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*ON THE COVER – Ben Mitchell '07 walks a narrow foot bridge in Ghana, Africa, near the Atlantic coast. Read about Mitchell's time with the Peace Corps in Burkina Faso on page 15.*

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## What happened to my *Laker Log*?

We're sure that you noticed that this issue of the *Laker Log* is a bit different than the last one you received. In order to cut postage costs, we've adjusted the size of the magazine. It will save the university hundreds of dollars per issue.

Although the magazine seems smaller, there will actually be more *Log* for you throughout the year. After several years of publishing two issues per year, we will now publish three issues annually – two print copies and one issue on lssu.edu.

Look for the winter web issue in February.

Do you receive e-mail updates from the Alumni Office? If so, your e-mail address is on file and you will receive a note when the winter issue of the *Laker Log* is available online.

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# Exciting times at LSSU: Fall 2008 Highlights

September promises to be a special month here. We look forward to having one of the largest entering classes of freshman and transfer students in recent years. Our student retention numbers also look good. Word seems to be spreading about the high quality of our academic programs and the ever-expanding out-of-classroom opportunities.

From Sept. 22-24, the University will host a lecture series, "Envisioning the Future," that features four presentations by nationally prominent speakers on topics corresponding to our four newly constituted schools. On Sept. 26, LSSU will conduct its formal presidential inauguration, celebrating the University and formally inducting me as the sixth president of the University. The public is invited to all of these events (RSVP at [lssu.edu/inauguration](http://lssu.edu/inauguration)). On Sept. 27, we will host the annual President's Dinner (by invitation) recognizing those who have made significant gifts to the University.

LSSU is helping to advance the knowledge and the economy of the state and region. Our Engineering and Technology Dept., for example, has implemented a new Prototype Development Center (PDC) funded by a 21st Century Jobs Fund grant to help businesses and entrepreneurs bring design concepts to practical reality. This group also won a competitive Michigan Initiative for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (MIEE) grant for developing a Product Commercialization and Manufacturing Center, and a second grant in collaboration with Michigan Technological University. Faculty in our Chemistry Dept. work with our students to provide analyses of environmental chemistry samples from all over the world. And a team of LSSU "Students in Free Enterprise" (SIFE) from our School of Business, Entrepreneurial and Legal Studies won a regional competition and competed at the national level.

This fall, we start new programs in Geographic Informational Systems (GIS) and, to our knowledge, the first undergraduate program in the country in Fish Health. More and more local, regional and national dignitaries visit LSSU to learn more about our programs and facilities. Inevitably, they leave impressed by the work going on here.



## A Time to Go, A Time to Grow

September is also a time of transition for students who join us for the first time -- and for the students' families. Do you remember the excitement of your own freshman college experience? Seeing these eager young students, many about to live away from home for the first time, reminds us of how full of promise -- but also how stressful a time -- starting college is. We cherish the opportunity to be part of our students' transformative

experiences as students grow in self confidence and competence over the course of their stay. But we also know the anguish all parents face in sending their children off to college. Parents let go because they know it is necessary for their children to grow.

LSSU also faces the need to continue its growth and development. While retaining what is great about the past, we must also forge boldly into the 21st century, advancing LSSU's name and reputation and assuring proper financial stewardship of the institution. That is difficult to do at any time, but especially in these troubled economic times. Since we have no option except to succeed, we ask for your generous participation in our annual fund raising effort: *The Fund for LSSU*.

Although gifts for specific programs and purposes are always welcome, unrestricted giving is particularly needed. Such donations help the University do some of the extra things that can continue our path "from good to great" and enable us to invest in opportunities to help grow the institution in size and reputation.

Please help sustain the University's positive momentum by making a generous donation to *The Fund for LSSU*. No matter the size, each gift matters. Every dollar helps address the needs created by the deep cuts made in state funding over the last decade. Also, the percent of our alumni making annual donations is one criterion by which we are evaluated.

Won't you join this year's *Fund for LSSU* with a generous donation? An envelope for your contribution is in this issue of the Laker Log.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Rodney L. Lowman". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light-colored background.

Rodney L. Lowman  
President

# September lecture series to culminate with president's inauguration

In an effort to engage the University community in important issues and topics of the day, LSSU will bring several speakers to campus Sept. 22-26 for a lecture series entitled *"Envisioning the Future."*

The four lectures, Monday through Thursday, will culminate with the inauguration of LSSU's sixth president, Rodney L. Lowman Ph.D., on Friday, Sept. 26. The inauguration will be held at 4 p.m. in the Arts Center Auditorium.

"As is the custom, the inauguration is being held in the fall of the year following the president's first academic year in office," said LSSU Board of Trustees Chair Barb Cliff. "The University has had a small number of presidents and this special occasion provides a significant opportunity to showcase the University and its new president to the regional and national communities and to celebrate the many things that are noteworthy about our university."

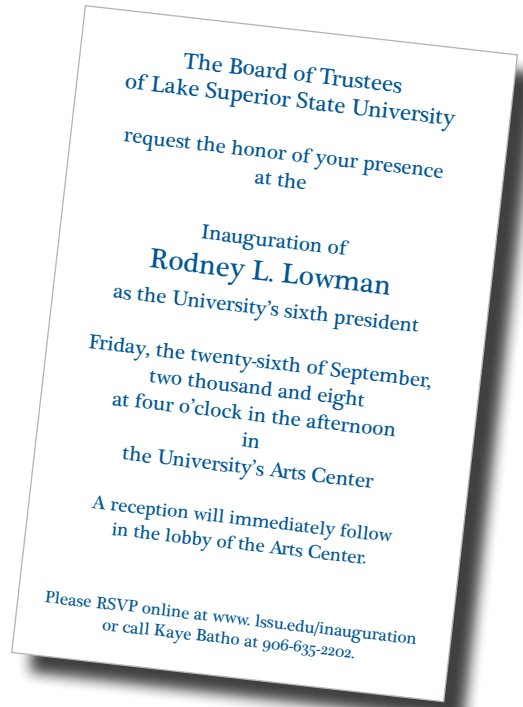
A number of state and local politicians and dignitaries are being invited to the inauguration, and the community is welcome to attend.

"The lectures earlier in the week will bring to campus important thinkers and leaders in four areas: health care, politics, the environment and criminal justice," said Lowman. "Each of these areas corresponds to one of the four new schools of the University. Two of the presentations are by prominent LSSU grads."

This series, will be free and open to the public.

The lectures, all at 7 p.m. in the Walker Cisler Center are open to the public and free of charge. Each will be preceded by a brief performance of a campus arts group

**Sept. 22:** "The Future of Health Care in America: Health Promotion among Native Americans," presented by Mary Beth Skupien PhD. A 1980 graduate of LSSU, Skupien is director of the Division of Community and Environmental Health in the Office of Public Health, Indian Health Service, Washington, DC. She was also selected for LSSU's Outstanding Alumnus Award in 1993.



**Sept. 23:** "The Future of the American Political System: The 2008 Presidential Election," will be presented by Arthur Lupia PhD. Lupia is a Hal R. Varian Professor of Political Science and research professor with the Institute for Social Research at University of Michigan.

**Sept. 24:** "The Future of the Criminal Justice System in America: The Michigan Experience," will be presented by Patricia Caruso, director of the Michigan Dept. of Corrections. Caruso, a 1975 graduate, was the recipient of the LSSU Outstanding Alumnus Award in 1997, and was LSSU commencement speaker in 2005.

**Sept. 25:** "The Future of the Environment: The Great Lakes Initiative," will be presented by John D. Austin, director of the Great Lakes Economic Initiative, Non-Resident Senior Fellow with the Brookings Institution, and vice president of the Michigan Board of Education.

For more information on the lectures or the inauguration, visit [lssu.edu/lectureseries](http://lssu.edu/lectureseries) or [lssu.edu/inauguration](http://lssu.edu/inauguration).

# Governor appoints new board members

Governor Jennifer Granholm has appointed Patrick K. Egan of Brimley and Scot A. Lindemann of Holland to the LSSU Board of Trustees.

Egan, chairman of the board of directors of the Little Rapids Corp. and former publisher of the Sault Evening News, and Lindemann, vice president of operations for JR Automation in Holland and a 1989 LSSU alumnus, were both appointed

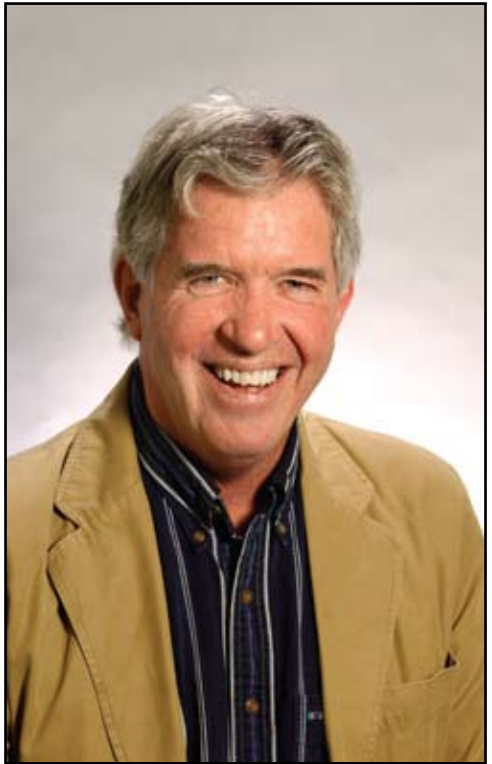
Lindemann said, "LSSU is a unique university that can play an important role in the future successes of the economies of Michigan and Ontario."

The two attended their first meeting in July.

The LSSU Board of Trustees is the governing body for the university. The board oversees conduct of the university's affairs, has control of the university's property and has the ability to fix tuition and other fees, appoint and/or remove personnel, and determine compensation to be paid for services and property.



*Lindemann*



*Egan*

to represent the general public for terms expiring Jan. 27, 2016. They succeed Gary L. Wolfram, Hillsdale, and Dean M. Altobelli, Lansing, whose terms expired last January.

"We are very excited by the addition of both Pat Egan and Scot Lindemann to our Board of Trustees," said LSSU President Rodney Lowman. "Both have strong ties to the University and to the area."

Egan, who has lived in the Eastern Upper Peninsula for more than 30 years, said he is looking forward to "help guide the University and see it become stronger."

Lindemann said he has hired more than 10 LSSU graduates at JR Automation over the past several years. A founding member of the Theta Xi fraternity at LSSU,



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# Commencement speaker tells grads to stay grounded

In spite of his work with rockets, missiles and other airborne projectiles, Brigadier General Genaro J. Dellarocco, class of 1978, told the members of LSSU's 2008 graduating class to stay grounded as they leave campus.

Gen. Dellarocco, who is Program Executive Officer for Missiles and Space at the Army's Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, was the featured speaker at commencement ceremonies in May, along with graduates Jason Blain and Shelley Wooley. The university graduated more than 500 students at the annual program.

On the 30th anniversary of his own graduation from LSSU with a business degree, Dellarocco told today's graduates to remember the importance of community as they leave school to follow careers or attend graduate school.

"Every one of you is going to be or has been in a situation, whether it's been in a family discussion, or with a significant other or a child, where you have responded without being in complete control.

That response, once it's out there, can never be taken back. So, count to five. It will minimize the regrets and help you have a happier, richer, more fulfilling life.

"This class, and your generation, will be known for its sense of community," Dellarocco continued. "Keep that sense of community outside of your career – the other part of your life. That's your family, your friends, the organizations that you belong to... At the end of the day, you'll go home and you need to have that community that grounds you. That's your center."

Dellarocco summed up his comments by issuing a challenge to the class of 2008 and asking them to remember Americans of the World War II era who have been called "the greatest generation."

"You will make a difference in this world. You have a lot of talent. My

challenge to you is to be the greatest generation of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Go, Lakers!"

Two members of the LSSU student body addressed the graduating class: Jason Blain, a Sault Area High School graduate receiving a business and economics/finance degree, and Shelley Wooley, a graduate student who received a master's degree in curriculum and instruction.

Blain, a member of the Laker hockey team, told the class that LSSU stands out among the other schools he has attended.



*General Genaro J. Dellarocco with President Lowman.*

"Besides Lake State, I attended Montana State and Northeastern University and took online courses from Bay Mills Community College. But of all of them, there is something special about Lake State," he said, noting that individual attention helped him and his classmates succeed.

"The extra effort that people here give to go above and beyond, that's what makes Lake State what it is... I don't know what the future will bring, but if we build on this experience, we're headed in the right direction."

Respondent Wooley came to LSSU via Brazil, where she was Community Liaison Officer for the U.S. Embassy and president of the American School of Brasilia School Board, and her husband, John, was Deputy Attaché for Homeland Security to Brazil and Bolivia at the U.S. Embassy.

Greeting the class and audience



*Duncan Family Pipes*

in six different languages, Wooley emphasized the international flavor to LSSU, which she said is taken for granted and is “a special attribute of this campus.”

She, too, lauded her professors for the individual attention she received and said the students at LSSU were picking up resources in a place where people have been congregating for thousands of years.

“Here at this historic place, alongside a river that has supported many nations, long before European countries drew boundaries on maps, LSSU has allowed its students to look beyond the probable and glimpse the possible. The possible is our future...”



*Shelley Wooley*



*Jason Blain*



*Bay Mills White Buffalo Cloud Pride Group*

Use the resources gathered here and answer the call for your talent,” Wooley said.

Graduates were ushered into and accompanied out of the ceremony to the drums of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians’ Bahweting Singers and the Bay Mills Tribe’s White Buffalo Cloud Pride Group. In addition, faculty, administration and the LSSU Board of Trustees were escorted into the rink by the Duncan Family pipes and drums, as they have been for all of LSSU’s graduation ceremonies.



