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ON THE COVER – Lake Superior State University engineering student Chris Chancey doesn't quite land a jump as anticipated during a Baja Car demonstration. Chancey is in an engineering club that takes the home-built car all over the U.S. for Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) competitions. He walked away from this spill unharmed, thanks to a robust crash cage. The car suffered a damaged sway bar that was fixed within the hour in time for another run. Chancey, who hails from St. Joseph, Mich., is entering his second year in mechanical engineering.

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Cory Gallaway Andersen '04 poses with her Laker Log at Machu Picchu in Peru. Cory was there in June 2010 as part of her MBA curriculum with the University of Denver.

Justin Spreeman '99 poses with his favorite Laker Log while on patrol at the QaQa weapons facility southwest of Baghdad, Iraq. At the time, he was a first lieutenant infantry platoon leader with 3BCT "Rakkasans" 101st Airborne Division during a 14-month deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 2007-2009.



From the President

If you just looked at the big picture, the outlook for Lake Superior State University in 2010-2011 looks pretty gloomy. Michigan now has the dubious distinction of spending less on higher education than 45 other states and we are one of the few states to spend more tax dollars on prisoners than on higher education. Not only has the state cut direct aid to Higher Education, it has also made drastic cuts in student financial aid. From 2009 to 2010, Michigan cut financial aid 64%, from \$218 million to \$79 million. Everywhere you look you find more bad news.

Despite all this, Lake Superior State is looking forward to a good year. Thanks to many sacrifices by faculty and staff, we had a balanced budget last year and we enter the new year on a path that should keep us financially sound providing the state doesn't have a fiscal meltdown. We're operating a bit leaner than we have in the past, but with extra effort from everyone, we are still able to keep a strong program of student services.

Another good sign is our student enrollment. Although our enrollment for fall isn't finalized as of this writing, all indicators are that our student enrollment will increase to the highest level in the past five years. The enrollment increase didn't happen by accident. The relative cost for students is increasing due to cuts in appropriations to LSSU and cuts to the students' financial aid. We also face smaller high school graduating classes across the state. Despite these disadvantages, our admissions staff, supported by our faculty and support staff, have redoubled their efforts at finding, recruiting and retaining students.

The most important factor in this process is that we have a great product. Compared to other state universities, the overall cost of attendance at LSSU still ranks in the bottom half, while we are leading in the percent of classes with 25 or fewer students. Last year, all of our pre-med graduates were admitted to health professional schools and last spring we established an early admissions program with Michigan State University, College of Human Medicine. At the same time, our Nursing program has grown dramatically. Only three universities in the U.S. offer an undergraduate engineering degree with a robotics specialization and only four U.S. universities have an accredited bachelor's program in Fire Science. Lake Superior State University has both.

We have new programs in Geographic Information Science and Fish Health and numerous traditional programs that produce students who are recognized as some of the best in their field. Students in our School of Business recently validated what we've known all along, that the business education they receive at LSSU is among the best in the nation. Results from the Major Field Test in Business show that LSSU students scored



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in the top 5% in the nation in accounting and economics and in the top 15% in international education and legal/social education.

If you haven't been on campus recently, you may want to visit and take a tour. Most aren't aware of the quality of our robotics lab or our science labs. The Laker family is very proud of what we offer students and the quality of the graduates we produce. We know that you are, too.

Tony A. McLain

Go Lakers!
Tony McLain



LSSU opens regional center in Dearborn

The university has established a regional site in partnership with Henry Ford Community College at the Dearborn University Consortium Center located on the campus of Advanced Technology Academy, an LSSU charter school.

In this new arrangement, LSSU will offer degree completion options in business and criminal justice beginning this fall. Future degree completion offerings could include applied geographic information systems, computer networking and web development in 2011.

"Henry Ford Community College has developed new articulation agreements with LSSU allowing HFCC students to complete their bachelor's degree in Dearborn," said Gail Mee Ph.D., HFCC President. "This is an extremely efficient and cost-effective path for students to complete their education in the Dearborn community."

"The establishment of the center gives us a presence in the Metro Detroit area," said LSSU President Tony McLain Ph.D. during a keynote speech during ATA graduation ceremonies earlier this year. "It also allows us to bring our high-value educational programs to students who never before had access to LSSU. We're very pleased to be part of this partnership. It builds upon and strengthens the relationship we've had with ATA since 1999."

LSSU will incorporate the Ford Partnerships for Advanced Studies curriculum at the DUCC to provide students with 21st century skills.

"We are delighted that the Ford-

PAS curriculum will be used by this new partnership," said Mike Schmidt, director of Education and Community Development with the Ford Motor Company Fund. "These education modules are designed to equip students with critical thinking, team building and other career-relevant skills in fields such as environmental sustainability, economics and engineering."

The new agreement was applauded by many in the Dearborn community, including Dearborn Mayor Jack O'Reilly, ATA Chief Administrative Officer Barry Hawthorne and ATA Board President Richard Schneider.

"LSSU is looking forward to being part of the Dearborn community," said Bruce Harger, LSSU Director of Public School Academy Operations. "We will offer the last year or two of practical programs that lead to areas of high demand employment. We're concerned about the increasing cost of higher education. That's one of the reasons why we decided to establish this partnership. It will allow us to offer an excellent-quality LSSU education to the residents of southeast Michigan."

About the Dearborn University Consortium Center: The center is designed to prepare students with high quality interdisciplinary experiences that challenge them academically and develop their problem solving, critical thinking, and communication skills. The DUCC is enrolling students for fall 2010 classes. Contact Eric Dubitsky, Regional Site Director, at 313-625-4712 or edubitsky@atafordpas.org to learn more.

LSSU IN SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN
– LSSU will be offering classes this fall at the Dearborn University Consortium Center through an agreement with LSSU and Henry Ford Community College. The LSSU Dearborn Regional Center was officially put into operation over the summer during a signing ceremony with HFCC and LSSU representatives. Pictured here: seated, l-r, LSSU President Tony McLain Ph.D. and HFCC President Gail Mee Ph.D.; and standing, l-r, LSSU Provost Morrie Walworth, HFCC VP of Student Services Lisa Jones-Harris, HFCC Associate Dean of Social Sciences Kim Schopmeyer Ph.D., and HFCC VP of Academic Education Reginald Gerlica Ph.D.

McLain hired

The university's presidential search process came to a close last spring when the LSSU Board of Trustees formally confirmed Tony McLain as its seventh president during the board's meeting on April 2.

The board was unanimous in the appointment of McLain, who has been serving since July 2009 as LSSU's interim president.

"I am honored to accept this position," McLain said. "We've made great progress this past year in getting the university's house in order. Many more great things are to come."

McLain added that a particular point of pride for the past year was progress on a shared university governance initiative between all units of the campus community. He also commended faculty and staff for their hard work in boosting recruitment efforts.

"Increasing enrollment will go a long way in getting through our state's tough financial times," said McLain.

McLain's doctorate is from Michigan State University in K-12 education administration, and he also holds a master's degree in counseling and personnel administration and a bachelor's degree in English, both from Western Michigan University.

He has been active in the community for many years and especially enjoys working with the Sault's NorthStar chapter of Habitat for Humanity. He and his wife, Melissa, have two grown daughters: Michelle, of Lansing, and Adelle, of Grand Rapids.

Walworth appointed as provost



Morrie Walworth

LSSU President Tony McLain has appointed Maurice “Morrie” Walworth as provost and executive vice president to replace Tony Blose Ph.D., who resigned July 1 to take a position out of state.

Walworth formerly was dean of the LSSU College of Engineering Technology and Economic Development, as well as director of Intellectual Property. He accepted an assistant professor position in the Robotics and Automation program at LSSU in 1991, coming from Purdue University’s Statewide Technology Program. He later led the

development of the electrical and computer engineering degree programs and chaired those programs for several years before becoming dean.

Walworth has been instrumental in the establishment of the Product Development Center and in working with the city of Sault Ste. Marie to bring in its “SmartZone” designation.

He worked as a consultant for Manufacturing Technology Inc. in Mishawaka, Indiana, Siemens Automotive and Continental Automotive in Auburn Hills, and as an engineer with Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

Walworth holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees in electrical engineering from Michigan Technological University. He is married to Phyllis, who is a Sault Area Middle School teacher, and the couple has six children.

Ronald DeLap Ph.D. accepted Walworth’s former position as dean of the College of Engineering, Technology and Economic Development and started his new job on July 1. DeLap was hired as an LSSU assistant professor in electrical engineering in August 2008 from Delphi Automotive, where he worked as an engineer. Previously, he had served for 22 years in the U.S. Air Force as a research engineer, where he was involved in project management for more than 20 years, leading teams of more than 200 engineers, scientists and support staff.

Legacy Wall



The LSSU Alumni Association is pleased to offer you a unique opportunity to add your name to the distinguished group of names already adorning the beautiful foyer of the Kenneth J. Shouldice Library. A \$200 gift will reserve a specially designed brick etched with your name, that of a loved one, favorite faculty / staff member or campus organization on the Legacy Wall.

Your tax deductible donation will join with others to create the Superior Legacy Alumni Fund, which finances special projects for LSSU students and alumni.

For more information or to reserve your brick, contact the Alumni office at alumnirelations@lssu.edu; call 906-635-6219; or visit alumni.lssu.edu/ps/legacy_wall.php.

New tuition agreement formed for National Guard members

LSSU and the Michigan National Guard have formed an agreement that will make it easier for Army and Air National Guard members to work toward a college degree.

The agreement comes on the heels of a similar U.S. Coast Guard agreement that was also designed to encourage service members to take university courses. It is available to students on LSSU’s main campus as well as regional centers in Escanaba, Gaylord, Petoskey and, beginning this fall, in Dearborn.

Each active drilling National Guard member receives a stipend through the National Guard Federal Tuition Assistance program that is

intended to partially cover the costs of taking college courses. Through this agreement, LSSU accepts that stipend as full payment for tuition.

“We’re very pleased to extend this educational opportunity to National Guardsmen who want to take classes from the university,” said LSSU President Tony McLain. “We’ve found that soldiers make excellent students with their maturity and work ethic.”

The agreement is available to any active drilling Michigan National Guard member eligible under National Guard Federal Tuition Assistance and follows LSSU’s military rate for tuition, which is the same as the TA Assistant rate

as set by the military, currently \$250 per credit. The agreement is for tuition only and doesn’t include special fees wherever they may apply. Students must self certify each semester to maintain eligibility for this rate. The agreement is separate from the federal government’s Post 9/11 GI Bill or other Veterans Administration benefits but may not be combined with Chapter 33 benefits.

McLain added that this benefit builds upon LSSU’s military tradition as a converted military base. The school, which is on the site of former US Army Fort Brady, was opened in 1946 in part to help serve the many veterans who were enrolling in colleges after World War II.

Great Lakes Energy Service promotes alternative energy through LSSU station



The roof of LSSU's Center for Applied Science is home to a new solar and wind energy station thanks to a grant through Great Lakes Energy Service. The 2 kW station was installed in June.

GLES, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting alternative energy education and energy efficiency, made the grant available to educational institutions so that the equipment may be used in the

classroom. Ron DeLap Ph.D., new dean of the College of Engineering, Technology and Economic Development, secured the grant for the station, which includes five solar panels and a single 1 kW wind turbine. The equipment will be monitored through one of LSSU's engineering labs.

DeLap said he plans to work with other LSSU faculty to develop a green energy class sequence that, once approved, would tentatively begin during the 2011-2012 academic year. The new station would form an integral piece of the class sequence.

Meanwhile, DeLap incorporated solar energy principles into his electronic circuits class (EGEE 375) during the spring 2010 semester. In addition, the LSSU Engineering Dept. is working with the Biology Dept. to get the Vermilion research site on Lake Superior powered

through wind and solar energy. The new GLES system will help the group find out how much capacity will be needed to bring power to Vermilion.

