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A little extra cash: College-bound kids learn jobs are hard to find

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Pressing levers that squirt swirled brown-and-beige yogurt into waffle cones, scooping ice cream and making malts on hot summer days in Clawson is how Sereen Nashif and Becki Woltman earn money for college.

With her thick, dark curls pulled back, Nashif, 18, and friend Woltman, 18, take a break from D&N Dairy Bar on Rochester Road near 14 Mile Road on a steamy summer day.

The two recent graduates of Clawson High School temper their less-than-ideal summer work with the excitement of going off to college in the fall.

College, however, comes with a cost.

Saving money for undergraduate expenses is "definitely the major reason I have a job right now," Woltman said, adding that she is paying for tuition at Albion College with money from her summer job and a loan.

Finding summer employment was difficult for Nashif, one metro-Detroit teen who discovered the slow economy left little room to be choosy in job selection.

"I applied to a lot of places and felt like a lot of people weren't hiring," she said.

She applied for jobs at stores like Baby Gap with no luck. So she turned to Woltman, who worked at the dairy bar for the past four summers.

"It seems like this summer, there is no opportunity," Woltman said.

The faltering economy led older, more qualified workers to step into jobs traditionally held by teens. Now that summer is ending, those starting college are making do with little-to-no pocket money for school.

Dorm decor, clothes and entertainment are some things Nashif is saving for. Her parents are paying for her University of Michigan tuition and necessities like a computer, she said.

Upcoming freshmen face tuition increases as well. The 2003 state budget cuts caused several Michigan colleges to increase rates this fall – from 6.5 percent at U-M to an average of 12.9 percent at **Michigan Technological University**. These fees mean larger loans or maxed credit cards for some students.

As costs continue to add up, one factor should help decrease spending for Woltman and other college students receiving financial assistance,

said Bryan Terry, director of financial aid at Wayne State University.

Student loans are at the lowest interest rates in 13 years, Terry said.

The current rate is 2.82 percent. Last year, it was 3.46 percent, a price that still looked good compared with 1999's 4.06 percent and 1997's 5.99 percent. The maximum rate for a student loan is 8 percent. About 65 to 75 percent of students are receiving some form of financial aid, including student loans, Terry said.

Both Nashif and Woltman don't plan on working during the school year because they want to adjust to college life without managing work responsibilities, they said.

Research proves that "as long as a student keeps work hours between 20 to 25 hours a week, their achievement does not suffer," Terry said.

"Once you start working a little bit more than that, there does seem to be more of a negative correlation between the two," he said.

For freshmen, who are often leaving home for the first time, balancing a budget is one of the most difficult tasks during the school year.

Another thing that may be hard to handle is the flood of high-interest credit card offers in students' mailboxes. They promise flashy discounts on merchandise, free airline tickets and pre-approvals. Some students are lured by the offers and conclude their education swimming in debt.

The number of students using credit cards to pay for tuition has risen about 25 percent during the last couple years at WSU.

Nellie Mae, a prominent lender of educational loans, released a survey in February that said about 78 percent of

undergraduate college students have credit cards, with 32 percent having four or more. The average amount of debt per undergraduate student is \$2,748, and for graduate students, \$4,776, said Gary J. Brand, partner and financial adviser for MSW Group PLC, in Farmington Hills.

"It's not a bad idea to wait until you start earning the money to spend it," Brand said.

The most common mistakes college students make are not educating themselves on the proper use of credit, he said.

In attempt to combat student money troubles, WSU holds workshops about balancing budgets.

The university also gives budget handouts and chats at orientation, covering anything from textbook prices to advice concerning dorm expenses, he said. Parents are encouraged to sit with their college-bound children and set budget guidelines.

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Upper Peninsula mine keeps tradition alive

GREENLAND, Mich.

Wearing a protective hat and steel-toed boots, Jim Hird circled a metal detector along a heaping pile of rock.

He eyed the smoky-gray load for unusual colors or jagged shapes.

"Mineral collecting is like gambling," Hird said. "You always try to hit it big and find that big, valuable piece. It's pure luck."

Hird, a 1968 **Michigan Technological University** alumnus, recently returned to the Copper Country from his home in Thorpe, W.Va., to dig for minerals at the Caledonia Mine in Greenland.

Caledonia is the Upper Peninsula's last operating underground mineral mine.

Richard Whiteman, who studied geology at **Michigan Tech**, purchased the mineral rights from the defunct Copper Range Co. He opened the No. 4 Caledonia adit - a horizontal passage in the mine - in 1985 to hunt for mineral specimens.

Whiteman hired two engineers and started his own company, Red Metal Explorations Inc. He works full-time in the mine, drilling and blasting rock, a method similar to that used by miners in the 1860s.

"Underground mining is a thing of the past," he told The Daily Mining Gazette of Houghton. "I think it's important to open this up for educational opportunities."

That's why Chris and Karen Albert, of Burlington, Wis., brought their three children to the mine site last week. Their 8-year-old daughter, Alena, sifted through a mound of rocks and uncovered a bucket full of minerals, including two slabs of sheet copper.

"We wanted to give the kids a chance to learn about minerals hands-on versus using a textbook," Karen Albert said. "We're using this as a schooling experience."

Whiteman began hosting private tours for science teachers, tour groups, students, professional mineral collectors and even bat lovers. He codeveloped a Red Metal Retreat, and also opens his mine to the Teachers' Earth Science Institute and the annual Keweenaw Week tour.

Sara Littau, of Charlotte, N.C., began collecting rocks and minerals 40 years ago. She visited Caledonia this week to hunt for new treasures.

"This is one of the few places in the country to find such a mineral collection," Littau said. "We're seeing bits and pieces of the mining industry."

The Caledonia Mining Co. boomed from 1862 to 1867.

"There's a lot of copper still down here," Whiteman said. "But it's not economical these days to get it out. By doing this, I'm not getting rich."

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Corrections

* Pamela Coles, a General Motors Corp. retiree, is 52 years old. Her age was incorrect in a story and photo caption about UAW bargaining talks on Page 1A of Monday's newspaper.

* Tom Bedway is co-owner of Ronnie's Quality Meats in Eastern Market. His last name was incorrect in a story and photo caption on Eastern Market merchants on Page 2B of Sunday's Business section.

* Troy-based Intermet Corp. designs and manufactures iron, aluminum, magnesium and zinc castings for automotive producers. The company's profile was incorrect in a listing on Page 4C of Friday's Business section.

