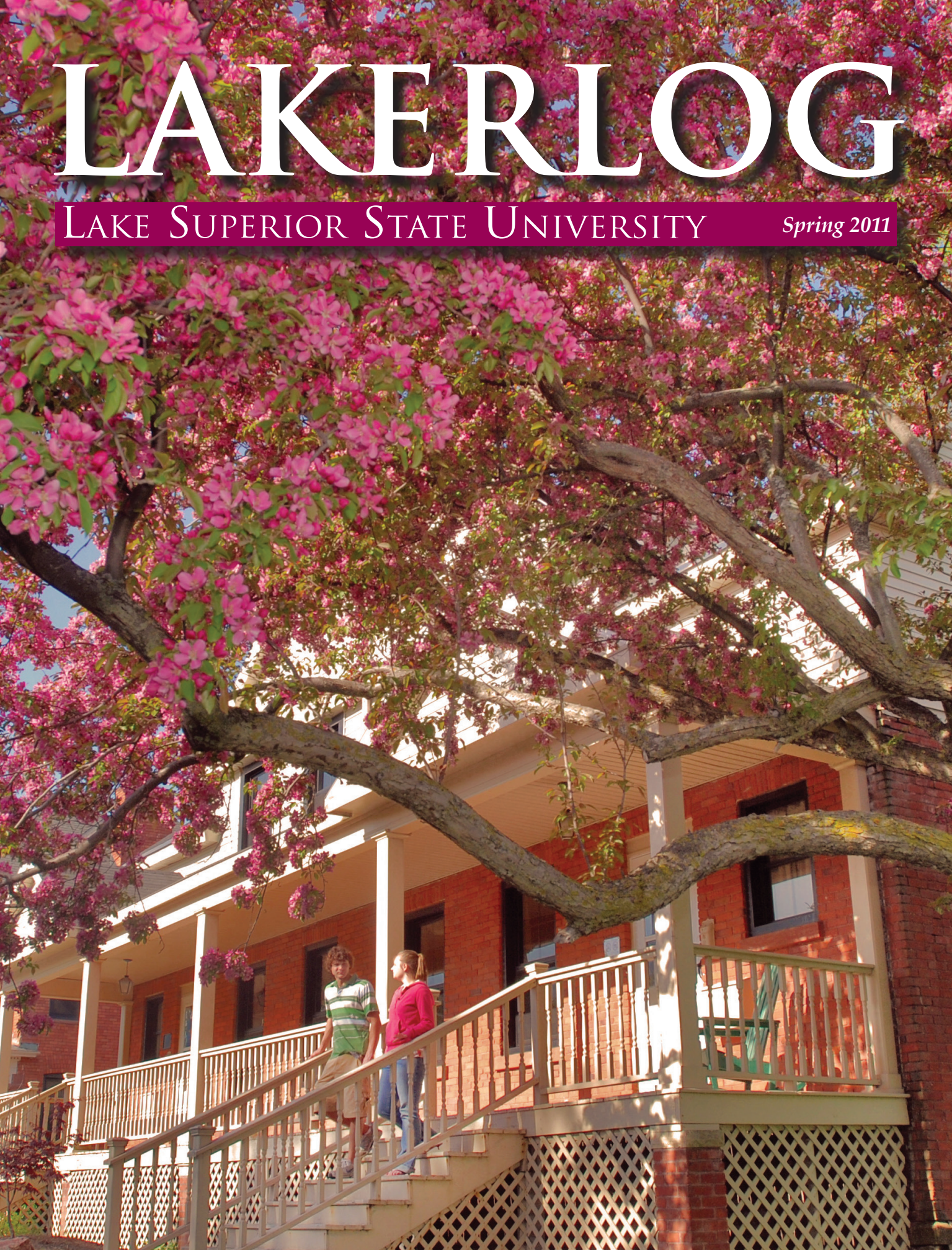


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ON THE COVER – Students Nick Fedirko and Jessica Maki step down the stairs of LSSU's Admissions Office, which is framed by an abundance of crab apple blossoms. The campus has many flowering trees, some of which date back to its days as Fort Brady. Fedirko is a senior majoring in nursing from Linden. Maki, of Big Rapids, is graduating with a degree in forensic chemistry.



LOG IN UK – The Land family – Prof. Roger Land, his wife Lorraine and daughter Meghan -- visited the United Kingdom recently and took their copy of the Laker Log with them. As seen here, they had fun with the Royal Guard in London, and visited the spot where Prince Charles was invested as the Prince of Wales in Caernarfon Castle, Wales. They also visited the Beatles Museum in Liverpool, and strolled around the metal men statues of Anthony Gormley's "Another Place" exhibit on the Mersey Estuary beach. They stopped at Platform 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ in King's Cross Station in London, where Harry Potter and his classmates pass through to catch the train to Hogwarts, but Meghan elected to pass on Hogwarts and come home to Sault Ste. Marie, instead.

Mission Statement

Our principal mission at Lake Superior State University is to help students develop to their full potential. We do this by providing high-quality, academically rigorous programs in an engaged, personal and supportive environment. This combination nurtures potential and sets students on paths to rewarding careers and productive, satisfying lives. We also serve the regional, national and global communities by contributing to the growth, dissemination and application of knowledge.

From the President

Greetings from Lake Superior State University! We are in the process of finishing a very good year and are already planning on one that is equally successful to follow.

In a January meeting with Gov. Rick Snyder, it was very clear that the primary focus of his new administration would be jobs and economic development. We stand ready to assist. We have a one-of-a-kind Product Development Center that is both creating jobs and supporting economic development. The PDC works with entrepreneurs and existing companies to solve product and production problems and to bring new ideas to market. We help by providing manufacturing methods, mechanical services, materials testing, electronics, computers and robotics so a company can create functional prototypes of any product.

You may have noticed the newest hockey protective gear on the skates of many National Hockey League players. "Skate Fenders" were developed in our PDC and they are now worn by 14 NHL teams and are quickly being adopted by many college and junior teams.

Another major PDC accomplishment involved a Gladstone company, Marble Arms, which has been making gun sights for more than 100 years. The PDC was able to develop a process to greatly speed their production, which allowed them to become more competitive and hire more workers.

Not only are we helping to create jobs in Michigan so more people may live and work in our state, but we also continue to provide our state with highly qualified graduates in many areas. The majority of these graduates, too, continue to live and work in Michigan.

Something we can be proud of is that despite the economic difficulties of our state, the continuing cuts to higher education and the major cuts to student financial aid, we've been able to keep our student debt level relatively low. In a study of 2009 graduates completed by the "Project on Student Debt," LSSU grads were well below average in student debt. Of the 29 reporting state colleges, only six recorded a lower student debt upon graduation. This is especially important when one realizes that LSSU has one of the highest proportions of students qualifying for Pell Grants, which are based on family income. We're able to attain this position by keeping costs low and aggressively working with students to provide financial aid when needed.

Last December, we were excited to learn that the state capital outlay bill included a \$20 million commitment to complete a new home for the School of Business. This would require a \$5 million LSSU match and a \$15 million allocation from state bonds. Our infrastructure committee and the School of Business are working on the plans that will lead to construction. Initial plans call for the complete restoration of South Hall, and it looks as if the actual costs will be well under the state allocation.

We need to thank the alumni who helped in the politics of this process. When the initial capital outlay bill came out of committee, the LSSU project was not included. At that time, we asked alumni and friends to call legislators and



Tony McLain

ask for support for our project. In a few short days, there were hundreds of calls to Lansing and our project was included in the final version of the bill. Thanks to all of you who made the effort to respond. Please know that your calls were very important in achieving a positive result.

The appropriation for South Hall is good news, but it is tempered with the Governor's proposal to cut 21% from our state appropriation for the coming year. This comes as we are already working with a state appropriation this past year that was less than we received in 1991-1992. However, because we expected a major shortfall last year, we made some long-term adjustments that should allow us to absorb this year's appropriation reduction without any major cuts on campus. Nevertheless, it is disheartening to see that universities throughout the state are relying more and more on student tuition for their operations rather than state appropriations.

Still, the future looks bright. Last summer, our Board of Trustees held a strategic planning retreat to help chart the course of our institution. From this retreat, seven major goals were developed and since that time our newly developed Shared Governance Committee has been working on achieving those goals. Our Shared Governance process includes members from all areas of the campus and allows everyone to invest in the planning of the future for our university. With this type of shared investment in the future, we hope to keep LSSU in the mode of continuous improvement. Our students deserve it and our state needs it.

Go Lakers!

Tony A. McLain

Product Development Center scores with NHL,

As you have read in previous issues of the Laker Log, LSSU's recently established Product Development Center is offering its engineering resources and expertise to any small-to-mid-sized manufacturer that wants to develop and bring new products to market. It puts manufacturing methods, mechanical services, materials testing, electronics, computers and robotics at a company's disposal so it can create functional prototypes of any product.

Over the past year, the PDC has drawn considerable attention with two products, and more are in the works. A unique piece of protective skate gear – Skate Fenders -- is raising eyebrows in the hockey world and especially in the National Hockey League. Meanwhile, the PDC helped Gladstone, Michigan's Marble Arms, which has been making gun sights for more than 100 years, automate its production to allow it to fulfill more contracts and hire more employees.

First, the Skate Fenders

The PDC worked with inventor Frank McClelland of Gaylord to develop these tough, clear guards that fit over ice skate boots and fend off injuries to the foot and ankle from hockey pucks.

McClelland said his neighbor heard about the PDC after attending a local entrepreneurs' event. He contacted the PDC and began working with David Leach, one of the center's engineering project managers whose specialties are in mechanical engineering and plastics.

Leach and a team of LSSU engineering students determined that an injection-molded design might be the solution for McClelland's project after the original design's thermal molding process gave inconsistent results and lacked the aesthetic quality required of a commercial product.

Leach worked with Michigan companies to machine the mold and set up the tooling and manufacturing arrangements to produce the guards. The Skate Fenders are currently manufactured in Gaylord. McClelland graciously placed LSSU's logo and references to the PDC on the packaging. The guards have a patent in the U.S. and a patent pending in Canada.

The new design was manufactured with a clear polycarbonate which is barely noticeable when being worn and does not cover skate branding. A limited run of the newly christened Skate Fenders was distributed during the winter of 2010 to various teams for testing. The outcome resulted in added upgrades for the model released for this season.

The guards were initially developed with the local amateur hockey player in mind, but the biggest surprise was the demand from NHL teams.

LSSU alumnus Paul Boyer, equipment manager



CLEARLY PROTECTED – An LSSU hockey player models a pair of Skate Fenders, protective gear created through a partnership with inventor Frank McClelland of Gaylord and LSSU's Product Development Center.

for the Red Wings, convinced the Wings to try them out. Praise from Red Wings commentator Mickey Redmond during a TV broadcast caught the attention of other NHL teams. Since then, Skate Fenders has fielded requests for exclusive sales rights and overseas interest.

Skate Fenders are currently being sold in the USA and Canada by more than a dozen retailers and two distribution companies, as well as on the Skate Fender website, skatefenders.com. Distribution in Europe is currently in the works.

Fourteen NHL teams, plus nine NHL farm teams and 12 NCAA Division 1 teams, including LSSU, are using Skate Fenders. The Philadelphia Flyers wore them during the Stanley Cup Finals in 2010.

"This project is one of many success stories coming from our Product Development Center," said Ronald DeLap Ph.D., LSSU's dean of the College of Engineering, Technology and Economic Development. "The PDC plays a key role in our engineering program, enabling our students to gain hands-on experience by working on leading edge projects which are being brought to production."

The PDC continues to assist McClelland and the project has now included LSSU's School of Business, which is assisting with marketing, along with the Sault Ste. Marie SmartZone, and the Michigan Small Business and Technology Development Center, which is providing guidance on business management and financial issues.

