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LARZELERE HALL PHOTO BRINGS BACK MEMORIES

Editor:

When I viewed the photo of Larzelere Hall in the Spring 2003 edition of Centralight, it brought back to me many fond memories of my freshman year as I entered the doors of that facility for the first time in late August 1971.

During my senior year at Lakeview High School in Montcalm County, I was accepted into the honors program for the 1971-72 academic year. My two older brothers had attended CMU, so I was very familiar with the campus and the city of Mount Pleasant. I knew I wanted to attend CMU even as a fifth-grader – a goal I worked toward and achieved.

I appreciate the many programs offered at Central which allow incoming students to learn of various cultures, challenge and motivate their thinking and problem-solving skills, and foster creativity and talent.

It has been my honor to meet CMU alumni throughout the working years of my profession who share the same pride and loyalty for this fine institution.

I wish for Central Michigan University many continued years of success.

Lloyd David Ball, '75 MA '87
Morley

LAND MINES A 'DEADLY ISSUE'

Editor:

The article "Fighting for Victims" in the Spring 2003 Centralight dealt with another deadly issue prevalent in today's world – the proliferation of land mines.

Wherever in the world armed conflict took place you will find unexploded land mines. Those of particular concern are nonmetallic and therefore difficult to detect with even the most sophisticated equipment. Being very small and light, they are easily displaced by tropical rains, shifting sands, or even melting snow.

Even if all the nations of the world sign the global treaty banning land mines, there will be areas where guerrillas manufacture and employ land mines. It takes no extensive training to manufacture the explosive devices or to place them in populated areas.

I admire Dr. Gondring and wish him well in his efforts to eliminate land mines and to care for children in El Salvador.

The ROTC article was also outstanding. Having been an assistant professor of military service at Central from 1960 to 1964, I take great pride in the current and past performance of the department.

Lt. Col. Michael L. Chirio Jr., MA '63
Detroit

CHEERLEADERS STRUGGLE TO SUPPORT TEAMS

Editor:

As a two-degree alumna of Central Michigan University, my heart will always be a part of CMU. Because of this, I was extremely proud when my daughter selected CMU as her university and was further complimented by her selection as a member of the co-ed cheerleading team in the fall of 2001.

As all current students and alumni know, these cheerleaders, along with the all-female cheerleading team and dance team, are an integral part of every football and basketball game. Their dedication to the Chippewas is evident as they practice two to three hours every day, perform exciting stunts for fans at each game, and cheer on their fellow athletes.

What few may know is that these athletes receive no financial aid from the university. They are responsible for the cost of warm-up suits, bags, training camps, and other financial burdens to these struggling college students. Each cheerleader is required to raise donations and additional funds through the sale of T-shirts, key chains, and poms to cover the cost of their uniforms, travel expenses, and participation in the UCA national cheerleading competitions.

Most of the cheerleaders also work to cover the cost of their tuition, fees, and room and board. They have a difficult time finding employers who are willing to work around their practice schedules. They also must juggle class schedules so they are free for practices and away games.

The cheerleaders are superb athletes and as important as the players in the total university athletics program. The next time you consider donating to Central Michigan University, consider making the check payable to Central Michigan University, designated to cheerleading. Show your support for these dedicated athletes.

Pamela Leidlein, '70 MA '77
Algonac

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ACHIEVING GREATNESS IN DIFFICULT TIMES

These are challenging – and occasionally bewildering – times. Each of us regularly makes choices that affect our own well-being, as well as the health and prosperity of those we love.

Dear alumni and friends:

Central Michigan University faces ongoing decisions that significantly affect the life of the university and those it serves. As we prepare for major reductions in state appropriations, we are seizing the moment to more finely shape CMU and further strengthen the university's rigorous and distinguished academic programs.

My role, now and in the future, is to keep the vision of a strong and focused learning organization alive and to help lead members of the university community to excel as accomplished critical thinkers, problem solvers, and communicators in a changing and diverse world. CMU, with emerging national recognition for its innovative community of learners and scholars, is committed to improving the quality of life for the people of the region, the state of Michigan, and beyond.

This is a momentous task – a challenge that we are not approaching lightly. At CMU I have discovered a campuswide willingness among many students, faculty, and staff to engage in teaching, learning, and service at a level that meets and exceeds increasingly heightened expectations. I applaud this spirit all the more in this time of continually diminishing resources.

That is not to say that all agree with these budget reduction decisions. In fact, contrary views voiced in an environment of civility are welcome. Resistance to change is inherent, not only at CMU, but within any organization of its size and complexity. The university's potential for greatness cannot be realized through unguided growth, particularly when resources are declining. Priorities must be set, and decisions that support those priorities must be made. We will stay the course and advance the university through this challenging transition.

Engaged student learning continues to be our top priority, and we are doing all we can to protect the integrity of CMU's academic programs. I recognize that virtually every university service – and thereby every budgetary reduction – is connected somehow to our students. I know well from occasional reductions that I have

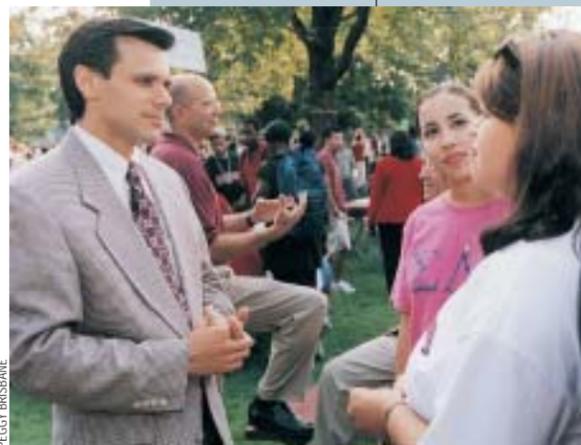
made during the last 10 years, here and elsewhere, that there will be ways to find fault with any reduction, but we will continue to focus budget cuts on areas that are not fundamental to CMU's educational mission.

We are proud of you, our graduates. Your successes, your achievements, and your service to others bring great credit to yourselves, your families, and your alma mater, which, in some measure, has helped shape your life.

You, as a valued member of the university, also can be proud of your university's storied heritage and its promising future. CMU will meet these economic challenges, rise to new levels, and be all the stronger for it.

Sincerely,

Mike Rao
President



PEGGY BRISBANE

THE ESSENCE OF LEADERSHIP

Leadership

By Barbara Sutherland Chovanec

When company president JoAnn Hinds faced an economic slowdown at Diamond Die and Mold, her employees banded together with a solution. They voted to work 32-hour weeks instead of facing layoffs, maintaining that schedule for nine months.

Hinds is one of the many CMU alumni who tackle economic, personnel, and strategic planning issues every day as an executive, making decisions that shape a company's future. They are the men and women who have emerged from an era of economic slumps and corporate scandals to navigate their companies toward success.

Centralight talked with 10 alumni about leadership, the economy, the relationships they foster, and the challenges they face.

Throughout his career at Dow Corning Corp., CEO Gary Anderson has seen changes in what people need from company leaders.

"Leadership evolves every decade," he says, depending on economic conditions and the backgrounds of new people coming into the company.

For instance in the 1960s, new employees were children of people who grew up during the bleak depression era. They were just happy to have a job.

"Now, young people have higher needs for achievement and recognition," Anderson says.

Anderson, who has worked for Dow Corning since 1967 and has been CEO since 1999, calls himself a "servant leader" who coaches and guides employees but steps back and lets them do their jobs.

"I think there's a huge difference between management and leadership," he says.

Anderson sees himself as a coach, focusing on strategy, the tactics of implementing strategy, and people development at the company, a global leader in silicon-based products.

"I'm there more from a guidance standpoint and trying to clear roadblocks. But you can't step away from the fact that the CEO has the responsibility of the company on his shoulders. As Truman said, 'The buck stops here.'"

Gail Torreano, president of SBC Michigan, says it's important for company leaders to have strong morals to guide them.

"You have to have a moral compass to keep you on the path and provide a framework for everything you do," she says. "We've seen a lot of people in the last few years who didn't have that moral compass and the impact that has had on thousands and thousands of people. It's really critical that you follow your moral compass."

Torreano says the public is watching companies closer than in the past since the recent accounting scandals in the United States.

"Our society has taken notice," she says. "And it's in the forefront of our minds now more than ever before."

Steven Plochocki leads Insight Health Services Corp. based in Lake Forest, Calif.

Plochocki, who has been the company's CEO for three years, says he manages by example, a technique he has found gains respect.

"You've got to be able to jump in the foxhole," he says. "You have to help develop the plans, help

execute the plans, and help deliver the plans. It's a different way to work. I'm more operationally involved than probably most CEOs of a \$250 million company."

Fabiano Brothers Inc. CEO and President James Fabiano Sr. also leads by example.

"You have to do everything you would expect someone else to do, or you have to have done it in the past," he says. "If you've been there, done that, then you can relate to your employees."

"In a family business, you have to be there and be available. You can't be an absentee owner."

Economy

The recession has wounded many companies nationwide. Others have held steady or even flourished in the down economy.

At Diamond Die and Mold, a company that makes equipment to produce electrical wire harnesses, Hinds is proud of her employees' innovative solution to the slow economy.

"We have definitely seen a turn," she says. "We took the steps necessary to keep going."

At Approved Mortgages, Shahnaz Broucek knows she's one of the lucky ones to weather the slump with ease.

"We are one of the few industries that does well in a down market," Broucek says. "We've had an onslaught of refinancing for the last three years."

The mortgage company is located in Canton – an area of new construction and growth.

"We've been fortunate in this economy," says Broucek, who began the company in 1996 with her husband, Bill. "And it's a great opportunity for the community at large to be able to have low interest rates."



Shahnaz Broucek

Name: Shahnaz Broucek

Title: President

Company: Approved Mortgages, Canton.

CMU degree: Bachelor's degree in finance, 1987.

Quotable quote: "You can only expect your staff to be as positive as you are. To have any credibility you've got to lead by example."

CMU education: "My educational background in accounting prepared me to financially run a company. It was a rigorous program in accounting, and it prepared me for the real world."



Gary Anderson

Name: Gary Anderson

Title: CEO and chairman of the board of directors

Company: Dow Corning Corp., Midland.

CMU degree: MBA in finance, 1973.

Quotable quote: "You can't be fixed or rigid on anything you do anymore. You must revisit decisions and adjust to ever-changing market conditions."

CMU education: "A lot of the professors actually were career professional people. The people in the classes were similar to me, working full-time jobs. I wish every student in every class could experience situations like that."

Broucek, as president, handles the marketing and financial management of the company. Her husband as CEO oversees the operations. They have 55 employees at Approved Mortgages and 10 more at another company, Greatland Title.

Jeffrey Caponigro, president and CEO of Caponigro Public Relations Inc. in Southfield, says his company has grown every year since he began it in 1995.

In the depressed economy, routine business has slowed, but large clients have helped fill the gap.

"It has just made it that much more important to hold on to what we have and work harder to differentiate ourselves from the competition," Caponigro says. "When we do have the opportunities, we have to make the most of them and not take anything for granted."

In her corner of the automobile sales world, Gail Duncan, president of Jerome-Duncan Inc. in Sterling Heights, says business has been good.

The dealership recently added Kia and Hyundai lines, purchased a neighboring Mazda dealership, and added a satellite dealership in Flat Rock.

"We've had a lot of opportunities in real estate and other franchises," she says. "When things get a little softer, there are opportunities if it makes sense in your business."

At Insight Health Services, Plochocki, who has been called a "turnaround specialist" for fixing broken companies, has been building business, adding jobs, and boosting revenue.

"We have achieved so many positive things in an economy that's in its fourth year of a depressed state," he says.

The company provides diagnostic and therapeutic services such as magnetic resonance imaging, mammography, and radiation therapy through permanent locations and mobile facilities in 30 states.

Insight Health Services has added 700 jobs in the last few years and doubled revenue from \$130 million to \$260 million.

Dominic Iocco, chief financial officer and general manager of Cartridges Are Us Inc. in St. Johns, says his business is recession resistant.

The company, which his parents began in 1997, recycles about 80,000 inkjet cartridges a month.

Employees collect used cartridges, clean and inspect them, refill them with ink, and ship them to dealers around the world.

"We offer a product that people look at when times are tight," Iocco says. "Generally a downturn in the economy doesn't affect us, and in some ways it's good for our business."

The company employs 44 people and is



Ed Christian

Name: Ed Christian

Position: President and CEO

Company: Saga Communications Inc., Grosse Pointe Farms.

CMU degree: Master's degree in management, 1981.

Quotable quote: "I'm successful because I have great people who work with me."

CMU education: "It made me learn to think in different directions."

building a new operation in Ithaca that will open this summer, nearly doubling the company's current space. After the move, the company's retail business will remain in St. Johns.