GLES will bring a mobile classroom to campus for a visit in September.

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Three members of Arts and Letters get spotlight

Two faculty in LSSU's College of Arts, Letters and Social Sciences published books recently, while the dean saw one of his plays featured in a Honolulu theater during the spring.

Philosophy and humanities professor Jason Swedene Ph.D. published his second book, *Staying Alive: The Varieties of Immortality*, in which he examines the human desire to live forever, and psychology professor H. Russell Searight, Ph.D., MPH, published his fourth book -- a guide for mental health professionals and trainees who are interested in or are already working in primary medical care settings.

Searight's book, *Practicing Psychology in Primary Care*, was published by Hogrefe and Huber of Massachusetts, while Swedene's was published by Rowman and Littlefield Publishing Group, Inc. of Maryland.

Immortality can take shape in many forms, including love, fame, and family. Whether one wants to leave behind a personalized legacy or leave the world behind to enjoy the bliss of heaven, Swedene covers several

forums for the manifestation of immortality.

"My aim was to write a readable book that will afford the reader an increased sensitivity to the many ways the desire for immortality has shaped history, philosophy, art, and literature," Swedene said.

Searight said the basis for his book was his 18 years of experience as director of behavioral medicine and clinical associate professor of community and family medicine at a family medicine residency affiliated with Saint Louis University School of Medicine.

"Clinical psychologists are increasingly developing professional affiliations with family physicians, internists and pediatricians," he said. "Since the majority of patients with mental health issues are diagnosed and treated in the primary care setting, psychologists working alongside these physicians can have considerable positive impact on patient care."

Meanwhile, Dean Gary Balfantz Ph.D. helped the Kumu Kahua

Theater in Honolulu celebrate its 39th season with a revival of "Maui the Demigod," his narrative theatre adaptation of Steven Goldsberry's "Maui the Demigod: An Epic Novel of Mythical Hawai'i."

Balfantz's play was first produced by Kumu Kahua in 1991 and toured the Hawaiian islands in 1992. It incorporates hula, chant and storytelling in bringing the many myths of Maui to the stage, including his miraculous birth, prank-filled childhood and heroic deeds of manhood, such as slowing down the pace of the sun and pulling an island from the depths of the sea.

The play was directed by Kumu Kahua board member Wil Kahele. Balfantz's partner Kahoa Malalis was the "kumu hula" -- teacher/director of hula -- for the play. (The teacher of hula is known as kumu hula, where "kumu" means "source of knowledge.")

Read more about Swedene and Searight at lssu.edu and see photos from Balfantz's play at kumukahua.org.

LSSU, Sault lose one of their biggest supporters



Mansfield sporting anchor tattoo.

Francis M. "Bud" Mansfield, the patriarch of a family of eight children who all attended LSSU, died April 7. He was 82.

Active in the community and with the university throughout his life, Bud, and his wife Mary (Aldrich), who he married in 1948, are the namesakes of the LSSU Alumni Association's Bud and Mary Mansfield Parents of the Year Award. The award is presented annually to a parent or parents of a Lake State student who writes the best essay titled, "The Greatest Gift My Parents Gave to Me."

"Each year, when students write their essays, Mary serves as a member of the selection committee," said Susan Fitzpatrick, director of LSSU Alumni Relations. "Bud and Mary would always make an effort to attend the award presentation during Great Lake State Weekend. They always enjoyed meeting the parents and their children who nominated them."

Bud, a Soo Tech alumnus and a member of the first class of the Sault Branch of Michigan Tech in 1946, was born Oct. 14, 1927 in Sault Ste. Marie. He was employed for many years in the automobile business and ended his working career when he retired as the executive director of the Sault Area Chamber of Commerce at age 73.

Bud's history of volunteer service showed his love for his hometown and his belief that it had much to offer its residents and tourists alike.

He was involved for many years with the Sault Area Public Schools Board of Education, actively participated in many roles at Nativity, St. Mary's and St. Joseph's parishes, was a founder of the Chippewa County Community Foundation, a developer of the Sault Convention and Visitors Bureau, member of the International Bridge Authority and a founder of the River of History Museum and Algonquin Ski Trails in Sault, Mich. He was the recipient of many service awards from groups in the cities of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan and Ontario. "He always had a kind word for everyone," Fitzpatrick said. "He was always very appreciative of anything that anyone did for him, and very gracious in accepting even the smallest thing...He always left you feeling better than when he arrived."

The Chippewa County Community Foundation recognized Bud -- and State Senator Walter North -- for their service to the foundation during a program in June.

One would think that a person involved in so much would have plenty of stories about those experiences. He did, indeed. To the delight of many, Bud wrote "The Ashmun Street Philosopher," a bi-weekly column for the Sault's *Evening News*, for many years.

Bud enjoyed the outdoors, long drives with Mary, good food, boating and reading, watching the freighters on the St. Mary's River, and all sports, especially football. He cherished time spent with family, especially his grandchildren.

Although his list of accomplishments is long, Bud's real contribution was his kindness, integrity, humility, and loyalty to family and faith above all else, his amazing positive and loving spirit, and his strength in the face of many physical challenges.

Surviving Bud are his wife Mary, a brother, a sister, his children and their families, including 18 grandchildren ranging from 8-35 years, and two great-grandchildren.

Bud's funeral was April 11, including a memorial Mass at St. Joseph's Church. The family asked for memorial donations to the dialysis unit at War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie.



HONORED PARENT – Penny Underwood (r) stands with her son, Lance, after she received the seventh annual Bud and Mary Mansfield Parent of the Year Award in 2004. Bud and Mary are on the left. Both Mrs. Underwood and her husband, Thomas of Danville, Mich., were honored as recipients that year.



Graduates celebrate commencement

Nearly 500 graduates participated in LSSU commencement ceremonies that featured words of advice from an author, a fellow student, a professor and LSSU President Tony McLain.

The ceremony was also highlighted by the annual pipe and drum escort by the Duncan Family of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., and an honor song by the Bear Creek drummers from Rankin, Ont.

In his first commencement address to LSSU students, McLain told the graduates, "The university, the state and the nation need you... We need your energy and enthusiasm... Much will be expected of you, but we know that like the alumni before you, you'll make us proud to claim you as graduates, and 10 years from now, you'll be just as proud to be called a Laker."

McLain introduced "fellow Yooper and fellow Laker" Sue Harrison of Pickford, a best-selling author and former member of the LSSU staff and its Board of Trustees, who urged the graduates to find joy in whatever ways they can.

Harrison, who studied Native American cultures while doing research for her seven novels, introduced the audience to the Inuit word "kuviahunnahatik," which means "happiness-bringing-stuff." She said it refers to the red-dyed strips of caribou hide that the Inuit would affix to the bows of river kayaks.

Harrison told four stories from different stages in her life that taught her lessons about finding joy, telling students that "Kuviahunnahatik is all about the event, the occasion. Joy is about attitude."

Student respondent Simon Purdy, a sociology major and geology minor from Lansing who graduated magna cum laude, noted that while the graduating class is heading into "a world fraught with problems... we have what it takes to change our world for the better."

Purdy came to LSSU as a transfer student in 2007 from Lansing Community College and became involved on campus right away as president of the LSSU Student Organization for Diversity, member of the Presidents Council and drummer with the LSSU Pep Band. Read more about speakers Sue Harrison and Simon Purdy at www.lssu.edu.

LSSU selects Andrew Jones as Distinguished Teacher

An electrical engineering professor who has the knack of turning digital electronics into an exciting topic was chosen as this year's recipient of the LSSU Distinguished Teaching Award. Andrew Jones Ph.D. received the award during commencement ceremonies on May 1.

The award recipient, chosen by LSSU employees and students, is kept secret each year until announced during the ceremony.

"I'm speechless," Jones said after being asked to come up to the stage to accept his award. Greeting his students, he said, "It has been a great



Andrew Jones Ph.D.

privilege, no, an honor, to serve you."

Jones came to LSSU in 2005 from Purdue University, where he was teaching after earning his doctorate in electrical and computer engineering there in 2002. He received his master's degree in electrical engineering from Purdue in 1993 and his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from University of Texas at Austin in 1991.

Jones lists artificial intelligence and data mining, environmental sensors and renewable energies, computer vision and image processing as some of his academic interests. He teaches senior design classes, microcontroller fundamentals, intro to engineering, robotics engineering, honor thesis, digital systems design and many other classes. He has been faculty advisor for the student IEEE chapter and the LSSU Pep Band, and a mentor for the Sault Schools' FIRST Robotics Team.

Jones' students said they appreciated his motivation and constant support to assist them in reaching their potential in a very challenging discipline.

Jones advised his students, "Find your passion and regardless of what your pay is, you'll enjoy your life from here on out."

The LSSU Distinguished Teaching Award has been presented to faculty since 1971.



WEEKEND TO REMEMBER – Laker hockey alumni, family and friends gathered to recognize a couple of their finest during an LSSU Hall of Fame induction ceremony for Jim Dowd and Doug Weight. The weekend included an alumni hockey game, golf, banquet and more. Pictured from left on induction night are Jeff Napierala, who introduced Dowd, Jim Dowd, LSSU President Tony McLain, Doug Weight, and Doug Weight, Sr., who introduced his son.

Athletics Hall of Fame Induction

Two of Laker hockey's greatest players who have enjoyed impressive National Hockey League careers recently returned to the campus where they first garnered national notoriety. Jim Dowd and Doug Weight were inducted into the LSSU Hall of Fame on June 26.

Dowd was part of the 1988 national champion Laker hockey team that was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2005. Weight didn't get a chance to play in an NCAA final, but he led the team to two NCAA quarterfinal appearances in the two seasons that he played for LSSU. Both went on to become very successful players in the NHL.

"It's an honor to even be able to stand up here," said LSSU President Tony McLain in addressing the honorees in the LSSU Arts Center. Playing on the words found on the Taffy Abel Arena scoreboard, McLain noted, "There are two categories of people who come to campus, 'Visitors' and 'Lakers.' Visitors become Lakers or 'wannabe' Lakers....It's hard not to fall in love with this place.

"If you go to Taffy Abel Arena and just take one lap around the building, you'll be struck by the

history and tradition as you look at the trophies, uniforms and displays," he added, ticking off the statistics that include nine Olympians (including Weight) and many All-Americans (including Dowd and Weight). "The awards go on and on. No other college of this size can match it.

"I'm very proud just to be talking to you about it," McLain continued. "I can't imagine how proud you honorees must be for contributing to it...Your accomplishments off and on the ice won't end here tonight. Because of you, we're proud to say we're Lakers."

In the 13th celebration of the program, emcee Bill Crawford asked for a few minutes of silence for one of the persons who started it, Bud Cooper, longtime director of LSSU Athletics, who died last fall.

Former teammate and line mate Jeff Napierala introduced Dowd as the evening's first recipient, saying he was blessed to play right wing with both Dowd and Weight.

Napierala discussed the excitement of playing during those seasons and said it continued even after college.

"I flew down when Jimmy played in the Stanley Cup finals (1995 with the New Jersey Devils) and felt like

I experienced it through him," Napierala said.

Napierala laughed when he noted that Dowd forgot his ID card when the 1988 team visited President Ronald Reagan at the White House, "But he was able to get right next to President Reagan when they took the picture."

In discussing their years at LSSU, Napierala said, "We met as a team – 14 incoming freshmen – and I knew right away I was going to like this guy... He played like a kid having fun every night – an incredible hockey player who loved to play, and a good friend...On behalf of all of the players, congratulations, Jimmy."

Both honorees had plenty of people to thank for helping them become who they are today.

"I tell people all the time that if it was not for LSSU, I wouldn't be where I am today," Dowd said. "I was a kid from New Jersey who basically grew up with nothing and the coaches here were the best I could have."