For more information, visit skatefenders.com or lssu.edu/eng/pdc.

shoots straight with Marble Arms

Marble Arms

Shortly after the Skate Fenders project, the PDC completed a major automation project for Marble Arms, which has been manufacturing gun sights and other wares in Gladstone since 1892. The PDC took Marble's time-tested method of making sights by hand and automated the process.

LSSU engineering students, under the direction of PDC engineering project managers Leach and Eric Becks, started the project by developing an animated functional design on computers using 3-D CAD software. Next, the various parts were made using CNC equipment and a rapid prototyper that "prints" plastic parts directly from the computer without first needing to make an expensive mold.

The LSSU PDC was able to assemble the prototype using an industrial programmable logic controller that receives information from various sensors to detect that the gun sight parts are where they should be in the assembly process. The program then drives motors, actuators and a rotary table. A touch screen display allows the operator to control the action.

The new piece of equipment is allowing the manufacturer to pursue other contracts that were not previously possible.

"All of our parts are very small and tedious to work with," said Marble Arms President Craig Lauerman. "Being able to automate our process has saved us labor costs but also has prevented potential carpal tunnel issues and fatigue."

While some may cringe at the thought of losing jobs due to automation, this project had the opposite effect.

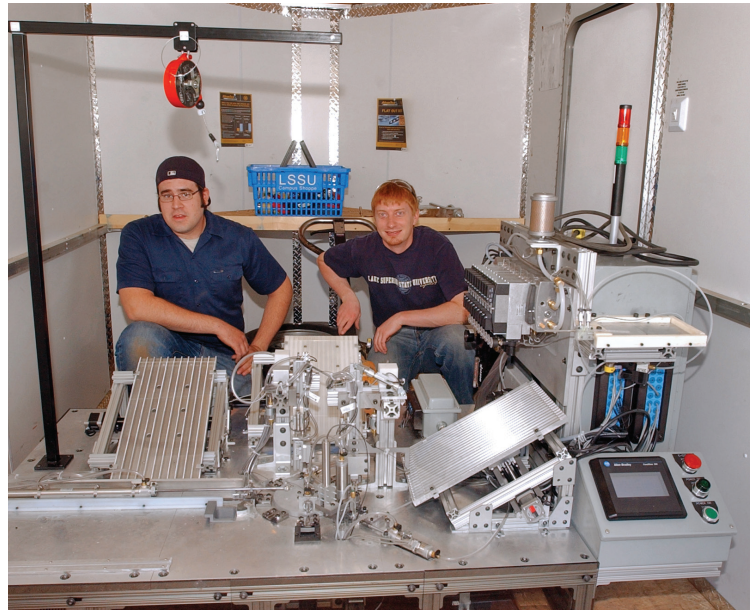
"Since this was a new project, we did not replace anyone in our assembly area," Lauerman said. "As a matter of fact, the assembly machine has allowed us to price the part competitively so that when we received the order we were able to hire four other machine operators. Some people state that automation eliminates jobs, but in our case it has given us the opportunity to expand our business and hire new employees in supporting areas."

The PDC's Becks said Joel Schultz of the Michigan Small Business and Technology Development Center brought Marble Arms and the LSSU PDC together. Schultz worked with Marble Arms to develop a business plan to present to Northern Initiatives for funding. Northern Initiatives is a private, nonprofit community development corporation that provides rural entrepreneurs – from start-ups to established businesses -- with access to capital, information and markets. Its goal is to keep rural Michigan a viable and valuable participant in the economy.

The PDC use of facilities and equipment through

LSSU, along with a portion of the Product Commercialization and Manufacturing Center grant awarded to the PDC by the Michigan Initiative for Innovation and Entrepreneurism, combined with funding from Northern Initiatives, made the project possible.

"This is a success story that shows how organizations like SBDTC connect manufacturing businesses with the educational community to bring more business to the UP and employ more people," Lauerman



READY TO AUTOMATE -- Manufacturing engineering technology students Steve Solack, a senior from Marine City, and Mark Rodriguez, a senior from Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., load the machine they and others with LSSU's Product Development Center built for Marble Arms of Gladstone, Mich.

said. "We now are working with the LSSU PDC to automate another high-volume part that mates two small components together. We assemble 250,000 of these parts every year."

Gun sights have been the most enduring of Marble Arms' products. The company has produced knives, axes, compasses, matchboxes, scopes and more, but gun sights have been its backbone for more than a century. Today it has an impressive line-up of traditional and modern sights for most American gun makers.

Find out more about Marble Arms at marblearms.com.

Long-talked about home for School of Business finally in motion

With all of the talk of a bad economy and fewer state dollars for higher education, it's easy to find oneself thinking that nothing good is coming to LSSU in the near future.

However, the university is moving closer to capping off a very strong year in terms of its budget and finances, and it is moving ahead on a long-discussed project to house its School of Business.

The new building project, the first major construction on campus in several years, is part of a string of recent successes and good news on campus, including increasing enrollment and a financial gift that will see a major renovation at the James Norris Center (See the spring 2010 issue of the Log).

The Michigan State Legislature passed the bill that included \$15 million for LSSU's School of Business as one of its last items of business in December. The School was formerly housed in South Hall, one of the many remaining structures on campus from when we were U.S. Army Fort Brady.

While original plans called for the demolition of South Hall and construction of a new building in its place, LSSU's Infrastructure Committee, part of the university's Shared Governance system, is working on a plan that would see the old fort structure preserved and refurbished. The plan, which is yet to be approved, would satisfy many historians who were disappointed to think that the building was going to be torn down.

"The building looks to be structurally sound," said LSSU President Tony McLain. "It has a good roof and insulated windows throughout. It's a good shell, and it's of historic nature. We started to wonder why we couldn't renovate it instead of tearing it down."

At the suggestion of the Infrastructure Committee, the university brought in a consulting architect to take a look. The consultant's review of the building indicated that not only could the building be renovated for less than what it would cost to build a new structure, but it could be designed to offer more classroom area than a new building in that space and would probably cost less than the ap-

proved \$15 million, 25 percent of which would need to be raised by LSSU.

"The renovation of South Hall makes sense from a financial point of view in that it appears it will be cheaper than a new structure," said Terry Heyns, chair of the LSSU Infrastructure Committee. "Plus, South Hall has historic value and will be preserved."



South Hall from the early 2000s when it was still in use.

Committee member Sherry Brooks, LSSU VP of Finance and a graduate of the School of Business herself, noted, "By restoring South Hall, the School of Business will be conveniently located within the academic core of the university." She said plans also call for South Hall to be connected to Crawford Hall and the Shouldice Library via a bridge and/or tunnel, something that was proposed by former LSSU President

Robert Arbuckle in the mid-1990s.

Heyns said issues that had been pointed out as disadvantages in the past can be corrected, including problems with outfitting an old building with new classroom technology, and fire and safety compliance, something that is considered in every building project.

"The Infrastructure Committee, in consultation with the Strategic Planning and Budget Committee, is discussing several possible considerations while keeping the big picture in mind," Heyns said. "South Hall is a large building that will offer classrooms and office space for many people and should go a long way to resolve class space issues on campus."

"The plans are just in the discussion stage right now," Heyns said. "We're interested in all points of view and suggestions."

If all goes well, South Hall will continue to serve the campus into another century.

"The first building you see coming up Easterday is South Hall," McLain said. "It's a good looking, historic building and a cornerstone of our university. It would be great if we could restore it and put it back into service."

Two Laker grads honored for their research

Two LSSU graduates proved once again that they and their colleagues are capable of some very impressive research during their undergraduate careers.

Letitia Phillips '10, Sault Ste. Marie, presented her research paper "A Viability Study of the French Luxury Fashion Industry" at the 2010 Global Marketing Conference held in Tokyo in September.

Meanwhile, Kathleen Holstege '10, Muskegon, recently won the Kapp Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Research for her senior research project, which was presented at the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts and Letters in spring 2010. She was honored at the Michigan Academy's annual meeting in March and will have her paper published in the Academy's quarterly journal, *The Michigan Academician*.

Both Phillips and Holstege graduated in spring 2010; Holstege with a degree in sociology and Phillips with three degrees: business administration-international business, business administration-management, and French studies. "I wrote the paper for my capstone business policy class with Prof. Ralf Wilhelms, who is co-author of the paper. It was accepted for a poster presentation at the conference in the Hotel Okura Tokyo."

The theme of the conference was "Marketing in a turbulent environment." Phillips said the Korean Academy of Marketing Science, the biggest academic marketing organization in Asia, sponsored the conference, along with several business and marketing journals.

Phillips said approximately 1,300 participants from more than 44 countries attended the conference and attended presentations in eco-marketing, corporate branding, fashion marketing of luxury brands, retail management, marketing strategy, and more.

"I attended the fashion marketing of luxury brands track since the main focus of my paper was on analyzing the French luxury fashion industry," Phillips said. "France has long been a world leader in the luxury fashion industry, and thus considers it a national priority," Phillips wrote in her abstract. "Recent economic as well as psychological developments are having a serious impact on the competitiveness of French firms in the global luxury fashion market. A review of the literature was conducted and Porter's diamond model was used to analyze the French luxury fashion industry in order to determine the trends and indications for the future. The paper will further provide practical applications for the findings and explore the industry's differentiation strategy in an increasingly massed produced market.

"The analysis shows France can support a globally competitive luxury fashion industry. The role of Porter's factors of chance and government are emphasized in determining the industry's global competitiveness. Practical implications include highlighting emerging markets and exploring strategies for counteracting changing consumer attitudes as well as dealing with times of economic recession." "The conference was a really positive experience for me," Phillips said. "My poster presentation was well received. All of the participants I spoke to were surprised I was only an undergrad as the conference was geared toward PhD students. I

was able to attend some really interesting sessions pertaining mostly to fashion marketing.

"It was really enlightening and it is something that I hope to participate in again. The experience really pushed me to want to further my education," she added, noting that she plans to pursue a master's degree in business administration.

Notification of Holstege's award came in as the Laker Log was going to press. The Kapp Award that she received is for the most outstanding piece of undergraduate research, across all categories and schools. Holstege was competing with students from universities throughout Michigan and in all disciplines.

"This is a great testimony for the quality of her work, for the dedication of her instructor in senior research, Prof. Kirk Mauldin, and also for the LSSU sociology program," said Prof. Leslie Dobbartin, head of the LSSU Sociology Department. "In the past two years, sociology students have presented 15 original research projects to the Academy, with six more presentations accepted for this year's conference." Holstege made the LSSU dean's list almost every semester while at LSSU, according to Dobbartin. Since graduating in spring 2010, she has been working with at-risk adolescents in a therapeutic wilderness program in central Virginia. She is moving to Dayton to simultaneously pursue a master's degree in social work and a degree in law and plans on working as a research analyst for the state of Ohio.

Holstege's abstract is "The Varying Effects of Active and Passive Parental Involvement on Delinquency," and says:

"Past studies have cited lack of parental involvement as the primary factor in juvenile delinquency, and have generally concluded that increased involvement is strongly negatively correlated with various delinquent acts. However, most research failed to distinguish between active and passive parental involvement. The current study examined data collected from 241 students at a high school in small western Michigan town in terms of

various intensities of parental involvement, student relationships with their parents, and various delinquent acts.

"The findings suggest that it is not parental involvement alone that functions against delinquency; rather it is the parent-adolescent relationship as a whole. Specifically, communication between parent and adolescent operates as the primary mechanism through which delinquency is reduced. Updating the current public policies and opinions to include these findings will allow parents to take a proactive role in reducing the delinquency of their adolescent."

Holstege received her award during the Michigan Academy annual conference at Saginaw Valley State University on March 11.



Kathleen Holstege



Letitia Phillips

Laker balances acting career with his studies

Lake State students are used to rubbing shoulders with actors on the Sault Ste. Marie campus.