* A story and graphic about college tuition increases that ran on Page 1A Monday contained an incorrect figure for **Michigan Technological University**. The university's tuition has increased 12.9 percent.

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Increase in university costs squeezes student budgets

DETROIT

Recent tuition hikes at Michigan's public universities, coupled with an ailing economy, have left an increasing number of Michigan's more than 300,000 college students scrambling for jobs and taking out loans.

While some are adding a roommate to defray living costs, others take less courses and search out additional work.

For Dennis Kusiak of Livonia, the compromise came in the form of choosing a lesser-known college. Kusiak had started at Alma College, but transferred to the less-expensive Schoolcraft College.

"What would you rather do, pay \$61 for a 100-level English class at Schoolcraft or would you rather pay \$300 per credit hour for that same class at a four-year university," Kusiak told The Detroit News for a story Monday.

Kusiak's choice is one faced by tens of thousands of the state's college students as Michigan universities, faced with cuts in state spending, raised tuition an average of 10 percent for the coming academic year. The increases ranged from 6.5 percent at the University of Michigan to **Michigan Technological University's** 15.3 percent hike.

"It's definitely much more expensive and difficult for everybody," said Will Doyle, senior policy analyst at the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education, an independent, San Jose, Calif.-based advocacy group.

"But changes in prices have a much more pronounced effect on lower-income students."

An indicator of this is the steady rise in federal student aid. And, much of this aid has been in the form of loans that leave students heavily indebted upon graduation.

"Student indebtedness is a concern that's been raised year after year as costs are going up," said Linda Sigh, Michigan State University's associate director of financial aid.

"But students are continuing to borrow and, at least at MSU, they're very good about paying it back."

At Michigan State, the average student debt has increased by 66 percent since 1997, reaching \$19,000.

"In the larger scheme of things, most students and parents feel the value of higher education is worth it," said Alisa Cunningham, director of research at the Institute for Higher Education Policy. "For low-income students it's harder for them to do these things - an increase of \$300 is making a difference for them."

Alissa Mobley, 32, of Detroit, falls into that category. She has decided to skip the fall semester at Detroit's Wayne State University to earn enough for school. It's something she's done before.

"I really can't afford it," said Mobley. "I'm completely doing this on my own, and it's been hard for me to get proper funding."

For those who opt to stay in school, the competition for jobs on or around campus is growing more intense.

That has prompted some to look at programs that pardon some loans or allow for their deferment like Teach for America or the Peace Corps, that pardons a portion of the federal Perkins loan, a type of student loan. Another option is joining the military upon graduation.

"We've been busier than usual for the last couple of years," said Scott Rokelley, spokesman for the Peace Corps in Chicago.

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ORLANDO: MSU students to stay in Florida for a while

Two Michigan State University students who were considered missing until Saturday will stay in Florida for an undetermined period, police said Sunday.

Danela Alfaro-Lopez, 19, of Dearborn and Justin Gouveia, 21, of Lowell, Mass., have spoken to their parents, but will remain in Orlando, where they were found.

Their parents reported them missing July 26 after they did not return from a trip to Massachusetts, prompting a nationwide search.

Police said Alfaro-Lopez and Gouveia told authorities they were not aware of how extensive the search was for them.

John Roach, a Wayne County Sheriff's Department spokesman, said they went to Florida without telling their families because they were trying to deal with some personal issues.

Alfaro-Lopez's mother, Maria Alfaro-Lopez, said Saturday that her daughter was conflicted about her academic future. By Nancy A. Youssef

BRIDGMAN

Police search for fugitive who fled Indiana prison

Police say a fugitive from an Indiana prison rammed a police car with a stolen prison

van early Sunday, then ran away.

Police in Bridgman, about 15 miles north of the Indiana border, say Troy Burge, 41, escaped Saturday night from Indiana's Westville Correction Center. He was serving eight years for burglary.

Officers from Bridgman and five other departments, using police dogs, were searching for him Sunday afternoon, police said.

He escaped when Officer Sheila Palmisano was trying to stop the prison van for defective equipment about 12:10 a.m. Sunday, police said.

As Palmisano got out of her patrol car, Burge put the van in reverse and rammed the car, police said. They said he ran the van over the hood of the patrol car, and the two vehicles became entangled.

Burge then ran away, carrying a white plastic bag that may have held a change of clothes, police said. They said he had been wearing a tan Westville Correction Center uniform. By the Associated Press

HOUGHTON

Michigan Tech to seek bids for dorm renovation

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million renovation of its largest residential hall.

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Man pleads no contest to touching girl, 13

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Police say the incident happened in the girl's home and that Walsh knew the family.

Walsh's bond was revoked after the hearing, despite pleas by his attorney that he remain free to seek psychological help. By the Associated Press

NEWBERRY

State official kills wolf that was attacking calves

A state official has shot a wolf under the a new federal law that allows officials to kill the animals when they become a nuisance.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources killed the wolf after it was found feeding on a calf on a farm north of Engadine.

Federal law began allowing such killings April 1.

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dairy farm, dragged it across a road and fed on it. The DNR set traps but was unable to catch the wolf.

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BAY CITY

Polluted river has hope for a cleaner future

State and Bay County officials say faulty and illegal septic systems and runoff from fields and lawns have polluted the Kawkawlin River for years. Now they want to put an end to the problem.

When bacteria get into the river, they flourish, along with weeds. For the most part, the Kawkawlin only flows when it rains, acting more like an extension of Saginaw Bay than a river.

The river has the fewest groundwater sources of any stream in Michigan, according

to the state Department of Environmental Quality.

The river remains under a public health advisory because of unsafe E. coli bacteria readings.

There are some water quality moves in sight, however.

The county Health Department says it hopes to start requiring septic system inspections when homes are sold in the county. A federal law that requires storm sewer and drain outlets to be monitored for illicit discharges takes effect later this year.

Bay County does not inspect septic systems now. Health Director Frederick Dryzga said inspections are not required by the state and they would be too time-consuming for the county.

The proposal for sale inspections is working its way through county committees.

The Kawkawlin River, with its main branch running through Bangor Township, has been flagged twice this year for unsafe E. coli bacteria levels.

