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Pre-1960s

James Welte '59 BS of Menominee and his wife, **Carole (Beaudoin) '59 BS** arranged a 12-day tour of Russia last June for themselves and seven NMU alumni: **Barbara (LaPointe) McCarthy '60 BA**, **Lorraine (Debernardi) Moore '60 BS**, **Connie (Schwemin) Barto '61 BS**, **Nancy (Goldsworthy) Zink '61 BS**, **Paul Suomi '62 BA '72 MAE**, **Carole (Schwemin) Fritsch '63 BS**, and **Robert Beaudoin '70 BS**. This was the Weltes' ninth trip to Russia.

'60s

Phyllis (Wood) Senske '66 MA of Rapid City was re-elected for a second term (2005-06) as a Kalkaska County Commissioner. After retiring from Up North Publications, she acquired a small flock of sheep, whose wool she uses to spin and weave.

L.E. Ward '66 BA, '67 MA was selected for inclusion in the *International Who's Who in Poetry* and named one of its "Best Poets of 2004." Ward has published six poetry books. He writes both poetry and prose and is also a film historian.

A. Frans Heideman '67 BA of Alexandria, Va., is the president of the New Dominion Capital Group. fheideman@att.net

David Kivela '67 BS of Greenville retired in June 2004 from the Greenville Public Schools, where he

taught 6th grade social studies and science for 37 years. He also coached basketball and track for more than 30 years. In retirement, David and his wife Libbie plan to spend a lot of time with their three grandchildren. coachk@charter.mi.net

Robert O'Keefe '67 BS of Columbus, Ohio, is retired from the U.S. Army and is currently working for the State of Ohio Veterans' Programs. okeefr@odjfs.state.oh.us

'70s

David Beaumont '70 BS of Williamsburg, Va., is a navy petty officer 1st class with the Reserve Sailors of Naval Expeditionary Logistics Support Force. He is in the middle of a routine, scheduled deployment to Camp Patriot, Kuwait. Beaumont's unit is working with the Army to provide critical combat logistics support to soldiers and marines in Iraq and Kuwait for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Loren Wagner '70 BS of Mazomanie, Wis., retired in 2003 after teaching earth science for 32 years in the Middleton-Cross Plains School District in Madison. slawag@merr.com

Diane (Lundin) Benjamin '71 BA '76 MAE of Doha, Qatar, is a school consultant with Mosaica Education. She retired as an elementary school principal from Lake Orion Community Schools in 2001. dbenjamin@mosaicaeducation.com

Jules Chopp '71 BS of Lowell, Ind., was selected for inclusion in the 2005 edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*. He is completing his 28th year as a mathematics teacher at Finley Junior High in Chicago Ridge, Ill. juleschopp@yahoo.com

Gary Lewinski '71 BS of Marquette and his wife Barb retired in March 2005 after 33 years in the bar and restaurant business, 27 of which were as the owners of Whiskers Spirits and Eatery. The Lewinskis took over the North End bar in 1978, remodeled it over the four-week Christmas break, and reopened it as Whiskers on Jan. 13, 1979. Four years later, they built an addition and remodeled the existing interior and exterior. In 1994 they gave Whiskers another face lift, and it became a sports bar with 12 televisions and a dining room. "Now," Gary writes, "we can relax!" gary49855@aol.com

Mike Busch '72 BS of Roseville was recently inducted into the Detroit ASA Softball Hall of Fame. He was a member of the Budweiser/Nothdurft Tool Softball Club, which won six consecutive national championships (1985-1990). He was named 1st team All-America in 1985-1987 and averaged .651 in six ASA National Championships (84-129) with 15 home runs. Mike is a business consultant with the Macomb/St. Clair Workforce Development Board. mikeb@macomb-stclairworks.org

Richard Huggins '72 BA of Friendswood, Texas, received a master's degree in education administration from Prairie View A&M University of Texas in May 2001. He works in transportation for the Metropolitan Transit Authority. rchrhuggins@aol.com

