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**ON THE COVER** – *Members of the Duncan Family of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. usher in LSSU graduates in this photo taken by John Shibley during the 2011 commencement ceremony. The family's bagpipes and drums have been part of every LSSU graduation ceremony for the past 50 years.*



**GLSW TAILGATERS** -- *More than 50 people packed into Lukenda Alumni House during Great Lake State Weekend last October for a tailgate party on Friday night before the hockey game vs. MSU. Pictured here are Jack and Ruth Truckey and Jim '49 and Bev Honkanen. Jack is retired from LSSU's Counseling Center and Jim retired as dean of Admissions. GLSW 2012 is set for October 26-28.*

## Great Lake State Weekend 2012 Come back for LSSU's homecoming!

It won't quite be Halloween, but Great Lake State Weekend 2012 will have a scary theme to it thanks to a first-ever Laker alumni blood drive and a campus production of a classic horror story as two of the many events. Join us on campus!

### Friday, October 26

Get some great food and catch up with fellow Laker alumni and friends at the Alumni Tailgate Party at Lukenda Alumni House. We'll be grilling up something red under the big blue and gold tent. If the weather is too nasty, we'll move the party indoors, but the tailgate will go on, rain or shine! We'll have soft drinks on hand, or you can bring your own adult beverages.

After dinner, we'll head over to Taffy Abel Arena, where the Laker hockey team faces off against Michigan State University. Go, Lakers! Grab a bowl of free ice cream in the arena after the game, and then head down to Zim's for the post-game alumni gathering.

### Saturday, October 27

Saturday events include the annual Campus Challenge 5k Fun Run/Walk, Kids Kollege for the younger set, planetarium show, tours of the Aquatic Research Lab and the Laker hockey locker room lunch in the Quarterdeck, the Laker Blood Drive and more.

Meet some of LSSU's best when they are recognized at the Alumni Awards Banquet late in the afternoon. Then hang out with fellow alumni in the Alumni Loft in Abel Arena during game two of the Laker hockey series vs. MSU, and head downtown after the game for the GLSW Pub Crawl and Poker Run!

For a full schedule of campus events this weekend, background on alumni award recipients and details on alumni events, check out [lssu.edu/glsw](http://lssu.edu/glsw) and watch the next issue of the Laker Log.

## From the President

It's hard to believe that we've closed out another year, but here we are celebrating another commencement – the 50<sup>th</sup> in the institution's history.

In some ways, it was a very difficult year. Today, the state appropriation for LSSU is 20 percent less in real dollars than the state appropriation was in 1992. Over that same period, we've managed to keep our expenditures below the cost of living, but the dramatic decline in state support has directly led to costly tuition increases.

At the same time the state was cutting university appropriations, it was also making the same dramatic cuts to student financial aid. But while student debt in general has increased over this same period, the good news is that LSSU students graduate with one of the lowest debt loads of any Michigan college or university. This is due, in part, to a very aggressive financial aid staff and alumni and friends who have created numerous scholarships for our students.

Hopefully, this year is the low point for state investment in higher education. This spring, the Business Leaders of Michigan, whose members account for 25 percent of Michigan's economy and employ 320,000 residents, announced a plan to revitalize Michigan's economy and reinvesting in higher education was a major focus of that plan. In the BLM model, our state universities would be compared to our peer universities on a number of important metrics. As long as the universities demonstrate "top ten" performance, the BLM model would call for "top ten" funding.

In the Business Leaders plan's executive summary, the group noted that Michigan universities receive about \$2,000 less per student in state funding than our peer universities. In addition, their report found that administrative costs at Michigan universities are about \$400 per student less than our peers.

Our hope is that with the support of the Business Leaders of Michigan, we can move our state from the bottom 10 percent in state support of universities to the top 10 percent. This will ease the burden on families and lead the way for the economic recovery of our state.

As I said at the start, in some ways this has been a very difficult year, but I've found a way to make it personally very rewarding. When I get bogged down in administrative details or politics, I just walk over to the Quarterdeck and spend a lunch hour with the students. I can assure you that Lake Superior State University is producing some of the finest future leaders for our state and nation. In addition to being academically talented, they are politically involved and highly engaged in community service. Athletic teams, academic clubs, student organizations and social fraternities and sororities all have a strong community service program. The day before I wrote this,



I was greeted by a senior citizen who had received assistance with her income tax returns from one of our business students. She was very grateful because the student had saved her \$200.

If you have a chance to visit campus or enjoy one of our regional alumni events, be sure to spend some time with our current students. I think you'll agree with me that our future is in good hands and as a Laker alumnus, alumna or friend, I know you'll be proud of the current graduates who call themselves "Lakers."

*Tony F. McLean*

**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.



# Finley takes helm of new College of Business, Engineering and Economic Development

David Finley Ph.D. was able to combine a love for challenging academic issues with a desire to return to his home state when he accepted a position as Lake Superior State University's new dean of the College of Business, Engineering and Economic Development at the beginning of the spring semester.

One often hears the tired cliché that a new staff member has hit the ground running, but in Finley's case, the saying rings true. The former vice president of academic affairs at Trine University is charged with building upon the successes of the School of Engineering and Technology and its Product Development Center, steering the renovation campaign for the School of Business, and putting plans in place for enrollment growth in both schools. He divides his time in offices in both areas of campus.

"This position is a unique opportunity to combine two loves of mine, engineering and entrepreneurship, in a place of which I am extremely fond," Finley told *The Compass*, LSSU's student newspaper. "My family loves to camp and hike and does many other outdoor activities, so we are thrilled to be here. It is an exciting opportunity from both a career and cultural perspective."

Finley grew up in the southern Lower Peninsula and attended Michigan universities. He holds a bachelor's degree in atmospheric and oceanic science, and a master's degree in atmospheric science, both from University of Michigan, as well as a master's degree and doctoral degree in chemical engineering, both from Wayne State University. He started his career in Ann Arbor as an environmental consultant but soon found his heart was in academia. Shortly after earning his Ph.D., he took a position as chair of the McKetta Dept. of Chemical Engineering at Trine University in Angola, Ind. and continued through the ranks there.

"David's role here will be very challenging," said LSSU Provost Morrie Walworth. "Our School of Engineering and Technology has been very active in economic development activities, including the securing of an \$8 million award from the State of Michigan and \$1,225,000 award from the Economic Development Alliance to work with the City of Sault Ste Marie to create the SmartZone. Additionally, the school works with small-to-medium sized businesses on a variety of projects, and the PDC works with entrepreneurs on new product and prototype development. "On the business side, the School of Business just kicked off a \$12 million building renovation campaign," Walworth continued. "The school has had stable enrollment, but needs to grow and review the curriculum, adding new material for today's markets, and it needs to seek national accreditation. In some areas of study, the students out-perform students from much larger institutions on standardized tests...so the program is strong."

Finley noted that the renovated building will enable market-needs thinking to be supported by facilities such as an import/export center and securities trading laboratory.

Walworth said it is hoped that combining the two schools will create new synergism and opportunities for students, while enhancing the programs.



David Finley

Finley said he has high hopes for collaboration between the two schools. He said he wants to see groups of students and faculty exchanging ideas, future engineers providing designs and prototypes, and business students setting up companies to market them. Plans are for the newly formed College to have a Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, where multidisciplinary teams will design, develop, make prototypes, finance, market, pilot, manufacture, and distribute these products. He said he also hopes to see LSSU offer business degrees with a foundation in engineering and, likewise, engineering degrees with a business foundation.

Finley has quickly familiarized himself with campus and is working with the Sault Ste. Marie community on new initiatives. He and the Sault Ste. Marie Economic Development Corporation hosted the kick-off meeting of the new Sault Manufacturers Alliance in April, and he was also a keynote speaker for the Sault Area Chamber of Commerce second annual Economic Luncheon in April. Also in the spring, LSSU and the Sault broke ground on an industrial "breeder" building in the relatively new Sault Ste. Marie SmartZone.

Once the school year is complete, Finley's wife, Heidi, and their two children, Anna, 16, and Erik, 14, are eager to make the trek north to Sault Ste. Marie.

For more information on the LSSU College of Business, Engineering and Economic Development, visit LSSU's website and click on "Academics."





## *Around the World*

### *Enjoying natural resources at work and play*

Wendy Sak '98, Traverse City, poses with a copy of the Laker Log on a prairie pothole near McKenzie, North Dakota while on a duck and pheasant hunting trip last fall with her father, Robert. The fisheries and wildlife graduate said she is enjoying our country's natural resources on all levels, thanks to LSSU.

Sak, a major account representative with Charter Business in Traverse City, says she has been using her degree both in the corporate world and while volunteering. She was able to convince her employer to forgo its traditional golf event in favor of a fishing tournament that will raise money for charity and attract more people to the outdoors. She will be organizing the event, which will include 16 boats taking out 80 clients on West Grand Traverse Bay this summer. Sak has been instrumental in the revitalization of the Grand Traverse Area Sport Fishing Association, which has grown from 100 members to 500 and has greatly expanded the number of events it hosts. The group secured more than \$100,000 in sponsorships to promote fishing and raise 25,000 young salmon in the Boardman River over the past five years. Sak said she promotes sustainability of our natural resources within the community at any chance she gets.



## *Governor appoints two to board*



Nelson



Parker

Gov. Rick Snyder has appointed Lake Superior State University alumnus Rodney Nelson of St. Ignace and Ann Parker of East Lansing to the LSSU Board of Trustees.

The eight-person board is the governing body of the university.

"Nelson and Parker are great additions to this board," Snyder said. "Their background and experiences will help

continue LSSU's important role in the community and state and ensure budgetary efficiency."

Nelson serves as CEO of the Mackinac Straits Health System Inc. in St. Ignace, and was previously CEO of the Mackinac Straits Hospital. He brings extensive leadership experience from holding executive positions with Lenawee Health Alliance in Adrian, Morenci Hospital in Morenci and Thorn Hospital in Hudson.

Nelson received his bachelor's degree in business administration from LSSU in 1983. He replaces W.W. "Frenchie" LaJoie.

Parker, of East Lansing, is the chief operating officer of the Small Business Association of Michigan (SBAM). She previously served as vice president of administration and human resources as well as director of government relations with the association.

Prior to joining SBAM, Parker was director of government affairs and director of state government relations for ANR Pipeline Company and the Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce, respectively.

Parker earned a bachelor's degree in political science and social science from Michigan State University. She replaces LSSU alumna Cindy Dingell.

Nelson and Parker will serve eight-year terms expiring Jan. 27, 2020.



