job. ■

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Why I'm a member

of the NMU Alumni Association



There was no NMU Alumni Association when I first enrolled at Northern...

But I am delighted to tell you about the fun get-togethers that preceded such a group.

We had pep sessions on the high rocks by the shore and lit bonfires as big as a house. Sororities had outings at Lautner's Chalet, *Midgaard*, which in Norse mythology means a place between heaven and earth joined by a rainbow bridge. When the sun was setting, we climbed the roof and often saw a rainbow hanging in the sunset over Lake Superior.

When we ran down the rocky hill on the way home after dark, we carried torches made from tin cans and candles. I can still smell the aroma of the trailing arbutus that bloomed in the gullies. Walking the shore in the darkness, the braver girls "streaked" and splashed in the frigid waters of Lake Superior.

In winter we snowshoed around Presque Isle. On warmer days, we climbed Pulpit Rock. The night after commencement, we climbed Sugarloaf and cooked our supper in the twilight.

I have been a proud life member of the Northern Alumni Association since the very start. My sorority always sang the hymn, "Blessed be the Tie that Binds." We should sing it now, too!

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