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EXTRA! EXTRA!

2013 BOOKSALE

April 2 5-7 pm
April 3 10am-4pm

Book Sale will be on a Tuesday and Wednesday this year

The Friends Annual Used Book Sale is scheduled for Tuesday, April 2nd and Wednesday, April 3rd 2013 in the Memorial Union Ballroom on Michigan Tech's campus. As a member of the Friends, you will enjoy early shopping, easy (and free!) parking, and the best selection on Tuesday from 5:00-7:00PM. Don't forget to renew your membership!

On Wednesday, the sale continues at 10:00AM with a new selection of withdrawn books from the J.R. Van Pelt and Opie Library, and ends with the bag sale from 3:00-4:00PM. Due to changes in parking regulations on campus, we will no longer be able to provide complimentary parking during hours when parking rules are enforced (7am-4pm). The book sale uses standardized pricing for the majority of books, with hardback books priced at \$2 and quality paperback books for \$1. Mass market paperbacks (the ones that fit in your back pocket) are a bargain at 50 cents. Antique or special sets are priced separately. If you can't wait for the book sale to stock your shelves, stop into the Library during normal operating hours to grab a cup of coffee and check out the book cart.

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/

Winter Carnival Visitors Enjoy Hot Chocolate and a New (Used) Book

The Friends once again sponsored a *Hot Chocolate Warm-up Event* on Saturday, February 9th, 2013 during Michigan Tech's Winter Carnival. Visitors appreciated the free hot chocolate and cookies offered by the Friends in the Library's circulation area, and many shopped the display of used books, CDs, and VHS and DVD movies available for sale. Eleven urns of hot chocolate and many dozens of cookies were consumed, and over 150 books were purchased. 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.



Mary Marchaterre assists a customer at the *Hot Chocolate Warm-up Event*.



A visitor from NMU enjoys a cup of hot chocolate.

Michigan Tech Archives Awards Travel Grants

Submitted by Erik Nordberg, University Archivist

The Michigan Tech Archives is pleased to announce three recipients of awards in its 2013 travel grant program. Funding for the program is provided by the Friends of the Van Pelt Library, and encourages out-of-town scholars to visit Houghton to undertake research using the collections of the Michigan Tech Archives.

Robert Goodrich, associate professor of history at Northern Michigan University, will research the significant role of ethnic Slovenes in Michigan's Copper Country. Part of a larger research initiative examining emigration from the former Habsburg Empire to Michigan, Goodrich will explore the important Slovene presence in the Keweenaw, including missionaries such as Frederic Baraga and the development of a large Slovene immigrant community in the mining town of Red Jacket. Goodrich, who holds a PhD in European history from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, is currently under contract with Michigan State University Press for book tentatively entitled *Austro-Hungarians in Michigan* scheduled for publication in 2014.

Michael Loukinen, professor of sociology at Northern Michigan University, will undertake historical research in support of a documentary film project about the "almost ghost town" of Winona. Located 30 miles southwest of Houghton, Winona was a prospering copper mining community in the early Twentieth Century. Although mining and timber industries faded from this remote landscape in the 1920s, the town site continues to support a small community including a school and a church. Archival research will provide the necessary historical background for recorded interviews with current and past residents of Winona. Luokinen holds a PhD in Sociology from Michigan State University and is the writer and producer of more than a dozen documentary films including the critically acclaimed *Good Man in the Woods*, *Medicine Fiddle* and a series of films documenting traditional Ojibwe culture and teachings.

Patrick Pospisek, a recent graduate of the doctoral program in history at Purdue University, will explore early federal mining policy in Michigan's copper mining district. While silver and gold mining in the American West had significant impact on the federal government's approach to mineral legislation, earlier experiences in mining regions before the Civil War were equally important to defining federal authority in developing mining districts. Pospisek's research will examine the collapse of an early federal leasing policy in Michigan's copper district which encouraged the development of a private, corporate mining industry. The Michigan study will form one component of a larger book-length study of United States mining history in the Mississippi Valley and Midwest.

As part of their research visits, travel award recipients will present a public presentation – either on their research in progress or on a topic from their previous work. Information about these events will be distributed as they are scheduled.

Since 1998, the Friends of the Van Pelt Library have supported more than 30 scholars and researchers from across the United States, Canada, and Europe to access the Archives' collections. Books, articles, presentations and web content have resulted from the work of travel grant recipients, helping to draw attention to the holdings of the Michigan Tech Archives and the history of Michigan's Copper Country and Upper Peninsula.