E. coli are bacteria from the intestinal tract of humans and warm-blooded animals. Exposure to high levels can make people sick or cause an infection or disease. By the Associated Press

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Tuition hikes limit students' dreams Scarce jobs, loan debt add to financial pain

Margarita Bauza

As more than 300,000 students return to Michigan colleges this month, they face double-digit tuition increases and a poor economy that has made jobs scarce and financial aid critical.

They've had to extend their educations, go deeper into debt and work harder at whatever jobs they can find.

Duane Parker is adding a roommate to reduce living expenses. Sean Johnston will seek more work and take fewer classes. Alissa Mobley had to take a semester off.

Others, like Livonia's Dennis Kusiak, are going to less prestigious colleges than they had planned. Kusiak started at Alma College, but high tuition compelled him to transfer to less-expensive Schoolcraft College, where he will start this month.

"What would you rather do, pay \$61 for a 100-level English class at Schoolcraft or would you rather pay \$300 per credit hour for that same class at a four-year university?" he asked.

It's part of a new reality for Michigan college students, who are getting squeezed by the state's reduced spending on universities. As a result, the state's colleges raised tuition about 10 percent for classes beginning this month. Increases ranged from 5.8 percent at Grand Valley State to 15.3 percent at **Michigan Technological University**.

By contrast, Michigan State University, the state's largest,

raised tuition an average of only 2.8 percent per year between 1994 and 2001 before a 9.9 percent increase this fall.

In the meantime, parents have lost jobs and stock market investments in the slumping economy.

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"But changes in prices have a much more pronounced effect on lower-income students." The center is an independent advocacy group in San Jose, Calif.

As a result, federal student aid is increasing, but mainly in the form of loans. That is strapping students with record amounts of debt, a trend that worries experts.

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"I really can't afford it," Mobley said. "I'm completely doing this on my own, and it's been hard for me to get proper funding."

Making ends meet

Students who insist on finishing degree programs quickly are seeking more work, aid and loans. But colleges also report heightened competition for residence hall supervisor positions and other jobs that pay for room and board.

Others are opting for programs that pardon loans or offer attractive deferment options like Teach for America, the Peace Corps or the armed forces upon graduation.

"We've been busier than usual for the last couple of years," said Scot Roskelley, spokesman for the Peace Corps in Chicago. The program pardons a portion of Perkins Loans, a type of federal student loan.

Some are bypassing the four-year school experience for community colleges, where classes are thousands of dollars cheaper.

"I didn't even bother applying to U-M," said David Parks, a 29-year-old from North Carolina who

is returning to get his bachelor's degree after quitting 10 years ago. Parks attends Washtenaw Community College, where he pays about \$1,000 for classes compared with the \$25,000 it would cost to attend U-M for a year as an out-of-state student. But he still shares an apartment and takes out loans.

"I'm sacrificing a few things," he said. "But it's something I knew going into this."

Adding to the pain of high tuition is the increasing competition for jobs around college campuses, said Doug Stites, chief executive officer of Michigan Works!, a Lansing employment service agency.

Employment opportunities around college campuses in markets such as East Lansing and Ann Arbor still are more plentiful than those in more rural parts of the state.

Jobs scarce

Jobs are hard to find in Mount Pleasant, says Central Michigan University senior Sean Johnston, who has two jobs during the year.

"It was nearly impossible to find a job this summer," he said.

Jobs are more scarce than ever in Flint, which surrounds Kettering University, the former General Motors Institute, said Kettering economics professor Martin Wing.

"Minimum-wage and unskilled jobs have been taken by people

who have been laid off from other positions because of economic conditions," he said. "The economy here is trashed, and it's particularly hurt students looking for part-time work."

Duane Parker, an MSU senior from Detroit, has been lucky to find a couple of jobs at school, one at the library, the other tutoring in the Lansing School District.

He is adding more loans this year, working two jobs and adding a roommate to cut his living expenses by \$200.

"Last fall, I dropped one class to save money," Parker said. "My social life is lacking some because I have to work to pay my bills, but I guess I always find a little time for fun."

--Schools in Focus: Coping With College Costs

Only in the Detroit News: Schools in Focus

Beginning today, The Detroit News launches a continuing series about Michigan schools and education. In-depth reports on higher education and K-12 issues will be complemented by practical news for parents and students, ranging from nutrition advice, to the best school gear. What to look for this week:

Learning Advice

Communicate, motivate: How to talk to your kids about their school goals and your expectations, plus what parents can do

to help kids succeed with classwork and information on where to go for help.

Prep Sports

Advice for athletes: More than 100,000 male and female high school athletes begin training Monday for the fall sports season. We talk to players and stress that they must watch out for heat problems during training outdoors.

Back to School

Radio extra: The News and WWJ-AM radio begin a weeklong series of tips on helping your children prepare for the new school year. Read The News and tune in to WWJ (AM-950) for upcoming reports on health, parental involvement, food and nutrition, and clothes and gear.

On the Web

Information: Find a compendium of resources for students from kindergarten through college at www.detnews.com/schools. Check out homework help on dozens of subjects and weekly quizzes based on news headlines.

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HOUGHTON, Mich. (AP) - Most people come to the Upper Peninsula for the scenic landscape.

But for Lawrence Falater, a retired Chrysler executive from Allen, the region holds an added appeal - it's a place where he can track down rare or vintage stock certificates and currency notes.

"I started as a coin collector when I was six, and then found out about bank notes eventually," Falater told The Daily Mining Gazette. "A coin dealer in Detroit had some of the Central Mining Co. notes. I thought they were interesting historical pieces, so I decided to collect them."

He's been collecting them ever since, and travels to the Upper Peninsula at least twice a year to seek out unusual pieces.

Falater has several hundred pieces in his collection. He says his favorite is an 1844 certificate from the Lake Superior Copper Co.

While it's not his oldest piece, the value lies in its history.

The company was "the first real company engaged in very systematic mining."

Scripophily, as this hobby is called, is not the easiest. To find notes, Falater says he gets tips from other collectors and keeps a list of some 1,000 like-minded enthusiasts, complete with their names and phone numbers.

"We try to help each other," he said.

Falater is no Sunday hobbyist. He's written a well-received book on automotive stock collecting and would like to write a similar work on the mining companies' certificates.

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Love finds Eagle Harbor

Neal Rubin

Pug Hicks and Tammy Koop were married last weekend in the distant reaches of the Upper Peninsula. It was a warm and loving ceremony, and I am confident the eagle was a more significant omen than the lawn tractor.

