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As the city celebrates its 125th anniversary, we look at how CMU and Mount Pleasant have grown up together.

Central’s Chosen Children
In the 1950s, a group of CMU students inspired the university to “adopt” children at a Korean orphanage. Some of the alumni are still in touch with them today.

Coming home
Andrew Dost, keyboardist for the Grammy-winning band fun., returns to CMU to serve as grand marshal in the homecoming parade.

A different kind of break
CMU’s award-winning Alternative Breaks program sends students all over the country and world, volunteering for social justice issues. The program is ranked in the top five nationally. Take a look at the work students are doing on their time off from school.
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Make yours a heart of gold.
Walk down memory lane

By Marcie Otteman Grawburg, ’87
Executive director of alumni relations

The alumni relations staff spent a lot of time sorting and cleaning this summer. We worked with our colleagues in development to delve into storage and take a hard look at what we needed to keep, what should be recycled and how things were organized.

I called our friends Frank Boles, director of the Clarke Historical Library, and Jay Martin, director of the Museum of Cultural and Natural History, and said, “How about a field trip to see what things you might like?” They were excited to see a number of books, papers, jackets, plaques and more that tell the legacy of CMU alumni.

I’m a history buff and a sucker for anything old. I love to think of those who walked before me and their experiences along the way.

And that’s really what homecoming is about – coming back to remember and relive what used to be. Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist John Ed Pearce once said, “Home is a place you grow up wanting to leave, and grow old wanting to get back to.”

Home can be defined in so many ways. Of course, it’s where we grow up, live, move to and move from, and we all long for a place to call home.

That’s what CMU is for many of us. It was the best four or five or more years of our lives. It was where we made lifelong friends – some even became our family. CMU’s home is diverse and far reaching.

In this issue, you’ll read about a Michigan man who fought in a war half a century ago, more than 6,000 miles from home. He returned from Korea and enrolled at CMU wanting to make a difference. He began raising money for desperate children in Korean orphanages. In this magazine, we hear from some of those Koreans whose lives were changed because CMU students decided to help.

We also are celebrating with Mount Pleasant as it turns 125. We will discover how the town and the university grew up together, interlaced since our founding in 1892. We’ll look back to the days when city leaders brainstormed the beginnings of CMU.

Musician Andrew Dost, of the Grammy award-winning pop band fun. (yes, there really is a period after the name fun.), will be the grand marshal for homecoming, and he’s bringing his mom and dad with him to help celebrate. They’re also CMU alumni, so the Dost family has long called CMU home. And how fun is this? Andrew, 31, is the youngest homecoming grand marshal in CMU’s history.

For the 90th time in 122 years, we will celebrate homecoming. Ninety years of welcoming home those who have gone before us, walked where we did, made friends for a lifetime, learned in our classrooms and lived in our city.

Welcome home. We’re really happy to see you again.

Marcie

Letters

Hello, my name is Dominic Gerace, and I simply want to say “thank you.”

After receiving my degree in 2012, I began receiving the CMU Alumni emails and offers. I want to tell you how much I appreciate the opportunities you have provided and we have enjoyed.

My wife, Nina, and I have 11-year-old triplets, so we are always looking to do things as inexpensively as possible. This year, thanks to CMU, the kids have gone to the circus and went skiing for the first time. We have also purchased the Detroit Zoo event coming up soon.

The offers have also allowed my wife and I some great date nights. We absolutely loved seeing REO Speedwagon at Freedom Hill. In fact, you made it possible for us to bring another couple, and they were able to see how CMU treats its alumni. They have four children of their own, so this was a great way to introduce CMU to their thoughts going forward.

Again, thank you! CMU continues to make life fun.

Sincerely,
Dominic Gerace
The Malt Shop opens under new owners with old feel and classic eats

The Malt Shop is now what it used to be: Same amazing pizza, same ice cream and malts and shakes and comfort food. Alumni Tim, ’89, ’91, ’08 and Jim Otteman, ’93, renovated the Malt Shop and then reopened in July at its University Street home on the northern edge of campus.

“We wanted to turn it into the Malt Shop we grew up with,” Tim says.

The walls are covered with historical memorabilia and photographs from decades ago. “We’re busier than we ever thought we would be. All is well,” says Tim.

CMU opens new office in downtown Detroit

Chippewas have a new place to call home in the D.

CMU held a grand opening for its new office in downtown Detroit on June 18.

“This location in the heart of Detroit and across from Campus Martius continues Central Michigan University’s long-standing commitment to Michigan’s trademark city, its residents and its businesses,” President George E. Ross said.

The office will be used for classes, career service offerings, professional development events, prospective student financial aid workshops, college exploration events and alumni gatherings, said Tyrone Jordan, executive assistant to the president.

It is the university’s seventh metro Detroit location.

“Through this office, residents and business leaders will experience the values and benefits of CMU students and faculty,” Jordan said.
End of an era: SBX closes
Bookstore served students, alums, Greek community for nearly 50 years

The Student Book Exchange closed its doors for good on July 11, after almost a half century selling text books and Chippewa gear.

In a media interview, employee Sue Marker said the closing came with heavy hearts for all involved. “It’s all very sad,” she said. “We just couldn’t keep up anymore.”

SBX was competing with other book stores and an increasing number of online stores in a stagnant economy, Marker said.

‘A breath of fresh air’ policy fosters a healthier campus

A heads-up for alumni returning to campus for homecoming: No smoking is allowed. Anywhere.

The new policy prohibits the use of any form of tobacco on campus, including traditional cigarettes, e-cigarettes, chewing tobacco, pipes, cigars, hookahs, waterpipes, snus and snuff.

CMU implemented its new tobacco-free policy this summer. According to the American Nonsmokers’ Rights Foundation, there are more than 1,100 colleges and universities with smoke-free campuses. More than 800 of those ban all tobacco products.

CMU’s previous smoke-free policy was in effect since 1992.

Health on wheels
Mobile Health Central visits rural areas, improves access to health care

CMU is taking health care on the road.

Mobile Health Central is a customized, 39-foot motor coach that will serve rural Michigan residents by providing access to high-quality health care and provide training for CMU health professions students.

While not uncommon in the field of medicine, the vehicle is unique to a college campus.

Funded by a $500,000 grant from The Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation, Mobile Health Central will act as an extension of CMU’s Carls Center for Clinical Care and Education, which serves more than 8,000 patients each year on campus.
happy birthday,
Mount Pleasant

Today’s Mount Pleasant City Hall, once the home of Borden Condensed Milk

BY HEATHER SMITH, ’02 M.S.A. ’11
The city and the university grew up together and thrive today after more than a century of shared vision.

Mount Pleasant is celebrating a milestone birthday this year – it’s the big 1-2-5.