Fabiano says Fabiano Brothers Inc. operates steadily during economic slowdowns.

The wholesale beverage service company sells beer, wine, and spirits, and Fabiano says that even if people don't go out on the town during a slow economy, they will still consume alcohol at home.

"Our business really doesn't have peaks and valleys," he says. "It's a very steady industry – a mature industry."

Fabiano Brothers employs several hundred people, and in the last 20 years the company has acquired seven other businesses and formed divisions of the company in Saginaw and Petoskey.

"As opportunities have availed themselves, if they make sense for your business, you take them," Fabiano says.

Torreano says the telecommunications industry has suffered in the down economy.

SBC has cut jobs and has lost phone lines and wireline revenue. In response, company officials have slashed expenses and capital expenditures, and they're working to boost revenues.

"We've been hit hard," Torreano says. "We're dealing as best we can."

SBC seeks approval to offer long distance service, and the company has filed a request to increase wholesale rates that are set by the Michigan Public Service Commission. Torreano says the current wholesale rates are below SBC cost.

"We're trying to bring some parity to our business," Torreano says. "SBC is the only telecommunications company in the state that can't be a full service provider. And we need to have telecommunications competition in Michigan that provides for sustainable competition."

Ed Christian is optimistic about the outlook for Saga Communications Inc., a broadcast company that owns 71 radio stations and seven television stations across the country.

"We've probably weathered the economy better than a lot of other companies in the industry," he says. "After Sept. 11, a lot of people pulled back and stopped their advertising, waiting for the other shoe to drop. But in tough economic times, there's a flight to quality, and we've always positioned ourselves in the top tier."

Christian says he doesn't see the economy improving much in the near future.

"An economy that doesn't have a huge engine driving the train won't go far," he says. "We don't have a catalyst. There's nothing on the horizon that mitigates rapid growth. We're not exuberant about a return to the economy like in the 1990s. That's just not going to happen anytime soon."

Relationships

In the broadcast world, Christian relies on his employees for the success of his business.

"My company exists because of my employees," he says. "Our assets walk out the door every night. Without the commitment from them, we don't have anything going for us."

Christian says he and his management team work hard to create positive office environments with quality equipment in a nurturing, professionally challenging environment that's almost like a second home for employees.

"Our employees don't work for us, they work with us," Christian says about his work force of more than 1,100 people.

The staff at Caponigro Public Relations Inc. always has a clear picture of the company's finances.

At monthly meetings, Caponigro shares a summary of revenue, expenses, and profits for each month. He says open communication is a key to involved, committed employees who share the company's vision.

Each year, employees form task forces to examine eight to 10 areas in the company and then make recommendations for improvement at their annual retreat.

"Because of this, our retreats are really action-oriented, based on a couple of months of work before the retreat," Caponigro says.



Gail Duncan

Name: Gail Duncan

Title: President

Company: Jerome-Duncan Inc., Sterling Heights.

CMU degree: Bachelor's degree in sociology, 1973.

Quotable quote: "Sometimes you're in a good economy or sometimes you're in a softer economy, but if you're an entrepreneur or business owner, you're gambling every day."

CMU education: "Central was absolutely the right school for me. I felt comfortable enough in the environment to take classes I really enjoyed."



Jeffrey Caponigro

Name: Jeffrey Caponigro

Title: President and CEO

Company: Caponigro Public Relations Inc., Southfield.

CMU degree: Bachelor's degree in English, 1979.

Quotable quote: "It's hard to be a leader if you haven't earned the respect of the people you're attempting to lead."

CMU education: "The classes I took made me well-rounded in a liberal arts education. When I left there I had a good grounding in a lot of different subjects."



James Fabiano Sr.

Name: James Fabiano Sr.

Title: President and CEO

Company: Fabiano Brothers Inc., Mount Pleasant.

CMU degree: Bachelor's degree in finance, 1965.

Quotable quote: "In a family business, you have to be there and be available. You can't be an absentee owner."

CMU education: "It was a great experience. It helped me tremendously in my career."

The company has won public relations industry awards for its annual employee retreat, and it is included on the national list of "Best PR Agencies to Work For" by The Holmes Report.

This fall Caponigro Public Relations Inc. is due to achieve the ISO 9000 quality system certification – a distinction rare for public relations firms. The international certification ensures a high level of quality, reliability, and efficiency.

"We are continually trying to be better," Caponigro says.

At Diamond Die and Mold, Hinds knows she must be honest, fair, and caring with her employees.

"The fact that I care about my people makes me a better manager. I'm not just looking at the bottom line," Hinds says.

When her staff voted to work 32-hour weeks in response to a sluggish economy, Hinds helped her employees find side jobs, and she offered flexible schedules to accommodate them. Now the staff is back to working full time.

Flexibility was something Broucek strived to offer her employees when she began Approved

Mortgages, and several of her employees work reduced schedules and flexible hours.

"As a woman and as a mother, I wanted to give employees flexibility so they can do it all. When you have that flexibility with people, you earn their respect and gratitude," she says.

Another way Broucek shows her appreciation is through a recognition committee that gives monthly awards. And when the staff meets quarterly goals, rewards include company outings to dinner and events like concerts and comedy nights.

"You can never really rest on your laurels," Broucek says. "We're inspired by our staff. They make us excited and want to do more. We have extremely low turnover, and that's what we want."

At Insight Health Services Corp., employees share in what Plochocki calls their "win system."



Dominic Iocco

Name: Dominic Iocco

Title: CFO and general manager

Company: Cartridges Are Us Inc., St. Johns.

CMU degree: Bachelor's degree in outdoor and environmental recreation, 1999.

Quotable quote: "There are always things that can be improved. The challenge is to find the areas that can have the biggest impact."

CMU education: "It was great. There's not a place I would have rather gone. Even though I'm not in the field I studied, the education I got was quite good."

tone and attitude that employees absorb.

"I've always believed that every CEO has one omnipotent power: to set the culture of the company," he says.

Anderson agrees.

"As a leader, whether you know it or not, you're visible all the time," he says. "I always try to convey a positive attitude as much as possible."

When Dow Corning went through downsizing, Anderson says the pain extended throughout the company.

"We worked very hard to treat people as fairly as possible," he says. "You have to deal with these things head-on and right up front to help people realize why change is important. You have to paint the picture of where the company is going and where your future is."

Now Anderson says he and his executive team spread the message about the corporate vision, which includes a focus on customer service.

"It's important for everyone to understand the vision," he says. "It helps people connect with the company and helps with retention and motivation."

"We have always focused on our ethics and the way we do business," Anderson says. "We really have a tremendous emphasis on customer service. You have to get every employee to understand how important customer service is. It creates great pride

among employees knowing we have good relationships with customers."

Fabiano says he personally works on customer relations nearly every day.

"Customer contact is extremely important," he says. "People want to know who they're dealing with. It just helps everyone stay on top of the game."

Challenge

Company leaders struggle with personnel decisions such as keeping employees engaged and making sure they have the right people in the right jobs, as well as tackling overarching issues such as the economy and supply and demand.

Fabiano says the biggest challenge in his business is human resources.

"As you get more locations you have to make sure you have top-quality people in the locations," he says. "Also, you're always concerned that the decisions you're making are the proper ones to perpetuate the future of your company and are the best for everybody involved."

Human resources concerns also challenge Plochocki.

"Some challenges are to try to meld together the multiple personalities in a company toward a corporate goal, to really understand what people want – what drives them – and then to put them in roles where they're best suited," he says.

"You put people in roles that they're naturally wired to do, and you have happier employees and better results. It's more meaningful for them and the company."

Torreano says the biggest challenges for SBC are the economy and public opinion.

"The telecommunications industry is changing at breakneck speed, but how the public sees us hasn't changed," she says. "The public sees telecommunications as an industry that still needs to be regulated, even though it's a very competitive industry with different technologies and lots of competition."

Tips from the top

CENTRALIGHT ASKED THE 10 EXECUTIVES INTERVIEWED FOR THIS STORY WHAT ADVICE THEY WOULD GIVE TO ASPIRING COMPANY LEADERS. HERE IS WHAT THEY SAID:



"You really have to have a clear vision up front of what you want to do. There's a big difference between a dream and a goal."

– Shahnaz Broucek, president, Approved Mortgages

"Get all kinds of diverse experience. Be willing to roll up your sleeves and do the work. And find role models."

– Gail Torreano, president, SBC Michigan

"Be fair and consistent, logical and open."

– JoAnn Hinds, president, Diamond Die and Mold

"Be strong enough to allow yourself to develop the collaborative efforts necessary to achieve a goal. It's harder and requires more strength to lead people down a path collaboratively. But if you don't have the ability to develop a collaborative effort, you will not succeed. You will fail."

– Steven Plochocki, president and CEO, Insight Health Services Corp.

"Retain your dreams. Maybe they don't work out the first time, but be patient."

– Gail Duncan, president, Jerome-Duncan Inc.

"You have to have integrity. If people trust you and believe in you, they'll follow you."

– James Fabiano Sr., president and CEO, Fabiano Brothers Inc.

"Persistence and enthusiasm and preparation. A determined person cannot be denied."

– Ed Christian, president and CEO, Saga Communications Inc.

"Have a general business education, understand your industry, work hard, and be willing to put forward your ideas."

– Dominic Iocco, general manager and CFO, Cartridges Are Us Inc.

"Really think about the type of leader who you think is effective, and try to emulate that. And always try to improve."

– Jeffrey Caponigro, president and CEO, Caponigro Public Relations Inc.

"Try to get as broad a background in the company as you can. Also, you must always be customer driven."

– Gary Anderson, CEO and chairman of the board of directors, Dow Corning Corp.



JoAnn Hinds

Name: JoAnn Hinds

Title: President

Company: Diamond Die and Mold, Clinton Township.

CMU degree: Bachelor's degree in education, 1972. Master's degree in biology, 1977.

Quotable quote: "A leader must have honesty, fairness, and caring. The fact that I care about my people makes me a better manager. I'm not just looking at the bottom line."

CMU education: "My degrees were in teaching and biology, so I don't use them in my business, except to help my employees' kids with ideas for science projects. But teaching and dealing with kids is not a lot different than dealing with employees."

Anderson says challenges facing Dow Corning Corp. include the economies in the United States and across the world.

Rises and falls in foreign economies affect exchange rates and the company's business decisions. Other challenges are recruiting, training, and retaining employees in other countries.

"Our global marketplace really forces us to be constantly adjusting our business," Anderson says. "You can't be fixed or rigid on anything you do anymore. You must revisit decisions and adjust to ever-changing market conditions."

For locco, the challenge lies in his company's raw material – empty inkjet cartridges.

"Our rate of growth has been astounding," he says. "The demand is skyrocketing, but everything hinges on those empty cartridges. We're in an industry that has a limited raw material, which is challenging."

Risk

Every executive has a different idea of how much risk is acceptable and what "risk" really means.

In the broadcast business, Christian says his company is cautious, methodical, and disciplined.

"We've always had a turtle mentality," he says. "We believe in slow, measured action. We take the very long view of the company. We don't look quarter to quarter."

He says the 1990s was "the era of conspicuous consumption," but Saga Communications never fell into that routine.

"We as a country got carried away with the growth of everything and then watched a lot of companies hit the wall. Everything was good, and suddenly 2000 came, and the door was shut.

"Our philosophy is that trees don't grow to the sky," Christian says. "We never compromised the financial position of the company for growth."

Caponigro says risk in any business is necessary.

"A company always has to take a certain number of risks – calculated risks," he says.

Caponigro says one risk his company has undertaken has been to pursue the ISO 9000 quality certification.

"We're not sure it's worth the payout, but we're hoping it is," he says. "We know we have to be aggressive."

Duncan says taking on the new franchises was a risk, and she agrees that risk is essential to growth.



Steven Plochocki

Name: Steven Plochocki

Position: President and CEO

Company: Insight Health Services Corp., Lake Forest, Calif.

CMU degree: Master's degree in management, 1983.

Quotable quote: "Every CEO has one omnipotent power: to set the culture of the company."

CMU education: "My career took off after I got my master's from CMU. It just gave me a sense of achievement, confidence, and fulfillment that maybe I needed to say, 'Now you're ready.'"

"If you want to retain employees, you need to continue to grow and take risks," she says. "It's part of the formula."

But in the end, simply running a business is often a risk in itself.

"Sometimes you're in a good economy or sometimes you're in a softer economy, but if you're an entrepreneur or business owner, you're gambling every day," Duncan says. •



Gail Torreano

Name: Gail Torreano

Title: President

Company: SBC Michigan, Detroit.

CMU degree: Bachelor's degree in education, 1972. Master's degree in counseling, 1976.

