Enrollment Increase Leads to Innovative Housing Solutions
Submitted by Travis Pierce, Housing & Residential Life

Just a short walk from campus, the Franklin Square Inn (FSI) will offer a unique housing experience mixing many of the aspects of residence hall life with hotel comfort and amenities. Residents of the FSI will have access to the hotel’s recreational facilities, including a fitness room, sauna, spa, and swimming pool. The sixth floor of the hotel will be used which will include rooms with private baths, a kitchenette, and study area. The area will be limited by card access to only Michigan Tech FSI residents. The floor will be co-ed and is filled with transfer students. Please visit <http://www.housing.mtu.edu/fsi> for more details.

Student Affairs Student Staff Employment Expos
Submitted by Beth Wagner, Student Life

After the success of the newly implemented Student Affairs Student Staff Training Sessions, a new group formed to discuss collaboration for recruiting and hiring processes of student staff across Student Affairs. The Student Affairs Common Selection Team has decided to host several Student Affairs Student Staff Employment Expos to inform prospective student staff about the countless opportunities available for involvement.

If your department or area would like to be involved in the Expo and host a table to promote your student staff employment opportunities, please contact Patti Kirk at ptkirk@mtu.edu or 487-2682 for a registration form that will need to be completed and returned to her by September 15, 2008.

The Student Affairs Student Staff Employment Expos will be held:

**Fall Semester 2008**
Wednesday, October 22
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 pm
MUB Peninsula Room

Wednesday, October 22
2:30 p.m. - 4:30 pm
Fisher Hallway

**Spring Semester 2009**
Wednesday, January 14
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 pm
MUB Peninsula Room

Wednesday, January 14
2:30 p.m. - 4:30 pm
Fisher Hallway

The recruitment campaign for the Expos, titled “Find Your Fit in Student Affairs,” will involve a series of posters and table tents advertising the many different positions available across Student Affairs. The Expos also be advertised in the Lode, on the Career Service website, on EDS, and in the Student Newsbriefs.

If you have any questions about the Student Affairs Employment Expos or the common recruitment efforts, please feel free to contact Beth Wagner at blwagner@mtu.edu or by calling 487-2687.
 leased late last month. Among other things, Michigan Tech is noted for our Library, Career Services and lab/athletic facilities. Anecdotal comments from students surveyed noted the value of discovery based learning, not only in learning but in life. They’re also confident about getting a job due to the Tech work ethic and personalities of our people.

Classes will begin in just a few weeks and as we think about the Forbes and Princeton’s Reviews we can be reminded that both have a lot to do with what we do in Student Affairs. Our mission is “To prepare students to create the future, we make their success our number one priority.” This emphasis on student success is apparent every day through our programs, services and interactions with students. If it were not we would not be listed in Princeton’s Reviews Best 368 Colleges.

Last year at this time we had just begun the journey of defining our learning outcomes for Student Affairs. I am happy to mention that those learning outcomes are now defined and will guide us in our work. By making student success our highest priority we commit that students engaged in programs, initiatives, and experiences offered by Student Affairs will:

- Be civically engaged leaders in their many communities and will develop a commitment to service.
- Learn the skills necessary to work effectively and respectfully in groups.
- Understand the importance of trust, ethics, accountability and personal responsibility.
- Demonstrate a sense of pride, spirit and affinity for Michigan Tech.
- Identify and understand the need for a sustainable lifestyle.
- Develop the skills necessary to live in a diverse and ever-changing world.
- Be able to affect the change they wish to see in the world.

Being in the trenches with our students each and every day is just about the best job one can have. As educators, counselors, mentors and friends, we play an important role, not only in challenging and supporting our students, but also helping them to grow and develop. Not a day goes by that I don’t hear some great story about how someone has made a difference in the life of another. I think we can easily boast that we make a difference in the lives of those who will make a difference in the lives of others. If this isn’t preparing students to create the future, I’m not sure what is.

Thanks for all you do and go Huskies!

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Summer – The Admissions Visit Season
Submitted by Kyle Rubin, Admissions

Summer here in the Copper Country is a time for barbecues and University picnics. Families also see it as a great time to wrap a Michigan Tech visit into a family vacation to the Upper Peninsula.

During a typical summer visit season in admissions, we see roughly 1,500 people walk through our doors. The occasionally unbearable heat in the office doubles as a torture chamber, allowing us to “strongly convince” our guests into applying...we think this

Admissions Tour Guides

that displays extreme passion for Michigan Tech. First year tour guide Chad Girard mentioned that “passion for Michigan Tech is basically a requirement if you want to do well with this job.” Chad went on to say that “It’s fun, the families always seem to bring up how small the tour groups are, and they seem to get a lot out of it”.

Admissions is winding down another fantastic and busy summer as we continue to show people the great opportunities that exist for students here (university picnics have been good, too).
As a fun departure from our regular Staff Match feature, we have created Pet Match. Use the clues to match the appropriate pet with its owner. Send your guesses to Lynda Heinonen at lheinone@mtu.edu by September 12th to be eligible to win a large pizza.