He joked that because of his background one of the things that

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Be a Part of Laker History

Here's your opportunity to etch your name into the history of Laker Athletics while supporting its future! The plaza approach to the new Atrium of the James Norris Physical Education Center will feature an opportunity for LSSU fans to become a permanent part of Laker Athletics. Now you can leave your legacy with a personalized plaza brick.

Your brick can be personalized with individual and company names, dates and special messages. The 4" x 8" and 8" x 8" engraved bricks are a way to recognize and honor families, alumni, and special LSSU memories. Each brick will be permanently displayed in the Plaza.

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attracted him to play for LSSU was the offer of free hockey sticks, but was serious when he said his coaches instilled in him an appreciation for hard work.

"They told me to work hard and good things will happen. The harder you work, the luckier you'll get. I tell my kids that every day."

Dowd thanked many in the audience, including two favorite professors Deb McPherson and Madan Saluja, and former equipment manager Gil Somes and his wife Marge, who introduced Dowd to venison chili.

"I loved showing up every day," Dowd said. "I don't regret one second of my time at Lake State."

Honoree Doug Weight was introduced by his father, Doug Weight Sr., who said he rarely missed a game during the two seasons Weight played for the Lakers.

"I wanted him to get out and meet people and get to know his surroundings, but I really didn't have a clue as to what went on during the week here," Weight said.

"But on the weekends, I knew what he was doing. I was there with very few exceptions, making the 700-mile round trip."

Weight said he moved farther north in 2006 and soon after "recognized how important Lake Superior is to northern Michigan."

"He's taken us on quite a road... an NHL captain, an Olympian and now a family man – we're watching him and waiting to see what's next and we're very proud of him as a husband, father, and teammate."

The influence of everyone from his family to his teammates was not lost on Weight Jr., who recognized many of those who have helped him along the way, including the LSSU BlueLiners and Laker fans. He thanked his father, "my first coach until I was 16 years old, who taught me about hard work and gave me support and advice, even when I didn't ask for it."

Weight said it was a tough decision whether to stay at LSSU or leave school for the NHL in 1991. He called the 1990-1991 Laker team one of the best he's ever played with and said he learned a lot about himself as well as the game of hockey in his short

time on campus.

"It's soon to be 20 years for me in that league, and I owe Lake Superior -- the players, coaches, everyone -- in helping me with preparing for my future."

In thanking his teammates, Weight said, "Jimmy (Dowd) said it best – success comes with friendship and teammates. I've never been on a successful team that didn't have close-knit teammates."

Weight saved his biggest thanks for his mother and his wife, citing his mother's "strong, silent support, shown in a wink, or a hug, or her famous baked goods. I respect you and want to take this opportunity to tell you how much I love you."

His wife Allison, he said, "truly defines the word 'support,'" noting the times she had to pick up and move the family to follow him to a new team. "You're 100 percent behind me and I'm lucky to have you."

Weight and Dowd both have three children. The Weights live in Old Brookville, N.Y., and Jim and Lisa Dowd live in Point Pleasant Beach, N.J.

LSSU business students rank among the top in the nation

Students in LSSU's School of Business and Economics recently validated what they and their professors have known all along that the business education they receive at LSSU is among the best in the nation.

Results from the 2008 Major Field Test in Business, an objective, end-of-program test designed for students majoring in business degree programs throughout the country, show that LSSU students scored in the top 5% of schools in the nation in the fields of accounting and economics, and the top 15% or better in the fields of international education and legal/social education.

"The Major Field Test in Business is a comprehensive assessment tool designed to measure a

student's critical knowledge and understanding in a major field of study," said Prof. Val Philips, chair of the LSSU School of Business.

"The test examines achievements in nine content areas: accounting, economics, management, quantitative business analysis, finance, marketing, legal and social environment, information systems, and international issues."

LSSU was among 618 Institutions of higher education that tested their seniors during their capstone courses. LSSU's results in each area were significantly above the average national scores with eight areas scoring in the top 20% in the nation. Questions in the two-hour test represent a wide range of difficulty and provide an in-depth assessment of a student's achievement level.

The test results come as no surprise to LSSU business faculty, who have long noted that their students have been successful in work and in graduate school following the completion of their LSSU studies. LSSU students, including those studying business, often comment on how the university's small size benefits them in their education and in preparing them for careers or graduate school.

For more information about test scores, or about the LSSU School of Business and Economics, visit lssu.edu. For a list of the more than 600 schools that administered the test in 2008, visit this page in the ETS website: www.ets.org/mft/about/content/bachelor_business.

Lakers to take on Huskies in Nicaragua

If you are traveling through Central America in the next year or so and happen to see the LSSU and Michigan Tech basketball teams playing in Nicaragua, it's not the heat playing tricks on your eyes. LSSU has teamed up with MTU to send old sporting equipment – jerseys, shorts, balls and more – to Nicaraguan youth sports teams.

The donations were arranged by MTU Prof. John Gierke Ph.D., whose students in Aqua Terra Tech, an MTU Enterprise Team, are working to improve community water supplies in Nicaraguan villages. Gierke has made several trips to Nicaragua and has worked with Moises Guillen, a staff member with the organization Wisconsin/Nicaragua Partners of the Americas. Guillen helped Gierke and his crew with field work and transportation and at some point Guillen mentioned that he was responsible for creating sports leagues in Nicaragua. He said many kids can't participate because they need to have their own uniforms.

Gierke figured that MTU might be able to help, so he spoke with MTU Athletics Director Suzanne Sanregret and last year arranged to deliver a large shipment of used uniforms and other equipment. Then he decided to get the other Upper Peninsula universities involved.

Gierke is a Sault Ste. Marie native who started in engineering at LSSC in 1980 and then transferred to MTU, where he has been ever since. He went on to earn his Ph.D. in 1990 and eventually joined the MTU faculty. He still has Sault connections, though, so he contacted his friend Joe Shawhan, an LSSU alumnus and Sault native who is Northern Michigan University's assistant hockey coach, and hunting/fishing partner Tom Pink at LSSU, to see if NMU and LSSU would be interested in outfitting Nicaraguan teams.

While NMU could not help out this time around, LSSU was able to dig up a couple teams' worth of old basketball uniforms out of the Lukenda Alumni House attic, thanks to Alumni Director Susan Fitzpatrick and Megan Wickerham, a nursing student from Carson City. Gierke handed the uniforms off to the Wisconsin National Guard, which delivers supplies for Partners of the Americas, and now Nicaraguan youths are dressed as Lakers as well as Huskies in Managua.

Gierke said he hopes to send a shipment down to Guillen and his youth teams at least once a year. If you are interested in helping, you may contact him at jsgierke@mtu.edu or MTU Dept. of Geological and Mining Engineering and Sciences, 1400 Townsend Dr., DOW 630, Houghton, Mich. 49931-1295.



JERSEYS IN THE BELFRY – Alumni Director Susan Fitzpatrick (r) and her student Megan Wickerham find old sports equipment in the Lukenda Alumni House attic. LSSU has teamed up with MTU to outfit Nicaraguan youth sports teams.

Retirees, longtime employees honored at annual banquet

LSSU paid tribute to seven retirees and recognized 23 others for their years of service during the annual Retirement and Service Awards Banquet in March.

In addition, Stella DePlonty of the Registrar's Office and Jeff Harris of the Physical Plant were selected as Employees of the Year.

Harris, who recently moved from the Graphics Dept. to the Taffy Abel Ice Arena, is a member of the LSSU chapter of the United Steelworkers of America and has served as chapter president for several years.

DePlonty, who is the assistant to the Provost for Academic Records, is finishing her 50th year as an LSSU employee, having started her career here while she was still in high school.

Retirees at the March ceremony included:

Bill Crawford, Vice President of University Relations and Marketing; Mary Gray, Data Account Clerk, Shouldice Library; Chuck Gustafson, Media Specialist, Audio/Visual; Robert Money, Professor, History; Randy Mullin, Professor of Physics and Planetarium Director; Fern Spencer, Special Clerk, Physical Plant; and Patti Wyatt, Clerk, Athletics Dept.

Service awards were presented to:

20 Years – Cindy Baldwin, Physical Plant; Kaye Batho, President's Office; Carol Farrish, Food Service; Chris Johnson, Public Safety; Laurine Kelly, Continuing Education; Janine Murray, Criminal Justice/Fire Science; Burch Osterhout,

Physical Plant; Tom Pink, Public Relations; John Roese, Biology; Linda Schmitgal, Business/Economics; Mel Schwiderson, Physical Plant; MaryAnne Shannon, Nursing; Cathy Smith, Cisler Center; Jim Smith, Physical Plant; Dave Soper, Physical Plant; Mark Terwilliger, Mathematics/Computer Science.

10 Years – Gary Balfantz, Arts, Letters, Social Science; Mike Kelderhouse, Physical Plant; Deb Pietrangelo, Career/Employment Services; Evan Schemm, Mathematics/Computer Science; Brian Snyder, Mathematics/Computer Science; Luanne Webb, Registrar's Office; Jim Zukowski, English/Communication.

Longtime softball coach Don Myers retires

The university's longest-tenured coach, Don Myers, has retired after guiding the Laker softball team for 21 seasons.

Myers, who coached 915 softball games here, was named Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Coach of the Year in 1991. His headlining achievements included coaching GLIAC Player of the Year Kerri Kelly '95 and GLIAC Freshman of the Year Nichole Dunford '10, but he says he is most proud of the positive rapport he built with his players and softball community.

Myers was instrumental in establishing the Bud Cooper Golf Classic -- which helped increase scholarships for LSSU women's athletics -- increasing fund-raising revenue for Laker softball, and running a successful winter skills clinic.

"Coach Myers has been a great ambassador for the university," said LSSU Director of Athletics Kris Dunbar. "I remember him being an approachable guy when I was a student-athlete, and his demeanor with his athletes and the public never changed. He genuinely cares about LSSU, his players, his church and his community. I can't thank him enough for his many years of service to the program."

Myers is one of only three coaches to head the Laker softball program. Karen Sutton-Boger served as his assistant throughout all 21 seasons. She also assisted former head coach Jennifer MacLaren for two seasons.

"If we were the first school to play softball in the Upper Peninsula, and I think we were, then I think we were on the front line of the sport in the U.P.," Myers said. "That credit goes to Bud Cooper. He was a visionary and could see that softball was a good sport for women and it was growing fast. That was in 1976, and I think the team played 12 games back then."

These days, the Lakers play a 45- or 50-game schedule. Their scholarships have expanded from 1.7 to 6.75. A fully funded NCAA Division II softball team has 7.2 scholarships.

"I remember our first season," Myers said. "We had six players



Don Myers

and we considered enrolling Karen so we'd have enough players. We picked up (basketball players) Dorene Archambault, Darlene Bazner and Karen Morgan, and activated a trainer in case we needed her. Those kids were athletes, and we were fairly competitive. Even today, Karen Morgan is second in single-season base hits, and all she did was take batting practice for five minutes a day.

"The toughest challenge is recruiting. It's very difficult to sell an athlete to come as far north as she can to play a warm-weather sport. Our attempt has been to try to recruit athletes and work them into positions. We haven't had the luxury of recruiting by position like Grand Valley and Ashland do. We look for athletes, and our job is to mold them into position players where we need them the most."

Myers, who was a catcher for the University of Tulsa and enjoyed a successful career as a salesman with Republic Steel, has a lifetime of stories to tell about his playing and coaching days. He noted Sutton-Boger's ability to complement his coaching style.

"Karen has helped immensely with her understanding of the nuances of the game, the flex and DP rules, and things like that," Myers said.

"She has kept us on the straight and narrow because of her knowledge of the game and understanding of the rules...She is a little more steady. I used to get thrown out of games, and I learned that's not why we are coaching."