# LSSU, partners continue research and monitoring of piping plovers

Thanks to a \$150,000 federal grant, LSSU and several research partners will be on northern Lake Michigan and southern Lake Superior beaches in the Eastern Upper Peninsula again this summer to continue research on the endangered Great Lakes piping plover.

The plover monitoring project is one of 30 ecological restoration projects selected to receive a total of \$8.5 million in grant funding through Sustain Our Great Lakes, a bi-national, public-private partnership that includes the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, ArcelorMittal, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, USDA Forest Service, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The project takes on an international flair in the Eastern U.P. because it involves biology faculty and students from both sides of the U.S./Canada border. LSSU biology professor Jason Garvon and his spouse, Shannon Rowell-Garvon of Sault, Ontario's Algoma University, will guide their students in conducting surveys, monitoring and protecting plover nests. The program includes captive rearing and invasive species control to improve reproductive success and improve nesting habitat for the plover. In addition to the \$150,000 grant, the project includes \$163,459 in matching funds and donations for a total of \$313,459.

Piping plover research has been continuing at LSSU in some form since the 1980s. Due to participation in collaborative efforts and pursuit of competitive grants, the research activity has increased in recent years.

"Including our grant from the spring of 2010, we are now up to \$701,096 in total grant awards for this project," Garvon said, noting that more than half of the total comes from matching funds put forth by LSSU and partners that include the Detroit Zoological Society, U.P. Land Conservancy, Algoma University, Eastern U.P. and Central U.P. Cooperative Weed Management Areas.



*Great Lakes Piping Plover*

For its part, the U.P. Land Conservancy manages three plover nesting sites in Grand Marais, Gulliver and Escanaba. Algoma University manages one plover monitor, and the U.P. Cooperative Weed Management Areas control invasive plants near plover nesting habitats in the eastern and central U.P. The Detroit Zoological Society rears abandoned chicks and eggs and then releases the birds prior to fledging.

With a focus on improving the quality and connectivity of tributary, wetland and coastal habitats, the 30 selected projects will help protect, restore and enhance the ecological integrity of the Great Lakes and surrounding region. Some of the other work to be supported with grant funding includes improving passage for fish and other aquatic organisms, controlling invasive species, restoring wetland hydrology, and improving stream habitat structure.

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# LSSU employees recognized for exceptional service



Roll



Neve

LSSU staffers Cris Roll and Nancy Neve were chosen from among their co-workers as Employees of the Year during this spring's Retirement and Service Awards Banquet.

The program included recognition for nine university retirees, including: Paulette Attie, Teacher Education; James Madden, Criminal Justice; Ann Marinoni, Business/Economics; Fred Michels, Academic Services; Glynis Moran, Arts, Letters, Social Sciences; MaryAnne Shannon, Nursing; Deborah Stai, Biology (posthumously); Randy Suggitt, Mathematics and Computer Science and Beverly White, Human Resources.

Roll and Neve were chosen from a list of 24 employees, including ESP staff Pete Donofrio and Edie Godin, Public Safety; Jerry Killips, Kathy Marchand, Joseph Mattson and Jeff Oja, Physical Plant; Tracey MacQuarrie, School of Business; Janine Murray, Criminal Justice/Fire Science/EMS; Paula Peltier, Athletics and Donna White, Natural Sciences; and AP staff Kaye Batho and Suzette Olson, Administration; Carol Boger, Counseling/Testing; Steve Eles, Audio/Visual; Renee Formolo and Karen Storey, Health Center; Bob Parry, Information Technology; Carolyn Rajewski, Learning Center; Mary St. Antoine, Natural Sciences; Carol Schmitigal, Public Safety/Campus Life; Luanne Webb, Registrar's Office and Heidi Witucki, Upward Bound.

Roll has been a typist/clerk with the Shouldice Library since she was hired Oct. 22, 1990. She works with the library's circulation desk and inter-library loans. In addition, she teaches English to the community's immigrants. She is a master gardener,

a member of the Sault Area Garden Club and has written articles on gardening.

Neve, the LSSU registrar, has worked on campus since April 9, 1998. Those who nominated her noted that she continuously looks for ways to use technology to help students and employees. She has been involved with the university's Banner administrative computing system since it was implemented, and continues to study how we can use it to streamline tasks.

Employees who have logged between 10-40 years of service to the university were recognized, also.

**40 YEARS:** Dan Dorrity, Political Science and James Moody, History/Humanities.

**20 YEARS:** Steve Atkinson, Physical Plant; Kevin Chamberlain and Pete Donofrio, Public Safety; Gary Hill and Kathy Marchand, Physical Plant; Lynn Kabke, Nursing; Nancy LeGreve, Norris Center; Marty Oklat, Admissions; Terry Talentino, Food Service; Daretha Yeadon, Risk Management.

**10 YEARS:** Roxanne Decker, Food Service; Mary McLeod, Health Center; Daniel Pace, Physical Plant.



## LOG *Around the World*

Larry Farnquist, who attended LSSU from 1960-1962, poses with a copy of the Laker Log that he took along on a bicycle trip earlier this year along the Mekong River from the delta through Vietnam and into Cambodia. He said it was a great trip cycling back roads through villages that have changed little over time except for the introduction of electricity and motorscooters. When Larry isn't bicycling in Vietnam, he wheels around his hometown of Sault Ste. Marie.



# Lakers unite for Hospice of the EUP



A fundraiser for Hospice of the Eastern Upper Peninsula to help build a Hospice House in Sault Ste. Marie brought many Lakers together for a great cause.

Eight couples competed in the Dancing with the Stars benefit Oct. 28 at Vegas Kewadin Casino's Dream-Makers Theatre, and many of the dancers and organizers had LSSU ties. The event raised \$17,000 for the \$900,000 end-of-life-care facility that will be opened this summer.

Pictured left-right in this photo by alumnus Tom Ewing '73, are alumnus and DWTS emcee Bill Gleich of Sovereign Broadcasting, Sault Ste. Marie, Tabatha Soullier, State Rep. Frank Foster, Nancy Sawruk '84, alumna Maxine Anderson, Tom Swanson '95, Jason Wenzel,

Vicki (Rowe) Hansen '86, alumnus Dan Harris, Shelly Deuman, Dan Soullier, Maura and Dan Dasho, alumna Sue (Clow) Tetzlaff and Tim Tetzlaff, and, kneeling, Tracy (McBryde) Menard '97 and Tom Pink '84.

Tim Tetzlaff is a longtime medical director for LSSU's Health Care Center, and Pink has worked in the LSSU Public Relations Office since 1989. Anderson, Menard and Swanson are all LSSU adjunct instructors. Dan Dasho is president of Cloverland Electric Company, an important partner in LSSU's Aquatic Research Laboratory.

Not pictured are three more Lakers who worked behind the scenes: Mary Jo (Benoit) DuVall '87, whose Dancing with the Stars-fundraiser idea turned into a popular standing-room-only event that will be repeated on Oct. 19, alumna Tracey (McDonald) Holt, who is director of Hospice of the EUP, and LSSU dance instructor Prof. Deborah Choszyk, who assisted at least three of the couples. Her dancers came out on top – Anderson/Swanson won the Mirror Ball Trophy in the event.

Fundraising events for Hospice House have continued over the past several months, including a bake sale and raffle conducted by the Lake State Student Nurses Association.

For more information about Hospice of the EUP and its Hospice House, visit [euphomehealthhospice.com](http://euphomehealthhospice.com) or find them on Facebook.

## 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.

Order online at [www.lssu.edu/foundation/pavers](http://www.lssu.edu/foundation/pavers).



# Light Scholarship seeks to help working nurses

At 80 years old, most people are long retired and their only thoughts of work might involve the kind that would take place in the yard or garden, or perhaps in the garage or art studio.

Not for Dixie "Dee" Light, who, until her death on Aug. 25 at age 81, operated a rural health clinic with her husband, Morton, near Houston, Alaska. The Lights opened the clinic in 1990 after Dee spent 40 years working and teaching in the health care field - 16 years of it at LSSU as a nursing professor and in the LSSU Wellness CARE Center as a registered nurse and nurse practitioner.

Now, registered nurses who share the passion that Light exhibited in her teaching and treatment of patients will find assistance in their education through a scholarship established through an estate gift in the Lights' name. The Dixie Stanley Light and Morton Light Nursing Growth Scholarship was formed to support and help registered nurses who seek professional growth or those wishing to pursue a second degree in nursing at LSSU.

Light helped create LSSU's bachelor of science degree in nursing (BSN) program shortly after her arrival on campus in 1974. She helped develop the Wellness CARE Center, which has become the campus health center and still serves the campus and public. She was director of the center until 1990, all the while continuing her teaching responsibilities as an associate professor in nursing and developer of courses in trans-cultural nursing and applied gerontology. In addition, she helped establish nursing classes through LSSU's regional centers, hoping to entice working nurses into completing a BSN.

A successful candidate for the Light scholarship must be a registered nurse from Michigan or Ontario who is admitted to the LSSU baccalaureate nursing post-licensure track or is a non-traditional student who has earned a college degree but now chooses to pursue a BSN. Financial need is a consideration, but not a requirement. Applicants will write a 500-word essay to explain how they

value nursing as a service and career.

"The criteria closely follows Dee's interest in assisting students in pursuing a nursing education, something that might not be possible without financial help," said Morton Light, who noted that Dee's interest had always been to provide health services to rural communities, be it in Michigan or Alaska.

"She was a caring person who devoted her life to helping others," he said.

being her own boss in a rural practice and help patients in making their own decisions about their health care while keeping costs low.

Patients said the Lights were the closest thing these days to a country doctor. They would make house calls in emergencies and would take food and other homemade goods in trade for services if necessary, but they would bill patients far less than most other places.



*Dixie Light in India*

Dee Light was born Aug. 9, 1930 in Springfield, Ill. She enjoyed reading and had a wide interest in learning, continuing her studies through the doctoral level. Since she was a child, she dreamed of moving to Alaska.

Morton was a school psychologist in the Sault Area Public Schools for a number of years and he, too, is a strong advocate of nurses and nursing. At their Alaska clinic, he was kept busy as Dee's assistant, secretary, and receptionist. He said he followed Dee's dream of opening her own clinic because she wanted to try her hand at

For her efforts at her clinic in Houston, Dee received a state award for excellence through the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners in June 1999.

In addition to Mort, Dee is survived by a son, Dan, a daughter, Deb Burtley, seven grandchildren and two sisters and two brothers.

For more information on this scholarship and others, visit the LSSU Foundation webpage at [www.lssu.edu/foundation](http://www.lssu.edu/foundation). Click on "Gift Planning" to find out how you can make a gift to LSSU in your estate.



## A portrait of a young woman with long, straight blonde hair and blue eyes. She is smiling and looking directly at the camera. She is wearing a black zip-up shirt. The background is a dark, textured grey.

