The bucket is almost full again! Two years ago we had good news about an expansion of our facilities. Last year I had to give you the bad news that the State Legislature had appropriated funding for the Environmental Sciences and Engineering Building but had not included our expansion. That has changed, and we now have received a State appropriation of $7.5 million of the $10 million needed. We have a generous gift of $300,000 from Mead for the "Mead Forest Productivity Laboratory." This will provide research space for Dave Karnosky and colleagues in the expansion. There are numerous possibilities for naming laboratories and other areas. Pete Cattelino, Gary, and I would be happy to discuss these possibilities with you!

Last year I reported two retirements and several new faces. This year, I have several departures to report. These are only departures in work responsibilities. All are still in the area, and we want them to be here often. Bernie Sun and Steve Shetron are both retiring, but we see them almost daily. Many of you who attended camp at the Ford Forestry Center enjoyed the food prepared by Naomi Collins. Naomi retired last summer and was replaced by Diana Stimac. John Diebel has resigned to become Vice President of Strandwood Molding. Bruce Haataja is President.

We have one new faculty member joining us in the spring. Chung-Jui Tsai joins us as an assistant professor of wood science. She received her B.S. and M.S. degrees from the National Taiwan University and Ph.D. from Michigan Tech.

Visit when you can. Why not make plans now to participate in the August Alumni Reunion?
A Model Idea Built Deep in

Over forty-two years ago on September 22, 1954, the Ford Motor Company and the Ford Fund donated the village of Alberta and its sawmill to the Michigan College of Mining and Technology, which is now known as Michigan Technological University. Along with the facilities of Alberta and its fully equipped sawmill, the college obtained over 1700 acres of adjacent timberland and 5.3 million feet of standing timber. The ceremony was held at Michigan Tech, on November 30, 1954. The president of Michigan Tech at the time, Dr. Dillman, accepted the gift from Allen W. Merrell, Ford Fund vice president. During the ceremony Dr. Dillman announced that the facilities at Alberta would be renamed the Ford Forestry Center in honor of Henry Ford.

Henry Ford built the town of Alberta as one of his personal endeavors to construct the ideal lumbering community. Alberta was one of many logging communities to be constructed; however, Alberta was the only one completed. The quaint little village of Alberta was named after Alberta Johnson, the daughter of the Upper Peninsula operations superintendent Frank Johnson. Many looked upon Alberta as the Utopian dream of lumbering communities. Built in the heart of the northwoods, this small village was self-sustaining with a dozen homes, elementary and intermediate schools that were erected in 1935, a water supply sustained by damming the Plumbago Creek, electricity, and a completely equipped sawmill. Ford's theory for building the model lumber community was based on his idea of self-sustaining villages which could be established within the northwoods. The adjacent 1700 acres would supply the mill with its lumber, and all logging would be based on a selective basis. The mill remained open for more than 17 years and throughout that time the little logging town was considered the ideal "Model Community."

However, all good things must come to an end. The Ford Company was losing more and more money within its mills. When Henry Ford first began his quest in the Upper Peninsula, the average car used 250 board feet of lumber, but as time and technology advanced, the use of wood in automobiles decreased.
the Heart of the Northwoods

This caused a domino effect of mill closing throughout the northwoods, which eventually shut down the mill at Alberta and thus ended the Utopian dream. Henry Ford’s ideas may have failed, but his failures gave rise to one of the most unique educational facilities in the United States. Since the Ford Fund donated the village and the 1700 acres, the area has been used for scientific research studies and as an educational training field for young foresters.