Yes, the city has been incorporated for 125 years, and it’s had a really great friend for 122 of them: CMU.

We have shared a rich history that began in 1892 when, legend has it, a few Mount Pleasant men brainstormed over hot coffee at a local diner to start a little school to educate rural teachers and future local business owners.

As the city grew, so did that little college. As more flocked to learn, the city stepped up to support Central’s business needs.

Pretty soon, that small school grew into one of the nation’s 100 largest public universities with a worldwide network of more than 220,000 alumni, who can all trace the roots of their education back to the vision of a select few in rural Mount Pleasant.

Simply put, we all grew up together.

“As a townie and local historian, I’ve watched the college grow in size and number of students, and I’ve watched the community of Mount Pleasant change with it,” says Sherry Braun Sponseller, ’75, who attended her first CMU homecoming parade and game in 1958 and has lived in Mount Pleasant her whole life.
Building a city, an economy and a place to learn

As they built their town, the first Mount Pleasant residents knew they needed solid education and elements that would create a strong economic base. They were so driven, they sunk their own money into the city, believing Mount Pleasant and its new school would thrive.

“In the long run, more education would be a benefit to the community because educated people tend to bring other well-educated people with them and this, oftentimes, comes with increased wealth in a community,” says Bryan Whitlege, reference specialist at CMU’s Clarke Historical Library.

That’s exactly what happened. Stores, restaurants and a bevy of services began to pop up to meet the demands of hundreds of students, faculty and staff who flooded the town.

The university continues to be a key source of the economy of Mount Pleasant and surrounding areas — an estimated annual impact of $800 million — bolstered by small business growth and real estate development.

Creating culture

CMU has brought the world to rural central Michigan.

Along with its immense impact on the local economy, the culture of the Mount Pleasant community has been greatly shaped by Central’s presence.

Students, faculty and staff come to the institution from all over the globe, bringing with them diverse backgrounds and life experiences.

“One of the more noticeable cultural benefits of the university includes the wide range of speakers who visit campus and whose lectures are available to the public,” says Whitlege.

Famous people have visited the mid-Michigan campus since the early 1900s, affording Mount Pleasant residents opportunities at a time when most could only read about them in newspapers. In those early days, the campus and surrounding community hosted Booker T. Washington, Eleanor Roosevelt, former U.S. President William Howard Taft and Helen Keller.

1880-1900

1889 – City of Mount Pleasant was established.

1892 – Central Michigan Normal School and Business Institute opened, holding its first classes in the Carpenter Building at Main and Michigan streets.

1893 – The first building on the Central Michigan Normal School and Business Institute campus was completed.

1896 – Central’s football team, coached by Mount Pleasant High School math teacher Charles F. Tambling, played its first game against Alma High School.

1901-1910

1902 – The Training School for Mount Pleasant children in kindergarten through eighth grade was built to give Central’s teachers-in-training real experience.

1903 – Mount Pleasant’s first automobile appeared in town.

1908 – The Borden Condensed Milk Factory opened in Mount Pleasant.

1909 – Island Park was established in Mount Pleasant.
1911-1920

1913 – Mount Pleasant purchased its first fire wagon.

1915 – Grawn Hall, the oldest remaining building on CMU’s campus, opened.

1916 – Mount Pleasant’s first hospital opened.

1919 – Central Normal Life, a weekly newspaper mostly written by Central faculty, began publishing. The paper evolved into Central Michigan Life, CMU’s award-winning student-run newspaper.

1921-1930

1921 – A new Mount Pleasant High School was built after a fire in the previous building.

1924 – Central had its first homecoming football game and parade.

1925 – “Old Main,” Central’s original administration building, was destroyed by fire.

1928 – An oil boom began in Mount Pleasant, bringing many new people to town.

1930 – Alumni Athletic Field opened. The field hosted Central athletic events as well as Mount Pleasant High School games and meets.

1931-1940

1931 – Central’s enrollment surpassed 1,000.

1933 – Central’s Training School was destroyed by fire.

1934 – Central Michigan Community Hospital, now McLaren Central Michigan, opened.

1938 – Central Relays, an annual track and field event for high school athletes from all over the state, started at Central’s Alumni Field.
1941-1950
1942 – After a vote, Central’s Bearcat nickname was changed to the Chippewas.
1945 – WWII ended, sending a wave of veterans to Central; enrollment tripled in just five years following the end of the war.
1948 – The Pixie restaurant opened on Mission Street.

1951-1960
1955 – Central Michigan College of Education was renamed Central Michigan College.
1956 – Central’s first police force was established.
1960 – The University Center, now known as the Bovee University Center, opened.

1961-1970
1966 – The biological station on Beaver Island was established.
1968 – CMU’s enrollment reached 10,000.
1970 – Cobb Hall opened, completing the residence hall complex known as “The Towers.”

1971-1980
1972 – The first football game was played in the new Perry Shorts Stadium, now known as Kelly/Shorts Stadium.
1975 – Mount Pleasant hosted the International Special Olympics games on campus.
Central’s theater and musical performances, art exhibits, athletic events, and museum collections have brought the power of the arts into many lives in the Mount Pleasant community. Community members, in turn, play a large part in supporting these activities.

The needs of CMU students, faculty and staff also impact a great deal of the city’s active, community-oriented culture.

“The flavor of Mount Pleasant is influenced by CMU in such a positive way,” says Kathy Hill, Mount Pleasant resident and executive director of Art Reach of Mid Michigan. “The quality of CMU’s theater, musical performances, athletics … I could go on and on.”

Don’t forget sports.

“Recreation and leisure are big draws to CMU for people in Mount Pleasant,” says Whitledge. “Whether it’s a football game and tailgating or a basketball game, a baseball game at Theunissen Stadium or even a walk around campus, a lot of Mount Pleasant residents visit the campus as a way to relax.”

Forging the future

“The city and CMU have grown exponentially, in tandem, since the late 1800s,” says Mount Pleasant City Manager Nancy Ridley.

Mount Pleasant has become a city of more than 26,000 residents with a thriving downtown, a stable economy, a beautiful park system and an entrepreneurial spirit.

CMU has expanded to encompass more than 400 acres in the heart of Mount Pleasant. It’s added a medical school and its online learning program – among the best in the nation – exists in 60 locations worldwide. And although Central has become a global institution, it is still in many ways local and deeply rooted in the Mount Pleasant community.

“The city and CMU are virtually interdependent, as neither could successfully exist without the other,” says Ridley. “As we look to the future, the relationship between the city and CMU will be important as we work together to recruit students and hopefully encourage them to stay in our community after they graduate.”

1981-1990

1982 – CMU administration, in cooperation with area business leaders, formed Middle Michigan Development Corp. to promote technological research in the area.

