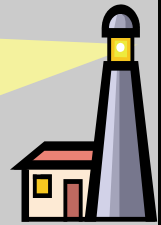


# BEACON LIGHT

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*Moving Forward, Yet Looking Back*



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## Cheryl (Antilla) Perroud – ISU World Cup Short-track Speedskating

What do the Ishpeming High School Alumni Association and the ISU World Cup Short-track Speedskating have in common? The answer is Cheryl (Antilla) Perroud, a member of the IHS graduating class of 1968.

On October 24 - 26, 2003, one-hundred thirty short-track speed skating contestants from twenty-five countries, including eight from the U.S. Team, descended upon the Barry Events Center on the campus of Northern Michigan University in Marquette, MI to compete in one of six world cup events to be held during the 2003/2004 season.

A member of the building and grounds team at Northern for more than 19 years, Cheryl spends most of her time working behind the scenes preparing and maintaining the ice for university, USOEC, and the community use. The weekend before the World Cup event, the center was in use for NMU vs. Michigan Tech hockey and local junior hockey action. Following the wrap-up on Sunday, Cheryl and two fellow employees embarked on a quick turnaround.

While it usually takes a minimum of five days to adequately prepare the surface to meet

the standards for competition, Cheryl and her fellow employees managed to pull it off in just forty-eight hours. By Tuesday, the ice was ready for practice. Ice conditions were monitored throughout the competition by the ISU official in charge of ice conditions for all six World Cup Short-track Speedskating events. Despite the rush, the surface was excellent with the competition breaking two world

records and six years later, they remembered me. That's something." When asked to express her feelings about preparing the surface on which two world records were set, her face broke into a smile that told it all. "It makes me very proud. To know that something you have done is recorded in the world books of history is a feeling like nothing else. It makes me feel good." While Cheryl is very proud of the accomplishment, she is quick to remind us that the excellent ice condition during the competition was not solely her doing. "It took three of us to get that ice as good as it was. It was a joint effort."

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Photo by Donald Lhamon

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records and the ice conditions receiving numerous compliments from athletes, coaches, and officials.

While the various staff members helped to maintain the ice during the week, Cheryl, alone, ran the Zamboni during the actual competition. At the completion of the event, she was approached by several officials complimenting her on the fact

that "her ice" enabled the creation of two world records. These same men officiated at a Junior Short-track World Speedskating Championship held at Northern's PEIF building in 1997. Cheryl proudly displays a patch from the event. "That was the first world record set on ice I made." Speaking of the officials, Cheryl says, "They remembered me. They travel all over the world for these events

**By Ellen (Penrose) Roberts  
(IHS Class of 1971)**

### Brandon Nelson—Outstanding Composer

Born on May 21, 1982, in Ishpeming, Michigan, Brandon Nelson has always had an intense interest in music. One time, when Brandon was in the second grade, he chewed on some sheet music so he could keep it. In fourth grade, Brandon borrowed some manuscript paper from neighbors and started the initial scribbling that would later become compositions.

Brandon usually marks the beginning of his career in the fifth grade, which was the same year he started band. His initial works (unfortunately lost in the attic of time) were for his instrument, the French horn. Gradually expanding his horizons from there, Brandon wrote music for friends in the band class, eventually endeavoring to write for the whole band in the sixth grade. A first public premier was at a private horn recital in the basement of a Methodist church. It was a little horn duet for himself and his teacher.

While in the eighth grade, he composed an overture for band and conducted its premier at a school concert. Brandon continued to compose throughout high school, completing nearly 40 works in a four year period, some of which received public performances by local ensembles.

Brandon states that all of his music teachers had some impact on him and his writing. Some of the major influ-

ences have been Dave Dagenais, his band teacher and occasional theory tutor from 5<sup>th</sup> grade through 10<sup>th</sup> grade; Dennie Korpi, his band teacher for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade, who was immensely helpful in making sense of his rough ideas; Dr. Steve Grugin, Brandon’s college horn teacher and composition tutor, who pushed him across the gap from amateur student to budding professional and was the first who made him realize he could make it as a composer.

Nelson has been principle horn of the Northern Michigan University Symphonic Band and Orchestra and has performed in a number of chamber ensembles. He has just finished student teaching in the Superior Central schools. In addition, Brandon serves as the director of the Handbell Choir at Bethel Lutheran Church in Ishpeming.

In spring 2003, Brandon was chosen to represent the music department at the annual Celebration of Student Research and Creative Works at NMU. Written for orchestra, Nelson’s work *Pax Aeterna* was awarded the 2004 Young Composers Award, given by the Duluth-Superior Symphony Orchestra. Recently, the Northern Michigan University Choir premiered the composer’s first work for choir, *Two Alleluias*. Additionally, the U.S. National Ski Hall of Fame commissioned Nelson to com-



pose a fanfare and incidental music for their 31<sup>st</sup> annual induction ceremony.

Named the “Outstanding Graduating Senior” from the Department of Music at Northern Michigan University, Brandon graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Music Education on May 1, 2004. He will begin graduate studies in composition this fall at Central Michigan University under the tutelage of internationally-renowned composer David Gillingham.

Brandon plans on earning a Master of Music degree and a Doctor of Musical Arts degree, both in composition.