"Will my former players check in with me from time to time and let me know how they are growing as responsible, purpose-driven citizens who serve their fellow man? I hope so! I hope the softball team soup kitchen workers will remember helping the less fortunate at our church, ringing the bells for the Salvation Army, picking up trash along the highway, and waitressing at the Madrigal Dinner for Hospice. I hope all of these activities will be a part of their memories, as well as the time spent playing softball for the old coach."

More than 20 years of Laker softball alumni gathered on campus August 28 to recognize Myers for his coaching career. The softball reunion, which was a surprise to coach Myers, included many stories, photos and a roast of Don Myers. Thanks, coach!

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Golf Classic brings together friends, alumni for athletics scholarships



LUCKY BIDDER – Sault Ste. Marie mayor and Lake Superior State University alumnus Tony Bosbous presents lucky bidder Rich Lewis with a framed print of LSSU's "Historic East Gate" painted by faculty artist Maureen Mousley. The traditional alumni bash and auction was part of the 21st annual Greater Peninsula Orthopedics Lake State Classic, a golf outing held in Gaylord June 11-13. The weekend tournament brought in thousands of dollars for Laker Club scholarship aid and operational support.

The 21st annual Greater Peninsula Orthopedics Lake State Golf Classic in support of Laker Club scholarship aid and operational support was held June 11-13 at Gaylord's Otsego Club, attracting more than 120 alumni and friends of LSSU.

A highlight of the event was the live and silent auction held at the Saturday night Classic Bash that included more than 115 items with the proceeds earmarked in support of the Laker athletics teams and student-athletes.

Taking first place with a score of 53 in Flight A on the Tribute Course

were Matt Smith, Steve Hettinga, Gary Sharp and Brian Robinette. Second place, Flight A, also on the Tribute, was the foursome of Jamie Davison, Barry O'Connor, Rob Mackie and Shane Woolever with a 56.

In Flight B on the Tribute, Tony Bosbous, Jim Cooper, Marty Eckhardt, Gary McClellan and Dr. Steve Perry took first-place honors with a score of 60, while the team of Mike Brusseau, Ben Keup and Keith Laabs placed second, scoring a 62.

Special event winners on the Tribute were Barry O'Connor,

Longest Drive; Greg May for Longest Putt and Brian Robinette for Closest to the Pin.

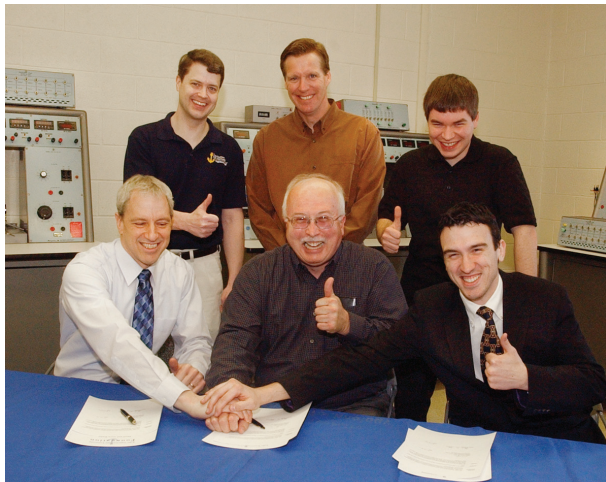
On the Classic Course, Joe Claxton, Mark Elmlblad, Zak McClellan and Rich Metro combined for first place, scoring a 61 in Flight A, while the team of Luke Misico, Kyle Smith, Mark Smith and Tom Smith were second place with a 66.

With a score of 64, the Flight B first-place team was Larry Failing, Ron Rowe, Bob Siekas and Ted Tuma on the Classic Course. The foursome of Dan Failla, Rodney Lang, Ron Rosko and Jeff Wallace carded a 67 for second place.

Special-event winners on the Classic Course were Men's Longest Drive Zak McClellan; Longest Putt was Rich Metro; and Closest to the Pin was Mark Elmlblad. Jamie Pewinski had the Women's Longest Drive and Mary O'Connor, Longest Putt. The top women's team was the squad of Shannon Eggers, Stacia Keup, Jamie Pewinski and Stacey Swanson.

The live and silent auction of donated items was held in conjunction with other tournament activities. Tony Bosbous, with Bob Kjolhede, Stacey Swanson and Virginia Zinser serving as committee members, chairing the auction committee. Bob Kjolhede was auctioneer, as some items were moved into a live auction.

Next year's 22nd Lake State Golf Classic is slated for early June. Please call the LSSU Foundation at 906-635-6670 for information and sponsorship opportunities.



AN ELECTRICAL SIGNING – Lake Superior State University alumnus Stan Starks, seated center, joins LSSU faculty, students, and administrators in huddling a thumbs-up after signing documents that expand a scholarship in his parents' name. The Floyd and Joyce Starks Memorial Scholarship earmarks a \$1,200 grant each for a qualified incoming freshman and a returning student with at least 26 credits majoring in electrical engineering, electrical engineering technology, or computer engineering. Seated left to right are Morrie Walworth, provost; Stan Starks, donor; and Brad Starks, Stan's nephew and a sophomore electrical engineering student from Fort Wayne, Ind. Standing left to right are Andrew Jones, professor of electrical and computer engineering; Tom Coates, executive director of the LSSU Foundation; and Jonathan Valley, a graduating senior in electrical engineering from Standish, Mich., and two-time recipient of the Floyd Starks Memorial Scholarship, now expanded and renamed to include to the memory of Joyce Starks.

Five alumni and friends to be recognized during Great Lake State Weekend–Lake State’s Homecoming

The University invites all alumni, families of current students and friends back to campus Friday and Saturday, Oct. 8-9, for the annual Great Lake State Weekend–two days packed with camaraderie, Laker sports, good food and good times.

Two visiting hockey teams will be on campus, University of Minnesota-Duluth and Michigan Technological University, and we’ll have a tailgate party before Saturday’s game against Tech.

One of the highlights of the weekend’s events is the annual Alumni Awards Banquet, set for 5 p.m. on Friday. The LSSU Alumni Association will be presenting five alumni and friends with four awards, including: Robert J. Kjolhede ’76, with the Outstanding Alumnus Award; Timothy A. Farmer ’79, Shouldice Achievement Award; Stephen A. Eles ’03, Ripley Young Alumnus Award; and Peter and Georgia Gianakura, Finlayson Distinguished Citizen Award.

Tickets for the event, \$20 each, are available from the LSSU Alumni Office, 906-635-2831, alumnirelations@lssu.edu or find our online registration forms at www.lssu.edu/glsw.

Outstanding Alumnus Robert J. Kjolhede ’76

Kjolhede of Belding played basketball and ran cross country during his time at LSSC. Since then, he has remained involved with LSSU through his support of Anchor Club, Cager Club and Laker Club, as well as the Lake State Classic and through attendance at annual LSSU basketball reunions. He was co-chair of the fundraising committee that replaced the Cooper Gymnasium floor a few years ago.

Kjolhede is the well-respected superintendent of the Ionia County Intermediate School District, which provides services and support for nine public schools, two charter schools and six non-public schools. The district spans 576 square miles and has more than 12,000 students. He is also president of the Michigan Association of School Administrators, Region IV.

His work in education has taken him from teaching and serving as a guidance counselor in several districts throughout Michigan to administrative positions for more than 20 years.

“I am truly humbled by being selected for this award,” Kjolhede said. “Choosing to attend LSSC almost 40 years ago was the best decision I had made up to that point in my life. Through the LSSC guidance and influence of Paul Ripley, Bud Cooper, coaches Tom Ludwig and Ed Douma and many others, I was able grow and navigate my way to graduation.

“They and LSSC believed in me, giving me the knowledge, skills and confidence to get where I am



Robert J. Kjolhede ’76

today,” Kjolhede continued. “I gladly support LSSU as repayment for their investment in me and for what they gave to me. The LSSU family has been instrumental in my life and invaluable for the lifelong connections we have made through the institution.”

Kjolhede earned a bachelor’s degree in sociology and minor in psychology from LSSU, as well as secondary certification in social studies before moving on to earn a master’s degree in secondary guidance and counseling from Central Michigan University.

Kjolhede is married to the former Patti Ripley ’77. The couple has two children, Kelly and Jamie.

Kenneth J. Shouldice Achievement Award Timothy A. Farmer ’79, Ph.D., CPA

Farmer is director of General Education for the University of Missouri-St. Louis Office of Academic Affairs, where he is also associate professor of Accounting in UMSL’s College of Business Administration. He served as chair of the UMSL Faculty Senate and University Assembly from 2006-2008 and received the USML Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Service this year.

Farmer majored in accounting at LSSU and continued studying in the field for his master’s and doctoral degrees, both from Ohio State University. He jumped right into the OSU doctoral program when he left LSSU and not only “survived,” as he put it, but thrived.

He has published and continues to publish many papers associated with his field, has written three book reviews and makes many scholarly presentations.

“Lake Superior was the right place for a shy kid from a small high school,” Farmer said. “The faculty, especially Profs. Madan Saluja, Jack Hudson, Jim Sherman and Robert Gaertner, provided a challenging yet nurturing environment that set me up for academic and professional success that I never even imagined was possible.

“I dreamed of becoming an educator, but by the time I graduated high school, public school teaching jobs in Michigan were few and far between. So when I entered LSSC,



Timothy A. Farmer '79,

I had decided on a 'practical' alternative -- accounting. My college friends and professors convinced me that I didn't have to give up on my dream. Going on to earn a doctorate wasn't even on my radar screen until my professors and my advisor, Prof. Gaertner encouraged me to try."

Farmer has taught a variety of accounting classes at UMSL, including Concepts in Management Accounting and Financial and

Managerial Accounting, both for MBA students, along with Cost Accounting, Financial Accounting and Reporting, Fraud Detection and Prevention, International Accounting, and more.

Through the years, Farmer has kept in contact with LSSU, especially as a supporter of the School of Business/ Lambda Sigma Beta Scholarship and the School of Business and Economics academic program.

"I loved my time at Lake State," he said. "I am grateful to the people of LSSU for starting me on a path that I couldn't have even dreamed without them."

Paul Ripley Award for Young Alumni Stephen A. Eles '03

LSSU's track and cross country programs have enjoyed considerable success since Eles became associated with the programs about 10 years ago as a student and then, in 2005, as coach. There are more students than ever participating on the teams and they have set more than four dozen school records since 2005, although none have broken his LSSU steeplechase record of 9:11.71.

As a student-athlete, the Sudbury, Ont. native won the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference 3,000-meter steeplechase title and was a national qualifier. He placed seventh in World Championship trials in 2003 and 12th in the Olympic trials in 2004. He finished sixth in the 1998 Canadian Nationals and eighth in 2002.

Upon graduation from LSSU, where he earned an electrical engineering degree, Eles received a master's degree in business administration from Tiffin University before returning to LSSU.

Eles coached all-America quarter-miler Adam Smith and all-conference distance runner Katie Scott, who are both three-time academic all-Americans. Former Laker Ashley Quick also earned academic All-America recognition in cross country in 2007. At the end of this season, junior Jon Allen won the NCAA outdoor triple jump title and was named GLIAC Field Athlete of the Meet.

Under his guidance, the 2008 men's cross country team was ranked 12th nationally in team grade point average by the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association with the highest team GPA among GLIAC schools. The 2007 men's and women's track and field teams were named USTFCCA All-Academic Indoor and Outdoor Scholar Teams, finishing 10th and 17th in team GPA, respectively.

The LSSU women's track and field team also made the national all-academic list in 2006 and 2008 and 2010, while the men's track and field team has won four straight all-academic honors.

Eles has improved recruitment on campus during his coaching tenure. In 2008, he sought permission to hire an assistant coach by promising that



Stephen A. Eles '03

if he got an assistant he would recruit 12 more athletes who otherwise would not have attended LSSU. He brought in 15.

The following year, Eles recruited 50 new student-athletes to the team and added a second assistant.