The Ford Forestry Center, in its earlier years, was used as a summer camp for forestry majors, but as time changed Ford’s dreams into pages in history, so has changed the overall use of the Ford Forestry Center. The area is still highly regarded by all, especially the young Michigan Tech forestry majors who now spend a fall quarter at Alberta. This annual event draws transfer students from all over the country to attend one of the most unique outdoor learning experiences in North America. The excitement builds as summer ends and fall begins for all that are about to attend have heard the nostalgic stories of Fall Camp. Who would have guessed that deep in the heart of the northwoods, every fall, strange faces fade and become friends, differences are forgotten, ever lasting memories are made and all learn the common goal, togetherness. During these ten weeks, the students are taught the fundamentals of forestry from compass and pacing to cover type mapping. The camp is structured to teach and prepare tomorrow’s forester by utilizing the greatest educational class room, nature.

Word was received in March of 1997 that the Ford Motor Company Fund will be making a gift of $100,000 for the restoration of the historical sawmill at Alberta as a visitor center. The funds will be used to prepare the sawmill building for public access, restore the building to much the same form as it existed in the 1920’s, and provide for some historical displays and photographs. This project will feature the legacy of Henry Ford, his vision for the town of Alberta and his pioneering philosophy of sustained forest management.
The 1997 Forester is Dedicated To Those Who Have Dedicated Themselves To The Students For Many Years!

Steve began his career with MTU at the Ford Forestry Center in 1966 as a soils specialist. He spent more than 20 years at the Center working on soil quality research. One of his long-term projects was the revegetation of mine tailings soils in Michigan. In the late '80s, Steve became active in the teaching program of the School and introduced such courses as soil mapping, soil geography, and soil taxonomy. Steve has spent the final years of his teaching career in the basic soils class. He is well liked by the students and will be missed by all. See you in the soil pits, Steve!! Have a great retirement!

Bernie came to MTU in 1970, after receiving his Ph.D. in wood science at the University of British Columbia. He initially taught wood technology courses in the forestry program but became instrumental in the start-up of a new program in Wood and Fiber Utilization — since renamed Wood Science. Bernie has been involved with numerous research projects during his tenure at MTU and has many companies interested in the technology he has developed. Bernie plans to move to the Southwest. We wish him the best!!
Those Who Left Us.

John Diebel, Marketing Specialist in the Institute of Wood Research, left MTU in 1996 to become Vice President of Strandwood Molding, Inc. John and Bruce Haataja (former researcher in IWR) are realizing a dream of starting their own business. They are using technology they developed here at MTU.

Naomi Collins, supervisor of the kitchen at the Ford Forestry Center, retired in 1996. Naomi first came to MTU in 1982. Many fall campers and workshop participants have enjoyed meals prepared by Naomi and her staff. We wish her a happy and healthy retirement!!
The rite of passage for a forester at MTU is Fall Camp. It’s the time in one’s schooling when we get to break away, (far away), from the monotony of campus life to another, with its own uniqueness.

A few changes came with the 96 Fall Camp class; we started two weeks earlier than the rest of the University, the classes were tougher, the rules longer, and we acquired a TA. Even with the alterations, Fall Camp could not change all that much. We learned; some of the basics of Forestry, how to work together, and most importantly we became friends and made many memories.

“... the times with Old Mil, Hubba, Hubba, Andrew, the morning after, Section 19, the Tech vans, the late night trip to Paulding’s Light, the day we buried Brad’s truck, the nights out by the fire.”
Freshmen

FORESTRY
front row: Jim Vokoun, Amy Miller, Becky Parker, Danielle McLeod, Dacia Meneguzzo
2nd row: Mac McLaughlin, Tim Spoelma, Nicole Parini, Kate Minier, Pat Protasiewicz
3rd row: Madeline Campbell, Cleve Heikkila, Ann Miller, Tom Seablom
4th row: John Supina, Eric Gano, Jeremy Fitzpatrick, John Moses, Brian Tappan
5th row: Josh Koenigseker, David Shawl, Ted Reed (junior)
6th row: Scott Lakosky, Jayson VanWagner, Keith Murphy, Steve Pond, Paul Kauma

WOOD SCIENCE
front row: Craig Palmcook, Pete Aiken
middle row: Scott Drake, Pete DeJong
back row: Roy Bekkala
Camp

Hardwood stands at attention

The Mighty Romans
(take over Old Milwaukee)

You Tree Huggers

Maxin' and Relaxin'

"Yeah, well my..."