Quotable quote: "We've seen a lot of people in the last few years who didn't have a moral compass and the impact that has had on thousands and thousands of people. It's really critical that you follow your moral compass."

CMU education: "It helped open a number of doors for me. I received personal attention, which was valuable."

For the love of geography

By Cynthia J. Drake

Perhaps it's fitting that Mark Francek didn't fall in love with geography until he was pedaling mountainous terrain and gazing up at breathtaking glaciers.

That's the way the CMU professor believes learning happens – when students get out of the classroom and into the essence of the subject they're studying. And it's part of the reason why he was named Michigan's Professor of the Year.

Mark Francek, a CMU geography professor who won Professor of the Year in 2002, discusses a class project with students Luke May, John Nelson, and Steve Seiler.



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"I was a psychology major for my undergraduate years, but I always enjoyed biking," he says. He has pedaled across the United States twice so far. "I was just so alerted to the beauty of nature, the diversity. I knew I wanted to be involved in the outdoors."

Francek won't be contained behind a podium. He is constantly moving, calling students by name, looking them in the eye and asking questions.

"Dr. Francek was not afraid to jump on tables or chew on coal to get his students excited about learning and experiencing geography and earth science," remembers one of Francek's former students, Brian Steinberg.

Steinberg is one of the students who has accompanied Francek on his bike trips. The professor has taken students with him to the Keweenaw Peninsula, Finger Lakes in New York, and Shenandoah National Park in Virginia. His dream is to take students on a future bike trip across America.

"Sometimes I'm a bit of a mother hen," Francek admits. "Sometimes we're separated for miles. And there are folks who basically have never been on a bike tour. We've had some real raw recruits. But at the end, all the students feel a sense of accomplishment. What I really enjoy is when my kids say, 'I can do it.' They look up at that hill and they end up conquering it. I was teaching kids about landforms, and they were pedaling, sweating, and breathing them."

But students don't have to go on a bike tour to benefit from Francek's enthusiasm for geography. In fact, almost every day in the classroom turns into a field trip on CMU's campus.

"It's such a living discipline that needs to be taught out there," Francek says. "As cliché as it sounds, you learn by doing. You've got to get out there. If you want people to retain material, you have to involve them, you have to involve their senses."

Often the professor is known to get students to smell and even taste the edible features of the CMU landscape, which always elicits a few chuckles and "ewws."

Francek formed his teaching philosophy in some extraordinary situations. He has taught in a maximum-security prison, an Army base in South Carolina, a barrio school in Texas, and in inner city New York.

"In prison, you were the highlight of their week," he says. "Talk about motivated learners. They had a variety of backgrounds. Some were very well traveled, and a lot of them were very articulate."

He learned to have patience with the middle schoolers in Texas. And in inner city New York, where he had 10 square feet of grass to work with, he learned to make the most of what he had.

"I know how challenging it is to sit still for two hours and listen to someone

it's just the dog that does that. They help keep me in touch with pop culture. They keep me young."

Francek loves traveling and has taken his children and wife, Lenore, all over the United States. Of all 50 states, his favorite is Alaska.

"The mountains there are very different," he says. "They just rise right out of the ground and go 20,000 feet up."

Francek says he never expected he would be named Professor of the Year.

"I've just been on cloud nine," he says. "I'm really humbled by it, too. It's a good honor, I just hope I can live up to those expectations. I want to always live up to that moniker."

"A portion of this award should be sliced up and given to my students, colleagues, and the administration. It's all connected. No person is an island."

Former student Jonathan May, who is now an academic adviser at George Mason University, says Francek's gift is not only apparent when he is bounding around the room, hopping on desks, but also shows itself in quieter moments.

talk," he says. "I try to break it up into periods, 10- to 15-minute sections. I try not to lecture for more than 15 minutes. I try to never teach class the same way twice."

Francek also has his own focus group at home that includes his 14-year-old daughter, Katie, 13-year-old son, Mike, and 10-year-old daughter, Karen, on whom he practices some of his techniques.

"It's a real challenge to remain relevant," he says with a grin. "When they were younger, they jumped all over you when you walked in the door, and now

"I took his weather class back in 1994, but I remember him so vividly because he was the best professor I had during my entire seven years at Central," May says.

"He is very tuned in to the progress and well-being of his students. During the course of that particular semester, I had experienced a personal loss that I didn't share with my peers, and it was drastically affecting my academic performance. I went from getting As and Bs to doing no better than Ds. When Dr. Francek noticed this difference in his class, he pulled me aside at the end of one of his lectures

and made it clear that no matter what may be causing my poor performance, he was available as a sounding board. While I never took him up on his offer, I can't tell you how much better it made me feel to know that a professor had taken such a personal interest in a student.

"Anyone who has ever taken one of Dr. Francek's courses knows that he is probably one of the most academically challenging professors at Central, but because of the enthusiasm he has for what he teaches and for the genuine respect he shows his students, he makes a person want to reach their highest potential in their academics. I know that I personally not only felt an obligation to him to reach my highest potential, but through this experience, I also learned that I owed it to myself to do my best." •

KEVIN CORBETT IN LITTLE PALACES BIG MEMORIES

IN AMAZING TECHNICOLOR!

By Cynthia J. Drake

The smell of fresh popcorn wafting through the air, creaking floorboards underfoot, the crackle of film in the projector.

The sensations of a small-town movie theater are so vivid, they linger in the minds of theatergoers for a lifetime. In an era of megaplex movie theaters with a dozen screens and never-ending show times, the memories of quaint, single-screen theaters have been so strong that a countermovement to preserve, and in some cases save, small town theaters has emerged.

CMU broadcasting and cinematic arts professor Kevin Corbett has been following that movement while researching the history and the allure of small-town movie theaters in Michigan, referring to them as "little palaces" in a recent documentary he wrote, directed, and produced.

"I've always loved old movie theaters," he says. "I love movies, too, but for me the place that you watch movies is an important part of the total experience."

Corbett has spent the last year and a half traveling around Michigan's

small towns, from Three Rivers to Grand Haven to Marquette, visiting old theaters and interviewing patrons about their experiences.

When he came to CMU in 1997, Corbett says he was surprised to find not one, but two old theaters just blocks away, the Broadway and the Ward. Both theaters showed films until 2000, when they were sold to nonprofit organizations. The Broadway, built in 1915, now functions as a community performing space, while the Ward, built in 1937, is owned by the Young Church.

"I thought there was a need for a community theater and I didn't want to see it turned into a parking lot," says Sam Staples, a Mount Pleasant resident who was instrumental in purchasing the Broadway for the nonprofit group Friends of the Broadway. "We've taken it from being strictly a movie house to being a vaudeville theater."

In his research, Corbett found that single-screen theaters thrived until World War II as one of the few sources of entertainment and community activity in small towns.

"You didn't have multiplex chains going into small communities" until the late 1980s and early 1990s, he says. "Then about 10 years ago, there was a boom in multiplex theater construction. They were building more and more theaters and driving many of the almost always independently owned theaters out of business."

The growing popularity of television, cable, and video rental impacted the popularity of the small theaters somewhat,

but nothing compared to the aftermath of the megaplex expansions. A sharp decline in small-town theater attendance followed as blockbuster movies drew record crowds to chain theaters, and expansion of those chains crept into rural areas in the 1990s. While efforts were made to save many of them, today the majority of the single-screen theaters have disappeared. Most of those that are left are in varying degrees of deterioration.

For the individuals and families who owned the theaters and the patrons who visited during their heyday, the little palaces are magical places.

"It's almost indescribable," Corbett says. "It's special – almost magic, one woman said. You walk in and see history before you even see the movie. It's haunted in a way that it's filled with the energies of people laughing, crying, and being afraid for 90 years in some cases. The building can almost absorb that energy in a way that megaplexes built like long cardboard boxes can't."

Corbett says that single-screen theaters were different than today's theaters in the way the people running them cared about their customers. One theater owner told him that he watched his entire town grow up from his post at the ticket booth.

Small-town theaters also helped promote a sense of community.

"In a town where there's one theater with one

screen, that's usually the one and only form of entertainment, and everyone goes there," Corbett says. "As one historian told me, for good or for ill, it was the place where everyone went, from the town mayor to the town drunk."

In some small towns, Corbett says people sat in the same seats every week at the theater, and everyone kept tabs on each other that way. To this day, some local theater owners refuse to show R-rated movies out of a sense of moral duty to protect young children.

Even some of the more undesirable aspects of small theaters – the sticky floors and bad sound –

are now fond memories.

"If the floor wasn't sticky, it wouldn't be a theater," Corbett says. "You can always depend on the film breaking at least once, and then everyone claps and turns around and talks to each other. It was the little things like that."

Corbett is applying for additional grant funding to research small-town theaters at the national level. His own hometown theater, near not-so-rural Louisville, Ky., also holds a special place in his heart.

"In 1989, the theater went through a renovation after being open 50 years," he recalls. In 1939, the

Kevin Corbett, a broadcasting and cinematic arts professor, stands outside the Broadway theater in downtown Mount Pleasant. The theater is one of many he's researched over the course of his Michigan small-town theaters project.

film "Gone With the Wind" was first released in that theater, and in 1989, it featured an anniversary showing of the re-release.

"I watched the movie, and I thought, 'I'm sitting here, in the exact seat someone else sat in 50 years ago watching 'Gone With the Wind' when it was first released,'" he says. "These places are neat."



PEGGY BRISBANE

A legacy of women's leadership

Centuries before any mainstream discourse about women's rights, Native American women in the Great Lakes region were leaders in their communities.

Carol Green-Ramirez, a history professor at CMU, is researching the roles of those women from 1700 to 1980, both before and after missionaries and European settlers came to the region.

"I found all these materials hinting at women's leadership," she says. "Women were signers on treaties – I found about 30 treaties that women had signed with the U.S. government. That really piqued my curiosity."

Green-Ramirez's research for her earlier book, "Countering Colonization: Native American Women and Great Lakes Missions, 1630-1900," which looked at the different ways men and women responded to colonization, gave her preliminary

evidence that women had key roles in policy making and decisions within their communities.

"I found that women, in general, tended to be less receptive to the changes that the missionaries wanted to make. For example, they refused to send their kids to the missionary schools," she says.

By allowing their communities to be influenced by the mainstream in the 19th century, Native American women stood to lose a lot of their authority.

"Like mainstream American women, they could not vote, they lost their political and economic voice," Green-Ramirez says. "They saw it as a negative thing to be receptive to."

In Great Lakes Native American communities there was a history of equality between the sexes that often puzzled the European settlers, she says.

"I guess I would describe them as being egalitarian. Women and men each had their own roles, which I

guess might not seem that different than what was happening in the white middle class. The difference is that both of those roles were valued in the Ojibwe and Odawa cultures that I've written about.

"What you see in the Indian communities around here is policy and community decision making by women and men. Decisions were made by a consensus, with all adults talking things out. Women also could be leaders in terms of spirituality, healers, bead working, basketry, and such."

Green-Ramirez says there also were multiple instances of Native American women chiefs in Great Lakes Indian nations. There also are records for a few bands whose chiefs and members were all women; these women were married to non-Indians who weren't members.



ROBERT BARCLAY

Carol Green-Ramirez, a history professor who is researching Native American women leadership, stands near a watercolor painting called "Women's Council." Her brother-in-law, Daniel Ramirez, a Saginaw Chippewa descendant, painted the piece.

After a period of researching documents and written first-person accounts, Green-Ramirez will do oral interviews with the people who have inherited the stories of Native American women's history. She has studied the Ojibwe language in an effort to better understand Great Lakes cultures.

She hopes to write a book by 2005 that will be a public history, a series of stories of Ojibwe and Odawa women's community leadership. When she approaches her research, she says she will keep in mind what will be useful to the communities she studies.

"Historians have a tradition of using information from Native Americans and not giving back," Green-Ramirez says. "I think it's very important to give back, and I hope the book will be interesting and accessible to community members."

Her research also will contribute to a broader discussion of women's history.

"It isn't something that historians have addressed before," she says. "Until the last 10 to 15 years, most people doing women's history primarily focused on white women's history. This research opens some people's minds to the fact that Native American women played a role in what was happening in their communities, and that subordinate domestic women's roles really only applied to white, middle-class women." • CJD

Life on Mars?

Even though the country's space program suffered a tragedy this year, one CMU student worked to help the program thrive.

Geology major and May graduate Deidre LaClair of Standish was chosen to help determine where the next twin Mars Exploration Rovers will land – a key exploration in determining whether life could exist on the planet.

She was asked to attend the final decision workshop in Pasadena, Calif., in January because of a previous presentation she made for the Geological Society of America.

LaClair's research is considered by geologists to be "truly significant and innovative work," says CMU geology professor Kathleen Benison.