# Nursing's Kathy Berchem is Distinguished Teacher

For the second year in a row, a member of LSSU's nursing faculty has been chosen as the recipient of the annual Distinguished Teaching Award.

Assistant Prof. Kathy Berchem, a 1997 alumna of LSSU, was presented with the award, the most prestigious honor given to LSSU faculty, during commencement ceremonies in May. She follows Prof. MaryAnne Shannon, who received the award in 2007.

"The distinguished teacher is a member of the LSSU community who exemplifies the best of our University," said Steve Merrill, LSSU dean of Nursing. "She uses creative and innovative methods to convey the subject matter and engage students in learning, and she conveys genuine caring and competence."

A relative newcomer to the LSSU faculty, having been hired in January 2005, Berchem quickly earned the respect and admiration of her students and peers.

"Probably Kathy's greatest strength is her ability to interact with students," Merrill said. "Student evaluations of her classroom and laboratory teaching are among the most positive for any faculty member. Several students have described her as their favorite professor at LSSU. Kathy does this while having very high expectations of student learning. Her courses are not easy.

"In the classroom, she is very effective at bringing in additional information to supplement and expand on the textbook material, and she clearly conveys enthusiasm and depth of knowledge of the subject matter," Merrill continued.

Merrill said Berchem is highly competent in the laboratory as well, and draws upon her experience as a professional nurse when teaching her students.

"She goes beyond the technical demonstration of the material. She is

an outstanding model of the behavior and values of a professional nurse while she is teaching. This is critical for this level of students, as they are at the beginning of their professional development and Kathy's behavior is an excellent foundation for them."

In accepting the award, Berchem recalled meeting chemistry professor Barb Keller, the 2002 recipient of the Distinguished Teaching Award, in her first year of teaching at LSSU.

"I remember meeting Barb Keller in the hallway at the end of the semester and asking her if she was excited for summer to be here. She said, 'Yes, but I'll miss the students.' I've never forgotten that. Students have really become the focus of my teaching, and mentors have really helped me learn how to be a teacher. Thank you to all of you who have helped me along in this process. I really appreciate it; this is a culmination of what I really love to do."

A native of Ontario, Berchem holds a bachelor

of science in nursing from LSSU, a bachelor of arts in sociology from the University of Windsor, and a master of science in nursing, family nurse practitioner track, from Michigan State University. She is licensed to practice in Michigan and Minnesota, and came to LSSU from a position as nurse practitioner at the Minneapolis Heart Institute at Abbott Northwestern Hospital.

Berchem's husband, Michael, and more than a dozen family members and friends, were on hand to see her receive the award.

LSSU has presented the Distinguished Teaching Award since 1971. Students, colleagues and alumni submit nominations and a committee comprising five of the most recent recipients and graduating students with the highest grade point averages in their schools choose the recipient.





# Arts Festival holds grand opening over St. Mary's River



*ARTS AT THE BORDER – Michigan and Ontario dignitaries gathered on the US and Canadian border to launch the first Sault International Arts Festival, which ran through August. Shown cutting a ceremonial ribbon are, left to right, Sault Symphony's John Wilkinson (green jacket), Sherrie Davie (for U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow), Ontario Member of Parliament Tony Martin, LSSU President Rodney Lowman, Amy Bergland (for U.S. Sen. Carl Levin); Sault, Ont. Mayor John Rowswell; Sault, Mich. City Commissioner Bill Munsell, and WCMU Public Radio Director John Sheffler. Cajun band Creole Stomp, left, provided cutting music.*

LSSU President Rodney Lowman hosted opening ceremonies on June 28 for Sault Ste. Marie's first international summer arts festival.

The three-part kick-off started at 8:30 a.m., just before the International Bridge Walk before moving on to the international border at the center of the bridge itself and ending up at Sault, Ontario's charity casino lot, where bridge-walkers ended their route.

Joining Lowman for opening ceremonies were U. S. Rep. Bart Stupak; Member of Parliament Tony Martin, representing Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.; U.S. Senator Carl Levin's U.P. representative, Amy Bergland; U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow's representative, Sherrie Davie; Sault Tribe Chairman Aaron Payment; Sault, Ont., Mayor John Roswell; City Commissioner Bill Munsell for Sault, Mich., city government; Sault Symphony Conductor Dr. John Wilkinson; John Sheffler, producer and host of WCMU's "Our Front Porch" concert series; and Sault Ontario Arts Council Chair Sandra Houston.

"We all know what a magnificent

area the twin Saults are for natural beauty and our wonderful water resources," said Lowman to bridge walkers and area dignitaries. "Fewer know what wonderful arts we have in the twin Sault area. Today marks the official launch of the first annual Sault International Arts Festival. Over 100 events are included in this festival. This is truly an international effort."

LSSU held 10 events in its Arts Center during the festival, ranging from the comedy of the Capitol Steps to the jazz vocals of Claudia Schmidt in August.



*More information on the Sault International Arts Festival may be found at [saultstemarie.com](http://saultstemarie.com), and more information on LSSU Arts Center performances is available at [lssu.edu/artscenter](http://lssu.edu/artscenter).*

# Academic units reorganized

Students coming back to campus this fall will find that Lake State's academic structure has been reorganized under Scott Amos, the new provost and vice president for academic affairs.

Now, LSSU academic operations are organized under four colleges:

College of Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities, with two divisions, Social Sciences and Arts and Humanities, as well as one department, Education;

College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math, with three departments, Biological Sciences; Engineering and Technology; and Mathematics/Computer Science; as well as one division, Chemistry/Environmental Science/Geology/Physics;

College of Business and Professional Studies, with the schools of Business/Entrepreneurial/Legal

Studies and Criminal Justice/Fire Science/EMS;

College of Health Professions, with the School of Nursing and Dept. of Recreation Studies and Exercise Science.

"One of my charges on reporting to the University was to envision the future and to determine what structure would work best overall to get where LSSU where it may grow in size and stature," said Amos in announcing the reorganization. "In doing so, I asked the questions, was the current structure as effective as it needed to be and if not how could a revised structure make things better?"

Amos said the administrative revisions are intended to address needs identified by the campus community, and that the process was based on considerable input from faculty and staff.

## LSSU Board approves 2008-2009 budget

LSSU's Board of Trustees approved its 2008-2009 budgets during its regular meeting in July. The \$35 million general fund budget and \$1 million auxiliary fund budget include an 8.9 percent increase in tuition and required fees and a 5.5 percent increase in room and board.

In his report to the board, LSSU President Rodney Lowman laid out a number of challenges to Michigan institutions of higher education, including a much lower than expected 1 percent increase in state appropriation from the Michigan legislature, which he said is about equal to the increase in the cost of utilities that LSSU will experience this year. Lowman noted that until the economy of Michigan changes, publicly funded universities will need to look to funding sources other than the state.

In presenting the 2008-2009 budgets, Board Finance Committee Chair W.W. "Frenchie" LaJoie said the projected increases in expenses made it necessary for the committee to propose an 8.9% increase in tuition and required fees and a 5.5 percent increase in room and board charges, bringing the price of a semester

to \$326 per credit hour or \$7,894 for tuition and fees, and \$7,567 for room and board. For the 2007-2008 academic year, the yearly costs were \$7,246 for tuition and fees and \$7,172 for room and board. Both the tuition and room/board proposals were passed by the Board.

"We had the fourth lowest tuition in the state for the 2007-2008 academic year, and this year we will still be in the lower third of Michigan's 15 public universities," said LSSU Vice President of Finance Joe Herbig. "We try to balance what we need for operations with the economic situations that our students face."

Herbig said University aid will be increased by approximately 9 percent to reflect the higher tuition cost. More information about 2008-09 tuition, room and board rates and other fees may be found on the University's website at [LSSU.edu/costs](http://LSSU.edu/costs). In approving the general fund and auxiliary budgets, many board members expressed concern with escalating costs in higher education that are not being matched by state support and the position it leaves the university in trying to make improvements to the physical plant.





**REGIONAL CHAMPS** -- The members of the LSSU Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team pose with the trophy they received recently at a regional competition in Cincinnati. Pictured front row left to right are Susan Mosburg, Katie Morgan, Nick Kassuba, Shyla Jones, Chris Niemi, and Brittney Farrell. Second row: Jen O'Neil, Dave Gregory, Chelsea Wallace, Kari Tufnell, Ashley Purvis, Emily Jensen, Laura Kayser, and Ron Ledwell. Back row: Prof. Brian Zinser and Jason Christiansen

## SIFE comes close in Chicago

LSSU's Students in Free Enterprise chapter capped a successful year in May by finishing as second runner-up in a national competition in Chicago after being named regional champions last March in Cincinnati.

The group, led by advisor Brian Zinser, assistant professor of marketing at LSSU, clinched the Cincinnati regional competition by presenting a report of its year-long community outreach projects to a panel of business leaders, allowing them to qualify for the SIFE USA National Exposition, May 13-15, in Chicago.

"The regional competition in the league that we competed in was fierce. We feel honored to be named alongside Carnegie Mellon as the only two regional champions in our league," said Shyla Jones, president of the LSSU team.

During the academic year, the SIFE organized seven projects in the Sault Ste. Marie community, including the second LSSU Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, which completed approximately 140 returns for low-

income residents of Chippewa County; two Passport Fairs, which facilitated 211 passport applications; and a customer service seminar for ninth- and 10<sup>th</sup>-grade students at Sault Area High School who are seeking part-time employment.

At national competition in Chicago, LSSU was second runner-up in League 10 of the opening round. University of Arizona's team was the national champion and will be representing the US at the SIFE World Cup Oct. 1-3 in Singapore.

While in Chicago, SIFE was hosted for dinner at the Twin Anchors restaurant by alumnus and former trustee Gary Benjamin '70, his wife, Dee '71, of Iron Mountain, and their daughter, Heather '01, of Chicago.

SIFE is an international non-profit organization active on more than 1,400 university campuses in 48 countries. Its teams create economic opportunities in their communities by organizing outreach projects that focus on market economics, entrepreneurship, personal financial success skills, and business ethics.

# New degree programs approved

LSSU students have three new programs from which to choose when deciding upon a field of study. Fish health, applied geographic information science, and special education were approved by the Presidents Council of State Colleges and Universities of Michigan this year and are in the process of being offered to students.

Students interested in the fish health and GIS programs will be able to start taking their general education courses this fall as faculty are sought in the new areas. Meanwhile, students enrolling in the bachelor of science program in elementary education: special education – learning disabilities will be able to start in fall 2009.

The new fish health program, which may be the only one of its kind, is a hybrid of LSSU's clinical laboratory science and fisheries management degree programs. Its objective is to prepare students for assessment of fish health in areas of bacterial, viral and parasitic diseases.

The Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources initially approached the LSSU Aquatic Research Laboratory about offering the program, saying there is a growing need for fish health expertise and many career opportunities in the area. Possible employers would include the US Fish and Wildlife Service Aquatic Animal Health program, the US Geologic Service, the US Department of Agriculture, state natural resources departments, veterinarians and more.

Like the fish health degree, LSSU's GIS program will be unique in the way that it is offered. It will expand upon the GIS minor currently being offered on campus.

Seven Michigan universities currently offer a bachelor's degree in

geography or GIS. Programs offered at Eastern Michigan, Grand Valley State and Wayne State universities are planning-oriented, while programs at Michigan State, Central and Western are geography-focused. Northern Michigan University's program is computer science-oriented. The LSSU program is unique in requiring an internship, a capstone thesis and 36 hours in geography and GIS.

The Dept. of Labor predicts the need for GIS-trained graduates will grow 15% by 2014 and some fields that employ GIS experts, including marketing, environmental science, planning, and engineering, are expected to grow even more.

The new major in elementary special education comes on the heels of a recent Higher Learning Commission progress report on the LSSU Dept. of Education's master's degree in curriculum and instruction. HLC cited the progress report, prepared by LSSU's David Myton, head of the Dept. of Education, and Prof. Cecile Somme, as "concise, well organized and comprehensive," and noted that student satisfaction surveys showed 100% of the students surveyed were either "very satisfied" or "satisfied" with the program.

Special education is an area of high need in the state, according to Myton, who said graduates of the new LSSU program will be certified as elementary classroom teachers and will complete a special education major leading to an endorsement for working with students with learning disabilities. Teacher candidates will complete two semesters of supervised student teaching, one in a regular education classroom and one in a special education classroom.



**HOUSE TESTIMONY** -- LSSU President Rodney Lowman and LSSU Student Government President Joe Cantwell present testimony during a public hearing of the Michigan House of Representatives Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee held on campus last spring. Besides LSSU, representatives from Michigan Tech and Michigan State testified at the hearing. Five members of the subcommittee were on hand for the session, including Chair Pam Byrnes (D-District 52), Alma Smith (D-District 54), Joan Bauer (D-District 68), Minority Vice Chair Bill Caul (R-District 99), Rep. Mike Lahti (D-District 110) and LSSU's hometown representative Gary McDowell (D-District 107), whose district covers Cheboygan, Chippewa, Emmett and Mackinac counties.



# LSSU students stock Caring Cart at Cheboygan Memorial Hospital

*By Mark Spencley,  
Cheboygan Tribune*

LSSU student nurses raised money and gathered supplies to create a Caring Cart for Cheboygan Memorial Hospital.

"Since I have been taking LSSU nursing students to CMH, they have added the Butterfly Room/Hospice room for their end-of-life patients," said Prof. Reinette Murray of LSSU's nursing faculty. "The organization has been so welcoming and helpful to LSSU students and faculty that we wanted to do something in return."

Filled with various supplies, including a homemade quilt, the Caring Cart was designed to help patients nearing the end of life and their families.