Todd helps with EVERYTHING!

Hee Hee Hee...

Andrew, the morning after

There's the Jara Jara Bird
Sophomores

Farmer Bob

Jim pleads, "Just let me study."

Nad

SKUM Racer

After the Hunt

Gagnon and Buffy
Juniors

front row (l-r): Chris Savard, Jim Schmierer, Pat Orent
back row (l-r): Geoff Sanders, Jason Stephens, Amy Bowers, Tonya Treichel
Seniors

Brian Ball
Wood Science

John Banuchie
Forester

Dale Betcher
Forester

Jason Bodine
Forester

Mark Cacioppo
Forester

Jesse Casko
Forester

Christopher Anderson
Forester
Heather Ketner
Forester

Mike Leneway
Forester

Kate Lenz
Forester

Terry Manty
Forester

Tim Martin
Forester

Becky Mouw
Forester

Shawn Neider
Forester

Derek Perry
Forester

Missy Pirainen
Forester
Seniors

Jeff Plakke
Forester

Mark Salo
Forester

Dustin Salter
Forester

Heather Schultz
Forester

Terri Schwerkloeger
Forester

Brad Veneberg
Forester

Ben Wallace
Wood Science
Graduate

Brian L. Anderson: M.S.
Carbon analysis of forested land.

Travis A. Ashbrook: M.S.

Daniel L. Bergert: M.S.
Peace Corps/Masters Degree

Todd M. Bishop: M.S.
Analysis of the Ford Forestry Center Lands.

Andrew M. Brower: M.S.
Peace Corps/Masters Degree

Leslie A. Jagger: M.S.
Land attributes of the upper peninsula.

Krista A. Markovic: M.S.
Wildlife Ecology.

Jennifer Maziasz: M.S.
Root analysis on Populus spp.

Kevin A. Megown: M.S.
Statistical analysis on Larix spp.
Students

Rebecca A. Megown: M.S. Concentration in GIS

Fatih Mengeloglu: M.S. Bonding technology reusing post-consumer CCA treated lumber in structural composites.

Melissa R. Mielke: M.S. The study of DNA, RNA, and protein level expression of the insertion of the genes into Populus spp.

Melinda M. Mosser: M.S. Concentration in natural resource policy.

J. Chris Nicolson: M.S. Soil analysis of the Keweenaw Peninsula.

Asko Noormets: M.S. Tracking differentially expressed genes in ozone stressed aspen.

Jeffrey D. Ploetz: M.S. Peace Corps/Masters Degree

Linda M. Qvarnemark: M.S. Concentration in Wildlife.

James C. Rivard: M.S.
Graduate

Mark Rudnicki: M.S.
Concentration in Dendrochronology.

Katrina M. Schnobrich: M.S.
Peace Corps/Masters Degree Paraguay, 1997.

William T. Tze: M.S.
Surface chemistry of recycled paper fibers.

Longhui Yan: M.S.
Strength of treated wood.

Kimberly D. Brosofske: Ph.D.

Shannon Brown: Ph.D.

Andrew J. Burton: Ph.D.

Terry D. Debruyn: Ph.D.
Black bear behavior ecology.

Linhui Hao: Ph.D.
Genetic research.
Students

Eric F. Heitzman: Ph.D.
Wen-Jing Hu: Ph.D.
Genetic research in Populus spp.

Malanding S. Jaiteh: Ph.D.
Landscape ecology/forest modeling.

YuYing Kao: Ph.D.
Genetic research concentrating in acacia.

Siri Ibarguen: Ph.D.
Wildlife behavior ecology.

Anne M. Lahaie: Ph.D.

Veronica Lessard: Ph.D.
Laigeng Li: Ph.D.
Molecular biology and biotechnology of lignin biosynthesis.

