

*Hon. Gordon Canfield of New Jersey,
February 26, 1948, Congressional Record,
Scrapbook v. 52, p. 90)*

“Mr. Speaker,

I have been distressed to learn that our colleague, Margaret Chase Smith, has suffered a broken arm in a fall in Bangor, Maine, and I know the membership of this body, who esteem her so highly, hope her complete recovery will be a speedy one.

That the gentlewoman from Maine kept a speaking engagement at Rockland, 60 miles away, 4 hours after the fracture, comes as no surprise to me because I know how she can take it.

I was privileged to be one of the nine House Members making up the Joint House Appropriations - Armed Services Committee which visited 16 countries of Europe and the Middle East during the congressional recess last fall. Margaret Smith made this arduous trip and on our return our group unanimously voted her the one who best withstood the rigors and dangers encountered. We doffed our hats to her, too, for the contributions she made toward the success of our mission everywhere.

The barefooted, ill-dressed, undernourished German tots in the Russian sector of Berlin loved this woman from America who pressed lollypops into their thin hands. Our troops cheered her at our military installations when she spoke of home and quickly responded to any “gripes.” Would that you could have seen her climbing the

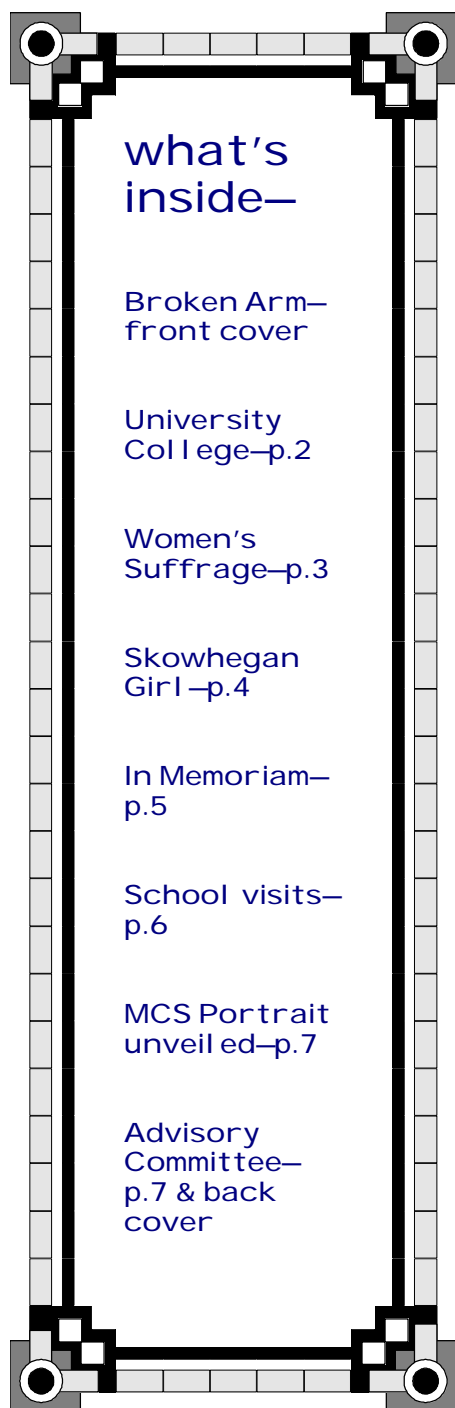
Senator Smith shown with broken arm during WLAM Broadcast, February, 1948

stony hillsides, back of Trieste, as she visited our boys at the road blocks on the Yugoslavian border. And every one of us arose to acclaim her after her speeches before the Majlis in Iran and later before Members of Commons in London.

Who was it that visited the dead and the dying of cholera in Cairo? Who was it that requested our military authorities to rush serum vaccine to this stricken country in response to its frantic appeal for aid? It was the gentlewoman from Maine, whose short stay in Iran was such as to inspire Ambassador George V. Allen, now Assistant Secretary of State, to
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(Mr. Speaker—cont. from front)

write the Department in Washington



Lake Region High School Takes the Prize Again

For the third consecutive year, students from Lake Region High School, Naples, have won the annual Margaret Chase Smith Public Service and Citizenship Award essay contest. Pictured below during a Civil War re-enactment on May 7 are Superintendent Candace Brown, second prize winner Elizabeth Yindra, faculty sponsor Jonathan Ray, David Richards, and Jonathan Bradshaw, winner of the first prize.