The university community will again have access to an on-campus pre-school as Little Lakers Kinder College will open this fall in LSSU's East Hall.

"We want to offer registration opportunities to LSSU staff and stu-

The center will be staffed by teachers certified by the state of Michigan with a 5:1 student/staff ratio. It will be open from 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. with full-day or part-day rates and breakfast/lunch options. New LSSU education graduate Emma Borgerding, of Cheboygan, is the program director.

For more information, contact  
Schlehuber at [littlelakers@lssu.edu](mailto:littlelakers@lssu.edu)  
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Through a partnership with a generous donor, any amount that you donate to the Laker Hockey Challenge Fund between December 1, 2011 and September 30, 2013, will be matched dollar for dollar by a friend of the

Your support will help fund important activities associated with the program, including recruiting, travel,

For more information about the Challenge Fund, **visit [www.lssu.edu/challenge](http://www.lssu.edu/challenge)** or contact the Laker Hockey office at 906-635-2605 or for questions about pledges contact Tom Coates, Executive Director, LSSU Foundation at 906-635-6670 or [tcoates@lssu.edu](mailto:tcoates@lssu.edu).



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## LOG *Around the World*

**IN OUR SISTER CITY** – Students of the Ryuo School in Sault Ste. Marie's sister city of Ryuo, in Japan's Shiga prefecture, pose with a copy of the Laker Log in this photo passed along by LSSU President Tony McLain. Students from Ryuo Cho visit Sault Ste. Marie and LSSU every other year as part of the Sault Area Middle School exchange program.



# Don't miss the Classic



**UP A NOTCH** – LSSU Foundation Director Tom Coates joins (from left) LSSU Foundation board member Bob Kjolhede and Sault Mayor Tony Bosbous in kicking up the bids for a Red Wing Jimmy Howard-autographed goalie stick during the 22nd annual Greater Peninsula Orthopedics Lake State Golf Classic at Gaylord's Otsego Club.

Golfers of every skill level are invited to join Laker alumni and friends for the 2012 Lake State Classic June 8-10 at Otsego Club in Gaylord.

Longtime Laker benefactor and Classic sponsor Dr. Shane Woolever of Greater Peninsula Orthopedics is returning as the title sponsor of the Classic for the seventh consecutive year.

"This is a fun weekend for everyone, regardless of your skill-level as a golfer," said Tom Coates, LSSU Foundation Director. "We want this weekend to be a celebration of the Laker experience. The Classic Bash on Saturday night will be an opportunity

for socializing and bidding on some unique auction items, and there are other special events planned during the weekend, along with the scramble on Sunday that you are sure to enjoy."

The Classic weekend kicks off with practice rounds on Friday and Saturday at area courses. Mention that you are a Lake State Golf Classic participant to get discounted green fees.

The Classic Bash will be at 7 p.m. Saturday night followed by the Logmark Social at 10 p.m. Finally, the four-person scramble begins at 9 a.m. on Sunday and culminates with dinner and an awards banquet following the tournament.

The proceeds from the tournament are earmarked for the Fund for LSSU and Laker Club in support of LSSU student scholarships, programs and initiatives, an excellent reason for us to gather and celebrate the Classic's 23rd year. So, contact that college roommate, friend, or family member and meet them at the Classic. Don't miss out on a great weekend of golf and fun to benefit LSSU in helping students pursue their academic and athletic dreams.

For more information, contact Coates at 906-635-6670 or [tcoates@lssu.edu](mailto:tcoates@lssu.edu) or visit the Lake State Classic webpage, [www.lssu.edu/foundation/classic](http://www.lssu.edu/foundation/classic).



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A portion of the proceeds go to LSSU for alumni programs and initiatives.



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# Looking back at 1992 hockey championship

LSSU's 1992 national championship, which occurred midway through the program's 10-year dominance in college hockey, was among the most unlikely of the university's success stories.

Led by hall of famers Jim Dowd and Doug Weight, LSSU was projected to win the title in 1991, but Clarkson ended the Lakers' season during the NCAA Quarterfinals. Players who had accounted for over 100 goals and won Central Collegiate Hockey Association regular-season and playoff titles in 1990-1991 had left the program. Second-year head coach Jeff Jackson expected the 1991-1992 season, with 10 freshmen and 16 underclassmen, to be a rebuilding year.

LSSU opened 1991-92 by winning 10 of its first 12 games and stunning University of Michigan in early December at the Sault by winning 3-2 in overtime and 10-0. The year was not without setbacks, however, as LSSU endured a 3-5-2 stretch in February and lost the regular-season title to the Wolverines.

Led by CCHA Tournament most-valuable player Darrin Madeley, who was a senior goaltender, along with all-tournament team selections Brian Rolston and Tim Hanley, the Lakers cruised through the first two rounds of the CCHA Playoffs, then beat Michigan 2-1 to claim the second of what would be four playoff titles during a five-year period. Seven Lakers scored goals during two games at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit. The headline in the Royal Oak Daily Tribune following the playoffs read, "Lakers suffer from Superiority complex."

Former LSSU sports information director Scott Monaghan wrote, "The Lakers roared into the NCAA Tournament with a six-game winning streak and new-found confidence, which was shaken just enough in a tough opening-round win over the University of Alaska-Anchorage. The Seawolves took 29 shots at the Laker goal and left the first period trailing only 3-2. Two goals by sophomore center Clayton Beddoes helped to break the game open in the second and third periods, but not before the Lakers got a wake-up call.



*1992 hockey team celebrates NCAA victory in Albany, NY*

"Playing Alaska was good for us," Jackson said. "It got us back into reality. We realized that we had to be disciplined to survive."

LSSU expected a tough test from Minnesota during the final round of the NCAA West Regional in Detroit (later to be referred to as Norris Center South), but the Lakers jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first period and won, 8-3. Rolston, a freshman, dominated the regional with three goals and four assists.

The Lakers' next opponent was Michigan State – the team they eliminated during the CCHA semifinals – during the NCAA semifinals in Albany, N.Y.

Monaghan wrote, "The teams were deadlocked at two from the 17:22 mark of the second period until senior defenseman Mark Astley slipped a shot past MSU goaltender Mike Gilmore

midway through the third. Just under two minutes later, (Sandy) Moger combined with freshman defenseman Tim Hanley and (Wayne) Strachan. Lake State's tenacious defense held the Spartans to only six shots on goal in the final period as the Lakers advanced to their second NCAA Championship Game in five years."

LSSU battled back from a 2-0 first-period deficit to beat Wisconsin in the title game. Paul Constantin put the team on the board in the second period with a power-play goal, and Hanley tied it with six seconds remaining as the Badgers, who had upset No. 1 Michigan during the semifinals, took eight of 12 penalties called during the period. After LSSU's Michael Smith and Wisconsin's Jason Zent (who had a hat trick) traded goals, Rolston tallied the game-winner at 15:08. Jay





Ness finished off the scoring with an empty-net goal, and Madeley totaled 24 saves.

Jackson ran with the David and Goliath metaphor through the NCAA Tournament, and the Lakers held their composure while playing in front of 12,000 UW supporters during a penalty-filled game.

"I've seen him (Jackson) emotional, but nothing like how happy he was at the end," Astley told Steve Crowe of the Detroit Free Press. "He works so hard, cares so much. You know he's the reason we've been so successful. We're not a real talented team. We're just a bunch of blue-collar guys who were led out of nowhere."

Constantin was named NCAA Tournament MVP, and Rolston, Astley and Madeley were named to the all-tournament team. Astley and Madeley

also earned All-CCHA First Team and All-America honors. Moger and Steven Barnes were named All-CCHA Second Team.

Constantin led the Lakers in points that season with 21-31--52, while Moger was their top goal scorer with 26-25--51. Astley, who finished third in points with 12-37--49, was named the CCHA's Best Offensive Defense-man and still holds the school record for most assists by a defenseman. The Lakers, who were 30-9-4 overall and 20-8-4 in the CCHA, led the league in penalty killing.

Moger, Astley, Vince Faucher, Constantin and Madeley were the seniors on the 1991-92 team. Faucher, Constantin and Madeley overcame a variety of challenges to get to the magical

end. Moger, Madeley, Rolston, Astley, Blaine Lacher, Clayton Beddoes and Rob Valicevic went on to play in the NHL.

"I knew right away with this team that if you didn't give it your all, you'd be kicked off the team real quick," Madeley said during his senior sendoff.

"But the Lakers' time had come," Richard O'Brien wrote in the April 13, 1992 issue of Sports Illustrated. "The day before the final, Jackson had said, 'Sometimes when you're supposed to win, you don't.' Then he paused, lest the listener miss the reference to the Clarkson letdown a year before. 'And sometimes when you're not supposed to win, you do.'"

## Laker hockey alumni game to kick-off Hall of Fame weekend

Laker hockey players will participate in an alumni game at 6 p.m. on Friday, July 13, to kick off an LSSU Athletic Hall of Fame weekend in honor of the 1992 Championship Laker hockey team.

Induction of the team will take place in the Cooper Gymnasium beginning at 8 p.m., following the alumni game. Tickets are available at the LSSU Alumni Office and the Norris Center box office. Reservations are requested in advance.

The weekend includes the 30th annual Soo BlueLiners Golf Outing, which begins at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 14. The outing will be preceded by a barbeque at noon at Wild Bluff's clubhouse. Participants in the golf outing must register with Howard Ledergerber by calling 906-248-5732.

The player roster for the 1992 team includes: Dan Angelelli, Mark Astley, Mike Bachusz, Steve Barnes, Clayton Beddoes, Paul Constantin, Vincent Faucher, David Gartshore, Tim Hanley,

John Hendry, Dean Hulett, Blaine Lacher, Brian Lukowski, Darrin Madeley, Kurtis Miller, Sandy Moger, Mike Morin, Jaysen Ness, Jim Peters, Brian Rolston, Mike Smith, Wayne Strachan, Jason Trzcinski, Rob Valicevic, Jason Welch, Darren Wetherill and Brad Wilner.

Head coach that year was Jeff Jackson, and assistants included Paul Pooley, Ron Rolston and volunteers Terry Hossack, Anthony Palumbo and Doug Laprade. Paul Boyer was the student manager.

Contact LSSU Alumni Relations, 906-635-2831 or [alumnirelations@lssu.edu](mailto:alumnirelations@lssu.edu) for reservations or more information.