LaClair was on a science panel that chose two sites for the twin rovers to land on the planet's surface, and both sites were ultimately selected. The rovers were due to launch May 30 and June



PEGGY BRISBANE

Student Deidre LaClair helped determine the landing sites for the twin Mars Exploration Rovers. They were set to launch May 30 and June 25 and are expected to arrive on Mars in January. LaClair graduated from CMU this spring.

25 and are expected to arrive on Mars in January 2004.

After the Columbia explosion, there was concern that the mission might not have enough funding to go through as planned.

"You always are worried when you're going to spend \$800 million for anything," LaClair says. But she was reassured that the rovers would land on

the sites she selected.

Now that she has graduated, LaClair says she hopes to further her education or do science reporting. And she says she'll never forget her experience.

"I've met some amazing people, some real pioneers in planetary geology who've kind of taken me under their wing," she says.



Rick Bunch, director of the Center for Geographic Information Science, and Ken Curry, the center's manager, review GIS data of a section of land.

Beyond the map

Tucked away in a corner of CMU's Dow Science Complex is the Center for Geographic Information Science, a small yet powerful entity working with innovative mapping technology to make life easier for municipalities across central and northern Michigan.

But don't tell Rick Bunch that GIS is just about mapping. As the director of the center, Bunch has information at his fingertips on everything from water distribution to cancer incidence to gypsy moth population.

"The big misconception is that GIS is mapping," he says. "The map is just the end product."

GIS has many practical applications that the center is trying to promote, especially among smaller municipalities that haven't considered such technology before. So far, the center has contracted with Isabella County to provide a needs assessment, and Bunch foresees many projects involving parcel mapping for government entities in the future.

"We're basically trying to enhance and improve the business of government," says Ken Curry, manager of the center. "It's similar to information technology, but it has this spatial component."

Before GIS, the burden on tax assessors and city managers was great. With any new zoning proposal or change, information on property owners and surrounding parcels had to be looked up manually, using cumbersome and often inaccurate maps.

With the new geographic technology, that information is already stored in a database. When a zoning change comes up, GIS can be used to create a mailing list instantly of property owners affected by the zoning.

"You can really reduce the time it takes," Bunch says.

Another useful application of GIS is in predictive modeling – using multiple pieces of data that wouldn't normally be considered together before, and using the resulting information to make educated decisions about things like infrastructure and development.

"Just because you're rural or have a small population doesn't mean you don't have GIS needs," Curry says.

In times of heightened national security, GIS also is useful in identifying potential threats to a municipality's water supply. Information about hospitals and schools also can be used in constructing an emergency plan.

While the center is relatively young, many municipalities and governmental units are seeking out its services. Bunch says CMU students and faculty often use the center for assistance with research. He hopes that in the future the center can employ geography students as research assistants or as interns with local governments so they can become more familiar with the technology they are sure to use for most of their careers. • CJD

A season to remember



ROBERT BARCLAY

The men's basketball team celebrates its win at the MAC Championships at Cleveland.

Basketball

By Don Helinski, '96

The 2002-03 CMU men's basketball season was a hoop lover's dream, complete with half-court buzzer-beaters, high-flying slams, championship trophies, records, awards, and Dick Enberg's signature "oh my" exclamations.

CMU fans were treated to the most wins in school history (25-7) and a run into the second round of the "big dance," the 65-team NCAA tournament.

Following a nonconference schedule that included an 85-78 win at Michigan, the Chippewas won the Mid-American Conference regular season title with a 14-4 record. CMU added a convincing run in the MAC tournament, defeating two-time defending tournament champion Kent State, 77-67, in the final game.

Jay Smith's charges waited until the last team was announced on Selection Sunday to find out that their date for the dance was No. 15-ranked Creighton in Salt Lake City. The Chippewas raced

out to a 26-point lead and held on to a 79-73 win versus the Bluejays with CMU alumnus Enberg calling the game for CBS television.

The dream run came to an end with an 86-60 loss to perennial national power Duke.

Smith was honored with MAC Coach of the Year honors for the second time in the last three years, and the awards didn't end there.

Junior center Chris Kaman was tabbed MAC Player of the Year, MAC Defensive Player of the Year, and honorable mention All-America by the Associated Press. He posted one of the most dominating seasons in CMU history with averages of 22.4 points, 12.0 rebounds, and 3.2 blocks per game. His 373 rebounds and 98 blocks set CMU season records and the seven-footer's 25 double-doubles led the country.

Seniors Mike Manciel (second team) and J.R. Wallace (honorable mention) earned All-MAC honors while fellow senior Whitney Robinson was the MAC's Sixth Man of the Year.

Manciel capped off quite a year by finishing sixth on CMU's career scoring chart with 1,399 points. Wallace made key baskets all season long, hitting 59 three-pointers for the sixth-best total in school history. His banked-in, half-court buzzer-beater to defeat Ohio 87-84 was one of the lasting images from the year. Robinson's tenacious defense and long-range shooting threat made him the league's most valuable reserve after he started most of the previous season.

Starters T.J. Meerman and Tony Bowne played unsung roles much of the season, but both came up big when CMU needed them most. Meerman averaged double figures in the MAC tournament and posted career highs in the semifinals and finals. Bowne had 14 points and five assists in the NCAA win over Creighton.

The successful season put CMU in the national spotlight and helped the Chippewas earn an invitation to the EA SPORTS Maui Invitational, a three-game tournament in Lahaina, Hawaii, that will kick off the 2003-04 season Nov. 24 through 26. •

A season to remember

Gymnastics

By Andrea Wiczorek, '97 MA '02

CMU gymnasts broke records, scored perfect 10s, and went 12-0 in the Mid-American Conference during their stellar 2003 season.

The team won the MAC Championship with a school record of 197.425, the first 197 score in CMU history.

The Chippewas sent three individuals – the most to qualify in a single season – to compete in the NCAA Championship in Lincoln, Neb. Sarah Dame, Kara Reighard, and Katie Teft were eliminated in the first round of competition.

The team had its best finish in school history at the NCAA Central Regional competition, tying for second place with a 196.350 team score. It was the fourth time a team qualified to compete at the regional level. CMU upset No. 7 Oklahoma and tied with No. 17 Auburn. The gymnasts also set a beam record with a 49.300.

Head coach Jerry Reighard was named the co-Central Regional Coach of the Year, while Christine MacDonald earned Central Regional Assistant Coach of the Year honors, and Marcy Weston was named the Central Regional Administrator of the Year.

Upsets were common for CMU during the regular season. The No. 25 Chippewas took down then-ranked No. 21 West Virginia, No. 11 Michigan, and No. 18 Kent State.

The team finished with the most wins in a season and a flawless MAC record, going 30-7 overall and 12-0 MAC. It was the third time that CMU was 12-0 in conference action while earning its ninth conference title.

CMU claimed the MAC title by storm, grabbing a title on each event to sweep the competition and post a league-high and school record 197.425. The team set records on the vault (49.275) and on the



Michele Orloski (right) and Katie Teft scored perfect 10s during their championship season.

uneven bars (49.550). The team walked away with four All-MAC first-team recipients and one second-team honoree.

Reighard broke her own personal and school record in the all-around, taking first place with a 39.625. She was the vault champion with a 9.925 and tied for the floor title (9.950) with teammate Michele Orloski.

Bethany Couturier won the beam title with a 9.875, while Teft took first place on bars with a 9.975.

In the regular season, Orloski became the first Chippewa to post a perfect 10.0 on the floor

exercise. She managed to accomplish the feat in two consecutive weeks of competition.

Teft, a transfer from Massachusetts, also posted her first 10.0. She nailed the perfect score in only her second meet of competition after tending to injuries for the first half of the year. She set CMU's bars record and earned a 10.0 on two occasions.

The Chippewas proved in 2003 that they were not only successful in the gym but also successful in the classroom. Three gymnasts were named the MAC Scholar-athlete of the Week four times. Dame also earned Academic All-MAC accolades. •

Wrestling

By Rob Wyman

The CMU wrestling team continued its domination of the Mid-American Conference this season by winning its fifth straight regular season title and fifth tournament title in six years.

One of the many highlights for the wrestling team was winning the MAC tournament in front of its home fans, dubbed the "Maroon Platoon." CMU had three individuals win titles in the tournament: freshman Kyle Stoffer at 125, junior Jason Mester at 141, and senior Brett Faustman at 197. All 10 CMU wrestlers placed in the top three in the competition, the second straight year the Chippewas have accomplished this.

Head coach Tom Borrelli, in his 12th year as head coach, was named MAC Coach of the Year for the fifth time. Stoffer used his title win to earn MAC Freshman of the Year honors, the sixth time a CMU wrestler has won that award. Named to the All-MAC first team were Stoffer, Mester, and Faustman, while junior Kevin Carr, sophomore David Bolyard, and junior Ty Morgan were named to the honorable mention All-MAC team.

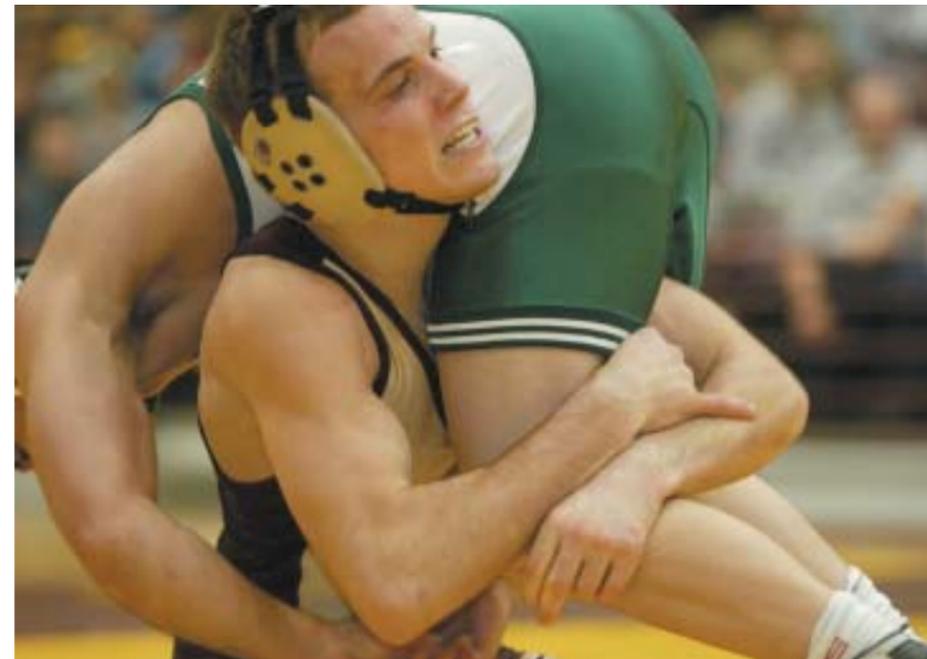
At the NCAA Championships, 141-pounder Mester became the first wrestler since 2000 to win All-America honors. He took fifth at the 141-pound

weight class after falling in double overtime during the championship semifinals to eventual champion Teyon Ware of Oklahoma. Mester's .897 win-percentage (26-3) is the fifth best win-percentage ever in CMU history.

CMU went 4-1 in MAC duals this season to capture a share of the regular season title for the fifth straight season. The Chippewas tied with Northern Illinois and Kent State for the title. CMU has a record of 27-2 in MAC duals over the past six years, including a streak of 24 straight victories.

Wins over in-state rivals Michigan State and Michigan highlighted the nonconference portion of the season. The 19-13 victory over Michigan was only the second time CMU has defeated the Wolverines. Including a shutout victory of Eastern Michigan, CMU defeated all three Michigan public universities that sponsor wrestling for only the second time ever; the first time was in 1999.

Another highlight was at the Missouri Open where three Chippewas won individual titles and 10 wrestlers placed. Winning titles were Mester, Morgan, and Bolyard. For the seventh straight season, CMU finished in the top 25, ranked by the National Wrestling Coaches Association at No. 18. •



'MR. TRACK' TURNS 100

Lyle Bennett, "Mr. Track" across four decades at CMU, turns 100 years old June 23. There will be a reception in his honor June 21 at the Riverwood Resort in Mount Pleasant from 2 to 4 p.m. The reception is open to everyone, and the family requests no gifts. Cards are welcome. Bennett, who won 20 letters at Rockford High, was a three-sport standout for the Chippewas from 1925-27, earning two letters each in football, baseball, and track. Bennett returned to his alma mater in 1947 as its men's track and cross country coach, a position he served in until 1970. His teams won 11 Interstate Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (IAC) track championships, nine outdoor titles, and two indoor championships. His last six teams all won outdoor titles. The outdoor track at CMU is named the Lyle Bennett Track, and the former Chippewa mentor coached such standouts as Jim Podoley, Walter Beach, Ed VanderHeuval, Tom Mayville, Willie Adkins, Dave Myers, Ken Blalock, and Jim Nesbitt. Inducted into the CMU Athletic Hall of Fame in 1984, Bennett also is a member of the Helms National Hall of Fame and the Alma College Hall of Fame. Bennett resides at The Wooden Rocker, 5785 E. Broadway, Mount Pleasant, MI 48858.