"The most important part of the Caring Cart is the quilt," said Murray.

"Its pattern signifies all the pieces of the person's life coming together in a final measure of comfort. Family members, or the patient, can choose which quilt pattern they prefer. After death, the family has the quilt to take home."

Aside from the quilt, there are several other supplies that were donated to help make the Caring Cart a reality, including: inspirational CDs and cassettes, comedy movies, lamps, coloring books, crayons and colored pencils, books, CD players, disposable cameras, pens and pencils, journals, Kleenex, wipes, make-up, teddy bears and body lotions.

The Caring Cart concept first came to Murray during a conference on end-of-life issues while she was completing an internship as part of her master's degree requirements in Livonia.



**BETTER THAN PAR** – Members of LSSU's Investment Club are shown here rallying around their bull market. The club is given \$10,000 by LSSU's Foundation Office to grow in the stock market. Club investments this school year outperformed average returns by more than 5%. The fund now stands at around \$11,000. Seated left to right, top to bottom, are Caleb Morgan, Jason Christianson, Dave Gregory, Prof. Gerry Root, Prof. John Erkkila, Nikki Christenson, Nick Kassuba. Standing left to right are Garret Munro, Peter DeKraker, Amanda Zoener, Paul Byrnes, Laura Kayser, Brittney Farrell, Susan Mosberg, Katie Morgan, and Emily Jensen. The club is open to all majors and meets weekly during the school year to evaluate its stock portfolio.

# LSSU is still blue and gold, but going green

Your University is “going green.”

No, that does not mean we’re chucking the blue and gold in favor of MSU’s colors.

It means that LSSU, like communities, organizations, businesses and employees everywhere, it seems, is giving more thought to how its way of life and of doing business affects the environment.

LSSU students and employees are involved in a number of green activities and efforts are being made to bring them all together and incorporate more

gas, helping the environment, and providing habitat for wildlife.

“Many of our hills on campus are a challenge to mow with our equipment and we are looking for opportunities to reduce fuel consumption and improve our environment,” said Randy Peterson, director of facilities. “The hills can be slippery and they’re steep. In some cases, we can only run the mowers down the hill, and then we have to find a way up the side and take another swipe down it. It’s a lot of wear and tear on equipment, a bit unsafe, and wastes a lot of fuel. We estimate an annual fuel savings of about 150 gallons per year and, of course, the natural plants help reduce erosion, provide wildlife habitat and give off oxygen.”

The grounds crew is still cutting a little bit of the north hill, but not nearly as much as it used to cut.

“We trim the edge for aesthetic reasons, to sort of frame it,” says Steve Gregory, grounds manager. “We were surprised at the amount of wild native plants that just popped right up. It was perfect timing with the amount of moisture we got this year.”

The wild flowers and grasses growing on the hill include: yarrow, black-eyed susan, wild mint, daisies, asters, clover, trefoil, goldenrod, blue grass, rye grass, timothy, orange hawkweed, trillium and yellow trout lily.

While the plants growing on the hill are self-sustaining and will create their own seeds, Gregory said the university will supplement what’s already there with native shrubs and trees. The

mature oaks and poplar trees will seed the hill also; the poplars have already sent up shoots three-to-five-feet tall over the summer.

Plans call for further enhancement of the area by getting student groups involved in installing a viewing platform and a trail through the hill and possibly plaques to describe



“green” in the curriculum, also.

Right now, the bulk of the activity is taking place through Physical Plant, and one of the more visible projects is on the hill on the north side of campus that borders Sheridan Avenue. There, the grounds crew has let the hill’s grass and wildflowers take over, saving



what's being done and what people are seeing. Students led by Prof. Sally Childs have talked to Physical Plant about doing the same sort of improvements behind Norris Center, where a fitness/nature trail once existed.

The green activities don't stop on the hill.

Danny Pavlat of the maintenance crew is looking into the possibility of maintaining an oil recycling system so maintenance can treat and burn the Cisler Center's discarded cooking oil in its diesel vehicles.

"We hope to burn about 1500 gallons per year, which supports our green and sustainability initiatives," said Peterson. "As an added bonus, it will save us about \$5,000 in fuel costs per year as well."

Another Cisler-to-Physical Plant green activity, initiated by cleaning staff member Joe Gallagher, involves taking food waste and composting it for use on the grounds. Grounds crew member Dave Drzewiecki takes the kitchen green scraps and mixes them with a little top soil so it can be used as a planting soil and to top dress the lawns. This improves the soil without the use of fertilizers.

In addition, Gregory said the grounds crew is no longer hauling grass clippings away from where they're cut. Instead, they leave the clippings to help the lawn. They're applying less herbicide, too, by spot-treating for dandelions instead of spraying the entire campus.

"This is the second year of a five-year plan to make our university more attractive, sustainable and green," Peterson said. "Currently, we have 17 projects that will accomplish these important initiatives and we have plans for many more."

The hope is for the green effort to spread. Last spring, biology professor Dennis Merkel called a campus-wide meeting for employees and students to talk about what they're doing to help the campus and the environment and to find out what more can be done.

"How will our graduates remember us, as an institution with a distinctive philosophy of working for a better world, or one that maintains the status quo?" Merkel asked. "Students are at the leading edge of an increasing environmental awareness in our society...We market our pristine location as a distinctive characteristic.

Wouldn't the marketing be that much more effective if we did all in our power to maintain or enhance our natural setting?"

During the meeting, employees and students told others about their personal or group efforts to help the campus green endeavors.

Katelynn O'Boyle, president of Students Enhancing Environmental Knowledge, said her group is collecting data on LSSU energy efficiency and is considering a variety of special events to get people thinking "green," including a dinner that features locally grown foods, and a bike-or-walk-to-work day.

English professor Mary Been said she has been bringing in "green" speakers to her Research in Writing course, including Jim Lucas of the MSU Extension Office, local farmer's market participants, who talk about "food miles," LSSU's Prof. Geoff Steinhart, who spoke about aquaculture, and LSSU staffer and avid cyclist Joe Gallagher, who rides his bike to work throughout the year, no matter the weather.

Ken Peress, vice president for student affairs, noted that students have recycling programs going in all residence halls.

LSSU administration would like to see the green movement expand into the curriculum.

"We need to build it into our education," said Scott Amos, LSSU's new provost and academic vice president. "We are preparing the leaders of the sustainability movement, so we need to be leaders in education."

Bill Eilola, vice president of enrollment services, agreed, saying, "It needs to be in our student recruitment and our marketing – that's what would make us unique. Our current efforts are admirable, but they're not going to make us different in the students' minds. We can build upon those activities by taking a university-wide approach in the curriculum and then show that we are distinctive in student recruitment and marketing."

LSSU President Rodney Lowman agreed that "there is work we can do in this area on many different fronts, and the university should be a trend-setter."

Watch the Laker Log for more "green" news in future issues.

# Paul Rusesabagina of Hotel Rwanda fame to speak at LSSU

The man who single-handedly prevented the slaughter of more than 1200 refugees at the Mille Collines Hotel for 100 days during the Tutsi genocide in Rwanda from April-July 1994 will be at Lake Superior State University to speak this fall.

Paul Rusesabagina, whose actions inspired the Academy award-nominated movie "Hotel Rwanda," will present "The Real Effects of Discrimination and Public Complacency," at 6 p.m. on Oct. 30 in LSSU's Arts Center. Admission is free.

Rusesabagina will also be visiting LSSU students in at least one classroom during his visit to Sault Ste. Marie. The program is being sponsored by LSSU's Student Organization for Diversity, Issues and Intellect, and its Gaining Early Awareness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP).

Rusesabagina was the interim manager of the Mille Collines when it became a place of refuge for Tutsis and moderate Hutus during the genocide. Since 1995, he has been delivering lectures to large audiences around the world on the topic of genocide, race relations, and the importance of diversity.

"Mr. Rusesabagina's appearance is not just for the LSSU campus, but the greater community of Sault Ste. Marie," said R. Kirk Mauldin PhD, associate professor of sociology and faculty advisor for the Student Organization for Diversity. "One of the goals of SOFD is to work with LSSU campus and the general community to better understand issues of inequality, discrimination, and global atrocities and to empower people to show what they can and should do.

"With the continued unrest and displacement in various African states and the ongoing genocide in the Darfur region of Sudan, Paul Rusesabagina's story of the slaughter of hundreds of thousands of Tutsi people in Rwanda is a story that must be heard. It is a story of how intolerance leads to violence and how violence is linked to the indifference of masses of people who fail to speak out or act to bring about change. Mr. Rusesabagina will provide students and community members



alike with an unparalleled opportunity to understand the mechanisms through which these tragedies have and continue to occur."

Rusesabagina, 54, is the son of farmers in central-south Rwanda. After his formal schooling, he was educated about tourism and the hotel and catering industry while employed as office manager at Hotel Akagera in Akagera National Park. Through the Suisse Tourist Consult, Rusesabagina was accepted into Kenya Utalii College in Nairobi in the hotel management course, which he started in early 1980 and finished in September 1984 in Switzerland.

Back from Switzerland, Rusesabagina joined Sabena Hotels and was employed as assistant general manager in the Mille Collines Hotel from October 1984 until November 1992, at which time he was promoted to general manager of the Diplomate Hotel, also in Kigali. When the genocide began, Rusesabagina had to move back to the Mille Collines, where he stayed for almost 100 days. In Sept. 1996, Rusesabagina went to Belgium as a refugee.

Rusesabagina served as special consultant to United Artists and Lion's Gate Films' production of the Academy Award-nominated film, Hotel Rwanda, which starred Don Cheadle, Sophie Okonedo, Joaquin Phoenix, and Nick Nolte.

For more information about Rusesabagina's presentation, contact Mauldin at 906-635-2123.





**TENDING THE FIELDS** – *Engineering alumnus Ben Mitchell works with local farmers and gardeners in Burkina Faso to introduce the importance of composting and putting nutrients back into the ground as part of his work as a Peace Corps volunteer. The Michigan native hopes to extend his two-year stay in Africa when his commitment has officially ended this fall.*

## Ben Mitchell takes engineering degree to West Africa

*By Jeanne Shibley*

Who lives among the locals, learns new languages and cultural customs, educates people on agribusiness, and eats “mystery meat?”

A Peace Corps volunteer.

Ben Mitchell, a 2007 mechanical engineering graduate, has learned to take it all in stride as he nears the end of a two-year Peace Corps commitment in Burkina Faso.

Ben grew up in a devout household in the central Upper Peninsula, where emphasis was placed on helping others. He traveled with his father to places such as Kenya and Peru on short-term medical missions. Later, during high school, Ben participated in a youth mission trip to Tijuana. Then, when he was a junior, his family decided to adopt three Vietnamese children.

All of these experiences had a great influence on Ben’s outlook on life, especially the missionary in Kenya who explained that engineers have the greatest potential to influence the largest number of people. He decided to study mechanical engineering and enrolled at LSSU. He did very well, but instead of starting a career in industry or something similar after graduation, he decided to volunteer for the Peace Corps.

His two-year commitment began in the fall of 2007 and took Ben to Tansila, population 3,000, approximately 10 km from the Mali border. His host organization is the local cotton growers union. It works cooperatively with other villages to improve and expand production techniques. Ben serves as an agribusiness advisor as a part of the Small Enterprise Development program which helps create market linkages and assists with the advancement of business skills.

During the first five months, days began at 6 a.m. with a bath from his bucket, a cup of coffee, and porridge or meat from a neighbor’s previous night’s hunt. His local counterpart, Theophile, took him around the community to meet farmers, entrepreneurs, and representatives of government agencies and non-government organizations so he could assess the community’s need, desires and resources. Every day, they took a three-hour respite from the sun and heat. Afternoons included classes and training sessions regarding Burkinabe customs, culture, agricultural practices and languages including French and the local dialect, Jula.

Eventually, Ben adjusted to a

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different way of life and became established within the community. He took a month-long visit to the capital city, Ouagadougou, the fourth largest in Burkina, for further training sessions from the Peace Corps. There he had access to the Internet to catch up on his communication.

Ben works with local gardeners and farmers to introduce the importance of composting and putting nutrients back into the ground in an effort to counteract the encroachment of the desert in the area. Practicing what he preached, Ben and several volunteers dug a composting pit by hand, making it nine-feet square by three-feet deep.

"The first six inches of soil were shoveled out in a matter of minutes and we were confident that dinner would be eaten over a completed pit and job well done," Ben said. "Then we hit the soil typical of Burkina, a mixture of dried clay and red rock, which we quickly realized would need to be broken chunk-by-chunk with a pick axe...Several hours later, complete with blistered hands and sunburned necks and faces, we had made little progress.

"After breaking for lunch and its associated three hours of relaxation, my neighbor came to help us out, much to our relief."

Ben said the job was finished the next day with the aid of six more workers.

Ben also teaches record keeping/ simple accounting, product expansion, and the concept of saving to prepare for the future. With the opening of a local cyber-cafe, he now teaches basic computer skills, and during a trip to Solna, near the Nigerian border, he even found himself involved with a program in the village market to educate people about HIV and AIDS.

The rainy season began in May, bringing relief from the 100-degree heat in March, and dropping temperatures nearly 20-30 degrees sometimes in a matter of minutes. He discovered that his Yooper blood had thinned when he found himself searching for a sweater when it was only 85 degrees.

With the rainy season, villagers disappear into the fields to plant cotton, sesame and corn before the heaviest rains come in mid-summer. Ben says grass finally begins to appear, the flowers bloom and mangos grow the size of one's fist.

Ben's second summer in Africa is coming to a close as his commitment nears its end. He will take a bike trip with friends through five countries before coming home and reaching for his parka and skis at Christmastime in Michigan.