Mark Vanderlist '72 BA of Big Rapids retired in June 2004 after 32 years with Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District. He now works part-time for Thumb Educational Services of the MOISD. He monitors special education programs and services within the district. mvanderl@tucker-usa.com

Diane (Redman) Skewis '73 AT of Negaunee is a registered radiation therapist with Marquette General Health System. After she graduated from NMU, she attended Henry Ford Hospital School of Radiation Therapy in Detroit and graduated at the top of her class. Her son Thomas is currently an NMU student. "We are proud to be an NMU family." Ladydi50@chartermi.net

James Baer '75 BS of Purcellville, Va., was recently hired by Hill International, Inc., in Washington, D.C., as a senior project manager to perform contract quality management consulting for the National Institutes of Health's National Institute of Allergies and Infectious Diseases. His duties include overseeing the design and construction of the national and regional biocontainment laboratories in the United States. randybaer@hillintl.com

Dee Hubbard '75 BS of Marquette returned to the city after 24 years on the East Coast and joined the practice of OBGYN Associates.

Steven Rogers '75 BS of Manistee is serving as president of the Hiawatha Club, a 1,200-member, 36,000-acre sportsman's club in the Eastern Upper Peninsula near Naubinway. Steven retired from teaching and the Department of Natural Resources in 2002. srogers@manistee.org

Bess (Bonville) Davis '77 BS of Peachtree City, Ga., recently made an NMU connection after reading in her son's high school newsletter that the new nurse at the high school clinic is a Northern alum. "I had to meet her. On the way to the high school to introduce myself to **Carolyn (Puuri) Caspary '76 BS** I was thinking, 'Carolyn is probably some recent NMU graduate who could care less about meeting older alumni.' Well, Carolyn was as excited as I was to meet another Northern grad and someone from the U.P. We started comparing notes and Carolyn lived in West Hall from fall 1973 to spring 1975. I lived in West

Hall from fall 1973 until I graduated in 1977. Carolyn and her family moved to Peachtree City in 1988 when her husband was hired by Delta Airlines. We moved here in 1997 when my husband was hired by Delta." It's a small world!

Gregg Hothem '77 BA of Loveland, Ohio, is vice president of Hills Communities, Inc., a Cincinnati-based company that builds upscale homes. ghothem@cinci.rr.com

Glen Johnson '77 BS of Plainfield, Wis., moved to central Wisconsin in 2003 after a long career in lower Michigan in the human services field. He has been appointed director of the Waushara County Human Services Department. "I love the new area, staff, and community. It is a significant shift from lower Michigan and most welcome. I love being able to still be actively involved in programs serving children and families. A special thanks to **Bob Deppen '79 BS**—I made him help move me to Wisconsin! Making this change has been very rewarding and creates a new journey in life for me."

johnsong@uniontel.net

'80s

Rick Diebold '80 BS of Ellsworth recently earned a doctorate in education from Eastern Michigan University. He is the deputy superintendent of the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District in Charlevoix. His wife **Jenny (Lacker) '80 BS** teaches kindergarten in Ellsworth. They have two children: Rick, 20, and Karin, 17. dieboldr@torchlake.com

Ann Verme '80 BA of Minneapolis, Minn., received a juris doctorate from Hamline University School of Law in May 2004. She was admitted to the Minnesota State Bar and practices law in Minneapolis. Ann is a former Munising resident.

Eric Wurmlinger '80 BS of Post Falls, Idaho, and his wife Rosalynn own and

operate the River Cove Bed and Breakfast, which they opened in 1991. www.therivercove.com

Lori Juntilla '81 BS of Owasso, Okla., obtained a master's degree in health promotion from Oklahoma State University in 1999. Lori has worked for the University of Colorado, Rogers State University, and Tulsa Community College. She also held an internship in the NMU Registrar's Office, which led to her current position as an academic adviser at Oklahoma Wesleyan University for the adult and graduate studies program.