# *Laker alumni socials from east to west*

## A look at some of the places Lakers have gathered over the past nine months

### American Fisheries Society, Seattle

LSSU biology professors **Geoffrey Steinhart** and **Kristin Arend** attended the conference of the American Fisheries Society in Seattle in September and played host to a number of Laker alumni who attended the same conference. Among those who attended the social at Rock Bottom Brewery were **Michael Gallinat '85**, a fisheries biologist for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife; **Jennifer Berlin '76**, a surgical technician and her husband **Paul '76**; **Brianne Lunn '09**, a graduate student at the University of Alberta; **Brandon Gerig '09**, a graduate assistant at the University of Florida; **Andrew Briggs '10**, a graduate assistant at Central Michigan University; **David Bush '78**; **Curt Read '73**; and **Brian Gause '06**, graduate student at Southern Illinois University.

### Alumni Softball Game

Laker softball coach Lori Shimasaki was blessed with sunny skies and 70-degree temperatures for her alumni softball game in October. Current Laker softball players mixed it up with alumni **Nicole Christensen '09**, **Audrey Hewitt '06**, **Heather Salmi '04**, **Ashley Hughes '06** and **Erin Hulett '09** on Kaunisto Field. Everyone enjoyed burgers and hot dogs with the Alumni Association after the game.

### Great Lake State Weekend 2011

Unfortunately, summer weather did not continue through Great Lake State Weekend here later in October. Instead, GLSW attendees contended with high winds and driving rain all weekend. More than 50 people, very happy to be indoors, packed into Lukenda Alumni House Friday evening for the tailgate party. **Chuck Schmidt '75**, **Major General Genaro Dellarocco '78** and **Holly (Julian) Johnson '00** were honored along with **J.C. Huizenga** at the Alumni Awards Banquet. Hockey fans enjoyed a sweep of the MSU Spartans that weekend, and fans celebrated with a nostalgic pub crawl downtown after Saturday's game. GLSW 2012 is set for October 26-28. Save the date!

### Trippers Lounge, Lansing

LSSU's women's basketball team played an exhibition game against MSU's Spartans in November, and Laker alumni gathered at Trippers before the game for a social hosted by alumni **KP Pelleran '78**, **Cynthia Williams '76** and **Sarah Kentner '08**. Lakers returned in full force in January when the hockey team took on MSU, splitting the weekend series. More than 100 Laker hockey fans packed into Trippers after Saturday's game, where they got to meet **LSSU President Tony McLain**, Laker hockey coach **Jim Roque '87** and members of the Laker hockey team.



*Sarah Kentner '08, Monica Schafer '08, Megan Wickerham '11 and Tyler Mckim '11 at Trippers in Lansing.*

### Senior Send-off, Round 2

The Alumni Association hosted the first Senior Send-off for August and December graduates at the Sault's Moloney's Alley in December. As usual, the graduates enjoyed plentiful appetizers and took home Laker door prizes.

### Blue Leprechaun, Ann Arbor

LSSU Alumni Board members **Kirk Wagner '93** and **Alex Bozymowski '75** were joined by alumna **Emily Jensen '11** and two current LSSU students in hosting a social in conjunction with Laker hockey vs. UM in January. **LSSU President Tony McLain** greeted attendees and celebrated his birthday with a Laker victory over the Wolverines in Yost Arena!

### Basketball Alumni Weekend

More than 40 Laker basketball alumni returned to campus January 28 for the annual Basketball Alumni Weekend. Alumni were introduced on court during half-time of the games against Tiffin and then headed over to Lukenda Alumni House to relax over a great dinner hosted by the Alumni Association. From there, it was back to the Norris Center for Laker hockey vs. Ohio State, where alumni enjoyed yet another reception in the LSSU president's arena loft.



### Soo Greyhounds Outing

On Jan. 29, about 50 alumni from both sides of the St. Mary's River gathered at the Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. Essar Centre to watch the Soo Greyhounds play. **President Tony McLain**, Vice President **Sherry Brooks '83, '90**, Athletic Director **Kris Dunbar '92** and hockey coach **Jim Roque '87** joined Alumni Director **Susan Fitzpatrick '87**, Alumni Board member **Carol Boger '78** and LSSU Foundation directors **Tom Coates '86** and **Virginia Zinser** in hosting the social in the VIP suite, enjoying appetizers courtesy of the Alumni Association and LSSU Foundation.

### Basketball Social in Allendale

Laker basketball fans had the opportunity to hear from LSSU basketball coaches and mingle with Laker basketball players at the Main Street Pub after the teams took on the Lakers of GVSU in February. LSSU Alumni Board members **KP Pelleran '78**, **Jill (Rheaume) Arehart '00** and **Sarah Kentner '08** hosted the social for Laker alumni, fans and families of the athletes.

### Hockey Social in Marquette

Laker hockey fans gathered at Vango's in Marquette before the last regular-season CCHA game in February. **Carol Boger '78** hosted the event along with Alumni Director **Susan Fitzpatrick '87**.

### Lukenda Alumni House Tailgate Parties

The Alumni Association hosted tailgate parties at the Lukenda Alumni House in October, November and January, and hosted a yummy dessert social in conjunction with the LSSU softball team's spaghetti fundraiser at the Norris Center in February. The Alumni Association thanks **Carol Boger '78** for assisting with every tailgate and for coercing her friends and co-workers to cook and bake for us.



*David Saunders '80, Lou Lukenda '49 and Tom Coates '86 visit while watching the Greyhounds.*

### Lake State After Hours

After Hours is a gathering of Laker alumni, employees and friends held on the first Thursday of every month at 5 p.m. at a variety of Sault Ste. Marie establishments. Recent gatherings have been held at the Sault Ste. Marie Country Club, Soo Brewery, Downtowner, Captain's Pub, Cooper Gym, Dondee Lanes and the Palace. Check the alumni website for future dates.

### Photos

See more photos of these and other events at <http://alumni.lssu.edu/events>



**TEACHER SWAG** – Amber Kowatch '06 took advantage of the Alumni Association's program that provides Laker swag, including a Laker flag, for teachers to display in their K-12 classrooms. Before putting the flag on the wall, Kowatch had her second graders gather around it for a snapshot. "We hope you enjoy it as much as we enjoyed taking it! Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to discuss my college experiences with my students. I am so proud to be a Laker alum!" Kowatch teaches at Franklin Elementary School in Ludington.



# Class Notes

## GOs

**Donald Bell '66**, Sault Ste Marie, has a 3-yr-old Clydesdale mare Chantel, who was named grand champion draft horse at the U.P State Fair in Escanaba.

**Roy Hoath '60** and wife Liz (Albon) of Sault Ste Marie celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary December 27, 2011. Liz is a wonderful homemaker, who raised two sons, Steven and Rodney. Roy served in the army for three years; his tours of duty included Okinawa and Thailand. He worked in the Detroit Police Department for a year, then moved to the Sault where he retired after 27 years at the Sault Police Department. He works part time at the Kewadin Casino in security.

**George Kinsella '65**, Sault Ste Marie, who is a Chippewa County Commissioner, has been working on a project involving Sugar Island, Brimley State Park, and Sherman Park which are some of the most contaminated beaches in the state. He has contacted officials in Lansing to seek funding for the project and is working vigorously on resolving this issue.

**Barry Newcomb '62**, Traverse City, was elected from the western district to join Blue Care Network's board of directors.

## NOs

**Doug Aldridge '79**, Raymore, Missouri, was in China with his family for 12 days last fall in the process of adopting their fourth daughter, Mei Li.

**Paul Baker '75**, Fenton, was presented with the jewelry award at the 39<sup>th</sup> annual Sault Ste. Marie Summer Arts Festival. His winning pieces incorporated miniature paintings or photographs.

**David Bigelow '72**, Sault Ste. Marie, won the graphics award at the Sault Ste. Marie Summer Arts Festival. The award was presented by fellow

alumnus Kevin Cooper '79. David is known for being an award winner every single year he has been in the festival.

**George Blankinship '72**, Fond du Lac, Wisc., is a flight paramedic for Flight for Life, an organization that provides inter-hospital transport and pre-hospital emergency transportation.

**Sandra (Horde) Collins '79**, Sault Ste. Marie, won the Sault Country Club women's championship by 11 strokes, finishing the 36-hole tournament with a score of 171.

**Pam (Young) '79 and Kevin Cooper '79**, Sault Ste. Marie, sponsored the inaugural Cooper Dental Hockey Showcase at Pullar Stadium in January.

**Diane (Gordon) Cork '72**, Sault Ste Marie, retired from her position as Chippewa County Clerk in September 2011. She had served in that office since October 1978.

**Steve Lien '77**, announced his retirement at age 55 from McDonnell-Douglas - now Boeing - after 33 years in July 2010. Lien did leading edge research and development for military electronics and software, commercial aircraft and homeland security. One key point that Steve wishes to make for current and future LSSU students: Colleges do not provide a career; colleges provide the tools to aid the student in defining a career path. Steve says that what he learned at LSSC helped him find his career-long passion. Lien is considering writing a book about his experiences.

**K.P. Pelleran '78**, Lansing, presented her paper "Just Do It": Advancing Public Services With Limited and Multiple Priorities at an international conference hosted by the Higher School of Economics in Moscow in June 2011.

**Dr. James "Ted" Walker '70**, Sault Ste Marie, gave a presentation at Bayliss Library in Sault Ste. Marie on August 18. Dr. Walker taught humanities and art history at Ferris State University for 30 years, where he was honored with the Distinguished Teacher Award. Dr. Walker earned his undergraduate degree in history from LSSU, where he

also taught in the 1970s. He then received his master's degree in medieval studies from Western Michigan University and, soon after, his Ph.D. from Florida State University. In addition to teaching, he has led many art history study-abroad trips to Europe.

**Chuck Collini '79**, Traverse City, was elected by his fellow Proforma owners to the Proforma Owners Advisory Council as the Midwest Regional Representative. Chuck is the owner of Proforma Printing Advantage in Traverse City. As the regional representative, he will serve as a direct liaison between the Proforma owners located in 10 Midwest states and the Proforma executive team and support center staff. Collini has more than 32 years of industry experience.

## BOS

**David Bertram '89**, East Lansing, a past recipient of LSSU's Paul Ripley Young Alumnus Award, joined Michigan State University in October 2011 as assistant vice president for state affairs. Prior to taking the position, he spent almost 15 years leading the legislative efforts of the Michigan Township Association and before that worked in Gov. Engler's office.

**George Burton '82**, North Bay, Ont. is the president of Canadore College in North Bay.

**Bryan Dort '89**, Alpena, has accepted a new position with Lawson Software as a senior technical consultant. Prior to that, Bryan worked at Alpena Regional Medical Center for more than 16 years.

**Lesslee Dort '88**, Alpena, is the executive director of the Downtown Development Authority for the City of Alpena, where she will strive to spur growth downtown and assist the businesses already in place there. She is also a member of the adjunct marketing faculty at Alpena Community College.

