

# Views

The Newsletter of the  
**Friends of the Van Pelt Library**  
Michigan Tech University  
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## ***Friends Book Sale is Here: 16 March 2012 with Pre-Sale 15 March***

The Annual Book Sale of the Friends of the Van Pelt Library will take place 16 March 2012 from 10 AM to 4:00 PM. Members of the Friends (memberships are available at the door) may attend the Member-only Pre-Sale the evening before, 15 March 2012 from 5 to 7 PM. Both events will take place in the Ballroom of the Memorial Union Building (MUB) on the campus of Michigan Technological University.

The Friends Book Sale has been using a standardized price list since 2010, with hardback books going for \$2 and quality paperback books for \$1. Mass market paperbacks (the ones that fit in your back pocket) are a bargain at 50 cents. Funds raised by the Friends are used for numerous projects, including the purchase of user technology such as Kindles and laptops and the funding of travel study grants (see related article this newsletter).

## ***Friends Hot Chocolate Warm-Up at Winter Carnival is a Hit!***

A cold Winter Carnival Saturday led to a warm and welcome *Hot Chocolate Warm-up Event*, sponsored by the Friends of the Van Pelt Library on Saturday 11 February 2012. The Library's circulation area was busy all day with Carnival visitors, who enjoyed hot chocolate and cookies and who were able to shop the used book display prepared by the Friends. "We never stopped making hot chocolate," said volunteer Faith Morrison. "It was so cold; I think that the sign for a warm up was irresistible."

The Friends have sponsored this event for several years. Also available at the event were notecards and blankets for purchase. All sales proceeds benefit the Van Pelt and Opie Library at Michigan Tech.

Eloise Haller and Kelly Luck staffed the *Hot Chocolate Warm-up Event* on Saturday morning; grateful visitors came in a steady stream all day.

## ***Update: Archives Research Travel Grants***

*Submitted by Erik Nordberg, University Archivist*

The Friends of the Van Pelt Library continue to fund a research travel award program which supports out-of-town scholars to visit Houghton and make use of the manuscript collections held at the Michigan Tech Archives.

An announcement of the 2012 award selection was pending as this newsletter goes to press, but it is likely that Friends' funding will support three scholars in the coming calendar year. This year's award committee includes Larry Lankton from the Michigan Tech Department of Social Sciences, Don Durfee of the Friends of the Van Pelt Library, and Erik Nordberg and Beth Russell, representing the Michigan Tech Archives.

During the 2011 cycle, three researchers were selected for travel awards. Ibram H. Rogers, a post-doctoral fellow at the Rutgers Center for Historical Analysis in New Brunswick, New Jersey visited the Michigan Tech Archives in March 2011 and gave a talk entitled "The Black Campus Movement and the Racial Reformation of Higher Education." Jennifer Gunn, associate professor and Director of the Program in the History of Medicine at the University of Minnesota returned to the Archives to continue her research into health and medical issues associated with the history of copper mining. Her 17 November 2011 presentation examined the treatment of tuberculosis in the region.



The third recipient requested to delay his trip and will visit during spring 2012. Franco Pierno, assistant professor of Italian linguistics at the University of Toronto, will examine linguistic shifts in *Il Minatore*, an Italian-language newspaper published in Calumet from 1896 to 1928. An announcement of his visit and presentation will be distributed closer to the event.

Since 1998, funding from the Friends of the Van Pelt Library has made it possible for more than 25 scholars and researchers to travel to Houghton from all over the United States, Canada, and Europe to access the Archives' collections. As part of the grant program, researchers are asked to give a public presentation on their work. For more information on the Travel Grant programs and the 2012 recipients, please contact the Michigan Tech Archives at 487-2505, copper@mtu.edu, or visit the Archives on the web at [www.lib.mtu.edu/mtuarchives/](http://www.lib.mtu.edu/mtuarchives/).



Through the generous funding of the Friends of the Van Pelt Library, a Frisbee design was developed (see above).

## *Friends Fund Frisbee Fun*

*Submitted by Beth Russell, Van Pelt and Opie Library*

The J. Robert Van Pelt and John and Ruanne Opie Library provides information literacy instruction to over 3,400 students each year. Librarians continue to seek components to keep students interested and engaged. One such tool is the use of Husky Bingo in *UN1001: Perspectives*, a class with over 1,000 students each year. Like real bingo, prizes are needed as awards. A group from the Library came up with the idea of giveaways, both as a prize and a Library promotional item.

The Frisbee has the catch phrase “Go Fetch” which references the HuskyFetch services available through the Library’s catalog. With one click of the HuskyFetch icon, a patron can reach full-text content when available, request the item using interlibrary loan, capture a citation, or contact a librarian. The discs also feature the Michigan Tech Husky and contact information for the Library. The black and gold Frisbees will be offered as prizes and as giveaways at different campus events to promote the Library. Winter Carnival was the first time these were given away, and they were a hit with the crowds.



Karen Hubbard, Adrienne Minerick, Eloise Haller, Kelly Luck, Patricia Van Pelt and Dana Richter pose for this panoramic shot taken by Mary Marchaterre at the Friends’ *Hot Chocolate Warm-up*, Saturday 11 February 2012. A full book cart, a loaded table, and several overflowing boxes made for a satisfying book sale that netted much needed funds for the Library.