1990 – CMU’s Student Activity Center, the SAC, was built as an addition to Rose Center.

1990 – The Michigan Vietnam Memorial was dedicated as a state memorial at Mount Pleasant’s Island Park.

1991-2000

1997 – CMU’s music building opened.

1998 – The indoor athletic complex opened on campus.

2000s

2002 – CMU and the city of Mount Pleasant collaborated to open the Mount Pleasant SmartZone, one of 11 in Michigan.

2008 – The historic Borden Building was restored as the Mount Pleasant City Hall.

2013 – CMU’s College of Medicine welcomed its first class.
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The 57-year-old Washington Apartments have been demolished to make way for a new building on campus.

The 52,000-square-foot, four-building residential units – built in 1957 – will be replaced with a $95 million, 158,000-square-foot Biosciences Building. The largest capital project ever in CMU’s history will take two years to complete and will improve the quality and quantity of instructional learning and scientific research space.

The building is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2016.

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Watch a time-lapse video of the first building’s demolition at our virtual magazine, alumni.cmich.edu/centralight
Central’s
chosen children

Six decades later, the Korean orphans adopted by CMU students from afar say thank you – and they’re doing just fine

BY TERRI FINCH HAMILTON, ’83
It’s been 60 years, but the memory of the little Korean girl in a threadbare dress, crying in the night, still haunts Neil Kirwan, ’61.

He was a 20-year-old soldier stationed in Daegu, South Korea, in 1954 when he drove past her standing by the road on a January night.

The girl was crying.

“She was cold,” he recalls, “with nowhere to go.”

He and the soldier with him took her to the GI ration car. There was a stove there and food.

“During the two hours we were there, she was warm,” he recalls, “and she ate.”

After Kirwan found an abandoned boxcar for her to sleep in, he never saw the girl again. But there were many more like her, cold and alone.

“The thought of her, and all the orphans, still haunts me,” says Kirwan, now 81 and living in St. Augustine, Florida. “Life without a chance.”

Soon, thanks to him, their chances would get better.

After his discharge from the Army, Kirwan went home to Petoskey to look for a job and take night classes offered by CMU. After 18 months, he headed to Mount Pleasant to continue his education on campus.

But he kept thinking about the hungry, orphaned kids in Korea. Kirwan used to take a dozen oranges from the mess hall in the morning and toss them to hungry children from his Army Jeep.

One day he was on campus sipping coffee when he had an idea.

“It just hit me,” he recalls. “I asked a friend who was with me, another GI, ‘What do you think about all 5,000 of us at CMU adopting an orphanage in Korea?’

“He said, ‘It’s a good idea.’ I thought, ‘Now I’ve got to do something.’”

A member of Student Senate, Kirwan got the Senate on board. Other organizations soon joined in, including the InterFaith Council, the Veterans Club and the International Relations Club.

The groups joined together to form the new Korean Orphanage Committee, chaired by Kirwan.

After some research, they decided to adopt the Mun San Orphanage in the village of Munsan-Ni about 40 miles north of Seoul.

They called the project Central’s Chosen Children.

The money started rolling in

The Mun San Orphanage sat on a narrow, crooked street, surrounded by poverty and filth, according to a report from Col. Oran Burns, a former ROTC commander at Central who visited the orphanage for the students and sent back a detailed report.

There were 46 children living there, ages 2 to 16. The buildings where the children lived were like “chicken coops,” Burns reported, made of newspaper and mud. Four or five children slept on the floor of each 8-foot by 8-foot room.

They needed everything.

Members of the Korean Orphanage Committee put up posters on campus, got a story published in CM Life and distributed canisters around campus to collect money for the children.

“Then things sprouted like mushrooms,” Kirwan recalls. “Nobody I asked to do anything ever said ‘No.’ They all said, ‘What can I do to help?”’

The Flying Chips, a group of student pilots, sponsored airplane rides for donations.

The Vets Club sponsored a greased-pig chasing contest on the football practice field with a $10 prize for the winner.

Students paid 50 cents for a chance to catch the pig or 10 cents to watch.

Among the most popular fundraisers: “Smash the Nash,” where students paid for a chance to smash an old car with a sledgehammer.

“There was a dance where admission was a penny for each inch around your waist,” Kirwan recalls. “And students went door to door in Mount Pleasant, collecting donations.

“Suddenly, everybody seemed to know about it.”

Kirwan’s cousin, a reporter at the Detroit News, wrote a story about the project. Other news coverage followed, throughout Michigan and the country, all lauding Central for the unique idea.

Central students raised more than $20,000 for the Korean orphans. Their efforts paid for food and clothing, blankets and toys, firewood, three acres of land, a three-story building for eating and sleeping, a cement-block storage shed for food and supplies, a greenhouse to raise flowers to sell, pigs and rabbits for food and resale, seeds for planting, an ox, and a plow.

Students were always eager for reports on “their children,” as they called them.
The Korean Ministry of Public Information sent an eight-minute movie showing the “Chosen Children.”

Reports also came back from Corn Sow Song, a former resident of the orphanage who often visited to help the orphanage’s director, Mrs. Sa Nyo Kang.

One letter he sent on Oct. 28, 1962, noted the October allotment of $350 had arrived on the 11th and was spent on – among other things – six pigs, food and school uniforms. About half the money, he said, was added to a library building fund.

Central’s Chosen Children was going strong when Kirwan graduated in 1961. Before he left, he asked good friend and roommate Ray Speigl, ’65, to take over as chairman.

“Everybody wanted to do the right thing and help out,” recalls Speigl, now 74 and living in Safford, Arizona. “We wanted to try and make the orphanage self-supporting. I don’t think any of us had any idea how much of a difference we could make.”

“The orphans didn’t freeze, and they had something to eat,” Kirwan says.

And that was huge, say two former orphans now living successful lives in Korea.

“We’ll carry on the gift you’ve given us”  

ByungShik Lim entered the orphanage at age 8 in 1956, separated from his parents during the war. He lived there until he was 13.

Today he owns a stationery store in Kwang Myung, 30 miles from Seoul.

ByungYong Ahn was 5 when he came to the orphanage. He ran away a lot, hoping to find his family. He never did.

Ahn now owns a successful barbecue restaurant in Paju.

Both men, in a recent interview via Skype, shared memories of receiving packages from Central, filled with clothes and food.

“The pastor would say, ‘This one came from Michigan.’ So we knew about the help,” Lim says, through a translator.

Conditions at the orphanage improved, the men say. But once children were old enough to find work and support themselves, they left.

“I did almost every job in hard labor you can think of,” Lim says. He shined shoes, worked at a barbershop and then entered military service, spending three years in Saudi Arabia.

He came home and started a stationery and school supply business with the money he earned in the military. He got married and has a son, a daughter and two grandchildren.