Mouse Trap/Cold War??!!

Traditionally, Northwood's University College program fills two weeks at the MCSL. Students are asked to review and report on four lectures (Watergate tapes, Shaker business practices, Supreme Court nominations, BPW clubs), complete a paper and give a 15-minute oral presentation on some aspect of the career of MCS. Student Russ Thelan certainly caught the attention of listeners when he demonstrated the fear created during the Cold War by asking fellow students to pass a "loaded" mouse trap around the room without tripping the wire. An interesting analogy! Participants from the two July sessions are pictured below.

An Open Letter...from Winslow Service Club

Dear Mr. Richards:

This letter is in regards to the trip the Winslow High School Service Club made to the MCSL on May 12. We enjoyed the tour and learned a lot. Margaret Chase Smith was an incredible woman whose spirit and good will for others will live on because of what you do at the library to ensure that future generations know the importance of community service.

The Winslow Service Club would like to thank you for your generous donation. The money went to the American Red Cross to benefit victims of both Kosovo and Columbine High School. I hope that the tradition of visiting the MCSL will continue with future Service Club members.

Sincerely, Jessica Carson, President

Cornville Students Rate April Tour of Library

Toni Gammon writes, "I learned that even if you are a girl, you can do a man's job." Nick Bowman comments about the questions given by the library, "Tell the lady that gave the questions to us kids that mine was too hard." But, he adds, "I figured it out." "The movie that you showed us was very, very cool," says Tara Fagan.

**Editor's note: we certainly agree with Toni. In response to Nick and Tara, the questions given the students during their time here are all answered by viewing the displays, the timeline, and memorabilia and are geared to different age levels. A biographical video of Margaret Chase Smith's life is also shown as well as a guided tour of her residence.*

University College students pose with Northwood University's Professor Tom Luptowski.

Margaret Chase Smith Scholarship Recipients Announced

On June 16, MCSL Administrative Associate Lynnette King, presented eight students of the Margaret Chase Smith School in Skowhegan with a savings bond, a limited edition, autographed copy of **A Woman for All Seasons**, and a fresh red rose in honor of the school's namesake. Recipients were: Ashley Beal, Chad Demo, Allison Dorko, Tammy Everett, Chelsea Hoskins, Ben Jordan, Kathryn LePage, and Frederick Winchester. Chelsea went on to participate in the Skowhegan Girl program mentioned on page 4 of the newsletter.

that “her personal intelligence and charm may have a far-reaching beneficial effect on the position in public life of Iranian women.”

Our colleague from Maine was undisturbed when we had engine trouble flying high over the Brenner Pass, and she was distinctly a morale builder when on our return flight between the Azores and Bermuda, it looked as if we were to lose two engines and ditch. Never during the whole journey was she upset by strange food and the other dangers we faced. Throughout she was a real soldier and, as the flight sergeant said, “a regular guy.”

And so, once more, I understand why a little thing such as a fractured arm would not cause the gentlewoman from Maine, Margaret Smith, to break a speaking engagement. She can take it, and those who have seen her under fire can bear witness.”

Women’s Suffrage

On August 25, 1961, Margaret Chase Smith made a statement on the Senate floor regarding women’s suffrage. The content of that speech follows:

“Mr. President, on August 26, 1920, women in the United States, regardless of State laws to the contrary, were given the right to vote. This struggle for equality was long and sometimes bitter.

There were some who believed that women were too high, too pure, to engage in the rough and tumble work of politics. There were some who believed that women had not the education or talent for casting a ballot. But there were also those men and women who believed that women voting was the necessary responsibility and privilege of living in a democracy and all women, as well as all men, should have that right.

Certain states granted women the franchise, but this was usually done only after grueling referenda campaigns to change the State constitution. More campaigns were lost than were won, but they educated the voters by showing that women did want to vote.

The justice of votes for women demanded that it become part of our Constitution. For such a foundation of democratic society deserves to be proclaimed as such in our Constitution.

Women had worked for a long time for a constitutional amendment. While the women were working in their States, others, like Susan B. Anthony—for whom the 19th amendment is named—worked a lifetime for amendment to the U. S. Constitution.

On August 26, we should remember all those men and women who believed that women must take full responsibility for their citizenship. We should remember all those men and women who worked so that women might become citizens in a truly great democracy.”