# ***Save Your Receipt: Econo Foods Computers for Kids Program Benefits Library***

*Submitted by Mary Marchaterre*

Time, as always, to collect your receipts from Econo Foods to benefit the Van Pelt and Opie Library at Michigan Tech. Through its Computers for Kids program, Econo Foods donates to the Friends one percent of the sum of all Econo receipts collected. These funds are used to pay for computer systems in the Library.

Many thanks to those who participated last year, and a big "keep it up" to all who are collecting receipts for this year.

Want to help? Please collect your receipts from Econo Foods and send them to us or drop them in the collection box at the circulation desk of the Library. Econo will accept receipts dated end of August 2011 through the beginning of June 2012. Please send your receipts by intercampus mail to either Mary Marchaterre (Tech Fund, Hancock) or Faith Morrison (Chemical Engineering - 203 Chem Sci). Want to help more? Put out a collection box in your area and encourage your coworkers to bring in their receipts for our Library. There are drop boxes in the Chemical Engineering office (203 Chem Sci), in the coffee room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Admin building, and in the basement of the EERC. Every little bit helps.

## ***Friends Membership, Blankets, Notecards now Available Online!***

The wares of the Friends of the Van Pelt Library are now available online at

[https://www.techshop.mtu.edu/ustores/web/store\\_main.jsp?STOREID=9](https://www.techshop.mtu.edu/ustores/web/store_main.jsp?STOREID=9)

Also online is the opportunity to renew your membership in the Friends:

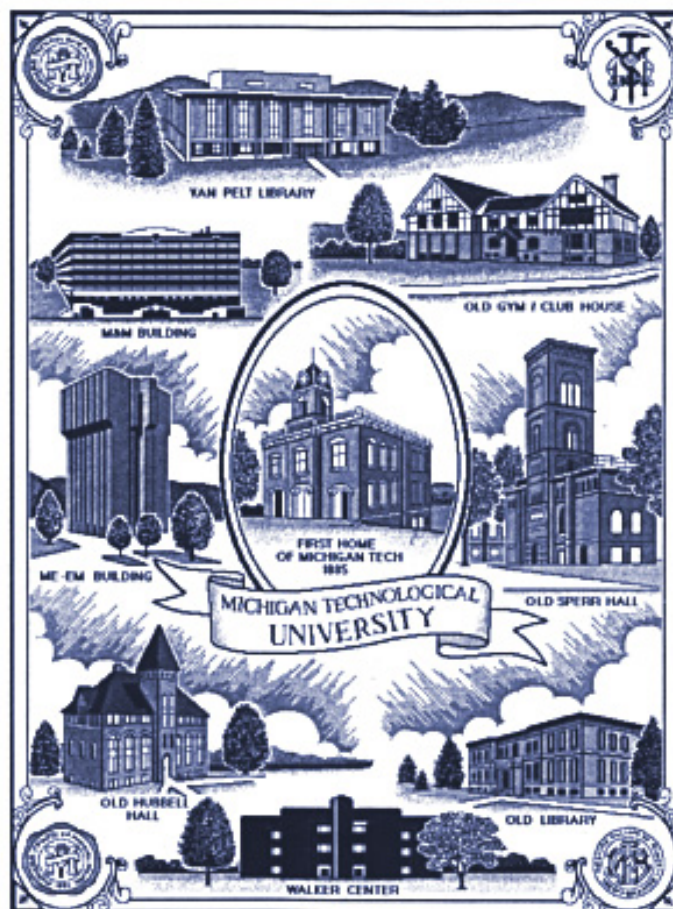
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These new weblinks makes it even easier to have the beautiful Michigan Tech blanket

(<http://www.chem.mtu.edu/~fmorriso/fvpl/blanket.htm>) or notecards ([http://www.chem.mtu.edu/~fmorriso/fvpl/note\\_cards.html](http://www.chem.mtu.edu/~fmorriso/fvpl/note_cards.html)).

The 4 foot by 5 foot cotton blanket in blue and white features historic buildings from the Michigan Tech campus (design shown below) and sells for \$65 plus tax and shipping. They make great gifts for Michigan Tech alumni and friends. All proceeds benefit the Van Pelt and Opie Library.

[www.lib.mtu.edu/friends/friends.htm](http://www.lib.mtu.edu/friends/friends.htm)



### **Join the Friends!**

More on Joining or renewing your Friends membership is on the back page. For more information about the Friends of the Van Pelt Library, please visit our web page:  
[www.lib.mtu.edu/friends/friends.htm](http://www.lib.mtu.edu/friends/friends.htm)

*It's time to renew your membership in the Friends of the Van Pelt Library.*

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To renew your membership in the Friends, please go to [https://www.banweb.mtu.edu/mtu/mtf/gift/fvpl\\_giftform.xsql](https://www.banweb.mtu.edu/mtu/mtf/gift/fvpl_giftform.xsql) or send your contribution (filled in form above or check) to:

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c/o the Michigan Tech Fund  
Michigan Technological University  
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