1. Whiskers
   Living with two other cats keeps this feline active.

2. Cooper
   This dog is on the right path.

3. Rhyan
   This is one well registered horse.

4. Charley & Flannery
   Ironically, these pets are not well disciplined.

A. Gina Goudge
   Career Services

B. Mary Ann Struthers
   Student Activities

C. Pat Gotschalk
   Judicial Affairs

D. Nancy Gagnon
   OSSR

These Student Affairs staff members were featured in “Staff Match” in the spring newsletter. Take a few minutes to learn some interesting information about them.

Born in northern Minnesota and raised in a family atmosphere steeped with a great respect for the natural world, environmental preservation has been a keen interest of Lisa’s since her teens. Shortly after earning a BS in Business Administration through the University of Minnesota, Lisa chose to work in the National Parks (with the odd ski resort thrown into the mix), enjoying the opportunity to explore some of the U.S.A.’s most scenic areas. Lisa and her husband, John make their home in the Chassell countryside, along with their much-adored Australian Shepherds, Una and Merlin.

Jeff Kangas was born in Elgin, IL and raised on Quincy Hill in Hancock. He earned a B.A. in Special Education from Michigan State and a Master’s degree in Educational Administration from Central Michigan. After 27 years in K-12 public education and one year as an over-the-road truck driver, his service as an educator continues at the Career Center. He and his bride Shaun have raised two sons and are now enjoying being grandparents.

Hailing from the great state of Iowa, Travis Pierce joined the Michigan Tech family in August of 2003. He and his partner, a Michigan Tech faculty member, live in Houghton with their two adorable dachshunds Bert and Ernie. When not in the Housing & Residential Life office Travis can be seen playing the tuba in the Keweenaw Symphony Orchestra, enjoying a walk chasing a white ball around the Portage Lake Golf Course, or out fishing with his friends.

Heather has been an employee of Michigan Tech in the department of Educational Opportunity for the past two years. During that time she has been pursing a Bachelor degree in Psychology, where she maintains a 4.0 grade point average. Heather has lived in the U.P. for most of her life and enjoys the beautiful scenery all year long. In her spare time she enjoys spending time with family and friends, reading, and camping in the summer.

Kathy Pintar was the winner of a large pizza for the spring “Staff Match” feature.
What I Did This Summer

As summer winds down and we ramp up for the campus to be filled with students again, we asked Student Affairs staff to share some of their summer adventures.

My daughter, Myra, married Robert Gilreath on June 14, 2008. I enjoyed planning the wedding with Myra, as we were able to talk with each other every day. Lots of planning and organizing goes into a wedding. My advice is to plan early. The most difficult moment of the whole event for me was when Myra was walking down the aisle with her dad, Jim Frendewey; it just hit me that she was actually getting married.

My husband and I have kept busy this summer by renovating and moving into our first home. This year’s projects are almost complete, but it definitely is a slow process. I was also lucky enough to catch up on a little rest at the pool and great shopping for a week in Las Vegas. Now it’s catch up time to get ready for the fall.

The Boundary Waters of Northern Minnesota can be just the place you are looking for to get away. With over a million acres of wilderness, you may not see another person the whole time you are there. We saw one.

This summer I spent six days on Isle Royale with my husband, my oldest son and his wife, and three of my grandchildren. We went hiking, fishing, and sightseeing by boat. There are several hundred small islands that make up Isle Royale, so we had much to see such as the lighthouse museum, a very old but still working fishery, and The Sleeping Giant, which is in Canada but only 20 miles by water away from the islands where we went looking for moose. Unfortunately, I didn’t get to see a moose, but I did see lots of other wildlife. The islands are full of thimbleberries, strawberries, raspberries, blackberries, blueberries, lilies, wild roses, other flowers I have never seen before, and various types of lichen besides grass, trees, rocks, mosquitoes, and water. I had a wonderful time and look forward to going again next year.

New Staff in Student Affairs

Jackie Ellenich has joined the Financial Aid team. She was previously the Clerk for the Charter Township of Calumet.

Karmen Markham joined Educational Opportunity as the ExSEL Coordinator. Karmen was associated with Youth Programs for two summers as an associate coordinator.

Wendy Davis also joins the ExSEL Program and Academic Enrichment area, as the Staff Assistant. She was previously working with the LTAP area in Civil Engineering.

Christine Litoborski has joined the Admissions staff as a Regional Admissions Manager for the Chicago region. Christine comes from Concordia University-Chicago where she spent the past year as Director of Admissions.

Erin Jarvi is the new campus visit coordinator in Admissions. Erin is a 2002 graduate from Michigan Tech’s Clinical Laboratory Science program. Her professional career has been as a study coordinator at Covance Laboratories in Madison, WI.

Cody Kangas joined Educational Opportunity in the spring as Youth Programs Coordinator. Cody is a 2007 graduate of the University of Michigan and previously worked with Youth Programs as the Assistant Gear-Up Program Coordinator.

Crystal Primeau comes to Counseling Services as a Clinical Counselor from Boone, NC, where she was the co-owner of Mental Behavioral Healthcare.

Katie Russell has joined COMPASS as the Orentation Coordinator. Before coming to Tech, Russell was an academic advisor at the University of Minnesota--Twin Cities.