Students in all majors participate in LSSU theater productions throughout the year, and since the campus and student population are smaller than many, chances are that most students know someone who is acting in an LSSU production.

But outside of actor Jeff Daniels' recent appearance on campus, LSSU has seen few big screen actors in its classrooms. That changed in spring 2010 when Detroit resident David Geister enrolled in the sports and recreation management program here.

Until now, few people other than his roommates knew that a guy in their class had been cast as the lead in the newest "Friday the 13th" film – "Return of Jason" a short promotional film finished last summer. The role will be one of Geister's biggest and is coming on the heels of several other parts in videos and movies. He played one of the "nerds" in the MTV Eminem video, "Eminem, Where have you been?" in 2009, co-starred in "Daddy's Little Girl" (2009) and had parts in "The Art of Power" and "Win by Fall," both released in 2010.

In August 2010, he finished filming his part as an orthodox Jew in "A Very Harold and Kumar Christmas," due out during the holiday season this year, and is preparing to film "Morrow Road," which is in pre-production and tentatively due out in 2012.

It's quite a list and has been keeping Geister busy working while he studies. He's come a long way from the boy who was born in Communist Romania, lived in an orphanage, and adopted into a family here in the United States. Geister said he knows that his birth mother is of Eastern European descent, while his father is of African-Arab descent.

His acting career started in 2005, when Geister was 15 and he landed his first job as host of the Midwest TV series "Fight Night in the Hills," although he had been interested in acting at a much earlier age.

"I started looking into it when I was around 8," Geister said. "The mother of one of my best friends was an actress in "The Evil Dead" trilogies. She said I should give it a try. So I took a class, but I was the only boy in the class so I quit. Then, when I was 15, I got on as host of a UFC-type fighting show, 'Fight Night in the Hills.'"

His experience definitely left him with an interest in acting, but his family instilled the importance of education with him and his sister, and so he wanted to go to college to have a back-up plan.

"If my dreams don't work out, I want to have something to fall back on," Geister said, noting that graduate school is something that is not out of the question during his pursuit of a career in acting.

So how does a person interested in the bright lights and big city find himself at LSSU? A lifetime interest in sports, especially hockey, and the possibility of becoming an athletic director or somehow becoming involved in youth sports, drew him.

"I played hockey growing up and I always dreamed of playing at Lake State," he said, noting that his collegiate athletic career consisted of a year running track until an injury forced him to quit. He also holds a black belt in Tae Kwon Do, which he earned at 16.

Geister said he immediately appreciated LSSU's small size, as so many other students do. Still, he left to explore some bigger schools in downstate Michigan, and took trips to California and New York.

"I've been on location around the state and to both New York and California. I hung out at NYU with friends... I did it to see what it was like to live and work there. It was hard. There is a lot of competition. But I did it to network and meet other actors.

"People who I know don't assume that I'd be going to Lake State. I don't have a background in the outdoors,

but I do like that. I like Lake State because it's small and personal, and I know all of my teachers... I transferred a couple times as I was working, but I came back."

When he came back to LSSU in fall 2010, Geister had just wrapped up filming "Harold and Kumar" in Detroit, which was also shot partially in California.

Geister does a lot of his work in the summer, if possible, especially if the work is in larger cities.

"You can't just drive there for the weekend, especially just for an audition or something like that. So I work on films mostly in the summer if I can, sometimes during the winter, like during Christmas break."

He and his agents are always on the lookout for more work for him to expand his experience. A friend who just wrote a script for a college-based film could use his college experience down the road, perhaps.

"He's trying to get it shopped out... I'm pretty excited about that," Geister said.

During the fall semester, he was interviewed for a documentary titled "Acting?" that includes Denzel Washington and is being filmed in Detroit, Chicago, New York, California, and beyond.

"I'm not sure if I'll make the cut, but I hope that I will," he said.



David Geister



LOW PROFILE—Few of his classmates knew that David Geister of Detroit was pursuing an acting career while studying at LSSU. Here, Geister and some friends enjoy a sunny afternoon on campus. From left - Ben Nyhuis of Caledonia, Mich., Michael Steele of Houghton Lake; Geister, John Davis of Merritt, Mich., and Joel Furtaw of Sault Ste. Marie.

If he appears beside Washington, it won't be the first time he's been working in films with accomplished actors. Jeff Daniels, who appeared at LSSU last fall, may end up in the horror film that Geister was in, "Morrow Road."

"Many of the actors and actresses in it are from Michigan," Geister said. "It may include Jeff Daniels as well as Bruce Campbell from 'Burn Notice.' Both are from Michigan. It's based on a legend in the Algonac, Michigan area."

Geister takes his work with acting/singing legends in stride.

"The best moment in my acting career so far was working with Eminem, shooting videos for the 2009 MTV music awards and in the movie awards last year," he said. "I liked working with him and I hope to get a chance to do that again. It was fun meeting him and free-styling with him."

Meanwhile, Geister is plugging away at his classes while keeping an eye on his future acting career. He enjoys LSSU's small campus, but isn't sure about the winters, as mild as they may have become.

"I like living on campus and the fact that you don't have to drive to class," he said. "I like snow, but I'm not someone who's going to live in an extreme climate like this, so far north. I've gone snowboarding at Searchmont. I enjoy that. In fact, I didn't know how to snowboard before I came up here. Where I grew up, there aren't many people doing outdoor activities."

Geister said the past fall semester was his hardest as he gets closer to earning his degree.

"A lot of work goes into studying right now."

But he does find time to participate as a member of Students for a Sustainable Lake State, which is a new

campus organization, and he also volunteers for the Special Olympics.

What happens after graduation a year from now? It's wide open, he says.

"Once I graduate, I'm going to take a year off - not off from the world, like some students do, but a year away from school to figure out what I want to do...I could move to Chicago or Los Angeles. I have friends in both places who could help me move along in my career. If that doesn't work, then maybe I'll go for a master's degree in sports management...But if I keep getting parts like I have been, maybe acting will be a full-time thing."

"I was debating whether to go to school this year or focus more on acting," he said. "I came back not so much on own, but because of my family. They want me to get a degree. Both of my parents have been in situations where they realized that college was the way where they could make more money. My dad used to live in California. Both of my parents went to Michigan colleges. They instilled the importance of a college education with me."

So has the growing theater experience at LSSU played a part in Geister's experience while he's been here? Well, not exactly.

"I like to have a bunch of takes when I'm putting something together," he said. "My theater experience over the years hasn't been pleasant for me," he said with a laugh.

That's OK. From the looks of it, acting in movies may be the place where David Geister feels most at home. His classmates will be proud to see a fellow Laker on the big screen.

Royal Guardsman finds a home at LSSU

While LSSU students and staff only recently learned that they had a Hollywood actor on campus, many have known for quite some time that another celebrity has been quietly working on campus for more than 15 years.

John Burdett, information technology specialist who works in the Shouldice Library, is one of the members of The Royal Guardsmen, a rock band known in the mid-1960s for its gold records "Snoopy vs. the Red Baron" and "Snoopy's Christmas." Burdett is the band's drummer.

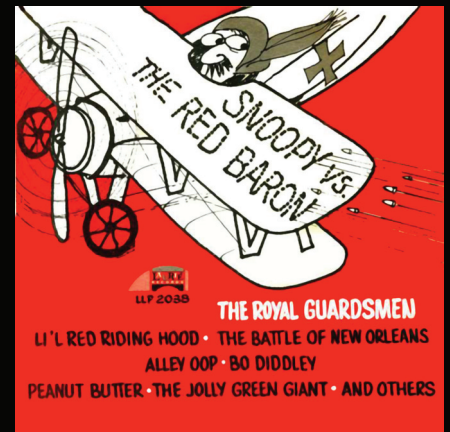
The members were still in high school and college when they gained fame. "Snoopy's Christmas" is still heard on radio during the holiday season and The Guardsmen are in the Florida Artists Hall of Fame in Tallahassee.

The group went a long time without playing much together, but then things started to change. They performed at their Ocala, Fla. high school reunion in 2004, opened for the Commodores in Florida in 2005 and played on a cruise ship in 2006. Last fall, the band spent a weekend playing in Las Vegas at the Cannery Hotel and Casino with other bands from the era, including The Vogues, Eddie Holman, Jimmy Gilmer and The Fireballs. Burdett described the experience as "too intense."



The group has also recorded a live CD in the Haugh Arts complex at Citrus College in California. The CD is called "Beaglemania." In 2006, they recorded a single pitting Snoopy against Osama bin Laden, "Snoopy vs. Osama."

More requests are coming in, Burdett said.



"After working unsigned with a booking agency for a little more than a year, most of the members liked a recent contractual offer and have signed a three-year adventure with the agency," Burdett said. "Barry Winslow – the vocalist in the Snoopy songs – decided at this age that writing music is a little easier than touring, and I agree with him. We wish the guys the best on the road."

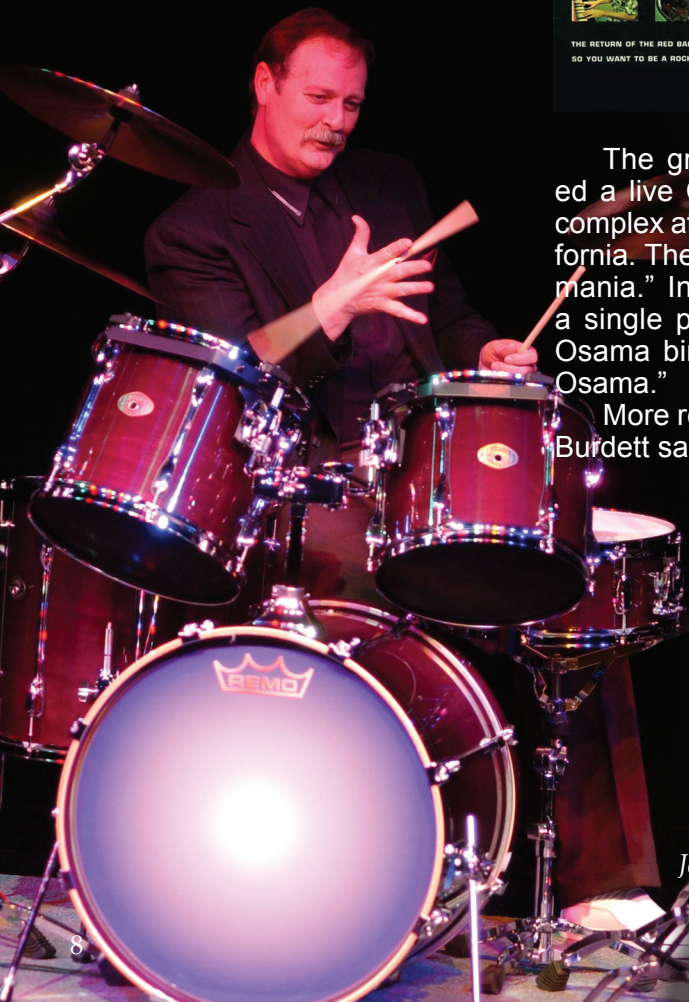
Burdett and Winslow have continued to write music together through the years.

"I will be available for the special shows, as will Barry, but the grind of the tour would be interfering with my ability to help the students here at LSSU and would limit my collaboration with Barry," he added.

Burdett said retirement is not far down the road for him and he is looking forward to writing music with Winslow and the occasional performance with the band. In the meantime, he also works with local musicians playing congas and electronic drums and he records music with others using a 32-track Korg digital recorder.

"I don't care what they say, I'm gonna have fun with life anyway!" he said with a laugh.

Check out a video of Burdett wearing a popular camouflage "Lakerpalooza" T-shirt on a video that's posted on Ocala.com -- <http://video.ocala.com/video/602100035001>



John Burdett

A Gladstone and LSSU softball gem steps up to the plate

By Don Myers, LSSU Softball Coach, Retired

As any coach knows in the recruiting process, you strive to select athletes who are academically and physically sound. You also look beyond the student athlete and recognize the parents, since they will become the team's biggest fans during their child's college career.