Jason Mester won All-America honors at the NCAA Championships, finishing fifth in his weight class.

Threads show



PEGGY BRISBANE

Students and faculty presented their apparel designs during the annual fashion show in March. "Threads 2003" was sponsored by the Fashion Association of Merchandising and Design. Shown here, models wear Shanna Dodson's award-winning apparel designs, inspired by 1920's fashion. Dodson won the Designer of the Year award for 2003, granted by a jury of faculty and students in CMU's apparel merchandising and design program.



PEGGY BRISBANE

Take me out to the ballgame

Gerald W. Ford, MSA '91, from Detroit (wearing the CMU jacket) cheers on the Detroit Tigers at CMU Day at Comerica Park in May. CMU alumni, students, faculty, staff, and their families and friends attended the game at a discounted rate. CMU sold more than 1,200 tickets to the event, which also included a pre-game reception highlighted by a talk by CMU alumna Elaine Lewis, vice president of public affairs and strategic planning for Detroit Tigers Inc. CMU President Mike Rao threw the first pitch at the game, and CMU senior Nikki Taylor sang the national anthem.

New provost joins CMU in July

A new executive vice president and provost will begin his position in July, replacing Richard Davenport, who assumed the presidency of Minnesota State University at Mankato in 2002.

CMU selected Thomas Storch, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Montana, from a nationwide pool of more than 50 applicants. He will begin his CMU appointment July 31.

Robert Kohrman will continue to serve as CMU's interim executive vice president until Storch begins.

"Thomas Storch is an accomplished zoologist who brings 13 years of combined experience as an academic dean and associate dean at four public universities," says CMU President Mike



Storch

the president with responsibility for academic and senior-level internal leadership.

Storch will lead an academic division comprising eight colleges, 36 departments, and more than 600 regular faculty who offer more than 170 academic programs, including 10 doctoral programs.

Rao. "He promotes student learning and teaching excellence, encourages research, and advocates service learning."

The executive vice president and provost serves as the senior officer next in line to

CMU station named best in the state

CMU Public Radio was named Public Station of the Year for 2003, beating out all public radio and television stations in the state.



Nicholas

Alumnus David Nicholas, '87, CMU Public Radio news director, says he's proud that the station is starting to build the resources to be able to focus on news stories and features that impact 53 counties in central and lower Michigan.

"We're now being recognized as a station for news," he says. "People who are looking for developing stories, they are now turning to us."

Nicholas, also host of the program "Morning Edition," won an award for best breaking news story for his work on the Isabella County courthouse shootings in March 2002, and three additional awards, including best feature/use of medium, best hard news, and best mini documentary.

Sara Bingham, '03, was the first CMU undergraduate student to win a public radio award. Her story on Michigan's Civilian Conservation Corps won a merit award.

A night with Dave

PEGGY BRISBANE



Dave Matthews and Tim Reynolds performed April 1 for a packed crowd inside Rose Arena. The acoustic show was one of the largest concert events in CMU history – even with a ticket price of nearly \$50.



Leading ladies



ROBERT BARCLAY

The annual Griffin Forum, hosted by CMU's Robert and Marjorie Griffin Endowed Chair in American Government, examined the issue of "Women in Power in Lansing." Alumna Sandy Petykiewicz, '76, publisher of the Jackson Citizen Patriot, moderated the forum, asking questions about whether a glass ceiling still exists for women in power and if the panelists believed women have a different approach to policy issues than men. Shown here are (from left) Petykiewicz; Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land; Patricia Boyle, former justice of the state Supreme Court; and Genna Gent, director of communications for Gov. Jennifer Granholm. Other participants included state Sen. Beverly Hammerstrom, the Republican majority floor leader; Maura Corrigan, chief justice of the state Supreme Court; and Teresa Takai, director of the state's information technology department.

An original Black Panther



ROBERT BARCLAY

Bobby Seale, a 1966 founding chairman and national organizer of what was originally called the Black Panther Party for Self-Defense, discussed the party's origins and the Civil Rights Era during Black History Month events in February at CMU.

An easy decision

By Barbara Sutherland Chovanec

Beverly Benne is shown here with Roz, one of her Border collies that help with the sheep at Benne Farms Inc. in Sturgis.



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Beverly Benne, '62, can't leave her money to her sheep.

So she enjoys knowing that a portion of her estate will someday go to support education and help students at CMU.

This former teacher and current farmer has provided for CMU in her will – a move she says was an easy decision.

"It's a painless thing to do," Benne says. "It gives you peace of mind to know that your estate is going to the betterment of society.

"As our estate grew we knew we wanted our money to be passed on to an area that would make a difference. Education made a huge difference to me. If I hadn't gotten a college education, my life would be different."

Benne taught physical education in public schools at Marshall and White Pigeon, and she taught at Kalamazoo College.

Now she teaches water aerobics part time and

she and her husband, Max, raise sheep and hogs on their farm in Sturgis, which they operate with Max's brother and another business partner.

Each spring the Bennes take their 170 ewes to their farm in Rudyard in the Upper Peninsula, and they return them to Sturgis each fall to have their lambs. They also have about 2,000 hogs at Benne Farms Inc.

Beverly grew up in Unionville and attended CMU through State Board of Education Scholarships and the Ford Foundation Program, a special teacher training program.

She says she wants to ensure future CMU students have scholarships available to them like she did.

"I really enjoyed Central," Benne says. "It was a very pleasant experience. Educationally, it was a very broadening experience. In my career I used motivation techniques I learned from my excellent teachers at Central. It was wonderful to have teachers totally devoted to teaching. I felt they were interested in my progress even if I was not a major or minor student in their subject.

"Today's students are really going to need scholarship help. Making sure our estate goes somewhere it makes a difference is important."

The Bennes have designated their gift to The Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow College of Health Professions and the College of Education and Human Services.

Ted Tolcher, director of planned giving at CMU, says it's comforting for people to be able to choose where their money goes.

"I find that people want to designate their money to the areas they're most interested in," he says.

And designating an estate gift to CMU through a will, insurance policy, or retirement plan is a comfortable way for people to give to CMU.

"When people's circumstances don't allow them to make a substantial gift during their lifetime, an estate gift can often provide the comfort and protection of the assets that have been set aside for future living expenses or medical emergencies," Tolcher says.

"People can provide a legacy, through a scholarship fund or by naming a building or a book fund. Everything is possible. The easiest way for someone to give without impacting their current financial situation is through their estate plan."

"While senior gift programs at other universities buy benches or trees, I'm happy that the Making Our Mark steering committee decided to establish their legacy by creating a scholarship to help their fellow students."

It's not too late for recent graduates to contribute to this year's scholarships. For more information about the Making Our Mark campaign, call the development and alumni relations office at (800) 358-6903. •

"Eighty percent of success is just showing up"

Many of us watched the men's basketball team initially crush and then hang in there to defeat Creighton University and then take on the Blue Devils of Duke. Those were proud moments for CMU alumni across the country.

Of course we should be proud of our university not only for its accomplishments in athletics, but in all aspects of our university, including our president, administration, faculty, staff, and students.

This is my third year as president of the CMU Alumni Association, and it has been a privilege to serve you. I have enjoyed it so much that I have agreed to continue on as president through 2005.



Tom Lapka, '78
Alumni association president

During my tenure as president we have dealt with many alumni-related issues confronting the university. The most recent issue that the university faces is budget related.

The state of Michigan has a severe budgeting crisis, and significant cuts to higher education funding are likely. With many universities statewide already struggling, any cut in funding, coupled with cuts in scholarships to students throughout the state, presents financial problems for universities.

The point here, without tossing around a lot of numbers, is to impress upon you the importance of financially supporting CMU. Any gift, no matter the amount, is important. If you are a current or previous contributor, thank you. If you have yet to offer financial support, then you need to get into the game.

I believe it was Woody Allen who said, "Eighty percent of success is just showing up." We want you to show up and become a financial partner with the university. Financial support from alumni is important, and I ask that you take time to respond to solicitations you receive from the university. Or you can take a proactive approach and contact the development office at (800) 358-6903 or visit the Web site at www.cmich.edu/development.

As a graduate you are important to this university. You should note the ever-increasing expansion of our Michigan alumni chapters, now at nine, our 10 national chapters, our five constituent chapters, and our seven national alumni clubs. This expansion started under the able leadership of my predecessor, Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Fred Mester, and is continuing with the hard work and efforts of Mary Lu Fleming, executive director of alumni relations, and her staff.

The national exposure of CMU is rapidly growing each year. Your financial support will help to continue the mission of CMU as well as our ever-expanding national presence.

Thank you for the opportunity to lead, and I look forward to your continued support. •

Who was your favorite professor?

Last fall Robert H. Buck, '67, was in the area for business and stopped in the Carlin Alumni House for a visit. During our conversation we chatted about his favorite professors, William Bulger and George Blackburn. He reminisced about his years at Central and said, "they were two fine gentlemen who changed my life." He mentioned that no matter what they taught, he registered for their classes and was never disappointed.



Mary Lu Fleming, '90 MSA '92
Executive director
of alumni relations

As I meet alumni, I am often asked about favorite professors. It is a reminder that we have always had outstanding faculty on this campus who have a caring attitude toward our students.

We would like to hear from you about your favorite professor. Who was your mentor? Who had a profound influence on your years here at Central? We are very proud of our standard of academic excellence at CMU and believe our faculty are the foundation.

Write us at: Centralight, Public Relations and Marketing, West Hall, Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, MI 48859. Or send an e-mail message to alumni@cmich.edu.

We would like to use some of your letters in the next Centralight, so please include a contact phone number or e-mail address.

We congratulate our athletes on winning the MAC Institutional Academic Achievement Award for the fifth year in a row. Another example of faculty support came at the basketball awards dinner when senior Whitney Robinson thanked professor Karen Radell for the influence she had on his academic career.

Congratulations to all our athletes for an outstanding athletic year. We are proud of the national recognition they bring to our campus and the MAC and NCAA championships and awards they have received both in men's and women's programs. Go to the official athletic Web site, www.cmuchippewas.com for all the details.

I hope to see you this summer at one of the golf outings we host in Grand Rapids, Saginaw, metro Detroit, and Traverse City. Check our Web site for details, www.cmualum.com, or call our office at (800) 358-6903. Show your maroon and gold pride!

SENIORS MAKE THEIR MARK

Through a new scholarship program at CMU, students rely on the generosity of their graduating peers.

The Making Our Mark campaign seeks contributions from graduating seniors for \$500 scholarships for juniors and seniors who are working and carrying a full-time class load.

"So many of our students work," says Geoff Bartlett, director of annual giving at CMU. "They're

all in the same boat in large part because of that. These scholarships will help people who really need it."

The first awards will be given for the fall semester.

Bartlett says that while students are helping underclassmen, they're learning the importance of philanthropy.

"This is one way students can remain connected to CMU, in addition to the alumni chapters and activities," he says.

Honored during the CMU Alumni Awards Dinner and Dance were (front, from left) Aaron Radatz, Clarence Tuma, Ray Lawson, John Kulhavi, (back from left) Roger Kessler, Subir Chowdhury, Amy Courter, Ted Kjolhede, Aaron Warriner, and Fred Mester.

Honoring

One spring evening at CMU, nine alumni, one honorary alumna, and their families and friends gathered in an elegantly decorated Finch Fieldhouse to be honored during the CMU Alumni Awards Dinner and Dance.

Subir Chowdhury, MS '93, a Distinguished Alumni Award recipient, is chairman and CEO of ASI Consulting Group in Livonia and has written engineering and management books that are used in undergraduate and graduate programs worldwide.

"This country really teaches you how to dream, and if you can dream, you can achieve," says the Bangladesh native.

Amy Courter, an Honorary Alumni Award recipient, graduated from Kalamazoo College and is vice president of information technology at Valassis Inc. She is a charter member of CMU's College of Business Administration's management information systems advisory board, with which she got involved after visiting CMU on recruiting trips for her company.

"This award is a great honor," Courter says. "I really enjoy working with the people at CMU. In my wildest dreams, all I ever expected back was perhaps a permanent parking pass."

Roger Kessler, '58, a recipient of the Alumni Commitment Award, has lent his expertise to the CMU Board of Trustees for more than a decade. He also serves on the CMU Development Board, the Digital TV Conversion Steering Committee and CMU's Capital Campaign Committee.