This season, Eles will continue as head cross country coach but handed off the track and field job to Matt Sparks after he was offered an administrative position on campus.

Eles' wife, Sarah Veramay, who is graduating in exercise science at LSSU, has also assisted the program. Steve and Sarah have two daughters, Autumn and Alaina.

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Planetarium show
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Aquatic Research Lab tour
Laker Volleyball vs. Findlay
Alumni Tailgate at LAH
Laker Hockey vs MTU

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Dr. Donald & Catherine Finlayson Distinguished Citizen Award Peter and Georgia Gianakura

Few people in the Sault are not familiar with Peter and Georgia Gianakura. The couple owned and operated The American Café on downtown Ashmun Street for 43 years and Peter's father and uncle founded it many years before then. The restaurant was a popular gathering place with downtown business people, students and tourists alike. Peter wrote about his experiences growing up and working in the café in the heartwarming and humorous book, "An American Café: Reflections from the Grill."

The Gianakuras know the importance of helping out their fellow neighbors in the community and they show it through their support of local programs, including the Bayliss Public Library, the Chippewa County Historical Society and, of course, Lake Superior State



Peter and Georgia Gianakura

University, including Lake State Elders, an educational group of senior citizens who meet monthly and sponsor speakers, tours and a variety of learning experiences.

Peter attended Cleary College briefly before being called to World War II. Upon his return, he began working again with his father at the restaurant and attended Sault Tech, earning an associate's degree in 1948. He and Georgia raised three daughters, Catherine, Joy and Anastasia and instilled the importance of community and education in them.

In 1997, Catherine established two

first-of-their-kind legacy scholarships at LSSU, one in each of her parents' names.

The scholarship named after Peter is to be awarded to students studying journalism, in recognition of Peter's desire to pursue a career in photojournalism before taking on the responsibilities of the café.

The scholarship named after Georgia is awarded to an education student majoring in mathematics. Georgia had hoped to study math in college but instead stayed home to care for her father. Later, while raising her children, Georgia often served as a teacher's aide in mathematics at Sault elementary schools.

In 2002, Peter and Georgia followed Catherine's lead and established a charitable gift annuity that will provide the university with a major gift upon their deaths and will augment the scholarships in their names. By making LSSU part of their estate plan, the Gianakuras joined a group of esteemed individuals who are the founding members of the Superior Legacy Society and demonstrated, once again, their belief in the importance of education.

LSSU junior Jonathon Allen wins triple jump



CHARLOTTE, N.C. - Junior Jonathon Allen became LSSU's first track and field national champion by winning the triple jump May 29 at the NCAA Division II Outdoor Championship held at Johnson C. Smith University.

"Jon had a great meet," LSSU coach Steve Eles said. "He was the best jumper of the field. It is hard to place in words what this means, but Jon's performance is the biggest moment in Laker track and field history and must be one of the highest points in Laker Athletics."

Allen shattered his previous season best of 15.46 meters by jumping 16.27 meters (53-4 1/2 ft.) on his third attempt. Josh Como of California State-Los Angeles finished second by more than a foot (15.93 meters or 52-3 1/4).

"It was great to see Jon compete like he did. We both knew this was

possible, but for it to actually happen was fantastic," Eles said. "Jon is a competitor, and he really raised the bar in the competition, setting an early tone with his first jumps that put a great deal of pressure on the favorites to match."

Allen completed six clean jumps at distances of 15.49, 15.66, 16.27, 15.57, 15.85 and 15.99. His second-best attempt would have also won the title.

"When I had the opportunity to present the awards to the athletes, Jon said to me that he wanted to win today because it was going to be my last track meet with him, and that made the day really special as well," continued Eles, who resigned his position as head track and field coach this year in order to accept an administrative position on campus.

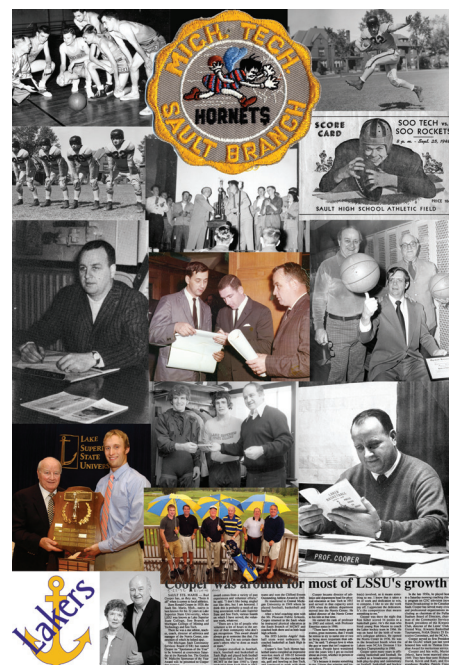
"Jon is just a junior, so this season LSSU can look forward to him doing even larger things," Eles said.



LOG IN GREECE – Each year, the Friends of Lake Superior travel group explores a new international destination. While not sponsored by the university, the group includes many current and retired faculty, staff, alumni and friends. In this photo, the group took time to pose with the Laker Log while in Meteora, Greece.

The annual trip, usually scheduled in May, is planned and escorted by retired Prof. Emeritus Carol Campagna, Nursing, and Prof. Deb McPherson, chair of Recreation Studies and Exercise Science. This year's trip included visits to the Cornith Canal, Epidauras, Mycenae, and Olympia on the Peloponnese, as well as Delphi and Meteora in northern Greece, and Athens. The group then flew to Crete and the islands of Santorini and Mykonos. Eight of the travelers continued on to Istanbul.

Plans are in the works for a trip to Russia, the Baltics and options to Finland. If you are interested in traveling with "Friends of Lake Superior," contact Carol at ccampagna25@hotmail.com or Deb at dmcperson@lssu.edu. Travelers in this photo include: (Back Row, l-r) Prof. John Lehman, Chemistry, retired; Campagna; Kim Aube '82; Prof. Lynn Kabke, Nursing; Prof. Jeanne Mannesto, formerly of LSSU Learning Center; Prof. Linda Schmitgal, Business and Economics; Prof. Diana Pingatore, English, retired; Deb Faust, Financial Aid; Brian Snyder, Mathematics. (Middle Row) Connie Baldwin, Business Office, retired; Patti Allison, Business Office. (Front Row) Jessica Stanaway, Continuing Education, retired; McPherson; Prof. Maureen Delaney-Lehman, Library, retired; and Beverly White, Human Resources.



HONORING AN ICON -- The university lost a longtime friend and tremendous supporter with the passing of Ronald "Bud" Cooper last November. A celebration of Cooper's life and his legacy took place during activities Sept. 10-11 on the LSSU campus and at the Sault Ste. Marie Country Club. Although the annual Cooper Classic Golf Tournament has been discontinued at the wish of Bud's family, the Ronald Cooper Endowed Scholarship Award continues and we welcome donations to keep it growing. The scholarship funds go toward athletes in each of the non-fully funded Division II women's athletics programs. Find out more at lssu.edu/foundation.

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For business alumnus and his professor, a charge to keep

An alumnus and his business professor have closed the books on promises made to their parents.

In May 1983, business major and two-year basketball letterman Tim Codd walked across LSSU's commencement stage, only to find out later that he was shy a few credits. By the time he was informed of the shortfall, he was already working his first job as a pharmaceutical representative.

Major pharmaceuticals such as Wallace Labs, Mead Johnson, and Schering-Plough saw to the technical courses he needed for certification and licensing, but his technical training was not officially recognized as university credit.

As an entrepreneur, Codd created Michigan Orthopedics and, more recently, Morgan Bradley, one of the country's biggest information-technology consultant firms for the health care industry. Today he is one of Detroit's leading philanthropists who advocates for youth literacy and inner-city revitalization. That would be the end of the story if it weren't for LSSU Business Professor Madan Saluja, who has also cultivated a career that spans several decades. If you meet Saluja, you soon realize he pays attention to detail and never lowers expectations, for himself or his students, as a matter of honor. In his case, specifically, it is family honor.

In 1947, Saluja's family fled what is now Pakistan for Hindu-majority India when millions of Muslim and Hindus essentially swapped places with each other after Britain granted independence to the region.

"My parents, who had lost everything, drummed into my head that it is only through education that we gain," recalls Saluja. My mother, especially, made me promise to get a university education."

He enrolled at Delhi University and earned a law degree in 1962. As student union president -- considered to be a ticket into the rough-and-tumble of Indian parliamentary politics -- Saluja brokered student support for regional elections and even recruited humanity's first per-

son into outer space, Yuri Gagarin, into visiting Delhi University.

Saluja chose to come to the U.S. during the Kennedy era through an international student program in Minnesota, where he subsequently went on to earn a second baccalaureate in economics; master's degrees, each in public administration and industrial relations; and finally a doctorate in educational administration/industrial relations. He came to LSSU in 1969.



ONE FROM THE HEART – Lake Superior State University professor Madan Saluja and his wife, Karunna, congratulate Tim Codd (in blue) and his family after Codd crossed LSSU's commencement stage. Codd fulfilled a promise to his late mother by officially accounting for a baccalaureate that's been more than 25 years in coming. Looking on are Codd's wife, Lisa, and daughters Lexi (red) and Kasey.

Since then, Saluja has taught with a tenacity sustained by family honor. To him, unfinished business is not only a promise broken to yourself but, perhaps more importantly, to all parents who have ever wanted a better life for their children.

Codd had his own family promise to keep -- one to his mother.

Masako Codd was born and raised in World War II Japan. She married an American during the Korean War who brought her back to Michigan's Upper Peninsula. It was a shock. She thought she was coming to Chicago, or New York or Los Angeles -- one of the big

cities of American Hollywood.

"My father moved her to a farm five miles from town, gave her four children, and then picked up and left," says Codd. "She couldn't drive a car, and couldn't read and write English. She had to jump rides from neighbors a half-mile away."

Despite all this, Masako harbored no bitterness and made sure she cultivated none in her children. She encouraged education and taught them that the best you've been given in life is your own ability to give.

Codd transferred from Gogebic Community College to Lake State as a business major during his freshman year. He played basketball during his sophomore and junior years, and took Business Law I and II from Prof. Saluja.

When Saluja eventually met Codd's mother, he discovered that Tim had promised her he would complete a university education. So as the years went by and Codd went on to become a successful entrepreneur many times over, Saluja reminded Codd that there still was a charge to keep.

"He called once a year and then it became once a week, like a vitamin," says Codd. "He'd call my house or see me at athletic advisory board meetings, and always with his smile. He said I should accomplish this because it was a promise that I made to my mother."

Finally, Codd took his last remaining course and Saluja made sure it would count with LSSU's Registrar's Office.

"I e-mailed the grade report to Dr. Saluja as soon as I got it," says Codd. "He basically got this done for me. He kept saying, 'Don't give up, we're gonna get this.'"

So last spring, Tim Codd flew with his wife and kids up to LSSU to wrap up a piece of unfinished business. When he crossed the commencement stage, Saluja was there to congratulate him.

The books were balanced and all promises were kept.

Kelsey Raffaele Scholarship is endowed



TO REMEMBER KELSEY -- Ron and Bonnie Raffaele, seated with LSSU President Tony McLain (right), sign documents to establish a scholarship in memory of their daughter Kelsey. Looking on (l-r) are Diane Harrington, Sault Area High School business, marketing, management and technology teacher, John Sherry, SAHS Principal and JoAnne Lussier, director of the SAHS Career Center.

After losing two of her friends to accidents and illness, Sault Area High School student Kelsey Raffaele was intent on keeping their memories alive. So when Raffaele was killed in an automobile accident on Jan. 24 in Sault Ste. Marie, it was her value of the importance of remembering friends that prompted the establishment of the Kelsey Raffaele Memorial Scholarship at LSSU.