**Sgt. Greg Drogowski '89**, Alanson, a conservation officer with the Department of Natural Resources, received a Meritorious Service Award from the DNR for his role in locating and rescuing two



boaters whose vessel had sunk more than two miles off shore in Lake Huron north of Alpena.

**Mark Ennett '84**, Carleton, is a conservation officer with the Department of Natural Resources. Ennett recently responded to a report of a capsized vessel in high seas on Lake Erie. Ennett located the boat from shore, enabling a marine rescue patrol boat to pluck the two victims from the water.

**Rita Schultz Gordon '89**, Belleville, is director of business affairs at Wayne State University Law School. Previous to this position, she served as director of auxiliary services at the University of North Carolina-Wilmington overseeing campus dining, the UNCW bookstore, UNCW One Card, the passport office, parking and transportation services, printing services, Seahawk mail, facilities maintenance operations, special event parking and motor fleet. Prior to that, Gordon was business director of auxiliary services at Northern Michigan University. Gordon is pursuing a Ph.D. in educational leadership from Western Michigan University.

**Roger Greil '88**, Sault Ste. Marie, won the Grayling Award from the American Fisheries Society. Greil received the award for his contributions to Michigan's fishery resources, the fishery profession, and the AFS Michigan chapter. Greil manages LSSU's Aquatic Research Laboratory.

**James Rockford Lowes '84**, Sterling Heights, is the manager of mechanical systems engineering at General Dynamics Land Systems. His group is responsible for hydraulics, fuel, armament and stowage system designs.

**Suzie (Stacks) Pierce '84**, Big Rapids, is director of Mecosta County Medical Center's inpatient rehabilitation program, which recently received national recognition through Uniform Data System for Medical Rehabilitation (UDSMR). The MCMC unit is ranked in the top 10 percent of inpatient rehabilitation facilities among nearly

800 qualifying facilities ranked from around the nation.

**Tom Pink, '84**, Sault Ste. Marie, is advising LSSU's chapter of Ducks Unlimited along with LSSU Prof. Jason Garvon. The student chapter worked with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources last fall in removing approximately three tons of trash from state lands in Chippewa County. LSSU's Ducks Unlimited chapter was founded in 2007, and is the only active student DU chapter in Michigan.

**Scott Shackleton '83**, Sault Ste. Marie, was elected chairman of the International Bridge Board, a bi-national, eight-member governance board overseeing the joint operation and maintenance of the International Bridge between Sault Ste. Marie Michigan and Ontario. He was appointed to the board in March by Gov. Rick Snyder. Shackleton is a former member of the Sault Ste Marie City Commission and the Michigan House of Representatives. He is currently the manager of the Tanglewood Marsh Golf Course, chairman of the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners, and a member of the War Memorial Hospital board of directors.

**Paul Tatarchuk '82**, Dearborn, is a field engineer with Michelin Tire Company's Heavy Duty Truck Tire Group. He works with testing and prove-out of new and experimental truck tires for the region of

Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky. Paul, who graduated with a BS in mechanical engineering technology, has been married for 27 years to Andrea, an executive assistant with Ford Motor Company.

**Peter Sparks '88**, Ypsilanti, recently traveled to Gothenburg, Sweden to attend developers' meetings sponsored by the Swedish National Data Service on the Data Documentation Initiative. Sparks is a programmer from the Survey Research Operations unit within the Survey Research Center at the Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan. The DDI is an international XML standard for sharing survey information for purposes of archiving, comparing, and transporting surveys.



**Scott Austin '90**, Mequon, Wisc., was appointed president of employee benefits, group, and life sales for Johnson Insurance Services. A sales leader for more than three decades, Austin most recently served as sales vice president for Associated Financial Group in Waukesha. Prior to Associated, Austin served 10 years at Humana Inc. in various leadership roles, including market practice leader and director of large group sales. Johnson Insurance Services is one of the largest privately





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## *Around the World*



**WISHING FOR GOOD FORTUNE** – *Kirsten Steinfeldt '96 visited the Czech Republic last fall and had this photo taken on the Charles Bridge in Prague at the statue of St. John of Nepomuk. Touching the statue is said to bring good fortune and a return to Prague. Judging by the shiny spots on the statue, many have been hoping for the good fortune to return to Prague.*

held independent agencies in the state of Wisconsin.

**Tammy Beacom '90**, Sault Ste. Marie, won the Judges Choice Award at the Sault Ste. Marie Summer Arts Fair with her vintage-inspired necklaces and earrings.

**Brian Blomstrom '98**, Sheridan, was appointed by Gov. Rick Snyder to the Michigan Fire Fighters Training Council. Currently, he is a sergeant with the city of Greenville Fire Dept., also holding the positions of senior fire training officer and fire investigation unit supervisor. He has been a member of the Michigan Fires Service Instructors Association for more than 10 years, serving as trustee, executive secretary, vice president and executive vice president. He is also a representative on a MIOSHA general standards and advisory committee in the firefighting area.

**Christine (Schultz) Etienne '93**, Petoskey, was appointed by Gov. Rick Snyder along with four other women to

the Michigan Women's Commission with the Michigan Department of Civil Rights. Etienne is the community relations director for the Bay Harbor Company and an associate broker for Harbor Sotheby's International Realty. She also serves as a member on the Bay Harbor Foundation and Northwest Michigan Industrial Association, and serves in multiple leadership positions with Rotary International.

**Sharon Gray '95**, Rapid River, is running for state representative of the 108th District. Gray has worked in public accounting for 15 years. Previous to becoming a CPA, she founded and operated a small business. Continuing her education, she earned an associate's degree from Bay College and then a bachelor's degree from LSSU.

**Robert Hobkirk '94**, Bad Axe, assisted with two near-drowning incidents in his role as a conservation officer with the Department of Natural Resources. In the first, he assisted in pulling a duck hunter

out of the water on a cold, windy day in Saginaw Bay. The hunter credited the officers with saving his life. Less than a year later, Hobkirk and his partner hauled an intoxicated young swimmer into their boat as he was trying to swim across the Saginaw River. The Mobile Medical Response employee who treated the swimmer said that the man would have drowned had the officers not intervened.

**Kristie (Wonnacott) Juda '96**, Dunn, N.C., is the human resources services manager for Fayetteville State University.

**Christina Korson '98**, Sault Ste. Marie, is a manager at Hiawatha Behavioral Health.

**Doug Laprade '91**, Sault Ste. Marie, returned to the Laker hockey team as the assistant coach. Laprade played for the Lakers from 1987-1991 and was a right wing for the 1988 national championship team. He spent the previous seven seasons with the Sault Area High School hockey program, including four years as head coach.

**Leisa (Pingatore) Mansfield '91**, Sault Ste. Marie, is an agent intern for State Farm Insurance. Formerly, she was director of the Sault Area Chamber of Commerce.

**Zack Myers '99**, Lubbock, Texas, has worked for Covenant Health Systems in the Business Development Department since August 2009.

**Kai Petainen '98**, Ann Arbor is the Tozzi Trading Floor manager and an adjunct finance lecturer at the Ross School of Business at the University of Michigan, where he teaches a class called "Applied Quant/Value Portfolio Management." He was featured in Matthew Schiffrin's book, *The Warren Buffetts Next Door*. Kai is also a contributing blogger for Forbes. In an entry on Sept. 2, 2011, he encouraged his readers to nominate the phrase "Thanks for sharing" to LSSU's List of Banished Words. (See more in "Messages in a Bottle.")

**Rick Post '90**, Marinette, Wisc. has been recognized by Stanford Who's Who for his contributions to the industry of applied engineering. Since 1993, Rick has been dedicating efforts, knowledge, and skills



to the ThyssenKrupp group. His extensive expertise eventually granted him the lead auditor position. Rick continues to enrich his expertise through various certifications, including that of emergency first responder and integrated process auditor for Integrated Systems.

**Kirk Schwarz '92**, Battle Creek, has been named business services manager at Kellogg Community Federal Credit Union. Schwarz will be improving and supporting KCFCU's commercial business while providing service to its commercial members. Schwarz brings more than 15 years of commercial banking and lending experience, working with individual customers as well as managing large portfolios of commercial customers.

**Damon Sorenson '92**, was elected to the Macomb County Rotating Emergency Shelter Team (MCREST) board of directors. MCREST works with 90 churches throughout Macomb County to act as homeless shelters year-round for men, women, and families, as well as provide many services to help the homeless make the transition to independence. Sorenson is currently the chief financial director of Mount Clemens Regional Hospital.

**Julie (Dreffer) Spitzley '96**, Huron, Ohio, is the proud owner of Storm Mountain Coffee Roasters.

**Todd Szyska '94**, Emmett, has been awarded a \$4,000 academic grant from the Shikar Safari Club. Szyska has been a Michigan Department of Natural Resources conservation officer for 12 years and is currently assigned to Macomb County. He recently saved a woman and her son from drowning in the St. Clair River.

**Officer John Weist '97**, Sault Ste. Marie, showed Girl Scout Troop 5162 what his responsibilities are as an officer and what he does to keep the community safe. Weist showed the girls his work area during the tour, along with his patrol vehicle, and gave advice on how they can keep themselves out of trouble and what to do if they ever need his or his colleagues help. Weist and his wife, Tara, are expecting a

baby this summer.

**Kate Wiese '96**, Carolina Beach, N.C., has been appointed medical director of the New Hanover Regional Medical Center Stroke Program. She is also an attending neurologist at Wilmington Health Associates.



**Nicole Alfafara '06**, Portland, was recently accepted into the Ph.D. program in the School of Environment at Portland State University and was offered the NSF Cascades to Coast GK12 Fellowship. She is also teaching a course, "Water in the Environment" and working with public school teachers to incorporate her research into the classroom.

**Nancy Barr '00**, Hancock, completed a master's degree in rhetoric and technical communication at Michigan Technological

University in April 2011. She is employed in the mechanical engineering-engineering mechanics department at MTU.

**Leslie (Machado) Bransfield '03**, has completed her Ph.D. in chemistry at Johns Hopkins. She works for Lonza and is happily married with a daughter Madeline, who is 1.

**Gail Brege '01**, Alpena, graduated May 21 from Spring Arbor University with a master's degree in counseling. Gail works at Community Corrections as a case manager for Alpena, Alcona, and Presque Isle counties. Gail also works at Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health as an intake worker.

**Allan Case '02**, Sault Ste. Marie, was named executive director of the Sault Area Chamber of Commerce in December 2011. Previously, Allan was assistant director of Admissions at LSSU as well as a member of the adjunct faculty.



