Men’s Ice Hockey—Wes Frahm, Athletic Communications & Marketing

At least 20 NCAA Division I men’s ice hockey teams will change league affiliations for the 2013-14 season. Michigan Tech is not one of them, although it will certainly be affected by all the reorganization. Only four of the Western Collegiate Hockey Association’s current 12 teams will be league members in 2013-14.

How will this affect the Huskies?

“We are fully committed to the success of our hockey program no matter who we are playing,” said Sanregret. “That said, I think there are some real benefits for us with the changes to college hockey.”

The new-look WCHA will include Alaska Anchorage, Alaska Fairbanks, Bemidji State, Bowling Green, Ferris State, Lake Superior State, Michigan Tech, Minnesota State and Northern Michigan. Michigan Tech, with its rich tradition and history, sits in a position of leadership with this new group.

Tech will get an opportunity to renew rivalries with teams in the state of Michigan. Competing against Northern Michigan for a league title will only add to the already intense rivalry. Plus, playing at Ferris State, Lake Superior State and Bowling Green will give Tech’s large lower Michigan alumni base more opportunities to watch the Huskies. For years, Michigan Tech has been at the geographical edge of the WCHA. Now the Huskies will be centrally located within the conference, making travel easier.

Finally, the conference realignment gives Tech an opportunity to bring in some big-name schools. Coach Pearson has already made contact with Michigan and Michigan State to try to set up future games.

“All the change in college hockey is going to be a good thing,” said Pearson. “It produces more opportunities for teams to reach the NCAA Tournament, and creates new rivalries.

“Michigan Tech has always been at the forefront of college hockey. We’re going to continue to be a leader as we move forward.”

Conference Presentations

MACRAO New Professionals Workshop—August 31, 2011
Presenter: Tom Hampton, Admissions
Title: Effective Scheduling

MACRAO New Professional Workshop—August 31, 2011
Keynote Address: Allison Carter, Admissions
The Student Development Complex was completed in 1980 with the building of Phase II and III by general contractor Herman Gundlach, Inc. It contained classrooms, a 3,500 seat basketball gymnasium, an eight lane swimming pool, a multi-purpose room, handball courts, gymnastics and weightlifting rooms, and a 200 meter indoor track. In millions of dollars, how much did this project cost?

For a chance to win a large pizza from the MUB, please forward your answers to Mary Ann Struthers (mastruth@mtu.edu) by Friday, November 18, 2011.

There are two ways to face the future. One is with apprehension; the other is with anticipation. --Jim Rohn
“If it wasn’t hard, it wouldn’t be worth it.” “Michigan Tech isn’t a school, it’s a lifestyle.”

These quotes from current Michigan Tech students and an extensive list of others gathered over a number of days of focus groups helped inform our new undergraduate marketing campaign, “Crazy Smart.” The theme suggests a strong work ethic, distinctive educational environment, and a commitment to community. You’d have to be Crazy/Smart to come here.

Almost anywhere you look on campus you can see amazing examples of smart. The rising ACT of incoming first-year students, success of Michigan Tech’s Aerospace Enterprise Team, successful placement into med school for our grads, student athletes with 4.0 GPA’s, and the increasing number of our students engaged in research with our faculty. Jared Schlueter, a mechanical engineer and an art minor, sketched a self portrait which was chosen to hang in the Michigan Legislature’s House Office Building in Lansing for the next year. Last spring Tristram Hokenson and Josh Strapec received the 2011 Michigan Campus Compact Heart and Soul Award for their outstanding community service efforts.

And nearly anywhere you look you can find crystal clear examples of crazy. From the loudest pep band in the country, to the nearly 2,500 students playing broomball, to those traipsing through the woods in full costume at the annual Muck Run, breaking three world records in the snow, to human bowling at Carnival, cardboard boat races at Homecoming or observing as our Mind Trekkers make ice cream in 60 seconds using liquid nitrogen. Or how about John Hagopian and Ashley Kern panning for gold in Alaska this summer for a National Geographic reality TV show? And think about Michigan Tech’s BonzAI Brawl, where teams of dedicated programmers code relentlessly for eight hours straight.

What does all this mean? The 2035 vision for Michigan Tech includes being a high tech/touch transformational residential education. The work to meet that goal starts today. As President Mroz mentioned at a recent campus forum, the goal isn’t to get to 5:00 p.m. the goal is to get to 2035. To reach that goal we’ll have to be just as crazy/smart as our students. But it’s not hard to imagine. Step foot on campus any day of the week and it doesn’t take long to realize that Michigan Tech isn’t just a school, it’s a lifestyle. As we head towards the completion of another crazy busy fall semester and all the joy that comes with it, I encourage everyone to embrace what our students value, if it wasn’t hard, it wouldn’t be worth it.

Thanks and best wishes for a healthy, happy holiday season and productive New Year!

Headlines—Student Life

Center for Diversity and Inclusion—CDI Will Oversee The Development Of A Young Women Leaders Program (YWLP®) At Michigan Tech

COMPASS—464 Families Register For A Combined Family Weekend And Homecoming

Housing and Residential Life—Hillside Place Apartments Council And Daniell Heights Residents Council Become Apartments Residence Council (ARC)

Student Activities—Student And Community Members Participated In The Great Adventure Race
How long have you been at Michigan Tech? I am starting my 25th year at Michigan Tech. This fall I begin my 18th season as head coach and previously served as an assistant coach for seven years. I am also Associate Director in the Athletic Department.