**ACADEMY SUMMIT** – Officials with public school academies chartered by LSSU explore a robotics lab with Eric Becks, left, director of LSSU's Prototype Development Center. Seven academies were at Lake State for a leadership summit July 31-Aug. 1 to discuss areas of strength and opportunities for growth. Pictured left from Becks are Dr. Steve Ingersoll, CEO, Smart Schools Management Inc., which manages the Grand Traverse Academy of Traverse City; Lila Malmborg, assistant director of LSSU's Public School Academy operations; Eylastine Green-Roberts, superintendent of Detroit Learning Service Academy; Mrs. Jonathon Scheel; Larry DeYoung, board member of Grand Traverse Academy; Beckie DeYoung; Jonathon Scheel, board president of Concord Academy, Petoskey; and David Myton, dean of LSSU's School of Education.





**DISTINGUISHED ALUM** – Prof. Madan Saluja stands with Ron Sober, right, as Sober receives LSSU’s School of Business, Economics, and Legal Studies Distinguished Alumni Award. Sober, who graduated from LSSU in 1970, received the honor during the school’s annual recognition dinner.

## Ron Sober distinguishes himself

LSSU’s College of Business, Entrepreneurial and Legal Studies (BELS) presented its distinguished alumnus award to Ron Sober ‘70, owner and president of Northern Michigan Insurance Agency, Inc., in Sault Ste. Marie.

The award recognizes Sober’s work ethic and his leadership in local business and community endeavors. Through the years, Sober has worked to strengthen LSSU by volunteering as a charter member of the Alumni Association board of directors and as a member of the LSSU Athletic Hall of Fame steering committee. He was among those who helped establish the Cager Club, the Laker basketball booster group, in 1982. More recently, Sober played a critical role in raising funds to install a new quarter-million-dollar wood floor in the Cooper Gym. He continues to serve LSSU by sitting on its Foundation board.

The Fowlerville, Mich. native started in the insurance business in 1971 and began his own agency in 1978. He has been honored for his accomplishments with several production, quality and convention awards, including runner-up as AFLAC’s Northern Region Brokerage Agent of the Year.

“I came to Sault Ste. Marie in 1964, and thanks to the education and associations developed at LSSU, I was lucky enough to remain here, go into business for myself and to raise a family,” he said.

He was inducted into the LSSU Athletic Hall of Fame in 1995 and received the LSSU Outstanding Alumnus Award in 2000 from the LSSU Alumni Association.

Sober is married to Patricia Corey, who graduated from LSSU in 1966. Their two sons – R.D. and Corey – have also benefited from the Lake State experience.



**ONE PART GPS, TWO PARTS CSI** – Lake Superior State University professor David Szlag teaches the usefulness of GPS in gathering evidence at a crime scene during LSSU’s Crime Scene Investigation (CSI) camp in Sault Sainte Marie. The two, one-week CSI sessions were by far the most popular offerings in LSSU’s Summer Adventures camp series. Look for them next year. Pictured clockwise from the lower right are, Prof. Szlag, Breanna St. Louis (Rudyard), Maggie Connelly (Mt. Pleasant), Joey Pacella (Houghton Lake), and Kathryn Beach (Petoskey).



# '60s

**John "Foxy" Bennin '64, Pickford,** has retired from the US Postal Service after 30 years of service. He is a former LSSU basketball player and a member of the LSSU Athletic Hall of Fame as well as the EUP Hall of Fame. He is a longtime high school sports coach, but now helps his son, Pat, who is the head coach of Sault High's girls basketball team.

**Carl Heath '68, Gravenhurst, Ont.,** is the owner and a real estate agent of Commonwealth Adventure Real Estate.

**Gary Kay '68, Sault Ste. Marie,** assisted in the beginnings of the LSSU chapter of Ducks Unlimited. It was started during the fall 2007 semester and is now the only active student chapter of DU in the state. Gary is a longtime DU district chairman.

## HIGH ON A MOUNTAIN IN HAITI

– When Marlene Hillman of Sault Ste. Marie asked her son Christopher, a current LSSU student, to take a copy of the Laker Log with him on a trip to China last year, he forgot. So she made sure she didn't forget her Log when she and Joanne Crawford visited Haiti this year. The pair stayed at Anderson's Children's Home in the mountains near Petit Goave. The home was established 5 years ago by former Sault resident Pastor Terry Anderson, who went to Haiti 24 years ago to be a missionary. When Anderson died recently, his wife, Connie, stayed in Haiti to care for the home's 17 children. Since then, Hillman has made several trips to assist at the home. Connie (wearing glasses) is pictured here in the center of the photo taken outside the home of Pastor Franck (second from right in back row) a minister who was trained by Terry Anderson and now is pastor of his own mission church. Also pictured here are Connie's daughter, Sarah (with LSSU T-shirt), Pastor Franck's wife Marie (seated in white hat) and their children, Rose Darling, Wendy, Junior, Jethro, Jitlynne, Obed, Jovannie and Clofah. Hillman is at the right, standing in front of Crawford.



# Bud Denker to receive Shouldice Award during GLSW

Claude "Bud" Denker, a 1980 graduate in business administration/management, who is senior vice president of Penske Corporation and executive vice president of the Penske Automotive Group and Penske Racing, will be the recipient of the Kenneth Shouldice Achievement Award during Great Lake State Weekend festivities, Oct. 10-11.

Denker, who was featured in the summer 2007 issue of the Laker Log, is also chair of the group that brought the Grand Prix back to Detroit in 2007 after a six-year hiatus. The race is back in Detroit again this year, Aug. 29-31, and is already set for Sept. 4-6, 2009, establishing it as a new Labor Day weekend tradition.

The event brought 100,000 fans to Detroit and generated \$53 million in economic impact for the region. Over \$5.5 million in infrastructure improvements were made on Belle Isle in 2007 as a result of the race's regeneration. For his team's efforts, the Detroit Metro Convention and Visitors Bureau presented Denker and the Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix with the Cadillac Award last January. The award, named for Detroit's founder, Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac, is presented to a person, organization or event that has made a great investment in building up metro Detroit's tourism industry and community.

Denker extends a lot of credit to LSSU for preparing him for his position with Penske, where he oversees \$18 billion in business and 38,000 employees. Denker assumed responsibility for Penske Corporation's marketing and communications functions after joining the company in 2005. This includes Penske Automotive Group's 314 premium branded automotive dealerships and its exclusive distribution agreement for the United States smart car network.

Denker joined Penske from the Eastman Kodak Company, where he served as vice president of Brand and Marketing Development overseeing the Kodak Brand. In addition to his Penske Corporation business responsibilities, he also manages Penske Racing's marketing, sponsorship, licensing and PR



functions for its IndyCar, American Le Mans Series, and NASCAR disciplines.

"The environment at LSSU, with its one-on-one relationship between professors and students, is dissimilar from other universities," Denker told the Laker Log in 2007. "One of the strengths to that uniqueness is the intimacy you gain from being in that environment. I prospered in it, rather than being lost in a larger university."

A member of Lambda Sigma Beta fraternity while he was at LSSU, Denker said he fondly remembers Professors Madan Saluja and Bob Gaertner as two who made a difference in his education.

Denker and his wife, Melissa, live in Bloomfield Hills with their two children, Christian and Cameron.

LSSU's Shouldice Award, established in 1994 and named after former LSSU President Kenneth J. Shouldice, recognizes personal and professional successes that serve as outstanding examples to LSSU graduates. The award highlights significant achievements of alumni who serve as leaders in our region, state and nations.

# '70s

**Julie (Bergin) Milowe '78, Kalamazoo**, completed a master of science in administration, with a concentration in human resources administration, from Central Michigan University.

**Robert Mackie MD '79, Sault Ste. Marie**, received the Physician of the Year Award from War Memorial Hospital and hospital CEO **David Jahn '90**.

**Hon. Michael W. MacDonald '73, Sault Ste. Marie**, is retiring this year from his position as the 91<sup>st</sup> District Court judge.

**Terri (Trombley) Parker '75, Sault Ste. Marie**, was presented with the Donna Bergfalk Ambassador Award by **Leisa (Pingatore) Mansfield '91**, executive director of the Sault Area Chamber of Commerce.

**Cindy (Smith) Wagner '77, Sault Ste. Marie** was the 2007-08 employee of the year with the Eastern Upper Peninsula Intermediate School District.

**Stuart Flynn '75, Phoenix, Ariz.**, has been appointed interim dean at the University of Arizona College of Medicine's Phoenix campus. He had been serving as dean of Academic Affairs at the College of Medicine since June 2006, shortly after the new school was started. He was one of 17 educators chosen from a field of 400 when the school was formed. Before moving to Arizona, Flynn was a professor of pathology and surgery, as well as director of the residency training program and of medical studies at Yale University. He received his medical degree from University of Michigan and was a postdoctoral fellow and faculty member at Stanford University School of Medicine. He was chosen to receive LSSU's Outstanding Alumnus Award in 1993.



**HISTORY AWARD** -- *Historical Society of Michigan President Richard Weiner and LSSU History Professor Robert Money, who received the organization's Charles Follow Award. (Photo courtesy of Historical Society of Michigan)*

## Professor Bob Money recognized by Michigan Historical Society

LSSU History Professor Robert Money received the Charles Follow Award, one of the Historical Society of Michigan's top awards for the preservation of Upper Peninsula History, during the organization's 59th annual Upper Peninsula History Conference in June.

The Historical Society presents the award each year to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the preservation and promotion of UP history. It was established in 1979 to honor the memory of Follo, an Escanaba schoolteacher who promoted and helped advance historical understanding of the UP.

Money has played a leading role in promoting UP history in a wide variety of organizations and activities since 1969 with the Le Sault de Sainte Marie Historic Sites Board, the Chippewa County Historical Society, the Sault Ste. Marie Historical Development Commission, and the Historical Society of Michigan.

The Upper Peninsula History Awards are presented each year at the Historical Society of Michigan's Upper Peninsula History Conference held during the last weekend in June. Territorial governor Lewis Cass and Henry Schoolcraft, who explored and wrote about the UP, founded the society in 1828 and it is the oldest cultural organization in the state.





*Shane Woolever DO, center, with Linda and Rodney Lowman.*

## Finlayson Award goes to Shane Woolever DO

Since arriving in Sault Ste. Marie eight years ago, Dr. Shane Woolever has been a strong supporter and avid fan of LSSU and Laker athletics. During Great Lake State Weekend, Oct. 10-11, the LSSU Alumni Association will show its appreciation by presenting Woolever with the Donald and Catherine Finlayson Distinguished Citizen Award.

Through his practice, Greater Peninsula Orthopedics, Woolever has been the title sponsor of the Lake State Golf Classic in Gaylord for the past three years. The annual event raises thousands for the Laker Club, which provides funds for LSSU student-athlete financial aid.

Coming to Sault Ste. Marie in 2001, Woolever started Greater Peninsula Orthopedics and joined the staff at War Memorial Hospital as an orthopedic surgeon. He was the director of Adult Joint Reconstruction and the chairman of the OR Operations Committee from 2001-03. Woolever specializes in Ilizarov deformity correction, fracture stabilization, joint reconstruction and sports medicine.

Woolever has been very supportive of LSSU, according to Tom Coates, assistant athletic director at Lake Superior State University.

"Whether it is providing specialized care for our student-athletes, funding chairs for the basketball and volleyball teams, or supporting the Lake State Classic, Dr. Woolever has been there for us," said Coates.

Woolever graduated from Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. He completed a residency at Genesys Regional Medical Center in Grand Blanc, where he was chief orthopedic resident, and an internship at Peninsula Hospital Center, Far Rockaway, NY.

Since moving to the Sault, he has built a thriving orthopedic practice that is still growing. Besides War Memorial in the Sault, he is also on staff at Helen Newberry Joy Hospital in Newberry.

The Finlayson Award is presented to an individual who has enjoyed success in their profession and community, and who is a strong advocate of the University, its programs, faculty, staff and students. Woolever will be honored along with other award recipients at the Alumni Awards Reception at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 11. The event is open to the public. Tickets are available by contacting Alumni Relations, [alumni@lssu.edu](mailto:alumni@lssu.edu) or 906-635-2831.

# '80s

**Amy Anderson '89, Kinross**, has worked with Community Action Agency in Sault Ste. Marie for 15 years and is now the financial director.

**Jan Bailey '85, Sault Ste. Marie**, is the recipient of the Nancy Figel Recognition Award, War Memorial Hospital's top honor for nurses.

**Jeff Brady '86**, along with his wife Patti and four children, Louisa, Celina, Jon, and Diego, now reside in Poway, California.

**Lt. Col. Peter Breed '88**, is in command of the 366<sup>th</sup> Aerospace Medicine Squadron, Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho. He served previously as the force health protection chief, headquarters United States Pacific Command, Camp Smith, Hawaii.

**Chris Edgerly '98, Sault Ste. Marie**, was officially named co-owner and operator of Edgerly's Sew-n-Vac along with his sister Lisa Cline in January 2008. Their parents started the business in the early 1960s.

**Glenn Trumble '88, Dafer**, along with teammate Tom Taylor, took first place in the Sugar Island Fishing Derby with 19.3 pounds of walleye.

## Two students swim away with honors from American Fisheries Society

Two LSSU students have been recognized for their research by the Michigan Chapter of the American Fisheries Society, which met on campus last spring for the first time in the organization's history.

Scott Collins, a biology major from Watton, Mich., received recognition for "Best Student Paper" for his research on the effects of salmon on stream food webs. He was one of several students who presented their research at the conference.

Ryan Namespetra, a fisheries and wildlife major from Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., received "Best Student Poster" for his poster presentation of his work on repellants that could be considered for use in managing sea lamprey.