Such was the case when our LSSU women's softball staff was looking toward Gladstone, Mich. for top athletes. We watched two outstanding players, Ashley Hughes and Audrey Hewitt, throughout their careers. Both signed National Letters of Intent to extend their playing days at LSSU.

It wasn't long before the opposition knew Audrey was a formidable centerfielder with a great arm, good speed, and an unpredictable bat. She started every game except one during her four-year stay at LSSU. When she completed her eligibility, she received the Harry Pike Scholarship, which helped her while she was an intern at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Mich. Since graduating in 2006, Audrey has worked in the Veterans Administration Hospital in Iron Mountain, Mich.

Both of her coaches, Don Myers and Karen Sutton-Boger, were well aware of Audrey's strengths, perseverance, and dedication to everything that was a challenge to her. They both knew she never looked back, always approaching the game with determination and desire. An honor student, she stood out, was an example, and a coach's delight.

"Audrey always understood what had to be done," said Sutton-Boger.

Time has elapsed since Audrey graduated from LSSU, but the strength she showed in the past was about to be tested when she learned about Tessa, a former Gladstone resident, now living in Milwaukee, who was taking a physical for her high school basketball team.

The player was detected as having extremely high blood pressure, and further testing revealed a genetic kidney disorder which had already destroyed 90% of her kidney function. Dialysis certainly loomed in her future, but it might prevent her from any other options for the future.

Time was of the essence and it was not in her favor. Since her kidneys were in decline, she would not be able to live a normal life, and would require a kidney transplant. It was determined she had the rarest of blood types and that finding a donor would now become more difficult.

Letters went out to all of their friends, newspaper articles were circulated and it became common knowledge that that this youngster was in urgent need of an ideal match.

The information filtered down to Hewitt, whose parents still lived in Gladstone. Audrey began to check into the plight of the young Wisconsin high school senior. She was working with blood sampling for a hospital in Iron Mountain and she learned that she, too, had the very same rare blood type as the young adult in need. Over



Audrey Hewitt

a several week period, testing began and Audrey became one of the few who could save Tessa's life.

The transplant team at Mayo's Clinic revealed Audrey was a near perfect match. She was not related, but she made the decision to give Tessa what she needed, a kidney and another chance to fulfill her dreams.

Audrey's and Tessa's families were reunited in Rochester, Minn. on Jan. 3, and the transplant procedure was set for Jan. 5. Fear did not fill the mind of Audrey as she committed herself to accomplishing the most courageous, unselfish act of kindness and generosity, the gift of an extension on life, while both were alive.

"When I first heard about Audrey donating her kidney, I was taken aback," said Sutton-Boger. "But my second thought was, 'Sure she would.' "As Audrey's assistant coach, I was usually impressed with her sense of self. She wasn't a leader in the sense of the word, nor a follower, but an individual who was very satisfied with her decisions, very comfortable in her own skin...She had your back if you were her friend. She exuded a confidence way beyond her years. "Sure she would donate a kidney! Just like she would defy all odds that she could throw out that runner at home from her position in center field. She would throw the ball so far that Coach Myers and I would be both mouthing 'NO-o-o!' knowing it was too late, too far, not a good choice or decision -- as she pegged the girl out at the plate.

"Fearless, driven and loyal, that's Audrey Hewitt. She was always self-assured in everything she attempted. If she is your friend, you feel like you are very lucky person." And so Tessa is a lucky person, two-fold. The doorway of time will pass, and each young adult involved in this exchange of an organ will know what has been accomplished through their own heartbeats. As of now, Audrey knows that her gift of a kidney has "found a happy home in someone else."

Two SIFE students among 48 at national summit

Two LSSU members of Students In Free Enterprise were among 48 who were nominated and selected to represent LSSU at the SIFE Partner Summit in November at Wal-Mart World Headquarters in Rogers, Ark.

Emily Jensen of Hartland and Justin Graham of Bessemer had the opportunity to network with the SIFE USA National Advisory Board and participate in round-table discussions around relevant business topics with these executives at the Top-to-Future-Top Forum.

Additionally, they toured Wal-Mart and Sam's Club world headquarters and attended a presentation on Wal-Mart's Merchant Leadership Program.



GO ALGONQUIN — Kaaleb Ranta, 8, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., zips past LSSU Recreation Club members Ben Dietrich and Adam Dunton (standing left and partially obscured). About a dozen LSSU Rec Club members turned up to help friends of the Sault's Algonquin Cross-Country Ski Trail hold a second-annual family fun day on Jan. 22. Supporters raised around \$5,500 to help Michigan's Department of Natural Resources maintain the trail in winter and summer. Dunton is from Davison, Mich.; Dietrich, from Benzonia, Mich. Both are juniors studying parks and recreation management. Run Web searches for "LSSU parks recreation" and "algonquin ski allergy" for more information about Lake State's parks and recreation management program and cross-country skiing in the Sault. (LSSU/ Traci Moore)

Shannon keeps busy in healthcare community

MaryAnne P. Shannon Ph.D., LSSU nursing professor and associate dean of Nursing, received a master's degree in nutrition and dietetics from Central Michigan University during the December 2010 graduation ceremony in Mt. Pleasant.

Shannon holds degrees from the University of Michigan School of Nursing, Wayne State University, and Michigan State University, as well as her associate's degree in nursing from LSSU. She is a board certified Advanced Practice Geriatric Nurse and owner of Nurse Care Consulting LLC.

In addition, Shannon is the first person in Chippewa County to complete the Michigan Hospitals Association Governance Fellowship, which she completed in June 2010. She is also the first to complete the fellowship from Marquette General Hospital, where she is a member of the board of trustees.



MHA held a graduation ceremony for the 2009-2010 class last June, capping the nine-month program that focuses on enhancing board member knowledge, skills and value. With the graduation of Shannon's class, there are nearly 90 alumni fellows in Michigan hospitals.

In addition, Shannon is one of six board members on the Superior Health Partners Board of Directors, which is a partnership between Marquette General and Bell Memorial hospitals in Michigan's Central Upper Peninsula. The partnership pools resources to improve healthcare delivery for patients throughout the U.P. and seeks to act as a regional job creation catalyst by retaining patients in the U.P. for healthcare services.

A resident of Sault Ste. Marie and Mackinac Island, MaryAnne and her husband Patrick are the parents of two grown children.

What is the Superior Legacy Society?

Find out at

www.lssu.edu/foundation/superiorlegacy

or contact the LSSU Foundation

for further information at

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GOING FOR (LAKER) GOLD – Almost 50 graduating high school seniors competed for three full-tuition Honors Program scholarships during the first annual Laker Gold Scholarship Competition. Students wrote competitive essays and were interviewed by LSSU faculty, staff and students. A quarter of these students have ACT composites of at least 30; more than 90% boast GPAs of 3.96 or greater. They came from 28 Michigan counties, with a third of the competitors from the Upper Peninsula.



LOADED FOR CALLS - Student callers for the LSSU Foundation Phonathon have been connecting with alumni and friends in support of the Fund for LSSU for the past couple months. This fund benefits student financial aid and other LSSU program initiatives. Front row, left to right, are Brooke Hunt, Samantha Periard, and Elizabeth Johnson. Back row, left to right, are Tia Romagnoli, Jodi Schook, Eric Brown, and Jake Hoover. The Phonathon wraps up at the end of March. Foundation Director Tom Coates says alumni and donors really enjoy hearing from LSSU students rather than a firm that might be hired for such a project.



DePlonty to retire after more than 50 years

When she celebrated her 30th year in the Registrar's Office back in August 1990, Stella DePlonty said she hoped to continue working until she had logged 50 years at LSSU.

She did that and more, as she prepares to retire on June 30 this year, just a couple months shy of the 51st anniversary of her first day of work on Aug. 1, 1960. She started as a secretary in the Registrar's Office, working for registrars James Myers and then Duane Graham before accepting the position herself in 1987.

Join DePlonty for her retirement party from 1-6 p.m. on Sunday, June 26, in the LSSU Cislser Center. Please RSVP or send written congratulations or special remembrances for a scrapbook to Lin Miller, 115 E 20th Ave, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., 49783 or linmiller1112@yahoo.com.

Greater Peninsula Orthopedics

LAKE STATE GOLF CLASSIC

June 10-12, 2011

Supporting Laker Athletes

Join Laker alumni and friends for the 22nd annual Lake State Classic June 10-12 at the Otsego Club and Resort in Gaylord.

In response to the tournament feedback survey, the format for this year's event will feature practice rounds Friday afternoon followed by an informal gathering at the Logmark Pub. Saturday features more practice rounds available at area courses. The Classic Bash will be Saturday night, followed by the Classic Saturday Night Social back at the Logmark. The weekend's events culminate with the four-person scramble on Sunday, June 12.

"This is a weekend for everyone, regardless of your skills as a golfer," said LSSU Foundation Director Tom Coates. "We want this event to be about reuniting with fellow Lakers and friends from all eras and programs with the common goal of supporting LSSU."

"The Classic Bash on Saturday night will be an opportunity for socializing and bidding on some unique auction items," Coates said. "There are special events planned during the weekend and the scramble on Sunday that you are sure to enjoy."

The proceeds from the tournament are earmarked for the Laker Athletic scholarships and program operations, two great reasons to gather and celebrate the 22nd year of the Classic. Since 1990, the Classic has raised nearly \$400,000.

We are pleased to have ardent LSSU supporter Shane Woolever D.O. of Greater Peninsula Orthopedics in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. as the title sponsor for the sixth consecutive year. Dr. Woolever started Greater Peninsula Orthopedics in 2001 and is an orthopedic surgeon at War Memorial Hospital. He has also provided specialized care for Laker student-athletes. For being a strong supporter of the University, Woolever was awarded the Donald and Catherine Finlayson Distinguished Citizen award in October 2008 by the LSSU Alumni Association.

It is not too late for teams of four to get in on the action or place a bid in the auction. Contact Coates or the LSSU Foundation at 906-635-6670, tcoates@lssu.edu, or foundation@lssu.edu. The Classic website, under "events" at www.lssu.edu/foundation, provides information on sponsorship opportunities, what's on the auction list, and an option to register online.

LSSU to NMU to MSU – Comley to retire this year

Michigan State University Coach Rick Comley, one of the longest-tenured and most successful coaches in NCAA history, retired from his position of head hockey coach at MSU at the end of this season, capping a career that wound through Michigan across both peninsulas and included time at LSSU.

Comley is retiring at the end of his ninth season as the head coach of the MSU Spartans and his 38th season overall behind the bench of a collegiate hockey program. One of just two head coaches to win NCAA titles at two different institutions, the head coach of three National Championship teams, and ranked among the top five coaches all-time in collegiate victories, Comley is among college hockey's most accomplished mentors.

Comley was head coach at Northern Michigan University for 26 years, 1976-2002. The Stratford, Ont., native guided NMU to CCHA regular-season championships and league postseason titles in 1980 and 1981. He also piloted

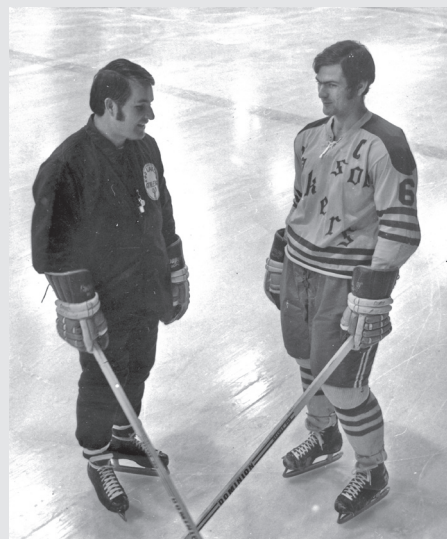
the Wildcats to the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) regular-season crown in 1991 and WCHA playoff championships in 1989, 1991 and 1992. He is one of three individuals to have coached regular-season champions in the WCHA and CCHA.

