

PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Some things will never change

How could potential students not be impressed with Northern Michigan University? I know as an alumnus, I am very proud of my alma mater as I watch her grow. Northern's reputation as a high-tech, high-touch university is spreading throughout the Midwest and the rest of the nation. This fall we are projected to have a record-setting 9,700 enrolled students. Those students have quite a campus to call their home.

Just look around the university today and you'll get an idea of what I'm talking about: a remodeled Hedgcock and Reynolds Recital Hall, the DeVos Art Museum and Art and Design addition, a renovated Magers Hall, and the new Whitman Hall.

How about the new covered walkways connecting many campus buildings? Do you realize that it's possible for today's students to travel

almost entirely across campus without ever setting foot outside? I happen to think these students are missing out on a real character-building experience by not having to walk outside in the dead of winter, but that's just me.

While the photo spreads in this issue showcase the changes on campus, what will never change is what you don't see in the photos: the long-standing tradition of learning at Northern. The buildings students learn in may have changed, but the solid academic experience has not. Northern continues to be a place where professors know your name and your classmates become some of your best friends.

There are a few other things that also have not changed. Presque Isle is still as gorgeous as ever. The beach remains one of the most picturesque places in town, and the view from the top of Sugarloaf is unmatched.



Has it been awhile since you've visited? While the pictures tell a good story, nothing can substitute for being on campus.

Today's students have the best of both worlds—top-notch learning facilities and the exquisite beauty found only in Upper Michigan. I'm jealous. Are you?

**Barry Axelrod '69 BA, President
NMU Alumni Association**

NMU Alumni Association Homecoming 2005 Award Winners

Alumni Service Award: Beverly A. Laughna '69 BA, '83 MAE, Marquette, Mich.

Beverly's commitment to community service started during her early years at NMU. She serves on the "N" Club Board, Sports Hall of Fame Selection Committee, and the Northern Center for Lifelong Learning Board, to name a few. She is also a mentor in the Student Leader Fellowship Program and a dedicated Wildcat sports fan.

Outstanding Young Alumni Award: Jeffrey C. Vande Zande '93 BS, Bay City, Mich.

Jeff's poetry and short stories have appeared in over fifty small-press magazines and journals, including *College English*, *Fugue*, and *Passages North*. Two of his poems were nominated for the 1999 Pushcart Prize, and poet Jim Daniels nominated his work for a 2003 Pushcart. He has also given a number of public readings of his works at NMU.

Alumni Civic Leadership Award: Matthew J. Wiese '84 BS, Marquette, Mich.

From his time as a Cub Scout pack leader, through his involvement with domestic violence issues, and culminating with his current duties as Day Chair for Government Day sponsored by the Lake Superior Community Partnership, Matt has exhibited selfless dedication to the betterment of the Marquette community.

Distinguished Alumni Award: Dr. Karen M. Reese '63 BS, '66 MA, '76 MAE, Marquette, Mich.

A well-respected educator and student service advocate during her time as vice president for student affairs at NMU, Dr. Reese left her mark on hundreds of students, faculty, and staff who remember her advice, wisdom, and fairness to this day. Dr. Reese's impact on her community equals, if not exceeds, the impact she has had on students.

Bringing alumni together one e-mail at a time

Join the nearly 3,000 NMU alumni who have registered their e-mail addresses on the Alumni Association Web site. It's a great way to reconnect with long-lost roommates, classmates, and friends. Here's what one alumna had to say after she registered her e-mail address:

- ▶ "Over the years, I had lost touch with many of the individuals I participated with in marching band. After I registered my e-mail address, I was browsing through those alumni who were already registered and was pleasantly surprised to find a few familiar names. We have been able to re-establish our connection and share old memories and new stories of our adventures out of college. I check back every month or so to see if any other familiar names have signed on. Plus, NMU doesn't send you any annoying solicitations or spam. Thanks NMU!"

Allison Watkins '99 BA, McClellan, Calif.

Registration has its benefits

When you register your e-mail address, you'll receive "What's New, NMU?" the NMU Alumni Association's weekly online newsletter.

- ▶ "What a great idea! We love the newsletter. We still get up to Marquette in the summer for a few days, but your newsletter is our only regular contact at this time. Keep up the good work."

John '52 BS and Janet (Davison) '52 BA Pantalone, Westland, Mich.

- ▶ "Thank you for your weekly e-mails. Your photos and comments on Marquette and NMU bring back fond memories and help to make these places not so distant. From half way around the world, it is something to look forward to each week."

Karl Theisen '87 BS, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Stay connected!

Send us your e-mail address. Be the first to hear about NMU Alumni Association events in your area. Get Northern news delivered to your e-mail inbox. Take a walk down memory lane by checking out our weekly photos. Sign up for free e-mail for life.

It's all available to you through the NMU Alumni Association. Visit www.nmu.edu/alumni today or send an e-mail message to alumni@nmu.edu.

Upcoming Alumni Association Events

| DATE | EVENT |
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| Nov. 4 | NMU vs. Michigan State Hockey Post-game Reception at Tripper's, Lansing, Mich. |
| Dec. 30-31 | NMU vs. University of Wisconsin-Madison Hockey Post-game Reception, Madison, Wis. |

For more information about these events, contact the NMU Alumni Association at 1-877-GRAD-NMU or alumni@nmu.edu.

Lost Alumni

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

Ann Louise McLean '62 BS
Robert D. Carroll '63 BS
Janie L. Close '64 BA
Lois A. Masters '65 BS
Robert G. Taylor '65 MA
Kristin M. Erickson '66 BS
Don R. Test '66 MA
Donna J. Thorley '69 BS
Susan J. Sexton '70 BS
Richard R. Thompson '70 MAE
Dennis D. Trythall '70 BS
Ruth E. Waananen '70 BS
Jay VanHoven '71 MAE
Stephen J. Trombly '74 BS
Phyllis M. Boyle '75 EdS
Joseph B. Tierney '76 BS

If you can help us, please drop us a note at alumni@nmu.edu or call us toll free at 1-877-GRAD NMU.

Lifetime Members

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

Robert '67 BS, '69 MA and Alyce (Krause) '67 MA Jacobson Sr. John '71 BS and Diana (Mitchell) '71 BS Fair Jr.
Barbara L. Tays '72 BS
Christopher E. Mast '78 BS
David E. Penning '78 BS
Robert G. Glantz '79 BA
Edward '79 BS, '83 MAE and Sara (Sabin) '80 BS, '87 MA Niemi Rick E. Amidon '81 BS
Lawrence John '83 MA
Susan M. (Latham) Perry '84 BS
Caroline S. Banfield '95 BSW
Kelly R. Bayee '95 BS
Andy Forbing '03 BA

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