In addition, the LSSU Fisheries and Wildlife Club was recognized at the meeting with the Michigan AFS "Student Sub-Unit of the Year" award.

"These awards are terrific honors, especially considering that graduate students from several larger universities also gave presentations on their graduate research at this meeting," said LSSU Biology Professor Ashley Moerke Ph.D., who organized the campus conference with Prof. Geoff Steinhart Ph.D.

Carl R. Ruetz III, Ph.D., president of the Michigan AFS and an LSSU alumnus, commended the students for their work. Ruetz is an assistant professor with Grand Valley State University's Annis Water Resources Institute.

"Considering that all the student presentations were very good, it is a real honor to receive this recognition from the Michigan fisheries community," Ruetz said. "We sincerely commend the students on the quality of their research and presentation skills."

# Paul Ripley Young Alumna Award: Sophie Chandauka

Ripley Award recipient Sophie Chandauka made a big impression on campus in the late 1990s and with everyone who attended commencement in the spring of 2000, when she delivered the student response. Her speech brought the crowd to its feet in Taffy Abel Arena.

"Our education isn't worth the paper that it is written on if we do not understand that it is a privilege. Education is not a right. Education is a privilege. Don't ever forget it," she told the class of 2000 and their families. "I know this to be true because I come from a part of the world where I will be one of many millions of young women whose ambition would have been to reach this day."

A native of Harare, Zimbabwe, Sophie came to LSSU by way of Canada, where she was an exchange student through the Rotary International program in Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. She attended St. Mary's College for one year and, through the assistance of Rotary and other scholarships, enrolled at LSSU in 1996.

Her college education took her to many places. During her sophomore year, she served an internship in Washington, DC. Then, in her junior year, she received the prestigious Ambassadorial Scholarship through Rotary International's foundation and enrolled in international studies and law at University of Birmingham, England. She returned to LSSU to finish her degree in political science/pre-law.

From LSSU, Sophie went back to England, where she completed her legal education with the College of Law and her Legal Practice Course, with distinction, at Oxford Institute of Legal Practice. Today, she is an associate for Baker & McKenzie LLP's Corporate Group in London. She works in the public company team and advises public companies and non-executive directors on various regulatory and corporate governance issues. From 2003-2005, she was with the firm's Chicago office.

In 2007, Sophie was nominated for the Young Solicitor of the Year for the British Legal Awards, where her firm cited her as being a great asset to the company because of her excellent legal technical capability, passion for excellence in client service and business development, and her exemplary contribution to the wider community.

"I love working in this dynamic commercial environment," Sophie said of her position at Baker & McKenzie.

"I like the fact that a deal comes, we work hard to make it happen, and we're soon on the next one. I thrive on being constantly in touch with what's going on in the business world."

As a former Rotary scholar, Sophie places a great emphasis on the value of being a mentor and pursuing an education. An active supporter of Rotary International and a gifted public speaker, she is often called upon by Rotary as a motivational speaker at youth

conferences. For her contributions to the organization, she was awarded the prestigious Paul Harris Fellowship by Rotary International District 6290.

In spite of the awards and nominations, Sophie would be the first to say that which is of greater importance is how we help others.

"Glory is momentary; glory is fleeting. Don't get caught up in all that glitters," she said during her commencement speech at LSSU. "The pomp and the glory will fade into the still of the night. To give longevity to what we have accomplished over the last few years is the toughest challenge... We have to look at the world and question what we see. We have to be unafraid to say 'no,' and change what is unacceptable."

The LSSU Alumni Association's Paul Ripley Award for Young Alumni honors graduates who have enjoyed exceptional personal and professional success early in their careers. For more information about the awards, visit [lssu.edu/alumni](http://lssu.edu/alumni).



*Chandauka in 2000*



# '90s

**Nate Beelen '99, Rudyard**, is the Whitefish Township Schools 2007-08 employee of the year.

**Jamey Ciesielski '98, Arlington, Va.**, is in the Civil Service as a contract specialist for the US Air Force Office of Scientific Research. He spent some time in Washington, DC before being promoted and reassigned to Colorado Springs. He will be a part of a developing team that will improve Air Force contracting across the nation.

**David DiVita '91, Macomb**, is the director of sales for Guardian Automotive. He and his wife Janeil have three children, Jada, 4, Gianni, 2, and Gabriella, six months.

**James Dowd '91, Philadelphia**, was a nominee for the Bill Masterton Memorial Trophy. The award is for the NHL player who "best exemplifies the qualities of perseverance, sportsmanship and dedication to hockey." He is the fifth oldest player to ever be a part of the Philadelphia Flyers. His career consists of playing for 10 NHL teams, four AHL teams, one IHL team, and he spent a year in Germany during the 2004-05 NHL lockout.

**Lynn (Taratuta) Methner '93, Sault Ste. Marie**, is an elementary principal at Joseph Lumsden Bahweting Elementary School in Sault Ste. Marie.

**Tawnya (Bunker) Nantelle '95, Sault Ste. Marie**, is an employment counselor for Michigan Works!

## Two new grants help LSSU boost state economy

Over the summer, LSSU landed a pair of grants designed to help Michigan entrepreneurs and small businesses, and improve the economy of the state.

LSSU staffers Morrie Walworth, associate dean of the Dept. of Engineering and Technology, and Eric Becks, engineer with the new LSSU Prototype Development Center, and Prof. Valerie Filek, who teaches marketing in the School of Business, Entrepreneurial and Legal Studies, wrote the grant proposals, which were funded by the Michigan Initiative for Innovation and Entrepreneurship and the Michigan Universities Commercialization Initiative.

With one grant, LSSU will expand activities at its PDC -- housed within the Dept. of Engineering and Technology -- to include the School of Business and have students and faculty help local businesses develop business plans. The second grant, shared with two other Michigan universities, will be used to improve access to resources, assets and services at universities that do not have established technology transfer or commercialization programs.

MIIE is an organization of Michigan's 15 public universities whose purpose is to enable its members to make a positive impact on the state's economy. MIIE members work together to establish best practices, promote shared activities, and solicit and disburse funds for member activities. By using the considerable resources of Michigan's institutions of higher education, MIIE seeks to enhance the state's economic competitiveness and stimulate growth. The consortium supports individual universities in their roles as local and regional economic drivers for Michigan and encourages regional collaboration between universities, foundations, economic development organizations, government agencies, and private enterprise.

With expanded capability, the PDC seeks to provide clients with access to resources for the development of business and marketing plans through the creation of a Product Commercialization and Manufacturing Center. The \$70,000 award will leverage an additional \$140,000 from industry and LSSU to improve client manufacturing capabilities and move new products toward commercialization.

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# Longtime Laker Bill Munsell is Outstanding Alumnus

The recipient of the LSSU Alumni Association's Outstanding Alumnus Award this year is a familiar face whose involvement with the institution goes back more than 44 years.

Bill Munsell, who was LSSU's first financial aid director, retired in 1998 after more than 30 years of service. He was appointed to the position in 1967 by former LSSU President Kenneth Shouldice, who pulled Bill out of the classroom for the job a year before he was to finish his bachelor's degree.

When he started the job, Bill said there were approximately 1,400 students on campus and he had \$40,000 in federal grants to administer. By the time he retired, he was processing grants and paperwork for \$13 million in federal, state and local financial assistance for about 3,400 students. He held various positions with the Michigan Student Financial Aid Association, including treasurer and president. He was the first recipient of the Torchbearer of Hope Award from the Society of Financial Aid Administration Retirees. In February 1998, he was honored with the Michigan Financial Aid Administrators Distinguished Service Award.

He saw the campus grow in both enrollment and in the size of its physical plant during his 30-year career. Along the way, he developed a bond with his alma mater and employer that continues to this day.

"LSSU provided me with a solid educational foundation, the best job in the world, and a great retirement," Bill said recently.

Bill noted that one of his favorite professors while he was a student was Stephen Youngs and he considered himself fortunate to have been on campus during a time when those who are considered to be the founders of the institution were teaching here.

"I didn't have classes with all of them, but it was neat to be on campus and in contact with all of them and to

see things change here," he said.

Bill may have retired in 1998, but he hasn't been sitting home on the porch. He is a member of the Alumni Association's board of directors, as well as a member of the Laker Club.

In the community, he volunteers – or has in the past – for the United Way, the Boy Scouts (he is a Silver Beaver Award recipient for longtime commitment), the Sault Lions Club, the Sault Tribe's Higher Education Committee, the Sault's annual I-500 snowmobile race, and the Michigan Municipal League, to name just a few. He is also a real estate agent with MacMaster Realty in Sault Ste. Marie, has been president of the UP Board

of Realtors for two years and was recently Realtor of the Year.

For more than 25 years, Bill has been a member of the Sault Ste. Marie City Commission, serving as mayor pro-tem for many of those years.

Not only does he donate his time, but Bill is one of the Alumni Association's more generous contributors. His lifetime giving with LSSU ranks him in the top 50 of all alumni donors and 13th among all Outstanding Alumni Award recipients at LSSU. The LSSU emeritus staff member also has an endowed scholarship in his name.

The Fowlerville native was the first from his high school to attend LSSU, prompted by his high school principal, Brian Callaghan, a Sault branch alumnus and former Sault resident. Bill met his wife, the former Diana Metrish, while he was a student. The two were dorm parents for four years in Osborn Hall shortly after they were married in 1970. The couple now has two grown children, Jessica and Brent.

First awarded in 1968, the Outstanding Alumnus Award recognizes the recipient's personal and professional accomplishments and involvement with LSSU. It is the highest honor the Association presents.



# '90s

**Kelli Rhodes '92, Chinle, Ariz.**, is the aquatic center manager for the Chinle Unified School District.

**Stephanie (Harden) Vittitow '99, Brimley**, was named as one of the volunteers of the month by the United Way Volunteer Center in March 2008. She received this award from LSSU alumni **Al McKay '03** and **Aaron Tadgerson '93**, who are members of the Volunteer Center Advisory Committee, and **Nikki Dowd '03**, chairperson of the committee.

**Chris Whealy '91, Brimley**, is the Brimley Area Schools 2007-08 employee of the year.

**Gina (Villarreal) Williams '97, Sault Ste. Marie**, works for Michigan Works! as an employment counselor.

**Brett Zuver '91** was named athletic director of Belding High School. He was the assistant and head coach of the men's basketball team at Colorado College for five years. He also spent nine years coaching at Emory University in Atlanta.



## Coullard Scholarship

A scholarship started in the memory of a former Sault Area High School swimmer is continuing to benefit Sault High athletes who attend LSSU.

The Angela Coullard Memorial Scholarship was established shortly after Angela, 14, was killed in a traffic accident in 2005. The daughter of Jon '90 and Elena '89 Coullard, Angela was a standout swimmer who started strong in her high school competition. She placed fourth in the 100 butterfly at the UP Finals and helped her team take gold and silver medals and set school records in the 400 freestyle relay and 200 freestyle relay shortly before she was killed.

As small communities often do, Sault Ste. Marie pulled something good out of the tragedy. Friends and family established the scholarship as a way of helping future Sault High athletes who want to go on to college, and to preserve Angela's name. So far, five students have benefitted from the scholarship.

"I get choked up every time I think about how supportive this community has been since we lost our wonderful daughter Angela," said Jon Coullard. "This community banded together and supported our family in every way it could. We received much





## continues to help Sault High grads

needed moral support, and many, many donations of food and money.”

Jon credits the students at Sault High for encouraging their friends and families to help the scholarship grow so that it can be self-sustaining.

“Sault High held several fundraisers such as selling ‘Angels for Angela’ and the swim team held four consecutive annual swimathons to help the scholarship grow. The students all took their turns in collecting pledges and then swimming for one- or two-hour blocks in support of the scholarship.”

The swim team raised more than \$30,000 for the scholarship, and while the swimathons have come to a close, the public is still welcome to contribute to the fund via the LSSU Foundation.

Those who knew Angela appreciated her warmth and ability to find beauty in everyone and everything. She enjoyed spending time and staying in contact with family and friends, and being a big sister to Joselyn, Marcel, and Nick. She also enjoyed camping, drawing, sewing and crocheting, picking berries and, of course, chatting online or on her cell phone.

“I can’t thank everyone enough at Sault High, LSSU and the entire

Sault community for everything they have done for us,” Jon said. “I don’t know how our family would have gotten through this tragedy without the wonderful caring people of this area. All I can say is thank you.”

To contribute to the Angela Coullard Memorial Scholarship, or to find out about other ways to help LSSU students, contact the LSSU Foundation at 906-635-2665 or [lssu.edu/foundation](http://lssu.edu/foundation).

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**ANGELA’S CLASSMATES** – LSSU students Matthew Smart, Jessica Hirt and Rebecca Wilson are the three latest recipients of the Angela Coullard Memorial Scholarship. All three were classmates of Angela Coullard, for whom the scholarship was established by friends and family. The scholarship benefits Sault Area High School student-athletes attending LSSU. Smart was a member of the Sault High wrestling and football teams, while Hirt and Wilson were on the swim team with Angela.

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**HOCKEY REUNION** – Alumni of Lake Superior State University 1988 NCAA National Championship hockey team prove that pucks and golf balls do mix. The squad gathered on June 8 during this year's Lake State Golf Classic in Gaylord for a special celebration that honored the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their championship feat. Seated left to right are Karl Johnston, Tim Harris, Doug Laprade, Bruce Hoffort. Standing left to right are Jim Roque, Gil Somes, Rene Chapdelaine, David Divita, Jeff Napierala, Anthony Palumbo, Mike Decarle, Bill Crawford, Jeff Jackson.