Kessler retired from The Dow Chemical Co. in 1997 after working there for 38 years, most recently as the company's vice president and controller.

Ted Kjolhede, '48 MA '52, coached basketball, football, and tennis, taught physical education, and served as athletics director at CMU. He received the Distinguished Alumni Award.

ROBERT BARCLAY



alumni

Kjolhede was instrumental in the construction of Kelly/Shorts and Theunissen stadiums, and during his years as athletics director, he led the women's basketball program as it grew from an AIAW program to an NCAA program and helped pave the way for CMU's entry into Division I and the Mid-American Conference athletics affiliations.

John Kulhavi, '65, a CMU Board of Trustees member and devoted alumnus of CMU's ROTC program received the Distinguished Alumni Award.

He provides scholarships each year to ROTC cadets and has been a regular guest speaker for ROTC events. He also serves on the CMU Development Board and the College of Business Administration business advisory committee. Kulhavi is senior vice president and financial consultant for Merrill Lynch, Pierce Fenner and Smith Inc. in Farmington Hills.

Ray Lawson, '40, has taught English for nearly six decades at Rochester High School. He received the Distinguished Alumni Award, 63 years after graduating from CMU.

"Sixty-three years for many people seems like a long time," he says. "To me, it seems like yesterday. I appreciate this award so very much, probably more than anyone can understand."

Fred Mester, '59, recipient of the Community Recognition Alumni Award, serves as judge in the 6th Circuit Court of Michigan in Oakland County.

He was president of the CMU Alumni Board, and he has served on the Lem Tucker Journalism Scholarship and Speaker Series Steering

Committee, the President's Detroit Area Advisory Board, and the Centennial Year Award Board. In his community he founded a program, Reading to Reduce Recidivism, to help criminal offenders learn to read to improve their lives.

Aaron Radatz, '00, a magician who has been called the next David Copperfield, received an Outstanding Young Alumni Award.

Radatz maintains a rigorous tour schedule that keeps him performing magic around the world. A marketing major at CMU, Radatz worked on his performance career while a CMU student, and he thanked his professors for allowing him a flexible schedule to earn his degree.

Clarence Tuma, '50, retired owner of The Embers restaurant, has given his time, effort, and support to CMU for more than 50 years through fund raising and alumni events. He received the Alumni Commitment Award.

"I love my family, I love my college and community, and I love my country," Tuma says. "If I've helped my community, I'm only honored to be able to do so."

Aaron Warriner, '96 MA '98, recipient of an Outstanding Young Alumni Award, is a business support consultant for Consumers Energy in Livonia, who continues to support the College of Communication and Fine Arts.

"I feel like I'm getting an award for something that I enjoy doing," he says. "It's really just icing on the cake."

Embers reunion

The Embers is cooking up reunion events for CMU alumni who worked at the restaurant as students.

At homecoming Oct. 11, The Embers will host a tailgate party near the Rose Ponds prior to the football game. Then following the game, all Embers alumni are invited to an hors d'oeuvres reception at the restaurant.

Call the alumni relations office at (800) 358-6903 for more information or to reserve your spot.

CONCERT FOR SPORTS

Fans of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons can see their favorite performers in concert while supporting the CMU athletics program.

Joe Vicari, owner of Freedom Hill Amphitheater and CEO of Andiamo Restaurants in the metro Detroit area, has donated 2,000 concert tickets to CMU. Proceeds from ticket sales will go to the athletics program.

The concert is at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 2 at the Freedom Hill Amphitheater in Sterling Heights. An Italian Festival takes place on the front grounds of Freedom Hill throughout the weekend.

For concert tickets, call the athletics ticket office at (888) 347-3872 or the Chippewa Club office at (800) 358-6903, extension 6680.

Alumni Events

June

30 Tri-cities alumni golf outing, Apple Mountain Golf Club, Freeland.

July

14 Metro Detroit alumni golf outing and pig roast, The Majestic Golf Course, Hartland.

24 Traverse City golf outing, Grand Traverse Resort.

August

1 Chicago Cubs outing.

1-9 Alumni trip to Paris.

2 Alumni gathering at Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons concert, Freedom Hill Amphitheater, Sterling Heights.

12 Grand Rapids golf outing, Quail Ridge Golf Club.

21 Alaskan cruise alumni trip.

30 Tailgate party before the CMU vs. University of Michigan football game.

September

7-11 Mackinac Island Elderhostel program.

19-27 Alumni trip to Ireland.

20 Genesee County alumni golf outing, Copper Ridge Golf Course.

October

4 Alumni trip to New England.

11 Homecoming.

11 Embers alumni reunion.

13-21 Alumni trip to Normandy, France.

24 "Triple Espresso" at the Gem Theatre, Detroit.

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Words from West Michigan

By Pam Murray, '77 MA '83
Grand Rapids alumni chapter

CMU's Grand Rapids alumni chapter was born at the tee.

A few years ago, several alumni got together to golf and raise funds for scholarships for CMU students from Grand Rapids. Since then, we have planned and organized various activities and events to reunite alumni and reconnect them to the university. These activities range from an evening reception at the Van Andel Public Museum to monthly after-work gatherings at a local establishment to spur-of-the-moment gatherings to watch the Chippewas in the NCAA tournament.

Recently, we began planning a special event involving alumni from CMU and our rival, Western Michigan University. It will be called the "CMU/WMU Crying Towel," and the event will take place Thursday, Nov. 13 before the big football game in Kalamazoo Nov. 15. We'll invite the pep bands and cheerleaders from the two universities, and it will include good old-fashioned rivalry. Proceeds from the event will go to the Grand Rapids Chapter Scholarship Fund, just like our golf fund-raisers. For more information, contact the alumni office and ask to be added to the local Grand Rapids Chapter e-mail address list.

Participating in a chapter has many benefits. It can provide unique opportunities for alumni to network with community leaders and other professionals in their field. It can keep alumni up-to-date on the university's endeavors and areas in which alumni expertise can be utilized. If alumni are new to the area, it's a great way for them to get to know the lay of the land and get professional referrals for doctors, dentists, insurance agents, bankers, and other service providers. It could even provide a new job opportunity.

If you have yet to get involved with your local chapter, I hope this will prompt you to contact the alumni office to find out what is happening in your area. And if there isn't a chapter in your area, volunteer to start one. You might want to get those golf clubs ready!



Chapter and club events

Ann Arbor

The Ann Arbor Alumni Chapter hosted an alumni reception in Chelsea prior to the performance of "Hope for Corky" at the Purple Rose Theatre, a product of Jeff Daniels' theater group. Nearly 40 alumni attended the reception and play.

Cincinnati

Cincinnati alumni gathered for the first time as local hosts Jeff and Diane Brasie welcomed more than 30 alumni from the Cincinnati/Dayton area at a reception at the Wyoming Golf Club. The event allowed alumni to socialize, as well as catch up with current events on campus.

Cleveland

The 2003 MAC Men's Basketball Tournament at Gund Arena in Cleveland was a pretty exciting venue to be at in mid-March. Hundreds of alumni gathered prior to each game and cheered the team all the way to the MAC Championship. Nearly 300 alumni were on hand at the reception prior to the championship game.

Dallas

The Dallas Area Alumni chapter hosted two pre-game receptions for the NCAA tournament. The first game-watching party when CMU played Creighton was held at the Fox and Hound sports bar in Richardson, Texas. The second party for the CMU vs. Duke game was held at the Fox and Hound Sports Bar in far north Dallas.



Cleveland: Alumni, students and other CMU fans gathered at pre-game receptions before CMU's games in the Mid-American Conference men's basketball tournament.

Florida: East Central area

The East Central Florida CMU Alumni Club hosted an evening event at the Citrus Club in Orlando for more than 30 area alumni and friends. All shared stories about themselves and listened to President Mike Rao discuss the importance of alumni and their relationship to the university. The president was accompanied by Ambassador Monica Rao and their son, Miguel.

Florida: Gulf Coast area

On March 2, the First Annual CMU Gulf Coast Family Picnic was held at Fort De Soto Park in Tierra Verde, Fla. In spite of the damp weather, 30 alumni from the Tampa Bay Area enjoyed a great barbecue between the raindrops. President Mike Rao, Ambassador Monica Rao, and their son, Miguel, joined in the activities.



Florida's Gulf Coast: Participating in the Gulf Coast Family Picnic were (from left) Dean Roberts, club coordinator Kim Maszera, Ken Payette, and Jerry Tubbs, former CMU vice president of finance.

Naples: Part of the group gathered in the Naples, Fla., area included (from left) alumnus Clarence Tuma and CMU friends Dale and Jan Joslin.



Florida: Naples area

More than 80 alumni and friends from the Naples area enjoyed an evening of socializing and listening to the music of alumnus Jack Gridley on the piano. Remarks about the university were given by President Mike Rao and Mary Lu Fleming, executive director of alumni relations. Also in attendance were Ambassador Monica Rao and their son, Miguel.

Lansing

The Third Annual "Posters at the Capitol" event was April 2. More than 30 students from the College of Science and Technology traveled to Lansing to present research projects at the Capitol. Alumni and friends were able to view firsthand the talent exhibited by CMU undergraduate students. CMU President Mike Rao and other university officials attended to support and thank these students for their hard work and dedication to undergraduate research.

Mount Pleasant

The Mount Pleasant Alumni Chapter hosted a Murder Mystery Dinner on March 7 at the Mount Pleasant Country Club. More than 200 alumni attended to watch the Gratiot County Players perform the dinner theater "Murder Country Style."

Traverse City

Traverse City area alumni hosted a biology faculty lecture series presenting work on cougars, wolves, and bobcats at the Park Place Hotel in Traverse City April 2.

1940s

James Brisbois Sr., '43, was recently honored by the State Bar Association for 50 years of service in the law profession. He lives in Saginaw.

1950s

Wells Franklin Cook, '50, has been a professor in CMU's business information systems department since 1967. He lives in Mount Pleasant.



Berneita "Peggy" Huffman Rutherford, '56 MA '69, was presented with the Raymond B. Bauer Humanitarian Award from the Michigan Parkinson Foundation. She has three sons and is retired in Tustin.

Hal Van Sumeren, '57, was awarded the Traverse City Area Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Service Award. He recently retired as president of the chamber of commerce.

1960s

Gail Makinen, '61, retired on Dec. 31, 2002, after 19 years as a specialist in economic policy at the Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress. He lives in Arlington, Va.

John Verwey, '62, and his wife, Barb, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on March 5, 2003. They live in Mount Pleasant.

Jeanne Van Ochten, '64, retired after 24 years teaching high school history and Spanish, and eight years as a guidance counselor in Seattle. She and her husband now reside in Ann Arbor.

Charles Kenyon, '65, retired from the city of Saginaw's Office of Contract Compliance and Accounting after 30 years of service. Prior to his employment there he taught high school business subjects in Midland; Kake, Alaska; and Bathurst, New South Wales, Australia. He lives near Freeland.

Terence F. Moore, '65, is president and chief executive officer of MidMichigan Health in Midland, which operates three hospitals, two nursing homes, and eight other subsidiaries. He lives in Midland.

Don Richards, MA '67, retired as business manager of Harrison Community Schools after 37 years of employment in the district.

Susan (Rotter) Kalis, '69, retired from the Wayne Westland Schools after 30 years. She is now working part time as an English as a Second Language teacher for Plymouth Canton Schools.

1970s

Kenneth McCarter, '70, is vice president of union relations and security operations of the Chrysler group of DaimlerChrysler Corp. He lives in Rochester Hills.

Bernard R. Rosenberg, '71, recently wrote his first book, "Fishing Alaska Without Getting Hooked," a full-color guide to planning an economic fishing trip for salmon. It was published by Amato Books.

Tom Atkinson, '72, is principal at Besser Elementary School in Alpena. His book, "Scout Team Quarterback," is available at acriticalmass.com.

Kevin M. Campbell, '74 MA '76, is senior information specialist at Dow Corning Corp. He lives in Midland.

Mary Murnighan, '74, was nominated for Teacher of the Year in her county in Englewood, Fla.

Timothy J. Titus, '74, received his MBA from the University of Phoenix. He and his wife, Mary, and daughter, Ashley, live in Gilbert, Ariz. He is the southwestern states area sales manager for Herff Jones Inc., where he has worked for 28 years.

We're playing favorites

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Stephen A. Boyd, '75, is a professor of plant and soil sciences at Michigan State University. He lives in East Lansing.

John A. Gebhardt, '75, is a veteran advocate and service officer for Santa Fe Community College and the University of Florida. He lives in Gainesville, Fla.