Andrew J. Londo: Ph.D.
Graduate

Alexis Londo: Ph.D.
Concentration in forest modeling.

Julius S. Mercado: Ph.D.
Creep in wood composites.

Jodi M. Monosso: Ph.D.
Genetic research.

Karen E. Owens: Ph.D.
Concentration in GIS.

Priti Pechter: Ph.D.
Macrobiology for ozone tolerant populus spp.

Sari Saunders: Ph.D.
Concentration on microclimate.

Quiang Shi: Ph.D.
Utilization of polymeric automobile fluff into wood fiberboard.

Bo Song: Ph.D.

Conghe Song: Ph.D.
Concentration in forest modeling.
Students

Cheng-Chung Tsao: Ph.D.
Concentration in genetic research.

John A. Vucetich: Ph.D.
Concentration on Wildlife Behavior Ecology.

Surachit Waengsothorn: Ph.D.
 Conservation ecology and genetics of birds in fragmented tropical rainforests in Thailand.

Wenlong Wang: Ph.D.
Evaluation of VOC emissions from wood composite hot pressing.

Xiping Wang: Ph.D.
Nondestructive evaluation of tree quality.

Ming Xu: Ph.D.

Quanfa Zhang: Ph.D.

Not Pictured:

Katherine M. Holt, M.S.
Ellen S. Horsch, Ph.D.
Jung-Hee Kim, Ph.D.
Greg Kudray, Ph.D.
Benalata Sen, Ph.D.
Christie Wells, Ph.D.
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Peg Gale
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Kathy Halvorsen
Kurt Pregitzer  
Dave Reed  
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Cindee Molnar
Jim Moore
Keishi Osakabe
Dave Stimac
Gail Weisinger

Bill Yrjana
Wood Science

Places Visited:
Mead Corporation
Escanaba, MI
Louisiana-Pacific Corporation
Sagola, MI
Rodman Industries
Marinette, WI
Sentinel Structures
Peshtigo, WI
Weyerhaeuser Door
Marshfield, WI
Biewer Wisconsin Sawmill
Prentice, WI
Louisiana-Pacific Corporation
Mellen, WI
Georgia-Pacific Corporation
Duluth, MN
Woodland Container
Aitkin, MN
Trus Joist MacMillan
Deerwood, MN
Woodcraft Industries
St. Cloud, MN
Lexington Manufacturing
Minneapolis, MN
Aspen Research Corporation
White Bear Lake, MN
Andersen Corporation
Bay Port, MN

This year's Mill Tour Class

standing (l-r) Dan Mahler, Rick Deisler, Brian Ball, Dr. Doug Gardner, Shane O'Neil, Tim Simmons. kneeling (l-r) Brian Bechert, Mike Malmberg, Sarah Brown, Ben Wallace

Forest Products Society

This year's fund raiser was the completion and raffle of a gun cabinet of solid bird's eye maple. It was built by FPS members with donated materials.

We know how to love the wildlife too!!!!
Forest Technicians

On top of the skidder (l-r): Rick Harrington, Eric Kekke, Al Usimaki, Jason Clark, Eric Hill.
On the tires (l-r): Eric Yrjana, John Strasser, Tina Cross.

The Forest Technology program is a pre-professional Forestry program, which focuses primarily on the practical aspects of the field. Some of the more relevant courses offered are: Forest Measurements, Forest Treatments, Forest Inventory, and Forest Business Management.

Are they actually working or just posing for the camera?
Michigan Tech University
Society of American Foresters
Student Chapter

back (l-r): Tim Schneider, Jared DeForest (Vice President), Missy Pitarinen, Kate Lenz, Paul Crocker, Eric Trott (Project Coordinator)
front (l-r): Alyssa Sloan, Tedd Huffman, Justin Miller, Dave Cizmas, Tonya Treichel (Secretary/Treasurer), Barbara Fillmore, 
Amy Bowers, Sandy Hubscher, Becky Mouw, Jessica Deans (President), Anne Collins, Mark Salo
Memorable Moments of the Fall BBQ at the Otter River Forestry Cabin!