Ahn lived at the orphanage until he was 12 and then headed out, also, shining shoes, selling vegetables on the street, working in restaurants and driving a taxi. He’s married and has a 33-year-old son.

“Maybe it was because I grew up in hardship, but when I opened my business, I pledged to give 40 percent of my profits as payback to the community,” he says. He regularly serves chicken soup lunches to the poor and the elderly.

“Everyone is doing well,” Lim says of the former orphans. “Some are in the transportation business, some are public servants, some went into military service, lots are self-employed. We’re all self-reliant and determined – characteristics of an orphan background.”

About 20 of the former orphans from the Mun San Orphanage regularly get together in a group called Han-Ma-Um. It means “One Heart.”

“It’s like a brotherhood without the family,” Ahn says. “We meet to see how we’re doing, share meals, collect memories.”

“To see faces, have a drink, have a conversation,” Lim adds. “Not having a biological family, the orphans became family.”

The men say they’re still grateful for the years of support from CMU students.

“We’ll carry on the gift you’ve given us,” Ahn says. “We will continue to support the community and meet people’s needs, as much as we’re able.”

Adds Lim: “We have not forgotten about your support.”
Today, the partnership between CMU and Korea continues, still benefiting students on both sides of the world. CMU has nine exchange agreements with Korea – eight with universities and one with a city government. One especially noteworthy partnership is with Korea University Sejong, an hour south of Seoul.

CMU sends as many as three students each semester to the university, where they take classes and live in residence halls with Korean students, speaking English to them to boost their skills. The Korean university also sends several students each semester to study at CMU. CMU's master of public administration program also has a cooperative agreement with the Seoul metropolitan government. CMU students spend two weeks studying how the government works.

A delegation from CMU traveled 6,000 miles to Seoul in May to explore more exchange agreements and to establish the first alumni chapter in Korea. Among them was Tim Hall, professor of history and associate dean of the College of Humanities and Social and Behavioral Sciences.

Why send CMU students to study in Korea?

“Korea is one of the Asian tigers,” Hall says. “It has catapulted ahead in economic development. Korea is extraordinarily prosperous and its role in the world economy continues to expand rapidly.”

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A lasting impact on CMU students

By 1969, the campus effort had expanded and students were also supporting a children's home and hospital on Penayong Island. Yet by the mid-1970s, interest in the project had waned. The Campus Veterans Association reported that the Korean Orphanage Committee was “looking for a cause closer to home and more current.”

Meanwhile, Neil Kirwan had gotten on with life. After graduation, he got a job at the Maryknoll magazine, a publication of the Catholic organization that does mission work overseas. He says his work with Central’s Chosen Children likely helped him land the job.

“The experience made me very aware of the need for us to help each other.”

– Neil Kirwan, ‘61

He worked there, in New York, for 10 years as a writer and circulation manager. He met his wife, Dorothy, there. They’ve been married 51 years.

After the magazine, Kirwan spent most of his career as an insurance salesman. These days, he’s enjoying retirement with Dorothy in St. Augustine with his two daughters and grandchildren.

Speigl joined the Peace Corps after graduation, heading to Tanzania to teach. He went on to work in social service, specializing in adoptions and foster care before switching to a career in information services. He and his wife, Mary, have been married 40 years and have three children and three grandchildren.

“Being involved in Central’s Chosen Children was a key factor in my life – a foundation,” Speigl says.

Kirwan, too, says his time helping the Korean orphans changed him.

“Can anybody look at a kid in need and not want to help?” Kirwan asks. “I can’t. The experience made me very aware of the need for us to help each other.”

Kirwan has a file on Central’s Chosen Children, including copies of old newspaper clippings and notes from the orphan committee meetings.

But he doesn’t need the files to remember.

“I’ll tell you what I like to think to myself,” Kirwan muses. “When I die and I get to the golden gates and they won’t open, I’m gonna yell, ‘Are there any Korean orphans here? They’ll open them for me.’

Burgeoning economy makes Korea a rich learning experience for today's CMU students

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Justin Cherocci had a goal. And a question. As a freshman at Brother Rice High School in Bloomfield Hills, his goal was to play Division I college football. He shared his dream with another Rice football player, Shamari Benton, who was then a sophomore on the Warrior varsity squad. “He said, ‘What do I do?’” recalls Benton, who at the time was on the D-I path and would eventually sign with Central Michigan. “From then on, we were partners in crime.”

By the time Cherocci was a junior and Benton a senior, they comprised Rice’s starting middle linebacking corps, playing for legendary coach Al Fracassa in the über-competitive Catholic League. Cherocci led the state in tackles in both of his seasons on the Rice varsity, but he received no scholarship offer from a D-I school.

“Ever since I was a little kid it was always a dream to play Division I college football,” says Cherocci, who had any number of offers from Division II and Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) schools. “I wanted to play at the highest level, on the biggest stage.”

While CMU initially said no to Cherocci, Fracassa – one of the state’s most respected prep coaches – urged the Chippewas to take another look. “He said, ‘If this kid ends up on your football team, he will start for you,’” recalls Kyle Nystrom, CMU’s assistant head coach who oversees the linebackers. Cherocci came to Mount Pleasant as a nonscholarship walk-on.

“Coming in, I knew it wasn’t going to always be easy, but it was something I loved, and I knew what it was going to take,” he says.

Cherocci, like all freshmen, experienced the requisite adjustments to college life and the growing pains came on the field and off. “I was really hard on him,” says Nystrom, who has known Cherocci’s parents, Jim and Jenny, for more than three decades, a relationship that has paid dividends for everyone. “I could go to places with him that you can’t go to with a lot of other kids because of the relationship I have with him. I talked to him like I was talking to my own kid.

“He was all over the place on the field but where he was supposed to be,” Nystrom continues. “He always had a motor. That was never an issue. It was just getting him disciplined and channeled into structure and developing him in all the areas – academically, socially, athletically – getting him to grow up.”

As so often happens in athletics, an injury to a teammate opened the door. As a sophomore, Cherocci emerged as the Chippewas’ leading tackler and earned Defensive Co-Player of the Year. He was starting alongside his old buddy Benton at middle linebacker, and he earned the coveted scholarship.

“When you come in as a walk-on freshman, it knocks you down,” says Benton. “He took that, and it really fueled his passion eventually.

“The greatness of CMU’s program is the ability to develop boys into men. One of Coach (Dan) Enos’ famous statements is, ‘Boys do what they want, men do what they have to do.’” That maturity comes with time, Benton says. “Everyone goes through that. You start to realize what’s important, and you start setting your priorities in your life. And that’s what Justin did.”