Comley began his coaching career at his alma mater, LSSU, where he served as Ron Mason's varsity assistant and recruiter during the 1972-73 season. He was named the school's head coach the following year and guided the Lakers to a 59-46-3 mark from 1973-76, winning an NAIA National Championship and a CCHA regular-season title in 1974.

A four-year letter winner (1967-71) for Ron Mason at LSSU, Comley was a two-time NAIA All-American and served as team captain as a senior in 1971. He was voted the team's most valuable player and won LSSU's Outstanding Athlete Award in 1971.

He earned his bachelor's degree in political science from LSSU in 1972 and a master's degree in education

from NMU in 1973. He was an honor student at LSSU, receiving the 1971 Kiwanis Scholastic Award in the School of Liberal Arts. He was inducted into the LSSU Athletics Hall of Fame in 1996 and into NMU's in 1998.



Comley, at right, when he was playing for Laker Coach Ron Mason, left.



The second annual Women's Walk, which was held Aug. 28, 2010, raised more than \$29,000 for LSSU women's athletics.

LSSU women's teams set fund-raising goals for the event, which grew by almost 50 percent from its first year. This year's event was tied in with the inaugural Hall of Fame Golf Classic, which replaced the Bud Cooper Classic.

"The Women's Walk was once something that I only dreamed about doing," said LSSU assistant women's basketball coach and event chairperson Shannon Eggers. "I never thought that a fund-raiser of this caliber would take off with the amount of success that is has. I always knew it could help counter our budget constraints and bring student-athletes together with the community, the staff and each other, all for the common goal of helping women's athletics."



LSSU's 2-1 and 5-4 hockey victories over Colgate on Oct. 22-23, were not only the Lakers' first wins of the 2010-11 season, but the perfect cap to the third annual Pink in the Rink.

Pink in the Rink is a community-wide event sponsored in conjunction with Laker Hockey, and all proceeds go to local women's health organizations. More than \$45,000 has been donated during the past three years. The Pink in the Rink Committee expresses its thanks to various sponsors, along with local vendors who participated in the event and donated gift baskets. Goody bags and freebies, a silent auction, games for kids, pink snacks and a "Skate with the Lakers" were part of the festivities.



THE COOPER SQUAD – Ronald "Bud" Cooper's sons Rick, Kevin, and Dave (left to right) react to a set of retro LSSU hockey jerseys presented to them during a memorial service for Bud in September 2010. More than 700 people gathered in Bud Cooper's namesake gymnasium to remember the Laker great who died last fall. LSSU had the jerseys specially printed for the Cooper sons and the Laker hockey team played all this season with similar jerseys in remembrance of Cooper.

'Retro' hockey jerseys available

The LSSU hockey team's 2010-11 home jerseys, which are 1960s Soo Lakers replicas designed and worn in honor of legendary LSSU athlete, coach and athletics director Bud Cooper, are now for sale for \$200 each.

Anyone who purchases a jersey will also receive an invitation to the annual Soo BlueLiners

hockey banquet at the end of the season.

For more information, contact assistant coaches Tim Christian, 906-635-2835, tchristian@lssu.edu, or Rich Metro, 906-635-2605, rmetro@lssu.edu. Please note that the seven seniors' game-worn jerseys are not for sale, and players' names will be removed.

Dunbar to be in UP Sports Hall of Fame

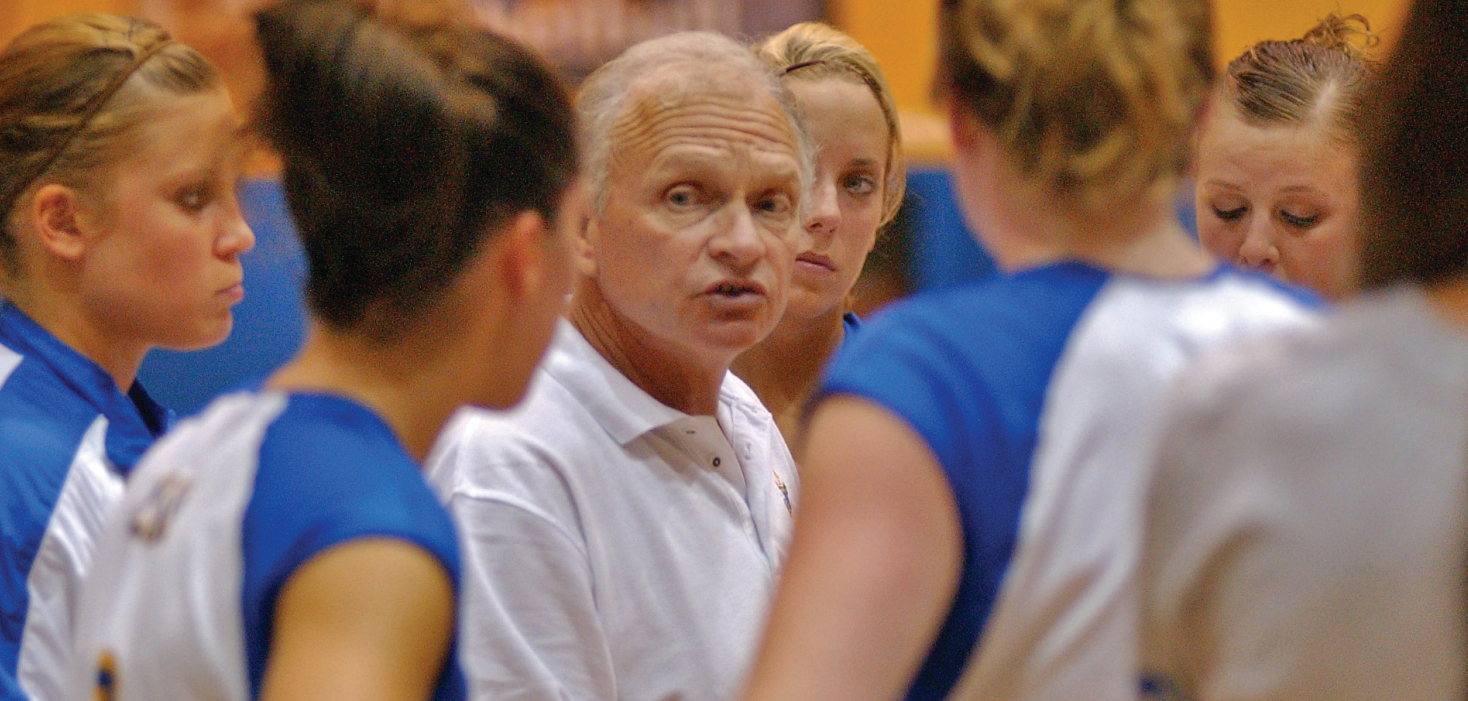


Kris Dunbar

Former LSSU basketball player and coach, and current LSSU Athletics Director Kris Dunbar '92 will be inducted into the Upper Peninsula Sports Hall of Fame on April 23 in Escanaba.

She joins fellow Sault Ste. Marie resident Scott Weaver, among the inductees for the 40th UPSHF ceremony at Danforth Place.

Dinner will be at 6 p.m. EST, followed by the ceremony. Tickets are \$20 per person, and are available from UPSHF Council members, including Bill Crawford, 906-632-3769 or 635-0995; Fred DeVuono Sr. 906-635-5380; or Dave Latva, St. Ignace, 906-643-8886 or 643-9150.



Engle retires after 16 seasons at LSSU

For the first time in 34 years, Lake Superior State volleyball coach Mark Engle didn't spend the winter preparing for next season. Instead, he got primed for the spring perch run, and left off-season preparations to someone else.

Engle, a volleyball coach since 1976, announced his retirement from coaching after 16 seasons with the Lakers. He officially stepped down in February.

A standout prep basketball and baseball player, Engle developed a passion for volleyball on the Holland area beaches in the 1970s. His first coaching stint was with the Zeeland Middle School seventh-grade team.

"I was playing competitively indoors when the beach game took off in Western Michigan," Engle said. "June of 1978 was the first year I played in a high level beach tournament in Muskegon."

Beach volleyball played a big role in the progression of Engle's coaching career. He will continue to follow the evolution of both sports, especially while his son and daughter-in-law continue their pro beach careers.

"It's a different world for me now," Engle said. "Looking back on everything I've done, I have a lot of good memories. I did what I thought I was going to do. I didn't reach all of my goals, but I did reach some. There's a trend that the age of college coaches has gone way down. I'm 62 years old. How many Joe Paternos are there going to be? I'd have to coach another 22 years to get there. I can't imagine that."

During his four-decade tenure, Engle has proudly contributed to the Title IX era of women's athletics. He was part of the women's volleyball boom in southwest Michigan, which is the state's hotbed of the sport. His impact on the sport in the Upper Peninsula was even greater.

"I helped build the first four beach courts at Holland State Park," said Engle, who credits maverick Pete Johnson for being Michigan's beach volleyball pioneer. "It grew from four courts to 50, and over 200 teams were coming to Holland for tournaments...We were right in that Title IX time frame. There was a huge transformation going on."

Mark and Esther Engle took ownership of Les Cheneaux Landing resort in August, 1982. Engle returned to Holland to coach the West Ottawa High School team during the 1982-83 season, then moved to the U.P. permanently in 1983. He began coaching at Cedarville High School as an assistant during the 1983-84 season.

Engle coached at CHS until his oldest daughter, Ellie, graduated in 1995. During that time, he had beach courts going at his resort and throughout the Les Cheneaux area. It wasn't hard to get high school players to spend the off-season at the beach, and the extra competition paid big dividends for the Trojans.

He brought high-level tournaments to the Cedarville area and created opportunities for his players to train with and compete against top-level players. Cedarville went on to win four U.P. state titles and earned a No. 1 statewide ranking despite being ineligible for the statewide tournament. U.P. teams finally competed in their first MHSAA state tournament in 2000.

Engle achieved his goal of becoming a college coach when he took over the LSSU program in the fall of 1995. At that time, the Lakers had a 44-match losing streak in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. His first team ended that skid and was 2-16 in the GLIAC. The Lakers were 10-9 during his fourth season (1998), which was his best conference mark. The Lakers reached double figures in overall wins five times.

"We had some teams that made the effort and sacrifice to play at a high level in the summertime," Engle said. "Some of them played sand volleyball in the summer and came back in the fall looking like different players."

Among those players were his daughters, Ellie and Casey, who were both four-year letter winners at LSSU. Son, Evan, played basketball for the Lakers.

"When I took the job, I wasn't thinking that way," said Engle of the prospect of coaching his daughters at the college level. "I had in the back of my mind that I could be a college coach. I wanted to see how far I could go. The fact that it evolved the way it did wasn't by plan."

While Engle sees the quality of U.P. high school volleyball improving, he notes that recruiting was -- and will continue to be -- LSSU's biggest challenge.

"If you draw a circle around Sault Ste. Marie, how many Division II players will you find in that 50-mile radius," Engle said. "Then you go 100 miles, then 200 miles. This is not Grand Rapids, Saginaw or Lansing, where all of those places have training centers. It gets to be an issue."

Despite the drawbacks of coaching at a remote school with a limited budget (Engle's bus driving exploits are legendary), Engle appreciates the opportunity to coach at LSSU.

"I was used to winning, and I thought I could make a bigger impact in that way," Engle said. "When I got here, we were on a 44-match losing streak in the GLIAC. It took awhile, but we gradually got better. For quite a few years we were very close to turning the corner."