## Classic brings back '88 hockey team

LSSU's 19th annual Greater Peninsula Orthopedics Lake State Classic golf tournament brought in more than \$25,000 for Laker Club scholarship aid and operational support. The June event at Gaylord's Otsego Club attracted more than 170 alumni and friends of the university.

A highlight was a special Sunday night reception for members of the 1988 NCAA National Championship Hockey team on the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their memorable season. Speakers during the program included Jeff Jackson, an assistant coach with the '88 team; Kris Dunbar, LSSU's director of athletics; Rodney Lowman, president of LSSU; and Jim Roque, Laker Hockey's head coach and an assistant coach on the '88 team. Tom Coates, assistant athletic director, served as master of ceremonies.

Jackson coached the Lakers from 1990-1996 with a record of 182-52-25. He was the head coach of the 1992 and 1994 Laker Hockey National Championship teams and has been the head coach of the Notre Dame Fighting Irish Hockey Program since 2005.

Forty-four teams vied for first-and second-place tournament honors during Monday's golf scramble on the Otsego Club's Tribute and Classic courses.

Taking first place with a score of 57, in Flight A on the Tribute Course were Bruce Hoffort, Doug Laprade, David Divita and Jeff Napierala. Second place Flight A, also on the Tribute, were the threesome of Rene Chapdelaine, Mike DeCarle and Eileen Stepp with a 60.

In Flight B on the Tribute, Tony Bosbous, Jim Cooper, Gary McClellan, Dr. Steve Perry and Gil Somes took first-place honors with a score of 58, while the team of Bob Downs, Richard Nebel, Mike Prusi and Kel Smyth placed second scoring a 62.

Special event winners on the Tribute were Craig Cooper, longest drive and Jim Cooper for longest putt.

On the Classic Course, Darrin Madeley and Bill Thompson combined for first place scoring a 60 in Flight A, while the team of Randy Anderson, Jeff Behling, Keith Neve and Dave Weber were second place with a 65.

With a score of 66, the Flight B, first-place team was Dan Failla, Rodney Lang, Ron Rosko and Jeff Wallace on the Classic Course. The foursome of Gary Benjamin, Mike Roberge, Ted Tuma and Jeff Welcher carded a 69 for second place.

Special event winners on the Classic Course were Men's Longest Drive



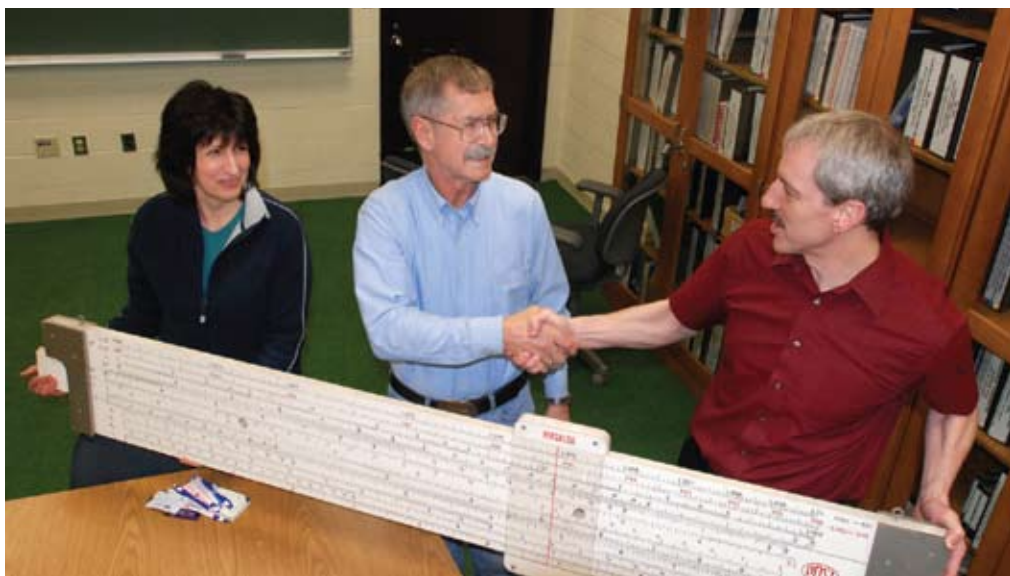
Keith Neve and Longest Putt was Darrin Madeley. Luanne Webb had the Women's Longest Drive and Jamie Pewinski, longest putt.

Senior Champions were the team of Neal Godby, Dave Freeborn, Jerry MacGregor and Harry Pike, while the top women's team was the squad of Taira Roth, Kris Dunbar, Jamie Pewinski and Stacey Swanson.

Laker Hockey Alumnus Tim Hanley '95 provided his tee shot services as an additional fundraiser at the event.

A silent auction of donated items was held in conjunction with other tournament activities. The silent auction committee was chaired by Tony Bosbous, with Tom Coates, Gil Somes and Virginia Zinser serving as committee members. Laker alumnus Don Winsley was auctioneer as some items were moved into a live auction.

Next year's 20<sup>th</sup> Lake State Golf Classic is slated for June 6-8. Call the LSSU Foundation at 906-635-6670 for information and sponsorship opportunities.



**ONE LESS WORRY** – A yearly cash award arranged through engineering Professor Emeritus John Madl and his wife, Jan, will help manufacturing engineering technology students finish an LSSU degree. Morrie Walworth, standing, associate dean of LSSU's School of Engineering, officially witnessed the signing for Lake State.

## Madls assemble manufacturing scholarship

John and Jan Madl have created a \$500 annual award for any full-time manufacturing engineering technology student who has earned at least 26 credits at Lake State. The impetus behind the one-year grant is to help struggling students.

"I struggled as a student and want to help someone in a similar situation. Perhaps part of the struggle is trying to do well as a result of having to work outside of school to be able to afford living and educational expenses," said Madl, who is a professor emeritus of engineering.

The recipient in mind for this scholarship works hard, studies hard, and contributes to LSSU but doesn't necessarily get top grades. That said, the requisite minimum GPA is 2.0.

Candidates should indicate a need for the award in a submission

letter. Although the award is not automatically renewed, recipients are eligible to reapply for it each year.

John Madl started teaching in the Engineering Department at the Soo Branch of MCMT in 1967. He accepted early retirement in 2002 after 34 years of service to LSSU.

Jan (Osterhout) Madl was born and raised in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. She received her nursing degree from LSSU and passed her exams to become an RN in 1982. She is retired from War Memorial Hospital.

The Madls have three children: Janel Wallis, Dawn Cole, and Bryan Madl. They also have three grandsons.

For more information about this or any one of the more than 100 scholarships and awards available at LSSU, call the LSSU Foundation Office at 906-635-2665 or visit [lssu.edu/foundation](http://lssu.edu/foundation).

# '00s

**Charles "Rob" Birbeck '08, Milan,** is an engineer with DRS-TSI.

**Sheana M. Burk '06, Traverse City,** has been an employee of Elhart Law Office since her April 2006 graduation from LSSU. She specializes in the family law division servicing clients on a variety of matters.

**Michael Brown '07, Sault Ste. Marie,** has graduated a classroom training program for Michigan Works! He is employed as a registered nurse at the medical-surgical ward at War Memorial Hospital.

**Jason Carstens '01, Sault Ste. Marie,** won the seventh annual Bay of Pigs fishing tournament with partner **Phil "Opie" Donnay '97.**

**Jeff Cheeseman '01, Pelham, Alab.,** is the head coach of the Alabama Frozen Tide hockey team. He is also the director of hockey for the City of Pelham.

**Philip Ellison '04, Hemlock,** is in his second year of law school at Michigan State University College of Law. He received a master of business administration from Central Michigan University in May 2006. He wrote an article for the Lansing State Journal on internships that has been picked up by the State News, Ann Arbor Business Review, and Crain's Business Detroit.

**Margaret Gaus '04, Sault Ste. Marie,** is a communications assistant for the Chippewa County Department of Human Services.

**Amy Gnagey '00, Dodge Center, Minn.,** has been accepted into Mayo Clinic's Master of Nurse Anesthesia Program.

## New grants

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"I hope this will develop into a strong collaboration and set the stage for future business and engineering work together," said Walworth. "The proposal seeks to make use of faculty and students in both areas to work with clients under the direction of the PDC staff."

The second proposal was submitted by LSSU, Michigan Tech, and Ferris State. This \$80,000 project seeks to improve access to resources, assets, and services at universities that do not have established technology transfer or commercialization programs by adding participants to the existing U-TEAMED collaborative program that bridges from the classroom and research or service laboratories to the private sector.

U-TEAMED is the Multi-University Technological and Expertise Assets Management for Enterprise Development Project. It is a collaboration of Central Michigan, Eastern Michigan, Michigan Tech, and Oakland universities, which have implemented a joint technology asset management program that creates a common access point to all their research and development capabilities and technologies. The collaboration is led by Michigan Tech, which has operated a technology transfer office since 1983, and will provide the foundation for the training. MTU worked with CMU, EMU and OU to help develop their technology transfer offices and internal structure. It was funded as a three-year pilot by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation with matching contributions from each of the participating universities. A portion of the proposal also uses the LSSU PDC to move university intellectual property (IP) beyond the prototype stage.

"I think both of these activities can help move LSSU forward as a center of economic development and eventually towards an entrepreneurial mindset throughout the university as we seek to identify and develop our own IP for commercialization," said Walworth. "These funded proposals are part of a pilot program and additional funding is being sought to continue development of the MIIE initiative."

In addition, Becks, Walworth, and Jim Hendricks, head of the Sault, Mich. Economic Development Corporation, submitted a 15-year SmartZone proposal to the state of Michigan. The proposal, if funded, would create a tremendous opportunity to help solidify the connection between LSSU and the economic community. Walworth said he expects to hear word on the proposal in December.





**VOLUNTEERISM IN COLLEGE** – The family and friends of the late “Bud” and Gretchen Weber and the Sault Lions Club created the William F. G. (Bud) and Gretchen Weber Scholarship. The fund presents a \$500 gift each year to a deserving Sault High graduate student enrolled full time at Lake Superior State University. In the back row, left to right, are Sault Lions Club members Don Wozniak, Bob Mattson, John (Jack) Krupa, Kristi Juda, Bob Juda, Bill Munsell, and Rick Fitzpatrick. Front row, left to right, are Jerry Stephens, Sault Lions Club president, Jeanne Cooper, daughter of Bud and Gretchen Weber, and Sault Lions secretary Janet Coffing. (Photo by Shelley Peterman)

## Weber Scholarship promotes volunteerism

The family and friends of a Sault-area man and his wife, both known for their tireless spirit of community volunteerism, are endowing a scholarship for Sault-area students who also give of their time while attending LSSU.

The William F. G. (Bud) and Gretchen Weber Scholarship presents a \$500 gift each year to a deserving Sault High graduate who is enrolled full-time at LSSU. The fund was jump-started by the family and friends of the late “Bud” and Gretchen Weber and the Sault Lions Club.

For 43 years, Bud and Gretchen owned and operated Weber’s Floral, a business started by Bud’s father in 1901.

Bud played a vital role in the development of the city’s charter, which was adopted in 1951 during his tenure with the Sault City Commission. He served on various boards and committees and volunteered his time with many organizations, including the United Way, Lions Club, First United Presbyterian Church, Sault Beautification Committee, Library Board, Hospice, Cancer Society, and American Red Cross, to name just a few.

In 1994, he received the Ambassador of Goodwill medal pin, the highest recognition received by a Lions Club member for humanitarian service.

In 2003, he received the State of Michigan’s prestigious George Romney Lifetime Achievement Award for Volunteers from Governor Jennifer Granholm. He also was honored in 2003 by the City of Sault Ste. Marie, which dedicated the W.F.G. “Bud” Weber Park in recognition of his lifelong commitment of service to the community and its citizens.

Gretchen was also very active in the community, especially with Immanuel Lutheran Church, and was involved with and supportive of her husband’s many interests in fundraising and volunteerism.

Eligible students must be Sault Area High School graduates with at least a GPA of 3.0 and registered full-time at LSSU. The main criterion is the degree to which a student volunteers his or her time for community service while pursuing an LSSU degree. The award is only given out once to each recipient. If an eligible Sault candidate is not found, the search will broaden to include high school graduates from the Eastern Upper Peninsula.

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# '00s

**Steven Habusta '02, Sault Ste. Marie,** is a youth minister for the First Church of Christ.

**Kari Jastorff '01, Cedar Falls, Iowa,** is the program manager for the Iowa Mathematics and Science Education Partnership in Cedar Falls.

**Laura Kayser '08, Shawano, Wisc.,** is an auditor with Kerber Rose and Associates.

**Rose Kling '00/'05 London, Ont.** is a family services worker for the Huron-Perth Children's Aid Society in Stratford on the family functioning team.

**Jennifer Lehto '04, Sault Ste Marie,** has received a full fellowship at the University of Wisconsin to help in her pursuit of a master's degree in occupational therapy.

**Andrea McAllister '05, Ont.,** is an employee of Toledo Police Department's Crime Laboratory.

**Josh Milleson '06, Hastings,** is employed at Johnsonville Sausage Co. He works in the global headquarters as an environmental engineer supporting six facilities.

**Hannah Pierson-Compeau '05, Washington, DC,** works at the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. She is working on the Iraq Young Leaders Program where high school students are brought to the United States for one month. While they are here, they learn about public service and life in America. The students go to camp, live with American families, and visit Washington, DC.

## Psych students present senior research

LSSU's psychology department recently showcased the research results of its graduating students in topics ranging from what type of student resists substance abuse, to whether computer-delivered therapies might offer a low-cost alternative to traditional treatment.

As it is with many LSSU majors, senior thesis research is a capstone experience for LSSU students studying psychology. Under the guidance of faculty mentors, including Department Chair Todd Smith PhD, students choose a topic, design a study, collect and analyze the data, and then produce a scientific poster.