The wedding took place on the same beach where they met as middle schoolers a decade ago. My third-grader thought that was a great idea, within reason. "I want to get married where I met my wife," Connor declared. "Unless we meet at Blockbuster or something."

But that occasion, like Eagle Harbor, is down the road.

Latitudinally speaking, Eagle Harbor sits maybe two miles from the northernmost point of the Keweenaw Peninsula. You can't get further up the U.P. unless you bring a boat.

In theory, you can drive there from Detroit in 10 1/2 hours. Or, you can take 14 hours, mixing in fog, darkness and a wrong turn that I'm sure we will someday look back on with mirth. But not yet.

Much like the hardy pioneers who settled Michigan centuries ago, we were also delayed because our portable DVD player didn't work. For \$329, I'd bought a setup that hooks over the front headrests and keeps the rear-seat passengers too absorbed to ask, "Are we there yet?"

Unfortunately, ours made everything look as though it had been

sketched in a hurry by Salvador Dali, so we had to veer off to the Best Buy in Saginaw to exchange it. As a sanity aid, however, I'd still recommend the device heartily, especially if you find one that works.

I hadn't been to the western U.P. since 1988, when I drove to Houghton to write about what it's like to go to school at **Michigan Tech**. As I recall, the students said it was cold.

This time, while Connor and Spencer watched movies, I read business marquees and helpful state of Michigan road advisories. (Example: "Do Not Pass When Opposing Traffic Present.") You can learn a lot from a marquee, and next time I'm in Gould City, I will absolutely stay at McGuire's Cabins and Motel.

"Nice here," the sign said.

In Negaunee, I saw a restaurant called the Beef-A-Roo, where the special was a turkey club. Later we drove through Bovine, where the first billboard inside the town limits advertised Chicken McNuggets.

A few DVDs afterward we were in Eagle Harbor, where our friends Liz and Stormy have a summer house and where Tammy Jean Koop spotted Nathan Thomas Carlton (Pug) Hicks one day and said, "I'm going to marry that boy."

By the following summer they were friends, and eight days ago they stood beneath a canopy next to the Shoreline Motel. The sky was mostly gray, and the

kayaks and canoes pulled up on the sand to dry were mostly blue and red.

He was handsome in a tuxedo and black flip-flops. She was stunning in a classic white dress she liked so much she wore it to the reception, to a post-reception party and, late that night, to the annual civic pig roast.

The waves sounded almost musical lapping against the shore. The minister was using a microphone and the guests were using tissues. Then, across the street, some nitwit saw 200 people in sports jackets and nice dresses gathered on the beach and decided it was a good time to mow his lawn.

Pug and Tammy, both 24, didn't even notice.

Pug's heritage is Shawnee, and the service included a Native American blessing. A friend of the family sprinkled tobacco to the four corners of the Earth, and as he raised his hand high and sprinkled more for the heavens, guests began to point.

Outlined against the whitening northwest sky, an eagle was soaring above the harbor.

Moments later, as the newly minted Mr. and Mrs. Hicks followed a white linen pathway off the beach, the sun came out. The eagle was gone, but so was the lawnmower, and the future glowed brighter than the marquee at McGuire's Cabins.

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Spotlight

staff

College honors

* Amneris Sepulveda graduated from Martin's College of Cosmetology's Manitowoc campus. She is qualified to cut, color, style hair, give perms and specialty wraps, and perform facials and scalp treatments.

* Joel Lepak graduated with a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Youngstown State University, Ohio. For the past four years he has been a member of the Scholars Program and participated in national and international mathematical conferences and competitions. At the college's Spring Semester Honors Convocation he received the Outstanding Senior Student Award from the Dept. of Mathematics and Statistics. This fall he begins work on a Ph.D program in mathematics at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. He is the son of Keith and Ann Lepak, Sharon, Penn.; and the grandson of Norbert and Jean Lepak, Green Bay.

* Cori Peterson of Green Bay was among more than 1,500 St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn. students who were recognized for academic achievement at the Honors Day convocation in May. Peterson is a sophomore.

* The third group of Merit Scholarship winners of 2003 were named by officials of the

National Merit Scholarship Corporation. College-sponsored awards provide between \$500 and \$2,000 annually and may be renewed to cover up to four years of undergraduate study at the institution financing the scholarship. Local winners are:

Jason Andorfer, Green Bay, will attend **Michigan Technological University**, with a probable career in computer programming. He is a graduate of Green Bay Notre Dame Academy.

Kristopher Kelley, Green Bay, University of Dallas. He is a home school graduate.

John Exner, Shawano, University of Oklahoma with a career field in physics. He is a graduate of Shawano High School.

Brian Amos, Sturgeon Bay, University of Florida, with a career field in music composition. He is a Sturgeon Bay High School graduate.

* Amy Stallsmith, daughter of Paula and Kirk Stallsmith, Green Bay, was named to the University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Management spring semester dean's list. She is a 2001 graduate of Green Bay Notre Dame Academy and is a junior majoring in human resources and finance.

* Trista Kaster was named to the dean's list for the spring

semester at the University of Central Florida, Orlando. She is majoring in elementary education and is a 1999 graduate of De Pere High School. She is the daughter of Dave and Leah Kaster of De Pere.

* The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta initiated 190 new members in spring. To be eligible for membership, a student must be registered for a course of study leading to a bachelor's degree and earning a minimum of 15 credits with a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.50. Local students are: Katherine Bula, Antigo; Jessica Cook, Black Creek; Rachel Mittelstaedt, De Pere; Katie Ehrbar, Kathleen Harmeling, Jason Haworth and Lindsey Zastrow, all of Green Bay; and Kang Yang, Manitowoc.

* The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Chapter of Omicron Delta initiated 61 new members in spring. The purpose of the society is to recognize individuals who have attained a high standard of leadership in collegiate activities. Local students are: Stephanie Jeanquart, Brussels; Jacquelyn Petroni, Fish Creek; Steven Pigeon, Green Bay; and Lance Leonhard, Greenleaf.

* Tristan Eggener and Meggin Brittain were awarded scholarships by Lawrence University, Appleton, for outstanding scholastic achievement. The merit-based scholarships are

renewably annually with demonstration of continued excellence.