"But college sports are about the here and now, not what happened before," he continued. "We've been competitive. We had a lot of high-quality kids come out of here who went on to be successful. They were good representatives of the University. I had to cut corners to make the program work. I'm not alone. So have other coaches here. If you can win in spite of that, it's a feather in your cap."

Laker Junior Jeanna Radzinski said the coach always put the players first.

"He told us, 'Nothing good lasts forever.' No matter how reluctant any of us are to admit, time is something that eventually runs out and leaves us making that next step in the process. I think the next step will be easier due to having that foundation that Mark gave us."

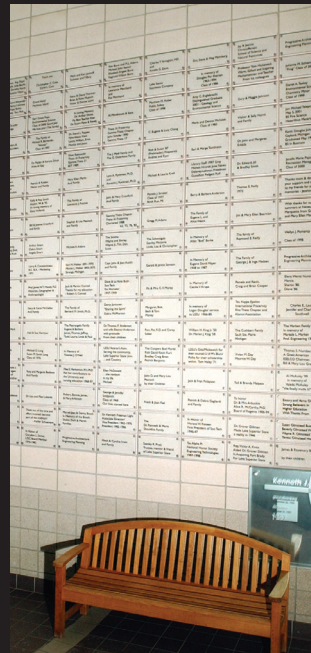
"He really cared about us and that is the thing about him that I will remember most. He drove an hour to work every single day and put his heart and a great deal of effort into his team. I am so happy and proud that I got to be part of that team."

A longer version of this story and a tribute from a player were originally posted on the LSSU website on Dec. 15, 2010. Run a search for "Engle" at www.lssu.edu to read more.



LAKERS IN SAVANNAH – When LSSU VP of Finance Sherry Brooks '83, '90 and Gwen Worley '78, executive director of Michigan Works! in Sault Ste. Marie headed south to visit their sister, Gayla Palmer '81, an attorney with the Register Law Firm in Savannah, Georgia, they brought along a copy of the Laker Log! The LeuVoy sisters are certainly a great representation of where an LSSU education can take you. L-R: Sherry, Gwen, Gayla.

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.

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LSSU finally has a long-jump pit



The LSSU track and field program's decade-long pursuit of a long jump pit finally came to fruition when an above-ground runway and pit were installed during the fall semester. It was a project that outlasted three head coaches.

"It started back when I was an athlete," said current LSSU cross country coach and former head track and field coach Steve Eles '03. "We had two athletes, Kristen Peddle and Derek Sandahl, who both made nationals in jumps. Derek was a conference champion in a couple events and ended up an All-American in the long jump (indoor, 2001). They both still hold school records. That drew some attention, and we didn't have a pit. We wondered how good they could be if they had one."

D.J. Baars was LSSU's head track and field coach at the time and started a fund-raising campaign for an indoor jump pit. He raised nearly \$10,000.

Drew Ludtke '99, who coached the Lakers from 2001-05, assembled a 50-page proposal for the construction of an in-ground pit in the LSSU Student Activity Center, but the project proved to be too expensive.

"He put in a lot of effort to get this in place," Eles said. "I learned a lot from what Drew did and tried."

During Eles' tenure, distance standout Katie Scott and quarter-miler Adam Smith both brought attention to the track and field program. Transfer Jon Allen won the national title in the outdoor triple jump last spring.

"Bud Cooper threw another \$5,000 from the Cooper Golf Classic into the project a couple years ago, bringing the total up to \$14,700," Eles noted. "But there were still road blocks. An in-ground pit would cost more than \$15,000 just for labor, let alone materials. We would have had to undo things and redo them. A fresh install would

have been less work. We got frustrated and started to look in a different direction."

Eles and his assistant coaches talked to representatives from schools such as Notre Dame, Air Force, Grand Valley and Abilene Christian that have above-ground pits. He acquired photos and prices and, with the support of LSSU Athletics Director Kris Dunbar, gained administrative support for the project. The price difference between in-ground and above-grounds pits was more than \$20,000.

"I was kind of surprised that it just came together," Eles said. "Right before graduation last spring, it arrived."

Enter new head coach Matt Sparks, who inherited the daunting task of building the runway and jump pit. Last fall, Sparks and assistants Jason Brenton and Dana Skytta assembled the pit and hauled in sand – one wheel barrel-load at a time. They constructed a 176-foot runway made of 22 eight-foot sections.

"On Jan. 21, LSSU competed in the long jump and triple jump events at the Student Activity Center for the first time in school history," Sparks said. "The Lakers won the men's and women's long jump, and the men's triple jump. The new pit and runway allow us to compete and recruit at a higher level."

"Our goal was to try to get where we could compete in all events," Eles said. "It's hard to compete in the pole vault, long jump and triple jump if you can't train in those events. The pit covers two events. The nice thing is now we can use it for the vault (approaches only), but the next task is to get pole vault nets. The entry level cost for that is \$15,000."

With the improvements to the program the pit has brought, odds are it won't take another decade to tackle that project.

Nursing sim lab gets a start with Meehan donation



Suesan Meehan, center, with grateful LSSU nursing students.

A retired registered nurse has made a donation to a proposed nursing laboratory at LSSU that stands to benefit every one of the nursing program students for many years, fulfilling a longtime dream to help students follow in the career that she loves.

Suesan Meehan says she always knew she wanted to make a contribution to LSSU, but she wanted to find the best way to maximize her gift to help as many nursing students as she could. As a retired registered nurse who continues to live her profession in a loving way, and as a patient who, for the past few years, has been on the receiving end of patient care much more than she could have ever imagined, it seemed that providing a nursing scholarship to LSSU would be the way for her to support the university while contributing to the future of her profession.

Scholarships are a very valuable resource for expensive educational programs such as nursing. Suesan knew that her donation would be valued by the university, the nursing program and the student recipient, but this approach would help only one student at a time, and Suesan wanted more.

Then a member of her family heard that LSSU's School of Nursing was planning a fundraising project this year with the hope of raising \$300,000 to establish a simulation laboratory - sim lab. She knew that Suesan would be excited about being a part of this project because it would have an impact on every student taking nursing classes at LSSU -- a donation today that would extend to the future.

"Many nursing programs across the region already have well-established sim labs as an integral part of their educational programming," said MaryAnne Shannon Ph.D., LSSU's associate dean of Nursing. "These on-campus labs have responding robotic mannequins that safely put learners of a variety of skill levels in actual patient care simulations that are in highly controlled hospital-like environments."

Shannon said that nursing students working in a sim lab get a hands-on practice experience in assessment skill building, critical thinking, and best practice procedures without the worry and liability of stressing a hospitalized patient. Nursing faculty guide students individually and in small teams to help them safely increase comfort level and skill proficiency over time, preparing them for the quality care practice roles that will be expected of them when they work directly with hospitalized community members.

Shannon said that the research on sim labs as teaching and learning tools strongly supports the use of these practice experiences for nursing students, emergency medical technicians and other health care providers.

"If scenarios are well-constructed, the data show sim lab activities as win-win-win situations with benefits to the student learners, the patients they eventually serve in hospitals, and the community as a whole," Shannon said.

If you would like to join Suesan Meehan as a donor to the LSSU Nursing Sim Lab Project, or if you have any questions about these fundraising activities, contact Shannon at the School of Nursing 906-635-2288 or mshannon@lssu.edu or Sharon Dorrity at the LSSU Foundation, 906-635-2665 or sdorrity@lssu.edu.



ACHIEVING HER DREAM -- The Michigan Works!

The Michigan Works! Association recently honored LSSU alumna Mary Brown for obtaining employment through a Michigan Works! Agency. Brown recently received a nursing degree from LSSU and is working at War Memorial Hospital in the Sault after getting a boost from the local Michigan Works! organization. After Mary's husband was laid off in the Detroit area, the couple and their three children relocated to Sault Ste. Marie so Mary could attend LSSU. Mary had always dreamed of becoming a registered nurse and felt that LSSU provided a good fit for her educational and professional aspirations. When obstacles became bigger than Mary and her family could handle on their own, she visited a local Michigan Works! Service Center to seek support in finishing her degree. The agency was able to provide aid with tuition and books. Additionally she was provided funding for tires, which gave her freedom to drive to her clinical site. Working in a clinical setting is a requirement for nursing graduates. Mary successfully completed her degree and was offered a position on the surgical floor at War Memorial Hospital. Pictured here are WMH's Human Resource Director Susan Sliger; Erin Marra and Gwen Worley of Michigan Works!, Mary Brown, State Senator Howard Walker, State Representative Frank Foster; Charlotte Mahoney of Michigan Works! and Jane McLeod, WMH senior clinical director.

Anonymous donor creates Undergraduate Research Grant

Six undergraduate students were recently named as the recipients of the first Undergraduate Research Grant awards at LSSU.

The funds helped them complete research projects in a variety of areas, all part of their senior thesis projects. Funding for the competitive grants was provided by a private donor through the LSSU Foundation.

"The grants help our students fund research projects that may not be able to be completed otherwise because of the costs," says Barb Keller Ph.D., dean of the College of Natural, Mathematical and Health Sciences and also chair of the Undergraduate Research Committee that awards the grants.

"We are very grateful to receive a gift that will help to fund an undergraduate research program. There are many opportunities for students to collaborate with faculty on research, however there is always a challenge to fund such a program," says LSSU Foundation Executive Director Tom Coates. "In this case, there was an area that the anonymous donor wanted to support and it made this opportunity possible."

Undergraduate research has always been a vital part of the student experience at LSSU. In fact, the University mission and vision statements emphasize its role in helping students develop their full potential, as well as contributing to the growth, dissemination and application of knowledge beyond campus. Many students who graduate from Lake State must first

demonstrate and apply their knowledge in the form of a senior project that is evaluated by fellow students and faculty.

LSSU's undergraduate research grant application process has students define their project's timeline and submit a detailed accounting for materials and supplies and other related expenses. Each line item also requires justification as to how it relates to the project's outcome.

This semester's inaugural grant recipients explored a variety of relevant issues; however, one recipient's senior project doesn't fall into the realm of science.

Cheryl Baudoin, a senior from Sault Ste. Marie, adapted Diane Gilliam Fisher's "Kettle Bottom: A Book of Poems" into a performance that used the LSSU Arts Center Black Box Theatre. Her production chronicled the lives and trials of coal miners and their families during the 1920-1921 coal mine wars of West Virginia. The production was presented on campus in February. Baudoin is finishing a dual major in communication and history with a minor in humanities.

The five other recipients were as follows:

Heather Millard, senior, biology / pre-professional, Plainwell, worked to find how the bacterium *Aeromonas salmonicida* poses a major threat to Atlantic salmon, an important species for both sport fishing and aquaculture on the Great Lakes.

Jessica Koisara, senior, biology, Alpena, hopes to determine how in-

troducted Pacific salmon affect a main food resource - stream-bottom algae - in Great Lakes tributaries.

Nicole Powers, senior, fisheries and wildlife management, Holt, studied the effects of glyphosate, a chemical ingredient found in many household and commercial herbicides, on amphibian survival.

Lauren Benedict, senior, biology, Grand Blanc, studied *Toxoplasma gondii*, a parasite that affects distinct behavioral centers of the vertebrate brain. Benedict studied how the disease affects mice with the hope that the study would yield a better understanding of how "Taxo" is able to change mouse behavior.

Gina Fitzgerald, senior, environmental health, Columbus, measure the potential for human exposure to heavy metals such as lead and cadmium in inexpensive toys. Children often swallow small toys, which may result in exposure to heavy metals commonly used in paints by manufacturers in developing countries. Fitzgerald hopes the project will increase awareness of risks that children may face when playing with some inexpensive toys.

Read more on these studies at www.lssu.edu/whats_new.

To support the undergraduate research fund, contact the LSSU Foundation office, 906-635-2665 or online, www.lssu.edu/foundation.giving.compform.php. More details on the program may be found at www.lssu.edu/urc/.