Last season, Cherocci – still a tad undersized at 6-foot and 231 pounds – was again the Chippewas’ top tackler, and he earned All-Mid-American Conference honors. He’s gone from trying to make the team, to making a name for himself, to starting, to stardom. He’s grown as a player and as a person, and he is now a key cog on a team that could contend for a league championship and a bowl berth.

“I was always thinking about how I could get better myself,” Cherocci says. “Now I want to help out everyone and get everyone up to pace and get everyone on the same page.

“I’m never really satisfied. I always want to do better. In my head there’s so much more to accomplish, especially as a team.”

By Andy Sneddon
Senior middle linebacker went from walk-on to star tackler
The Marcy Weston CMU Athletics Hall of Fame induction ceremony is set for 7 p.m. Oct. 17. It’s free to the public and will be in McGuirk Arena. The inductees also will be honored Oct. 18 at CMU’s football game against Ball State.

Gordon Cashen, Wrestling, 1990-94
Cashen earned All-America honors, finishing in eighth place at 142 pounds in the 1994 NCAA championships. He was the team MVP for the Chippewas in his 1993-94 season and finished his career with 13 falls.

Clark Huntsy, Baseball, 1986-89
Huntsy was a four-year letter winner and a standout during a golden era of CMU baseball. As a senior, he was the first Chippewa to earn the All-Mid-American Conference Player of the Year award. He finished his career with 38 home runs, which still ranks third on CMU’s all-time list. Huntsy’s slugging percentage of .879 in 1989 remains a school record. He was drafted by the San Francisco Giants.

Selina (Nickason) Mirjavadi, Gymnastics, 1995-98
Mirjavadi was named Mid-American Conference Gymnast of the Year and Senior of the Year in 1998, becoming the first student-athlete in league history to capture both awards in the same season. She captured the MAC title on bars in 1997 and floor exercise in 1998, scoring 9.9 in both events. She helped the Chippewas earn league titles in 1995 and 1998 and was an NCAA regional qualifier in 1997.

Scott Rehberg, Football, 1993-96
Rehberg was a four-year letter winner and three-year starter at left tackle, and he helped CMU win the MAC Championship in 1994. He was selected by the New England Patriots in the seventh round of the 1997 NFL draft. He played in 79 NFL games, starting 27 in his seven-year career with the Patriots, Cincinnati Bengals and Cleveland Browns.

Jim Knapp, Men’s Track and Field Coach, 1985-2009
Knapp led the CMU men’s track and field program from 1985 through 2009, winning three Mid-American Conference outdoor championships and one MAC indoor title. He was named MAC Coach of the Year eight times, and he coached 16 NCAA All-Americans. In 2005, he led the Chippewas to both the indoor and outdoor MAC championships, the only time in history the team won both crowns in the same season. Knapp coached a program that captured six MAC championships.

Brenda Schrader, Softball, 1993-94
Schrader was named MAC Player of the Year in 1994, the same year she led the team to the MAC title and a berth in the NCAA regional tournament. Her .362 career batting average remains tied for second-best in school history. She was 16-for-18 in stolen bases in her career, and she struck out just 20 times in 339 appearances at the plate.

CMU baseball alumni step up to the plate to coach high school championship teams

It was a sun-splashed June afternoon, and Tim McDonald had just coached his Bay City Western High School baseball team to its second consecutive state championship in Michigan.

One of the first postgame handshakes he received was from Dean Kreiner, who had coached McDonald when he was an All-America pitcher at Central Michigan University in the 1980s.

“I told him, ‘What you saw was CMU baseball: bunting, heads-up base running and good pitching,’” McDonald says. “Coach Kreiner appreciates good baseball, and when I made that statement it probably gave him some pride.”

Kreiner and plenty of others.

CMU baseball was on full display on state-championship weekend 2014 at Michigan State University. Four of the eight teams competing in the state high school semifinals and finals in four divisions were coached by former CMU players. The others:

Dan Griesbaum, a Chippewa in 1974-75, coaches Grosse Pointe South, which lost to McDonald’s Western Warriors, 6-2, in the Division I title game.

Luke Epple, who played for CMU from 1980-83, led his Mount Pleasant Oilers to the Division II state crown.

Brad Antcliff, a two-time CMU letterman in the late ‘90s, led Beal City to a runner-up finish in Division 4.

With the background CMU baseball provides, I think a lot of us felt we were pretty well prepared to try our hand at coaching,” says McDonald.

And what was on display that June day are the traits that have distinguished CMU baseball going back more than a half century, when Bill Theunissen was in charge.

“If you learn to play the game the right way, then you teach it the right way,” Kreiner says. “Bill Theunissen taught us the right way, and we went on and teach it the right way.

“It’s a tremendous thing to see. We can all be awfully proud of that.”•
Homecoming gets fun.

Grammy-winning grad Andrew Dost returns as 2014 homecoming grand marshal

BY DAN DIGMANN
Between writing songs for his next album and performing with his Grammy Award-winning band on “The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon,” Andrew Dost – of the band fun. – had a few minutes to double-check his calendar.

The weekend of Oct. 4 was open, and the 2005 alumnus wholeheartedly accepted Central Michigan University’s invitation to travel from the band’s home in New York City to Mount Pleasant to serve as the 2014 homecoming grand marshal.

“I was extremely flattered and proud to be asked,” Dost says. “It’s not really something I ever expected, but it’s really touching to be welcomed back in this way by a place that has been so important to me.”

The 31-year-old native of Frankfort, in northwest Michigan, is keyboardist in the popular music group fun. – whose lowercase name, indeed, ends with a period. The group’s hit song “We Are Young” spent six consecutive weeks atop Billboard’s “Hot 100” in early 2012 and made digital singles sales history when it became the first song ever to gain more than 300,000 downloads for seven consecutive weeks.

Nominated for six 2013 Grammy Awards, fun. won Best New Artist and Song of the Year for “We Are Young.” Dost and his band have extensively toured to support their now-platinum album “Some Nights” featuring the hits “We Are Young,” “Some Nights” and “Carry On.”

With the tour, the kid from Frankfort also performed on “Saturday Night Live,” “The Late Show with David Letterman” and NBC’s “Today” show.

Oh, one more thing: He performed with fun. at President Barack Obama’s inaugural gala in January 2013 as well as at the White House on July 4 that same year.

“Having Andrew in Mount Pleasant for homecoming is a blast and a perfect opportunity for CMU to honor everything he’s accomplished in today’s highly competitive music industry,” says Marcie Otteman Grawburg, executive director of alumni relations. “His work connects with our students and our alumni – we all love him and are proud that he’s one of us.”

During his days at CMU, Dost was an Honors Program student and a recipient of CMU’s top academic award, the Centralis Scholarship. He was interested in music but instead studied journalism to develop a different set of skills.