Taken from MCSL Scrapbook v. 234, p. 67

Academy Hill School Principal Paul Gooch says of **Community Service Day** in Wilton, “it helps kids understand the relationship between being a good citizen and a member of the community...and it gives them a sense of ownership.” Hundreds of students painted, raked, scraped, nailed, cooked, and generally spruced up their hometowns. Teachers Kim Alexander and Valerie Barker brought thirty students (above) to the MCSL on June 11 to share the experience of their community service.

Community Service is Goal of Winslow Students

The 8th grade students of Linda Voss at Winslow Junior High School (pictured below on June 10) have been very involved in serving their community through such projects as: Charley’s Strays, Duck Pond Wildlife Center, Waterville Humane Society, Greyhound Placement Service, Maine Children’s Home for Little Wanderers, and a program called Heart for Romania. During their visit here, students Chris Carey, Amanda Lessard, Arun Gupta, Meghan Ahearn, Gillian Hay, Christina Poulin, Eric Paquette and Eric Kaulback explained their many worthwhile projects and the impact volunteerism has had on their lives. Keep up the good work!

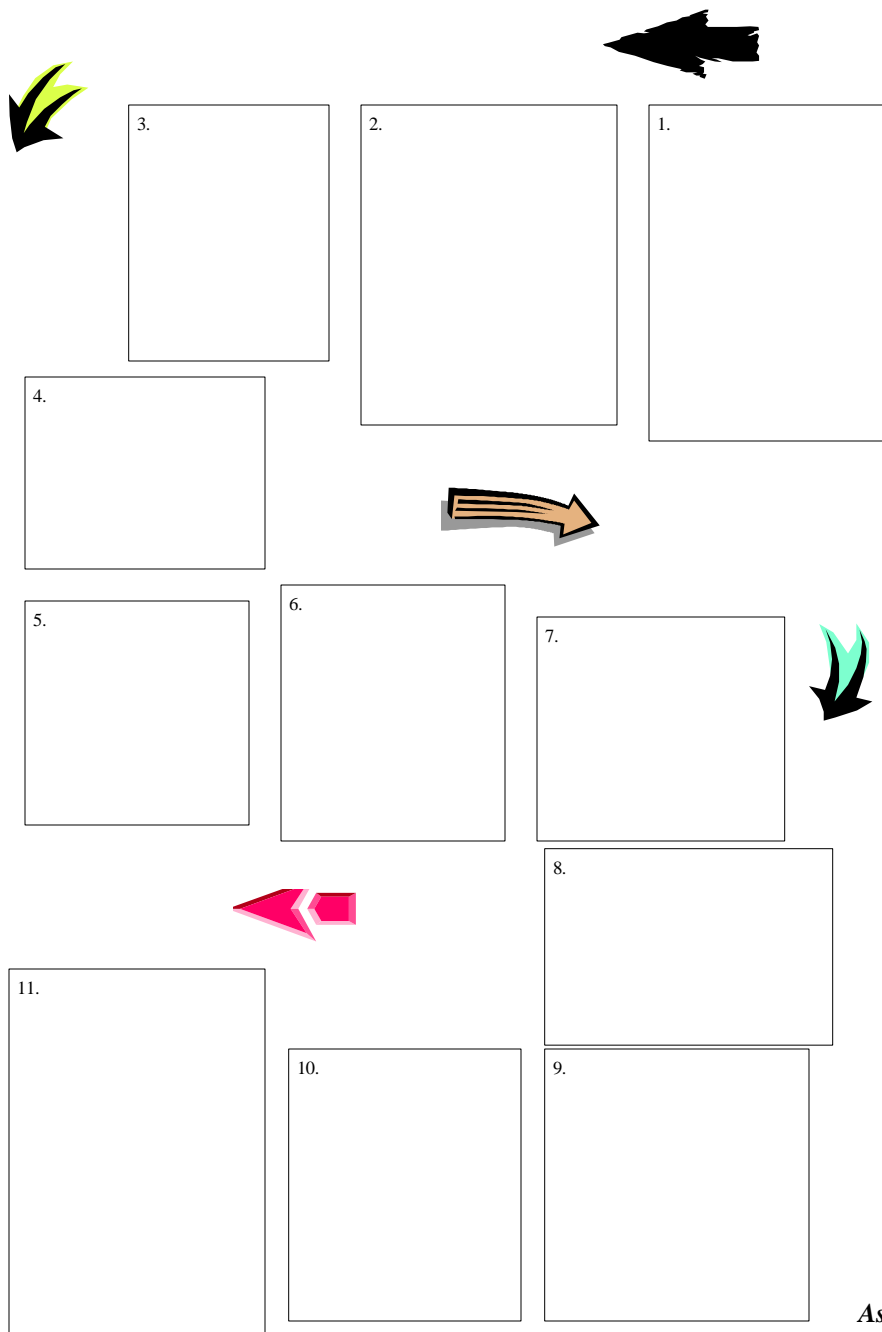
“Who Said” Answer from June

Newsletter—*The answer can be found on the front cover, lower right of the border around the What’s Inside section—Bernard Baruch, June 2, 1950. The trivia question for September “Who Said,” “I would not look forward to campaigning against Margaret Chase Smith as a possible candidate for president. She is a very formidable political figure.” Answer can be found somewhere in the newsletter—get out those bifocals!*

Skowhegan Girl—Margaret Chase Comes to Life

Eleven little girls, under the direction of Administrative Assistant Vanessa Caron, spent a wonderful week reliving the life of Margaret Chase—her childhood years, the games she played, the hobbies and crafts of the time. Vanessa thoughtfully initiated the program. “Why not have a Skowhegan Girl program?” said Vanessa. Beginning on June 21 and ending June 25, the young ladies spent each morning learning about Skowhegan’s most famous citizen by reading from Alberta Gould’s **First Lady of the Senate: A Life of Margaret Chase Smith**, baking blueberry muffins, playing croquet and hopscotch, creating paper