For more information on the Travel Grant program and the Archives' collections, contact the Michigan Tech Archives at 487-2505, copper@mtu.edu, or on the web at <http://www.lib.mtu.edu/mtuarchives/>.

The Friends Continue to Enable the Library to Remain State-of-the-Art

Submitted by Ellen Marks, University Librarian and Director

High-quality scanners offering specialized capabilities, larger sizes and easy-to-use software are in high demand for Michigan Tech and members of the community. Having scanners in a convenient and shared location makes the library an ideal location with its long hours and staff to assist the new user. The Friends of the Van Pelt Library have made it possible for the library to offer the state-of-the-art scanners at no charge to users. The Friends contributed to the purchase of the Indus scanner, located in the library's Garden level (due to re-open during the first week in April). This walk-up, touch screen scanner enables color, black/white or grey scale scanning of materials up to 24" x 17" in their natural position from an overhead or 'planetary' position. Unlike photocopying in the past, the scanner helps to preserve the library's materials by reducing stress on binding, makes it easier to reproduce larger documents and, too, saves paper. Scans can be saved in a variety of file formats. Until the Garden level was closed due to the Archives' fire, the Indus scanner proved to be an extremely popular service.

For many years, the library offered a large format scanner that was used as a scanner and a relatively slow poster printer. Last year, a new poster printer was acquired through a university grant yet the large format scanner recently became unusable for the important work of scanning maps accurately. Because of the generosity of the Friends of the Van Pelt Library, a new wide format scanner has been ordered and will be in service within six weeks. The highly rated Colortrac scanner will be located in the library's Digital Studio area and will have an easy to use touch screen for scanning in a variety of file formats and software to facilitate image editing plus color or

black and white. At 42 inches wide, the new scanner will be helpful to students, faculty and community members for the university's growing programs for Geographic Information Systems as well as architectural drawings, blueprints and other images. To take full advantage of this scanner, the library will be offering workshops as well. For more information about the library's scanning services, contact library@mtu.edu at any time.

The Friends Thank the University Archivist



Submitted by Ellen Marks, University Librarian and Director

University Archivist Erik Nordberg will be leaving the Van Pelt and Opie Library at the end of April to assume a new position as the Executive Director of the Michigan Humanities Council in Lansing. Erik joined the library in 1994 and later became the University Archivist and department head. The Friends of the Van Pelt Library provided support for one of the many programs initiated by Erik. The Travel Grant program has supported over 30 scholars and other researchers to travel to Michigan Tech to facilitate their work with the outstanding collections and staff. Travel grant awardees have come from Europe, Canada and throughout the United States and have subsequently produced articles, books and media that bring international visibility to the Copper Country and the Upper Peninsula's history.

Erik has developed an outstanding reputation as a public historian throughout the Copper Country and beyond by organizing programs and traveling exhibits including *People, Place and Time: Michigan's Copper Country Through the Lens of J.W. Nara* and *Tumult and Tragedy: Michigan's 1913-14 Copper Strike*. In addition to producing these outstanding exhibits, researchers and other members of the community have provided talks as a means of bringing the UP's communities together around their shared history. Both exhibits will return to the Van Pelt and Opie Library in June and July.

Erik and the fine staff he recruited, including a recently developed Archives Internship, have also received two Federal grants focused on assuring that over 90 manuscript collections will be indexed to assure international visibility. Erik was also instrumental in developing the Keweenaw Digital Archives, a collection of over 12,000 photographs accessible via the Web.

While Erik will be greatly missed by the Friends, the community and throughout Michigan Tech, we are delighted that he is continuing his work as a doctoral candidate in the Department of Social Sciences and that his expertise will remain in Michigan for the Humanities Council.

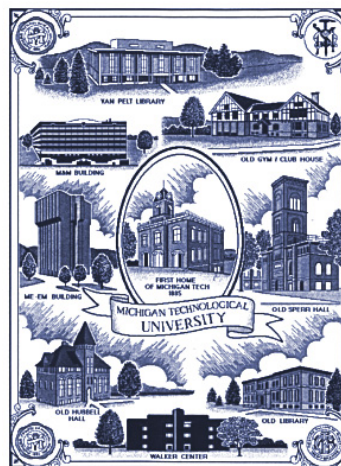
All Friends of the Library are cordially invited to share the library's celebration of Erik's accomplishments and future endeavors on April 23 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Rosza Lobby.

Friends Membership, Blankets, Notecards Online!

You can renew your membership in the Friends online: www.lib.mtu.edu/friends

The wares of the Friends of the Van Pelt Library are available online at <http://www.mtu.edu/library/shopfriends>

This website shows photos of all the notecards: 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 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.

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Membership Categories

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