**AT THE GATE** – Stephanie (Kilgore) Heath '05 and her husband David '06 visited Eastern Europe in November 2011 and sent along some photos of their trip. This shot of the two of them at Brandenburg Gate in Berlin is one of several they took at the Berlin Wall.



**Sophie Chanda** '00, London, England is head of strategic risk projects at Virgin Money, a company that offers a wide range of financial products in the United Kingdom, Australia and South Africa.

**Wallace Chase** '07, Pullman, Wash., is a network engineer and administrator at Washington State University.

**Sheri Davie** '02 & '09, Marquette, is the executive director of the City of Marquette Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. She is also an adjunct consultant to the Michigan Association of School Boards and first vice chair of the Marquette Democratic Party. She retired from her position as U.P. regional aide to U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow in July 2010.

**Corey Davis** '09, Sault Ste. Marie, is a community employment specialist at Northern Transitions Inc.

**Stephanie (Bridge) Doran** '06, Sault Ste. Marie, was appointed by the board of directors of the Uniting Three Fires Against

Violence as the new executive director of the UTFAV Coalition. UTFAV is a nonprofit coalition that provides services to the 12 federally recognized tribes in the state of Michigan with a mission to unite and empower Native American communities to end domestic violence by generating awareness, through provision of resources, technical assistance and education. Prior to Stephanie's appointment, she served as director of social services for the Salvation Army of Sault Ste. Marie.

**Evan Engle** '05, Cedarville, and teammate Steven VanderWerp were crowned the winners of the Volleyball ProAm Championship Cup in Miami. Engle and VanderWerp beat out 22 other top men's players and won \$5,000 and the chance to play the match of a lifetime against Olympic Gold Medalist Phil Dalhausser and his partner, Nick Lucena.

**Amanda Falk** '07, Milan, is working on her master's degree at University of Kansas. Recently, she received a Fulbright scholarship to study in China for a project dealing with bird fossils from the Early Cretaceous Jehol Group. She is studying the feet of these specific birds to try to re-create soft tissues and determine the foot morphology and lifestyles. Amanda has also received the Critical Language Enhancement Award and is currently in the CET Intensive Chinese Language Program in Harbin.

**Rachael Fontaine** '01, Escanaba, was a Democratic candidate for Delta County Commissioner. Fontaine is a purchasing agent for Engineered Machined Products (EMP). She also has experience with the Delta County Jaycees.

**Sara (Jezewski) Folland** '01, Vassar, is the Michigan Downtown Association executive director.

**Vincent Gross** '03, Sault Ste. Marie, president of the Sault Soccer Association, helped coordinate efforts to build a bridge at the Sault soccer fields to improve access so that people who are disabled or simply less able could more easily access the fields. Vincent is a teacher at Bahweting Elementary School.

**Stephanie Heath** '06, Ogden, Utah, is a

recruitment coordinator and an FEA-Pro Advisor for the College of Education at Weber State University in Utah.

**Matt Johnson** '00, Kalamazoo, is the coordinator for mathematics and science curriculum and professional development for Kalamazoo Public Schools, a district serving over 12,000 students.

**Joe Molnar** '02, Sault Ste. Marie, won a life-saving award from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources after searching for a boater whose vessel had sunk more than two miles off the shore of Lake Huron, north of Alpena. One of the boaters was able to swim to shore, but the other couldn't. All officers searched for the victim for almost two hours before Molnar, who was in his 16-foot boat along with a paramedic, spotted a life jacket bobbing on the surface.

**Susan Mosburg** '09, Wixom, is a staff accountant at Pfeffer, Hanniford and Palka CPAs in Brighton. She does tax work and performs audits for government entities. Her husband, Michael Sova '08, is a firefighter/paramedic for the Bloomfield Township Fire Department. They were married Aug. 21, 2010.

**Joshua Naker** '08, Milwaukee, is a paramedic for Bell Ambulance. He was recently married to Suzanne Johnson.

**Matt Pegouskie** '05, Fenton, accepted the co-chair position for the Washtenaw Community Health Committee.

**Drew Richards** '08, Clark Lake is a controls engineer at Moore Controls. Drew has been praised for his hard work and effort to make the company strive for success.

**Derek A. Smith** '07, Plainfield, Ont., a former Wellington Dukes standout, has officially signed an NHL contract with the Calgary Flames. Smith was a four-year player at Duke and appeared in the 2003 RBC Cup in PEI. He went on to play NCAA Division 1 hockey for LSSU and, last season, helped the AHL Binghamton NY Senators capture the Calder Cup.

**Rebecca Smith** '05, Grand Rapids, is an associate with the litigation practice group at Rhoades McKee PC. She contributes to hearings, motions, and

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brief writing, conducting legal research, client counseling and trial preparation. She graduated magna cum laude at LSSU and went on to law school at Michigan State University.

**Rebecca Steffler '08, Dryden,** is the office and marketing/sponsorship manager for the Michigan Senior Olympics in Rochester, Mich. She is the only full-time staff position in charge of running the entire Michigan Senior Olympics.

**Rob Trembinski '04, Green Bay, Wisc.,** is director of residential education and judicial affairs at St. Norbert College in DePere, Wisc.

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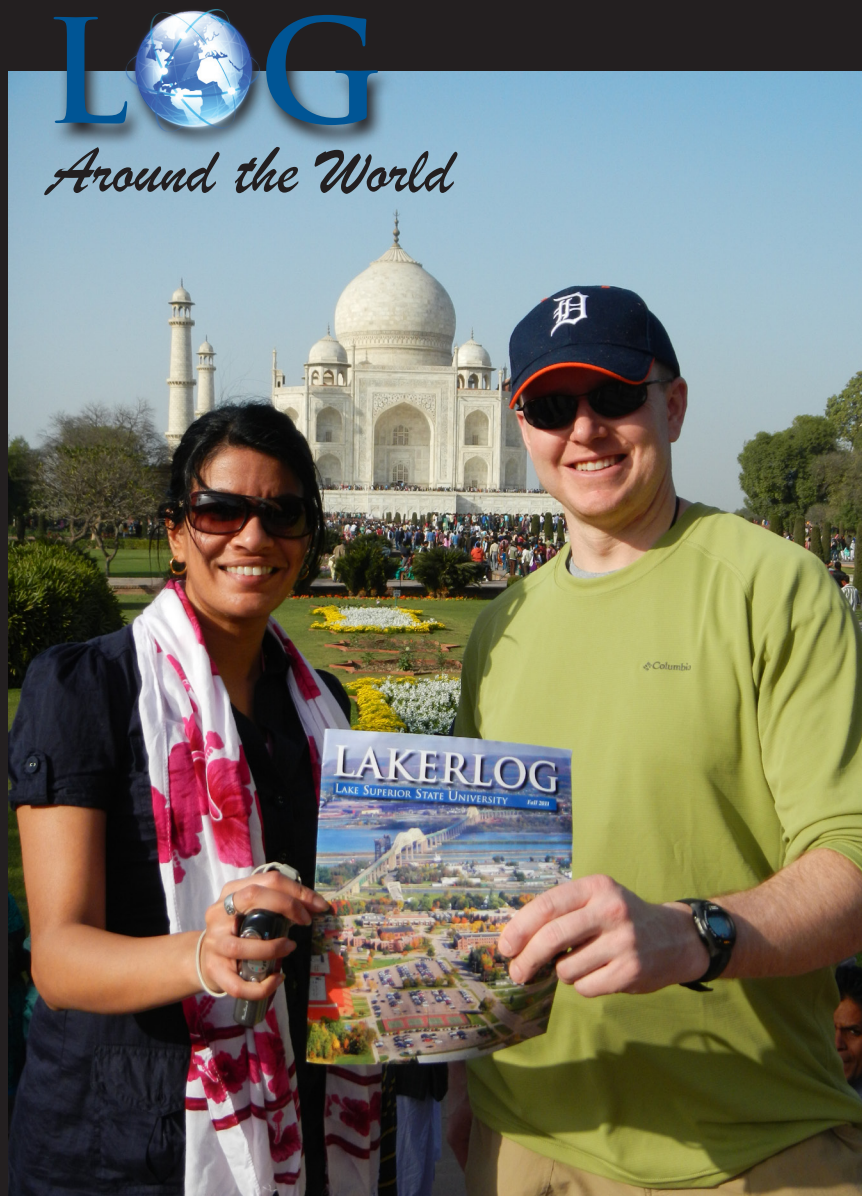
**Emily Jensen '11, Hartland,** is the assistant to the director of E-Commerce at Lafontaine Automotive Group.

**Michael Kamin '10, Escanaba,** graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

**Jameson Mattice '11, Woodland,** is an applications engineer at Staubli in Duncan, SC.

**Patrick Reed '10, Cass City,** is a project engineer for Powertrain E/E Systems and Sensors at Chrysler. He is working as part of a team tasked with developing a new transmission for Chrysler.

**Rick Schofield '11, Pickering, Ont.,** has been signed to a one-year entry-level contract for the 2011-2012 season with the Anaheim Ducks.



*Jeff Kala '99 and Sonia Joseph Joshi '01 pose with the Laker Log in front of the Taj Mahal in Agra, India, on Feb. 19. The two were overseas with the Great Lakes Leadership Academy's Leadership Advancement Program. The academy was created by a group of Michigan residents representing communities and the food system, agriculture, manufacturing, natural resource and environmental sectors of the economy. The program presents leadership concepts in the context of current issues and brings together current leaders in government, non-profits, and industry to broaden their perspectives about key sustainability issues and consider how leadership for the common good can influence Michigan's future. The overseas trip was part of the program that seeks to help these leaders develop broader perspectives by exposing them to societal, economic and cultural differences on the community, state, national, tribal and global levels. Jeff, a fisheries and wildlife management graduate, is general manager of SKW Ranch in Onaway. Sonia, an environmental sciences graduate, is an outreach specialist with the Michigan Sea Grant Extension/NOAA Center of Excellence for Great Lakes and Human Health in Ann Arbor.*



## Joined Hands

**Lindy Bennette '06** married Shawn Campbell on June 4, 2011 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Sault Ste. Marie. The bride's parents, **Dean '69 and Julie Bennett '74**, brothers **Walter Bennett '09** and **Jason Carstens '00**, maid of honor and sister **Emily Bennette '07**, and bridesmaid **Amanda Tholl '08** are all LSSU alumni. The couple resides in Sault Ste. Marie.

**Paul Brown '08** married Nichole Donaghe on August 27 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Sault Ste. Marie. The couple resides in Florence, Colo.