Tell us about your professional experience. I have coached basketball at almost every level since I was 21. I started out as an 8th grade coach, moved to junior varsity level and assisted the varsity before being hired in 1987 at Michigan Tech. My high school coaching experience was at my alma mater, Westwood High School in Ishpeming. While at Westwood, I also coached cross country, football, and track. My coaching experience at Michigan Tech has been awesome. I have been fortunate to coach some outstanding young men both athletically and academically and have learned a great deal during my coaching tenure here!!

What do you enjoy most about your job here at Michigan Tech? I love competing and you can do that every day here! I really enjoy the family atmosphere that exists in the athletic department and on campus. I have met some of my best friends here. Another aspect I enjoy is seeing how our basketball players mature. The transformation in some of them is unbelievable. It makes me happy when a former athlete calls or stops in the office and asks for advice or tells me how he handled a tough situation at work because of lessons he learned in the basketball program.

What is one thing that people don’t know about you? I have a brother and three sisters and I fall right in the middle. I love to fish but I am a rotten fisherman.

Family members include my wife Barb, daughters Kara and Hailee, son Tyler, granddaughter Kellie, and our dog Sadie.

FERPA What? Theresa Jacques, Registrar

Mention FERPA to someone outside of higher education and most people stare at you like you’re talking with a mouth full of marbles. They have no idea what you’ve just said. So what is this funny word and what does it mean to us here at Michigan Tech? The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) is a federal law that gives students, in general, the right to control the disclosure of their education records to others, the right to inspect and review their own record, and the right to seek amendment to their record.

Okay, that sounds great, but what does it all mean? Educational records are those that are directly related to a student and maintained by an educational institution. The educational record includes any information recorded in any way (including, but not limited to, handwriting, print, microfilm, and computer media). Educational records do not include personal knowledge. The institution also has the right to define directory information, which is information that may be disclosed without the student’s consent unless the student has requested confidentiality.

There are many more definitions related to FERPA, and it would be impossible to explain them all in the tiny space available here. For more information or questions regarding FERPA, please visit our FERPA website (http://www.mtu.edu/registrar/faculty-staff/ferpa/) or contact the Registrar’s Office by emailing registrar@mtu.edu or by calling 487-2319.
From Participant to Partnership—Darneshia Slade, Admissions

During my ninth and tenth grade years, I can vividly remember waking up early on Saturday mornings to go to my DAPCEP class. It was a bitter sweet occasion, but it instilled in me an appreciation for higher education and the importance of going to college. Who would have thought 20 plus years later that I would work in partnership with the program as a catalyst to recruit students to Michigan Technological University?

The mission of DAPCEP (Detroit Area Pre-College Engineering Program) is to increase the number of historically underrepresented students who are motivated and prepared academically to pursue degrees leading to careers in STEM related fields through K-12 supplemental educational programming. It has provided exceptional programming to Detroit area youth for 35 years, impacting the lives of over 150,000. I was one of those young people and as a representative of Michigan Tech it has been my awesome pleasure to come back home to my community over the past five years to advance the mission of DAPCEP and the Strategic Plan of MTU. Through this partnership the institution offers over 100 DAPCEP students each summer the opportunity to come to the campus and participate in our Summer Youth Programs. Much like many of the DAPCEP students that visit our campus in the summer, I couldn’t conceive 550 miles and still be in the state of Michigan. Once I made my first visit to Michigan Tech, as a Minorities in Engineering participant I thought “I like this place.” That “like” turned into a love and passion to invite students to experience what I experienced as a student.

I recently attended a fundraising event for DAPCEP hosted at Mayor Bing’s residence. It was an awesome affair for a very worthwhile cause. Michigan Tech’s partnership with DAPCEP has and will continue to grow; a relationship such as this confirms the importance of our jobs in Student Affairs. Caring for our students is the common thread throughout all of the Student Affairs departments whether it’s K-12 programming, ExSEL or Tech Traditions. DAPCEP and Michigan Tech helped to shape me as a person, and for that I’m grateful. It is my pleasure to play and part in giving back was given to me at such critical stages of my life. Thank you DAPCEP and thank you Michigan Technological University!

Headlines—Enrollment Services

Admissions—Undergraduate Admissions Launches Crazy Smart Marketing Campaign!

Center for Pre-College Outreach—Center For Pre-College Outreach Lands New 7-year GEAR UP Grant Benefiting Local Schools

Enrollment Services Information Systems—Consultants From College Source On Campus For DARS Review

Financial Aid—Close to 900 Leading Scholar Applications Have Been Submitted . . . Time To Start Reading Those Essays!

International Programs and Services—International Education Week Is November 12-16th — Follow IPS On Facebook To See How We Plan To Celebrate

Registrar’s Office—Commuter And Grad Parking Have Transferred From the Registrar’s Office To Public Safety And Police Services

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Headlines—Athletics and Recreation

Athletics—Sports Hall Of Fame Inducts Seven New Members

Recreation—Registration For the Second Session Of Fall Community Programs Has Begun

The newsletter committee members include Lynda Heinonen, Susan Liebau, and Mary Ann Struthers. If you have any suggestions or comments, please forward them to lheinone@mtu.edu.