weights and paper dolls, and making ice cream with an old-fashioned, hand-crank machine. Delicious and fun!!! Vanessa was assisted by staff members Lynn King, Crystal Perkins, Angie Stockwell, David Richards, Byron Pooler, and Gregory Gallant, as well as neighbor and volunteer Shirley Nutting. *Morning Sentinel* Reporter Darla Pickett doffed her apron to help with the muffins and local Pastor Mark Tanner joined the girls for a session of paper doll clothing design!

Ice Cream, Muffins, Needlepoint, Paper Dolls Week of Education and Fun!!



Skowhegan Girl participants pose on front steps during the weeklong program.

Vanessa Caron poses with girls prior to popping blueberry muffins in the oven. Yum, Yum!

1. Emily Rowden
2. Lauren Jones
3. Stephanie Dennison w/
Vanessa Caron
4. Jenna McCarthy
5. Sara Chadbourne
6. Laura Toppi
7. Amy Luce
8. Ashley Clark
9. Ashley Mertz
10. Chelsea Hoskins
11. Christina Jones (top r),
Sara Chadborne & Lauren
Jones

Rev. Mark Tanner spends time making paper dolls with the girls!

As Christina says, “I liked everything—there wasn’t one dull moment.”

Where are they now? The MCS Library Wants to Know!

Since its inception in 1991, twenty-eight students have participated in the Margaret Chase Smith Fellowship Program which brings students from the three Northwood University campuses for ten weeks of intensive study and research on the life of Senator Smith. Where are those students now, what careers have they pursued, and what kind of impact did their stay in Skowhegan have on their lives? We've lost touch with many of them and would love to hear from any or all of them. Those who recently attended this program are most likely still in school, but where are the graduates? Participants have been: Heidi Heyse, Jami Harrison, Kevin Cottrell (1991); John Ewing, John Mullaney, Ron Napoli (1992); Angela Dotty, Scott Mazur, Jerri Hanosh, Sarah Dills (1993); Angie Bradshaw, Geoffrey Rupprecht (1994); Nicholas Tortorello, Jens Vagelpohl (1995); Kristina Rose (1996); Tyson Ennis, Evgeniy Gentchev, Michael Gretzinger, Elizabeth Kunold, Robert Mancuso, Anthony Natalicchio, Michael Vanover (1997); and Valeria Cabrera-Miller Jose Calzada, Fabiola Davalos, Kelly Grubaugh, Jack Jones, and April Tompkins (1998). Please drop us a line (e-mail angies@somtel.com) and tell us what's happening!