**Pamela Clegg '96** exchanged vows with Dan Doran on June 11, 2011 at Northwoods Christian Camp, Pickford.

**Andrea Gillett '12** exchanged vows with Daniel Masters III on August 26, 2011 at The Chapel at Luxor in Las Vegas, Nev.

**Scott LaCoursiere '00** married Tammy Brennan on August 6, 2011, at Aune Osborn Park. The newlyweds reside in Sault Ste. Marie.

**Nicole Long '00** was united in marriage to Nicholas Jungnitsch on June 25, 2011 at the First Church of Christ. The couple lives in St. Charles.

**Theresa Lynne Makela '09** and **Christopher Mark Pollard '11**, were wed on October 29, 2011 at Faith Lutheran Church, Sault Ste. Marie. A wedding trip was taken in late January to the Florida Keys. The couple lives in Hillman.



**MR. & MRS. SMITH TIMES TWO** – Prof. Gary Johnson was reunited with two of his former students last summer when they came to Sault Ste. Marie from Alaska for the wedding of their son, who was also one of Prof. Johnson's students. **Richard (Doug) Smith '82** and **Julie Lockwood '82** met in Johnson's Political Philosophy class back in 1981-1982 and were eventually married. Twenty-eight years later, Doug and Julie's son Bob enrolled in Johnson's American Government class. Bob and Sault resident/LSSU nursing graduate **Abby Crawford '12** were married Aug. 27, 2011. Gary is pictured here with the two Smith couples -- Bob and Abby at left, and Julie and Doug, at right. Abby is the daughter of Joanne and **Bill Crawford '65**. Bill, of course, is longtime Voice of the Laker hockey team and retired LSSU Athletics director and former LSSU Public Relations director. Abby is now working as a registered nurse for Spectrum Health in Grand Rapids while Bob pursues his master's degree in social work at Grand Valley State University.

**Stefanie Parylak '09** married **Ryan Lubben '09** on September 10, 2011 in Jackson.

**Heather Seites '04**, exchanged vows with Chris Hettinger on October 8, 2011 in Elberta. The couple lives near Honor.

**Michael Sova '08** and **Susan Mosburg '08**, were married August 21, 2011. Michael is a firefighter/paramedic with the Bloomfield

Township Fire Department. Susan works as a staff accountant at Pfeffer, Hanniford, and Palka CPAs in Brighton. The couple resides in Brighton.

**Marcy Lynn Wilson '11**, Rudyard, married James F. Smith, also of Rudyard, on April 23, 2011 at the Upper Tahquamenon Falls. Matron of honor was cousin of the bride **Mindy Kavanaugh '06**.



# Buoys and Gulls

**Marcie (McLean) Arczynski '04, Harbor Springs,** and husband Jason announce the birth of their son, Grant Richard, on August 9, 2011.

**Jill (Rheaume) Arehart '00, Byron Center,** and husband Tom welcomed their son, Henry Thomas, on August 9, 2011. Henry has great family connections to LSSU. Along with his mom, his grandpa **Paul Rheaume '74** recently finished a term on the LSSU Alumni Association board of directors, and his grandma, **Nancy (Slater) Rheaume '74**, was the 2003 recipient of LSSU's Outstanding Alumna Award.

**Shawn Betts '93, White Bear Lake, Minn.,** and his wife Heather announce the birth of their son, Riley James, on July 25, 2011. He joins a brother, Caleb.

**Lee '00 and Anne (Borowski) Bird '98, Westland,** announce the birth of their son, Maxwell James, on October 13, 2011.

**Brian Blomstrom '98, Sheridan,** and his wife Olivia announce the birth of their son, Brenden Karl, on July 13, 2011.

**Jordan '06 and Kelly (Payne) Dutcher '05, Harbor Springs,** are the proud parents of Daphne, born on November 12, 2009.

**Dominick '05 and Becky (Bellmore) Flasck '06, Jenison,** welcomed Dominick Charles on June 19, 2011. He has two alumni grandparents: **Charles '79** and **Phyllis (Sexton) Bellmore**.

**Charles Gillet '11, Sault Ste. Marie,** and Christina Smith are the parents of Emmett Charles, born January 11.

**Brian Howell '94, Sault Ste. Marie,** and wife Cathy welcomed their daughter Aiden Kathleen on August 2, 2011. She has one brother, Daniel.

**Jennifer (Bowerman) Howes '06, Mishawaka, Ind.,** and husband Rob announce the birth of their twin boys, Gabriel

Henry and Ryan Lewis, on February 3. The boys were born prematurely and spent a little time in neonatal intensive care unit, but they are doing well, now. Gabriel and Ryan have a sister, Eva.

**Ryan Jacobson '97, Grand Rapids,** and wife Beth announce the birth of Corinne Marie on December 16, 2011. She has one sister, Ella June.

**Zach Myers '99, Lubbock, Texas,** and his wife Shannon welcomed Owen on October 5, 2011. He has one brother, Parker, who is 3.

**Frank Suszynski '03, Macomb,** and his wife Ariel announce the birth of their daughter, Scarlett Allana, on January 16.

**Alek '05 and Holly (Roe) '01 Willson, Grosse Pointe Farms,** welcomed their daughter Ryleigh Lynn on September 11, 2011. Ryleigh has one brother, Dane, age 2.

**Stacy Weinrick '96, Ann Arbor,** announces the birth of Owen Ryan on December 10, 2011.

## LSSU Alumni Association

The LSSU Alumni Association board of directors serves as an advisory board representing our more than 28,000 alumni as elected, regional and constituency representatives. Members serve for three-year terms and meet each April and October on campus, and committees meet more frequently in various locations and via conference call.

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## Friends we'll miss

**Lynnette M. Bilbro '93**, Dearborn, died November 18, 2010.

**Thomas E. Buell '75**, Adrian, died at home surrounded by his friends and family. He was 59. Thomas met his wife **Lynn Buell '73** at LSSU and they had two daughters. Tom worked at Chrysler Corporation until he moved to Adrian to purchase a family business, Towne and Country Kitchen Warehouse, in 1982. He and Lynn co-owned and operated the business.

**Robert Otto Butsch '52**, Sault Ste. Marie, died December 5, 2011 at Tendercare Nursing Home.

**Bruce Elliot Gilmore '78**, age 59, died suddenly on January 7 at his home in Wroxall, Isle of Wight. Bruce loved British history and after he graduated from LSSU he moved to London, where he worked for local governments in London, Kent, the Scottish Highlands and Ascot area. For the past 11 years, he was a general manager of Island Waste, a large waste management company on the Isle of Wight. He also loved baseball and playing with his English friends.

**Denise LaPierre Bleile '83**, Dallastown, Penn, died in 2011.

**Jarl K. Hiltunen '52**, Sugar Island, died at War Memorial Hospital on February 6. Jarl worked for 23 years as a research biologist with the U.S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries on research boats on all five of the Great Lakes and Lake St. Clair.

**Gwen H. (Bertram) Holdsworth '70**, Brimley, died February 8. Gwen was the GED coordinator at Bay Mills Community College, where she did all she could to help students earn their GED.

**Carolyn A. (Luecke) Kallin '49**, Owego, NY, died February 1 after a 10-year battle with cancer.

Russell D. Bruce



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Russell D. Bruce, longtime LSSU professor and department head in the exercise science and recreation studies area, died Wednesday, April 11, at his home in Lakeland, Fla. He was 83.

He spent a lifetime committed both professionally and personally to health and well-being. He attended Cornell College, where he was an accomplished athlete in football and track. Afterward, he was drafted into the U.S. Army and spent two years in Germany. Upon his return, he earned a master's degree from the University of Michigan and taught mathematics and physical education in Iron Mountain. While there, he served as head football coach, leading the team to win three consecutive conference championships, and was named coach of the year.

He was an avid runner for over 30 years and discovered his passion for the sport of orienteering on a trip to Europe in 1972, then spent decades as

an active participant and organizer, receiving the coveted Silva Award in 1987. He taught orienteering at LSSU. In 2006, Russ was inducted into the U.P. Sports Hall of Fame in honor of his many achievements and contributions in football, track, and orienteering.

Russ was married to his college sweetheart Marquette for 58 years. The couple loved to travel. Besides being involved in education, sports, church and community activities, Russ's favorite times were those spent with family, especially summer get-togethers at their cottage on Sugar Island.

A memorial service was held April 18 at the First United Methodist Church in Lakeland, with interment in the church columbarium. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Russell Bruce Scholarship Fund with the LSSU Foundation, 650 W. Easterday Ave., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.



## Friends we'll miss

### **Janette Marie (Walkiewicz)**

**Keiper '92**, Stalwart, died August 9, 2011 at War Memorial Hospital, with friends and family at her side. She finished her bachelor's degree at LSSU while raising two children with her husband Bob, and then worked for the Michigan Department of Corrections for 17 years before retiring in June 2010. She also raised animals and produce on her small farm. She loved the outdoors and went fishing at every opportunity.

### **William N. Kritselis '55**

East Lansing, a prominent local attorney, died December 2, 2011 at Sparrow Hospital with his wife of 48 years, Elaine, and his son, Nicholas, at his bedside. He was named "Outstanding Attorney of the Year" by the Ingham County Bar and was named "Most Respected Advocate" in the state by the Michigan Defense Bar in 2006. He was listed in Best Lawyers in America for over 20 years and for several years was voted a Michigan Super Lawyer by his peers.

### **Arthur F. LeBombard '77**

Dafter, died unexpectedly January 29. He was 61. The Vietnam War veteran graduated from LSSU in 1977 with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. He continued his military service as an MP in the Michigan National Guard. He was a sergeant with the Sault Police Department and later a resident unit officer with the Michigan Department of Corrections. Art was an avid Laker hockey fan and member of the Laker Club. He was a proud and much-loved grandfather. He was seldom found without his beloved dog, Zoey, at his side.

## Robert Money



*Robert Money*

The university is mourning the loss of a recently retired professor who had spent half of his life teaching history on campus. Robert Money, 81, died on December 13, 2011.

He started teaching at LSSU in 1969 as an instructor with the Dept. of History and Political Science. He retired in 2010 as an emeritus professor of history.

Bob was awarded the LSSU Distinguished Teaching Award in 1986 and assisted countless students during his career of more than 40 years. His love of history was apparent when he shared it during lectures for his students, in front of community groups, and in programs for Elder-hostel and Lake State Elders.

Bob attended Northern Michigan University, where he majored in history and geography and played varsity basketball. Following graduation, he spent three years in the U.S. Army, serving in Korea and Japan. He completed his master's degree at the University of Michigan and then attended Michigan State University. He also taught at Alma College, where he met and married his wife, Margaret, in 1964.