Jerry Wilson '81 MAE of Commerce is an educator with the Oxford area community schools. starclipper30@hotmail.com

Frank Buscher '82 BA of Memphis, Tenn., has been named dean of the School of Arts at Christian Brothers University in Memphis. fbuscher@cbu.edu

James Cook '82 BS of Bronson is the emergency preparedness coordinator for the Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Community Health Agency. jbcCook@cbpu.com

Greg Goetz '82 BS of Wausau, Wis., left Wausau Insurance Company after 22 years to start a new agency in Wausau. Insurance Associates is based in Green Bay, Wis., and expanded to Wausau in July 2004. ggoetz@ia.bz

Mark Johnson '82 BS of Las Vegas, Nev., was named director of marketing and communications by the American Gem Society, which educates consumers and holds jewelers to the highest standards of professionalism and ethics.

Laura (Elliot) Brabec '83 Cert. of Stephenson works for Bay Area Medical Center in Marinette, Wis., as a registered nurse in surgical services. For five years, Laura has also been chairperson of the Menominee County Parent Advisory Committee, which reaches out to parents of special needs children with resources and support

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systems. She has two sons, Derek, 18, and Steve, 17, and has been married to her husband Bob for four years.

Kim Hatch '83 BS of Grand Haven resigned her full-time position as human resources administrator for auto supplier Johnson Controls in Holland in 2001 to focus her attention on her family. In April 2002 she had the opportunity to return to education as a GED instructor and discovered how much she missed it. "It has been an experience working with young adults who have lost their way, and I would like to think that I am having a positive impact on their lives." quality90@hotmail.com

Jeffrey Mead '85 BS of Scotts Valley, Calif., is a global account manager with networking equipment provider Bel/Stewart Connector. jmead83456@aol.com

Mary Dettloff '86 BS of Lansing was hired as the press secretary for the Michigan Department of Natural

Resources in February 2005. Previously, she served as the deputy press secretary for Governor Jennifer Granholm.

Sherrie (Heintz) Renaud '86 BS of Holly accepted the 2004 Innovations in Healthcare award given by the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan for her company, Fresenius Medical Care, for advances in nocturnal dialysis. She was recently promoted to area manager I, and is in charge of six dialysis clinics in Owosso, Flint, Saginaw, Bay City, and Tawas. Her husband **Tom '73 BS** teaches building trades at Hartland High School. Their two sons, Neil and Peter, look forward to playing hockey for NMU after high school graduation. "It was gratifying to see the Cohodas' sponsoring a lecture series on diversity. As an undergrad I remember listening to Elie Wiesel speak at NMU. What a profound impact he had on my views of racism and equality. Go Cats!" renaudholly@juno.com

Denise (Maynard) Huotari '87 Dipl. of Iron Mountain is a paraprofessional

in marketing and graphics for the Dickinson-Iron Technical Education Center.

Raymond Bowerson '88 BS of Standish received the Non-Custody Employee of the Year award at Standish Maximum Correctional Facility. Ray has been employed at SMF for 14 years and is currently the classification director. He is married to **Christine (Schultz) '90 BS**, with whom he has seven children. rrb@sch-net.com

Toni (Gervae) Jandron '88 BS of Negaunee is an associate vice president and regional compliance manager with Wells Fargo Investments.

Beth (Sprague) Strong '88 BS of Alpena has three children. She says now that all three children are in school, she has started graduate work in education.

Lori (Beltz) Abbott '89 BS of Arlington Heights, Ill., teaches science at Buffalo Grove High School. labbott@d214.org

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Filming 'Ghost of the Big Timber'

NICK VAN COURT '04 BS

What started out as a senior project for former broadcasting student Nick Van Court turned into a feature television production. "Michigan's Gray Wolf: Ghost of the Big Timber" premiered in December on WNMU-TV as part of the station's annual fundraiser.

The documentary, about the pros and cons of the wolf recovery in Michigan, was co-produced by Van Court and communication and performance studies professor Dwight Brady.