Students share their results every spring through a public poster session in the Shouldice Library lobby. This year, 11 seniors presented their findings.

In addition, six of these students traveled to Albion College in April to present research at the Michigan Undergraduate Psychology Research Conference. They heard a presentation by Jim Pfaus PhD, Concordia University, who is well known for his studies of brain, neuroendocrine and experiential factors that influence behavior and attraction in humans and animals.



*LSSU psychology students with their faculty mentor, Prof. Todd Smith, at rear.*



**SCHOLARSHIP FROM A HOCKEY FANATIC**—With a photo of their father James Mason in the background, brothers Steve (r) and Paul Mason and LSSU Athletic Director Kris Dunbar finish signing documents to establish the James Mason Scholarship.

## Mason Family starts scholarship for Laker hockey student athletes

A new scholarship established by the family of the late James R. Mason of Sault Ste. Marie will help deserving hockey players reach their dreams of attaining a college degree at LSSU.

Jim Mason (1917-2006) was a lifelong resident of Sault Ste. Marie who had an intense passion for the sport of hockey. In his youth, he played whenever he could on outdoor rinks around the area, in addition to being a member of organized teams at Kaine's Rink and the Pullar Stadium. He said some of his best memories were of the Detroit Red Wings team traveling here for training camps.

Later, Mason spent many years coaching and supporting area Bantam and Jr. League hockey at Pullar Stadium, assisting with the Soo Indians and serving as manager for the Sinclair Warriors Travel Team.

"My father was a hockey fanatic," said Paul Mason. "The best thing to do in his memory is to help future hockey players."

Jim followed the LSSU Lakers hockey program and attended many of the home games. In his later years, he spent many hours listening to the game broadcasts on WSOO and WSUE.

"We are thrilled about this generous

contribution from the Mason family," said LSSU Athletics Director Kris Dunbar. "This is a fitting memorial to a man who was so passionate about hockey and it's a wonderful way to help our hockey players, who are just as passionate about the sport as was Mr. Mason."

The annual award established in tribute to Mason is \$1,000 per year for up to five years. Candidates must be members of the LSSU hockey team with a grade point average of 3.0 or greater, and preference will be given to residents of Chippewa, Luce or Mackinac counties. Consideration will be given to candidates who have played hockey for at least one season in the Sault Amateur Hockey Association (any of their recreational or travel programs) or for a Chippewa, Luce or Mackinac county secondary institution. The recipient must maintain an academic standing equal to the NCAA requirements for participation. The award is open to freshmen or transfer students pursuing a baccalaureate degree in any major.

For more information on this scholarship and others at LSSU, contact the LSSU Foundation, [foundation@lssu.edu](mailto:foundation@lssu.edu) or 906-635-2665.





## Volleyball loses few starters, ready for season

LSSU volleyball lost only one starter following the 2006 season and graduated two starters from last season's squad. Mark Engle, who is entering his 14th season as head coach, is starting with 18 players, including six who have been a main part of the Lakers' rotation for at least two seasons.

The team's key losses are all-around player and season-kills leader Jamie Groos, who earned All-Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference honorable mention in 2007, and setter Erin McLain, who finished second in career assists.

Senior Ashley Purvis, a transfer from Mott Community College who appeared in 56 of 108 sets as a back-up setter last season, is expected to replace McLain. Engle also has sophomore Brandiss Ward, a transfer from Lansing

Community College, and freshman Marie Stender at the setter position.

LSSU's strength could be its middle attack, which will be led by junior Sara Hess (6-0) and sophomore Samantha Gibbs (6-0). Hess finished second in kills with 280 and led the Lakers in blocks last season. Gibbs was the team's No. 2 blocker and started in 22 matches during her rookie campaign.

Juniors Ali Jones (5-10) and Holly Orban (5-11), and seniors Brishia Stroven (5-10) and Trisha Dutton (5-11) return at the outside hitter position. Jones, who is a solid all-around player, finished second on the team in service reception and aces, third in kills and fourth in digs. Stroven had a team-high .949 service reception percentage. Dutton can fill in as a back-up setter.

Junior Jessica Ewer was one of the





GLIAC's top liberos in 2007, finishing third in the league in average digs per game. She is ranked 10th on LSSU's career digs list. Engle also has the option of using the athletic back-row specialist as an outside hitter or back-up setter.

"Our depth at all positions should make us better as we face a tough road schedule and a typically-strong GLIAC field," said Engle, whose goal is to earn a berth in the GLIAC Tournament. "The team has a good mixture of veterans and talented newcomers."

Engle noted that Purvis, Jones and Hess will be expected to lead the Lakers at their respective positions. Jones is playing her final collegiate season and will graduate in the spring with plans to attend graduate school.

Newcomers to the lineup include

defensive specialist Anna Neal, outside hitter Abby Shereda (5-11) and middle hitter Lindsay McLeod (5-11), who red-shirted as rookies last season. Middle hitter Jeanna Radzinski (5-11), outside hitter Janelle Balkwill (5-10) and libero/ outside hitter Brittany Newberry are first-year players who have the potential to be immediate contributors. LSSU's 2008 recruiting class includes outside hitters Jessica Murawski, who attended Oakland University in 2007-2008, and Laura Misiak.

The Lakers open the season at the Minnesota-Crookston Tournament Sept. 5-6 and will play a cross-over tournament against Great Lakes Valley Conference teams Oct. 17-18 in Indianapolis. The team's GLIAC opener is Sept. 12 at Northern Michigan.



**BLUELINERS BOOST HOCKEY PROGRAM** – The Soo BlueLiners, which has been supporting the Laker hockey program for more than 26 years, held its annual summer golf outing in June at The Oaks Golf Course. The event netted \$15,000 for Laker hockey. In addition to the golf outing, the BlueLiners sell 50/50 tickets at Laker hockey games, and sponsors a Christmas party, the season-ending banquet and other special events for players and fans. BlueLiners president Howard Ledergerber presented the check to the team.



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# Eggers, Metro hired as assistant coaches

Former Lewis graduate assistant Shannon Eggers has been named assistant women's basketball coach and Rich Metro, who served as hockey video coordinator and volunteer coach in 2007-2008, has been hired as assistant hockey coach.

Eggers, a 2006 graduate of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, has a degree in radio, television and film, and held marketing and television internships with ESPN and the Minnesota Timberwolves before embarking on a coaching career. She served as a graduate assistant coach at Lewis during the 2007-08 season.

She played two seasons at Nebraska-Omaha before finishing her basketball career at UW-Oshkosh. The 5-11 guard from Council Bluffs, Iowa, earned All-Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference honors in 2005 and '06. She averaged 14.3 points and 4.4 rebounds per game as a senior in 2005-06.

"I'm excited to add Shannon to our coaching staff," said LSSU third-year head coach Jamie Pewinski. "She was successful as a player and has a deep passion for the game of basketball. Having spent a year at Lewis, she has a great understanding of our conference and the GLVC, which will be very beneficial as we go through the season."

Eggers replaces Taira Roth, who accepted a similar position at Truman State University.

Prior to playing four seasons at Northern Michigan University and six seasons professionally, Metro grew up playing youth hockey in the

Sault Michigan Hockey Association. As a professional player, he spent four seasons with Villard-de-Lans in France, where he met his wife, Elodie.

Metro is the son of Con and Grace Metro. His father played for Ron Mason on the first Laker hockey team in 1966-67.

"I'm confident that he'll do a really good job," said head coach Jim Roque. "He's passionate about the game. He's worked with Ron Rolston (U.S. National Development Team) and me at hockey schools over the years."

"It's a great honor and huge privilege to coach at LSSU, not only because my dad played here, but because it's my hometown," Metro said. "With the other great coaches who have come through and the ones who are here now, I'm really blessed to be a part of this."

After winning national championships with two different SMHA teams, Metro played AAA midget hockey for the Soo Hawks and Marquette Electricians. He spent the Junior A portion of his career with the Waterloo Blackhawks of the United States Hockey League. He played collegiately at NMU, where he was the Wildcats' rookie of the year and a two-year co-captain. He totaled 24-35-59 at NMU from 1995-99.

Metro also played for the Pee Dee Pride (East Coast Hockey League) in 1999-00, and the Columbus Cottonmouths (Central Hockey League) and Asheville Smoke (United Hockey League) in 2000-01.

He replaces former assistant coach Joe Shawhan, a former Laker player who was with the team as a coach for three seasons.



*Shannon Eggers*



*Rich Metro*

# Messages in a Bottle

To Prof. Deb McPherson:

I recently heard from my nephew, who told me he played hockey up there and it got me thinking about you, the Sault, and LSSU Athletics. He is only 11, but he was excited to see my name in a trophy case and it got me to thinking that I need to get up there for a visit. As much as I can, I check the web to follow Laker softball and volleyball. I still feel a strong kinship to those programs.

I thought you'd also like to know about my achievement last October, when I was the 2007 recipient of the University Health Educator of the Year here in Kentucky. The award is given by the Kentucky Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (KAHPERD). I still give all the credit for where I am now to you and everyone else who touched my life at LSSU. I think of you all often and wish you the best.

Dr. Jennifer Dearden '88  
Morehead State University  
Morehead, Kentucky

To Tom Pink, while making plans for duck season:

We're looking forward to Laker hockey this year. I listen to Bill Crawford on the Internet every weekend when they are playing and look at the live stats from the game on CSTV.com on my laptop. We love it. Bill is the most realistic play-by-play announcer I've ever heard. I have over a dozen cassettes with his broadcasts of our last national championship in 1994. We love MSU hockey too, since Nancy attended MSU before transferring to Wayne State.

Tom '94 and Nancy Knuth  
Clinton Twp., Mich.

To Susan Fitzpatrick:

Thank you for both the diploma frame as well as for organizing the Senior Sendoff. I had a great time and I think it was a great way to say good-bye to everything. Thanks again.

Rob Bonkoski  
Class of 2008



To Prof. Val Filek:

Thank you for everything that you did for me during my time at Lake State - from little things, such as asking how Debra was doing, to helping study for tests, as well as the support you gave me at various times when I needed it. All of that really meant a lot to me. I truly enjoyed every class I had with you and I learned a great deal. I can honestly say that you had a profound impact on me. Thanks for being a fantastic advisor and for always having confidence in me. Between you, Prof. Zinser, Dr. Saluja, Dr. Erkkila, Prof. Root and Dr. Marinoni, the knowledge you all passed on to me, the discipline you instilled in me, and the environment in which I absorbed it, is something I can't put a price on. It is for these reasons that I am proud to say that I received my bachelor's degree from Lake Superior State University's School of Business Economics and Legal Studies. Thanks again.

Nick Meldrum

Assistant Equipment Manager

USA Hockey NTDP

Ann Arbor, Mich.

To Prof. MaryAnne Shannon,

I was accepted into Mayo Clinic's master of nurse anesthesia program! The interview was quite interesting. It was from 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. We had 5 different interviews each, with two people, certified registered nurse anesthetists or anesthesiologists. In one of the interviews, they commented on how nice the letter of recommendation was that you wrote for me. Thank you! Overall, it was a very interesting experience and I am so excited to begin my graduate education. I truly appreciate the time you took to write the letter for me. If you ever make it out this way, don't be a stranger!

Amy (Kemp) Gnagey '00

Dodge Center, Minn.

To Susan Fitzpatrick:

I just got my Laker Log the other day. It was very VERY good. Amy and I read it cover-to-cover, and that's high praise coming from parents of two- and four-year-olds whose sit-and-read time is extremely limited. Just thought I'd let you know that we were both very impressed. You see something like that come out and it makes you proud all over again to be a Laker.

Paul Ellinger '87

Paul is part of the a cappella group elmoTHUMM, which was on campus in October 2007 as part of Great Lake State Weekend



# Buoys and Gulls

**Matt Alvey att. '93-'97, Troy, NY,** and wife Amber are proud parents of their first child, Addison Claire, born June 20.

**Bonnie (Sutherland) Bartor att. '95-'97, Brimley** and husband Frank announce the birth of daughter Kamara Nicole on June 7 at War Memorial Hospital. She joins brother Seth at home.

**Mike Bayless '99, Portland,** and wife Casie announce the birth of son Keaton Charles on June 19, 2007. He joins sisters Mikenna, Kaelyn, and Camrie.

**Jocque Benoit att. '95, Sault Ste. Marie,** and wife Kim are proud parents of son Todd Jeffery, born June 21 at War Memorial Hospital.

**Nick '05 and Lindsay (Bazinaw) '05 Bertram, Cadillac,** announce the birth of their daughter Summer Madison on June 12, 2007. She joins big brother Noah, who is two.

**Shawn Betts '89, Saint Paul, Minn.,** and wife Heather announce the birth of their son Caleb Michael on July 20.

**Jennifer (Betts) Bratonia '98, Green Bay,** and husband Mark are proud parents of son Mason Francis, born October 5, 2007.

**Jody (Crumley) Burt '00, Sault Ste. Marie,** announces the birth of son Aiden James on April 23 at War Memorial Hospital.

**Alice (Forest) Cawson '94, Grand Rapids,** and husband Matt are proud parents of son Wade Forrest, born January 9 at Spectrum Health in Grand Rapids. He joins brother Grant at home.

**Stacy (Bergeron) Desormeau '99, Sault Ste Marie,** and husband Andy announce the birth of son Granger Wade on May 3 at War Memorial Hospital.

**Johanna (Nelson) Dowding '01, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.,** and husband Deryck are proud parents of daughter Sophia Eileen, born September 18, 2007.

**Amy (Betoski) Evans '96, Oxford,** and husband Steve are the proud parents of Zachary, born March 1. He joins big sister Meredith, age 4.