The scholarship created to remember a girl who wanted to remember others has grown to more than \$20,000, ensuring that it will provide financial aid to Sault High

students for many years to come.

The outpouring of grief in the community over both Raffaele's death and that of another young Sault resident, Kimberly Rogers, a month earlier, was reflected in the enthusiasm for establishing the scholarship and the donations that were offered. Friends and community members organized a benefit dinner, concert and hockey tournament to help raise funds for both the LSSU Raffaele scholarship and a scholarship remembering Rogers with the Chippewa County Community Foundation.

Kelsey is the daughter of Ron

and Bonnie Raffaele, and the twin sister of Courtney. Ron is a longtime employee of LSSU and Bonnie, who earned her bachelor's degree in computer networking from LSSU last spring, works in the Eastern Upper Peninsula Intermediate School District Information Technology Dept. and is an adjunct professor at LSSU.

Kelsey, active in Sault High's Business Professionals of America chapter, had recently placed in a regional competition and was preparing to compete at the state competition later this year. She planned to study at LSSU. Her scholastic achievements are reflected in the scholarship's guidelines.

To receive the scholarship, successful candidates must be Sault High graduates with at least a 3.0 grade point average who have been accepted as a full-time student at LSSU. Preference is given to students who are members of Sault High's BPA chapter. If there is no eligible candidate, students majoring in computer science or business programs may be considered.

The scholarship recipient will be recommended by the Sault High Academic Awards Committee and a member of the Raffaele family and approved by the LSSU Financial Aid Office. The recipient will be presented with a certificate during Sault High's annual Academic Awards program.

For more information, contact the LSSU Foundation at 906-635-2665 or foundation@lssu.edu. Donations to the scholarship may be made through the form on the Foundation website, www.lssu.edu/give.

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Namesake of Ignatowski Scholarship demonstrated what it means to live a good life

By Brian Streichert
USCG Sector Sault
Educational Support Officer

For over two years, Paul and Robin Ignatowski and their family have been coping with the loss of their daughter, Amy, who was killed in May 2008 while serving with the U.S. Coast Guard in Corpus Christi, Texas. Yet during their time of grief, the Ignatowskis were also trying to find a way to give back to a family that meant everything to Amy: the Coast Guard.

Recently, with the assistance of the LSSU Foundation and the Coast Guard family, Paul and Robin created an award in Amy's name to provide assistance for USCG members and their families to attend LSSU.

In June, an emotional presentation was made with the crew of Sector Sault, LSSU representatives and friends and family of Amy at the base on the St. Mary's River. Outgoing Sector Sault Capt. Mark Huebschman said he regretted having to get to know the Ignatowski family under these circumstances, but stressed that the Coast Guard is indeed family and there is always a place in the hearts and minds at Sector Sault for Amy and her family.

During the ceremony, Dr. Patricia Julius, Amy's grandmother, summarized Amy's character.

"For two years, all of us have lived in a world without her bright smile and sunny soul. I cannot overstate the grayness of that world. Every morning, we woke with the sadness and every night we faced the darkness of her loss. But that was not Amy. She would have said, 'Hey, why the tears? I loved the world and all of you. What happened to the laughter and the hope?'"

"...Robin and Paul wanted to give Amy the future that had been cut short. This is the first of the tangible celebrations of Amy's life that this award represents. This award, made possible by the generous memorial gifts of her friends and family members, through the collaboration of the U.S. Coast Guard and LSSU, will allow Amy's life to continue. I cannot express the solace and the gratitude the issuing of this award brings to us.

"Amy's link with the Coast Guard was ...strong, funny, fascinating and, in all, delightful. She found a home

with the Service. She loved it. She swam in Arctic waters and we shivered. She swabbed decks in pink Crocs. She smiled in her graduation picture, against all the rules, and even her commander said, 'Oh well, at least it's a SMALL smile.'

"When she died, the Coast Guard was there... They were a constant support both here at Sector Sault and at Corpus Christi Air Station. And they never stopped. They flew her home in the largest plane ever to land at Sault airport. Coasties came from Hawaii, North Carolina, New Jersey, Alaska and Texas and heaven-knows-where for her funeral. She was given honors normally accorded to admirals and presidents. I say to you now what I said then, 'When I die, I want to be in the Coast Guard.'"

But it was a video presentation of Amy that brought the reality of her death into focus. It showed Amy in an honest portrayal and as someone who truly lived life and loved what she did in the Coast Guard. It gave the audience a very emotional look at Amy's life and, ultimately, her death.

Having grown up in Sault Ste. Marie, LSSU was a natural choice for Amy. She was a member of Alpha Theta Omega sorority before her enlistment. She was attracted to the Coast Guard's lifesaving mission, and its can-do attitude made it a perfect fit.

Amy's assignments included WAGB-11 Polar Sea, aboard which she crossed the Arctic Circle, earning her "Blue Nose" certificate. She served briefly at Air Station Humboldt Bay before attending aviation school at Elizabeth City, N.C., for Aircraft Maintenance Technician training. A warm climate and her desire to fly in the HH-65 helicopter influenced her choice of Corpus Christi for her first air station assignment as an AMT. She was working on earning her wings at the time of her death and was awarded those wings posthumously.



LIVING LIFE FOR AMY -- Members of the U.S. Coast Guard Sector Sault and the Ignatowski family gather with a portrait of Amy Ignatowski during a ceremony to dedicate a scholarship in her name. Back row, l-r, are former USCG Sector Sault Base Commander Cpt. Mark Huebschman; LSSU President Tony McLain; Amy's father, Paul Ignatowski and brother Stephen Ignatowski. Front row: Amy's paternal grandmother, Mary Dykhous; Award recipient Courtney Cochran; Amy's mother, Robin Ignatowski; maternal grandmother Patricia Julius Ph.D. and Amy's cousin, Art Nicholes.

The first Amy Ignatowski Memorial Award was presented to Courtney Cochran, a current LSSU student and daughter of retired CWO Joseph Cochran. Courtney was selected because of her answers to questions posed on the application, including her response to "What does it mean to you to live life?"

Courtney wrote, "While heading with a friend to meet family this spring break, we were on the highway, hit a patch of black ice and rolled multiple times. We walked away, shaken, without a scratch and without being hit with the over 200 pounds worth of scuba gear in the back. Until that night, I never thought about actually living my life. Since then, I have made a pact with myself to do what makes me happy...to take the risks I never would before...to tell the people who I love, that I love them and to appreciate all the little things I have. I am now taking every chance I can get. I am traveling to places I have never been because I never may!"

For more information on the Ignatowski Award, please contact Sharon Dorritty through www.lssu.edu/give, 906-635-2665 or Brian Streichert, Sector Sault Ste. Marie ESO at 906-635-3355.

Class Notes

60s

Robert Savoie '66, Sault Ste. Marie, was sworn in as the Chippewa County Sheriff in June. He said he has done "every job there is to do" in his 32 years with the department with the exception of the top spot. He replaced Laker alumnus Jeff Moran, who was sheriff for 13 years.

70s

Brigadier General Genaro J. Dellarocco '78, Huntsville, Ala., recently received a promotion and a second star. Dellarocco moved from being the Program Executive Officer for Missiles and Space at the Redstone Arsenal to Commanding General, U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command, Alexandria, Va.

State Representative Gary McDowell '70, Rudyard, is running for the U.S. House of Representatives in the 1st Congressional District seat formerly held by Bart Stupak, Menominee.

Ron Meister '73, Sault Ste. Marie, is the new president and chief executive officer of the Sault Ste. Marie Central Savings Bank. Ron graduated from LSSU with a bachelor of science degree in business administration/accounting.

Debbie (Korobka) Monck '74, Punta Gorda, Fla., is a media specialist at Port Charlotte High School. She was a finalist for the Charlotte County Teacher of the Year in 2006. She earned a master's degree in library and information science from the University of South Florida in Tampa.

Ron Monck '71, Punta Gorda, Fla., has been named the president of First Community Bank of Florida, Southwest Region, and is on the board of directors for the Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce. He has also recently earned his pilot's license.

Doug Reeves '77, Chesaning, has been named Biologist of the Year by the Michigan Involvement Committee of Safari Club International. Reeves is a Wildlife Division Assistant Chief for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment. In his 20 years of service, Reeves has served as a habitat biologist, management unit supervisor, field operations coordinator and acting chief.

Don Sawruk '70, Sault Ste Marie, recently retired from the former Sault Edison Electric Company, now owned by Cloverland Electric

Co-Operative. Sawruk was with the utility company for nearly four decades, and had served as its president since 1999. He is a former member of the LSSU Foundation's board of directors.

Sault Area High School classmates **Rick Hancock '74** and **Laurie Austin '80** met up in Balad, Iraq recently while supporting troops there. Hancock, a 20-year Army vet, is president and CEO of Hancock Management LLC in Windham, NH and was in Iraq to support the Army's Tank-automotive and Armaments Command (TACOM) out of Natick, Mass. with the retrograde of a Force Provider system. On his way home, he stopped to have dinner with Austin in Balad, where she is serving a one-year civilian voluntary deployment as TACOM senior command representative. Austin is assistant product manager for light tactical vehicles for TACOM in Warren, Mich.

80s

Bryan Dort '89, Alpena, has earned the Project Management Institute's most recognized and respected global credential -- the Project Management Professional. Dort is employed as a senior systems architect at Alpena Regional Medical Center, where he has successfully led multiple projects and system implementations.

Dario Laurenti '86, Espanola, Ont., is a chiropractor in Espanola.

Patrick J. Parker '83, Traverse City, is the fire chief of the Grand Traverse Metro Fire Department.

George Smart '83, Zeeland, has been selected as the new vice president of Alpena Regional Medical Center.

Scott Ringlein, '86, Chelsea, is founder and chief executive officer of PM Solutions, LLC and has been recognized by Cambridge Who's Who for demonstrating dedication, leadership and excellence in business management. PM Solutions provides business consulting, technical advisement and strategic business planning to small companies and entrepreneurs for the development of capital funding business plans and strategic partnerships for product development and manufacturing. He also recently completed an assignment with the U.S. Department of Energy as a technical advisor for the 2009 American Recovery Act Advanced Energy Manufacturing Tax Credit

program and was responsible for the review and recommendation of new technologies and manufacturing eligible for \$2.3 billion in funding. Scott has two children, ages 9 and 14, and resides in Chelsea and Mio.

90s

Jeff Culhane '99, Fairport, NY, has joined Tops Friendly Marketing as vice president of Perishable Marketing.

Anthony Dulimba '95, Auburn Hills, has started his own software engineering company, ADD Software LLC.

Dorene (Archambault) Ingalls '91, St. Ignace, was named the Upper Peninsula's Class A-B-C Basketball Coach of the year.

Lori (Meyer) Price '93 Sault Ste. Marie, has been honored with the Michigan State Police Lifesaving Award for her actions while helping two individuals in an overturned canoe.

Mark Savoie '93 Sault Ste. Marie, has been promoted to executive vice president at Central Savings Bank. He graduated from LSSU with degrees in accounting and finance/economics.

Roger Schroder '97, Montpelier, Ohio, has been appointed engineering manager at Stahlin Non-Metallic Enclosures. He was formerly employed as program manager for Key Plastics in Sault Ste. Marie.

Robert Seeley '94, Dearborn, was honored with several other U.S. military veterans by acting as Dearborn's Memorial Day Parade grand marshals. Seeley has been an officer in the Air National Guard since 1997, and his military career has spanned 22 years.

Carrie (Clark) Sharpe '98, Gaylord, will be an adjunct professor for North Central Michigan College in the University Center at Gaylord teaching U.S. Government this fall. She is married to **Ryan Sharpe '98** and they have five children: Madison, Maguire, Maverick, Marin, and Moxie-Mae.

Robert Sroufe '92, Blawnox, Penn., is the Murrin Chair of Global Competitiveness at Duquesne University and the Beard Institute director of sustainability.