Back in the day, Dost performed with student groups in Plachta Auditorium and during the Larzelere Hall Talent Show. He also played around town with various bands at Broadway Theatre and New Moon Records. Anathallo was the Mount Pleasant group Dost had some commercial success with until he left and eventually joined vocalist Nate Ruess and guitarist Jack Antonoff to form fun.

**Homecoming runs in the family**

In accepting the invitation to serve as grand marshal, Dost was quick to work out logistics with the university to ensure his parents could be on campus too. Not just because they want to see him – they also have degrees from CMU.

Mark Dost and Cheryl (Kozan) Dost of Frankfort, graduated in 1979 and 1978, respectively.

“My parents and I speak very fondly of our time at CMU, and it’ll be great to be back there,” says Dost, who hasn’t been to Central in about five years. “I’m really looking forward to just walking around campus. It’s so beautiful in the fall.”

He won’t be the first Dost to ride in the homecoming parade: His mom was one of five women on the homecoming court her senior year in 1977.

She was a Cobb Hall resident assistant, and the Cobb Hall Dorm Council sponsored her candidacy. According to a story in the Oct. 28, 1977, issue of CM Life, “(Cheryl) used words such as ‘hyper,’ ‘excited,’ ‘anxious’ and ‘thrilled’ to describe her emotions as a court member.”

Junior Jane McDonald from West Bloomfield was crowned queen that year, but Cheryl says she couldn’t have been happier about her experiences on the court and is looking forward to watching her son serve as grand marshal.

“This is Andrew’s day, and it is an honor to be able to share this experience with him,” she says. “Homecoming is such a great opportunity for everyone to reconnect with the people who were such an important part of your life.”

1777 CMU Homecoming Queen candidate Cheryl Koszan poses for a picture with her date (and future husband) Mark Dost.
CMU will celebrate its 90th homecoming Oct. 3 and 4. Here’s a look at the weekend’s events:

Friday, Oct. 3
• Rock Rally Friday evening in Warriner Hall’s Plachta Auditorium

Here are some thoughts Andrew Dost shared about his trip back to campus:

What do you hope students and CMU alumni take away from having you as their homecoming grand marshal?
“CMU gave me an education and experience that would have been applicable in any field. I took courses on advertising, journalism and philosophy but ended up pursuing music. I guess I’d hope students would realize that they have many surprises ahead and to embrace them.”

Do you ever wear any CMU apparel when you’re just kicking around and relaxing?
“I golf in a CMU hat sometimes! I’ll have to pick up some stuff when I’m back in town.”

Is there some food or restaurant available only in Mount Pleasant that you’re hoping to enjoy when you’re back?
“My friends and I used to get frozen slabs of cookie dough from the Malt Shop. If those are still there, I’ll probably eat a few.”

Do your bandmates Nate Ruess and Jack Antonoff know about your opportunity to serve as the homecoming grand marshal at your alma mater? Have they said anything to you about it?
“They do and they think it’s neat. It’s very nice to be acknowledged by places you called home.”

Saturday, Oct. 4
• Alumni Relations hosts an alumni breakfast prior to the homecoming parade
• Grammy award-winning musician and 2005 CMU alum Andrew Dost of fun. is the homecoming grand marshal and will ride in the annual homecoming parade Saturday morning
• Alumni village will open three hours prior to kickoff
• Tailgate lots will open four hours prior to kickoff
• Cheer on the Chippewas as they take on the Ohio University Bobcats

A more detailed schedule of events will be released when a game time is announced. Visit cmich.edu/alumni/events for the complete schedule and updates.
This year’s grand marshal is the youngest ever

It’s official: 31-year-old Andrew Dost, ’05, is the youngest person to lead the CMU homecoming parade.

Dost – this year’s grand marshal – is just a smidge younger than housing director Donald Kilbourn, who supervised the parade back in 1948.

“He had just turned 32 when he was doing that,” says Bryan Whitledge, Clarke Historical Library reference assistant.

And of course, getting answers to one question about CMU homecoming grand marshals generates answers to a handful of other fun facts.

Grand marshal seniority

Martha Leonardson, 100, was the oldest living CMU alumna when she was named honorary grand marshal in 1977. She was a 1906 grad. In 1988, Floyd Slentz was 94 when he became the oldest CMU alumni to actively serve as grand marshal.

Welcome back, Mr. President

Charles Anspach, grand marshal in 1970, is the only former CMU president to fill this homecoming position.

On the job

Leonard Plachta is the only CMU president named grand marshal during his presidency. He and his wife, Louise, served in 1992 along with alumni Ted Kjolhede, ’48, and Jesse Storr, ’75. The four collectively represented CMU’s past, present and future during the university’s centennial homecoming parade. This also marked the only time ever there were four grand marshals in one homecoming parade.

Doubling up

In 1974, former registrar and 1931 CMU alumnus George Lauer and his wife, Ernestine, were the first couple named grand marshals.

Mayoral decision

In 1966, Dean Eckersley became the only person actively serving as Mount Pleasant mayor to serve as grand marshal.

Not happening

The university didn’t name any grand marshal in 1971 – the only time after the title was introduced in 1965. That year, homecoming included a carnival instead of the traditional parade.

With honor

Arnold Sowmick served as grand marshal in 1989 and is the only Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe chief to individually fill this homecoming role at CMU. In 2013, Dennis V. Kequom Sr., chief of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, served with the rest of the tribal members as grand marshal when CMU marked the first time ever it granted an entire nation the honorary distinction.

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John Fisher would rather jump out of planes at 11,000 feet than do just about anything else. You might call it a hobby or, possibly, an obsession: “It’s a little bit different, but I don’t golf much,” says CMU’s associate vice president of residences and auxiliary services.

At 67, with 1,250 jumps behind him, he’s pretty much always planning his next 20-minute climb into the clouds and four-minute return trip to Earth.

“You get quite the adrenaline rush from the initial free fall and go from 125 mph to 5 mph when you pull the cord,” he says. “You get a friendly tug on your back.”

Fisher frequents the Central Michigan Skydivers hangar at the Mount Pleasant Municipal Airport, where he and fellow skydivers meet up most weekends to find a plane and a pilot willing to take them up.

He's also been known to drift quietly over Kelly/Shorts Stadium to land gracefully on the field before handing the day’s game ball to the refs.

Fisher, ’70, M.B.A. ’71, Ed.s. ’81, enlisted in ROTC through CMU and, when he went on active duty in the U.S. Army in 1971, he began skydiving.

“There was a jump club at Fort Lee, Virginia. I was bored, and I went over with another second lieutenant. He jumped, then I jumped. He never jumped again, and I’m still doing it.”

After leaving the Army, Fisher married and started a family. Skydiving wasn’t in the plan.

Until 2003.