Eggener plays the tuba and was awarded a \$10,000 Conservatory Trustee scholarship, the highest award given to incoming conservatory students. The son of Kim and Janice Eggener, Green Bay, he attended Ashwaubenon High School for two years before graduating from Interlochen Academy for the Arts, Michigan, in 2001.

Brittain, a graduate of Bay Port High School, was awarded a \$5,000 scholarship. She is the daughter of Brad and Carol Brittain, Green Bay.

* Sara Schultz of Kewaunee was awarded the \$500 WNA Foundation Les Polk Copy Editor scholarship from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire in May.

* Carly Patzke Nolan, daughter of Bill Patzke, De Pere, and Bette Stein, Green Bay, was awarded the Law School Scholarship award from the West Suburban Bar Association of Cook County, Ill. She is attending John Marshall Law School in Chicago and will graduate in January 2004. She graduated from Green Bay Southwest High School in 1993 and the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a degree in psychology.

* Melissa Bloomer graduated summa cum laude in the honors program at Butler University, Indianapolis, and received a bachelor's degree in both French and speech and language pathology. She studied abroad in 2001-02 at the Universite de Savoie, France; was chosen as one of the top 100 students at Butler and was named the Out-

standing Student with Highest Honors in the Speech and Language Department. She will be attending graduate school at George Washington University, Washington, D.C., in fall in speech and language pathology. She is the daughter of David and Barbara Bloomer, De Pere, and a 1999 graduate of Green Bay Southwest High School.

* Ellen Lyons received a bachelor's degree in nursing from Alverno College, Milwaukee, in May. She graduated with honors and also was a member of the Alverno College Nursing Association for four years. She is the daughter of Allard and Marilyn Leisten, Shawano.

* Ashley Sabo of Green Bay received a one-year certificate of graduation from the Farm and Industry Short Course at the University of Wisconsin-Madison College of Agricultural and Life Sciences in spring.

* Cori Peterson of Green Bay performed with the St. Olaf Gospel Choir in May as the choir gave its final performance of the year in May. Peterson, a sophomore, plays the trumpet with the choral group.

* Natalie Olvera was named to the Institute of Technology fall dean's list at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. She is a freshman majoring in biomedical engineering.

* The Music and Theatre Arts Dept. at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire named local scholarship recipients for the 2003-04 academic year. Two local junior students were chosen to receive \$500 Cabaret scholarships on the basis of their contributions to the

choral ensembles and the annual Cabaret. They are Lindsey Andress, Suamico, and Jane Schutt, Marinette.

* Jessica Pagenkopf of Cecil was conferred the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine in May. She also received the ABS Global Award for demonstrating the greatest clinical proficiency in bovine medicine and surgery, the Pharmacia Animal Health Food Animal Medicine Clinical Proficiency Award for demonstrating the greatest potential for becoming an exceptional food animal practitioner, and a Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association scholarship for enriching the veterinary school through extracurricular activities and service. She is a graduate of Gillett High School and is the daughter of Gerald and Ann Pagenkopf. In June, she joined Drs. Lisa Clark and Rick Van Domelen in the Northwoods Veterinary Center Ltd. in Gillett.

* Ross Umentum of Green Bay accepted membership in The National Society of Collegiate Scholars and will be honored during a campus ceremony this fall at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The Society recognizes first and second year undergraduate students who excelled academically. He is the son of Lori Umentum, Green Bay.

* Four local students received a Doctor of Medicine degree from the Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, in May.

Sarah Oswald is the daughter of Sharon and Paul Oswald, Green Bay. She received her bachelor's degree in biology and English from Marquette

University in 1999. She will begin a residency in general surgery at Gundersen Lutheran Medical Foundation Program, La Crosse.

Michael Werner is the son of Thomas and Renee Werner, Luxemburg. He received his bachelor's degree in bacteriology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1998 and begins a residency in family medicine at the University of Wisconsin Fox Valley Program in Appleton.

Erik Johnson, son of Dr. Edward and Mary Ellen Johnson, Green Bay, received his bachelor's degree in biochemistry from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 1998. He begins a surgical residency at the University of Wisconsin Program in Madison.

Katie McQuillan is the daughter of Anton and Patricia Kraszewski of Green Bay, and the wife of Dr. Lance McQuillan. She received her bachelor's degree from St. Norbert

College in 1999 and is a 1996 graduate of De Pere High School. Drs. Katie and Lance McQuillan will both be starting family practice residencies at the University of California-Davis Program, Mercy Medical Center in Redding, Calif.

* Amy Wolcanski of Green Bay, daughter of Arthur Wolcanski, was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from General Casualty Insurance Companies to help pay for her undergraduate studies. She will be a sophomore at the University of Wisconsin-Madison studying secondary education.

* Andrew Cochran, son of Phil and Michelle Galles Cochran, Winona, Minn., received a bachelor's degree from Saint Mary's University of Minnesota in May. He is a graduate of De Pere High School.

Joseph Cochran, son of Phil and Michelle Cochran, was accepted for admission to the Chicago Medical School. He is

also a graduate of Saint Mary's University.

Other honors

* Ryan Pavlik, the son of Gerald and Jan Pavlik, and a sophomore at Ashwaubenon High School, won first place in state competition of the Optimist Oratorical contest at Stevens Point in May. He was the recipient of a \$1,500 college scholarship. The topic for this year's contest was "United We Stand in Optimism." Ryan's speech focused on how we can all make a difference in society as individuals if we just have perseverance and hard work. He represented the Ashwaubenon Optimists Club.

High school honors

* Justin Hubbard, a sophomore at Oconto Falls High School, was named to the second semester honor roll. He received high honors. His name was omitted from the honor roll that ran in the paper on July 8.

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Campus news

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The following area students were placed on the spring 2003 dean's list at **Michigan Technological University**, Houghton:

Antigo - Chad Waterhouse; Eagle River - Joshua Cello; Hatley - Greg Kaetterhenry; Marshfield - Philip Benes; Medford - William Kloth; Merrill - Paul Beilke, 4.0, and Kevin Staus; Minocqua - Jesse

Francis and Matthew Nelson; Mosinee - Sara Bennwitz, Jenny Koskey, Seth Stankowski and Darrell Wisz; Rhinelander - Holly Grunst and Andrew Knitt; Schofield - Jonathan Hoersch, 4.0, Mark Klein, Jessica Nemitz, and Lindsey Zimick, 4.0; Wausau - Brian Bresnahan, Zachary Drake, Derrick Siebert, Mike Steele and Kristin Susens, 4.0; and Wittenberg - Nathaniel Hart.