"I was trying to get into wildlife documentary, and this project allowed me to do just that," Van Court said.

Brady became involved initially to help Van Court write grants for the project.

"But when the money came in, the expectation level started to rise beyond what could be accomplished in a typical senior project," said Brady. "Creating a broadcast-quality documentary of this nature is a major undertaking, and I knew Nick would need help. Between the two of us, we devoted nearly 1,000 man-hours to this project through grant writing, research, script development, shooting, and editing."

The duo spent almost a year creating the film, recapturing the history and biology of the wolf. Most of the 45-minute documentary focuses on an overview



Producers Dwight Brady (left) and Nick Van Court at work on "Michigan's Gray Wolf: Ghost of the Big Timber."

of the issues surrounding the wolf population in the Upper Peninsula. They conducted 20 interviews with wolf experts, sportsmen, farmers, and animal rights groups affected by the growing U.P. wolf population. "We try to give voice to all of those constituents," Brady said.

Brady said that some people have negative opinions about wolves, and the film helps to dispel some of the myths. For instance, while Brady and Van Court were filming wolves just a few feet away from each other, the wolves brushed up against their legs.

"It basically demonstrates that wolves are typically not aggressive against humans," Brady said.

It could take a very long time to get enough footage of wild wolves in their natural environment to support a script, so Brady and Van Court traveled to the Wildlife Science Center in Forest Lake, Minn., where they filmed wild wolves in an enclosure.

The current wolf population

in the U.P. is at 360 according to the 2004 winter count, and the first case of a wolf returning to Lower Michigan was documented in October, when one of the animals was trapped and shot near Alpena. Brady said biologists estimate that at one time, nearly 800 wolves lived in the U.P.

Wolves were originally wiped out in the Lower Peninsula by 1910 and all but extinct in the U.P. by 1960. A reintroduction of four wolves from Minnesota to the U.P. was attempted in 1974, but all four died within a year. Biologists say the current population in Michigan has resulted from wolves naturally dispersing from Minnesota and Canada into the Upper Peninsula.

Public TV 13 shows few student-produced films, said Bruce Turner, the station manager at WNMU-TV, but the wolf documentary turned into a major project, and it fit the station's effort to show locally produced programs about and for the Upper Peninsula during the fundraiser.

The documentary garnered Van Court and Brady a Michigan Association of Broadcasters 2004-2005 Broadcast Excellence award for best news special. It also was recently picked up for state-wide broadcast on all Michigan PBS stations.

—Kristi Evans

Alisa (Vento) Anderson '89 BSN of Livonia is the nurse manager of the Nurse Call Center at Huron Valley Ambulance in Ann Arbor. Her husband **Jon '89 BS** is a 5th grade teacher at Fiegel Elementary School in the Plymouth-Canton Community School District. The couple has two daughters, Amy and Sarah. Every year, Jon travels to India, the country of Sarah's birth. The Andersons frequently visit Marquette and family members who live in the area. aanderson@hva.org

Keith King '89 BS of Studio City, Calif., the first United States Olympic Education Center athlete to graduate from Northern Michigan University, returned to Marquette to celebrate the USOEC's 20th birthday with some of the USOEC athletes and coaches. Through the USOEC, King was able to train as a member of the United States national short track speedskating team from 1987-94 while working toward his undergraduate pre-law degree. He is now a litigator for the International House of Pancakes at its Glendale, Calif., corporate headquarters. keith.king@ihop.com

'90s

Rod LaFleur '90 BFA of Chicago, Ill., is a loan officer for First Metropolitan Mortgage. rlafleur@1stmetro.net

Michelle (Hiebel) Todzy '90 BS of Appleton, Wis., and her husband Roger welcomed their first child, Nathan Roger, into their family in September 2004.