Library Supporter-Emil Pfister- Passed Away on June 16

During the early days of the MCSL, Emil and Frances Pfister spent many long hours assisting with the organization and arrangements of the thousands of records coming from Senator Smith's Washington office. Emil was a retired college professor from Michigan and first met Senator Smith at a dinner in Washington. From Pasadena, California, Frances was the first Northwood University librarian in 1960. She came to Skowhegan in the fall of 1979 to inventory the book collection. During a 1991 Advisory Committee meeting, Emil enjoyed relating the story of the tourist traveling in Maine who stopped at a country store only to see a man rocking back and forth in the chair on the front porch. A dog lay nearby. The tourist asked, "Does your dog bite?" The man replied no. Within moments, the dog bit the tourist. The tourist said, "I thought you said he didn't bite;" to which the man replied, "Oh, no, t'aint my dog."

Clearly, Emil had a great sense of humor and will be sadly missed by his family and friends. Our condolences to Frances.

L-R: Emil and Frances Pfister with Willa Stauffer at a reception for the Advisory Committee on June 12, 1991.

Project Citizen Final Competition Held at State House

Middle school classes throughout the state were involved in a portfolio-based civic education project sponsored by the Center for Civic Education and the National Conference of State Legislatures. Judges awarded Caribou Middle School first place. The class project involved a study of the local recreational trail system. The portfolio addressed the problems, alternative solutions, proposed policies, and a final action plan (see photo below). Congratulations, Caribou students!

A Sense of Wonder Inspires Audience

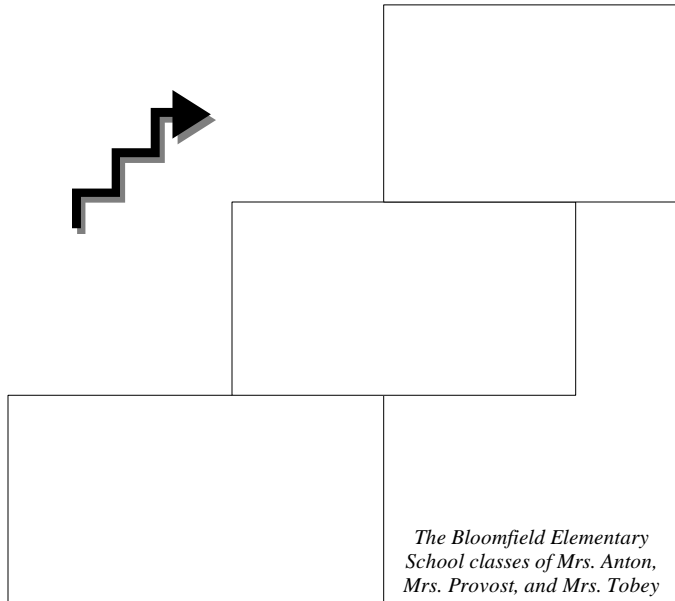
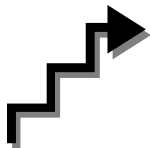
The July 27th performance by Kaiulani Sewall Lee at Colby College in which she portrayed Rachel Carson in a one-woman play was both inspiring and informative. Co-sponsored by the MCSL and the Maine Humanities Council, the play concentrates on Carson's final days in 1963 in Southport, Maine, and Silver Spring, Maryland, as she invites listeners to view the world of marine biology and the effects of chemical pesticides on nature's wonders. Rachel Carson's poetic prose enabled readers of all ages to comprehend the complex relationship between the sea, the land, and the inhabitants of both in her books, *The Sea Around Us* and *Silent Spring*. Kaiulani Lee's portrayal touches the innermost feelings of those interested in their relationship with nature. In her role as journalist and biologist, Rachel Carson, brought to light the dangers of the widespread spraying of DDT in the sixties and made attendees re-assess their own pesticide spraying practices at home. A play well worth seeing!

The performance, **A Sense of Wonder**, was part of a day-long, Maine Humanities Council seminar for teachers and the public made possible by grants from the Davis Foundation and the MCSL.