The cake turned out to be only one of the many highlights of the day.

Jessica really gets into having her cake and eating/wearing it too!

Eric and Dave thought Jessica needed a little help getting all that cake out of her hair.

She cleaned up pretty good in the end.

School of Forestry & Wood Products Dean, Ed Frayer, and Mary Jurgensen discussing the finer points of days gone by at the cabin.

The UPer style of horseshoe pitching, as taught by a true UPer, nice form Dale!

Becky's rescued again from the "grasp of the Otter!"
Spring Conclave In Northern Illinois

back row (l-r): Missy Pitrainen, Michele Laskowski, Justin Miller, Becky Mouw, Eric Trott
front row (l-r): Dave Cizmas, Jessica Deans, Mark Salo, Dale Betcher

What time are we leaving for Conclave? After banquet? That will be about midnight and how long does it take to get there? Well, we finally left Houghton around 2am and still made it before noon on Saturday. Just in time to start competing. We missed a few of the early events and still managed to bring home the 3rd place trophy! The weather was an added bonus for most, unless you sun burn easily!
All Conclave At Alberta - Hosted By MTU SAF
Winter Carnival 1997

Before the broomball action...

Above, Tim Schneider getting into the action on the ice. Right, Tim's second broken broom of the evening. That's what I call Defense!

Missy moves into defense mode.

The Foresters after a victory!

The Foresters' broom team won their first match but lost their second game in the last minutes. The team consisted of Geoff Sand, Jared DeForest, Tedd Haman, Missy Piirainen, Schneider, Eric Trott, Betcher, Sandy Hubbs and Becky Mouw. Way go Foresters!!!
Nature's Delights Under Northern Lights

Terri is all ready for the x-country ski race. (Too bad she's skiing for another team, eh?)

Barbara is feeling all warm and fuzzy during statue building.

Are we having fun yet???

Paul Crocker making a dynamic finish.

Missy and Paul ski for the foresters. Does this make three years in a row???

Missy displaying the sporty skier look, with a toad grin.

(Too bad she's skiing for another team, eh?)
The 1996 Spring Banquet was held in the MUB Commons. Everyone enjoyed the delicious dinner buffet. An awards ceremony followed by gag gift presentations and a slide show wrapped up the evening’s agenda. The party began as everyone danced the night away with tunes provided by the band “Wind Jammer.” A good time was had by all who attended. For some, the night was just beginning, as a vanload of students departed for the Spring Conclave in Illinois that very same night!

Rita Sanborn accepts the award for "Outstanding Senior" from the Dean. Also receiving the award was Jody Petrie, not pictured.

Heather Schultz, Michele Laskowski, and Barbara Fillmore shine during the night.

Tinn Martin dirty dances.
Kate says she wants no part of it.

Jessica and Mark in fine form.
Xi Sigma Pi Honor Society

This year, Xi Sigma Pi grew in membership from 3 to 13! With so many new faces, we were able to do more activities. We had a bowling night and went snowshoeing. We are trying to develop a resume book that will be distributed to prospective companies looking for fine Foresters from MTU. Once again, we will host the annual Symposium and provide tutoring.

Xi Sigma Pi - the makers of fine coffee and providers of cookies and doughnuts!
What is the Peace Corps Master’s International Program at Michigan Tech?

The Master’s International Program is a unique partnership between Michigan Tech and the Peace Corps which afforded students the opportunity to incorporate Peace Corps service into a graduate program in forestry or natural resource management. The program involves nine months of intensive forestry education at Michigan Tech and two years of field work with Peace Corps. The first 10 weeks are located at the Ford Forestry Center in Alberta, Michigan and focuses on fundamental field skills in forestry. The following two quarters are spent at the Michigan Tech campus in Houghton, Michigan. Students then take part in three months of Peace Corps’ technical, cross-cultural and language training in the country where they will work followed by two years of Peace Corps service working to improve the environment with people who use and depend upon a healthy ecosystem for their livelihoods and that of their children. Students will return to Michigan Tech to complete their degree, typically in one additional academic quarter.