“Twenty-nine years later, I saw some guys at the airport. They convinced me to try again,” he says. “It doesn’t take much to get started. Even old guys like me can do it.”
ALTERNATIVE BREAKS

PHOTOS BY STEVE JESSMORE, ’81

Rajaah Salaam of Flint
Nearly 150 CMU students spread out across 11 states. Many were strangers until they hit the road. All shared a commitment to make a difference at a time when many others their age were seeking the sun on amazing beaches – spring break.

Students travel, help and learn a lot about themselves

Evan Varrato, Special Projects Coordinator and Jill Prior of Grand Rapids
24* student advisory board members who help organize breaks

536 CMU students volunteered on an Alternative Break

50 breaks in local and global communities

18,475 hours of on-break service

*Alternative Breaks numbers from 2013-14 academic year

Adrienne Bright of Flushing
CMU’s award-winning Alternative Breaks program sends students all over the country and world, volunteering for social justice issues including animal endangerment, natural disaster relief, suicide prevention, and hunger and homelessness.

The program ranks fifth in the nation for the number of trips taken and fourth for the number of students participating. About 50 trips are organized during the academic year, with more than 500 students participating.

The program is so popular it typically has a waiting list of more than 150 students.

These images by university photographer Steve Jessmore capture the work of five student teams that spent the 2014 spring break in a variety of meaningful ways:

• Working at an Atlanta home for families affected by HIV/AIDS
• Inspiring children and doing facilities work at the YMCA in Asheville, North Carolina
• Preserving and cleaning at a Surry, Virginia, state park
• Rebuilding a Pittsburgh neighborhood for the elderly
• Supporting at-risk children at a North Charleston, South Carolina, development center

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Stephanie Ralls of Belleville

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Amberly designed and constructed an 11-foot-wide “Action C” sculpture out of books on the 2nd floor of Park Library.

Thanks to the support of the Friends of the Libraries, an original sculpture of Amberly’s was purchased for Park Library’s art collection.

Amberly Dziesinski is a recent CMU graduate from Alpena, MI, who built a strong foundation for a bright future with the help of the CMU Libraries.

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From Global Campus alum to Airman of the Year

Congratulations to Senior Airman Tyler Mohr, ’13, who received the Air Force Reserve Command’s Outstanding Airman of the Year award. Mohr earned his Master of Science in Administration degree from CMU’s Global Campus.

Mohr, 30, a 445th Airlift Wing command post airman at Wright-Patterson and son of a retired Air Force major, was selected for the honor after a little more than three years in uniform.

“After I graduated, I wanted something more in life,” Mohr, a civilian contract administrator in Cincinnati, told the Dayton Daily News. The Air Force Reserve awarded honors to the “best of the best” in the categories of first sergeant, senior noncommissioned officer, noncommissioned officer and airman in an April ceremony in San Antonio, Texas. Mohr was chosen for the airman honor among the thousands who serve. The Air Force Reserve has more than 70,000 serving in uniform.

Congressman Dan Kildee wears maroon and gold in 2014 Congressional baseball game

Democrats beat Republicans 15-6 in annual charity game

Congressman Dan Kildee (D-MI), ’08, played in the Congressional Baseball Game for Charity in June in Washington, D.C., helping the Democrats best the Republicans for the sixth straight year.

Kildee sported a uniform from his alma mater, Central Michigan University. This was Congressman Kildee’s second year on the Democrats’ roster, and he was the only member of Michigan’s congressional delegation on either roster.

The longtime tradition and partisan showdown marked its 53rd outing for charity. Nearly $400,000 was raised for the Washington Literacy Council and the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Washington.

Watch a recap of the game (and look for Rep. Kildee in the winning shot at the end) at youtube.com/watch?v=PQ9jgn9ex4

Alum named to national speaker hall of fame

Christine Holton Cashen, ’89, was inducted into the National Speakers Association Speaker Hall of Fame. Cashen, an author and dynamic motivational speaker based in Dallas, is the author of the award-winning book, “The Good Stuff.” Notable speakers such as Ronald Reagan, Zig Ziglar, Art Linkletter, Colin Powell and Norman Vincent Peale also have been named to the NSA Speaker Hall of Fame.

She credits her experiences at CMU in the communication and broadcasting departments, theater, and her work in CMU’s Admissions office as the perfect start to her career.
Keith Sintay, '91, always had a knack for drawing but started at CMU studying international marketing, with a minor in German. “Back then, there was no Internet, and there was no real way for me to figure out how to be an animator living in Michigan.”

When he was a sophomore, Sintay’s sister connected him to a Disney animator. “He told me to get a portfolio and get a degree in illustration,” Sintay says. “I immediately changed gears and went into the art department. I took all the figure drawing classes I could.”

After graduating with a fine arts degree, he headed to Florida and got a job at the Magic Kingdom to be near the Disney studio. “I worked at the Haunted Mansion, I was a Jungle Cruise tour guide, I worked as a puppeteer for the ‘Little Mermaid’ stage show.”

It was during his time as Pluto that he learned he had landed a coveted animation internship. “People were so surprised because I didn’t tell anyone I was trying for it.”

In the early 1990s, Disney was receiving 2,000 portfolios every three months; it selected 10 to 15 people every six months to join the team as an intern. Sintay was chosen on his fourth try. His first film was 1995’s “Pocahontas.”

Sintay now has nearly two decades of experience and three dozen film and TV credits to his name, including a busy 2014 which has featured work on the blockbuster movies “Transformers: Age of Extinction,” “Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles,” “300: Rise of an Empire” and TV’s “Sleepy Hollow.”

“CMU got me out into the world,” Sintay says. •

Randy Riley, ’84, Michigan’s new state librarian, recalls a conversation he had with the father of a college roommate. When the parent discovered Riley’s major was history, he paused and said, “You know, you might consider becoming a librarian.” Riley was too polite to say what he was thinking, which was, “Librarian – are you crazy? That’s the last thing I’d want to be!”

Thirty years later, that crazy idea led Riley to become the person in Lansing who is responsible for both the Library of Michigan and for helping dispense federal and state aid to public libraries throughout the state. Public service librarianship, he notes, is really one-on-one teaching. And particularly with special collections material, if you do it right, the researcher becomes someone to whom you say good morning and good night and happily see doing productive research using the skills you have shared with them.

Service and education are part of the mission Riley brings to his new post. But that commitment to service and education is something he can link to his days as an undergraduate at CMU. He says he loved his years in Mount Pleasant and cherished the fact that he was taught by dedicated faculty who were committed to the education of their students. It was an unspoken lesson he observed, learned and embraced. And even if he didn’t realize it at the time, his years at CMU also included some pretty good advice from his roommate’s parent. •
**In Memory**


Max W. Krell, ’47, Charlevoix, died May 24, 2014, age 91.