Gregory Hayes '93 BS of Elmhurst, Ill., and his wife Mary celebrated the birth of their first child, Alina Rose, in January 2005. Greg was recently named a partner at the law firm of DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary US LLP. gregory.hayes@dlapiper.com

Michael Wetzel '93 MA of Lansing teaches writing composition classes at Lansing Community College. He is also the founder and director of Shepherd's

Purse, a nonprofit ministry to help homeless children in Russia and Ukraine. He has traveled to Perm and Ufa, Russia, and to Kherson, Ukraine. He will be taking teams back to Ukraine in May and August. info@shepherdspurse.org

Mark Treado '94 BS of Sault Ste. Marie is the recreation director for the Michigan Department of Corrections. "GO CATS!"

Gary Campioni '95 BS of Flint is a field admissions representative for Lincoln Technical Institute. gcampioni@msn.com

Eric Dobson '95 BS of Benbrook, Texas, is currently a biotechnology major at the University of Texas at Arlington. ERDBnrk@aol.com

Jennifer (Holland) Sorenson '95 BA of Bloomington, Minn., is an IT business analyst for the Donaldson Company. She and her husband Keith have a two-year-old daughter, Jenna. jsorenso@mail.donaldson.com

Leah (Berglund) '96 BS and **Jeff Halvorson '96 BS** of Laurel, Md., are the proud parents of Henry George Halvorson, who joined his sister Natalie in January 2005. Jeff is a lead contractor with Northop Grumman, and Leah is on leave from her 5th grade teaching position in the Howard County Public Schools. lcbhalvorson@cablespeed.com

Brian Poshak '96 BS of Green Bay, Wis., is a program cost manager for Marinette Marine. bposhak@hotmail.com

James Schneider '96 BS of Wixom teaches 7th grade language arts for the Novi Community School District. jschneider@novi.k12.mi.us

Rene Ribant-Amthor '97 BS of Armada is a teacher for the Chippewa Valley School District. She also earned a master's degree in humanities from Central Michigan University. Ribant2574@sbcglobal.net

Nicole (Craft) Bradshaw '99 BA of

Portage is a senior technical writer at the Parker Hannifin Corporation, which manufactures motion and control technologies and systems.

Erik Johnson '99 BS of Midland is an environmental scientist with McDowell & Associates. mcdjohnson@prodigy.net

'00s

Dana Moore '00 BS of Traverse City is a youth counselor for Michigan Works. dmoore@nwm.cog.mi.us

Veronica Wajda '00 BA of St. Charles, Ill., received a master of arts degree in 2002 from the University of Minnesota-Duluth. She works in the public schools as a speech-language pathologist and serves on the Illinois State Speech, Language, and Hearing Association school affairs committee.

Bradley Babcock '01 BS of Dumfries, Va., has been employed with the Fretz Corporation as a district sales manager since 2002. He is responsible for the sale of Sub-Zero/Wolf brand appliances around the metro Washington, D.C., area.

Steven Webb '01 BS of Chicago, Ill., is a sales support manager with W.W. Grainger, a repair parts and supplies distributor. swebb12@hotmail.com

Bradley Nyman '02 BS of Neenah, Wis., is a sales agent with American Express Property Casualty. bradley.j.nyman@aexp.com

Benjamin Ranta '02 BS of Watertown, N.Y., is a company executive officer in the U.S. Army.

Layla Wright '02 BS of Chevy Chase, Md., is a weather/entertainment on-air personality for the Entravision Communications Corporation. layla_w@hotmail.com

Raphael Bennett '03 BS of Chicago, Ill., developed technology coined and patented as VR4 digital movement technology, which allows virtual tours of any environment. Raphael is the president and CEO of Entertainment

Life (EntLife Imagery).
rbennett@entlife.com

Jed Friedrich '03 BS of St. Peter, Minn., was hired last summer as the head coach of men's and women's cross country running and Nordic skiing teams at Gustavus Adolphus College.

Julie (Bingham) Hendrickson '04 MPA of Hancock is a budget analyst at Michigan Technological University.

Brett Perucco '04 BS of Charlotte, N.C., is a career and technical education business teacher for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School District.
bperucco@alumni.nmu.edu

Marriages

Glen Brown '73 BS to Kathleen Miller.