IHS Class Reunions			
Class	Date	Location	Time
1936	July 2, 2004	Country Kitchen	9:00 A.M.
1944	July 3, 2004	Wawonowin Golf Club	Social Hour: 5 P.M., Dinner: 6 P.M.
1949	July 2, 2004	Wawonowin Golf Club	12:30 P.M.
1952	July 2, 2004	Jasper Ridge Brewery	5-8 P.M.
1954	July 3, 2004	Ishpeming Elks Club	6:00 P.M.
1955	July 2, 2004	Country Kitchen	Buffet at 8:30 A.M.
1956	July 2, 2004	Country Kitchen	Noon - 1:30 P.M.
1959	July 2, 2004	Ishpeming Elks Club	
1964	July 2, 2004	Country Kitchen	7-11 P.M.
1969	July 1, 2004	Ishpeming Elks Club	Social Hour: 6-8 P.M., Dancing: 8-11 P.M.
1974	July 1, 2004	Wawonowin Golf Club	
1979	July 2, 2004	Ishpeming VFW	
1984	July 3, 2004	Ishpeming VFW	6 P.M. – Midnight
1989	July 2, 2004	Royal Bar	7:00 P.M.
1994	July 2, 2004	Teal Lake Lodge	

## W.C. Peterson Auditorium Project Update

Workers are nearing completion of the new exhaust fan installation on the roof of the W.C. Peterson Auditorium. Construction was begun April 5 with the roof opening and hoisting of fan equipment. During the week of April 19, final assembly of some structural steel and the fan unit itself was completed. Cleaning the air plenum beneath the audi-

torium floor should also be completed at this time.

Our fundraising efforts to meet the costs of this project have been successful. As of this writing, approximately \$31,000 has been deposited in the school's auditorium project fund. Alumni, local businesses and groups, and other friends of the school and area have supported this effort to improve

our air handling capabilities in the auditorium.

Thank you all for your continuing support of our efforts to keep our W.C. Peterson Auditorium the finest performance hall in the U.P.

**Al Goodney**  
**IHS Alumni Association**  
**Project Chairman**

### I.H.S. Alumni Scholarship Planned

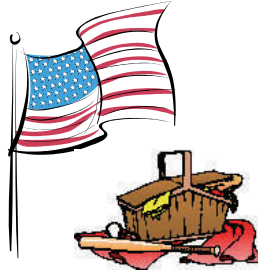
The Board of Trustees of the I.H.S. Alumni Association has recently decided to create a scholarship fund. This fund, which will strictly be funded by donations, will hopefully allow the Association to offer multiple scholarships each year. All graduates of I.H.S. will be eligible to receive a scholarship to continue their education.

The Board is currently reapplying to the I.R.S. for full tax-exempt status, so gifts received by the Association will be tax-exempt for the donor.

More details concerning this scholarship program will follow in our next issue of the *Beacon Light*.

### Reminder: Website Lists Class Gatherings

Your alumni association's website has a current listing of class gatherings. When the office is notified of a new event it is posted on the website. Please visit us at [www.ishpemingschools.com/alumni](http://www.ishpemingschools.com/alumni)



### 2004 Alumni Association Sponsored Open House

Looking forward to the Alumni Association sponsored Open House in July, the Association would like to inform you of a change that will occur this year. Since the Fourth of July falls on a Sunday, the City of Ishpeming will celebrate Independence Day on Saturday, July 3, 2004. In order to accommodate this schedule, the Board of Trustees has decided to hold a daylong Open House on Friday, July 2, 2004, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the "old" gym of the high school. This year the Marq-tran Trolley will be available for free tours to points of interest around the city.

### Alumni Softball Tournament

The 25th Annual Ishpeming High School Alumni Softball Tournament will be held on July 1, 2, and 3. This year's tournament will be dedicated to Al Blewett and Jeff Jandron of the Class of 1974.

For more information call Tim Hares at (906) 485-4697. You can also view a copy of the brackets on our website.

## Ishpeming High School Alumni Association Donation Form

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Name (please include maiden name if applicable) Class of

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Alumni Association donation for operating expenses (non-tax deductible)  
—suggested annual donation in the amount of \$25 or more \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please make contribution payable to the I.H.S. Alumni Association)

Greater Ishpeming Area Community Fund – Ishpeming Alumni Fund  
(tax deductible endowment fund) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please make contribution payable to GIACF – Ishpeming Alumni Fund)

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS  
FOR THE CITY OF ISHPEMING  
JULY 3, 2004**

**5K Family Fun Run**

8:45 a.m.  
Al Quaal (Registration from 7:15 to 8:30)

**Kid's Parade**

10:00 a.m.  
Downtown Ishpeming (Line up at the Mather Inn)

**Sesquicentennial Parade**

10:30 a.m.  
Downtown Ishpeming

**Family Picnic**

Begins immediately after parade at the Al Quaal Recreation Area

**Alumni Softball Finals**

Afternoon  
Al Quaal

**Fireworks**

Dusk  
Al Quaal



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**Vice President: Al Goodney (1954)**  
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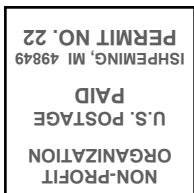
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