School Field Trips and Visitors Fill the Month of June

Benton Elementary School students visit on June 1 with teachers Mrs. Whalen & Mrs. Ellis

Sanford MCS School students visit on June 2 and 14 with teachers Margaret Maurais, Pat Kaye-Schiess and Principal Sheila Guiney



The Bloomfield Elementary School classes of Mrs. Anton, Mrs. Provost, and Mrs. Tobey visit on May 5 and June 8

First-time visitors from the Helen Hunt School (Old Town) visited on May 25 with teacher Cathy Lucas. These boys and girls spent time raising money for the Salvation Army Christmas Fund

Vickery School students from Pittsfield visit on June 9

David Richards is shown with Sisters and friends from the Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village on June 7 when he spent time reminiscing about his earlier days working at the Shaker Community. As part of the annual Northwood "University College" program, David gives an interesting and informative lecture and slide presentation about the Shaker religion. Shown with David are Sr. June Carpenter, Librarian Gay Marks, Sr. Marie Burgess, Eld. Frances Carr and Administrative Assistant Muriel Sanborn.

Outreach at Burnham & Woolwich Schools

In a continuing effort to reach more school groups, Dr. David Richards took his show on the road on June 8. Asked by teacher Darcy Rollins to speak to the children, he spread the word about MCS to K-3 classes at Burnham Elementary School and experienced a little of Maine's small-town school systems. The following day, he traveled to Woolwich at the request of teacher Jan Driver.

Smithfield students from Dianna Dumont's class visited the Library on May 26.

Portrait Unveiling Delights Members of the Advisory Committee

Members of the MCSL Advisory Committee were pleased when noted artist, Patricia Hill Burnett of Michigan, generously donated a beautifully framed photograph of her original portrait of Margaret Chase Smith to the Library. Betty Berry, Advisory Committee member and friend to the artist, joined David Richards in the unveiling during the annual meetings on June 15 and 16. The original portrait has been donated to Northwood University's Michigan campus. Many thanks to Mrs. Burnett for sharing her talent with those visiting the Library.

Betty Berry unveils replication of Patricia Hill Burnett's original portrait of Margaret Chase Smith on June 16, 1999

Dr. David Fry poses with Willa Stauffer after his tribute to her and husband, Dr. R. Gary Stauffer, one of the original founders of Northwood University. Through the efforts of the Stauffers and co-founders Arthur & Johann Turner, Northwood University has enjoyed a 40-year history of excellence in education.

The Library was pleased when Rev. Fred Rhodes returned to the meetings after sometime away. Pictured above with Betty and Penny Bryden, Fred has been a long-time supporter of the Library and its efforts. He originally served as a staff person for Senator Smith during her service on the Armed Services Committee during the time of the Korean Ammunition Shortage Investigations.

Willa Stauffer joins Agnes Brown for the annual Advisory Committee meeting. Agnes' association with MCS started many years ago through her marriage to Margaret's classmate, Lewis W. Brown, both graduates of Skowhegan High School's Class of 1916. Dr. Brown has been deceased for several years but Agnes continues to attend the meetings, always a welcome addition to the many friends of the Library.

*Author Cathie Pelletier entertains Advisory Committee members with her tales of writing woes and rewards. Following a reading of the first chapter of her new book, **Candles on Bay Street**, written under the pseudonym of K. C. McKinnon, Cathie held a book-signing session. Originally from Ft. Kent, ME, Cathie currently resides in Nashville TN and has written other critically acclaimed books including **The Funeral Makers**, **The Weight of Winter**, **A Marriage Made at Woodstock**, and **Beaming Sonny Home**.*

Annual Advisory Committee Meeting Held on June 15 & 16

More than fifty members gathered at the MCSL to discuss the activities of the past year and future plans for the new millennium. Prior to the Advisory Committee meeting, the Board of Directors held session. On the agenda was a brief discussion of the retirement of Northwood University's Chancellor, Edgar Madden, whose service with NU has spanned more than 35 years. Vice President, Administration, Mark Ouimet was on hand for the meeting as well. His duties as incoming chancellor and chief operating officer commenced on July 16 with full support of the Board and all those associated with NU. Enjoy your retirement, Edgar! Welcome, Mark!

Retiring Chancellor Edgar Madden with wife Shirley during a reception for the MCSL Advisory Committee

Attending members of the Board of Directors pose with staff following the annual meeting on June 15. Seated L-R: Hon. Harriet P. Henry, Hon. Shirley Richard, Chancellor Edgar Madden, Vice-President, Administration, Mark Ouimet; Standing L-R: Asst. Dir. David Richards, John Bernier, Ray Hearn, Merton G. Henry, Dir. Gregory Gallant, and NU President David E. Fry.

Mark Ouimet, took the reins of Northwood University's Michigan campus on July 16.

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