Diane Gladwell '91 BS to John Illikainen.

Jean Opolka '91 BS to Chris Hale.

Bobbi Houg '92 AB to **Craig Rice '97 Dipl.**

Michael Rota '92 BS to Kathy Lynn Smith.

Jason Lehman '94 BS to Amanda Lauer.

Michelle Moyer '95 BSN to Michael Pascoe.

Marlo Guizzetti '96 BSN to Chad Manley.

Heather Willey '96 BS to Eric Coddling.

Kathleen Chouinard '97 AS to Charles Enright.

Jeff Engle '97 BS to Kristin Pruitt.

Jeff Fisher '97 BS to Anna Bell.

Jason Krol '97 AS to Jennifer Kolberg.

Kirsti Longhini '97 BS to **Michael Brunet '02 BS.**

Rene Rimbant '97 BS to Scott Amthor.

Jennifer Rappazini '98 BS to Craig Biekkola.

Jeffrey Carlson '99 AAS to Rhonda Sieglaff.

Barrett Cooke '99 BS to Vera Drecun.

Chad Coolman '99 BS to Lisa Radzibon.

Nicole Craft '99 BA to Bryan Bradshaw.

Lisa DeMilio '99 BS to **James Harmon '01 BS.**

Leanne Dowdy '99 BS to **Roger Trudeau '04 BS.**

Erik Johnson '99 BS to Courtney Wells.

Peter Ruokolainen '99 BS to Tanya LaJoie.

Joseph Scholl '99 BS to Jennifer Wahl.

Leah Johnson '00 AB to Gavin Rourke.

William Johnson '00 BS to **Megan Scherer '00 AB.**

Heather Perttula '00 BS to Craig Austin.

Allison Poisson '00 BS to Douglas Garceau.

Jennifer Rogers '00 BSN to Brian Turek.

Jeremy Smith '00 BS to Jean Mercier.

Karl Thomsen '00 BS to Emily Veesser.

Heather Asgaard '01 AB, '02 BS to Brian Hart.

Bradley Babcock '01 BS to Julie Dennis.

Wendy Bancroft '01 BS to Jonathan Blum.

Julie Beaudry '01 BS to Buck Ingersoll.

Katherine Darmogray '01 BSN to Chad Cartwright.

Sarah DeGrand '01 BS to Andrew Johnson.

Angela Dudzinski '01 BS to Michael McCarthy.

Christopher Hartman '01 BS to **Tara Reddinger '03 BS.**

Jennifer Larson '01 BS to Shawn Reichel.

Debra Lowes '01 AB to Cory Hocking.

Benjamin Waterman '01 AAS to Laura Stolper.

Shane French '02 BS to Tamara Houghton.

Holly Harris '02 BS to Brad Muscoe.

Caryn Kauppila '02 BSN to Peter Clements.

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Stand Hunting for Whitetails



Stackpole Books, 2004

Richard P. Smith '72 BS

This book is a comprehensive guide on how to be consistently successful while hunting from a ground-based position or a tree stand with a gun or a bow and arrow. One chapter is devoted to the author's experience guiding baseball star Wade Boggs to a trophy buck while hunting from a ground blind.

ALUMNI ON CD

Worth the Weight



The Flat Broke Blues Band, 2005

Lorrie Hayes '83 BFA, '86 MA; Mike Letts '84 BFA; Walt

Lindala '90 BS; Mark Johnson '94 BS, '99 MA; and Jim Cohen

Marquette-based Flat Broke Blues Band takes the influences of blues, rock, soul, and R&B and creates a sound that respects the tradition of the blues but also pushes its contemporary bounds. *Worth the Weight* features 12 tracks, including 10 Flat Broke original songs.

Life: It's All About Love, Loss and Laughter



Joe Hellberg '95 BME, 2004

This CD is a combination of original music and country standards. Each of the seven original songs written by Hellberg were inspired by things that have happened in his life and range in genre from country to pop and from jazz to rock.