After teaching at MSU for two years, the couple moved to Sault Ste. Marie and he taught at LSSU. When he retired in 2010, he told those assembled at the university retirement dinner that his time at LSSU had been "a good voyage...I have enjoyed every minute."

His students enjoyed every minute, too. Many have been posting

online comments about their time with him in class.

"It is a sad day for our Laker family," said one, and an alumnus noted, "Before I was eligible to take his classes, I would stand outside in the hall and listen to him tell the story of America, 'Money-style.' He was a phenomenal lecturer, a passionate supporter of veterans and one of the driest wits I've ever met."

A longtime trustee of the Historical Society of Michigan, Bob served on the organization's board for several terms in the early to mid-1990s and again the following decade. In 2008, he received the Charles Follo Award, which recognized his major contribution to preserving and advancing Upper Peninsula history.

He was also president of Sault Historic Sites and the Chippewa County Historical Society, and served as vice president of the Michigan Oral History Association.

Bob is survived by his wife, Margaret, and two children.

## Friends we'll miss

**George Paul Micka '92**, Muskegon, drowned in Manistee Lake on January 14. He was employed by Marquette Rail Company and was president of the board of directors for the SS City of Milwaukee.

**Faith Suzanne "Sue" Potoczak '57**, Goetzville, died December 11, 2011 at home. Faith and her husband, Ed, had three daughters. Faith worked in a nursing home when they lived in New York and later as a home health nurse in the Upper Peninsula. Faith enjoyed quilting, knitting, crocheting, gardening, and watching birds.

**Daniel D. Reattoir '75**, Strong's, died February 5 at age 71. Dan enjoyed working, whether around the house, in his garden, or at one of his careers, including Dow Chemical Company, the Michigan Department of Social Services, the Chippewa County Health Department and, most recently, helping adult students in his community graduate from high school.

**Lloyd Joseph White '87**, 49, died on July 29, 2011 at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

**Amanda Smith '08**, Manistique, 26, died August 9, 2011 at the Unity Hospice in Depere, Wisc., following a battle with cancer. Amanda was dually employed as the Title I teacher at St. Francis De Sales School and as a clerk at Lakeshore Shell in Manistique. While a student at LSSU, she was a member of Sigma Lambda Sigma and worked at Cappuccino Corner. She was very active in the teaching sorority and was also an active volunteer at the animal shelter in Sault Ste. Marie.

**John Kelly 'JT' Thomson '80** London, Ont., died suddenly on Feb. 16. His Laker hockey teammates from the 1970s have rich memories of playing with him.

## Deb Stai



Deb Stai

Recently retired LSSU biology professor Deb Stai died on Nov. 29.

Deb was known for her abilities to challenge and instill confidence in her students and was recognized for her teaching in 2003 when she was chosen to receive the LSSU Distinguished Teaching Award.

Hired at LSSU in 1991, she had a background in microbiology and medical technology with a doctoral degree in clinical microbiology from Union Institute and a master's degree in biology from Mankato State University. She earned bachelor's degrees in biology and medical technology from Mankato, also.

Before coming to LSSU, Stai was clinical instructor of microbiology and immunology at University of Wisconsin's School of Veterinary Medicine. She also taught for six years as an associate professor in the Clinical Laboratory Sciences Dept. at Ferris State University and worked for several years at Arkansas College and Mercy Hospital in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. She

had worked as a medical technologist and enzyme research technologist.

She was nominated for the FSU and LSSU Distinguished Teaching awards several times before receiving the award at LSSU. One of the students who nominated her noted, "Dr. Stai is always challenging us to be our best and has more confidence in students than we do in ourselves. Whenever I think something can't be done, she gets behind me, pushes a little, and before I know it, I've accomplished something that I didn't think I could."

Stai, 59, was born in Rochester, Minn. She is survived by two brothers, five nephews, two nieces, many members of extended family, many friends, and her beloved dog Mrs. Pickles.

Pastor Don Myers, former LSSU softball coach, officiated at her funeral and Prof. James Moody spoke at the ceremony. Memorials may be left to the LSSU Foundation, designated to the LSSU Undergraduate Research Fund. Go to [www.lssu.edu/give](http://www.lssu.edu/give).



## Raymond Reilly



*Prof. Ray Reilly reviews duck wings with one of his students.*

Ray Reilly, 83, LSSU biology professor from 1966-1990, died Dec. 7, 2011 at his home.

The very active Reilly still enjoyed hunting, fishing and a variety of other outdoor activities. He was widely known for his knowledge of wildlife, particularly white-tailed deer, and he was sought by many outdoor writers and reporters as a source in their stories. He enjoyed taking his students into the field and in the 1970s was on the front end of a relationship between LSSU and the Hiawatha Sportsmen's Club in Naubinway that to this day provides research opportunities for LSSU students.

Reilly received a bachelor's degree in zoology, a master's degree in fisheries biology and a Ph.D. in fisheries and wildlife management, all from Michigan State University. He also held a secondary teaching certificate from Northern Michigan University and spent an academic year studying at Cornell University through a National Science Foundation scholarship.

A native of Maywood, Ill., he is survived by his wife of 60 years, Lois, who he married April 7, 1951 in Buchanan, Mich., nine children and many grandchildren.

## LOG

### *Around the World*

**THE OTHER LOCKS** – Ever the capable engineer, David O'Gorman '04 didn't let the lack of a Laker Log ruin his month-long plans to get a photo of the Log in what he called "the other locks" – the Panama Canal. He printed a couple covers from the LSSU website and then posed on the bow of the ship he works on as it was entering the Gatun locks on the Atlantic side of Panama. O'Gorman works as a marine instrumentation engineer in Corvallis, Oregon for Oregon State University's College of Oceanic and Atmospheric Sciences. He is in charge of pre-cruise logistical coordination, cruise loading, sensor calibration for the research vessel science equipment, custom sensor development and integration, and cruise-specific sensor integration. During a cruise, he provides on-ship technical support for everything from deck equipment, to sensors, to the shipboard network and satellite communication equipment.





# Messages in a Bottle

*As a 1993 alumnus who majored in sociology, I am proud and impressed with the work Prof. Kirk Mauldin has been doing with undergraduates and their research. I am on the sociology faculty at Western Carolina University, so I know first-hand the challenges of developing a good-quality hands-on undergraduate program like the one at Lake Superior. To do what LSSU is doing is extremely labor-intensive; I am sure it offers challenges with respect to balancing the other areas of his job.*

*The in-depth and integrated research curriculum your sociology program requires can often mean lower output in student credit hours. As you doubtless know, in these tough budget times, many institutions have felt compelled to focus on efficiently generating enrollment; this often means streamlining curricula, thus prioritizing quantity over quality. I hope you continue to stand behind and support Lake State sociology as it is likely one of the very best undergraduate programs in the state, if not the Midwest.*

Peter P. Nieckarz, Jr. Ph.D. '93  
Associate Professor of Sociology, Western Carolina University  
Cullowhee, NC

I have many fond memories of Lake State. I can honestly say that those years changed my life in so many ways that I can't even count them. Going to college was a stretch for my family. My parents were against it, but I was determined and have never been sorry.

Bonnie Miller '78  
Bay City

*In note to PR Director Tom Pink, Kai Petainen '98 comments on his blog on Forbes.com, in which, on Sept. 2, 2011, he mentions LSSU's Banished Words list and advocates banning the phrase "thanks for sharing." "Together we can remove this annoying phrase from our lives, and put an end to insincere sharing and thanking," he wrote.*

*...I'm quite happy that I graduated from LSSU and so I had to give some mention about LSSU. I just wish I mentioned it on the first page, so it wasn't hidden on second page. Sorry!*

Kai Petainen '98  
Ann Arbor  
See the Class Notes for more information about what Kai is doing in Ann Arbor.

To Barbara Keller, professor of chemistry and dean of the LSSU College of Natural and Mathematical Sciences:

*Thank you for taking the time to write letters of recommendation for me to Portland State University. I was accepted into the Ph.D. program in the School of Environment. I was notified last week that prior to my comprehensive exams I will be teaching a course titled "Water in the Environment" with a fellow Ph.D. in the lab. While it is a general environmental science course, it is focused on water quality concepts, so I am super excited. I get to work with the public school teachers and incorporate my research into the classroom.*

*I had my first committee meeting a week ago to outline my first year. I was a bit nervous about how I compared to the other new Ph.D. students -- worried I was going to be surrounded by a bunch of natural Einsteins -- but I was delighted to hear my two committee members agree that I "do not need training wheels" and that I qualify for the "accelerated plan," meaning coursework waivers and four years total.*

*I am still in love with Portland. The fact that I can go to the mountains and the coast in the same day still impresses me. Thank you again for taking the time and for aiding me with my future endeavors. I promise to make LSSU very proud.*

Nicole Alfafara '06  
Portland, Oregon



# 2012 Calendar of Alumni Events

These events are hosted, sponsored or directly affiliated with LSSU and the LSSU Alumni Association

<b>May 19</b>	Zoo-de-Mackinac Bike Ride Join us on this scenic ride!	All Day	Harbor Springs-Mackinaw City
<b>June 7</b>	Lake State After Hours	5 p.m.	Karl's Cuisine, upper deck
<b>8-10</b>	Lake State Classic golf outing	9 a.m.	Otsego Club, Gaylord
<b>30</b>	Lakers at the Lansing Zoo LSSU Alumni group outing <i>Tentative</i>	All day	Potter Park Zoo, Lansing
<b>July 5</b>	Lake State After Hours	5 p.m.	Cozy Corner, Barbeau
<b>13</b>	Laker hockey alumni game	6 p.m.	Taffy Abel Arena
<b>13</b>	Athletic Hall of Fame Induction 1992 championship hockey team	8 p.m.	Cooper Gym
<b>14</b>	Soo Bluelineer Golf Tournament Includes barbeque at noon	2 p.m.	TBA
<b>20</b>	Bud Cooper Memorial Golf Classic	1 p.m.	Wild Bluff, Brimley
<b>August 2</b>	Lake State After Hours	5 p.m.	Tanglewood Marsh
<b>5</b>	Detroit Tigers vs. Cleveland Indians Join us in the Witherell Lounge	1 p.m.	Comerica Park, Detroit
<b>September 6</b>	Lake State After Hours	5 p.m.	Sault Country Club
<b>October 26-28</b>	Great Lake State Weekend 2012	All weekend	LSSU Campus
<b>26-27</b>	Laker Hockey vs. Michigan State	7 p.m.	Taffy Abel Arena

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Alumni Director  
Susan Fitzpatrick '87

## Lake State After Hours

Lake State After Hours is a gathering of Laker alumni, employees and friends on the first Thursday of every month at 5 p.m. at a variety of local establishments. Come join us!



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



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