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Details of university funding under signed budget

By The Associated Press

Details of state funding for Michigan's 15 public universities for the upcoming school year under the higher education budget signed this week by Gov. Jennifer Granholm:

University	Current funding (in millions)	Percent change	New funding (in millions)
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Central \$86.8 -4.3 \$83

Eastern \$84.6 -6.1 \$79.3

Ferris State \$53.6 -6 \$50.3

Grand Valley \$58 +1.9 \$59.1

Lake Superior \$13.8 -4.7 \$13.1

Michigan State \$314.6 -6.4 \$294.3

Michigan Tech \$53.3 -6.1 \$50.1

Northern \$50.2 -6 \$47.2

Oakland \$50.6 -2.9 \$49.1

Saginaw Valley \$26.4 +0.9 \$26.7

Michigan-Ann Arbor \$350.8 -6.45 \$328.2

Michigan-Dearborn \$27 -5.6 \$25.5

Michigan-Flint \$23.2 -5.45 \$21.9

Wayne State \$244.8 -6.4 \$229

Western \$121.3 -6.3 \$113.6

The figures include an additional \$7 million for 11 universities, including \$1.5 million for Central Michigan, for the current fiscal year that ends Sept. 30. That money is expected to be used by the universities in the upcoming school year.

Source: Analysis from House/Senate Fiscal Agencies.

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Upper Peninsula Briefs

MARQUETTE, Mich.

Chocolay Township Supervisor Ivan Fende was removed from office, but voters decided the four other board members targeted for recall should remain.

Voters cast 1,093 ballots Tuesday in favor of recalling Fende, and 1,017 against. Clerk Arlene Hill was retained by the largest margin, 1,239-868.

Treasurer John Greenberg was retained 1,190-921, trustee Lois Sheribinow 1,211-891 and trustee Ken Tabor 1,199-906.

Fende said the results of the election have not changed his view of his 25 years on the board. "I'm happy with all the decisions I made in the past," he told The Mining Journal. "If I had to do it again, I'd do it all the same."

County Clerk Connie Branam said a committee would meet within five days to scheduled an election for a successor to Fende, whose four-year term expires in November 2004. Fende said he would not seek to regain his post.

A group called Citizens for Responsible Government gathered enough petition signatures this past winter against the five board members to force the recall election.

The group said Fende had abused his authority as zoning officer and had spent township money to operate the former Silver Creek Elementary as a community center despite two failed millage requests for the purpose.

MARQUETTE, Mich. (AP) - Planning continues on a local alternative school after school board members conceded the program could not begin in September.

Planners now hope to get the alternative school for Marquette started in January, The Mining Journal reported Wednesday.

It would be designed for high school students who have had problems fitting into a typical school setting. In the average year, about 15 such students drop out or otherwise leave the system.

The district gets \$6,700 per student in state funding.

"We're trying to recover kids we are losing," board member Michael Angeli said. "But you have to be honest here. When you lose students, you lose money."

A committee entitled "Alternative Education: A School Within A School" has been meeting over the past year to plan a pilot alternative school program. The school board decided Tuesday that further work is needed before the program is launched.

NEGAUNEE, Mich. (AP) - Local residents who assisted a Marquette County Road Commission snowplow driver after his rig flipped over last winter and caught fire were hailed as heroes Wednesday.

Jose Mares, 59, of Gwinn, and Keith Korbus, 49, of Marquette, were presented with Distinguished Citizen Awards by the Michigan State Police at the Negaunee Township post.

They were credited with saving the life of Paul Villa, who was operating a Marquette County snowplow at about 9:15 a.m. March 29, when disaster struck.

"The actions of these two individuals were truly heroic," said Lt. Donald Popoure, commander of the Negaunee Township post. "Not everyone is capable of doing what they did. They saved his life."

State police said Villa was operating a county snowplow on state highway 35 a couple of miles north of Palmer, The Mining Journal of Marquette reported.

The snowplow's front blade became embedded in the soft shoulder of the roadway, causing the plow truck to flip over onto its roof, partially collapsing it and starting a fire near the engine. Villa was trapped inside.

Korbus and Mares, both experienced firefighters, sprayed the truck and Villa with a fire extinguisher and helped him out.

"I feel as though I would have burned alive if another two minutes had passed," Villa said.

ESCANABA, Mich. (AP) - Delta County's Friend of the Court office needs more money, its director told the county board.

Connie Osier urged the board Tuesday not to slash her budget further and to let her fill two vacant positions, saying the office has been short-staffed for more than a year.

The duties of the two workers who left have been spread among the other 11 staffers, Osier said, according to the Daily Press.

If approved, the two additional staff members would act as enforcers, collecting money for child support.

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. (AP) - Two long-forgotten paintings belonging to the city have been rediscovered after decades of storage by the Chippewa County Historical Society.

One of the watercolors is entitled "Fishing Village, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan" and depicts a scene of the St. Mary's Rapids. The second, "Ship Canal at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan 1870," shows the state lock from the edge of the rapids.

Both were done by William Armstrong, a Canadian artist, in 1895, the Evening News reported Wednesday. They were donated to the city in 1948.

The matted and framed paintings, measuring a full 12 by 14 inches in their current state, were believed to have been hung in the Carnegie Library before eventually falling into the hands of the historical society.

The society doesn't want to continue storing them and recently offered the city a choice: take them or donate them to the society.

"We can't hold them forever," society president Nancy Steinhaus said. "We just do not want to be responsible for them any longer."

HOUGHTON, Mich. (AP) - **Michigan Tech University's** Board of Control is still working on a procedure to evaluate the performance of President Curt Tompkins.

Board Chairman David Brule, of Iron Mountain, said he and board members Kathryn Clark of Ann Arbor and Mike Henrickson of Marquette met recently to discuss how Tompkins would be reviewed.

He said the panel would report to the board Thursday.

Brule said the formal review process likely will be similar to the informal way the board has reviewed Tompkins in the past.

Tompkins drew criticism last spring from the faculty senate, which came close to scheduling a campus-wide no-confidence vote.

Ruth Reck, a Board of Control trustee from Davis, Calif., said some board members are frustrated with budget deficits, declining enrollment and tuition increases.