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Billion Dollar Man retires from Michigan Tech



Tim Malette

Photo courtesy of MTU Photo Services

Becky Malette '75 says her husband Tim '74 "gets a bit annoyed" with her when she calls him the Billion Dollar Man, but she's only pointing out the obvious.

Tim, of Hancock, retired recently from Michigan Technological University's Financial Aid Office, where he worked for nearly 30 years. He administered over a billion dollars in student financial aid over the course of his career.

Malette worked for four years in the student services area at LSSU with Bill Munsell, longtime LSSU Financial Aid director who retired in 1998. He credits his work with Munsell, and stories from Copper Country native Mitch Lake '76, as leading to his eventual employment with MTU. Malette became MTU's second Financial Aid director in May 1981 and held the position until May 2009. He retired from MTU on Jan. 7.

Malette, who was known for his personal service to students, says one of his favorite memories includes meeting

an international scholarship recipient from Thailand at the Minneapolis airport and identifying her by name. The student was very surprised that Malette knew her, but she promptly pulled out the award certificate that he had sent to her in Thailand. Malette personally signed all of the university scholarship award letters prepared during his tenure.

Malette said working with a mutually committed staff who were dedicated to helping students fulfill their dreams of an education was what made his job special. He also said that financial aid and the funding of student education remains a concern for him.

Tim and Becky have three grown children, Matthew, Skye and Jonathan. Jon, serving in the Peace Corps in Nicaragua with his wife Kate, was able to call his dad during his retirement party in December at MTU.



LAKER BUNNY CAMP – For more than 12 years, several '90s-era Laker alumni, with a smattering of older guys, have been getting together to hunt rabbits and enjoy great food and good friends at the Eastern Upper Peninsula camp of John Benzer. They spend at least three days, if not four or five, following beagles that are chasing snowshoe hares. It's sort of like deer camp, but with rabbits. Pictured here during the 2011 Bunny Camp during Super Bowl weekend are: (back row) Chris Smith '95, Roger Greil '88, Brian Sousa, '94, Casey House '94, Pat O'Neill '95, Ed Benzer '95 and (front row) Tom Pink '85, Don Praasterink, beagle handler extraordinaire, and Distinguished Teacher Tom Allan, LSSU Biology. Not pictured: Jason Smith '97, and John Benzer, who were feverishly cooking dinner when this shot was taken. As usual, there was no lack of snowshoe hares and no one went home hungry. (Photo by Chris Smith)



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.

Order online at www.lssu.edu/foundation/pavers.

Class Notes

WOS

Robert Bouchard '72, Wiarton, Ont., is a military chaplain and a captain in the Canadian Forces.

Chuck Collini '79, Traverse City, owns Proforma Printing Advantage, a full service graphics communication company that specializes in printing, advertising specialties, apparel, e-solutions, and multi-media services. Chuck notes that LSSU is making an appearance in the Michigan Events Calendar produced by Proforma: the annual snowman burning is the featured photo for March 2011.

Larry Constantineau '71, Bath, is the principal of MarketViews and Insights LLC in Lansing.

Maj. Gen. Genaro J. Dellarocco '78, Huntsville, Ala., is the commanding general of U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command, Alexandria, Va.

Mary June '76, Sault Ste Marie, is the president of the Chippewa County Historical Society, which was recently presented with plaques of appreciation from the River of History Museum.

Kathy "K.P." Pelleran '77, Lansing, was recognized for 10 years of service as state director of Fight Crime: Invest in Kids Michigan. The award recognized Pelleran for her leadership of the statewide anti-crime organization supporting investments in children's programs proven through research to cut crime. Fight Crime: Invest in Kids is a nonprofit, non-partisan crime-prevention organization led by more than 450 Michigan sheriffs, prosecutors, police chiefs and violence survivors. As state director, Pelleran has advocated for legislation to advance early childhood education and other programs for at-risk kids. In addition to her LSSU degree, she holds a master's degree in public administration from Western Michigan University, and is currently in a doctoral program at WMU.

Nancy (Slater) Rheaume '74, Battle Creek, was inducted into the Defense Logistics Agency Hall of Fame in Washington, DC on May 26 at the 11th Annual Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. She retired in 2007 after 33 years from her position as the executive director for the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service, Defense Logistics Agency. She resides in Battle Creek with husband, **Paul '74**.

BOS

Chester Barrett '80 and wife Janice, Sault Ste. Marie, celebrated their 65th anniversary on October 2 at the Elks Lodge in Sault Ste. Marie. The couple was married on October 8, 1945 in Lansing.

Lt. Col. Pete Breed '88, Santa Monica, Calif., recently completed his assignment as Commander, 366th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, where he directed preventative medicine and healthcare for personnel in the 366th Fighter Wing stationed at Mountain Home AFB, Idaho. He has been selected for a Senior Developmental Education tour and is now serving as a RAND Corporation Research Fellow in Santa Monica, Calif.

Chris Guy '85, Littleton, Colo., is an accounting manager at Playtime LLC in Englewood, Colo.

Lori Miller '83, Newberry, was honored as the individual volunteer for the month of November under the United Way of the EUP Spotlight Recognition Program. Lori has put in endless hours to help put together the "Lest they be Forgotten" Fallen Heroes' Memorial built at the American Legion Post in Newberry.

Barbara (Rogers) Morley '87, Waterford, is teaching 4th grade in the Walled Lake Consolidated School District. She is married to Joseph Morley and has two children and four grandchildren. For the past several years she has been making a stop in the LSSU Quarterdeck in May with the Walled Lake fourth graders to show them many of the places she loves in the Eastern U.P., including the Soo Locks, Mackinac Island, and her alma mater.

Mark Tamlyn '81, Cheboygan, was promoted from Michigan State Police trooper at Cheboygan to sergeant at St. Ignace.

Jeff Wallace '83, Alpena, is vice president of sales and marketing for Pathfinder Systems in Holland. Pathfinder represents concrete products equipment from around the world.

Alumna competes on "Biggest Loser"

As this issue of the Laker Log was going to press, Laker alumna Marci Crozier '83 and her daughter, Courtney, 22, were still in the running on the latest season of NBC's "The Biggest Loser."

As of the beginning of March, Courtney had dropped her weight to 256 pounds and Marci was at 182 pounds. This season of "Loser," which is shown on Tuesday nights on NBC, features teams of couples who go through the paces to lose weight together.

Marci, 49, is the general manager of Omni 41 Health and Fitness Connection in Schererville, Ind.

We'll have an update on how they fared at the end of the show in the next issue of the Log.

WOS

Cathy (McCoy) Abramson '94, Sault Ste Marie, is one of 17 primary appointees to a new federal advisory committee to reform and enhance how the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services works with Indian Country. Abramson is the primary representative for the Bemidji area, which covers Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, and Indiana. She will be honored as the Outstanding Business Alumna during the LSSU School of Business annual senior dinner in April.

Scott J. Bentley '93, Floresville, Texas, has been named the first superintendent of River Raisin National Battlefield Park in Monroe, Mich. Bentley, a 19-year National Park Service veteran, reported for this new position in January 2011.

Darryl Dinell '96, Atlanta, is a senior robotics applications engineer at Factory Automated Systems in Atlanta, Ga.

Class Notes

Kris (Bullock) Dunbar '92, Sault Ste Marie, will be inducted into the Upper Peninsula Sports Hall of Fame in April 2011. She was an All-U.P. and all-state basketball player at Sault High and four-year starting guard at LSSU. She then coached LSSU's women's basketball team to a 154-72 mark and 5 NCAA Division 2 tournament appearances in 8 seasons. She became LSSU's athletic director in 2006 and oversees 15 varsity sports.

Dr. Christopher Fink '99, Delaware, Ohio, earned a MS in kinesiology from Indiana University and a Ph.D. in exercise science from Ohio State University in 2007. He is assistant professor and chair of the Physical Education Department at Ohio Wesleyan University. He is working with health behaviors in Italy and how they compare to the U.S. and is developing a course for students using this research.

Cheryl Howe '92, Athens, Ohio, graduated with her Ph.D. in kinesiology from UMASS Amherst in February 2010. She is an assistant professor of applied health sciences and wellness at Ohio University.

Renee Jent '95, Williamston, has been elected as a council member on the board for the State Bar of Michigan Legal Assistant Section.

Andy Jones '99, Davisburg, has been appointed automotive general manager at Applied Manufacturing Technologies. He will be responsible for all aspects of AMT's automotive business unit, including engineering operations and sales.

Kellie LaVictor '98, Sault Ste Marie, is the executive director of Uniting Three Fires Against Violence.

Troy Lawson '91, Grand Rapids, is the IT manager at Cancer and Hematology of West Michigan in Saginaw.

Carl McPherson '91, San Tan Valley, Ariz., married **Tanya Shaffer '95** in 1997. Carl joined the US Air Force and served from 1992-96. He spent 1 ½ years in Baghdad. Carl and Tanya now live in Arizona, where Carl works as a water treatment plant operator. Carl and Tanya have a daughter, Kendra.

Mary Myton '96, Sault Ste Marie, has been named helpful teacher of the month for January 2011 by the Sault Ste. Marie Area Public School staff. Mary has taught with the Sault Area Public Schools for 16 years and has taught at Sault Area Middle School for five years.

Vijay Saluja '98, Frisco, Tex., is a doctor/anesthesiologist at a group practice in Dallas.

Kent Walcott '92, Grass Lake, is a paint process engineer at Chrysler in Auburn Hills.

Jonathan Trent Walford, '99, Las Vegas, is part owner of the Thirty-Three Group, a VIP service company in Las Vegas. Thirty-three Group handles entertainment, nightlife and exclusive accommodations planning for clients.



Cory (Gallaway) 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, was 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.

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.

We'll make ya famous!

Have you been in the news lately? Send us the link to the story and/or photo, or send us press releases about your accomplishments, along with any photos. We'll post them on our Alumni in the News web page at <http://alumni.lssu.edu/news/famous.php>

The page is filling up nicely, with links to stories about alumni who have graduated from the early 1970s to present day. Take a look to see who's famous, including: Bates Battaglia '97, Kevin Borseth '76, Kelly Bruning '94, Chantelle Gorham-Kurtis '97, Doug Weight '91 and many more!

Joined hands

Brad Bertels '06 and Andrea Knibbs '06, were married March 2010 in Los Cabos, Mexico. They live in Harrison Township where Brad owns his own robotics engineering company, Robot-X Inc.

Lori Di Lollo '07 and Michael Lazzari '07, married Aug. 21 in Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

Sarah Dufresne '01, Escanaba, married Steve Clark June 26 at St. Joseph and St. Patrick Catholic Church in Escanaba.

Kellie Kaunisto '10, Sault Ste. Marie, married Joseph Greener July 10 at the Roberta Bondar Pavilion in Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. The couple lives and works in Wokingham, England.

Julie Keller '01, Petoskey, married Adam Janiske June 3 in Maui, Hawaii.

Rose Kling '00, London, Ont., married Paul Delfre Sept. 4 in London, Ont.

Robert Lehto '06 and Pamela McMillan '08, Ann Arbor, married Jan. 30, 2010 in Escanaba. They enjoyed a honeymoon in Jamaica and live in Baton Rouge, La.

Mark Palumbo '96, Sault Ste Marie, Ont., married Michelle Borrelli Oct. 2 at St. Andrew's United Church.

Shayla Marie Postma '05, Rudyard, married James Michael Leigh July 24 at First United Presbyterian Church in Sault Ste. Marie. The couple live in Sault Ste. Marie.

Dale Welsh '05, '08 married **Sarah Bruski '06** on Aug. 14 in Alpena. They now live in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Buoys and Gulls



Toby and Tessa Brinkman

Courtney (Brenner) Brinkman '04 and husband Sam of Kalamazoo are the parents of twins Toby and Tessa, born July 14. They join brother, Elijah, 3.