The program is named after Loret Miller Ruppe, former Director of the Peace Corps, resident of Houghton, and recipient of an honorary degree from Michigan Tech University. Loret Miller Ruppe was the longest serving Director of Peace Corps, from 1981 to 1989.

The Peace Corps currently receives requests for foresters in numbers greater than it can supply. Forestry and the environment are the fastest growing fields in Peace Corps and Peace Corps fields more people in environmental work than any other group in the world. Seventeen percent of all volunteers are in environmental fields, and over half of these are in forestry. Peace Corps would place more forestry and environmental volunteers if enough skilled people were available.

What are the benefits?

Students participating in the Master’s International Program at Michigan Tech receive a Master of Science in Forestry as well as all of the benefits associated with Peace Corps service. Peace Corps benefits include transportation to and from the country, a monthly living allowance, a $5,400 readjustment allowance disbursed when the student completes two years of Peace Corps service, medical care and coverage while a Peace Corps volunteers, and noncompetitive eligibility for federal jobs. In addition, tuition costs at Michigan Tech are waived for academic credit earned while in the Peace Corps (up to 9 credits).

For more information about this unique opportunity at MTU, contact Blair Orr at the School of Forestry and Wood Products.

1996-97 marks the first year that MTU offers the Peace Corps Master’s International Program in Forestry. Six students enrolled. They began their studies at Fall Camp, and will take more terms of courses on campus. Students will then receive three months of Peace Corps’ training before they begin a two year service in the Corps.

Pictured to the left are:
Kerry Kosnak, Jeff Ploetz, Katrina Schnobrich, Tom Webster, Andrew Brower, Dan Bergert, Blair Orr - coordinator
Senior Capstone Sequence

Jared and Missy, prism and d-tape in hand.

FW 481
During the Fall Term, students use
the field experience that they gained
at Fall Camp. Students locate the
study area boundaries, design a
cruise plan, conduct the cruise sur-
vey, construct type maps, interpret
aerial photographs, use the soil sur-
vey, and do habitat classification.
Returning to the computer lab, stu-
dents compile their data, create
stand, stocking, and value tables, and
develop a resource assessment. The
resource assessment typically inclu-
des sections on Timber Resources,
Watershed, Wildlife, Soils, Cultural
Resources, Legal/Regulatory Issues.

FW 482
The objective of this course is to develop a range
of possible management scenarios for the parcel
under study in the resource assessment. Each
management scenario is projected into the future
and financially analyzed. The management
options may include:
* diameter limit cutting
* recommended stocking level
* individual tree selection cutting
* shelterwood cutting
* site conversion
* stewardship

FW 483
The final product!
An award program for senior capstone
courses and sequences has been established
to recognize excellence among forestry stu-
dents in the Upper Midwest (Iowa, Michi-
gan, and Wisconsin). Awards will be pre-
sented to the two best student capstone
reports. First place will receive a $500
award and second place will receive a $250
award. Will Michigan Tech win these pre-
stigious awards?
The Great Outdoors

King of the mountain, Tim Martin, conquers Isle Royale.

"Honest, it's not from Econo - I just caught it!" Doug Gardner exclaimed.

"Bowanna," the great white hunter, Mark Salo, slays a 160-pound, six-point buck.

Barbie Crockett, queen of the final frontier, shoots her first ruffed grouse.

Jim Pickens' fishy tale: "I swear it was huge, 62-inches. No, it was bigger - 80-inches. No maybe 90-inches, no... anyway it was BIG."

"The Yearling II," starring Justin Miller. He was my friend until the end. He will be with me always or 'til the freezer's empty.