In the past, Tompkins has asked the board of control to conduct more frequent job reviews, The Daily Mining Gazette reported Wednesday.

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College Notes

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CHICAGO: Christopher Wroblewski, Appleton, received a bachelor's degree in economics and was named to the dean's list at the University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.

DRAKE: Misty Muter, Kimberly, received a law degree from Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa. Area students received bachelor's degrees.

Appleton: Anne Thornton, musical theater.

Kimberly: James Geneske, theatre-directing.

New Holstein: Amy Thiessen, music performance.

Oneida: Rachel Lueck, music performance.

DULUTH: Nicholas Effinger, Appleton, received a bachelor's degree in economics, and Ryan Bernard, Neenah, received a bachelor's degree in marketing, management information systems, from the University of Minnesota-Duluth.

GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS: Area students receiving bachelor's degrees from Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minn., include Kate Elliott, Appleton, English (summa cum laude, named to Phi Beta Kappa honor society); Brett Jannusch, Neenah,

history, and Sarah Simonson, Waupaca, English.

VITERBO: Richard Menting, Combined Locks, received a master's degree in education from Viterbo University, La Crosse.

HONORS, AWARDS: Area students received scholarships and other honors.

Fox Valley Technical College: Rebecca Hoida, Manawa, received a Wisconsin Dental Foundation scholarship.

Gonzaga University, Spokane, Wash.: Colin Hahn, Appleton, was named to the president's list and was named to Alpha Sigma Nu national honor society.

Knox College, Galesburg, Ill.: Ryan Gerlach, Appleton, received the Beverly Bender Prize for excellence in sculpture at the Al Young Art Contest and Exhibit.

Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.: Elizabeth Lhost, Appleton, received a \$6,000 scholarship from the Associated Banc-Corp Founders Scholarship Fund Inc.

University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point: Wayne Salzmann, Neenah, received a John Radd memorial jazz scholarship. Heather Dorn, Appleton, received a Harriet Coey Dickmann future teacher memorial scholarship.

Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Ind.: Megan Nelson, Little Chute, and Andrea Obertin, New London, received Lumina awards for scholastic excellence. Nelson was inducted into Mortar Board honor society.

DEAN'S LIST: Area students were named to dean's lists:

Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Mich.: John Menn and David Menn, both Appleton.

College of St. Scholastica, Duluth, Minn.: Jean Spaulding, Appleton, and Ilsa Peterson, Scandinavia.

Cornerstone University, Grand Rapids, Mich.: Hillary Umnus, Menasha.

Crown College, St. Bonifacius, Minn.: Carrie Frese, Appleton.

Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa: Anne Thornton, Appleton; Molly Heyn, Neenah, and Aimee Thiessen, New Holstein.

Ferris State University, Big Rapids, Mich.: Cassie Graves, Black Creek, and Cassie Spiegel, Fremont.

Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minn.: Claire Poppe, Daniel Belgam, Emma Jordan and Madeline Prahll, all Appleton, and Brett Jannusch, Neenah.

Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Ill.: Dana Tate, Sherwood.

Lawrence University, Appleton: Angela Frocillo, Combined Locks.

Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minn.: Amanda Suhr and Jackie Uhlenbrauck, both Appleton.

Michigan Technological University, Houghton: John Metzner, Neenah.

Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design: Kate Bergmann, Hortonville.

Northland College, Ashland: Sara Young, Appleton.

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign: Judie Walker, Hilbert.

University of Minnesota, Minneapolis: Jill Novotny, Dale; Barry Vanderloop, Little Chute, and Katherine Groh, Menasha.

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Ind.: Katie Borchardt, Alexander Klein and Allison Sell, all Appleton, and Craig Thompson, Menasha.

University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minn.: Appleton: Rebecca Harris, Brian Krause, Megan Olson, Erika Boeckman, Michael Brummond, Megan Flanagan and Erin Olson, all Appleton, and Erin Healy, Neenah.

University of Wisconsin-Stout, Menomonie: Jared Eggebrecht, Waupaca.

Upper Iowa University, Fayette: Tracy Crews, Wittenberg.

Wisconsin Lutheran College, Milwaukee: Jessica Leigh Schultz, Appleton.

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ABOUT TOWN

Governing board

The Anne Carlsen Center for Children has moved from having an advisory board to guide policy and direction to a nine-member governing board of directors to make budget decisions and oversee operations.

Area board members: Valerie Fischer, Bismarck, chairperson of the governing board, served on the previous advisory board for two years. She is a regional coordinator with the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction, where she oversees policy and programs for secondary special education. She has also worked as a consultant for individuals, insurance companies and attorneys regarding vocational potential for clients of injury, divorce or needing career planning.

Calvin Rolfson, Bismarck, is a consulting attorney and legislative lobbyist representing clients nationwide in the areas of governmental regulation, nursing and health law, professionals, pharmaceuticals, agriculture and biotechnology issues. Rolfson is new to the ACCC board, but he has ties to the center through his work with Lutheran Hospitals and Homes Society, a previous owner of the facility.

Artwork accepted

'Grandpa's Pride,' an acrylic winter scene painted by Lacy Gustafson, of Stanton, has been accepted by the Muscular Dystrophy Association's Art Collection. In its 12th year, the collection features artwork by people from across the country with neuromuscular diseases.

Gustafson recently graduated from Stanton High School, and enjoyed art and science. She is also a member of the Greater North Dakota Chapter of MDA and has represented MDA at the North Dakota State Fair and numerous Labor Day Telethons.

Members gather

Members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks from across the nation gathered in St. Louis from July 6-10 for the Order's 139th Grand Lodge Convention. Cary Backstrand, of Bismarck-Mandan Elks Lodge No. 1199, was installed as the new leader of the West District of the North Dakota State Elks Association, voted on key issues facing the Order and elected its new national leaders.

Jahner awarded

The Department of North Dakota, Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, selected Rose Jahner, Bismarck, to receive the award for Outstanding Community Volunteer and recognized her at the recent Department Convention held in Bismarck. This is the first year the Department of North Dakota has granted this award.

Jahner is a member and past president of the Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post No. 1326, Bismarck. She is very active in all aspects of the auxiliary helping with the Cancer Aid and Research breakfasts, baking pies for bake sales and putting in countless hours helping with the many activities at the VFW Club from recruiting new members to helping with clean up duties. She serves on many committees, has been

chairperson of the Voice of Democracy and Youth Activities chairpersons. On the department level she is currently senior vice president and has been past chairperson for publicity, rehabilitation, national home and membership.