Dean Kudich, '75, is vice president of corporate reorganizations in the United States securities operations division of J.P. Morgan. He and his wife, Nancy, live in Frisco, Texas.

James D. Westphal, '75, is a corporate interior designer and buyer for La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries.

William L. Benoit, MA '76, is a professor of communication at the University of Missouri.

Paul Boscarino, '76, is station manager and director of sales for Clear Channel Radio of Grand Rapids. He lives in Rockford.

Y.C. Parris, MA '77, received the Presidential Rank Award for his career of sustained accomplishment. He is director of the Birmingham VA Medical Center in Birmingham, Ala.

Denise Logan, '78, recently won the Eugene Browning Medical Service Award. She is a corporate physician at Spectrum Health Occupational Services in Grand Rapids, where she lives with her husband and five children.

Richard Booms, '79, was elected president of the Marble Institute of America. He is the founder and president of Booms Stone Company, and he lives in Redford.

1980s

Mark Balasa, '80, is a partner in Balasa Diverno Foltz and Hoffman, a Chicago financial advisory firm. He lives with his wife, Laurel, and sons, Bryant and Brett, in Palatine, Ill.

Bill DiSessa, '80, earned a master's degree in organizational management from the University of Phoenix in 2002 and has been promoted to director of Wage, Outreach and Analysis at the Michigan Bureau of Workers' and Unemployment Compensation in Detroit.

John Short, '80, is president of the central division for Quorum Health Resources. He and his wife, **Kris (Kralick) Short**, '83, live in Plano, Texas, with their three daughters, Kara, Karly, and Kamryn.

Steven J. Yonker, '80, was recently hired as the special education planner/monitor for the Newaygo County Intermediate School District. His wife, **Mary Kay Yonker**, MA '97, is principal of Jack D. Jones Elementary School in White Cloud Public Schools. They live in White Cloud with their two daughters, Margaret and Molly.

James A. Adams, MA '81, recently became quality manager at Automold of America Inc.'s Auburn Hills plant. In April 2002 he was awarded the first Bajaria Medal for Quality Leadership by the Ann Arbor section of the American Society for Quality.

Karen Passino, '82, recently joined the Gaylord Herald Times as feature publications editor.

Cindy (Toogood) Braunlich, '83, is human resources manager for Bill Behre Associates in Verona, N.J.

Thomas C. Conley, MA '83, was appointed vice president of human resources at St. Agnes HealthCare in Baltimore.

Joseph G. Jarret, MPA '83, just completed a series of lectures on "The Effects of Domestic Violence on School Truancy" in school districts in Florida and Illinois. His article "Rapid Response to Interruptions of Government Services" is in the February 2003 issue of Public Risk Journal. He is an attorney at law.

John Marshall, MA '84, was recently named chief executive officer of Horizon Medical Center in Dickson, Tenn.

Teresa J. (Meis) McClelland, '84, recently accepted a position as head of faculty of new media and the arts at the Southern Institute of Technology in New Zealand. She will spend 2003 on a year's sabbatical traveling around the United States, and she will begin her position in 2004. She lives in Invercargill, New Zealand.

Robert A. Dubault, '85, was recently named a partner of Warner Norcross & Judd LLP. He practices law and lives in Muskegon.

Taoufik Nadji, '85, teaches physics at Interlochen Arts Academy. The January 2003 issue of "The Physics Teacher" magazine contains an article that explains an original approach to laboratory assessment that he has implemented into his classes.

Kevin Williams, MBA '85, was promoted to GM North America vice president for quality in May 2003.

Randolph Chesney, '87, was recently appointed vice president/controller of Onsted State Bank, where he has been employed since 1995. He lives in Napoleon.

Leanne Marie Chandler, '88, earned her master certified flight instructor designation by the National Association of Flight Instructors. She is a lead flight instructor at Western Michigan University and lives in Holland.

Angeline (Boulley) Matson, '88 MPA '01, was recently appointed education director by the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council. She serves on the council's board of regents and lives in Mount Pleasant with her husband, William, and three children, Chris, Ethan, and Sarah.

Timothy J. Jablonski, '89, and his wife, Adele, announce the birth of their son, Ryan Matthew, on Jan. 19, 2003.

Mark G. Mosesso, '89, married Kelly Highland on Oct. 5, 2002. They live in Lake Orion.

Norm J. Nicholson, '89, announces the birth of his son, Andrew John, on Feb. 25, 2003.

1990

Evelyn (Earns) Alsup, '90, announces the birth of her son, Noah, who was born in November 2002. She is a stay-at-home mom living in Oklahoma.

Kurt Berryman, '90, was selected by Congressman Thaddeus McCotter to be his special assistant. He is a lobbyist at Governmental Consultant Services Inc.

Donald C. Brownell, '90, and his wife, Dawn, recently built a new home in Lake Orion. He continues his law practice as a partner at Vandevener Garzia P.C. in Troy.

Eric J. DeGroat, '90, was named a shareholder of Howard & Howard Attorneys P.C. in Bloomfield Hills. He practices real estate law.

1991

Angela Aubin, '91, joined Crystal Mountain in Thompsonville as a sales manager. She is responsible for the association and finance/banking group markets.

Michelle D. Szymczak, '91 MA '97, is a consultant for IBM Corp. in Detroit. She lives in Mount Pleasant.

1992

Carolyn L. (Michael) Nowin, '92, married Mark Nowin on Jan. 14, 2002. They live in Okemos.

Chris Sachs, '92, received an MBA with a strategic management specialty from Davenport University in December 2002. He is a purchasing manager at Fisher Dynamics, a global supplier of seat mechanisms.

1993

Karen (Cronin) Muma, '93 MA '02, completed her master's degree in counseling in December 2002. She is student services coordinator for Clare-Gladwin Career Tech Center.

1994

Michael E. Collins, '94, is an associate at Morgan Stanley. He lives in Chicago.

Autumn (Childs) Manelis, MBA '94, and her husband, **Paul J. Manelis**, '93, announce the birth of twins, Parker and Ava, on April 21, 2002. The family lives in Minneapolis.

Kristen L. Reimink, '94, is senior vice president and chief financial officer of NSF International, a not-for-profit organization providing a wide range of public health risk management services, in Ann Arbor. She lives in Plymouth.

1995

Spence Johnston, '95, is a senior account manager for PR Plus in Las Vegas. He manages public relations and special events for several casinos and restaurants and promotes shows and concerts. He and his wife, Hannah, and daughter, Zoe, live in Las Vegas.

Ricardo Resio, '95, is director of human resources for The Rehmann Group in Saginaw. He lives in Saginaw.

1996

Christine (Truche) Caroen, '96, is an application consultant in supply chain software for Manugistics Inc. in Rockville, Md. She received a master's degree in supply chain management from Michigan State University in 2001, and she got married in 2001.



A face of war

The presence of CMU alumni serving in the military in Iraq became clear this spring as their images popped up on television and in newspapers in a media-centered war.

Army 1st Lt. Adam Prosser's brother-in-law was leafing through the pages of *Time* magazine in his doctor's office one day when he saw Prosser's face in a photo of soldiers training in Kuwait.

Prosser, '01, was deployed to Kuwait last October along with many other CMU alumni and several of his friends from ROTC.

His family and his wife, Tiffany, say they are concerned for Adam's safety, but are comforted by the fact that he is serving alongside people he knows.

"I'm not sure that they all get to see each other, but just knowing they're all there. They all went to Central together, and they were in ROTC together. There's probably at least four or five over there. I think it definitely helps," says Tiffany Prosser, '03, who married Adam just three months before he was shipped off.

Photos of Prosser and other soldiers in the 3rd Infantry Division were taken in Kuwait before the war began, and they appear in the Feb. 17 and March 17 issues of the national magazine. The soldiers were undergoing urban night training.

"It was like a surreal moment," Tiffany Prosser says of the photos. "It's one thing to know that he's over there. But to actually see his face in a huge magazine, it just made it more real. He's going to be part of history, and it's documented in the magazine. I was really proud."

Adam Prosser's parents, Mary Jo and Ron Prosser of Buchanan, also are proud of their son and support the troops overseas, although they had hoped for a peaceful solution. Seeing the photo made them miss Adam even more, Ron says.

"It's very hard," Mary Jo says. "We don't have any contact with him."

"I'm a Vietnam veteran, so I know what war's like," Ron says. "I just worry a lot. I was sure that it wouldn't take very long. It's a type of warfare we're well trained for."

Adam's sister, Jennifer Prosser, '99, also is a

Army 1st lieutenant and CMU alumnus Adam Prosser, closest to the camera on the left, undergoes urban night training in Kuwait in this photo, which originally appeared in the Feb. 17 edition of Time magazine. Prosser and several other alumni served in the war in Iraq.

1st lieutenant. She is a nurse serving in the Air Force, and she is stationed in Mississippi.

Lt. Col. David Manville, who heads CMU's ROTC program, says there are likely several CMU graduates stationed in the Middle East.

"We are immensely proud of Lt. Prosser, who was an outstanding cadet in our program," Manville says. "Adam serves as a reminder to all CMU alumni that international conflicts have personal implications which impact family and friends daily in Michigan. Those who know and love Adam cannot tune in and tune out the war with the nightly news.

"For our seniors who are commissioning this year, Adam provides a powerful reminder of the seriousness of the nature of our program and the reality of the endeavor they are about to begin." • CJD

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Jim O'Laughlin, '96, is senior product specialist for Crowe Chizek in Grand Rapids. He lives in Hudsonville.

1997

Derek D. Avey, '97, is a captain in the U.S. Army who was deployed to Iraq. He is a battle planner for the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment from Fort Polk, La.

Janie Morris Hart, MSA '97, is among the first master's degree recipients doing a two-year training and development program at the U.S. Department of Labor. The training will give her key management skills for potential future advancement within the department's mid- and senior-level ranks.

Kenyatta A. Sabir, '97, is working as a family independence specialist with the Family Independence Agency.

1998

Kevin Essebaggers, '98 MA '01, is a reporter/anchor for WWTW/WWUP-TV channels 9 and 10 news in Cadillac and Traverse City. He lives in Cadillac.

Michelle (Epple) Farney, '98, married Wesley Farney on Nov. 23, 2002. She is a substitute teacher for Waverly Community Schools and lives in Lansing.

Jeremy Florence, MBA '98, and his wife, **Emily Florence**, MA '01, announce the birth of their daughter, Cassidy Lane, on Dec. 9, 2002. She joins brothers Robert and Luke.

Scott A. Shanlian, '98, is working as a pacemaker/defibrillator sales representative for Biotronik. He and his wife, **Leslie Houtteman**, MS '95, and their two sons live in Ottawa Hills, Ohio.

Jennifer M. (Taylor) Thomas, '98, and her husband, **George Thomas**, '89, announce the birth of their first child, Jacob Joseph, on Oct. 5, 2002. They live in Berkley.

1999

Michael J. Bishop, '99, recently joined the Kalamazoo office of National City Bank as assistant vice president for investment real estate.

Donald P. Johnson, '99, was promoted to captain in the Michigan Army National Guard, taking command of the 1075th Maintenance Company in Marquette with a detachment in Manistique. He works full time as an eighth-grade science teacher for Kingsford Middle School.

Erik K. Nance, '99, wrote two screenplays, "From Dreams to Nightmares" and "With this Ring," and sold both of them to major production houses.

Hannah R. (Andrus) Palmer, '99, married Rodney Palmer on Dec. 21, 2002. She is an elementary technology specialist for the Port Huron Area School District. They live in Fort Gratiot.

Jennifer Rutkey, '99, is producer of Ford Motor Co.'s Ford Communications Network. She lives in Livonia.

Lori Wegner, MSA '99, recently presented two sessions at the Leadership Challenge 2003 for the national convention of the Emergency Nurses Association in Albuquerque, N.M. She is a doctoral candidate for Capella University in Minneapolis.

2000

Kathleen (Haske) Boulis, '00, married Brian Boulis on Nov. 9, 2002.

Lewis Brooke, MSA '00, serves as health planner of the Grand Traverse County Health Department and coordinator of HIV/AIDS Partnership North. He lives in Traverse City.

Natalie K. Davis, '00, is an executive assistant to the president at Wolgast Corp. in Saginaw. She is social chairperson of the CMU Tri-cities alumni chapter. She lives in Bay City.

Carie R. Kubisz, '00, is a senior account executive at Integrated Marketing Solutions.

Bridget M. L'Esperance, '00 is teaching in the Utica School District.

Amanda K. Marshall, '00, was promoted to project manager with E Commerce Group in its downtown Manhattan office.

Steve McAllister, '00, was recently hired as sexual violence prevention coordinator at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Penn.

Jennifer L. Petrick, '00, was hired as an outpatient therapist/counselor by Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority. She earned her master's degree from Northern Illinois University in May 2002.