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Stephanie Campbell '03 BS to Daniel DePetro.
Sarah Churack '03 Cert. to Nicholas LaMere.
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Knoebel '03 BS.
Katie Heino '03 BSN to Joshua Menard.
Ryan Hernalsteen '03 BS to Toni Bielas.
James Hewitt '03 BA to **Melissa Pericolosi '04 BS**.
Brian Anderson '04 BS to Danielle Doney.
Julie Bingham '04 MPA to Scott Hendrickson.
Shari Holmgren '04 AB to Robert U'Ren.
Elizabeth Jeske '04 BS to Matthew Thomas.
Janelle Meyer '04 BA to Alexander Franz.
Gregory Moyle '04 BS to Katherine Zinis.
Pam Niemela '04 BSN to Jim Reynolds.

Deaths

Clara Dierickx '24 LC '50 BS, March 1, 2005, Norway.
Margaret (O'Grady) Korten '34 LC '40 AS, Feb. 2, 2005, Lancaster, Pa.
Stephen Paul '36 BA, Dec. 28, 2004, Marquette.
LuVerne (Phillips) Geizer '39 LC, St. Lucie, Fla.
John Sundquist '41 BS, Oct. 18, 2004, Stephenson.
Virginia (Peterson) Junttila '43 BS, March 8, 2005, Calumet.
Gordon Mudge '47 BA, Jan. 7, 2005, Yuba City, Calif.
Alfred Hakala '48 BS, Nov. 25, 2004, Canton.
William Mitchell '49 BA, Nov. 29, 2004, Sister Lakes.
Earl Bye '51 BS, Oct. 8, 2004, Alpena.

John Truden '51 BA, Dec. 4, 2004, Marquette.

Arne Kortema '52 BS, Nov. 6, 2004, Bootjack.

David Freeman '53 BS, Dec. 27, 2004, Marquette.

Kenneth Pekuri '53 BS, Dec. 28, 2004, Champion.

Merrill Detroit '57 BS, Dec. 25, 2004, Marquette.

Ernest LaRoue '58 BS, Dec. 26, 2004, Newberry.

Kathryn (Kressin) St. Arnauld '60 BA, Jan. 15, 2005, Eau Claire, Wis.

Claude Leinonen '61 BS, Jan. 16, 2005, Covington.

Olga (Autio) Erickson '62 BA, Jan. 30, 2005, Fullerton, Calif.

John VanBrocklin '63 BS '67 MA, March 8, 2005, Negaunee.

Peter Williams '63 BS, Aug. 14, 2004, Pittsfield, Maine.

William Kerkes '67 MA, Feb. 24, 2005, Minocqua, Wis.

Sandra (Lampinen) Armstrong '68 BS, Jan. 7, 2005, San Bruno, Calif.

John DaPra, Jr. '68 BS, Feb. 13, 2005, Marquette.

Dennis McArthey '68 BA, March 14, 2005, Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.

Carmen (Barbiere) Anderson '69 BS, Jan. 21, 2005, Munising.

Gerald DeMarse '71 BS, Feb. 22, 2005, Marquette.

Dale Berglund '72 BS, Dec. 9, 2004, Marquette.

Phyllis (Tatman) Bucholtz '72 BS, Dec. 30, 2004, Lubbock, Texas.

Michael Gustafson '75 BS, Feb. 16, Streamwood, Ill.

Karen Tollefson '78 BS, Jan. 30, 2005, Livonia.

William Popps '79 BS, Jan. 19, 2005, Escanaba.

Stephen Britz '82 BS, March 14, 2005, Sault Ste. Marie.

Maxine Nordstrom '84 AB, Aug. 17, 2004, Punta Gorda, Fla.

Robert Carlson '88 MA, Feb. 17, 2005, Ontonagon.

David McNeill '90 BS, March 4, 2005, Gwinn.