She also volunteers as St. Alexius Medical Center as an ICU hostess and in the gift shop as well as with special projects and helping the Hospital Auxiliary projects and functions. She also volunteers at the Ruth Meiers House Soup Kitchen, is a hospital visitor for St. Anne's Church, ushers at community events and wears many hats when volunteering through RSVP. Jahner is also involved in the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary.

Clerkships to begin

The North Dakota Supreme Court announced that the following individuals begin their one-year clerkships with the court Aug. 1.

Mitch Armstrong, Dickinson, received a B.B.A. in business management from the University of North Dakota and received his J.D. degree from the University of North Dakota School of Law in 2003. He is the son of Mike and Connie Armstrong.

Carey Goetz, Center, received a B.A. in political science, with a minor in English, from the University of St. Thomas and received her J.D. from the University of Kansas School of Law in 2003. She is the daughter of James and Devon Goetz.

Petra Mandigo, Bismarck, received a B.A. in chemistry and biology from Ripon College and

received her J.D. from Creighton University School of Law in 2003. She is the daughter of Evan and Tove Mandigo.

Grady Crooks, Bismarck, received a B.S. in economics from the North Dakota State University, and an M.A. in political management and legislative affairs from the George Washington University. He expects to receive his J.D. degree from Rutgers University School of Law in 2004. He is the son of Linda Crooks, Bottineau.

Grant awarded

U.S. Bank, through the U.S. Bancorp Foundation has recently awarded a grant to Kids Voting North Dakota of Bismarck totaling \$ 1,000. The grant was made in the education funding category. Educational grants are given to organizations that provide innovative programs that help low-income or at-risk students, financial literacy training and effective mentoring while reaching a broad number of students.

The key mission of the program is to educate youth about the rights and responsibilities of participating in American democracy. Students from kindergarten through grade 12 participate in six to 12 hours of classroom instruction dedicated to enabling students to develop information gathering skills and make critical decisions. Students are encouraged to research candidates and issues and become involved in the exploration of and participation in the democratic process while engaging peers, family and community members in the voting process.

Andres graduates

The officers and directors of Western College of Auctioneering announced the graduation of Nathan Andres, Bismarck, who has completed the intensified course of auctioneering, public speaking, auction management and now is qualified to conduct public auctions.

Program developed

Bruce Mork, professor of electrical engineering at **Michigan Tech University**, Houghton, Mich., and son of Andy and Grace Mork, of rural Mandan, has developed a Master's Path Program for incoming students, typically from Europe, who have completed a three-year bachelor's program outside the U.S.

The program, approved in 2002, helps students from three-year programs continue their studies for a master's with the help of a one- or two-semester curriculum.

With the assistance of the Norway Alumni Chapter of the **Michigan Tech** Alumni Association, the idea was created to provide advanced study in 23 programs to students with three-year bachelor's degrees.

Mork, a graduate of Mandan High School, earned his bachelor's, master's and doctorate from North Dakota State University, Fargo. He is a member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, American Society of Engineering Educators and the National Society of Professional Engineers.

Stanley competes

Mimi Stanley, 13, daughter of Curt and Karla Stanley, of Bismarck, competed at the 11th

Annual Youth National Arabian and Half Arabian Horse Show in Albuquerque, N.M., and earned national recognition with her two half-Arabian mares, Prairie Rose Merrylegs and Stephanite. The show ran July 19-26, and Mimi performed along with 2,500 others ranging in age from 2 to 18.

Mimi qualified in both Hunt Seat and Dressage and was the only representative from North Dakota to achieve 'Top Ten' status in the following classes: Dressage, training level, age 13 and younger, Championship Class (both horses placed).

Dressage, first level, age 13 and younger, championship class (Merrylegs).

Hunt Seat, no jumping, age 13 and younger, championship class (Merrylegs).

Mimi completed her regional qualification for the national competition in a recent show in Sauk Center, Minn., with a first- and second-place finish. She was in the unusual situation of qualifying with two horses, both of which she brought to the nationals.

Dressage is an English form of horseback riding originating in the Middle Ages from soldiers in the cavalry who needed their arms free to aim and shoot. In dressage, horses learn to respond to subtle shifts in the rider's balance and pressure. Riders today are tested on their ability to perform difficult maneuvers with precision and 'impulsion,' or a driving force, and the horse remains 'on the bit,' free from restraint, exhibiting a willingness to obey, with no obvious direction from the rider.

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School news

Staff

Jenni Sidd of Bloomington, Minn., a student at Bethany Academy, Minneapolis, participated in the National Youth Leadership Forum on Defense, Intelligence and Diplomacy.

Her grandparents are Gene and Arly Breitzman, and Les and Pat Siedschlag, all of Wausau.

Maria Meyer, Marathon, graduated June 13 from the Wisconsin School for the Deaf, Delavan. Meyer received the Delavan Lions Club scholarship and the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf scholarship.

Chelsea Domka-Cheyka of Wausau has been accepted to attend the EAA Air Academy Intermediate Aviation Leadership Camp in Oshkosh. The Academy offers young people the opportunity to meet and work with aviation professionals, while living and learning the arts, sciences and lore of aviation in both classroom and workshop settings.

Activities will include flight experience, workshops and classroom study.

She is the daughter of Lee and Lee Ann Cheyka, Wausau, and a student at Mosinee High School.

Matthew Cyrtmus, son of Victoria Fuller, Hudson, and David Cyrtmus, Wausau, has been named a United States National Award Winner in science by the U.S. Achievement Academy for excelling academically. Matthew is a student at Hudson High School. Matthew's grandparents are Audrey and Rudy Kavajecz, Iron River, formerly of Wausau, and Karen and Dave Cyrtmus, Three Lakes. His name will appear in the official yearbook, which is published nationally.

Katherine Reimer, Northland Pines High School, Eagle River, grade 10, attended the Women in Engineering Workshop at **Michigan Technological University**, Houghton.

The workshop is a weeklong investigation of engineering that allows high school women who are talented in math and science to find opportunities in engineering careers as well as careers in related fields, such as mathematics, engineering technology, technical writing and computer science.

GRAPHIC: (headshots) Jenni Sidd, Maria Meyer, Chelsea Domka-Cheyka, Matthew Cyrtmus