David H. Ryther Jr., '00, is director of stadium operations for the Augusta GreenJackets baseball club, a Single A minor league affiliate of the Boston Red Sox. He and his wife, Joyce Ann, and daughter, Seattle, live in Augusta.

Victoria (Miller) Sepulveda, '00 MA '02, married **Jhonatan Sepulveda Villet**, MS '02, on June 21, 2002. She is a social worker and family advocate for Judson Center in Ann Arbor.

Danielle L. (Kane) Valentine, '00, married **Scott J. Valentine**, '99, on Oct. 12, 2002.

2001

Rebecca Bunting, '01, joined the Make-A-Wish Foundation as manager of volunteer services. She lives in Dearborn.

Ron P. Coury, '01, is working at the University of Michigan Hospital in the cardiology department.

Kristi White, '01, recently was hired as a staff accountant at Clayton & McKervey P.C., a Southfield-based public accounting and business advisory firm.

2002

Alexander J. Debay, '02, is assistant clubhouse manager for the Richmond Braves, a AAA minor league baseball team.

Jason M. Hughes, MA '02, recently joined the office of public relations at The University of North Carolina at Charlotte as communications coordinator.

Raymond J. Karle, '02, is a multimedia producer and photographer for S.C. Johnson Wax Home Storage in Bay City.

Anne E. Veltema, '02, is working in the communications department of Metropolitan Hospital in Grand Rapids, where she writes newsletter articles and public service announcements and works on special events. •

A Jones and a smile

Jennifer Reihl, '01, poses with a bottle of Jones Soda. The label features an old photo of her and her three cousins, Aaron Andres, '00, Alicia Andres, '96, and Brynnae Opalewski caught in the act of climbing a wooden fence in their grandmother's backyard trying to get a better look at a neighbor's horse.

The cousins, who all grew up together in Mount Pleasant, are part of a close knit family of CMU alumni, which also includes two other cousins, Brook Schumacher, '98, David Sheahan, '95, and an aunt, Paulette Green, '68.

"I think the whole thing is funny," says Reihl, who now works as a campaign coordinator for CMU's development and alumni relations. "It's just neat. It's something we'll remember."



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Lena Stalker, '22, age 103, Aug. 8, 2002. She taught in Flint elementary schools, retiring in 1966. She lived in Beecher.

Grace L. Noble, '28, age 94, Aug. 7, 2002. She taught in Flint, Gaylord, and Clare public schools and at Mott Community College. She lived in Flint.

Clifford H. Cawthorne, '30, age 95, Oct. 19, 2002. He taught school in Gaylord and Johannesburg. He lived in Sayre, Penn.

Mae Lyon Lawler, '30, age 91, March 27, 2003. She taught in various Isabella County schools and in Mount Pleasant Schools for 15 years. She also worked for the state's social services department and Long and Wetzel Co. She lived in Mount Pleasant.

Pauline Boerner, '32, age 95, Aug. 3, 2002. She taught in Rose City, Mesick, Bellaire, Honor, Williamsburg, and Johannesburg. She lived in Mio.

Richard Kennedy, '39, age 87, Oct. 27, 2002. He worked for many years for The Dow Chemical Co. He lived in Lansing.

Esther Mae (Deemer) Miller, '39, age 91, Oct. 11, 2002. She taught school for 10 years in the Traverse City area and taught music in Portage Public Schools for 25 years. She lived in Interlochen.

Clara Ellen Hyatt, '40, age 99, Aug. 12, 2002. She was a teacher, retiring in 1963. She lived in Alma.

Sarah Consaul Bruder, '41, age 83, Nov. 10, 2002. She taught elementary school in Chelsea and was a student counselor at Saginaw Valley College. She lived in Traverse City.

Marie Marcella Hardy, '41, age 84, Aug. 13, 2002. She taught in Traverse City, retiring in 1979. She lived in Kalkaska.

Elsa Shull Higginbotham, '41, April 19, 2002. She taught in Saginaw and Phoenix elementary schools. She was appointed to the Arizona Governor's Council for Children, Youth, and Families. She lived in Tempe, Ariz.

Bessie L. Behnke, '42, age 86, Nov. 12, 2002. She taught at Doyle School, Oscoda Consolidated School, and Cass Tech. She lived in Lake City.

Phyllis Ann Gettel, '43, age 78, Nov. 27, 2002. She was a bookkeeper for Gettel Implement Co. for 20 years, retiring in 1982. She lived in Sand Point.

Edward M. Kujawski, '43, age 84, Aug. 30, 2002. He served as superintendent of local school districts for more than 29 years. He lived in Boyne Falls.

Louis Joseph Stasaski, '47, age 81, Aug. 8, 2001. He taught mathematics for 36 years in Nashville Metro Schools. He lived in Nashville, Tenn.

Ernest O. Aho, '49, age 87, July 20, 2002. He retired from The Dow Chemical Co. in 1978. He lived in Grand Rapids.

Russell W. DeForest, '50, age 82, Oct. 24, 2002. He practiced law for more than 30 years, founding DeForest & Hanson Law Firm in 1955. He retired in 1985. He lived in Medford, Ore.

Daniel G. Coyne, '51, age 76, Aug. 5, 2002. He worked for Standard Oil Co. and served in the U.S. Navy and the Naval Reserves. He lived in Iva.

James O'Neill, '51, age 73, Dec. 31, 2002. He was a teacher and administrator for the Hemlock School District and served in the Michigan House of Representatives for 28 years. He lived in Saginaw.

John Hector MacMaster, '52, age 85, Nov. 21, 2002. He taught in Greenbush, Oscoda, Alcona, and Harrisville, where he became a high school principal. He lived in Harrisville.

Louise Joan Brastrom, '53, age 72, Nov. 6, 2002. She was an elementary teacher for 30 years in Rose City and Manistee Area Public Schools, retiring in 1986. She lived in Manistee.

Anita Alice (Buzek) Hoag, '53, age 69, Aug. 18, 2002. She taught for 38 years — at Suttons Bay Public Schools for five years, overseas for the Department of Defense, and in Mount Pleasant Public Schools for 23 years. She lived in Mount Pleasant.

Stella Adamski Daniels, '54, age 86, May 23, 2002. She was a teacher in the Standish area for 40 years.

Ted L. Harbourne, '54, age 74, Aug. 21, 2002. He was a teacher at Vassar, Phoenix Union, All Saints, and a special education and industrial arts instructor at Bay City Central, retiring in 1986 after 32 years. He lived in Bay City.

Zetta A. Bedore, '58, age 82, Nov. 15, 2002. She taught in Mackinaw City, Cheboygan, Dearborn, and Saginaw, where she served one year as principal. She lived in Cheboygan.

Agnes Schornack, '61, age 90, May 17, 2002. She taught for 35 years, retiring in 1974.

Cassie C. Shafer, '61, age 96, Dec. 10, 2002. She taught for 16 years in rural schools in Clinton County and for 15 years in Lansing Public Schools, retiring in 1971. She lived in Lansing.

Marion J. Thorsen, '62, age 90, Dec. 31, 2002. She was a retired elementary teacher for Vanderbilt and Wolverine schools. She lived in Mount Pleasant.

Donald Forrest Perrin, '65, age 84, Aug. 27, 2002. He was a teacher for 35 years. He lived in Fife Lake.

Mary Lu Raymond, '65, MA '73 and '91, age 59, Aug. 28, 2002. She was a teacher in Caro Community Schools. She lived in Caro.

Thomas J. Marietta, '66, age 59, Jan. 24, 2003. He lived in Mission Viejo, Calif.

Josephine Shore Erickson French, '67, age 90, Aug. 22, 2002. She taught in Burdell Township, Dighton, Winterfield, and Marion elementary schools. She lived in Cadillac.

Eugene "Butch" Attaman, '68, age 55, Dec. 13, 2001. He was a junior high teacher and administrator for alternative and adult education for Utica Community Schools. He coached track and baseball in Clarkston, where he lived.

Carol Jean Crawford, '68, age 75, Dec. 23, 2002. She was a retired teacher for Ithaca Public Schools. She lived in Ithaca.



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Danny Rose

One of the legends in CMU athletics, Daniel P. "Danny" Rose, died April 23, 2003, at age 95.

Rose spent more than 35 years in service to CMU, coming to Mount Pleasant in 1937 as a professor, assistant football coach, and head baseball and basketball coach. He became the athletics director in 1942 and served in that capacity until 1972.

"Danny was a courageous fighter and a tough guy," says former Chippewa basketball coach and athletics director Ted Kjolhede. "He was raised during an austere era and learned to be successful without too much."

Rose Arena, home of CMU basketball, was named after Danny in 1973.

Rose was 61-45 in 14 years as the baseball coach, while his 14 basketball teams were 186-64. His 1948-49 team was 15-1 and ranked No. 1 in the country.

A product of Rogers City High School, Danny played basketball at the University of Michigan and was president of the senior class. He graduated in 1930.

Rose, who served as a lieutenant commander in the United States Navy from December 1942 through January 1946, coached for eight years at Grand Rapids South High before coming to CMU.

At Grand Rapids South High, he was basketball coach for Gerald Ford, who would later become the 38th president of the United States. Rose and Ford were lifelong friends.

Rose was a member of CMU's inaugural Athletics Hall of Fame class in 1984 and was inducted into the Michigan Amateur Hall of Fame in 1975.

He lived in Mount Pleasant until his death. His wife, Bobbie, died in 1984. •

Charles Louis Wozniak, '69, age 59, Sept. 17, 2002. A U.S. Marine Corps veteran, he was assistant manager of the Firestone store in Ann Arbor for many years. He lived in Jackson.

Wava A. Boonstra, '70, age 86, Nov. 19, 2002. She was a teacher at a country school near Harrison, Grandon School, and Marion Public Schools. She also taught at McBain Public Schools, retiring in 1976. She lived in McBain.

Bethany R. Holodnick, '72, age 52, Dec. 24, 2002. She taught art at Landmark Academy in Port Huron. She lived in St. Clair.

Deborah Sue Cerny, '74, age 50, Dec. 2, 2002. She was a substitute teacher for Ovid-Elsie Public Schools. She lived in Elsie.

Larry S. Key, '75, age 51, Sept. 8, 2002. He worked in emergency medicine, family medicine, ambulatory and urgent care, and as director of medical education. He lived in Carney.

Gail Ruth Jozwiak, MA '76, age 63, Nov. 20, 2002. She was a retired teacher. She lived in Caswell Beach, Long Island, N.C.

Thelma Joyce Behling, '77, age 81, Aug. 22, 2002. She served in the U.S. Army during World

War II and was a nurse in the First Field Hospital in Okinawa. She was a school nurse for Boyne City Schools for more than 40 years. She lived in Boyne City.

Lura Louise Humble, MA '78, age 82, Dec. 17, 2002. She lived in San Pablo, Calif.

Jonathan Herald Acker, '79, age 47, Aug. 17, 2002. He worked as a project manager for computer-based companies. He lived in Royal Oak.

Marla B. (DeVos) Walley, MA '79 and 84, age 54, Feb. 23, 2003. She worked at Ludington Area Schools for 32 years and recently was a media center specialist for the high school and junior high. She lived in Ludington.

Roy G. Raney Jr., '90, age 34, Nov. 5, 2002. He was a collegiate wrestler and wrestling coach. He lived in Ashland, Ore.

Bradley V. Pohl, '93, age 31, July 23, 2002. He worked for the Cypress Corp. in Rochester Hills, most recently as a software engineer. He lived in Auburn Hills.

Brenda Lee Bonham-Maecker, '98, age 40, Aug. 29, 2002. She was a substitute teacher for Midland Public Schools. She lived in Midland.

George W. Turner Jr., MSA '99, age 53, March 5, 2001. He lived in Detroit.

Faculty and staff:

John Edward Beltinck, age 49, Dec. 16, 2002. He worked as an electronics engineer at CMU for 28 years. He lived in Rosebush.

Margaret Olive (Koopman) Joy, '26, age 102, Aug. 13, 2002. She was associate professor of social science at CMU from 1926 to 1942 and professor from 1944 to 1950. She lived in Lincoln, Neb.

Edward Warren Lehnen, age 74, Sept. 9, 2002. He was a journeyman locksmith for CMU from 1974 to 1990. He lived in Mount Pleasant.

Lorena M. "Ming" Mongeau, age 87, Aug. 27, 2002. She was an executive secretary for 18 years in the guidance counselor's office at CMU. She lived in Mount Pleasant.

Olaf Steg, age 88, Dec. 5, 2002. He was chairman of the School of Music from 1948 to 1959, fine and applied arts dean from 1959 to 1965, and graduate studies dean from 1965 to 1974. He lived in Gainesville, Fla.