John Benz '92 BS, Nov. 6, 2004, Westville, Ind.

Christine Burnette '93 BS, Feb. 25, 2005, Marquette.

Mark Negri '94 AS, Nov. 8, 2004, Marquette.

Keith Olson '95 BS, Feb. 18, 2005, Chassell.

Jean (Takalo) Huttunen '97 AB, Feb. 10, 2005, Pelkie.

Friends

William "Joe" Blake, Dec. 8, 2004, Marquette. He was known for being the voice and color commentator for Northern's hockey and volleyball programs.

Alfred Niemi, Feb. 1, 2005, San Diego, Calif. Alfred taught geography at Northern for 26 years before retiring as professor emeritus in 1980.

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A River Runs Through Marquette

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Remnants of the Tourist Park Dam.



The newly created Tourist Park Falls.

More photos and information on the initiative for a free-flowing Dead River can be found online at spaces.msn.com/members/freeflowingdeadriver.com.

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"You cannot step into the same river twice..." Heraclitus, 513 B.C.

On May 14, 2003, the breaching of an earthen dike about thirty miles west of Marquette drained the Silver Lake Basin and started a chain reaction of flooding on the Dead River, which eventually destroyed the Tourist Park Dam and Tourist Park Lake in Marquette. While the Dead River flood caused an unfortunate amount of destruction, it has also opened up an incredible opportunity.

Last summer, the Collinsville Dam, an upstream remnant dam near Marquette, was removed. With both the Collinsville and Tourist Park dams out of the river, more than three miles of natural river ecosystem will be restored.

Citizens for a Free-Flowing Lower Dead River was formed to gather input from community members who do not want to see the dam rebuilt and to educate the community on the benefits of river restoration. The group believes the following benefits will be realized if the Tourist Park Dam is not rebuilt and the lake is not restored:

Aquatic Resources

- Restoration would provide more than three miles of quality habitat to coho salmon, chinook salmon, steelhead, and, potentially, lake sturgeon.
- A free-flowing Dead River would create a highly desirable urban fishery within the city limits.
- Water quality would be improved by increasing dissolved oxygen and lowering water temperatures—both

important for fish survival.

Recreation

- A free-flowing river and park environment would maximize the recreational potential for canoeing and kayaking.
- The restored river would attract waterfall enthusiasts.
- Additional land on the old Tourist Park lakebed could be used to create recreational facilities such as walking/biking trails and birding areas.

Socioeconomics

- Additional recreational opportunities could enhance tourist revenue for the city of Marquette. Fall and spring spawning migrations would bring in anglers and campers who would provide revenue outside of the typical summer tourist season.
- Habitat restoration and mitigation of some lost wetlands may be accomplished by using outside funding sources.
- The Marquette Board of Light and Power, which owns the dam and will make the decision about its future, would save on costs incurred in dam rebuilding, retrofitting (for fish passage), dam maintenance, and/or future licensing compliance.

This is an opportunity for the City of Marquette and the Board of Light and Power to make a national statement about creative river restoration and further enhance the quality of life for area residents.

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Thanks for the memories...

...of swimming in Lake Superior every August 27th, the Homecoming parade, and the first snow in early October.

For walks around campus under street lamps in the dead of winter, and walks up Third Street on starry nights. For being in a theater production and listening to Dr. Rapport scream and laugh because I made up new lines. The craziness of Spooner Hall.

Thanks for the memories of the banners around town on football Saturday, and fighting for the national football championship but losing by less than four yards.

For the parties in the winters spent skiing, socializing, and losing our way; and the summers spent on campus making up for too much partying.

Thanks for the marvelous instructors who gave so much of their free spirits and wisdom.

The Alumni Association helps keep these memories alive by providing opportunities to see old friends and meet new ones who share a love for Northern. It allows all of us to maintain relationships with classmates and professors that were formed when we were students. Thank you so much.

Paul E. Goldman '63 BA. Lifetime member of the NMU Alumni Association since 1998.

Of course I'm a member.

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