Hey Dave, you didn't get that off your back porch, did you?
Da Forester’s Bowl’n Team!

front row (l-r): Marty Jurgensen, Jim Moore, Andy Burton
back row (l-r): Eric Trott, Chris Nicholson, Dave Reed, Doug Gardner, Nick Monkevich, Mike Hyslop
not pictured: Kevin Megown, Jon Fosgitz, Garth Jurgensen

Team Stats:
First Leg: First Place
Second Leg: Third Place
Third Leg: Second Place
Fourth Leg: Second Place
Playoffs: First Place Overall
Money Night: First Place ($75)

Hey Andy,
looks like
Mike found
your sticky
spot too!

Hey Marty, that’s not normal
for legs to do that. Doesn’t that hurt
when you walk?

Personal Averages:

Andy Burton 147
Jim Moore 159
Kevin Megown 134
Eric Trott 122
Mike Hyslop 132
Doug Gardner 144
Marty Jurgensen 183
Dave Reed 154
Nick Monkevich 129
Garth Jurgensen 175
Chris Nicholson 135
Jon Fosgitz 131

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"OK, let's start the exam. Stinking caps on, everyone — stinking caps on."

Primitive resumes

"Let's see. You make fire...good. You make tools...good. You hunt mammoth...ohaaaaaaay. Uh oh! Your references are all baboons...not good."
Those to whom we owe many thanks for their continued support!

Andrea Longhini
Ann & Gordon Maclean
Bernie Carr
Blair & Robin Orr
Charles Nielsen
Dave & Beth Reed
Debbie & Kas Dumroese
Denny & Bonnie Baril
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John & Jeannie Diebel
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Larry Watson
Marty & Mary Jurgensen
Peg & Chris Gale
Pete & Sue Cattelino
Raymond Norkoli
Robert Birtz
SFWP Alumni Group
Sherry Sandretto
Steve & Ruth Shetron
Timothy Chick
Vernon Fitzpatrick
Walter Cook, Jr.
William Veeser
The Staff, need there be more said?

It is the hope of this year’s staff that you enjoy this book as you look back at it from time to time. We have had some new and innovative ideas on the layouts and content. Comments made to the staff over the past year have been included where possible, such as more text and bigger pictures. We wish this year’s senior class the best as they finish their years at Tech and face new challenges of life, whether it be in the real working world or continued quest for knowledge.

The Staff!
End of another year, finally!

What a year! The tradition has made it for at least one more. The MTU Forester still carries the title of the only yearbook at Michigan Tech. We as "foresters" should be very proud of this. At a school known first for Engineering and second for Forestry, this book proves that Forestry is not always second. The staff this year have given the book a new look compared to past issues. We are always open to new ideas and looking for more people to be on the staff! That means freshmen, sophomores, juniors, seniors, graduate students, alumni, faculty and staff!

As you look through the book, hopefully it will bring back memories of times gone by. We have had some fun evenings working on the book and some not so fun long evenings too!

Missy has again managed to find time to help pull the book together and pick up the pieces to make the book a success. Thanks!

Thanks to Tim Martin for the cover design this year and working on getting the design printed on the T-shirts and sweatshirts!

Bruce Lammers is our representative from Taylor Publishing. He tries to make as many of our meetings as he can. He offers a lot of new ideas, different ways of laying things out, and hints on what looks good and what won't work. Bruce always updates us on what is new with the printing process and answers our questions about the computer software.

Then there is our advisor, Mary Jurgensen or mom! She had a bad habit of leaving us this year whenever Bruce would plan to be here for a meeting. She redeemed herself though with all the baked goods and proofreading! She keeps us always thinking about the book and tries to push us for better results. Without her guidance and encouragement things would probably be worse!

Eric Trott  
Co-Editor

"... all things share the same breath - the beast, the tree, the man . . . the air shares its spirit with all the life it supports."

Chief Seattle, Duwamish

Cheryl & "Pooky"!!
Thanks, Cheryl, for all the help over the past years. We understand why you couldn't make the meetings this year!