**Kevin Fleming '94, Grayling,** and wife Wendy announce the birth of daughter Rebecca Ann on May 23 at Grayling Mercy Hospital.

**Martin Forrest '91, Hudsonville,** and wife Heather are proud parents of Derek Arden, born April 1.

**Cale '99 and Lisa (Klave) '00, Gady,** announce the birth of their daughter Hannah Autumn on June 6.

**James Gordon att. '98 and Brandy Parish att. '99-'03, Brimley,** announce the birth of daughter Stevie-Ann Mary on May 14 at War Memorial Hospital. She joins brother Cody at home.

**Mike '92 and Linda (Essenburg) Hoolsema '01, Rudyard,** announce the birth of daughter Carrie Lynn on February 27. She joins brother Austin at home.

**Zachary '03 and Dana (Mertz) '03, Hatfield,** are proud parents of daughter Quinn Rylee, born September 20, 2007.

**Wendy Hughes '00, Sault Ste. Marie,** and Rusty Aikens are proud parents of daughter Cierra Marie, born May 5 at War Memorial Hospital. She joins brother Gavin at home.

**Sarah (Cornwell) Kwiatkowski '01, Rudyard,** and husband Kurt announce the birth of daughter Lillian Faith on March 14 at Northern Michigan Hospitals in Petoskey.



*Hannah Autumn Gady*

**Deanna (Shunk) Jones '99, Sault Ste. Marie,** and husband Markus announce the birth of son Emmett Lawrence on December 28, 2007. He joins brother Evan.

**Wesley Klier '96, Sault Ste. Marie,** and wife Bridget are proud parents of son Caleb, born February 1 at War Memorial Hospital. He joins brothers Michael and Marcus, and sister Destiny at home.

**Denise (Gum) Kubik '99, Livonia,** and husband Chad announce the birth of Matthew Jacob on January 28.

**Jason '02 and Alice (Duesing) '03 Nightingale, Granger, Ind.,** announce the birth of daughter Ruth Marie on March 5 in South Bend.

**Thomas '95 and Diane (Henry) Pederson '99, Brownstown,** are proud parents of daughter Hailey Jane born May 20 at Wyandotte General Hospital.

**Joel Pelletier '05, McMillan,** and wife Krista announce the birth of daughter Camberley Rae on April 21.

**Pamela (Beedy) Rockwell '98, Henderson, Colo.,** and husband John are proud parents of son Brandon Calvin, born March 26 at North Suburban Medical Center. He joins brothers Jarret and Gavin at home.

**Erica (St. Louis) Rhome '03, Cheboygan,** and husband announce the birth of daughter Madison Marie on January 10. She joins brother Trevor D. St. Louis at home.

**Jason Stewart '02, Thessalon, Ont.,** and wife Erin are proud parents of son Gabriel James, born April 11.

**Stephen '08 and Tempest Melissa (Johnson) Tillotson '08, Virginia Beach,** announce the birth of their son John Mark on May 31.

**Christy (Woodgate) Wilcox '99, Sault Ste. Marie,** and husband Matthew are proud parents of son Mason Eli, born January 13 at War Memorial Hospital. He joins brothers Austin and Zachary.

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## *Joined hands*

**Justin Corbiere, Sault Ste. Marie,** married Kristen Calery on August 25, 2007 at St. Mary's Pro Cathedral. The reception was held at the National Guard Armory in Sault Ste. Marie. A honeymoon trip was taken to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico in October.

**Dominick Flasck '05 married Rebecca Bellmore '06, Jenison,** on September 22, 2007 in Detroit. Several Laker alumni were in attendance.

**Jacob Keister '07 married Maggie Hartman '06** on May 17. The ceremony was in the bride's hometown of Ithaca, followed by a reception in Alma. The couple is residing in Memphis.

**Brian Kump '04, Statham, Ga.,** married Stephanie Blank on June 20. They spent their honeymoon in Traverse City and Mackinac Island. Brian is a firefighter/paramedic for Gwinnett County.

**Zachary Hatfield '03 and Dana Mertz '03** were married on July 31, 2004.

**Brenton Kemmer II '04 married Christine Gill '04,** on June 23, 2007 in Oxford, MI. They recently bought a house in Clarkston, MI and are proud parents

of their little Beagle puppy, Ash. Brent has an engineering software position in Southfield, while Chris is a teacher and coach in Clarkston and Holly.

**Michele Lewis '87, Suamico, Wisc.,** married Gary Pearson on November 1, 2007 on the beach of Sanibel Island in Florida. She is the owner of Frayed Not, an upscale resale clothing boutique in Green Bay, Wisc. A honeymoon trip was spent on Sanibel Island. The couple resides in Suamico.

**Leith Nader '06, Milford,** married Sarah Houghton on October 13, 2007. The ceremony took place at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Hartland and the reception was at Genoa Woods in Brighton. The couple spent their honeymoon by driving through Michigan without using the expressway.

**Nicole Pietrangelo '03, Sault Ste. Marie,** married Christopher Phillips on October 6, 2006, at First United Presbyterian Church. The reception was held at the Christopher Columbus Hall, and a wedding trip was taken in May.

# Friends we'll miss

## **Prof. Emeritus Melvin Lee**

**Anderson, 80**, Kincheloe, died June 3 at War Memorial Hospital. He was a chemist for Dow Chemical for 13 years before becoming a professor for LSSU and teaching chemistry from 1969 until his retirement in 1993. He published several articles in professional journals and applied his industrial and academic skills to local problems. He earned several honors throughout his lifetime including the Dow Fellowship for Doctoral Research, the first Dow employee to receive it. Upon his retirement from LSSU, the Upper Peninsula native summed up his years of teaching by saying, "When I worked in industry, sometimes the days would drag by. It has never happened here. The time has gone so fast... For me, I'm sure it's the students. I enjoy the direct contact with the students, and I get quite a bit of satisfaction after they've gone on to professional schools or good jobs."



*Melvin Lee Anderson*

## **Paul D. Freedman '67**, Sault Ste.

Marie, died March 6 from accidental injuries suffered at his Shallows home in Sault Ste. Marie. He was a Vietnam-era veteran, having served in the US Navy for four years and earning the Navy Achievement Medal, Navy Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, five Commander's Commendation Awards, and numerous service medals.

## **Alan Jastorff Gillies '04**,

Brandon, SD, died July 31 after a short illness. Alan grew up in Brimley. While attending LSSU, he was a leader in the SAILS group and later worked for LSSU Admissions. After earning a degree in social sciences in 2004, Alan earned a second degree in park management from South Dakota State University last May. He recently completed the requirements for a certified arborist through the International Society of Arboriculture.

Alan leaves behind his wife, Tiffany Jastorff Gillies '04 and their young son, Andersen.

**Martin Harrington '83**, Azle, Tex., died suddenly February 3 in Santee, Calif.

**Maurice Pitt "Pete" Horton '85**, Cedarville, died March 27 at Hospice House in Cheboygan. He joined the US Air Force in 1951 and served for 26 years. After retirement from the Air Force, he worked for Kinross Charter Township as a tax assessor for 10 years and was the manager of the Chippewa County Fair for 20 years.

**John "Tito" M. Keith att. '98-'00**, Lansing, died May 24. He worked as a freight handler for FHI Meijer Warehouse. His family was his number one priority.

**Oscar H. Koski '47**, Richland, Wash., died June 5, 2007.

**David Lundy '58**, Adrian, died February 20 in his home.

He was a Sault High graduate and worked construction during the building of the Mackinac Bridge in the 1950s. He enlisted in the Army in 1957 and was honorably discharged as a sergeant in 1962. He held several construction jobs throughout the world until his family settled in Adrian in 1968. From 1978 until his retirement in 2001, he was self employed at Lundy's Heating and Plumbing. He was a city commissioner for Adrian from 1983-1988.

**Gary Michel '97**, Homosassa, Fla., died May 12 after battling esophageal cancer.

**Lyn (Piippo) Applebee '84**, Sterling Heights, nursing alumna, died November 5, 2007. Lyn was the daughter of Carl '48 and Anne Piippo; and sister of Dr. Laura Piippo '89.

**Note:** The Pete Verrett listed in the spring 2008 Laker Log as having died June 21, 2007 was not alumnus Pete Verrett of Sault Ste. Marie; it was his father. We apologize for the error.



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**ASSEMBLY REQUIRED** – Jeanne Shibley of the Engineering department and Graphics finds it tough to pose with the Spring 2008 Laker Log during a Force 9 gale. She and Public Relations staffer John Shibley were vacationing last May in Iceland when a photo-op on Lake Kliefervatn presented itself, along with 50-know winds off of the North Atlantic.

# Go for the **BLUE** Great Lake State Weekend and **GOLD!**

## **Come to the Decades Reunion**

As part of  
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*Susan Fitzpatrick  
Alumni Director*

Great Lake State Weekend, Oct. 10-12, is LSSU's homecoming weekend. With events for alumni, students, families and fans, there is something for everyone with Lake State connections. Don't miss the Alumni Awards Reception, hockey, alumni tailgate party, pub crawl and the annual Parent of the Year Award. We are honoring decade reunion classes ending in '8' this year. In addition, the Campus Shoppe will have special hours on Saturday, and campus dining facilities will be open throughout the weekend. Come back to campus for GLSW 2008!

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# 2008 – 2009 Calendar of Alumni Events

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Additional events or revisions at [www.lssu.edu/calendar](http://www.lssu.edu/calendar)*

## Friday, October 10

10am-7:00pm	Registration	Walker Cisler Center Lobby
3:00pm	Alpha Chi Honors Society Induction	Walker Cisler Center
7:05 pm	Laker Hockey vs U. of Minnesota-Duluth	Taffy Abel Arena
9:30pm	Post-Hockey game Ice Cream Social	Norris Hallway
9:30pm	Alumni social	Cisler Center Crow's Nest
<i>Special recognition for reunion classes 1948, 1958, 1968, 1978, 1988, 1998</i>		

## Saturday, October 11

8am-4pm	Registration	Walker Cisler Center Lobby
9:00am	Alumni Assoc. Board of Directors Meeting	Cisler Center Anchor Room
10:00am	Campus Challenge 5K Fun Run/Walk	Norris Center
11am	Planetarium Show	Crawford Hall Planetarium
11:30am	Parent's Brunch	Quarterdeck
12 noon	Bud & Mary Mansfield Parent of the Year Award	Quarterdeck
12:45-3pm	Kid's Kollege (ages 8-15) Planetarium show & scientific experiments	Meet at Registration Desk
1 - 5pm	Fall Fling for Prospective Students	Arts Center
1:00pm	Planetarium Show	Crawford Hall Planetarium
4:00pm	Alumni Awards Program	Cisler Center Superior Room
4:00pm	Tailgate	Norris Parking Lot
5:00pm	Family Picnic, Games & Pre-game Bash	Student Activity Center
7:05pm	Laker Hockey vs Michigan Tech.	Taffy Abel Arena
9:30pm	Alumni pub crawl	Downtown Sault Ste. Marie

## Sunday, October 12

11:30 a.m.	Scholarship Recognition Brunch	LSSU Cisler Center
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## Saturday, November 15

5 p.m.	Laker Alumni Social	South Bend, IN
7:05 p.m.	Laker hockey vs Notre Dame	South Bend, IN

## Saturday, December 13

TBA	Laker Alumni Social	Saginaw
TBA	Laker basketball vs Saginaw Valley	SVSU

## Thursday, January 8

5 p.m.	Lake State After Hours	Cooper Gym
5:30 p.m.	Laker basketball vs Ferris	Cooper Gym

**Lake State After Hours** is a gathering of Laker alumni, employees and friends on the first Thursday of every month at 5:00 pm, usually at Moloney's Alley. Come join us!

**Laker Friday** is every Friday - wear your Blue and Gold, wherever you are!

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Coming to town for Great Lake State Weekend? Here's a list of hotels in the Sault that are offering discounts for the weekend. (All numbers in 906 area code.) To get details on the individual hotels, go to the web - [lssu.edu/glsf](http://lssu.edu/glsf).

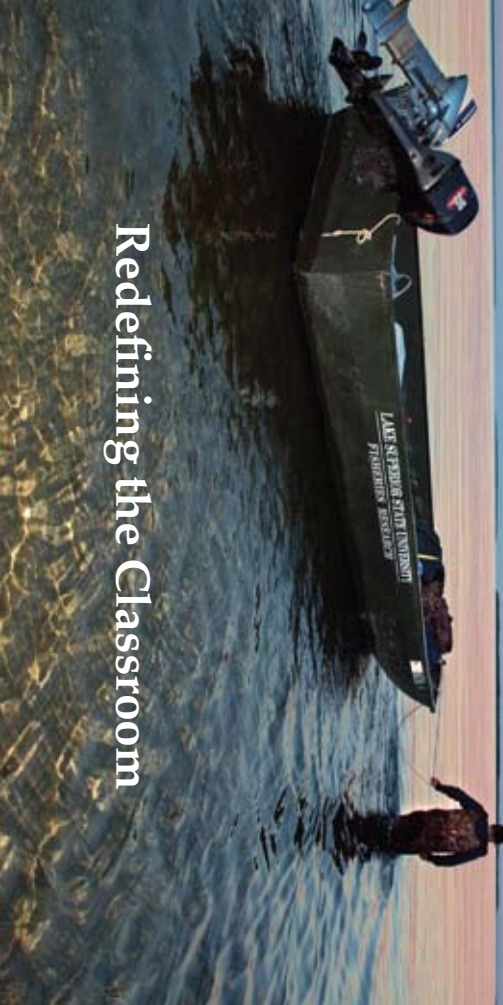
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