Sara Carson '95, Owosso, has been a member of the Michigan Osteopathic Association staff for more than 13 years as a continuing medical education meeting coordinator for both the MOA and Michigan Association of Osteopathic Family Physicians. She came to the MOA after working as a

meeting coordinator for Crystal Mountain Resort. She and her husband **Cory '94** have three daughters: Christie, Kenzie and Kennedy.

Steve Willobee, '98, Lansing, has been elected vice-chair of the U.S. Green Building Council-West Michigan Chapter's board of directors. He is the community development manager at Soil and Materials Engineers Inc. and has served on the USGBC board since 2007. At SME, he helps governmental and private clients secure financial incentives and address federal, state and local requirements associated with redevelopment projects. He specializes in packaging and negotiating financial incentives (federal, state, local) for mixed-use, commercial, industrial, alternative energy, downtown revitalization and residential developments throughout the Midwest. The USGBC is a Washington, DC-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization committed to a prosperous and sustainable future for our nation through cost-efficient and energy-saving green buildings.

Andrew M Jones '99, Davisburg has been appointed as automotive general manager for Applied Manufacturing Technologies, a leading supplier of factory automation design, engineering and process consulting services. In his new position, he will be responsible for all aspects of AMT's automotive business unit, including engineering operations and sales. He previously held several positions within AMT, including account management and manager of mechanical engineering. As appointed regional director, he successfully built a cohesive team of PLC and robot programmers for the company's St. Louis branch.

Nancy Steinhaus '91, Sault Ste. Marie, past-president of the Chippewa County Historical Society, received the Charles Folio Award from the Historical Society of Michigan during the HSM 61st annual U.P.

Have you gotten married, received a promotion or an award or had a baby? Let your Alumni Relations office know – we'll get your name in print in the next *Laker Log*. Even if you don't want the publicity, still keep us informed. We like to keep up with our alumni! Send press clippings to the Alumni Office at 650 W. Easterday, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 or just shoot us an email at alumnirelations@lssu.edu.

History Conference last June in Menominee. Steinhaus received the award for her outstanding contributions to the preservation and promotion of U.P. history through her many years of work with the Chippewa County Historical Society and the City of Sault Ste. Marie's Historical Development Commission.



Celina Grondin '07 and husband **Matt Earley '07, Burtchville**, both former LSSU tennis players, competed in the annual Kromer Flights Singles Tennis Tournament at Sanborn Park on June 27. The loser of the championship match had to do the house cleaning for a week. Grondin rallied for a 3-6, 6-2, 7-6 (7-5) victory. Looks like her husband will be doing the cleaning for a little while! The couple are pictured here in August 2009 at their wedding on Lake Huron.

Cory (Galloway) Andersen '04, Denver, has accepted a position at the University of Denver as director of Annual Programs.

Jennifer Bowerman '06, Buchanan, graduated May 1 from Western Michigan University with a master's degree in occupational therapy.

Brian Davie '08, Sault Ste. Marie, has been appointed by Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm to the International Bridge Authority, becoming the third Michigan representative on the board. A radio broadcaster in the Sault area for 101.3 WSUE-FM, Davie is also the former executive director of the Red Cross in the Eastern U.P.

Abigail (Tucker) Davis '01, Fort Wayne, Ind., is an underwriter for the Mideast Physicians Team of Medical Protective.

Aaron Davis '02, Dearborn Heights, is in his eighth season of professional hockey. He is now playing with the Tulsa Oilers of the Central Hockey League.

Damon Davis '00, Mount Clemens, is the associate director of Quality Assurance at MRM Worldwide.

Patrick Durham '06, Chesaning, is a mechanical engineer for BAE US Combat Systems in Troy, Mich. BAE is a global defense, security and aerospace company. Durham is currently working with a group on the M109A6 PIM self-propelled howitzer.

Philip Ellison '04, Portage, graduated cum laude from Michigan State University College of Law.



Matt Earley '07 & Celina Grondin '07

Kathryn Harrier '09, Gaylord, wrote her senior thesis on "Freshwater Mussel Distribution and Demographics." It was recently published in the Michigan Academician Journal.

Julie (Jimkoski) Isabell '01, Brethren, is the FSA Program Technician for Grand Traverse Area Service Center.

Tiffany Jastorff Gillies '04, Brookings, SD, will join the faculty of the South Dakota State University (SDSU) College of Pharmacy. Tiffany just completed a residency with the VA Medical Center in Hot Springs, SD. At SDSU, she will lecture on ambulatory care and medical management as well as precept students. Her VA work will include directing the medication management clinic and overseeing patient care in the areas of diabetes, hypertension and lipids.

Nick Kassuba '08, Tustin, is a financial aid officer at Baker College in Cadillac.

Lesley (Nelson) Keith '02, Dayton, Nev., received a master's degree in justice management from the University of Nevada-Reno. Lesley works as a Youth Counselor Supervisor for Douglas County Courts, China Spring Youth Camp. She and her husband, **Dillyn Keith '01**, have one son, Drew.

Ben Miller '02, Quincy, is the new computer education teacher at Bronson High School in Bronson, Mich.

Staci (Anderson) Osborn '04, Reminderville, Ohio, works as an assistant professor in the Mathematics Dept. at Cuyahoga Community College in Cleveland.

Brittany Stutzman '09, Tulsa, Okla., has just accepted a nursing position in Tulsa at St. Johns Hospital.

Garrett Urman '10, Petoskey, has just accepted a position at the Bank of Northern Michigan.

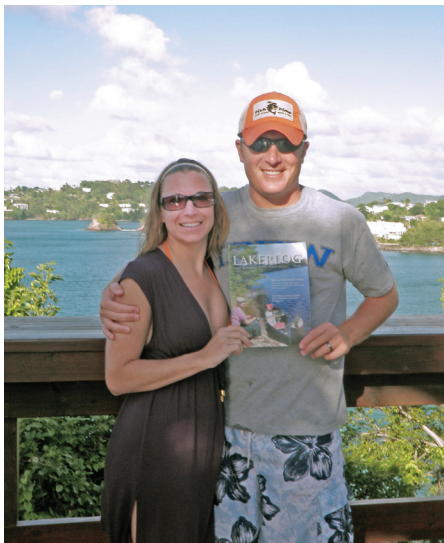
Joined hands

Andrea N. Case '04, Rudyard, married Daniel J. Kinnear on August 15, 2009 at Faith Lutheran Church in Sault Ste. Marie.

Julie Jimkoski '01 and Patrick Isabell '01, Brethren, were married Sept. 20, 2008 in Port Austin.

Amy Milmine '07 and Richard Stein '07, Phoenix, were married June 26 in Muskegon after they both competed in the Seaway Run. Their love story began four years ago in a chemistry class at LSSU when the two met and became running partners. The couple honeymooned in Hawaii before moving to Phoenix, where Rich landed a job as a high school science teacher and Amy will look for work in the nursing field.

Erin Ann Payment '04, Sault Ste. Marie, and **Matthew James Violin '05**, Toronto, Ont., were married July 25, 2009 at St. James Episcopal Church in Sault Ste. Marie. The couple resides in Commerce Township. The bride is a special education teacher in Dearborn and the groom is a regional sales manager for NARSTCO Railroad Manufacturers.



Abigail Tucker '01, Fort Wayne, Ind., married Justin Davis on November 14, 2009 in Fort Wayne. The couple honeymooned in St. Lucia, where they went snorkeling, took a zip line tour of the jungle, golfed and toured the island by land and sea. And best of all, they brought their Laker Log along!

Buoys and Gulls

Joe Adams '00, and wife Abby, Roseville, are the parents of Brady Morris, born January 28.

Nikki (Peterson) Andrews '04 and husband Nicholas, Sault Ste Marie, are the parents of Liam Nicholas, born on May 22.

Jennifer Bowerman '06 and Rob-Henry Howes, Buchanan, are the parents of Eva Pearl, born April 21.

Sabrina (Ochs) Campbell '01, and husband Chaz, Fowlerville, are the parents of Madalynn Joy, born January 4. She has a brother, Andrew.

Katie (Hoy) Batten '97 and husband Pat, Appleton, Wisc., are the parents of Joshua Gordon, born February 12. He joins brothers Tyler and Owen, and sister Molly.

Andrew Heyboer '03 and Erin (Gunden) Heyboer '04, Hastings, are the parents of son Grady Irwin, born Nov. 29, 2009. He has one brother, Jackson James.

Robyn Hungerford '00 and husband Adam, Sault Ste. Marie, are the parents of Lily, born January 29.

Patrick Isabell '01 and Julie (Jimkoski) Isabell '01, Brethren, are the parents of Abigail, born on October 8, 2009.

Dustin Lovely '98 and wife Kristin, Kalamazoo, are the parents of Grace Gabrielle, born June 20, 2009.

Terry McFadden '02 and Lynnea (Shunta) McFadden '03, Ishpeming, are the parents of Gentiana Marie, born on April 27.

Kenneth Mercer '97 and Jeanette (Latimer) Mercer '96, Clinton Township, are the parents of Craig Ian, born February 5. He joins brother Trent Eli, 3.



Siri Margaret Ranson Olson

Staci (Anderson) Osborn '04 and Greg Osborn '03, Reminderville, Ohio, are the parents of Kaylee Lynn, born April 8.

Britton Ranson Olson '99, and husband Christopher, Barbeau, are the parents of Siri Margaret Ranson Olson, born November 3, 2009. Britton is an assistant professor of biology at LSSU.

Amy (Roe) Ryan '98 and husband Adam, LaFayette, NY, are the parents of Ayson Paul Roe Ryan, born March 8.

Amanda (Stonestreet) Scott '04 and husband Caleb, Jackson, are the parents of Moira Ellen, born January 21.

David Smiljanich '99, Sylvania, Ohio, is the proud father of Alexander.

Jessica (Frazier) Staffan '09 and husband Jonah, St. Mary's, Georgia, announce the birth of daughter Ava Isabella on January 21.

Kate (Rogers) Tomasik '00, and husband John, West Bloomfield, are the parents of Piper Annette Tomasik, born September 30, 2009.

Friends we'll miss

George Beamish '64, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., died in June after a two-year struggle with leukemia. He was 64.

Louise B. Copeland '74, Vero Beach, Fla., died February 26 at age 57. She had been employed by Indian River Medical Center as the director of the medical laboratory for two years. She was a member of St. Sebastian Catholic Church.

Rodney Leroy Copeland '73, Vero Beach, Fla., died February 26 at age 59. He had been a practicing psychologist.

Susan A. DeCourcy '60, Sault Ste. Marie, died March 15 at her home. She is survived by her husband, Peter; five children, eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Trevor Elliot '05, Florence, Ont., died April 3, 2008.

George M. Ewing '63, Cheboygan, died May 18 in Tampa, Fla. Born May 24, 1945 in Elgin, Ill., he was raised in Sault Ste. Marie and was a 1963 graduate of Sault Area High School. He attended the Soo Branch and graduated from Michigan State University in 1967. He taught high school English in St. Ignace for a short time and for a decade in Cheboygan. He later became a writer and a partner in a small computer company in Ann Arbor before moving to the Tampa/St. Petersburg area. He was a writer of non-fiction and science fiction short stories and articles and an avid amateur radio operator.

George Murdock MacDonald, Holland, died March 30. He was 87. He worked with former LSSC/LSSU Athletics Director Bud Cooper from 1960-1963, coaching basketball, track and cross country, and often officiated at local high school football games with Bud and Jim Cooper.

George's oldest son, George, recalls, "The third season my dad coached basketball, the team had an impressive record of 19 wins and 2 losses. One of the losses was an exhibition game against the Peruvian National Olympic team, which was played in the old Sault High gym because it could seat more spectators than the Sault Tech gym.