Maria Baller '03, Sault Ste. Marie, and husband Adam Jackson are the parents of a son, Evan Charles Jackson, born July 14. He joins sisters Maisie and Elizabeth.

Derek Crawford '95 and wife Shannon welcome Isabella Grace, born Oct. 6.

John Creekmore Jr. '08 and Monique (DuBridge) Creekmore '08 are the parents of John Wesley Creekmore III, born Oct. 16, 2009. John and Monique were married May 7, 2008.

Brad Ennes '04 and wife **Billie Jo (Goff) '06** welcome Matthew Bradley, born Oct. 15, 2009. He joins brothers Owen and Zachary.

Allison (Gillgrass) Notte '01 and husband Brad are the parents of Britton Alexander, born Dec. 31.

Larry Hagen, Jr. '92 and wife Shelby announce the birth of Kloe Hope, born Oct. 30. She joins three brothers, Kade, Blake, and Colt.

William Hungerford '02 and wife Sara are the parents of identical twin sons, Tanner and Chase, born Dec. 15. The boys join brothers Jacob and Christian at home.

Andrea Knibbs '06 and Brad Bertels '06 are the parents of Hailee Jane Bertels, born July 9.

Monique (LeBlanc) Franks '90 and husband Kevin welcome Joshua Joseph Franks, born Dec. 23, 2009. He is a delightful and happy little guy, and his sister, Malia is thrilled with him!

Jamie (Skuta) Shelagowski '05 and husband Kenneth are the parents of Colton Kenneth, born July 6. He joins two-year-old brother, Alexander Michael.

Pat Spelman '01 and wife Amy are the parents of Colin Patrick, born Aug. 21.

Matthew Sullivan '06 and Kimberly (Klever) Sullivan '04 announce the birth of Grady Timothy, born Feb. 5, 2010.

Kimberly (Fischer) '99 and Jerry Timm '99 are the parents of Mary Jane, born May 15. She joins sister Louise and brothers Avery and Nicklas.

Jacqueline (Swartz) Wilcox '97, Kalamazoo, and husband Scott are the parents of Henry Sean, born Sept. 24, 2009.

Karin (Rylander) Corcoran '96 joins her husband Shawn in announcing the birth of their son Jonah Anders, born July 21.

Andrew Fry '03, '05 and his wife Jenica, Elkhart, Ind. announce that their son Kollin Edward was born asleep into Heaven at 1:33 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 3. Kollin is the Frys' first child. He was stillborn due to complications from Trisomy 18, also known as Edward's Syndrome, which is a chromosomal defect where the 18th chromosome is triplicated. The most common trisomy is Trisomy 21 or Down's Syndrome. The Frys pass along this news to help bring more awareness to Trisomy 18, which occurs in about one in every 3,000 births. Unlike Down's Syndrome, Trisomy 18 is usually fatal. You can read more about their story in a Goshen News story by Monica Joseph at this link: <http://goshennews.com/local/x1293241555/AN-UNTHINKABLE-JOURNEY> "Our approach is that if anyone can learn anything from this, that's great," said Andrew.

Friends we'll miss

Duane Buchanan '55, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, died August 11, 2010, following a motorcycle accident. Buchanan, 75, who worked for Algoma Steel for 31 years, was a well-known volunteer who was instrumental in many projects in and around Sault Ste. Marie. He was a member of groups that helped local businesses stay afloat, including Searchmont Ski Resort. Buchanan sat on the board of directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Economic Development Corporation for many years and helped formulate a business case and plan in 2002 for a popular web-based news site in Sault, Ont. Formerly known as LTVNews.com, the site became SooNews.ca in 2006 and continues to serve the region.

Michael D. Cushman '80, Dafer, died September 25, 2010. Cushman loved his family and enjoyed bowling and fishing. He was co-owner and plant manager of Cushman Fabrication and Machine in Kinross.

Paul F. Dalka '85, Clarkston, died Feb. 24. He was 49. Dalka received a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering technology in 1985. He worked for Chrysler Corp. as an engineer since 1986 and earned a master's degree in manufacturing management along the way. An avid outdoorsman, he found LSSU to his liking and spent plenty of time hunting and fishing with his roommates. He enjoyed sports and spending time with his family at their cabin near Grayling.

Edwin A. Gillhooley '54, Sault Ste. Marie, died at his home surrounded by his family. He worked with Gould's Pharmacy in Mt. Pleasant until 1976, when he moved back to the Sault and purchased the old Callaghan Grocery Store, renovated it and founded Gillhooley Pharmacy. He retired in 2006.

Landon Casey att. '98-'99, died July 13, 2010.

Joseph Graham '74, died on August 29, 2008 after a 15-year battle with metachromatic leukodystrophy.

Ruby Jane Hamel '78, Cedarville, died July 19, 2010. She loved to spend time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She also enjoyed crocheting and watching reality TV.

Charles Dale Harten '70, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., died Jan. 26. Born and raised in the Sault, Harten graduated from St. Mary's College and then received a diploma in business administration in Kirkland Lake. He spent a year working at a bank in Oshawa, Ont., returned to the Sault and put in six years at Algoma Steel as an accountant before moving to Great Lakes Power to serve 28 years as manager of accounting. While employed at Algoma, he attended night classes at LSSU and earned a bachelor's degree in business administration.

Michael Hoholik, Sault Ste. Marie, died peacefully while surrounded by his family on Jan. 1. Hoholik, 70, worked at LSSU in the Physical Plant before retiring in 2004. A lifelong Sault resident, he enjoyed riding his motorcycle, playing Jeopardy, cooking, reading, studying history, enjoying classic cars, watching old movies, listening to classical music and spending time with his dog, Bella. He sang in the St. Mary's Church choir and was on the St. Vincent DePaul Society board.

Jeanne M. Leeman '78, Neenah, Wisc., died Dec. 20, 2010 following a long battle with cancer.

Richard E. Mattson '76, Sault Ste. Marie, died Sept. 30, 2010. Mattson enjoyed golf, bowling, racquetball, going to the casino, and playing league softball.

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.

Frank P. Miller '48, Sault Ste. Marie, died Sept. 6, 2010. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, and watching Red Wings hockey and Packer football. Miller was a member of LSSU's Golden Grad Society, and would frequently return to LSSU to participate in annual commencement exercises.

Karyn M. Mohr '05, Barbeau, died May 23, 2010. She was a member and a minister of Rosedale Community Church. She enjoyed bowling, gardening and spending time with her grandchildren.

Michael Joseph "Tony" Osogwin Jr. '58, Hessel, died Dec. 19, 2010 at his home. He retired from Superior Environmental, where he worked for many years as a field technician and environmental consultant dealing with environmental cleanup.

Lynn Wallace '47 died May 3, 2010.

Dwight O. Young '67, Fowlerville, died Dec. 16, 2010 at his home. He served in the US Coast Guard from 1969-1973 where he earned Boatswain's First Class in just four years. He worked at TRW for the past nine years and was a senior member of the American Society for Quality.

Russel J. Mauris, Sault Ste. Marie, a former professor of chemistry at the MTU Sault Branch and LSSC, died Monday, Feb. 21, after a lengthy illness. A native of Fox Lake, Minn., Mauris attended the College of St. Thomas in St. Paul, earning a bachelor's degree in chemistry, before moving on to University of Detroit and University of Toronto, where he received a master's degree in chemistry shortly before taking a job to teach at LSSC. Mauris was known to play broomball occasionally with his colleagues, and he enjoyed collegiate basketball, track and football. He was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Pauline, whom he met while attending U of D.

Messages in a Bottle

Although I have attended a few public universities in the state, including Western and Central, I can say that LSSU was the most friendly and I still look at my years there as wonderful! There are so many memories of all the friends and faculty who helped shape me into the person and professional that I have become.

Wendy R. (Leow) Downey '01
Holt, Mich.

To Prof. Madan Saluja:

It's been approximately 28 years or so since I graduated, and I was looking at the LSSU website and noticed you listed as one of the faculty. I just wanted to say hello to you and wish you well. I have never forgotten your law classes. I moved on and got my MBA in management, 1988, and work in Southern California for a company that supports the Space Shuttle. Thanks again.

Mike Garcia '79 and Family
Palmdale, Calif.

To Prof. Saluja:

I saw the story "For LSSU business alum and his professor, a charge to keep" at the LSSU.edu website. It is a nice story. I laughed when I saw the quotation "C is a damn good grade" and remembered it like it was yesterday. I went back to look up my old Business Law grades – a B-minus for both. I remember working pretty damn hard for those grades.

I just recently took the Michigan Bar Exam and now await the results. While the Michigan Bar was likely the most nerve-wracking exam I have taken (given the sheer volume of materials), your Business Law classes come pretty close! Ha! The "mailbox rule" and consideration was firmly planted in my memory long before taking contracts class in law school!

Philip L. Ellison '04, MBA, JD
Portage, Mich.

To Alumni Director Susan Fitzpatrick, announcing the success of a fellow Sault Ste. Marie native at Wayne State University:

Hi Susan,

I attended Sault Tech from 1961-1963. All three of my brothers, Gerald, Verne and Paul, attended Sault Branch of Michigan College of Mining and Technology. My brothers, Verne and Paul, still reside in Sault Ste. Marie.

As a high school student, I was interested in becoming a hospital administrator. During that time, a young man by the name of Kenneth J. Shouldice was hired to become the new hospital administrator for War Memorial Hospital. I wanted to work at the hospital to gain some "hands on" experience. Dr. Shouldice took an interest in me and became my mentor.

I went two years at what is now LSSU and transferred to MSU to complete my BA in business administration. Dr. Shouldice "transferred" from hospital administrator to college president.

Before going to grad school, I joined the Michigan National Guard and had a several month gap between 1965-1966 when Dr. Shouldice asked me to function as his general administrative assistant and to help Duane Graham in the Registrar's Office. I was given a car and my basic function was to travel downstate to attend high school college night programs, recruiting and singing the praises of Sault Tech as a place to go to college. I think enrollment increased as a result! In addition, I helped Dr. Shouldice with various administrative/political matters related to town and gown. It was a great job and I loved it. Needless to say, I had the highest regard for Dr. Shouldice.

After grad school and working at UM Hospital for a few years, I left Ann Arbor and moved east. I spent nearly 20 years in New York City and worked for Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center.

While I am of retirement age, I love to continue working and just happened to find this position at Wayne State University. So, I am back in Michigan. (Ed. note: And Blair was working at his WSU job when he had the opportunity to be involved in the hiring of Tina (Gillett) Aguin '01, formerly of Sault Ste. Marie. See Class Notes.)

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	9	Senior Sendoff	5-7 p.m.	Moloney's Alley
	28-30	Engineering Alumni Bash	See Web	LSSU Campus
	29	Golden Grad Reunion Reception	7-9 p.m.	Lukenda Alumni House
	30	LSSU Commencement	11 a.m.	Taffy Abel Arena
May	5	Lake State After Hours	5 p.m.	Zim's
	21	Zoo-de-Mackinac Bike Ride	8 a.m.-5 p.m.	Harbor Springs to Mackinaw City
June	2	Lake State After Hours	5 p.m.	Antler's
	10-12	Lake State Classic Golf outing		Gaylord, Mich.
July	7	Lake State After Hours	5 p.m.	Cozy Corner
	TBA	2 nd Annual Alumni Camping Trip		Cadillac, Mich.
August	4	Lake State After Hours	5 p.m.	Tanglewood Marsh
	21	Detroit Tiger Baseball group outing		Comerica Park
September 1		Lake State After Hours	5 p.m.	Soo Country Club
October	14-15	Great Lake State Weekend - Homecoming		LSSU Campus
		SAILS Alumni Reunion		LSSU Campus
		Laker Hockey vs. Michigan State University		Abel Arena
		Alumni Awards Banquet		Cisler Center



Susan Fitzpatrick

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