Charles A. Bashaw, ’49, Batavia, Ill., died April 15, 2014, age 92.


Dorothy B. (Bieri) Sting, ’51, Lancaster, Va., died June 9, 2014, age 100.


Frank A. Cozadd, ’52, Grosse Pointe, died May 21, 2014, age 83.


William K. Jaquays, ’53, Spring Arbor, died May 18, 2014, age 84.


Marilyn J. (Miller) Torrance, ’53, Portage, died June 21, 2014, age 82.


Arlene (Haney) Scramlin, ’54 M.A. ’66, Mount Pleasant, died June 9, 2014, age 81.

Harold L. Swarthout, ’55, Columbus, Ohio, died June 26, 2014, age 81.

Nancy M. (Millman) Dent, ’56, Midland, died June 10, age 82.

Kenneth E. Harry, ’57, St. Louis, died May 26, 2014, age 84.


Grace M. (McAllister) Meinecke, ’58, Saginaw, died July 9, 2014, age 94.

James J. Morris, ’58, Saginaw, died July 9, 2014, age 94.

Eleanor J. (Tacia) Mosley, ’59, Oscoda, died June 1, 2014, age 81.

Roy A. Leinweber, ’60 M.A. ’69, Palm Beach, Fla., died June 3, 2014, age 76.


Gordon E. Shackelton, ’61, Saginaw, died May 22, 2014, age 75.


Jill (Leach) Pirrotta, died April 28, 2014, age 73.

Patricia H. (Hu) Chao, M.B.A. ’68, Midland, died April 14, 2014, age 85.


Hazel (Sandeen) Butler, died Nov. 13, 2013, age 94.

Clela B. (Stevens) Loft, ’65, Grand Rapids, died Nov. 13, 2013, age 94.


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Emma J. (Hadewig) Ackerman, ’70, Cass City, died April 29, 2014, age 98.

Mary M. (Hiner) McIlhaney, ’70, Bay City, died May 11, 2014, age 65.


Thomas B. Bouwhuis, M.B.A. ’71, Midland, died June 6, 2014, age 80.


John A. Wirth, M.A. ’71, Peoria, Ill., died April 11, 2013, age 89.

Allen H. Easterling, ’72, St. Charles, died April 15, 2014, age 64.

Joan K. Glaza, ’72, Donna, Texas, died April 20, 2014, age 63.

Marla D. Carey-Pendell, ’73, died June 7, 2014, age 62.


Kenneth C. Garrison, ’74, St. Joseph, died May 9, 2014, age 64.

Larry W. Waltman, M.A. ’74, Mount Vernon, Ohio, died April 20, 2014, age 78.

Elliot A. Boxerbaum, M.A. ’75, Columbus, Ohio, died June 10, 2014, age 66.

Richard A. Graves, M.A. ’75, Chapel Hill, N.C., died April 19, 2014, age 81.

George Meda, M.A. ’75, Ann Arbor, died June 4, 2014, age 70.


L. Alice (Strachota) Thelen, ’75, St. Johns, died May 15, 2014, age 75.


Sheryl A. (Thelen) Topliff, ’76, Williamston, died April 19, 2014, age 60.

Larry J. Chartier, ’77, Midland, died May 26, 2014, age 67.


Sidney D. Rogers, M.A. ’77, Winchester, Va., died June 17, 2014, age 79.

Kevin J. Collins, ’78, Port Huron Township, died May 26, 2014, age 59.

Joseph M. Cvenngros, ’78, Atlanta, Ga., died June 17, 2014, age 58.


Herbert L. Fike, ’79, Youngstown, Ohio, died April 21, 2014, age 56.

Robin D. Bye, ’80, Grand Haven, died April 12, 2014, age 56.

James O. Daniels, ’80, Grand Blanc, died May 13, 2014, age 55.

Richard S. Francis, M.A. ’80, Beaver, Ohio, died June 10, 2014, age 66.


Sylvester A. Harvey, M.A. ’80, Lansing, died April 15, 2014, age 62.

Jeffrey L. Hayes, ’81, Minneapolis, Minn., died June 14, 2010, age 61.

Michael D. Patterson, ’81, Grawn, died May 1, 2014, age 58.

Danny R. Reed, M.A. ’81, Amherst, Ohio, died April 26, 2014, age 74.

Kurt Van Kampen, ’81, Detroit, died March 25, 2014, age 55.

Jeffrey A. Mullen, ’82, Okemos, died May 17, 2014, age 54.

Mary Jo Nelson, M.A. ’82, Wyandotte, died May 8, 2014, age 79.

Tamra A. (Clift) Bott, ’84 M.A. ’85, Marquette, died June 17, 2014, age 53.

Carolyn L. (Fruedtchel) VanCise, M.A. ’84, Bay City, died March 31, 2014, age 65.

Roy L. Agle, M.A. ’85, Bay City, died May 17, 2014, age 83.


Sandra L. Williams, M.A. ’87, Livonia, died April 19, 2014.


Allan D. Cislo, M.S.A. ’90, Boyne City, died June 18, 2014, age 66.


Claude M. Rountree, M.S.A. ’91, Ashburn, Va., died April 12, 2014, age 50.


Faculty/Staff

Mary Graham, Mount Pleasant, died April 14, 2014, age 61.

Margaret Riecker, Midland, died April 7, 2014, age 80.

Margaret Silvernail, Mount Pleasant, died April 8, 2014, age 89.

Margaret Solak, Stanton, died April 12, 2014, age 70.

Dolores Vega, Alma, died April 19, 2014, age 69.


Shawmut Christensen, Mount Pleasant, died June 23, 2014.

Jack Demerell died Sept. 21, 2012, age 79.

Carol Pifer, Remus, died June 2, 2014, age 70.

C. Howard Richardson, Mount Pleasant, died June 17, 2014, age 88.
Before 1926 CMU had no official mascot, but a few students did dress in a big dragon costume during the first homecoming game in 1924. The name was used for two seasons, but it didn’t stick. Suggestions were sought for a new mascot in 1927, and the names of vicious animals rose to the top because “Central’s mascot should be a brave, fighting animal that once roamed the woods of Michigan,” according to Central Normal Life that year.

A local business owner suggested the Bearcats because it signified a winner and a fighter. CMU’s mascot remained the Bearcats for 15 seasons until – in 1941 – Coach Lawrence “Doc” Sweeney suggested a change, saying the Bearcat doesn’t even exist in Michigan, and the mascot provides no opportunity for pageantry.

The name Chippewas was local and would be a symbol worthy of respect and pride. A vote occurred on Jan. 16, 1942, and the mascot was changed to the Chippewas.

CMU’s mascot was the Bearcats

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Annuity Rates: Two Recipients

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