"It was a close game, as I recall, that came down to a wild ending with the officials trying to get the Peru team to play by conventional rules. The team members were thrilled with their great season."

Christine Gough '66, Greenville, died March 13 after fighting cancer for the second time in her life.

Edward Hessel '54, Pellston, died Aug. 31, 2009. He was 80. He was the grandson of Charles Hessel who, with his brother, John, were founding fathers of Hessel, Mich. He grew up in Hessel, attended Cedarville High School, where he met his wife of 57 years, Mary Ellen Smith. He worked for the Mackinac County Road Commission until being drafted into the U.S. Army in May 1951, then after working in industry he used his G.I. Bill to attend the Sault Branch and Western Michigan University to pursue his lifelong dream of becoming a teacher. He taught in Pickford for a short time, then Waterford, then Mattawan and finally in Pellston, where he retired after 33 years of teaching and coaching. He is survived by Mary, three sons, a daughter, two brothers, four brothers-in-law, eleven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Dean E. John '51, Traverse City, died February 18, 2009.

Paul Kleibusch '98, Marquette, died June 22 after a battle with liver cancer. He was 52. He moved from Grand Rapids more than 20 years ago to work toward bachelor's and master's degrees and to work as a substance abuse counselor for the state prison system. He enjoyed the outdoors and cooking and enjoyed sharing experiences in the outdoors with his family.



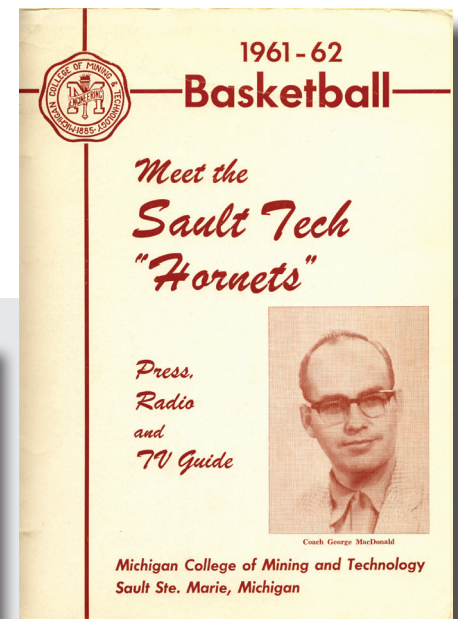
The MacDonald family lived in one of the former Officer's Row houses, as did many LSSU faculty and families in those days, calling it "a great and close community."

After leaving LSSC, George coached and taught at Buffalo State College, William Patterson College, and Grand Valley State University. At GVSU, he was athletics director, head of the Physical Education Dept. and director of recreation and intramurals. He retired from

Timothy J. McCasey '90, Sault Ste. Marie, died September 3, 2009 of cancer. He was 61. After spending four years in the U.S. Coast Guard, Tim worked for USS/Great Lakes Fleet/Soo Warehouse for 32 years and then for Soo Marine Supply until he retired.

Larry Mornson '67, Battle Creek, died on April 2. He was born April 14, 1948 in Sault Ste. Marie. He enjoyed the outdoors, especially fishing. He is survived by three sisters, nieces, nephews and many close friends.

David Strickland '71, Sault Ste. Marie, died May 31 in a motorcycle accident that also took the life of his daughter, Lisa Aikens, 32. Strickland, 60, was the city engineer for Sault Ste. Marie. He was a dedicated employee who led the city through a \$45 million city sewer separation project and improvements to many city parks and city-owned properties that will be enjoyed by residents and visitors for years to come. He is survived by his wife, Roxanna, a daughter, son, brother and sister, as well as three grandchildren.



GVSU in 1989, but during his years there he was able to reconnect with many students, coaches and friends from his Sault Tech days, including Lake State alumnus and Hall of Fame member Tom Villemure '59, who served as GVSU's basketball coach for many years.

He is survived by his wife Jean (Mains), three sons and four grandchildren.

Messages in a Bottle

April 2010

From a note to Laker Basketball Coach Jamie Pewinski regarding a photo on the LSSU website that pictured Laker basketball player Jenna Radzinski and Sault resident Elsie Thompson "bumping knuckles" while the two were playing bingo in the War Memorial Hospital Long Term Care Unit, where Thompson is a resident. Radzinski was visiting as part of an activity set up by the LSSU Student Athlete Advisory Committee.

Elsie is my grandma! This very special lady went to every one of mine and my sisters' home Sault High games as well as our college games. When I was inducted to the LSSU Hall of Fame, I introduced her as one of my biggest fans. Grandma was always in the stands cheering for us. It is so nice to see she is still involved in athletics and with the players. The smile on her face is the one I always remember! She was a knuckle-bumping person before it was cool.

I minored in gerontology and was involved with senior citizens during my college years. The tradition continues and this time my grandma benefits. Thanks to you and the SAAC and all they do in the community. You pay it forward and it will pay you back!

**Linda (Thompson) Hula '84
Rockford, Mich.**



From participants in the Golden Grad reunion as part of annual commencement exercises. Each year, 50-year graduates are invited back to campus to participate in the graduation ceremony.

July 2010

The Commencement 2010 weekend was a very memorable occasion. Many thanks to you, your courteous staff, and the LSSU administration for making it all happen. Your Golden Grad program for the 50-year graduates of the Soo Branch is a very thoughtful event. Every step of the way, we were welcomed.

Our Class of 1960 started at about 260 students. Fifty years later, three of us arrived to be recognized- John LaRose, Dan Ocharzak, and me. We all had a great time meeting each other again, telling all those stories, reviewing the old year-books, and taking many pictures.

What an honor to march in (with complete cap and gown) with the class of 2010!

Thank you, Soo Branch! Thank you, LSSU!

**Joseph and Anne Lett
Sault Branch, Class of 1960**

From former LSSU Board of Trustees member Chuck Schmidt, whose eight-year term on the board ended January 2010.

It has been my pleasure to serve the people of the State of Michigan, the students, parents and campus community of Lake State. I am honored to have gotten to know so many of the wonderful people who make our school such a great place. The dedication and countless hours of hard work provided by the administration, staff and faculty truly make a difference in the lives of our students.

Thank you to all of the students I have gotten to know over the past eight years. I will miss our discussions about your background, interests, what brought you to Lake State and how we can make it better. I hope you will continue to seek out trustees and make your thoughts known regarding issues that have an impact on you and your fellow students. Our discussions certainly had an impact on my decisions and I appreciate you taking the time and energy to make them known.

Thanks also to my fellow trustees for the hard work and dedication they bring to LSSU. For many, it must appear that we arrive on campus, lock ourselves in a room to review committee reports, have our official Friday morning meeting and then leave town until the next meeting. I assure you that appearances can be very deceiving. Much goes on behind the scenes and our physical presence is only a small portion of the time spent on school matters. But I do want to challenge the board to continue to meet with all of the constituents of the university to make sure you feel the pulse of the institution and not just the substance provided in reports. It is one of the benefits of being associated with a small university and we need to take advantage of that unique feature of LSSU.

It would take me too long to thank each individual member of the campus community, so this simple THANK YOU to every one of you will have to suffice. I love Lake State and I know you do as well. Please continue to work to make it a wonderful place for young adults to learn, grow and prepare for the next portion of their life's journey.

**Go Lakers!
Chuck Schmidt '75
Rochester Hills**

Alumni Calendar of Events

*These events are hosted, sponsored or directly affiliated with LSSU
Additional events or revisions at www.lssu.edu/calendar*

2010

September	10	Ronald "Bud" Cooper Memorial	6 p.m.	Cooper Gym
	11	LSSU Golf Social – Remember Bud	11 a.m.	Soo Country Club
	18	President's Dinner – <i>by invitation only</i>	5 p.m.	Cisler Center
	23	Jeff Daniels	7:30 p.m.	Arts Center
October	8-9	Great Lake State Weekend 2010		LSSU Campus
	8	Alumni Awards Banquet	5 p.m.	Cisler Center
	8	Laker hockey vs. U of Minn-Duluth	7:05 p.m.	Taffy Abel Arena
	9	Alumni Assoc Board Meeting, GLSW Events		Throughout Campus
	9	Laker Hockey vs. Michigan Tech	7:05 p.m.	Taffy Abel Arena
November	6	Alumni Tailgate - Hockey vs NMU	5-7 p.m.	Lukenda Alumni House
	20	Alumni Pre-Game Social	5:30 p.m.	Damon's, Ann Arbor
	20	Laker Hockey vs U of M	7:35 p.m.	Yost Arena, Ann Arbor
	21	Laker Alumni at Pistons vs. Wizards	6 p.m.	The Palace, Detroit
	26-27	Denver Cup Hockey Tournament		
	26	Laker Hockey vs. U of Denver	7:35 p.m. MT	Magness Arena, U of Denver
	26	Informal social for Laker fans	9:30 p.m.	Illegal Pete's, Denver
	27	Meet the President - Alumni social	2 p.m. MT	Ritchie Center, U of Denver
	27	Laker hockey vs. Clarkson	4:35 p.m. MT	Magness Arena, U of Denver
December	4	Alumni Tailgate	5-7 p.m.	Lukenda Alumni House
	4	Laker hockey vs. Bowling Green	7:05 p.m.	Taffy Abel Arena
	5	Laker Alumni at Soo Greyhounds vs. Owen Sound	7 p.m.	Essar Center, Sault Ont.
	11	Alumni Pre-Game Social	5:30 p.m.	Wayside West, Kalamazoo
	11	Laker Hockey vs WMU Broncos	7:35 p.m.	Lawson Arena, WMU
2011				
January	8	Alumni Hoops Social	TBA	GVSU, Allendale
	8	Laker Basketball vs. Grand Valley	1 & 3 p.m.	GVSU, Allendale
	15	Alumni Tailgate	5-7 p.m.	Lukenda Alumni House
	15	Laker Hockey vs. MSU	7:05 p.m.	Taffy Abel Arena
	29	Alumni Association Board Meeting	10 a.m.	TBA in Ann Arbor
	29	Laker Basketball vs. Tiffin	1 & 3 p.m.	Tiffin, Ohio
	29	Alumni Pre-Game Social	5 p.m.	TBA in Bowling Green, Ohio
February	29	Laker Hockey vs. Bowling Green	7:05 p.m.	Bowling Green, Ohio
	12	Basketball Alumni Weekend - Hoops vs. MTU		Cooper Gym & Downtown
	12	Alumni Tailgate - Hoops & Hockey	5-7 p.m.	Lukenda Alumni House
	12	Laker Hockey vs. Alaska	7:05 p.m.	Taffy Abel Arena



Lake State After Hours is a gathering of Laker alumni, employees and friends on the first Thursday of every month at 5 p.m. at a variety of local establishments. Check the LSSU Event Calendar to see where we are gathering this month and come join us!

Laker Fridays are every Friday - wear your blue and gold, wherever you are!

For information about these and other events, e-mail alumnirelations@lssu.edu or call 906-635-6219

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Remember your days on campus with Prof. Maureen Mousley's "Historic East Gate."



Commissioned by alumnus Kevin Cooper '79, the painting depicts the former Fort Brady gate on the east end of campus at Ryan Street. Mousley used our unique northern spectrum of color and light in order to capture a sense of place and the freshness of a late winter-early spring day that is typical of our region and the upper Midwest.

UC Santa Barbara-trained artist Mousley is active with the local Sault Area Arts council and currently serves as president of the Olive Craig Gallery Board. She taught in local schools prior to her position as an adjunct art instructor with LSSU. Her works have garnered awards at juried art shows throughout the region.

Historic East Gate prints are being sold to raise funds for the Theatre and Performance Fund held by the LSSU Foundation. Established in 2003, the fund allows students to travel and perform at regional and national festivals and conferences. Since its inception, the fund has helped students perform in Georgia, Arkansas, Texas, Minnesota, Illinois and Michigan.

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